

Unable To Identify Body

Authorities at Natchez have abandoned efforts to determine the identity of a person whose body was found in the Mississippi River north of Natchez five days ago.

The United Press International reported from Natchez the body was buried after unsuccessful attempts to determine the victim's race or sex.

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A check was made by Jesse Brent, president of the Brent Towing Co. with Natchez authorities several days ago in an effort to determine if the body found at Natchez was that of one of the two men drowned during the past several months at Memphis and Rosedale.

Howard Brent said at the Brent fleet today the body found at Natchez had perfect teeth and was not that of Joe Wayne Womble, a deckhand, who fell from the motor vessel Bayou LeCombe at Rosedale and drowned two months ago.

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THE abandonment of efforts to identify the body also indicated that it was not that of John West, a cook on the Brent Towing Co.'s Ann Brent, who drowned when he fell from Charlie Smith's grocery delivery boat at Memphis several weeks ago. A report on West's teeth impression was sent to Natchez officers by the Brent Company.

Howard Brent said today search was being continued for the two bodies.

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NATCHEZ — Burial was held Tuesday for an unidentified body found last Thursday in the Mississippi River near here.

Earlier in the day a Coroner's jury, under the direction of Adams County Coroner R. E. Smith, ruled that the cause of death was unknown.

Pathologist Leo J. Scanlon said that the body was of a stocky man of medium height, between 24-50 years of age. Two teeth were missing and five had fillings in them.

A description of the characteristics was sent to authorities in neighboring towns.

Burial was under the direction of Laird Funeral Home.

