



1st Infantry "Big Red One" Division



4th Infantry "Ivy" Division



**Charles Loyd Jackson**  
**Colonel U.S. Army**  
**1938 – 1968**

Charles was born on 25 November 1913 in Worthington, Missouri, where he attended grade school. After graduating from high school in Vancouver, Washington, in 1931, he enrolled in Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, and majored in mathematics for two and a half years before entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1934. He graduated from the Academy in 1938, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the infantry. He was then assigned to the 29th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia, and served as a Rifle and Heavy Weapons Platoon Leader until 1941. His next assignment was to the 12th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, where he served until 1942 as a Rifle Company Commander and Regimental Operations Officer. In 1942 he became Battalion Commander of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, and was assigned to Camp Dix, New Jersey, prior to heading overseas for the European Theater of Operations. He served in Theater with the 12th Regiment throughout World War II, participating in the Normandy Invasion at Utah Beach and the campaigns of Ardennes, Alsace, and Central Europe. He was wounded in action by a nebelwerfer rocket on the road to Cherbourg, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. Charles remained in Germany after the war from 1945 to 1947 where he served as Commanding Officer of the Military Government Detachment at Stuttgart and Heidelberg. Charles returned to the States in 1948 for a three-year tour as an instructor at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. In 1952 he was transferred to the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Japan where he was Senior Advisor to the Japanese Army 1st Division and Senior Operations and Training Advisor to Headquarters, Japanese Ground Self Defense Force. Charles left Japan in 1956 and served for two years as Commanding Officer, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry ("Big Red One") Division, which later underwent reorganization, becoming 1st Battle Group, 26th Infantry. In 1958 Charles was reassigned to the Military Advisory Group, Taiwan, as the Senior Advisor to the Chinese Nationalist First Field Army. Two years later he became the Deputy Director, Management and Analysis, and Director of Progress and Statistical Reporting at the Pentagon until 1963, when he was assigned as Senior Advisor for Reorganization and Training to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. In 1965 he was ordered to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Civil Affairs at Headquarters, U.S. Army Pacific, until his retirement from the Army in 1968. Charles attended numerous service schools and George Washington University during his Army career. In addition to his Purple Heart, he earned numerous other U.S. and foreign government awards and decorations, among which are the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, French Croix de Guerre, and Belgian Fourragere of Leopold. Charles married **Dorothy A. Butler** (born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in 1915) in 1939. He and Dorothy initially lived in Honolulu, Hawaii, and later moved to Charleston, South Carolina. Dorothy died in 1996, and Charles settled in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, where he died on 23 September 2001. Charles' parents were **Robert Russell Jackson** (1893 – 1972) who was born in Martinstown, Missouri, and **Goldie E. Cooley** (1896 – 1973). Charles' son, **Charles Loyd Jackson II**, also a West Point Graduate, served as a career Army officer from 1964 to 1985.