

## EDDIE LEE SMITH

Class 3A-68

is honored on Panel 22W, Row 8 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** EDDIE LEE SMITH  
**Wall Name:** EDDIE L SMITH  
**Date of Birth:** 5/29/1943  
**Date of Casualty:** 6/9/1969  
**Home of Record:** RENTZ  
**County of Record:** LAURENS COUNTY  
**State:** GA  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 1LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** THUA THIEN



1LT Smith was serving with Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 319th Artillery, 101st Airborne Division at Fire Support Base Curahee at the time of his death.

### God Bless You Eddie

I went to OCS with Eddie in Class 3-68A. I can still see his huge smile and can still visualize his excellent demeanor even in the worst and most depressing of times. I found Eddie to be an inspiration at the time - he was a great person. I often think of the time I saw Eddie finally getting a week end off at Fort Sill and leaving the area with his wife and little daughter. Wherever that little girl is, and she would be about 35 years old now, I hope she knows her father was a hero.

Posted by: Al Davis  
Relationship: We served together  
July 2, 2004

### In remembrance of Eddie

Everybody loved Eddie. He was a wonderful man.

Posted by: Al Davis, Class 3-68A  
Relationship: We served together  
January 20, 2006

## Friend

Eddie and I went through Basic (Benning), AIT (OCS Prep!) and OCS together. With the same last name, we were usually close to each other.

I went straight to RVN out of OCS while Eddie went later. I was at Ft. Jackson when I learned of his death. I was honored to attend his funeral in Rentz, GA. I'll never forget him, he was a great friend and a true American Hero.

Posted by: Bob Smith

Relationship: We served together

April 26, 2005

## FSB Currahee, A Shau Valley

1LT Eddie Smith was visiting the FDC of B 2/11th FA, 101st Airborne co-located with his unit, A 2/319th FA on FSB Currahee. FSB Currahee was established 9 MAY 69 to support the assault on nearby Dong Ap Bia (Hamburger Hill). The FSB was attacked by NVA around dusk on 9 JUNE 69. The action lasted until the next morning. 1LT Smith was mortally wounded in the initial enemy preparation fires by a 60mm mortar round that landed in the entrance to the FDC. Several others in the FDC were also wounded by the same round, including me. I was the XO of B 2/11 FA. Although I only knew Eddie in passing, I think about him frequently. A personable, nice fellow who was a professional artilleryman. He had spent many months prior to his death in the field working with the infantry as a Forward Observer and had just been reassigned to work in his firing battery. God bless him and his family.

Posted by: Walter Tangel

Relationship: We served together

April 28, 2002

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## FO with Honor

I was with Eddie the night he died. He brought honor to himself, his family and America. I was proud to serve with him. We both got in country about the same time and both received a Purple Heart that night. I wish he was here to brag about it.

Currahee Brother.

Len Griffin

Friend and fellow Forward Observer

Cleveland GA 30528

Jul 25, 2010

One of the best Men I served with and under, It took men like Lt Smith to change the world and I still feel the loss. God bless him and his Family. Gone but rest assured never forgotten.

Albert Mattox  
I served under him in 1969  
3 Florentine Place  
Manjimup, Western Australia 6258 Australia  
June 18, 2005

I was Battery Co of B/2/11 FA at FSB Currahee in the A Shau Valley. After supporting the 3/187 Infantry, for the Assault on Dong Ap Bia, FSB Currahee came under intense and constant attack from mortar, rocket and artillery fire. Eddie was in my FDC visiting his friend and my FDO, Gene Page, when one such attack occurred; The FDC took a direct Impact. It is comforting to know that this great American must surely be in that great place where those Band of Brothers that gave all, live a well deserved and pleasant life for eternity. He and his family are in my prayers.

Roger Dent  
7929 Charter Oak Lane  
Charlotte, NC 28226  
May 20, 2002



**Eddie is buried at Reedy Spring Church Cemetery, Rentz, Georgia**