



**COLONEL
CLARENCE C. NEWSOM
CLASS 23-42**

Colonel Newsom was assigned to the 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 36th Infantry Division after graduating from Officer Candidate School. The Division underwent beach assault training until April 1943 and landed in North Africa later that month. They then participated in the assault on the beaches of Salerno Bay, Italy and the defense of Anzio and the breakout of Rome, as well as service in France, Germany and Austria before the end of World War II.

During the war he served with the Division as a Battalion Motor Officer, Communications Officer, Aerial Observer, Commander of two different artillery batteries and Liaison Officer to a Mountain Field Artillery Battery of the 82nd Airborne Division.

After the war he returned to the Alabama National Guard where he commanded a firing battery and served as Battalion Assistant S-3. In 1951 the Division was called to active duty for two years, moved to Camp Atterbury, Indiana and designated a training Division. Upon return to state status Colonel Newsom served as Battalion S-3, Battalion Executive Officer and Battalion Commander. He later served as a DivArty Commander, G-2 Alabama State Military Department and culminated his career as Commander of the 226th Field Depot, Mobile, Alabama. He was an instructor at the Instructor Training Course and the Education Advisor to the Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker.

Colonel Newsom's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with V Device and the Air Medal.