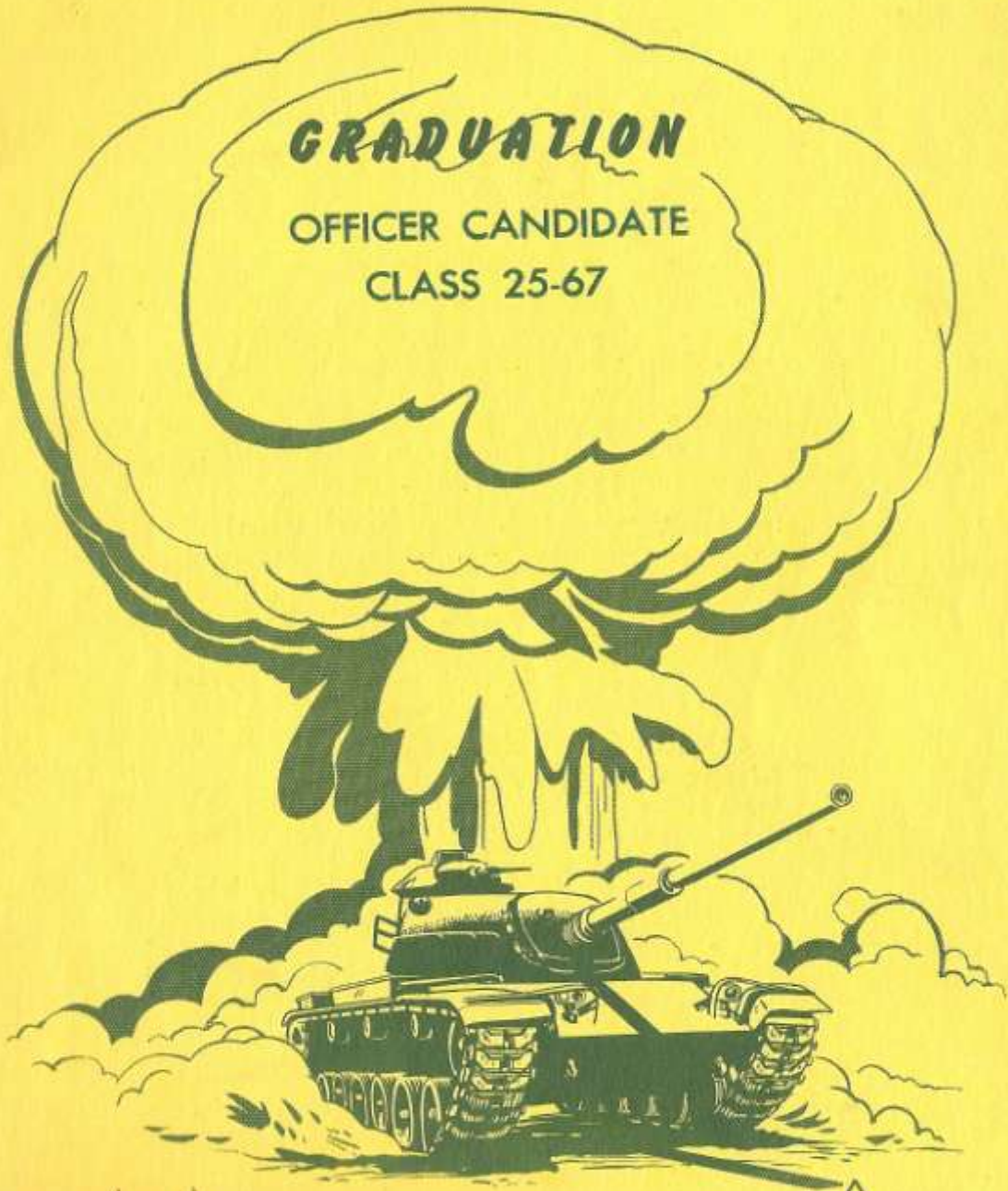


GRADUATION

OFFICER CANDIDATE

CLASS 25-67



US ARMY ARMOR SCHOOL

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY



The Armor School

In July 1940, as a result of war developments in Europe, the Armored Force of the United States Army came into being. Early in September of the same year, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen G. Henry was ordered by Brigadier General Adna R. Chaffee, Chief of the Armored Force, to establish the Armor School to train personnel for the new force. The Armor School was activated on 1 October 1940, and the first students arrived in November while the new school was still under construction.

From this early beginning the Armor School has grown to a modern educational institution with a Staff and Faculty of more than 2,000. In fiscal year 1968 approximately 14,000 students will graduate from many different courses. In September 1965 an Officer Candidate Brigade was organized which graduated 1,893 Second Lieutenants by 30 June 1967 and has a programmed input of 3,074 individuals for fiscal year 1968.

Instruction is provided not only to personnel from the Regular Army, Reserves and National Guard, but also to officers from 52 countries in the Free World. More than 200 Allied students attend the School yearly.

The Armor School is the largest in the world of its kind and has trained nearly 300,000 Armor leaders and technicians since its beginning in 1940. It has had a profound and deep-reaching impact in the development of new armor tactics, techniques and equipment.

The School motto: "Forge the Thunderbolt" indicates the basic philosophy that armor machines of war are important but success on the battlefield ultimately rests on the men who use those machines.

Graduating Class

GORDON G. ADAMS	Armor
RICHARD C. ALSPACH	Armor
JULIUS J. AMICI	Armor
PAUL O. ARNESON	Armor
THOMAS V. ATKINS	Armor
GEORGE M. BARNEY	Armor
JOHN W. BEARD, II	Armor
PAUL R. BEST	Armor
GEORGE W. BOCKIUS, JR.	Armor
CLIFTON L. BROWN	Armor
LARRY M. CASTLE	Armor
THOMAS A. CERES	Armor
RONALD G. CHEEK	Armor
MICHAEL J. CHINN	Armor
MICHAEL T. CHRISTIAN	Armor
RICHARD G. CLEVELAND	Armor
DOUGLAS E. COOK	Armor
HARVEY T. CRAIG	Armor
MARK H. CUSTER, III	Armor
GLENN A. DALTON	Armor
JAMES K. DANSON	Armor
WILLIAM A. DESILETS	Armor
PAUL J. DESMOND, JR.	Armor
JAMES W. FARIS	Armor
WILLIAM J. FARRELL, JR.	Armor
DANIEL J. FEINSINGER	Armor
SCOTT J. FINNIGAN	Armor
DAVID L. FULTON	Armor
ROBERT P. GENENZ	Armor
ROGER N. GROTH	Armor
PHILIP HANEY	Armor
WARREN P. HAUGEN	Armor
WILLIAM H. HOLT	Armor
JOHN E. KEMP	Armor
THOMAS J. LANTZ	Armor
WILLIAM R. LAWSON	Armor
KENNETH W. LEIGHTY	Armor
RICHARD L. LILE	Armor
DALLAS L. LONG, JR.	Armor

GERALD L. LONGCORE, JR.	Armor
JOHN H. MAUPIN	Armor
LARRY G. MC CARTY	Armor
STEPHEN MC CRYSTAL	Armor
KENNETH E. MC CULLOUGH	Armor
JAMES E. MC DONNELL	Armor
WILLIAM H. MC MURRAY, III	Armor
GARY L. MERRYFIELD	Armor
RONNIE G. MESECHER	Armor
JOHN F. MICHAELSON	Armor
BERNARD J. MILAN	Armor
DANIEL G. MILLER	Armor
MICHAEL J. MILLER	Armor
JOHN R. MOORE	Armor
JAMES D. MURRAY	Armor
EUGENE S. OLIVER	Armor
KENNETH C. OLIVER, JR.	Armor
MICHAEL B. PRIOR	Armor
LAWRENCE J. RATZA	Armor
FRANCIS L. RICHARDSON	Armor
JAMES S. ROARK	Armor
JAMES J. ROBERTS	Armor
MARK S. SAUM	Armor
PAUL M. SCHNEIDER	Armor
CHARLES R. SOLLARS	Armor
RODGER T. SPEAR	Armor
DAVID N. SPRAGUE	Armor
JOHN M. ST. JOHN	Armor
WILLIAM M. STAUB	Armor
JOHN F. STEZZI	Armor
WILLIAM R. STIFFLER, JR.	Armor
MARVIN L. STRAW	Armor
THOMAS M. THORESEN	Armor
ROBERT H. TOMKINSON, III	Armor
STEPHEN W. TYRREL	Armor
PHILIP E. VAN GORP	Armor
GORDON C. VRAZEL	Armor
RICHARD M. WALKER	Armor
ROGER S. WHEATON	Armor
PAXTON K. WILLIAMS	Armor
WESLEY WORCESTER	Armor
HENRY J. ZOLA	Armor

Program

ENTRY OF OFFICIAL PARTY
(PLEASE STAND)

INVOCATION

REMARKS BY THE COMMANDANT

GRADUATION ADDRESS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HONOR GRADUATES

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND DIPLOMAS

CLASS RESPONSE

OATH OF OFFICE*

PINNING OF DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE

BENEDICTION

NATIONAL ANTHEM

PINNING CEREMONY

REFRESHMENTS IN COMPANY D, OC BRIGADE
DAY ROOM, BUILDING 1307-A

* All personnel in uniform please stand.



*The device for the US Army Armor School,
Fort Knox, Kentucky,
was approved by the Department of the Army
20 December 1948.*

BLAZONRY

*A shield vert semi of escutcheons and javelins
alternating argent.
Behind the shield two silver torches enflamed proper;
below the shield
and entwined with the torches
a white scroll edge in green bearing the motto
"Forge the Thunderbolt."*

DESCRIPTION

*The escutcheons and javelins are symbolic
of defensive and offensive armor.
The torches represent learning and leadership.*