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A NINTH AIR FORCE TROOP CARRIER COMMAND BASE, European Theater of Operations—William H. Stoever, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stoever, Sr., 301 East Fourth Street, Bethlehem, Pa., has advanced from sergeant to staff sergeant with this IX Troop Carrier Command Group in the European Theater of Operations.

Sergeant Stoever's unit is assigned to the Ninth Troop Carrier Command, spearhead of the Allied thrust that pierced Hitler's "west wall." In turn, the Ninth Troop Carrier Command, headed by Brig. Gen. Paul L. Williams, is part of the Ninth Air Force, U. S. component of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force. Troop Carrier units played a brilliant role in the initial landing of paratroops and glider-borne infantry in France. Among other duties, they are now employed in re-supply and the evacuation of wounded personnel.

A radio operator on a C47, Sergeant Stoever graduated from Bethlehem High School, Bethlehem, with the class of 1935 and was a concessioner before entering the service in July, 1942.

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