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Dear Sir:

This letter is what might be called a shot in the dark, because I am not sure that I am writing to the right G. T. O'Neill.

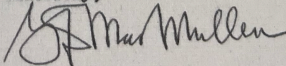
I'm trying to gather together the pieces of the story of the Japanese submarine activity on the West Coast -- already covered quite well except for a few blank spots, by a Merchant Marine captain named Grahame E. Shrader, of Edmonds, Wash.

During World War II I served, as a Reserve officer, at the Headquarters offices both of the 11th Naval District and of Western Sea Frontier. Shrader's account misses the unsuccessful torpedo attack on the S/S Samoa, off San Francisco.

When the Samoa, Capt. Nils A. Sinnes, reached San Diego, she was boarded, as I recall, by Lts. G. T. O'Neill and Arnold Klaus. Regrettably, Lt. (later Comdr.) Klaus recently passed away, and Capt. Sinnes, although still living, is in bad shape as a result of a stroke.

If you are the George O'Neill who boarded the Samoa at San Diego in late December of 1941 -- greetings and congratulations! -- and I would appreciate hearing from you. If not, my apologies for bothering you.

Sincerely,



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