

We continue with the Leland Kienast military story...Last week I noted that I didn't have a formal write-up for Leland but will use the pictures and other items scanned from his things to build that story in the future. Between his discharge papers, but mostly due to the pictures I will be able to lay out a time line of his service. Below are some of those pictures for that purpose.



Leland (front, 3rd from left) at Camp Crowder where he was inducted



Leland (back row, 3rd from right) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri 3rd Platoon, Battery C, 62nd APA Battalion, 6th Armored Division

**Company "C" - 69th Medium Tank Battalion - CCB**  
- 6th Armored Division -

**Fort Leonard Wood Missouri**

July 1953

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**Admin. Officer:** 2nd Lt. R.W. Donlin

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**1st Platoon**

Pvt. J. Anstine	Pvt. T. Ballard	Pvt. H. Biermann	Pvt. M.D. Boll	Pvt. H.P. Bonifas	Pvt. V.A. Branch	Pvt. G.L. Broom	Pvt. J.C. Budzinski	Pvt. L. Calrock	Pvt. D.C. Carlson	Pvt. W. Britton, Jr.	Pvt. W.E. Clutz	Pvt. W. Dorrries
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**2nd Platoon**

Pvt. W.T. Abell	Pvt. D. Baumgartner	Pvt. A.B. Berksen	Pvt. K.A. Greeing	Pvt. E. Christy	Pvt. C. Clemons	Pvt. D. Conard	Pvt. H. Dees	Pvt. L. Evans	Pvt. L.A. Fanning	Pvt. J.C. Gomers	Pvt. M. Thall	Pvt. L. Hamilton
Pvt. F.J. Hanis	Pvt. D. Helton	Pvt. R.G. Hobbs	Pvt. C. Holland	Pvt. E. Hoth, Jr.	Pvt. W. Johnson	Pvt. W. Johnson, Jr.	Pvt. D. Kerby	Pvt. L. Kienast	Pvt. K. Kimball, Jr.	Pvt. D. Lindgren	Pvt. L. Linkler	Pvt. K.F. Knight

Leland (bottom row, 9th from left) at Fort Leonard Wood, Company C, 69th Medium Tank Battalion



Leland with his pup tent - unknown location or time



Leland's Leadership School patches called Sunflowers

Leland had quite a few pictures and documents but for some of them I don't know where they were taken or when. I have a basic sequence of his service but unless the picture has an identifying marker it is hard to tell where that event occurred.

This is why I keep pleading living Veterans to start working on their military history and going through their pictures to write down captions.

Some Veterans may want absolutely nothing to do with the Manning Veterans' book but I know from 40 years of experience that a future descendant will someday wonder where their relative served, what he did, why did he take pictures but provide no information about them? Why did he receive that medal or honor. What experiences did he encounter during his service...and on and on, from basic to detailed questions?

All I can do is try to collect what I can now and then add it to the database and possibly use in the Veterans' book. I know a future descendant will appreciate these efforts and glad that someone tried to preserve our history in a thorough manner.

**MEN IN SERVICE**

**LELAND KIENAST ON PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE**

Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. December 3, 1953

Dear Sandy and Staff:

I recently returned to camp from a 17-day leave which I spent with my wife, relatives and friends. I am finally taking the time to express my thanks to you and all other persons who make it possible to receive the Manning Monitor.

I had 16 weeks of basic infantry and engineer training. I then went to leadership school which consisted of eight weeks. There I graduated with a class of 28, formerly starting out with 65 men. I was then granted my leave.

I returned to Headquarters and Service Co., 52nd Arm. Engineer Bn., as permanent party, serving on the Engineer Proficiency testing committee for basic trainees.

Again, I want to thank you and all the persons who make it possible to receive the Best Newspaper - The Manning Monitor.

Sincerely yours,  
LELAND  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kienast.

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H-S Co., 52nd Arm. Eng. Ban.  
6th Arm. Div. Ft. Leonard Wood

I ran across this article that discusses proficiency testing and below I'll show a number of pictures that have proficiency on the signs.

Leland wrote this letter, dated December 3, 1953, to Arnold Sanders, known as Sandy, who was owner/publisher of the Manning Monitor.

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Leland standing next to the Engineer Proficiency test area sign



Leland wrote this on the back of the picture. "The boys are shown this model layout of the proficiency testing course before they take the actual test."



Apparently this is the building where written proficiency tests were taken with the 6th Armored Division.

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