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Wife of Lieut. Anderson Advised Of Death Mar. 8

First Lieut. Charles R. Anderson jr., 21, U. S. Marines, died Mar. 8 of wounds suffered in action on Iwo Jima, the navy department has advised his wife, the former Johanna Mueller, who is employed at the W. J. Scott Auto company and makes her home with her parents at Brule.

The message, delivered late Saturday, contained no details. He was serving with the Fourth Marine division.

Lieut. Anderson, a student at Kearney State Teachers' college at the time, hitch-hiked to Des Moines in April of 1942, to enlist in the Marines and was called into active service May 3, 1943, missing graduation exercises by 26 days. He received his diploma and a bachelor of science degree, however, the presentation being made to his wife, who was a member of the same class and was graduated at the same time.

Lieut. Anderson and Miss Mueller were married July 11, 1942.

After two months of boot camp at Parris Island, S. C., and four months of officer training at Quantico, Va., he was commissioned a second lieutenant on Nov. 3, 1943. He later studied radar for four months at Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass., was transferred to California and went overseas in April of last year. His first assignment overseas was as an instructor of jiu jitsu and knifing, and he later was a member of the championship football team of the Pacific. In recognition of his football performances, he received a certificate signed by General C. B. Cates, commanding general of the Fourth Marine division.

The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Anderson, he was born Mar. 15, 1923, at Wilsonville, Nebr., where he graduated from the high school in 1939. He attended the McCook Junior college for a year before transferring to Kearney State Teachers' college.

Surviving, besides his wife and parents, are two brothers, Ensign Ralph H. Anderson, on sea duty in the Pacific, and Frank at home; and four sisters, Mrs. Dora Langley, whose husband was killed over Germany in October of 1944, and C/N Melva B. Anderson, both at Lincoln, and Alice and Zora at home. A brother died in infancy.