

FOR PRESS:

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CANBERRA TODAY THAT GENERAL HERBERT B. POWELL, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES CONTINENTAL ARMY COMMAND WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA IN MAY FOR THIS YEAR'S CORAL SEA CELEBRATIONS.

GENERAL POWELL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE.

THE VISIT IS EXPECTED TO BE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM 26TH OR 27TH APRIL.

Prime Minister's Department,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.  
12th February, 1961.

BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND.  
GENERAL HERBERT B. POWELL.

General Herbert B. Powell is Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Prior to commanding the Third U.S. Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia, from March 5, 1960, through September, General Powell was Deputy Commanding General for Reserve Forces at USCONARC headquarters. He held this post from April 1958 to March 1960 and distinguished himself in promoting the One Army concept throughout Reserve components of the command.

He previously was commandant of the United States Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia; commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and for a time Commanding General, United States Army Pacific in Hawaii. During the conflict in Korea, he commanded the famous 17th Infantry Regiment when it was the only United States unit to reach the Yalu River on the Manchurian border. In World War II he was chief of staff of the 75th Infantry Division during three campaigns in Europe. He is a graduate of the National War College, Washington, DC, and has served on the Department of the Army General Staff.

General Powell was born in Monmouth, Oregon, on July 13, 1903. He descended from a colonial Virginia family. His grandfather and grandmother followed the Oregon trail in a covered wagon and founded his hometown in 1850.

He enlisted in the Oregon National Guard in 1919 and rose to the grade of sergeant. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in the Regular Army by competitive examination upon graduation from the University of Oregon in 1926.

He was married to Beryl King of Portland, Oregon, in 1928. They have no children.

General Powell has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge as well as several decorations by allied governments.

He is a rated Army aviator.