



COLONEL ALVIN L. PUCKETT

CLASS 7-42

Colonel Puckett completed basic training at Fort Sill in 1939 and served three years as an enlisted man prior to attending Field Artillery Officer Candidate School.

During World War II he served as a Forward Observer, Survey Officer, and Assistant S-3 with the 9th Infantry Division in a series of crucial campaigns ranging from North Africa and Sicily to Normandy and Central Europe. He took part in the D-Day invasion as part of a select group of combat tested officers from the 9th Infantry Division temporarily assigned to the 4th Infantry Division.

From 1950-1954 Colonel Puckett was a Gunnery Department Instructor at Fort Sill. He then served as an advisor to the Korean Army at the Korean Army School Center in Kwang-Ju. His next assignment was as Deputy and later Post Commander of the Yuma Arizona Test Station. During a subsequent assignment Colonel Puckett served as an advisor to the Libyan Army, during a three year tour of duty in North Africa.

Colonel Puckett's career culminated as Director for the Material Testing Directorate with the U.S. Army Artillery Board, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Colonel Puckett retired in 1967 after more than 28 years of active service.

Colonel Puckett's decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, European - African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), the Korean War Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.