

Nazareth Soldier Died in Africa, Parents Are Told

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Although no official word has as yet been received from the War Department, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krieger, 139 North Broad Street, Nazareth, know that their son, Pfc. Charles G. Krieger, last stationed somewhere in North Africa, is dead. Their son-in-law, Captain Lester Savage, also stationed in the North African area, told them so in a letter dated June 10.

Captain Savage did not state the nature of the illness which caused the death of his young brother-in-law. He said that he attended the funeral and had flowers sent in the name of the family.

Captain Savage met Pfc. Krieger for the first time on June 5, only a few days before his death. In a letter dated June 5, Pfc. Krieger informed his folks of the meeting and said they got together for a rousing good time. He stated that he felt "hale and hearty," and was justly proud of the three gold service stars attained after taking part in three battles in the North African campaign.

Pfc. Krieger enlisted almost three years ago and was stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., for two years before being sent overseas. He had been engaged in combat duty for 42 days, according to one of his last letters. At the time of his death, he was 24 years of age.

The Kriegers have two other children, Mrs. Lester Savage, a registered nurse on private duty at Bethlehem Hospital, and Robert, a Nazareth High School student.

Mrs. Krieger, a tall, dignified woman, stated that she just couldn't believe the news about her son's death, but that the letter from her son-in-law offered conclusive proof. She stated that the Red Cross had contacted her in regard to investigating the matter more fully but that she preferred to wait until definite word is received from the War Department.

She said she took great comfort in the fact that her son-in-law was present at the funeral and saw to flower arrangements. The consolation offered by the presence of a member of the family at such a time is something few war mothers of today have, she said.

Mrs. Krieger is War Bond and Stamp chairman in Nazareth. She declared that she will continue to do her bit to help until the war is won. "It is the least I can do," she said, "now that Charlie has done his best."