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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

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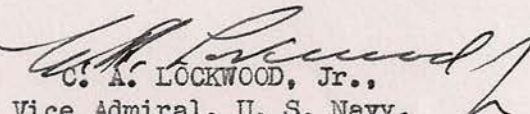
The Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, has the honor to award the Submarine Combat Insignia and to commend in absentia

SALAVA, Frank (n), 250 58 09, FC3c, U.S. Navy, for services set forth in the following:

CITATION:

\*The U.S.S. SCULPIN on an offensive war patrol in confined and heavily patrolled enemy waters failed to return as scheduled. Although there is no information as to the number of successful attacks during this patrol, the SCULPIN had continuously distinguished herself since the first days of the war by her aggressive and relentless attacks against the enemy. It is definitely believed that the SCULPIN was pursuing just such bold tactics up until the time she was declared missing.

\*As Fire Controlman Third Class of the U.S.S. SCULPIN, Frank Salava's performance of duty materially contributed to the success of this vessel against the enemy. The Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, forwards this commendation in recognition of his splendid performance of duty, which is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service.\*

  
C. A. LOCKWOOD, Jr.,  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy.

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MR AND MRS ANDREW SALAVA

BOX 196 CHESTNUTRIDGE PENN=

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THE NAVY DEPARTMENT DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON FRANK SALAVA FIRE CONTROLMAN THIRD CLASS USN IS MISSING FOLLOWING ACTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY AND IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR GREAT ANXIETY BUT DETAILS NOT NOW AVAILABLE AND DELAY IN RECEIPT THEREOF MUST NECESSARILY BE EXPECTED. TO PREVENT POSSIBLE AID TO OUR ENEMIES PLEASE DO NOT DISCLOSE THE NAME OF HIS SHIP OR STATION=

REAR ADMIRAL JACOBS CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

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THE NAVY DEPARTMENT DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT A CAREFUL REVIEW OF ALL FACTS AVAILABLE RELATING TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF YOUR SON FRANK SALAVA FIRECONTROLMAN THIRD CLASS USN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE IS NO HOPE FOR HIS SURVIVAL AND THAT HE LOST HIS LIFE AS RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION ON 19 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU PROMPTLY. SINCERE SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO YOU IN YOUR GREAT SORROW=

VICE ADMIRAL LOUIS DENFELD CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL.

19 1943.

In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Refer to No.



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BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
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1 May 1944

Mrs. Anna Salava  
Box 196  
Chestnut Ridge, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Salava:

The attached letter and enclosures relating to your son, Frank Salava, Fire Controlman third class, U. S. Navy, are forwarded to you from the Commander of Submarine Division Forty-Five. As you have been informed previously your son is in the status of missing in action, having been on board the U.S.S. SCULPIN when that vessel was reported overdue from patrol operations and was presumed to be lost.

According to information which has been received from the International Red Cross, the Japanese government has reported that several of those who were on board the SCULPIN are now prisoners of war and are being held in Japan. The report which was received did not list the name of your son as a prisoner of war. If any information concerning him is received, you will be promptly advised.

It is regretted that further information concerning your son is not available. Until a more definite report is received, his status will remain that of missing in action.

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  
Allotment Section

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SUBMARINE DIVISION FORTY-FIVE

Care of Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

18 March 1944

My dear Mrs. Salava:

In behalf of myself and the officers and enlisted men of Submarine Division Forty-Five I hasten to offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy following the Navy Department's disclosure that your son, Frank Salava, is missing in action on board the U.S.S. SCULPIN.

I regret indeed that we have no knowledge surrounding the last voyage of the U.S.S. SCULPIN. She sailed on an offensive war patrol in enemy controlled waters. She did not return, and no word has been heard from her. But I can assure you that if any information at all is received concerning your son or the ship in which he sailed, the Navy Department will notify you without delay.

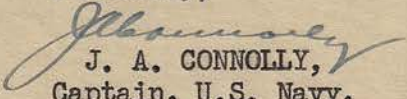
We have been proud of your son as a member of the crew of this submarine which has always distinguished herself by courageous and aggressive action against the enemy since the early days of the war. We know that he was carrying out his duties in accordance with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, is forwarding to you, under separate cover, the United States Navy Submarine Combat Pin and citation which was awarded to your son for his participation in successful operations against the enemy. It is being sent to you because we are sure you will treasure it as a sacred and fitting memento of your son's activities in this war.

It has been my privilege to assemble the enclosed information which I hope will be of some assistance and comfort to you.

I realize that no words of mine can assuage your grief, but I must tell you that your sorrow is shared by myself and by the officers and enlisted men of Submarine Division Forty-Five.

Sincerely,

  
J. A. CONNOLLY,  
Captain, U.S. Navy,  
Commander Submarine Division 45.

Mrs. Anna Salava,  
Box 196,  
Chestnut Ridge, Pennsylvania.