

# Army Chooses Dunaway As Pentagon's Top NCO

**CAMP EAGLE** — The 101st Air Cavalry Division's Command Sgt. Maj. George W. Dunaway was selected recently as the Army's top non-commissioned officer.

He will replace Command Sgt. Maj. of the Army William O. Wooldridge Sept. 1. As the second soldier to hold the title, Dunaway will be assigned to Army Chief of Staff Gen. William C. Westmoreland's office.

Dunaway arrived in Vietnam as Command Sgt. Maj. of the division on Dec. 13.

In his new role he will serve in Washington as senior enlisted adviser and consultant on enlisted personnel; on the professional education, growth and advancement of NCOs; and on morale, training, pay, promotions and other areas concerning enlisted personnel.

He will also be available to present the enlisted man's point of view to Army boards and committees.

Dunaway's Army career began as a rifleman with the 29th Infantry Division (National Guard) in 1940. The unit entered

active service the following year.

After attending jump school in 1943, he remained at Ft. Benning, Ga., as an Airborne School instructor until 1945 when he joined the 517th Combat Team in France as a platoon sergeant.

In 1948 he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, where he became operations sergeant for the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

In 1954 he transferred to the 187th Regimental Combat Team as sergeant major. The unit soon became part of the Screaming Eagles division.



**CHANGE OF COMMAND**—Maj. Gen. Melvin Zals accepts the division colors from Maj. Gen. O. M. Barsanti in a recent ceremony (Photo by Spec. 5 Ed Onn)

## Lekson Awarded Silver Star

**CAMP EAGLE** — Brig. Gen. John S. Lekson, assistant division commander for support operations, received the Silver Star here recently for gallantry during the May 21st attack upon the forward area base camp.

"Shortly after midnight, a vicious volume of mixed enemy 122mm, B-41 rocket and 82mm mortar fire was launched against the base camp, and was

followed by a coordinated ground assault," the citation said. "With complete disregard for his own safety, Brigadier General Lekson moved from his quarters to the Division Tactical Operations Center, directing people to their defensive positions along the way."

After obtaining a report of the situation at the operations center, Lekson moved outside into the rain of rocket and mor-

tar fire and personally directed the defense of the base camp.

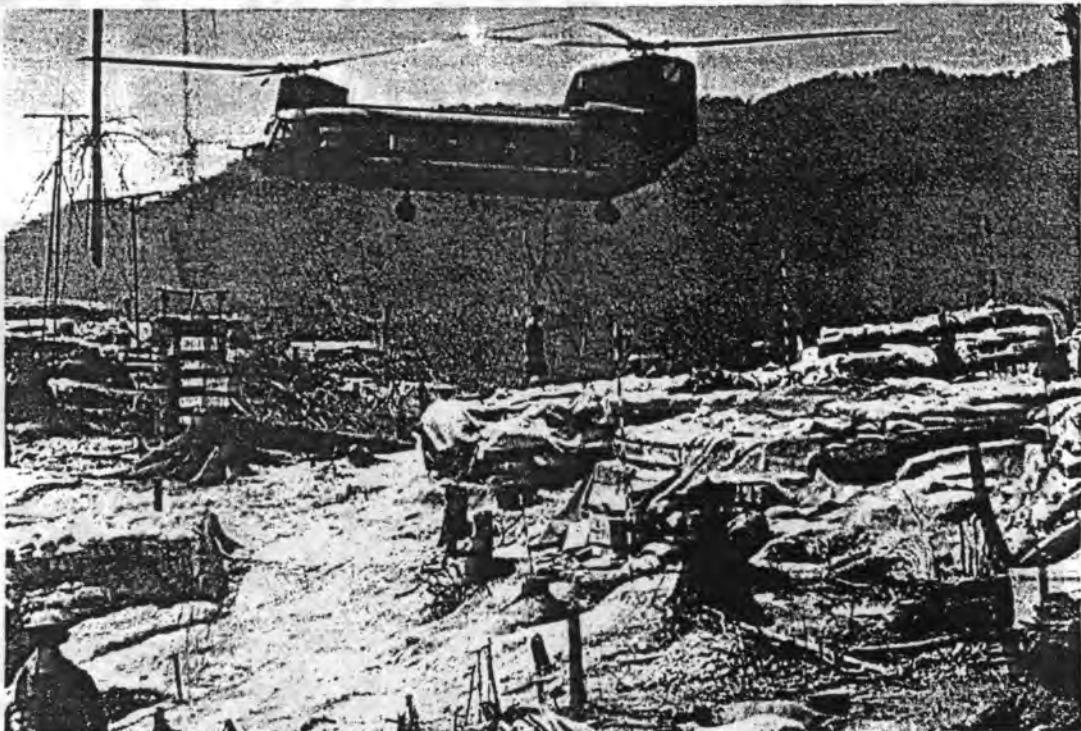
"Lekson's outstanding leadership and presence in the battle area directly influenced the successful defense of Camp Eagle and minimized friendly casualties," the citation continued.

At dawn, he visited the area hardest hit to assess the damage and congratulate the men for a job well done.



**COLD LANDING ZONE**—Air Cavalrymen from Co. B, 3rd Bn., 187th Inf., conduct a heliborne assault near Cu Chi in search of NVA supply bases and unit assembly points. The troopers hit the landing zone (LZ) unopposed before moving out on reconnaissance-in-force sweeps.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Earl R. Van Alstine)



**JUNGLE CITY**—A giant Chinook helicopter hovers over a division fire support base west of Camp Eagle before bringing in supplies for members of the 1st Bn., 327th Inf. The 1st Brigade troopers hacked a 'city' out of the jungle seized from enemy control.

(Photo by Division IO)