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Pearl Harbor Survivor

Eugene Charles Adams was born on November 3, 1923 in Maywood, IL.

On January 30, 1941 he enlisted into the US Navy at Navy Recruiting Station (NRS) St. Louis, MO. On December 7, 1941, he was serving on the U.S.S. New Orleans at Pearl Harbor when it was hit during the attack. His daughter explained that, "He did not talk about the attack much but I remember that he wouldn't eat oranges, that even the smell made him sick. This is because when the bomb struck, the sailors had been eating oranges, and the smell of burning flesh, mixed with the scent of those oranges, and the screams and the smoke- He never forgot that. I know that is a horribly gruesome memory that he shared with me but never forget the horror. He was 18 years old."

September 25 1945 he was discharged at the US Navy Separation Center, Great Lakes, IL. He served on the U.S.S. New Orleans for the entire war and reached the rank of Yeoman 2nd Class.

On May 2nd, 2000 He died at the veteran's home in Quincy and is buried at Sunset Cemetery, Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

Special Thank You to Mrs. Louise Bartnicki for her assistance with the genealogical research.

If you'd like to read more about Yeoman 2nd Class Adams, or other Veterans, check out our archival binders at the Chicagoland Combined Veterans Museum & Library. You contact Lorenzo A. Fiorentino at lorenzoafiorentino@yahoo.com for more information.



Gene in 1931



Gene in October 1941

Detroit Free Press
Sat, February 20, 1943



Engagement

Clare Block, daughter of Charles L. Block, of Freeland Ave., is engaged to marry Eugene Adams, son of Mrs. Charles Adams, of W. Grand Blvd.



Gene Jan 1945



Gene & Dolly Jan 1945



Gene with Dad Jan 1945

Our Sons in the Service



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EUGENE' C. ADAMS went through the Pearl Harbor attack and other battles without injury, stationed aboard a heavy cruiser in the Pacific area. He is a first class seaman and a fire control specialist, winner of the Navy E for efficiency and the medal for expertness with a pistol.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, 1815 South Fremont. Eugene enlisted in the service in February last year and trained at Great Lakes before going to Pearl Harbor in April. He has attended Springfield schools and is 18. Recently he was appointed his ship's artist.

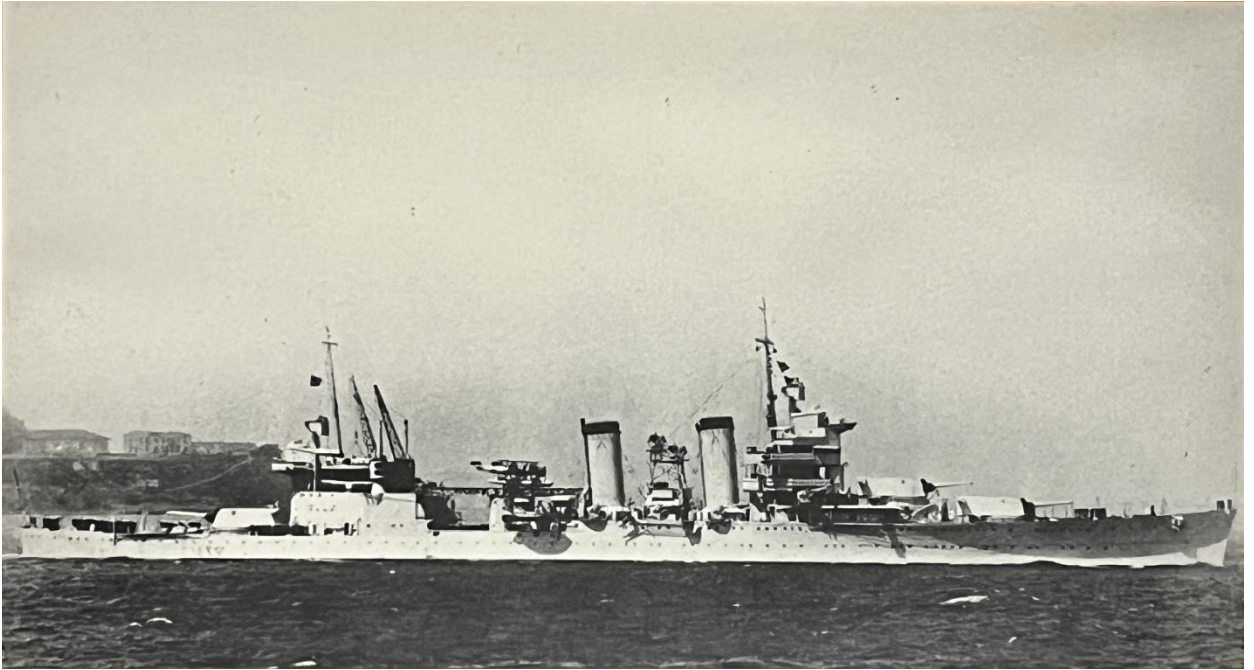


Gene
August 1945



Gene
September 1945

U.S.S. New Orleans



Attack on Pearl Harbor: Moored in Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, New Orleans was taking power and light from the dock, her engines under repair. With yard power out during the attack, New Orleans' engineers began to raise steam, working by flashlight, while on deck men fired on the Japanese attackers with rifles and pistols. The crew was forced to break the locks on the ammunition ready boxes as the keys couldn't be located, and because the ship was taking power from the dock, the 5"/25 cal AA gun had to be aimed and fired manually. The gunners topside were ducking machine gun bullets and shrapnel, training their guns manually, as they had no ammunition other than the few shells in their ready boxes. The ammunition hoists did not have power, making it nearly impossible to get more ammunition topside to the gun crews. The 54 lb (24 kg) shells had to be pulled up the powerless hoists by ropes attached to their metal cases. Every man with no specific job at the moment formed ammunition lines to get the shells to the guns. A number of her crew were injured when a fragmentation bomb exploded close aboard. New Orleans suffered no severe damage during the attack. The ship's chaplain was Howell Forgy, who during the attack walked the ammo handling lines patting sailors on the back and urging them to "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition".

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Purple Heart w/ 2 stars Navy Unit Commendation

Navy "E" Ribbon	Navy Good Conduct Medal	American Defense Service Medal
American Campaign Medal	Asiatic–Pacific Campaign Medal w/ 2 gold & 3 bronze stars	World War II Victory Medal
Philippine Defense Medal	Philippine Liberation Medal	Philippine Independence Medal
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation	Navy Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon	Navy Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon

Hon. Dis. 9-25-45

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER
 N 359-A Eugene Charles Adams 12114A
(First) (Middle) (Last)

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
220 Hyde Park Avenue, Bellwood, Cook, Illinois
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS
Same
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE 5. AGE IN YEARS 6. PLACE OF BIRTH
Bell. 3887 21 Springfield
(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (Town or county)
11-3-23 Mo.
(Date of Birth) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
Mrs. Eugene C. Adams - (Wife) 220 Hyde Park Ave., Bellwood, Ill.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
Unemployed - Discharged Sailor

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.
 D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42) (over) 016-21630-3 *Eugene C. Adams*
(Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

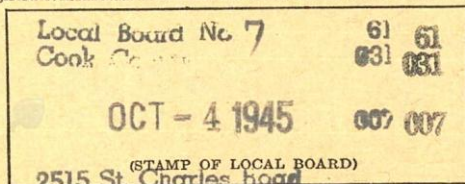
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		Gray		Red		Dark	
Oriental		Hazel		Brown		Freckled	
		Brown		Black		Light brown	
Indian		Black		Gray		Dark brown	
				Bald		Black	
Filipino							

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

None

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Gladys F. Kupper
(Signature of registrar)
 Registrar for Local Board #7 Cook, Bellwood, Ill.
(Number) (City or county) (State)
 Date of registration October 4, 1945



(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

Selective Service Registration card dated October 4th, 1945.

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US Navy Discharge
"Ruptured Duck" patch

