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SGT. 1ST CLASS LANCE S. CORNETT

Died on Feb. 3, 2006

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Sgt. 1st Class Lance S. Cornett, 33, a special operations team member assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., was killed in action Feb. 3, 2006, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Cornett died from injuries sustained while engaging the enemy during a firefight in the vicinity of Ramadi.

Cornett was born July 11, 1972, in San Diego, Ca., and graduated from Laurel County High School in London, Ky.

He entered the U. S. Army as an infantryman on Aug. 13, 1991 and after completion of initial entry training, was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 14th Infantry Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. Since that time, Cornett served in 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division; F Company, 51st Infantry Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion; Delta Company, 4th Ranger Training Brigade and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Ranger Training Brigade. He was assigned to the United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. in May of 2004.



Cornett's military training includes the Air Assault Course, the Basic Airborne Course, the Sniper Course, the Sapper Leader Course, the Ranger Course, the Pathfinder Course, the Static Line Jumpmaster Course, the Basic and the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, the Special Forces Diving Supervisor Course and the Military Freefall Jumpmaster Course.

Cornett's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal for valor (2), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (4), the Army Achievement Medal (9), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Good Conduct Medal (4), the National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with bronze service star, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral three, the Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Sapper Tab, the Ranger Tab and the Special Operations Diver Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal for valor, the Purple Heart and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Cornett is survived by his wife, Sandra Cornett and his children, Brandy Rudy, Christopher Hart, and Brianna Cornett, who reside in Fayetteville, N.C.; his father, Rhudell Cornett, of London, Ky., and his mother, Karen McMullen, of Pulaski, Wis.

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