

LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM I. ROYLA
US Army, Retired (Deceased)



LTG Rolya, a Signal Corps officer for most of his 35-year career, distinguished himself as a leader of both the Signal and Military Intelligence Branches. He enlisted in 1949 and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School at Fort Riley, Kansas in 1950. LTG Rolya served in a succession of positions with Signal Corps units, including command through the group level. He also served as Deputy Director General of the NATO Integrated Communications Systems Management Agent and later assisted in the transition of that organization into the NATO Command, Control and Communications Agency.

He held staff positions at all levels, including the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of the Army, and US Army Europe. LTG Rolya had a profound effect on Military Intelligence as Commander, Army Security

Agency, and as the first Commander, US Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM). In the latter position, he organized the separate agencies and units responsible for the production of human, imagery, and signals intelligence, and counterintelligence, into one organization—INSCOM. His leadership resulted in a single agency responsible for Echelon Above Corps intelligence collection, analysis, production and dissemination.

LTG Rolya retired in 1984 after 35 years active service. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star with V device (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Purple Heart, the Air Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Joint Commendation Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters).

LTG Rolya was named a Distinguished Member of the MI Corps in 1987 during the activation of the Corps and became a member of the Hall of Fame in 1988. He passed away on 28 April 1990.



MG Rolya in December 1977, just before taking command of INSCOM.



BG William Rolya