



75TH RANGER REGIMENT

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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CPL. BENJAMIN C. DILLON

Killed in action on Oct. 7, 2007

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high “esprit de corps” of my Ranger Regiment... - FIRST STANZA OF THE RANGER CREED

Cpl Benjamin C. Dillon, 22, was a gun team leader assigned to 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga. He was born on Sept. 9, 1985, in Rootstown, Ohio.



He was killed on Oct. 7, 2007, while engaged in combat operations against known enemies of the United States of America in Northern Iraq. He was a veteran of operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

After graduating Southeast High School in Edinburg, Ohio, Dillon enlisted in the Army from his hometown of Rootstown, Ohio, in September 2004 and completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning as an infantryman. After graduating from the Basic Airborne Course there, he was assigned to the Ranger Indoctrination Program also at Fort Benning.

He graduated from the Ranger Indoctrination Program in March 2005 and was then assigned to 3rd Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment. He served there as a rifleman, grenadier, automatic rifleman, machine gunner and gun team leader. His last assignment was as a gun team leader.

Dillon's awards and decorations include Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with V Device, the Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Medal.

He is survived by his parents Terry and Linda Dillon, and brothers Nicholas and Steven all of Rootstown.

As a Ranger, Cpl Benjamin C. Dillon distinguished himself as a member of the Army's premier light-infantry unit, traveled to all corners of the world in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and fought valiantly to “*uphold the prestige, honor, and high ‘esprit de corps’*” of the Ranger Regiment.

- RANGERS LEAD THE WAY! -