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## PMV-2 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Sergeant First Class assigned to Lens, Belgium, died 25 March 2020 in a PMV-2 mishap. The Soldier lost control of his motorcycle, hit a curb and was ejected into the wall of a nearby house. His motorcycle was discovered by the local police. Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe International Military Police responded to the scene and identified the Soldier from his passport, which was on his person. Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic RiderCourse certification and personal protective equipment use have not been verified. The mishap is under investigation.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 28 Soldiers a year to PMV-2 mishaps. This mishap is the eighth PMV-2 fatality of FY20. Motorcycles don't care how old you are, your experience level or how many training courses you have taken. They do what you tell them to do. If you drive too fast, small things like a curb may be the last thing you ever see. Motorcycles continue to be the second leading cause of Army mishap fatalities.

*PLRs are intended to be used as an engagement tool for leaders to discuss the hazards and trends impacting Soldier safety and readiness. The PLR contains only basic information but provides sufficient background to allow leaders an opportunity to communicate risk at the Soldier level. More detailed information on this and other Army mishaps can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/lessonslearned>.*

*To access current U.S. Army accident statistics and reports, visit <https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.*

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