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T/4 Conrad Witte, 40, son of August Witte, 751 Third avenue north, died Sunday of a compound skull fracture sustained in an accident at Camp Adair, Ore., Saturday.

A member of the medical corps, Sergeant Witte was expecting his honorable discharge in the very near future. No details of the accident have been received here yet.

Sergeant Witte's wife, Emma, received the news of her husband's injury Saturday while she was at Minocqua. She immediately returned to Wisconsin Rapids, where she arranged for a plane priority through the Red Cross. Mrs. Witte then boarded a train from New Lisbon for Minneapolis, where she caught a plane for Camp Adair. However, her husband is believed to have died before she could reach his bedside.

Sergeant Witte was born in Wisconsin Rapids August 1, 1905. He was a Lincoln high school graduate and attended Marquette university two years. Prior to his entry into service, he was employed by the Wadhams Oil company here.

Witte joined the state guard when they were organized here and he was a member of that organization when he entered the army May 19, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Grant, Ill, then was transferred to Fort George G. Meade, Md., until last July when he was transferred to Camp Adair. He was home on furlough during the time of his birthday last month.

In addition to his wife and father, he is survived by three brothers, George and Karl, Wisconsin Rapids, and Louis, Rocky Mountain, N. C.; and five sisters, Mrs. E. H. Christianson, Lebanon, Pa., Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Walter Mortensen, Mrs. Frank Muehlstein and Vinnie, all of Wisconsin Rapids.

The body is being brought to Wisconsin Rapids by a military escort and is expected to reach the city Thursday. Baker mortuary will have charge of funeral arrangements.

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