Boston Feb 18. 1895.

Judge Lourgee:

Dear Sir:

Am in receipt of your letter and Historical Souvenir for which please accept my thanks

I was much interested in looking over the Itinerary and should think every member - not to say - many of the friends of the Regt - would like one -

My Uncles' middle

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Southerners or the French - but like the English - so far as my knowledge goes a student but I am not sufficiently of men or people to compare or be a good judge of their characteristics. However they they ought, all and everyone to be willing to furnish data and incidents of called upon - I do not understand why, Maj Tuttle has not responded - I know him to be a very busy business man, and not given to much refearsing of personal affairs but know also that he had a deep interest in all that

was Ransom.

It had never occurred to me, that the people of the "Western Reserve" were especially "Comical" perhaps they are, I should say they were too sober for that in the strict sense of the word - I know them to be reserved, but when they really put their best side front, can be communicative, and interesting, if they choose, - or in other words - when they get "stirred up" no! - The Western Reserve people are not like the

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pertained to his War experience especially the Reg with which he was connected and the many friends therein

Most of our Townsmen went out in the 41st and nearly all of those who went out in the 185th from here are dead or far removed and this brings me to that which I most desired to say, Strange as it may seem to you, I had no information of any History of the 185th being written, until I saw the programme for '95 of the Cosmopolitan and saw your "Story" advertized in it for which I immediately subscribed

And it had not occurred to me until I received Mr Maynards letter, that any sketch of my uncle's life previous to or after the war would be required as I judged it was to be a history of the War record only, of that Reg—

This will explain my "remark," as I was, far from feeling offended, and merely said, what I meant, and like many others, no doubt, thought, that facts & incidents not known to the Author personally, would be obtained from Offical reports or the War department—

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That it would be an exceed-
-ingly arduous and thankless
task to collect details, from
your standpoint cannot be
denied, but you seem to
have had good grit and
perseverence in unearthing
incidents and have "fought
the good fight" to the end

I observe a picture of the
Color bearer taken on Lookout Mt.
I have the same, and four
other pictures, groups of men
and officers taken there.

If you would like
any of them, they are at your
service for illustration,
should they meet your

approval. Hoping that your "Trials" are
nearly over and that success in propor-
-tion to your labors, will crown your
efforts.

I am
Very truly yours
Mrs R. H. Ford

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