

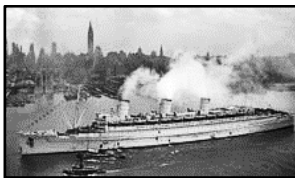
29th Infantry



Raymond

Raymond Thomas Mohr
Technician 4/C U.S. Army
9 December 1941 – 3 July 1945

Raymond was born on 19 March 1919 in Powder Valley, Pennsylvania, in Upper Milford Township. His parents were **Clarence Wayne Mohr** (28 June 1896 – October 1962) and **Sallie Stahl Mohr** (25 February 1897 – February 1985). Raymond attended grade school in Powder Valley. He then went to work for Elton Miller in Powder Valley as a truck driver, delivering grain and hay to Philadelphia and peaches to New York. He was drafted and inducted into the Army at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, just two days after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He underwent basic and advance training as a Radio Operator at Fort Meade, and was assigned to the 110th Field Artillery (105 MM Howitzer) Battalion, 29th “Blue and Gray” Infantry Division. Raymond married **Clara Kelchner** (21 September 1921 – 23 November 2007) on 2 October 1942. Three days later, he left for England aboard the converted troopship HMS *Queen Mary*, and arrived in England on 8 October 1942. The 29th Division trained in England for Operation Overlord for 20 months, and was among the first wave of troops to land at Omaha Beach, where they suffered massive casualties. By 9 June 1944, Omaha Beach was secured and the Division occupied Isigny, and



Troopship HMS *Queen Mary*

crossed the Elle River toward Saint-Lô. After taking Saint-Lô, on 18 July 1944 they joined in the battle for Vire, capturing that city by 7 August. They then advanced through France and into Germany. From 8 December 1944 to 23 February 1945, the 29th Division held defensive positions along the Roer River and prepared for their next major offensive. They crossed the Roer River on 23 February 1945, and advanced through Jülich, Broich, Immerath, and Titz, to Mönchengladbach by 1 March 1945. In early April 1945, the division helped the 116th Infantry Division mop up in the Ruhr area, and on 19 April 1945, pushed to the Elbe River where they held defensive positions until 4 May 1945, as the war in Europe came to an end. After V-E Day, the 29th Division remained in Germany on occupation duty in the Bremen enclave, and Raymond left for return to the States by air on 26 June 1945. He arrived the following day at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was discharged on 3 July 1945. Raymond was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Bronze Arrowhead and four bronze battle stars; the World War II Victory Medal; the Good Conduct Medal; and the French Legion of Honor Medal for his service. After returning home, Raymond initially worked as a truck driver for Miller Trucking in Zionsville, Pennsylvania. He later moved to Emmaus, Pennsylvania, where he worked for Air Products in the Maintenance Department, and subsequently as a custodian for the East Penn School District. He retired from the School District in 1982. Raymond earned his General Educational Development (GED) diploma in 1974. On 17 December 2013, Raymond moved to Village at Willow Lane in Lower Macungie Township. Raymond and Clara had a daughter, **Jacqueline**, whose husband, **Jeffrey Lindenmuth Sr.**, served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.