

2 SOLDIERS NEAR DEATH IN CRASH



—Daily Times photos by Don Berg.

Plunge Into Tree on East Lake of Isles

Pfc. Joseph A. Ferris, Jr., 19, of 3428 Hennepin Av., and Private Glen Preston, 19, of 412 W. Thirty-second St., both home on leave from Germany awaiting transfer to the Pacific area, were in critical condition today in General hospital when their car crashed into a tree in front of 2631 E. Lake of the Isles boulevard.

Wreckage of the car was strewn for 100 feet. Preston was hurled 20 feet from the car. Examination indicated he had a fractured skull and internal injuries. Ferris, son of Joseph A. Ferris, public relations counsel for Northwest Airlines, driver of the car, was pinned behind the wheel. His neck and skull were fractured.



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The accident occurred about 1 a. m., when the car failed to make a turn while going south on Lake of the Isles boulevard. Two sailors, Harry Rollins, 2127 Fourth St. S., and Robert Carlson, 1822 Fourteenth Av. S., who saw the crash, gave first aid to the men and summoned help.

Dr. D. H. Daniel, 2631 E. Lake of the Isles, whose residence is across the street from the scene of the crash, was summoned. He crawled inside the wrecked machine and gave medical aid to Ferris and directed Rollins and Carlson in first aid treatment of Preston. Six men were required to remove Ferris from the car.

An emergency plastic surgery operation was performed on Preston's face when he arrived at the hospital.

The two sailors told police that the driver apparently failed to see the curve in the road, and that the car leaped the curb, continued down the bridge path near the street and crashed into the tree. Parts of the car were picked up 100 feet beyond the tree.

Preston and Ferris entered the army together in January, 1944, and served together in France, Germany and Czechoslovakia. They were home on 36-day furloughs and were scheduled to report to Camp McCoy, Wis., next week for redeployment to the Pacific area.

Wreckage was strewn for 100 feet when a car driven by Pfc. Joseph A. Ferris, Jr., 19, of 3428 Hennepin Av., failed to make a turn in front of 2631 East Lake of the Isles Blvd., and crashed into a tree. Pvt. Glen Preston, 19, 412 West Thirty-second St., riding with Ferris, was thrown 20 feet from the car. Both had recently returned from army overseas duty in Germany.



Pfc. Joseph A. Ferris, Jr. (upper), and Pvt. Glen Preston were in General hospital in critical condition after the crash. Ferris had a broken neck and skull fracture. Preston also had a skull fracture and torn face.



First on the scene of the crash were two sailors, Harry Rollins (left), 2127 Fourth St. S., and Robert Carlson, 1822 Fourteenth Av. S., on leave after fighting at Okinawa. They gave first aid to the injured soldiers and summoned Dr. D. H. Daniel (in shirt sleeves), 2631 East Lake of the Isles Blvd. The three gave details to Patrolman Walter Erickson of the accident squad.

State Cracks Down On Golden Valley Tax

A sweeping re-evaluation of all assessable property and real estate in Golden Valley was under way today by a specially-appointed assessor after investigation by state and county disclosed the village valuation were "ridiculously low."

Fog Delays Air Traffic, But Cool Front's on Way

Fog that blanketed most of Minnesota for five hours this morning delayed air travel out of Minneapolis and reduced vis-