

James F. Westhues



James F. Westhues, home on furlough in 1946, with his father John and younger brother Kenneth, at the family farmhouse, Glasgow, Mo.

Dates of service: April 1946 to March 1947

Rank & role: Private, member of U.S. Army Signal Corps, telegraph operator

Units: Basic training at Camp Polk, Louisiana, then sent to the Eastern Signal Corps Training Center at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, then stationed in Hawaii for five months before honorable discharge

Familial link to William & Theresa: 3rd generation through John and Olive.

Notable actions/deployments/stories:

In her autobiography, Olive Conran Westhues, wrote that he “was one of the few who actually enjoyed army life. ... His letters home were mainly about the weather, the baseball, and the beach.”