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Officials of the Columbia Broadcasting System said here yesterday that every effort would be made to uncover the facts of Mr. Polk's death. Davidson Taylor, vice president of the system, ordered Winston Burdett, CBS correspondent in Rome, to fly to Salonika and make an independent investigation.

Frank Stanton, president of the radio chain, and William S. Paley, chairman of the board, sent messages of condolence to Mr. Polk's mother, Mrs. A. R. Polk of Kirkwood, Mo., and made arrangements to fly her to Athens.

Mr. Polk on April 17 completed a tour of the Middle East, then went to Greece.

Since 1937 Mr. Polk had covered news in Alaska, China, Europe, Africa, Egypt, Palestine and Greece. He was born in Fort Worth, Tex., on Oct. 17, 1913. After three years at Virginia Military Institute, he left to take his first newspaper job. In 1937 he went to Alaska, where he became city editor of the Fairbanks Daily News Miner, at the same time completing his education at the University of Alaska.

He next worked for two years on the Shanghai Evening Post, then joined The Herald Tribune's bureau in Paris.

He returned to New York in 1940 to work on The Herald Tribune foreign news desk. In the fall of 1941 he was commissioned in the United States Naval Reserve and served as a fighter and dive-bomber pilot in the South Pacific. He was wounded in action, spent a year in a hospital and left the service in June, 1944, with the rank of lieutenant.

Mr. Polk, returning to The Herald Tribune, covered the White House and State Department, and in 1945 went overseas.

In November of that year he joined the news staff of CBS as a correspondent again.

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