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KEEP MOVING. RITTER! AND SING ONE OF THOSE SONGS YOU RE SO FAMOUS FOR. SO EVERYBODY WE PASS IN THE STREET WILL THINK EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT!





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### A Ranger Recollects

The year is 1859. We are now visiting a man who has had many adventures and experiences in the Young West of a growing America. Please take the small chair on the veranda. You will notice the mayor and the editor of the local newspaper. They are here among the many guests to listen to our heto as he spins

his arm

his true story. "At the time of my strival in Texas, the country was in an unsettled state. For a long period of time a system of border warfare had existed between the citizens of Texas and Mexico - growing out of the Declaration of Independence on the part of the young Republic. Marauding parties from beyond the Rio Grande kept the settlers of western Texas in a state of constant agitation and excitement

Besides these annovances, the inhabitants of others sections were perpetually on the alert to defend themselves against the Indians. This condition of affairs necessarily resulted into a desire to have strong protection. So the Texas Rangers were created, a military order as peculiar as it has become famous.

The qualifications necessary in a genuine. Ranger was not, in many respects, such as are required in the ordinary soldier. Discipline, in the common acceptance of the term, was not regarded as absolutely necessary. A fleet horse, an eye that could detect the trail, a power of endurance that defied fatigue, and the faculty of "looking through the double sights of his rifle with a steady arm" - these distinguished the Ranger, rather than any special knowledge of tactics. He was subjected to no "regulation uniforin." However, his usual clothing were buckskin moccasins and overhauls, a roundabout and red shirt, and a cap manufactured by his own hands from the skins of the coon or wildcar: also two or three revolvers and a bowie knife in his belt and a short rifle on

In this guise, and well mounted, he could cover eighty miles between the rising and setting sun. And then gathering his blanker around him, lie down upon the prairie grass with his saddle for a pillow. The compensation received from the government at that time was one dollar a day. Finding no other employment which seemed to me more remunerative or attractive I joined Captain Cameron at San

Captain Cameron was a Scotchman, a noble and brave man, who very early in his life had left his native country and established himself on the banks of the Nueces During the dispun bances which distracted the country, his intelli gence, chivalry and force of character drew the attention of his fellow citizens towards him. They felt he was one upon whom they might

lean for protection.

His company consisted of forty-five men. My first experience in Indian warfare was an engagement with a roving band of Comanches whom we suddenly encountered near Casa Blanca, during one of our excursions beyond the Nueces. They were put to flight after a sharp exchange of bullets on one side and arrows on the other. Not however, until I had become most emphatically impressed with a due sense of their brave and warlike character. They are a numerous and powerful tribe whose range extends from the headwaters of the Guadaloupe to the base of the Rocky Mount-

ains.

A short time subsequent to this adventure we obtained information that a considerable body of Mexicans had crossed the border and were somewhere in our vicinity. While on the lookout for them, we mer the forces under General Davis at Panta Clan one day. His company having listened to extravagant rumors relative to the great numbers of Mexicans on the march, had become alarmed. During the night, most of them flocked to our encampment near by. We were all discussing the probable where-

abouts of the enemy.

And where were they? At this very time, that we were trying to figure out their location. they were crawling into the camp. They seized every description of property they could lay their hands on, and retired without loss or molestation. The next morning they presented themselves and offered battle. Though far outnumbering our united forces, we compelled them to retreat after a battle of two hours. And we took from them, in addition to the spoils of the previous night, more than forty mules. It was not long after the Panta Clan engagement, while we were in the vicinity of Seguin, that Ben McCullough, with sixteen

others, including myself, were detached from the main body of Rangers, and sent out as spies. McCullough was a brave fellow - a tall straight man, over six feet high, rawhoned, light sandy hair, extremely reserved in manner, with keen black eyes that shope like diamonds. We presently struck a wide trail leading to the south, and following it soon came in sight of some seven hundred Comanches near the Lavaca River. Unable to cope with so formidable a body, we hovered in their vicinity, keeping them constantly under observation. They continued their march in the direction of the coast until they reached at length the settlement of Lindville on Matagorda Bay. This they attacked and burned. They killed some persons

and took others away as prisoners From a distant height we witnessed this affair, entirely unable to render any effectual resistance. Kunners, however, were dispatched in hot haste to General Burleson on the Colorado, conveying information of what had happened, and requesting reinforcements at once. True to his chivalrous nature, General Burleson, who never waited a second call when danger was to be met, sent forward as many men as he could. So that by the time he had tracked the marauders on their retreat as far as Plum Creek, our numbers had increased to three bundred.

In concluding upon the plan of attack, our great object was to rescue the prisoners. It was ascertained as we anticipated, that they were with the old warriors in the rear of the encampment. A portion of our force, accordingly, made a wide circuit, and then quickly made the attack. They managed to rescue alive two of the

prisoners.

As I approached with another detachment of my comrades from a different direction, a buckshot struck me near the elbow passing up the arm to the shoulder hlade where it vet remains. It was my bridle arm, causing me to drop the rein and consequently my horse started to carry me into the midst of the enemy! Seeing my perilous situation, the Rangers rushed after me without awaiting the word of command. There was a terrible confusion but it ended in victory for our side. We also recovered all the property stolen from Lindville. My six months' term of service under Camgrou now expired. And bidding him farewell, I

Seguin on the Guadaloupe where I had saken up my residence. The business I adopted for a livelihood was then a common one in that region, the capturing of wild horses. And after breaking them to the saddle or harness, we disposed of them to the planters. Sometimes I purchased from the Mexicans those horses which had already been subdued. And collecting a drove I would set out on a sort of horsepeddling speculation

Frequently those trips extended into Louisiand where profitable customers were generally to be found among the cotton and sugar growers on the bayous. They usually cost me when purchased, four or five dollars a head and were sold for a price ranging from fifteen to thirty. So that with industry and good luck, it

was capable of being made a profitable occupation

I had arranged with Ben McCullough to go on the famous Santa Fe Expedition. In fact, I accompanied it a long distance above Austin. but there I became prostrated with a violent areack of chills and fever, I was induced most refunctantly to turn back. So retracing my stento Austin, I lingered idly in the neighborhood of the Colorado until health returned. Perhans it was fortunate for me that all this happened For the Santa Fe Expedition had an unfortun

Then came another call to arms. Thus I entered on my second campaign as a Texas Ranger by joining Jack Hays at San Aetonio. When we meet again I shall tell you more of my adventures as a member of the Texas Rangers. It is not praise I give to myself when I say to you, that man for man, the finest mounted fighters or soldier in the entire world is a Texas Ranger.

I regret having to stop now, but you can understand that rest is necessary for me. For I have not completely recovered from wounds which I suffered fighting the Indian and the Mexicans,"





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