

NAME: Eugene

RANK: Technician Fifth Grade

ORGANIZATION: 25th Infantry Division

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written by Eugene. This is the only letter from Eugene in the site curator's possession.
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Eugene writes his wife and daughter in the United States:

“The Philippine Islands

March 15, 1945

Hi honey! What do you think about this stationary? A week ago it was still in Japanese hands...I'm up in the mountains now and there are lots of snipers here. One is buried about 40 feet from where I sleep. That's where they shot him. Yesterday morning I was driving down the road thru the mountains here. A J _ p had just run across the road and the G.I.'s were still pumping bullets into him. He didn't have a rifle just a bayonet and two grenades. They buried him in a bomb crater. It saved digging a hole...Well honey be good and give our daughter a kiss for her Daddy. Love Eugene”

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- Eugene made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers the above time period and Eugene's organization (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/ARC-39048>
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Eugene's wartime organization, the 25th Infantry Division (reader discretion advised):**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/25th_Infantry_Division_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/25th_Infantry_Division_(United_States))