

J. M. Bird to M. B.
Cheney. - De flag.
Wilson, Miracle,
Cheney's wound, Gettys
burg. &

Anacortes

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Done

Capt M. B. Cheney
Lincoln Neb

Dear Captain.

I received yours
of the 25th inst asking what
I know about your bringing
off the flag of the 134th Regt
from the field at Gettysburg
July 1st 63.

On our retreat I saw
you in the main street
leading to the Cemetery,
I think near the center of
the town, you were on
horseback, and had one
if not two flags in your

arms; you said that they
belonged to the 134th Evy.

I told you that I had just
given what I supposed to
be the 134th flag, to a man
who claimed to be the color
sergeant of the 134th Evy.
You said that you were
hit.

I afterwards learned
that the bullet that struck
you, passed through your
haversack shattering an
earthen tea cup full of butter,
and producing a painful
contusion.

On the 2nd I with others
was detailed to assist at
the 11th Co's Hospital.
While there, Corporal Miracle,
of the 154th, was brought
to the operating table.

where I was assisting.
He at once recognized
me and said, "You
are the man who took
the flag when I fell in
the rout;" the rebel
Lieutenant ordered his men
to fire at you.
Corporal Miracle was shot
through the bowels and
died in a few days.
Dr. Van Arnum had
charge of the operating table.
Billy Wilson was the
only man ~~who~~ besides
us, who came out, belonging
to Co. G.

I did not see you after
leaving the brick house
until I saw you on horse
back.

Yours Truly
J. W. Britt,
Late P. Sgt. Co. G. 154th Evy.