

FORM C - OBJECT

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

Plat 36 Lot 2 Billerica 941

Town
 Chelmsford
Place (neighborhood or village)
 East Chelmsford

Address or Location
 Carlisle St. next to East School

Name
 World War II East Chelmsford Veteran's Monument

Ownership Public Private
 Town of Chelmsford, under Park Department

Type of Object (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> statue | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> monument |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bust | <input type="checkbox"/> milestone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> group composition | <input type="checkbox"/> marker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> religious shrine | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> boundary marker | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) | |

Date of Construction

1943

Source

Chelmsford Newsweekly, Nov. 9, 1961

Designer/Sculptor

Materials

granite with bronze plaque, set on concrete

Alterations (with dates)

new plaque 1961

a name was added May 1998

Condition

good

Moved no yes **Date**

Recorded by

Jane B. Drury

Organization

for Chelmsford Historical Commission

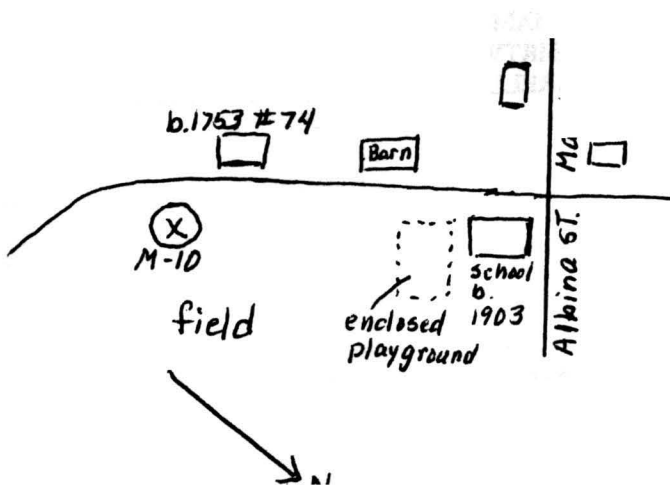
Date (month/year)

Dec. 2001



Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the object's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between object and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried object. Indicate north.



OBJECT FORM

DESIGN ASSESSMENT *see continuation sheet*

Describe the design features of the object, and evaluate in terms of other similar types of objects within the community.

4 wide concrete steps lead up to granite flagstones set in concrete. On the left side a concrete wall forms a wide bench. The monument itself faces the steps and Carlisle St. The right side of the area is outlined by cedar trees; the left with a post & wire fence. The bronze plaque is on a 97" tall granite stone. It is in fairly good condition; there are a few cracks, but they have been repaired and painted over. In 1961 a brick planter was placed at the base of the monument; it has since been removed.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

Explain the history of the object, and how it relates to the development of the community

The dedication of this monument on Sat. morning, Nov. 11, 1961, saw the "culmination of an effort which had its small beginnings in Aug. 1942. At that time, a civilian defense group, at an informal meeting, felt it would be appropriate to erect a staff from which to fly the colors, thereby acknowledging with appreciation the efforts of local men and women who were involved in protecting and preserving our freedoms. The concept met with universal approval, and the resulting monument, erected largely by volunteer workers, was dedicated on November 11, 1943 - complete except for the names of those to be honored" on November 11, 1961. Names of those who died in service were listed first on the plaque.

On March 12, 1956 by vote of Town Meeting the land was transferred to the jurisdiction of the Park Dept. and \$500 voted to repair the monument and flag pole and to beautify the land, at a cost of \$340.

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION *(if applicable):*

EAST CHELMSFORD
HONOR ROLL
WORLD WAR II - KOREAN CAMPAIGN

IN SOLEMN TRIBUTE

WE PLACE TOGETHER THE NAMES OF THOSE
WHO HAVE PAID THE GREATEST PRICE OF ALL
THAT OF LIFE ITSELF
THOMAS F. ARNOLD ALLEN LEMIRE NORMAN S. SMITH
AMERICO C. CAIRES HARRY R. POPE

[Below the names of the men:]

WOMEN WHO SERVED

PAULINE ABRAHAMSON	MABELLE MORRELL
MAYBELLE B. BIRTWELL	JOSEPHINE PLEIN
MABELLE MORRELL	MILDRED E. POPE

[139 men's names are below, in 3 columns]

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Chelmsford Newsweekly, Nov. 9 & 11, 1961
Chelmsford Annual Town Report, March 12, 1956,
page 48, Articles 60, 61; Park Commissioner Report, pg. 128; payments, pg. 246
Chelmsford Independent, Dec. 10, 1992
Lowell Sun, May 22, 1998

Recommended for listing in National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town
CHELMSFORD

Property Address
CARLISLE ST.

Area(s) Form No.

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The 1961 dedication was planned by the East Chelmsford Residential Association & local Post 366, American Legion. Selectmen, the Town Counsel, and Representative Brad Morse were invited. Four local area Veterans Posts were represented, one of which formed a color guard. There were brief addresses, music was furnished by Sacred heart Bugle & Drum Corps, a salute was fired by a squad from Fort Devens, and "Taps" was sounded by East Chelmsford resident Raymond Greeley. Refreshments were served at the East School. "The sincere thanks of a grateful community [was] at last permanently recorded."

By 1992 a small bench had been added to the area, and at the request of an area resident, the rotten flag pole was replaced with an aluminum one, and the Town Manager promised "to look into fixing up the monument." which was then "in deplorable condition."

In May 1998 the name of Edward Williams was added, at the urging of his widow, Martha. "He never complained" about his name being left off, but shortly before his death he said he "always regretted not having his name placed on the monument." Apparently it was just an oversight, and when the town's veterans' agent, Marty Walsh, and his assistant obtained his military records, the name of Edward Williams was added to the monument in time for the Memorial Day celebration. He "served as a radio operator in the Army from 1941-1945. After training in New Jersey and Oklahoma, his main tour of duty was in Japan. Williams was part of the first series of troops who entered Nagasaki to clean up after the atom bomb had been dropped."

The area and the monument were cleaned up by the Town Engineers/Park Departments.





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GRAYSON COLES
THOMAS F COLLINCE
EDWARD F COMER
JOSEPH COMER
HENRY C COMIER
ROBERT F COMIER
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WILLIAM DESMOND
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EDWARD J FARRELL
JOHN C FERREIRA
MANUEL C FERREIRA
LEO F FINNEGAN
PAUL N FINNEGAN
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HAROLD F FIRTH
ROBERT A FIRTH
THOMAS E FIRTH JR
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FRANCOIS D GAUDETTE
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GEORGE W HAND
TIMOTHY J HARRINGTON
ALBERT R HEDLUND
CLARENCE W HEFLER
JOHN HIBBARD
JAMES J HILL
WILLIAM J HILL
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GERALD E HUNT
GERALD A IVERS
JOSEPH V JASON
ALBERT M JONES
FRANKLIN L JONES
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FREDERICK A KINNEY
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WALTER J KROL
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MANUEL H LAWRENCE
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ARMAND LEBOURDAIS
DONALD E LEMAY
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TO THOSE WHO ANSWERED THE CHALLENGE
 AGAINST OUR FREEDOM
 TO LIVE IN PEACE

