

February 19, 1942.

Lt. Commander J. J. Tunney,
Bureau of Navigation,
U. S. Naval Training Station,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Tunney:

I desire to write you regarding Mr. John Harris Glenn. At present he is president and manager of the Glenn Ice and Fuel Company, of Beardstown, Illinois, manufacturers and distributors of ice, coal, tires, gas, oil and merchandise. He is director of the First National Bank of Beardstown, as well as being president of the Illinois Association of Ice Industries.

His education is as follows: He graduated from the Beardstown, Illinois, high school in 1932; from the Culver Military Academy (summer naval school) in 1931; from Northwestern University with a B. S. in Commerce in 1936; and in 1937 he graduated from the Babson Institute of Boston with a degree of B. A. - Business Administration.

Glenn is 28 years of age, six feet tall, and weighs 198 pounds. He is single and is a total abstainer from all forms of alcoholic beverages and tobacco. His athletic activities are as follows: He was senior manager of basketball for three years at Northwestern University. In 1935 he managed the Chicago Tribune All-Star football game between the pros and the all-stars. In 1934 he was the fourth ranking tennis player in the State of Illinois outside of Cook County. Glenn also made three high school letters in basketball, and played on the championship basketball team at Culver.

In 1940 he was assistant to me when I was manager of the National Collegiate A. A. basketball tournament in Kansas City. This was an unusual feat since 1940 was the start of the Collegiate tournament that took in all of the best colleges and Universities of the United States.

In explanation, may I state that John Glenn and his mother handle the Glenn Utilities at Beardstown. The father passed away several years ago and John has taken over the management of these. He is eligible for the draft and will be called sometime in March or April. He came to visit me this past week and after conversing with him I find that he is very desirous of being considered for training in your division.