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(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)
Sturbridge, Mass.

May 17, 1944

Miss Helen Holley
Fiskdale, Mass.

Dear Miss Holley:

Upon checking our records, we find that the following men have been inducted from Sturbridge since March 31, 1944:

Joseph E. Vilandre
Philip Dwight Jamieson
Richard Carlton Gardner
Donald Ernest Jalbert

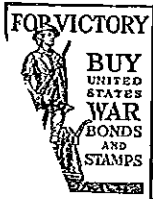
You may also be interested in knowing that Theodore John Talisman of Sturbridge will be inducted in the Army on June 3, 1944.

Very truly yours,

LOCAL BOARD #137

Clarice G. McKinstry
Clarice G. McKinstry
Chief Clerk L.L.L.

CGM/LLL



December 3, 1943

Walter Edward Blythe,
9123 - 112th Street,
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of November 10 regarding the dogs listed on our Honor Roll. The letter has finally reached this office and we are glad to give you the information you wish. The five dogs are:-

King	Owned by Louis Stipek, Fiskdale
Patsy	" " Merle J. Stratton, Fiskdale
Dorothy	" " Mrs. Marya Talisman, Sturbr'
King	" " Frank J. Czewski family, St.idge
More	" " " " " " urbridge

The dogs are listed on the Honor Roll under the heading WACS in this manner:-

King Stipek	Dorothy Talisman
Patsy Stratton	King Czewski
More Dzewski	

We understand that all the dogs are of the Shepherd Police breed.

You may be interested to know that besides the two dogs, the Czewski family has contributed five sons.

Yours very truly,

Board of Selectmen
H. G. Holley, Clerk

June 6, 1944

Mrs. Louise Galloway Barrett,
Brookfield,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Barrett:

This letter answers your inquiry concerning the names of Leonard Cloutier and Carl Carlson. Both young men have their residences in Sturbridge, but their mailing address is Brookfield R.F.D. The R.F.D. addresses have caused a lot of confusion here and in Southbridge as well as in Brookfield. Several of our boys' names appear on the Southbridge Roll, but we claim them just the same!

Leonard Cloutier's name is on our Honor Roll. Carl Carlson's is not, evidently through error. His address is Brookfield R.F.D., as stated, but his home is in the section of Sturbridge known as Podunk, with his father, to the best of our knowledge. We are passing his name on to the American Legion, who have charge of the Roll in this town.

We wish you luck in any undertaking so painstakingly difficult as establishing a correct Honor Roll!

Cordially yours,

Helen G. Holley
Selectmen's Clerk

November 22, 1943

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Selectmen

Lt. Russell D. Waldron, Commanding
State Guard Company,
Arburn, Massachusetts.

Dear Lt. Waldron:

The Selectmen wish to thank you and your men for your interest and participation in the dedication of our Honor Roll November 14th.

A parade is a basic part of such a program, and the splendid appearance of your company did much to make the parade impressive.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen



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Selection

November 22, 1943

Col. U.G. Jones, Commanding
Headquarters Army Air Base,
Westover Field, Massachusetts.

Dear Col. Jones:

The Selectionmen wish to thank you for the participation of the Westover Field band at the dedication of our Honor Roll November 14th. We need not tell you that the splendid performance of this band had no little part in the success of the day's activities. Every one who heard the band was loud in praise and in appreciation of its presence among us.

The townspeople were also enthusiastic in the anticipated demonstration of the WACS. Many stood around in the chill wind a long time waiting for their appearance, and not even a free chicken supper quite overcame the disappointment.

The supper was planned especially for the WACS and the band. We regret very much the misunderstanding about arrangements and our failure to put the final plans clearly in writing. Your band boys were very good by the time the concert was over, and we should have liked very much to show them hospitality. We thank you again for your interest and generous co-operation.

Cordially yours,

Selectionmen

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

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Col. George W. Jones,
35 Midland Street,
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Col. Jones:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your
gracious part in the dedication of our Honor Roll
November 14th.

We regret the inclemency of the weather,
which certainly did detract from a carefully planned
program, but over such matters Selectmen have no
jurisdiction.

We know that the townspeople were pleased
that you should take the interest you did in our
ceremony, and again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

Sturbridge Printing and Finishing Company,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

We can scarcely find adequate words in which to thank you for your generosity in providing the Honor Roll which was dedicated November 14th. We realize that you have been thanked officially by the Town, but we wish as the Board of Selectmen to add a word.

We hope that by now you have seen the Roll and that you like it. We think that it is suitable and quietly effective. We were sorry that you could not be present for the dedication. The program was dignified and individual and most people seemed to like it.

Your very fine letter expressing approval of the spot selected was read before the crowd from the reviewing stand. This hilltop surely is the most appropriate place we could have chosen, for it has been the center of community affairs ever since the Town began.

We enclose copy of the printed program where you may see your name listed among the sponsors. Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

American Optical Company,
Southbridge,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen: Attention - Mr. Ira Mosher

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of our Honor Roll November 14th.

The stands and decorations were a necessity for such an occasion, and without your kindness in lending the Company property, we should have had to go to considerable expense.

We enclose copy of the printed program where you may see your name listed among the sponsors. Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

Snell Manufacturing Company,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen: Attention - Mr. Dwight Bartlett

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of our Honor Roll November 14th.

The parade music is a basic part of such a program, and without your generosity in providing it, we should have had considerable more expense.

We enclose copy of the printed program where you may see your name listed among the sponsors. Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

American Gunsight Company,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

Attention - Mr. Clarence Pearl

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of our Honor Roll November 14th.

The parade music is a basic part of such a Program, and without your generosity in providing it, we should have had considerable more expense.

We enclose copy of the printed program where you may see your name listed among the sponsors. Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

Mr. Leo O. Blanchard, Commander
American Legion Post 109,
Fiskdale, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

The Selectmen wish to thank the Legion, through you, for your sponsorship of the Honor Roll, and for the splendid and important part played by the Legion both on the day of the dedication, and previously in providing the list of names.

Your listing the dogs from Sturbridge has excited considerable comment. It appears to be a unique procedure, but most people are dog lovers and realize the important part played by these faithful friends of man. They also realize that parting with a loved pet is real anguish and indicates a high sacrifice on the part of the owner. We are pleased and proud to see these names listed on the Town's Honor Roll.

Perhaps you do not all know that a photographer was sent to Sturbridge to photograph for the Acme Studios in Boston the Honor Roll for the sole purpose of displaying the list of dogs. Perhaps in thumbing the pages of your favorite magazine some day you will run across one of their pictures.

Your Commander showed inexhaustible energy and interest on the Committee which we are sure was reflected by all Legion members.

We understand that you will assume all responsibility for the addition of further names and for any corrections. We are so notifying all inquirers.

Again we thank you on behalf of the townspeople.

Cordially yours,

November 22, 1943

Mr. Edward Lawrence,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

The Selectmen wish to thank the Grange, especially the Hospitality Committee, through you, for the splendid co-operation given at the time of the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

The supper was as delicious as all Grange suppers are, and while we were greatly disappointed that the WACS and Army Band were not there to enjoy it, we were glad that so many of the townspeople could be present. Such a community supper under the sponsorship of the popular Grange made a fitting close of the day's program.

Again we thank you for rising so promptly and so completely to the occasion.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen .

November 22, 1943

Mr. Raymond LaPierre,
Southbridge R.F.D. #2,
Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of our Honor Roll November 14th.

Your contribution was one which could have been made by no one else in town, and added greatly to the success of the occasion.

Again we thank you for a most generous co-operation.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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Selectmen

November 22, 1943

Miss Mary LeClair,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Dear Miss LeClair:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Your contribution helped to defray expenses and to add to the Town's hospitality.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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November 22, 1943 .

Mrs. Henry Despres,
Turner's Club,
Fiskdale, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Despres:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your
interest and co-operation in the dedication of the
Honor Roll November 14th.

Your contribution helped to defray expenses
and to add to the Town's hospitality.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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Capt. John B. Cartier,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Dear John:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

The parade is a basic part of such a program, and without Company #2 and the visiting State Guards the parade would have been much smaller and less interesting.

Also the hospitality for which you and your men were personally responsible added greatly to the hospitality of the Town.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

Mr. Raymond LaFlamco,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. LaFlamco:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Such whole-hearted generosity on the part of you and other storekeepers helped greatly to defray expenses and to add to the Town's hospitality.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

Mr. Eli LaFlamme,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. LaFlamme:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Such whole-hearted generosity on the part of you and other storekeepers helped greatly to defray expenses and to add to the Town's hospitality.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

Mr. Fred Parker,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Parker:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Such whole-hearted generosity on the part of you and other storekeepers helped greatly to defray expenses and to add to the Town's hospitality.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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November 22, 1943

Mr. Wilbrod Gaulin,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gaulin:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Such whole-hearted generosity on the part of you and other storekeepers helped greatly to defray expenses and to add to the Town's hospitality.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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November 22, 1943

Mr. Joel Swan,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Swan:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Such whole-hearted generosity on the part of you and other storekeepers helped greatly to defray expenses and to add to the Town's hospitality.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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November 22, 1943

Mr. Wilfred Dumas,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Dumas:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Your contribution was one of the very necessary elements in the day's success, and all the more appreciated because so well and so unobtrusively performed.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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November 22, 1943

Mr. Ernest Parker,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Parker:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Your contribution was one of the very necessary elements in the day's success, and all the more appreciated because so well and so unobtrusively performed.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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November 22, 1943

Mr. William A. Allen,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Selectmen were honored in your presence on the reviewing stand at the dedication of the Honor Roll, and more than delighted in your very fine poem.

Such a contribution is unique and what makes any program of this sort distinctive and flavorful. You are the only person in town who could have contributed in this way.

We had considered asking you to write and read an original poem in honor of the day, but decided it would be unfair to ask such a favor in so limited time. You can imagine our surprise and delight when we learned that you had conceived the idea yourself.

We thank you again on behalf of the townspeople who were privileged ~~who were privileged~~ in hearing your splendid rendition.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

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Selectmen

Mr. Charles Clarke,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Charlie:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

The parade is a very important part of any such program, and a parade always calls for a marshal. We were much pleased that you would act in this capacity, and thank you for a fine performance.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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Selectmen

November 22, 1943

Mr. George E. Farland,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear George:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Your contribution was one of the very necessary elements in the day's success, and all the more appreciated because so well and so unobtrusively performed.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

November 22, 1943

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Mr. William Reynolds,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for the interest and co-operation you so graciously gave at the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Your willingness to come forward and to serve in whatever way you could was much appreciated. Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

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November 22, 1943

Rev. G. Webster Herman,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Herman:

The Selectmen wish to thank you for your interest and co-operation in the dedication of the Honor Roll November 14th.

Your Invocation was most beautiful and eminently fitting. We could have searched a long way without finding one our townspeople would have appreciated more. You said the words that made the day and commemoration worthwhile, and we of the committee and of the Board of Selectmen thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

Program

STURBRIDGE

Honor Roll

Dedication

Sponsors

American Legion Post 109

Leo O. Blanchard, Commander

Bernard Golding

Honor Roll

American Optical Company

Stand and Decorations

Snell Manufacturing Company and

American Gunsight

Parade Bands

Town of Sturbridge

General Committee

Board of Selectmen

Fred E. Hall, Chairman

Leodore H. Julian

Fuller D. Jackson

Honor Roll Committee

Leo O. Blanchard, Chairman

Roy Newton, Speakers

Albert E. Howlett, Publicity

Elizabeth E. Clarke, Liason

Helen G. Holley, Secretary

November 11, 1943

Lt. Russell B. Waldron,
Auburn,
Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Selectmen wish me to extend to you their invitation to sit on the reviewing stand at the dedication of the Honor Roll next Sunday, November 14th.

If you do not wish to leave your men until after the parade, a place will be reserved for you at that time.

Yours very truly,

Helen G. Holley
Selectmen's Clerk

November 10, 1943

Lt. William Morreau,
Southbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Selectmen wish me to extend to you their invitation to sit on the reviewing stand at the dedication of the Honor Roll next Sunday, November 14th.

If you do not wish to leave your men until after the parade, a place will be reserved for you at that time.

Yours very truly,

Helen G. Holley
Selectmen's Clerk

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE

Westover Field, Mass.


6 November 1943.

Mr. Fuller D. Jackson,
Office of Selectmen,
Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephone conversation, this date, the Westover Field band will participate in a WAC recruiting rally and ceremonies in Sturbridge at 2:30 PM, Sunday, 14 November 1943.

Very truly yours,


U. G. JONES,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.



OFFICE OF
SELECTMEN

STURBRIDGE, MASS.,

Leo Blanchard - Sub. Johnson
Wm. L. High & W.R.C.
Helen Holley
Albert Houbert
Roy. Newton

October 21, 1943

Mr. Roy Newton,
Southbridge R.F.D. #1
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Newton:

The Selectmen have appointed a committee for planning the dedication of the Honor Roll and invite you to serve. A meeting will be held in the Selectmen's Room at the Town Hall next Monday night at eight o'clock, October 25.

Cordially yours,

Helen G. Holley
Selectmen's Clerk

October 25, 1943

Mr. Albert Howlett,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Howlett:

The Selectmen have appointed a committee for planning the dedication of the Honor Roll and invite you to serve. A meeting will be held in the Selectmen's Room at the Town Hall next Monday night at eight o'clock, October 25.

Cordially yours,

Helen G. Holley
Selectmen's Clerk

October 21, 1943

Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Clarke:

The Selectmen have appointed a committee for planning the dedication of the Honor Roll and invite you to serve. A meeting will be held in the Selectmen's Room at the Town Hall next Monday night at eight o'clock, October 25.

Cordially yours,

Helen G. Holley
Selectmen's Clerk

October 26, 1943

Col. John K. Howard, Commanding Officer
Harvard University,
60 Boylston Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Col. Howard:

The Town of Sturbridge are preparing plans for the dedication of an Honor Roll November 14. Quite naturally, the Board, acting chairmen of the Committee, are interested in making this occasion one of the outstanding features of the year in Sturbridge.

It is our thought that it would add greatly to the success of the affair if we could have active participation from some outstanding military units in this area. We refer particularly to some military musical organization, such as one of the regular military bands located at some military post somewhere near Sturbridge.

Also, if it is not contrary to military policy or violation of O.W.I. regulations, it would be fine to arrange for a display of some of the military pieces now being used by our armed forces.

In writing you we are prompted by the thought that you are well acquainted in the town and might have a personal interest in giving us your best advice as to how to go about such a matter. Of course if it is in your power to render personal assistance, so much the better, for many of our townspeople know your activities in connection with the Tactical School and have already had appreciation of previous favors bestowed as well as appreciation of the conduct of the school and its personnel.

Will you let us know as soon as possible, please, if you can assist us in procuring a band and field pieces for display on Sturbridge Common Sunday November 14th.

Cordially yours,

Fuller L. Jackson
Selectman

October 21, 1943

Commanding Officer,
366th Infantry Regiment,
Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The Town of Sturbridge plans to dedicate an Honor Roll on Sunday, November 14th. The program will begin at one o'clock noon with a parade, which will require military music.

The townspeople enjoyed your regimental band so much when the Sturbridge Tactical School held open house a few weeks ago that inquiries were immediately started for the use of this band for our dedication. Major Nogelo suggested writing to you and we hope very much that you will be able to provide music for us.

Enclosed with this letter are a few snapshots taken when the band was at the Tactical School. We hope you will be pleased to have them as a little remembrance of the day.

Will you let us know as soon as possible, please, if the band will be able to come.

Cordially yours,

Fuller D. Jackson
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

HEADQUARTERS
ARMY TRAINING SCHOOLS
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

KIRKLAND 7600

60 BOYLSTON STREET

JKH/pm
28 October 1943

Mary Carter

Honorable Fuller D. Jackson
Office of the Selectmen
Sturbridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
October 22nd.

I, of course, have nothing to do with Sturbridge any
more and consequently, have no available personnel or resour-
ces to help you. The proper place for you to contact is the
District Officer at Springfield, Mass. I am not sure who the
District Officer is, but you might contact Major George L.
Porter or write to District Officer, 4th District, First Ser-
vice Command, United States Post Office Building, Springfield,
Mass. The telephone number of that office is Springfield 3-3186.

I am delighted to help in any way and only wish that
I could do more.

My remembrances of Sturbridge will always be happy
ones and I am looking forward to coming back after the War is
over and spending a few days at the Inn.

With my best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

John K Howard
JOHN K. HOWARD
Colonel, AUS

November 1, 1943

Major George L. Porter, District Officer
4th District, First Service Command,
United States Post Office Building,
Springfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The townspeople of Sturbridge plan to dedicate their Honor Roll Sunday, November 14th, and we of the committee naturally wish to make the occasion one to be remembered. This we feel we can do with your help.

We have in mind particularly the services of a military band, and, if not in violation of O.W.I. regulations, the loan of a few military pieces in use by our armed forces. We are writing at the suggestion of Col. John K. Howard, who was formerly located at the Tactical School here and has some interest in the town.

The parade will form at one o'clock on Sunday, the 14th, and the services will probably last most of the afternoon.

We are particularly anxious to procure suitable military music. As you know, the local bands are now pretty well broken up, and it is almost impossible to procure one. Our own band, which is one of the oldest in the country, has not been meeting since gasoline rationing went into effect.

We plan a dignified ceremony and a simple one. We are holding it on Sunday because it seems to be in keeping with the day, and also for the greater accommodation of war workers.

Will you let us know as soon as you can, please, what you can do, for we are holding another committee meeting this coming Friday, when we hope to make final plans.

Yours very truly,

Fuller D. Jackson
Selectman

HEADQUARTERS 366TH INFANTRY
A P Hill Military Reservation, Virginia

CAP/wrr

29 October 1943

Mr. Fuller D. Jackson
Board of Selectmen
Sturbridge, Massachusetts


Dear Sir:

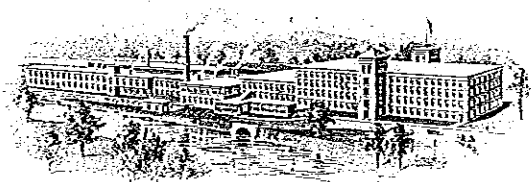
Your letter of October 21, 1943, addressed to Commanding Officer, 366th Infantry, requesting the services of our Band has been referred to the undersigned for reply.

You are informed that it will be impossible for our Band to play for your program on November 14, 1943.

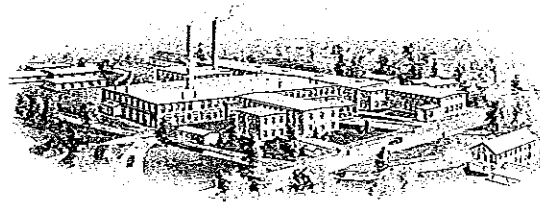
Trust your program will be a success.

Very truly yours,


CHARLES A. PRATT,
1st Lieut., 366th Inf.,
Acting Adjutant.



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STURBRIDGE PRINTING AND FINISHING CO.

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OF COTTON PIECE GOODS AND RAYONS

FISKDALE, MASS.

November 11, 1943

Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Messrs. Hall, Julian and Jackson,
Sturbridge, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Please allow me to take this opportunity of thanking you for the invitation to attend Sunday's dedication of the Honor Roll.

I regret that I cannot take advantage of your invitation, as I am attending the marriage of my niece this Sunday in New York City.

I know that I speak for all the citizens of Sturbridge when I say we look with pride on this wonderful occasion.

If at any future time I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to call upon me.

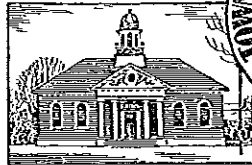
Most Sincerely,

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TOWN HALL

Office of
BOARD OF HEALTH

November 9, 1943

Mr. Charles S. Russell,
Sturbridge,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Russell:

The Board of Selectmen and Honor Roll Committee invite you to attend the dedication of the Honor Toll at the Town Hall next Sunday, November 14th, and request your presence on the reviewing stand.

As the parade is scheduled to reach Sturbridge at three o'clock, it would be well to plan on taking your seat at two-thirty.

Please let us know as soon as you can if you can come, for the seating space on the stand is limited, and we must plan accordingly.

Cordially yours,

Fred C. Hall
Dudman H. Julian
Wm. J. Garrison
Board of Selectmen

I accept with pleasure.

Charles S. Russell

Nov. 12, 1943.

November 16, 1943

Rev. Alfred Jacques,
Fiskdale,
Massachusetts.

Dear Rev. Jacques:

The Selectmen wish to express to you their personal humiliation and disappointment that the program Sunday moved along so fast that you were not able either to attend or to take part.

The fault was in timing, and in the weather. We planned to start early rather than late in order to keep people standing outside during the warm part of the day. This is November, and we did not want to have a crop of colds and grippe as the result of our dedication. We fully expected that you would be able to get here in time for the important part of the program.

But the weather was so very cold that the parade moved fast and the program was shortened. The principle speaker cut his address in half.

To us this is the one flaw in an otherwise satisfactory program. We hasten to tell you the whole story in order to avoid misunderstanding, or the appearance of lack of appreciation on the part you would have played. Please express our regret also to Father Brodeur, who, like yourself, has always been most co-operative and interested in every public undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

Board of Selectmen

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Selectmen

November 23, 1943

Lt. William Morreau, Commanding
State Guard,
Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Lt. Morreau:

The Selectmen wish to thank you and your
men for your interest and participation in the
dedication of our honor roll November 14th.

A parade is a basic part of such a program,
and the splendid appearance of your company did much
to make the parade impressive.

Again we thank you.

Cordially yours,

Selectmen

Parade, Charles E. Clarke, Marshall

1.30 p.m.

From Cartier's Corner to Town Hall

Invocation

3.00 p.m.

Rev. G. Webster Herman
Pastor Sturbridge Federated Church

Welcoming Address

Fred E. Hall,
Chairman Board of Selectmen

Unveiling of Honor Roll

Mrs. Chester L. Kueger

November 12, 1943

Board of Selectmen,
Sturbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

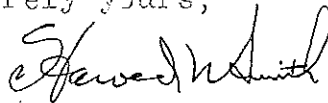
Your invitation of November 9th requesting my presence on the reviewing stand for the dedication of the Honor Roll on Sunday, November 14th is very much appreciated and I want to thank you very kindly for this invitation, however, I do not feel that I should be present on the reviewing stand for two reasons.

1. As a member of the local board of the Selective Service System, covering an area of six towns, one of which is our own town, does not bring me in that status to a direct representative of the Town of Sturbridge alone, and for that reason that this dedication is for the Community of Sturbridge brings that to a local dedication.

2. I feel that the proper place for me to be, as a Veteran of World War I. and a member of the American Legion Post #109, is to be in line with the other members of the Legion Post and inasmuch as I am not an officer of that Post or an officer of any of the civic organizations that my place on the reviewing stand should be filled by a representative of an organization.

I assure you again that I deeply appreciate this invitation but my proper place would be, as indicated above, with the Legion Post where I feel that I will be doing more honor to the dedication as a member of that organization.

Sincerely yours,



Sturbridge, Mass.

HNS:DB

Address

Col. George W. Jones
Worcester County Commissioner

Benediction

Rev. Alfred P. Jacques
Pastor St. Anne's Church

Concert by U.S. Army Band

Demonstration by WAGC Contingent