



**Class Narrative Class 6-67 A2
25 August 1966 – 16 February 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 6-67, Company A2 was the twenty-second OCS class at Fort Knox during the Vietnam War Era, and the second A2 class of four A2 designated companies. The class's twenty-three week officer candidate training cycle started on Thursday, 25 August 1966 with 112 individuals of various enlisted rank who volunteered for the rigorous and challenging course. During the training cycle six officer candidates who were recycled or turned-back from other classes joined Class 6-67. Of the 118, sixteen would be deemed deficient in one or more aspects of the program and would be recycled to other classes. One would go to Class 8-67, three were sent to Class 9-67, three went to Class 10-67, two were sent to Class 11-67, five joined Class 12-67, one joined Class 13-67 and one was sent to Class 18-67. Of the sixteen, nine would graduate OCS and be commissioned as Second Lieutenants. One graduated with Class 8-67, two with Class 9-67, one with 10-67, one with 11-67, and four with Class 12-67. Twenty-seven individuals would either resign or be relieved from the program leaving seventy-five senior officer candidates to graduate and be commissioned as Second Lieutenants of Armor on Thursday, 16 February 1967.

Graduation was held in Gaffey Hall Auditorium with COL Walter Greenwood, Acting Assistant Commandant of the Armor school presiding. He introduced COL Peter T. Russell, 2nd Training Brigade Commanding Officer as the guest speaker. The Class Respondent was Donald C. Reese. During the ceremony it was announced that the class average was 83.57 and that William E. Shoults was the winner of the Military Stakes Course earning 905 of the possible 1000 points. William E. Shoults was the Distinguished Honor Graduate followed by John C. Sawyer as Honor Graduate. Distinguished Military Graduates were Robert S. Kramer, Grover C. Bishop, Walter J. Panamaroff, William F. Geer, John H. Guthridge and Thomas C. Boling. Mrs. William E. Shoults assisted COL Russell pinning the gold bars on the new Second Lieutenant Shoults.

Fourteen members of the class would go on to complete the Officers Rotary Wing Aviators Course. Six members of Class 6-67 would be killed in Vietnam. They were 1LT Thomas L. Butler; CPT Raymond W. Callahan, Jr.; CPT John H. Guthridge; CPT Robert E. Harper; CPT Edward F. Miles, Jr.; and 1LT Walter J. Panamaroff. The name of CPT Edward F. Miles, Jr. was added to The Wall on 4 May 2010 as his death on 26 January 2004 was attributed to the severity of the wounds he received in combat on 26 April 1969.

When the candidates of Class 6-67 were looking for a class gift class Donald Reese thought of the World War II M2 half-track his father had purchased after the war from the Army Ordnance Depot in Texarkana, Texas. It was used like a tank recovery vehicle during winter months to pull loaded fuel trucks that got stuck at the family oil refinery in Aurora, CO. Its nickname was "Cornfed" and had an Armor insignia on its left fender and its serial number was 4013026. The half-track was shipped from Colorado for formal presentation. Patton Museum Society President COL F.M. Majors and Mr. George Schneider, Curator accepted the gift on behalf of the museum. The half-track has been located at Fort Benning, Georgia where it is intended to be restored.