

Biographical Sketch for  
Inductees into the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School  
Hall of Fame

1. NAME Elva Harris DATE 3 September 1991  
RANK LTC (Ret)  
DOR 7 February 1959 DOB 2 February 1920
2. ADDRESS 715 NW 40th St.  
Lawton, OK 73505
3. TELEPHONE 357 0729
4. OCS CLASS # 33 DATE GRADUATED/COMMISSIONED 8 October 1942
5. PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT/OCCUPATION Retired  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
6. BRIEF RESUME OF DUTY ASSIGNMENT/OCCUPATION see attached sheet  
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7. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: Distinguished Service Cross  
Meritorious Service Medal with first oak leaf cluster  
Army Commendation Medal
8. GENERAL REMARKS: attached: 2 pictures,  
copy of the General order awarding the  
Distinguished Service Cross,  
assignment data sheet  
SIGNATURE Elva Harris

Assignment data sheet

Asst. S-2 and S-2	253d FABN	Oct. 1942	to Jan. 1944
BTRY. CMDR.	253d Armd. FABN	Jan. 1944	to July 1945
BTRY. CMDR. and LN Off.	191st FA BN	July 45	to Sep. 1945
BTRY. CMDR.	657th FA BN	Sep. 45	to Nov. 1945
BTRY. CMDR.	274th Armd. FA BN	Jan. 1946	to Aug. 1946
Military Govt. Off.	Germany	Sep. 1946	to March 1948
BTRY. CMDR,	7th FA BN	Aug. 1948	to July 1949
Student Adv. Arty. Crse.	FAS	Aug. 1949	to June 1950
Instructor	Dept. of Gunnery FAS	July 1950	to March 1953
BN S-3	653d FA Observation BN	March 1953	to July 1953
BN Executive	653d FA Observation BN	July 1953	to Dec. 1953
Arty. Advisor, FAS,	Rurkey	Jan. 1954	to Nov. 1955
Allied Liaison Branch, C & GS College	Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas	Jan. 1956	to Aug. 1956
Student	C & GS College Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas	Aug. 1956	to July 1957
Staff Officer, Office, Chief of Staff Intelligence,	Department of Army	July 1957	to July 1960
BN CMDR , 3rd TAD BN, 26th Arty. Ft.Sill, OK		Aug. 1960	to Feb. 1962
Staff Off. G-3 Section I Corps (Gp) Korea		Feb. 1962	to March 1963
Acting EX Off. G-3 Section, HQ Ft.Sill, OK		March 1963	to Aug. 1963
EX Off. TAD FAS, Ft. Sill, OK		Aug. 1963	to Aug. 1966
Staff Off. G-3 Section, HQ US Army Pacific		Aug. 1966	to Aug. 1969
EX Off. TAD FAS, Ft. Sill, OK		Aug. 1969	to Aug. 1970

RETIRED

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THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY  
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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

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 2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

\* \* \* \* \*  
 Captain ELVA HARRIS, 01171179, Field Artillery, Battery "A", \*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 22 October 1944, Captain HARRIS, serving as Battery Commander, Battery "A", \*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, was moving forward with the assault waves of Company "F", \*\* Infantry in order to maintain liaison with them as they attacked an enemy-held hill near BEZANCO LA PETITE, FRANCE. The Infantry elements he personally led up the hill suffered casualties under intense enemy fire but Captain HARRIS held his position, aiding the wounded and directing friendly artillery fire against the enemy. He remained on the hill under continuous fire for forty-eight hours, many times fearlessly exposing himself to direct enemy fire in order to obtain accurate observations. His courageous actions inspired the infantrymen with him to hold the position while he continued to direct the artillery. The heroism of Captain HARRIS, his courage and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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 By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

/s/ HOBART R. GAY,  
 Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
 Acting Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/ R. E. CUMMINGS,  
 Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
 Adjutant General

A TRUE COPY:

*James L. Shortlidge*  
 JAMES L. SHORTLIDGE  
 CWO, USA,  
 Pers. Adj.