

Blake, Russell

Two County Sailors Believed Aboard Sunken U. S. S. Princeton

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Clarence Arnold Dietz, S 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dietz Sr., of Blaine Street, East Bangor, and Seaman Russell Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blake Sr., of Dela-bole, were members of the crew of the U. S. S. Princeton, which was sunk by American ships after being badly damaged in action in the Philippines.

According to the communique of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz at 1:30 a. m. today, the Princeton was crippled during action which began

Monday afternoon and had to be sunk when the magazine of the ship exploded. The captain and 1360 of the officers and men are reported as rescued.

No word has been received by the families of the two area crew members aboard the Princeton as to their safety. The ship was a light carrier.

Seaman Dietz entered the service on April 21, 1943. He recently passed U. S. Naval requirements and tests to become a Gunner's Mate third class. A brother, Pfc. George Dietz, is stationed at Camp Bowie, Tex.

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