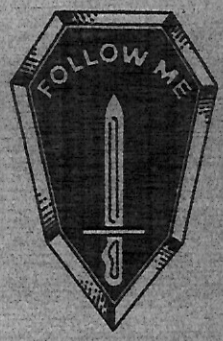

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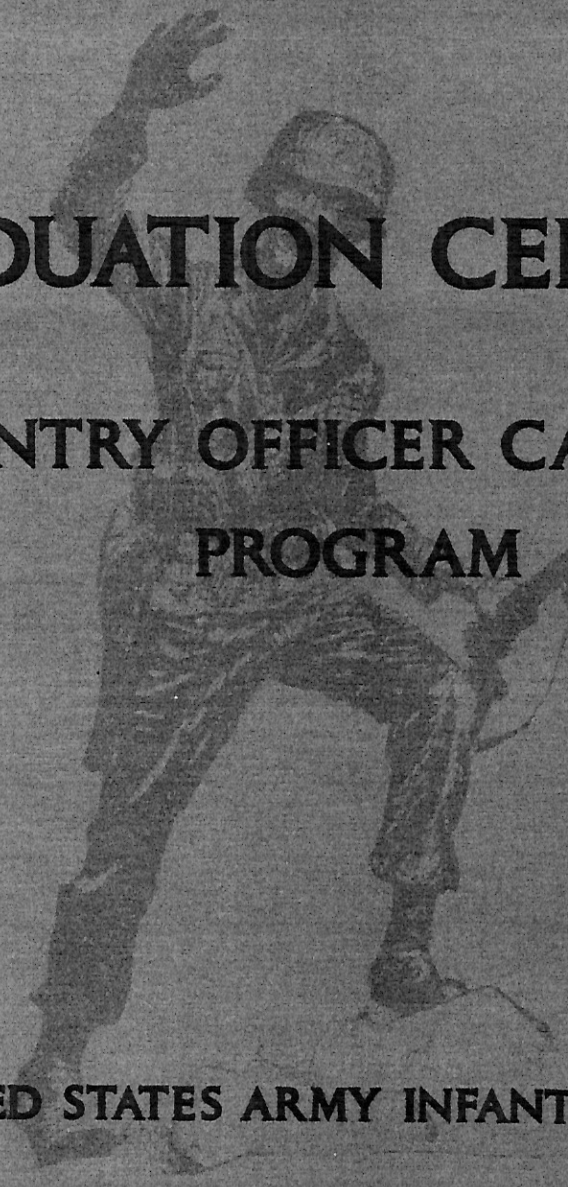
INFANTRY OFFICER CANDIDATE PROGRAM



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FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

*Bulger sounds "Attention".
*Members of the Official Party proceed to their seats.
*Invocation by Chaplain.
Presentation of the epic poem "I Am The Infantry".
GUESTS ARE REQUESTED TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING PICTURES OF THE PRESENTATION "I AM THE INFANTRY". SPECIAL LIGHTING EFFECTS ARE USED AND THE USE OF FLASH ATTACHMENTS NEGATES THE EFFECTS OF THE LIGHTING.
*"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.
AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS TO THE DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES, YOU ARE ASKED TO WITHHOLD YOUR APPLAUSE UNTIL THE LAST GRADUATE HAS RECEIVED HIS DIPLOMA.
*Administration of Oath of Office.
*Benediction by Chaplain.
*Band plays "The National Anthem".
*Members of the Official Party depart. (Band plays "Follow Me")
Band plays "Auld Lang Syne".
Reception at the Main Officers' Open Mess will follow (graduating class and invited guests).

*PLEASE STAND

0930 HOURS, 3 APRIL 1969

INFANTRY OFFICER CANDIDATE
CLASS NUMBER 14-69
OFFICERS, 51ST COMPANY, 5TH STUDENT BATTALION (OC)
THE CANDIDATE BRIGADE

Captain John J. Lewis . . . . . Company Commander
Second Lieutenant William A. Darrin . . . . . Senior Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant Harvey D. Freeman . . . . . Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant Thomas J. Marshall . . . . . Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant Paul L. Mason . . . . . Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant Joseph A O'Hara . . . . . Tactical Officer
Second Lieutenant Neil R. Vos. . . . . Tactical Officer

GRADUATES

Adams, John A. III (Inf)
Aliulis, Richard L. (Inf)
Almquist, Roger S. (Inf)
Bailey, Daniel W. (Inf)
Baker, James H. Jr. (Inf)
Barnard, Kenneth W. (Inf)
Basehore, Harold E. Jr. (Inf)
Beck, Joseph G. (Inf)
Beranek, David T. (Inf)
Berry, Laurence A. (MP)
Bijold, Daniel R. (Inf)
Bowell, Terrance L. (Inf)
Bowman, Barry A. (Inf)
Brawley, William K. II (Inf)
Brennan, James M. (Inf)
Brown, Thomas J. (Inf)
Browne, Charles M. (Inf)
Bumgarner, Ronnie E. (Inf)
Burgess, Robert E. (Inf)
Burke, Michael T. (Inf)
Byers, David E. (Inf)
Campbell, Raymond L. (Inf)
Carnahan, Patrick L. (Inf)
Clark, James K. (Inf)
Clark, Ronald A. (Inf)
Coleman, Jefferson E. (Inf)
Coles, Robert M. (Inf)
Cooke, Michael S. (Inf)
Coy, Alfredo (Inf)
Crawford, Larry E. (Inf)
Crider, Giles F. (Inf)
Crippen, Gerald L. (Inf)
Culbert, Leonard T. (Inf)
Dasch, Robert E. (Inf)
Deutsch, James A. (Inf)
Donohue, Neal D. (Inf)
Dyer, James E. (Inf)
Eaton, Thomas L. (Inf)
Errickson, Edward W. III (Inf)
Evans, Robert J. (Inf)
Eversole, Rolland (Inf)
Fennessey, Arthur B. (Inf)
Flaherty, James F. (Inf)
Friedman, James S. Jr. (Inf)
Garzon, Larry C. (Inf)
Gause, William R. (Inf)
Gill, Gary E. (Inf)
Glover, Dale L. (Inf)
Gordon, Ronald A. (Inf)
Goslar, Martin D. (Inf)
Gray, Howard E. (Inf)
Grifford, Lawrence W. (Inf)
Hall, John W. (Inf)
Hancock, Douglas J. (Inf)
Harness, Donald R. (Inf)
Head, Kenneth W. (Inf)
Helms, Richard J. (Inf)
Herbert, Donald L. (Inf)
Higgs, Thomas H. (Eng)
Hood, Herbert P. Jr. (Inf)
Holzler, Charles R. (Inf)
Hosel, James T. (Inf)
Huntley, Craig E. (Inf)
Jaminet, Randal L. (Inf)
Jenkins, Robert L. (Inf)
Justis, Ralph J. (Inf)
Keeney, Morris L. (Inf)
Kiefner, Joseph D. (Inf)
Klarnet, Frank J. (Inf)
King, Edward P. (Inf)
Kinney, Thomas D. (Inf)
Kostelecky, Thomas O. (Inf)
Kuhn, William R. Jr. (Inf)
Laguisan, Venancio Jr. (Inf)
Lazur, George (Inf)
Luukkonen, Carl M. (Inf)
MacDonald, Everett J. (Inf)
MacNaught, Robert W. (Inf)
Maloy, James W. (Inf)
Marshall, Joseph H. Jr. (Inf)
Martinson, Charles A. III (Inf)
McClure, David A. (Inf)
McGarrh, Eston H. Jr. (Inf)
McGee, Thomas J. (Inf)
McHugh, Peter T. (Inf)
McIntosh, Raymond E. Jr. (Inf)
Merrill, Micel L. (Inf)
Miller, George R. Jr. (Inf)
Miluk, Peter Jr. (Inf)
Moody, William R. (Inf)
Moran, Robert J. Jr. (Inf)
Morgan, Price Jr. (Inf)
Moy, Daniel Y. (Inf)
Newman, Jay L. (Inf)
Nickinovich, David G. (Inf)
Ogee, Thomas T. (Inf)
Oliveira, Eugene A. (Inf)
Pace, James A. Jr. (Inf)
Pakradooni, Hamlin A. (Inf)
Paulson, Tyrone M. (Inf)
Penn, Robert C. (Inf)
Phelan, George J. (Inf)
Pickett, Lawrence K. Jr. (Inf)
Piseno, Raymond R. Jr. (Inf)
Plemmons, Clarence R. (Inf)
Postelnic, William M. (Inf)
Prast, Martin T. (Inf)
Quick, Michael L. (MI)
Ramirez, Jose A. (Inf)
Ramos, Edgardo A. (Inf)
Rath, Theodore J. (Inf)
Reigle, Thomas (Inf)
Renner, Richard G. (Inf)
Rice, Raymond F. (Inf)
Riggs, Johnny M. (Inf)
Rivest, Mark H. (Inf)
Robinson, David E. (Inf)
Romero, Antonio (Inf)
Roszkowski, George A. (Inf)
Ryan, Dennis L. (Inf)
Sadler, Robert M. (Inf)
Salazar, Mel E. (Inf)
Saldana, Jesse P. Jr. (Inf)
Scarborough, Leslie D. (MI)
Schaftary, George (Inf)
Schottenhammel, Paul J. (Inf)
Schultz, Clifford W. (Inf)
Schweickhardt, William L. Jr. (Inf)
Scully, Kenneth W. (Inf)
Seidel, Paul R. III (Inf)
Shackleford, Stephen L. (Inf)
Shreve, Richard S. (Inf)
Siler, Thomas H. (Inf)
Smith, Edward A. (Inf)
Smith, Lafe Z. (Inf)
Smith, Leroy E. Jr. (Inf)
Smith, Patrick A. (Inf)
Smith, Peter F. (Inf)
Solomon, John O. (Inf)
Spencer, Paul M. (Inf)
Stamps, Lyttleton L. Jr. (Inf)
Stanislaw, Alfred M. Jr. (Inf)
Steele, Donald W. Jr. (Inf)
Stone, Doyle L. Jr. (Inf)
Streck, Frederic C. (Inf)
Suffern, Bruce S. (Inf)
Terry, Douglas P. (Inf)
Thacker, Edgar E. III (Inf)
Thompson, Mathew A. (Inf)
Urbaniak, Roger E. (Inf)
Valdes, Felix F. (Inf)
Wagle, David S. (Inf)
Wallace, Eddie H. (Inf)
Wallace, Ralph S. (Inf)
Watanabe, Alan M. (Inf)
West, Thomas E. (MI)
Wiley, Charles R. (Inf)
Wilson, Stephen J. (Inf)
Wolski, William J. (Inf)
Woodin, Paul R. (Inf)
Wright, Jimmy L. (Inf)

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 suppressed, 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 glinted from the sword 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 . . . hunted 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 right a wrong . . . and long endure. 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 till it was "over, over there." I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

A generation older at Bataan, 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, unbent the Bulge . . . vaulted 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 Inchon . . . 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 falter . . . hide. My ally in the paddies and the forest . . . I teach, I aid, I lead. FOLLOW ME!

Where brave men fight . . . there fight I. In freedom's cause . . . I live, I die. From Concord 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!