



4TH INFANTRY
DIVISION



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY



"D" COMPANY



PRIVATE
1ST CLASS



INFANTRYMAN

THOMAS RANDELL RAMEY

3rd Platoon, "D" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry

Private First Class, E3, US51645252, MOS 11B10

Home of Record: Tomahawk, KY

Date of Birth: October 8, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single

4th Infantry Division, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: December 9, 1967, Date of Casualty: March 18, 1968, Days in Country: 100

Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 45E – Row 027

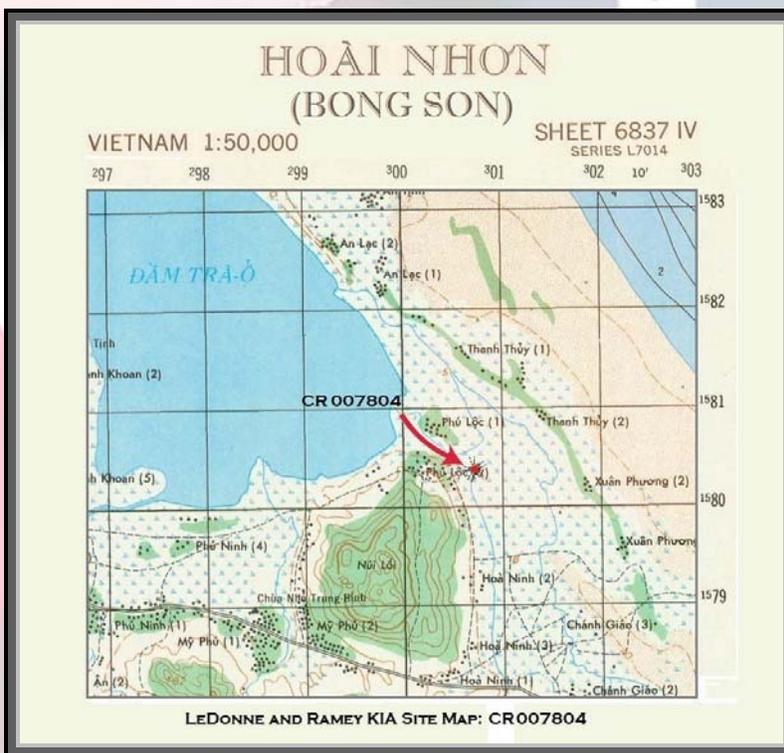
Tom Ramey was killed instantly when, at 5:30 PM on the afternoon on March 18th, 1968, when his squad's Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) hit a large mine and was completely destroyed. Also killed was Larry LeDonne, the APC Driver. 5 other men were wounded.

Ramey was the 50 Cal. Machine Gunner and rode in the APC's Gun Cupola.

Affectionately called "Hillbilly" by his platoon mates (This since he hailed from Tomahawk, KY) he was a popular member of the unit.

Jerry Couch, from Larry's former platoon, sent me a note on Ramey where he stated:

"I can still see that Track (APC) coming down in pieces. I remember it just like it was yesterday. I often think of him and the others from our "D" Company who were killed in action."



The map to the left shows the coordinates of where Ramey and LeDonne were killed. The area around the hill to the Southwest of the site was the scene of several severe land mine incidents during our tour. The enemy knew we were limited with where we could traverse between our Base Camp to the West and the Beach Area along the South China Sea to the East. Mountains impassable by our APCs were located just South of the highway visible in

the lower portion of the map...which only gave us two viable paths to travel.

Thomas Randell Ramey is buried at Williams Cemetery, Tomahawk, KY.

TOM RAMEY'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HEADQUARTERS 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 2290

16 APRIL 1968

FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER, 1967, TO MARCH, 1968. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAMEY, THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, 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. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAMEY'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