

History of Cattaraugus County

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At Gettysburg a large number of the 154th were captured. The men were sent to Belle Isle, and the officers to Libby Prison. From that prison, 10th December, 1863, Capt. B.G. Casler wrote Mr. Manley: "Your box of clothing and groceries to us was received, and all in good order. It makes our condition much more comfortable. We are very much obliged to you, and we hope it will not be long before we can meet you in Washington and repay your trouble. Our health is good."

Ellis, among his credits, lists Capt. Byron A. Johnston and Lieut. Alexander Bird, of the 154th N.Y. Quite possibly one of the two wrote the diary quoted in the history of the regiment in his book.