

13, May 1996  
William J. Perry  
Secretary Of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Subject: U.S. Navy, "Sitting Duck Destroyers".

Dear Mr Secretary:

Please be advised that this letter is in regard to my letter of appeal, mailed to you on 10, February 1996, the letter was part of a packet containing numerous copies of documents and letters substantiating claims in my letter of appeal, with reference to the six U.S. Navy Destroyers (aka) the "Sitting Duck Destroyers" who fought and made history in an extraordinary battle against enemy forces at "Wolmi-Do" Inchon, Korea on 13,14,15, September 1950.

The six Destroyers, attached, in "Task Force Group Element" (90.62) were awarded the U.S. "Navy Unit Commendation", for the above battle action, which was in concert with the U.S. First Marine Division, Which was awarded the "Presidential Unit Citation.

Currently, surviving members and veterans of the "Korean War" in their respective "Sitting Duck Destroyer Associations" are seeking help through the auspices of your office, to review the above battle action to establish merit for awarding the six Destroyers an upgrade of the U.S. Navy Unit Commendation, to the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation.

I have been asked by the six "Sitting Duck Destroyer Associations" to convey their concern and respectfully request a current status report on my letter of appeal, submitted to you last February. In the event that my letter of appeal did not reach your office, I will be very happy to send you an additional package of particulars immediately. Thank you very much for your indulgence in this very important matter, which may pale in view of your other priorities. I look forward to your response, with great anticipation.

I remain,

Sincerely yours

*Joe Carrillo*  
Joe Carrillo

**Enclosure 2 to  
DUCKS Letter  
of 10/15/08**



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
2000 NAVY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20350-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO  
Ser 09B33/5U521149  
02 AUG 1995

The Honorable Esteban E. Torres  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
8819 Whittier Blvd., STE 101  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Dear Mr. Torres:

I am responding to your recent inquiry on behalf of Mr. Joe Carrillo concerning upgrade of the Navy Unit Commendation awarded to Task Element 90.62 consisting of six destroyers.

A review of our historical records show that a Presidential Unit Citation was awarded for actions at Inchon - First Marine Division Reinforced for the period 15 September 1950 to 11 October 1950. There were two Navy Unit Commendations awarded - Task Element 90.32 and Task Element 90.62.

The criteria for awarding military decorations and unit awards are subjective and therefore susceptible to disagreement among the individuals responsible for determining what award, if any, is appropriate for a given action. The Navy's policies and regulations concerning unit awards are geared toward lessening the potential for disagreement, speculation and relaxation of awards standards. The Navy awards system, through established time limits, requires all decisions to be made when facts and circumstances can be evaluated with a reasonable degree of accuracy and when the events in question are fresh in the minds of eyewitnesses. To do otherwise is to create an awards system wherein cognizant authority and eyewitnesses are no longer available, and outside influences and speculation become the basis on which to award military decorations or unit awards.

I regret that the Navy Department cannot support an upgrade in this case. Please assure Mr. Carrillo that this fact in no way detracts from the value of service performed by the brave officers and men of the destroyers in Task Element 90.62.

If I may be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

W. J. SWEET  
Assistant Vice Chief  
of Naval Operations  
(Acting)

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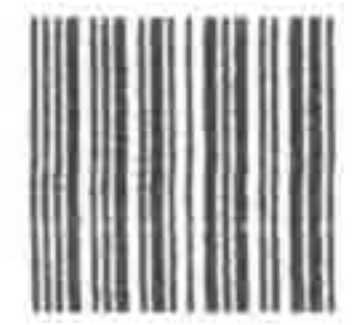
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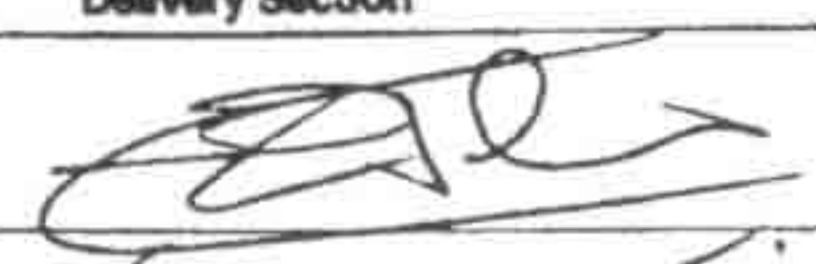
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Enclosure 6 to  
DUCKS Letter  
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CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20318-9999

5 September 2006

Mr. William H. Barnes, III  
2 Williams Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21401-2215

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Thank you for your letter and package regarding the "Sitting Ducks" of Inchon. Throughout history, military awards have served to recognize those who have sacrificed much for this country. The decision to award medals is made by each respective Service. Since you have also written to Admiral Mullen, Chief of Naval Operations, I am confident he will respond to your concerns in a satisfactory manner.

Korea and the Service members who fought there mark a special period in the annals of American history as a true testament to our Armed Forces relentless commitment of faithful and selfless service to our Nation. Please convey to your fellow Sailors how much the Armed Forces appreciates their continued support as we continue to uphold the legacy of our veterans. The Bombardment of Inchon, Korea, 13 -15 September 1950 is an exemplary model of the extraordinary efforts of those quiet heroes -- the Sitting Ducks.

As to your question regarding a connection with CAPT John E. Pace, USN (Ret), unfortunately, we are not related.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, please accept my deep appreciation for your past service in the US Navy and continued support for the men and women serving in uniform.

Sincerely,



PETER PACE

General, United States Marine Corps  
Chairman  
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

**Enclosure 7 to  
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Letter from Rich Bowman to Bill Barnes

Roy, Utah  
13 January 2004

Bill:

\*\*\*\*\* On Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> I received a telephone call from Senator Bennett's representative acknowledging the information which had been left at their Salt Lake City office over the holidays. He also said they had received a response to their inquiry from the Department of the Navy. As he began reading the standard reply from William A. Navis, Jr., I interrupted him saying, "we have all received the same verbatim response from him."

I went on to tell him, it was my opinion they have already made up their minds, and don't confuse us with facts. He said, "well, I don't know what else we can do, we requested review and this is the response we got." I told him we would really appreciate someone in the congress going to bat for us, but his only responded to by his silence. \*\*\*\*\*

Yesterday, I received the enclosed letter from L. R. Vasques, White House Liaison Office. All I can say is AMAZING! His letter is dated 8 October 2003 and supposedly mailed that day or the next **WITHOUT POSTAGE!** And was returned to their office by the post office. As you can see from my photocopy it was inspected by VISTRONIX (whatever the hell that is ... probably the anthrax inspection agency on the planet Uranus). The condition of the envelope looked as if it had been through a combat zone. Both sides and the top had been sliced open and then re-closed with one staple at the top, and metered January 02, 2004. It was filthy, and I'm amazed that it ever reached me with the letter still intact. So much for our tax dollars at work!

Also, enclosed is a brief note from Richard Sierra of the USS Henderson reunion coordinator, with story from *Frontlines* (NavyTimes). I loved his comments with regards to the PUC's ... "Looks like they give it out like candy." **\*\*i.e. PUC's to navy people in Iraq**

Enclosed, is the list of respondents to the many postings regarding the *Sitting Ducks*, which has appeared in various magazines and on websites, etc. Disappointing to say the least! Apparently, no one reads, or cares and one has to wonder why none of the information you sent to the various association leaders has ever been shared, or passed down the line.

I doubt that we are going to get much support from any of our congressional representatives, other than what has already been received. If there were any glory in it for any of them, they would hop on it like a vulture on dead carcass, especially as election time approaches. I still think going public or trying to get someone in the print media or a news personality like Tom Brokaw, John Stossel, etc., interested we would get someone's attention as the heat got ramped up through their investigation.

This old sailor has probably lobbed his last grenade ... Don't know what else to do?



\*\*\*\*\*Note the political peoples' lack of willingness to go hand to hand with the Navy brass on behalf of the "Sitting Duck" Combat Vets.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
1000 NAVY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

8 October 2003

MR RICHARD A BOWMAN  
5007 S 1800 W  
ROY UT 84067-2988

Dear Mr. Bowman:

Thank you for your letter to President George W. Bush concerning an upgrade of your Naval Unit Commendation to a Presidential Unit Citation for "The Sitting Duck Squadron." I am answering on behalf of the President.

I appreciate the motivation that prompted you to write. I know it would mean a great deal to you for the President to personally investigate your case. However, the President has delegated this authority to the Secretary of the Navy, who relies on the decisions of the Board of Decorations and Medals.

For your convenience, I am forwarding your letter to the Board so that they may consider your request. If you would like to contact them directly, the address is:

Navy Board of Decorations and Medals  
2000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington D.C. 20350-2000

I hope this information has been of assistance and thank you for writing to the President.

Sincerely,

L. R. VASQUEZ  
Director, White House Liaison Office  
Office of the Secretary of the Navy

Note Mr Vasquez's letter dated 8 October 2003 was quite surprisingly sent for VISTRONIX inspection on 31 December 2003. Was SECNAV mail of suspicious nature? Mr. Bowman finally received the letter on 12 January 2004.

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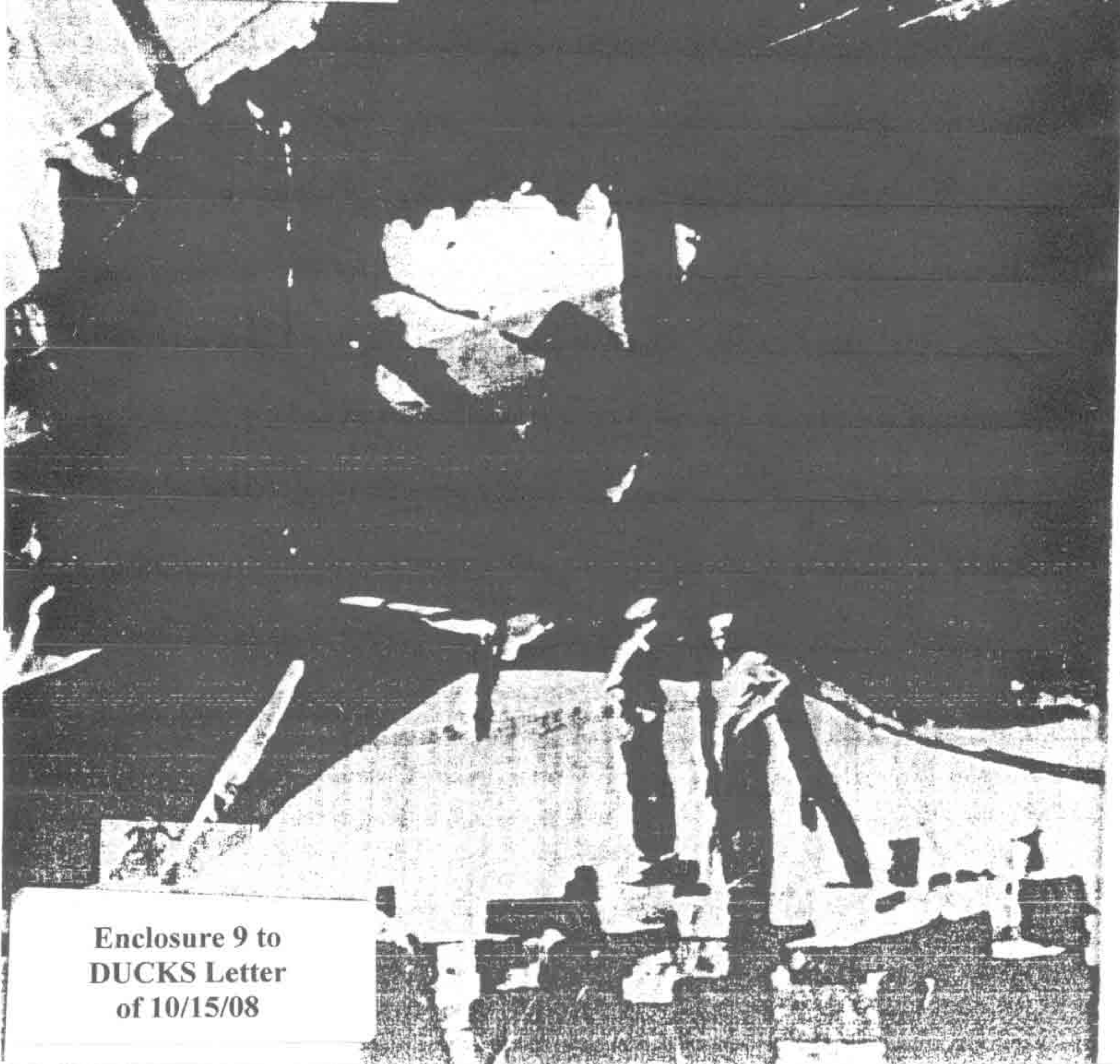


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Enclosure 10 to  
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24 JULY 2000

# OBITUARIES

## Capt. Joseph F. Enright Dies; Led Sinking of Unsinkable Ship

By RICHARD PEARSON  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Joseph Francis Enright Sr., 89, a retired Navy captain and submariner who was a highly decorated combat veteran of World War II, died July 20 at his home in the Virginian Retirement Community in Fairfax after a stroke.

As commanding officer of the submarine Archerfish, Capt. Enright achieved what a U.S. Naval Historical Center writer called the "largest single victory of the submarine war" when he and his ship torpedoed and sank the Japanese supercarrier Shinano on Nov. 29, 1944. For this action, the Archerfish received a Presidential Unit Citation, and Capt. Enright received the Navy Cross, his service's highest award for valor after the Medal of Honor.

The Shinano is believed to be the largest and most heavily armored carrier ever built, and some naval historians have reported that it had a final displacement of more than 69,000 tons. It went on to achieve the dubious honor of becoming probably the largest warship ever sunk. Laid down as a Yamato-class battleship, the Shinano was converted to a carrier after Japan suffered huge carrier losses at the Battle of Midway.

It had been hailed by Japanese, builders, engineers and naval officers as simply "unsinkable." At the time of its sinking, it was only 10 days out of Tokyo Bay on its maiden voyage.

Capt. Enright maneuvered his boat at 20 knots on the surface for more than six hours, managing to avoid contact with either the Shinano or its four escorts, before positioning himself in front of the carrier at 1,400 yards. The Archerfish unleashed six torpedoes and scored four hits. The sub continued the shadow the carrier for eight more hours, at which point it rolled over and sank.

The Archerfish's assignment at the time of its discovery

of the Shinano was to perform rescue operations for B-29 Superfortress bombers that were flying between Allied-held islands and targets in the Japanese home islands. Capt. Enright had been informed that there would be no bombing raids the 29th, so he had gone hunting on his own.

After sinking the carrier, the Archerfish finished a 48-day war patrol at Guam and eventually returned to San Francisco in March 1945 for repairs. But the sub returned to the Pacific fray, becoming one of the submarines in the historic armada anchored in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2 to witness the Japanese sign the instruments of surrender aboard the battleship Missouri.

After the war, Capt. Enright held a variety of land and sea posts. He commanded submarine divisions and squadrons, taught engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and served as chief of staff of the Atlantic Fleet's submarine force. He also served on the staff of the chief of Naval Operations and had commanded the missile cruiser Boston before retiring from active duty in 1963.

After that, he worked for the Northrop Corp. in Massachusetts and the Sanders Corp. in New Hampshire. He returned to the Washington area in 1995.

In 1987, he co-authored the book "Shinano! The Sinking of Japan's Secret Supership."

Capt. Enright was born in Bismarck, N.D., and was a 1933 graduate of Annapolis. He joined the submarine force in 1936. He became a submarine commander in 1942 and took command of the Archerfish in September 1944.

He was a member of the Scandinavian American Hall of Fame.

His wife of 49 years, Virginia Robertson Enright, died in 1986, and a son, Joseph Jr., died in 1998.

Survivors include a sister, two grandchildren; a five great-grandchildren.

### Capt. Joseph F. Enright

The July 24 obituary of Capt. Joseph F. Enright—a truly great submarine officer—contained several errors.

The Japanese aircraft carrier Shinano, even accepting 69,000 tons as its displacement, is certainly not believed to be the largest carrier ever built. All 17 U.S. aircraft carriers constructed since World War II have had a greater displacement.

Further, the Shinano's sister ships, the super-dreadnoughts Yamato and Musashi (both sunk by U.S. Naval aircraft), had slightly greater displacements. They unquestionably were the largest warships ever sunk.

Further, the Shinano had sailed from its building yard at Yokosuka on

the evening of Nov. 28, 1944, and was sunk the following day; it had not been at sea for 10 days. The ship was incomplete when it was sunk and thus could not have been at its full-load displacement. It was manned by an inexperienced and largely untrained crew of more than 2,000 men.

The Shinano, en route to Kure when it was sunk, had many yard workers still on board—as well as 50 one-man Oka suicide glide bombs and six suicide boats, which were being taken on the first leg of their trip to the combat area. No aircraft were embarked for the voyage.

NORMAN POLMAR  
Alexandria

#### COMMENTARY:

Captain Enright and his crew performed a marvelous feat in sinking the SHINANO. He and his crew were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, and Captain Enright the Navy Cross.

Later analysis showed that SHINANO was in all respects a true Sitting Duck. The Japanese carrier was only hours out of the building shipyard, was manned by an inexperienced crew, and no offensive capabilities. Many of those aboard were shipyard workers. ARCHERFISH and Captain Enright probably did not know that they had an apparently defenseless target, and their heroism was in proceeding with their attack, not knowing that they were not truly in Harm's way at the time. What was stressed in the press was the great size of SHINANO.

In a letter to Captain Robert Schelling, the Commanding Officer of the Destroyer Lyman K. SWENSON, he was asked if he thought the "Duck" crews at Inchon were more in Harm's way than that of ARCHERFISH on 11/29/44? Capt. Schelling wrote on 11/22/00 "I do agree with you that our gutsy 'Sitting Ducks' stood into more peril on 13-14 Sept. 1950, than did Enright and crew. As you said, we were 'bait', and that is essentially what I put in my letter to Carillo in Dec. '95. The action of the 'Ducks' was 'for the specific purpose of getting shot at'.