

**Marvin Walter Schoch**  
**Staff Sergeant U.S. Army**  
**6 April 1945 – 12 March 1950**

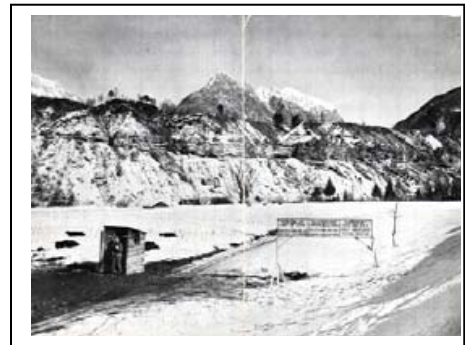


88<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division



351<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment

A life-long resident of Macungie, Pennsylvania, Marvin was born there on 16 February 1927. He attended grades 1–8 at Macungie School and graduated from Emmaus High School in 1945. Prior to entering the service, Marvin worked for John Rems Sons, a knitting service in Macungie. He was inducted into the Army as a Private on 6 April 1945 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and underwent basic training for four months at Camp Croft, Spartanburg, South Carolina. After Camp Croft, he was shipped to Italy and became a member of the 351<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 88<sup>th</sup> (Blue Devil) Division. While in Italy, he went to Non-Commissioned Officers School on the Island of Lido off the shores of Venice, Italy. After four months he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant, and he and his squad were assigned to the Venetian-Giulia Territory along the Morgan Line at the Yugoslavian border. Marvin's squad consisted of 13 soldiers, including a medic. His squad was part of the Allied Occupation Force with the mission of preventing Marshal Tito's Yugoslavian Communist forces from seizing the city of Trieste, a mission that ultimately was achieved when democracy returned to Yugoslavia in 1954. The squad's responsibility was to guard the bridges in the area that spanned the Isonzo River between Trieste and Tarvisio in Northeastern Italy. While there, Marvin reenlisted in the Army Reserves on 13 March 1947. He returned to Macungie to live and was discharged on 12 March 1950 as a Staff Sergeant. After returning home from the Military, Marvin studied Printing at the William Allen High School in Allentown under the G.I. Bill of Rights while working for Herbert Seibert at the Progress Printing House on Main Street in Macungie. After learning the trade, Marvin also worked at Metro Printing Service and the Miers Lithographic Service, both in Allentown. In 1960, he opened his own business, the Macungie Printing Service, which he owned until his retirement in 2003. Marvin became a life and charter member of both Macungie Memorial Post No. 9264 Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Lower Lehigh Lions Club, and a life member of both the Macungie Historical Society and the Lower Macungie Township Historical Society. He also was a member of the Macungie Ambulance Corps and the Macungie Building and Loan Association, and was a Director at the Bally Savings Bank. Marvin first married **Martha Chwastiak** (9 August 1930 – 17 February 1970) in 1952. In 1973 he married **Gloria F. (Derr) Smith** (born 30 May 1928). Marvin's parents were **Earl R. Schoch** (1 December 1902 – 22 August 1994) and **Carrie Maria Butz** (20 August 1901 – 22 October 1990). One of Carrie's other sons, **Earl Howard Milton Butz**, who served in the Army during World War II, was killed in action in France during the invasion of Normandy in 1944.



Outpost at the Morgan Line  
in the Julian Alps, Italy