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**FIELD FORCE
VIETNAM**

JOSEPH ARTHUR CARDENAS

**"C" Battery, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery, 41st Artillery Group (Field Artillery)
Specialist 4th Class, E4, US524687850, MOS 13B10
Home of Record: Pueblo, CO**

**Date of Birth: December 4, 1948, Age at time of loss: 27, Married
I Field Force Vietnam, Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 29, 1969, Date of Casualty: May 20, 1970, Days in Country: 233
Casualty Type C1, Accident, Panel 10W - Row 068**

We have determined that Joseph Cardenas was not a member of the 1st Battalion (M), 50th Infantry during our tour in Vietnam.



We currently do not have access to the information that reported him as one of our KIAs, but it was indicated in a note on our original "In Memoriam" pages that someone within our Association identified him as such.



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The "Cause of Death" is listed as "Accident", and no IFFV, Task Force South records indicate an accident on the date of his death.

Joseph Cardenas's name is inscribed on our 50th Infantry Vietnam Memorial in front of Battalion Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia. Our Association has voted unanimously that his name will remain on our memorial.



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Our "B" Company's Dick Guthrie had a short documentary video filmed during his return to Binh Dinh Province. In this video, on file in our archives, the son of Joseph Cardenas is visited. Dick Guthrie and the men who returned to Vietnam brought Cardenas's son back some soil from Vietnam for him to spread at his fathers grave. Contact information for the son of Cardenas, unfortunately, has been lost.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF JOSEPH CARDENAS:



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