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Warrior Transition Unit Soldier dies while on leave in the U.S.

HEIDELBERG, Germany – An infantry Soldier assigned to Company A, Warrior Transition Unit at Kleber Kaserne near Landstuhl, Germany, died July 18 while on leave in the United States.

Pvt. 2 Lawrence G. Gowell, 22, was on an authorized 14-day leave that began July 15. He was visiting his parents in Litchfield, Maine.

The Associated Press reported Monday that Maine Gov. John Baldacci learned about Pvt. 2 Gowell's death and contacted the Gowell family to express his condolences. According to the AP news report, the governor said Pvt. 2 Gowell made many sacrifices in his young life to serve his country.

A memorial service for Pvt. 2 Gowell is being planned for July 28 at the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder chapel.

The cause of death is under investigation.