

GENERAL JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT

General Jonathan M. Wainwright, affectionately known as "Skinny" was born in Walla Walla, Washington on August 23, 1883. He graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1906 as 2nd Lieutenant of Cavalry and he led a Cavalry charge in the 1909 Philippine expedition against the Moros. He served in France during World War I on the general staff of the 82nd Division and after the armistice was assigned to the general staff of the 3rd Army with which he went into Germany. General Wainwright was the man who lost a battle but came home to a conqueror's welcome as the hero of Corregidor.

After a fashion Wainwright's visit to Texas is a homecoming. His first military assignment was in this state. He reported to Fort Clark, Texas in 1906 with the 1st U. S. Cavalry. He later served at Camp Eagle Pass and Camp Felipe, Del Rio. He returned to Fort Clark with the 1st Cavalry Brigade in ¹⁹³⁸~~1936~~ and remained until ¹⁹⁴⁰~~1938~~.

After his history making defense of Corregidor Wainwright was captured by the Japanese in May of ¹⁹⁴²~~1941~~. He was a prisoner of war until August ²⁴~~16~~, 1945 when he was located by a rescue team who parachuted deep into Japanese territory to effect the re-