

# Gen. Glasgow Dies at 101; Oldest West Point Graduate

Brig. Gen. William Jefferson Glasgow, oldest graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, died today at the age of 101.

The end came peacefully at 5:10 a.m. at Hotel Dieu Hospital, where he had been admitted following a heart attack Wednesday at his home, the historic old Magoffin hacienda at 1120 Magoffin avenue.

GEN. GLASGOW reached his 101st birthday last May 18. On that occasion, following an annual custom, the West Point senior class visited him at his home and gave him a copy of the academy's year book.

Though failing physically in the last year, Gen. Glasgow remained mentally alert. He was every inch a soldier and gentleman who could look back on a long career that began in Indian fighting days.



GEN. GLASGOW

ALWAYS POSSESSED of a sense of humor, he wrote his own obituary in 1942 at the re-

quest of the president of the West Point class of 1891. He headed it with a Latin quote: *De mortuis nil nisi bonum.* (Of the dead say nothing but good.)

Born in St. Louis, May 18, 1866 — a year after the close of the Civil War — he attended Washington University and was admitted to West Point in 1887. He graduated in June of 1891.

His first action, as a shavetail stationed at Ft. Bayard, N.M., was "stern-chasing" the Apache Kid through New Mexico. He was in the Cavalry.

New Mexico was familiar territory to Gen. Glasgow's father, Edward James Glasgow, a noted overland trader who was U.S. consul at Guaymas and who was a member of the Doniphan Expedition that came to El Paso to invade Mexico in 1847.

As a major, Gen. Glasgow served with the Pershing Punitive Expedition in 1916. (Continued on Page A-4, Col. 5)

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tive Expedition in 1916. He would say: "We crossed the border as a sort of leisurely rear guard, going south and then north for 11 months."

**DESPITE HIS EFFORTS** to go overseas in World War I, he was destined to remain home and "chew nails." He was assigned as director of an officers' training camp.

In the Spanish-American War he finally got to Cuba, but only after the action had ended.

As for World War II, he wrote in his "obituary" that the Army and industry considered him too old and obsolete, and added: "How absurd! when here I am just in the prime of my second childhood!"

**IN 1927, GEN. GLASGOW** was retired from the Army for physical disability. For 13 years he worked at what is now the Phelps Dodge copper refinery.

Gen. Glasgow was married to Josephine Magoffin, daughter of the late Mayor Joseph Magoffin and granddaughter of James W. Magoffin, one of El Paso's founders. The first military post here to be named Ft. Bliss occupied Magoffinsville, the settlement created by James Magoffin. Mrs. Glasgow is 93.

**BESIDES HIS** widow, Gen. Glasgow is survived by two sons, Col. Joseph Glasgow (ret.) of El Paso and Edward J. Glasgow of Nashville, Tenn.; a daughter, Miss Octavia Glasgow of El Paso; six grandchildren, Sister William Joseph (Josephine Luckner), who has just arrived here from Mwanza, Tanzania, Africa, where she has been stationed as a Maryknoll Sister; Maj. Harry Luckner, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; William Luckner, Nashville, Tenn.; Lt. Col. Joseph Glasgow Jr., Cape Kennedy, Fla.; Mrs. Robert Neuss of Massachusetts; and Miss Isabel Glasgow, Washington, D.C.; and eight great-grandchildren.

**ROSARY** services will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Martin Funeral Home Chapel. A mass will be given at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Michael's Chapel, Ft. Bliss, with the Rev. Richard P. Gaul, S. J., officiating. Burial will be in Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to Maryknoll Sisters, Maryknoll, N.Y., or to Jesuit High School in El Paso.