



Robert Harry Guerzenich Co B-2

Bright, friendly, industrious; that's Guerz. He willingly accepts any job, and his highly competitive spirit insures that he will excel at anything he attempts. Blessed with a wonderful outgoing personality, his friends are many. Serious when necessary, yet always cheerful, he has that rare gift for enjoying life to the fullest. An outstanding person, success is assured in his every endeavor.

Born – 20 Feb 1939, New York.

To USMA – Came from Croton-on-Hudson. Appointed by New York 19th. Nickname – “Guerz”.

Died – 3 Feb 1964 (age 24) at San Anton, Austria. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – Army Commendation Medal (awarded posthumously).

Schooling – Unknown.

Family - Wife – Elaine Drollinger Guerzenich Small (1 ½ years) – 1 son (Peter Robert) – grandchildren?

Contact – Elaine Guerzenich Small, Address unknown, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Bob served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 2 ½ years, until his untimely death in 1964, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His first assignment was in Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 37th Artillery, VII Corps (Fire Direction Officer, Executive Officer, and then Battery Commander) in Schwaebisch Hall, Germany.

Bob was killed in an avalanche on 3 February 1964, while on a skiing holiday with his wife, Elaine in St. Anton, Austria. He was just two weeks away from his 25th birthday.

Footnote – Eulogy on Bob from his son, Peter Robert – “Although he died shortly after I was born, I know inside that he was a good man and took care of me and my mother. I recently visited his grave at West Point and want to make this mark for others to read. Wherever you are now know that your son has a great respect for your life and a gratitude that you and my mother provided a place for me to appear in the world. A part of you lives in me. I am proud to be your son.” Peter Robert Guerzenich Small.