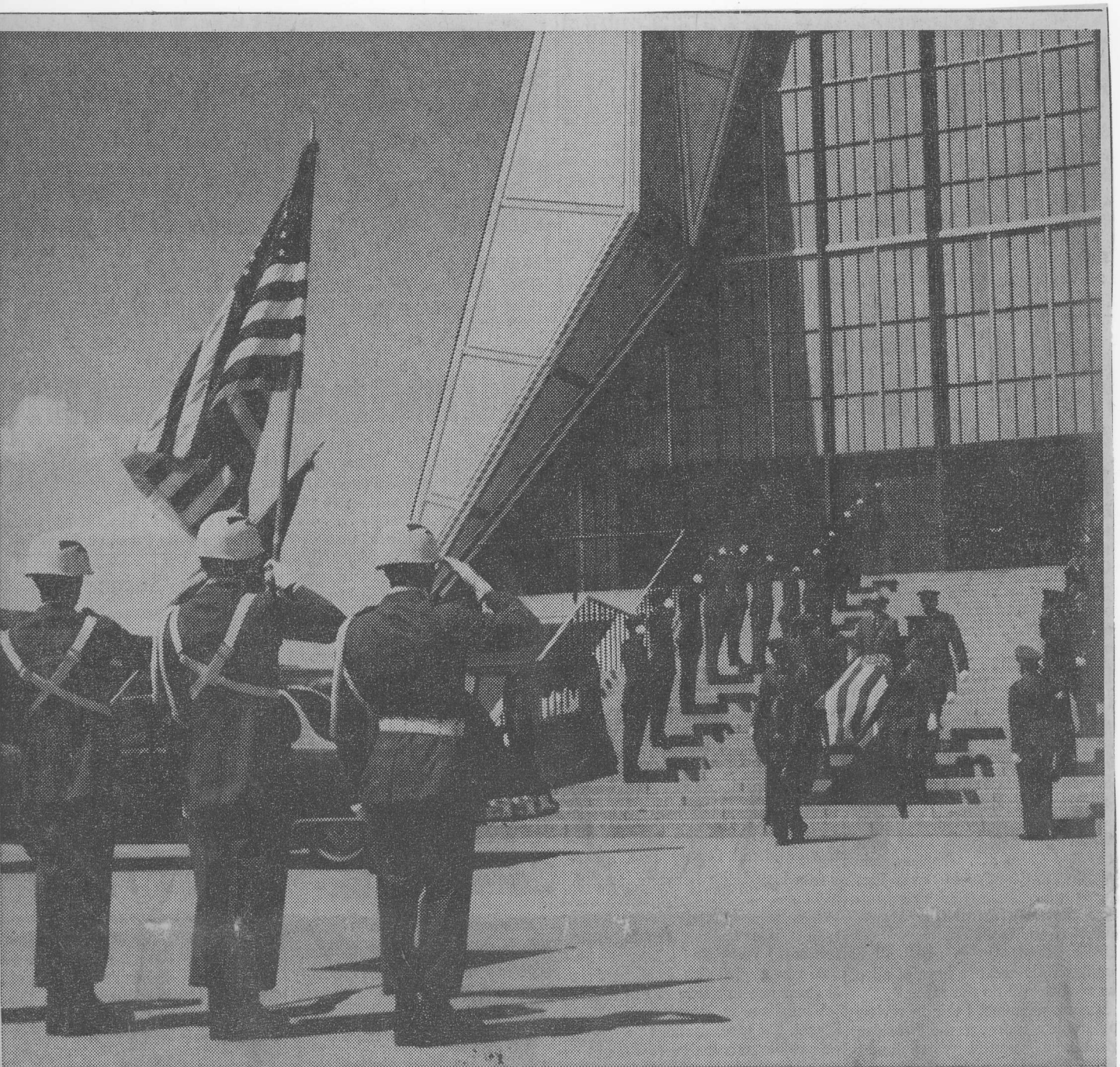

ACADEMY FUNERAL — The second Air Force Academy graduate to die in combat — 1st Lt. Donald D. Watson — was buried at the academy cemetery Friday. Here, the color guard stands at attention outside the cadet chapel as Chaplain (Lt. Col.) H. D. Shoemaker leads the casket through a 24-man cadet honor squadron. Academy graduates assigned to the command served as pallbearers. Lt. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Watson of Tripoli, Wis., was killed in Viet Nam while on temporary duty from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. He was assigned to the 481st Tactical Fighter Squadron there. FREE PRESS 14 AUG 65

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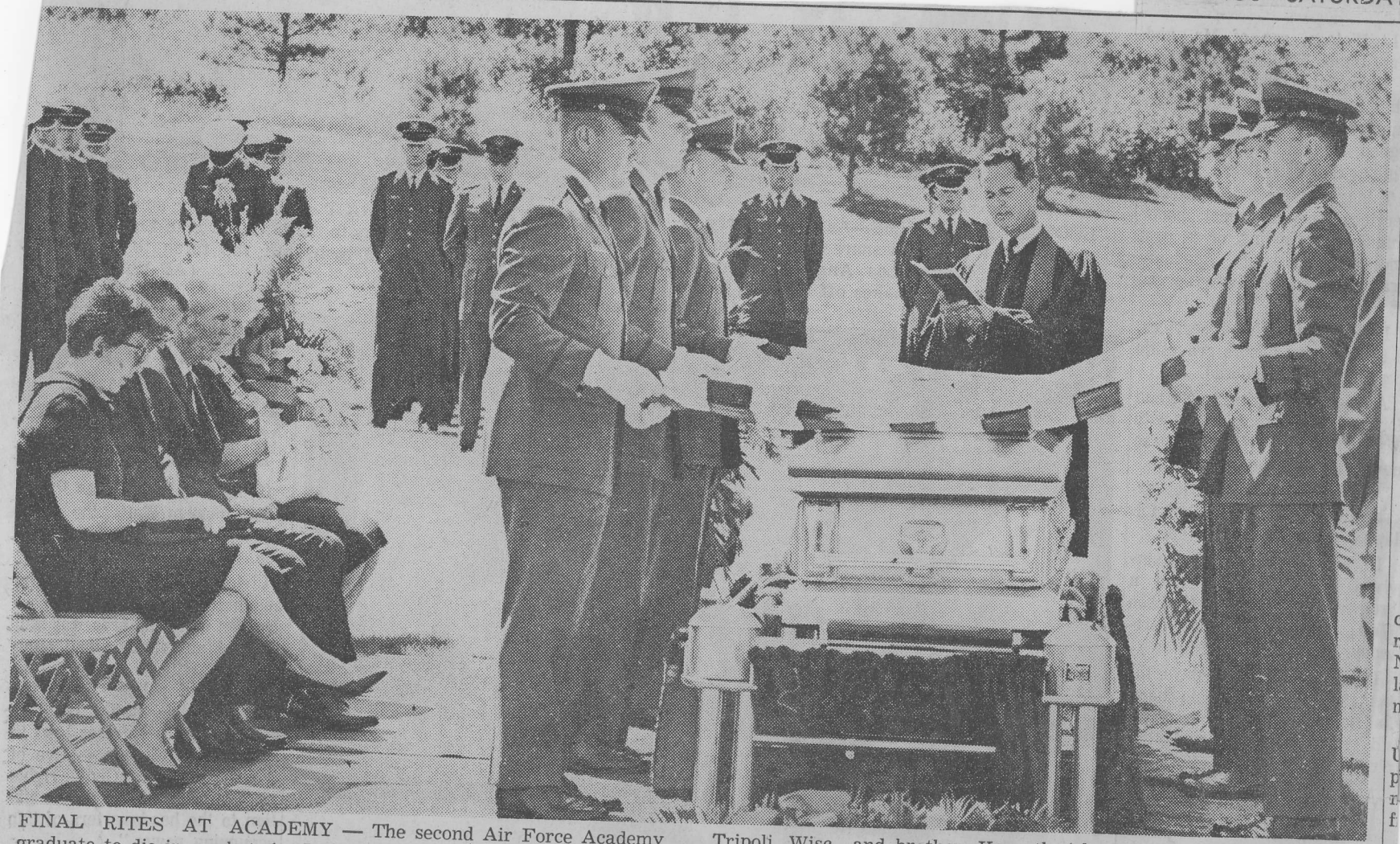

FINAL RITES AT ACADEMY — The second Air Force Academy graduate to die in combat, 1st Lt. Donald D. Watson, was buried Friday in the Academy Cemetery. The lieutenant was killed in Viet Nam July 30. He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watson of Tripoli, Wisc., and brother, Kenneth (shown with his wife Beverly), Madison, Wisc., all at left in picture. Presiding at the burial was Command Chaplain (Lt. Col.) H. D. Shoemaker, Protestant.

(Gazette Telegraph Photo)

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Lt. Watson Is Buried in AFA Cemetery

More than 1,000 basic cadets participated Friday evening in a memorial retreat ceremony at the Air Force Academy for the late 1st Lt. Donald D. Watson, 24.

The lieutenant was the second Academy graduate to die in combat. He was killed while flying an F-100 Super Saber jet in Viet Nam.

Watson was buried in the Academy Cemetery Friday after services in the Protestant Nave of the Cadet Chapel, with the Command Chaplain (Lt. Col.) H. D. Shoemaker conducting services. (COVER)

For the retreat ceremony Summer Cadet Commander John D. Maybee formed the 1,000 - plus basics to pay final homage to the former cadet wing member.

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the cadets stood at attention while Capt. Richard T. Mathews, Class of 1960, read a memorial to Lieutenant Watson. As a final tribute, taps were sounded.

Lt. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Watson of Tripoli, Wisc., was killed in Viet Nam while on temporary duty from Cannon AFB, N.M. He was assigned to the 481st Tactical Fighter Squadron there.

Taking part in the afternoon services was a cadet honor squadron consisting of 24 first and fourth classmen. Academy graduates assigned here served as pallbearers.

Following the chapel services, a full military honors graveside ceremony was rendered.

An eight-man firing squad and four-man color guard along with members of Lt. Watson's base participated in the interment.

As a final honor, three jet aircraft flew over the gravesite followed by the playing of taps.

Lt. Watson, unmarried, is survived by his parents and a brother, Kenneth, of Madison Wisc., who attended the ceremony.

During his Academy days, the lieutenant was active in baseball, and was a member of the ski, mountaineering and gun clubs.

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