

JOHN ERNEST RUSSELL

Class 29B-67

is honored on Panel 47W, Row 22 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: JOHN ERNEST RUSSELL
Wall Name: JOHN E RUSSELL
Date of Birth: 10/14/1944
Date of Casualty: 8/21/1968
Home of Record: CORPUS CHRISTI
County of Record: NUECES COUNTY
State: TX
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: TAY NINH



1LT Russell was killed in action while serving as a Forward Observer with Battery C, 7th Battalion, 11th Artillery, 25th Infantry Division.

He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action



Local War Victim Honored for Gallantry

The Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for gallantry in action, has been awarded posthumously to Army 1st Lt. John E. Russell of Corpus Christi, who died from wounds he received in battle Aug. 18.

Russell was a forward observer for his company when

it came under enemy attack, and his commanding officer was wounded. He took command, organized the company for defense and recovery of wounded.

When his radio operator was killed, Russell took over and called in artillery on the enemy.

"With complete disregard for his own safety he exposed himself to devastating enemy fire as he led his company on an assault into the hostile position. He was mortally wounded while leading his company on a successful advance on the hostile emplacement," the

citation reads.

Also awarded to him were the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

The medals will be presented to Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Russell, 522 Hopper, at 2 p.m. Monday in the office of Col. Luther G.

Jones Jr., commander of AR-ADMAC.

Russell was with Battery C, 11th Artillery, 25th Infantry, when he was killed in Vietnam.

He was a native of Edinburg and attended Ray High School, Del Mar College and

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John is buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio Texas.