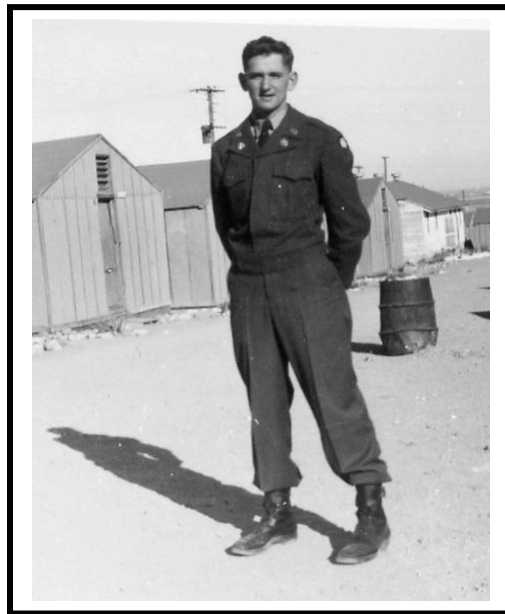




American Occupation  
Medal (Germany)



**Kenneth Harry Stauffer**  
**Corporal U.S. Army**  
**22 August 1949 – 16 December 1952**

Kenneth was born at home on 18 December 1931 in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, on a farm near East Texas, where he grew up. He attended grades 1–6 from 1938 to 1943 at Kiechel’s School, a one-room schoolhouse built circa 1862, and grades 7-8 at East Texas School from 1943 to 1945. He graduated from Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, in 1949, and enlisted in the Army at Philadelphia as a Private on 22 August 1949. Kenneth attended basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, until December 1949, after which he was assigned the specialty of Company Clerk and sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, from January 1950 to August 1950, where he was assigned to Battery D, 26th AAA Gun Battalion (120mm), 80th AAA Group, as a Company Clerk. His unit then transferred to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, until December 1950, when his unit went to Fort Totten, New York, until June 1951. During World War II, Fort Totten was the main World War II staging area for Eastern Seaboard ports for troops on their way to Europe. In July 1951, Kenneth’s Battalion left Fort Totten for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, at the 307th Replacement Depot for transfer overseas to Germany in December 1951. In Germany he was stationed successively at Sonthoffen, where Hitler’s NAZI Storm Troopers were trained, and at Zweibrücken until December 1952 as part of the Allied Post War Occupation Forces. He again as a Company Clerk at both places. Kenneth returned to the States and was discharged as a Corporal at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, on 16 December 1952. Initially he settled in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, and went to work for Mack Truck Company in Allentown, Pennsylvania, from 11 May 1955 to 1 October 1987, when he retired. Kenneth married **Mary Jane Wessner** (27 June 1934 – 4 Feb 2006) in Emmaus on 12 April 1997. Kenneth and Mary Jane moved from Emmaus to Lower Macungie Township on 3 September 1998. Three of Kenneth’s brothers served during World War II: **Elmer H. Stauffer** and **Oscar F. Stauffer** in the Army, and **Stanley S. Stauffer** in the Navy. Kenneth’s parents were **Henry Peter Stauffer** (29 August 1892 – 13 August 1953) and **Mary Alice Eisenhard** (4 May 1893 – 12 November 1977); they had eight children.



Sonthoffen Barracks