

## **COL James J. Brockmyer – Artillery OCS Class 113-44**

### **Excerpts from an Official Announcement from Fort Bragg (October 1969):**

**COL James J. Brockmyer** has been named Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 of the XVII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, NC. As an Army private he took basic training at Fort Bragg in 1942, following his enlistment for active duty in November of that year while he was a student at Xavier University in Cincinnati. His prior assignment was Special Assistant to the Director of Army Aviation, Department of the Army.

After reaching the rank of Corporal, Brockmyer attended the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1944. He was among the first artillery officers to take flight training at Fort Sill and flew a Piper Cub during World War II, adjusting ground fire. He has been an active member of Army Aviation ever since.

During the Korean War he was a pioneer of the forward air controller concept. The early forward air controllers were called Mosquito Squadrons and were composed of Army and Air Force fliers. He spent nine months as a member of a mosquito squadron, leading fighter strikes, and the remainder of the war as a flying artillery spotter.

He spent many months at Fort Bragg in the sixties as a member of the Howze Board which explored many of the fundamental air mobility tactics and formed the basis of the 11th Air Assault Division tests. Colonel Brockmyer edited both of these test reports. The test reports eventually established the rationale for the inclusion of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) as a permanent part of the Army force structure.

Colonel Brockmyer has attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia and the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

In the Republic of Vietnam, he served as a member of the Secretariat of the Joint Staff at the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. He also served as the Deputy Chief of Staff at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

He has been awarded Three Distinguished Flying Crosses, nine Air Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and three Army Commendation Medals along with other awards.

**DOR Colonel – May 6, 1968.**

**From Vietnam Studies: Air Mobility 1961-1971 by LTG John J. Tolson,  
Commander of the 1st Cavalry Division April 1967-July 1968:**

Finally, I must recognize the two officers who were primarily responsible for researching, drafting, and compiling this volume. Colonel James J. Brockmyer, who was my senior assistant, has been associated with airmobility for more than two decades and was the editor of the test report of the 11th Air Assault Division. CW-2 Charlie M. Montgomery, who researched and typed the multiple drafts, was a special assistant to General Westmoreland for four years in Vietnam. These two officers must share with me any credit (or blame) that this study might generate.

Airmobility is no panacea; it brings with it many unique problems as well as unique capabilities. It is hoped that this study will give the reader some insight into both of these areas.

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