

Taylor, Paul V.

## Local Cleric On Ship Sunk In Pacific <sup>21</sup> 1944

### Family Awaits Word Concerning Fate Of P. V. Taylor

The Rev. Paul V. Taylor, son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Taylor, 723 Spring Street, was reported today to have been aboard a ship recently sunk while enroute from Australia to India. He was returning to China to do missionary work after a furlough of approximately two years in the States.

News of the ship's sinking reached his parents here by telephone message from the missionary's wife in Philadelphia. She said that she had been informed only that the ship on which her husband was a passenger has been sunk. No word has reached her as to her husband's possible rescue.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor, who for the past two years has been doing religious education work for the Reformed Church Mission Board in Philadelphia, left for China in March. His recall to duty in the mission fields there was unexpected, his mother said today. But he was eager to go, she explained.

He was making his trip to China by way of Australia and India. Latest direct word received by his parents here was in a message dated June 10 and mailed from Melbourne.

The missionary served 20 years in China under the auspices of the Reformed Mission Board and returned to the States a little more than two years ago when conditions in China made it necessary for him and his family to leave.

He and Mrs. Taylor have one son, Edward, who has continued in China throughout the war. He has been engaged in educational mission work there.

The missionary, whose fate is at present unknown to his family, is a brother of R. N. Taylor, of Hellertown, assistant county superintendent of schools. He is a graduate of Muhlenberg College and took graduate work at the Hartford Theological Seminary and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

His father is a retired minister of the Evangelical Church. Another brother, Harry, is a minister in the Methodist Church and is serving in New Jersey. A third brother, T. S. Taylor, is an engineer in Tennessee.

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