



Class Narrative Class 21-66 E2
21 April 1966 – 14 July 1966
U.S. Army Armor School OCS



Starting the thirteen week Phase I training of Officer Candidate School Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky on Thursday, 21 April 1966, Class 21-66, Company E2 would be the tenth OCS class at Fort Knox during the Vietnam War Era. The class was the first of four Company E2 classes and the second of three Quartermaster Corps classes that would have Phase I training there. The ten week Phase II Quartermaster Corps branch specific training for the class would be conducted at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Ninety Basic Officer Candidates would start with the class and seven individuals would be recycled into the class from Class 16-66, Company D1 which was the first Quartermaster Corps class. Of the 97 class members three would be recycled to Class 26-66, Company D1, the last of the three Quartermaster Corps classes, and two candidates would graduate with Class 26-66. Fifteen members of Class 21-66 would either resign or be relieved from the course during Phase I. On Thursday, 14 July 1966 seventy-nine Intermediate Officer Candidates would observe their graduation ceremony in Gaffey Hall Auditorium.

At Fort Lee, according to Ron Demery who was in Class 16-66, Company D1 at Fort Knox and who updated the history of OCS at Fort Lee, thirty-five members of Class 21-66 were involved in a cheating scandal. Those who actually cheated on an exam were relieved from the OCS course. Those who knew about the cheating but didn't report it were recycled to other OCS classes at Fort Lee. The writer of this narrative does not know how many were relieved, how many were recycled or how many of those recycled graduated OCS. On 23 September 1966 the remaining forty-four members of the class would be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps. One member of the graduation class would be killed in Vietnam and eighteen others have died since their military service. Currently five members of the class have been located.

There was no news article in the Fort Knox weekly newspaper about the graduation ceremony, and no other information about the class has been compiled.

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