

BIOGRAPHY OF
BRIGADIER GENERAL HARRY G. WOODBURY, JR.
Deputy Director, Civil Works
Office of the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army

Brigadier General Harry G. Woodbury, Jr., born in Providence, Rhode Island, 2 June 1916, graduated from Rhode Island State College in 1938 as a Bachelor of Science (Electrical Engineering). Commissioned Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Regular Army, 1 July 1938, he served his first assignment with the 11th Engineer Regiment in the Canal Zone.

He served in WW II in the Southwest Pacific as Commander of the first of the Army's Airborne Aviation Engineer Battalions, and later as Air Engineer of various task forces. He was promoted to Colonel in January 1945, and was awarded the Legion of Merit for operations behind enemy lines, and the Silver Star for gallantry aboard the cruiser NASHVILLE during the Mindoro operation.

He attended the Army's Command and General Staff School, and after World War II served as Engineer of the Far East Air Forces -- graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering -- taught and supervised instruction at the Army Engineer School -- and served three years as Engineer of U. S. Forces in Austria.

In August 1955 he became Assistant District Engineer of the Corps' Chicago District in a multi-state program of studies and construction of water resources developments, construction of Army and Air Force facilities, including the Army's first NIKE sites, and operation and maintenance of Great Lakes harbors and the busy Illinois Waterway.

He attended the Army War College 1955-56, and then commanded the 20th Engineer Brigade, qualifying as a parachutist. From 1957 to 1960 he served as Director of Logistics on Okinawa before returning to the U. S. as District Engineer, Omaha District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. During his three years as District Engineer, he directed engineering studies, design and construction of flood control, navigation, power and water supply projects throughout the upper Missouri River Basin. Some of the larger projects he directed were Oahe Dam, and Big Bend Dam, on the Missouri River. He also directed design and construction of widespread military facilities, including extremely complex Intercontinental Ballistic Missile installations and the North American Air Defense Command underground operations center.

In September 1963 he became Engineer, Eighth Army in Korea and in November 1963 was promoted to his present grade of Brigadier General.

General Woodbury became Deputy Director of Civil Works, Office of the Chief of Engineers, in August 1964. In this position he is responsible for planning Corps of Engineers comprehensive development of water resources required to meet the greatly expanding needs of our growing country. He is a registered professional engineer.

General and Mrs. Woodbury have five children and reside in Arlington, Virginia.



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