

# Give Up Hope For

## Arlan Edward Cunefare

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Cunefare have received a message from Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of Navy Personnel, which blasts all hopes that their son, Chief Gunners Mate Arlan Edward Cunefare is still living. Arlan was reported missing in action on June 16 in the Pacific area. The message reads:

"I deeply regret to inform you that a careful review of all facts available relating to the disappearance of your son, Arlan Edward Cunefare, Chief Gunners Mate, U. S. N. R., 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 June 16, 1945, while in the service of his country. If further details are received they will be forwarded to you promptly. Sincerest sympathy is extended to you in your great loss."

Chief Cunefare was known to have been serving on the U. S. S. Twiggs, a destroyer that had been through 13 months of some of the Pacific's toughest campaigns — Leyte, Linfayen, Mindoro, Iwo and Okinawa. She had her sailing orders that would bring her home and a few hours before she left a Japanese suicide plane skimmed out of the twilight over Naha, sent a torpedo into her bow, then turned and plowed into her stern. The Twiggs went down like a rock, and most of her officers and men never had a chance.