

AWCSH

24 January 1969

Dear Mr. La Wall:

Your initial questionnaire sent to veterans of the Philippine Insurrection arrived today, and I am not surprised at your notation on the front, realizing that the symbol figure of the soldier on the questionnaire is almost exactly like a photograph of yourself. It will no doubt interest you to know that the symbol figure drawing used on these questionnaires was, indeed, taken from a photograph you supplied to the Arizona Pioneer Historical Society Director, Mr. Sidney Brinckerhoff. Mr. Brinckerhoff and I have been friends for several years, and in looking for a good photograph of a 1900 soldier in campaign outfit, while visiting Mr. Brinckerhoff in October, I was given a copy of the photograph made from the one you had given to Mr. Brinckerhoff. In short, the photograph of you as a young corporal has been used as the Army symbol figure for this project. When I secured a copy of your photograph, I was also permitted to make a copy of your "Sixteen Months in the Philippines" lecture written by you in 1901. Both items copied for us by Mr. Brinckerhoff have been placed in our research files.

Your reply to the questionnaire we sent indicates that you wish to further take part in this project by completing one of the Army Service Experiences Questionnaires, which we are enclosing with a self-addressed envelope for your use in returning the questionnaire to us, at your convenience. What we are most interested in is your recollections of what you thought of your experiences at the time and how you see them now through the perspective of 70 years.

Your offer to loan letters written by your father during the Civil War is very much appreciated, and we are enclosing one of our franked mailing labels for your use in sending the letters to us. These will be photocopied here and returned to you within a few weeks. We would also be interested in the loan of the photographs you mentioned taken in the Philippines and at Camp Meade, Pennsylvania. We have recently received one of the large, red and yellow Spanish military handkerchiefs you mentioned from a man who served in the 2nd Oregon Volunteer Infantry.

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Mr. John D. La Wall

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Thanking you again for your offer of continued cooperation in this important information gathering research project, and hoping that this finds you enjoying a pleasant winter season in Florida, I am,

Cordially yours,

Encl
As stated

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