

June 13, 1957

Lieutenant Colonel William G. Barry  
Judge Advocate Section  
Headquarters Third United States Army  
Fort McPherson, Georgia

Dear Colonel Barry:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12 June 1957 in reference to my testimony at the Nickerson court-martial.

You will be better able to evaluate and understand this letter if I start by telling you that I was the Ordnance Officer of the 8th Infantry Division for slightly more than two years, 1943-1945, which period included all of its overseas and combat experience in World War II. During this period Colonel Nickerson was in command of the 56th Field Artillery which was a unit of the division.

The answers to your questions follow:

- a. Testimony as to his character, devotion to duty and interest in the military service.
- b. I do not know what detail this testimony will take, but think it will be based on experience during World War II and occasional contacts since.
- c. When I read about this court-martial I wrote Colonel Nickerson offering to be a character witness for him. He accepted by letter. That is all the communication we have had about it.
- d. I know of no other testimony that is expected of me.
- e.
  - (1) First knew him in 1943.
  - (2) I was Ordnance Officer of the 8th Infantry Division from the summer of 1943 until after the Division was returned from Europe. Colonel Nickerson commanded the 56th Field Artillery of the 8th Infantry Division. Our wives were good friends but not particularly intimate. We have had about four meetings since the war, usually for a meal and a social evening.
  - (3) Answered in c.
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- f. President, North Carolina Finishing Co., Salisbury, N. C.
- President, Erlanger Mills, Inc., Lexington, N. C.
- President, Erlanger Mills Corporation, New York, N. Y.
- Director, American Trust Company, Charlotte, N. C.
- Past President & Director, North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association
- Member Executive Committee, National Association of Finishers of Textile Fabrics

✓ Second Lieutenant World War I

✓ Lieutenant Colonel 8th Infantry Division World War II - *Very close to JCN - much older*

✓ Colonel U.S.A.R. JCO

Vestryman and former Senior Warden, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Vice President & Trustee Rowan Memorial Hospital

Director Episcopal Church Foundation of North Carolina

Trustee Salisbury Board of Education

Chairman, American Cotton Manufacturers Institute Education Committee

Trustee Winston-Salem Teachers College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

- g. Have seen no military documents through Colonel Nickerson or in any way connected with him or his work.

*JCN Millman at heart*

Very truly yours,

Julian Robertson

State of North Carolina

County of Rowan

Julian Robertson, being duly sworn, signed the foregoing instrument, and says that every statement or thing contained therein is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

My commission expires

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Employer 2500  
People  
Customers & Suppliers*

*Very close to JCN - much older  
R a certain N a Professional Soldier  
St. No Detail 6 mos + JCN had no  
ammunition - Patched  
about 70"*

*JCO trip  
Winston-Salem*