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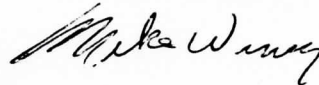
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Dear Dr. Meredith:

Thank you very much for sending the Byron A. Johnston materials for me to copy. Thank you too for the photos. I was hoping for publishable quality photos, however. Even if you just sent me good black and white negatives I could have prints made myself. As to your price, it may be a bit too high but that is up to you: I have written to my co-author, Mark Dunkelman, about the pistol--perhaps he might be interested in it. When you do sell the pistol, would you please let me know who purchased it. I would like to keep track of it. As to the need for good photos of it, I have already begun clicking my brain for an article on it.

Again, Dr. Meredith, thank you very much for writing to me, for sending me the materials to xerox and for your enjoyable collector camaraderie. It is people like yourself who are willing to share their knowledge and collection that make our hobby worthwhile and fun.

Sincerely yours,



Michael J. Winey

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Dear Dr. Meredith:

Thank you for your very interesting letter concerning the Colt Navy revolver carried by Capt. Byron A. Johnston, Co. F, 154<sup>th</sup> New York State Volunteer Infantry. It is always a thrill to receive new information on the "Hardtack Regiment," especially about relics since they are my first love.

Thank you too for your offer to sell the pistol. How I would love to own it! However, Dr. Meredith, I am afraid that is out of the question. You see I am a salaried employee who has a family and am sending two children to a Christian Day School. I do not have the income to support ~~a hobby that has become~~ such high priced tastes as Byron Johnston's pistol would be. You see, I am a curator at the U.S. Army Military History Institute in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. ~~as part of my~~ as a professional curator I keep up with the prices of military antiques both through dealers catalogues as well as attending numerous gun shows. On the market today, Byron Johnston's pistol would bring a sum higher than I could possibly afford.

in my circumstances. Nevertheless, I do appreciate your generous offer to make it available for sale to me.

Could I ask you a favor? Would it be possible for me to get photographs of the pistol? An overall shot and one of the inscription on the backstrap. I would be more than happy to pay for the photographs, also could I purchase from you a set of xerox copies of the material you have on Byron Johnston or could I borrow your copies to make xerox copies and then return yours to you? That I would appreciate very much. Please let me know the costs for the photos and xeroxing and I'll get a check off to you right away.

I am inclosing for you, with my compliments, a photograph of Capt. Byron A. Johnston. He was a fine looking soldier.

again, Dr. Meredith, thank you very much for your letter, I really appreciated hearing from you.