

John Edward Stockman

7th December 1998

Mr Mark H. Dunkelman,
7 Arnold Street,
PROVIDENCE,
Rhode Island, 02906.

Dear Mr Dunkelman,

Many thanks for your letter of 10th November 1998 together with the list of your publications and the two newspaper articles relating to the 154th Regiment.

My great-grandfather, Hugh Crosgrave, was born in Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York, and lived on his father's farm there until entering the Army in 1862. I'm enclosing a biographical sketch which is part of a family history I'm putting together. It is unlikely that I will be able to publish the history, but in the event I do, I would appreciate your permission to include the quotes from and references to your book, *The Hardtack Regiment*.

I note that you apparently have Hugh's service and pension records from the National Archives, which probably duplicate the copies from those records that I've enclosed. In addition, I'm enclosing copies of the Promotion and Discharge documents, made from the originals which, fortunately, my grandmother gave me when I was young. Sorry to say, I have been unable to determine the existence of any other items relating to Hugh's service, such as letters, diaries, relics, or veterans' mementos. I will continue trying to locate any such items, but it is doubtful that I will be successful at this point in time.

I would appreciate your sending me the following of your publications, for which I enclose my check in the amount of \$27.20:

- *The Coster Avenue Mural in Gettysburg.*
- *Brothers, Heroes, Martyrs: The Civil War Service of Lewis and George Bishop, Color Bearers of the 154th New York Volunteer Infantry.*
- *Camp James M. Brown: Jamestown's Civil War Rendezvous.*
- *The 154th New York in the Brickyard Fight*

Thanks again for bringing to light the legacy of the 154th.

Yours sincerely,



J.E. STOCKMAN.

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8th May 1997.

Mr Mark H. Dunkelman,
Mr Michael J. Winey,
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4 Cornwall Drive,
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NEW JERSEY, NJ 08816.

Dear Sirs,

In August 1991, whilst visiting the Chickamauga and Chattanooga battlegrounds at the National Military Park in Georgia, I was delighted, and very surprised, to find in the bookshop there *The Hardtack Regiment*, your excellent history of the 154th New York Infantry Volunteer Regiment during the Civil War. My happy reaction arose from the fact that my great-grandfather, HUGH NESBITT CROSGROVE, served from August 1862 to June 1865 in Company E of that very Regiment.

I was thoroughly engrossed by your account of the trials and tribulations, the losses and the victories, of the Regiment. It made me proud of my great-grandfather, and much more empathetic as to what he must have experienced during that sad conflict.

For six years I have meant to send you documentation regarding HUGH CROSGROVE's service in the 154th, but it is only after a long period of procrastination that I am finally, despite my good intentions, getting around to sending the enclosed material. I am fortunate to have the originals of the enclosed copies of the documents relating to HUGH's service. I hope that you find this material to be of interest.

Thanks so very much for your fine efforts in recording the history of this Regiment. Should any supplements to your book be published, I should very much appreciate being advised as to how I might obtain copies of the same.

Sincerely yours,



J.E. STOCKMAN.