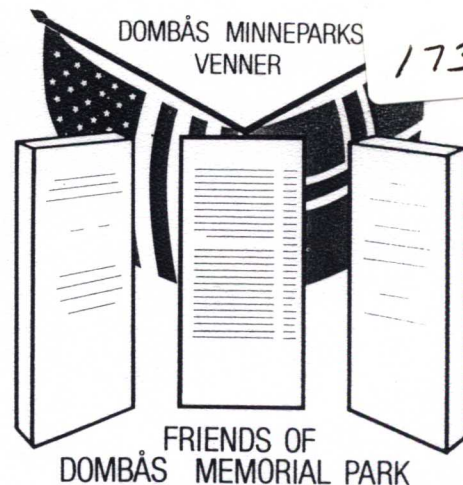


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The Hon. Marvin Runyon
Postmaster General of the United States
United States Postal Service
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October 6, 1994

**RE: ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSAL TO ISSUE A U.S. POSTAGE STAMP
COMMEMORATING CAPT. ROBERT M. LOSEY, THE FIRST SERVICEMAN TO BE
KILLED IN WORLD WAR II**

As a U.S. citizen living in Norway, I was very pleased to learn that the above noted proposal has been initiated in the States. As a founding member, and current Board Member, of the above captioned organization our main objective is to promote recognition of the events at Dombås in April 1940; most substantially the death of Capt Losey *and its significance in a U.S. historical perspective.*

Under the leadership of the late *Ambassador Mark Evans Austad*, then U.S. Ambassador to Norway, the Memorial Park at Dombås was initiated as a cooperation project among the Norwegian Government, the Norwegian Military, the U.S. Embassy in Norway, the U.S. State Department and the large Norwegian-American organization Sons of Norway (headquartered in Minneapolis).

The Park was dedicated by the late *King Olav V*, then reigning monarch of Norway, who with his father retrograded through the area where Capt. Losey was situated only hours before the attack ensued that led to Losey's death.

It was the Ambassador's wish that the historic events at Dombås, especially the unique occurrence of the first death of a U.S. serviceman in active combat *18 months prior to the U.S. entering WWII*, become a fact of popular, historical record in Norway and the United States.

I hope you will favorably evaluate the Losey stamp proposal, recognizing his unique role as a U.S. serviceman in WWII.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur T. Svennevik
Board Member

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The Honorable Marvin Runyon
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October 12, 1994

Dear Mr. Runyon:

It has come to my attention that there is currently a proposal submitted to your Office to create a U.S. postage stamp commemorating Captain Robert M. Losey, the first American serviceman to be killed in World War II.

Captain Losey's unique place in Norwegian and American history, which we here in Norway have commemorated by creating the Dombås Memorial Park at the site where he was killed, would be very appropriately commemorated through issuance of a postage stamp.

As president of the Norwegian-branch of the Norwegian-American organization Sons of Norway, I strongly lend our organization's support to the proposal. Our 4 000 Norwegian-American members in Norway have previously enacted to actively work to promote the Dombås Memorial Park and knowledge of Captain Losey's place in history.

We certainly hope that a stamp will be issued, it certainly would become a popular collector's item in Norway.

Sincerely yours,

Terje Solheim
President

Keith G. Thienemann

Mr. Arthur Svennevik
Sons of Norway
P O Box 149
4791 Lillesand
Norway

18 Oct 1994

Dear Arthur:

Thank you for your letter of 06 Oct 1994. Your idea of inviting eight U.S. military personnel to the festivities at Dombås is excellent. As for people to contact, here are a few suggestions:

1. Gen. Lester Skene Bork, Vice President and Secretary of the West Point Class of 1929 (Robert Losey's class). I mailed him a proposal and he has endorsed the concept (copies of his letters to Washington enclosed). You may reach him at the address listed on his letter. He is also putting a note in the next issue of the *Assembly* about the stamp idea. The *Assembly* is the official publication of the graduates of West Point, which goes out to thousands of alumni.
2. World War II Commemoration Committee: I have enclosed a print out of the info on this committee which I found on the Internet. I would think they would be an excellent source of support for your idea.
3. Colonel Seth F. Hudgins, Jr., President of the Association of Graduates of West Point. From what I understand in speaking with a colleague of mine who graduated from West Point in 1950, if Hudgins likes the idea, it gets done! I have not been in touch with him yet about the stamp but intend to.
4. General letter of support to the president of all the regional societies of West Point (copy of list enclosed). I obtained this list from an issue of *First Call*, published by the alumni support as a supplement to the *Assembly*.
5. Mr. Larry B. Atkinson: Mr. Atkinson is the Senior Attache Support Officer at the Defense Intelligence Committee. Chris and I met with him in August when we were in DC to view the Attache Hall of Fame. He was most enthusiastic about any attention given to one of his attaches (Losey is in it of course). He may be reached at the following address:

Mr. Larry B. Atkinson
Senior Attache Support Officer
Defense Intelligence Agency
3100 Clarendon Blvd.
DSN 428-0401
Arlington VA 22201-5300

6. Keep in mind that President George Bush is one of Capt. Losey's cousins so you might want to contact him too . . . couldn't hurt. His address is:

The Honorable George Bush
P O Box 79798
Houston TX 77279

7. The Commandant of West Point is Howard D. Graves. I mailed him a stamp proposal and he wrote back saying he unfortunately could not endorse it (copy enclosed). He might though be able to back your plan for the active military participation in Dombås and the memorial service at West Point. I found out later that no one on active duty can endorse or sponsor anything. It's just policy.
8. I am also sending you a recent list of all U.S. federal agencies. I looked this up this morning on the Internet and it looks pretty complete. I didn't know if this might help but a few of the agencies might be worth contacting for support. And if not for support, then PR on the Dombås and West Point events come next spring.
9. Lastly, I am including two sheets on how to locate someone in the U.S. Military. Just useful information to have on hand.

I think the service at West Point on May 19th is a wonderful plan. Will you be attending that service? Perhaps some of the group from the Norway tour could stop in New York on the way back from Norway following the Constitution Day celebration in time for the Friday event. I would certainly be interested in attending.

You have my complete support of the postcard usage in Norway. I can mail to you the art work that was created so you can reprint it. Just let me know what you need. I think the effect of such a campaign would be most beneficial to the stamp's issuance.

Any more thought on having a joint American-Norwegian venture on the stamp? If Norway were to OK the idea (same stamp, one in English, one in Norwegian) it would really add weight to the momentum over here. I have seen only one US-German joint stamp, issued for the 300th Anniversary of German Immigration, and it was a big hit in both countries.

The photo of Capt. Losey that I used for the stamp proposal was obtained from the Associated Press wire service (AP). My friend, Joseph Stinnett, is the Managing Editor of the local paper here, the *News & Advance*, and he gave me a copy of it. Technically, we probably should have received their permission but we didn't. I can send you a very good computer print of the photo (Joe says he might be able to scan it at 1200 dpi) but to obtain a real print of the original you would have to contact AP directly. I would prefer that they not know we used the image for the proposal quite frankly. But you might be able to purchase a print of it from them directly. Considering you use of it, they might donate a copy of it if you offer to highlight the fact that it is a "AP" photo. You may reach them directly at:

Associated Press Photo Archives (in New York City)
(212) 621-1913

JIM NUSSLE

2ND DISTRICT, IOWA

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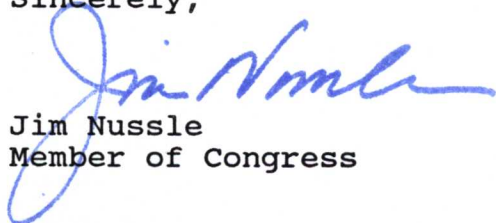
Mr. Robert Losey Lee
285 North Valley Road
Barrington, Illinois 60010

Dear Robert:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I sent to Dr. Virginia Noleke, Chairperson of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, United States Postal Service, Washington, D.C. I expressed my interest in Captain Losey's WWII distinction and asked that she advise as to the status of your request for a commemorative stamp in his honor. I hope my services will be of benefit to you.

Robert, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or Cheryl Madlom, District Administrator in my Manchester office. I welcome the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,


Jim Nussle
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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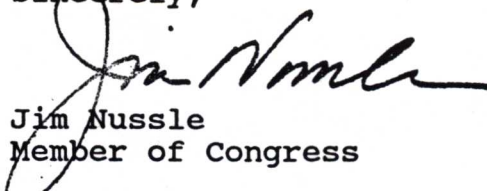
Dear Dr. Noleke:

Lieutenant General James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, contacted my office regarding Captain Robert M. Losey who lost his life during a bombing raid on Dombas, Norway, and was apparently the first soldier killed in World War II. Enclosed please find a copy of his correspondence which outlines his interest in Captain Losey.

According to General Clapper, members of Captain Losey's family have been in contact with the United States Postal Service (USPS) in their desire to have a commemorative stamp to honor Captain Losey's WWII distinction. It appears their efforts have been unsuccessful and no commitment has been made by the USPS.

Dr. Noleke, as I am certain you are aware, this is of the utmost importance to Captain Losey's family. I wish to express my interest in their pursuit and ask that you review your records and determine whether or not this request remains under consideration. I appreciate your attention and look forward to your response. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or Cheryl Madlom, District Administrator in my Manchester office.

Sincerely,


Jim Nussle
Member of Congress

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cc: Robert Losey Lee
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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-



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07 JUN 1995

Honorable Jim Nussle
House of Representatives
303 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20510


Dear Mr. Nussle,

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I spoke with members of Captain Losey's family at the ceremony and learned of their efforts to achieve some U.S. recognition for Captain Losey. The family explained that the government of Norway, and especially the Dombås community, has worked hard to collect money to honor Captain Losey's memory, while, in their view, the United States has done virtually nothing to recognize his sacrifice. For example, the family has approached the U.S. Postal Service about issuing a commemorative stamp in Captain Losey's honor, but no commitment has been made.

I promised the Losey family I would raise this issue with appropriate officials in Washington in an attempt to determine whether some action might be taken in this 50th anniversary of the end of World War II to recognize Captain Losey. I have sent similar requests to Senators Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley. I would appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


JAMES R. CLAPPER, JR.
Lieutenant General, USAF
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cc:
Mr. Robert Losey Lee
285 No. Valley Rd.
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07 JUN 1995

Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
135 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510


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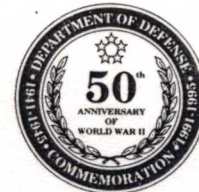

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17 JUN 1995

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