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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF DAPC-MSS-A

29 APR 1980

Ms. Dolores F. Allen
Chicopee Public Library
Market Square
Chicopee, Massachusetts 01013

Dear Ms. Allen:

This is in reply to your letter dated 5 March 1980 concerning the acquisition of a replica of the Medal of Honor awarded to Mr. Charles H. Tracy.

The Department of the Army does not have replicas of the Medal of Honor issued during the Civil War or the War with Spain. These were the earliest versions of the medal and have long since disappeared from the inventory.

As an alternative, I am inclosing a photograph of a more recent Medal of Honor for possible use in your display.

I regret that I am unable to fully comply with your request, but trust the picture may be a suitable substitute for the medal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. B. Thayer", is written over the typed name.

W. B. THAYER
CW3, USA
Chief, Authorizations Section

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STATES ARMY.
Congressional Medal of Honor.
March 1960

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