

COLORADO GIVES UP BODY OF MORTIMER

Wife of Local Soldier Notified of Recovery, Rites in West

The body of Pvt. Ellis A. Mortimer, who was drowned in the Colorado River near Needles, Calif., on Aug. 29, was discovered on Sunday, according to a telegram received by his wife, who lives on route 5, Marshfield.

Mrs. Mortimer has ordered the body to be interred at Needles for the duration of the war, as shipment of the body at this time was prohibited.

In a letter to Mrs. Mortimer her husband's commanding officer, Capt. Joseph T. Kane, said: "I do not recall a more pleasant and co-operative person than Private Mortimer in this company. His friends in this organization are many, and his passing has caused concern and mourning to all."

Captain Describes Tragedy

In describing the tragedy the captain wrote: "He had left the organization at noon to go on a fishing trip with six other men to the Colorado River, just about 1 1/2 miles north of Needles. Upon arrival at the river all of the men stripped to their bathing suits so as to enable them to sun-bathe while fishing.

"At the start of the fishing Pvt. Mortimer was on the downstream side of the men fishing, but after about an hour of fishing with no luck, he moved upstream from the rest of the party in hope that if he went above the rest of the fishermen he might have some luck.

Caught in Undercurrent

"He was around a small bend in the river and out of sight of the rest of the men. After about 30 minutes had elapsed since he had gone upstream, one of the men noticed him floating by, quite a way out in the river. As he did not appear to be struggling and as he was smiling at them, it did not cause any alarm at the time.

"However, when he had floated a little farther downstream he hit an undercurrent and went under. The other men immediately went to his rescue but the strength of the treacherous current and the thickness of the un-



OVERSEAS DUTY — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kraut, Curtiss, have received a cablegram from their son, Pvt. Donald Kraut, telling them of his safe arrival overseas. Donald, who is with the Amphibian Shore Brigade, is a graduate of Owen High School and Goodman School of Undertaking in Milwaukee. He was inducted into service in April, 1942.

derbrush growing along the bank, together with the fact that he never came up, made all their efforts futile.

"The sergeant in charge immediately notified the police and this unit, and a patrol was made the same night but no indications were found of the body or any place that Pvt. Mortimer may have reached shore safely. The next day a detail of 40 men searched the river for 30 miles but could not find the body."

Pvt. Mortimer was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mortimer, Granton.

NOTIFY COLBY PARENTS OF DAUGHTER'S DEATH

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

Colby—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Steinwand have received word of the death of their daughter, Mrs. Orio Meckel, the former Miss Dora Steinwand, at Rock Island, Ill.

Mrs. Meckel was born in 1900 in Colby and attended school here. Since her marriage she had lived in Rock Island.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at Rock Island, Ill., where she died Monday evening, and burial will be made in the Colby cemetery.

The WAR Today

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least temporarily regained that control of the sea which is vital to the movement of our resources and men to the theaters of war.

(3) We not only have been holding the Japs, but have assumed the initiative with splendid success in several sectors.

(4) The blockade of Europe still holds tight—one of the greatest of the Allied assets—and the Axis strength is on the down-grade, due to lack of resources of all kinds. Hitler's war industries are slipping.

(5) Intensification of the American and British bombing of Germany is raising havoc with Hitler's factories and transport. There's no question now about Allied superiority in the air over Europe.

(6) Thus far Hitler has failed to reach the objectives of his mammoth assault on the Caucasus and Middle East. He has achieved much, but still that magnificent Red line remains unbroken, although it has had to pull back and it has sagged.

With the fall rains already falling, every day that the Bolsheviks keep Hitler out of his Garden of Eden brings nearer the hell of winter which soon will clamp down again on the unhappy armies of the man who would be tyrant over the world.

And it's almost axiomatic that if the Fuehrer doesn't get his hands on the resources, and the strategic bases, of the Caucasus and Middle East this fall, his hide surely will be nailed on the old barn door. His waning resources won't permit him to duplicate this great offensive again come another spring.

All this gives the Allies something concrete to go on with. So

what next? Well, it means definitely the birthday of the Premier Churchill.

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