Byrd, Wendell Forrest

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|||M|||US|||UNKNOWN|||AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE, ASIAN, BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER, WHITE|NOT SPECIFIED|NON-HISPANIC MORE THAN ONE RACE|UNKNOWN||||KR|ASIA|KOREA (KOREAN WAR)||Z|19990309|**19511027**|1951|K|C|KOREAN WAR|KOREA|**1951-10-27**||NH|DECEASED|ACCIDENT|||Y|BURIED - UNKNOWN DISP||||||

Byrd, Wendell Forrest

A native of Clark County, Captain Byrd was serving as pastor of a church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when he was called into the Korean War. He was already a veteran of World War II. Capt. Byrd was killed on October 27, 1951, when he reportedly accidentally tripped a mine while hunting in Korea, near the Hwachon Reservoir. A member of the Headquarters and Service Company, 13th Engineer Combat Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, he was awarded the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. Byrd was survived by his mother, Mrs. G. M. Byrd, his wife, Ruth Sample Byrd, his daughter, Lou Byrd, a brother C. K. Byrd, and five sisters, Mrs. Lula Young, Mrs. Mable Brumbaugh, Mrs. A. T. Rowe, Mrs. S. S. Myers, and Mrs. David Cropp.

"Services for Capt Wendell F Byrd, U.S. Army chaplain killed in Korea last summer, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Scobee Funeral Home at Winchester, Ky. Capt Byrd was the brother of Mrs A T Rowe, of Edgewood, Indiana. Dr J A Morrison, president of Anderson College, will speak at the funeral services. Anderson friends who will be pallbearers include Loren Owen, Dr Gene Newberry and Harold Phillips."
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"Captain (Chaplain) Byrd was a member of Headquarters and Service Company, 13th Engineer Combat Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. On October 27, 1951, while hunting near Hwachon Reservoir, North Korea, he accidentally tripped an anti-personnel mine that killed him.

Captain (Chaplain) Byrd was awarded the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal."

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Capt. W. F. Byrd Killed In Korea

Captain Wendell F. Byrd, 39, a chaplain in the United States armed forces, was injured fatally Oct. 27 when he fell over a land mine in Korea, according to a message received here from the Defense Department. He was serving with the 13th Engineering Battalion.

Capt. Byrd, a veteran of five years' service in World War II, four years of which were spent in the Pacific area, was recalled to duty Nov. 1, 1950, and has been serving in Korea since last July. At the time of his recall he was serving as pastor of the Church of God in Pittsburgh, Pa., and working toward a Doctor of Philosophy Degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

Capt. Byrd graduated from high school in New Philadelphia, Ohio; graduated from college at Anderson College, Anderson, Ind., and received his masters degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

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Services Set For Capt. W. F. Byrd

Funeral services for Capt. Wendell F. Byrd, 40, who was killed in Korea on Oct. 27, 1951, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Scobee Funeral Home by Dr. J. A. Morrison, Anderson, Ind. Military services will be held at the grave in the Winchester cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Loren Owen, Gene Newberry, Robert Epperson, Andrew Fulks, Willie Van Pelt and Arthur Campbell; honorary, Jack Allan, Harry Rose, Joe Rose, Dr. V. O. Kash, Dwane Sample and Rev. Joe Lykins.

Captain Byrd, a veteran of World War II, was a native of Clark county, and was pastor of a church in Pittsburgh, Pa. at the time he was recalled to duty in the current war.

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Soldier's Body Arrives Here; Rites Saturday

The body of Capt. Wendell F. Byrd, a Korean war casualty, arrived here at 8 a.m. today and was taken to the Scobee Funeral Home where services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday by Dr. J. A. Morrison, Anderson, Ind. Military services will be held at the grave in the Winchester cemetery.

Capt. Byrd, a native of Clark county, was killed in Korea on Oct. 27.

The Pittsburgh Press - Nov 25, 1951



CAPT. W. F. BYRD
Family's 5th war victim.

Greenfield Pastor Slain in Korea

Capt. Byrd Victim Of Land Mine

A land mine explosion near the Whatchon Reservoir in North Korea has killed Chaplain Wendell F. Byrd, former pastor of the First Church of God, 1120 Greenfield Ave.

Capt. Byrd, a veteran of the South Pacific in World War II, was fatally hurt last Oct. 27.

He was serving with the 13th Engineering Battalion.

Veteran of Pacific

A graduate of Anderson College, he studied the Bible and theology at Oberlin College of Theology. From 1937 to 1940, he served in Alaska as a missionary for the Board of Home Missions.

The following year he was called to active duty as an Army chaplain, serving through the Fiji Island and Bouganville campaigns. After the war, he entered the University of Pittsburgh, where he received his Master of Education and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

Family's 5th War Victim

While here, Capt. Byrd spent two years as recreational director with the Salvation Army in East Liberty. He was recalled to active duty in November, 1950, went to Japan last July, then to Korea in August.

Capt. Byrd is the fifth member of his family to die in the military service since the start of World War II. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. G. M. Byrd, of Winchester, Ky.; his widow, Ruth Sample Byrd, and daughter, Wendy Lou Byrd, both of Pittsburgh; five sisters and one brother.

Chaplain Is Killed In Korean Fighting

WINCHESTER, Ky., Nov. 10 (Special)—Capt. Wendell F. Byrd, 40, a chaplain in the United States armed forces, was injured fatally Oct. 27 by a land mine in Korea, according to a message received here from the Defense Department, by his mother, Mrs. G. M. Byrd. He was serving with the 13th Engineering Battalion.

Capt. Byrd, a veteran of five years' service in World War II, was recalled to duty Nov. 1, 1950, and had been in Korea since last July. When called he was serving as pastor of a Church of God in Pittsburgh, Pa., and was working toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

Capt. Byrd was graduated from New Philadelphia, Ohio High school and Anderson College, Anderson, Ind.; and received his Master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Survivors include his mother; his wife, Mrs. Ruth Sample Byrd; one daughter, Wendy Lou Byrd, Pittsburgh; five sisters, Mrs. Lula Young and Mrs. O. C. Brumbaugh, Winchester; Mrs. A. T. Rowe, Anderson, Ind.; Mrs. S. S. Myers, Owingsville, and Mrs. David Cropp, Warren, Pa., and one brother, C. K. Byrd, Bloomington, Ind.

Capt. Byrd was the fifth member of the Byrd family to lose his life while in the service.



Wendell F. Byrd

Body Of Boatman Taken From River

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 10 (AP)—The body of Robert E. Darnell, 40, Paducah towboat engineer, was taken from the Ohio River today.

Darnell disappeared Oct. 30 when a barge his boat was towing ran aground about 14 miles above Louisville.

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