

Brigadier General Wilburn Ray Allen (Class 52-43)

Brigadier General Allen graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on February 18, 1943. His initial assignment was to the Field Artillery School Staff, Faculty and Detachment as an OCS instructor.

After World War II, he joined the Army Reserves and served with the US Army Railway Command. Many of the reservists in the command were railroad employees and each major reserve unit was sponsored by a civilian railroad company.

Brigadier General Allen served as Commander of the 750th Railway Transportation command as a Major. Upon completion of the Command and General Staff College, he was promoted to Colonel and assumed command of the 3rd Transportation Railroad Command. He was later promoted to Brigadier General and served in that position until retirement.

His civilian occupation was in the Railway and Trucking Industry where he became Vice President and General Manager of the Frisco Railroad and later Assistant to the President of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad and, President of the Burlington Truck Line.