

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME AND RANK: REGINALD G. BOOTH, Colonel, General Staff

CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: Director, Plans, Operations and Training Officer,
Office of the Adjutant General, Military Department, State of Louisiana

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PLACE OF BIRTH: New Orleans, Louisiana

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 January 1921

MILITARY EDUCATION: Completed OCS Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma 1943; Artillery Officer Post Graduate Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma 1943; Air Ground Operations School, U. S. Air Force, Southern Pines, North Carolina 1955; Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma 1958; Basic Airborne Course, Fort Benning, Georgia 1960; Unconventional Warfare Course, Fort Bragg, North Carolina 1961; Infantry Officer Refresher Course, Fort Benning, Georgia, 1960, 1963 and 1971; Command and General Staff College Associate Officer Course, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 1965; Graduate Phase X, USA Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 1965; Industrial Civil Defense Management Course, Civil Defense Staff College, Battle Creek, Michigan 1968; Civil Disturbance Orientation Course, U S Army Military Police School, Fort Gordon, Georgia 1968; Civil Defense Management Course, Civil Defense Staff College, Battle Creek, Michigan 1969; Infantry Field Grade Officers Refresher Course, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia 1971; Senior Officers Preventive Maintenance Course, Fort Knox, Kentucky 1971; Air Mobility Training Course, Fort Benning, Georgia 1972; Civil Disorder Management Course, San Luis Obispo, California 1973

MILITARY HISTORY: Colonel Booth, a veteran of World War II, began his military career by enlisting in the Louisiana Army National Guard upon graduation from Warren Easton High School, New Orleans, on 19 July 1939. He entered Federal service 13 January 1941 as a member of the 141st Field Artillery Regiment (Washington Artillery), completed OCS, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, in 1943. Went to European Theatre of Operations in July 1944 and served as an Artillery Battery Commander with the 980th Field Artillery Battalion, VII Corps Artillery until return to the United States in November 1945. Released from Federal service 6 February 1946. In December 1946 appointed First Lieutenant, Army National Guard of the United States with the Louisiana

Army National Guard and assigned as Commanding Officer, Service Battery 141st Field Artillery Battalion. Promoted to Captain 15 June 1948. Accepted full time employment in the Military Department of Louisiana at Jackson Barracks and assigned as Assistant G-3 in May 1949. Served as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Detachment LaARNG, for a period of five years under two different Adjutant Generals from 1951 to 1956. Promoted to Major August 1957. In addition to his full time occupation as Operations Officer he served as Executive Officer for three years and four months with the 21st Special Forces Group (Airborne), August 1959 to April 1963, during which time he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, 16 August 1961. He was promoted to Colonel 1 February 1966. He has served as Director, Operations and Training, Military Department, State of Louisiana, for the past eighteen years under five different State Adjutant Generals, thru 31 January 1976; retired on this date for reason of mandatory age limit, 55 years, in grade of Colonel.

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: Meritorious Service Medal of the U.S.; American Defense Medal; American Campaign Medal; European Theatre of Operations with four bronze stars for Northern France, Central Europe, Ardennes and Rhineland; World War II Victory Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two devices; Louisiana Distinguish Service Medal; The National Guard Bureau Certificate of Service (35 years); Louisiana Cross of Merit; Louisiana War Cross; Louisiana 35 year Longevity Medal; Louisiana Emergency Service Medal with 15 Fleur De Lis for hurricanes, floods and civil disturbance operations; Individual Parachutist Badge.

CIVIL AFFILIATIONS: Member of the Military Order of the World Wars; Airborne Association of the United States; Washington Artillery Veterans Association; National Guard Association of the United States; National Guard Association of Louisiana, of which he was past Vice-President; the Retired Officers Association of the U. S.

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION: Director of Plans and Training for the Louisiana Army National Guard, Military Department, State of Louisiana. Directed and supervised the activities of some twenty-two employees, both State and Federal, in the operation of the Plans and Training Directorate of the Military Department, State of Louisiana, as per attached diagram and resume of employee's duties.

Responsible to the Adjutant General for and monitors the training of some 62 National Guard units located in 46 different locations throughout the State of Louisiana. Responsible for the coordination and scheduling of all units annual training each year. These units train or have been trained in Louisiana, Arkansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Virginia, Puerto Rico, Texas and Missouri.

Coordination with Headquarters, Fifth U S Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, the U. S. Army Readiness Region VII, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Chief, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D. C. in establishing training sites and developing the annual training plan for each training year.

Coordinates the Annual General Inspections conducted by the Active Army, develops and publishes the schedule. Responsible for all command inspections and liaison visits by our own and higher headquarters.

Functions as the Chief of Staff as required in the absence of the Chief of Staff, as the next ranking officer behind the Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General.

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