



Railsplitter Obituary



William P. Levine

Born 1 July 1915 in Duluth, Minnesota

Died 29 March 2013 in Highland Park, Illinois (Age 97)

William P. Levine graduated from the Army's Officer Candidate School in May 1943. He served with the 34th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group as an intelligence officer. His unit participated in the D-Day invasion on Utah Beach, as well as the liberation of Dachau. The horrors Levine witnessed at Dachau would trouble him for the rest of his life. For a short time after the war, Levine assisted in the operation of a displaced persons camp. He assisted with the provision of food and clothing for, and the eventual resettlement of, more than 5,000 Holocaust survivors.

During his military service, the Army sent him to engineering school so that he could acquire the skills to command a company of engineers.

Levine was discharged from active military service in 1946. He continued his service in the Army Reserve, as executive officer of the XIV Corps in 1960 and rising to commanding officer in 1962. When the XIV Corps was deactivated in 1967, Levine was appointed commanding general of the U.S. Army's 84th Division (Training). He was promoted to Major General later that year, the rank he would retire with in 1975.

In retirement, Levine served as chairman of a retired officers association for the Army in the Midwest.

During his military career, Levine was awarded the Legion of Merit and Distinguished Service Medal

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