

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ARTHUR G. TRUDEAU
US Army, Retired (Deceased)



LTG Trudeau had a distinguished 38-year military career as a Combat Engineer and in senior command and staff positions in combat. A native of Middlebury, Vermont, Arthur Trudeau entered the US Military Academy at West Point on 1 July 1920, one of 600 in the largest class to date. Graduating in 1924, he was assigned to Fort Humphreys, Virginia (which later became Fort Belvoir) with the 13th Engineers and then commanded an Engineer company at Fort Lewis, Washington. He returned to school to earn his Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California in 1928. After a two-year tour in Hawaii, he returned to the continental United States for a tour with the 104th Engineers, New Jersey National Guard. He served with the Work Projects Administration (WPA) during the 1930s in New York City and supervised

river and harbor construction in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

LTG Trudeau's assignments over the next 20 years included Chief of Staff of the Engineering Amphibious Command; G3, Army Forces Western Pacific; Commanding General, Base X, Manila Philippines (1945); Commanding General, 1st Constabulary Brigade, Germany (1948-1950); Deputy Commandant, Army War College (1950-1952); Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division, Japan (1952-1953); and Commanding General, 7th Division (1953) during the Korean War.

From 1953 to 1955, LTG Trudeau served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of Army (DA). For the better part of the next two years he worked to gain respect for Intelligence in the Army by bringing in officers of general-officer potential, emphasized the development of language training and technical intelligence, and was responsible for the improvement in combat intelligence training. During these years, accompanied by others from the Intelligence Community, he visited all but two countries that had an American embassy. His strong views on national security policy resulted in his abrupt reassignment to the Far East in 1955.

LTG Trudeau retired in 1962 after more than three years as the Chief of Research and Development, DA.

LTG Trudeau was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988. He passed away in 1991.