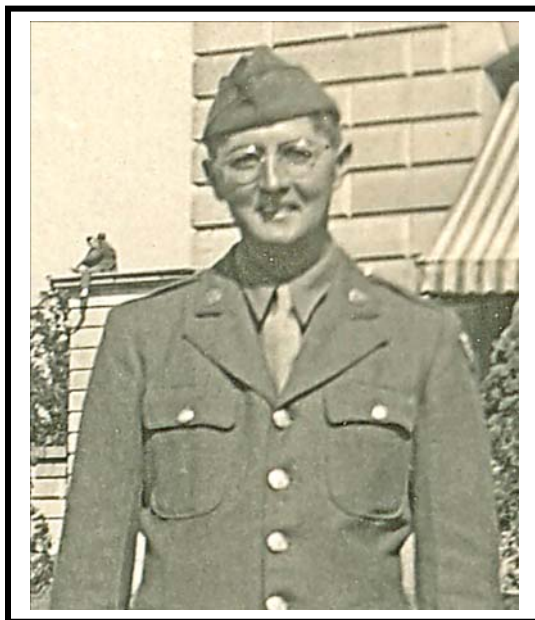




American Defense Medal



WW II Victory Medal



Quartermaster Corps Insignia

Oliver George Kern
Technician 5 U.S. Army
12 April 1944 – 29 April 1946

Oliver was born at home on 2 October 1914 in the Village of East Texas, Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. He attended grades 1–8 at the two-room schoolhouse in East Texas, and graduated from Allentown High School in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1932, and then went to work in the office at Mack Trucks in Allentown for seven years. In 1939, he went to work as a Sales Agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and on 26 July 1941 he married **Althea Doris Rehrig** (18 May 1922 – 29 December 2000) in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. After they were married, Oliver and Althea went to live to in Macungie, Pennsylvania, where Althea remained while Oliver was in the Army. Oliver was drafted as a Private on 12 April 1944, and inducted at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. From there he was sent to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for basic training until June 1944. After completing basic training, Oliver was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps, and left for Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a Cook until April 1946. He left Fort Hood for Fort Meade, Maryland, one of the Army's primary out-processing locations on the East Coast, where he was discharged as a Technician 5 on 29 April 1946. Oliver was awarded the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals for his service. After his discharge, Oliver returned home to Macungie where he and Althea lived until moving to Alburtis, Pennsylvania, in 1948. After Althea died, Oliver moved in 2001 to Emmaus, Pennsylvania, where he lived until his death. He died on 9 June 2001, and is buried alongside Althea in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, at Saint Paul's Union Church Cemetery. Oliver and Althea had a daughter, **Susan Ann Kern**. Oliver's parents were **Jacob Jupiter Kern** (3 October 1878 – 8 September 1939), who served as Lehigh County Treasurer, and **Lillie M. Poh** (1877 – 1959). Oliver's brothers, **Edwin Jacob Kern** and **Wayne J. M. Kern**, also served in the Army during World War II.



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