

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME

beneficial class
30-1942
cbf

1. Name MERRILL S. ALEXANDER DATE _____

ASN 01169838

RANK COL DGR 16 JUNE 66

DOB 23 AUG 1920

2. Address 643 BATSON AVE FORT SILL

3. OCS Class Number 30

Date Graduated/Commissioned 17 SEP 42

4. Present Duty Assignment/Occupation DEP G3 CENTER

Address E3 SECTION USAAMC FS.

5. Brief resume of duty assignments:

Btry CO, 230th FA Bn 30th Div Oct 42 - JAN 45
Ln OFF " " JAN 45 - MAY 45

GUNNERY DEPT - JAN 51 - AUG 54

US NAVY AMPHIB. BASE CORONADO, CALIF AUG ⁵⁴~~45~~ - DEC ⁵⁷~~58~~

1ST CAV DIV JAN 58 - FEB 59 (KOREA)

US CHEM CORPS DUGWAY PG., UTAH MAR 59 - APR 61

CO. 2BN 28th ARTY APR 61 - MAR 63 (USCONARC
CO & ~~DE~~ EXO 72d GP MAR 63 - NOV 63 (NOV 63 - JUNE 67)

6. Awards & Decorations:

Silver Star
Bronze Star

KMAG (KOREA) AUG 67 - SEP 68
Oct 68 - Present Dep G3-Center,

7. General Remarks:

OCS Cl #30

ADU Course FA. 1954 (Short Course)

C & GSC 1964 (Short Course)

Signature

M. S. Alexander

COL Merrill S. Alexander - Artillery OCS Class 30-42

Colonel Alexander enlisted in the Army on April 1, 1941 in Gooding, Idaho at the age of 20 years old. Captain Alexander received the Silver Star and the Bronze Star Citation for acts of heroism during his service in the European theater with the 30th Infantry Division.

Captain Alexander's Silver Star Citation reads as follows:

"For gallantry in action from 19 January to 20 January 1945 in Belgium. Two enemy tanks of a group of seven with supporting infantry broke through friendly lines and fired at Captain Alexander in his exposed position while he was transmitting important fire miss over his radio. Despite added artillery and nebelwerfer fire, he gallantry remained at his post. Captain Alexander again refused to leave his position on the following day when self-propelled artillery shelled the positions around him." Headquarters, 30th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 131 (US Army Record)

After the war he continued his career with the US Army serving in both the Korean War and Vietnam War. After 31 years of service, he retired with the rank of Colonel.

Colonel Merrill S. Alexander passed away on December 30, 2002 at the age of 82. He lies in rest at the Bushnell National Cemetery, U.S. Military Cemetery (Florida National Cemetery).