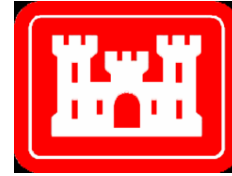




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Vernon Milton Schmoyer
Corporal U.S. Army Air Force
21 March 1940 – October 1945

Vernon was born on 12 June 1920 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was one of nine children born of **Charles Milton Schmoyer** (9 June 1893 – 5 June 1967) and **Sarah Louise Fink** (11 September 1892 – 27 June 1994). He and his family lived in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, where his father owned and operated a barber shop on Schantz (now North Brookside) Road that opened in 1932 in the building that once served as the Wescosville Fire House until 1931. He graduated from William Allen High School in Allentown in 1938. For three years prior to entering the Service, Vernon was employed by Phoebe Floral Shop at 19th and Chew Streets in Allentown. He enlisted in the Army in Allentown on 21 March 1940 as a Private, and received training as an engineer at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He was assigned to Company E of the 38th Engineer Regiment Combat Corps, which was activated at Fort Jackson on 28 May 1941. On 14 March 1941, Vernon sailed with his unit from Charleston, South Carolina for Ascension Island located in the Atlantic halfway between the States and Africa. They arrived there on 30 March 1941 with the mission of constructing camps, an airfield, and a tank farm for refueling aircraft on their way to Africa. Their work on Ascension Island was completed in August 1941, when the Regiment left for Africa. Their mission in Africa was to construct and



Ascension Island
Airfield – 1941

repair airports scattered throughout the Belgian Congo, French Equatorial Africa, British Gold Coast, Nigeria, French West Africa and French Morocco. Vernon served in Africa until his return to the States circa January 1944, when he was transferred to the Army Air Corps and ordered to California, where he was assigned until his discharge in October 1945. After his discharge, Vernon returned to work for Phoebe Floral Shop for 19 more years, after which he became a co-owner of the Business Supply Company in Allentown in circa 1963. He and his partners operated the company for 20 years until his retirement in 1983. He was married to **Dorothy Stella Wertman** (born 24 December 1921) on 4 June 1944. They settled in Allentown and

became members of the Western Salisbury Lutheran Church in Salisbury Township, Pennsylvania, where Vernon was President of Senior Saints for two years. He was also a member of United Commercial Travelers of America, for whom he served as Grand Counselor at their 69th Grand Counsel Session. He also served as a Cub Scout Leader of Pack 29 in Cetronia, Pennsylvania, for many years. For leisure Vernon was an avid fisherman, spending his retirement years at the local creeks fishing with his brother and close buddy Russell. Vernon died on 12 May 1994 in Allentown and is entombed there at Grandview Cemetery. Two of Vernon's brothers, **Floyd Carl** and **Merritt C.**, also served in the Army during World War II, and his son **Bruce Douglas Schmoyer** served in the Coast Guard from 1967 to 1971.