



Bert Harris Custer Co G-1

B.C., the self-styled First Captain of the Area Squad, following in the footsteps of his relative of Little Big Horn renown, was a conscientious worker in the classroom and elsewhere. His humor and industry will make him a credit to his chosen branch.

Born – 30 July 1937, Washington State.

To USMA – Came from Benton, WA. Appointed by Washington Senator Jackson. Nickname – “B.C.”, “Old Yellow Hair”.

Died – 4 Sep 2012 (age 75) at Renton, WA. Buried at Greenwood Memorial Park, Renton, WA.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

Schooling – Master’s Degree in Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI).

Family - Wife – Shirley Custer 46 years) – 1 son (Derek) – 1 grandchild.

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Bert served on active duty with the Army (Infantry) for 25 years, retiring in 1986, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 28th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS (Battalion Executive Officer, Division G-3). He also served with Headquarters 7th Corps, Ft. Jackson, SC, (Aid to the Commanding General), Vietnam, Ft. Benning (Infantry Advanced Course), Troy, NY (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), West Point, NY (Instructor, Math Department), Ft. Riley, KS (G-3, 1st Division, Big Red One), Ft. Lewis, WA (Commander, 60th Infantry), Bert passed away on 4 September 2012.