

Lettre envoyée par Edward Styffe le 22 juin 2009 au service canadien des Anciens combattants

Good morning,

Thank you for your message and for visiting the Veterans Affairs Canada web site.

I have forwarded your E-mail to the office of the Minister of Veterans Affairs. If you wish to contact the Minister's office directly, you can do so through page

<https://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=department/mincorner/contact>

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you in support of our friends in Normandy who are under assault by the powerful industrial establishment which is planting windfarms throughout the idyllic landscape in Normandy. Unlike Canada, France is a much smaller more populous country where the windfarms are a huge intrusion into everyday life. The huge wind generators are not only noisy but most unsightly and can be seen from residential homes in towns and villages throughout Normandy.

My uncle, Major Edward G Styffe was killed in the village of Maizieres in August 1944 and I was named after him. He was my father's youngest brother. We were surprised and delighted to be invited to a ceremony in 2001 to rename the main street in the village after my uncle to honour the Canadian soldiers who liberated the village and the region. The townspeople are now begging us to support them in their struggle against powerful interests who are keen to build these unsightly beasts in the plain view of the local inhabitants. It is devaluing their properties, impacting their quality of life and forcing many who cannot live with the constant noise, to sell up and move to other regions where the nuisance does not exist.

The citizens of Maizieres believe, as I do, that they should not be made to suffer in this insidious manner. Canadian soldiers laid down their lives to save this land from the Nazis and it is virtually sacrilegious to see the pastoral countryside turned into a giant industrial complex. This a very real concern and I am writing to enlist your support to stop the spread of this blight on the pastoral landscape and the people of Normandy. The people of Normandy have been genuinely appreciative of the allied soldiers who helped spare them from the yoke of Nazism and they revere Canadians.

I ask you to intervene in any possible with your French counterparts and to make it know that the very people who sacrificed so much to liberate France did not do so with an eye to such a devastating influence as these windfarms in close proximity to the very citizens we vowed to support.

I attaching a letter from Normandy, written in English, in support of my request. There are photos of the unsightly installations, which, unfortunately, are already in place.

I thank you for any support you can muster.

Sincerely,

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