

SCHWABE COLL

April 30, 1945

Mrs. Charles L. Miller
1410 M. Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, enclosing petition signed on behalf of the boys serving in the Merchant Marine.

I have had many letters and petitions in support of the measure what is known as the G. I. Bill of Rights for Merchant Seamen, and I am giving it careful consideration. I don't know just what to anticipate as far as the action of Congress is concerned on this measure.

Thanking you for calling this to my attention, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

GBS:CMG

28 April 1945

Honorable George B. Schwabe
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose petition supporting a G.I. bill
of rights for the Merchant Seaman.

My particular concern in the passage of this bill is the fact that my husband has been serving in the Merchant Marine since February 1943, during which time he has made six voyages to foreign countries, including North Africa, Italy, Southern France, Egypt, England Arabia and Iran, carrying supplies to the fighting fronts and to our allies. His ship has been under attack innumerable times in the Mediterranean and in the North Atlantic, and he has faced the same dangers from the enemy as any soldier or sailor in the Army or Navy. Nevertheless, he has paid full income tax without exemption, receives no salary while on the beach, makes allotment to me from his own pay, was thrown into jail in Philadelphia for not having his "draft card" with him and has been hospitalized for tropical diseases acquired during his voyage to Persia. The people who have placed their signatures on this petition are in whole hearted agreement to a Merchant Seamen's Bill of Rights, and from my husband's personal experiences and those of many of his buddies, I believe that this measure is entirely justified.

Thank you for any consideration given this petition. My reason for writing you is that we are both native Oklahomans. Our permanent address is Tulsa, however at the present I am living in Washington employed by the Navy Department, and he is on his seventh voyage.

Sincerely,

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"I trust that Congress will also soon provide similar opportunities ... to members of the Merchant Marine, who have risked their lives time and again during this war for the welfare of their country."

—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT,
June 22, 1944 when signing
the GI Bill of Rights.

Petition

TO U. S. CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition your support of a Merchant Seamen's Bill of Rights along the lines of the one passed by a grateful nation in behalf of our armed forces.

We are in complete accord with the recommendations made by Admiral Emory S. Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration.

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