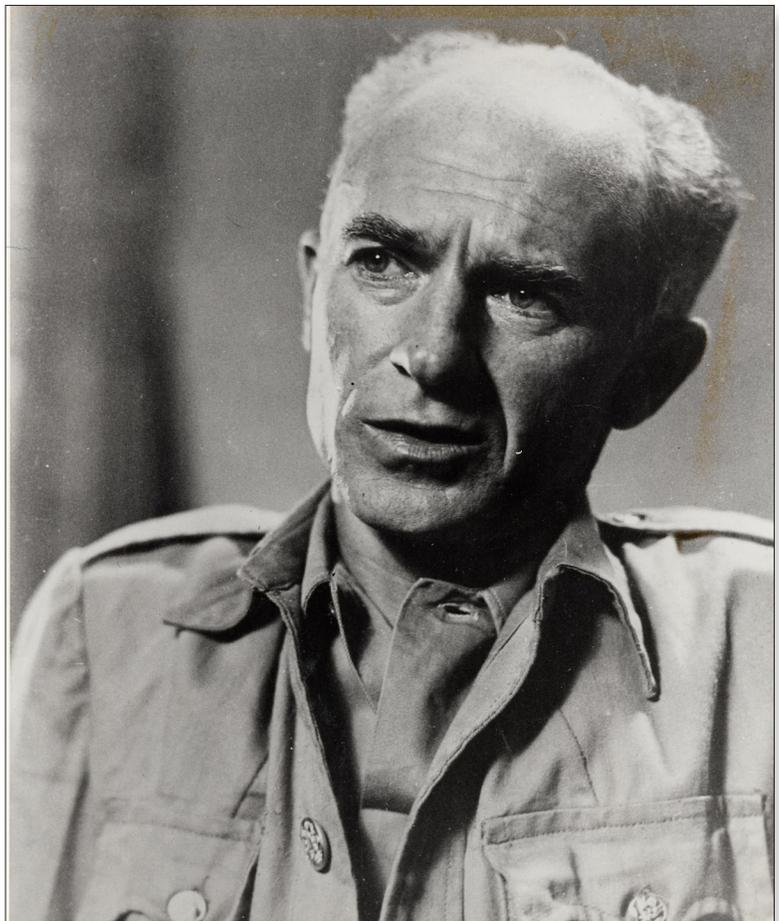


Ernie Pyle Handout

Indiana native Ernie Pyle was a World War II correspondent. He reported to Europe in December 1940 to cover the impact of German bombardment of London on ordinary citizens. His columns soon began running in the *Stars and Stripes*, the daily newspaper for U.S. personnel.

After a stint back in the U.S. to handle personal business, Pyle shipped to North Africa to report from the front. He reported from this area and from the Italian campaign until 1943. Here Pyle covered the sickening carnage and the amorality of wartime killing. It was also during the Italian campaign that Pyle would win a Pulitzer Prize for his wartime column, "The Death of Captain Waskow." Pyle became a household name in the U.S. due to his extremely personal and sometimes humorous stories of the American GI. Americans on the home-front were eager to read Pyle's columns, hoping for a glimpse of their loved one's name.

Pyle reported to England in spring 1944 and covered the Normandy landings in June 1944. Pyle headed to the Pacific Theater of operations in early 1945, eventually reaching Okinawa and his beloved Marines. Pyle was on the small island of Ie Shima when a bullet from a Japanese sniper pierced his temple, killing him instantly. He is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.



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