



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 20, 1942, has awarded the Legion of Merit to

SERGEANT MAJOR LESTER EDGAR
UNITED STATES ARMY

for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

Sergeant Major Lester Edgar, RA38506482, distinguished himself by outstandingly meritorious service from January 1963 to June 1967 while serving as Sergeant Major to the 4th Battalion, 41st Infantry, and the 194th Armored Brigade where he consistently and successfully worked to improve the morale of the enlisted personnel. He demonstrated outstanding ability in the planning and execution of the evaluation of battalion operations in a toxic environment, contributing significantly to its successful completion. Sergeant Major Edgar's ultimate assignment was that of the command sergeant where he was the primary enlisted advisor to three successive Commanding Generals of the United States Army Combat Developments Command Experimentation Command. Visiting military leaders, civilian industrialists, and foreign dignitaries received information on the operations, functions, and capabilities of USACDCEC from Sergeant Major Edgar's vast knowledge of experimentation techniques. He enhanced the image of the United States Army Combat Developments Command through his tireless efforts to show the importance of experimentation. His performance of duty was exemplified by astute professional knowledge, outstanding leadership under difficult conditions, and the constant display of imagination and foresight. Sergeant Major Edgar's exceptional achievements and outstanding devotion to duty symbolize the highest standards and traditions of the United States Army, and reflect great credit upon himself, the United States Army Combat Developments Command Experimentation Command, the Noncommissioned Officer Corps, and the United States Army.

