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## Biographical / Historical

Norborne Pescud Gatling, Jr. (1901-1988) graduated from VMI in 1922. He subsequently earned a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Columbia University School of Law and spent his career as an attorney in New York City firms.

During World War II Gatling served as an officer in the United States Army (1941-1946). From August 1941 to March 1945 he was with the 12th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division and was at Normandy (D-Day), northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. From March to July 1945 he served as G-5, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division, in central Europe and Austria. From July to September 1945 he served with the Military Government Detachment, Nurnberg, Germany. Gatling left active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel on January 21, 1946.

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