

## **Colonel Henry H. Tufts (Class 41-42)**

Colonel Henry H. Tufts was born in Salem, MA in 1917, and graduated with a law degree from Suffolk University in Boston in 1942. He enlisted in the Army in 1942 and graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on December 3, 1942.

During World War II served in the European Theater of Operations. In 1947 Tufts joined the Military Police Corps and was promoted to Colonel in 1966, serving at the U.S. Army Military Police School as Director of Instruction, Assistant Commandant, and then Commandant. In November 1968 Tufts was assigned as Chief of the Planning Group for the centralization of CID activities in the Army. The following August he became the first commanding officer of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Agency, and in 1971 he was designated Commanding Officer of the new U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, a worldwide command with headquarters in Washington, DC.

Tufts was a veteran military police officer who had served as provost marshal of the Pacific command. While heading the CID he directed the organization of special task forces to examine the deaths of more than 300 unarmed civilians at the Vietnamese village of My Lai in 1969 and allegations of criminal activity in non-commissioned officer mess systems in Vietnam, Europe, and elsewhere. Tufts retired in 1975.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) was organized as a major command of the Army to provide investigative services to all levels of the Army. USACIDC concerns itself with every level of the Army throughout the world in which criminal activity can or has occurred. Unrestricted, CID (Criminal Investigation Division) searches out the full facts of a situation, organizes the facts into a logical summary of investigative data, and presents this data to the responsible command or a United States attorney as appropriate. The responsible command or the U.S. attorney then determines what action will be taken. Ultimately, the commander of USACIDC answers only to the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Secretary of the Army. CID has the authority to investigate felony crime affecting the Army anytime, anyplace in the world.