

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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PRESENT ASSIGNMENT: Commander, 81st Infantry Brigade (M), Washington Army National Guard.

FEDERAL RECOGNITION: Brigadier General, 14 November 1961.

PERSONAL DATA: Born in Three Forks, Montana on 12 October 1919. He and his wife, Grace Constance (Miller) Buchanan reside at 4113 Robin Road West, Tacoma, Washington 98466. The General's hobbies are flying and swimming.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Armed Forces Medal with two devices.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION: University of Washington (pre-law).

MILITARY EDUCATION: Officer Candidate School, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, National Strategy Seminar, Senior Officers' Preventive Maintenance Course, General Officer Race Relations/Equal Opportunity Education Seminar, Air Defense Officer Orientation Course, Civil Disturbance Senior Officer Orientation Course, Aviation Safety Orientation, and the Senior Reserve Component Officer Course, Army War College.

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