



Ordnance Corps
Insignia

Russell R. G. Guth
Technician 5 U.S. Army
17 February 1943 – 11 February 1946

Russell was born on 11 April 1921 in South Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania. From 1926 to 1936 he lived at Trexler Farms in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and attended grade school at Riegel's School by the Little Lehigh Creek near Farr's Mill on Old Cedar Crest Boulevard in Lower Macungie Township. He and his family then moved to Wescosville, Pennsylvania, where he lived until 1942. He attended Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, for two years, leaving school in 1939 after his sophomore year. Russell married **Ardella Marian Gehman** in Emmaus on 17 October 1942. They initially made their home in Emmaus. Russell worked as an Assistant Baggage Agent and Mail Clerk for the Lehigh Valley Railroad in Allentown prior to being drafted into the Army as a Private on 17 February 1943. He underwent basic training in Field Artillery, probably at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and was then assigned to the Ordnance Corps for which he served as a Postal Clerk until he left for the Pacific Theater on 26 April 1945. Russell was assigned to the 3232nd Ordnance Depot in the Philippines on the island of Luzon, where the Battle for Luzon had been in progress since January 1945. He served on Luzon as a Stock Clerk at the Ordnance Depot until his return to the States on 2 February 1946. Russell was discharged at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, as a Technician 5 on 11 February 1946. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Philippine Liberation Medal for his service. After his discharge, Russell and Ardella moved to Macungie, Pennsylvania, and he resumed working for the Lehigh Valley Railroad in Allentown where he became an Office Clerk. He worked for the Railroad until he retired in 1975 and then became a self-employed Cabinet Maker. Russell served as a Commander of the Pennsylvania Association of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), District 8, and Commander of Macungie VFW Post 9264. He also served as Vice President of the Lower Lehigh Lions Club in Macungie and as Director of the Macungie Fire Company and Macungie Ambulance Corps. Russell died on 5 March 1984 in the Lehigh Valley Hospital. He is buried at the Lutheran Church in Old Zionsville, Pennsylvania. He and Ardella had two daughters, **Renae W. Guth** and **Norma J. Guth**. Russell's parents were **Brian Franklin Guth** (7 July 1896 – 1962) and **Luella S. E. Sterner** (1 August 1896 – March 1980).