

Funeral Services for Lieut. Biggs to Be This Afternoon

Funeral services for First Lieutenant James E. Biggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Biggs, 3608 Douglas street, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Christian church, with Rev. Arthur W. Jones officiating. A guard of honor from El Paso post No. 35, American Legion, will escort the body from the Peak-Hagedorn undertaking establishment to the church and thence to Concordia cemetery, where burial will take place.

"Buster" Biggs, as he was known to his intimate friends, lost his life when his plane crashed on the western front on October 27, 1918. Biggs was a combat pilot serving with the second pursuit group, 185th Aero-squadron, at the time. He had four German planes to his credit.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Boulton of San Francisco, and Mrs. Claire Moore of El Paso. He was 21 years old when he made the supreme sacrifice.

Active pallbearers will be selected from the aviation personnel at Fort Bliss and personal friends of young Biggs will act in an honorary capacity. The list of those who will take part has not been announced.

Lieutenant Biggs' body arrived in the city last night at 8:30 o'clock over the Texas & Pacific railway from New York.

Body of Lieut. Biggs Is Escorted to Grave by Guards of Comrades

First Lieut. James B. Biggs, who lost his life on the western front on Oct. 27, 1918, when his plane crashed, was buried at Concordia cemetery yesterday afternoon. A guard of honor, composed of members of El Paso post No. 36, American Legion, and six Fort Bliss officers, escorted the body to the grave.

Funeral services were held at First Christian church at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Paul G. Preston officiating, assisted by the Rev. Arthur W. Jones and Chaplain John McWilliams of Fort Bliss.

Honorary pallbearers were Claudius Womble, LeRoy McGrady, Roland Kemp, Maurice Blumenthal, Russell Worthington, Herndon Kemp, T. Lowden Wingo and Earl Evans.

Lieuts. S. O. Kinkle, Edgar A. Liebhauser, C. W. Sullivan, Raymond C. Milyard, M. H. McKinnon and Alexander Pearson were active pallbearers.

"Buster" Biggs, as he was known to his intimate friends, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Biggs, 3608 Douglas street. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. B. H. Boulton of San Francisco, and Mrs. Claire Moore, both of whom attended the funeral.

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Ft. Bliss Air Field Is Named For Lt. Biggs, A Native El Pasoan



LATE LT. JAMES B. BIGGS.

IN HONOR of a native El Pasoan who entered the first training camp at Leon Springs, and died on the western front in France, the Ft. Bliss flying field has been named Biggs field.

Lt. James Berthes Biggs left an El Paso bank to enlist at Leon Springs in May, 1917. He was commissioned a short time later and sent to France with other air officers. Lt. Biggs met his death on an air accident at Beltrain, France, on October 20, 1918, after serving meritously with the American troops. The official order naming the field was received at Ft. Bliss Tuesday morning.

Lt. Biggs was a schoolmate of many El Pasoans in the Lamar school when he won athletic honors as a member of the grammar school track and field teams. He was one of the most popular members of the Youngster society set and was one of the founders of the Calamus club.