

COLONEL ALFRED W. BAGOT

US Army, Retired



COL Alfred Bagot had a distinguished career in Human Intelligence and Counterintelligence assignments and served as the first MI Advisor to Saudi Arabia. He commanded four MI Groups: the 902nd, 149th, 500th, and the Field Activities Command.

Al Bagot entered the Army at Fort Hayes, Ohio, immediately following graduation from the University of Dayton in April 1943. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Chemical Corps in September 1943 and assigned to research duties at Firestone Labs in Akron, Ohio. In 1944, he was reassigned to a 4.2 Mortar Battalion, 24th Infantry Division. At the end of World War II, Bagot was stationed in the Philippines. Subsequently he was transferred to the 441st Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) Training School, Norton Hall, Tokyo for CIC training and service with the 1st CIC Region in the cities of Fukuoka and Kyoto.

Upon returning to the Continental US in 1948, he was assigned to the CIC Board and, a year later, as Officer in Charge, Investigations and Records Control Office, G2, CIC Center at Fort Holabird, Maryland. After attending the Advanced Course, COL Bagot went to Washington, DC for assignment to the Current Intelligence Branch, J2, Joint Chiefs of Staff. In July 1959, Bagot traveled to Fort Leavenworth for a year at the Command & General Staff School, followed by an assignment as Commanding Officer, 6th Battalion, 3rd Artillery (Nike Hercules) at Arlington Heights, Illinois, until January 1962, and a move to Norfolk, Virginia, for the Armed Forces Staff College. Bagot then was assigned to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Headquarters, US Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany, in August 1962. Returning to the Pentagon and an assignment in the Collection Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI), Bagot was promoted to Colonel.

In June 1967, he went to Vietnam as the Commanding Officer of the 149th MI Group, then reported to the Hue-Phu Bai region with Provisional Corps, Vietnam, as Deputy G2 (Collection), where he finished his tour. His subsequent assignment was as Commanding Officer of the 902nd MI Group. One year later, the ACSI assigned COL Bagot to a Task Force to organize the US Field Activities Command, a collection unit with worldwide responsibilities. He remained with this unit, as Commander, until June 1970, when he became Commander, 500th MI Group, Ford Island, Hawaii. In 1972,

COL Bagot returned to the Office of the ACSI as Chief, Operations Division, followed in 1973 as Executive Officer to the ACSI. In June 1974, COL Bagot retired from the Army.

COL Bagot was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988.