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Update: U.S. Soldier killed in vehicle accident

WIESBADEN, Germany – A U.S. Army Soldier assigned to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment died during a vehicle accident, which occurred Aug. 1 near Tirschenreuth.

1st Lt. Hailey Hodsden, a platoon leader with the regiment's 4th Squadron, was traveling in a Stryker when a civilian semi-truck struck the military vehicle as it merged onto Autobahn 93.

Civilian medical personnel treated and transported Hodsden to a local hospital, where the medical staff pronounced her dead.

"Hailey was an exceptional leader," said Lt. Col. Joseph M. Byerly, 4th Squadron Commander. "As the Saber family mourns her loss, we are reminded of the courage and commitment that she displayed each day. She was a true example for others to emulate."

Hodsden was a U.S. Military Academy at West Point graduate, where she was commissioned as an Armor officer. The 24-year old Dripping Springs, Texas, native had been in the unit for a little over a year.



"Lt. Hodsden was well-respected by all who knew and served with her. She was a valued Dragoon and teammate," said Col. Robert S. McChrystal, 2nd Cavalry Regiment Commander. "We extend our sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and fellow Dragons."

The 2nd Cavalry Regiment is also known as the 2nd Dragons.

No other U.S. Army Soldiers traveling in the Stryker received injuries.

The incident is currently under investigation.

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