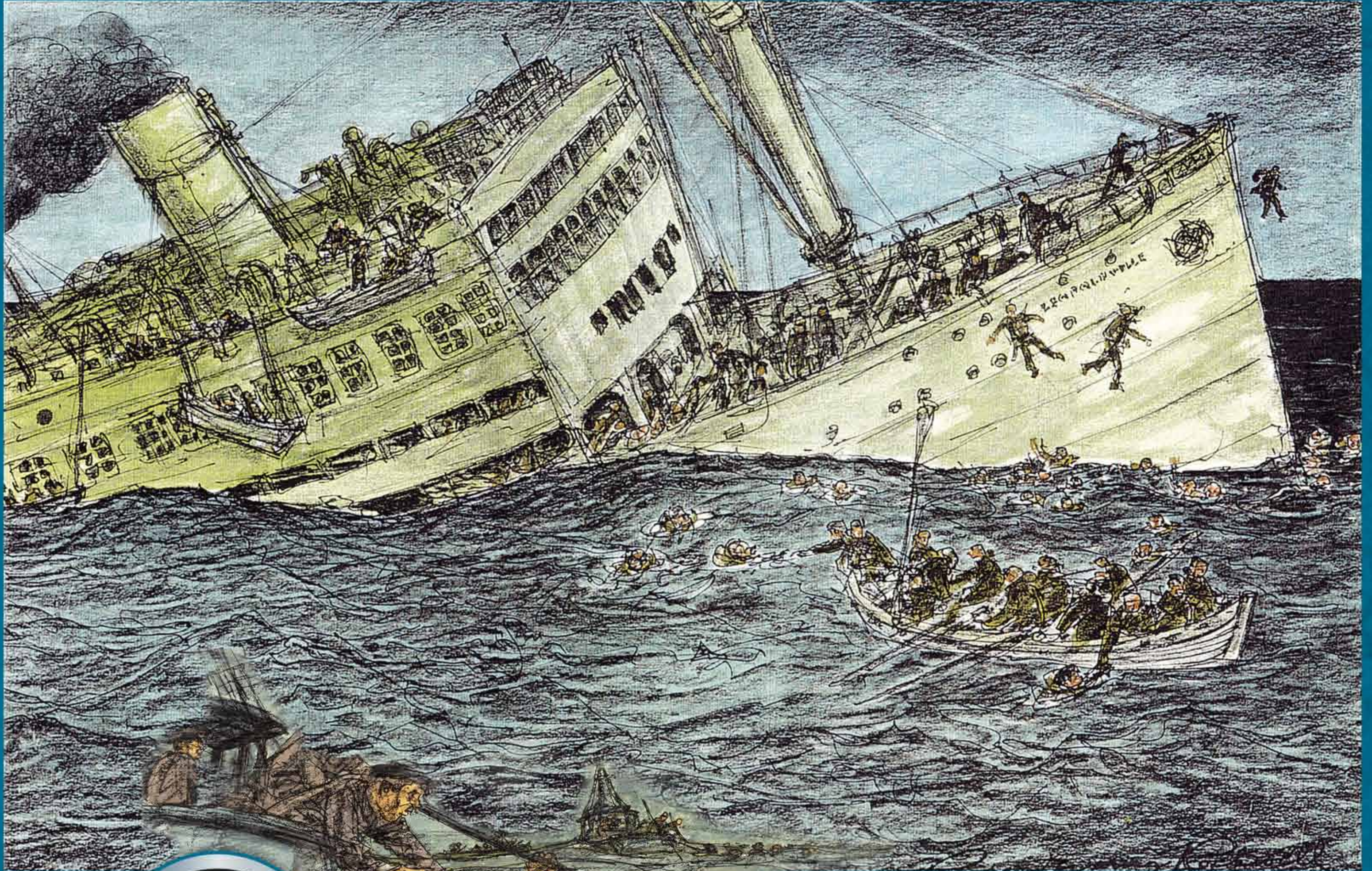


WWII TRAGEDY

Shrouded in Secrecy for Decades



70th

Anniversary

763 DEAD

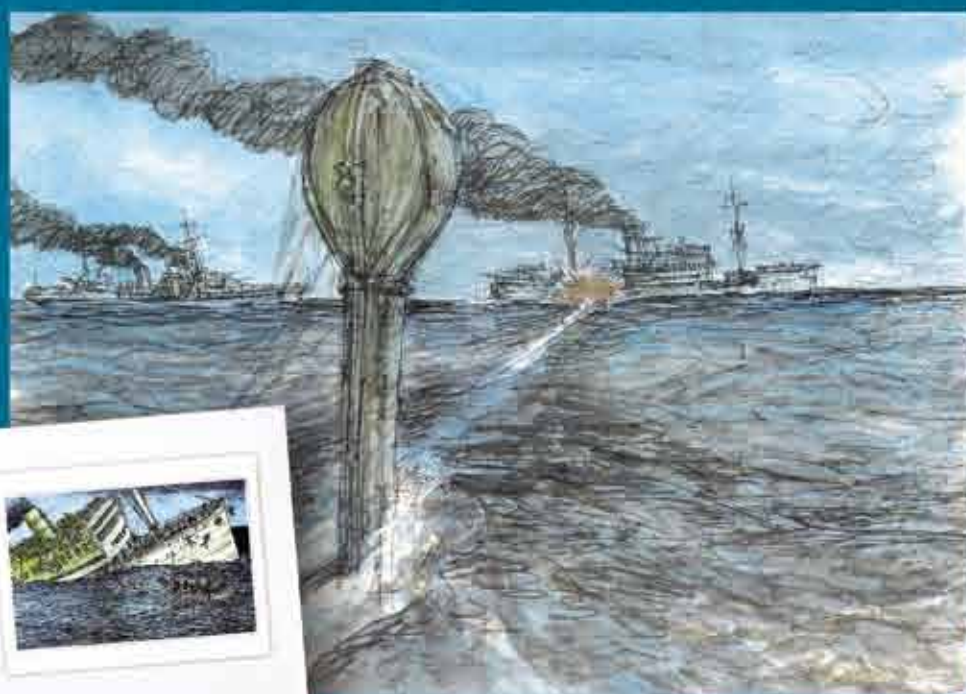
Was your father, husband, or relative lost in World War II?

Could it be that they were a member of the 66th Infantry Division and aboard the Leopoldville, a Belgian troopship sunk on Christmas Eve in 1944 by a German U-boat?

On December 24, 1944, the Belgium troopship Leopoldville, left the pier at Southampton, England with over 2,000 American soldiers assigned to the 66th Infantry Division and crossed the English Channel to France. Just 5 1/2 miles from its destination, Cherbourg, the Leopoldville was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-486. There were 763 American soldiers killed, and the bodies of 493 were never recovered from the Channel's frigid 48 degree waters.

For over 50 years the Leopoldville sinking was allowed to be forgotten. There are still those today who do not know the true circumstances of their loved one's death.

Leopoldville.org is dedicated to remembering and honoring the sacrifice of those who died in the disaster and the valor of those who survived. Anyone seeking further information about the Leopoldville disaster or who wishes to contribute a photo and information regarding a relative killed in the catastrophe should e-mail Allan Andrade at agandrade37@msn.com.



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