



Asiatic Pacific
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal



Army Occupation
Medal



Allen Daniel Fink
Technician 5th Grade U.S. Army
6 February 1945 – 28 June 1946



81st Infantry
"Wildcat" Division

Allen was born on 3 July 1913 in Salisbury Township, Pennsylvania, in his grandfather's farmhouse near Lindberg Park where he and his family were living. Allen attended grade school at Fink's School until 1921 when they moved to Emmaus. He attended grade school in Emmaus at Jefferson and Central Schools before moving to a farm on Vera Cruz Road in Upper Milford Township where Allen finished grade school at Dillinger's Station School. In 1926, after attending Emmaus High School for just six weeks, Allen's mother became very ill and he, being just 14 years old and the eldest of four children, had to leave school to stay home to do all the housework and cooking. After she recuperated, hard times prevented Allen from returning to school, and in 1927 he took a job at Widder Brothers Silk Mill in Emmaus where he did doubling, spinning, and reeling until 1939. He was laid off there for six months, during which time he worked for Lehigh Spinning Company in Fountain Hill until called back to Widder Brothers. On 11 November 1939, Allen married **Gladys Arlene Lichtenwalner** (born 7 February 1920) in Western Salisbury Church in Allentown. They established residence near Macungie on Indian Creek Road near Gladys's father's (Harry Lichtenwalner) farm and he went to work at D.D. Fritch Milling Company, as a bookkeeper and later as a salesman for \$16.50 a week. Seeking better wages, he went to work for General Baking Company in Philadelphia in 1940, delivering baked goods. In 1943, his father-in-law asked him to work on his farm. He worked there as a Farm Hand for about a year and then as a Clerk in the farm's store until drafted into the Army as a Private on 5 February 1945. He underwent basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida, and was then transferred to Camp Meade, Maryland, where he stood guard duty before being sent to Fort Ord, California, Overseas Replacement Depot and then to the Replacement Depot at Leyte in the Philippine Islands in September 1945 while awaiting assignment to Headquarters Company, 322 Infantry Regiment, 81st Infantry Division, in Aomori, Japan, where he worked as a Telephone Switchboard Operator with the Army of Occupation. Allen returned to the States and was discharged at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He earned the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Army of Occupation Medal. Allen returned to his home and went to work as a Clerk at Warren Klein's General Store in Schnecksville. He and Gladys moved to Macungie in 1947 where they made their permanent home. In 1952, he went to the Lehigh Farm Bureau to work as a Store Manager until 1958. He then joined the U.S. Postal Service where he worked until 1978, first as a Mail Carrier and then as Postmaster in Macungie beginning in 1972. He retired in 1978. Allen and Gladys had a daughter, **Patricia Fink**, and a son, **Dale A. Fink**. Allen's parents were **Henry Alfred Fink** (16 December 1887 – 20 July 1957) and **Edna Amanda Matilda Ritter** (28 August 1889 – 6 June 1990). Allen's brother, **Martin H. Fink**, also served in the Army during World War II. Allen's son Dale attended the U.S. Naval Academy and served in the Navy from June 1963 – July 1974.