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Ms Jane Jackson  
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Dear Ms Jackson:

As you may know, the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) housed about 150 soldiers during the early part of 1944. Those of us who survived the war would like to dedicate a bronze plaque in memory of our buddies who did not return and gave the supreme sacrifice.

We are planning a reunion in Sept 98 in Providence and would like the plaque placed somewhere near Guzman Hall. Needless to say, we are planning a ceremony, on campus, and would like to have the name of a contact person to coordinate this event. There would be absolutely no cost to Providence College .

I would be remiss not to thank Mrs Ann Loomis who sent us the names on the roster. That was the start...from there we circulated the list to the veterans we knew ...and we then networked the list..and came up with about 50 names.

It should be noted that we survivors have nothing but pleasant memories of our brief six month stay at Providence College. However, the ASTP program was a sham. We were promised an education, officer status, and four years of college. One night, about 2AM, our entire company was awakened and told to pack our clothes and leave our books behind. After 6 days of riding in a windowless train, we were all dumped in the mud fields of Tenn to join a seasoned infantry division. We all knew what it felt like...going from Heaven to Hell!!! We then trained with the division, went overseas, and fought the enemy from October 44 to the end of the war in April 45. All of us Providence College students were on active duty including the Battle of the Bulge...the bloodiest battle of the war.

The above represents only a brief history of what happened after we left Providence College. On behalf of our committee, I want to thank you in advance for your cooperation in making this dedication a memorable event.

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Sincerely,

  
GEORGE FISHER