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Dear Armed Guard Crew and Ladies:

Volume III is in the preparation stage to be published as soon as enough of us have placed our orders to justify publishing. It takes time to type set, proof read, make corrections, etc., finalize, publish and send to you. After you send in your picture - THEN and NOW - plus your 350 words and your check for \$49.95, I hope you will be patient and give us ample time to do what has to be done. Many of you have already sent your money and material and that is being processed by Susan McDonald and her Taylor Publishing Company staff. If you were in either of the first two volumes, I urge you to take part in this one also, with either a photo or memorable experience. I'll be in it with you!!

We had 3600 on the mailing list at cutoff date on Volume I; 4400 at cutoff date of Volume II; and today, 5944 will be given the opportunity to participate. This is the time for all to place their story among the Archives, to be in the USN Armed Guard Volume III Book, and to leave a little memento for future generations to read and know we served. We have worked with Susan McDonald on both of the first two volumes and I know of no one more dedicated to see that we have a fine Armed Guard Book to be proud of than Susan. This is your ARMED GUARD BOOK!!! I wish every Armed Guard could be in this book.

If there was something that you did not like about the first two books, please let Susan know. This makes a better book. Constructive criticism is always the best way for improvement. Two justifiable complaints on previous books:

1. "You put over the 300 word limit on some of the guys stories."
(Answer) I cut many back and then I did not have time to do all and it's actually hard to stop a good story and no partiality was shown.
2. "Please put the men's and ship's names in BOLD TYPE PRINT."
(Answer) I agree.

One justifiable question is: "Why does it take so long to get the book delivered?"
(Answer) These books are not already printed where we can insert your 350 words and pictures in and send back to you. It will take approximately 7 MONTHS FROM CUTOFF DATE.

We have not placed a cutoff date as yet but will decide in the near future and let you know. However, don't put off getting your materials in, because you might not get another chance. All of the WW II group pictures cannot be used, but if you have clear photos that you would like to send in, please do so and Susan will put it in the book if possible. The more books purchased, the more PICTURES AND HISTORY PAGES allotted to us. THE TIME IS NOW!!! I appreciate the cooperation and confidence you have entrusted us with in the past. We hope to make this Volume III edition THE BEST ONE YET AND WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION, WE WILL!!

I receive no pay nor do I want any. I received my pay when I opened the letter from Al Colella from Chesterfield, MO., who survived the sinking of the Coal Collier, the S.S. Black Point, on May 5, 1945, when brother Whitson was killed. And I received double pay on the same day when Joseph Lafferty, age 90 from San Francisco, CA, wrote and said he was a WW I Armed Guard Veteran. He and Sylvan "Jed" Jedell of Shawnee Mission, KS, can finally have a "WW I REUNION".

Sincerely,

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SAMPLE BIOGRAPHIES RECEIVED FOR ARMED GUARD HISTORY BOOK

(Use As a Guide in Writing Your History)

— 350 Words —



JOSEPH ANTHONY STILINOVICH

Joseph Anthony was born to Guy and Matilda Stilinovich on November 30, 1921, in Hibbing, Minnesota. He enlisted in the Navy on November 17, 1942, and trained at Great Lakes, Illinois. From Great Lakes he was sent to the Armed Guard Center in Brooklyn, New York.

He was assigned to a gun crew aboard the SS Harry Luckenbach in convoy HX-229 from New York. The Luckenbach had a crew of fifty-four and twenty-six Armed Guard.

On the night of March 17, 1943, the Luckenbach came under attack and was hit by two torpedoes. There was a tremendous explosion with considerable smoke and flame. The Luckenbach sank in four minutes.

It is a known fact that three lifeboats got away from the ship with survivors. It is not known how many were killed by the explosion and resulting fire. The lifeboats were seen by three and possibly a fourth escort vessel at various times. However, the survivors were not picked up. The HMS Beverley (H-64) was the first to see the lifeboats. They were also spotted by the HMS Volunteer (I-71) and the HMS Pennyworth (K-111) and possible the HMS Abelia (K-184) on her way to St. Johns, Newfoundland to join the convoy. None of the men from the Harry Luckenbach were ever seen or heard from again.

Joseph Stilinovich's life ended in the waters of the Atlantic but he will always be remembered by Armed Guard brother William Stilinovich.



WILLIAM JOSEPH STILINOVICH

William Joseph was born to Guy and Matilda Stilinovich on March 26, 1924, in Hibbing, Minnesota. He enlisted in the Navy on November 17, 1942, and trained at Great Lakes, Illinois. From Great Lakes, he was sent to the Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, New York.

He was assigned to the gun crew of the SS Irene Dupont on convoy HX-229 from New York. The Dupont had a crew of forty-nine, twenty-six Naval Armed Guard and nine passengers. On the night of March 17, 1943, the Dupont came under attack and was hit by two torpedoes. Orders were given to abandon ship. William was in a lifeboat that was being lowered to the sea with twenty other members of the crew, when it capsized. The sea was very rough, some of the men had to jump overboard because of the faulty releasing mechanisms on the rafts and lifeboats. The nine of them left in the lifeboat drifted by a ship that seemed to be standing still. Someone on the deck yelled down to them that they would get those in the lifeboat on board. The lifeboat didn't have oars so they drifted away. A burning ship nearby lit up the night.

The SS Irene Dupont was still afloat in the early morning hours after the attack. The Corvette, HMS Anemone (K-48) fired 4" shells and a depth charge to sink her, but she continued afloat. In the afternoon of the same day the German sub U-91 discovered the ship still afloat and sank her.

A British destroyer spotted William's lifeboat and got them on board. The destroyer took them to Glasgow, Scotland, and from Glasgow they were returned to the United States on leave. Seven crew members, five Armed Guard, and one passenger were lost in the attack.

William served on two other ships following the sinking of the Dupont, SS George Leonard, and the SS Samuel Gorton. He served in the European, African, Middle Eastern and Asiatic Pacific areas. He was discharged on January 28, 1946.

He married Gladys L. Aho on June 30, 1951. They have five children, Lynn Marie, Guy, William, Michael and Robert.

Prior to his retirement on January 30, 1986, he was employed by the Mahoning Ore and Steel Company and Transferred to Hibbing Taconite Company in 1974.

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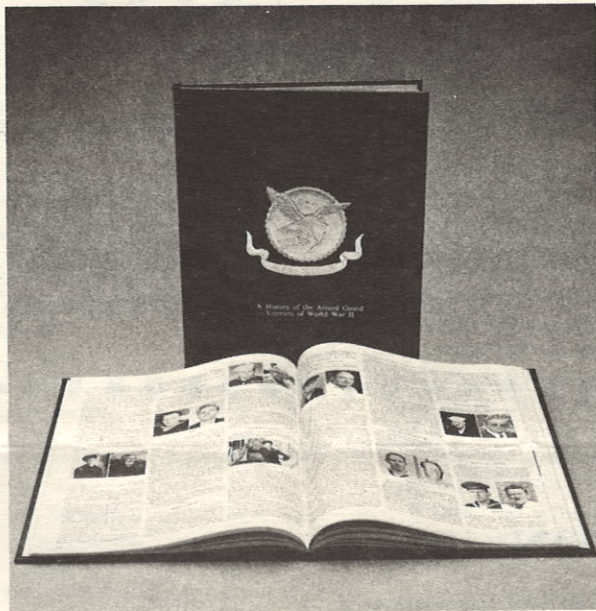
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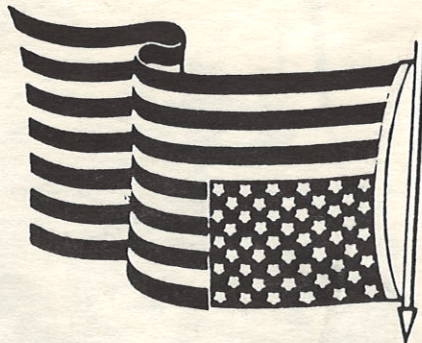
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