July 2, 1943

Chairman of Dedication Committee
Custerdale Citizen’s Club
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Your kind invitation to convey the greetings of the U. S. Navy at the Custerdale Dedication Ceremony on Sunday, July 25, 1943, is very much appreciated, and I accept with pleasure.

The establishment of Custerdale has undoubtedly been one of the deciding factors in enabling not only the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company to far exceed the expectations of the Navy Department in the construction of submarines, but also enabling all of the industries of the City of Manitowoc to perform vital tasks in connection with the war effort beyond their peace time capacity.

The citizens and management of Custerdale are to be congratulated upon the results of their efforts in establishing an integral neighborly community of people drawn from various sections of the country under the hurry and bustle of war time activity. Very few of these people knew each other prior to arriving in Custerdale, and brought practically no common interests with them from their previous homes, other than the interest of being good Americans. To become a peaceful, hard-working, neighborly community under these conditions in a comparatively short period of time has required cooperation and understanding on the part of both the citizens and the management.

Sincerely yours,

G. C. WEAVER.