

April 25, 1961

Mr. Max W. Holden
2416 Pittsfield Boulevard
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Holden:

The Harvard Regiment was a sort of unofficial forerunner of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. It was organized in 1916 with the approval and cooperation of President Lowell and the Faculty, under the command of Captain Constant Cordier who was then on recruiting duty in Boston and volunteered his services. About one thousand students were enrolled in it. The R.O.T.C. was established during the following academic year, 1916-17.

The pistol which you have is evidently one of a pair which was presented to Captain Cordier by President Lowell for the Harvard Regiment. A sword was presented to him at the same time. The occasion was an exhibition, including a review by Major General Leonard Wood, which closed the exercises of the Regiment for the year.

We have only fragmentary information about Constant Cordier and we could not attempt to compile a biographical sketch of him for you. He was a U.S. Army officer who had previously served as military attache in some foreign countries. He had an appointment as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Harvard during the academic year 1916-17. He died the twenty-fourth of February, 1940, at Mineola, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Timball C. Elkins

Senior Assistant in the
Harvard University Archives

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C45495	Chkd. ivory stock, 'C.' on each stock, Eng. on receiver 'presented by Harvard Reg. Lt. Constant Cordier May 13, 1916'	Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., Boston	July 11
C46081	Chkd. ivory stock, 'C.' on each stock, Eng. on receiver 'presented by Harvard Reg. Lt. Constant Cordier May 13, 1916'	Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., Boston	July 11
C46741	Loan Acct.	Col. G.F. Hinton	July 13
W47117	.455 Webley	Muller Maclean Co.	June 26
W47119	.455 Webley	Muller Maclean Co.	June 26
W47120	.455 Webley	Muller Maclean Co.	June 26
W47125	.455 Webley	Muller Maclean Co.	June 26
C47518	Ivory	Weed & Co.	June 24
C47780	F.S. 9/100 in. thick	Co. G. Ist. Inf., NY, Capt. Ed J. Parish	June 26
C47797		Col. Wm. C. Skinner, J.C. Van Cleef	June 27
C48469		Insp. Sam Bryan, Ensign R. Burhan	July 6
C48515		E.C. Hedges	July 6
C48571		Insp. Sam Bryan, Ensign R. Burhan	July 6
C48573	Ad. Acct.	P.H. Loomis	July 6
C48672		Arthur W. Savage	July 1
C48674	Eng. 2	Schoverling, Daly & Gales	July 28
C48994		Winchester Rep. Arms Co., for Calcutta	August 16
C49057		Arthur W. Savage	July 1
C49067		Arthur W. Savage	July 1
C50008	Russia mark	Russian Govt.	August 3
C52609		Albert Foster, Jr., Gen. Sapojnikoff	July 28
C53289		Winchester Rep. Arms Co., for Calcutta	August 16
C53679		Paul Gibert Thebaud	August 7
C53681	Eng. on side of slide 'Melvin Sweatt'	Melvin Sweatt	August 7
C53686	Ivory	Chas. Afeld Co., C.H. Elkins	August 16
C53719		Winchester Rep. Arms Co., for Calcutta	August 16
C55837		Winchester Rep. Arms Co., for Calcutta	August 16
W56069	W65258* 200 pistols .455 Webley	London Armoury Co.	September 16
C56099		Winchester Rep. Arms Co., for Calcutta	August 16
C56293		E.I. DuPont P. Co., Rifle Sm. Div.	August 15
C56705	Ivory, Bl., Eng. on slide, 'presented to Maj. Elijah B. M(), Jr. by 1st. Bat. 2d. Reg. Aug. 5, 1916'	A. Foster, Jr., Insp. Dyer	August 26
C57258	Eng. on slide 'E.C. Crossman'	J.E. Bunding	August 22
C58036	5 lb. Pull	Sergt. J.J. Saerda	August 23
C59034	Ivory	Farwell, Ozmun K. Co., Capt. F.C. Johnson	August 31
C59792		Upper Saranac Association	September 12
W60257	W70412* 200 pistols .455 Webley	London Armoury Co.	October 31
C60882		(?)	September 23
W64667	W75946* 200 pistols .455 Webley	London Armoury Co.	November
C65330		Dkd. by Mr. Dedon, Mr. Paras, office	October 5
C67340	Eng. on slide 'Col. Wm. Hayward, 15th. Inf. NY, NY'	Col. Geo. F. Haxton	October 23
C67805	Eng. on receiver 'John Shutow Property'	John Shutow	October 28
W68654	W78825* 200 pistols .455 Webley	London Armoury Co.	December 3
C71118	6 lb. Pull	Lt. J.B. Garland, winner N.R.A. pistol match	October 31
C71121	6 lb. Pull	Lt M. D. Snyder	October 31
C72510		Col. Wm. C. Skinner, Chas L. Dickert	November 8
W72913	W74156* 100 pistols	London Armoury Co.	November 14
C74020	Eng. on L. side of receiver 'Jose R. de Lara'	Lt. Norman C. Bates	November 20
C76209	Ivory, Bl.	G. Auisuick & Co.	November 20
C76401	Indicates special targets	Russian Govt.	December 5
C77269	Selected & Targeted	A. McFarlane & Co., F.W. Molson	November 24

*Serial number ranges are approximate