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Dear Sir and Comrade. I wrote you 16th inst
and fear that it may have miscarried or
perhaps pressure of work has prevented
your replying. Enclosed please find
from N.Y. Post (Evening) 28 Feby. 95 reference
to Penna Regt. I send it thinking it
so strangely on the lines of my thoughts
of 16th inst. Yours very truly -

N. F. Barrett

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DOMESTIC TOPICS.

A bill to encourage the writing and publication of a history of the services of Pennsylvania regiments during the civil war has been introduced in the Legislature of that state. It provides for the naming of a commission to consist of the adjutant-general, the secretary of the commonwealth, and the state librarian, who are authorized to purchase for the use of public libraries 400 copies of the history of each regiment or battery at a cost not exceeding \$2.50 for each book. The Philadelphia Ledger, urging the passage of the bill, says: "This is a most important move, that will meet the hearty endorsement of all the veterans now living and the families and friends of those who are no more. Our state has been sadly remiss in this matter. Massachusetts, Connecticut, and other states have had laws of this nature in force for some years past, and the result has been that almost every organization that went to war from these states has a creditable history on the shelves of all the public libraries. On the contrary, the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that sent nearly half a million men to defend the Union, has only about two dozen regimental histories of more than two hundred regiments and numerous batteries which were sent to the field. The survivors of the titanic struggle are rapidly passing away, and soon the regimental associations that now exist, and that are now the repositories of the most valuable historic data, will be no more. Before it is too late, and while many of the gallant men who participated in the great war are still with us, let the state aid in securing for future generations the records of these regiments, composed of Pennsylvania's own sons."

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