

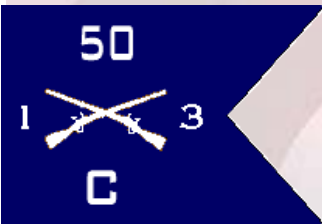


1ST
CAVALRY DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)



1ST BATTALION 50TH
INFANTRY

3RD PLATOON



"C" COMPANY



PRIVATE
FIRST CLASS



INFANTRY

WILLIAM A. "BILLY" SIMS

2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, US54441436, MOS 11B10

Home of Record: Fort Worth, TX

Date of Birth: March 22, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Married

1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: October 19, 1967, Date of Casualty: February 12, 1968, Days in Country: 116

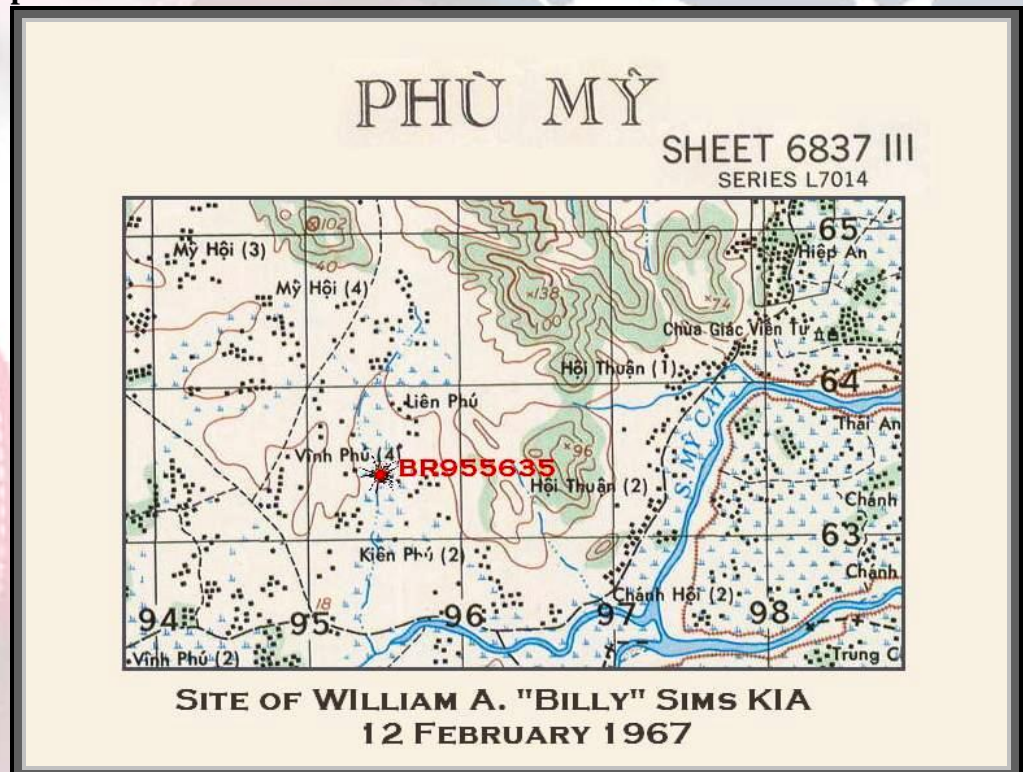
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During the weeks following the 1968 Tet Offensive, the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry continued to find & destroy Viet Cong and NVA elements throughout the LZ Uplift Area of Operations.

On February 12th, 1968, near the village of Vinh Phu, map grid coordinates BR955635, Charlie Company came in contact with an unknown size enemy force. During this initial attack, William Sims' Armored Personnel Carrier was struck by an enemy B40 Rocket. Sims was mortally wounded by the blast. "C" Company went on to discover the source of the attack and countered...destroying 4 Bunkers, capturing 2 AK-47 Assault Rifles, 2 Light Machine Guns and killing a total of 13 enemy soldiers.



PFC Sims was awarded a Bronze Star with "V" Device (For Valor) in this action. A map of the location is shown below:



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In the photo below, from Squad Leader Toby Hamon's Photo Album, Billy Simms is on top of the APC in the center.



In the photo below, Billy Sims is located on top of the APC behind the M60 Machine Gun Armor.



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William Sims is buried at Laurel Land Cemetery, 7100 Crowley Road, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF WILLIAM SIMS



Combat Infantry Badge



**THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR**

HQ 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 3157

12 MAY 19 68

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SIMS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 12 FEBRUARY 1968, WHILE SERVING WITH COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION NEAR MAI HOI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT BECAME HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH A LARGE ENEMY FORCE, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SIMS EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE HOSTILE FIRE AS HE PLACED EFFECTIVE SUPPRESSIVE FIRE ON THE ENEMY EMPLACEMENTS. AT THIS TIME PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SIMS WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED. HIS DISPLAY OF PERSONAL BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT ON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



Bronze Star

Air Medal

Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign