

JOHN EDWARD HUESTIS**Class 515-68**

is honored on Panel 24W, Row 76 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: JOHN EDWARD HUESTIS
Wall Name: JOHN E HUESTIS
Date of Birth: 11/15/1945
Date of Casualty: 5/22/1969
Home of Record: GOSHEN
County of Record: ORANGE COUNTY
State: NY
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 2LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: DINH TUONG



2LT Huestis was killed in action while serving as a Forward Observer with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division.

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I did not know Lt. Huestis well. He was the Forward Observer for our company, Charlie Company, 3rd Bn, 39th Inf., 9th Infantry Division. I remember he gave us a class on calling in artillery at Fire Base Moore. The firefight on the night he was hit was probably the fiercest battle I ever experienced over there. I'm sure he was a good man.

David Herring
Fellow company member
33 Arrowhead Circle Ashland, MA 01721
Sep 26, 2009

Greater Love

You were one of the great ones. Gone but never forgotten. I will see you over Jordan.
Dr. Pat Hawley, Ft. Carson Liaison for Fifth U.S. Army, out of Bien Hoa 1969.

Pat Hawley
Fellow Veteran
117 Darlington Huntsville, AL 35801
May 22, 2009

May John Rest in Peace

I arrived in country just a few weeks after John had arrived. I was assigned as 2nd Plt Ldr, C Co., 3rd Bn/39th INF, 9th INF DIV. John and I became very close friends for the three months prior to his death. He had a very sad story in that he was just married right out of Artillery OCS and then his new wife got sick and passed away (I believe at Ft. Knox, KY) just prior to him being ordered to VN. I was standing directly beside John when he was shot in an early evening firefight as a small group of VC came out of the woodline near us as we were getting ready to move into a night defensive position or to an ambush site nearby. Our platoon members opened fire at almost the exact same time as the VC did. John was hit in the first few seconds of the firefight. He did not suffer. Our South Vietnamese Army interpreter, SSG Joe (last name unknown) was also badly wounded in the shoulder, the stomach, and he lost his right thumb. Joe was medevaced to the Division base camp of Dong Tam and he survived. That short firefight and the attack later that night, as we were in a NFP, was one that will always stick in my mind. John was the only soldier in our company that was killed during my tour of duty. John was an excellent soldier and a great Forward Observer (FO) for our unit. There is rarely a day that passes that I do not think of John and of the tragic loss of a very fine and talented young US Army Officer. I will never forget him and I have had to relive that night many times. May he rest in peace.

Gary P. Hale
Fellow Officer in C Co., 3rd/39th
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Nov 30, 2009

John is buried at Assumption Cemetery, Peekskill, New York

