

Dagon, John
William

Father's Fear When Tree Died Confirmed—Soldier Son Dead

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Official announcement was received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dagon of 1049 Lincoln Street, Easton, that their son, Tech. Sgt. John Dagon, a prisoner of the Japs had died in the Philippine Islands.

Sgt. Dagon, who was reported missing in action May 20, 1942, last March 13 was reported a prisoner of the Japs.

Joseph F. Dagon, his father, said last night they were better satisfied to know he had died than that he was a prisoner of the Japs.

They felt John had died when about two months ago the tree he planted as a boy died for no reason as far as they could see. The tree, a pine, was planted by John when he was a lad of 14 and had been moved by him three times when the family moved.

Sgt. Dagon, who enlisted March 9, 1937 came from a family who had had a member in every war the United States had been in since the Revolution. He was in the Chemical Warfare Force, receiving his training at the Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Md. After a year, he was promoted to the grade of private first class. He remained at Edgewood until February, 1940, when he was transferred to Barksdale Field, La. At the expiration of his enlistment in March, 1940, he re-enlisted. In October of that year, he was sent to Tampa, Fla., where he was promoted to sergeant and later was sent to Savannah, Ga.

Sgt. Dagon left Savannah for the Philippines Oct. 23, 1941. On Nov. 6 he cabled his safe arrival in Honolulu. Four days later he arrived in the Philippines.

Besides his parents, Joseph E. and Bessie Thatcher Dagon he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Dagon of Georgia; four sisters, Mrs. Elwood Hertzog of Piney Point, Md., Miss Hattie Dagon of Ardmore, and the Misses Josephine



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and Caroline Dagon at home; a brother, French S. Dagon of Piney Point, and a foster-brother, Tech. Sgt. William Dagon, who recently returned to this country from overseas duty.

Sgt. Dagon attended Shull Junior High School and Easton High School and was a regular attendant at the South Presbyterian Church before entering the service.

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