



Basil Manly Parks II Co G-1

Parks was one of the first to be integrated into the G-1 flankers. After being rather well-known plebe year, he then settled into normality. His sport is golf and he relaxes by singing and taking trips with the Glee Club. His smile and desire to do his best will carry him far in his service career.

Born – 28 Dec 1939, Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. Army Brat.

To USMA – from Washington, D.C., Nickname – “Manly”, “Rod”.

Died – 13 Nov 1964 (age 24) at Bangkok, Thailand. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – Unknown.

Family - Wife – Manly was not married.

Contact – Bill Parks (brother – USMA '58), Floyd Parks (brother), Anne Parks Strain (sister).

Manly served on active duty in the Army (Corps of Engineers) for 3 plus years until his untimely death in Thailand in 1964, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His first assignment was with the 4th Engineer Battalion at Fort Lewis, WA. He then served as an Assistant Supply Officer with the 9th Logistical Command in Korat, Thailand. At Ft. Lewis he met an attractive young lady who he hoped to marry when he returned from his tour in Thailand.

Manly passed away in a jeep accident during the evening of 13 November 1964, on the way from Korat the Bangkok Thailand. Classmate Doug Matthews and another Lieutenant also died in the accident. The accident report indicated the tires of their jeep caught the edge of the highway shoulder at a road construction site, causing the jeep to overturn.