LARSEN, Earl Russel

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E. RUSSEL LARSEN DIES OF INJURIES

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Larsen received a telegram from the war department the first of the week notifying them that their son, P.F.C. Earl Russel Larsen, died in Germany on July 14. They had been previously notified of the accident, which occurred on July 14, and evidently death occured within a few hours.

According to reports, the fatal accident was caused by a crash in a jeep, but additional information has not been received as yet by the grieving parents.

Thus another war casualty has been added to the list of Viborg men who have died in the service of their country. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the Larsen family at this time.

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Earl Russel Larsen, a member of the Communication Platoon of the 35th radio division in the 137th Infantry, died as a result of a jeep accident at Neustadt, Germany during an electrical storm.

Earl Russel, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Larson, was born in Viborg on March 23, 1924. He attended grade and high school and was a graduate of class '42. Most of his summers, while attending school, were spent working at the K. & K. Store, with the exception of the summer of '41 when he took a course in Aviation Mechanics at Brookings. He also had a year of college at State College, Brookings in 1942 and 1943.

Earl Russel was baptized and confirmed in the Bethany Lutheran Church and was a member of the Luther League.

He was inducted into the army October 13, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He was home on a short furlough in May, en route to port of embarkation. He arrived in England the latter part of June. He took part in the invasion of Normandy and in battles in Belgium, France, Holland and Germany. He was at Hamburg on V-E Day. From there he was sent to Bacharach, where he was in charge of a public address system communicating regulations to the defeated Germany. It was known that Earl Russel had five stars for participating in five major battles.

Russ was injured July 6th and passed away on July 14 at the 180th General Hospital. He was buried in the American Military Cemetery at Bensheim, Germany.

He is survived by his parens, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Larsen; brothers, Rolland of Viborg, and Pvt. Lowell, who is serving in the army; his grandmother, Mrs. L. P. Larsen of Viborg; aunts, uncles and cousins, and a host of friends that will miss him.