

SERGEANT MAJOR LESTER EDGAR

Lester Edgar was born in Compton, Arkansas, 7 September 1924. Graduated from grammar school at Hilltop, Arkansas.

Inducted into the Army on 7 May 1943 at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. Further assigned to Company D, 87th Antitank Infantry Battalion (Training), Camp Roberts, California for Basic Infantry Training. Completed training in November 1943.

Transferred to South Pacific in December 1943. Assigned to Company E, 103d Infantry Regiment, 43d Infantry Division in March 1944. Served with the 103d Infantry Regiment in New Zealand, New Guinea, Philippine Islands and Japan until October 1945.

Assigned to Troop H, 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division in October 1945 and served as Military Police in Yokohama until December 1945.

Enlisted in the Regular Army on 15 November 1945 for assignment with 2d Engineer Special Brigade. Joined the 532d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, 2d Engineer Special Brigade in December 1945 and returned to the United States

Served with the 532d EB and SR as Embarkation NCO, Assistant Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant at Camp San Luis Obispo, California; Fort Emory, San Diego; Fort Ord, California and Fort Warden, Washington. Participated in Operation Miki, Operation Portex and also Joint Task Force Seven at the Eniwetok Proving Grounds. Embarked with the regiment August 1950 for Korea and served as Assistant Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant while in Korea.

Returned to the United States in December 1951 and assigned to Engineer Training Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia in February 1952 as Platoon Sergeant; Senior Drill Instructor and First Sergeant.

Transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in September 1953 as First Sergeant of Company B, 91st Tank BN (Training). October 1954 assigned to 9th Armored Infantry Battalion as Sergeant Major. Performed the duties of Battalion Sergeant Major at Fort Leonard Wood from October 1954 - January 1960.

Assigned to 2d Battle Group, 6th Infantry, Berlin, Germany, in January 1960 to December 1962 as Battle Group Sergeant Major. Returning to the United States in December 1962, assigned to 4th Battalion, 41st Infantry, 194th Armored Brigade USACDCEC, as Sergeant Major.

June 1964 assigned to HQ 194th Armored Brigade as Sergeant Major. In September 1964 assigned to HQ USACDCEC as Sergeant Major.

PERSONAL DATA

BORN: 7 September 1924, Compton, Arkansas
FATHER: Earnest Edgar, born Turilton, Oklahoma
MOTHER: Ida E. Edgar, born Boxley, Arkansas
WIFE: Alberta Gregory, born Luders, Texas
CHILDREN: Karen Ann Edgar, born 28 July 1949
William Rickey Edgar born 23 February 1953

HOME OF RECORD: Hilltop, Arkansas
PRESENT RESIDENCE: 307 Whitney Place, Marina, California

EDUCATION

High School - GED, 1949

PROMOTIONS

TEMPORARY

PERMANENT

Private First Class	July 1944	
Sergeant	March 1945	
Staff Sergeant	August 1945	
Sergeant First Class	31 March 1950	31 March 1950
Master Sergeant E-7	8 June 1951	8 June 1951
Master Sergeant E-8	12 August 1958	12 August 1958
Sergeant Major	27 May 1959	27 May 1959

DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Presidential Unit Citation (Navy)
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

Good Conduct Medal, 7th Award

SERVICE MEDALS

American Campaign Medal
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (A2, 3 Bronze Stars)
World War II Victory Medal
Army of Occupation Medal (Japan/Germany)
National Defense Service Medal
Korean Service Medal (6 Bronze Stars)
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Philippine Liberation Ribbon (1 Bronze Star)
United Nations Service Medal

BADGES

Combat Infantry Badge