

## AIRPLANE TO CIRCLE GRAVE TODAY AS COMRADES BURY B. F. JENKINS, FLYER BURNED TO DEATH FRIDAY

**W**HILE an airplane circles over the grave and drops flowers, members of the El Paso Aero club, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, will bury Lieut. Benjamin F. Jenkins, Jr., their first brother flyer to die since the society was organized.

Lieutenant Jenkins, and his mechanic, Sergt. Arthur C. Juengling, were burned to death in an accident on a training flight Friday morning.

Services by Chaplain Walter B. Zimmerman will be held at the Jenkins home, 919 East Rio Grande street. Then former army fliers, friends of the dead officer, who held a reserve commission at the time of his death, will conduct a regulation flier's funeral. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Lieut. W. C. Morris, Leroy McGrady, Earl Cochrane, Maurice Blumenthal, Earl F. Evans and Russell Worthington will be active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will include Donald Grant, Monty Routledge, Alber Kaum, Wayne Taylor, Fred Kitchens and Harry Birden.

The plane above the grave will be piloted by Lieut. Lieb Hauser.

Board still investigating.

A board of inquiry appointed from the 12th observation squadron, Fort Bliss, had not completed its investigation yesterday. It is expected to report to Capt. Thomas W. Haste, commanding officer, tomorrow.

"The accident will not halt reserve officer training here," Lieutenant Evans, secretary of the club, most of whose members are on the reserve list, said last night. "There will be no more stunt flying at low altitudes, but the use of planes at Fort Bliss by reserve officers for training will continue as usual."

Records at the fort show that the fatal accident Friday, which occurred when Lieutenant Jenkins' plane crashed into the side of a mountain northeast of William Beaumont hospital, was the flyer's only mishap in a long air career.

During the war Lieutenant Jenkins had been an instructor at Plainfield, Miss., and at Mineola, L. I., army flying fields. The flight Friday was his second since leaving the service three years ago. On Thursday afternoon he had made a successful flight with Lieut. Raymond C. Millyard of the observation unit, who declared Jenkins was as steady as if he had been flying continually.

Optical Illusion Fatal.

The same optical illusion that bothers travelers in the plains and mountain country as to distance was the cause of

the accident, flyers at Fort Bliss field thought yesterday. In the air, as on land, they say, mountains far away seem much closer than they actually are, while when but a short distance from a peak a flyer often believes he is still safely away.

The body of Sergt. Juengling, who was of the enlisted air service personnel and after hundreds of successful flights was considered one of the most expert mechanics in the Eighth corps area, will be sent tomorrow to his home at Columbus, Ill. A brother sergeant of the observation squadron will accompany the body, which will be buried with full military honors.