

(Handwritten date: Monday, October 18, 1943)

SON OF CONTRACTOR KNOWN HERE DIES

Son of D. R. Smalley, U.S. 27 Builder Through Berne

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon R. Smalley of Celina, O., received a telegram Thursday from the U. S. Government informing them of their son's death in a plane crash at Marfa Air Field, Texas. According to information Cadet Richard Smalley was doing night flying at the time at an altitude of 9000 feet when two planes crashed. The other cadet with Richard was also killed.

Cadet Smalley's father, Dillon R. Smalley, is remembered here by many people as the contractor for building U.S. 27 through Berne.

[Karin King note: Richard Smalley buried in North Grove Cemetery, Celina, Ohio]

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