

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARLBOROUGH CHURCHILL **US Army, Retired (Deceased)**



Marlborough Churchill was a native of Andover, Massachusetts, and graduated from Harvard University in 1900. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1901, promoted to First Lieutenant in 1907, and to Captain before 1917. Promotions then followed rapidly: Major and Lieutenant Colonel in 1917, Colonel and Brigadier General in 1918.

From 1907 to 1910, he served as Aide to GEN Albert L. Meyer and was an Instructor in the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He served for two years as an Inspector-Instructor of the National Guard Field Artillery in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. From 1912-1914, he was a member of the Field Artillery Board. He was stationed in the Philippines during Governor W. Cameron Forbes' administration of the Islands.

During World War I, he served successively as the American Military Observer to the French Artillery and Liaison Officer on the staffs of GEN John J. Pershing and GEN Peyton March. For five months beginning in January 1918, he held the position of Acting Chief of Staff of the Artillery of the First Army, American Expeditionary Forces (AEF). He then returned to the US to assume direction of the War Department's Military Intelligence Division (MID), which had been formed by MG Ralph Van Deman (HOF, 1988) in 1917. In November 1918, Churchill and 20 MID officers attended the Paris Peace Conference with President Woodrow Wilson. Churchill acted as the General Military Liaison Coordinating Officer for the President during the peace talks. He returned to lead the MID until 1920 when he was replaced by MG Dennis Nolan (HOF 1988). Churchill, however, continued to support and work with the MID until his retirement in 1924.

BG Churchill was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation: "For exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services as chief of staff of the Army Artillery, First Army, AEF, and for his ability, zeal, and untiring energy in building up the Military Intelligence Division of the General Staff as Director of Military Intelligence. He discharged these duties of great responsibility with ability, tact, and energy. He built up the Intelligence service to its present high state of efficiency."

BG Churchill died in July 1947. He was posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988.