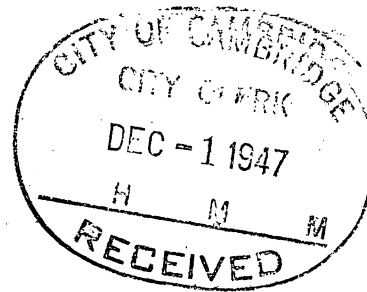


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Works
100 Nashua Street, Boston 14

November 25, 1947



Mr. Frederick H. Burke
City Clerk
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Department of Public Works, after due notice and hearing on a petition of certain inhabitants of the City of Cambridge, protesting against the order passed by the City Council changing the name of Lake Street in Cambridge to Corporal McTernan Street, has voted to approve of this change under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 85 of the General Laws, Ter. Ed.

Yours truly,

Mary E. McTernan
Secretary

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Communication
From Dept. of Public Works, State
of Mass. stating that they have
voted to approve the changing of
the name of Duke St. to
Colonel W. Terman St.

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Frederick H. Burke, Clerk



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 17, 1947.

WHEREAS:-

The City Council of the City of Cambridge by order adopted on September 22, 1947 changed the name of Lake Street to Corporal McTernan Street, and

WHEREAS:-

The Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 85 of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, held a public hearing on November 5, 1947 for all persons interested in the petition filed with said department purporting to be signed by at least twenty-five inhabitants of the City of Cambridge appealing from the action taken by the City Council of Cambridge in changing the name of Lake Street to Corporal McTernan Street, and

WHEREAS:-

A communication has been received from the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts dated November 7, 1947 stating that in view of the objections made at the hearing to the renaming of Lake Street, the Commissioners would like an expression from the City Council as to whether it is still their desire to have this street known as Corporal McTernan Street, it is therefore

ORDERED:-

That it is still the desire of the City Council of the City of Cambridge to have Lake Street known as Corporal McTernan Street.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote

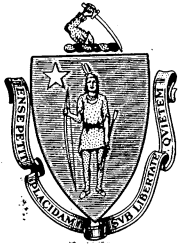
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Frederick H. Barker City Clerk

Order
expressing the desire of City
Council that Lake St
be known as Corporal H^c Fernan
Street.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Works
100 Nashua Street, Boston 14

November 7, 1947

Honorable John D. Lynch and Members of the Honorable Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 85 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), the Department of Public Works gave a public hearing on November 5, 1947, to all persons interested in a petition filed with said Department, purporting to be signed by at least twenty-five inhabitants of the city of Cambridge, appealing from the action taken by the City Council of Cambridge in changing the name of Lake Street to Corporal McTernan Street.

The following were present and spoke in favor of the renaming of Lake Street:

Thomas McNamara, member of the City Council
Leo Corrigan, 78 Dana Street, Cambridge
Mr. McGoldrick, Lawrence Street, Cambridge
Bradley Powers, disabled veteran, of 156 Magazine Street, Cambridge
Mr. McTernan, father of Corporal McTernan

The following spoke in opposition to this change:

Charles McCann, disabled veteran, Lake Street, Cambridge
Dana Kenniston, 26 Lake Street, Cambridge
Mrs. Stanley Slade, 26 Lake Street, Cambridge

A list of signatures of over five hundred residents of Cambridge, who are in favor of the renaming of the street, was presented. Councillor McNamara said that the boy spent a great deal of his time at the corner of Lake, Sidney and Pearl Streets. He enlisted in the U. S. Marines before the beginning of the War, was wounded in Guadalcanal, recovered and finally met his death at Palau in the South Pacific. He said that this was the first time in the city of Cambridge that there has been any objection to the renaming of a square or a street after a veteran of World War II. Mr. Corrigan said that the petition was started by his friends and not his family. Mr. Powers brought out the fact that there are no remains of the boy to be brought home as he was blown to bits. (This was confirmed by a telegraph from the U. S. Navy, which was presented.)

The main objections voiced by the opposition were as follows: (1) That the residents of Lake Street were not notified beforehand. (2) That the resi-

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idents will be inconvenienced because all legal documents will have to be changed. (3) That Corporal McTernan was not a legal resident of Lake Street, but enlisted from Sidney Street.

Mr. Kenniston suggested that the new housing development now under consideration in Cambridge could be named after the boy, or that the Blessed Sacrament Church put up some sort of plaque in his memory. Mrs. Slade suggested that the name of Dana Park be changed to Corporal McTernan Park.

In view of the objections made to the renaming of Lake Street, the Commissioners would like an expression from you and your honorable body as to whether it is still your desire to have this street known as Corporal McTernan Street.

Very truly yours


WILLIAM H. BURACKER
Commissioner

Communication
From Dept. of Public Works
State of Wash. relative to
the renaming of Lake St. to
Corporal W. Terman Street (Hearing
held before Dept on Nov. 5, 1947)

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In City Council

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Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk