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2LT Ervin L. Meyer

Class 46-43

ID: O1175802

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Washington County, NE

Status: DNB March 25, 1943



Graduated from OCS at Fort Sill on January 7, 1943. Assigned to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill with Temporary Duty (TDY) orders to attend basic flight training instruction at Harte Flying Service, Denton Texas. He died from injuries suffered in a plane crash during training on March 14, 1943. His body was escorted home by his Field Artillery OCS classmate and flight training room-mate John J. McKenna. McKenna was killed in a crash on October 10, 1943 at Camp Howze while serving as an instructor.

Lieut. Ervin Meyer, Roca, Dies Of Air Crash Injuries

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Meyer, Roca, received word Friday of the death Thursday night of their son, Lieut. Ervin L. Meyer of injuries suffered in an air crash at Denton, Tex., March 14. An air corps observer, he had been in the air corps about a year. Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Mildred, living at home.



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Liaison Student Here Dies after Recent Accident

Second Lieut. Ervin L. Meyer, 24, Field Artillery officer from Fort Sill, Ok., and liaison pilot student in Class L-9 of the 25th Army Air Forces Glider Training Detachment here, died at 10:45 p. m. Thursday in the Surgical and Medical Clinic at Gainesville.

"Lieut. Meyer died from hypostatic pneumonia as a secondary cause resulting from an aircraft accident occurring on a routine cross-country flight Sunday, March 14, at 3:45 p. m.," an announcement from the public relations office of the detachment here said.

Lieut. Meyer was critically injured in the accident, which occurred on the Sherman-Gainesville Highway, and in which Henry J. Francis Jr., civilian flight instructor of the Harte Flying Service, was killed.

Mrs. Betty J. Meyer, wife of Lieut. Meyer, who has been in Denton since he was transferred here for flight training, and the parents of Lieut. Meyer, who came from Nebraska several days ago, will return with the body to Nebraska where funeral services will be held. Lieut. John J. McKenna, Field Artillery officer, and roommate and close friend of Lieut. Meyer, has been selected as the official Army escort for the body from Gainesville to the Hodgeman Mortuary, Lincoln, Neb. Burial will be in Blair, Neb.