



Speed Shuler – 1955



Transportation Corps  
Shoulder Patch

**Horace Thamus J. Shuler**  
**Corporal U.S. Army**  
**13 July 1942 – 31 August 1943**  
**First Lieutenant U.S. Army**  
**1 September 1943 – 23 May 1946**

Horace “Speed” Shuler was born at home on 27 May 1901 in East Texas, Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. He attended local schools and, after graduating from high school in 1919, he attended Keystone State Normal School in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1923 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, Latin, Science and Social Studies. He went on to graduate school and received a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1928. He then oversaw the management of the family real estate which, among other things, included three farms and a riding academy, prior to entering the Army. Horace enlisted as a Private in the Army on 13 July 1942 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was selected for officer training after basic training and was assigned to Company C, Officer Candidate Battalion, at the Transportation Corps Officer Candidate School (OCS) at New Orleans Army Base in Louisiana. He rose to the rank of Corporal before receiving his commission as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on 1 September 1943. After that he served in the Pacific with 474 Amphibious Truck Company, which participated in the Battle for Okinawa in 1945 while attached to the 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. After the war, Horace remained in the Army for another nine months and was discharged as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant on 23 May 1946 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He returned home to East Texas where he

lived for many years with his common-law wife, **Eileen A. Shiffert** (4 April 1899 – 4 June 1991) in a house built by Horace’s grandparents, **Jacob U. Stephen** (7 May 1834 – 22 February 1908) and **Caroline Stephen** (10 July 1834 – 9 October 1926) at the crossroads in East Texas. After the war, Horace began a career in education. He taught history and mathematics at William Allen High School in Allentown from 1949 to 1951, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at Garber Horne Elementary School in Allentown from 1952 to 1957, and arithmetic and social studies at Harrison-Morton Jr. High School, Allentown, from 1958 until 1966, when he retired. He also served as a member of the School Board for Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Speed died at home on 25 June 1975. He is buried alongside Eileen in St. Paul’s Church Cemetery in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania. Horace’s parents were **Harvin T. Shuler** (31 December 1867 – 2 January 1938) and **Annie Marie (Stephen) Shuler** (2 January 1869 – 14 October 1949).



Shuler House circa 1901-1904