



**Class Narrative Class 12-66 A2
4 January 1966 –5 April 1966
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 12-66, Company A2 was the second of 53 OCS classes at Fort Knox. It was the first of four A2 company classes, the first of four thirteen-week Phase I classes that would then be sent to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland for Phase II OCS training and commissioning in the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. When the Armor School Research Library provided copies of the class rosters they had on file there was no roster for Class 12-66. Nor was there any mention in the post weekly newspaper that the class had completed their Phase I training. Based on the fact that during fiscal year 1966 there were several classes that were never started do to the lack of candidates at the established start date, it was a surprise when Dennis “Soup” Campbell sent an email saying he was a member of the second OCS class at Fort Knox. He had found the class statistics page Charles Stutzman had placed on his business website and wanted to bring the oversight to our attention.

The class started OCS at Fort Knox on Tuesday 4 January 1966 and would finish Phase I training on Tuesday 5 April 1966. They would complete Phase II training on Monday 13 June 1966. Dennis Campbell recalls that there were approximately 50 individuals in the class when it started. It’s known that 37 completed Phase I training which means at least thirteen individuals were relieved from the course as there were no individuals recycled into the other three thirteen-week Ordnance classes at Fort Knox. At Aberdeen Proving Ground three individuals were relieved from the Phase II course and 34 would be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Ordnance Corps.

Their class average at Fort Knox is unknown. The Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association records indicate that there were no individuals from this class that attended flight school. Thankfully none of the graduates were killed in Vietnam, however eleven members of the class have died since their military service. Twenty-three class members have been located and the class has held at least one class reunion.

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