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GENERAL NATHAN FARRAGUT TWINING, USAF

Nathan F. Twining was born at Monroe, Wisconsin, October 11, 1897. He was called to active duty with the Oregon National Guard in June, 1916, and served as a corporal on border patrol duty until September, 1916. He again was mustered into Federal Service in March, 1917, as a sergeant and assigned to an Infantry company of the Oregon National Guard, with which he served for two months.

In June, 1917, he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and in November, 1918, was graduated from the Academy and commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry. After receiving his commission, he remained at the Academy for duty until June, 1919.

A month later he joined the American Forces in Germany for a tour of observation of Belgian, French, and Italian battlefronts.

He returned to the United States in September, 1919, to enter the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon his graduation in June, 1920, he was assigned to the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia. In February, 1921, he was appointed Aide to Brigadier General B. A. Poore and served with him at Camp Travis, Texas; Fort Logan, Colorado, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He entered the primary flying school at Brooks Field, Texas, in 1923, and after completing the course in March, 1924, entered the advanced flying school at Kelly Field, Texas. He was graduated from the school and rated a pilot in September, 1924, and returned to Brooks Field, Texas, as a flying instructor. He was transferred to the Air Service on November 16, 1926.

He became an instructor at March Field, California, in September, 1927, and in February, 1930, joined the 18th Pursuit Group at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Returning to the United States in July, 1932, he was assigned to the Third Attack Group at Fort Crockett, Texas. He was transferred to the 90th Attack Squadron at Fort Crockett in August, 1932, and a month later was assigned to the 60th Service Squadron at that station.

In February, 1934, he became engineering officer for the Central Zone at Chicago, Illinois, and the following June returned to Fort Crockett to become adjutant of the Third Attack Group. In March, 1935, he was named assistant operations officer of the Third Wing, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

He entered the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama, in August, 1935, and upon graduating a year later entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following his graduation in June, 1937, he became Air Corps technical supervisor at the San Antonio Air Depot, Duncan Field, Texas.

He was named assistant chief of the Inspection Division in the Office of the Chief of Air Corps at Washington, D.C., in August, 1940, and three months later became chief of the Technical Inspection Section of that office. In December, 1941, he was transferred to the Operations Division of the Army Air Forces in Washington, D.C., and in February 1942, was appointed assistant executive in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the AAF at Washington, D.C. He became Director of War Organization and Movements in that office the following May.

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He went overseas in July, 1942, as Chief of Staff of the Army Forces in the South Pacific, and the following January became commanding general of the 13th Air Force in that theater.

On July 25, 1943, he was assigned by order of Admiral W. F. Halsey as Commander Aircraft Solomon Islands, and placed in tactical control of all Army, Navy, Marine and Allied air forces in the South Pacific area. While serving in this capacity, he directed the air movement prior to and during the occupations of Treasury Islands and Bougainville Island.

In November, 1943, he assumed command of the 15th Air Force in Italy, and the following January became commander of the Mediterranean Allied Strategic Air Forces, in addition to his duties as commander of the 15th Air Force.

He returned to the United States in July, 1945, and a month later assumed command of the 20th Air Force in the South Pacific theater.

In October, 1945, he was assigned to Continental Air Forces headquarters at Bolling Field, D. C., and two months later became commanding general of Air Materiel Command, with headquarters at Wright Field, Ohio.

On October 1, 1947, he was named commanding general of the Alaskan Department and on the 21st of that month became Commander-in-Chief of the Alaskan Command, with headquarters at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

General Twining returned to the United States in May, 1950, to become Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at Air Force headquarters in Washington, D.C. He was appointed Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, with the temporary rank of general, on October 10, 1950.

General Twining has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He is rated a Command Pilot, Combat Observer, and Aircraft Observer.

PROMOTIONS

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THE FOLLOWING RELEASE WILL BE MADE FROM HEADQUARTERS USAF FOR AFTERNOON PAPERS ON 19 JUNE: QUOTE. THE AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED TODAY PLANS FOR A REVIEW AND FLYOVER IN HONOR OF CHIEF OF STAFF NATHAN F. TWining AT ANDREWS AFB AT 10:30 AM ON SATURDAY, 29 JUNE. PARA. GENERAL TWining LEAVES THE AIR FORCE TO ASSUME THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. HE HAS BEEN THE AIR FORCE CHIEF SINCE 30 JUNE 1953. UNQUOTE. PARA. RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL COMMANDS' PARTICIPATION IS AUTHORIZED IF QUERIED, BUT COMMANDS WILL NOT INITIATE SUPPLEMENTARY PRESS RELEASES.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lieut. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Commanding General of the Air Materiel Command, addressed the Air War College and Air Command and Staff School members to-day in an account of the work of his major command and their far-flung responsibilities.

Gen. Twining remarked in opening that his was not a glamorous AAF task, and that in the past it has been somewhat neglected. "Logistics of war and air materiel", he emphasized, "renders the AAF Operational and effective at the time needed." To accomplish this the Air Materiel Command places "a healthy aircraft industry in peace" first on its list of musts.

With sound business principles as a keynote in the command itself, AMG is in close liaison with research agencies and the aircraft industry to attain greater technological advances for our air arm. Gen. Twining said that the industry would soon have one fighter type and one bomber in complete tooling and mass production as a means of maintaining a vigorous aviation industry, and furnishing their commitments to the AAF.

He indicated that the civilian board for industrial mobilization planning is functioning as required, and their recommendations incorporated in future planning for an effective aircraft industry in any event.

The General's broad experience of nearly 30 years as an officer, in both the ground and air forces well qualifies him as an expert in the logistics of materiel.

Gen. Twining

He was graduated from West Point in 1918 and since that time he has held some of the top posts in both branches of the service. In 1920, General Twining was graduated from the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and for a time served with the 29th Infantry, famous Blue and Gray Division in the initial assault on the Normandy invasion coast.

The General was assigned at Maxwell Field in 1935 and was graduated from the Air Tactical School here. And as early as 1924, he was a student of Air power, having graduated from the Air Service Primary Flying School at Drake Brooks Field, Texas in March of that year. After graduation from the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, he returned to Brooks as a Flying instructor and transferred to the Air Service in November of the same year.

Following General Twining's graduation from the Command and General Staff School, he became, successively, Air Corps Technical Supervisor, Assistant Chief of the Air Corps Inspection Division, executive officer to the Chief of Staff of the Army Air Forces in Washington.

Rated as a command pilot and combat observer, General Twining early in World War II was designated Director of War Organization and Movements, Army Air Forces.

Early in 1943 he was assigned as Commanding General of the Thirteenth Air Force with headquarters at a South Pacific Base, and in July of the same year he was made commander of aircraft on the Solomon Islands, placing him in full tactical control of all Army, Navy, Marine and Allied Air Forces in the South Pacific area. The General directed the air movement

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Force in Italy, and in January 1944 additionally assumed the duties of Commander of the Mediterranean Allied Strategic Air Forces. He assumed command of the 20th Air Force in that theater in July 1945.

Assigned to Continental Air Force Headquarters at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C. that October, two months later General Twining assumed command of the Air Materiel Command at Wright Field, Ohio. Named Commanding General of the Alaskan Department on October 1, 1947, the 21st of that month he became Commander-in-Chief of the Alaskan Command at Fort Richardson.

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His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Victory Medal (World Wars I & II), Army of Occupation Medal (World War I), American Defense Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal; French Croix de Guerre with two palms, and Legion of Honor (Commander); Polish Medal of Merit with Swords; Greek Order of the Sphinx; Knight of the British Empire; and the Peruvian Aviation Cross (First Class).

General Twining and his wife, the former Maude McKeever of Oahu, Hawaii, have 3 children: Richard G., Nathan A., and Olivia B.

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