



Artillery OCS Hall of Fame

**Colonel
Walter F. Goodman, Jr.
Class 63-43**

Colonel Goodman's initial assignment upon graduation from OCS was to the Military Intelligence Training Center, Camp Ritchie, Maryland. He then went to Tizi Ouzou, Algeria for assignment as a student at the joint British and U. S. Civil Affairs school for soldiers destined for duty in support of combat operations and the military government of Italy.

In January 1944, he was assigned as a Civil Affairs officer in the British 8th Army, which oversaw units moving north up the Adriatic side of Italy. In this assignment, he was often one of the first soldiers to enter a town, where he would assess and report on the status of each community and take actions to establish Allied control of those communities.

Colonel Goodman served with various British and Canadian divisions as the fighting moved up the east side of Italy. He was temporarily on the west side of Italy when British units reinforced U.S. operations at Monte Casino. At the end of fighting in Italy, he was the Civil Affairs officer responsible for several towns near Milan.

He was then selected to support the joint British and U. S. military government at Venezia Giulia (Trieste). At the end of the war, this region was contested between Italy and Yugoslavia; the Allies jointly governed there until issues could be resolved.

On returning to Texas, he joined the Army Reserve Texas-Oklahoma 90th Division, where he served for several years in Field Artillery units. In 1964 he joined the 362nd Civil Affairs Area B Headquarters (now Brigade) in Dallas and served as commander of the unit during the late 1960s.

Colonel Goodman's decorations include the Legion of Merit, European Campaign Medal with three campaign stars, and the Army of Occupation Medal.