



Biographical Sketch

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Spec. Brandon D. Gordon

Died Feb. 18, 2007

Operation Enduring Freedom

Specialist Brandon D. Gordon died Feb. 18, 2007, in southeastern Afghanistan when his MH-47E Chinook Helicopter crashed while conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He was born Feb. 2, 1986, in St. Paul, Minn. and his home of record is listed as Naples, Fla.

Gordon joined the U.S. Army in October 2003 as a Chinook Helicopter repairer. After completing initial training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and advanced individual training at Fort Eustis, Va., Gordon was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphries, Korea. He arrived at the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in May 2005 and completed the regiment's "Green Platoon" course, an initial selection and training requirement prior to assignment. He was then assigned to the regiment's 2nd Battalion at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he served as a MH-47E Maintenance Team Member and MH-47 crewmember, most recently in B Company.



Gordon's schools include the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course and the Chinook Helicopter Repairer Course.

His awards and decorations include the Air Medal for Valor, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge and Aviation Crewmember Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

He is survived by his father, Gene Gordon, mother, Terri Gordon, and brothers, Bryan, Bradley and Cole, from Naples, Fla.

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