

Robert Ellsworth Hass

I noticed on the class website that the first loss of a Classmate was Joseph Alfred Demansi of the 4th Co who passed away on 12/7/57. I didn't remember him, but I do remember the next guy up the list, who I am sure very few members of the class do. His name was Robert Ellsworth Hass, and he may well be the most forgotten man in the Class. They have him listed in the 1st Co, but I defy anyone in that notable Company to tell me they remember him because I don't think he ever arrived. I was in Cutter Crew 101 during Plebe Summer with Bob, and to the best of my knowledge he roomed with Buddy Blockinger and Ray Scarborough. I do remember that if he was not a shipmate of mine, he was a boat mate. For we were chained together pulling oars on those dreaded whale boats. We were in a Crew with the likes of Buddy Blockinger, Don Boecker, Jack Santuchi, Bernie Eberlein, Doug Morgan, and of course our fearless leader Glen Phillips, who were all football Program Boys, and poor old Bob Hass was one who had to bust his ass just to hang on. I remember he did, and I also remember that about three quarters the way through Plebe Summer he went to the hospital, and that I didn't hear about him again until somewhere after 10/6/58 when they announced in the Mess Hall that he had died of some form of Cancer at Bathesda. The truth is I've thought about the guy from time to time and realize how lucky we all are, and how unlucky Bob, who was a stroker and a nice fellow. He was a Classmate and shouldn't be forgotten.

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