



## Arthur Clayton (Bud) Nesbitt

Arthur Nesbitt was born on November 18, 1897 in Hastings, Minnesota to Arthur Clayton Nesbitt Senior (1860-1929) and Katherine Ryan Nesbitt (1871-1959). His father was a police officer and worked for the flour mill in Hastings. His parents separated and Arthur lived with his Mother. He was working for the railroad on September 12, 1918 when he registered for the draft. He was 20 years old and single. He elected to enlist in the US Army Student Training Corps (SATC) at the University of Minnesota on October 12, 1918. The University of Minnesota trained men for military mechanical and technical positions including courses in radio telegraphy and aviation mechanics. Students were required to live and take all meals on campus. They lived in fraternity houses on University Avenue. The men were all considered officially enlisted on the date they entered. It took several months to build these programs to meet the Army requirements. When they were finally ready in October of 1918 the war abruptly ended on November 11th and orders were received to close all of the programs across the county, including the University of Minnesota.

Arthur married Dorothy Ann Setley (1905-1946) in 1925. The couple had two daughters. He worked as a Civil Engineer and lived in many locations including Newfoundland, Canada and St John's Air Base in Churchill, Manitoba. His wife died in 1946 and he married Marie Mollers from San Francisco, California in 1954. Together they traveled to Saigon, Vietnam where Arthur was responsible for building an air base. He suffered from a stroke in 1973 and never fully recovered. He died on March 16, 1977 in San Jacinto, California. He is buried in Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.