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September 11, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS TULLY:

The other day you sent me the attached papers showing the military record of Arthur V. McDermott and said that the President would like to know why this man could not be promoted to the grade of brigadier general.

I have had our personnel records here in the War Department checked and find that no recommendation has been received from Selective Service for the promotion of Colonel McDermott. Furthermore our personnel people concerned with the promotion of officers to the general officer grade have expressed the opinion that the position now held by Colonel McDermott is not commensurate with the grade of brigadier general. The Chief of Staff concurs in this opinion.

B. W. Davenport

B. W. DAVENPORT,
Lt. Colonel, G. S. C.,
Asst. Secretary, General Staff.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

COL. DAVENPORT:

The President asks why
this man cannot be promoted to a
Brigadier General.

G.G.T.

*Col. Goodwin,
Can you help me
with this one?
B.W.D.*

B. W. DAVENPORT
Lt. Col. G. S. C.
Assistant Secretary, General Staff

MILITARY RECORD
ARTHUR V. MCDERMOTT

August 27, 1888 Born - Brooklyn, New York
March 6, 1913 Enlisted, 1st NY Cavalry, Troop E
June 30, 1916 Mustered into Federal service, Mexican Border
March 20, 1917 Mustered out of Federal service, Mexican Border
April 17, 1917 Commissioned Captain, 14th NY Infantry
July 15, 1917 Mustered into Federal service
October 17, 1917 Transferred to 106th Infantry
May 19, 1918 Sailed for foreign service
September 29, 1918 Wounded in action
December 18, 1918 Returned to United States
March 12, 1919 Discharged, Hq. Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N.J. S071
June 26, 1919 Commissioned Major, JAGD, New York Guard
June 1, 1920 Commissioned Major, JAGD, New York National Guard
June 4, 1920 Federally recognized
February 15, 1921 Commissioned Lt. Col., JAGD, New York Guard
December 23, 1921 Commissioned Lt. Col., JAGD, New York National Guard
December 23, 1921 Federally recognized
February 21, 1922 Commissioned Lt. Col., JAGD, O.R.C.
February 21, 1927 Re-appointed Lt. Col., JAGD, O.R.C.
April 11, 1934 Commissioned Colonel, JAGD, New York National Guard
April 12, 1934 Federally recognized, O.R.C. status terminated
September 17, 1940 Ordered on active duty, Selective Service Hq., N.Y.C.,
S.O. 221, Hq. 2nd Corps Area

DECORATIONS

British Military Cross. Orders 4th Army, B.E.F. March 5, 1919
Authorization certificate, GHQ, A.E.F., AGO, July 14, 1919
Silver Star (2) AGO June 8, 1920
Order of the Purple Heart, September 29, 1918
Conspicuous Service Cross, New York State
Long Service Decoration (25 years), New York State

CITATIONS FOR GALLANTRY

GHQ, AEF, Two. Citation Orders, No. 9, GHQ, AEF August 1, 1920
Headquarters, 27th Div., AEF, S.O. 86, March 27, 1919

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STATE	STATE DIRECTOR	REGISTRANTS 18-38	% IN SERVICE
Arkansas	Brig. General	330,013	42. %
Florida	" "	324,900	44.7%
Idaho	" "	91,193	41.8%
Iowa	" "	385,782	44.4%
Kansas	" "	270,507	47.2%
Louisiana	" "	420,089	43.4%
Michigan	" "	921,563	45.7%
Nebraska	" "	195,653	42.9%
Nevada	" "	21,496	51. %
New Hampshire	" "	73,775	48.8%
New York (State)	" "	939,019	49.9%
North Carolina	" "	646,130	36.7%
North Dakota	" "	104,007	38. %
Rhode Island	" "	116,467	53. %
South Carolina	" "	346,141	37. %
Tennessee	" "	522,396	43. %
Texas	" "	1,110,011	44.3%
Continental U. S.			
Average		22,212,562	46.2%
New York City	Colonel	1,265,467	53. %



IN REPLY REFER TO:

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



8 September 1944

MILITARY HISTORY

OF

ARTHUR VINCENT McDERMOTT

(O-166056)

Colonel, J.A.G.D., N.G.U.S., from 9 March 1935.

Born 27 August 1888 at Brooklyn, New York.
Service: Over 30 years.

Present Assignment: New York City Director, Selective Service, New York City Headquarters, New York, New York, since 17 September 1940.

Manner of Performance: Not reported.

1. Schools Attended:

Graduate:

N.Y. Law Sch. 1913

2. Decorations, Awards and Ratings:

Purple Heart 29 Sept. 1918
British Military Cross 31 Jan. 1919
Silver Star 1 Aug. 1920

3. Efficiency Record:

(a) Annual Eff. Ratings:

1934	Ex.	1939	Ex.
1935	V. Sat.	1940	Ex.
1936	V. Sat.	1941	Not reported
1937	Sup.	1942	Not reported
1938	Sup.	1943	Not reported

(b) General Eff. Rating:

1943 Ex.

4. Previous Service:

(a) Grades Held:

Pvt. and Cpl., Cav., N.Y.N.G., Non-Fed.
3 Mar. 1913 to 18 June 1916
Cpl. and Sgt., Cav., N.Y.N.G., Fed.
19 June 1916 to 18 Mar. 1917
Sgt., Cav., N.Y.N.G., Non-Fed.
19 Mar. 1917 to 7 Apr. 1917
Capt., Inf., N.Y.N.G., Non-Fed. 9 Apr. 1917
Capt., Inf., N.Y.N.G., Fed. 15 July 1917
Maj., J.A.G.D., N.Y.N.G. 4 June 1920
Lt. Col., J.A.G.D., N.Y.N.G. 23 Dec. 1921
Lt. Col., J.A.G.D., O.R.C. 21 Feb. 1922
Col., J.A.G.D., N.Y.N.G. 12 Apr. 1934

(b) Assignments:

Called into active Fed. serv., 15 July 1917.

McDermott, Arthur Vincent

(b) Assignments, Contd.:

Co. Comdr., Co. "I", 14th N.Y. Inf.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.; and later, Hq. Co.,
106th U.S. Inf., Cp. Wadsworth, S.C.
July, 1917 to May, 1918

Opns. Off., 106th Inf., with the
A.E.F. in France and the A.F.G.; and
later at New York, N.Y., and Hoboken,
N.J.
May, 1918 to Mar., 1919

Hon. dis., by reason of demobilization,
12 Mar. 1919.

Federally recognized as Maj., J.A.G.D.,
N.Y.N.G., 4 June 1920.

Federally recognized as Lt. Col.,
J.A.G.D., N.Y.N.G., 23 Dec. 1921.

Div. J.A., Hq. 27th Div., New York,
N.Y.
Dec., 1921 to Apr., 1934

State J.A., State of N.Y., New York,
N.Y.
Apr., 1934 to Sept., 1940

Inducted into active Fed. serv., 17
Sept. 1940.

5. Recommendations:

In December, 1938, Maj. Gen.
William N. Haskell, C.G., 27th Div.,
said, "A superior officer. Experience
in Line and Staff. Loyal, resourceful,
popular, tactful. Very able lawyer.
A cultured gentleman."

In December, 1939, Brig. Gen.
Walter G. Robinson, The Adj. Gen.,
State of New York, said, "An outstand-
ing State Staff officer, and particu-
larly valuable as a Judge Advocate.
A lawyer of unusual ability."

In December, 1940, Brig. Gen.
Ames T. Brown, State Dir., Selective
Serv., State of New York, said, "An
outstanding State Staff officer, and
particularly valuable as a Judge
Advocate. A lawyer of unusual ability,
who had line experience as an officer
in the World War."

By authority of the Secretary of War:

J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

McDermott, Arthur Vincent

6. Courts-Martial, Reprimands and Derogatory Remarks:

None.

7. Efficiency Record:

(a) Annual Efficiency Ratings:

1934	4.0	Excellent
1935	2.5	Very Satisfactory
1936	3.0	Very Satisfactory
1937	7.0	Superior
1938	5.5	Superior
1939	4.0	Excellent
1940	4.0	Excellent
1941		Not reported
1942		Not reported
1943		Not reported

(b) General Efficiency Rating:

1943	4.3	Excellent
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MEMORANDUM FOR

COL. DANFORTH:

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Encloses military record of
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