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TOBERLY, GEORGE (1803-1885), bishop of Salistic of Winchester College and Balliol College, Oxigained the English essay prize, 1826; fellow and Balliol, 1826; M.A., 1828; J.C.J., 1836; select the property of Salistic of Sal

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n also as Cailan; baptised and ordained by St.

nat; built a church of wattles on Mahee island; his
sery also a school.

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OCHAEMOG or PULOHERIUS, SAINT (d. 655), dunder St. Comgall, and was sent as a missionary an; preserve; granted site for a monastery on Lake an; had great influence over local chieftains; and with curing blindness. [xxxyiii. 89]

TOCHUA or CRONAN, SAINT (580?-637), educated St. Comgall; travelled through Armagh and West-th into Galway; effected many cures during the or plague; miraculously created a road connecting be with the mainland. [xxxyiii, 90]
TOCHUDA (d. 688). [See CARTHACH, SAINT, the

corket, Moket, or Moquet, Richard (1877-18) warden of All Sopis College, Oxford; B.A. Brase-College, Oxford, 1595; fellow of All Souls College, Cd. 1599; M.A., 1600; D.D., 1609; held several cd. licensed books for entry at Stationers' Hall, 1841; warden of All Souls College, Oxford, 1614; said re written a tract, 'God and the King,' 1615, which undered to be bought by every householder in England Souland; published a volume of theological tracts beling one on ecclesiastical jurisdiction), 1616, which condemned to be burnt, 1617, [xxxviii, 91]

COKET, THOMAS (1602-1670?), puritan divine; Queens Oollege, Cambridge, 1631; incorporated M.A. 1639; chaplain to John Egerton, first earl of Gewater [q. v.]; rector of Gilston, 1648-60; resigned ten to the sequestered rector, 1660; published theographyorks. [xxxv/li. 91]

topestus, Saint (th. 777), missionary to the mathians and regionary bishop; of frish birth; dissect St. Fergil of Salzburg; founded three churches in mathia; said to have baptised St. Domitian; his day [xxxyiji, 92]

convenue of Moninne, Saint (d. 518), an Irish cost, haptised by St. Patrick; travelled with other to England and Scotland, founding churches; at Dundee; buried at Burton-on-Trent.

TODYFORD, SIR JAMES, baronet (d. 1673), mert colonial agent and deputy-governor of Jamaica; ter of Sir Thomas Modyford [q.v.]; served the Turkey pay; knighted, 1660; created baronet, 1661; visited lea and sent home a survey and description of the lea and sent home a survey and description of the colon, 1663; agent for the colon, 1664-6; deputymer and chief judge of the admiralty court of maica, 1667; died in Jamaica. [xxxviii. 98]

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onytord, Sir Thomas, baronet (1620?-1679), mor of Jamaica, brother of Sir James Modyford 11 barrister, Lincoln's Inn: went to Barbados, 1660; resigned to the assembly; created baronet, 1664; resigned to the assembly; created baronet, 1664; resigned to the assembly; created baronet, 1664; reor of Jamaica, 1664, this island prospering under tale; accused of encouraging piracy and sent a under arrest, 1671; he returned to Jamaica, where [xxxviii. 94]

TOBLES, BALDWIN OF (d, 1100?), [See BALDWIN.] ORLMUD, DYFNWAL (A. 500), Northern British in legend the primitive legislator of the Britons; by a mythical personage. [xxxviii. 95]

toxis or Molis, Nicholas De (f. 1250), sene-lof Gascony; constantly sent abroad as a royal mes-1915-28; sheriff of Hampshire and custos of the Castle, 1228-82; sheriff of Yorkshire, 1239-41; that of Gascony, 1243-5; when warden, established

the Carmelites in Oxford Castle, 1254; warden of Cinque ports, 1258; had charge of Sherborne Castle, 1261, and of Corfe Castle, 1263. [xxxviii. 96]

MOETHEU, THOMAS (1530-1620 ?). [Sep Jones,

MOFFAT, 100 HREF (1798-1883), missionary; was accepted by the London Missionary Society, 1816; sent to Namaqualand, he converted the chief, Afrikaner; married Mary Smith, 1819; appointed superintendent at Lattakoo, 1820; discovered that the Mantatees were on their way to take Lattakoo and souved assistance from the Chief. 1820; discovered that the Mantatees were on their way to take Lattakoo, and secured assistance from the Griquas; compelled by the restlessness of the natives to seek refuge at Griquatown, 1824, the mission station being moved to Kuruman, 1825; commenced learning the Sechwana language; gained many converts; completed his translation of the New Testament, 1839, and visited England, 1839-1843; met, and secured for the Bakwana mission, David Livingstone, who (1844) married his daughter, Mary Moffat; established (1859) a mission station among the Matabeles, but was obliged by failing health to leave Africa, 1870; translated into Sechwana the Old and New testaments and 'Pilgrim's Progress,' and compiled a Sechwana hymn-book, besides writing books on South African mission work, of which he was the pioneer.

MOFFATT, JOHN MARKS (d. 1802), antiquary and dissenting minister; published a history of Malmesbury, [xxxviii. 97]

MOFFETT, PETER (d. 1617), divine: brother of ★
Thomas Moffett [q. v.]; rector of Febblug, 1592-1617;
published scripture commentaries. [xxxyiii, 101]

moffett [q. v.]; educated at Merchant Taylors' School, London; matriculated at Trinity College, Cambridge, 1569, but B.A. Caius College, 1572; M.A. Trinity College, Cambridge; 1576, and expelled from Caius College, Cambridge; studied medicine at Cambridge and Basle; M.D. Basle, 1578; visited Italy, Spain, and Germany, 1579-82; published 'De Jure et Præstantla Chemicorum Medicamentorum Dialogus Apologeticus,' 1584; practised at Ipswich and afterwards in London; F.R.O.P., 1588; attended Anne, duchess of Somerset, widow of the Protector, 1586, and attended her will; patronised by Henry Herbert, socond carl of Pembroke [q. v.], who induced him to settle at Wilton; M.P., Wilton, 1597; published up interesting poem on the silkworm, 1598; two scientific works by him published, 1634 and 1655. [xxxviii, 101]

MOGFORD, THOMAS (1809-1868), portrait and land-scape painter; exhibited at the Royal Academy, 1838-46.
[xxxviii. 103]

MOGRIDGE, GEORGE (1787-1854), miscellaneous writer; published, under his own name and various pseudonyms, tales and religious books for children, and religious tracts and ballads. [xxxviii, 104]

MOHL, MADAME MARY (1793-1883), née Clarke; educated in a convent school; visited Madame Récamier, 1831-49, and Chateaubriand; married Julius Mohl, the orientalist, 1847; her receptions in Paris attended by most literary and other celebrities for nearly forty years.

[XXXVIII. 104]

MOHUN, CHARLES, fifth BARON MOHUN (1675-2-1712), duellist; fought his first recorded duel, 1692; arrested for being concerned in the death of William Mountfort [a, v.], but acquitted before his poors, 1693; volunteered for the Brest expedition, 1694; inade captain of horse, 1694; distinguished himself in Flanders; fought a duel with Captain Richard Cook, 1699; became a staunch supporter of the whigs; attended Charles Gerard, second earl of Macclesfield [q. v.], as envoy extraordinary to Hanover, 1701; entered on a complicated dispute with James Douglas, fourth duke of Hamilton [q. v.], concerning Macclesfield's real estate, and challenged the duke to a duel, in which both combatants were mortally wounded, duel, in which both combatants were mortally wounded, 1712. This duel forms an incident in Thackeray's Esmond.' [xxxviii. 105]

MOHUN, JOHN DE (1270?-1330), baron; lord of Dunster in Somerset; great-grandson of Reginald de Mohun [q. v.]; a prominent figure in the reigns of Edward I and II; granted charters to Dunster and Bruton

R WILLIAM HENRY FANCE lian politician; became writer office in Tasmania, 1833, and a 1839; head of the police in the 1853; postmaster-general of Vice er of railways, 1861-8, and pre-84; knighted, 1875. [XXXVIII.

N (1782-1831), miscellations commanded revenue cutter on sloyed by Lady Perceval, whim a lucrative appointment is in the 'Star' and 'News' in neess of Wales; placed in a place of the command of the com

N (1781–1852), miscellaneous xford, 1804; combined the live Mary's, and Stratford St. A ve library, principally of Re-devoted to landscape gardenap's Magazine, 1834–50, de many of the Aldine editions of iginal poems; his collection [XXXVIII.]

N FREEMAN-, first Bakon Berother of William Mitford to ple, 1777; practised at the characteristic of the chara s; supported restrictions on 794; published treatise on plant and other works, chiefly on the control of the co

N THOMAS FREEMAN, 1888 105-1886), son of John Free Redesdale [q. v.]; educate ege, Oxford; M.A., 1828; D. solf in the detail of parliament of ministrates, 1851; carried on the with Cardinal Manning, laws and Irish disestablished dale, 1877.

Y RUSSELL (1787-1855), now shed 'Miscellaneous Poems,' life' to the 'Lady's Magazines; contributed 'Our ville life' to the 'Lady's Magazines; anew branch of literaturagedy, 1828; published 'Bellections of a Literary Life' on high praise from Ruskin er-writer. [xxxviii 847

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EORGE JAOKSON (1837-10)

King's College, London color and proceeded to St. 1849; F.R.S., 1858; lecture in St. Mary's Hospital, Loretary, 1874-80, and vice professor of biology at Rollege, Kensington, 1874; the pope, 1876; M.D. Johllosophy at Louvain, and Vaughan in consequented to the 'Nineteenth Center' (1885-1900) in which authority; published bid works.



ROBERT MOFFATT LOSEY

Fourth District, New Jersey
Trenton, New Jersey



ROBERT LAWRENCE LOVE

Eighth District, Missouri

Alameda, California

When Signor Marconi developed the science of wireless telegraphy he started a remarkable development, a development that had results far greater than anyone could anticipate. We doubt if he fully appreciated the results that would follow the introduction of his marvelous invention. Least of all could he anticipate the havoc that radio would work in the Corps of Cadets. For Robert Losey has, with others, been purveyor of radio sets to the tactical department for so long that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. We thus see in him a fine disregard for useless restrictions, a spirit not easily rebuffed, a wide interest in science. Bob carries with him into the Service not only these qualities, but as well a love of sport that has made him an authority on football and golf, an assortment of hobbies and accomplishments, and an aspiration for the Air Corps.

Sergeant (1), Polo (3, 2), Remount Squad (1), Bugle Notes, Assistant Editor (2), Editor (1), A.B.

Bob's crowning glory is his hair. It is the type that challenges one's imagination. A man possessed with such a head covering should be able to do most anything, and this time its owner is just that sort of individual.

Strangely enough, Bob first impressed us as a calm, unruffled, young man who asked little of life as he smilingly wandered along its paths. Now we have seen him on the rifle range when rain poured on the sights. One bitterly cold Thanksgiving we witnessed him courageously tackle them low for the glory of the goats. Red hair does come in handy.

Those of us who have been near Bob at a football game, around mail call or even upon the completion of a descrip writ, know how really enthusiastic and jubilant he can become. May no future event cause him to change his interest in life.

Sergeant (1), Rifle Team (4, 3, 2, 1), Goat Football (2), Rifle Expert.



WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

January 18, 1940

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF CAPTAIN ROBERT M. LOSEY, AIR CORPS.

The records of this office show that Captain Robert M. Losey, Air Corps, who was born May 27, 1908, at Andrew, Iowa, was appointed 2nd Lieutenant of Field Artillery June 13, 1929, from Cadet, U. S. Military Academy. He was detailed in the Air Corps September 12, 1929; transferred to the Air Corps December 11, 1930; promoted 1st Lieutenant October 1, 1934, and Captain June 13, 1939.

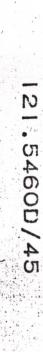
The degree of B. S. was conferred upon him by the U. S. Military Academy in 1929. He is a graduate of the Air Corps Primary Flying School, 1930, and the Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Pursuit Course, 1930. The degrees of M. S. in Meteorology, (1935), and M. S. in Aero Engineering, (1937), were conferred upon him by the California Institute of Technology. He is rated Air Pilot.

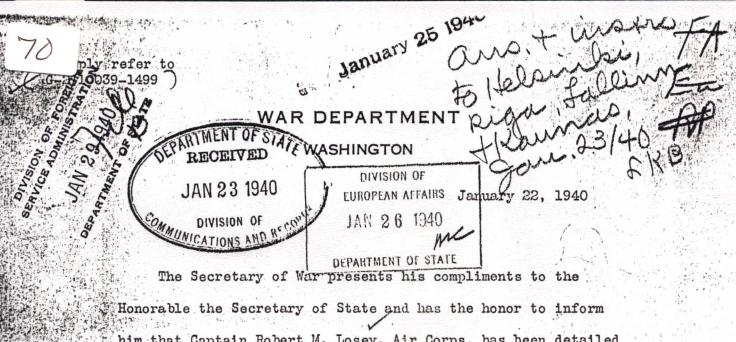
He is at present on duty in the Office of the Chief of Air Corps, Washington, D. C.

He is married.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

E. S. ADAMS, Major General, The Adjutant General.





Honorable the Secretary of State and has the honor to inform him that Captain Robert M. Losey, Air Corps, has been detailed as Assistant Military Attache and Assistant Military Attache for Air to Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, with station at Helsinki. A brief biographical sketch is enclosed. It is expected that Captain Losey will sail about the first of February.

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The Honorable

H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld,

American Minister,

Helsinki.

Sir:

The Department advises you of the receipt of a letter from the War Department dated January 22, 1940 stating that Captain Robert M. Losey, Air Corps, has been detailed as Assistant Military Attaché and Assistant Military Attaché for Air to Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia, with station at Helsinkil The War Department adds that it is expected that Captain Losey will sail about the first of February.

You are requested to advise the Foreign Office in the matter.

A biographical sketch of Captain Losey is enclosed for your information and the files of the Legation.

Appropriate instructions in the matter have been addressed to the missions concerned.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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Enclosure:

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AMERICAN LEGATION,

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Your 36, January 18, 2 p.m.

Major/George E. Huthsteiner reassigned Military Attache to Finland January 20. See mail instruction 225. Captain Robert M. Losey, Air Corps, detailed Assistant Military Attache and Assistant Military Attache for Air January 25. Saling about February fries. Advise Foreign Office.

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In reply/refer to

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received a letter from the War Department (G-2/10039-1499) dated January 22, 1940 stating that Captain Robert M. Losey, Air Corps, has been detailed as Assistant Military Attaché and Assistant Military Attaché and Assistant Military Attaché for Air to Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia, with station at Helsinki. It is stated that it is expected that Captain Losey will sail about the Cirst of February.

Addressed to the American Legations concerned.

Sincerely yours

For the Secretary of State:

George S. Messersmith Assistant Secretary

The Honorable

Harry H. Woodring,

Secretary of War.

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War Department is instructing Major Hayne and Captain Losey to proceed Stockholm for duty as Military Attachés there and Norway Hayne is being detached from Helsinki but Losey will continue to be accredited to Helsinki in addition to his other assignments.

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CAPTAIN ROBERT M. LOSEY

Captain Losey was born at Andrew, Iowa, May 27, 1908. Appointed to the United States Military Academy at Mest Point, New York, from New Jersey in July, 1925, graduated in June, 1929, and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery.

Detailed to the Air Corps in September, 1929, he received ground school instruction at Brooks Field, Texas, until June, 1930, and was a student at the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Lelly Field, Texas, until October, 1930. Upon graduating from that course he was transferred from the Field Artillery to the Air Corps and was ordered to mather Field, California. He served at Mather Field and at Barkschle Field, Louisians, with units of the Air Corps until September, 1934, when he was ordered to the California Institute of Technology, from which he graduated in June, 1935, with the degree of Laster of Science in Leteorology. He then served at Larch Field, California, as meteorological officer until August, 1936, when he returned to the California Institute of Technolog, graduating in June, 1937, with the degree of Master of Science in Aero Engineering. From August, 1937, to January, 1940, he was on duty with the Training and Operations section of the Office of the Chief of Air Corps in Lashington, D. C. In February, 1940, he left the United States for Helsinki, Finland, as Assistant Military Attache for Air. In April, 1940, he was also detailed as Assistant Military Attache for Air to Morway and Sweden.

Captain Losey is survived by his wife, Ers. Lay Banta Losey, whose residence is 7968 Norton Avenue, Hollywood, California.

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War Department has instructed Major Hayne and Captain Losey, now at Helsinki. to proceed to Stockholm for duty

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The Honorable

H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld,

American Minister,

Helsinki.

Sir:

The Department advises you of the receipt of a letter from the War Department dated April 9, 1940 stating that orders are being issued by cable detailing Captain Robert M. Losey as Assistant Military Attaché and Assistant Military Attaché for Air to the American Legations at Oslo, Norway, and Stockholm, Sweden, in addition to his duties as Assistant Military Attaché and Assistant Military Attaché for Air to Finland, Latvis, Lithuania, and Estonia.

Appropriate instructions in the matter have been addressed to the other missions concerned.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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Secretary of State
Washington

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208, April 33, 11 a.m.

German Military Attache called on Major Huthsteiner this morning to express condolence on the death in Norway April 21 of Captain Losey, Air Attache of this Legation, and stated that the German Minister and members of his Legation wished him to convey this expression to us on their behalf.

Respectfully request that condolence of myself,
Huthsteiner, and Messrs. Shantz and McClintock be
conveyed to Mrs. Losey, 7968 Norton Avenue, Hollywood,
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April 22, 1940

Telegraphic memo to Mr. Hassett:

FOR THE PRESIDENT

Secretary Woodring advises that Captain Robert

M. Losey. Air Corps, USA, has been killed by a bomb in or near Dombas, Norway, according to cable received from a major of the Norwegian Army. No details given. Upon inquiry I ascertained that Captain Losey about one month ago was sent from the United States to Helsinki, assigned to our Legation as a military observer. Later he was transferred from Finland to Norway and Sweden as an observer. The State Department tells me that he was assigned to Mrs. Harriman and assisted her in making safe departure when Norway was attacked. left horney to locate and establish contact

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State Department handle the receipt of the cable announcing the Captain's death the War Department confine its release to

service record and biography, in routine way.

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April 25, 1940.

On April 24, 1940 Colonel Crane telephoned to
Mr. Notter stating that Lieutenant General von Boetticher,
Military and Air Attaché of the German Embassy, had received a cable from Field Marshal Goering directing him
to go to General Arnold in person and to express "the
regret and sympathy" of Field Marshal Goering and the
German air force over the death of Captain Losey. The
appointment was made for April 25, 11:30 a.m. General
Arnold requested, through Colonel Crane, to have any
suggestions the State Department might wish on what his
attitude should be during this conversation.

After consultation with Mr. Hickerson of Eu, I informed Colonel Crane at 3:45 on the afternoon of April 24 that this Department recommended that General Arnold assume the "ordinary attitude" during the recital of regret and sympathy by General von Boetticher and then merely express thanks for the delivery of the message and state that he will communicate the message to the Secretary of War and other appropriate officials of this

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On the morning of April 25 Colonel Busbee telephoned at approximately 10 o'clock to confirm this message. On the afternoon of April 25, at approximately 2:45, Colonel Busbee telephoned to say that in as much as the "ceremony" had seemed to be a very "flat" one, and because the War Department deemed a press release should be made anyway, the War Department desired to issue a press release. Colonel Busbee read the release to me. After stating that Lieutenant General von Boetticher called on General Arnold to deliver the message of regret and sympathy from Field Marshal Goering, the release continued by saying that General Arnold replied that he "very much appreciated" the message and that he desired General von Boetticher to convey his "thanks" to Field Marshal Goering. General Arnold further stated that he would convey the message to the Secretary of War and to Mrs. Losey. Colonel Busbee was requested by me to delay issuance of the press release pending ascertainment of the attitude of this Department.

The question of the release and its wording was referred to Mr. Hickerson and to Mr. Moffat and, on their recommendation, to Mr. McDermott. Following these consultations, Colonel Busbee was informed by telephone at 3:15 p.m. by Mr. Notter that we had a definite suggestion

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to make and that if I might say so, it was "highly important" that nothing more be said than the following: A statement that General von Boetticher called to convey the personal regret and sympathy of Field Marshal Goering over the death of Captain Losey "in Norway". Then, that General Arnold expressed thanks to the German Military Attaché for the message which he undertook to transmit to the Secretary of War, the Chief of Staff, "and the widow". Mr. McDermott gave his approval to the message as Colonel Busbee read it back over the telephone.

Colonel Busbee inquired whether it was satisfactory to this Department if the release were made this afternoon, and in reply he was told that we had no objection to the immediate issuance of the press release. Colonel Busbee said that the release would be made at once.

Harley Notter













A SALUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED BEFORE US...



9th Street, renamed in honor of

Robert M. Losey

Captain, United States Air Force

ROBERT M. LOSEY CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

First Army Air Corps weather chief, and first American officer killed by hostile action while in the service of the U.S. during World War II, April 1940

In July 1937, Robert M. Losey, then a first lieutenant, was named the first chief, Weather Section, Army Air Corps, (the forerunner of the Air Weather Service.).

When Germany invaded Norway in 1940, the Chief of the Army Air Corps ordered Captain Losey to Norway to serve as a military observer.

Captain Losey had been in Finland where, under orders from the Chief of the Army Air Corps, he had been observing the Russian campaign to gain insight into the problems associated with aerial warfare in the Arctic.

While escorting the United States Minister to Norway, Mrs. Florence Jaffray Harriman, on April 21, 1940, Captain Losey was killed during a German air raid. He was the first American officer to die from hostile action while in the service of the United States during World War II.

Captain Losey was born May 27, 1908, in Andrew, Iowa. He was appointed as a cadet, in the United States Military Academy on July 1, 1925 and graduated with a bachelor of science degree and an appointment to second lieutenant June 12, 1929. He received flight training at Brooks and Kelly Fields, Texas and his meterological training at California Institute of Technology in Los Angeles, Calif.

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Before me, Harold Carlson, Vice Consul of the United States of America in and for the consular district of Stockholm, Sweden, duly commissioned and qualified, personally came Lars M. Froislie who, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Captan Losey and I drove from Sweden to Opdal, Norway, in the automobile of the American Minister to Norway, Mrg. Harriman. We learned at Opdal that the road from there to Dombas was blocked with snow and put the Minister's car on a railroad train at Opdal Sunday morning, April 21, 1940. We arrived at Dombas just before 3.P.M. the afternoon.

The train was a special train and carried among other things several and ulances of a Red Cross unit which was going south. The train stop d at Dombas and Captain Losey and I went into the restaurant to get something to eat. We found about twenty English who I believe re from the Navy. There were some Norwegian ski troops in the woods near the station and I think they had been looking for German per shutists who were dropped near Dombas.

After so had been at the station about one hour a siren sounded an air alam, and everyone ran for a railway tunnel. The railway forks just orth of the station at Dombas and each branch of it enters into a tune 1 through the hills. Both these tunnels are about 200 yards from the r lway station. There is also a tunnel about 400 yards south of the rai ay station. All these tunnels are cut through rock and are bombproof om the top. Nearly everyone ran to the left tunnel, northwest of the station, and Captain Losey said to me, "We must run to the tunnel", a we also ran to the left tunnel. We arrived at the tunnel three or for minutes before the first plane appeared. There were about eighty people in the tunnel, mostly civilians. Three or four Norwegian officers remup and down in the tunnel telling everyone to keep against the wall ar lie down. The sides of the tunnel were uneven and many people lay down ar many got into the uneven niches in the wall. The first planes did not come over the station and we heard some machine guns and antieircraft guas firing at them.

The turnel was about 200 yards long and I was about in the middle of it, appr kimately 100 yards from the entrance, on the right side, and Captain Losey was about 30 or 40 yards inside the tunnel on the left side. We heard the plane go away and thought the raid was over.

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Was account of the writed strates of home.

I walked to where Captain Losey was talking to some of the British troops and I also started to talk to one of them. He told me that a group of American women and children had passed through Dombas the day before, and the station master told me that they had passed through there on their way north. I believe he said they had passed through the day before but he might have said two days before. I told this to Captain Losey and asked him if I should tell the station master, who could not speak English, to take Mrs. Harriman's car off the train so that we could go back north. He said, "No, I want to go south to try to find the General Staff". He then told me where he thought the General Staff was, but told me not to repeat it to anybody. Just as he said this someone shouted that the planes were coming back. Everybody ran back deeper into the tunnel, and I got into the same place I had been before. A bomb hit a rock just north of the fork of the tracks. The rock was about ly meters high ad was almost in line with the right side of the tunnel. By right sid., I mean the right side of the tunnel as we entered it, going northwat from Dombas station. There was a terrific explosion, and I felt to air pressure lift me up. The tunnel was filled with soot, smoke and du ; and many people were running toward the opposite end from where the born had hit. As soon as the smoke cleared I saw that several people on the opposite side of the tunnel from me, which was the left side as we e ered, had been injured. An English soldier came toward me, limping, and I asked him if he were hurt. He said, "Yes, I am hurt a bit, but your Captain is badly hurt". I ran directly to the Captain and found him lying down with a big hole in his left side from which the blood was spurting. A doctor was already there, trying to unbutton his coat and top the flow of blood with some sort of sticky stuff which he had with . . I put my hand over the wound to stop the blood but the doctor said at there was nothing that could be done.

The Cap in was still breathing when I got to him but when I called him he did no answer and he died in a very few minutes. I don't think he was ever ascious after he was hit. There were several doctors in the tunnel fam the Red Cross unit and I think Captain Losey received medical atter ion very shortly after he was hit.

Five people were killed besides Captain Losey, and twelve were wounded. It lieve all of these had been on the left side of the tunnel which was apprently exposed to the blast of the explosion.

I was a grwards told by some of the people at Dombas that they thought the banb had weighed 50 kilos.

The Min ter's automobile was on a flat car standing near the station at Dombas. The was no American flag anywhere on the car at the time the bomb was droped; and further deponent saith not.

Lars M. Preislie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, A.D. 1940.

Vice Consul of the United States of Amer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Secretary of War presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of State and has the honor to inform him that orders are being issued by cable relieving Major Frank B. Hayne as Assistant Military Attache to Finland and detailing him as Military Attache to Norway and Sweden. His designation, is requested. At the same time orders are being issued by cable detailing Captain Robert M. Losey as Assistant Military Attache and Assistant Military Attache for Air to Norway and Sweden, in addition to his present duty. DIVISION OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS 121.54602 5460 DEPARTMENT OF STATE APR 26 1940

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MRS. ROBERT M. LOSEY,

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The American Minister at Helsinki has requested me in a cable dated April 23 to convey to you the condolence of himself, Major Huthsteiner, and Secretaries Shantz and McClintock.

Secretary of State

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MEMORIALIZATION CEREMONY

THE COMMITTEE

These eleven men were selected by the Scott Air Force Base Memorilization Committee based on the individual's record of heroism or outstanding performance associated with airlift, rescue, weather, communications and audiovisual operations.

Gen. William G. Moore, Jr., commander in chief, Military Airlift Command, established the Memorilization Committee in July 1977 to "establish a permanent memorial to airlifters." While this project was underway, he also asked that a list of names, worthy of memorialization, be prepared for possible renaming of streets and buildings.

Projects undertaken by the committee since its inception include the Airlifter's Monument, dedicated October 27, 1977; The Avenue of the Airlifters, June 1978; and, The James Gymnasium, named after Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James, February 1979.

For this undertaking, the committee researched personnel files and the historical archives to identify and examine these individual's accomplishments or contributions to their particular organization.

Their extraordinary contributions to their country will long be remembered by all freedom loving people that follow.



IN DEDICATION
28 June 1979
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

EFFECTIVE THIS DATE, the following Scott Air Force Base streets are redesignated in memory of eleven distinguished people who dedicated their lives to the service of their country.

1st Street is redesignated King Street in honor of CMSgt. Charles D. King, pararescueman; Air Force Cross winner for extraordinary heroism in recovering a downed USAF pilot in Southeast Asia.

2nd Street is redesignated Pitsenbarger Street in honor of A1C William H. Pitsenbarger, rescue and survival specialist; Air Force Cross winner who sacrificed his life to insure the rescue of wounded combatants.

3rd Street is redesignated Winters Street in honor of A1C Darryl G. Winters, combat aerial photographer; Distinguished Flying Cross winner (posthumously) for extraordinary achievement as a combat cameraman.

4th Street is redesignated McClelland Street in honor of Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland, third commander, Army Airways Communications System.

5th Street is redesignated Watnee Street in honor of Col. Lloyd Watnee, first commander, Army Airways Communications System, the forerunner of today's Air Force Communications Service.

6th Street is redesignated Martin Street in honor of Capt. Duane W. Martin, Air Force Cross winner for extraordinary heroism as a helicopter pilot attempting to rescue a downed pilot.

7th Street is redesignated Birchard Street in honor of Lt. Gen. Glen R. Birchard, former Military Air Transport Service vice commander.

8th Street is redesignated Goettler Street in honor of 1st Lt. Harold Goettler, World War I Congressional Medal of Honor winner for extraordinary heroism in dropping supplies in the Argonne Forest, 1918.

9th Street is redesignated Losey Street in honor of Capt. Robert M. Losey, first Air Corps Weather Chief and first Air Corps officer killed in World War II.

10th Street is redesignated Clay Street in honor of Gen. Lucius D. Clay, renowned for his efforts in the Berlin Airlift.

11th Street is redesignated Bucher Street in honor of Maj. Bernard L. Bucher, Air Force Cross winner for extraordinary heroism in military airlift in Vietnam.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE Air Force Band of Mid-America Captain Charles Pettijohn, Conductor
MARCH-ON Color Guard
HONORS FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF Air Force Band of Mid-America
PERFORMANCE United States Air Force Drill Team
INVOCATION
WELCOME Colonel John A. Doglione Commander, 375th AAW
DEDICATORY ADDRESS General William G. Moore, Jr. Commander in Chief, MAC
UNVEILING Each Plaque individually
CLOSING Retreat followed by viewing of monuments by families and guests
(Reception at the Non-Commissioned Officer's Club for invited guests)

HONORED GUESTS

Families of the Honorees