



**Class Narrative Class 20-66 E1  
7 April 1966 – 8 July 1966  
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 20-66, Company E1 was the ninth OCS class at Fort Knox during the Vietnam War Era. It was the first of four Company E1 classes that would be housed in Building 1306 that was one of the four iconic three story red brick barracks in the Officer Candidate Brigade area. The class was also the third of four classes that would complete Phase I of OCS training at Fort Knox before being sent to Fort Eustis, Virginia for ten weeks of Transportation Corps branch specific Phase II training and eventual commissioning as Second Lieutenants.

The class started OCS training at Fort Knox on Thursday, 7 April 1966 and completed Phase I training on Friday 8 July 1966. There were 92 individuals, all volunteers, in the class when it officially started and seven more Officer Candidates from Class 17-66, Company D2 would be added to the class roster. Class 17-66 was the second Transportation Corps bound class at Fort Knox. Of the 99 class member's one would be recycled to Class 24-66, Company B2 the last Transportation Corps class at Fort Knox. Sixteen members of the class would either resign or be relieved from the thirteen week course and 82 would attend their graduation ceremony in the Gaffey Hall Auditorium.

At Fort Eustis the class would lose eight more class members and 74 would be commissioned Second Lieutenants in the Transportation Corps on Tuesday, 13 September 1966. Ten graduates would attend Officers Rotary Wing Aviator Course. Thankfully no one in the class was killed in Vietnam. Sixteen members of the class have died since their military service and just five graduates 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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