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## Courtney Hicks Hodges, General, United States Army

After World War II, he served First Army Commandant stationed at Governors Island, New York until his retirement in March 1949. Yet as a general's general his stature among our U.

## Courtney Hodges

Major General in May 1941 as Chief of Infantry until March 1942. As an element of Twelfth Army Group, First Army liberated Paris, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, reached the Rhine River and captured the Remagen Bridge intact, and was the first American force to link up with the Russians. Hodges was promoted to General on April 15, 1945 making him the first man to rise to full General from enlisted private.

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In 1938, he became an Assistant Commandant of the Infantry School, and in 1941, he became full Commandant. His fearlessness and courage were mainly responsible for the advance of his brigade to the heights east of the Meuse. Hodges recorded a footnote in history when he was detached to rescue a stranded aviator, the first such rescue mission in U.

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