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Colonel Hardy To Retire - Colonel Smith Assumes Command

Colonel Edwin N. Hardy, Cavalry, who has been in command at Fort Huachuca since April 17, 1942, is awaiting retirement for physical disability as a result of the recommendations of Retiring Board at William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas. The new Commanding Officer at Fort Huachuca is Colonel Charles R. Smith,

Infantry, recently returned from overseas duty in China.

In retiring, Colonel Hardy ends a long and distinguished military career. Colonel Hardy graduated from West Point in 1911 and was assigned as a 2d Lt., to the 8th Cavalry at Batangas, Philippine Islands. He served from 1911 to 1915.

On his return to the United States in 1915, he was assigned to the 15th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas and served with the 17th Cavalry and 8th Cavalry in extensive border patrol activities along the Mexican border. He took part in the military operations in northern Mexico during the Pershing Punitive Expedition as aerial observer and with cavalry troops.

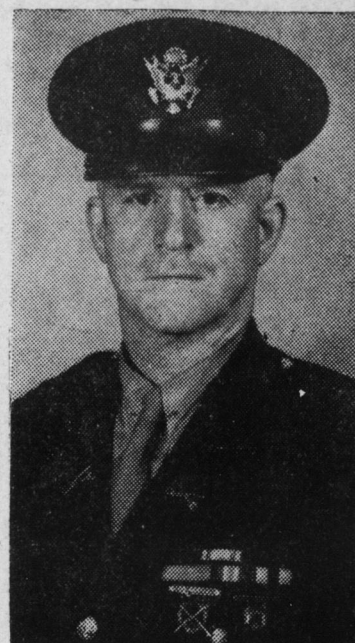
During World War I he saw service at 12 different stations in the United States where he was used in organizing and training Cavalry, Field Artillery and Infantry Units for overseas duty.

Upon the completion of World War I, he was detailed as military attache to Colombia and Ecuador, South America and remained on such duty until April 1922. Before his return to the United States he was awarded the Medal of Merit by the Ecuadorian Government.

Upon his return to the States, he was assigned as a student to take the Troop Officers' and Advance Course at the Cavalry School upon completion of which he was detailed as a student to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1926 he was detailed as a member of the General Staff Corps and served as G-3 of the Philippine Department. Returning to this country in Sept 1929 he commanded the 1st Sqdn, 13th Cav., Ft. Riley, Kansas, and after two years was assigned to the Staff and Faculty of the Cavalry School at the request of Col. Wainwright, now General of Bataan fame. In 1932, Col. Hardy commanded Ft. Robinson, Neb., Remount Depot, for five years, after which he served two years at Lexington, Ky. His next assignment was to Washington as Chief of Remount which position he held until relieved, at his own request, to accept command of Fort Huachuca. Under his command Fort Huachuca became the largest Negro training center in the world, two complete divisions and many thousands of miscellaneous troops having been trained for over-



COL. CHAS. R. SMITH



COL. EDWIN N. HARDY