

*deed at Fort Belvoir
2 Jun 79*

*burial
Nat'l Cemetery
6 Jun 79*

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM C. GRIBBLE, JR.

William C. Gribble was born in Ironwood, Michigan, 24 May 1917. He attended the Michigan College of Mining and Technology, Houghton, Michigan, for three years and then entered the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He was graduated from West Point in 1941, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Regular Army 11 June 1941. His first assignment was at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, with the 18th Engineer Regiment. In March 1942, he was transferred to the 340th Engineers, serving as Regimental Supply Officer and ^{Co.}Company Commander with that unit during construction of the Alaskan Highway.

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In September 1943 General Gribble was selected to attend the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon graduation he rejoined the 340th Engineers and served as Executive Officer of the unit in the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns in the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations. During the Luzon campaign he was assigned to the 43d Infantry Division as Commanding Officer of the 118th Engineer Battalion. Upon inactivation of the 43d Division at the conclusion of World War II, he reported for duty to the U. S. Army Engineer District, Chicago.

In 1946 he attended the University of Chicago, receiving his Master's Degree in Physical Science from the University in 1948. From 1948 to 1952, following a brief assignment at Sandia Base, he served as a Metallurgical Engineer with the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, New Mexico.

From 1953 to 1956 he was Deputy Assistant Director, Reactor Development Division, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. In 1956 he was presented with the Legion of Merit for developing the technical specifications of the Power Reactor at Fort Belvoir, the Army's first nuclear power plant.

He was assigned to the U. S. Army Engineer District, Alaska, from 1956 to 1960, and served the last two years as District Engineer.

General Gribble attended the National War College in 1960. He served as Chief of the Army Nuclear Power Program and later as Deputy Director of Military Construction in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C., from 1961 to 1963.

General Gribble was Division Engineer, North Central Division of the Army's Corps of Engineers at Chicago, Illinois, from May to November 1963.

He became Chief, Development Division, Office, Director of Research and Development, Headquarters, U. S. Army Materiel Command, in November 1963; and was named Director of Research and Development, Headquarters, U. S. Army Materiel Command on 2 September 1964.

General Gribble was assigned to duty on the Army General Staff on 4 April 1966, serving successively as Deputy Chief of Research and Development and as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

On 15 April 1969, he assumed command of the U. S. Army Engineer Center and Fort Belvoir and became the Commandant of the Engineer School.

General Gribble was reassigned as Deputy Chief of Research and Development on 6 July 1970 and on 1 January 1971, became the Chief of Research and Development, Department of the Army.

On 1 August 1973, General Gribble assumed command as Chief of Engineers.