

Jablonski, Peter James

P. J. Jablonski Is Reported Killed in Action

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Peter James Jablonski, 25, a native of Bethlehem, and a member of the American Merchant Marine the past eight years, has been reported by the U. S. Coast Guard as killed in action.

He was a son of Mrs. Sophie Rostkowski and the late Jacob Jablonski, the latter deceased since 1918. His mother resides at 631 Ridge Street.

Word of young Jablonski's death was received late yesterday in a telegram from Vice-Admiral R. R. Waesche, commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard. The message said he was "killed at sea following action in performance of his duty in the service of his country in the American Merchant Marine."



PETER J. JABLONSKI
... died in Nation's service

The young man was born in Bethlehem and lived here about four years before his family moved to Wilkes-Barre. He attended schools at Wilkes-Barre, but joined the Merchant Marine when 17 years of age. His family returned to Bethlehem about three years ago.

Young Jablonski was home in March, 1942, and wrote his parents of some of his experiences about nine months ago. The last message received was in the form of a Mother's Day telegram sent to his mother in May.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his step-father, Alex Rostkowski, 631 Ridge Street, and the following sisters and brother: Mrs. Helen Kokuba, Hayes Street; Mrs. Stella Fedele, New York City; Mrs. Genevieve Kruszkeski, Hayes Street; Sophie Rostkowski, at home, and Pvt. Stanley Rostkowski, located at Camp Steward, Georgia.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 10 a. m., in St. Stanislaus Church, Fifth and Hayes Street, with the Rev. Julian G. Zagorski, rector, in charge. The young man was the first from the parish to be killed in action.

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