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STATE OF VERMONT
STATE WAR HISTORY COMMISSION
MONTPELIER

November 4, 1943

Lewis Webster Jones, President, Bennington College,
Bennington, Vermont.

My dear Dr. Jones:

Under authority of No. 171 of the Acts of 1943, it becomes the duty of the Vermont War History Commission to "plan and initiate by appropriate existing agencies the systematic collection and preservation of records pertaining to the military and civilian participation of citizens of Vermont in World War II." Not only will these records have historical interest, but will also be of practical interest for reviewing in case of some future emergency. To this end we seek your cooperation and assistance.

Will you kindly inform us as to the activities of Bennington College in the matter of collecting memorials of the present war--such as clippings, posters, letters, lists of students and alumni serving in the armed forces, etc., etc., and of your plans for their permanent preservation?

Respectfully,

Mary G. Nye

Secretary.

*for review
yes*

November 9, 1943

Miss Mary G. Nye, Secretary
State War History Commission
Montpelier, Vermont

Dear Miss Nye,

I am very sorry to report to you that so far Bennington College has not been doing any systematic collecting of records pertaining to the participation of citizens of Vermont in World War II except for the records we are keeping in the case of our own students and faculty. You perhaps already know that the entire Bennington College community is engaged in farming one hundred acres of the College land as a contribution to food production. Large numbers of our faculty, graduates and former students are also engaged in the war both in the military and naval services and in government work. Of these activities we are keeping careful records. If there is anything more that you would like us to do, I should be glad to be advised.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Webster Jones
President

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November 12, 1943

Lewis Webster Jones, President, Bennington College,
Bennington, Vermont

My dear Dr. Jones:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 9th. For the present it would appear that your method for the preservation of information relative to the activities of Bennington College men and women in the armed forces and other war efforts, is adequate. Our aim is to see to it that all records are preserved.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary G. Nye", is written over the typed name.

Mrs. Mary G. Nye
Secretary