

Arizona, and that was the start of Geronimo's personal war with the Mexicans. His experience in these forays developed his military genius and later, with only 21 warriors who were responsible for 121 women and children, enabled him to elude some 6000 United States troops, 500 White Mountain Apache scouts, an undetermined number of Mexican rurales, and assorted miners, cowboys, etc., who wanted to kill him.

Do you know how much truth there is in that story and, if there isn't any, do you know the true story? Incidentally, Odd Halseth told me, and I believe, that had hard-headed military commanders forgotten whatever they learned at West Point and resorted to Apache tactics themselves, Geronimo couldn't possibly have held out more than a few weeks or, at the most, a few months.

Finally, aside from the son of Cochise, Natchee or Natchez, who became Geronimo's dependable lieutenant, do you know the names and relative importance of half a dozen or more of his renegades? I'd also like to know the names of his father and mother and the names, sex, and ages, of his three supposedly massacred children. In addition, if you know where any authentic texts not in general circulation are located, I'll be happy to buy them if they're for sale or to borrow them if I may. If this last, I'll not only extend my personal pledge to give them the best possible care but will be glad to insure them at their owners' valuation.

You'll have my gratitude for anything you may care to do, and if ever I'm able to return the favor, in any degree at all, you have only to say so.

Sincerely

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