

LEON G GRESHAMER

Class 5-67

is honored on Panel 38E, Row 28 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: LEON G GRESHAMER
Wall Name: LEON G GRESHAMER
Date of Birth: 12/22/1943
Date of Casualty: 2/8/1968
Home of Record: NEW LONDON
County of Record: WAUPACA COUNTY
State: WI
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 2LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: KONTUM



2LT Greshamer was killed in action during his first month in Vietnam. He was serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery, 4th Infantry Division.

His last mission

I was a Forward Observer also attached to the 1st Battalion 8th Inf. and I met Lt. Greshamer in the field the day before he was killed. I was asked by an officer in the Fire Direction Center to give Leon some pointers since he was new to the field and I had been in the field several months. I met with Leon for a few hours in the afternoon on the day he arrived in the field and told him how I performed my tasks and how I supported the infantry company commander to which I was attached. The next day the two companies he and I were assigned to moved out on patrol near Dak To. His company moved out first and he was killed, I believe by a sniper. I have always wondered if I had not given him an adequate briefing. This action occurred a week or so after TET and shortly after my Company was attacked by North Vietnamese infantry while we were set up in a perimeter formation. I was saddened by his loss.

Posted by: Bob Fackler
Relationship: Fellow Forward Observer
March 12, 2011

Forward Observer with 6th Bn 29th Arty 4th Inf Div

Lt. Greshamer had just gotten in country and was a member of the 6th Bn, 29th Artillery. He was starting his tour as an Artillery Forward Observer assigned to the 1st Bn, 8th Inf in the Central Highlands when killed by enemy fire.

Posted by: Jon Aldridge
March 9, 2011

The Final Bridge

Leon is buried at the Ruckdashel Cemetery on Hwy 45 north of New London, Wisconsin, just past county Hwy N and across from the wayside. Leon is located in the 1st row, 2nd column from the service road coming in from the north.

Posted by: Steve Conto, Menasha, WI
April 11, 2010