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SPC. JOHN A. PELHAM
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Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan

Spc. John A. Pelham, 22, of Portland, Ore., died Feb. 12, 2014, of wounds received from small-arms fire in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., and was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan. This was his first deployment to Afghanistan.

Pelham enlisted as a signal intelligence analyst in the U.S. Army in July 2011. He completed initial entry training at Fort Jackson, S.C., followed by advanced individual training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

In February 2013, he arrived to his first duty assignment with 3rd SFG (A) and was assigned to the unit's 2nd Battalion.



Pelham's military education includes Basic Combat Training, the Signal Analyst Course, the Basic Airborne Course, and the Combat Lifesaver Course.

Pelham's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

He is survived by his parents.

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