

COLONEL RICHARD E. EVERS

US Army, Retired

COL Richard Evers began his military career as an enlisted Soldier from 1946 to 1948, serving with Company L, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, and the 2nd Medium Transportation Port Command in Japan. He was then discharged from the Army and attended Florida State University, serving with the US Army Reserve Control Group in Tallahassee, Florida. On 25 May 1950, COL Evers reenlisted in the Army, completed Leadership Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Officer Candidate School at Fort Riley, Kansas. On 21 July 1951, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. During the next three years he served in a variety of Quartermaster assignments, including a tour with US Forces in Austria, duty station Leghorn, Italy.

In 1955 COL Evers returned to the United States and completed the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) Officer Investigator Course at Fort Holabird, Maryland. He also attended the Persian Language Course at the US Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California. Thus began his long service in Military Intelligence.

In 1957, COL Evers was assigned to the 66th CIC Group at Heidelberg, Germany, where he served as Intelligence Research Officer and Plans and Training Officer. In March 1960, he joined the 2nd MI Detachment (Division), 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia. He served for six months as Chief of the Security Section and then for a year and a half as Commanding Officer. Following command, COL Evers completed the MI Officer Advance Course and the Area Intelligence Course.

Between 1963 and 1965, COL Evers served as Operations Officer with Detachment A, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence in Tehran, Iran. Following attendance at the Naval Command and Staff Course at Newport, Rhode Island, he served as the Personnel Management Officer, MI Branch, at the Department of the Army. In 1968, he joined the 525th MI Group in Vietnam where he served as Commander of the 5th Battalion (Provisional). In January 1969 he became Executive Officer of the 525th MI Group.

Upon his return to the US in 1969, COL Evers was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Security Policy) in Washington, DC. He attended Army War College in 1970 and then was assigned to Headquarters, 66th MI Group in Munich, Germany, as first the Director of Operations and then the Group Commander. During his time at the 66th, COL Evers reorganized the 66th MI Group. His new organizational structure, with functionally aligned multi-discipline MI assets designed to provide all-source intelligence support to the tactical commander, was the precursor for the Combat Electronic Warfare and Intelligence (CEWI) concept adopted by Army Intelligence in 1976. An integral part of the 66th's reorganization included upgrading the Group's 165th, 511th, and 527th CI Companies to battalion status. This allowed a succession of MI officers to become more competitive with their peers in other branches of the Army.

In 1975, COL Evers was assigned as Director, Department of Exploitation and Counterintelligence, US Army Intelligence Center and School, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He later served as the Director of Training at the school. In 1976, COL Evers became Deputy Director of Intelligence, US Readiness Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he served until his retirement in 1977.

COL Evers' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Good Conduct Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Vietnam Honor Medal 1st Class.

COL Evers was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1988.