

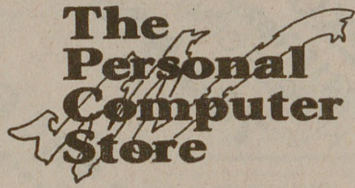
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Air Force plane crashes in West Germany

WEST BERLIN (AP) — A huge U.S. Air Force transport plane crashed and burned early Wednesday at the Ramstein Air Base in West Germany, killing several people, a U.S. military spokesman said.

Air Force spokesman said. Ed Worley said the C-5 cargo plane was headed to Frankfurt's Rhein-Main base, but did not know whether the

aircraft was involved in the round-the-clock deployment of U.S. troops and supplies to the Persian Gulf.

"There were some deaths and some people are in the hospital, but we don't have the numbers sorted out yet," said Worley. "We think there were 17 people on board."

Worley said the aircraft crashed and burned one-quarter mile from

the runway at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"It crashed in a field right off the west end of the runway," Worley told the Associated Press by telephone from Ramstein, about 300 miles southwest of Berlin. "We don't expect any civilian casualties."

Worley said the C-5 belonged to the 60th Airlift Wing at Travis Air

Force Base in California. He said it was flown by a crew from Kelly Air Force Base in Texas.

The C-5 is the largest transport plane in the Air Force fleet. A military reference book, Jane's All-World's Aircraft, says the C-5 can carry up to about a quarter-million pounds of cargo.

Rangers

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commission a ROTC cadet will receive, said Capt. Sam Hawes, Rudder's Rangers adviser.

"We want our kids to do well," Hawes said.

Cadets put in long hours to get a commission, he said.

Fifty percent of A&M Cadets who attend one of the three ROTC advanced summer camps are among the top 30 percent of all ROTC participants, Hawes said.

"Most of our kids who come through are very competitive, aggressive, dynamic and smart," Hawes said.

Between 75 and 100 members are Rudder's Rangers.

They attend a weekly meeting in a classroom setting and practice training sessions during the evenings and weekends.

Rudder's Rangers members fine tune skills in patrol and leadership, with emphasis in various patrolling techniques, said Sgt. Maj. Thomas Epting.

"A ranger is a guy who can go a long way with very little and ac-

complish an objective behind an enemy line," said John Hester, commander of the Ranger Challenge Team and a senior recreation parks major from San Antonio.

The organization was formed in the memory of Maj. Gen. Earl Rudder, an A&M graduate and former president of the A&M System.

Rudder was commander of the 2nd Ranger Battalion in World War II.



Military helicopters liftoff after dropping off members of the Rudder's Rangers segment of the Corps of Cadets Tuesday afternoon at Duncan Field. The object of their mission was to destroy an Iraqi stronghold.

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