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COL G. Dickson Gribble, Jr. entered the Army in 1969 and attended the Engineer Officer Candidate School. 2LT Gribble was then assigned to Germany, where he served in company level positions such as Company Executive Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, culminating with assumption of command of Bravo Company, US Army Security Agency (ASA) Field Station in Rothwesten, Germany. In 1976, CPT Gribble was selected as an instructor for the Military Intelligence (MI) Officer Advance Course. In 1979, CPT Gribble assumed the duties and responsibilities as Operations Officer for the 14th Signal Regiment (EW), British Army of Rhine – the British Army’s only tactical Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) and Electronic Warfare (EW) unit. Drawing on knowledge gained during his tenure at the Intelligence Center, CPT Gribble was instrumental in developing and refining

operational concepts for SIGINT/EW support to tactical forces operating in the British General Deployment Plan operational area.

In 1984, MAJ Gribble was assigned as the Majors Assignment Officer and later as the Chief, Military Intelligence Branch, at the US Army Personnel Center in Arlington, Virginia. At this time, he managed more than 750 Majors and approximately 2,800 Lieutenants and Captains.

LTC Gribble, while serving as the Commander, 204th MI Battalion, 66th MI Brigade in Germany, worked with Field Station Augsburg leadership to develop and exercise a plan to transition the Field Station’s strategic mission from its fixed station base to mobile wartime operations.

During back-to-back assignments as the Director, National Security Agency (NSA), Fellow and Chief of SIGINT Plans and Policy on Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, staff, LTC Gribble became the Army lead for the emerging Regional Signal Operations Center (RSOC) concept.

In 1992, COL Gribble assumed command of the 704th MI Brigade, which included the Army Technical Control and Analysis Element (ATCAE). In 1996 during his command at

the 713th MI Group and Menwith Hill Station in the United Kingdom, Menwith Hill Station was selected as the Army's best SIGINT operation and represented the US Army in the annual Travis Trophy competition. His accomplishments were also recognized by award of the prestigious US Ambassador's Award for excellence in British/American programs.

After 30 years of distinguished military service, in 1999, COL G. Dickson Gribble, Jr. concluded his military career as Chief, Global Access Division, Directorate of Technology at the National Security Agency. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal, three Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals and two Humanitarian Service Medals.

COL Gribble was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 2011.