

## Lt. Col. William Hayes

( - 4 Jun 1961)

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**Hayes, Lt. Col. William, USA (ret.)** of 1844 Independence ave. se., on June 4, 1961, husband of Anna P. Hayes, father of Mrs. Stanley E. Jordan of St. Petersburg, Fla., and William I. Hayes, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive. Prayers at Chambers Funeral Home, 517 11th st. se., on Thursday, June 8, at 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Comforter Church, 14th and East Capitol sts., at 9 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery with military honors.

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### **Lt. Col. William Hayes, 81, Half Century in the Army**

Lt. Col. William Hayes, who left the Army in 1945 with more than half a century of active duty, died Sunday in District General Hospital after a heart attack. He was 81.

At the time of his retirement Col. Hayes was believed to have had the longest record of active service in the Army.

Born in Fort Riley, Kans., he enlisted in March, 1894, at Fort Bliss, Tex., at the age of 14. He said later that with the consent of his parents -- his father, Thomas Hayes, was a soldier in the 16th Infantry Band -- he "fudged" two years on his age to enlist. The Army at that time accepted 16-year-olds for duty as fifiers, drummers and buglers. It was not until 1941 that his true age was entered on Army records.

His first service was as a bugler with Company C of the 18th Infantry Regiment. He was in the battle of Manila, the Mexican border campaign, and the Spanish-American War. The bugle calls he sounded during his early service provided much of the field communications later handled by walkie-talkie radio and field telephone.

During World War I he received a reserve commission as a first lieutenant and served with the 16th Division. After the war his service included instruction of National Guard units in Pennsylvania and at Yale University, and duty with the Army Chief of Chaplains.

He was assigned to the Army War College in 1941 and was promoted to the rank of major. He obtained his rank of lieutenant colonel after his retirement.

Col. Hayes leaves his wife, Anna Pearl, of the home address, 1844 Independence avenue S.E., a daughter, Mrs. Stanley E. Jordon of St. Petersburg, Fla. And a son, William L. Hayes of 113 Nineteenth street S.E.

Prayers will be said at Chambers Funeral Home, 517 Eleventh street S.E. at 8:30 A.M. Thursday. Requiem Mass will be said at 9 A.M. at Holy Comforter Catholic Church, Fourteenth and East Capitol streets. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery. Friends may call at funeral home today and tomorrow.

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### **Col. William Hayes**

Lt. Col. William Hayes, 81, retired veteran of 51 years of Army service, encompassing three wars, died Sunday at D.C. General Hospital after a heart attack.

He began his Army service in 1894 at the age of 14 as a bugler. The legal age for enlistment at the time was 16. However, Mr. Hayes, in his own words "fudged two years" in order to join. He served in the Spanish American War.

In World War I he won his commission and served in France. Between the wars he served as a National Guard instructor, and as a professor of military science at Yale.

During World War II he served in the War College here. He retired in 1945 as a lieutenant colonel.

He is survived by his wife Anna, of the home address, 1844 Independence ave. se., a daughter, Ione V. Jordan, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and a son, William J., of 3406 41st ave. se.