

Born: Oct. 24, 1910, New York, USA

Died: Jun. 6, 1943, Tunisia

Burial: [Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial](#), Nettuno, Città
Metropolitana di Roma Capitale, Lazio, Italy Plot: Plot J Row 3 Grave 30

Colonel Richard R. Arnold, U.S. Corps of Engineers, served on General Dwight D. Eisenhower's personal staff in the European Theater of Operation.

In 1943, COL Arnold assumed command of the 20th Engineer Regiment that was then serving in the North African Campaign. Although the fighting was over, the bloody days for the 20th Engineer Regiment were just beginning. They moved into the Sedjenae Valley and began removal of the great minefields. Almost every day had its accident, with a cost of 7 officers and 19 men dead and many more wounded, as the engineers removed over 200,000 German mines. One of those killed in the minefields, on 6 June 1943, was the Regimental Commander, Colonel Arnold.

Lieutenant George Lux accompanied COL Arnold into the minefields that day, and tripped a wire which set off a booby trap. The explosion killed Arnold on the spot; Lux suffered compound fractures of both legs, but survived the war.

Colonel Arnold's fiancée was the secretary/driver for General Eisenhower; there has been speculation that, after the death of Arnold, she sought solace in the company of General Eisenhower.

Note: Entered the service from New York.

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