

-FORM C - OBJECT

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

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

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Town
Chelmsford
Place (neighborhood or village)
Chelmsford, LeFebvre Square

Address or Location
177 Boston Rd.; Boston & Concord Rd. intersection

Name
Memorial dedicated to memory of L/Cpl Rudolph leFebvre, Jr.

Ownership Public Private

Type of Object (check one):

- statue
- bust
- group composition
- religious shrine
- boundary marker
- other (specify)
- monument
- milestone
- marker

Date of Construction

1967

Source

Chelmsford Newsweekly, June 18, 1967

Designer/Sculptor

Materials

granite with bronze plaque

Alterations (with dates)

Cleaned at the time it was moved

Condition

excellent

Moved no yes **Date**

In time for Veterans' Day, Nov. 2000

Acreage

ca 700 sq. ft

Setting

On triangle in front of service station, surrounded by granite curbing. Flowers, a flag pole & tall light are on the triangle in front of service station and are behind the stone.

Recorded by

Jane B. Drury

Organization

for Chelmsford Historical Commission

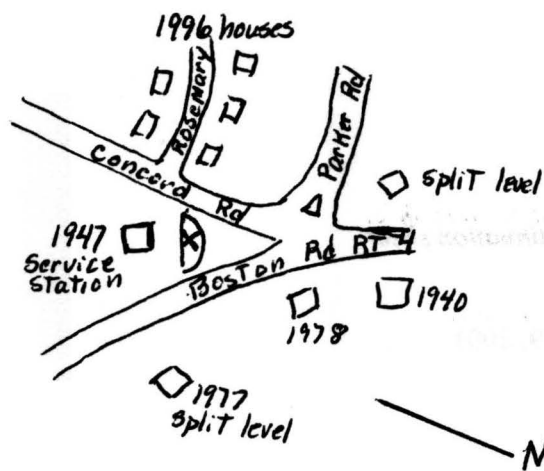
Date (month/year)

Nov. 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

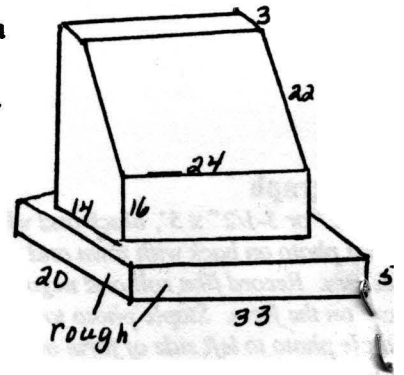
Describe the design features of the object, and evaluate in terms of other similar types of objects within the community.

It is a granite monument with granite base. Above the inscription, on a bronze plaque is a three dimensional eagle above a world globe, which is decorated with gold leaf and surrounded by anchors, symbolic of Cpl. LeFebvre's service in Vietnam as a U.S. marine. The plaque was a gift of his Marine comrades in Vietnam. It is very similar to many cemetery monuments.

The LeFebvre Monument was re-dedicated on Nov. 11, 2000, the day after another monument was dedicated in West Chelmsford in memory of two brothers who served in the Navy during World War II.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE see continuation sheet

Explain the history of the object, and how it relates to the development of the community
Lance Corporal Rudolph LeFebvre, Jr. enlisted in the Marine Corps October 4, 1963 and arrived in Vietnam in April 1966. He took part in the defense of Hue City, and Operations Golden Fleece, Virginia, Cherokee, Wayne, Athens, Jay and Holt. "Rudy" died in a field hospital of a chest wound, at age 22, on July 18, 1966 during Operation Hastings in Quang Tri province. Operation Hastings was the largest and most violent battle of the war up to that point. He received the Purple Heart, National Defense medal, Gallantry cross with Palm, and a Vietnam service medal.



ENTIRE INSCRIPTION (if applicable):

RUDOLPH HAROLD LEFEBVRE, JR
CPL USMC.
BORN JUNE 15 1944 DIED JULY 18 1966
KILLED IN PROVINCE OF QUA-TRI-VIETNAM
A MEMORIAL FROM HIS
COMRADES-IN-ARMS
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L/CP. J ARNOLD CPL. A.A. MALACHIN
CPL. G.L. MASON SGT. D. W. MILLER
SGT. C.G. PAGANO SGT. L. W. DEMARIAS

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Chelmsford Newsweekly, May 25, June 15,, July 6, 1967
Chelmsford Independent, Nov. 16, 2000
David McAlister, land owner, telephone conversation, June 19, 2001
Judy Tevlin, office worker at 177 Boston Rd.
Lowell Sun, July 28, July 31, 1966
John Hipson, interview, July 24, 2001

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

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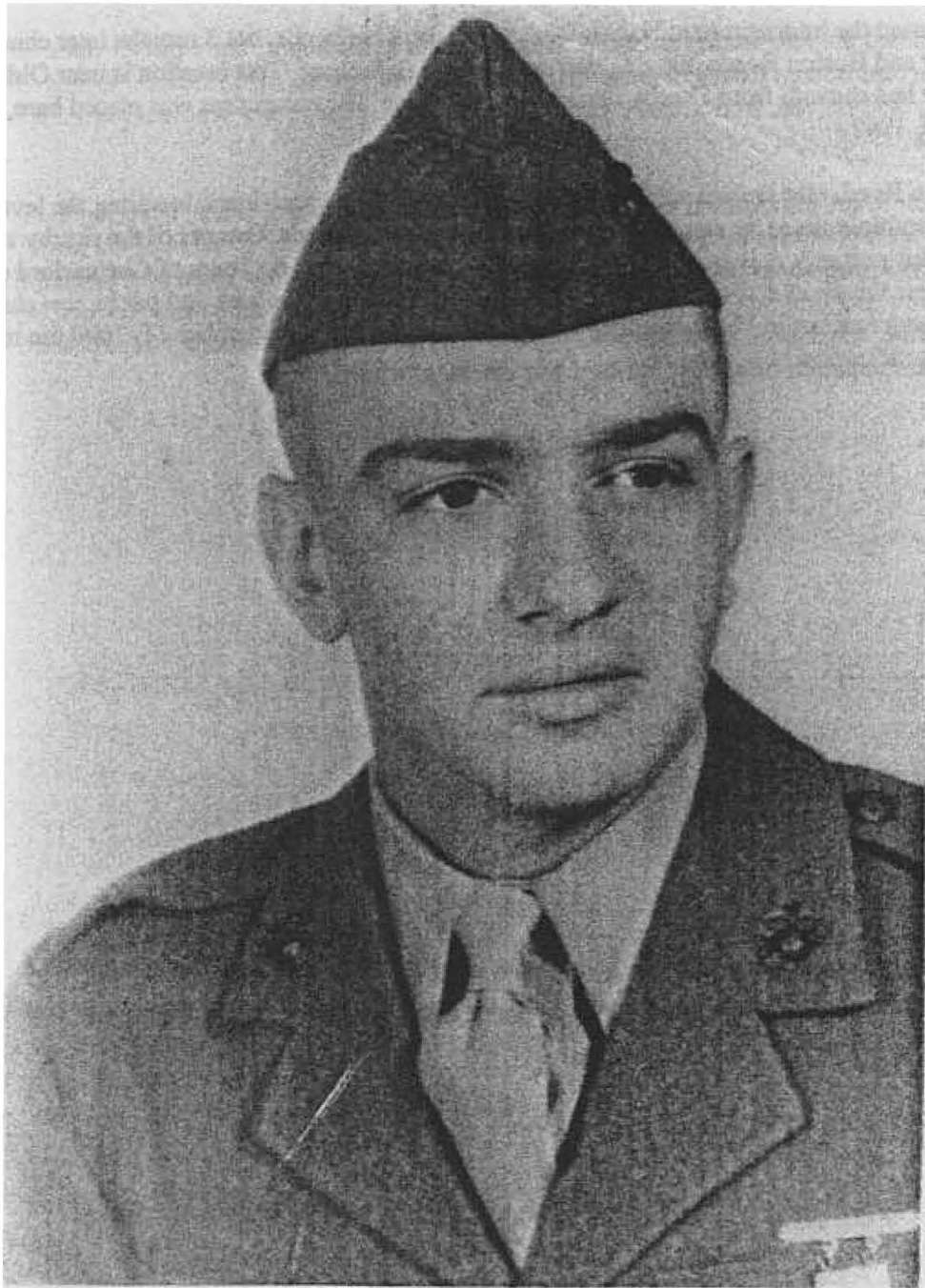
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Lance Corporal Rudolph Harvey LeFebre
b. 1944 – killed July 18, 1966



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History

Corporal Lefebvre was the first man from Chelmsford to be killed in the Viet Nam War. Following a full military funeral mass, his body was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, where a Marine firing squad fired three volleys and Taps were sounded. However, his body lay in an unmarked grave for 32 years, until a widow of one of his Vietnam comrades noticed it and informed the veteran's agent in Lowell. As a result, a marker was placed on his grave in May 2000, and Lance Corporal Rudolph LeFebvre, Jr. received another full military funeral on July 8th.

In 1966 the Town named the intersection at Hall & Boston Roads in his honor, but 3 months later changed it to the intersection at Parker and Boston Roads, naming that area LeFebvre Square. This location is near Old Stage Rd., where the LeFebvre family had moved, from Crosby Lane, after his death. The monument was placed here, and it was first dedicated on June 18, 1967.

Over the years Boston Road, also known as State Rt. 4, was resurfaced several times, lowering the level of the monument, and it was damaged multiple times by cars and repaired by private individuals. Owners of the nearby service station donated a piece of their property at Boston and Concord Road intersection. The Town of Chelmsford cleaned and moved the memorial to its new location on Oct. 17, 2000. The Town had enlarged the area and put in new shrubs, and a private individual "put finishing touches on the memorial," including gold leaf. On November 11, 2000 the monument was re-dedicated, with the participation of several military and veterans groups.

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