

Remains of airman from 1942 crash ID'd

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WASHINGTON - The remains of a U.S. airman who died in 1942 when a routine training flight crashed in the Sierra Nevada Mountains have been identified. Ernest Munn of St. Clair, Ohio, was an aviation cadet in the U.S. Army Air Forces at the time, the Defense Department said. Munn and three other airmen were on board the AT-7 Navigator aircraft on Nov. 18, 1942, on a navigation training mission. When the plane, with about five hours of fuel, failed to return to Mather Field, an unsuccessful search was launched. Climbers on Darwin Glacier found the wreckage in 1947, including some skeletal remains. They were buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, Calif. Hikers found more human remains in October 2005, which were recovered with the help of rangers from Kings Canyon and Sequoia national parks. They were identified as Air Cadet Leo Mustonen. More remains discovered in 2007 were identified as Munn. He is to be buried in May in Colerain, Ohio.

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