



Ernest Stephan Litzenberger
Staff Sergeant U.S. Army Air Corps
3 April 1942 – 28 December 1945

Ernest was born on 10 July 1912 in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, in Lower Macungie Township. Shortly thereafter, his family moved to the village of East Texas, also in Lower Macungie Township. He attended grades 1–8 at the two-room schoolhouse in East Texas, and then attended Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, for one year. After his freshman year of high school, Ernest left school and went to work for Dorney Printing (later Day-Timers) Company in East Texas as a Rotary Lithographic Pressman. He worked there until he enlisted in the Army. He was inducted into the Army Air Corps as a Private on 3 April 1942 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Little is known about his service in the Army Air Corps except that he was at Camp Myles, Massachusetts, a World War II Prisoner of War Camp and a staging area for servicemen going to and returning from Europe, and that he was stationed in Germany in June 1945, making him eligible for the American Campaign, European-Africa Middle Eastern Campaign, and World War II Victory Medals. Ernest rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant, and was discharged on 23 December 1945 at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. After his discharge, Ernest returned to his home in East Texas and resumed working at Dorney Printing for about seven years. On 5 July 1947, he married **Dorothy Anna Moyer** (15 May 1908 – 14 November 1953) of East Macungie, Pennsylvania. In 1952, Ernest left Dorney Printing to work as a Welder and Maintenance Man at Air Products and Chemicals Company in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, a trade he may have learned from his father, who was a Metal Worker. Ernest worked at Air Products for 25 years, retiring in 1977. He and Dorothy had no children. Ernest died of cancer on 30 August 1984 in Leader Nursing Home in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He is buried at St. Paul's Church Cemetery in Trexlertown in a family plot next to his parents, **Harold R. Litzenberger** (17 Oct. 1892 – 25 July 1965) and **Alverda E. Stephens** (15 March 1893 – 20 December 1983). Ernest's wife, Dorothy, is also buried at St. Paul's Church Cemetery in a plot with her parents, **Emanuel Elmer Moyer** (8 November 1873 – 1929) and **Anna A. —** (1888–1947).