



**Class Narrative Class 15-66 B2
20 January 1966 –19 April 1966
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 15-66, Company B2 was the fourth of the fifty-three OCS classes at Fort Knox during the Vietnam War Era. It was the first of five B2 classes and the first of four classes that completed Phase I OCS training at Fort Knox before being sent to Fort Eustis, Virginia for Phase II training and eventual commissioning in the Transportation Corps. Starting OCS on Thursday, 20 January 1966 with eighty-six volunteers the class would finish Phase I training with seventy-one candidates on Tuesday 19 April 1966. Thirteen members would either quit the program or be relieved during this phase. Two would be recycled to Class 17-66, Company D2 and would also complete the thirteen week training phase. At Fort Eustis six candidates would either quit or be relieved during Phase II training.

The class average is unknown as that was redacted from the class roster. Information from The Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association indicate that there were twenty-four class members who completed Officers Rotary Wing Aviators Course. Fortunately none of the graduates were killed in Vietnam. Twenty-three members of the class have died since their military service.

Following is an excerpt from the Fort Knox Friday, April 22, 1966 edition of Inside The Turret weekly newspaper. "Major General William H. Reding, commanding general of the Transportation Center and Commandant of the Transportation School at Fort Eustis, VA was the guest speaker at the Phase I completion ceremony for Class 15-66. Candidate Robert F. Rogers, Jr. compiled an average of 95.20 points to capture top honors in the transportation oriented class. Candidate Gary D. Hill and Lester E. Maddox placed second and third respectively with averages of 91.89 and 91.02 respectively. The thirteen week Phase I course was devoted primarily to instruction in fundamental military subjects. The second and final phase of instruction at Fort Eustis will be devoted to specialize instruction in subjects pertaining to transportation."

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