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Rapids for funeral services and burial early next week.

Five of the 17 men aboard the glider survived yesterday's crash, but one of the survivors died of injuries early today. Three of the remaining four survivors are in critical condition at the Lawson Air Force Base Hospital.

Among the victims were 11 student paratroopers ready for their final exam—hitting the silk in one more jump. Also killed were a sergeant-instructor and the glider's pilot, Second Lt. Robert D. Henley of Columbia, Mo.

The glider, one of two released by a C-82 tow plane, was settling on the runway normally when, witnesses reported, one wing dipped sharply and struck the ground.

Another witness reported the glider hit the runway, bounced into the air, and began to disintegrate. Debris and bodies were scattered over 700 feet of the runway.

Capt. A. C. Parker of the infantry training center public information office said 15 of the men were taking glider training in conjunction with their six weeks training as paratroopers. The students all were members of Company A, Airborne Battalion.

One, Pvt. Richard L. Wedekis, 18, was a resident of Kenosha.

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