258 ARGYLE ROAD
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Feb 12th 1923

Miss Ida M. Tarbell

My dear Miss Tarbell.

Yours of 9th rec'd.

If as you say, I can use my Lincoln incident (published in your book,) in my proposed Army reminiscences, I can see no reason why you should not use what I recently wrote you. Though of course I want to use the material also in my proposed work.

I have also an incident concerning Genl Grant, which is as descriptive of his way of doing things, as was the one of Lincoln, I sent you. And - this incident was corroborated also - by a Capt of the Civil War - in 1921 - 57 years after.

I take the liberty of sending you a

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copy of a letter written me by Mr Sperry - Supt of the San Com Auxiliary Relief Corps. in 1865 which letter I am proud of. And I was not a man only a boy of 19, according to Mr S. I must have had an experience.

Yours Sincerely
Jerome Walker MD

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"City Point Va April 26 1865

Dear Sir,

No man of this Corps with whom it has been my fortune to associate has been more faithful in the discharge of duty than yourself. I say this to you frankly and with no desire to bestow praise beyond your just desert,

Providence has sent you to a school more precious than all "Universities", The sights and sounds of Hospital life teach you how little we can depend upon mere externals for our happiness. Brought early in contact with the most earnest forms of experience let the lessons learned make a permanent impression upon your character

Be everywhere tender and charitable, quick to see and swift to relieve the suffering

I need not thus advise you for I can but believe this will be your purpose.

In future, no wounded Thousands may await you care but always some hearts will be found needing your ministrations.

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I assure you of my confidence and esteem and hope ever to retain as a friend one who has been so active and ~~and~~ unselfish co-laborer -

Very truly yours
A M Sperry
Supt R Corps
W. S. San Com"

Jerome Walker Esq
9th Corps W.S.S.C
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