

He served in an enlisted status from April 1942 to February 1943 and attained the grade of first sergeant. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on May 15, 1943, upon graduation from the Officer Candidate School, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

During World War II he served in the European Theater of Operations and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service in combat support of U.S. forces in their mounting of the Normandy invasion and liberation of Northern Europe.

Following World War II he was assigned as assistant executive officer, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, where he remained until selected for attendance at the Command and General Staff College in September 1949.

In 1950, at the outbreak of the Korean conflict, he was assigned to the Far East Command as ammunition supply officer and assistant ordnance officer of Pusan Base Command. He was subsequently assigned to the 7th Infantry Division and during this period of service was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit as well as the Bronze Star and Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant.

Returning to CONUS in 1951, General Heiser was named executive officer of the ordnance school where he remained until assigned in 1954 as a student officer to the University of Chicago. In 1956, he returned to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance as executive officer. He entered the National War College in August 1960.

General Heiser arrived in Europe in September 1961. He was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, 4th Logistical Command, and served in that capacity until his appointment as chief of staff and deputy commander of the command on June 27, 1962.

He assumed duty as Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Communications Zone, Europe, on March 11, 1963.

He was assigned as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (Supply and Maintenance), Department of the Army, on April 4, 1966.

General HEISER. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Heiser, Jr., Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics in the supply and maintenance areas for the Headquarters, Department of Army. For the last 2 years I have been directly involved in improving supply and maintenance effectiveness Army-wide and particularly in South Vietnam. Starting in July this year, my interest in the South Vietnam logistic system will be more specific with my assignment as the commanding general of the 1st Logistic Command.

Mr. Chairman, I may insert off the record a comment here, sir.
(Off the record.)

General HEISER. Findings contained in General Accounting Office reports and prior committee presentations are indicative of the highly penetrating study given to the combat logistic system. The thoroughness and dedication evidenced in the General Accounting Office reports are a tribute to the dedicated service of their personnel and success of their functional approach to audit work.

Over the years, and especially the most recent 2 years, contacts with General Accounting Office's representatives at all levels have been most rewarding and their suggestions concerning improvement of operations in Southeast Asia and Armywide have been most helpful.

The Army has met with General Accounting Office representatives during the course of their Southeast Asia reviews and prompt corrective action has been taken where possible and practical. It is in the context of this relationship that my remarks will be directed.

I would like to add that we have had periodic meetings with the General Accounting Office so that we could have reviews of situations with which they were familiar, to indicate what progress was being made as time went along.