



**Class Narrative Class 18-67 B1
15 January 1967 – 23 June 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 18-67, Company B1 the third of four B1 classes and the 34th class to go through OCS at Fort Knox during the Vietnam War started the twenty-three week course Sunday, on 15 Jan 67.

A copy of the original class roster indicates that there were 108 volunteers that started with the class. Three more officer candidates from classes 6-67 and 14-67 were recycled into the class. Nine members of 18-67 were recycled to classes 19-67, 23-67, 25-67 and 26-67 and all nine graduated with those classes. Twenty-seven class members were either relieved or resigned from the course. On Friday, 23 Jun 67 seventy-five Senior Officer Candidates earned their Armor School Diploma and were commissioned Second Lieutenants of Armor.

The Distinguished Honor Graduate was Dean F. Sargent and Scott A. Wilson was the Honor Graduate followed by Distinguished Military Graduates John E. Ruthrauff, Alexander J. Williams, David H. Magers, Barnet Chiz, Paul E. Bowles, Jr. and Frank M. Brown. Daniel E. Williams was the winner of Military Stakes earning 827 of the possible 1000 points. The overall class average was 84.88. Twelve of the graduating class would attend the Officers Rotary Wing Aviators Course. Fortunately none of the graduates were killed in action.

Even though the digitized 30 June 1967 copy of Inside the Turret is of such poor quality it was possible to read some of the article about the graduation exercise. COL Neal M. Chapin, Commanding Officer of the 1st Training Brigade, USATCA (United States Army Training Center Armor) was the graduation guest speaker. The class response was given by Paul E. Bowles, Jr.

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