

# Sketches of 14 Officers Charged by Army in

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**MAJ. GEN. SAMUEL W. KOSTER**—Born in West Liberty, Iowa, on Dec. 29, 1919. . . . Graduated from high school in West Liberty and West Point, class of 1942. . . . Rose to regimental executive officer in Europe during World War II. . . . Served as tactical officer at West Point in 1949. . . . In Korea, he directed Eighth Army's guerrilla warfare effort against North Korea. . . . In late '50's he served as deputy secretary and later as Secretary of Staff at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Paris. . . . In 1966 he was assigned as director of the Plans and Programs Division in the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development at the Pentagon. . . . In 1967 he assumed command of the Americal Division in Vietnam. . . . His wife is Cherie K. Koster of Iowa City, Iowa. . . . They have five children. . . . He has been superintendent of West Point since June, 1968. . . . Holds the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.



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**BRIG. GEN. GEORGE H. YOUNG JR.**—Born in Pine Bluff, Ark., Jan. 21, 1921. . . . Graduated from Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, Tenn. and from The Citadel in 1942. . . . As a first lieutenant, led his platoon ashore in the invasion of Sicily in July, 1943. . . . Commanded the Second Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment in 1951-

52. . . . Received a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Southern California in 1958. . . . Received a master's degree in business administration from George Washington University in 1962. . . . Served as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Army Communication Zone, Europe. . . . Was assistant division commander, Americal Division 1967-68. . . . In November, 1968 he assumed command of the 24th Infantry Division (Forward) in Europe. . . . Mar-

ried the former Jeanne Collins of Leavenworth, Kan. . . . They have two children. . . . Holds the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal.



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**COL. ORAN K. HENDERSON**—Born Aug. 25, 1920, at Indianapolis . . . married, three children . . . Educated at the University of Maryland and George Washington University . . . entered the Army in January, 1943 . . . Has served with the Second Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii and the 11th Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division in Vietnam . . . Holds the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal.

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**COL. NELS A. PARSON JR.**—Born Oct., 25, 1920, Greenville, Miss. . . . Married, with 2 children . . . Educated at West Point, University of Southern California and George Washington University . . . Entered the Army June 6, 1944 . . . Served 1960-62 in the office of Chief of Staff, Department of Army . . . From August, 1965, to October, 1967, was with

Third Infantry Division and Third Armored Division in Germany . . . From December, 1967, to August, 1968, Americal Division in Vietnam . . . From August, 1968, to October, 1969, was with Military Assistance Command, Vietnam . . . At present, with headquarters, Army Combat Developments Command, Fort Belvoir, Va. . . . Holds the Bronze Star Medal.

**COL. ROBERT B. LUPER**—Born May 14, 1923, in Springdale, Ark. . . . Married, with two children . . . Received B.S. from the University of Arkansas in 1950 . . . Served as an enlisted man in the Marine Corps during World War II, then the National Guard . . . Joined the 142d Field Artillery Group at Fort Bragg, N. C., in 1950 . . . Served in Korea, Europe . . . From 1962 to 1965 was in the Army Controller's office in the Pentagon . . . With the 11th Artillery, 11th Infantry Brigade, in Vietnam 1967-68 . . . With headquarters division artillery, Americal Division in Vietnam, May to November, 1968 . . . Now on the staff of the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

**LIEUT. COL. DAVID CHARLES GAVIN**—born Jan. 16, 1931, Richton, Miss. . . . He is divorced . . . Educated at Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg, Miss. . . . Served from November, '62, to December, '65, Artillery, Europe . . . December, 1963, to August, 1964, Mississippi Southern . . . July, 1967, to January, 1969, sub sector advisor, First Corps, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam . . . At present, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. . . . Holds the Bronze Star Medal.

**LIEUT. COL. WILLIAM DONALD GUINN JR.**—Born March 11, 1929, at Mosheim, Tenn. . . . Married, with 2 children. Received a B.S. at University of Tennessee in 1952 and an M.B.A. at the University of Alabama in 1967 . . . Served from January, 1954 to April, 1955, in Korea . . . From May, 1955, to August, 1957, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N. C. . . . January, 1963 to April, 1964, served in Europe . . . June, '64, to May, '65, was a student at the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth . . . May, '65, to May, '67, attended the University of Alabama . . . June, '67, to July, '68, deputy province advisor, I Corps, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam . . . July, '68, to January, '69, 11th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, Vietnam . . . At present, office of the chief of research and development in Washington . . . Holds the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.

**MAJ. CHARLES C. CALHOUN**—Born May 21, 1931, Seneca, S. C. . . . Married, with four children . . . Educated at Clemson . . . Served from November, 1952, to October, 1963 with Military Assistance Command, Vietnam . . . from June, 1965, to May, 1967 was assistant professor of military science, Reserve Officers Training Corps, University of Oklahoma . . . from December, 1967 to June, 1968, 11th Infantry Brigade in Vietnam . . . June, 1968 to November, 1968, 196th Infantry Brigade, Vietnam . . . at present, Headquarters, Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Va. . . . Holds the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.

**MAJ. ROBERT WALLACE McKNIGHT**—Born Sept. 2, 1933, in Louisville, Ky. . . . Married, with four children . . . Educated at Evansville College, San Francisco State College, Arkansas State University . . . Served from March, 1952 to June, 1956 as an enlisted man . . . June, 1956 to June, 1957, Fort Ord, November, 1963, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam . . . June, 1965 to June, 1967, Army Instructor Unit at Arkansas State College . . . December, 1967 to November, 1968, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division in Vietnam . . . January to July, 1969, was a student, Arkansas State University . . . At present, student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth . . . Holds the Bronze Star Medal.

**MAJ. FREDERIC WILLIAM WATKE**—Born Dec. 31, 1933, in Omaha. . . . Married, with four children . . . Educated at Creighton University . . . Served from June to September, 1956, in the Army Reserve, not on active duty . . . September '56 to September, '57, Fort Carson, Colo. . . . March '61 to August '62, First Battle Group, 30th In-

fantry in Germany . . . September, 1962, to September, 1966, 121st Aviation Company, 13th Combat Aviation Battalion in Vietnam . . . From July to April, 1968, 196th Infantry Brigade and Company B, 123d Aviation Battalion, Vietnam . . . From April, 1968, to May, 1968, Army Hospital, Camp Zama, Japan . . . May, '68, to August, '68, Army Hospital, Fort Benning, Ga. . . . at present, office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations in Washington . . . Holds the Bronze Star Medal and Silver Star.

**CAPT. KENNETH W. BOATMAN**—Born Sept. 18, 1942 in Council Grove, Kan. . . . Married, one child . . . educated at Peru State College . . . Served as an enlisted man from June, 1966, to May, 1967 . . . from December, 1967, to November, 1968, Sixth Battalion, 11th Artillery, 11th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division in Vietnam . . . At present is with headquarters of First Army, Fort Meade, Md.

**CAPT. DENNIS HARVEY JOHNSON**—Born Sept. 9, 1935, at Sacramento, Calif. . . . married with six children . . . one year college equivalent education . . . served from September, 1957 to January, 1967 (as an enlisted man. . . . From December, 1967 to June, 1968, to October, 1968, headquarters, 11 Field Force, Vietnam and Military assistance Command, Vietnam . . . at present, Army Intelligence school, Fort Hobard, Md.



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CAPT. ERNEST L. MEDINA  
—Born Aug. 27, 1936, at  
Springer, N. M., . . . high  
school graduate . . . married,  
with three children . . . served  
from April, 1964 to July, 1966,  
Fort Benning, Ga. . . . Decem-  
ber, 1967, to July, 1968, Com-  
pany C, First Battalion, 20th  
Infantry, 11th Infantry Bri-  
gade, American Division in  
Vietnam . . . July to Novem-  
ber, 1968, 569th Military In-  
telligence detachment, Ameri-  
can Division . . . at present,  
Headquarters, Third Army,  
Fort McPherson, Ga. . . . holds  
the Silver Star and Bronze  
Star Medal.

Capt. THOMAS K. WILL-  
INGHAM—Born Jan. 21, 1945,  
Washington . . . . Receives a  
B.S. in 1967 from Murray  
State College in Kentucky  
. . . . Served from February  
to April, 1967, at the Army  
Infantry School, Fort Ben-  
ning, Ga. . . . December,  
1967, to May, 1968, Company  
B, Fourth Battalion, Third  
Infantry, with Infantry Bri-  
gade, Americal Division . . . .  
May, 1968, to February, 1969,  
Company E, Fourth Battalion,  
Third Infantry, 11th Infantry  
Brigade, Americal Division  
. . . . At present, Headquar-  
ters, Third Army, with duty  
at Fort George G. Meade in  
Maryland . . . . He is mar-  
ried and hold the Bronze Star  
Medal.