

Siwak Sr., Joseph J.

**Quakertown Sailor
With Service Force 1945
"Life Saving" Group**

Joseph John Siwak Sr., Seaman 2/c, 147 South Third Street, Quakertown, served during the war with a Pacific Navy Service Forces group whose personnel was credited with saving the lives of 75 survivors of a small tanker during the height of a raging typhoon off Iwo Jima, new-revised records of the group disclosed.

The small ship had to be abandoned 300 yards off shore. Rescue parties went to work. Men entered the sea, some with lines about their waists to keep them from being pulled out to sea by the undertow, others didn't wait for the lines.

No one could count the individual acts of bravery performed, but when the weary group had completed its task, the announcement came: "All survivors and rescue parties accounted for and all safe. Well done."

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