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Funeral services for Sgt. Harold Zelnicker, 21, who was killed last Friday when he fell beneath the treads of a light tank while training with the 43rd National Guard Division at A. P. Hill Military Reservation, Va., were held Wednesday morning at the Max Sugarman Funeral Home. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Rabbi Abraham Chill, chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans, Department of R. I., officiated at the military services, which were attended by more than 50 members of the 43rd Division. Pallbearers included six soldiers who served with Sergeant Zelnicker, and two friends, Louis Friedman and Joseph Shavitz of Providence. A volley of three rounds was fired by the firing squad, which was comprised of members of the R. I. National Guard. Taps was sounded by the bugler, also of that organization. Memers of the JWV formed the color guard. Marvin Rumpler, junior vice commander, and Arthur Rosen, past commander, of the JWV State Department, conducted the military arrangements.

Sergeant Zelnicker, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Zelnicker of 94 Benefit Street, was a mortar platoon leader with the Infantry Division, and was participating with an "enemy" force in an infantry defensive problem at the time of the accident, first serious mishap suffered by the 43rd Division since its induction into federal service. It was the last of a series of nine 24-hour problems the division has been on in recent weeks.

At the completion of the problem, his company was ordered to withdraw and Sergeant Zelnicker and about six other men jumped up on an M-24 light tank. The tank pulled away from the combat area, struck a hole which was covered with brush and as it lurched, Sergeant Zelnicker was hurled in front of its treads.

Sergeant Zelnicker attended Hope High School and worked as a shipping clerk before he entered federal service. He was born in Providence, Dec. 15, 1930. He enlisted in the Rhode Island National Guard in 1947 and re-enlisted in August, 1950, to go to Camp Pickett with the division. He was a member of the Comets Club.

Survivors, in addition to the parents, include a brother, Albert N. Zelnicker, now serving with the Seabees in Japan; and a sister, Mrs. Sylvia Hodosh of Pawtucket.