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**MEDIA RELEASE: MCoE mourns death of Soldier in training**

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**FORT MOORE, Ga.** – The Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Moore extend condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Pfc. Jacob T. Atchison, who succumbed to his injuries following a medical emergency on July 12, 2023.

Atchison, a 19-year-old Infantryman (11B) assigned to Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 197th Infantry Brigade, experienced a medical emergency while participating in a training event with his company on post. Training company leadership immediately notified Emergency Medical Services and Drill Sergeants administered combat lifesaver procedures. Upon arrival, EMS continued to administer medical attention and then transported him to Martin Army Community Hospital. Medical staff pronounced Atchison's death shortly after his arrival. An investigation will be conducted to determine cause of death.

"We are all deeply saddened by the loss of this outstanding Soldier and send our heartfelt condolences to his family," said Lt. Col. Josh Horner, commander of 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment. "They are in our thoughts and prayers."

Atchison, of Pella, Iowa, began Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT) on May 12. He was on track to participate today in his company's Turning Green Ceremony, which symbolizes completion of the basic combat training portion of OSUT.

"Those who volunteer to defend the nation represent the very best of us," said 1st Lt. Kyle J. Whittaker, Atchison's company commander. "The loss of Jacob will be keenly felt by his teammates and the Army, now and in the future."

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