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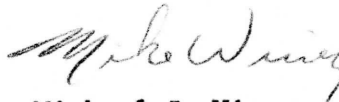
Mrs. Janet Bird Whitehurst
628 Jeffrey Road
Los Banos, CA 93635

Dear Mrs. Whitehurst:

I hope I do not appear to be a pest to you but I have not heard from you concerning photos of Alex Bird's shoulder straps so I thought I would write to see if there are any problems. Perhaps I am just impatient! When Mark Dunkelmann and I hear of some new lead on something dealing with the 154th New York we get pretty excited and being a curator as well as a collector, a pair of Civil War officer's shoulder straps are both interesting and exciting to me. I will again offer to photograph them myself if you will send them. As curator of photography I have access to photographers and a photo lab and can have the work done within a week of receiving them from you. I'll return them registered mail.

Thank you for your patience with Mark and me; you have been very generous to us in allowing us to have copied of Alex Bird's diaries and I don't want to be a bother to you.

Sincerely yours,



Michael J. Winey