

# Eugene R. Rausch

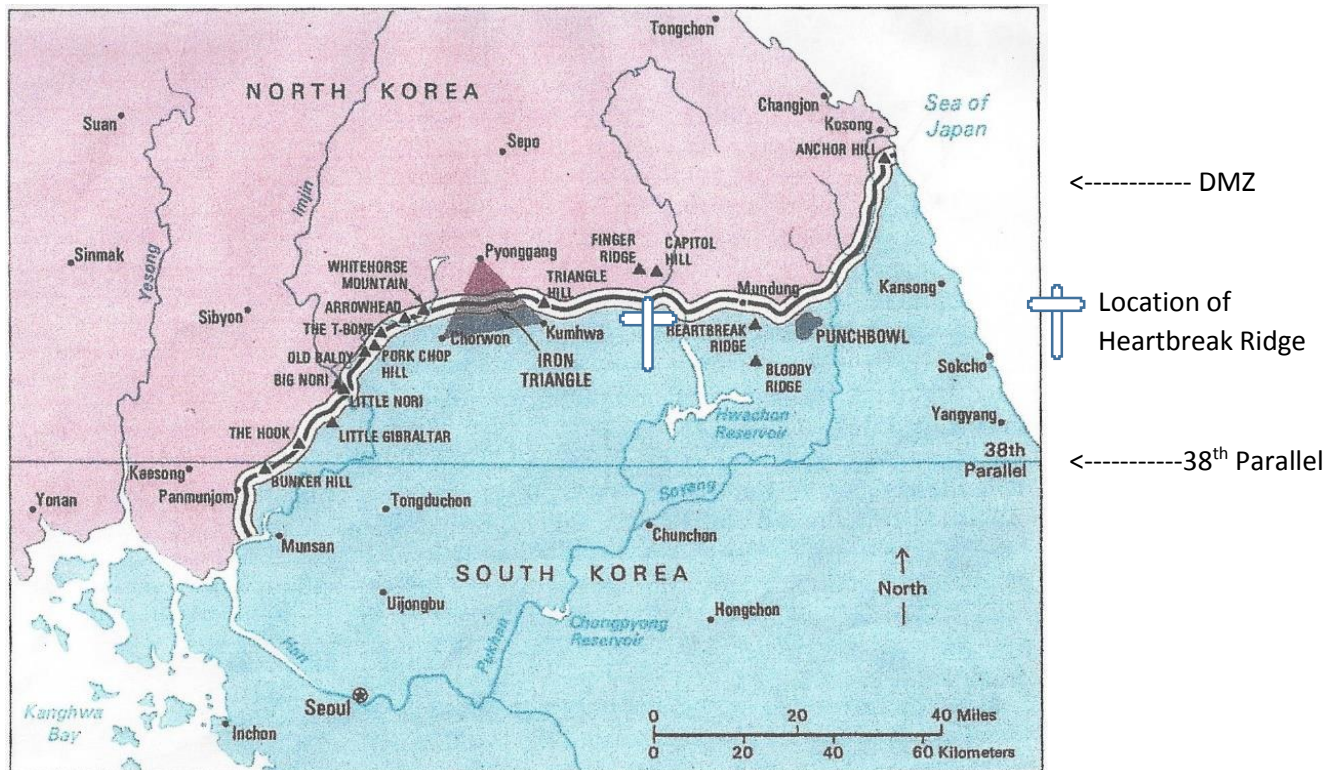
Feb. 1927 – Oct. 1951



Gene was killed in action on the final day of a month long battle to take **Heart break ridge**. Heart break ridge was a major battle in deciding the new boundary between North and South Korea. Gene was carrying a heavy radio pack, as he was one of the radio operators for the company commander and Executive officer.

He and a fellow radio operator were in the back of their commanding officer's jeep the afternoon before. Gene told his good buddy John Zensius he would like to volunteer to go on the planned mission to establish a new forward intelligence outpost.

Gene was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, The Korean Service Medal, The United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Metal, and the Korean War Service Metal.



The 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel was the pre Korean War boarder between North Korea and South Korea. After several battles to take the high Ridge of mountains, the new boarder between North Korea and South Korea is the along high ridge of hills known as the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).