

Incident Summary Page for the Smokejumper Line of Duty Death

Name of Smokejumper LODD: Lester Lycklama (MYC-46)	Incident Name: Fall Creek Ridge Fire
	Incident Date & Time: July 3, 1946
Smokejumper Base: McCall	Incident Location: Payette National Forest, Council Idaho
Personal Information	
Lester, 23, was born January 1, 1923, in Harrison, South Dakota. A veteran of WWII, he enlisted in the Army April 1, 1941. He is buried in Meridian Idaho.	
Brief description	
Lester died as a result of being hit by a falling limb. Eight McCall smokejumpers had been deployed to the fire. On July 3rd Lester and his partner John Hennessey (MYC-46) were using a crosscut saw to fall a lightning-struck Ponderosa Pine. The snag top third suddenly burned in two, broke off, and fell almost vertically. Their spotter Constan Aguirre (MYC-46) shouted a warning, and the sawyers started running in their preselected escape routes. Lester tripped on a root, fell face down and was struck on the head by a tree limb, knocking him unconscious with a severe head injury. He died two days later July 5th on the hospital operating table at the hospital in Council Idaho, having never regained consciousness.	
Links to more information on this incident:	
https://wlfalwaysremember.net/1946/07/03/lester-lycklama/ https://lessons.wildfire.gov/incident/indian-mountain-fire-hit-by-tree-fatality-1946 https://r4jumpers.com/mccall_jumper/lester-lycklama/ https://smokejumpers.com/magazine/tragedy-out-of-mccall/	

