

NOTES:

2/25 Chris Albers 2812 Link Rd. Lynchburg, Va. 24503 (804-384-4621) called Anne concerning the two articles in USA TODAY ON 2/22 and 2/25. Chris is a 3rd cousin once removed. Her great- great -grandmother was Susan House the sister of Emily House, Robert Losey's great great grandmother. Her husband is an Orthopedic doctor and their son Matt is a freshman in college in Ky. and their daughter Meredith is a junior in high school.

Chris had been made aware of the USA TODAY article by a genealogist friend. She contacted USA TODAY and has been in contact with Johan Solli, a school superintendent and cultural director in Dombas, Norway. Dombas is about 1 1/2 hours from Lillehammer. Johan's address is 2660 Dombas, Norway. Phone 011-4761241180

Chris and her friend Keith Thienemann researched for two days and found our address through DePauw University. She had also called Swarthmore College and Cornell University for Penny Braniff's phone number. They knew about Bob's relatives through a book written in 1968 by Dr. John A. Fritchey on the Loseys, Butts and Casbeers who were the descendants of Leonard and Clarissa (Brown) House.

On May 17th of each year the Norwegians lay a wreath on a monument that was erected in 1983 in Bob's honor (and all the other Americans who gave their lives in W.W. II) .

ROBERT MOFFAT LOSEY Born May 27, 1908, in Andrews, Iowa.

After graduating from Trenton High School in 1925, he could not go directly to West Point because he was too young. Upon graduation from West Point (number 8598) as the youngest Capt. in the United States Air Corp, he went to Cal Tech to study meteorology. He was the first meteorologist outside the Weather Bureau. Bob also received a Masters in Aeronautical Engineering in 1937. He received "marked distinction" in both courses of study.

He had been assigned to go to Finland; but, on the way, Finland fell to the Nazis. Bob was reassigned to Norway as a military attache to the U.S.

Embassy. When Bob was killed, he was helping Ambassador Mrs. Florence J. Harriman (the first American woman Ambassador) evacuate American women and children because of the Nazi invasion.

Bob's death was a very sensitive and political issue because the Germans did not want to give reason to draw the United States into the war. We have heard that Hitler and Gehring both sent flowers to a memorial service held in Sweden.

Daisy Harriman (Florence) wrote a book Mission to the North that devotes a chapter to Bob.

Bob's wife was Kay Banta who later married General Howard Bunker.

In 1942, his sister Margaret (Peg) Losey Lee named her son Robert Losey Lee in memory of her brother. Robert Moffat Losey's niece and nephew have each named a child Robert. The memory goes on...

Bob's sister's reaction to hearing about the memorial in Dombas -"I am overwhelmed to think that they still remember him. Isn't that amazing!"

3/7/94 - Called Ron Schoolmeester upon his return from the '94 Winter Olympics. He was great and provided the following information.

During WWII, Dombas was a central command post for the Nazis. The Germans converted the hotel into a hospital. The area around Dombas (Doueve) was known for their strong resistance to the German invasion.

The Memorial Park was started in 1983 by Ambassador Ostad after he found some papers regarding Bob's death and his being the first American soldier killed. Much of the money for the park was raised in America through the "Sons of Norway". The dedication of the three memorials was held on August 25, 1987. The King of Norway and Ambassador Robert Douglas Stewart Jr. were there. Ambassador Stewart is Chairman Emeritus of Quaker Oats in Chicago. His Secretary, Karen Humken, can be reached at 708-735-7082. Ron said that a letter from Reagan might have been read at the Dedication. (Need to try to find a copy).

The following are some of the other people whom Ron contacted for his

article.

Liv Dahl - Director of Heritage Foundation 612-827-3611.

Freda - connected with the military in the Oslo Embassy 011-47-22448550.

Tereje Holm - Defense Museum 011-47-22403000.

misc. info. The Continental Hotel in Oslo Norway, is a nice place to stay.

The Norwegian Constitution Day celebrates their liberation from Denmark.

Two of the three people who were very instrumental in establishing the park are deceased and the third is very ill. Johan Solli is the Cultural Director for the area and is active in keeping the memories of the park alive. Johan's son-in-law is the editor in Lillehammer and his daughter is on the radio. He also has family in the Chicago area and in Minnesota.

3/8/94 - Called Arthur Svennevik. Arthur was very knowledgeable about the history of the Memorial. Besides Bob, there were 29 Norwegians who were also killed during the 2 days of bombing. He advised me that Ambassador Loret Miller Ruppe, who was the Ambassador to Norway during the Bush administration, had shown a great deal of interest in the park and had visited Dombas a number of times. Loret had also been director of the Peace Corp for 10 years. Phone 301-469-7998. To date, we have only communicated via voice mail. Arthur suggested that we wait to visit on May 8th, 1995, the 50th Anniversary of Liberation. He also asked that we send him an update of our family. He said that the Norwegian government is looking for stories connected to the Olympics.

Side line: Chris reports that we are related to George Bush (6th cousins) and William Taft. Chris has written to "cousin George" to see if he wants to come to Norway with his family.... No answer yet...

4/22/94 - Chris called to report the results of Keith's and her efforts to locate Kay Bunker. After extensive effort to try to locate her through a Depository library file, they finally contacted a software company. They were advised that she was born June 15, 1909, and died Dec. 12, 1980, in Palm Springs, Ca. Kay's full name was Kathryn Leona Gault Banta Losey Bunker. General Bunker was born in 1912 and died Feb. 1994, in San

Antonio. They were married in Arkansas. Chris also received a call from Jane Mill (84 years old) (513-293-2260 at 241 Balmoral Dr Dayton, Ohio, 45429. Jane had seen the article in USA TODAY. She and her husband were good friends with Kay and Bob at CAL Tech. and then at Wright Air Force Base in Dayton. She said they lost contact with Kay after she remarried since Bunker did not want Kay to retain old ties.

May - Chris called to say she had made contact with Lydia DeProsperis at 619-323-2588. Lydia was mentioned in Kay's will since she took care of Kay through her final years of illness. Kay had been divorced from General Bunker for a number of years. The last known address for General Bunker was 174 Golden Gate St. Sarasota, Fl. In checking he no longer lived there.

Through West Point we were informed that General Howard Graham Bunker, class of '28, resided at 5100 J D Ryan Blvd., San Antonio, Tx. 78245. (210-677-8089). When I called this number, the General's wife Hazewl answered and informed me that he had died in Feb., 1994, after suffering from a severe stroke for many years. They had been married in 1973. She said that Jim Stevenson from the class of '29 currently lives in San Antonio 210-826-1915.

6/7/49 - Called Jim Stevenson. He had just returned from a West Point reunion. There were 12 members from his class present out of 33 living class members. 465 men entered West Point in the class of '29 and 295 graduated. (They graded on the curve).

Jim drove a 31' mobile home pulling a station wagon to West Point over the Blue Ridge Hwy. Sounds like a great guy. He took early retirement after the war and started a car dealership in Arkansas. He suggested that we advise the class secretary Brig Gen. Lester S. Bork, 6 Willow Oak Rd., Sea Pines Plantation, Hilton Head, South. Carolina. 29928 (803-671-3010) about the article on Bob. They publish a quarterly newspaper called THE ASSEMBLY. update: Gen Bork advises that Jim has moved to Venice.

MAY- Called West Point (914-938-4011). Then called Public Affairs (914-938-3808) and talked to Marjorie Delborgh. She has worked in the Public Affairs department for 20 years and knew Stewart Little who used to work for Dad. She was very helpful and gave me Bob's class number 8598. She also had Andrea Hamburg call (914-938-3808) who provided the picture to USA TODAY. She is coordinating with the Archives

Department (914-938-7073) and the Association of Graduated (914-446-5860) to have all pertinent information sent. Ursula Jordan (914-938-2418) may be another contact since she is the manager of the cadet store. We might be able to buy a saber in a shadow box.

6/13 - Talked with Lesly Sully who prepared a package of material from West Point. The material is being sent today. She will also try to get good pictures of Bob's grave site and will send some plaque information.

6/7/94 My sister Penny and I met at Mom's in Kennett Square, Pa. About 11:00 that evening we were talking about the possible trip on May 8, 1995 to Norway. Mom got up and went to a cabinet and pulled out an envelope with many pictures, newspaper articles, and cards concerning Bob's death. We were not aware that this information existed. What a find!

6/9/94 - Chris and Keith were nice enough to drive five hours from Lynchburg to Baltimore so we could meet in person. What a treat! They brought a copy of Kay's death certificate, Bob's and Kay's wedding certificate, a picture of Kay, a program from the dedication of a street named for Bob on Scott Air Force base in Bellview, Il. Keith had recently purchased two original Life magazines that had articles about Bob's death. I gave them the package of material that Mom gave us the night before. I feel it is in the best possible hands to make the necessary copies and catalogue it in an orderly fashion. One of Keith's great ideas is to apply for a commemorative stamp in Bob's honor. He has already sent for an application and is starting to prepare the presentation portfolio.

6/15 In talking with my cousin Bill Lee Jr., he reminded me that he visited Dombas with his parents in 1956 and then returned in 1984 to take his children there. In 1984 he was not aware of the memorial.

6/16 - Loret Ruppe called. We only had a short time to visit but she conveyed that she was at the park for the 50th anniversary of the invasion and has a video tape of the ceremony. She also indicated that the Sons of Norway had a lodge in Dombas. She will also let me know how to contact Retired Captain Blaha who was involved in entering Bob's name into the Defense Attache Hall of Fame. We will talk again to learn more...

6/22 - Loret Ruppe called to say she was just diagnosed with cancer and would be entering the hospital right away for surgery. She said that if I

left an address she would send her video copy of the 50th anniversary of the invasion of Norway.

6/24 - Called the Air Force Attache's office (703-693-1753) and reached Sgt. Pat Fuller who was at the dedication of the memorial. He knew the story about Bob and said they had searched for family members at the time of the ceremony. I told him that I was seeking information about the Attache Hall of Fame. He referred me to Mr. Lawrence Bearse at the Joint Attache Military School (202-373-3394). He was unavailable. I will call him in a few weeks.

Sgt. Fuller also provided the name of the Air Attache in Norway - Col. George Frushour. He may be reached at USDAO -American Embassy PSC 69 Box 1000 APOAE 09707-6655. His phone number is 011-47-22448550. The replacement for Capt. Blaha, Capt. Richard (Dick)Vidosic, Defense and Naval Attache, is also in Norway.

July - Even with all Loret's medical concerns she was nice enough to send the video tape of the 50th Celebration of the Invasion of Norway. She also included Capt. Doug Blaha's phone number (804-693-4360). On July 16th I left word for him to call.

In the video tape, Loret read from the June 4, 1990, Congressional Record a congressional resolution presented by Congressman Sabo from Minnesota concerning the April 9 invasion and April 21 death of Bob. We will need to get a copy. Update received.

7/22/94 - DOUG BLAHA called and provided the following information. Doug's address is 6081 Hickory Fork Rd., Hayes, Va. 23072. Doug entered Bob's name for induction into the Hall of Fame for Attaches. Most of those nominated for this honor lost their lives while serving as a military attache. The Hall of Fame is the responsibility of the Director of DIA (Defence Intelligence Agency) Clarendon Circle DIA College/ Center, 3100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, Va. (703-284-1206). He said the US Embassy's phone number in Norway is 011-4722-448550. He said he would send a letter with any thoughts in the near future. He felt that Commander Bob Morant may have some files relating to Bob since Commander Morant worked for Doug.

He also expressed Loret Ruppe's contribution and support to the park. I learned from Doug that Loret served 7 years as Director of the Peace Corp. and helped bring it back to the stature during the Kennedy era. Loret's husband is five times Congressman Phil Ruppe from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

7/28/94 - Larry Atkinson (703-284-0401) who is retired from the Air Force and worked with the Defense Intelligence Agency called and provided the following information: there are approximately 104 Embassies with up to 15 attaches assigned to them. In their larger Embassies there are attaches representing the various branches of service. In these larger Embassies the Defense Attache oversees all the other attaches.

He said that there are approximately 50 Attaches in the Hall of Fame and that Bob was inducted in the second group of honories. There are pictures of those inducted into the Hall of Fame hanging in the Defense Intelligence Agency building.

Larry said the following people could be helpful in finding additional information and/or supporting our effort for a stamp. Ambassador Kjlb Vibe 2720 34th N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008 (202-333-6000).

He said to write to the Director, Lt. Col. Falck, of the Air force Museum in Oslo MIL- Akershus, 0015 Oslo, Norway. Also write Professor Riste of the Institute for Defence, same address as above. To assist our efforts in obtaining a stamp, we should write The Press and Information Dept. Col. Ianke, Headquarter for Defense Command, Oslo MIL, Huseby, Norway 0016.

Larry Atkinson is to send us the write-up that was presented to the Attache Hall of Fame.

7/27/94 - I called Congressman Martin Sabo 2336 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 (202-225-4755). On April 4th 1990, Congressman read a tribute to Captain Losey and the Norwegian people who were killed in the Nazi invasion into the congressional records . I talked to Joe Cipriano who was very helpful. Since that conversation, we

have received a letter from Congressman Sabo; unfortunately, his remarks were not enclosed as indicated. I will call. The Congressman serves on the Postal Service subcommittee. UPDATE - received a copy of the congressional record dated April 4, 1990.

8/1/94 - Larry Atkinson sent a great file on the history of the Attache Hall of Fame. Robert Losey was inducted on June 29, 1990. Capt. Blaha was very instrumental in the implementation of this honor and Ambassador Ruppe strongly supported the nomination.

8/4/94 - Chris and Keith were nice enough to make another trip to Baltimore. What a great job they did developing the stamp proposal!! Keith also all the pictures, publications, correspondence and certificates relating to Robert Losey. We had the official signing of the stamp proposal.

8/5/94 - Chris and Keith went to Washington. First, they visited to Hall of Fame and were very impressed enthusiasm and hospitality of Larry Atkinson. Larry said he would pass on the proposal to a few Generals. They left a proposal in Congressman Sabo's office and met with their congressman from Virginia. Both offices seem supportive.

8/5/94 - I called the Ruppe residence and talked with Phil Ruppe. Six weeks ago Loret was emitted into the hospital for cancer treatment. Since that time she had come home and then was reemitted. Phil said she was to be released Monday and was in good spirits. I advised him of the progress we had made to date and told him we would send two copies of the proposal to Loret.

8/8/94 - Bob Stewart the Norwegian Ambassador during the Reagan era called. I told him we would send him a proposal in the next few week. He is headed shortly to his ranch in Wyoming for a vacation.

8/8/94 - Called Princeton to inquire about the 1907 Class Cup. There is a great picture of Robert Losey "Class Boy". We will need to write to Nancy Young, Mudd Library, 65 Olden St., Princeton, N.J. 08540 phone 609-258-3242.

8/9/94 - Received a great letter from Capt. Doug Blaha providing some

information on Bob's nomination to the Hall of Fame. Doug also gave some good travel thoughts for when we are in Norway.

August - Marjorie Duske (202-225-4755) from Congressman Sabo's office has provided the following information. In order to get a stamp issued as an act of Congress there are 218 votes needed. She said it is easier to have a Commemorative post card issued than a stamp. She said that we should decide whether we want to push for a stamp or a postcard and advise her. Congressman Sabo has offered to write a letter of support to the Post Master General. She said we should contact Stamp Management, U.S. Postal Department, 475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W., Room 5301, Washington, D.C. Since this contact, Keith has obtained more detail information concerning the appropriate people to contact.

8/28 - On the SUNDAY MORNING SHOW with Charles Osgood there was a segment concerning a Norwegian in Selljord that (I believe his name is Bernard) who has kept the memory alive of eleven U.S. airmen who lost their lives when their plane crashed into a mountain. They were trying to deliver supplies to the resistance. He has been in contact with the airmen's families and recently has had a memorial erected in their memory. It was a very touching story and we should try to meet him when we are in Norway.

10/7 Called Paul Claussen (special projects) 202-663-1121 in the State Department to investigate whether a claim for damages was filled with the German War Department. He said to call the National Archives Central Records 202-501-5425. He also suggested calling the Army Center for Military History and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, N.Y. 914-229-8114.

10/12/94 I called Mr. Parks (914-229-8114) who is an archivist at the Franklin D. R. Library. He found a file with Bob's name. There was only one telegram in it that was sent to the President in Warm Springs advising him of Bob's death. A copy is being sent to us.

10/14 Mr. Bouie (314-538-4020) at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis said he would search for Bob's military records after receiving a letter requesting same. This was done.

10/12 I FAX John Taylor (FAX 202-219-1543) (301-501-6800) at the National Archives requesting all military and State Department records. We will see what we get in return.

11/11 Talked to Keith. He advises that the stamp proposal was not reviewed in the October meeting, but would be first on the agenda in January. He also said that Arthur Svennevik is planning the celebration to start in Oslo on May 5th through the 17. The Sons of Norway are also planning a parade in New York on the 17th and a possible memorial service at West Point on the 19th. I told Keith I would try to get CBS's tapes of the Olympics to take to Norway.

11/11 Talked to Loret Ruppe. She was in good spirits and reported she is scheduled for her last chemotherapy treatment. We were interrupted when someone came to the door. I will call her in a few weeks after she gets copies of the stamp proposal.

11/11 Called Gen. Bork (class of '29). I was not aware that Keith had send him a proposal. I was going to ask for a list of the 33 living class members. Gen. Bork had already contacted them. Someone for the class of '58 had sent him a copy of the USA article. He followed it up with an article in the ASSEMBLY. After receiving Keith's information he wrote another article in the ASSEMBLY which is do out within a week. Gen. Bork had played basketball with Bob at West Point. He also mentioned that a German spy named Wolf was in a hotel in Dombas at the time of Bob's death. **I need to follow up with him for more information.** He also said that George Bush was to receive the Thayer Award for outstanding service from a on alumnus. The award is to be give about May 22 at West Point. I will try to be sure the Jean Hoy of the AGO is advised of the relationship with Bob. 12/2 Correction Geo. Bush received the Thayer Award last fall.

12/17 Called Gen. Paul Thompson who wrote a number of endorsements for the stamp proposal. He was a classmate of Bob's and writes "As cadets, Bob Losey and I had much in common. He was from Iowa and I from Nebraska. He became Editor of "Bugle Notes", I of "The Pointer". I regret that, in our Army careers, our paths never crossed." Gen. Thompson informed me that the class of '29 has a memorial room in Eisenhower at West Point. They pay tribute to eleven class members that lost their lives not in direct combat, but while serving their country. Bob heads the list.

He also informed me that Gen. Robert E. Lee was a member of the centennial class of 1829.

The day I called, he was sending Keith a list of all living class members. He was also sending a letter to Mr. Eyton who is on the stamp proposal committee. He met him last year at the 50th anniversary of "Stars and Stripes".

12/27 Called Loret Ruppe. She has finished her last cancer treatment and is doing extremely well. This year 3 of her 5 daughters were married. She said that she would forward a copy of the stamp proposal to President Bush.

4/23/95 Talked with James Rapp from the CBS Olympic committee. 212-975-3040. He has indicated that he would provide Olympic footage to take to Dombas. I have asked for the two hour wrap up and any highlights they have on Norwegian athletes. We are trying to find out if they use Beta or VHS Pala in Norway.

4/22 Talked to the following at West Point. Jeanie Lambert is arranging the memorial service. 914-938-3808. The protocol office is 938-4315 and the AOG is 800-232-grad. The Thayer Hotel is 446-4731. I have written the Commandant concerning the memorial service.

Bob's grave site is in Section 8, Row E, Plot 265.

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Ambassador Robert Douglas Stewart Jr. (Secretary, Karen Humken) 708-735-7082. Home address 1601 Conway Rd. Lake Forest II. 60045. Home phone 708-234-3894.

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