

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR
ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME
U.S. ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY MUSEUM
Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503

1. NAME: Thomas K. Hobby DATE: 16 November 1984

RANK: Colonel DOR: 6 August 1973

DOB: 12 February 1930

2. ADDRESS: RR # 2, Box 69, Waukomis, OK 73773

3. OCS CLASS NUMBER: Roger Battery, Class 21

DATE GRADUATED/COMMISSIONED: 12 August 1952

4. PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT/OCCUPATION: Minister, Waukomis Christian Church
ADDRESS: Same as above.


5. BRIEF RESUME OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

14 Feb 51 Drafted into service at Ft. Sill, OK and later assigned as a cannoneer to the 117th FA Bn, 31st Inf Div. Commissioned a 2LT Arty, on 12 Aug 52 at the FA OCS, Ft. Sill, OK. Aug 52-Sep 59 Troop duty assignments in Germany, CONUS, and Korea. 59-62 Instructor in the Field Artillery School (TAD & CDD). 62-66 DA Staff (ACSI). 68-69 Vietnam. 69-70 CO, 3/32 FA Bn, Ft Sill. 70-73 JCS. 73-79 Field staff assignments. Retired 1 Mar 79.

6. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: LOM,BS,MSM,JCSCM, ARCOM, VCG,GCM.

7. GENERAL REMARKS:

There was only one "R" Battery in the history of the Artillery OCS. A new class started every two weeks during the Korean War, and classes were numbered A thru M. Candidates arrived a week before school began and also a week before a class graduated to pass on their guidon to the incoming class. During that first week, each new group of candidates had to carry the "R" Roger Battery guidon as a symbol of "Raw Meat." This guidon was a notice and license for faculty and upperclassmen to indoctrinate the new men with all forms of emotional and physical duress's. Must have done 1000 pushups or more that first week. One day the candidate selected to carry the "R" guidon layed in down on the ground when he had to do pushups. The cadre jumped all over him and asked: "Candidate, would you like to carry that Roger banner for the next 22 weeks?" He replied (without thinking I am sure): "Yes Sir." And we did, and we were fair game for at least the first several weeks. The entire battery walked up to the top of MB 4 and back twice each Sunday for the first 10 weeks. Counting drop-backs we had 243 candidates and only 69 were commissioned with our class; seven of whom made the Army a career.


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