June 1964, he was assigned as the S-3, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Colonel Smarr served in the Republic of Vietnam in 1965 as the G-3 advisor to the 25th ARVN Infantry Division, and as deputy senior advisor for unit training at the National Training Center. Later, while assigned to the staff of Plans Division, Office Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army, he returned to Vietnam to participate in a study of the feasibility of the use of armor in Southeast Asian warfare.

Following the Washington, DC assignment, Colonel Smarr was transferred to the US Army Training Center, Infantry, Fort Jackson, South Carolina in December 1968. There he served as a Battalion Commander, and subsequently as a Brigade Commander.

Colonel Smarr was assigned to the US Army Signal Center and School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey as Chief of the Tactics Division, Department of Command Communications, in August 1970. Upon promotion to the rank of Colonel, he was assigned as the Deputy Director, Department of Command Communications, a post he held until June 1971.

Colonel Smarr returned to Vietnam in July 1971 where he was assigned as Chief, Territorial Forces Division, Advisory Team I, Military Assistance Command Vietnam. On 25 February 1972, Colonel Smarr was killed in a helicopter crash over the coastal waters of Da Nang Vietnam, while accompanying his Vietnamese counterpart on a liaison visit to a ship of the US 7th Fleet.

Colonel Smarr has been awarded the Legion of Merit; The Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Meritorious Service Medal; the Air Medal; the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Good Conduct Medal; and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. Also, he has been awarded numerous decorations denoting participation in major campaigns during World War II, the Korean conflict, and Vietnam.

U. S. Army Electronics Command
MEMORIALIZATION CEREMONY
Honoring
COLONEL A. SMARR, JR.

15 December 1972
Colonel Albert W. Smarr, Jr. was born 4 October 1924 at Gaffney, South Carolina, and received his primary and secondary education in Hickory Grove, South Carolina. Colonel Smarr began his military career in September 1943, when he enlisted in the US Army. While serving as a gunner, and radio operator aboard a B-24 Flying Fortress, the then Staff Sergeant Smarr was taken as a prisoner of war when his aircraft was shot down while on a mission over Berlin. He was freed when the Russian Army liberated Berlin.

At war's end Colonel Smarr returned to civilian life, and resumed studies at Clemson College. Upon graduation in 1950, he was commissioned as an Armor Officer in the US Army. After attending Basic Officer courses in both Infantry and Armor, he was assigned as a platoon leader in the 89th Tank Battalion, which was participating in the armed conflict in Korea.

It was February 1952 that the then Lieutenant Smarr became the Aide-de-Camp to Major General I. F. Swift, the Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division, a post in which he continued to serve for two and a half years. He returned to Fort MacArthur, California with the General when the latter took command of III Corps, and again went with him when he became the Commander of V Corps in Germany.

Subsequently, Colonel Smarr was given command of a company in the 57th Tank Battalion V Corps, and was later assigned to the Battalion Staff as an assistant to the S-3. Colonel Smarr returned to the United States in March 1956 where he served as the assistant G-1 at the Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky, and later attended the Armor Officer Advanced Course.

Upon graduating from the Armor Officer Advanced Course in June 1957, he was assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Virginia, and in August 1960 he had a tour of duty with the Seventh Army Training Center in Germany.

In 1963, Colonel Smarr attended the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon graduation in
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY RESERVE COMMAND
Fort Monmouth, New Jersey 07703

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 72
11 December 1972

MEMORIALIZATION

TO 466. Building Number 291, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, is hereby designated as SMARR HALL in honor of Colonel Albert W. Smarr, Jr., United States Army. Colonel Smarr, veteran of the Second World War, met his death during the Vietnam conflict. He served in Vietnam approximately seven months. Colonel Smarr was awarded the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Meritorious Service Medal; the Air Medal; the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Good Conduct Medal; and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He was also awarded numerous decorations denoting participation in major campaigns during World War II, the Korean conflict, and Vietnam.

Colonel Albert W. Smarr, Jr., was born 4 October 1924 at Fairfield, South Carolina. He began his military career in September 1943, when he enlisted in the US Army. While serving as a gunner and radio operator aboard a B-24 Flying Fortress, the then Staff Sergeant Smarr was taken as prisoner of war when his aircraft was shot down while on a mission over Berlin. He was freed when the Russian Army liberated Berlin. At war's end, Colonel Smarr returned to civilian life and resumed studies at Clemson College. Upon graduation in 1950, he was commissioned as an Armor Officer in the US Army. After attending Basic Officer courses in Infantry and Armor, he was assigned as a platoon leader in the 69th Tank Battalion, which was participating in the armed conflict in Korea. In February 1952 the then Lieutenant Smarr became the Aide-de-Camp to Major General I. F. Swift, Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division, a post in which he served for two and a half years. He returned to Fort McArthur, California, with the General when the latter took command of III Corps, and went with him when he became the Commander of V Corps in Germany. Subsequently, Colonel Smarr was given command of a company in the 57th Tank Battalion V Corps, and was later assigned to the Battalion Staff as an assistant to the S-3. He returned to the United States in March 1956 where he served as assistant G-1 at the Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky, and later attended the Armor Officer Advanced Course. Upon graduating from the Armor Officer Advanced Course in June 1957, Colonel Smarr was assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Virginia, and in August 1960 he had a tour of duty with the Seventh Army Training Center in Germany. In 1963, Colonel Smarr attended the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon graduation in June 1964, he was assigned as the S-3, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas. Colonel Smarr served in the Republic of Vietnam in 1965 as the G-3 advisor to the 25th Armored Division, and as deputy senior advisor for unit training at the National Training Center. Later, while assigned to the staff of Phu Division, Office Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army, he returned to Vietnam to participate in
a study on feasibility for use of armor in Southeast Asian warfare. Following
the Washington, DC assignment, Colonel Sharr was transferred to the US Army
Training Center, Infantry, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in December 1965,
where he served as a Battalion Commander, and subsequently as a Brigade
Commander. In August 1970, Colonel Sharr was assigned to the US Army Signal
Center and School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey as Chief of the Tactics Division,
Department of Command Communications. Upon promotion to the rank of Colonel,
he was assigned as the Deputy Director, Department of Command Communications,
a post he held until June 1971. Colonel Sharr returned to Vietnam in July
1971 where he was assigned as Chief, Territorial Forces Division, Advisory
Sharr was killed in a helicopter crash over the coastal waters of Da Nang,
Vietnam, while accompanying his Vietnamese counterpart on a liaison visit to
a ship of the US 7th Fleet.
Authority: Paragraph 2c, Army Regulation 1-33.

(SELHI-CC)

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

HAROLD J. CROCKETT
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

W. T. RITZEN
Chief, RE Spt Br

DISTRIBUTION:
M, P, O, E, and L plus

SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION:
2-HQDA (DAAG-ASC-B) TAGO ELDG FALLS CHURCH VA 22041