

## SUMMARY

Colonel John H. Bookshire was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on June 4, 1931, where he entered the service in 1949. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Business Administration through the Army "Boot Strap" Program in December 1970.

He did graduate work in Adult Education at North Carolina State University and MBA work through the University of Utah program at Pope AFB, North Carolina. After four years enlisted service, Col. Brookshire attended Artillery OCS at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and earned his commission as a second lieutenant 19 May 1953.

His first assignment took him to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, TDY in route to Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he completed the Basic Airborne, Jumpmaster and Air Transportability school.

Ending his tour at Ft. Bragg in 1955, he was assigned to the 3rd Armored Division Artillery and accompanied the division to Germany where he remained until 1957.

From 1958, when he was promoted to Captain, to 1967, Col. Brookshire was assigned to the 20th Special Forces Group and did investigative work and Foreign Area Studies primarily on Southeast Asian countries. He was promoted to Major in 1963. He attended the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1967. After graduation and completion of Pre-Mission Training at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, he was assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam. Col. Brookshire was a member of the "Hallmark" team, hand picked for the Mekong Delta Project in preparation for the 1968 "Tet" offensive and at this time he was branch transferred from Artillery to Infantry. He left the Delta in 1969 to become an instructor at the Institute for Military Assistance in the field of Clandestine and Resistance Training at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. This required close coordination with the USIB, DIA, CIA, ASA, et al. After 17 months as an instructor, Col. Brookshire finished his seminar work for completion of the Industrial War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C., and earned his diploma in the field of International Security Management.

Returning to Vietnam, Col. Brookshire assumed the duties of Director of Territorial Forces in Military Region II. He departed Vietnam in March 1973 to join the Office of the Secretary of Defense Test 2 Williamson study, which was a 9 months mission and was then assigned to VII Corp, Germany.

Col. Brookshire served the VII Corp. as Deputy Community Commander Heilbronn, Germany for 34 months. This was a command of 10,000 troops, staff, dependents and Department of Army civilians. Col. Brookshire returned to CONUS and was retired September 1978.

Since retirement to present Col. Brookshire has been active in refugee relief work under the umbrella of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and State Department JVA.

## ENCLOSURES

Recalled to Active Duty 8 Feb 91 <sup>for ONE year</sup> for Desert Shield/  
Desert Storm. Released 25 July 91 to undergo 5 By-Pass  
Open heart surgery!

## CITATIONS & DECORATIONS

- ✓ Legion of Merit
- ✓ Silver Star
- ✓ Bronze Star with 3 oak leaf clusters and 2V devices
- Air Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters
- Army Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters
- ✓ Meritorious Service Medal
- ✓ Purple Heart with 1 oak leaf cluster
- National Defense Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
- Reserve Officers Medal
- Good Conduct Medal (Army)
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Meritorious Unit Citation
- ✓ Vietnam Service Medal with 1960 - 73 device
- Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
- Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star
- Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star
- Vietnam Honor Medal 1st Class with 1 oak leaf cluster
- Vietnam Staff Officer Medal 1st Class
- Vietnam Regional Force/Popular Force Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1 Silver Star & 1 Bronze Stars
- Vietnam Civic Action Honor Medal
- Vietnam Unit Citation
- Unit Civic Action Citation
- Air Force Crew Member Wings
- Master Parachute Badge
- Combat Infantry Badge
- Special Forces Flash
- Expert Marksman (45 caliber pistol, U.S. rifle caliber 30 M-1, M-1 carbine & 45 caliber submachine gun)
- 6 over seas bars
- RVN Jump Wings

FOREIGN LANGUAGE Working knowledge of German & Spanish

## PUBLICATIONS

A Study of Russians and Their Religious Background  
A Study of Air Mobile Operations  
The Siege of Chao Lahn  
Numerous field manuals, technical manuals, and Department of Army pamphlets

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF PROMOTIONS:

2nd Lieutenant	19 May 1953
1st Lieutenant	19 November 1954
Captain	31 August 1958
Major	13 December 1963
Lt. Colonel	16 September 1968
Colonel	11 December 1975
Brigadier General	MOBDES (1981)