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U.S. Naval Armed Guard Ed Sullivan Sr., Survivor 1944 "Forgotten Convey to North Russia" USS Francis Scott Key Murmansk Russia Service

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USN Armed Guard Ed Sullivan Sr., & Sullivan Sisters photo
USN Armed Guard Ed Sullivan Sr., Deck Guns Action Photo WWII
US Naval Certificate "Forgotten Convoy" 1944 Survivor North Russia
USN Service Commendation Arctic Circle North Russia
Commonwealth of MA Recognition of Service Armed Forces WWII
US Naval Hospital Authorization Combat Theatre Service Ribbons
USS Francis Scott Key Armed Guard Commander Commendation:
Recognition 1 Year Combat Duty Murmansk, Russia
Distinguished Bravery against German Aircraft in North Russia
Commendation for Double Duty as Cook, Baker & US Armed Guard
(Enabled Control of Food to Share with Murmansk Women & Children)
Military Service News Report
Sketch USS Francis Scott Key White Sea April 1943
Copy Original Post on USS Francis Scott Key in Murmansk, Russia Lt. USNR Howell
Murray Commendation Letter
Life Summary USN Armed Guard Ed Sullivan Sr.
1952 Boston Edison Service Report "A Timely Rescue" Ed Sullivan Sr.



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Murmansk US Naval Armed Guard Ed Sullivan Sr., & the Sullivan Sisters of Boston, Massachusetts

Ed Sullivan Sr., USS Francis Scott Key, Bosun of the US Naval Armed Guard, and Veteran of the "1944 Forgotten Convoy to North Russia" was frozen in Port with no communication for 9 months onboard the USS Francis Scott Key in Murmansk, Russia.

Pictured with his 6 Sullivan daughters from a family of 10 he fathered after surviving the German U-boat onslaught in the North Russia convoy. Bosun Ed Sullivan Sr., of the US Naval Armed Guard couldn't hear the cries of his young daughters due to the loss of hearing manning the guns to defend Murmansk after being part of democracy's lifeline to our Russian Allies.

US Navy Armed Guard Ed Sullivan Sr., volunteered for double duty replacing the cook/baker who fell ill. Thereafter Bosun Sullivan declared there was no longer food waste on the USS Francis Scott Key! Bosun Ed Sullivan Sr., a Catholic member of the Knights of Columbus trained to do charitable work packed box lunches for the starving women and children of Murmansk and delivered under the cover of darkness all the precious food he could muster during the cold frozen nights in Russia's "Hero City."



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Edward Sullivan
BM 2/c

S.S. MOBILE CITY
Society

S.S. CITY OF OMAHA

S.S. THOMAS HARTLEY

of the S.S. ARTIGAS



Member No

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Be it known to all men by these presents:

That SULLIVAN, Edward Francis on board the SS ARCTIC SCOTT KEY

did suffer 8 months confinement in North Russia and did undergo all privations connected therewith, that he did survive through the Arctic winter and burst in the rays of the Midnight Sun and by virtue of these facts is herewith declared to be a verified member of the Forgotten Conway.

Given under our hand this 5th day of June 19₄₄

64°35'N - 39°50'E



S.S. BERING

S.S. BEACON HILL



Arctic Circle

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Reykjavik



Iceland



This is to certify that
Edward F. Sullivan while serving N
on board the U.S.S. *Tanner Scott Key*
crossed the Arctic Circle
on *February 17* in the
Year 1943 A.D. to enter W
the Northern Domain of
the Polar Bear.



Richard ...
Commanding S





THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF

Edward F. Sullivan

IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PRESENTS THIS TESTIMONIAL
OF ESTEEM AND GRATITUDE FOR
FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE
OF DUTIES IN
WORLD WAR II

Wm. H. Harrison
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Maurice J. Tobin
GOVERNOR



U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL

Oakland, 14, California

29 October 1945

From: The Medical Officer in Command.
To : SULLIVAN, Edward Francis, BM2c, USN.
Subject: Authorization to wear the following ribbons.
Reference: Named man's service record.

1. American Theatre Ribbon.
2. European African Middle Eastern Area Ribbon.
3. Asiatic-Pacific Area Ribbon.
4. Good Conduct Ribbon.
5. Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

By direction MOinC.

L.E. COFFE
Pharmacist USN
Asst Pers. Off.

6 Dec., 1943.

From: Lt. (j.g.) D. T. Broderick Jr., USNR,
Armed Guard Commander, SS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY.
To: Whomever it may concern.
Subject: Character and initiative of SULLIVAN, Edward
Francis, Cox., USN; report on.

1. Sullivan has served under my command since January, 1943. During that time he has proven himself a capable, intelligent, and very willing young man.
2. He came aboard this vessel in August, 1942, as a Seaman 2/c. Since then, through hard study and diligent effort, he became successively Seaman 1/c and Coxswain, and is at the present time being recommended for BM2/c.
3. Sullivan distinguished himself by bravery in action against German aircraft on the difficult North Russian Trip.
4. As an example of his initiative:--while in Russia, the second cook and baker aboard this vessel (a merchant seaman) fell ill, and was hospitalized. Sullivan went into the galley, learned to cook and bake, and did a better job than the man who se place he had taken. This was a full-time job, and Sullivan handled it in addition to his regular duties as an Armed Guard petty officer.
5. I would strongly recommend Sullivan as a man of good character and dependability.

D. T. Broderick Jr.
D. T. BRODERICK JR.

MILITARY SERVICE NEWS

Killed in Action



We record with deep sorrow the death in action of PVT. PAUL BOWSER (Production) on October 28, 1944, somewhere in Italy. Paul joined the Army in April, 1943, and had several months of active service overseas. Just a month before his death he wrote a very moving letter to the Military Service Committee, recounting his delight in receiving a remembrance from his associates in the Company and in receiving EDISON NEWS with its Home Town pictures. At that time he was only 100 yards away from the enemy, on the famous Gothic Line, and he had just returned from a reconnaissance patrol in which he had been subject to sniper and artillery fire. He was responsible for the capture of several German prisoners and had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. A good and brave soldier, Paul is the first Edison casualty in the great Infantry arm of the service.

On Sunday, November 5, memorial services were held at Trinity Church, Boston, to honor the memory of Lt. GEORGE H. KEEN, a pilot in the U. S. Marine Corps, who was killed in combat flight somewhere in the Pacific on November 7, 1943. In attendance were members of the Boston Edison Military Service Committee and of the Production Department, where George had been a very promising and popular employee. His death in action put the first gold star in the Edison service flag.

MILITARY SERVICE PROMOTIONS

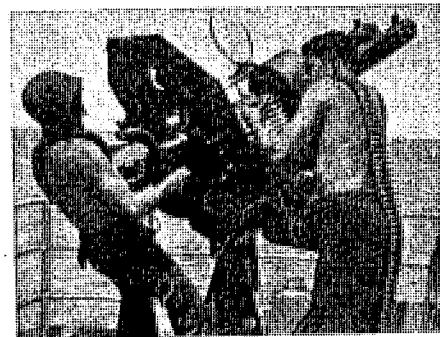
	<i>New Rank</i>
WILLIAM F. BURESH (Engineering)	Mo MM 3/c
JOSEPH A. CAMMARATA (Production)	EM 2/c
JOHN COMFREY (Revenue Accounting)	MM 2/c
ROBERT E. DAVIS (Production)	EM 1/c
FRANCIS C. EARLEY (Service & Supply)	RM 3/c
PETER L. FEENEY (Revenue Accounting)	S/Sgt.
HOWARD H. FERRIS (Production)	RE
WARREN J. FOLEY (Revenue Accounting)	PFC
GEORGE K. GIESOW (Production)	EM 3/c
C. KNUTE HANSEN (Production)	Lt. (jg)
ALVIN HITCHCOCK (Purchasing)	CSK
ROBERT E. JACOB (Production)	WT 1/c
ROBERT KELLIHER (Engineering)	CM 3/c
THOMAS J. LOWE (Trans. & Dist.)	Lt., USNR
PAUL F. MCCARTHY (Production)	Lt. Col.
WALTER O. McQUAID (Production)	AMM 3/c
JAMES W. MEGLEY (Power Sales)	Lt. Com.
ROBERT J. PEARSON (Power Sales)	Lt.
NOREN L. SHEFFIELD (Trans. & Dist.)	S 1/c (SK)
WILTON D. TAYLOR (Engineering)	S/Sgt.
T. J. THOMPSON (Revenue Accounting)	SK 1/c
H. P. WORKMAN JR. (Engineering)	Capt., C.E.
CHARLES A. WRIGHT (Production)	PFC

Wounded in Action

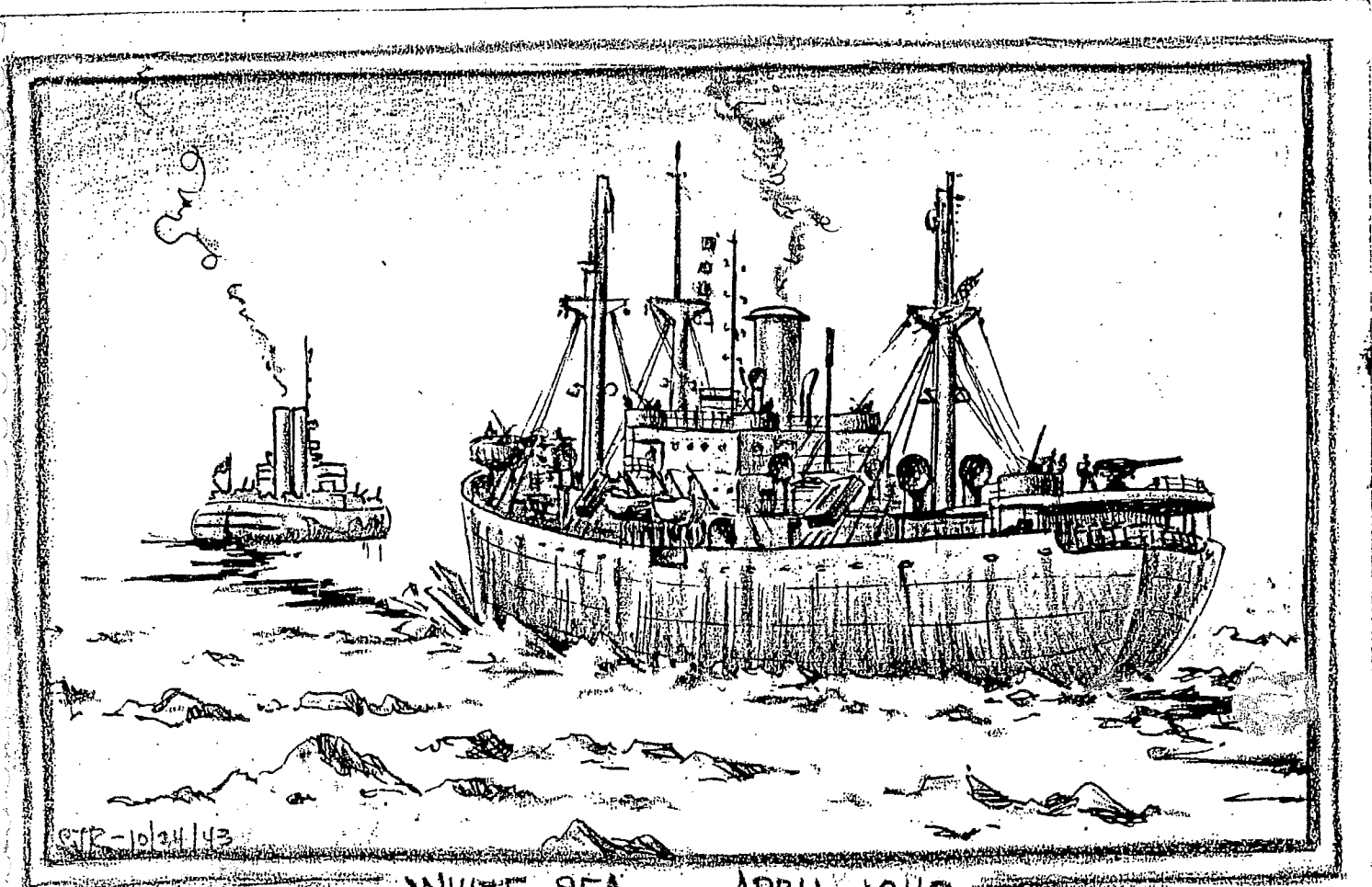


PVT. JOHN B. SIMPSON JR. (Production) was wounded in action early in November, somewhere in France. He is now in a French hospital, recovering from shrapnel wounds caused by mortar fire and hopes to be back in action soon. In a letter to a Company associate dated November 4, he writes: "I am still in France and the going is getting tougher all the time. I thought that the weather back home was bad, but it is not half as bad as it is over here. . . . I have seen plenty of Jerries and find them just as tough as ever. They must have iron nerves to take what we throw at them."


GORDON D. WHEATON, EM 1/c, has sent to an associate in the Company for safe-keeping three war trophies—a 1-lb. shell case and two fuses, all bearing Japanese inscriptions. He writes: "Strict censorship prevents my giving any details, but they are souvenirs of a famous battle."



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WHITE SEA -- APRIL, 1943

S. S. Francis Scott Key 

Ed Sullivan Sr. Ship MURMANSK W. W. II

POSITIVELY

NO TALKING

ON WATCH

KEEP A GOOD LOOKOUT

FOR TORPEDOES



TURMAN
OSTER ON
SS FRANCIS
OTT KEY

February 1, 1943

Dear Anne,

I suppose that I should call you Mrs. ^{you} Sullivan, but I have heard so much about ~~since~~ last August, that formality comes hard. I have been Sully's Battery Officer since then, and have come to know him pretty well. He sends his love, as he has done every day since we hit port, and he is well and happy, except for the fact that he would like to get home.

Last Tuesday, I received sudden and very unexpected orders to return home immediately for transfer to fleet duty, and so I was transferred to a homeward bound ship. The officer whom I relieved now has my ship, and I am sure he will make a success of the trip.

When I first got to know Sully last summer, he was full of the old pranks, and it was quite a job to steady him down. Since then, he has become one of the most dependable and loyal men in the crew, and has advanced in rating accordingly. I did nothing to spur him on, but apparently, his inspiration was at 81 W. Cottage Road, for he worked like a deamon, passing all his Sealc tests in fine style, and then begging for a chance at Coxwain, which he completed so satisfactorily that I felt he deserved a push-up. If this marriage business can make a man into what Sully is, then, maybe, I'll have to try it.

I have enjoyed having Sully in my command, and I feel that if there were more like him, this war would be won a whole lot faster. It is a joy to have a man whose zeal and ambition are so great, and whose cooperation and ability have developed so marvelously. I shouldn't have to tell you, his bride, how swell he is, but I wanted you to know how we, who work with him, feel about him. Expect him home around May or June, and know that he is well and happy, and is working his heart out, so the time will pass more quickly.

Sincerely yours,

Howell S. Murray

Howell S. Murray
Lieut. (jg), USNR

May 16/88

Summary of the life of EDWARD FRANCIS SULLIVAN:SR.

Ed was born at home to John J. and Mary Ellen Ryan Sullivan in Roxbury on Nov. 10, 1920. He was the fifth of their nine children. In descending age they were: John (deceased), William (Edison-retired), Alfred (deceased), Richard, Paul, James (deceased) Mary (deceased) and Walter.

Ed attended the Hawthorne and John Winthrop schools and was a graduate of Roxbury Memorial High School for Boys Class of 1938. He spent some time in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Powell, Wyoming.

On Jan. 26, 1942 he started working at the Boston Edison Co. As World War II escalated Ed answered his country's call by joining the Navy on June 10, 1942. After basic training in Newport RI, and Armed Guard School in Little Creek VA he became a Naval Armed Guard on the merchant ship USS Francis Scott Key. After being involved in the invasion of No. Africa in Nov. '42 he was assigned to convoy duty on the hazardous Murmansk Run. Because most of the convoy was sunk on the way there, he had to spend nine months in Russia, completely incommunicado, until another convoy arrived to escort them back to England. For this he became a member of the famous Forgotten Convoy. By 1944 he had earned the rating of Boatswain Mate 2/C and was given command of the naval unit on Army Tug YT 68 following invasion units to "D" Day in France.

Backtracking a bit, Ed met his future wife Anne Brooks in 1941, after his basic training he was given a three day leave, this was long enough for them to get married on Aug. 14, 1942, then off to war.

When the European War had ended Ed was assigned to the Pacific Fleet's Advance PT Boat Unit 7. He was in Balikpapan, Borneo when the war ended on his third wedding anniversary, Aug. 14/45. He was authorized to wear the following ribbons: Amer. Theatre, European-African-Middle Eastern Area, Asiatic-Pacific Area, Philippine Liberation and Good Conduct Ribbons.

Returning to the Boston Edison he was with the Cable & Conduit Division for a year. After two more years as a Underground Helper he became a Splicer for three years and in 1958 Underground Troubleman. After a short stint as Construction Inspector he chose

to return to being an Underground Troublemaker and undergo another thirty years of "shift" work. On Aug. 29/52 while working in a manhole he came in contact with a 115-volt circuit rendering him unconscious and inflicting third degree burns to both arms. The four co-workers who saved him; Pat McCauley, John O'neil, Frank Cassidy and Richard Hanson are now all deceased. Another recent explosion, Dec. 16/87 hospitalized him with burns to the face and both hands.

He served for many years as a Shop Steward

On the homefront he assisted in the production of ten children:

- 1 Mary Anne Sullivan Nappi, produced grand-daughter Stephanie
- 2 Eileen Sullivan Lavalley, produced Peter, Brian, Eileen Danielle and Theresa.
- 3 Rosemary Sullivan McIntyre, produced Vincent and Erin
- 4 Nancy Sullivan Pugh, produced Kristina, Erik, Joshua and Benjamin.
- 5 Anthony produced grand-children: Christopher, Michelle, Jennifer, Michael, Anthony Jr. & Elizabeth (twins)
- 6 Michael, unmarried
- 7 Edward Jr. produced Ryan, Jade, Kate, Brooks and Jack
- 8 Ramona Sullivan Trevino, now producing her first
- 9 Jeanette Sullivan Yoder, produced Daniel
- 10 Francis unmarried, Army Airborne Ranger

Except for belonging to the Weymouth Lodge of Elks there was little time for a social life. Throughout his life he has been a tireless helper of those in need, in both a physical and monetary way, never accepting repayment or praise.

Anne Sullivan - *wife*

Line Crews look over new Safety Sign erected at Woburn Work Center. Similar signs are located at other work centers and in various Company buildings.

**...EVERYTHING
...in its PLACE—**

NO ACCIDENT MONTH

**WORK for
SAFETY**

October is Our No. 1 Accident Month

IT'S YOUR LIFE!

A Timely Rescue

During the early morning hours of Friday, August 29th, Edward F. Sullivan, Cable Division Splicer, while working in a manhole on Washington Street, Roxbury, near Egleston Square, came in contact with a 115-volt circuit which rendered him unconscious and also inflicted third degree burns on both forearms. Sullivan was removed from the manhole and revived by the prompt action of the other members of the crew, namely, Richard Hanson, Construction Inspector who was directing the work, John O'Neil, Splicer, who was working in the manhole with Sullivan, Patrick McAuley and Francis Cassidy, Underground Helpers who were on the street above the manhole.

The members of the crew upon observing Sullivan's condition, acted promptly. O'Neil immediately began resuscitation in the manhole. Hanson, McAuley and Cassidy then lifted him to the street, where a tarpaulin had been

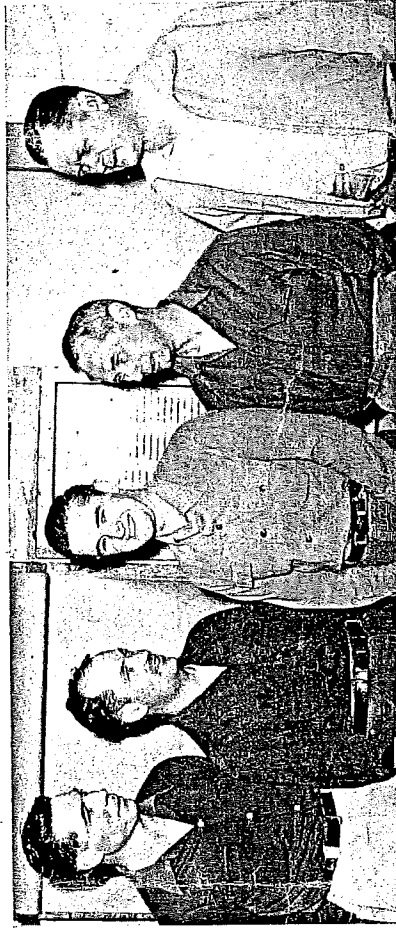
spread out. McAuley applied the prone pressure method of resuscitation for approximately one minute until he was revived.

While the above rescue was being made, Hanson reported to the Distributor Dispatch by radio and requested an ambulance, which arrived on the scene promptly.

Sullivan was taken to City Hospital

where he was examined, treated for third degree burns and immediately released.

We congratulate the entire crew for their fast and effective teamwork. All of us are very proud of these Edison employees who had the initiative and know-how to act without delay when seconds were so precious under these circumstances.



Left to right, Patrick McAuley, John O'Neil, Edward Sullivan, Francis Cassidy and Richard Hanson.

Oct. 1952



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Capt. Arthur Moore, US Merchant Marine Veteran WWII

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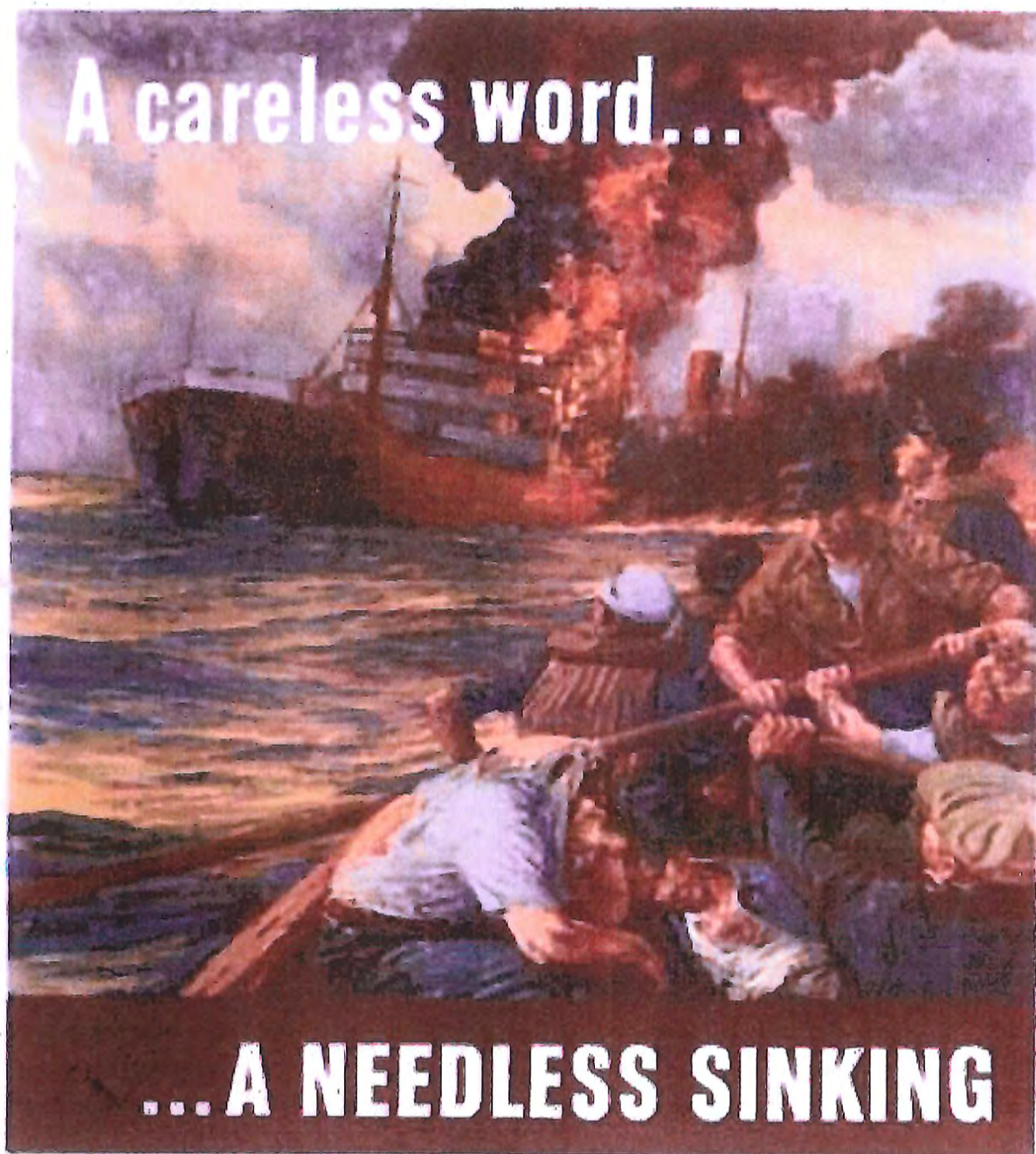
Casualty Log of US Merchant Marine Sacrifice in Great Patriotic War!

Letter from Capt. Arthur Moore (92 years old) on edit review of Capt. Ed Sullivan's Book "Daddy's Not Comin' Home"

Graduate of US Merchant Marine Academy King's Point New York

American citizen who compiled the US Merchant Marine casualties

And ship's lost in WWII after learning Government didn't keep record!



A careless word...

...A NEEDLESS SINKING

**A history of the tremendous losses
In ships and men suffered by the
U.S. Merchant Marine during
World War II 1941-1945**

By Capt. Arthur R. Moore

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2014

Dear CAPT. SULLIVAN,

I want to thank you for the package containing, the rough copy of your book "Daddy's Not Coming Home" and various other pages of information. I have scanned over your book. It sounds real good! Unfortunately I have a bad case of Macular Degeneration which has greatly affected my eyesight. I've lost the sight of my left eye but the right one is getting worse every year. Please excuse my hand writing. I don't have a computer and have trouble with a typewriter. I'm 90 yrs old next month.

I will read your book but it will take some time as it is so hard to read.

Thank you for your nice letter and also thank for all you do for the U.S Merchant Marine & Vets.

The old body is just full of problems just like an old car.

With my best regards & thanks
Arthur R. Moore

USMM Vet. WW II