LONG TIME EDITOR RETIRES

Albert N. Garland, the Editor of INFANTRY Magazine and a long time mainstay of the staff, retired on 10 January 1992. This issue is the last one to be published under his direction. But it will be a long time before his influence is lost either to the magazine staff or to the Army.

He first served as Editor of INFANTRY from 1966 to 1968, his final assignment before retiring from active duty as a lieutenant colonel. After several years in other pursuits, he returned to the magazine staff as Deputy Editor in 1974. When the Editor's job was converted to a civilian slot in 1983, he again became the Editor.

But editing INFANTRY is certainly not all that he has done in his career.

He graduated from Louisiana State University in 1943 (returning later to earn a master's degree in history and education). He also completed ROTC at LSU but, according to the policy at the time, was then sent to Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning. He was commissioned an Infantry officer upon graduation from OCS Class 244 on 29 May 1943. His first duty assignment was as a platoon leader in Company A, 13th Battalion, 4th Training Regiment, Fort McClellan, Alabama.

He subsequently commanded a rifle company in the 84th Infantry Division during World War II and took part in the Northern France, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe campaigns. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Among numerous other assignments, he was Senior Infantry Division Advisor, Military Assistance Advisory Group, China; Historian and Branch Chief, Office of the Chief of Military History; Chief, G-3 Plans and Operations, I Corps (Group), in Korea; and Deputy Editor of *Military Review* at Fort Leavenworth.

During his assignment to the Center of Military History, he co-authored *Sicily and the Surrender of Italy*, a volume in the Army's official World War II series. He has edited several other military books including *Infantry in Vietnam*, two volumes in the paperback series titled *Combat Notes from Vietnam*, and another paperback publication called *Historical Essays*. He has also written numerous articles and book reviews for such professional military magazines as *Army*, *Infantry*, *Armor*, *Military Review*, *Military Affairs*, and *National Defense*.

Although these accomplishments are impressive, other contributions he has made in more recent years may well be his most valuable legacy. As a retired officer, a historian, and an educator — as well as an avid reader — he has learned a great deal about the Army over the years. He has also watched numerous innovations come and go — and come again. As a result, he has been able to serve as a sounding board and an advisor to the many would-be authors who have called or dropped by his office — and to the infantry community as a whole.

In addition, he has received countless calls and letters over the years asking for information on bits of history most people have forgotten, or have never known: Why is blue the Infantry color? What is the source of "the Queen of Battle"? Of "Follow Me"? Who commanded such and such division in the such and such campaign? When he has not been able to find the answers in his own phenomenal memory bank, he has willingly and zealously pursued them elsewhere.

In 1989, because of these and other contributions to the infantry community, he was inducted into the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame.

This distinguished Infantryman, editor, and great American will long be remembered at Fort Benning and the Infantry School. As he begins enjoying his second retirement, we all say to him, "Thanks for a job well done."