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2LT Harold K. Knight
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Died from an accidental gunshot wound while serving with the 541st Parachute Infantry Regiment at Camp MacKall, Richmond, North Carolina.

Lt. Harold Knight Dies In Accident

Second Lieutenant Harold K. Knight, 22, son of Prof. and Mrs. H. H. Knight, 123 South Riverside, was killed yesterday in an accident at Camp Mackall, N. C., according to word reaching his parents and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Richter, 215 South Maple, the parents of Mrs. Knight, the former Barbara Richter.

Lt. Knight, a member of Company F, of the 541st Parachute Infantry Regiment, reportedly was killed while working in the camp ordnance shop when a loaded gun fell to the floor and exploded, fatally wounding him. An officer at the camp called Mr. and Mrs. Knight this morning to give them details of the accident.

Charles Richter left last night to accompany his daughter to Ames. Lt. Knight's body will be brought to the Adams Funeral Home, but funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Lt. Knight had been expected home on leave soon. He was commissioned at Ft. Sill, Okla., in April, 1944, and in a recent letter to his parents said:

"I now have my glider man's wings, which means that I know how to load and unload a glider and have flown in one under tactical conditions."

Lt. Knight, a graduate with the 1938 class of Ames High school, was a star member of the track team of that season, was a member of the two-mile relay team which set a new state record and himself set a school and conference record in the 880-yard run. After graduation, he attended Iowa State college, and had nearly completed his junior year in mechanical engineering when he entered the army.

Survivors, in addition to his parents and widow, include a brother, Rolland, who this year played on the Ames basketball team and who is a junior at Ames High.



Buried in the Iowa State University Cemetery, Ames, Iowa