PFC James Dillard belonged to the elite Company E, 50th Infantry Long Range Patrol unit of the 9th Infantry Division, operating in the massive delta region of South Vietnam.

At 6:20 AM on September 13th, 1968, his LRP Team was inserted near the My Tho and Nam Thon Rivers. Although the location of their mission is unknown, documentation from the date indicates there were no incidents and extraction was requested about an hour later.

Apparently, during the extraction...which took place near the middle of the Nam Thon River...PFC Dillard slipped into the river and disappeared. A scuba (Seal) team was requested after an immediate search of the location failed to find Dillard. Dillard's body was eventually located. Below is a map showing the location of the drowning.
Visit the website dedicated to the men of what became the 75th Rangers at: http://www.75thrra.com

Awards and Decorations of James Dillard:

- Combat Infantry Badge
- Basic Parachutist Badge
- National Defense
- Vietnam Service
- Vietnam Campaign