

SSG Lindsay Selected As Fifth Army's Top Soldier



When two men are selected from approximately 85,000, they have to be exceptional. This is the case with Fifth U. S. Army's Outstanding Soldiers of the Quarter - Staff Sergeant David J. Lindsay, Headquarters Company, Basic Combat Training Center, Millie Group, Ft. Leonard Wood, and Specialist 4 Jeffrey M. Tanner, formerly of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, U. S. Army Field Artillery Command, Ft. Sill, Okla.

Normally both men and their wives would be all taken to Fifth Army headquarters at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., to receive checks for \$120, dress blue uniforms, and military and civic honors.

In the activities honoring the Outstanding Soldiers for the first quarter of fiscal year 1972, though, only SSG Lindsay will be feted. SP Tanner was reassigned in August from Ft. Sill to duty in Germany.

SSG and Mrs. Lindsay will arrive in San Antonio Thursday, Oct. 21, staying at the St. Anthony Hotel. The following morning will be devoted to the official Fifth Army tribute and he will be introduced to the top non-commissioned officer and members of the command section at the headquarters. He will tape an interview for release in his hometown of Waller, N. Y., and his wife's hometown, Washington, W. Va.

SSG Lindsay is a veteran of 14 years service in the U. S. Marine Corps, entering the corps in November 1954 and completing his basic training at Parris Island, N. C. He served with the Third Marine Division on Okin-

awake at Parris Island. He participated in the Lebanon and Cuba operations.

During his Marine Corps service he had two assignments in the Republic of Vietnam. From October 1962 to August 1963 he was a reconnaissance advisor with the Military Assistance Advisory Group IV, and in February 1965 he returned there with the Third Marine Division. He ended his service with the Marine Corps in August 1968.

For his Marine service in Vietnam he was awarded the Navy Cross, Navy and Marine Corps Medal, both the Bronze Star Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal with "V" device for valor, two Purple Hearts and the Combat Action Ribbon.

SSG Lindsay enlisted in the Army that August and first had a brief assignment in Germany with the Seventh U. S. Army. He entered Officer Candidate School

at Ft. Benning, Ga., in May 1969 but was injured during training to the extent that he could not complete the course.

He was reassigned to Vietnam with the 500th Infantry, Long Range Recon, until he was wounded and evacuated from Vietnam in February 1970. For this third tour in combat he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, Air Medal, three Purple Hearts and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Upon release from Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D. C., he was assigned to Ft. Carson, Colo., and then to the Basic Combat Training Committee Group at Ft. Wood, where he is an instructor on field fire range 27.

SSG Lindsay attended high school in Waller, N. Y.