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U.S. KFOR SOLDIER WHO DIED IS IDENTIFIED

Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo – A U.S. KFOR soldier who died at approximately 8 a.m. Thursday at Camp Able Sentry near Skopje in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has been identified.

Spc. Christopher Heath, 40, of Boulder, Colo., died of an apparent heart attack after a physical fitness test. While running a cool-down lap, he collapsed. CPR was begun on Heath and continued en route to the aid station, where higher-level care was provided. Aid station staff members attempted to revive him for 40 minutes but were unable to do so.

Heath was pronounced dead at 7:51 a.m.

Heath was assigned to Battery C, 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery Regiment, based in Bamberg, Germany. Heath was previously assigned as battalion ammunition driver, unit mail clerk, unit armorer and unit first sergeant's driver.

Heath was a key asset to the battalion directly after the Sept. 11 attacks, developing procedures for the transfer and withdrawal of ammunition according to regulations. His knowledge was instrumental in the mission security at Bamberg.

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“Spc. Chistopher Heath served his country, the Army, the 1st Infantry Division and this brigade honorably,” said Col. A lbert Johnson, chief of staff of KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East).

“The Army extends its sympathies to his family for their tragic loss, as we, his fellow soldiers, also grieve.”

Heath is survived by his wife and a stepson.

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