Colonel Thomas W. Bender (Class 1-41)

Colonel Bender enlisted in the Army on September 4, 1926 and rose to the rank of Master Sergeant prior to being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on September 30, 1942 upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill. He was 32 years of age when he was commissioned.

During World War II he served in the European Theater where he commanded a Battalion and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on May 23, 1945. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1949 and the Armed Forces Staff College in 1951.

Promotion Dates:

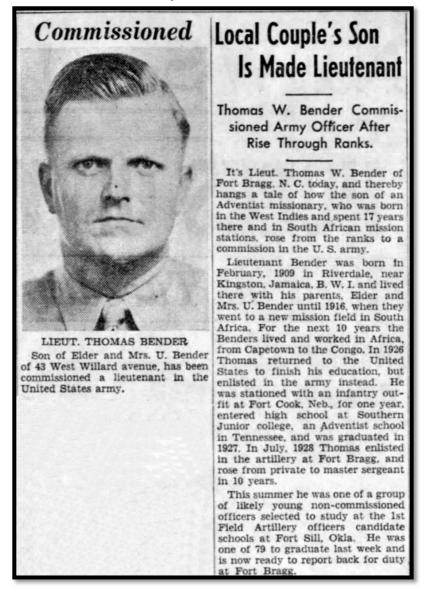
First Lieutenant: February 22, 1942.

Captain: March 26, 1942.

Major: January 8, 1943.

Lieutenant Colonel: May 23, 1945.

Colonel: July 6, 1956.



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2 lt. A. U. S. 1 Oct. 41; accepted 1 Oct. 41; active duty 1 Oct. 41; 1 lt. A. U. S. 22 Feb. 42; capt. A. U. S. 26 Mar. 42; maj. A. U. S. 8 Jan. 43; lt. col. A. U. S. 23 May 45.—Pvt. and pfc. Inf. 4 Sept. 26 to 3 Sept. 27; pvt., pfc., cpl., sgt., s sgt., and m sgt. F. A. 23 June 28 to 30 Sept. 41; capt. of F. A. 5 July 46 with rank from 4 Feb. 44; accepted 22 July 46. (PL-1735)

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