

Glenn Marks

Jul 27, 1925 -

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Sergeant

DIVISION: Army, Medical Unit

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Glenn Marks, born July 27th 1925. He enlisted into the Navy and took the Officers test. The instructor told him they could not pass him because of his height. Marks was then drafted and he served in the U.S. Army in the medical field from 1944-1946 in Europe during World War II. While in training at Camp Grant, Illinois, Glenn was sent to clerical school where he was trained to be a typist. However, due to demand, Glenn was assigned to be a field medic recovering fallen casualties. Glenn traveled across Europe following units that were expected to have high casualty counts. His group would take the wounded back to a field hospital. At the end of the war, he stayed in Germany caring for German casualties until he was sent home. Marks tells a story about going to pick up casualties during the Battle of the Bulge. The Army had a tough go in taking a dam. When his group arrived on a road leading up to the area of the front lines, the jeep driver would not continue as the road had not been swept for mines. Marks encouraged the group to go forward as they had a job to do but the others did not want to drive the road. Mark finally volunteered to walk in front of the jeep. Marks walked down the road and the others in the jeep followed. Marks leading them to the area to pick up the causalities. Courtesy of digitalcollections.library.gvsu.edu.