

Room 10, Ward 4
Walter Reed Hospital
2/18/33

My Dear General

I have been reading
your books for some years with
deep interest - I want to write
a two or three thousand word article
for the "Frontier Times" Bandera, Texas
on Gen. Ranald S. Mackenzie & on
Gen. Robert Howe & will ask your help
in as long a letter as you will give me,
on the characteristics of each officer & their
fights, campaigns & other points of interest.
I expect to be here a week or so &
will look forward to seeing you at the
Army & Navy Club or wherever is most
convenient as soon as I get out.

I am not sick but going through the
different tests as I do once or twice
a year since retirement.

Sincerely

Martin L. Cimmines

P.S. I am working on a short - 500 word article on "Texas
on the Eve of Secession" & have had access to the accounts
of Major John T. Sprague & Capt. Edwin D. Phillips 1st Inf. Col.
Charles Anderson & Mrs Darrow, who were there at that time.

COL. M. L. CRIMMINS
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6/8/33

My dear Captain

I sent you the Army or Navy
Courier with my article on Fort Griffin.
Please make such corrections as you
wish or send it to the Editor of the
Jacksonboro Gazette. I do not have my
notes with me & have forgotten his name.
In General James Parkers' "Old Army
Memories 1872-1918" on page 360 he
tells about carrying Mrs. Crimmins
ashore at Pasacao, Southern Luzon
in March 1901. The Filipino boat
men had carried every one ashore,
even Colonel Parker and I had
gone on ahead to sign receipts for
all the Gen. & Comdys. property - When

Mrs. Crimmins boat was approaching
the shore "Big Tim Parker" strode
out in the water & carried her
ashore as he did not want a
Filipino to carry her. We often
laughed at the incident & I just
saw it for the first time today in
his book, at the N.Y. Public Library

I hope you are not suffering from
the heat as we are here.

What is General Parker? I
do not have a register or directory
here. I am sending the extract
from Capt. Philip St. George Cooke's
Journal about the snively incident
to the N. M. Historical Review - It occurred
June 30, 1843 while he was guarding a
Cereran enroute to Santa Fe. Have you
anything on it? Faithfully
M. L. Crimmins

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11/16/33

My dear Captain

I miss my enjoyable visits to you
& I know of no one so well informed on the military life
in Texas in the early 70's. I wrote J. Martin Hunter
"Frontier Times" about your "Old Sergeant's Story"
& asked him to get permission from you to publish it.

Noah F. Morrison, "The Clerk," Elizabeth, N.J. has a
copy he will sell for \$5 and I will buy it for Hunter
if you have given him permission to publish it.

He has been publishing "Five Years a Cavalryman"
by H.H. McConnell of Fort Richardson, so your stories
would be appropriate as showing the activity of
our troops during the same period. ~~He~~ ^{Morrison} also
has "Reminiscences of a Soldier's Wife" by Mrs Biddle
With kindest regards from both of us

Faithfully

M. L. Crimmins

P.S. I am having my Article on Fort McKavett, typed & may send it to the West Texas Historical Association, if I get a favorable reply to my letter.

COL. M. L. CRIMMINS
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1/3/34

My dear Captain Carter

I hope you will have a very happy New Year — I the 1933 West Texas Historical Association Year Book on page 14, Mr. B. Bullion is quoted as the authority for the statement that the enmity between the Buffalo Hunters & the Negro Soldiers at Fort Concho resulted in the killing of from three to five men every week, that the last two years that the Buffalo hunters were in town — 1878-1879. I do not have any records available & if you have will be you please let me have the facts. If not available the Librarian at the Army Medical Library could get the information for you or Col John P. Wade C.G.D. 1402 Mun. Bldg. Washington D.C. I am anxious to keep on correcting false statements made about our Army. I have an article on Capt. John Louis exploration of the Rio Grande in 1850 now being printed by the West Texas Historical & Scientific Society at Alpine; I sent him also account of the French's Expedition to California in 1850

To Mrs Jack Shipman Marfa, Texas, the Editor
of the "Voice of the Mexican Border" for publication.

This journal tells of his 880 mile trip through
Texas - It was first published in 1851 - They
followed the route laid out by Col. Joseph E Johnston
in 1844 to El Paso & then South to Comstock
& west to Guadalupe Pass, where they struck Captain
P. St. G. Cooke wagon trail. I sent Milton Austin

Hatchers, G.O.C., 1st Reg. Dept of Texas 2/8/1858 in which
Gen. David Emanuel Twiggs published the reprinting of
John Floyd, Sec. of War - Twiggs having over rated his authority
in his explanation - "that the Antislavery may go
with the poison" made, statements that caused
him to be Court-martialed - Col Robert B Lee

was a member of the Court & in his letters
to his family referred to General Twiggs as
General Scruggs. Was that his nick name in the
Army or did Lee use the name "to play safe" as
Cass & others found the letter? Gen. S. G. French in
his book "Two Wars" on p 58. wrote "I inferred & xxv
that his ancestors may have worshipped in the Temple of
Jerusalem or fought with the Maccabees in the
defense of their religion". I cannot find anything of
importance about this in the New York Library - Could you tell me
something about this. Cordially

Wm L. Cunningham

734 Lexington Ave. N.Y. City 1/27/34

My dear Captain

Thank you very much for the memorandum on Twiggs & the Major Soldiers. I am very sorry to hear you have had a distressing experience & angled to know you are improving.

I have found five references to "Scruggs" in Colonel Lees letters - The first dated 5/17/58 to his son, relation to the trial of Twiggs. The findings were published in G.O.C. A.G.O. 5/11/58. On 12/14/60 he wrote home that he was "relieved by Scruggs yesterday" - That he will be found in "The Life & Letters of Robert E. Lee" by J.W. Jones, Neil Palm Co. N.Y. Wash. - 1906 -

I have just finished an article on Fort Mifflin & one on General Twiggs in Texas. Will you please write my letter incident that occurred at a banquet after Scott took Mexico City, when "Prince Tom" Bankhead Magnader disposed a toast to "General Twiggs & Old Orizaba with a heavy head & a strong bottom".

You told me that Captain Vincent who was killed at Howard Wells 4/20/72 was cared for in

his last moments by the wife of an officer
who was at the time enroute to join her
husbands Station - What was the lady's name?

I am going to write a story on Howards
well & visited the old well a year ago last
October - The local families know very
little about its history.

I am writing up The "Colonel Jacob
Snively Expedition" which was discovered
by Capt. Philip S. George Cooker with a squadron
of the 2nd Dragoons at Jacksons Grove
a few miles South East of Fort Dodge
on 6/30/1843. I notice your map gives Fort
Dodge East of the 100° meridian while others give
it just West - Do you know the exact location
of Jacksons Grove? Emory shows it as
"Grove" in his map of 1847 and Abert enroute
to Santa Fe with Kearny in 1846, had the spot pointed
out to him by Capt. John Love 2nd Dragoons
who was present 6/30/43 when Snivelys guns were
taken.

Faithfully

Wm L. Ciminian

Doc John Nickles Asst. Secy. Engrs. - with
Short from - 1900 - 1902

Walter Reed Hospital Washington D.C. 2/7/34

My dear Captain

Your welcome & much appreciated letter of the 6th just received. Thank you very much for the information. I have now finished my paper on Twiggs, without the story you sent me however. I got some good stories on him written by General Samuel French G.S.C. who served as a Lieutenant of Artillery under him. They appeared in his book "Two Wars". I will bring you photo-stats of Letters of Gen. W.T. Worth, Gen Winfield Scott and Churchill, Inspector General, about the controversy between Worth & Twiggs over brevet rank that nearly caused a bloody conflict, according to the Inspector - Churchill.

I also saw the "Memorial" on the subject signed by 154 officers at Corpus Christi in Dec. 12, 1845 that Scott called

mutinous. I saw Taylor's letter about Twiggs ~~Worth~~ published by Bixby for private circulation.

I have just written a 2000 word paper on Capt. Nicholas Nolan & Troop Co 10th Cavalry being lost on the Staked Plains in 1877.

When they went 86 hours without water,
and drank the blood of 23 horses and
if Pack makes to keep alive & their own wives
& some the wives of horses -

I got the account written by Nelson
Lieutenant, Charles L. Smith, later Colonel
5th Cavalry & then a Brigade General and
by the doctor, Capt. J. H. S. King. who went to
their rescue, written to the Medical Director
Department of Texas, September 1877.

I suppose you know General Cooper & I
will send my story to you & will appropriate
any notes on Capt. Nelson, Lieut. Cooper or
Dr. King that you can give me.

I am here for a physical check up
& a broken 5th Meta carpal bone in left
hand. I look forward to seeing you
very soon - Mrs. John R. Shirley inquired about
Son's Children Stolen in 1876 near Fort Clark
& Captain Boyd of the Cavalry from Fort Clark
& Ranger Perry assisted in their pursuit. Do
you remember it? I am sorry you had more
sickness -

Faithfully
Marion L. Garrison