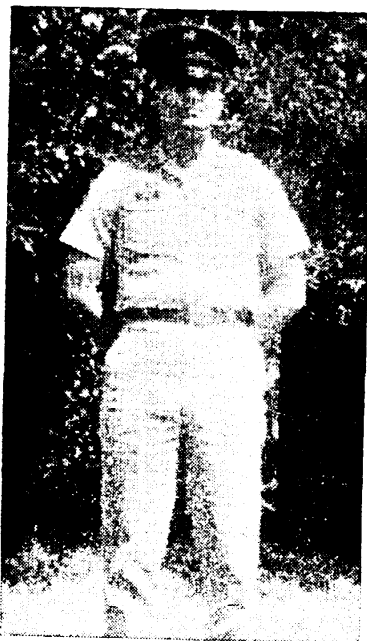


Thursday, August 28, 1969

Michael Boat Killed In Vietnam Action



Michael Boat

Army Spec. 5 Michael Boat, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boat of 411 West St., Grinnell, was killed Friday, Aug. 22, in South Vietnam.

His parents were informed of their son's death Tuesday.

Although precise details of Specialist Boat's death are not yet available, he was reported to have died when the helicopter in which he was riding crashed and burned. The entire helicopter crew was said to have been killed in the crash.

Specialist Boat was a 1965 graduate of Grinnell Community Senior High School, where he played football for three years. After graduating from high school, he attended Marshalltown Community College for one year.

He entered the Army on Sept.

23, 1967, completing his basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky. He then spent one year at Ft. Eustis, Va., where he was a helicopter maintenance instructor. He was sent to Vietnam last year, and was due home Sept. 20.

He is survived by his parents and a brother Patrick, 20.

Funeral services are pending at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Services Pending For Michael Boat

Funeral services for Spec. 5 Michael T. Boat, 22, who was killed in action Friday, Aug. 22, in Vietnam, are still pending. Specialist Boat's body has not yet arrived in Grinnell, although it is expected that services will be held this week at the United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ronald Rain, minister of the First United Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Specialist Boat was attached to the 213th Aviation Company, the 11th Aviation Battalion of the 12th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade.

He was born in Grinnell, Nov. 15, 1946, the son of Theodore F. and Catherine E. Umphlet Boat. He graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1965 and attended Marshalltown Junior College for one year. He enlisted in the Army Aug. 24, 1967, and received his basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky., after which he was sent to Ft. Eustis, Va., for helicopter training.

Specialist Boat was sent to Vietnam Sept. 23, 1968, and was due to return for a 30 day leave in

three weeks at the time of his death.

He is survived by his parents,

his brother Patrick James of Grinnell, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bette Umphlet of Chesapeake, Va., and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Organist for the funeral services, nieces and nephews.

Organist for the funeral services will be Mrs. Willard Heffner, and pallbearers will include John Anderson, Dave Benson, Bob Bevins, John Craig, Tom Hotchkin and Warren Taylor. Honorary pallbearers will be Rick Inis, Jim Monroe, Bill Moore, Bill Noel, Duane Palmer, Pat Pickens, Jerry VanWechel and Bill Lannom.

American Legion graveside rites will be conducted at Hazelwood Cemetery by W. K. Richardson, commander, and Jack Day, Chaplain, along with members of the Focht-Tenant Post No. 53 ceremonial unit.

Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.