

US ARMY

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL
A Co. 3rd Battalion 11th INF Regiment



CLASS 5-02







OCS

ALPHA 5-02

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

THE OCS HISTORY

The idea for the modern Officer Candidate School for Infantry was conceived in June 1938, when a plan for an officer-training program was submitted to the Chief of Infantry to Brigadier General L. Singleton, commandant of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. No action was taken until July 1940, when Brigadier General Courtney Hodges, Assistant Commandant of the Infantry School, submitted a revised plan. The new program went into effect in July 1941, as the Infantry, Field Artillery, and Coastal Artillery Officer Candidate Schools. Other branches later followed with their own officers Candidate Schools. On September 27, 1941, the first infantry OCS class graduated 171 second lieutenants out of the 204 men who started the 17-week course.

The man credited with establishing the format, discipline, and code of honor still used in OCS today was General Omar Bradley, then Commandant of the Infantry School. As the Commandant of the Infantry School, General Bradley emphasized rigorous training, strict discipline and efficient organization. These tenets remain the base values of today's Officer Candidate School.

Between July 1941 and May 1947, over 100,000 candidates were enrolled in 448 Infantry OCS classes, of these approximately 67 percent were commissioned. After World War II, Infantry OCS was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, as part of the Ground General School. All other Officer Candidates Schools were discontinued.

On November 1, 1947, the Infantry OCS program was discontinued. The final class graduated only 52 second lieutenants.

A shortage of officers during the Korean conflict caused infantry OCS to reopen at Fort Benning on February 18, 1951. At this time, the course was lengthened from 17 to 22 weeks. The name was changed from The Infantry Officer Candidate School to the First Officer Candidate Battalion, Second Student Regiment. The strength of OCS increased rapidly. As one of eight branch programs, Infantry OCS included as many as 29 companies with a class graduating every week. During the Korean War, approximately 7,000 infantry officers graduated from OCS at Fort Benning.

On August 4, 1953, OCS was reduced from eight to three programs: Infantry, Artillery, and Engineer.

Shortly before the onset of the Vietnam Conflict OCS had been reduced to two programs, Infantry and Field Artillery. During the height of the Vietnam Conflict, Infantry OCS was one of five programs and produced 7,000 officers annually from five battalions at Fort Benning. Towards the end of the conflict OCS reduced to two programs, Infantry and Female OCS. Infantry OCS was reduced to two battalions and presently maintains one battalion.

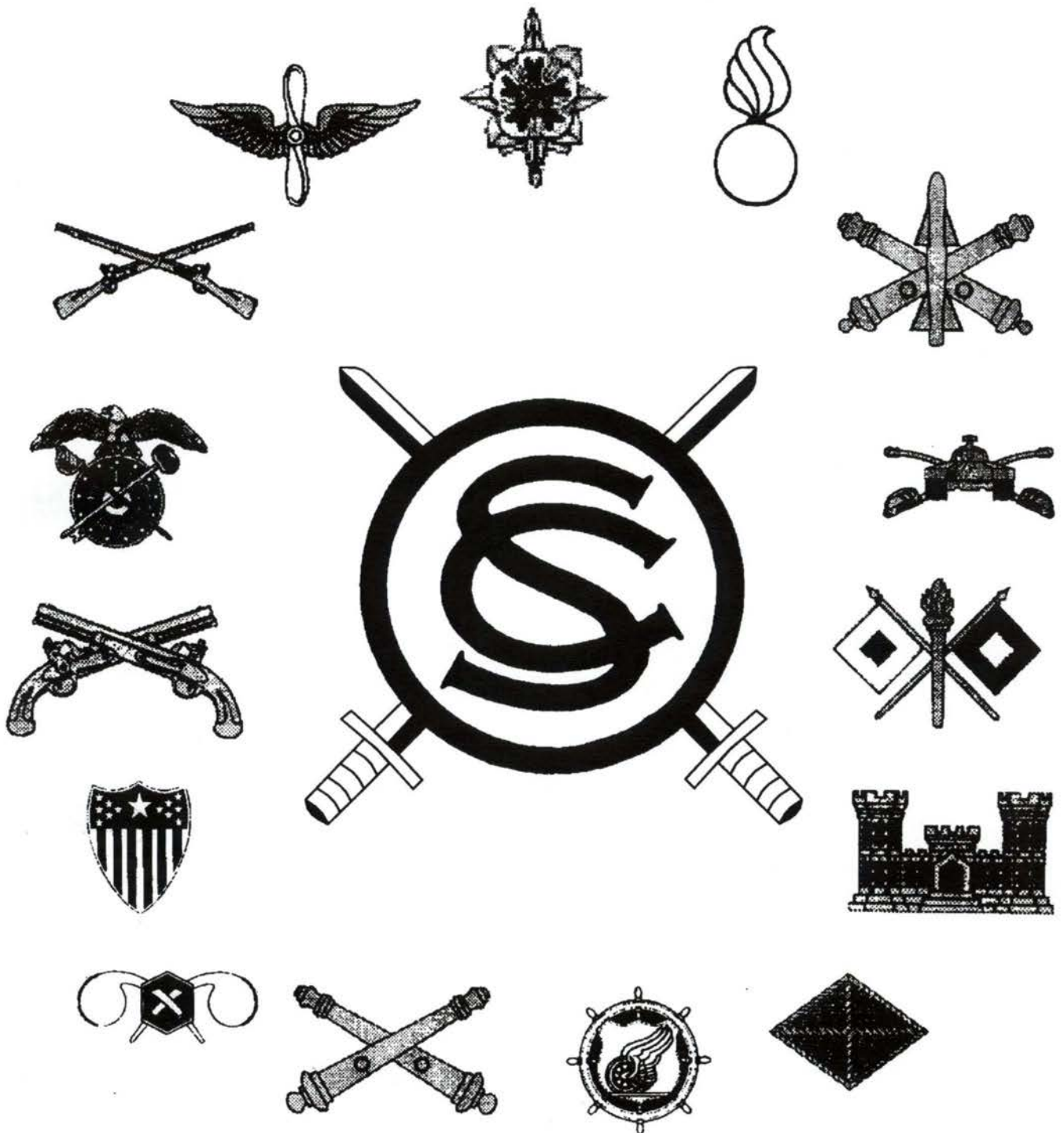
In April 1973, a Branch Immaterial Officer Candidate School was created to replace the branch specific courses and the length of the course was reduced to 14 weeks. OCS for female officer candidates remained at Fort McClellan, Alabama until December 1976, when it merged with the branch immaterial OCS program at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Today's officer candidates enter the school from throughout the force. OCS continues to provide commissioned officers to the total force of all sixteen basic branches of the Army.

On June 12, 1998 to further integrate the Army, the Army National Guard OCS Phase III candidates began training alongside their active duty counterparts at Fort Benning. Officer Candidates from the National Guard and Army Reserve conduct the final phase of training before commissioning during their two-week annual training period. Over 650 future officers were trained for the Army in the first year, with similar numbers being trained in subsequent years.

The mission of OCS remains: to train selected personnel in the fundamentals of leadership; basic military skills; instill professional ethics; evaluate leadership potential; and commission those who qualify as second lieutenants in all sixteen basic branches of the Army.

Standards! No Compromise!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Class 5-02 would like to thank all the TAC
Officers and NCO's of A-Co.**

**Their countless hours of being here with us
to train and mentor is above
and beyond reproach.**

**At times we often felt as if we were being
tortured. We have come to appreciate all
the efforts in molding us into the
country's finest lieutenants.**

**Lastly, A-Co will always be remembered
to class 5-02 as being always
above the standard.**

**WE STAND ALONE ABOVE THE REST.
FOLLOW ME, I'M OCS.**



CPT Csoka

2nd Platoon
TAC Officer



LTC Kessler

BN CDR
3/11 Regt.



CPT Diaisceglie

1st Platoon
TAC Officer



CPT Hill

CO. CDR



CPT Harrell

Senior
TAC Officer



CPT Hornbuckle

4th Platoon
TAC Officer



CPT Heffner

3rd Platoon
TAC Officer



CPT Kittles

1st Platoon
TAC Officer



SPC La Strapés

Supply



SFC Rembert

2nd Platoon
TAC NCO



PFC Merritt

Supply



COL Sifers

11th Regt. CDR



1SG Page

First Sergeant A co.



SSG Smart

3rd Platoon
TAC NCO



SSG Rahill

4th Platoon
TAC NCO



SSG Guintivano

1st Platoon
TAC NCO

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WARRIORS

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Benjamin Abruzzo

*"I have nothing to offer but
Blood, toil, tears, and sweat."*



Korey Cyprian

"Thumbs up"



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"Can I get 3 pancakes?"



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*"I have fought the
good fight. I have
finished the race. I
have kept the faith."*



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*"Always take the road
less traveled."*



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"Bring it on!"



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*"Never, never,
never give up."*



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"Scouts out!"



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*"Keep your chin up
and chest out."*



Leon Johnston



STRESSLER IN RARE FORM



**1ST PLT, I'VE TOLD YOU HOW MANY
TIMES... I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE.
I WANT MY OWN COMMAND!**



**THINK WE'LL GET A RIDE BACK
ON THE TRUCK... NOT!**



I WANNA GO HOME!



THEY SMELL!



WHITNEY CAN'T HANDLE THIS.



**NO ONE IN HERE HAS BETTER
SIDE BURNS THAN ME.**



BRING IT ON!



**FINALLY, WE GET TO HAVE A
LITTLE FUN!**



MAKING MONEY!



**THE BUILDING IS ON FIRE! WHY HASN'T
ANYONE COME OUT YET? BOY THE SKY IS BLUE!**



THE BONTIMASI EFFECT



**GEE, WE LOVE RIDING IN THE BACK
OF THE INFAMOUS SNAKE BED!**



**HI! YOU INTERRUPTED OUR SPRING
CLEANING! ASSESS YOURSELF 10 PARK
POINTS -- NOT INSPECTION READY!**



I'M SMOKED!



**IT'S HOTTER THAN THE DEVIL AT
A BARBECUE WHEN WE ARE
GETTING ON THE BUS!**



**FINALLY, THE GOLDEN CHILD
SMILES.**



CLASSY LADIES



THE GUY IN THE MIDDLE
SURE STANDS OUT.



FRIENDS TILL THE END



WHY DO I HAVE MORE AWARDS
THAN CAPTAIN D?



I'M NOT DRUNK, REALLY...
I CAN SEE!



SEXY IN THE BLUE ASCOT



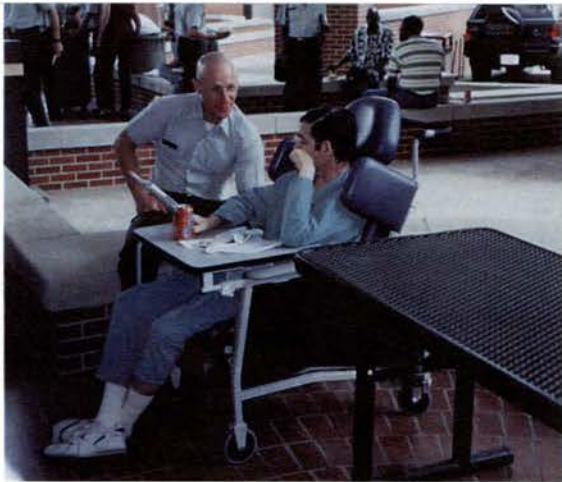
HIS SHOVEL IS BIGGER THAN MINE!



HELLO... HELLO... DOMINO'S



**PAYING OUR RESPECTS TO
"RODRIGUEZ". (THANKS FOR
MAKING US DIG THIS THING)**



**SO TELL ME,
WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?**



BOY THIS DRINK IS DELICIOUS!



HOW WE HAVE TIME!



1ST PLT - HOT MOMMAS!



**I HOPE THIS INSPECTION
GOES WELL.**



TRYING HARD TO MAKE MONEY.



**WHEN ARE WE GOING TO EAT?
I'M STARVING!**



**YOU CAN DO IT, MURRAY.
I BELIEVE IN YOU.**



**I DON'T WANT TO FALL. I'M AFRAID
OF HEIGHTS! WHY AM I ON THIS ROPE?**



RELAXIN'



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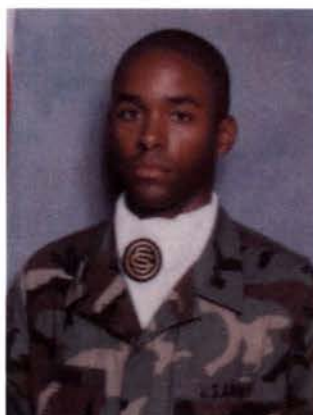


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"Brave Rifles"



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*"Don't let anyone
steal your joy."*



Ward Irvin

"Upsai win enothtu."



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"It will be done."



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*"Take the blinders off
and explore the world."*



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I'M WAITING, CHARLIE.



HALT! WHO GOES THERE?



NOT TOO TIRED TO POSE



HOW CUTE!



READY TO FIND OUR WAY



ON THE COUNT OF THREE...



WANDA AND BRIAN'S AT IT AGAIN.



"EXHAUSTED"



TRUE SOLDJAH!



SERIOUS BUSINESS, FOLKS.



THE GIRLS!



PICNICKING



LIFE IS GOOD AT OCS!



READY FOR WAR



BREATH, AIM, SQUEEZE



ACTION JACKSON AND CREW



WHAT A CLASS



DA' GIRLS



JUST COOLIN'



CADRE'



"REAL SOLDIER"



SOAKING WET, MAN!



LITTLE DRUMMER BOY



ROZEN, YOU ARE A ZINKER.



NOT NOW MAN, I'M SMILING!



WHAT?



THREE BLIND MICE



"ATTENTION!"



THE GIRLS!



STUDYING. RIGHT!



RASTA AND CREW



YES, WE FINALLY MADE HIM SMILE!



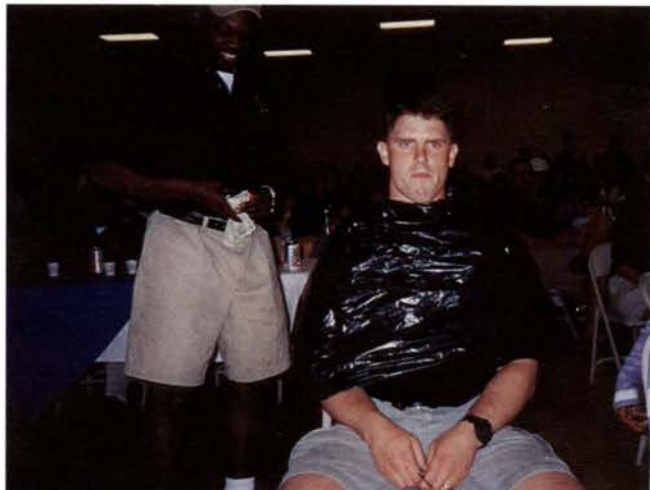
B-BALLING



I'M AN EXCELLENT COOK!



THE BOYS



I'M GONNA GET HIM FOR THIS!



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"God's will has been realized."



Brian Pilch



David Suttles Jr.



Kenny Rodriguez



Michael Thomas



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Aaron Thompson



Sandra Yott



Sung Yoon Ji



I GOTCHA, COME ON BIG BOY!



**"CPT. HEFFNER, SIR. YOU CAN'T
MAKE ME PUT MY HAIR UP!"**



**I FEEL LIKE
I'M GOING TO PASS OUT!**



I LOVE OCS! IOC RODRIGUEZ.



**IOC HAMILTON. -5 FOR PROCEDURES
AND -2 FOR KNOWLEDGE**



**OKAY, IF I GO SLOW
THEN IT WON'T BE SO BAD.**



**I WANT TO GET IN THE PICTURE
TOO!**



**I THINK I CAN. I THINK I CAN.
HELL, I KNOW I CAN!**



WE ARE ALL ONE BIG FAMILY!



MRE'S. UMM UMM!



**I'M CHECKING MY LOCKER. HURRY
UP! SSG RAHILL IS COMING!**



FRIENDS 4-EVER



**1000 WORD ESSAY ON DFAC PROCEDURES!
575, 576, 577 ETC. ETC.**



**3RD PLATOON:
PROFESSIONAL KILLER**



**YOU CAUGHT ME! OOPS, EXCUSE ME!
DID YOU SMELL THAT?**



**BOC AINSWORTH & CURTISS-POPE. THE
AFTER EFFECTS OF BUILDING SNORE!**



**I'M AWAKE!
I'M JUST READING!**



A TRUE AMERICAN AND HIS SON!



**I SWEAR! I WAS NOT WRITING
LETTERS DURING STUDY BARRACKS!**



**HAMILTON CAUGHT ON FILM
SURPRISINGLY ORGANIZED.**



**"NEXT TIME I TELL YOU ABOUT IT,
YOU'LL READ ABOUT IT!"**



**PLAYA BY BIRTH,
WARRIOR BY PROFESSION!**



**THERE MUST BE A CLAUSE IN HERE
SOMEWHERE ALLOWING THE RECYCLE OF
THE ENTIRE PLATOON!**



**GOOD FRIENDS, MRF'S, WHAT MORE
COULD A MAN WANT?**



**THE SPOTLIGHT RANGER
RIDES AGAIN!**



**CPT. HEFFNER, ASSESS YOURSELF A
-2 FOR PROCEDURES**



**I LOVE WHAT WE DO!
SO MUCH ORGANIZATION!**



WE MUST REMOVE ALL EVIDENCE...



"I AM HAPPY!"



**CANDIDATE HOWARD, SEEN HERE
UNUSUALLY CHEERFUL AND ENTHUSIASTIC!**



**BELIEVE ME YOU,
WE LOOK GOOD!**



**IN ABOUT 2 SECONDS I'M GOING TO
PUT CPT CSOKA IN THE FIGURE 4.**



DFAC PROCEDURES



YOU WANT ME TO MOVE WHERE?



FORWARD EVER, BACKWARD NEVER!



**KILLIN' IS MY BUSINESS
AND BUSINESS IS GOOD!**



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Karen Swebilius



Justin Vowels



Christopher Swickard



Chad Weyhrauch



HYDRATE OR DIE



**I'M A BASIC OFFICER CANDIDATE
AND I JUST DON'T GIVE A DAMN.**



**A SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE
BY THE BACKSKEET BOYS**



D-FAC OFFICER, D-FAC OFFICER!



**MINUS 2 FOR APPEARANCE,
MINUS 2 FOR KNOWLEDGE.**



**NOTHING LIKE MRE'S IN THE DAY
ROOM**



**DAWKINS SETS THE STANDARD FOR
PERSONAL APPEARANCE**



**WAITING FOR MENTE TO
FOLD MY JACKET**



**THEBEAU LEADS THE WAY TO THE
PANIC AZIMEETH**



I FOUND MY CLUBBIN' CLOTHES



FOLLOW ME!



WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?



SHINING MY RUNNING SHOES



GET SMART, CANDIDATES!



FRAGO!



I CAN STARE AT THE WALL
ALL DAY LONG.



MRE SATISFACTION



WE HAVE TO DO WHAT?



YEAH, WE'RE READY FOR INSPECTION.



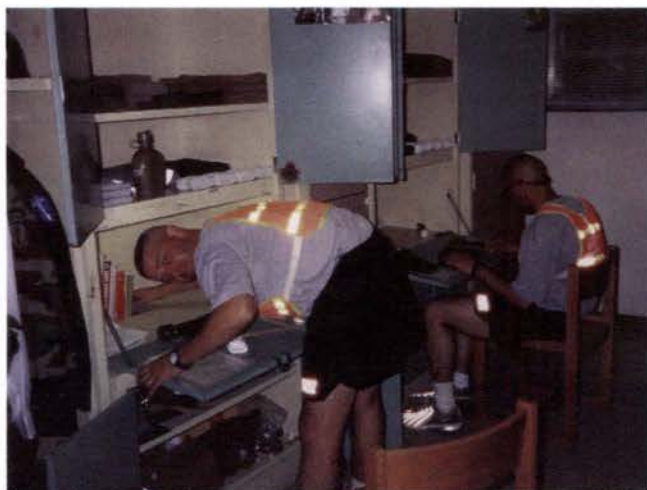
GAWW DAMMITT



THIS ROPE MUST BE 3 3/4" CIRCUMFERENCE.



THE MASTER FOLDER



THE BENT OVER BUDDY THRUST -- START POSITION MOVE.



STANDARD, SIR.



GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE



I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN AT THE DFAC.



SO, THIS IS VELCRO.



NO ONE CAN BEAT US!



**OK GUYS, WE GOTTA MOVE MOST
RICKY-TIC!**



ATTACK OF THE KILLER BUFFER



GIVE ME THAT BACK!



**THIS IS HOW YOU TREAT AN
EYE INJURY, SWICKARD.**



**I REALLY DON'T FEEL LIKE
HOLDING THIS SIGN!**



**BLAH, BLAH, BLAH,
BASIC OFFICER CANDIDATE DAWKINS**



WHO ATE MY HOTDOG?



KUBLINSKY ON PATROL

BONTOMASI STAGE



AFTER A LATE NIGHT RUN TO THE STORE, PEZ PAYS FOR IT LATER.



COUNTING SHEEP IS MORE FUN THAN IT LOOKS.



THE KICKSTAND HEAD REST



BONTOMASI SLEEPS AGAIN



WHAT HAVE I GOT MYSELF INTO?



"FIRST CALL, FIRST CALL"



**AT OCS, CANDIDATES LEARN TO
SLEEP ANYWHERE.**



I LOVE YOU PUMPKIN.



I LOVE YOU HONEY BUN.



**DEAR GOD, MAKE ME A BIRD SO I
CAN FLY FAR, FAR AWAY FROM**



DAY 2 - AND-NEW FAILURES



**I'M GOING TO A HAPPY PLACE
NOW... WHERE THE FLOWERS GROW.**



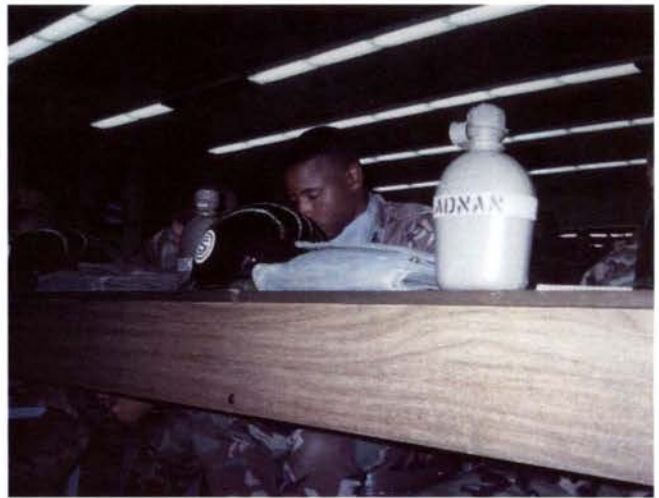
**RODRIGUEZ IS TAKING CAREFUL
NOTES.**



ONE DAY, I'LL BE A LIEUTENANT.



**THE SLEEP BUTTON HAS BEEN
ACTIVATED.**



SLEEEEEP.



I WANNA GO HOME!



BONTOMASI!!!

FINANCE



FLX III



WHAT WAS OPFOR DOING ALL DAY?



YOU ARE RELEASED FOR CHOW.



IOC DASCH WAITING TO BEGIN
HER MISSION



DIGGING SLIT TRENCH

DINING IN



CLASS 5-02 DINING IN. MR. VICE
ENTERS FOR THE CEREMONY.



DID YOU SMOKE YOUR CIGAR?



CPT. HARRELL AND CPT.
HORNBUCKLE DISCUSSING OCS
PAST AND PRESENT.



SENIOR INSPECTION WEARING IOC
CLASS A'S.

**Congratulations
Michelle!
We Love You!**

**From The Family
(Germany)**

**Congratulations
Michelle!
My Lil' Louie
I'm So Proud Of
You and To Call You
My Wife**

**Love You
Andre, Calicoo, Trouble**

**Congrats Michelle!
Keep On Keepin' On!**

**We are so very proud of
you! Besides all the
obstacles you've had you
still overcame them and
succeeded.**

**Love Always,
Denise**

Congrats Michelle!

**The whole family is very
proud of you. We knew
that you could do it. I
know that Mom is looking
down smiling, knowing that
her daughter is still
excelling in life.**

**Love You,
Jacques**

TO MY BATTLE BUDDIES OF THIRD HERD...

Thanks for all the motivation and support
throughout all our trials and tribulations. We did it!

Now we have time! Good luck in everyone's
endeavors. Stay strong and positive and don't let
anyone steal your joy! Believe me you, I won't!

STANDARDS. NO COMPROMISE.

2LT CURTISS-POPE / A.K.A - .C.P.

Congrats

2LT Curtiss-Pope

If something is really important
to you, take the initiative and
go for it... Give your best.

Determination leads to success.

The road to success might get
bump at times, but still keep on
keepin' on. Don't wait for the
"PERFECT TIME" for there is no
such thing. There is no time like
the present "LATER". Tomorrow
never tome. Keep on keepin' on.

Love You -- Denise

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