

Stauffer, Joseph D.

**Nazareth Soldier
Completes 33 Months'
Overseas Duty**

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NINTH ENGINEER COMMAND BATTALION, Germany—T/5 Joseph D. Stauffer, Nazareth, has completed 33 months of overseas service with the 825th Engineer Aviation Battalion which has been released from the Censor's Secret List along with other units of the Ninth Engineers' Command.

A truck driver, Stauffer has been serving with the battalion on the Western Front where it is now building another airfield for the Ninth Air Force. The battalion has been reconstructing and repairing airfields on the continent since a short time after D-Day. It was one of the first Ninth Engineer Command units to land in France and has put into service fourteen airfields for tactical coordination operations of the Ninth Air Force.

Stauffer was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company before entering the service May 9, 1942. He is the son of Mrs. Ellen L. Stauffer and the late Edwin Stauffer, Nazareth R. D. 2.

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