



## **BERNARD W. ROGERS, General, USA**

Bernard W. Rogers began his career in 1943 at the height of World War II. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, he was assigned to the 275th Infantry. After the war, Rogers was selected to study at Oxford, England, as a Rhodes Scholar. Later, he returned to the United States and served as the aide-de-camp to the Chief of Army Field Forces. Upon graduation from the Infantry Officer Advance Course in 1952, he was sent to Korea and assumed command of the 3d Battalion, 9th Infantry. In 1953, Rogers returned from Korea to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

After numerous assignments with troops, including a tour in Vietnam as Assistant Division Commander, 1st Infantry Division (M), and Commander, 5th Infantry Division (M), Rogers was selected to be the twenty-ninth Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. From 1976-79, he was instrumental in the expansion of the Army to a twenty-four-division, all component force. His final assignment, from 1979-1987, was as Supreme Allied Commander Europe and CINC, U.S. European Command, where he served for an unprecedented eight years.

Rogers' awards include the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with V, and decorations from twelve other nations.

Service at Fort Leavenworth: 1953-1954