

LAST MAN'S CLUB
Of The
National
TUSCANIA SURVIVORS
Association

*S. S. Tuscania, sunk off the coast of
Ireland on the night of February 5th,
1918 by the German Submarine UB-77.*

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Re: MT ST. HELEN, OREGON.

Dear Josephine:

Reference is made to your three-page letter and data dated Feb. 17th - you mention cassette tape - that is one item I never purchased. However, the graphic detail of his rescue, and the pictures of the Scottisch Area is very interesting.

Regarding Truman, he in old age must have grown odd, because he was warned several times. It is unfortunate that he is buried under 30 feet of debris. As a veteran I am sure that he could have received the pension due a World War I veteran.

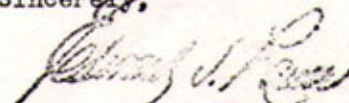
The invention of the helicopter did save the lives of many persons on both land and sea, and as you mentioned in your letter, they rescued many persons around St. Helen during the eruption.

Scientists write occasionally about Andreas Fault, which extends all along California, Oregon, Washington, etc. My cousin, Major General Walter E. Lauer, Commanding General of the 99th Infantry Division in the Battle of the Bulge, located at Paso Robles, first at Monterey until his death in 1966. I write to his daughter Ivy quite often. They seem to like the climate etc. After reading the newspapers about what had occurred in that area, I never had a desire to settle there, although the climate is desirable.

I have written to Tim Epps, sent him the book "THE TUSCANIA DISASTER" edited by Jimmy and I, mailed him a copy, but to date have not heard anything about any reaction. It may be that as a deep sea diver he is kept busy at the Hotel Charlotte, Isle of Islay.

In closing, thanks again for the Truman information, etc. I am

Sincerely,



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*Truman a
mechanic, on Susquehanna*