

Lost Sailor's Mother Dies Climbing Hill to Greet Fleet

Still holding faint hope that her son, reported missing in Action August 20, still was alive, Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold Heggie, 60, former Louisvillian, died of a heart attack yesterday while climbing Telegraph Hill in San Francisco to welcome her son's shipmates in the returning Third Fleet, according to a United Press dispatch.

She was carrying a telegram from the navy informing her that her son, Rdm3c William Heggie, 20, was missing in action following the explosion of the cruiser Indianapolis off the Philippines July 30th. Her purse also contained a bundle of letters from her son.

Police found a note dated September 10 addressed to Mrs. George Wentzell, 1063 Cecil, a friend of 15 years, in which she requested that all her personal papers be destroyed.

Pictures Saved for Son

The note asked Mrs. Wentzell to "keep the family pictures for three years for my son in case he shows up not dead from the sinking of the Indianapolis."

Mrs. Wentzell explained last night that Mrs. Heggie had moved to Oakland, Cal[ifornia], more than two years ago when her son entered the Navy. "She still had hopes her son was alive, and she wrote me last week that she planned to meet the fleet" Mrs. Wentzell continued.

Mrs. Wentzell said she would try to contact friends of Mrs. Heggie in California to arrange for her burial, and would ask the Red Cross to check Navy records to learn additional information about the missing sailor.

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