



26th Infantry Division



104th Infantry Regiment



Maurice Berry
Sergeant U.S. Army

11 March 1943 – 6 January 1946



Combat Infantry Badge



Maurice was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on 5 October 1924. He attended Columbia grade school in Cleveland and Harter grade school in Canton, Ohio. He graduated from McKinley High School, also in Canton, in 1942. Maurice entered the Army as a Private on 11 March 1943 and was sent to Brooklyn Army Base in New York where he was trained in removing wounded veterans from hospital ships and transferring them to an Army hospital. The base was the Army's main port of embarkation in New York City for troops and equipment headed for overseas during World War II. In May 1943 Maurice was transferred to the University of Maine under the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) where he studied pre-engineering for 36 weeks. In March 1944 he was transferred to "C" Company, 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division ("Yankee" Division), and in August 1944 the Regiment set sail for Europe, landing in France on 7 September 1944. On 7 October 1944 the Division moved into a defensive position in the vicinity of Bezange-la-Petite, France, where it relieved the 4th Armored Division. Maurice was wounded in action on October 22, but he returned to his company on December 1, 1944, after recuperating from his wounds for 35 days in hospital. He participated in four battles: Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes; and Central Europe. Maurice was discharged as a Sergeant on 6 January 1946 at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, and returned to Canton. In addition to his campaign medals, Victory Medal, and Good Conduct Medal, Maurice was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Purple Heart. Maurice earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio State University in 1947. He married **Barbara Elizabeth Goldberg** (born 20 January 1931) in 1951. Maurice then attended the University of California, Los Angeles, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1956. He was employed as Assistant Traffic Engineer in New Haven, Connecticut, from 1956 to 1959 before going to work for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in Allentown, Pennsylvania, until 1984, when he retired. In 2003 he and Barbara moved to Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. Maurice's parents were **Fred Berry** (1 January 1887 – 1973) and **Martha Grosman** (1895 – 1997), both of whom emigrated from Borshagovka, Russia.



Army Hospital Ship
Blanche F. Sigman