

**NAME:** Glenn

**RANK:** Private

**ORGANIZATION:** Fifth Army

**OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE:** Mediterranean Theater of Operations

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**Glenn writes a friend in the United States:**

“Dec 19 ‘43

Somewhere in Italy

...Well, today is Sunday, but, is just like any day of the week over here. When I get settled at home I'm going to try to go to church regularly. The people over here dress up in their best and go to a little chapel near by. I haven't attended as yet, but, I may later, as I have a few good Catholic friends. Perhaps at Cristmastime there will be some men going. I can hear the bell now calling the peoples to church.

The J \_ rr \_ \_ s took almost everything away from these people as they retreated. But, they being quite wise, had some of their stuff hide away. Unfortunately for them, some, had almost everything taken away. War has always been like that in history where any army goes thru. I hope that we will soon have Rome in our hands, but, the J \_ rr \_ \_ s are well dug in the hills and have put up a tough fight all the way. Our heavy artillery and planes have to blast them out of the mountains. I'd like to meet some of the 'boys' over here, but probably won't as everyone moves around quite a bit. Nowadays all are ready to pack up and take off in a very short time. We usually are given plenty of time to get ready to move...My mail come thru O.K. now, but, I imagine there is back-mail that is tied-up somewhere. It usually gets thru after a fashion.

Love to all

Glenn”

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- Glenn made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 50s.
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- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Glenn's wartime organization, the Fifth Army (reader discretion advised):**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Army\\_North](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Army_North)