

May 23, 1995

General James Clapper
Mrs. Susan Clapper
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Dear General and Mrs. Clapper,

On behalf of the relatives of Captain Robert Losey, we want to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your participation in the memorial services at Dombas, Norway. We know that there were many world wide celebrations whose participants would have been honored to have your presence

On Monday night after the services, we had the opportunity to visit with a number of the Special Forces who were there as the honor guards. During the evening we showed them Keith Thienemann's slide presentation about the life of Captain Losey. I am enclosing a video which I made during the presentation which was my first viewing.

I am also enclosing a chapter from Ambassador Harriman's book, *Mission to the North*, which covers the time from Captain Losey's assignment as military attache in Oslo to his death on April 21, 1940 and an Affidavit by the chauffeur of Ambassador Harriman's car. On the top of the second page you will see how intent Captain Losey was on finding the General Staff. Through all the records that we have been able to locate, we are not aware of a special message or purpose that Captain Losey had in locating the General Staff. I am wondering if any of the military records might indicate such information. If so, we would certainly appreciate having it. I am including index pages for the documents and publications that we already have so that there will not be any duplication of effort.

We would also appreciate receiving copies of any pictures or press clippings that you were able to obtain during the weekend celebrations.

Any help that you can give us in pushing forward the commemorative stamp proposal would be greatly appreciated. I think that it would be a nice way to not only honor Captain Losey but also to recognize the role the military attache had in the war, resulting establishing a relationship between Norway and the United States.

If you are ever in the Chicago area, please feel free to come visit. Thank you again for your presence which made the Liberation Services very memorable for us all.

Sincerely,

Bob Lee
Robert Losey Lee

General Clapper Ltr

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Mayor Ordforer and Ingebord Bottheim
Town of Lesja
Lesja, Norway

Dear Mayor Bottheim and Ingebord,

We are most grateful for your gracious effort to honor the Losey family so well during the Liberation Ceremonies. It was truly one of the highlights of our lives to participate in the Liberation Ceremony. You and your people made us feel so very special.

We will keep the plaque which was presented to us on behalf of the people of Lesja with other treasured memorabilia about the life of Captain Losey. Please thank the entire community on our behalf.

As you know, the two days in Dombas were very moving for all of us. Ingebord, one of our most precious treasures is the pin containing the Norwegian stone which you sent to Captain Losey's sister. Peg accepted it with tears of joy and honor and will wear it in memory of her brother and in memory of the love for the Norwegian people. Thank you for being so generous and thoughtful.

Ordforer, on May 19th we had a celebration at the United States Military Academy at West Point arranged by Arthur Svennevik and the Sons of Norway. Please enjoy this lapel pin from Captain Losey's alma mater as a small token of our appreciation.

Our travels after we left Dombas were well planned and gave us the opportunity to experience Norway and its special beauty in a well organized manner. Thank you for your time and effort in assisting us with our itinerary. We even had the opportunity to meet your friend in Voss. What a wonderful country!

We hope you will come visit us the next time you are in the United States. Thank you again to all those who made the weekend so very special.

Sincerely,

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May 23, 1995

Mayor Melvin Rykhus
Dombas, Norway 2660

Dear Mr. Rykhus,

On behalf of the entire Losey family, we want to extend our sincere appreciation for the very warm hospitality your community shared with us. The two days of Liberation Ceremonies were a very memorable and meaningful experience. The memorial to Captain Losey and your continued efforts to keep his memory alive are special to us.

Thank you for including us in the ceremonies and honoring us with the pennant from the Dovre Kommune. We will include the pennant with all the historical memorabilia collected about Captain Losey.

The only thing more beautiful than the Norwegian countryside is the warmth, love and hospitality of the Norwegian people.

On May 19, 1995, through the efforts and kind invitation of Arthur Svennevik and the Sons of Norway, we attended a memorial service to Captain Losey at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. We would like to present you with a pin from Captain Losey's alma mater as a small token of our appreciation to you and your community.

We wish you success in your efforts to develop a historical museum in Dombas. The past is a source of understanding. Our future is open with possibilities and opportunities for hopes and dreams to be realized.

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Ob. Lt. Toralf Reinssnen
HV. Skolen
2660 Dombas, Norway

Dear Ob. Lt. Reinssnen,

On behalf of the entire Losey family we want to extend our grateful appreciation to you for honoring our uncle and his family so well during the Liberation Ceremony.

Our visit to Dombas was most memorable and beyond all of our expectations. Our accommodations at the Dombas Hotel were wonderful. We appreciate the hospitality and support of the Home Guard School in keeping the memories alive of the sacrifices made during World War II.

I have spoken with Ambassador Rupee and extended your greetings and best wishes to her. She forwards the same to you.

On May 19th we attended a memorial service at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. As a small token of our appreciation, we would like to present to you the enclosed pin from Captain Losey's alma mater.

Please extend our special appreciation to Captain Kapp Erlamb Lokken for being so helpful and attentive during our stay.

Whenever you visit the States, we would enjoy having you stay in our home. Please feel free to contact us at the addresses below

Sincerely,

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May 23, 1995

Terry Schappert
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Dear Terry,

Enclosed is a copy of the letter to Major Chenea. I would appreciate it if you would be sure that he receives a copy if he does not through normal mail channels.

Your comments about "Mom's smile" meant a great deal to Penny and me. We arrived home in time for Mother's Day; it was good to be able to call mom and tell her about the ceremonies on Sunday and Monday. When I told her over the phone about your comments, she probably had that same smile. Thank you for making that possible.

Our visit to Norway was a very emotional one. One of the highlights was having the opportunity to meet people such as yourself and the other members of the Special Forces team. Please extend our thanks to each of them for taking the time to be in Dombas and for sharing a few hours with us on Monday evening.

Terry, I do hope that we will have the opportunity to visit with you and Beth in Stuttgart some time. Please know that you are welcome to come see us in Chicago when you are back in the States.

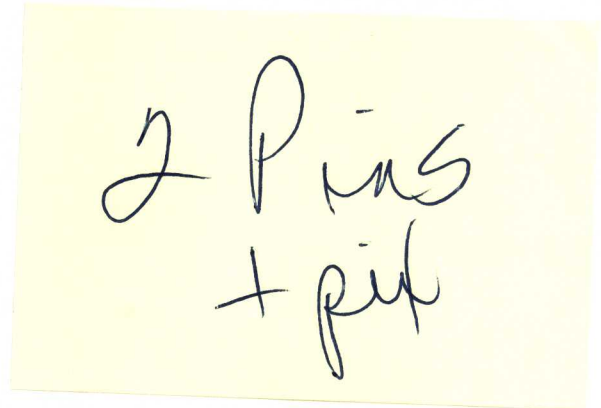
Sincerely,

Bob Lee
Robert Losey Lee

Enclosure

May 23, 1995

Major Stewart Chenea,
CMR 445 Box 117
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Dear Major Chenea,

On behalf of my mother, Margaret Losey Lee, our cousins, Chris and Meredith Albers and our good friend, Keith Thienemann, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to each of the men who attended the Liberation ceremonies at Dombas, Norway. To have some of the most elite forces from our country participate in the ceremonies meant a great deal to our family. Captain Losey may have died fifty-five years ago, but his honor and memory live on; and for that, we thank you.

We hope that by viewing the slide presentation on Monday night you now have a better understanding of the "man behind the monument". Just as important, it was good for us to have had the opportunity to meet some of the individuals who make up our Special Forces. You are a great group and we are proud to know that you are serving our country to help maintain peace and liberty throughout the world. Please extend our gratitude to all those who took the time to visit with us Monday evening.

Since Monday I have been carrying the Special Operations Support Command coin with me as a reminder of the weekend and our memorable time together. I will continue to carry it with me looking forward to the time when I can "slap it down on the table" with some of you in the future.

As a momento, I am enclosing two lapel pins from West Point where on May 19th, Memorial Services were held for Captain Losey with over 100 people in attendance. Please keep one of these as a token of our friendship. I would like the other to be presented to the flag bearer during the ceremonies on Sunday and Monday. I am sorry that we didn't get an opportunity to thank him personally but his presence will not be forgotten. Would you also please give him the enclosed picture. Our colors could not have been presented more professionally.

If you or your men are ever in the Chicago, Illinois or Santa Barbara, California area and have time for a visit or would like to have a place to stay, our doors are open to you.

Thank you again.

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