



**Edward G. Haislop III    Co H-2**

**Former Classmate**

**Born** – 17 June 1936, Parkersburg, WV.

**To USMA** – Came from Parkersburg, WV. Appointed by West Virginia Senator Revercomb.

**Died** – 28 Feb 1969 (age 32) at Milan, Italy. Buried at Parkersburg Memorial Gardens, Parkersburg, WV.

**Military Awards** – 5 Air Medals.

**Schooling** – Unknown.

**Family** - Wife – Eileen McNamara Haislop (passed away on 6 Apr 2009) – 4 sons (Edward IV, Thomas, Victor, William) – 9 grandchildren.

**Contact** – Thomas Haislop (son), Address 320 South Martinshore Drive, Seneca, SC 29678, Phone 864-973-8087, thaislop@aol.com. Thomas graduated from West Point in the Class of 1986.

Ed's stay at West Point lasted less than a year, but during that short time, he took full advantage of the "Plebe experience". He continuously sparred verbally with upperclassmen, much to their entertainment and the amusement of his fellow H-2 Plebes. In the boxing ring, Ed successfully used the "rope a dope" long before it was popularized by Muhammed Ali. He struggled with some of his academic subjects, and walked his share of punishment tours. Several of his classmates at the West Point Prep School remember Ed as a fun loving practical joker, who could charm his way out of most predicaments. Ed did not take himself seriously, except when it involved his love for Eileen, his future bride, who was attending nearby Marymount College in Tarrytown, NY. Ed received his commission through Officer Candidate School, OCS before the Class of '61 graduated from West Point.

Ed served on active duty in the Army (Infantry, then Army Air) for 9 years, until his untimely death in 1969, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was in Germany where he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander. He then transferred into Army Aviation and served a tour in Vietnam. Rusty Dyer, our classmate and a former USMA Prep School roommate of Ed, saw Ed in Vietnam in July 1967. At the time, Ed was flying with the 1st Infantry Division, and was getting ready for an Inter Theater Transfer to Italy. Ed's son Thomas reports that his dad earned at least five Air Medals, has an autographed photo for his UH-1 service to General Westmoreland, and flew Petula Clark on a USO tour.

In Italy, Ed was assigned to the 110<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company. Our former classmate, Bill Due, reports that Ed was killed on February 28, 1969 in Milan, Italy. He was the pilot of an aircraft that had engine failure and crashed on takeoff. There were four persons on board. Two survived the crash, but Ed and General John Hughes were killed.