



**Frank Wallace Gillespie, Jr. Co G-1**

*Well liked by his friends, but in constant conflict with the T.D., Frank earned the title of area bird. He did well with academics when he put his mind to it, but he is best remembered for his artistic talents and quick wit. We feel certain that he will continue his family's tradition of fine officers in his career.*

**Born** – 26 June 1939, Panama Canal Zone, Air Force Brat. His father was a West Pointer.

**To USMA** – Came from Minneapolis, MD. Appointed by Michigan 1<sup>st</sup>. Nickname – “Fwig.”

**Died** – 17 Apr 1988 (age 47) at San Antonio, TX. Buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

**Military Awards** – 3 Bronze Stars (with V), Purple Heart, 16 Air Medals (with V), Army Commendation Medal (with V), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

**Schooling** – Master’s Degree, University of Texas, San Antonio.

**Family** - Wife – Unknown.

**Contact** – Unknown.

Frank served on active duty with the Army (Infantry) for 23 years, retiring in 1984, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 505<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, NC. He then served in Germany (509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment), Ft. Benning, GA (Infantry Advanced Course), Vietnam (7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and 12<sup>th</sup> RVN Infantry), Bangkok, Thailand (Joint Military Assistance Group, JMAG), Norfolk, VA (Armed Forces Staff College), Ft. Sam Houston, TX (Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> Army), San Antonio, TX (University of Texas, San Antonio), West Point (Assistant Commandant, U.S. Military Academy Prep School, USMAPS), Ft. Sam Houston, TX (Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> Army). Frank passed away on 17 April 1988, which was believed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam.