



4TH
INFANTRY DIVISION



1ST BATTALION 50TH
INFANTRY

FLAME PLATOON



"HQ" COMPANY



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INFANTRYMAN

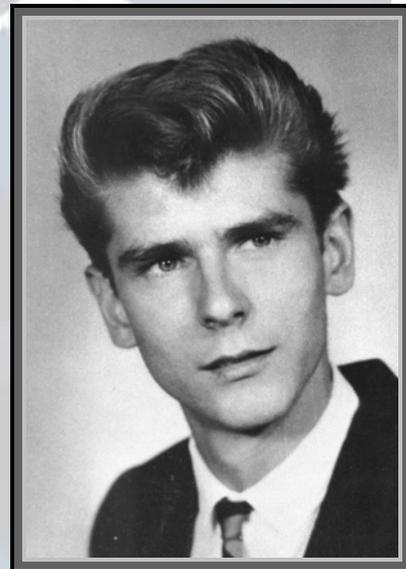
DAVID CHARLES CARDINAL

Flame Platoon, HQ Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Specialist 4th Class, E4, US51591189, MOS 11B20
Home of Record: Hyde Park, NY

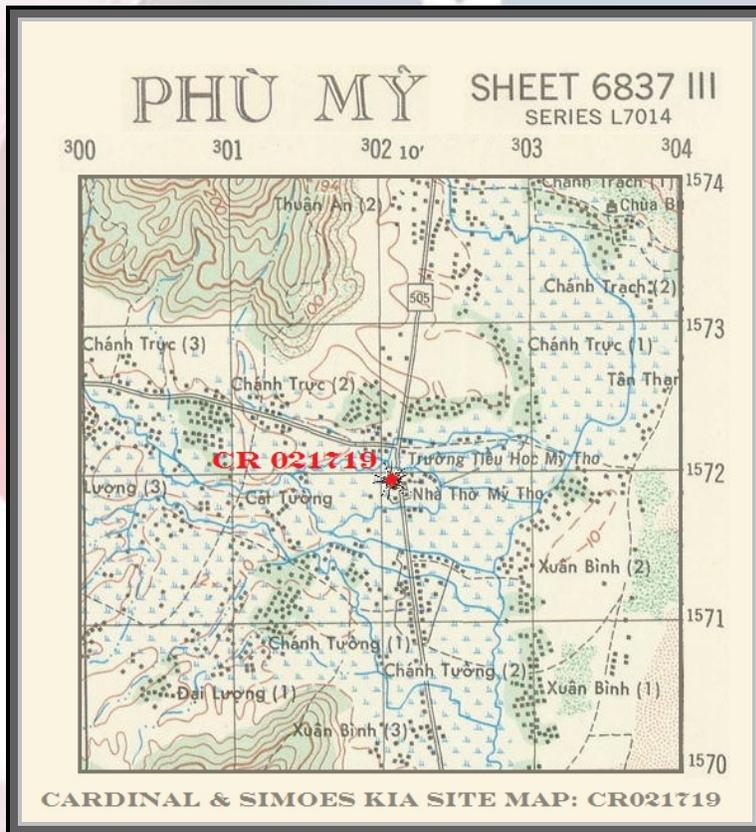
Date of Birth: April 5, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
4th Infantry Division, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: April 1, 1968, Days in Country: 213
Casualty Type A1, MFW, Panel 47E - Row 030

David Cardinal was killed in action when the APC he was driving hit a pressure detonated land mine. Also killed in the blast was Anthony Simoes. Both were members of the HQ Company Flame Platoon.

Flame APCs worked with the Line Company's and Cardinal and Simoes were working with "B" Company when killed. However, since several Flame APCs had been lost or damaged, the 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:



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Below are photos of David Cardinal submitted by his friend, Mike Hartz, from the Radar Section of "HQ" Company...Dave occasionally drove the Radar APC as well:



Dave taking a breather inside the Radar APC.



Playing with the many children in our area.

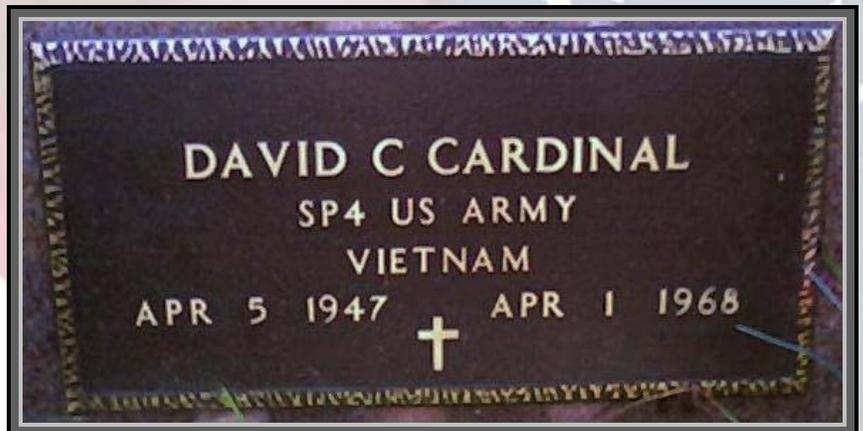
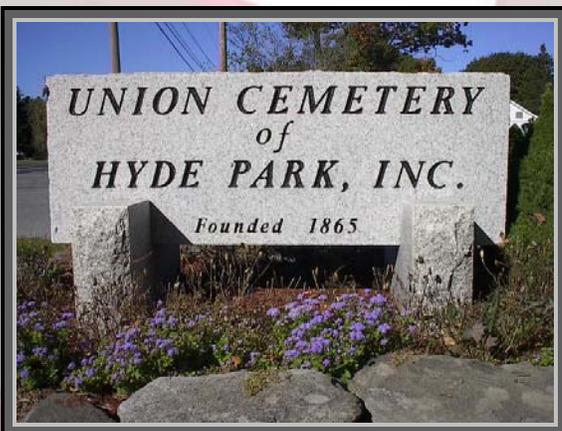


Dave's Radar APC.



A Flame APC at work.

Dave Cardinal is buried at Union Cemetery, Violet Avenue, Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York.

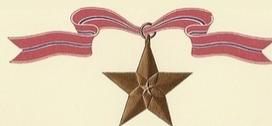


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DAVID CARDINAL'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1169

28 APRIL 1968

SPECIALIST DAVID CARDINAL DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1967 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 CARDINAL'S 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.



Bronze Star



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign