

## Vietnam Action Kills **Donny Tidwell of Diana**

PFC Donny G. Tidwell, 21, 1966, one month after gradu-of Diana, was killed in hos- ation from New Diana High tile action in Vietnam on April 12.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Tidwell, have received official notification and official notification and funeral arrangments are pending at Loyd Funeral Home in Gilmer, awaiting arrival of the body. An outstanding high school athlete, young Tidwell was

professional promis ing baseball player. He had obtained a contract in June

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Mrs. Doug Daniels, librarian, said that funds raised this year, if the \$2,500 potential gift is matched, would be sufficient to buy census rolls on microfilm, books and shelving, renew the preschool book collection which is now deficient, remodel the small back room for the preschool collection and a story hour room, set up a vertica! file, update the circulation system, increase the number of magazines subscribed to, and set up an outdoor "autoand set up an outcool action page" return system that would make book returning outside of library hours more efficient.

Appoints

ation from New Diana High School, with the Los Angeles Dodgers. And he completed one season with the Dodger farm club in Ogden, Utah, before entering the service.

He had been in the Army since November 1966 and had been in Vietnam two months and 12 days.

Survivors in addition to his parents include two sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Harkness of Longview and Mrs. Phyllis Sampson of Diana; two brothers, Roger Tidwell of Gilmer and Steve Tidwell of Diana; three nephews; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Murphy of Avinger; maternul grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonad Gilbert of Diana,

Tidwell had an excellent rookie year with the Ogden baseball club. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Tidwell, watched their son pitch in several games at Ogden the summer of 1966.

At New Diana High School he was a star athlete in football, basketball, baseball and track. He played for the Longview American Legion baseball team during the summers of 1964 and 1965.

He was one of 937 baseball players drafted in the second annual National and American League baseball draft on June 7-8, 1966.

While he played for the American Legion, the Longview team won the district championship twice and was in the state play-offs once.

## Donny Tidwell death

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