



**Class Narrative Class 20-67 E2  
3 February 1967 – 14 July 1967  
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



On Friday 3 Feb 67 Class 20-67, Company E2 the third of four E2 classes became the 36<sup>th</sup> class since the Korean War to start OCS at Fort Knox. Compared to other classes the starting number of OC's for this class at eighty-three was low. Even with fourteen being recycled into the class from classes 6-67, 12-67, 13-67, 14-67, 15-67 and 16-67 during the twenty-three weeks course, bringing the total to ninety-seven, the class was destined to have next to the lowest number of graduates at sixty-two. Eight of the ninety-seven were recycled to classes 22-67, 23-67, 25-67 and 26-67. Three of the eight graduated OCS with classes 23-67, 25-67, and 26-67. Seventeen of the ninety-seven were either relieved or resigned from the program. On Friday 14 Jul 67 sixty-two Senior Officer Candidates would receive their Armor School Diploma's and be commissioned Second Lieutenants of Armor in the United States Army Reserve. The graduation ceremony was held in Waybur Theater not far from the Officer Candidate Brigade area.

The Distinguished Honor Graduate was Peter A. Fine followed by Harold R. Narbut as Honor Graduate. The Distinguished Military Graduates were in class ranking order Thomas D. Burr, James P. Sechser, William G. Arbogast and Charles W. Doubleday, III. Thomas D. Burr and James A Throgmorton each scored 899 points out of a possible 1000 on the Military Stakes course making the class the only class to have co-winner of Military Stakes. The sixty-two graduates were able to record the second highest class average at 85.73.

Nine graduates from the class received orders to attend the Officers Rotary Wing Aviators Course. One was Frank N. Frazier who was retained in the Officer Candidate Brigade as an Assistant Operations Officer in the S-3 shop until his flight class started. One graduate was killed in Vietnam and was listed as MIA for many years. That was Captain Ronald D. Briggs who was assigned to MACV Advisor Team 4. He died in a helicopter crash on 6 Feb 69 during a resupply mission in Quang Tri province. His remains were repatriated in 1996 and interned at Arlington National Cemetery on 8 Nov 2002.

Unfortunately the news article about the graduation ceremony is of very poor quality and other possible points of interest were unable to be read.

This class gave Class 1-68, Company E1 a very warm and confusing welcome to OCS on Monday 10 Jul 67. Standing in formation in the quadrangle of Echo Company that morning a bugle sounded CHARGE and Senior Candidates appeared out of thin air. One SOC jumped from the third floor balcony making a wonderful two-point landing onto the top of the dumpster. Hollering and shouting at the surprised members of 1-68 was the start of a very miserable day, one many in the class will never forget.

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