

Dear Mrs. Salava:

I am the mother of Donald L. Diederich, who was on the U.S.S. Sculpin. The government sent me a letter saying that several of the crew are now Jap prisoners. Would you be so kind as to drop me a card letting me know if you received word that your son was one of them.

I thank you,

Mrs. R. Diederich  
1834 Chapman Avenue  
E. Cleveland, Ohio



ADMINISTRATOR  
SUBMARINE FORCE EMERGENCY WELFARE FUND  
COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE, PACIFIC FLEET  
Administration, Navy Yard,  
Mare Island, California.

15 April 1944

Mrs. Anna Salava  
Box 196  
Chestnut Ridge  
Pennsylvania.

My dear Mrs. Salava:

The records available to this command indicate that  
you are the next of kin of Frank Salava  
FC3c lately attached to the U.S.S. SCULPIN.

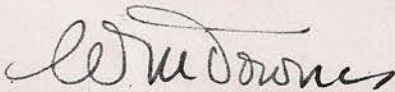
The Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, has  
established a Submarine Emergency Welfare Fund for the  
purpose of rendering assistance to the dependents of  
submarine personnel who have been declared missing or  
dead.

We are making an effort to contact the dependents  
of missing submarine personnel to determine if they are  
in need of immediate financial assistance. To this end  
we would appreciate a letter from you stating your needs,  
if any, with a view to rendering possible emergency aid.

If you desire information regarding Personal Effects  
you may write to the Officer-in-Charge, Personal Effects  
Distribution Center, Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah.

I extend my deepest sympathy and hope to hear from  
you even though you do not need financial assistance.

Sincerely,



W. M. DOWNES,  
Captain, U.S. Navy.



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28 March 1944



Mrs. Anna Salava  
Box 196  
Chestnut Ridge, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Salava:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8 March 1944, in which you request information concerning your son, Frank Salava, Fire Controlman third class, United States Navy.

It is with regret you are advised that there has been no change in the status of your son. He was a member of the crew and serving on board the U.S.S. SCULPIN when that vessel was reported as overdue from patrol and must be presumed lost.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 490, as amended, your son may be carried in the status of missing for a period of one year in the absence of a report that he is a survivor, or an official report of death, or that he is a prisoner of war. If, at the end of that time, his fate has not been determined, the Secretary of the Navy will give consideration to his status on the basis of the facts then available.

The Navy Department is aware of the anxiety experienced by the relatives of men whose fate remains undetermined. In the event additional information is received concerning the fate of your son, you may be assured it will be communicated to you promptly.

By direction of the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. C. Jacobs".

A. C. Jacobs  
Commander, U.S.N.R.  
Head of Casualties and  
Allotments Section



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## FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT STAFF HEADQUARTERS

BUILDING NO. 4

NAVY YARD, PHILADELPHIA 12, PA.

2 November 1945

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Salava,

Admiral Draemel, the Commandant of this district wishes me to express to you and your daughter, Valeria, his personal sympathy in the loss of your son, Frank Salava, Fire Control Third Class, United States Navy.

May you find comfort in the knowledge that Frank gave his life in the service of his country for the cause of freedom, peace and righteousness. It is my prayer that God will grant both of you his richest blessings in these trying hours.

Please feel free to call on me if this office can be of any assistance. If it is practical, one of our chaplains will call on you when he may be in your locality.

Sincerely,



R. L. LEWIS

Chaplain Corps, USN  
District Chaplain

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Salava  
Box 196  
Chestnut Ridge, Pa.