

COLONEL PAUL R. LUTJENS US Army, Retired (Deceased)



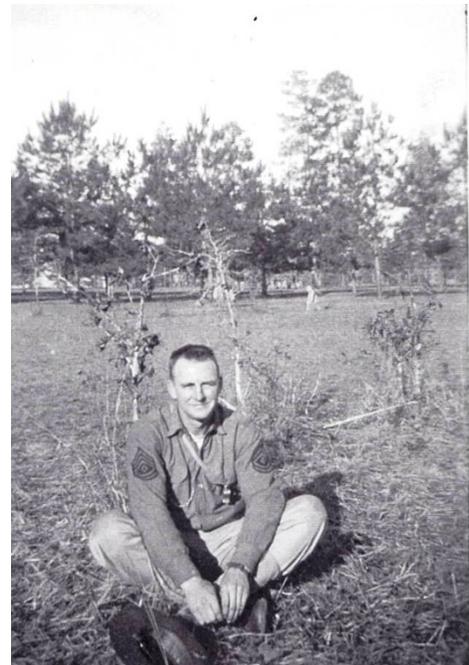
After graduation from High School, Paul Lutjens joined Company E, 126th Infantry, Michigan National Guard. In 1941, he joined the Regular Army. As an Infantry Soldier in World War II, then 1SG Lutjens led a platoon in an attack on Buna Village, New Guinea in December 1942, during which he exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to urge his men forward in the attack. For his conspicuous bravery, he was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross and given a battlefield commission to Second Lieutenant. Lutjens was wounded in the battle, and spent many weeks recovering from his wounds, as well as from malaria and pneumonia.

After the war, 2LT Lutjens stayed in the Army, reaching the rank of Colonel. He served with the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, and in the 902nd MI Group. He commanded the 513th MI Group (Europe) and the 115th MI Group (US). COL Lutjens served in the Army for 30 years before retiring. He passed away in 1977 at the age of 59.

COL Lutjens was posthumously inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1988.



**First Sergeant Paul R. Lutjens, Company E, 126th Infantry,
Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, 1941**





2LT Paul Lutjens recovering from wounds received at Buna Papua on 5 December 1942. Picture taken in August 1943, Panama Canal Zone.