

## 75<sup>TH</sup> RANGER REGIMENT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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## Sgt. Justin Bradley Allen Died on July 18, 2010 Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. Justin Bradley Allen, 23, was a team leader assigned to D Company, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. He was born on Aug. 7, 1986 in Ashland, Ky.

He was killed in a fire fight with enemy forces on July 18, 2010, while conducting a combat operation in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. Allen was leading an assault on an enemy position when he was mortally wounded by enemy small arms fire.

He was on his fourth deployment. He had previously deployed twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan.

After graduating from Dawson Bryant High School, Allen enlisted in the U.S. Army in May 2006. He completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga. as an infantryman. Then after graduating from the Basic Airborne Course, he was assigned to the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program at Fort Benning.



Following graduation from the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, Allen was assigned to B Company, 1st Bn., 75th Ranger Reg. in October 2007 where he served as a grenadier and automatic rifleman. He was later transferred to D Co. where he served as a team leader.

His military education includes the Basic Airborne Course, the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, the U.S. Army Ranger Course, and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course,

His awards and decorations include the Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge and the U.S. Army Basic Rifle Marksmanship Qualification Badge. He was also awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, two Afghanistan Campaign Medals, two Iraq Campaign Medals, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Meritorious Service Medal and Purple Heart.

He is survived by his parents Roger and Bonnie Sue Allen of Coal Grove, Ohio.

As a Ranger, Allen selflessly lived his life for others while he distinguished himself as a member of the Army's premier light-infantry unit, which remains continuously deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. In every instance he fought valiantly as he served his fellow Rangers and our great Nation.

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