



Elmer Herbert Stauffer
Corporal U.S. Army
2 February 1942 – December 1945

Elmer was born on 10 October 1917 on a farm near the Village of East Texas, Pennsylvania, in Lower Macungie Township. From about 1922 to 1930, he attended grade school at Kiechel's School, a one-room Civil War-era schoolhouse located on Lower Macungie Road. He attended Emmaus High School for one year. He worked for Mack Truck Company in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as a Production Truck Driver prior to being drafted into the Army as a Private on 2 February 1942 at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland. After undergoing basic training there, he was transferred to Camp Polk, Louisiana, where he underwent advanced training as a driver of armored vehicles. Upon completion of his training at Camp Polk he was assigned to the 7th Armored Division, and was transferred to the European Theater where he drove tanks and half-track vehicles



WW II Tank

on several battle fronts in Northern France and Germany in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. During one of those battles, he was wounded in action, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. After World War II ended, Elmer was discharged as a Corporal and returned home to Lower Macungie Township. He resumed work at Mack Trucks for a total of 42 years until he retired



WW II Half Track

around 1980. He married **Margaret Sidor** (30 June 1913 – 7 May 1982), a dietician at Allentown Hospital, in 1952 and they settled in their own home at the west end of Allentown. They had no children. Margaret died in Allentown Hospital and Elmer continued to reside in their home until 1993 when he went to live in Mosser Nursing Home in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania. He died there on 21 October 1993. Both Elmer and Margaret are buried at Cedar Hill Memorial Park in Allentown. Elmer was the fourth of eight children born to **Henry Peter Stauffer** (29 August 1892 – 13 August 1953) and **Mary Alice Eisenhard** (4 May 1893 – 12 November 1977). Two of Elmer's brothers, **Stanley S.** and **Oscar F.**, also served during World War II: Stanley in the Navy and Oscar in the Army. His brother **Kenneth H.** served in the Army during the Korean Conflict.