



Harvey Legrand Brown Co D-2

Blackie has finally abandoned his ambition to be a professional cadet and has decided to graduate with us. He may possess a little less hair and a little less shoe leather (left behind on the Area), but we know that he's always ready to hoist a glass to old D-2. We will forever carry with us the lesson of the "Peasel Tree."

Born – 9 July 1939, Texas. Military Brat (son of Colonel Harvey Lloyd Brown).

To USMA – Came from Lebanon, TN. Appointed by Tennessee Senator Kefauver. Nickname – “Blackie”.

Died – 25 Apr 1966 (age 26) at Vanderbilt University Hospital, Nashville, TN. Buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lebanon, TN.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – Unknown.

Family - Wife – Shirley Brown – No children

Contact – Shirley Brown, Address unknown, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Harvey served on active duty in the Army (Corps of Engineers) for 4 years, medically retired in 1965, with the rank of Captain. His first assignment was with Company A (Platoon Leader), 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, which as preparing to deploy to Vietnam. While serving in Vietnam, Harvey contracted Hodgkin's disease, believed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange. He was medically retired from the Army on 18 September 1965. Harvey passed away a short 7 months later on 25 April 1966, from the Hodgkin's disease.

Footnote from Harvey's Beast Barracks roommate, Sam Weiss – “I will never forget our first room inspection. In walked the Tac Officer Captain deMoya and some First Classmen. The Tac took a quick look around the room and asked something like "Mister Brown, is this room up to your usual standards?". "Yes Sir!" replied Harvey and out the door went the inspection party. It seems Captain deMoya had been Harvey's TAC at VMI the year before. We all got some special attention from the Beast Detail for that.”

Footnote from classmate Jay Hartford – “I would not have made it through Plebe math without Harvey's help. He offered to tutor me to overcome my poor high school prep in math. He unselfishly spent a ton of hours with me and earned my gratitude and admiration. Harvey had much to contribute and we lost him way too soon!”