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Patriot of the Month

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Walter Scott Glenn

United States Army



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Born in a mining town, Gowen Oklahoma on August 14, 1920, Walter Scott Glenn entered the US Army on June 10, 1942 after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was working in Bakersfield, CA and there were many Japanese-Americans working with him. Walter then took a job constructing a Concentration Camp. During this time, he and a buddy decided to enlist in the Army, as they respected President



Roosevelt and wanted to fight for their country. He said with a grin, "my buddy didn't pass so I went in by myself."

Walter was proud of his three brothers who enlisted. However, one was sent home because he was "sleep walking." They served in the South Pacific and Germany.

After basic training at Camp Roberts, CA, Walter completed 13 weeks as an Expert Rifleman. His next assignments were Camp Butler, NC, Sacramento, CA, Sydney Australia, and Brisbane Australia. This training prepared him for duties of Transportation Sergeant and Machine Gunner.

Walter's Combat Time totaled 661 days. His Campaigns included: Papuan (Buna) from Sept. 28, 1942 to Jan. 22, 1943; New Guinea (Saidor, Aitape, Morotai) from Jan. 2, 1944 to Nov. 10, 1944; Southern Philippines (Leyte) from Nov. 16, 1944 to Jan. 2, 1945; Luzon (Ville Verde Trail) and Mopping Up from Jan 30, 1945 to Aug. 15, 1945.

One of the highlights of his career was the privilege as a Machine Gunner to drive the 32nd Division's Major General William H. Gill. On one occasion, he was ordered to take him through gunfire without being killed. Walter later received an award for protecting Major General Gill. The 32nd Division's history is filled with stand-up fights in which the unit had little or no support.

Another highlight involved General Patton. He arrived to visit their unit. As he got out of his jeep, he didn't notice that he had dropped his pistol with white ivory grips. Everyone was desperately looking for it, and Walter picked the pistol up out of the weeds and handed it to General Patton.

Sergeant Walter Glenn served the Army until November of 1945 in the 32nd Infantry Division as a Machine Gunner. He was honorably discharged and returned to his home in Dinuba, CA. Married on March 29, 1947, they had three daughters.

His awards earned were: World War II Victory Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal & Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, Philippine Liberation Ribbon & Bronze Star, Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII and Expert Badge & Rifle Bar.

Walter's humble comment, "We had a job to do and we did the best we could."

Louisiana Purchase Chapter NSDAR is proud to nominate Walter Scott Glenn as Patriot of the Month and extends gratitude and thanks for his service and commitment to our country.