



GRADUATION CEREMONY

INFANTRY OFFICER CANDIDATE PROGRAM

UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY SCHOOL

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA



GUEST SPEAKER

COLONEL JOHN B. WINE, Chief, Office of Data Systems,
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MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE L. FORSYTHE, Commandant, United States Army Infantry School
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5TH CANDIDATE BATTALION (OC), THE CANDIDATE BRIGADE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES J. MENDOZA, Commanding Officer, 5th Candidate Bn (OC)

OFFICERS 50TH OC COMPANY

Captain Thomas J. Smith, Company Commander
Second Lieutenant John W. Hook, Senior Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant Everton L. Reid, Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant Dick P. Dent, Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant Robert W. Cross, Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant Eric C. Toolson, Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant David L. Sullivan, Jr., Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant William W. Jacobson, Tactical Officer

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- *Bugler sounds "Attention." *(Members of the Official Party proceed to their seats.)
- *Invocation by Chaplain.
- Presentation of the epic poem "I Am The Infantry."
- *"The U.S. Army Song" is played.
- *(Members of the Official Party proceed to their seats on the stage.)
- Opening remarks.
- Graduation address.
- Presentation of awards and diplomas.
- *Administration of Oath of Office.
- *Benediction by Chaplain followed by "The National Anthem."
- *Members of the Official Party depart. (Band plays "Follow Me")
- *Please Stand.

0930 HOURS, 1 AUGUST 1969

Reception at Main Officers' Open Mess will follow (graduating class and invited guests).

INFANTRY OFFICER CANDIDATE CLASS 502-69

Distinguished Graduate	Thomas M. Lankford
Leadership Graduate	Joseph W. Rausch
Academic Graduate	Ronald W. Lorenzen
Honor Graduate	Warren H. Hamm
Honor Graduate	John R. Jay
Honor Graduate	Joseph W. Rausch
Honor Graduate	James H. Bauer

COMMANDANT'S LIST

Lackland, Thomas M.	Fin	Davie, Brooks S., Jr.	Inf	Metzler, Malcolm M.	Inf
Hamm, Warren H.	Inf	Dellinger, Donald A.	Inf	Meyer, Robert E.	Inf
Jay, John R.	Inf	Dunbar, Richard L.	Inf	Michael, Ronald P.	Inf
Stamer, Joseph W.	Inf	Dunn, Michael W.	Inf	Miller, Robert C.	Inf
Bauer, James H.	Med	DuPont, James C.	Inf	Miles, William F.	AG
Corley, John F.	Inf	Durossio, Joseph M.	Inf	Moss, John D.	Inf
Westlich, Cosmos A.	Inf	Edgren, Thomas G.	Inf	Morlitz, Thomas F. III	Inf
Bigge, Craig K.	Inf	Ellis, James W.	Arm	Mortseay, John E. III	Inf
Olsen, Wayne H.	Inf	Erasmowski, Joel G.	Inf	Myers, Michael E.	Inf
Foster, John H.	Inf	Faulkner, Stephen R.	Inf	Myers, Robert J.	Arm
Arnold, Robert L.	Inf	Eckley, John A.	Inf	Niles, David M.	Inf
Mathias, Michael T.	Inf	Ferguson, Stuart H. II	Inf	Newcomer, Richard L.	Inf
Sutton, Charles E.	Inf	Fessenden, Wayne J.	Inf	Nowlan, Peter M.	Inf
Watson, Brian R.	Inf	Fields, James B.	Inf	O'Hagan, Dennis C.	Arm
Foster, Gary L.	Inf	Fisher, Harley V.	Inf	O'Brien, Thomas J.	Inf
Rosen, Stephen L.	Inf	Flamm, Richard L.	Inf	Ojala, Leslie F.	Inf
Waring, Leonard B.	Sig	Fonteyn, Paul J.	Inf	Palmour, Clair B.	Inf
Yermillion, William H.	Inf	Fulton, William A.	Inf	Pelt, Gary L.	Inf
Lorenzen, Ronald W.	Fin	Funderburk, Frank E.	Inf	Pescos, Roland	Inf
Kieshaert, David M.	Inf	Galt, Richard M.	Inf	Peterson, Brooke	Inf
Hackler, Clyde W., Jr.	Inf	Gillis, John A., Jr.	Sig	Puritz, Stephen C.	Inf
Tarr, Robert D.	Inf	Gilpin, Michael D.	Inf	Richardson, Charles F.	Inf
Harkin, James P.	Arm	Glat, William	Inf	Roberts, Thomas L.	Inf
Hasselberg, Michael E.	Inf	Gulka, Peter M.	Inf	Seefeld, Rodney D.	Inf
Stephan, Donald G.	Inf	Goodman, Richard P.	Arm	Sennoff, Steven L.	Inf
Lee, John T.	Sig	Gross, Gordon D.	Inf	Sigurdson, Roy A.	Inf
Pescual, William H.	Inf	Grossi, David P.	Inf	Skoric, Edvo I.	Inf
Frost, Brian M.	Inf	Grey, Colin J.	Inf	Smith, James W., Jr.	Inf
Braden, Bruce F.	Sig	Hagman, Samuel E.	QM	Smith, Robert H.	Inf
Kallmar, Robert J.	Inf	Ragunien, William H.	Arm	Spadgasser, William L.	Arm
Giddings, Richard L.	Inf	Hanner, David C.	Inf	Spain, John A.	Inf
Peterson, Lawrence H., Jr.	Inf	Harner, Richard F.	Chess	Stedham, Elliot L.	Inf
Mansuy, Henry P.	Inf	Hatfield, George M.	Inf	Tankaherry, Curt E.	Inf
		Hedgepeth, Fred R.	Inf	Tankaherry, Noel S.	Inf
		Hoes, Bobby J.	Inf	Tarhan, Joseph J.	AG
		Hipp, David H.	Inf	Thornton, Michael	Inf
		Hogg, Duane P.	Inf	Thurmggaard, William Ed A.	Arm
		Horn, Michael E.	Inf	Tomes, Robert E.	Inf
		Hummel, Terrance J.	Inf	Tyler, Royal M.	Inf
		Hulkins, Donald W.	Inf	Waller, William E.	Inf
		Johnson, Gary M.	Inf	Warren, Donald J.	Inf
		Jurgensen, Douglas M.	Inf	Wagner, Kenneth B.	Inf
		Kirkland, Lawrence A. III	Inf	Wehner, Edwin J. II	Inf
		Knight, Gary M.	Fin	Wight, James D.	Inf
		Knoesen, Kenneth H.	Inf	Wimshy, Robert P.	Inf
		Kochis, Paul M.	Inf	Woffard, Dennis J.	Inf
		Kogler, Clarence H. IV	Sig	Wright, Howard H., Jr.	Inf
		Lallo, Louis A.	Inf	Wyatt, Basil D.	Inf
		Layton, Stephen R.	Inf	Yacub, William A., Jr.	Inf
		List, Gary C.	Sig	Yonley, Clark B.	Inf
		Lynch, John D.	Inf	Young, David C.	Inf
		MacLeod, Richard J.	MI	Zack, James G., Jr.	Inf
		Marbury, Joe S. Jr.	Inf	Zelenka, William P.	Inf
		Martin, Charles L.	Inf	Zimmerman, Lisa A.	Inf
		Meisler, Timothy D.	Inf	Zitlow, Gary A.	Arm

GRADUATES



I AM THE INFANTRY

I am the Infantry—Queen of Battle! For two centuries I have kept our Nation safe, purchasing freedom with my blood. To tyrants, I am the day of reckoning; to the oppressed, the hope for the future. Where the fighting is thick, there am I . . . I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

I was there from the beginning, meeting the enemy face to face, will to will. My bleeding feet stained the snow at Valley Forge; my frozen hands pulled Washington across the Delaware. At Yorktown, the sunlight glistened from the crowd and I, begrimed and battered . . . saw a Nation born.

Hardship . . . and glory I have known. At New Orleans, I fought beyond the hostile hour, showed the fury of my long rifle . . . and came of age. I am the Infantry!

Westward I pushed with wagon trains . . . moved an empire across the plains . . . extended freedom's borders and tamed the wild frontier. I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

I was with Scott at Vera Cruz . . . hounded the guerrilla in the mountain passes . . . and scaled the high plateau. The fighting was done when I ended my march many miles from the old Alamo.

From Bull Run to Appomattox, I fought and bled. Both Blue and Grey were my colors then. Two masters I served and united them strong . . . proved that this nation could fight a war . . . and lose it. I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

I led the charge up San Juan Hill . . . scaled the walls of old Tientsin . . . and stalked the Moro in the steaming jungle still . . . always the vanguard. I am the Infantry!

At Chateau-Thierry, first over the top, then I stood like a rock on the Marne. It was I who cracked the Hindenburg Line . . . in the Argonne, I broke the Kaiser's spine . . . and didn't come back. He'll say "over, over there." I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

A generation older at Bastum, I briefly bowed, but then I vowed to return. Assaulted the African shore . . . learned my lesson the hard way in the desert sands . . . pressed my buttons into the beach at Anzio . . . and bounced into Rome with determination and resolve. I am the Infantry!

The English channel, stout beach defenses and the hedgerows could not hold me . . . I broke out at St. Lo, seized the Bulge . . . reached the Rhine . . . and swarmed the heartland. Hitler's dream and the Third Reich were dead.

In the Pacific, from island to island I hopped . . . hit the beaches and chopped through swamp and jungle . . . I set the Rising Sun. I am the Infantry!

In Korea, I gathered my strength around Pusan . . . swept across the frozen Han . . . outflanked the Reds at Incheon . . . and marched to the Yalu. **FOLLOW ME!**

Around the world, I stand . . . ever forward. Over Lebanon's sands, my rifle steady aimed . . . and calm returned. At Berlin's gate, I scorned the Wall of Shame. I am the Infantry!

My bayonet . . . on the wings of power . . . keeps the peace worldwide. And despots, falsely garbed in freedom's mantle, fall . . . hide. My ally in the pacifier and the foe . . . I teach, I aid, I lead. **FOLLOW ME!**

Where brave men fight . . . there fight I. In freedom's cause . . . I live, I die. From Covered Bridge to Heartbreak Ridge, from the Arctic to the Mekong . . . the Queen of Battle!

Always ready . . . then, now and forever I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

