



Quartermaster Corps
Insignia

Erwin Arthur Hoffman
Corporal U.S. Army
1942 – 1945

Erwin was born on 2 June 1920 in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, where he spent some of his early years living in the historic Log House with his family. He attended grade school in Wescosville and Raub Junior High School in Allentown, Pennsylvania. After junior high school, Erwin began a long career working at Mack Trucks, Inc., in Allentown. He worked there for about four years before he was drafted into the Army in Allentown as a Private in Oct 1942. He was sent to Fort Ord, California, for basic training, followed by advanced training in Washington State. Erwin was then assigned to an Army Quartermaster unit that was sent to England in preparation for the 6 June 1944 invasion at Normandy. After the landings at Normandy and the liberation of Belgium in September 1944 from German occupation, Erwin was stationed in Liege, Belgium, until his discharge as a Corporal in 1945. Upon his return to the States, Erwin returned to work for Mack Trucks where he was a specialist in layout, welding, sheet-metal work, head-liner installer, and ultimately an inspector. He continued to work at Mack Trucks for a total of 48 years, living most of his life in Allentown and later in Macungie, Pennsylvania. Erwin's father had also worked for Mack Trucks, for 43 years. After his discharge and return to the States, Erwin married **Gertrude S. Klein** (1923 – 1 October 2004). They had a son **Francis "Frank" E. Hoffman**. Erwin died on 9 November 2002. His parents were **Norman Henry Hoffman** (2 December 1895 – 17 June 1963) and **Bessie Kate Haas** (23 December 1896 – 13 January 1992). Two of Erwin's brothers, **Norman Charles** and **Wilbert Oliver**, also served in World War II in the Army and Navy, respectively. Two other brothers, **Lamont Lewis** and **Russell Frederick**, served in the Army and Navy, respectively, in the 1950s.



Allies moving through a
village near Leopold Canal in
Belgium 1944.