

Colonel Gordon R. Myers (Class 112-44)

Colonel Myers enlisted in the Army on September 2, 1942 and graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on June 17, 1944.

During World War II he served in the European Theater and the Occupation Forces in Germany with the 22nd Constabulary Squadron through 1947. He was an ROTC Instructor at Kansas State University from 1948-1951 and then served with the X Corps Artillery in Korea 1952-1953. He was Assistant Plans and Training Officer for the 40th Field Artillery Group at Camp Carson, Colorado until attending the Command and General Staff College. Upon graduation from the CGSC in 1955, he was assigned to the Plans and Training Section at Continental Army Command Headquarters until 1958.

After graduating from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1962, he served with the 780th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea during 1962 and 1963. He graduated from the Army War College in 1965 and later served on the Staff of the Naval War College. He was serving as Army Advisor to the School of Command and Staff at the Naval War College, when he died in an automobile accident on the day he was scheduled to be promoted to Colonel.

Promotion Dates:

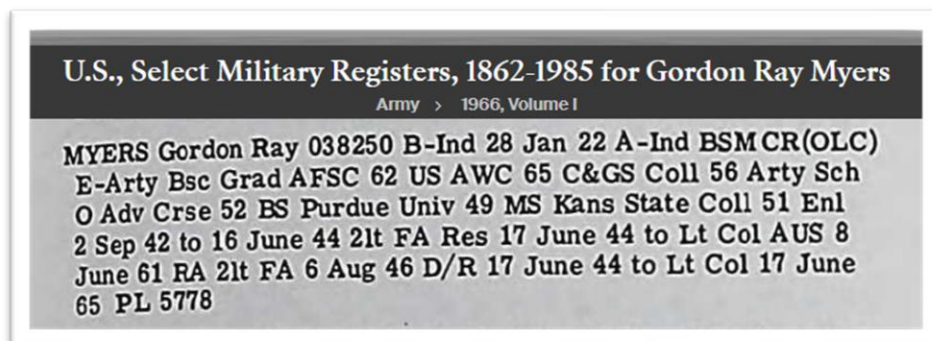
Captain on September 27, 1950

Major on July 9, 1956

Lieutenant Colonel on June 8, 1961

Colonel on Day of his death.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal.



Lt. Col. Myers Killed In Pennsylvania Collision

Lt. Col. Gordon R. Myers, 43, former Tippecanoe County resident, was killed Saturday afternoon in a head-on collision near Allentown, Pa.

Col. Myers, a 1949 graduate of Purdue University, was en route to his home in Middletown, R.I., after visiting friends and relatives here.

Pennsylvania State Police said Myers was traveling east on Interstate 78, three miles west of Allentown, about 4 p.m. Saturday when his car was struck head-on by a car driven the wrong way in the eastbound lane by James F. Graham, of South Plainfield, N.J.

Col Myers and Graham both died at the scene. A passenger in Graham's car, Harold Birkmire, Cranford, N.J., was seriously injured.

Born in Lafayette, Col. Myers received master's degrees from Kansas State and George Wash-

ington Universities and was graduated from the Commandant Staff College at Leavenworth, from the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va. and the Army War College, Carlisle, Pa. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. At the time of his death he was Army adviser at the Command Staff School of the U.S. Naval War College.

Col. Myers was a member of the Methodist Church and West Lafayette Masonic Lodge 724.

He is survived by his widow, the former Lucille Pittman of Ambia, and three children, LuAnn, Stephen and David.

His mother, Mrs. Mary E. Myers, who died a few weeks ago, operated a fruit market on South River Road for several years.

The body is being sent to Lafayette.

Mrs. Gordon R. Myers received the Legion of Merit Medal which was awarded posthumously to her husband, Army Col. Gordon R. Myers, for his outstanding service from July, 1962, until his death in an automobile accident last October.

Col. Myers was the son of the late Mrs. Mary Ellen Myers of South River Road.

Mrs. Gordon Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pittman, of Ambia, and her three children are residing at Restmere Terrace, Middletown, R.I.