

# Meridian Honors

## Lt. C. N. Cairns

*July 25, 1943*

MERIDIAN (Special)—A spot in the field of honor in the Meri-



dian cemetery was dedicated Monday to Lt. Charles Nelton Cairns, the first service man from Meridian who was reported to have died in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippine islands.

Lt. Cairns

The American Legion was in charge of the services, and the Rev. W. J. Luscomb and the Rev. Lines officiated at the rites conducted in the Meridian Methodist church.

Lt. Cairns, a son of Mrs. Mabel Cairns of Meridian, was reported to have died in the Japanese camp July 15. He was a native of Meridian and was graduated from the University of Idaho at Moscow. He received his commission in the Army after attending the R. O. T. C. school at the university. He had been in the service about two years before his death. Prior to his entry into the Army, he worked with the U. S. reclamation service as a civil engineer in Denver.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his widow, Mary Ann Cairns of Denver; a brother, Capt. Vernon T. Cairns, with the Army in North Africa and a sister, Anna Beth Ernest of Boise.