

## Training Jet Crash Kills 2

CASTLE ROCK (AP) – An Air Force training jet crashed and burned 10 miles north of Castle Rock Thursday, killing two men.

The Air Force said the plane, a T33, apparently plummeted straight into the ground. Wreckage was spread over a 300-foot radius. Firemen finally managed to put out the flames, which spread to grass in the area, about two hours after the crash.

The victims were the pilot and Lawrence G. Paul, 17, an Air Force Academy cadet whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Paul reside in Buffalo, N.Y. He was on his first orientation flight.

The pilot was Maj. Gerald L. Williams, 45, of Aurora, Colo.

A spokesman said the T33 was on a local special mission flight from Lowry.

*(The above is a transcription of a news item taken from page 7 of **The Greeley Tribune** issue of Friday, 4 Aug 1961.)*

## FALLEN FLEDGELING

**Basic Cadet Lawrence Glen Paul**, Class of 1965, was killed on 3 August 1961 when the T-33A (serial # 57-0705) in which he was a passenger crashed roughly 13 minutes after takeoff from Lowry AFB, CO. He died on his 39<sup>th</sup> day as a Cadet at USAFA and was our first fatality in the line of duty.

We obtained a copy of the **Report of AF Aircraft Accident** from the USAF Safety Agency, Kirtland AFB, NM. That report stated that the cause of the crash was “UNDETERMINED”.

The crash site has been described in at least three ways: as 16 miles South of Lowry AFB; as 10 miles North of Castle Rock; and as 39° 33' N, 105° 00' W — (we think this is in the vicinity of present-day Littleton, CO.)

Dave Cooper (CS-7) and Ken Hough (CS-12) remembered Larry and Ken actually flew out to the Zoo with him and attended his funeral. But we still do not know to which Provisional Squadron Larry was assigned nor do we know who his roommate(s) may have been. He may have been in “B” or “C” squadron but the memories are really shaky. We have no photo of him.

Both his parents are deceased. He may have had two sisters but we’re still researching this.

We’d like to hear from any classmate who has knowledge about Larry, no matter how trivial it might seem.