



**Class Narrative Class 31-67 C2  
9 June 1967 – 17 November 1967  
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 31-67 was the fourth and last C2 designated OCS class at Fort Knox. It was the 35th Armor branch specific class and the 47th class at Fort Knox during the Viet Nam War Era. Starting the twenty-three week course on Friday 9 June 1967 with 108 basic officer candidates' just 73 senior officer candidates would complete the course. During the twenty-three weeks six OC's from other classes would be recycled into the class giving the class an Authorized Strength of 114. One individual was recycled in from Class 26-67, A1; four would come from Class 27-67, G1 and one from Class 28-67, F1. Three of the six would graduate with Class 31-67. Six individuals were recycled out. One to Class 32-67, B1; two went to Class 1-68, E1 and three to Class 2-68, E2. Three of the six recycled out would graduate. The other three did not graduate OCS. Thirty-five members of the class would either quit the program or be relieved from OCS. Seventy-three OC's would successfully complete the twenty-three week course of instruction, however only 72 would be commissioned on 17 November 1967 as Second Lieutenants of Armor. The 73rd graduate would eventually be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps. His story is featured at the end of the narrative.

As with many of the other classes the graduation ceremony was held in the auditorium of Gaffey Hall. During the ceremony it was announced that Robert J. Remensnyder had earned the distinction of being the Distinguished Honor Graduate, followed by Jack H. Brookhart as Honor Graduate. The Distinguished Military Graduates were Frederick G. Fawcett, Thomas C. Kentfield, Samuel L. McAlexander, Bobby O. Mansker and James W. Wilson. The winner of the Military Stakes Course was James A. Cutchins, Jr. who earned 871 points out of a possible 1000. Twenty-three graduates would attend flight school. Two members of the class were killed in Vietnam and eighteen others have died since their military service. Thanks to Third Platoon Tac Officer Ralph Mullens forty-five graduates have been located using the search results compiled by Elda Ueleke of the OCS at Fort Knox Project core group.

Class member Lewis L. Scott, Jr. was Candidate 1st Sergeant on 15 November 1967 and kept a copy of that days USAARMC Form 188, Daily Personnel Status, which he prepared as part of his duties 1st Sergeant duties. The form contains the number of individuals Company C2 was authorized, 114, and the number assigned, 73, on that date. It also lists the names of the individuals recycled into the class during the cycle, the names of those who were recycled out, and the names of those who either quit the program or were dropped (relieved) from the program. Several years ago Robert J. Familetti (COL, USA retired) who as a Captain was the Company Commander shared a copy of a photo of the class as Senior Officer Candidates which also included the company cadre. Tac Officer Mullens has shared a copy of a photo of Third Platoon taken at the same time. Someone from the First Platoon has also shared a copy of their platoon photo and most of those in the three photos have been identified.

"The candidate who had completed OCS but was not commissioned had four years of enlisted service. During the last week of OCS the medical records of those who were going to graduate and be commissioned were reviewed and his records revealed a medical condition that barred him from service as a commissioned officer. It probably should have barred him from military service. He was awarded an Armor School diploma in a private ceremony and assigned to Headquarter and Headquarters Company of the OC Brigade, where as an E-5, his former rank, he supervised details. Because there were no openings at Fort Knox for his rank and specialty he was transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas. While there he wrote letters to the congressional delegation from his home state and finally, almost six months after graduation he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps and the last graduate to be commissioned. After twelve years' service as a commissioned officer he was medically retired as a Captain when, as he says, "my old medical problems caught up with me".

The above quoted narrative is from the book "When the Nation Called a Third Time: Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox: The Vietnam Era.