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WASHINGTON--THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE ARMY IS INVESTIGATING WHETHER "OFFICIAL ARMY SOURCES" RELEASED INFORMATION FROM NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S SERVICE AND MEDICAL FILES.

THE PENTAGON SAID GARRISON WAS RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMY IN 1951 "BY REASON OF PHYSICAL DISABILITY." IT GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF GARRISON'S DEPARTURE FROM THE SERVICE.

THE PENTAGON'S STATEMENT FOLLOWED PUBLICATION OF A COPYRIGHTED ARTICLE BY THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE ON GARRISON'S RELEASE BY THE ARMY.

THE PENTAGON TODAY DISCLOSED ONLY SKETCHY DETAILS OF GARRISON'S ARMY SERVICE ON THE GROUND THAT PERSONNEL AND MEDICAL FILES ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED.

BEFORE GARRISON WAS RELEASED FROM THE ARMY OCT. 31, 1951, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO BROCKE ARMY HOSPITAL AT FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEX. THE PENTAGON SAID PUBLISHED ORDERS FOR GARRISON INDICATED THAT HE WAS A PATIENT AT BROCKE.

THE PENTAGON SAID GARRISON IS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE. BY LAW HE BECAME AN ARMY RESERVE OFFICER AUTOMATICALLY WHEN HE RESIGNED FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD FEB. 28, 1967.

HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE LOUISIANA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND THE U. S. NATIONAL GUARD ON FOUR OCCASIONS, STARTING WITH HIS INITIAL ENLISTMENT IN JUNE, 1939.

HE WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY AS AN ENLISTED MAN FROM JAN. 13, 1941, TO JUNE 22, 1942. HE WAS COMMISSIONED AS AN OFFICER ON JUNE 23, 1942, AND SERVED UNTIL MARCH 1, 1946. DURING THOSE YEARS HE WAS STATIONED AT FT. SILL, OKLA.; CAMP ROBERTS, CALIF.; PECOS, TEX.; CAMP RUCKER, ALA.; AND THE EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS. HE WAS SEPARATED AT FT. DIX, N.J.

HE WAS RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY JULY 24, 1951, AND SERVED UNTIL OCT. 31, 1951, THE DATE ON WHICH HE WAS RELEASED FOR "PHYSICAL DISABILITY." HE WAS THEN A CAPTAIN. *62-109060-A*

DURING THAT TOUR HE WAS FIRST ASSIGNED TO FT. SILL, OKLA. THE PENTAGON SAID THAT FROM AUGUST, 1951, UNTIL OCTOBER, 1951, HE WAS "ASSIGNED TO" THE U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL AT FT. SILL AND TO BROCKE ARMY HOSPITAL, FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEX.

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