JAMES FREDERICK DEEBLE

1LT Deeble was killed in action while serving as a Forward Observer with Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 40th Artillery, 199th Light Infantry Brigade. He was killed by an NVA sapper charge at FSB Den.

WATER SKING AT FIREBASE GLADYS

LT Deeble was the Artillery FO for my Infantry Co. Being in the CP I was able to get to know him pretty well. His sense of humor popped up in the most unexpected places. For example: while at Firebase Gladys we rigged a skiboard to pull behind a Boston Whaler. One day he was riding the board when the General flew in with two Donut Dollies. On their approach they flew right over a naked LT Deeble who waved up at the Huey.

Posted by: CARL REID
Relationship: We served together
May 14, 2002
In memory of a fraternity brother.

From 1965-67, Jim and I were fraternity brothers at San Jose State College. We both left in 1967 and went our separate ways, or so I thought. As it turns out, Jim, Mike Riley and I (all members of Theta Chi fraternity) ended up at Artillery Officers Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. I lost track of Jim after that. I was saddened to hear of his death. He was such a fun loving person who had a real gusto for life.

Posted by: John Cruz  
Relationship: fraternity brother  
March 23, 2000

Paying respects to a great man.

In doing research for a book, I have found that LT. Deeble was very much loved and respected by those who served with him. As a former Marine Corps infantryman who served in peacetime, I know I would have liked to serve with him. Here’s to you 1Lt. Deeble.

Posted by: Seth Curtis  
Relationship: I owe him a lot.  
November 2, 2010

From the wall-usa.com

1LT Deeble was a good friend as well as a good soldier. His actions made my job easier than it would have otherwise been. We had one particular testy night on 22 November 1969. He never faltered and was someone to depend upon for support and courage. He was a credit to America, his family and friends. God bless James F. Deeble.

Kay Moon  
Commander D/5-12 Inf, 199th LIB  
April 16, 2004
Vietnam War Memorial, Banner Lava Cap Road, Grass Valley, CA, USA

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Quick Description: First Lieutenant James Frederick Deeble Vietnam War Memorial Bridge, Banner Lava Cap Road overpass at state highway 20/49. Memorial plaque is located on the northwest end of the bridge.

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