

COLONEL HARRY WALLACE FRENCH

U.S. ARMY

Colonel Harry Wallace French was born on December 4, 1926 in Washington D.C. From July 1944 to June 1946, he served in the U.S. Navy in the Atlantic and Pacific Theater rising to the rank of Torpedo Man, Third Class.

Upon leaving the Navy, he entered Virginia Military Institute where he graduated as a Second Lieutenant in June 1950. His first assignment was in Korea where he served in successive positions as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in the Seventh Division.

Upon returning from Korea in 1951, he served as an Executive Officer and Company Commander with the Third Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer, Virginia, for a year and a half before departing to Germany in 1953 where he served as an Executive Officer in Company B, Eighteenth Infantry Regiment of the First Infantry Division. When the Division returned to the United States and Fort Riley, Kansas, he served as a Company Commander with the same Regiment and as the Aide-De-Camp to the Commanding General of the Big Red One.

From 1956 to 1959, he was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, first as a student in the Advance Course and then as an instructor in Company Tactics. During the next year to 1960, he completed the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Upon leaving Fort Leavenworth, he served as a Regimental Advisor in Vietnam until July 1961.

From 1961 to 1965, he served on the staff in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army, Washington D.C.

In July 1965, upon completing his tour in Washington, he returned to Germany where he was assigned as Chief, Training Maneuver Branch, G-3, VII Corps. In July 1966, he was transferred to the Second Battalion, Twenty-First Mechanized Infantry as Battalion Commander and returned to Fort Riley, Kansas, with the unit. Upon arriving at Fort Riley, he became the G-3 of the Twenty-Fourth Division until May of 1969.

From May 1969 to May 1970, he served as G-5, Twenty-Fourth Corps and Deputy Post Commander, Phu Bai Combat Base in Vietnam.

Upon returning to the United States, he was assigned as the Professor of Military Science at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, from June 1970 to July 1972.

In July 1972, he assumed his current position as Director of Plans and Training of the US Army Training Center and Fort Dix, Fort Dix, New Jersey. *Until August 1975.*

#### PERSONAL DATA

Date and Place of Birth: December 4, 1926, Washington D.C.

Parents: Arthur Sherwin French (Deceased and Jennie A. Cox French (Deceased)

Marriage: Date: July 16, 1952

Wife: Marcia Stokes French

Children: Robert Sherwin French  
William Rensew French

#### EDUCATION

Western High School, Washington D.C., graduate, 1944

Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, BS Civil Engineering, graduate, 1950

US Army Infantry School, Officers' Advance Course, Fort Benning, Georgia, graduate, 1957

US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, graduate, 1960

#### CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF PROMOTIONS

	<u>TEMPORARY</u>	<u>PERMANENT</u>
2d Lieutenant	23 Jul 50	23 Jul 50
1st Lieutenant	8 May 51	23 Jul 53
Captain	Aug 54	23 Jul 57
Major	Oct 60	23 Jul 64
Lieutenant Colonel	16 May 64	23 Jul 71
Colonel	16 May 69	23 Jul 75

#### CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Torpedo Man, Third Class, Atlantic and Pacific Theater, U.S. Navy.....	Jul 44	Jun 46
Student, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia.....	Sep 46	Jun 50
Infantry Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, 7th Division, Korea.....	Aug 50	Sep 51

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Company Commander, Co. B, 34th Infantry, Camp Zama, Japan	Sep 51	Jan 52
Executive Officer, Company Commander 3d Infantry Regiment, Ft. Myer, Virginia	Jan 52	Oct 53
Executive Officer, Co B, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Germany	Oct 53	Oct 54
Company Commander, Co B, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division, Germany and Ft. Riley, Kansas	Oct 54	Dec 55
Aide-De-Camp, Commanding General, 1st Division, Ft. Riley, Kansas	Dec 55	Aug 56
Student, Infantry Officer Advance Course, Ft. Benning, Georgia	Aug 56	Apr 57
Instructor, Company Tactics, Ft. Benning, Georgia	Apr 57	Jul 59
Student, Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas	Jul 59	Aug 60
Regiment Advisor, Infantry Regiment, ARVN, Vietnam	Aug 60	Jul 61
Staff Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, DA, Washington, D. C.	Jul 61	Jul 65
Chief, Training Maneuver Branch, G-3, VII Corps, Germany	Jul 65	Jun 66
Battalion Commander, 2d Battalion, 21st Mech Infantry, Germany and Ft. Riley, Kansas	Jul 66	Jul 68
G-3, 24th Division, Ft. Riley, Kansas	Jul 68	May 69
G-5, 24th Corps, Deputy Post Commander, Phu Bai Combat Base, Vietnam	May 69	May 70
Professor of Military Science, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia	June 70	Jul 72
Directory of Plans & Training, US Army Training Center & Fort Dix, Fort Dix, N. J.	Jul 72	Sep 75
Commander, Ft. A. P. Hill, Bowling Green, Va.	Sep 75	To Present

LIST OF DECORATIONS

Combat Infantryman's Badge  
Silver Star w/2 OLC  
Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Medal w/1 OLC  
Army Commendation Medal w/1 OLC

CAMPAIGN

World War II - U.S. Navy  
Europe  
Pacific  
Korea  
Vietnam

PERSONAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL

Sports: Hunting, Fishing