



David Woodrow Hiester, Jr. Co M-1

Jeep arrived at West Point with a jovial attitude.

Since then he has lost nothing in spite of his constant battles with the Academic Departments.

A great lover of skiing and traveling he will undoubtedly use his future free time in pursuit of these pleasures. Many of us will be looking forward to meeting him in future years.

Born – 31 Dec 1938, Vermont. Army Brat. His father was USMA '36.

To USMA – Came from West Point, NY. Appointed by Indiana 3rd. Nickname – “Jeep”.

Died – 12 Sep 1962 (age 23) outside Freilaubersheim, Germany. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – Infantry Officer Basic Course.

Family – Father, Mother, Sister. His father was a Brigadier General in the Army Ordnance Corps who graduated from West Point 1936.

Contact – None identified.

Jeep served on active duty in the Army (Signal Corps) for 15 months before his untimely death in 1962, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His first assignment was a Signal platoon leader in the 8th Infantry Division headquartered in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. His father wrote – “As assistant defense counsel on 12 September 1962, he drove toward Mannheim, Germany, to complete an investigation. He failed to negotiate a curve on a narrow country road, colliding with a loaded gravel truck. He and his passenger were killed instantly.” Jeep is buried at the West Point Cemetery with his father and mother.

Footnote - David was given this nickname “Jeep” at the age of 6 months by the Captain of the Navy USS Republic. His class ring, representing the Class of 1961, is on display with all the other class rings in the new West Point Library.