

IN MEMORIAM
ARTHUR STAGER

Captain Arthur Stager met death by drowning on October 28, 1948, while on patrol duty on Fall River, near Glenburn, Shasta County. The skiff which Stager was using capsized; and heavy clothing and cold water were probably accountable for his inability to reach shore, as he was regarded as a good swimmer.

"Warden William Hoskins accompanied him, but was on shore some 150 yards away when the accident occurred. He secured another boat and went to Stager's assistance, but when he reached the spot Stager had disappeared. Hoskins located the body in about five feet of water and near shore. He succeeded in getting the body ashore and applied artificial respiration. Help was summoned, together with a doctor from Fall River Mills, who pronounced Stager dead.

Arthur Stager entered service with the division as an assistant fish and game warden in 1936. He was promoted to a regular warden in 1938 and a captain of patrol in 1947. He was a veteran of World War II.

Stager's work with the division had been principally in the southern patrol district, where he had an outstanding record as a warden. Upon his promotion to captain, he was transferred to the Redding district. He had served in this capacity slightly less than a year when the accident occurred.

Stager was very highly regarded by the bureau and his fellow workers in the division. He leaves a son, father and mother, and several brothers and sisters to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

—L. F. Chappell, Bureau of Patrol, California Division of Fish and Game, August, 1949.
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