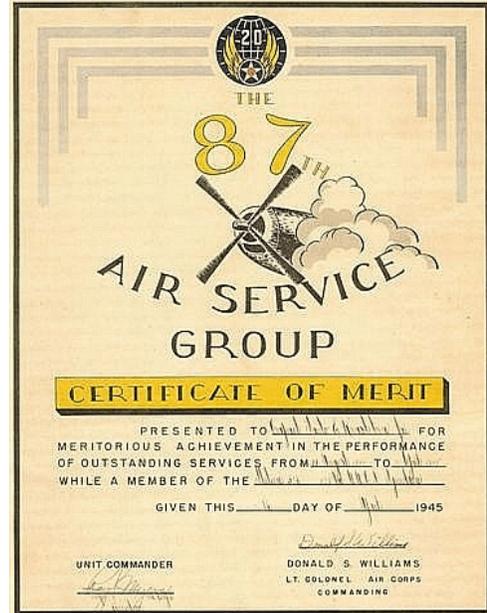
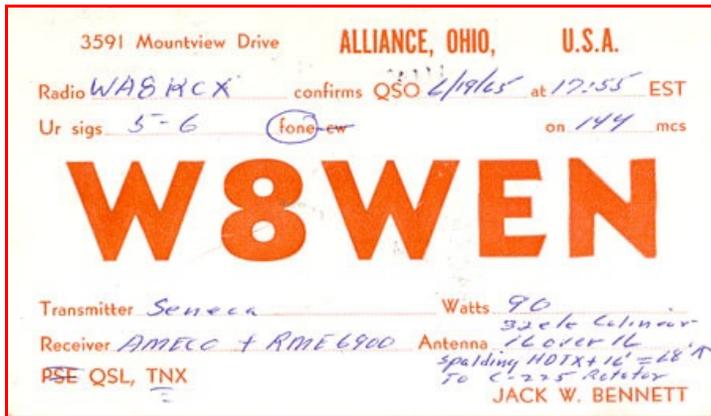


**Jack W. Bennett W8WEN \*1923-2007\*** Alliance Ohio resident and top notch DX'er, family man and WW2 mechanic and radio operator. Jack was born in Youngstown, Ohio - a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Youngstown and resident most of his life in Alliance.



Mr. Bennett attended Youngstown University and majored in electrical engineering. Mr. Bennett was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps during WW 2 earning Sergeant in the 355<sup>th</sup> Air Engineering Squadron 87<sup>TH</sup> Air Service Group, 58<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing. He was stationed on Tinian and flew missions over the hump in India. Jack was a radio operator and mechanic in the air offensive in Japan, China, India and Burma. Among his awards, he received American Theater Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal and three Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct medal and the Victory Medal.

Jack worked for the Alliance Manufacturing Company (Genie) for 39 years in the research and development department, working on garage door openers and rotators and was instrumental in the development of the Genie garage door opener.

He was a member of Union Avenue United Methodist Church, active member of the FISTS Club, the Alliance Amateur Radio Club and the NOAA Weather Sky Warn. From his teens he was a radio amateur and was known as W8WEN all over the world. Your author remembers Jack on the air right in the thick of the DX battle for many years and those CQ's where there were no band openings but yet somehow Bennett would be able to make a QSO, as the days of W3CRA in Canonsburg.

Jack loved spending time with his grandchildren and enjoyed helping others and contributed much to the community in volunteer work with children. He was active in the Hot Stove League Baseball (DAC-50) Cub Scout Troop 170 and Boy Scout Troop 50. He taught at Moonbase and Seabase for Science Club and at the Science Fairs.

Jack passed away suddenly 31 October 2007, he was age 87. Is survived by his wife of 56 years, Martha, three sons, Jeffery of Alliance, Gregory (Denise) of Massillon and Bradley (Laura) Copley. – 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Preceding our subject in death were his parents, Wm and Mildred Bennett and a sister Mildred McCabe Bellinger – QSL via K8CX Ham Gallery – Obit from QCWA Chapter 21, W8SU 2007