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SUBJECT: Field Artillery Officer Candidate School  
Hall of Fame

TO : Commanding Officer  
Officer Candidate Brigade  
Fort Sill, Okla 73503

1. The Armed Forces Journal ( 4 Oct 69 ) reports that the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School is seeking candidates for its Hall of Fame. I believe that I fulfill one of the criteria listed.

2. Pertinent data follows:

a. I enlisted in 142d Field Artillery Regiment, Arkansas National Guard on 2 June 39, was inducted with that organization on 6 Jan 41 early in World War II, and was stationed at Fort Sill. I am a graduate of OCS Class No 38, 12 Nov 42.

b. During World War II I took part in combat in Europe, was awarded the Bronze Star, and was promoted to Major in 1945. In Sept 1946 I left the Army in order to complete my college education, and performed military duty, first in the Army Reserve and then in the National Guard.

c. At the outbreak of the Korean War I was reinducted on 3 Sept 50 with the 142d Field Artillery Group, in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel. I was appointed an officer of the Regular Army on 17 Oct 57 ( par 11, DA S. O. 204 ), and was promoted to Colonel on 17 Mar 59 while serving at Fort Sill. I retired on 4 Oct 66, after completing a total of over 27 years service as NG EM, AUS EM, AUS officer, USAR officer, NG officer and, finally, RA officer.

d. I am a graduate of a number of military schools at Fort Sill and elsewhere. My final tour of duty at Fort Sill was from Mar 59 - Dec 61, when I was awarded the US Army Commendation Medal. Most of that period was spent in the Office of Combat Development, USAAMS, which has since been redesignated as the Artillery Agency, USA Combat Development Command. As Deputy Director of that office, and later as first commander of the USACDC Command Control Information Systems Group ( now a part of USAADFSC ), I was one of the originators and proponents of

TACFIRE, a computerized system of fire control now being developed for the Army by Litton Industries at a cost of \$ 57 million. Production cost is estimated at \$ 250 million, according to the press.

3. If my own modest service can help to indicate to future artillery officers that there is a useful public career awaiting them in the U. S. Army, I shall be pleased, if eligible, to be numbered among the graduates of The Field Artillery School OCS whom you have chosen for the Hall of Fame.

4. Hometown press: Northwest Arkansas Times, East Ave., Fayetteville, Ark 72701.

Springdale News, E. Emma Ave.,  
Springdale, Ark 72764.

Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Ark.

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