

4TH INFANTRY DIVISION



1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION 50<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY



**ANTHONY SIMOES** Flame Platoon, HQ Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Specialist 4th Class, E4, US51617080, MOS 64A10 Home of Record: Hyde Park, MA Date of Birth: December 23, 1946, Age at time of loss: 21, Single 4th Infantry Division, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: April 1, 1968, Days in Country: 213 Casualty Type A1, MFW, Panel 47E – Row 036

Anthony Simoes was killed in action when his Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) hit a pressure detonated land mine. Also killed was David Cardinal, who was driving the APC.

As members of the Flame Platoon, these two men were assigned to Headquarters Company.

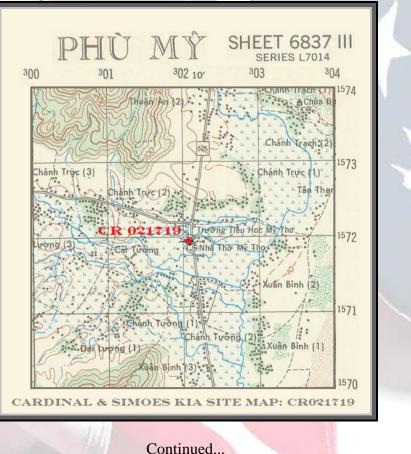
The Flame APCs worked with the Line Infantry Companies and Cardinal and Simoes were working with "B" Company when killed. However, since several Flame APCs had been lost or damaged, the resultant "over strength" Flame Platoon allowed volunteers to accompany line companies to the field as riflemen. We believe they were NOT in a flame APC that day as no documentation indicates "Flame APC", in addition to the fact that a loaded flame



APC would likely have produced a larger explosion and would have only had two occupants (a third man was wounded).

A map of the area where Dave Cardinal and Anthony Simoes were killed is shown below, near the villages of Chanh Truc near Phu My:





Anthony Simoes is buried at Fairview Cemetery, 45 Fairview Avenue, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts (Photo below).



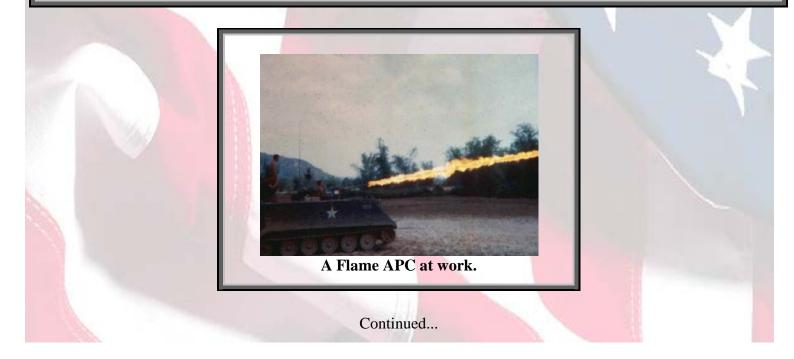
Below are photos of Anthony Simoes submitted by his friend, Tommy Dean:



Flame Platoon at Fort Hood, Texas



Vietnamese Village set up at Fort Hood, Teaxs



## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF ANTHONY SIMOES:**



**GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 10278** 

HQ 1 ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION

12 AUGUST 1968

SPECIALIST FOUR ANTHONY SIMOES DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1968 TO APRIL 1968. THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, HE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. HE WAS QUICK TO GRASP THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW PROBLEMS WITH WHICH HE WAS FACED AS A RESULT OF THE EVER-CHANGING SITUATIONS INHERENT IN THE COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATION AND TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS. THE ENERGETIC APPLICATION OF THIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE HAS MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO ASSIST THAT COUNTRY IN RIDDING ITSELF OF THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO ITS FREEDOM. SPECIALIST FOUR SIMOES' INITIATIVE, ZEAL, SOUND JUDGMENT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.

