



159th Infantry Regiment

Oscar Franklin Stauffer
Private First Class U.S. Army
27 August 1941 – 8 November 1945

Oscar was born on 15 February 1915 in Fogelsville, Pennsylvania, but grew up on a farm in Lower Macungie Township near East Texas. He attended grade school at Kiechel's School, a one-room Civil War-era schoolhouse located on Lower Macungie Road. Prior to entering the Army, Oscar worked for L.F. Grammes & Sons in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as a polisher and buffer of metal products. The company was founded about 1875 and remained in business for over a century, manufacturing a wide variety of metal products, including box-making machines and tablesaws. Oscar was one of the first draftees from Lower Macungie Township to be inducted into the Army prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. He was drafted on 27 August 1941 and reported for active duty at Camp Lee, Virginia, where he underwent basic training until August 1942 when he was shipped to Annette Island, Alaska. Annette is an island at the southern tip of the Alexander Archipelago in southeastern Alaska. An airfield had been built on Annette Island for American and Canadians to protect the nearby port of Prince Rupert. The aircraft were flown and maintained by the Canadians, while U.S. personnel were responsible for all other matters on the island. Oscar was stationed on the island for 18 months with the 159th Infantry Regiment, 7th Army, during which time he performed guard duty. He was then transferred to Fort Hood, Texas, where he underwent training as an automatic rifleman. While stationed at Fort Hood, Oscar returned home on furlough and married **Dorothy S. Crouthamel** (26 October 1915 – 10 December 1986) from Allentown. Dorothy returned to Texas with Oscar where they took residency near Fort Hood. However, within weeks, Oscar was shipped to the European Theater where he served in Northern France from March 1945 to October 1945 as a clerk in Headquarters Company of the 159th Infantry Regiment until the end of World War II. He was discharged from the Army on 8 November at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, after serving for over four years. Oscar and Dorothy then established residence in Allentown, and Oscar returned to work for L.F. Grammes & Sons as a Polisher and Buffer. He worked there for more than 38 years. Oscar and Dorothy never had children. She died of multiple sclerosis. Oscar died on 16 May 2001 in the Mosser Nursing Home in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania. He and Dorothy are buried alongside each other at Grandview Cemetery in Allentown. Oscar's parents were **Henry Peter Stauffer** (29 August 1892 – 13 August 1953) and **Mary Alice Eisenhard** (4 May 1893 – 12 November 1977), who had eight children. Two of Oscar's brothers, **Stanley S. Stauffer** and **Elmer H. Stauffer**, also served during World War II; Stanley in the Navy and Elmer in the Army. Another brother, **Kenneth H. Stauffer**, served in the Army during the Korean Conflict.