

# Portrait of a Sergeant Major

Sgt Maj Lester Edgar of 4th Battalion (Mech) 41st Infantry, 194th Armored Brigade, recently reported to the USA CDEC from the 2d BG, 6th Inf in Berlin, Germany. Being there in a "hot spot" was nothing new to him since he saw combat in WWII throughout the Pacific, including the liberation of the Philippines with the 103d Inf Reg. He also served in Korea with the 532d Engineer Boat & Shore Regiment (Amphibious), during the critical first year and a half of the Korean War.

Now completing nearly twenty years of active duty, the newly assigned Sergeant Major began his Army career as a rifleman, going on through the positions of squad and section leader, platoon sergeant, and 1st sergeant; and, was promoted to sergeant major in May 1959.

In addition to his many service ribbons, which include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with arrowhead and two bronze stars and the Korean Service with 5 bronze stars, Sgt Maj Edgar has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Army Com-



mendation Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Sgt Maj Edgar and his wife, Alberta, reside at 404 Carentan Road, Fort Ord, with their two children—13 year old Karen Ann and 9 year old William Rickey.