



7th Army Patch



Stanley Raymond Litzenberger
Technician 4 U.S. Army
14 January 1943 – 30 April 1945

Stanley was born on 15 March 1923 in Wescosville, Pennsylvania in Lower Macungie Township. He graduated from Allentown High School in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1941. Before entering the Army, Stanley assisted in his father's trucking business as a Truck Driver. He also was very active in Wescosville Sunday School activities. Stanley became engaged to **Catherine M. Spohn** (born c.1922) of Maxatawny, Pennsylvania, on Christmas day of 1942. He entered the Army the following month on 14 January 1943 as a Private. He was sent to Camp Hood, Texas, for basic training and then to Camp Reynolds in Greenville, Pennsylvania, several weeks before going overseas in May 1943. He was assigned to Company B, 191st Tank Battalion, 7th Army, and served in North Africa; Sicily, Italy; France; and Germany. During June 1943, while in Algeria, the Company underwent intensive amphibious training for the invasion of Italy a month later. During July and August 1943, in the Sicily Campaign, Stanley served under the 7th Army commander, General Patton. After the liberation of Sicily by the capture of Messina on the northern coast, the 191st Tank Battalion landed at Anzio Beach in January 1944, and joined the attack on Rome. The 7th Army was placed under the command of General Patch for the invasion of Southern France on 15 August 1944. After the invasion, the 7th Army advanced from the beaches of Southern France all the way to the Vosges Mountains in France. In the spring of 1945, they crossed the Rhine River into Germany, where they fought hard battles in the Alsace-Lorraine area during the winter of 1944-1945. They then advanced through and captured parts of the Black Forest and Bavaria, including Hitler's Alpine residence, the Berghof, in late April 1945. During the advance through Germany, Stanley became missing in action, and was later declared killed in action on 30 April 1945 at Munich. While in Sicily, Stanley was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in the vicinity of Ailema on 29 October 1943. In addition, he was awarded the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Medal (w/4 bronze stars) for his service in the Italian, Southern France, and German Campaigns. Stanley initially was buried in Europe, and was re-interred at St. Paul's Union Church in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania on 22 January 1949. Stanley's parents were **Alfred Raymond Litzenberger** (22 January 1901 – 22 April 1988) and **Edith E. Reppert** (8 Jul 1905 – Oct 1979).