Adel High School
Class of 1940

Clinton "Clint" Glenn

February 15, 1922 - July 23, 1944

22 years, 5 months, 8 days

PRIMARY—Miss Loving, Teacher
Back Row—Donald Wolfe, Charles Batten, Clint Glenn, Victor Hill, Margaret Moss, Agnes Churchey.
Middle Row—Donald Gittens, Lavena Swihart, Jack Capper, Melvin Rhonds, Mae Jean Fowler, Darrell Gittens, Henry Brauer.
Front Row—Virgil Tharp, Gale Reese, Edgar Mullens, Dorothy Thornton, Dorothy Gearhart, Theodora Clarke, Junior Churchey, Emil Hagg.
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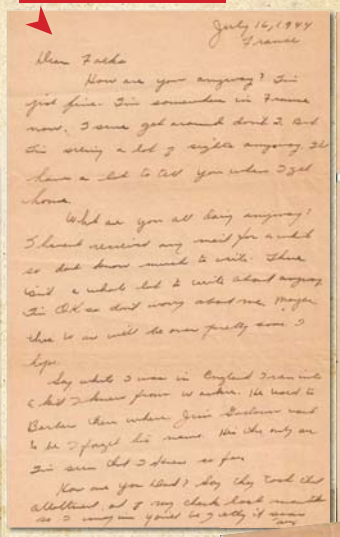
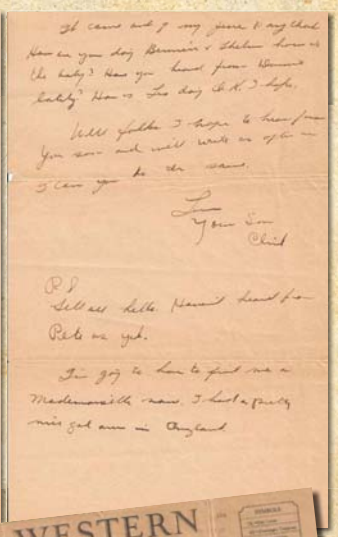
World War II Memorial - Washington, D.C.

Normandy American Cemetery, Normandy, France

Last letter written one week before his death





Private Clint Glenn entered service on November 14th 1942 at Camp Dodge, Iowa. He trained at both Camp Wolters, Texas and Camp Van Horn, Mississippi eventually assigned to the 90th Infantry Division as it prepared to embark for the Normandy beaches.

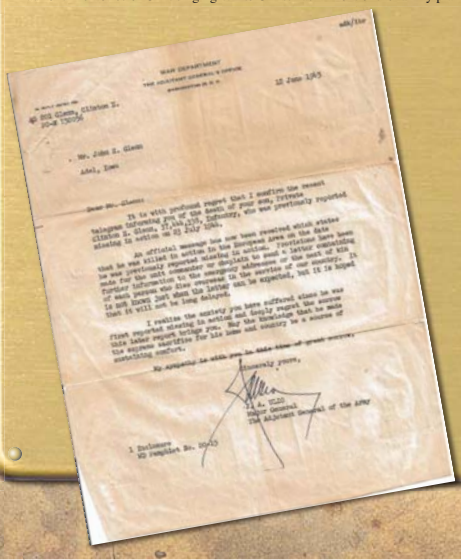
Glenn's unit, the 358th Infantry Regiment, was held in reserve as the bulk of the Division attacked in June. By mid July the Allied forces had stalemated along the Normandy peninsula. Glenn and his regiment were called into action and deployed to France in mid July 1944 to relieve the initial combat units as well as to prepare to spearhead the breakout near St. Lo.

Glenn, as part of the 1st Battalion, attacked German forces near St Germain Sur Seves on the morning of July 23rd, 1944. Advancing approximately 250 yards into their objective they met fierce resistance from elite German paratroop and armored units. Dense fog obscured the enemy from both air attack and accurate Allied intelligence. Rising water prevented the men of the 358th from retreating and also prevented reinforcements from coming to their aid. The combination of factors resulted in the casualty of nearly 40% of Glenn's unit in nearly one hour.

On the following morning Operation Cobra started which pushed the Germans out of Normandy and led to the eventual liberation of France. Due to the extreme violence of the attack on the 358th many of the soldiers who were killed were reported as MIA until nearly a year later when US Graves Registration could properly excavate the Seves Island area and re-inter the US KIA.

Clint Glenn's family did not receive official notification of his death until June 11, 1945. Along with the Western Union telegram and official death notice, Glenn's parents received $413.97 in death benefits. After the war, temporary US cemeteries were consolidated and Pvt Clint Glenn now rests in The Normandy American Cemetery which overlooks Omaha Beach.

Glenn was known to his friends and family as a kind-hearted and attractive young man who had a passion for dancing as well as singing. He wrote home often to his parents and girlfriend and made sure to have portions of his pay sent home to help his family. Glenn was allowed a brief leave over Christmas of 1943. His family had fond memories of Clint singing White Christmas in front of the family piano.



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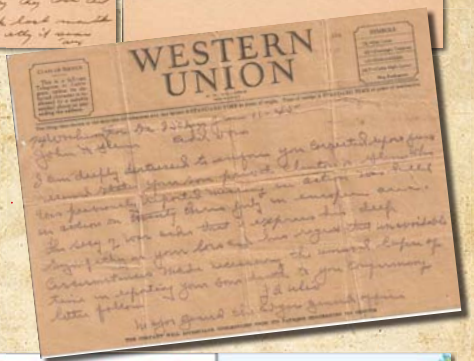
Pictured here is Private Clint Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn, of Adel. He has been in the service since Nov. 15, 1942, stationed first at Camp Wolters, Texas and now with the Hq. & Hq. Co. 2nd Bn., 5th Inf., Camp Van Horn, Miss.
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