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William Josiah Snow

Major General, United States Army



Colonel Snow was a 1916 graduate of the United States Military Academy and his father Major General William Josiah Snow was an 1890 West Point graduate.

His father was the first Chief of Field Artillery during World War One and is buried not to far from his son.

This family is a four generation West Point graduates.

Colonel [William A. Snow](#) served with the 2nd Engineers during World War I and won all his decorations with that unit. He died at Walter Reed at the young age of 46.

I would hope you might also add his father to your wonderful site, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal as well as the Companion of the Bath from England and the Legion of Honor from France for service in the World War I.



William Josiah of New York
Appointed from New Jersey, Cadet, United States Military Academy, 1 July 1886 (24)
Additional Second Lieutenant, 1st United States Artillery, 12 June 1890
Second Lieutenant, 1 July 1891
First Lieutenant, 7th United States Artillery, 8 March 1898
Artillery Corps, 2 February 1901
Captain, 8 May 1901

Major General William Josiah SNOW (US), 16 December 1868-27 February 1947 "Signposts Of Experience"
Published in 1941

GENERAL WILLIAM J. SNOW, EXPERT IN ARTILLERY

WASHINGTON, February 28, 1947 – Major General William Josiah Snow, who was the first Chief of Field Artillery, United States Army, died yesterday at Walter Reed Hospital after a year's illness. His age was 79.

General Snow, a pioneer in the development and improvement of the field artillery, served as Chief of that Branch from 1918 until his retirement for physical disability in 1927. He received the Distinguished Service Medal for conspicuous service in improving the efficiency of the field artillery.

He was one of the founders in 1910 of the United States Field Artillery Journal. His memoirs of the First World War were published by the Field Artillery Association in 1941 under the title "Signposts of Experience."

General Snow was born in Brooklyn and was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1890. He was the first field artillery officer to be graduated from the Army War College in 1908.

Surviving are a granddaughter, Miss Margaret Snow of Washington, and a grandson, Lieutenant William J. Snow 2nd, who is now on duty in Germany.





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SNOW, WILLIAM J
MAJ GEN U S ARMY RET
VETERAN SERVICE DATES: Unknown
DATE OF BIRTH: 12/16/1868
DATE OF DEATH: 02/27/1947
DATE OF INTERMENT: 03/03/1947
BURIED AT: SECTION 3 SITE 3953
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

SNOW, ISABEL L W/O WILLIAM J
DATE OF BIRTH: 01/1872 (South Carolina)
DATE OF DEATH: 11/18/1944
DATE OF INTERMENT: 11/20/1944
BURIED AT: SECTION SOUTH SITE 3953
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
WIFE OF WJ SNOW - MAJ GEN, USA

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