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Died of crushing injuries to the skull and chest in a truck accident during
Second Army maneuvers in Davis County Tennessee

47 SERVICE MEN LOSE LIVES IN KY. MANEUVERS

NASHVILLE — (INS) — Twenty deaths in two separate accidents involving soldiers over the weekend today brought to 47 the number of fatalities in the first seven weeks of the current Second army maneuvers.

Eighteen soldiers were killed and eight were injured when a truck carrying troops crashed through a bridge and plunged 25 feet to a railroad track below.

Two Killed by Train

Two other soldiers were killed one was injured when struck by a train while on maneuvers 4 miles south of Gallatin, Tenn.

The ill-fated truck was carrying soldiers to bivouac from midnight leave when the crash occurred on the Woodycrast road bridge over the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad 4 miles south of Nashville.

The dead in the truck crash as announced by Second army headquarters are:

Staff Sgt. James W. Atkinson, Morehead City, N. C.; Staff Sgt. Benjamin B. Odel, Miami Beach, Fla.; Tech. 4th Grade Bryce K. Dixon, Jr., Connellsville, Pa.; Tech. 4th Grade Frederick Peterson, Boston; Cpl. Robert C. Cook, 1220 N. Central st., Chicago; Cpl. Cecil S. Dennis, Princeton, Mercer county, W. Va.; Cpl. Theodore W. Houston, Philadelphia; Cpl. Chalmers D. Poor, Edinburg, Ill.; Cpl. Leroy K. Williams, Derry, Pa.

Other Victims

Tech. 5th Grade Joseph R. McLaren, Pittsburgh; Pfc. William A. Oltmann, New Orleans; Pvt. Pearl M. Beane, Tidiloute, Pa.; Pvt. Jay W. Hammond, Refton, Pa.; Pvt. Fred J. Wilkins, 2428 Maiden Lane, Joplin, Mo.

Pvt. Forest F. Merrill, Preston, Md.; Pvt. Dean K. Rossman, Milheim, Pa.; Pfc. James H. Allen, Jr., 3624 Wabash, Kansas City, Mo. and 2nd Lt. Frederick R. Nourse, Jr., Dedham, Mass.

Critically injured in the truck accident are Capt. Gordon B. Free, Bainbridge, Ohio and Cpl. Raymond R. Hill, Greencastle, Ind.

Others in the truck who were injured are 2nd Lt. Richard A. Gagnon, Lawrence, Mass.; Pvt. Joseph, New York; Pvt. Solomon Toubin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tech. 5th Grade Clyde L. Johnson, Richland, Pa.; Tech Sgt. Collin P. Guidry, Biloxi, Miss., and Tech. 4th Grade Edward S. Metzger, Cleveland.

The two soldiers killed by a train were members of a coast artillery unit. They were Pvt. Ralph A. Apodaco, Albuquerque, N. M. and Pvt. Merrill S. Kitterman, White-water, Kan. Pvt. Cairrel W. Birmingham (no address given) was injured in this accident.