

Lee County Youth, Just Out of Service, Fatally Hurt in Wreck Enroute Home

A young Lee County man, just discharged from the Army, was dead along with six other people as the result of a grinding head-on collision between two automobiles near New Braunfels Wednesday.

Johnny Driessner, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Driessner of Route 3, Giddings, died in Comal Sanitarium Wednesday afternoon of injuries sustained in the wreck. He had been discharged from the service Monday.

Three of the other victims also had just been discharged from the armed forces.

Killed outright in the wreck were Bobby Joe Creppon, 22, former airman who was dis-

charged Monday at Fort Bliss, his father, Lincoln Creppon, 42, of Elgin; his wife, Shirley Creppon, 19; Cpl. Mark Beltran of Round Rock who was discharged at Fort Bliss Monday, and Airman 1-C Edward L. Harper, 23, of Oklahoma City.

Marion W. Neuman, 23, of Manor, who also was discharged Monday at Fort Bliss, died in Comal Sanitarium.

The elder Creppon and young Creppon's wife had gone to Fort Bliss to pick up their son and husband and the others.

Highway police said Harper, who had been on temporary duty at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma and was returning to Randolph Air Force Base, near San Antonio, apparently fell asleep, or dozed.

His automobile swerved toward the left lane of the highway and hit the other automobile in which all of the others were riding.

The two cars, both 1955 models, were "total wrecks." The accident occurred about four miles south of New Braunfels on U. S. Highway 81 near the village of Solms.

Services Set Friday For Johnny Driessner

Funeral services for Johnnie Alvin Driessner, 22, fatally injured in an auto accident near New Braunfels Wednesday, will be held Friday, May 27 at 10 a. m. at St. John's Lutheran Church at Serbin.

The Rev. A. Arndt, pastor, will officiate with burial in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

Young Driessner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Driessner of Route 3, Giddings, was born Feb. 10, 1933. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Serbin where he was baptized and confirmed. He was not married.

Inducted into the armed forces on June 11, 1953, in Houston, he had just Monday received his discharge at Fort Bliss after having served 1 year, 11 months, and 4 days, all but five months of which was overseas.

Survivors include his parents; two brothers, Marvin of Houston and Walter in the Army in Japan; three sisters, Mrs. A. J. (Clara) Kolojaco and Mrs. W. T. (Lillian) Wolf of Houston and Mrs. Alfred (Irene) Buscha of Giddings.