

EDWARD K MARSH

Class 6-64

is honored on Panel 3E, Row 131 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: EDWARD K MARSH
Wall Name: EDWARD K MARSH
Date of Birth: 4/21/1941
Date of Casualty: 12/5/1965
Home of Record: BETHLEHEM
County of Record: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
State: PA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: PR & MR UNKNOWN



1LT Marsh was killed while serving with A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 33rd Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division.

On December 5, 1965, during Operation BUSHMASTER II, the 2/2nd Inf became heavily engaged with an estimated VC regiment. They were supported by A/2/33rd Arty and reinforced by 2/28th Infantry. During what became known as the battle of Ap Nha Mat, the US units killed 301 VC, captured many weapons, and destroyed a main camp ... but there were 39 dead and 3 missing Americans.

Ed Marsh

Ed and I shared adjoining rooms at the Fort Riley BOQ, and frequently double dated with K-State coeds. After completing his service commitment he was thinking about either going into law or teaching.

I clearly remember the day when I learned of his death on December 5, 1965. It has been 40 years now, I think of Ed often.

Posted by: Phil Nielsen
Relationship: We were close friends
December 5, 2005

He was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for gallantry in action.

Eddie Marsh

I was Eddie Marsh's roommate at college and didn't find out that he had been killed until long after the war was over. He is the last person imaginable to join the Army, since he wasn't in ROTC and not very much interested in military things.

I got a copy of his personnel records from St Louis and found that he died of fragmentation wounds in the Michelin rubber plantation, which is a long way from Yale.

Posted by: Alex Humphrey
July 11, 2000

From thewall-usa.com

Never met Lt Marsh

I arrived in Lia Khe a couple days after Lt March and about 50 others were killed. At the time of his death, I was told that Lt Marsh was serving as a FO with the infantry.

A couple of months into my tour, I was given the job as battalion mail clerk. Over the next few months Lt Marsh continued to receive a bank statement. I would mark them as "Search" and send it back. I finally went to the battalion XO with one of the bank statements. Major Ross asked if I knew the story about his death.

Major Ross told me that as the infantry unit was being overrun, Lt Marsh called in fire on his own position. Of the heroes killed that day, three show as bodies being not recovered. That probably gives the reason for not being recovered.

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