

GEORGE GRANSIE

LOMPOC FURNITURE MART INC.
125 SOUTH "H" STREET
LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436

14 DEC '82

Dear Russ,

I'm writing this letter in regards to the reunion we had in Thunleight, 5 Oct '82. Hollis Baker and myself attended it. All the friends of the Eight worked very hard to make it a success.

The weather was terrible. The rain did stop for the afternoon that the memorial was unveiled and while we were at Thunleight.

I am so proud to be an associate member of your fine and proud group.

During the unveiling, everyone was so deeply touched. I was moved more than words can say.

I wrote the following eulogy from the depths of my heart. I hope you can print it in the next issue of the 306th FCHCS.

Thunleight 5 Oct '82

by GEORGE GRANSIE

I could feel the warm tears subtly sliding down my face on this cold gray morning. The lump in my throat swelled as if it was going to burst. A small aging man, who had once been strong and quick, was laying a wreath, with such gentleness and poise, on the memorial to the men who did not come home. These men had died so I may live. I have lived and I would gladly give my life if these brave men could share my experiences.

As I look up, I can see, on the maturing faces of these magnificent old warriors, the common tears

LOMPOC FURNITURE MART INC.
125 SOUTH "H" STREET
LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436

- 2 -

flowing freely down their weathered cheeks.

Oh God; "please help me to understand
more clearly what my brothers were stilled."
It must be that they are in eternal life
now. In a new world of peace forever.

God Bless THE FRIENDS of the 306th B.S.

Sincerely

George Brownie

5 Aug 86

Russ,

Please accept the enclosed
check to help for the publishing of Echoes.

Also I have a change of address.

GEORGE J. GRANSIE

224 C So. "H" ST

Lompoc, CA 93436

#25

Thank you
George Gransie