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October 11, 1947.

Hon. Louis P. Gagne,
Mayor of the City of
Lewiston, Maine.

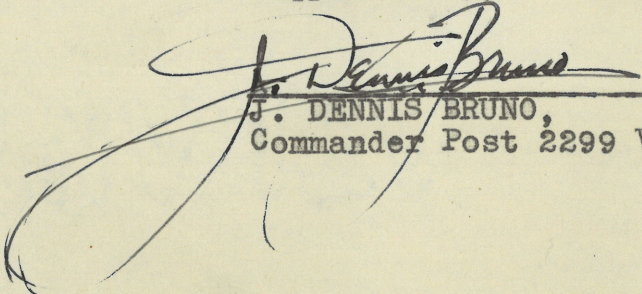
Dear Sir:

With the arrival at San Francisco of the remains of the first World War II dead to be returned to the United States, our advance information from officials at the Schenectady (N.Y.) General Depot indicates that it will be at least three weeks before the first hero bodies will arrive in New England. Since the first ship did not have a body for Lewiston and one only consigned to Auburn, it is apparent that ample time remains for the local employer cooperation plan as outlined in a repatriation discussion in your office last week to be set-up.

The Normand Dionne Post VFW Burial Detachment, notified by mail, newspaper and radio, will hold an "Operation TAPS" alert meeting, Tuesday night, Oct. 14 at the VFW hall. At that time, post repatriation officers will issue new instructions and will check the detachment roster, making if needed, corrections and completing a supplementary list of employers. A copy of this corrected list will be forwarded immediately to your office, and, although it is now quite obvious that Lewiston will not have one of these hero burials for some time yet, our preparations will be complete and coordinated.

Following the next regular meeting of the post, I will send you in writing names and addresses of the VFW committee I have named at your request to work along with you on the Memorial Project; and shortly I will contact you personally and we will review the progress on these matters and perhaps benefit by additional proposals and suggestions.

Respectfully,


J. DENNIS BRUNO,
Commander Post 2299 V.F.W.

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