

Tapler, Joseph S.

Coplay Bugler Loses Life When Japs Sink Ship

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Joseph S. Tapler, bugler first class, was Coplay's first gold star casualty of World War II. Reported missing thirteen months ago, the young man's parents have received from the Navy Department a message indicating that he lost his life in the sinking of his ship, the USS Quincy during an engagement with the Japanese fleet in the battle of Savo Island, August 9, 1942.

A memorial requiem mass will be sung by Father Joseph H. Ostheimer, rector of St. Peter's Catholic Church at Coplay, tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Tapler, who graduated from Our Lady of Hungary School in Northampton, was within two months of completing 10 years of service in the Navy at the time of his death.

Since August 19 of last year, when Tapler was first reported missing, two other Coplay residents have died in service. Private Anton L. Hirschman was killed in a plane crash near Pope Field, N. C., June 7, and Private Louis J. Wonder died as the result of an accident at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., February 16.

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