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BIOGRAPHY  
of  
COLONEL ARTHUR D. SIMONS, INFANTRY  
United States Army

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Colonel Simons is Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Born in New York City on 20 June 1918, Colonel Simons was graduated from the University of Missouri, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism. He received his commission through the ROTC program upon graduation in 1941.

During World War II Colonel Simons spent three and a half years in the Pacific Command. From July, 1942 to September, 1944 he was assigned to the 98th Field Artillery Battalion, first as a Battery Commander and later as Battalion Executive Officer. He served with the 6th Ranger Battalion until January, 1946 as a Company Commander and Battalion Executive Officer.

He was mustered out of the service in February, 1946 and recalled to active duty in June, 1951, serving with the United States Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Ga. First he was an instructor with the Ranger Department, then Commander of the Amphibious and Jungle Training Camp from July, 1952 to October, 1954 when he was assigned to the United States Military Assistance Advisory Group, Ankara, Turkey.

Returning from Turkey in 1957, Colonel Simons served as XVIII Airborne Corps Information Officer from July, 1957 to October, 1958, when he joined the 77th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. (The 77th was redesignated the 7th Special Forces Group in February, 1959.)

He remained at Fort Bragg until his selection as Commander of the 8th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Special Actions Force, Fort Gulick, Canal Zone, in January, 1963 except for brief periods of temporary duty. He attended the Command and General Staff College in the latter part of 1960 and served in Laos from October, 1961 to June, 1962 in command of the White Star Mobile Training Team. He served as Chief of Staff, Special Warfare Center, Fort Bragg, just prior to his Panama assignment.

In September, 1964, he was assigned to the Studies and Observations Group, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Colonel Simons returned to Fort Bragg in October, 1966, serving first as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 and later as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, XVIII Airborne Corps.

From January to December, 1969 he served as Deputy Chief of Staff, I Corps, Camp Red Cloud, Korea, and then returned to Fort Bragg as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, XVIII Airborne Corps.

In August, 1970, he was placed on temporary duty as Deputy Commander, Joint Contingency Task Group Ivory Coast, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

Colonel Simons and his wife, the former Lucille Miller of Normandy, Missouri, reside on Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

NAME: Arthur D. Simons

RANK: Colonel (O-6)

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 28 June 1918, New York City

HOMETOWN OF RECORD: Morris Plains, N. J.

EDUCATION: University of Missouri (BS Journalism)

US Army Command & General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Associate Infantry Company Officer Course, Ft. Benning, Ga.

DATE AND PLACE OF COMMISSION: Reserve Officer Training Corps, University  
of Missouri, 1941

ASSIGNMENTS:

Jul 42 - Sep 44 Battery Commander and Battalion Executive Officer,  
98th Field Artillery Battalion, Pacific Command

Sep 44 - Jan 46 Company Commander and Battalion Executive Officer,  
6th Ranger Battalion, Pacific Command

Feb 46 - Jun 51 Out of service

Jun 51 - Mar 54 Instructor and Camp Commander, Amphibious and Jungle  
Training Camp, Ranger Training Command, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Mar 54 - Jun 54 Attended Associate Infantry Company Officer Course

Oct 54 - Jul 57 US Military Assistance Advisory Group, Ankara, Turkey

Jul 57 - Oct 58 Information Officer, XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC

Oct 58 - Feb 59 Commanding Officer, Detachment C-2, 77th Special Forces  
Group (Abn), Ft. Bragg, NC

Feb 59 - Jan 61 Commanding Officer, Detachment C-3 and Executive Officer,  
7th Special Forces Group, Ft. Bragg, NC

Aug 60 - Dec 60 Associate Officers Course, Command & General Staff  
College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Jan 61 - Jun 62 Commanding Officer, Company D, 7th Special Forces Group,  
Ft. Bragg, NC (Oct 61-Jun 62 Temporary Duty as Commanding  
Officer, White Star Mobile Training Team, Laos)

Jun 62 - Jan 63 Executive Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff, Deputy  
Commanding Officer, Special Warfare Center, Ft. Bragg, NC

Jan 63 - Sep 65 Commanding Officer, 8th Special Forces Group, Ft. Gulick,  
Canal Zone

Sep 65 - Oct 66 Studies and Observations Group, Military Assistance  
Command, Vietnam

Oct 66 - Oct 68 Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 and G-1, XVIII Airborne  
Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC

Jan 69 - Dec 69 Deputy Chief of Staff, I Corps, Camp Red Cloud, Korea

Dec 69 - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, XVIII Airborne Corps,  
Ft. Bragg, NC. (Temporary duty as Deputy Commander,  
Joint Contingency Task Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff,  
Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.)

MILITARY DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Cross  
Silver Star  
Legion of Merit (with Third Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Bronze Star Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Medal  
Army Commendation Medal  
Purple Heart

SERVICE MEDALS

American Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)  
American Campaign Medal  
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with two Bronze Service Stars)  
World War II Victory Medal  
Army of Occupation Medal  
National Defense Service Medal (with First Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with First Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Vietnam Service Medal  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 10-year device)  
Philippine Liberation Ribbon  
Philippine Independence Ribbon  
Vietnam Campaign Medal (with three Bronze Service Stars)

CITATIONS

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

BADGES

Combat Infantryman Badge (with two stars)  
Master Parachutist Badge

FOREIGN AWARDS

Army Distinguished Service Order, 2d Class (Vietnam)

MARITAL STATUS: Married to former Lucille Miller of Normandy, Missouri *(deceased)*

CHILDREN: Arthur Bruce Simons (6 Mar 43)  
Harry F. Simons (17 May 47), Marshfield, Vermont

Current as of 6 Jan 71