



**LEUTENANT GENERAL
EUGENE F. TIGHE
CAMP COLUMBIA
SWPA OCS - 1944**

Lieutenant General Tighe enlisted in the Army during September 1942. While stationed in the war zone, he was selected to attend the South West Pacific Area (SWPA) OCS at Camp Columbia, Brisbane, Australia and graduated from the Field Artillery Branch in 1944. He was then assigned as an anti-aircraft adviser with the 43rd Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force and served with the group in the Pacific. He was released from active duty in January 1946 and accepted a Reserve commission in the U.S. Army Air Forces.

He entered active duty with the U.S. Air Force in August 1950 as an intelligence officer with the 78th Fighter-Interceptor Group and served in a variety of assignments during his career including Director of Targets, Headquarters 7th Air Force in Vietnam. He also served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Pacific Air Forces, Director for Intelligence, United States Pacific Command, Deputy Director and later Acting Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

The President appointed him Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency where he served from August 1977 to September 1981. In 1986 he headed a five-month Pentagon review on whether American prisoners of war might still be held captive in Vietnam and elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

Lieutenant General Tighe's decorations and awards include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with Three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Bronze Star Medal.