

Chardon Ohio Feby. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1893.  
Judge A W Tougee  
Mayville N.Y.

Dear Sir and Comrade -

I wrote to you several weeks ago asking your terms (if you could be obtained) for writing up a history of the 105 Regt O.V.I. the data to be furnished by a committee appointed by the Regimental Association. I have heard nothing in reply. As Chairman of the Committee, I have delayed calling them together - hoping to hear from you first. If you failed to get my former letter I will upon being apprized of that fact, explain more in detail what is wanted. Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Yours paternally

M L Maynard

Secy 105<sup>th</sup> O.V.I. Regt. Association  
& Chairman Historical Committee

My dear Maynard:

Yours of Jan. 16, was received  
and answered at once — on the very day  
of its receipt. It must have gone wrong  
or else been misdirected.

~~What~~ The pur-  
port of my answer was that I could not  
give a specific reply, since I do not know  
what is wanted. Of course, you realize  
that literature is just as much a profes-  
sion to me as law or medicine to an-  
others. Some work, I could not afford  
to do at any price; while such work as I  
might be willing to do, might not be what  
would be required. I confess I do not like the  
ordinary regimental histories which seem to have  
no object but to record insignificant <sup>and often chieftable</sup> personal  
incidents. I have no sort of interest in the number  
of times John Smith visited the "sinks" during the  
month of April 1863. I would like to see a  
neat, graphic story of the Regiment, with incident  
and personal experience subordinated, written with  
a skill that should make it a permanent thing  
in literature and secure it a circulation out-  
side of regimental affiliations.