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Nov 10-1927

C. A. Jones, Jr
Spur
Texas

My dear Mr Jones:

I am enclosing a letter recently received from your father in which he sends me a tentative inscription to be placed on the memorial to commemorate the "MacKenzie Trail" to be placed on the Spur ^{at some future date} I am ^{and} inviting my comments thereon -

Certain suggested changes which I have made I am also enclosing herewith and which I shall send to him as soon as he reaches Los Angeles - They are not very material but are merely in the interest of historical accuracy so long as this tablet when dedicated

Letter from that locality - referring to my story in the Fort
North Star - Telegram - "Winning Great Texas from the 'Cannibals'" -
With my best wishes - Most sincerely, Myself

ated, will stand for many years
to come - As he states, I had hoped
to make the trip to Spain the
latter part of the past summer
or early Fall, but my left eye
was fast declining to 1/2 vision
and as I could only see light
in my right ~~eye~~ eye I concluded
it was not wise to make so
long a trip thus handicapped
so I ~~now~~ had two operations per-
formed in Philadelphia by the
Specialist who removed the cata-
racts three years ago - one in Septem-
ber and the other in October -
The full results or benefits of these
operations to recover vision in my
right eye will not be known for
several months yet - If successful,
I shall hope to continue my plans
for the Texas trip - timing it if
possible, to be present at Spain
whenever you ~~will~~ conclude to
place the tablet and will noti-
fy me in ample time of the
probable date of its dedication -
and when ~~needed~~ be the most
favorable time for me to make the
journey on account of weather, clouds,
etc. ^{In the meantime, I shall keep you informed as to my condition.}
I am still getting frequent

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not only
~~equally~~ ^{and} add to its historical value
~~but~~ be of the greatest interest
 to future generations who shall
 populate that entire section
 and its rapid increase surely
 indicates a vast citizenship
 in the near future - but it
 will ^{I feel quite sure} attract and be of absorb-
 ing interest to all tourists
 who may travel over that
 ground and make Spur Inn
 their temporary stopping place.
 The suggestion is then, that
 a list of the actions which
 took place under General
 Maunier's Command on or
 near the Spur Ranch from
 1871 to 1875 be placed there-
 on as an enduring record
 and as a constant reminder to
 the permanent settler or visi-
 tor of what was taking

place within a possible radius
of 50 or 60 miles during that
period to make West Texas
safe for the men he promised.
I think such an addition to
the text of ^{your} inscription would,
briefly recited - Complete and
round out the chronological
history of the Spur Ranch -
I have prepared, with a view of
submitting the same to you - a
list of these actions - perhaps not
quite complete - Some 12 in num-
ber - on which you can pass judg-
ment - I have sent to 3 of my
men - now surviving of the Fourth
Cavalry - for the actions which
are always placed on all sol-
diers discharge papers, where their
work is clear to check up my
own list -

My tentative plan for
a trip to Texas this last summer
or early fall, was broken up
on account of threatened arthritis
and the condition of my eyes, so
that I did not deem it wise to
make the start - It was a long jour-
ney and any ~~break~~ ^{break} ~~down~~ ^{down} possibility

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- Nov 13 - 1927

My dear Mr Jones: I am in receipt of your letter enclosing the proposed inscription to be placed at some future date upon the tablet which it is proposed shall go on the "Spur Line" to Commemorate the deeds of the period you refer to - 1871 to 1875 - when my regiment - the Fourth U.S. Cavalry. with the co-operation of the Tenth and Eleventh U.S. Infantry ^{Campaigned} ~~operated~~ in that region of the Panhandle of Texas now covered in part, by the great Spur Ranch - I was very glad to hear from you after such a long period during which I had almost lost track of you, as

least any contact with you -

I was deeply
glad to know that you still
had in mind the placing of
that tablet and had outlined
the substance of the inscription,
inviting my comments thereon.

~~They~~ ^{It} seems to be all right to
me and very appropriate -

I am acceding to your request
for comments by enclosing
certain suggestions in the way
of insuring further historical
accuracy. I trust I make
these clear -

I was not surpris-
ed to see my own name inclu-
ded in the inscription, and there-
fore have suggested ^{no important} changes, leav-
ing it to your own judgment
as to the final text -

There is how-
ever, one suggestion which, un-
less you think it would add
too much to the length of the
inscription would, in my judgment

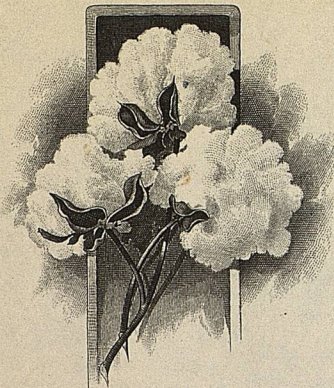
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of a headache on the road might -
mean a great deal to me -

off at Phil^a and have an operation I stopped
at the Samaritan Hospital on Sep
12 - for the removal of a capsule
on the pupil of the right eye -
which resulted after the removal of
a cataract on that eye in October
1924 - This operation in September was
not altogether successful - and
on Oct 26 - I went in the Polyclin-
ic Hospital also in Phil^a for
a second operation - Both were
painless but none resulting at my
eye - I go over next Sat to Phil^a
to have glasses adjusted - Then I
will probably be able to judge of
results - They (the specialists) hoped
to give me 50% vision - but I
doubt if I get that much - In the
meantime my left the vision in my
left eye is slowly diminishing - and
is now about 1/2 - Of course I
cannot now travel under these con-
ditions - I have written you so at
Spun that if ~~you can name the~~

Mr. Dr. Chester's Completed Map is a splendid one - I am very
much pleased with it. It was just what I wanted and started out to accomplish
when my eyes gave out. I have not been able as yet to have it reproduced - I am
glad to hear that you are better to me.

date with any degree of certainty -
or ^{even} approximately - when you would
be able to place the tables
between now and next April.
But set the date for dedication.
I would make a great effort to
be present - notifying you when
I could start etc. In the
meantime ^{would} keep you informed
as to my condition. March and
April were always good months in
Texas. In addition to arthritis in
some and eye up in the air, my
bad leg has been troubling me
and I had all my teeth out last
April - with plates not properly
adjusted yet - I am ~~sure~~ however
even something like the old flex
bitten grey horse put up as the a
apple - for a chance - with bones.
3 sparrow, wind broken - hats -
Spring trees, one glass eye, etc, etc.
I am a d-d good man for the
shape I am in. He may be a
good horse for the shape he was in.
For trusting I shall receive better
news regarding you my dear wife
and with my best wishes for you
both - Most Sincerely, Yrs R. G. Carter



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November 14, 1927.

Capt. R. G. Carter,
c/o Army & Navy Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Capt. Carter:-

Your letter of the 10th inst. is received, enclosing copy of letter to you of November 3rd from my father, and the amendments which you suggest in connection with the tentative marker for the Mackenzie Trail which he submitted. I am sending this information to him at Los Angeles, and am confident he will be very glad indeed to have your thoughtful suggestions.

Noting the operations which you have had performed on your eyes, I am very hopeful indeed that the results will be all that you anticipate, and that you will be able to come to Texas, particularly to Spur, as originally planned. We shall be glad indeed to advise you in advance of the placing of this marker at Spur.

I am glad to note that you still are receiving letters with regard to your splendid series of articles which appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

With cordial good wishes,

Yours truly,

CBJ:MH

Clifford B. Jones

14 November, 1927.

My dear Mr. Jones:

I am in receipt of your letter enclosing the proposed inscription to be placed at some future date upon the tablet which it is proposed shall go on the "Spur Inn" to commemorate the events of the period you refer to - 1871 to 1875 - when my regiment - the Fourth U. S. Cavalry - with the cooperation of the Tenth and Eleventh U. S. Infantry, campaigned in that region of the Panhandle of Texas, now covered, in part, by the great Spur Ranch.

I was very glad to hear from you after such a long period during which I had about lost track of you, at least contact with you.

I was doubly glad to know that you still had in mind the placing of that tablet and had outlined the substance of the inscription, inviting my comments thereon. It seems to be all right to me and very appropriate. I am acceding to your request for comments by enclosing certain suggestions in the way of insuring further historical accuracy. I trust I make these clear.

I was not prepared to see my name included in the inscription and therefore have suggested no important changes, leaving it to your own judgment as to the final text.

There is, however, one suggestion which, unless you think it would add too much to the length of the inscription, would, in my judgment, not only greatly add to its historical value and be of the greatest interest to future generations who shall populate that entire section - and its rapid increase surely indicates a vast citizenship in the near future - but it will, I feel quite sure, attract and be of absorbing interest to all tourists who may travel over that ground and make "Spur Inn" their temporary stopping place. The suggestion is this; that a list of the actions which took place under General Mackenzie's command on or near the Spur Ranch from 1871 to 1875 be placed thereon as an enduring record and as a constant reminder to the permanent settler or visitor of what was taking place within a possible radius of 50 or 60 miles during that period to make West Texas safe for the would-be pioneer. I think such an addition to

the text of your inscription would - briefly recited - complete and round out the chronological history of the Spur Ranch. I have prepared, with a view of submitting the same to you, a list of these actions, perhaps not quite complete, some 12 in number, on which you can pass judgment. I have sent to three of my men, now surviving of the Fourth Cavalry, for the actions which are always placed on all soldiers discharge papers when their records are clear, to check up my own list.

My tentative plan for a trip to Texas this last summer or early fall was broken up on account of threatened arthritis and the condition of my eyes, so that I did not deem it wise to make the start. It was a long journey and any possibility of a breakdown on the road might mean a great deal to me.

I stopped off at Philadelphia and had an operation at the Samaritan Hospital on September 12th for the removal of a capsule on the pupil of the right eye which resulted after the removal of a cataract on that eye in October 1924. This operation in September was not altogether successful, and on October 26th I went to the Polyclinic Hospital, also in Philadelphia, for a second operation. Both were painless but nerve racking at my age. I go over next Saturday to Philadelphia to have glasses adjusted. Then I will probably be able to judge of results. They (the specialists) hoped to give me 50% vision, but I doubt if I get that much. In the meantime the vision in my left eye is slowly diminishing and is now about one-half. Of course I could not travel under these conditions. I have written your son at Spur that if the date with any degree of certainty, or even approximately, can be named when you would be able to place the tablet between now and next April, and set the date for dedication, I would make a great effort to be present, notifying you when I could start, etc. In the meantime I would keep you informed as to my condition. March and April were always good months in Texas.

In addition to arthritis in spine and eye up in the air, my bad leg has been troubling me and I had all my teeth out last April, with plates not properly adjusted yet. I am, however, something like the old flea bitten grey horse put up at a raffle - \$1.00 a chance - with heaves, 3 spavins, wind broken, botts, sprung knees, one glass eye, etc., etc. "I am a d---d good man for the shape I am in." He was a "good hoss for the shape he was in."

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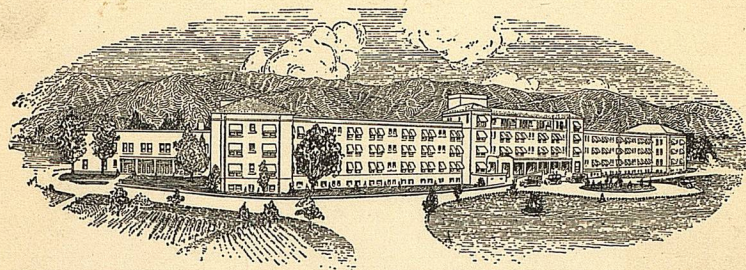
Mr. Dorchester's completed map is a splendid one. I am very much pleased with it. It was just what I wanted and started out to accomplish when my eyes gave out. I have not been able as yet to have it reproduced. I am sending you his last letter to me.

Trusting I shall receive better news regarding your invalid wife and with my best wishes for yourboth, I am

Most sincerely yours,

R. G. Carter,
Captain, U.S.A., Ret.

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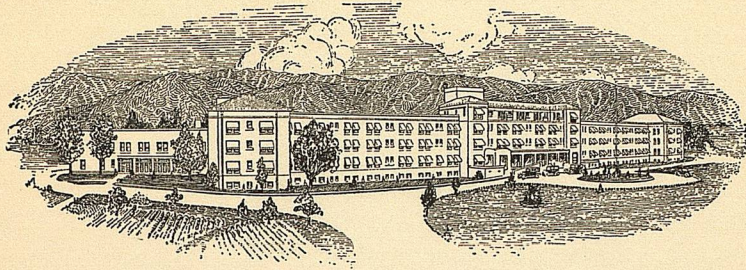
Nov. 28, 1927

Dear Captain:-

On arrival at Los Angeles I received
your letter of Nov. 14th with appreciated com-
ments on the wording of the inscription
commemorating the Mackenzie trail.

Thank you very much for adding historical
data to increase interest and this will be
added, unless found impractical or too
much matter for suitable display. As I
find time and opportunity I will investigate
with concerns best capable of handling
the mechanical details. Noting that you
have sent the list of engagements to three
of your men, ~~and~~ know that you will
advise me when their report is in if they

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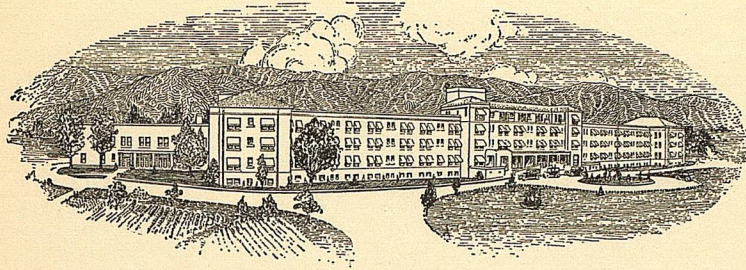
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incline you to make corrections or additions.

I am sure you were wise in your decision to abandon your contemplated trip to Spun Ranch, under the conditions you describe. I am grieved to have you say that you have such a combination of physical infirmities. In the face of all of the suffering and discomfort which they must impose, I am marveling at the brave spirit which radiates from your letter and I hence subscribe heartily to your humorous statement that you are "a d-d good man for the shape you are in".

I am so glad you are pleased with the Dorchester map and it is cheering to have you say the result is just what you had started out to accomplish when you

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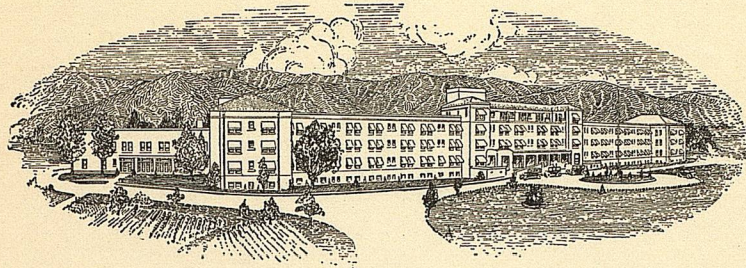


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eyes failed.

I have read with interest the letter from Mr. Dorchester and its enclosed letter from ^{Prof} ~~Mr.~~ Dobie. Noting that Mr. Dorchester requests you to return Prof Dobie's letter I am enclosing both the Dorchester and Dobie letters. You have awakened a wholesale interest in the old Indian days in many directions, with historical data of the authentic type. There is so much misstatement and imaginative stuff that it is refreshing to those who are interested to have dependable knowledge.

Immediately upon reaching California (Miss Jones being already in Los Angeles)



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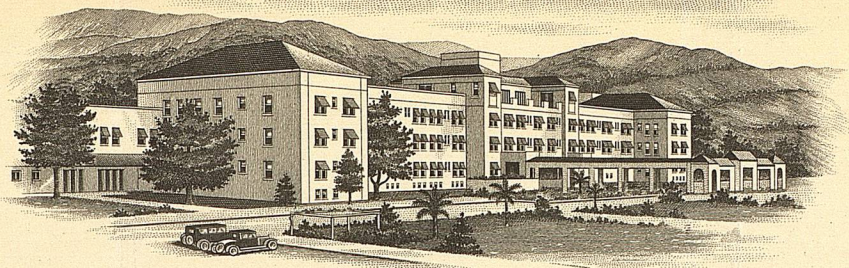
we decided on this place as best suited to
help in our hard battle for reasonable
health and are much pleased with it.

The days are glorious with bright sunshine,
perfect temperatures and a situation in the
foothills far removed from city dust, smell
and noise. It will probably take a long
time to bring about a return to anything
approaching strength, but it would be hard
to imagine a better setting for the purpose.

My address will continue to be care of
the Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, as
this is in reality a suburb of that wide-
spread city and I will get into town now and
then.

Sincerely yours,

Calzone



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Feb. 26, 1928.

Dear Captain Carter:-

Please forgive me for allowing the matter of the memorial to the MacKeargie Trail to rest so long. It has often been in mind, but only lately have I had opportunity to investigate.

On discussing it with an outstanding concern here, we have arrived at the conclusion that it can be made of greater interest if the memorial be engraved or beautifully executed in some ^{printed} form, which would permit the use of some illustrations, which would carry the idea more impressively than is possible in any tablet. It is suggested that your picture and that of Gen MacKeargie be used, and, if available, a group picture of officers of your old command, and any emblem or insignia adopted by the Fourth Cavalry. One of the experts called in expressed the thought that if the Cavalry could be shown in action with Indians fleeing in the distance it would be symbolic. It might not be amiss to use picture of such of the vanquished chiefs as can be secured. I realize that in those early days picture were much of a rarity, but you must have

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Please address me Can Citizen National Bank, Los Angeles, which is
our regular address.



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Picture of Stark and others as you used reproductions in
"The Old Sergeant's Story." I feel that you would be the best
judge of what pictures would add most to its value as a
memorial, out of the collection you have. If you will make some
selections and send them on you may be sure of extreme care and
return to you after they have served the artist's purpose. His
plan will make it easily possible to include the record of
engagements kindly sent by you some time back. The whole
would be appropriately framed and made fast to the wall of
the lobby of the Inn, where every guest would see it.

Mrs. Jones and I have been at this institution ever since
I came out in November, for the benefit of its dietary
regime and are very pleased. The intervening time has been
one of ^{alternate} hopes and discouragements, but at last she seems improving
satisfactorily. It is truly delightful as to climate.

I hope your own health has been better and that your
eyesight has not been a source of great discomfort.

As to your own picture I think it well to leave to you what
picture you would prefer to use, presuming it would be more fitting to
use one taken in uniform about the time of your activities in Texas.
Whatever you prefer will be adapted. Sincerely, yours C.A. Jones

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7 March, 1928.

My dear Mr. Jones:

Yours of February 26th received. I was glad to hear from you. Please accept my sincere congratulations on the slow but hopeful, if not now the seemingly assured improvement, in your good wife's health.

The radical change which you now offer from your original plan for marking the "Mackenzie Trail", i.e., substituting a printed or engrossed inscription with Indian actions included, to be framed and hung in the lobby of "Spur Inn", with a group of officers of the Fourth U. S. Cavalry and, if possible, a few of the leading Indian chiefs of that period, and perhaps a graphic picture of a charge, - all appeals to me in a way and the possibilities of its accomplishment seem favorable.

It would not be, of course, in as permanent a form as a bronze tablet, since any print on the paper as now manufactured would soon fade and the paper, even framed, grows brittle and crumbles. Furthermore, it occurs to me that in time - as soon as it became known - there might come some objections from the descendants of the Infantry officers (10th and 11th) who commanded the escorts to our supply trains between Fort Griffin and Soldiers Mound (Anderson Fort), although they took no part in the various actions in and about Canons Blanco, Tule and the Palo Duro. So long, however, as it would be impossible to secure all of the pictures of all officers - both cavalry and infantry - who were in the various campaigns, and as both the Infantry regiments are named in the inscription as having been present and participating in those campaigns, such an omission may well be considered as comparatively unimportant.

Now I have a good group of officers of the Fourth Cavalry, most of whom served at various periods from 1871 to 1876 in the Texas Panhandle against those Indians, from which to select. My daughter in St. Louis has my illustrated volume giving the names of all Medal of Honor men. The book is entitled "Deeds of Valor" and I think could be found in the public library at Los Angeles. Some artist without consulting me made an illustration showing me in action with Quannah Parker's Qua-ha-da band of Commanche Indians at the mouth of Canon Blanco, Oct. 10, 1871. Of course it is one of these imaginative pictures created in the artist's mind, and in detail is not true,

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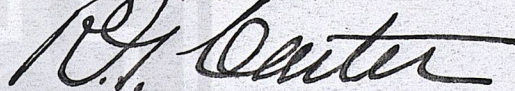
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because I am shown with my back to the butte with my little band of five men - one of which was killed and two wounded. Whereas, the Comanches had their back to the butte as we advanced against them. Otherwise it would reproduce well as a charge made by Indians, with their war bonnets on, mounted on fleet ponies and yelling. They are bunched but it is a spirited picture and a fairly good likeness of myself, - all made up from my description of the fight but wrongly interpreted as to position, etc. This picture could be reversed by any good artist, i.e., the Indians could be shown running away - which was actually the case as soon as the command came to my rescue. See if you cannot find it at public library in Los Angeles.

I find from the discharge of my men that the spelling of some of the names differs and on one discharge the action of Palo Duro Canyon is given as "Canoncita Blanco". These are comparatively immaterial, so long as the localities are preserved.

Hoping to hear from you again soon, I am

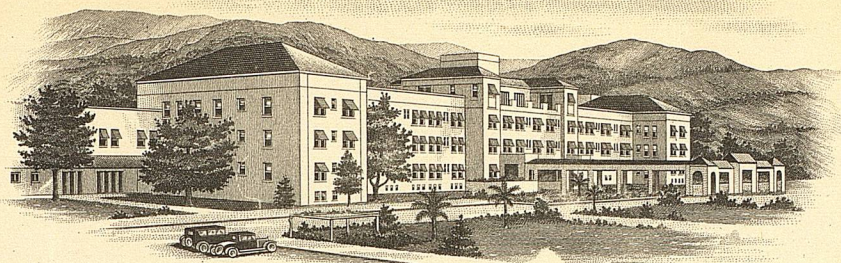
Sincerely yours,



R. G. Carter,
Captain, U.S.A., Ret.

P.S. My health has not been good at all this winter.

C. A. Jones, Vice President,
Freeport Sulphur Company,
New York, N. Y.



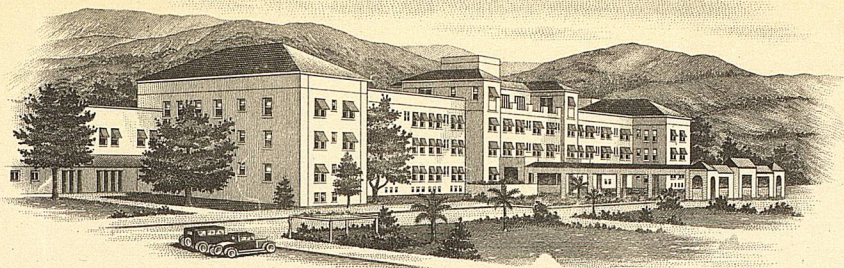
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March 28, 1928.

Dear Captain Carter:-

Yours of the 7th inst. was received some little time ago and I have delayed answering until a decision was reached as to the memorial of the Mackenzie trail. I could sense from your letter that you were disappointed in the suggestion that any printed or engraved form be substituted for the bronze tablet, and I have placed an order for the latter, using the wording which we had chosen, with your corrections to insure accuracy incorporated, and it will be completed in about one month and then forwarded to my son Clifford at Spear for placement. As the sole surviving officer of the campaign against the Indians under Mackenzie your wishes are entitled to first place in this matter. I had believed that the other form would permit the preparation of a memorial on parchment so embellished with picture of you and Genl Mackenzie and your brother officers and such of the Indian chiefs as were obtainable, to be intensely interesting and would last as

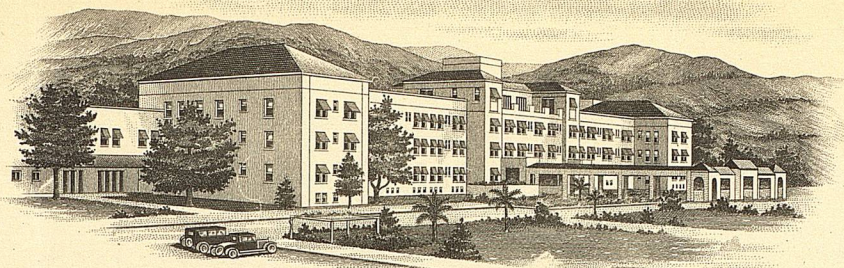


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long as the immediate posterity of anyone now alive would be capable of interest. However before wholly abandoning the idea I made a search at the Los Angeles library for "Deeds of Valor." It was not there, nor could it be found listed in the immense Catalogues supposed to list all published books. Failing, I solicited the aid of the librarian who searched among the records of all the literature referring to Texas Indian Wars and traits (which is voluminous) in the hope that some picture of you might exist. I enclose the letter reporting failure. The bronze tablet will be less expensive than the estimate for the other form of memorial - because of the cost of the reproduction of pictures in a proper way and the de luxe design under consideration. As to its lasting quality I had in mind a parchment framed in our New York office, which is nearly 100 years old, same being a communication from Sam Houston as President of the Republic of Texas in its first year (1836) this being "To the Comanche Chief," a very simply worded message lapsing for peaceful relations. You will note his spelling of final syllable "Chie."

Will use Palo Duro instead of Canoncito Blanco, as the former name has survived, and is exceedingly well known in our



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Country, as is also Tule Cañon, the scene of the killing of nearly a thousand Indian Ponies. If I can identify present day names, ~~for~~ ^{of} some of the localities which are not identified by the names you used in the old days will use the former. For instance Boehm's Cañon, which has no doubt a different name now - at least is unknown to me.

I am sure the decision to use bronze will please you.

Am most regretful at the conclusion of your letter saying your health has not been at all good the winter. Spring generally brings revival both in Nature and humanity and I hope this will be the case with you.

Sincerely yours,

C. Jones.

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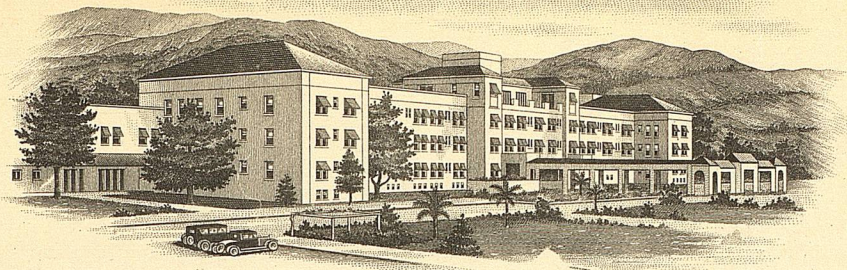
Dear Sir:

I am sorry to have to report that I have been unable to find a picture of Captain Robert G. Carter. None of the books on Texas history, the old trails or the Indian Wars of the Southwest have any.

Very truly yours,

Susanna C. Ott, Principal
History Department

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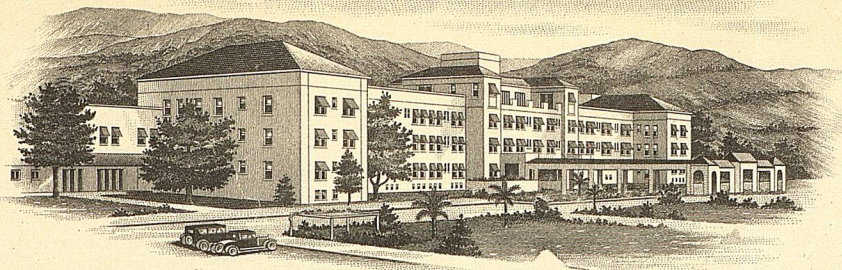
Apl. 19, 1928.

Dear Capt. Carter:

I am very sorry to learn from yours of the 13th of the passing of your brother, leaving you as the sole surviving member of your immediate family. I can realize what this means to you.

The tablet is in process of manufacture and if the word of the factory is to be relied on will be ready for shipment about the end of this month. I am very much interested in your statement that you may go to Spur to be present when the tablet is placed and am passing your letter on to my son Clifford so that he may know of this possibility and he will share my hope that you will be able to do so and welcome you if you come. There is no need for haste for placing the tablet - having waited over 50 years a few weeks more or less will not be vital. I will suggest to Clifford that when the tablet is in hand that he confer with you and find out from you what is your decision as to coming and

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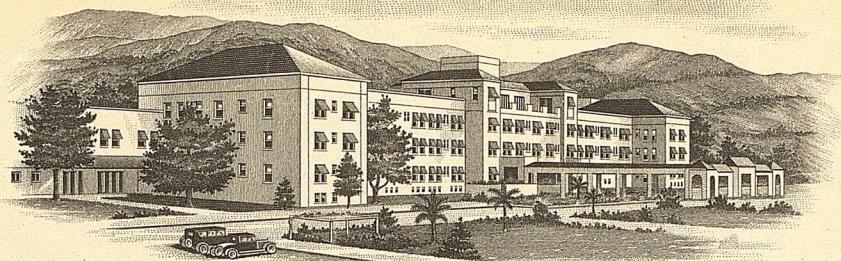
if there is a prospect of your being able to come in a few weeks to arrange a date agreeable to you. I can understand from your description of your poor physical state that it will be quite an ordeal for you to make the trip, but will hope for improvement. If you decide to come you and your companion will be made guests of the Spur Inn for the occasion, Clifford being as happy to have you, as I would be.

Sincerely yours,

C. Jones

Chetzer National Bank,
Los Angeles.

P.S. - I am stumped on your designation of Tahuka Lagoon (La Quatra Rica). Tahuka has become Tahoka (an Indian word) and I am so using it. And am using La Quatra Rica, although can find no authority for it. I sought help from Spanish speaking friends but they could not give any. As a last resort I went to the Los Angeles public library and interviewed their chief authority on Spanish. Rica is feminine of Rico or rich. There is no Spanish word Quatra nearest I could trace is Cuatro (four). Several volunteered that it must be intended for "The four rich women", but as the female

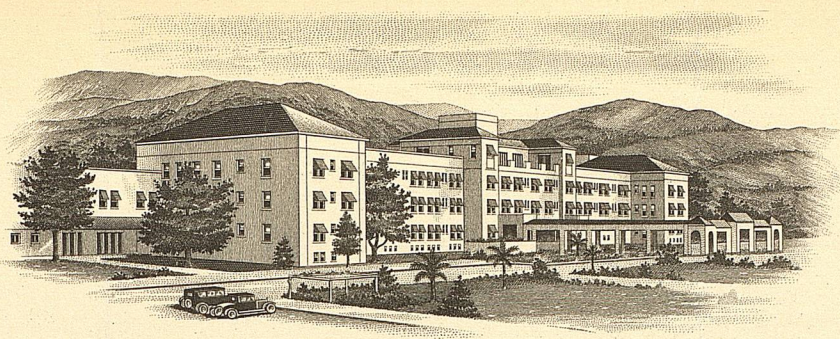


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Population of that region at that time was confined to
Indian Squaws, that is a poor fit. So your La Quatra Rica
stands and I will defy anyone to discredit it or disprove it.
I am sure your records of early day names are responsible
and correct for the period of your activities.

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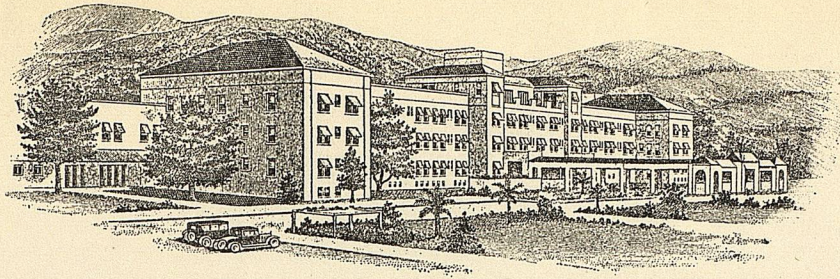
May 16th 1928

Capt. A. G. Carter
% Army and Navy Club.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Carter:-

At last the bronze tablet is finished - the makers having required more time than estimated, and I preferred to let them take all the time they felt necessary, rather than chance unsatisfactory result under pressure. It is well and accurately done. It will go forward by express today or tomorrow to Clifford, and he will communicate with you promptly on receipt, so as to learn your plans as to coming to Spess when tablet is to be placed. I greatly hope your health is sufficiently improved to make the trip. Sincerely yours,

Gene



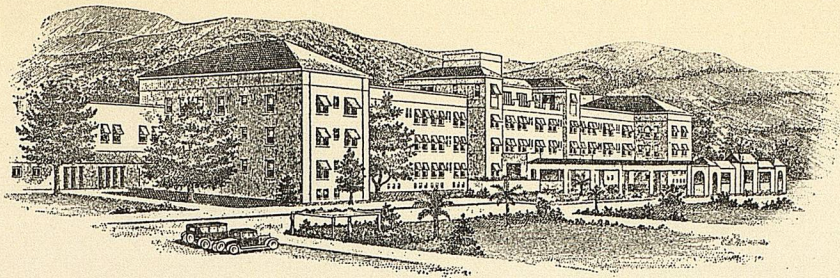
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May 26, 1928.

Dear Captain Carter:-

With much regret I have yours of the 21st inst. advising that you would be Compelled to forego the trip to Spur so as to be present at the placing of the Mackenzie Trail tablet. I can understand how reluctantly you give this up, but it is clear that it would be most hazardous for you to undertake it in view of the physical handicap which just now beset you. Clifford will be very disappointed, and we will both hope you can come to Spur at some time at a fairly early date and see the tablet and the vastly changed scene of your early campaigning in that region and other portions of Texas.

Your expressions of appreciation are treasured, but are too profuse. I feel under obligations to you for information making possible the proper wording of the memorial. I most sincerely hope you will soon completely master your



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Troubles and that Comfort will be restored.

Answering your kind inquiry I am glad to say Mrs. Jones is somewhat better.

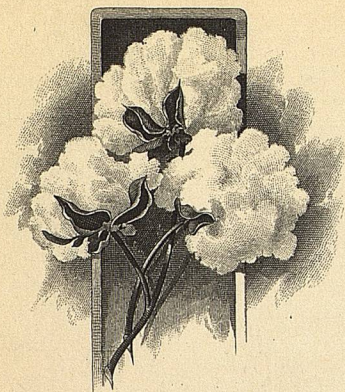
I do not know if I have referred to my relationship to Gen. Eli Hoyle, who held my admistration throughout his life. While a cousin only he was close to me. One of my boys is named for him, ^{HOYLE JONES.} I am sure you knew him or knew of him. He was the most completely army-ign man I ever knew, marrying Gen. DeRussys daughter and all his children married in the army.

Ever sincerely

C. Jones

Citizens National Bank
Los Angeles

This tablet is ^{Mem} 30" X 30" and is to be placed over the fireplace in the Spur Inn (see C. A. Jones, Jr.) letter to me.



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May 29, 1928.

Captain R.G. Carter,
Army & Navy Club,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Captain Carter:

Father has forwarded your letter of May 21st, from which I learn, with deepest regret, of your recent attack of vertigo and your consequent physical condition which will not permit at this time, or any time soon, of your trip to Spur to be present on the occasion of the placing in the Spur Inn of the bronze tablet in commemoration of the activities of the Fourth United States Cavalry and the conspicuous part which you played therein. This is a great disappointment for every reason. I earnestly hope that your indisposition is but temporary, and that soon you will return to normal health.

I had deferred advising you of the arrival at Spur of the very attractive and very interesting bronze tablet, which Father had cast at Los Angeles. I was awaiting word from Father as to what date he and Mother might perhaps be able to come to Spur for that occasion, in order to suggest to you a tentative date which would

#2 Captain R.G. Carter.

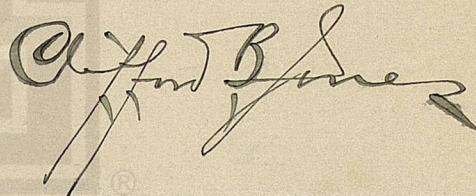
perhaps be convenient both for you and him.

Father had some photographs taken of the tablet, two copies of which I enclose, at his request. I know you will find them interesting.

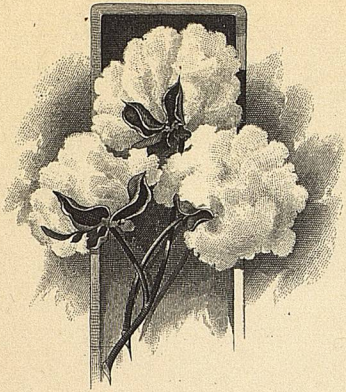
Some time soon we shall place the tablet and I shall send you newspaper item with respect thereto.

With all good wishes for your better health, and hopeful that you will be able at a reasonably early date to make the contemplated trip to Texas, which undoubtedly would prove of vast interest to you, should your health permit; and on such occasion looking forward, of course, to our having you as our guest at Spur,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Albert B. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

CBJ:ET
Encs.



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June 15, 1928.

Captain R.G. Carter,

U.S.A. RETired,
Army and Navy Club,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Carter:

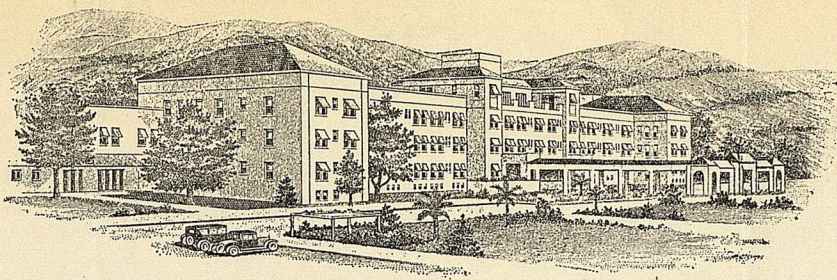
Upon my return to Spur I have yours of the 7th inst. expressing gratification over the appearance of the bronze tablet which has been received and which will be installed over the fireplace in the Spur Inn. Its dimensions are about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet square.

I am ever so glad to know that your health is improved and I trust that we may have continued good report.

A letter from my Father advises that he will be glad indeed to arrange for the six additional photographs which you desire. You, no doubt, will hear from him promptly.

Cordially yours,

CBJ:ET



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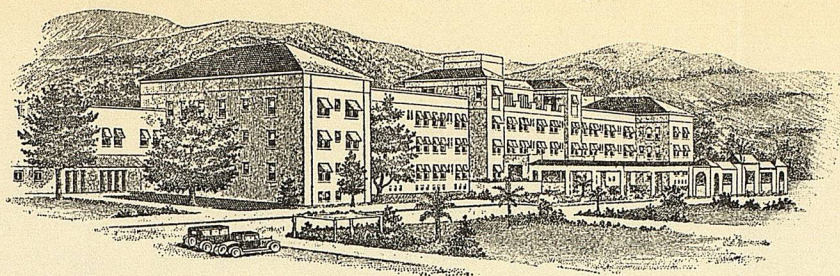
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June 29th, '28

My dear Captain Carter:-

Ten days ago my brother and I were called here on account of my father's illness (pneumonia) I am overjoyed to be able to say that he is completely out of danger and is rapidly regaining his strength.

There has been some delay in procuring the six extra copies of the photograph of the tablet ordered by Father prior to his illness. These copies have now been received and I am forwarding them to you today.

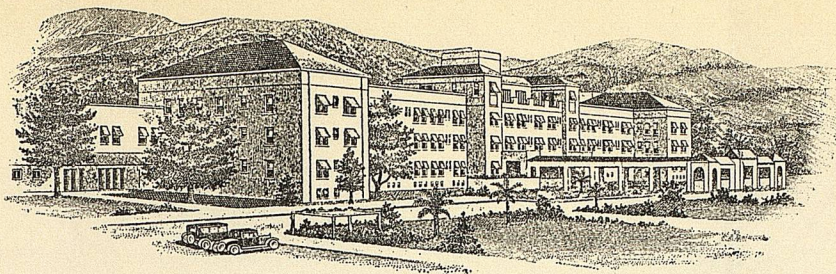


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I hope you are improved in health. Father sends kindest regards in which I join.

Sincerely yours,
Clifford B. Jones.

Acknowledgment of your letter of June 4th to my father was delayed by him in anticipation of the early receipt of the additional copies of the photograph which he immediately ordered. His illness then prevented such acknowledgment. Your letter



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Requested that bill be sent you for
the photographs, but Father wishes you
assured that it is a great pleasure
to provide you with them.

C.B.S.

Army & Navy Club,
Washington, D.C.
June 15, 1928.

Memorandum

This bronze tablet - 30" x 30" - was placed over the fireplace in the lobby of "Spur Inn", ~~May 1928~~ ^{Aug-16, 1928.} as a voluntary and generous gift to commemorate some of the events of that historic period - 1871 to 1875 - by C. ^{B.} Jones of No. 61 Broadway, New York City, whose son, Clifford ^{B.} Jones, jr., is now the manager of the great Spur Ranch, containing 673 square miles of ranch lands situated in Dickens County, Texas, in the region once known as the "L'lano Estacado" ("Staked Plains") in the Texas "Panhandle".

"Soldier Mound" was the big supply camp to which all of the supplies were hauled from Fort Griffin, Texas, 730 miles distant, and from which our pack trains were loaded which were used on our many expeditions and scouts from that point, and as far West as Forts Sumner and Bascom, New Mexico.

It was known as "Anderson's Fort" and was named after Major (later Major General) Thomas M. Anderson, Tenth U. S. Infantry, who commanded this camp composed of ⁵ companies of the Tenth and Eleventh U. S. Infantry, and who piled boxes, barrels and bags in the form of a rectangular defensive work which might be used as such should the Indians pass the flanks and to the rear of the Cavalry columns.

As the sole surviving officer of that command and the only one so badly and permanently injured in action at Canon Blanco, now a part of Spur Ranch, as to be compelled to go on the retired list by reason thereof, Mr. Jones insisted on placing my name on the tablet, although it is dedicated to General Mackenzie and "all of his gallant officers and soldiers who freed West Texas of the predatory and murderous bands of Comanches, Cheyennes, Kiowas, Arapahoes and Lipans", opening up that vast tract to settlement and the advance of civilization to the extreme Western and Northern borders of the state.

R.G. Carter, Capt., USA, Ret. Formerly 4th U.S. Ca

(COPY)

THE MACKENZIE TRAIL

This famous, historic trail crossed this spot and
made and ^{*U.S.*} was used by the ^{*U.S.*} Fourth Cavalry, Tenth and Eleventh Infantry
[^] under command of General ^{*a*} R^{*a*}onald Slidell Mackenzie in their
Indian campaigns of 1871 to 1875. Soldier Mound, four miles
north of this spot, was one of the important bases of operations.
To him and his gallant officers and soldiers who freed West Texas
of the predatory and murderous bands of Comanches, Kiowas,
Lipans, Cheyennes and Arapahoes, this tablet is dedicated.
^{*Fourth U.S. Cavalry*}
Captain Robert G. Carter [^] is especially worthy of honor because
^{*and permanent*} of serious [^] injuries received in action against the Indians on
what is now the Spur Ranch, compelling his ^{*early*} retirement from
[^] active service.

Portland, Me., Aug 18-1928

Telegram (Night Letter) to G. B. Jones,
Spur, Texas - Sent from La Fayette
Hotel - 5 P.M.

" Sincere greetings, best
wishes and warmest congratulations to
the hardy pioneers of the Texas Pan-
handle who, following the Mackenzie
Trail, made it possible for that vast
region to pursue the paths of rapid
civilization, modern progress and
material prosperity - Your telegram
following later from Washington
made it impossible for answer to
be used at the unveiling as you
requested. Letter follows -

(Signed) R. H. Carter.

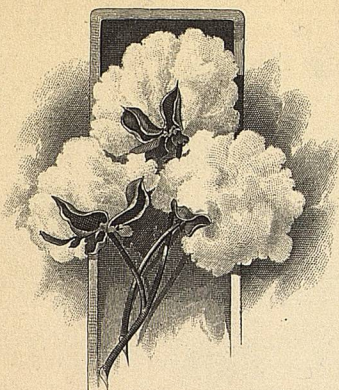
Portland, Me., Aug. 18, 1928.

Telegram (night letter) to C. B. Jones, Spur, Texas.

Sent from LaFayette Hotel, 5 P.M.

"Sincere greetings, best wishes and warmest congratulations to the hardy pioneers of the Texas Panhandle who, following the Mackenzie Trail, made it possible for that vast region to pursue the paths of rapid civilization, modern progress and material prosperity. Your telegram following later from Washington made it impossible for answer to be used at the unveiling as you requested. Letter follows.

(Signed) R. G. Carter. "



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Capt. Robert G. Carter,

U.S.A. Retired,
Army and Navy Club,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Carter:

This morning I am in receipt of your telegram from Portland, Maine, in response to mine of Wednesday night, which was forwarded to you at Portland, too late for a reply on the occasion of the unveiling of the tablet last Thursday.

I thank you very much for your telegram referred to and its splendid sentiment. Its failure to arrive on Thursday gave me considerable anxiety as to the condition of your health, feeling confident that you were either away from Washington or quite ill, else I would have heard; but in connection with the unveiling ceremony, I gave the audience a message from one of your letters regarding the unveiling which answered the purpose of a close contact with you that day and the newspapers will carry the item of receipt of a message from you.

#2 Captain Robert G. Carter.

Naturally, very considerable interest was taken in the unveiling of the tablet. I learned afterward that there was present a man who had served in later years in the Eleventh Infantry and a man who had served a very short time in recent years with the Fourth Cavalry, but definite reference was, of course, made to the fact that you are undoubtedly the only surviving officer of the old Fourth.

The unveiling was made the feature that day of the meeting of the Spur Rotary Club and the interest manifest by the club and by the considerable number of visitors was very great.

Following the address in connection with the unveiling of the tablet, Rev. Davidson, formerly of Kansas City, led the audience in a prayer for your better health and long life and in heartfelt gratitude for your accomplishments and that of General Mackenzie and your and his comrades in arms for what you and they did for West Texas.

On every hand expressions of regret were heard that your condition of health would not permit attendance. It would have added so much to the occasion.

Earnestly hopeful that your health is much better and with kind regards in which my father, still being in California, would wish to join,

Cordially yours,

Clifford B. Jones

CBJ:ET

I will send you newspaper clippings.

(COPY)

THE SHERWOOD, Portland, Maine, Aug. 18, 1928.

C. B. Jones,
Spur, Texas.

My dear Mr. Jones:

I regret very much that I did not receive your telegram in time to have responded in a manner to have contributed to the interest of the unveiling of the Mackenzie tablet on Thursday last.

I trust you got my night letter of the 17th.

I was compelled to leave Washington August 9th on account of the extremely hot weather, but not knowing that you had set any date for the unveiling of the tablet left word at the Army and Navy Club for all mail, etc., to be forwarded to me here. I had to stop off at Philadelphia to have my eyes looked over and your telegram of Wednesday night forwarded to me on Thursday was not received by me in time after my arrival to send a wire that would reach you in time.

I trust all went off well, and if any account is printed in your local paper will you please forward me several copies of the same? I hope that your father has completely recovered his health since his attack of pneumonia, also that your mother is still convalescing at Glendale sanitarium, where both were last located.

Thanking you most cordially for your kind telegram which I most warmly appreciated, and for the continued interest which both your father and yourself have taken in the placing of what will prove to be a most valuable and permanent memorial in honor of my old regiment and its splendid officers and gallant soldiers.

I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

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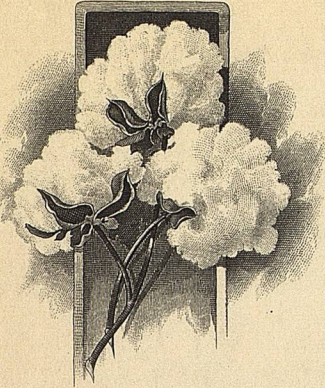
I would suggest the following changes:

In the word "Ronald", change o to a making it "Ranald."

Before the word "used", make it read: made and used. Since The Fourth U. S. Cavalry was the first regiment to make that trail, otherwise one might infer that some other regiment might have made the trail which we (the Fourth U. S. Cavalry) afterwards used.

So long as my name is to be included in the inscription, and three regiments (Fourth U.S. Cavalry, Tenth and Eleventh U.S. Infantry) are given as having used the trail, the regiment to which I belonged should be indicated as follows: "Captain Robert G. Carter, ^{formerly} Fourth U. S. Cavalry", otherwise I might belong to any one of the three regiments named.

After the word "serious", add the words "and permanent" so as to read: "serious and permanent injuries"; also, in the words "compelling his retirement", make it read "compelling his early retirement".



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August 23, 1928.

Capt. R.G. Carter, U.S.A. Retired,

Army and Navy Club,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Carter:

Your nice letter of the 18th inst. is received, in
response to my telegram of the 15th inst. directed to you at
Washington.

I am sorry to learn that your absence from Washing-
ton is occasioned by the extreme heat, which evidently you
found enervating..

I have received copy of your interesting item which
appeared in the Frontier Times of their current issue. As re-
quested, I enclose several copies of our local paper.

As requested, I am sending a copy of the local item
appearing in the Spur paper to Geo. W. Webb, Commander-in-chief
of the National Indian War Veterans of the United States, St.
Joseph, Missouri.

With appreciation of your thoughtful inquiry, please
be advised that my Father has made a complete recovery from

#2 Captain R.G. Carter.

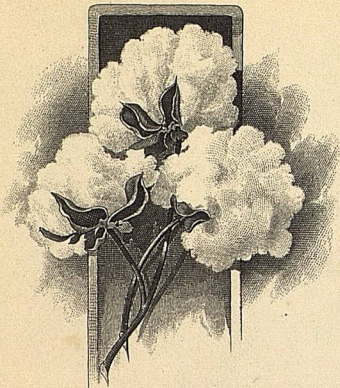
pneumonia, and is now in his usual state of health. Mother, thank you, is somewhat better.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Cliff B. Jones

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August 28, 1928.

E.D. Dorchester, Esq.,
Freeport Sulphur Company,
Freeport, Texas.

Dear Mr. Dorchester:

This will confirm the following Night Letter of this
date:

"Dallas News asks their Lubbock correspondent
for story on your map of MacKenzie Trails and
have asked for photograph for benefit of cut.
If agreeable please have photograph made at
my expense and send at early convenience, with
such data as you would like to see incorporated
in such article."

That splendid map has aroused considerable interest in
this general section of the country. I sent one of the blue
prints to Texas Technological College, which was exceedingly
glad to have it, and I know from other sources that you have
sent this sama data to the University of Texas.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Clifford B. Jones,

FREEPORT SULPHUR COMPANY

FREEPORT, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 10, 1928

Captain R.G. Carter
Farragut Square
of Army and Navy Club
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you last October, thinking you would be back in Washington, from your vacation in Portland, Maine.

You mentioned in one of your letters from Portland that you did not examine the Mackenzie map tracing, before you left for Portland, but the covering showed that it had not received good treatment. Naturally, I am interested to know whether the tracing was injured or not, and would be glad to hear from you, since I received no reply to my letter.

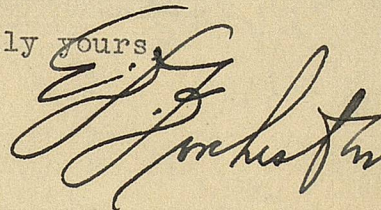
Enclosed find letter from Mr. Clifford B. Jones, son of our friend C.A. Jones; kindly return when you have read it.

Mr. Jones, Sr. asked me to send six of the blue prints to his son, and I infer that is where the "Dallas News" got in touch with this map. *Mr. Clifford Jones*

Relative to complying with his request, I replied that my idea was that you should first be consulted, because you might have other plans. Kindly let me hear from you, so I can advise him.

With many kind regards, and trusting you continue to enjoy good health,

Cordially yours



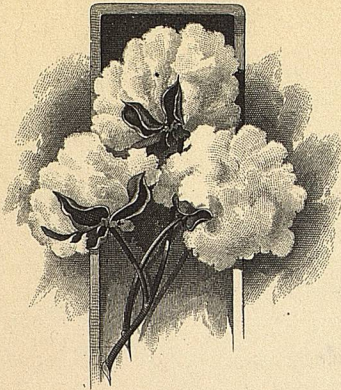
E.D. Dorchester/ hl.

Encl.

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September 10, 1928.

Capt. R.G. Carter,
c/o Sherwood Hotel,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Captain Carter:

The Dallas News is interested in running a story of
the map which Mr. E.D. Dorchester of Freeport, prepared of
the Mackenzie Trails, etc., from data which you submitted.
They desire a photograph of the map and I write to inquire
whether you see any objection to letting them have this
data and whether you are entirely agreeable to their sugges-
tion. Probably the reduction of such photograph would pre-
clude the legibility of some of the finer notes thereon,
but in the main it would be exceedingly helpful to the pub-
lics better understanding of conditions of those early days.

I believe that Mr. Dorchester sent you the tracing
of the map some time in June of last year.

With kindest regards and best wishes, and thanking
you for your advices at your convenience,

Yours truly,

Clifford B. Jones

CBJ:ET