

DEATH HITS TWICE BEFORE MIX-UP OF PHOTOS UNTANGLED

Death struck twice during the time it took to straighten out a mix-up of photographs taken in Australia of two American soldiers, one from Tucson.



Sgt. Boykin

Visiting the Australian photographer, apparently together, were Staff Sgt. William H. Boykin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Boykin, 1420 East Eighth street, Tucson, and Delmo Franchi, of Long Island, N. Y. The photographer was directed to mail the pictures home to the parents of the two men.

However, the pictures received by Mr. and Mrs. Boykin were of Franchi. Not knowing the latter's name, they returned the photographs to Australia. In the meantime, Franchi's mother had received Sergeant Boykin's pictures, but, instead of returning them, she wrote to Australia and from there learned the names and address of the Tucson man's parents.

Before hearing anything more of their son's pictures, Mr. and Mrs. Boykin were informed by the war department that he was killed in action January 17 on Luzon, Philippine islands. Last week his pictures were received from Mrs. Franchi with a note that her son was killed in action four days later, January 21. It is thought both were in the Philippines at the time of their deaths.



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