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**Lt. Wayne Hildreth  
 Of Rhodes, Officer  
 In Army, Is Killed**

Rhodes — (Special) — First Rhodes man to earn his army commission in the present war, Lieut. Wayne Hildreth, Jr., 22, became this town's first casualty of World War II when he was killed Friday in an air crash near Muroc, Calif.

The flier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hildreth, Sr., received a telegram from Muroc air base officials late Friday informing them of their eldest son's death about 11 o'clock that morning. According to information received here, Lieutenant Hildreth was piloting a fighter plane on a route flight when the motor went dead, the plane went into a tailspin and crashed about five miles from Muroc. He was dead when picked up.

**IN ARMY 9 MONTHS.**

Commissioned Sept. 29 at Phoenix, Ariz., Lieutenant Hildreth had been in the army just nine months. He began his training as a flying cadet Feb. 7 and completed his primary training at Rankin Aeronautical academy, Tulare, Calif., May 29. He was sent to Lemoore, Calif., for his secondary training and then to Phoenix. After receiving his commission as a second lieutenant, he was assigned to the air base at Riverside, Calif., and then transferred to Muroc in October.

**RHODES GRADUATE.**

Born at Rhodes July 11, 1920, Wayne Hildreth was graduated from Rhodes high school in 1937 and later attended business college in Des Moines. Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, William Charles, 20, who has enlisted in the air force and is to begin his training in the C. P. T. class in Marshalltown Monday, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hildreth of Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shaffer of Wyoming, Iowa. A sister preceded him in death.

Lieutenant Hildreth was a member of the Rhodes Methodist church and of the Elks lodge in Marshalltown. The body will be brought to Rhodes for burial sometime next week.

**Fallen Rhodes Flier  
 Buried With Full  
 Military Honors**

Rhodes — (Special) — Full military honors were accorded Lieut. Wayne Hildreth, Jr., first Rhodes soldier to lose his life in World War II, at his funeral here Thursday afternoon. Lieutenant Hildreth, an army air force pilot, was killed Nov. 6 when his fighter plane crashed during a routine flight near his base at Muroc, Calif.

The ashes of the fallen flier were accompanied here by Lieut. L. G. Stapleton, a brother officer from the Muroc base, and services began with a prayer at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hildreth, at 1:30, in charge of Rev. H. W. Artman of Rhodes, followed by services at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. L. L. Holm, a former pastor here.

Harland G. Pfantz post, American Legion, of State Center had charge of the military service and provided a firing squad which fired a salute over the grave in Eden cemetery. The casket was draped with an American flag which was presented to the parents of the soldier. "Taps" were played by two high school boys, Roger and Jack Gray.

The funeral was said to have been the largest ever held at Rhodes. A delegation from the Marshalltown Elks lodge, of which Lieutenant Hildreth was a member, attended in a group and the pallbearers were Joseph Malechek, Delmer Wilson, Richard Thompson, C. F. Kennison, Harold Hildreth and Marvin Hilleman.

Relatives attending the services from away included Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shafer and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Breunig of Wyoming, Iowa; Mrs. Wallace Shaffer, Cedar Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. William Blumenschein, State Center, and their daughter Marjorie of Grinnell; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snowgren and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hilleman. Zearing Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Petermeier, Melbourne; Mrs. Pearl Smith and Miss Fern Thorn, Marshalltown; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Green Mountain; Mrs. George Gibson, Baxter, and other relatives and friends from Ames,



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 Lieut. Wayne Hildreth, Jr.  
 Rhodes, Iowa

**Born**  
 July 11, 1920  
 Rhodes, Iowa

**Entered Into Rest**  
 Nov. 6, 1942  
 Muroc, Calif.

**Services Held**  
 Rhodes Methodist Church  
 Nov. 12, 1942, 2:00 p. m.

**Clergyman**  
 Rev. Lloyd L. Holm  
 Belmond, Iowa

**Music**  
 Winnie Robinson  
 Helen Robinson  
 Fred Cheville  
 Luther Hix  
 Agnes Buck, Pianist

**Songs**  
 "Sometime We'll Understand"  
 "In the Garden"

**Interment**  
 Eden Cemetery  
 Rhodes, Iowa

**Pallbearers**  
 Richard Thompson  
 Harold Hildreth, C. F. Kennison  
 Mervin Hilleman, Delmar Wilson  
 Joe Malechek

American Legion Post No. 122,  
 Harlan G. Pfantz,  
 State Center, Iowa,  
 In charge of service at grave.

*Crossing The Bar*

*Sunset and evening star,  
 And one dear call for me!  
 And may there be  
 no mooring of the Bar  
 When I put out to sea.*

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*For tho' from out our bourns  
 of Time and Place  
 The flood may bear me far,  
 I hope to see my Pilot—  
 face to face,  
 When I have crost the bar*

*— Jennysen*