



**Class Narrative Class 23-66 F2
6 May 1966 – 4 August 1966
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Thursday 4 August 1966 marked the day members of Class 23-66, F2 had been looking forward to since they started Phase I OCS training on Friday 6 May 1966. The class was the 12th OCS class at Fort Knox since the Korean War. Phase I training was thirteen weeks in duration and the class was the eighth thirteen week, Phase I class. There would be three more Phase I only classes during fiscal year 1966. They were the third class sent to Aberdeen Proving Group from Fort Knox for Phase II of Ordnance OCS, and there would be one more class from Fort Knox, Class 27-66, that would be sent in mid-September 1966.

The class started with 116 volunteers and there would be four more added during the thirteen week training cycle. Of the 120 in the class at Fort Knox, fifteen would be relieved from the course and one would be re-cycled to Class 27-66, A1 and graduate with that class. Of the 104 who completed Phase I at Fort Knox, 100 completed Phase II at APG and were commissioned Second Lieutenants in the Ordnance Corps.

The redacted class roster from Fort Knox did not have any information about the class average. Information from the VHPA (Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association) indicates that there were six from the class that went to rotary wing flight school. CPT Jean C. Foster was the only class member to die in Vietnam. Information at The Virtual Wall website states that he was with the 2nd Platoon, 74th Aviation Company, 210 Aviation Battalion, 12th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade. He was a fixed wing pilot and his death on 21 November 1968 is listed as “non-hostile, died of illness or injury”. Casualty detail is noted as “air loss or crash over land”.

Twenty-two other graduates of the class have died since their military service. Six graduates have been located. There was no news article about the class’s completion of Phase I training in Inside the Turret. Class member Gary Domkey clearly recalls that their pogy bait arrived at the F2 barracks coming down the passageway between the swimming pool bathhouse and F2 barracks.

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