



John Brooks Oliver Co E-1

After fighting a losing battle with the English Department, John found that the five year plan was not too bad. His love of his Brown-boy and intramurals won over his desires to study. His many attributes should help him to have a very successful career in the Army.

Born – 5 Nov 1938, Michigan.

To USMA – Came from Bay City, MI. Appointed by Michigan 10th. Nickname – “Jack”.

Died – 18 Nov 1975 (age 37) at Van Nuys, CA. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit, 6 Air Medals, Purple Heart.

Schooling – Command and General Staff College.

Family - Wife – Linda Oliver (14 years) – 1 daughter (Amber) – grandchildren.

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John served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 14 years, until his untimely death in 1975, with the rank of Major. He was posthumously awarded the rank Lt. Colonel and designation as a Battalion Commander. His first assignment was with the 9th Artillery, 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii including an Aid to the Division’s Commanding General. This was followed by assignments in Vietnam (first tour - Field Artillery Battery Commander, 9th Artillery, 25th Infantry Division), West Point, NY (Tactical Officer), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Vietnam (second tour - Battalion Executive Officer and Advisor with the Vietnam Assistance Program), Ft. Sill, OK (Research and Development including the TACFIRE program). John died 18 November 1975, from a heart attack.