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Army

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Sep 7, 1924 -

BIRTHPLACE: West Lebanon, NH

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Corporal

DIVISION: Army, 45th Infantry Division

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

MILITARY HONORS: Purple Heart

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Winston "Pat" Flynn was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He enlisted in the Army in 1943 wanting to be part of the 10th Mountain Division a sky group which he told his commanding officer. His commanding officer told Flynn that he decided where Flynn would serve. Flynn had eight weeks basic training in Alabama and was assigned into the 45th Infantry Division, F Company of the 157th Regiment. Flynn shipped into North Africa but within weeks was transferred to Italy. His company started moving north fighting with Rome as their focused end. After being pinned down over night with an other, Flynn discovered he could not walk as frost bite have effected his legs from the knee down. He was evacuated down the hill on a mule to be taken to a hospital. When he was recovered Flynn went back to the front and was wounded when shelling rained on his company. His fox hole was hit and Flynn was buried alive from all the dirt falling inward. His helmet slipped over his face giving him enough air to breath until he was rescued. He again went to the hospital to recuperate. Back at the front his company pushed into Rome but the Geman's had pulled back. The crowds in Rome gave their "liberators" the Amerian's, all the food and drink they wanted. Flynn went on and served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. Courtesy of the WWII Rifle.com