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Dear Bob,

I thought I would take a chance that you can still be reached at the same fax number I used some time ago.

I hope all is well with you, your family and the rest of the Losey family.

Periodically an event triggers Marit and I into discussing the several fine events - both at Dombås and at West Point - that we have experienced. We both hope that another memorial service at West Point will not be in the too distant future.

I have been meaning to contact you for some time, but as you know - time flies! Next weekend, Saturday, September 25, the Sons of Norway Lodge at Dombås (Dale-Gudbrand Lodge 8-016) will celebrate its 10th Anniversary, and many Norwegian-Americans will gather from different areas of southern Norway, as well as many of the local representatives that you have met. As I was responsible for initiating local interest for organizing the lodge, Marit and I are being invited as special guests.

The event will also include a memorial program at the Dombås Memorial Park. If this fax reaches you in time I was hoping that you could fax me a greeting from the Losey family, and especially from yourself, that could be read next weekend. I know that the local people certainly would appreciate this. This should perhaps be addressed to the current president of the Lodge; Ingebjørg Ulfsby Bottheim.

Should I not hear from you, I will assume that you have not received this and will extend a greeting on your behalf which I'm sure you would not oppose.

Best regards,



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ARTHUR SVENNEVIK
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Dear Arthur,

It was good to hear from you the other day. I hope you and Marit have a wonderful weekend in Dombas. I wish we could join you.

I am in the process of becoming semi-retired and will no longer commute from Chicago to Baltimore. It will be nice to be able to do things at a little slower pace. I will be working out of our home and we would love to have you come visit if you are in the Chicago area.

I am sorry if this FAX is arriving at an odd hour. I am leaving on a business trip the first thing tomorrow morning and wanted to be sure it arrived before you left for Dombas.

Our best to you both! Thank you for keeping the memories and meaning of Uncle Bob's life and death alive with all of us.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob".

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President Ingebjorg Ulfsby Bottheim
Dale-Gudbrand Lodge 8-016
Dombas, Norway

Dear President Bottheim:

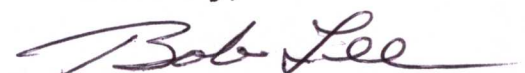
I understand from Arthur Svennevik that on September 25th Lodge 8-016 will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary. On behalf of all of Captain Losey's relatives we send our CONGRATULATIONS! It is difficult to comprehend that it has almost been five years since a few of us had the privilege to participate in the 50th Liberation Celebrations in Dombas. Those special days will always be some of the most memorable of our lives. Thank you again to all the residents of Dovre and especially to many of your lodge members who made us feel so "welcomed."

In November of this past year, Captain Losey's closest living relative, my mother Margaret Losey Lee, died at the age of 85. Mom was always known for her smile, but it never shown brighter than in 1995 when she was presented a replica of her brother's West Point saber during a wreath laying ceremony initiated by the Sons of Norway. That saber has been passed down to my family and is now displayed on our fireplace mantle. As I look at it, I am reminded of the identical saber in Norway and of the friendship and support our two countries share. Let us always remember those who sacrificed so much so that we might enjoy our peace and freedom.

I understand that on Septmeber 25th there will also be a memorial program in Dombas Memorial Park. I have an enlarged picture on my office wall of the children with their flags in that same park in 1995. May we always strive to maintain that youthful enthusiasm for life.

Best wishes to you all from the relatives of Captain Losey. May your celebration be full of lasting memories.

Sincerely,



Robert Losey Lee



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Bob 21

Your uncle
Obituary from
Wed Post.

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Sorry about the
recycled paper

ROBERT M. LOSEY

NO. 8598 CLASS OF 1929

Died April 21, 1940, at Dombas, Norway, aged 31 years.



ROBERT M. LOSEY was born May 27, 1908, in Andrews, Iowa. His military career began in July, 1924, with his entrance into the United States Military Academy from which he graduated in June, 1929.

Upon graduation Bob was commissioned in the Field Artillery but reported for pilot training at the Air Corps Training Center.

On October 11, 1930, Bob was awarded his wings and reported to Mather Field, California, for duty. Here he undertook the customary and varied duties of a junior officer, and in addition, it was while at Mather Field that Bob married Kay Banta, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. William P. Banta, M. C. (Ret.), in April, 1932.

Bob's thirst for knowledge was evidenced even this early in his career by application for specialized training details, and his efficiency and demonstrated mental capabilities merited favorable consideration by his superiors.

With the abandonment of Mather Field in October, 1932, Bob accompanied his squadron, the 77th Pursuit, to Barksdale Field. Here again his desire for knowledge led to his assignment to the Advanced Navigation Training Unit at Rockwell Field. Shortly after his return from this training, at his own request, Bob was assigned to the California Institute of Technology in August, 1934, as a student in meteorology.

Bob's course of instruction at Cal Tech was more than exposure: an academic record of "marked distinction" proved an ability that stood out even in the halls of an institution noted for its brilliant products.

Following the completion of the meteorology course, Bob reported to March Field, California, for duty as meteorological officer.

He was still not satisfied with his store of technical knowledge, and, upon application, was sent in August, 1936, to the California Institute of Technology to pursue a course in Aeronautical Engineering. Again Bob's enthusiasm and ability resulted in a record of "marked distinction."

Upon completion of this course in June, 1937, Bob was ordered to Washington, D. C., as chief of the weather section in the office of the Chief of Air Corps. Here he served until he was ordered to Finland as Assistant Military Attaché for Air and, later, as Assistant Military Attaché for Air to Norway and Sweden.

On April 21, 1940, Bob was killed by a bomb fragment in Dornbas, Norway, in the performance of his duty. At the time, he was assisting in the evacuation of U. S. citizens from the war areas.

On May 29, 1940, Captain Robert M. Losey, Air Corps, returned to rest at West Point, New York, where he was met by his friends and escorted with Military Honors to a place beside his mother and his brother-in-law, John Banta, Class of 1928.

Death comes as it must to all men, but sometimes those that are left are wont to wonder and to regret that a career so filled with promise and ability should be brought to an end.

Bob was more a scholar than a student, he had no "bookish" manner: quiet and unassuming, Bob still could speak a mind very definitely his own. A conscientious able worker, Bob could play as well, with sailboats as his fancy.

No lack of friends beset his course, at school, at home, at work, or in his civilian contacts; there was a lasting impression of a polished gentleman and a character that was firm.

Letters might be quoted from superiors in rank, as to his military endeavors and accomplishments, but even these count him as friend above all else. An officer, a gentleman, a scholar, and a true soldier to the end.

—A. B. H.


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Robert Losey Lee

Penny Braniff

**INVITATION TO THE 60-YEARS MARKING OF CAPTEIN ROBERT LOSEY'S
DEAD AT DOMBÅS 21 OF APRIL.**

1. Homeguard School Dombås together with Sons of Norway Union and Dovre township have the pleasure to invite you to the 60-years marking of your realitive Capt Robert Losey's dead 21 of april 2000.
In addition to the autoritys in Dovre and members of Sons of Norway Colonel Woodward from US ambassey in Oslo will participate.
2. The official program for the marking 21 april is as follows:
1300: Marking cermony in Dombås Memorial Park
1400: Dinner at Homeguard School.
1500-1730: Guided tour by bus to remind the history of the engagements in 1940.
3. Homeguard School Dombås regret that this invitation are late. This year 21 of april also is in the middle of the Easter. Despite if these facts we hope you could spend this day together with us at Dombås.
4. If your response of this invitation is positive we are calculating that you will stay for several days in Dombås/Norway. If actual we will make an mutual agreement by phone for this on forehand. However accomandations will be available at Homeguard School.
5. Due to that this invitation are late it is transfered by fax. Unfortenately we have no faxnumber to Penny Braniff so we ask for Robert's help to bring it to her.
6. Homeguard School look forward to a visiting from you and have your reply on this invitation within 10 of april.

Knut Nylund
Knut Nylund
Lt colonel
Commander

Keith

805-898-0864

Penny
Please let me
know your thoughts

Date

31 MARS 2000

April 9, 2000

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ATTENTION Lt. Colonel Knut Nylun

Dear Commander Nylun:

I have recently been in contact with my sister Penny Braniff; unfortunately we will not be able to attend the celebration ceremonies in Dombas. We have fond memories of our visit five years ago and greatly appreciate the wonderful hospitality shown to us.

We hope that you will remember us again for some future celebration. Our thoughts will be with you on April 21! We appreciate all the efforts that are made to remember the sacrifices made by so many, for our opportunity to live in freedom.

Please extend our best wishes to all those who made us feel so welcome in 1995.

Sincerely,



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