



Army of Occupation  
Medal

**Lamont Lewis Hoffman**  
**Private First Class U. S. Army**  
**1951 – 1955**

Lamont “Massey” was born 1 November 1932 in Wescosville, Pennsylvania. He obtained the nickname Massey when his cousin Marie Diefenderfer came to see him as a newborn and later returned to her home where she was asked the baby’s name. She couldn’t remember, but replied: “I think it is Vermont or Massachusetts or something like that.” When her father Irwin came in from the farm fields and was told of her reply, it was his sense of humor that determined Lamont’s nickname, Massey. Massey’s middle name was given to him in honor of Lewis Hensinger, the husband of Massey’s mother’s Aunt Lizzie Gerhart Hensinger. Massey attended grade school in Wescosville and graduated from Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, in 1951 when he enlisted in the Army as a Private and was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division for training. The 11th Division, after performing occupation duty in Japan after World War II, had returned to Camp Campbell, Kentucky in 1949 and was assigned the mission of Training Division. Massey subsequently was sent overseas, where he served in the Army of Occupation in the European Theater for four years as a Diesel Mechanic and Truck Driver. After his discharge in 1955, Massey married **Linda Kay Kornegy**. They initially lived in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, where they had three children of their own, **Christopher**, **Andrew**, and **Wendy**, and then adopted two others, **Robert** and **Cindy**, from among a host of other children that they cared for throughout the years of their marriage. Massey initially went to work for Modern Transfer Company in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he was a foreman of the night repair crew until the time the company closed its business and reopened as Modern Leasing Company. At that time, the family left Emmaus and relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina, where Massey worked for Lehman Tank Lines. Later, they moved to San Diego, California, where Massey went to work for Norm Pressman’s Peterbilt Company, where his brother Wilbert also worked for a time. Massey and Linda were divorced, after which Massey returned east to live in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he was working for William F. Deibert Trucks at the time of his death in 1993. Massey was the fifth of seven children of **Norman Henry Hoffman** (2 December 1895 – 17 June 1963) and **Bessie Kate Haas** (23 December 1896 – 13 January 1992). Three of Massey’s brothers served during World War II; **Erwin Arthur** and **Norman Charles** who served in the Army, and **Wilbert Oliver** who served in the Navy. Another brother, **Russell Frederick**, served in the Navy during the 1950s.