

Inducted into service March 17, 1943, Clifton served as leader of his draft groups both at the time of examination and for induction. Selected for the armored forces, he received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., with further training at Camp Campbell, Ky (20th Armored Division). He spent two weeks at Fort George Meade, Md., before going overseas in February 1944. He went first to England, and it was there that he was assigned to the Second Armored Division. His service number is 34609877. He was a tank crewman of a General Sherman tank. According to the roster, Clifton was F Co, 2nd Bn, 67th AR. He arrived at Ohama Beach on June 11th, 1944. His Regiment went through Normandy, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and into Battle of the Bulge on December 22th, 1944. December 28th 1944 (based on AAR 67th Armored Regiment and 329th Infantry Regiment) After receiving orders from Colonel Hinds the tanks, at 03:30 pushed out with all their guns blazing, and succeeded in driving through to the high ground east of Rochefort. Losses were 2 M4 tanks of Company E, 2 M4 tanks of Company E, 1 enlisted man, Company F, T-5 E.L. Norris , killed and 8 wounded in action. Word was received that we would be relieved by Company G of the 329th Infantry Regiment of the 83rd Infantry Division by daylight but they had not arrived at 06:00. The Battalion Command Point remained in Jamodine throughout the day and the advance elements remained in the area East of Rochefort. Orders received that Bn. was to attack at 15:00 with Company G of the 329st Infantry Regiment in taking Rochefort. Due to lack of ammunition only one platoon of tanks was employed. A counter-attack by four Tiger tanks from the SE was repulsed by the remainder of Company F. Company F would be attached to G Co of the 329th for their support. Company F and G of the 329th attacked again, losing two tanks, sending seven to ordnance for repair and leaving six tanks for support. Two tank destroyers were knocked out while trying to pull out after being relieved. Casualties were: 1 killed, 11 wounded in action. First Lieutenant Lloyd K. Dewar of Company F had two tanks knocked out from under him in less than 24 hours. In 'The history of the 67th armored regiment ', 1 death is reported on December 28th. In the 'After action reports for the 67th AR ' no deaths are reported. The 'After action reports for the 329th Inf Regt, 83rd Inf Div. ' mention "a tank was knocked out while attempting to advance". His parents received a telegram on January 1st 1945 stating their son had been unreported since Thursday December 28th. On Januari 15th a telegram confirmed Clifton was Killed in Action on December 28th, 1944.

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