



**M**ajor General Loren G. Windom W8GZ 1905-1988 of Reynoldsburg, Ohio a suburb of Columbus. Windom's article on the wire antenna has served two generations and more since his article in QST Sept. 1929. He had wonderful success on 40 Meters at that time with very low power and had the throngs wondering how he was accomplishing the feat!



As a pre-war guardsman Windom then serving 1940-45 commander of the 145<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Later on the 37<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General of Ohio in 1959, appointed by governor.

The Windom antenna (off center fed) has never lost any favor and more recently some German designs

have augmented the wire once more in the Lime light. My first inkling of the antenna was as a boy starting out in Trenton NJ (W2RIE) our group used the Windom with success.



The General enjoyed the Ohio Section traffic nets & Dxing. He could be found frequently passing messages.

Jim W8GRI sent along the station photo of the General taken in 1957.

W8GRI said, "I got my ticket in 1947, Loren was my neighbor and helped me get started."

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