



**E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.**  
ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY (RET.)

13 August 1985

RADM John D. H. Kane, Jr.  
Director  
Naval Historical Center  
Washington Navy Yard  
Washington, DC 20374

Dear Jack:

I attach correspondence from C. R. Sturgeon of the Tulare Historical Museum who is a lifelong friend ever since he chased a number of us in high school and caught one of us during a Halloween prank.

Would it be possible to straighten out the administrative mix-up involved so that we can get the uniform?

Many thanks for your help and all best wishes.

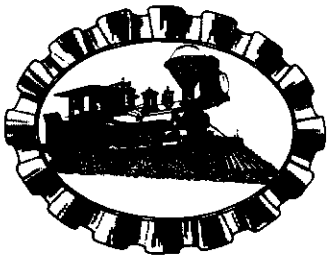
Sincerely,

  
E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.

1500 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, Virginia 22209  
703/841-8960

Attachments

bc. C. R. Sturgeon



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TULARE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TULARE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

444 West Tulare Avenue - Post Office Box 1272, Tulare, California 93275 - (209) 686-2074

8-1-85

E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.  
Adm. U. S. Navy(Ret)  
1500 Wilson Blvd.  
Arlington, VA. 22209

Dear Bud:

on 4-1-85 you wrote to RADM John D. H. Kane at the Wash. Navy Yard requesting that he send us a Navy uniform of the WWI vintage.

He turned the matter over to H. A. Vadnais, Jr. and that gentleman wrote me asking that I sign a form and return it to him. Under (2) on the form, a copy of which is herewith encl. I would be certifying that the materials had been recieved by us. I immediately wrote him and explained that I couldn't very well sign it with that provision. I have never heard from him further. Today I have sent him the form, deleting that provision. I cannot bring myself to signing something that is not factual.

I am surprised that he simply cut us off in this manner.

I would have been most happy to have signed that letter without provision (2) then later, after we had received the uniform to sign a receipt for it.

If you can help us facilitate this matter we will be most appreciative.

One more favor, would you send us an autographed copy of "On Watch"?

Kindest regards,

C. R. Sturgeon



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
NAVAL HISTORICAL CENTER  
Washington Navy Yard  
Washington, D. C. 20374

IN REPLY REFER TO

Ser CU/3334  
1 May 1985

Mr. C. R. Sturgeon  
Tulare City Historical Society  
Tulare Historical Museum  
444 West Tulare Avenue  
Tulare, CA 93274

Dear Mr. Sturgeon:

Under separate cover, we are sending to you by Registered Mail a World War I naval officer's service dress blue uniform as requested by Admiral Elmo Zumwalt. We understand that it will supplement one you received directly from the Admiral and one of the Spanish American War period.

Enclosed is the loan agreement for this uniform. If you would sign and return the original, we would be grateful. The copy is for your permanent records where it is to serve as a reminder of the annual condition report, the requirements for which are explained on the agreement itself.

If we can be of further service, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

*H. A. Vadnaie, Jr.*  
H. A. VADNAIS, JR.  
Head, Curator Branch



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

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

Mr. C. R. Sturgeon  
 Tulare City Historical Society  
 Tulare Historical Museum  
 444 West Tulare Avenue  
 Tulare, CA 93274

## UNIFORM

WWI, ENS, Overseas Mark on left sleeve  
 Coat and Trousers, Officer's, Service Dress Blue  
 Navy Department Accession Number: 660125C

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

Name

*C.R. Sturgeon*

Title

*Pres.*

Date

*8-1-85*