



Paul Daniel Stahl
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79th Infantry Division



314th Infantry Regiment



Paul was born on 22 September 1925 in Wescosville, Pennsylvania. He attended grade school in Wescosville from 1931 to 1939, and Raub Junior High School in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for one semester in 1941. He then went to work as a Receiving Clerk for Bohlen, Gross, & Moyer, a men's and boys' clothing store in Allentown, until he was drafted into the Army. He entered the Army in Allentown as a Private on 10 November 1943 and was ordered to Fort Hood, Texas, for basic training and training as a Gunner on a Tank Destroyer. On 6 June 1944 he arrived in Scotland for infantry training and was sent to France in August 1944, where he was assigned to Company F, 314th Infantry Regiment, 79th Infantry Division. He joined the Regiment in Normandy, France, in the Utah Beach area. The Regiment then participated in the capture of Cherbourg on 26 June 1944, the Normandy Breakthrough, and the advance to the Vosges Mountains and Saverne Gap in November 1944. Paul was wounded in action in October 1944 in France at Lunéville, and was evacuated to the 2nd Convalescent Hospital in France where he spent about five weeks recuperating before rejoining his unit in time for Thanksgiving Day in November. In December 1944 the 314th invaded Germany, and in February 1945 was rapidly redeployed into Belgium and into the Netherlands where heavy fighting was continuing. They then pushed into Germany again and fought at the Battle for Bais d'Ohlangen-Schweighausen, the Battle of the Autobahn, the capture of Steele, and finally the occupation of Dortmund on 9 April 1945. On 2 June 1945, the Regiment arrived in Czechoslovakia, where Paul served as part of the Army of Occupation until he returned to the States on 10 March 1946 to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was discharged as a Staff Sergeant five days later. Paul earned the Purple Heart for his wounds in France and he was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. After his discharge, Paul returned to Wescosville. He initially worked for the East Penn Foundry in Macungie, Pennsylvania, as a Pipe Moulder for 18 years from 1948 to 1970, and then for the East Penn School District as a Maintenance Engineer from 1970 to 1994, when he retired. Paul married **Jeannine Fern Hamsher** (born 6 January 1929) on 31 January 1948 at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie. They lived in Wescosville until 1952, when they moved to Macungie, and in 2003 they moved to Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Paul and Jeannine had three children; **Kathleen, Scott,** and **Lora**. Paul's parents were **John Stahl** (8 October 1899 – December 1974) and **Esther Alice Brinker** (8 August 1904 – 10 March 1999), both of whom are buried at Salem Evangelical Church in Zionsville, Pennsylvania.



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