

T/Sgt Raymond H. Stoudt



Sgt Raymond H. Stoudt – First Armored Division (ca. 1945)

Sgt Raymond H. Stoudt entered the US Army on 16 April 1941. His home of record at the time of entry into active duty was Allentown, PA. The place of entry into Military Service was at Wilkes-Barre, PA. On 18 June 1943 his military unit departed the United States by ship. The unit's destination was French Morocco, arriving there on 25 June 1943. During his tour in the European Theater of Operations (ETO) he participated in the following Battles and Campaigns: GO 33-40 WD 45, Naples-FOGGIA, Rome-ARNO, Northern Apennines, and the Anzio Campaign.

The War in Europe ended on 8 May 1945 (Victory-Europe, V-E Day). He departed the ETO by ship on 25 September 1945, and arrived in the United States on 5 October 1945. He was discharged from the US Army at the Separation Center at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, PA on 16 October 1945. His unit at the time of discharge was the 2696th Technical Supervision Company, he held the Grade of Staff Sergeant (promotion date was 23 October 1944).



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At the time of separation his military decorations included the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and the Good Conduct Medal. He also wore the Combat Infantryman Badge and his military occupational specialty was as a Quiller Operator 619.113. After a couple of months he re-enlisted, for three years, in the US Army on 14 January 1946 at Philadelphia, PA. He departed the United States on 16 April 1946, his destination was the ETO."



S/Sgt Stoudt (2nd from left)

He arrived in Europe on 25 April 1946, having been assigned to the Berlin Detachment, First Field Command, American Graves Registration Command, European Area. He received the Medal of Occupation (Germany) during his tour. His grade of S/Sgt was converted to Sergeant (under the provisions of DA Circular 202) on 7 July 1948, and he retained that rank until his discharge on 9 December 1948 at Fort Hamilton, NY. He then re-enlisted in the US Army on 10 December 1948 at Fort Hamilton.

He was assigned to Carswell AFB, TX shortly after this, because by 25 February 1949 he had received a reenlistment bonus which was paid at Carswell AFB. On 12 September 1950 he was discharged (Unit at time, 7th STA MED, Carswell AFB, TX); he enlisted on 13 September 1950 in the US Air Force, at Carswell AFB, TX. He was assigned to Landsberg AB, GE in October 1954. On 15 November 1954 he was again discharged (Resignation, Par 4, AFR 39-15) at Landsberg AB, GE (Unit at time, 7351 USAF Dispensary). He again enlisted on 16 November 1954 at Landsberg AB. During his assignment at Landsberg AB he received the Bronze Star Medal (26 April 1956) for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations during the Anzio Campaign of World War II.

On his return to the United States he was assigned to a base down around Victoria, TX. In late 1958, he again returned to Germany and was stationed at the Landstuhl Hospital near Ramstein AB. He was discharged on 15 November 1960 at Giebelstadt AB, GE (Unit at time was OL 1, 602 ACW Sq. USAFE). He enlisted on 16 November 1960 in the US Air Force. After completing his tour in Germany he was assigned to the 3320 USAF Hospital at Amarillo AFB, TX. He was discharged on 15 November 1964 at Amarillo AFB, TX and re-enlisted for another tour.

His military career ended when he retired from the Air Force on 1 August 1966, at Amarillo AFB, TX. His total active service was 25 years, 18 days and he retired at the rank of Technical Sergeant (E-6).

[Source: Written by Raymond H. Stoudt Jr.]