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7/9/63

No 4710

Place Bedford, Massachusetts.

Building Chapel of Veterans Administration.

Date of ~~December~~ Completion ~~November 1, 1963~~ *

*If possible, Dedicate Nov. 24, 1963
6/6/63

Persons Interested The Gray Ladies of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Bedford, Massachusetts.

Price: \$1200 (\$54.54).

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Minister Chaplain: The Reverend Norman Olsen.

Denomination Non-Sectarian.

Architect

Vents in place.

Position in Church Northeast aisle window, nearest entrance (rear of Chapel).

Height from floor low. Protection Glass. Groove Rabbet. Metal Stone Wood.

Exposure Northeast.

Footage 22 feet.

Inscription "Given by the Gray Ladies at the Bedford Veterans Administration Hospital."

Design wanted SOON

Staging

Templates

Blueprints

General Information The plan is to have the crossed flags - the United States Flag and the Red Cross flag at the top. (This window is across from the Rogers Memorial, so it will sort of match that.)

In the main position, a symbol of the Service of the Gray Ladies, to be a Yoke, a scroll and pen, and a flower (fleur-de-lys).

The third position, to be a head of a Gray Lady with their distinctive cap, - this head will match the Minerva head in the opposite window. (Head should face toward the altar - that is, the actual head should face left, or right as you look at the window).

In the base, to be their insignia, which is the Hospital and Recreation, American Red Cross Volunteer - see page 161 of the National Geographic book. Then the inscription - see above.

The border symbols to be the praying hands; a pitcher of water, artist's palette, a closed book; and a flower in a flower pot; also a chess man.

NOTE: The cap is white, and the cross on it is red.

The Gray Ladies do a great many services. They do not do actual nursing. They do anything else for the patients, such as giving them books, writing letters, fix flowers, games. The main idea is service. NOTE: Their symbol

is not actually blue - it is more gray, but we can make it a gray-blue.

The dominant theme of this window is the devoted service of the Gray Ladies.

This is most fully expressed in the principal medallion, second from the top, through the Yoke of Service, with the pen and scroll (letter writing), and the white Fleur-de-lys of Purity.

Above are the Flags of the United States and the Red Cross; and below, an abstract head of a Gray Lady with distinctive cap. (This will be carefully studied in the full size drawing.) Around it are Stars of Heavenly Steadfastness; and at the base, the insignia of the American Red Cross volunteer, hospital and recreation, with the inscription, - "Given by the Gray Ladies of Bedford Veterans Hospital".

The theme of Gray Ladies Service is further developed through the borders with hands in prayer, the pitcher and glass of refreshment, palette and brushes for art-craft work, vase of flowers, book, and chess piece for games.

BE SURE ~~LADIES HAVE~~ the woman's face is carefully and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ pleasantly rendered. Also see illustrations of cap to be sure it is drawn correctly.

