

2028, Fifteenth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C., May 15, 1920.

Gen. Roger D. Williams,
Lexington, Kentucky,

My dear Gen. Williams:

I suppose you are, and for some time have been back at Lexington. I learned of your failure to get across with your boys, and of your later connection with the Red Cross. I know the former must have been a great disappointment to you, for I can measure your feeling by my own as I did not get over, either.

I think I wrote you how I got left out in the scramble for appointments to field grade in my state in the new units, not being included in the general draft by reason that my commission at the time was in the state J. A. G. D., and that I then resigned and entered the Third Officers' Training School at Camp McClellan. From this school I took the only commission of grade of major there given, which was the highest given from any of the third series of schools. I have never heard of but two others that made this grade from any of the third series of schools. I was assigned to the 30th, but when I reached Camp Sevier the division was already on the move, and full, and I got shunted to camp duty. I first commanded camp units, and then was taken to headquarters for staff work, becoming finally camp adjutant, which last position I held to the close of the camp, April of last year. I was then detailed here to the office of the Judge Advocate General where I have been for more than a year. My work has been interesting and pleasant, and I think it has been satisfactory.

It is possible that the new army bill now before Congress may work out for me a commission in the Regular Army which, if in grade appropriate to my age and long experience, I would be glad to have, as I like the army. This brings me to what I desire to write about particularly. As you remember, I served under you on the border as acting brigade adjutant, and later as assistant division adjutant during your temporary command of the division. I remember that, in a letter to the Adjutant General of my state you were kind enough to say, in substance, that my services at this time were efficient and of high value to you, and to urge my retention there because of my ability and application. This encourages me to ask of you a letter giving your opinion of my work on the border and my desirability for the Regular Army. If you feel disposed, I would be glad if you would include a copy of Gen. Morton's commendatory letter with reference to the work of the brigade on the Las Cruces march, and state that, on this march, I was acting as your brigade adjutant.

Three of my camp commanders have been kind enough to give me commendatory statements, two of these being general officers; and an expression from you as to my border service would fit in very valuably. If you are so kind as to comply, and can conveniently do so, I would be glad if you would make your own letter in duplicate.

Col. Ely, who is here, told me of seeing you once at a hotel in Paris. Col. Taylor is also here, and I have been at his home a few times. He has been returned lately to his permanent grade of Captain.

With best wishes I am,

Truly yours,

*Col. Allen Gallion was here a
day or so ago.*

L. Roy Reeves