

Henniker NH Nov 23/32
Captain R G Carter USA
Army and Navy Club
Washington DC

Dear Captain

It has been a long
time since I heard from
you and I had intended
writing before this but I
believe that as I grow older
the spirit of procrastination
grows on me. I have just
celebrated my 79th birth day
on Nov 14th and aside from
a severe cold that about
did me up am as well as
usual. Altho I have not written

I have had you constantly
in mind and have been
solicitous for your comfort
and good health I hope
the arthritis has somewhat
abated and you are feeling
better than when last you
wrote.

My daughter Mrs Ellison
was with us over the week
end she is in her usual health
is now living in Troy N.Y. her
husband having been transferred
to that point. They have not been
able to dispose of their place in
Athol and have rented it for
the present

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving day
and among the things we
have to be thankful for is the
fact that conditions in general
are no worse We expect to

have my son Ralph and his family with me Ralph is Ronald Mackenzie's twin brother he has three children two boys and a girl their home is in Royalton Vermont they will drive down for the day

Received a letter from my eldest son James whom you have met He is very busy with his work as scout commissioner and Red Cross examiner outside of his work of appraising Bell telephone plants for the State in Michigan

Mrs Beck has shown a steady gain in the past two or three months and while able to do very little seems to take more interest in things

The last I heard from Ronald he was much improved altho

still troubled with stiffness and soreness of the joints. but he had begun to regain some in weight. The treatments he had undergone had reduced him to the point of weakness until he was fortunate enough to find a practitioner that seemed to understand his case

I see by the papers that the Bonus marchers are gathering in different parts of the country preparatory to another advance on Washington. It would seem a mistaken policy to handle those fellows with care and gentleness. Their attempt to coerce the government is little short of treason and I think should be so treated.

Mrs Beck joins me in sending our regards and sincere hope for your comfort and happiness. I am
Sincerely yours E M Beck

Conner W. H. Wre 22, 32
Captain R. G. Carter USA
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Dear Captain:

I wish to thank you
for your kindness in send-
ing me a copy of General Orders
of the Legion of Valor, in which
I was much interested, particular-
ly in your military record; and
while it is evidently as
complete as the space will
allow, one can read between
the lines of the many acts of

merit, and courages which are not there mentioned.

I was pleased to receive the letter which accompanied the order, and to know that your general health was good, but I do wish that there was some way to conquer that arthritis.

I note that the Legion of valor, propose to have a prominent place, at the inauguration ceremonies, which is as it should be. Also that there are few of your age left in the Legion, and I suppose that the younger members look askance at the tales of hardships endured, and

critical and arduous service performed in our days, on the plains. As do some of the soldiers of the late war when I tell of some of my experiences.

In regard to the result of the Presidential election, I am no more pleased than you, I can not yet understand how the majority of the American people, could turn down a man with the ability and prestige of President Hoover, and replace him by one who did not seem to be blessed with a certain knowledge, or convictions, (to judge by his campaign speeches) concerning any of the governmental problems which were to come before him for solution.

I read Mrs Perry's letter to you, and her poem dedicated to you, and found the former interesting and amusing. In the poem while her sentiments are unimpeachable, I must remark that the meter and rhyming are rather ragged. I am returning it herewith, thanks for the privilege of reading it.

Mrs Beck is some stronger, in fact, I think she is the best she has been for over a year, but nowhere near up to normal.

We expect Mr Ellison on from Troy to spend Christmas with us.

Mrs Beck joins me in wishing you health, and happiness, and a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year,
I am Sincerely yours
E M Beck

Henniker N.H. July 21 /26
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D.C.

Dear Sir

Having just-completed
reading ^{The} Old Sergeant's Story
I feel that I must write
and thank you for your
just-praise and estimation
of our glorious regiment,
the 4th U.S. Cavalry, and that
grand soldier, Sergt Charl-
ton.

The reading carries me
back in mind to the days
which I spent on the fron-
tier as an enlisted man

in Co E from Oct 1872 - June 77
I was discharged by special
order, discharging men with
less than four months to
serve from July 1 owing to
the exhausting of the appro-
priation, and further funds
awaited the action of the
next Congress.

I and ² Roe were associated
at Ft Griffin up to the time
the regiment moved to
the vicinity of the Rio Grande
in April 1873. and from
then until he left the
regiment I knew and
heard more or less of Sergt
Charlton, and while I
was not an eye witness
of his brave acts I had the

77 general knowledge of them
which was a matter of pride
to us all

I took part in Gen Mackenzie's
campaign of 1874 and was
a participant in the various
engagements. At Blanco
cannon Charlton and his
scouts preceded us into
the fight and were vigorously
engaged when we got down
the wall of the cannon &
I had the head of the col-
umn until we began the
descent but our company
being the first one down
we followed closely on
the heels of the scouts, I
was no 2 man in the first
set of fours. I do not in

the least doubt the statement of Sergt Charlton as to the action of Comfort and himself at that time as they were fearless and able soldiers

I find the Sergt's statement of facts as far as I know correct with some few exceptions. In 1872, H Co took part in the campaign, as one of our men Stiegel was severely wounded at that time and was still in the hospital when I joined the Co.

Col Root was Second Lieut. of H Co joined us late in 1873.

Gen Mackenzie took eight companies on the 1874 campaign, seven from Ft Clark and H company from Ft McKavett.

Some of the Sargeants dates are incorrect but approximate

In regard to the monument erected to commemorate the Salt Creek massacre, I do not know the date of its erection but it was in position when I passed there in December 1872.

I remember Captain Parter although never having come in personal contact with him except when as Officer of the Day he visited sentries

That recollections the names mentioned in your book, call up. I tried to get a commission with Col Horst when he took his regiment to the Philippines but was too late

I am nearly seventy three

for many years filled
master mechanic situations
but am now retired, moved
to New Hampshire from Mass
in 1915

I hope your estimate
of our regiment may
be widely circulated. General
M- had no use for press
agents hence the reason
so little is known of the
4th Cavalry and it is so
seldom mentioned

Hoping this may find
you in good health
I am

Very respectfully yours

E M Beer
Late 16 Co 4th Cav
Haverhill
N.H.