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CHARLES H. CRISS
DESERT STORM LETTERS, 1990–1991

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles H. Criss was a Hoosier lawyer who served in an army unit activated in December 1990 to take part in the Desert Storm operation to force Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. He served mainly in Saudi Arabia, in King Khalid Military City (KKMC), fifty miles south of the Iraqi border. One of his functions was as legal advisor to the brigadier general in charge of the relief operation to Kuwait after Iraq had withdrawn. He had some contact with the reporting of Iraqi war crimes.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of three letters written by Criss to his brother and his family. They give a factual appraisal of the situation in the area, and a rationale for the United States not having pursued the Iraqi army into Iraq. For letters written in wartime, they seem remarkably open and uncensored.

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