

Command Sergeant Major Yzetta Nelson

Command Sergeant Major Yzetta Nelson joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in 1944. Her first assignment was as a clerk-typist at an Army Air Corps base. From there, Nelson quickly moved up the ranks serving in Germany, Washington D.C., and Hawaii. In 1966, Nelson was promoted to Sergeant Major, the highest enlisted rank at the time of the WAC Training Battalion. SGM Nelson's hard work and dedication were recognized by the Army in March 1968 when she became the first women promoted to the new rank of Command Sergeant Major. CSM Nelson continued to serve in the WAC until her retirement in 1970 where she received the Army Commendation Medal for the fifth time.



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**At McClellan—
 Ramsey, Nelson First Command Sergeants Major**

Center Sergeant Major
 Jurtis S. Ramsey and WAC
 Sergeant Major Yzetta L. Nelson
 have been selected to
 be among the Army's first
 102 command sergeants major.

They were selected from
 among 233 nominees for the
 Command Sergeants Major
 Program, which was authorized
 last year by the
 Chief of Staff of the Army.
 The program is designed to
 identify, select and manage
 the careers of the
 Army's finest sergeants
 major at the highest level
 of command.

Individuals selected
 are subject to worldwide
 assignment by the Department
 of the Army at any
 time.

Sergeant Major Ramsey,
 a 25-year veteran of Army
 service, was assigned here
 last May after a tour in
 Vietnam where he served as
 sergeant major of the 1st
 Infantry Division and Com-
 mand Sergeant Major, F.I.
 Army, Vietnam.

Born in Morrisville, N.
 C., he earned a special,
 early graduation from high
 school, to enter the Army
 in April 1943. Following
 basic training, he volun-
 teered for parachute train-
 ing, was assigned to the
 82nd Airborne Division in
 England, and made his para-
 chute debut at Worme-
 ley, Germany.

Sergeant Major Nelson,
 who is the first member of
 the Women's Army Corps to
 be selected for the Com-
 mand Sergeants Major Pro-
 gram, joined the Army in
 April 1944. Her career
 includes three tours in
 Germany in 1946-48, 1955-
 56 and 1959-61.

Prior to being assigned
 to the WAC Training Bat-
 talion in April 1966, she
 served for five years as
 administrative comman-
 dant officer in the Of-
 fice of the Assistant
 Chief of Staff for Intel-
 ligence, Department of the
 Army.

A native of Shawlin,
 Miss., Sergeant Major Nel-
 son served as a recruiter
 in Mississippi from 1950
 to 1953. She has earned
 the Army Commendation Medal
 (see COMNAV 50M4, p. 2)

**Post Personnel Observer
 Dental Health Week**

National Children's
 Dental Health Week, sponsored
 Feb. 4-10 by the
 American Dental Association,
 is being observed
 here by post personnel.
 During the past two
 weeks, 375 children from
 the Ft. McClellan Elmentary
 School were treated.