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NAVAL HISTORICAL CENTER
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20374-0571

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Mr. Dennis Forsberg
Director of Veterans Programs
Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Service Building
St. Paul, MN 55155-2079

Dear Mr. Forsberg:

The gun mount listed in the enclosed loan agreement was recently transferred to your organization on an indefinite loan basis. When you receive this item, please sign and return to us the original of the enclosed loan agreement. The copy is for your organization's permanent files where it is to serve as a reminder of the annual condition report on the gun mount, the requirement for which is explained in the loan agreement itself.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

H. A. VADNAIS, JR.
Head, Curator Branch

Enclosure



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4 November 1991

The Curator for the Navy has placed the below listed item on indefinite loan with:

Commissioner of Veterans Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Service Building
St. Paul, MN 55155-2079

Gun Mount, 4"/50 Caliber (OR 0138), from USS WARD (DD 139), Mark 8, serial no. 1484, with gun barrel ser no. 912. This gun fired the first shot in the war against Japan at Pearl Harbor, 1941.
Navy Department Accession Number: 47-108-A.

1. We agree to:
 - a. Display the material on loan with dignity;
 - b. Maintain the material on loan in good physical condition;
 - c. Report to the Curator annually in the month of November on the condition and location of the material;
 - d. Request disposition instructions from the Curator whenever the material has served its purpose.
2. I certify that the material has been received,

Bennie Melter
Name
COMMISSIONER
MINNESOTA VETERANS AFFAIRS
Title

11-18-91
Date



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NAVAL HISTORICAL CENTER
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20374

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President
VFW, First Shot Naval Veterans Post

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First Shot Naval Vets
P.O. Box 17235
St. Paul, MN 55117

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Dear Sir:

The Curator for the Navy is required to maintain a current file of formal signed receipts for the historical properties of the United States Navy loaned to eligible recipients. In addition, on the anniversary date of the receipt, the Curator is required to receive an annual accounting from all borrowers on the condition and location of the material in their custody.

According to the Curator's records, the last annual report from your organization is enclosed. Please provide an updated report on the condition and location of the items concerned at your earliest convenience.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

H. A. VADNAIS, JR.
Head, Curator Branch

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

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The Curator for the Department of the Navy has placed the below listed item(s) on indefinite loan with:

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post, First Shot Naval Veterans

St. Paul, Minnesota 55117



First Shot Naval Vets
P.O. Box 17235
St. Paul, MN 55117

One (1) Ea. GUN MOUNT, 4"/50 caliber (OR 0138)
Removed from USS WARD (DD 139) (1918-1944)
Mark 8, Serial Number 1484, with gun barrel
Serial No. 912.
This gun fired the first shot in the war against
Japan at Pearl Harbor, 1941.
NAVDEPT Curator Accession No. 47-108-A

One (1) Ea. CARTRIDGE, 3"/50 caliber (OR 0103)
One round of dummy drill, inert load, fixed
3"/50 caliber ammunition.
NAVDEPT Curator Accession No. 74-325-A

one (1) Ea. 3 1/2" 50 caliber cartridge case empty, Mark 9 Mod 0
Navdept Curator Accession No. 74-325-B

Cartridge 3/50 caliber Aug. 26, 1974
Cartridge 3/50 caliber Sept 09, 1974
This complete my report for year 1986.

1. We agree to:

- Display the materials loaned with dignity;
- Maintain them in good physical condition;
- Report to the Curator annually, on the anniversary date of this receipt, on the condition and location of the material;
- Request disposition instructions from the Curator whenever the material has served its purpose.

2. I certify that the above material was received this date.

Bernard J. Kinderman Pres.
(Name and Rank)
First Shot Naval Veterans
(Organization Title)
July 17, 1986
(Date)

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