

September 3, 1986

Mr. James A. Crosby  
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Dear Mr. Crosby:

Thank you for your very interesting letter concerning your relationship with Captain Alanson Crosby of the 154th New York Infantry. I am inclosing an 8"x10" photo of Captain Crosby with my compliments. The photo lab we use at the U.S. Army Military History Institute can provide an 11"x14" photo print for \$9.00, check to be made payable to: F&AO, U.S. Army, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, 17013, your order and check sent to me for processing. However, I must caution you that you may not receive your print for perhaps as long as ten months as the photo lab has a huge backlog and is not processing our work requests very fast.

I have very little in my files on Captain Crosby. I am sending herewith his service record from the N.Y.S. Adjutant General's report and a short biography from a Cattaraugus County history. I checked through the letters and diaries I have copies of from men of Companies A and D, but none mention Crosby. Thus I do not have much more than you.

I always enjoy hearing from descendants of men of the 154th and if I do come across any additional materials on Captain Crosby I shall share them with you. If you uncover any letters or diaries of his I hope you will share them with me.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mike -

I hope you have had an opportunity to see and enjoy the special "confed" issue of the Journal. The clamor is already on to give equal time to the Union side, and I'm accumulating material. One submission is the enclosed letter of Alanson Crosby from one of his descendants. He says it has only appeared in print once before, very abbreviated in 1896 "History of Cattaraugus County, N.Y." As you are very familiar with the 154<sup>th</sup> NY vol I figured you could verify whether you have seen this, in preparation of your book (I have not read it - your book), and therefore confirm that it is unpublished. If so, it would be great for the Union issue. An unpublished account of events at Gettysburg!! I don't think it needs much annotation, perhaps Crosby career and short account of 154<sup>th</sup>'s actions, plus a map to provide perspective. I'd appreciate your comments on the letter and suitability for a special Union issue. Hope it wouldn't have added much to your book. Thanks!

-Fred

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Dear Fred,

Thanks for sending the Alanson Crosby story. I wonder if you got it from James Crosby? Yes, Mark Dunkelman (my co-author for the 154th Regimental) and I are very familiar with Crosby's account. His account is in his file at the National Archives, and as you can see from the copies inclosed we gave the story a paragraph in our book.

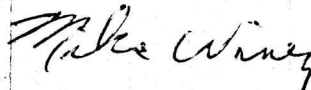
As far as I know it has not been published except for the History of Cattaraugus County. Comments: Your two Confederate issues were superb. Each article dealt with material culture - artifacts. The articles were exceptionally well researched and documented, some of the finest material ever published in the Journals. Crosby's account is strictly history - no good new materials on artifacts at all. As much as Mark and I love to see anything on the 154th New York Infantry published, I frankly do not think the Journal is the place for this article. This is only my opinion, you are the editor so you choose the articles you want to include.

You will have to go far to one-up the Confederate issues. And Yankee "stuff" is much better known than Reb although there are some good pieces "out there" that have not been written about - or well - yet. I do wish you the best of success on your Yankee issue (s).

If you do intend to use the Crosby account I am inclosing three photos for your consideration. The monument photo, although it says 145th, is really the 154th taken very soon after its erection. It shows very nicely the right flank, the area of the right of the 154th New York and the area of the 134th New York Infantry line where the small brigade was outflanked. It looks so nice and clean on this photo! If you choose not to use the photos please return them using the stamped envelope inclosed.

Since I am not a Company member I read the Confederate issues at the Military History Institute. I do want to get copies of those two issues for my personal files. I picked up an advertisement at the Gettysburg Show about the issues but there was no address on the ad as to where to order copies. Can I get copies through you or must I try to order them from Bill Reid!?

Sincerely yours,

  
Michael J. Winey