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Local Sailor Loses Life In July Battle

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Michael Bandurich, Radioman 3/C, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bandurich, 1620 East Third Street, "lost his life as a result of enemy action July 24," according to a telegram received Saturday by the parents from Vice Admiral Randall Jones, Chief of Navy Personnel.

Radioman 3/C Bandurich was reported missing by the Navy Department a month ago when the USS Underhill was sunk July 24. A Washington news release dated September 8 stated that the USS Underhill was "sunk off Luzon last July with loss of 112 crew members, 10 officers and 102 enlisted men." An explosion split the vessel in two, the Navy said, after she sank two enemy craft during a battle with a pack of six Japanese midget subs.

Michael Bandurich was inducted July 3, 1943 and completed his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. He was sent to sea February 5 and since that time made two trips to Africa and one to England before going to the Pacific Theater. The youth was a graduate of Bethlehem High School and was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company before enlisting.

Surviving are his parents and five sisters all at home, Mary, Anna, Eveline, Eleanor and Joan.

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