

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

MEMORANDUM

Date 10 October 1962

To: General Taylor

Subject: Biographical Sketch

Attached is a draft copy of your biographical sketch. It has been brought up to date - see page 3. The foreign decorations on pages 4 and 5 have been corrected by your aide, as directed.

Request approval of draft so that it can be forwarded to DOD Public Affairs for reproduction.

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In May 1925, he went to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, for duty with the 6th Engineers. During his tour in Hawaii, he was, for a time, Aide to Major General William R. Smith, Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department and of Schofield Barracks in July 1925.

In June 1926, he returned to the United States and was stationed at Camp Lewis, Washington, with the 6th Engineers. He transferred to the Field Artillery in July 1926, and served with the 10th Field Artillery until June 1927, when he sailed for Paris, France, to study the French language in preparation for service at the United States Military Academy.

Returning to the United States the following September, he was ordered to the US Military Academy at West Point, New York, as an instructor of French and subsequently was Assistant Professor of Spanish. In August 1932, he entered the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In August 1933, he was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to attend the Command and General Staff School.

Upon his graduation from the two-year course in June 1935, he sailed for Japan and the following November was stationed with the American Embassy [at] Tokyo as a student of the Japanese language. In September 1937, he was detached for duty at Peking, China, as Assistant Military Attache, and in December of that same year returned to this post in Tokyo.

In June 1939, he sailed for the United States to enter the Army War College, Washington, D. C. At the completion of this course, in June 1940, he went on a special mission to nine Latin American countries in connection with Hemisphere defense.

In December 1940, he assumed command of the 12th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In July 1941, he returned to Washington, D. C., for duty in the Office of the Secretary of the General Staff, where he remained until July 1942, when he was transferred to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, as Chief of Staff of the 82nd Infantry Division. In this capacity, he personally assisted in the development of the first Airborne Divisions of the Army, becoming Artillery Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division on December 4, 1942.

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