



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RET) GEORGE R. BIRD
(Deceased)**

Year of Induction: 2010

Served: 1918 – 1927 and 1943 – 1962

Ballistics Specialist and Criminal Investigator, CI Laboratory, Japan (1957 – 1962)

Firearms and Document Examiner, CI Laboratory, Fort Gordon, GA (1954 – 1957)

Commander, CI Laboratory, Germany (1951 – 1954)

Chief, CI Laboratory, Fort Gordon, GA (1949 – 1951)

Commander, CI Mobile Laboratory, Germany, (1945 – 1946)

Commander, CI Laboratory, France (1944 – 1945)

Commander, CI Laboratory, North Africa (1943 – 1944)

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Established and commanded the Army's first criminal investigation laboratory in North Africa and held the distinction of commanding all three CI laboratories during his term of service.

During WWII, converted a weapons carrier into the first mobile laboratory to support combat troops as they progressed through Europe.

Expertise and professional qualifications lent credibility to early scientific examination of evidence and led to the successful establishment of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory system.

Accomplishments stand as a memorial to a lifetime of selfless service to his country.