

# Injuries Prove Fatal to Place, in Plane Fall



**CAPT. FRED PLACE.**

News was received in Duluth yesterday of the death of Capt. Fred Place, Minnesota aviator, in an army hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., as a result of injuries sustained when his plane crashed to earth Tuesday.

Chaplain H. R. Westcock of Kelley Field telegraphed news of his death to Mrs. Louis Zurovsky, Capt. Place's sister-in-law, 1134 East Sixth street. He passed away without regaining consciousness.

Funeral arrangements being made include military exercises at Washington, with burial in the Arlington, W. Va., cemetery, where the unknown soldier is at rest. Mrs. Zurovsky may attend the rites.

#### **Film Photographer.**

Captain Place was 37 years old. Prior to his enlistment in the army at the outbreak of the World war he was with the International Film Service, attached to the staff photography section of the Chicago American.

As commanding officer of an aerial photography section in France, he flew over numerous fighting fronts, serving overseas 18 months. Upon his return to the United States he was stationed at Langley Field, Virginia, as instructor in aerial photography. Three months ago he was detached for duty at the San Antonio field where last Tuesday he was fatally injured in one of the most unusual accidents in flying history.

#### **Companion Injured.**

With a companion, Lieut. S. H. Lunt in the rear cockpit, they took off the field in a DeHaviland. At a height of 150 feet their plane encountered a strong current caused by the propeller of another aircraft. Captain Place's machine went out of control. Before he could right it the plane tilted, crashing downward. Captain Place skull was fractured. Lieutenant Lunt has already recovered from minor injuries, according to news dispatches.

The captain is survived by a 5-year-old daughter, Janet Majiet, and his widow. His mother lives in Brainerd. Mrs. Place formerly was Miss Hildegard Steenbuch and is well known in Duluth and the Twin Cities, where she lived. Captain Place was born in Minneapolis.