

Yellak, George #

Bethlehem Sailor Survives *Aug 4 '43* "Helena" Sinking; 'Phones Home

Cheering word was received this week by the parents of George Francis Yellak, U. S. Navy, who was aboard the ill-fated "Helena" when it was torpedoed and sunk in Kula Gulf in a battle with the Japanese.

The Bethlehem sailor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Yellak, 411 Edward Street, telephoned his parents and told them he expected to be home on a leave later this month. No details of the sinking were given, although the Navy has announced the loss of the ship.

The Helena, described as one of the "fightingest" ships in the Navy, sent three Jap cruisers and a destroyer to their doom before she went down in the gulf.

Yellak is married to Sophie Bronakowski, a Brooklyn girl, who is at present residing with her parents. A son was born to the couple about four months ago.



GEORGE F. YELLAK

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