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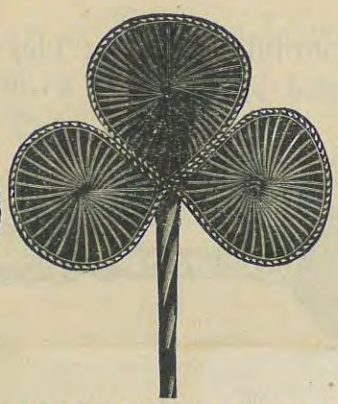
One of the greatest hits of these stirring times; made in the national colors, representing one of our martyred Maine sailors in the center. Test its selling merits by sending for a sample. Sample 10 cts.; doz. 75 cts.; gross, by express, $7.50; by mail, $8.00.



D 41—National Emblem.

Made in red, white and blue silk; is unequalled for all American political, civic and festive occasions. Sample 5 cts.; doz. 25 cts.; gross, by express, $3.50; by mail, $3.75



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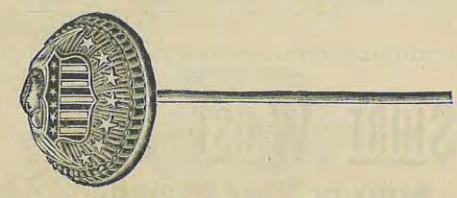

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Regiment.	Department, Corps or Station.
2d Mass. Inf.	5th Corps.
5th Mass. Inf.	South Framingham, Mass.
6th Mass. Inf.	Porto Rico.
8th Mass. Inf.	1st Corps.
9th Mass. Inf.	5th Corps.
1st Mass. Art.	Ft. Pickering, Mass.
31st Mich. Inf	1st Corps.
32d Mich. Inf.	4th Corps.
33d Mich. Inf.	5th Corps.
34th Mich. Inf.	Do.
35th Mich. Inf.	Island Lake, Mich.
12th Minn. Inf.	1st Corps.
13th Minn. Inf.	8th Corps.
14th Minn. Inf.	1st Corps.
15th Minn. Inf.	St. Paul, Minn.
1st Miss. Inf.	3d Corps.
2d Miss. Inf.	7th Corps.
3d Miss. Inf.	Jackson, Miss.
1st Mo. Inf.	3d Corps.
2d Mo. Inf.	1st Corps.
3d Mo. Inf.	2d Corps.
4th Mo. Inf.	Do.
5th Mo. Inf.	3d Corps.
6th Mo. Inf.	7th Corps.
A, Mo. Light Battery	Porto Rico.
1st Mont. Inf.	8th Corps.

Regiment.	Department, Corps or Station.
1st N. Y. Inf.	Honolulu, H. I.
2d N. Y. Inf.	4th Corps.
3d N. Y. Inf.	2d Corps.
8th N. Y. Inf.	3d Corps.
9th N. Y. Inf.	Do.
12th N. Y. Inf.	1st Corps.
14th N. Y. Inf.	3d Corps.
22d N. Y. Inf.	Ft. Slocum, N. Y.
47th N. Y. Inf.	Ft. Adams, R. I.
65th N. Y. Inf.	2d Corps.
69th N. Y. Inf.	4th Corps.
71st N. Y. Inf.	5th Corps.
201st N. Y. Inf.	Hempstead, N Y.
202d N. Y. Inf.	Do.
203d N. Y. Inf.	Do.
A, N. Y. Cav.	Porto Rico.
C, N. Y. Cav.	Do.
4th N. Y. Light Battery	Hempstead, N Y.
5th N. Y. Light Battery	Do.
7th N. Y. Light Battery	Do.
1st N. C. Inf	7th Corps.
2d N. C. Inf.	Gulf.
3d N. C. (Col'd) Inf.	Ft. Macon, N. C.
1st N. Dak. Inf.	8th Corps.
1st Ohio Inf.	4th Corps.
2d Ohio Inf	1st Corps.
3d Ohio Inf	4th Corps.
4th Ohio Inf	Porto Rico.
5th Ohio Inf	4th Corps.

Regiment.
1st Pa. Inf.
2d Pa. Inf.
3d Pa. Inf.
4th Pa. Inf.
5th Pa. Inf.
6th Pa. Inf.
8th Pa. Inf.
9th Pa. Inf.
10th Pa. Inf.
12th Pa. Inf.
13th Pa. Inf.
14th Pa. Inf.
15th Pa. Inf.
16th Pa. Inf.
18th Pa. Inf.
Phil. City, Pa. Cav.
Gov.'s Troop, Pa. C
Sheridan Troop, Pa.
A, Pa. Light Battery
B, Pa. Light Battery
C, Pa. Light Battery
1st R. I. Inf.
A, R. I. Light Batter
B, R. I. Light Battery
1st S. C. Inf.
2d S. C. Inf.
Heavy Battery S. C.

1st Nebr. Inf.	Do.	6th Ohio Inf.	1st Corps.	
2d Nebr. Inf	3d Corps.	7th Ohio Inf.	2d Corps.	1st S. Dak. Inf.
3d Nebr. Inf	7th Corps.	8th Ohio Inf.	5th Corps.	
		9th Ohio Batt'n (Col'd) Inf.	2d Corps.	1st Tenn. Inf.
Battalion Nev. Inf.	Carson City, Nev.	10th Ohio Inf.	Columbus, Ohio.	2d Tenn. Inf.
				3d Tenn. Inf.
1st Troop Nev. Cav.	8th Corps.	1st Ohio Cav.	5th Corps.	4th Tenn. Inf.
1st N. H. Inf	1st Corps.	1st Batt'n Ohio Light Art.	1st Corps.	1st Tex. Inf.
				2d Tex. Inf.
1st N. J. Inf	2d Corps.	2d Oregon Inf.	8th Corps.	3d Tex. Inf.
2d N. J. Inf.	7th Corps.			4th Tex. Inf.
3d N. J. Inf.	Pompton Lakes, N. J.	A Oregon Light Battery	Vancouver Bks., Wash.	1st Tex. Cav.
4th N. J. Inf.	Sea Girt, N. J.	B Oregon Light Battery	Portland, Oreg.	

Those marked thus * are now organizing.

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WANTED POSTER FOR SPAN-AM WAR VETERAN

WANTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

O. W. HYDE, 48 years old, height 5 ft. 7 inches, weight about 165 lbs., dark brown hair, brown eyes, smooth shaven, good dresser. Is very pleasant, makes friends, good mixer and spender. At one time was very prominent in the Moose Lodge of this city, and has been a member of the Eagles and the Spanish American War Veterans. May attempt to visit any of these orders in your city.

May work as a salesman or have a concession at some carnival.

This is the second time Hyde has committed embezzlement in this city and I am very anxious to cause his arrest.

Circular No. 679



WANTED FOR SEDUCTION

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G. B. POGGI, Italian, 29 years old, height 6 foot, weight 180 lbs., hair dark, complexion dark.

Circular No. 680

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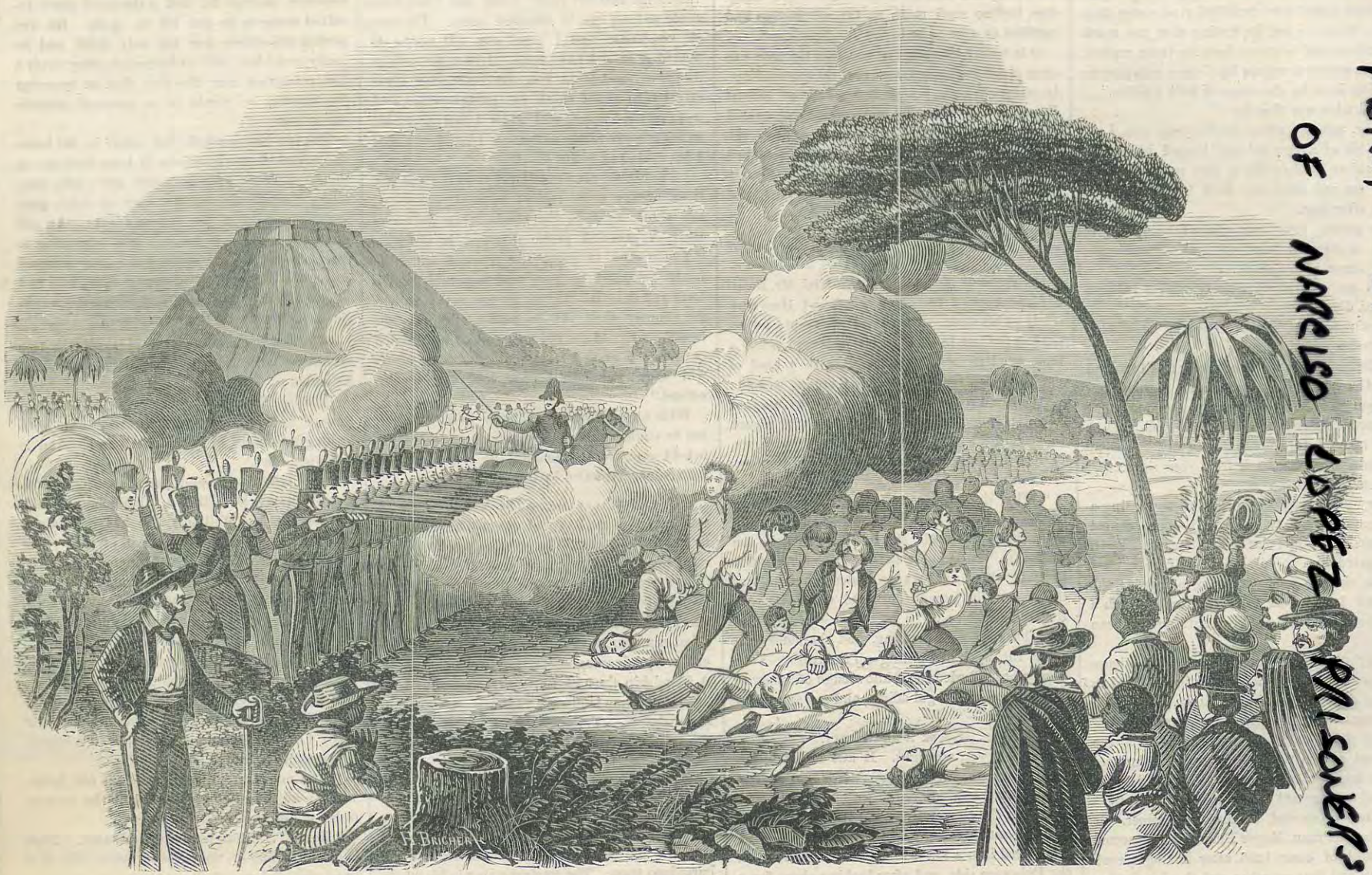

BLOODY MASSACRE OF AMERICANS AT HAVANA.

[For description, see page 333.]



This is an antique woodcut engraving titled **"Bloody Massacre of Americans at Havana."** published in Gleason's Pictorial in 1851. It is in very good condition and shows the shooting of fifty two Americans by Spanish colonial soldiers in Cuba in 1851. This was the final end of an attempt to invade Cuba from the United States, in an unauthorized expedition by Narciso López. López planned and initiated several military expeditions from the United States to liberate Cuba. The engraving is accompanied by an article, melodramatic and inflammatory in its style, describing the event, but not mentioning Narciso López, the origins of this military expedition, or the identities of the killed Americans.

This is an interesting and historic old engraving. This unauthorized military excursion against Cuba from US soil set a pattern of interventions into Cuba and other Central and South American countries from the US that has held, and continues to the present day.

Narciso López (1797–1851) was an adventurer and soldier, famous for his attempts to liberate Cuba from Spain in the 1850s.

He made contact with influential American politicians, including John L. O'Sullivan, an expansionist and coiner of the term Manifest Destiny. López recruited Cuban exiles in New York City and many other adventurers to his cause and in 1849 his expedition was poised to embark simultaneously from New Orleans and New York. However Zachary Taylor, who had renounced filibustering as a valid means of U.S. expansion, took steps against López. He issued orders to blockade and seize his ships. López's first expedition never reached Cuba.

Undeterred by this setback, López decided to plan a new filibuster and to focus his recruiting effort on the southern United States. As a supporter of slavery himself, López realized the advantages for the South of a free Cuba. He and other Southerners hoped that Cuba would become a strong partner in the slavery and perhaps, like Texas, join the Union as a slave state. He moved his headquarters to New Orleans and tried to galvanize popular support by recruiting the influential men of the South to lead his expedition. He solicited the military help of Senator Jefferson Davis, who had distinguished himself in the Battle of Buena Vista, offering him a hundred thousand dollars and "a very fine coffee plantation." Davis, to the great relief of his wife, turned him down, but he recommended one of his friends from the Mexican-American War, Major Robert E. Lee. Lee thought seriously about López's offer, but eventually also decided not to become involved. Gen. Lopez was a freemason and member of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. at Savannah, Georgia.[citation needed] Solomon's Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. was founded by the renowned freemason James Edward Oglethorpe on February 21, 1734. Solomon's Lodge at Savannah is the "Oldest Continuously Operating English Constituted Lodge in the Western Hemisphere".

Although López failed to recruit these two rising stars, he did win the financial and political support of many influential Southerners including Governor John Quitman of Mississippi, former Senator John Henderson and the editor of the New Orleans Delta, Laurence Sigur. López enlisted about six-hundred filibusters in his expedition, and successfully reached Cuba in May 1850. His troops arrived in and took the town of Cárdenas, carrying a flag that López and Tolon had designed and which would become the flag of modern Cuba. Nevertheless, the local support that he had hoped for failed to materialize when the fighting started. Much of the local population joined the Spanish against López, and he hastily retreated to Key West, where he disbanded the expedition within minutes of landing in order to avoid prosecution under the U.S. Neutrality Law of 1818.

In the aftermath of the expedition, López and many of his supporters were indicted by a federal grand jury. Although the indictments did not end in convictions, they did force Governor John Quitman to resign from his office and face trial. Despite military and legal setbacks, López began planning another expedition, one which met with the similar problems, but with more disastrous consequences.

In August 1851, López once again departed for Cuba with several hundred men. When he arrived, he took one half of his expedition to march inland, while the other half, commanded by Colonel William Crittenden, remained on the northern coast to protect supplies. As in his first attempt, the local

Tues Jany 25. 1849

Dear Son

I wrote to Howard by this opty

1-17. *From a Southern Plantation.* Letter, 1849, from a Southern planter to his son, concerning purchase of a Southern plantation, if Cuba is not to be annexed. "...Consult with the Collector. If it is not annexed, prospects for sugar are better than for some years years past." Suggests purchase at $410,000, paying for it "out of the crops...You will have to come here and manage it...or vegetate on your farm in a more Northern climate....news of much cholera...have lost 2 children & one woman. Our neighbor has lost 7 or 8 slaves...." 3 pp., dark ink, wear starting at folds, 1/2" piece lacking at edge, no loss of text. • With printed speech on Acquisition of Cuba, 16 pp., by Sen. Thompson of Ky., 1859, and small felt Cuban flag. V.G. $200-225 (3 pcs.)

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...to show it you I wish you to consult
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say for the next 10 years as well as his views
of the prospects of this interest —
If Cuba is annex'd the property sinks in
value one half — If its is not annexd and
European affairs become settled the pros
pects for sugar are better than for some
years past — My offer is for you and Howard
to buy each one third of the Plantation at
Two hundred thousand Dollars — valuation
for the whole — You would each be able
to pay thirty thousand and the ballance to be
made out of the crops and paid out of
the crops — So you see no money is required
But you will in case you buy have to
come here and manage and it would

Letter written from a southern plantation in 1849, re: the Annexation of Cuba by the United States, and the bad effect that would have on Southern plantations, by flooding the market with more sugar cane.....

NOTE REFERENCES TO SLAVES ("CHILDREN") DYING OF CHOLERA.

Dear Son, I wrote to Howard...explaining my views of Planting and its prospects --Making him and yourself an offer of an interest-- which letter I desired him to show to you. I wish you to consult with the collector whether he thinks there is a probability of Cuba's being annexed say for the next 10 years as well as his views of the prosepcts of this interest-- If Cuba is annexed the property sinks in value one half-- If it is not annexed and European affairs become settled the prospects for Sugar are better than for some years past. My offer is for you and Howard to buy each one third of the Plantation at Four hundred thousand Dollars valuation for the whole. You would each be able to pay thirty thousand and the ballance to be made out of the crops....you will in case you buy have to come here and manage and it would require your attention summer and winter...Now I make this propostion feeling that it is for your interest if Cuba is not annex'd. But leave it entirely to you.....or vegetate on your farm in a more Northern climate.....

REFERENCE TO SLAVES ("CHILDREN")

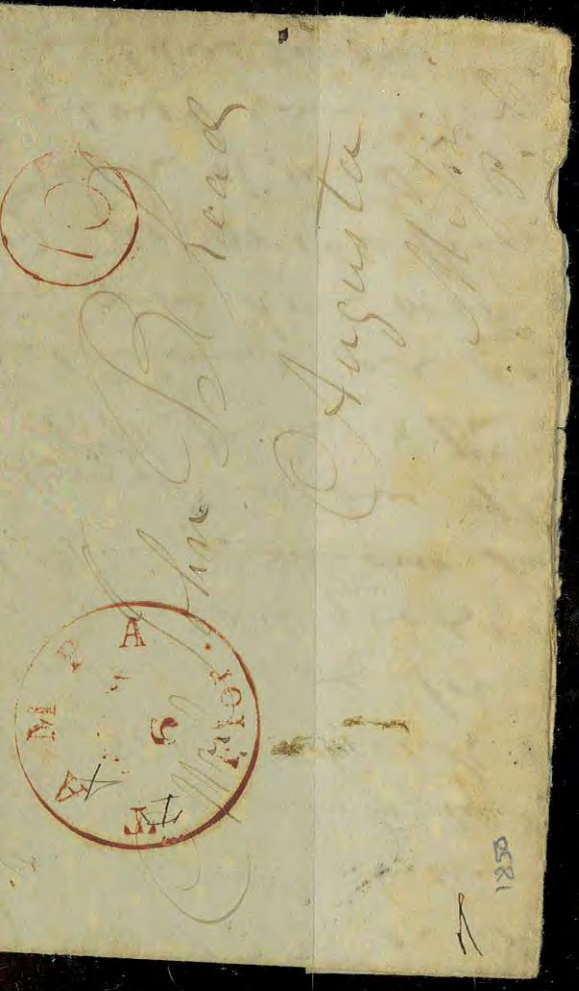
I am sorry to say we have had much Cholera on the place and have lost two children and one Woman-- Our neighbor George has lost seven---or Eight. Report says it has left the city. On my arrival here we had a Steam boat from the city every day in the week but two and now we get one in two weeks....The weather continues good for Planting..... J Osgood--

TAMPA, FL. JUNE 2, 1850

REFERS TO THE NARCISCO LOPEZ ATTEMPTED INVASION OF CUBA

ABX

TPA/Flor. F red cds & red **10[C]** hdstp on **1850** FL addr to Augusta, Miss. Interesting letter contents, datelined"**Tampa Bay, E. Florida, June 2d, 1850**", incl. the attempts to ove the remaining Indians, which a few years later led to the 3rd Seminole War. Incl:"**...I this country very well. It is a good farming country....We can have oysters & fish ry day, venison tolerable plenty, beef and milk & butter, plenty vegetables the year nd....The Indians are still here and there is no probability of them leaving. The order m the head quarters is that General Twiggs is to stay here until the Indians leave the untry....if he can not get them to go off until next fall, he will have orders to call lunteers in and drive them off. There is quite an excitement here from this Cuba pedition. There has been 4 or 5 hundred soldiers at this place....these merchants are tting rich off U.S., but I would not advise you to come for as soon as the soldiers leave is place, the place will go down for awhile, but eventually this place will be a pretty onsiderable place....**" lt staining, a few sm. partial fold seps & a few sm holes at folds, ffecting a few words of text. VG .... P .....



1850

FAILURE OF INVASION OF CUBA (BY N. LOPEZ)

FL from **Matanzas, Cuba** & addr. to London, with F blk **NEW/5/YORK** cds, ms "1N" lling) & ms "pr Str. Niagara" on face, w/red British receiving cds on back. Interesting nt re a failed American filibustering expedition to take over Cuba, a frequent event g the administrations of Presidents Taylor & Pierce, as Southerners were hoping to n Cuba for the U.S., as additional slave territory to offset the admission of California free state. Incl:"**The diminution of the Cholera, without having made any great ges & the miserable failure of the attempt of a handful of desperate adventurers the U. States to invade the island, having quieted completely the alarm created on irst announcement, business has returned into its wonted & legitimate channels...**".

P BXL



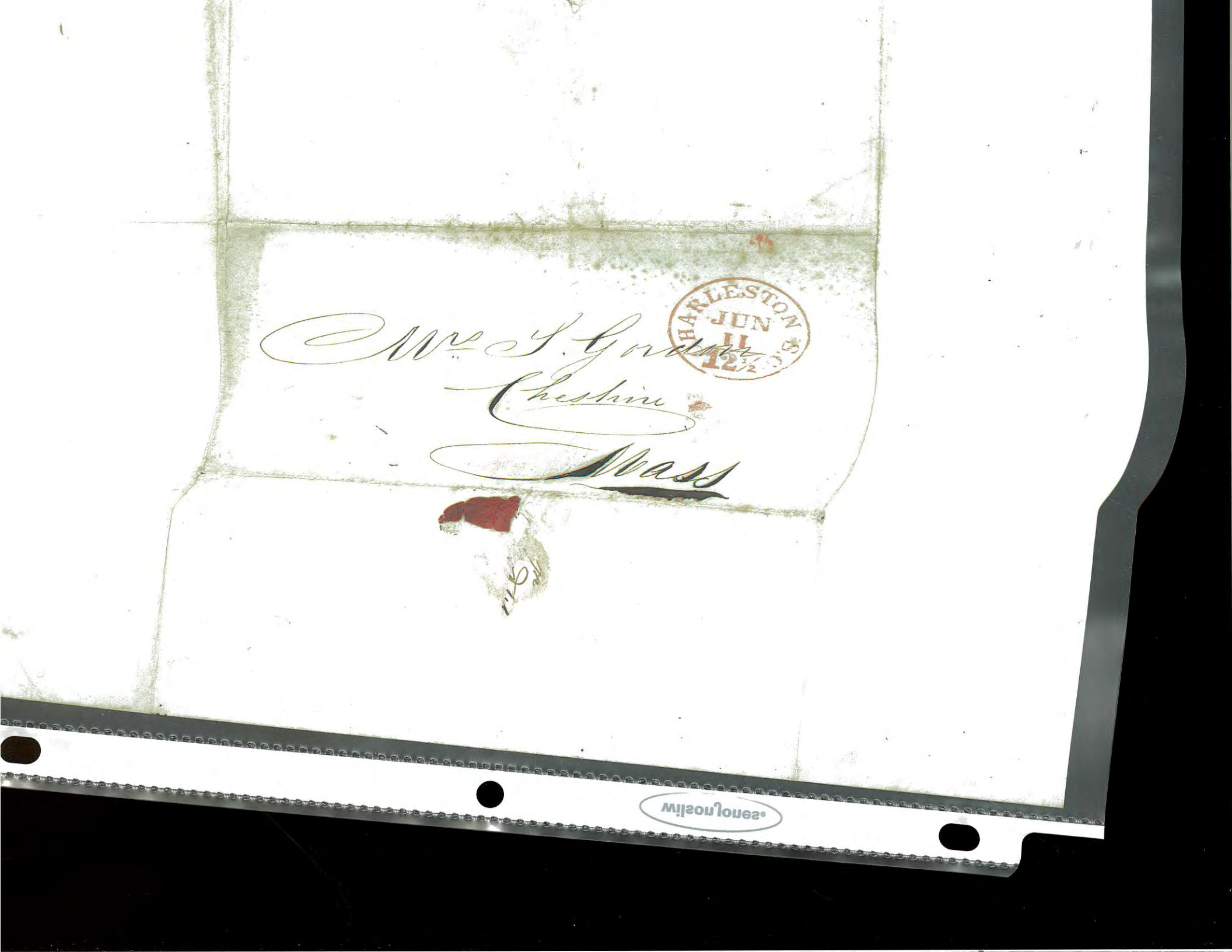
Habana June 8th 1850

JONG 1850 HAVANA
AMERICAN COMPLAINS ABOUT FILIBUSTERS —
NARCISO LOPEZ EXPED.!

My Dear Wife

I rec'd your [illegible] on the 4th — you forgot to [illegible] The childrens hat, gaiters. [illegible] board the Rapid and will return with the same vessel also will go the tamarinds

I am glad to see that you are better but I am disapointed that you are not [illegible] & calm this [illegible] never [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]


Mrs S. Gordon
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LETTER RE NARCISCO LOPEZ ATTEMPTED INVASION + OVERTHROW OF CUBA. 1851

REAT BRITAIN. 1851 FL from Liverpool & addr. to U.S. (Providence, RI), with#5 1sh een, clear margin at left, just touching at R & top & just into outer frame line at bottom, /blk barred numeral cancel & tied by F-VF red **Am.PACKET/PAID/24** cds, w/red **1/CENTS** (arc) hdstp at L. Ms "P. Baltic" also on face. Blk LIVERPOOL & L in oval kstps. Interesting Quaker dated later, re: the recent victory of the "America" over the British ships in the yacht race & **Cuban filibustering by America**. Incl:"**On this side of the Ocean, we sing small just now, both steamers & yachts beat us, but our builders are at work & I hope with more success...the newspapers are busy about Cuba, ready enough to leave the "America" to her glory and supremacy and hurl abuse on the free country that they say should have detained the pirates before they left your shores: but it is no easy matter to watch a few thousand miles of coast, & the pirates will so soon be no more that it may be passed over with regret that men should have been wooed by glory to die so miserably. Your love of freedom will embrace Cuba before long, but the day is not yet come...**" VF P



NAVAL ORDER TO (TY
PREVENT HOSTILE ACTION
VS. SPAIN FOLLOWING
THE NARCISCO LOPEZ INVASI

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Navy Department
Septr 3d. 1851.

Sir,

So soon as the Steamer "John Hancock" shall be in all respects ready for sea, you will proceed in her directly to the Coast of Georgia, calling at Savannah, if you deem it advisable, to obtain information, and also at St. Augustine, and if necessary for the purposes of your cruise, going into the St John's river to Jacksonville and down the Coast of Florida as far as Key West.

to whole expedition
on end. The news
the Murder of 50 Americans
hold blood - has produced
tremendous excitement
the whole United States
editions are preparing
invade Cuba and I should
be astonished if we have
bloody business of it
as our Government is
weak to prevent these
peradoes from seizing
our Cuba.

1851 - excellent letter re Narciso Lopez invasion of Cuba

Mary tells you the news of your friends & acquaintance I will give you the business news -

Thos Harrison has failed for 200 000 -

Manning & Lee for 150 000 & will not pay two per cent

Wyatt Blacklock & Co for about 150 000

Jno Buck Jr & some other small men have gone to pot - Money is very tight & every appearance of a long continuance of this stringency

A fresh attempt to invade Cuba has been made by Lopez - 50 of his men were caught & shot upon the spot - and a rumor prevails that Lopez has been beaten

Invasion of Cuba Death of Lopez letter



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ng two page letter simply to Mary - written in
Sender simply writes: "A fresh attempt to invade
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ricans in cold blood has produced tremendous
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Quite a fascinating and historical letter). (the
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trial. Despite military and legal setbacks, López began

Narciso Lopez group left N.O. Aug 1851 to L
insurrection. Most died or were executed.

AUG. 1851 N.O.
FRIEND WRITES OF HIS COMPANION JOINING THE FILIBUSTER (LOPEZ) TO CUBA-RARE!

FREEBOOTING EXPEDITION TO
Centreville, Louisiana
August 26th, 1851

Mr. S. A. Marsteller

Dear Sir,

I devote myself to write to you a few lines, but with a sad heart you must first know the cause of the sadness. Mannie has left me. We had become as I thought like a twin Brother. Death would have been the consequence to separate us. But he has enlisted in a noble cause. He has gone to Cuba, to lend his aid to the recovery of that Island from its long subjugation to the Spanish Government. It was a sad parting between him and myself. We had left home & friends to seek our fortunes, in a distant country amongst strangers.....

J. H. Warden



roes are admitted freely to schools and the university, public urants and places of public assembly. Intermarriage is rela- y common. Negroes are elected to congress, though usually n proportion to their numbers. Yet they are underrepresented ng professional and semiprofessional occupational groups, pro- ors, managers and high officials, office workers and salesmen. are overrepresented in proportion to numbers among skilled unskilled workers and those providing personal services.

he revolution that brought Castro to power in 1959 has modi- the class structure in at least two respects. First, the lower ses have been upgraded in the sense that the political power cture rests upon them. Second, the upper and middle upper ses have lost economic and political power, and a large propor- of them are now refugees abroad. (L. Nn.)

IV. HISTORY

uba, discovered by Columbus in the course of his first voyage, Oct. 27, 1492, was one of Spain's first footholds in the new ld and was the last Spanish colony in the Americas to obtain pendence. Colonialism has been an important molder of the nd's history.

The conquest of Cuba was begun in 1511 by Diego Velázquez h a force of about 300 men and was completed in less than two rs. By 1515 the Spaniards had established small settlements Baracoa (the landing point), Bayamo, Santiago de Cuba, Puerto ncipe (Camagüey), Sancti Spíritus and the original Havana. ázquez' reputation and legends of wealth drew many immi- nts to the island, but it was soon realized that Cuba was not the asure house that had been imagined. The colony's first use the Spaniards in the 16th century was as a steppingstone for exploration and conquest of the adjoining mainland. From ba went the expeditions that discovered Yucatán (1517) and ex- ored the southern Gulf coast of Mexico, and the expeditions of rnán Cortés for the conquest of Mexico (1519–21) and of rnando de Soto for the exploration of Florida and the lower ississippi valley.

1. Early Colonial Period.—Following the period of explora- n, Cuba's chief function within the Spanish colonial empire was serve as a supply and communications base for the fleet moving and from the new world. Havana became the principal port and val base of Hispanic America. Ships bound for Spain assem- ed in the port to be convoyed in the eastern crossing of the At- ntic, and fleets from Spain for the Americas often called first at avana. An agricultural economy developed, aimed at supplying oth the needs of the local population and provisions for the ships at plied between Spain and the colonies. Cassava, sweet pota- es and plantains were grown, and cattle raising was started. At rst the labour force for agriculture was supplied by poor Spanish- orn and Creole farmers and by Indians. The institution of a antation economy for the production of sugar and tobacco, cou- ed with the rapid destruction of the Indians, created a labour nortage, however, and warranted the importation of African slave bour. The first slaves began arriving as early as 1522, and these, einforced by many thousands more, eventually made a significant ontribution to the racial composition of the Cuban population. hroughout the colonial period Cuba's economic growth was se- erely handicapped by Spanish mercantilist policies. The colony as considered to exist only for the good of the mother country; rade with countries other than Spain was forbidden; all the is- and's commerce had to be carried in Spanish ships; the colony ccording to law could produce nothing that would compete with roduction in Spain. As a result of these restrictions, smuggling ecame an important means of bolstering the island's commerce.

Because of its strategic location and its role as a naval base and entre of communications, Cuba became an important target for he attacks of the European sea powers disputing the Spanish hold on the West Indies. Throughout the 17th century Cuba suffered rom Spain's wars with England, France and Holland. Surrounded by enemy colonies, attacked by pirates and freebooters, its line of ommunications with Spain threatened after the destruction of Spain's Mexico fleet near Matanzas in 1629, the island suffered widespread destruction. In 1662 the English attacked and de- stroyed Santiago; Remedios was sacked by the French in 1665; the English freebooter Henry Morgan attacked Puerto Principe in 1668. The peace of Rijswijk (1697) brought a temporary end to the attacks, but by the end of the 17th century the Cuban population numbered only 50,000, and its economy was badly strained.

Between 1700 and 1763 Cuba's plight showed little improvement. Spain's numerous wars continued to disrupt commerce and cause loss of life and property on the island; economic exploitation and monopolistic control by the mother country became worse; concentration of administrative control in the hands of the military and discrimination against Cuban-born Creoles in favour of the Spanish-born peninsulars fostered discontent. The island's misfortunes reached a culmination in 1762 when the English captured and looted Havana after a bitter siege. The city was returned to Spain the following year in exchange for the Floridas.

2. Reforms and Reactions.—Beginning in 1764 Cuba made notable progress. The strategic and economic value of the island having been proved, Cuba was given greater attention by Spain. Moreover, Spain governed the Louisiana territory, which it had acquired from France in 1763 and held until 1800, from Havana. With the arrival of competent officers, agriculture and education received a new impetus, commerce increased and age-old monopolies were suppressed. Formal establishment of commercial relations with the U.S. opened up new channels of trade. Hundreds of Spanish families migrated to Cuba from Spanish Santo Domingo when that colony was ceded to France (1795). Later, thousands of immigrants followed them from French Haiti when the Negroes revolted and assumed power. Most of these French immigrants settled in Oriente province, where their names are still found. Their coffee and sugar plantations converted the region from neglect to prosperity.

Under a succession of liberal governors at the end of the 18th century and in the first part of the 19th, when wars in Europe cut off Spain from its colony, Cuba became practically independent. Free commerce with foreigners—a fact after 1809—was definitely legalized in 1818 and confirmed in 1824. In 1810 Cuba elected deputies to the Spanish *Cortes* (parliament), and in 1817 the long-unpopular tobacco monopoly was abolished. Populations reported by the partial censuses of 1774, 1792 and 1817 were 161,670; 273,301; and 553,033, respectively.

Despite this progress, discontent and restiveness still ruled the island. It seems reasonable to assume that if Cuba had been part of the mainland it would have struck for independence in the first quarter of the 19th century as did the other Spanish colonies. The sharp distinction between Creoles and peninsulars, the growing discontent with political conditions in Madrid and a rising sentiment of nationalism were as strong in Cuba as on the mainland. Failure to move for freedom may be explained in part by lack of effective aid from the outside and in part by disagreement among the Cubans themselves as to what was the best course for the future—independence, autonomy within the Spanish empire or annexation to the U.S. As the 19th century progressed, however, desire for independence increased, helped to a major degree by renewed repressive measures of the Spanish government. These took the form of arbitrary powers granted in 1825 to the governor of Cuba to ward off the restiveness of the Cuban population and threatened invasions from Mexico and Colombia. Gov. Miguel de Tacón (1834–38) made matters worse by suppressing the popular Spanish constitution of 1834 soon after its proclamation in Cuba in 1836. In 1837 Spain excluded Cuban deputies from the Spanish *Cortes* and declared that Cuba (and Puerto Rico) would be governed by "special laws." Since the colony had no voice in the *Cortes* and the special laws were never passed, the arbitrary rule of the governor remained supreme.

The political scene in Cuba was further complicated at this time by the desire of certain groups in the U.S. to acquire the island. U.S. proslavery elements, especially, saw in Cuba the possibility of expanding slave territory to offset the growing power of anti-slavery forces in the U.S. congress. In the mid-19th century several freebooting expeditions from the U.S. failed to free Cuba, while at the same time Presidents Franklin Pierce and James

DEATH CERTIFICATE APR 4, 1857
OF PEDRO A. CASELLON
PARTICIPANT IN NARCISO
LOPEZ EXPEDITION (1856)

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United States of America.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans.

OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Be it Remembered that on this day to wit: the Fourth of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven and the Eighty First of the Independence of the United States of America before me Pierre Lacoste duly commissioned and sworn RECORDER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, in and for the City and Parish of Orleans, personally appeared, Mr Andrew W. Swett a native of the State of Maine residing in this City on Magazine and Thalia Streets, first District, who by these presents declares that

D. Pedro Angel Castellon a native of Cuba, aged about thirty years a teacher, a widower, departed this life, in this City, in a house Situated on Camp Street, first district, on the twenty fourth of June of the last past year (24th June 1856. a.m.)

Thus done at New Orleans, in presence of the aforesaid Mr Andrew W. Swett as also in that of Messrs Hermann Gayer & Ernest Berger of this City witnesses by me requested so to be who have hereunto set their hands together with me, after due reading hereof, the day, month and year first above written.

SIGNED Andrew W. Swett Herman Gayer

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1857

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Declaration of Andrew W. Swett

in connection with the death of

PEDRO ANGEL CASTELLON

Cuban Teacher and Writer in exile in New Orleans

Was widowed and lived on Campi Street, first district

in the City of New Orleans

Rodrigo Lazo. *Writing to Cuba: Filibustering and Cuban Exiles in the United States.*
Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina

A DOCTOR OFFERS HIS SERVICES TO GENERAL QUITMAN FOR A MILITARY INVASION OF CUBA - 1855. 1pg letter, datelined **"Jackson, Miss., January 19, 1855"** from W.H. Dudley, M.D., to General John A. Quitman (1799-1858, Brigadier General in the Mexican War, where he fought with great distinction; Gov. of Miss., 1850-51; Congressman, 1855-58; a proponent of the annexation of Cuba, for the purpose of acquiring more slave territory for the South; was indicted while Governor for alleged complicity in Lopez' filibustering expedition to Cuba). Incl: **"I have understood that there is an expedition now on foot for the invasion of Cuba in which you are commander. It will afford me great pleasure to go with the said expedition if commanded by yourself. I would accept the office of Surgeon or any other place you may see fit to place me..."** Below is an endorsment of R. Elward, which incl: **"The above subscriber is a young Gentleman of high & good standing in this community as a Physician & Gentleman. He is desirous of placing himself under your command in any expedition you may think proper to embark in.."**. F-VF . . . R1 - . . . . . .

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Yours Respectfully
W H Dudley M.D.

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He is desirous of placing himself under your command in any expedition you may think proper to Embark in - (of course as Surgeon).

Your friend
R Elward

SPEECH

OF

HON. J. B. THOMPSON, OF KY.,

ON THE

ACQUISITION OF CUBA.

DELIVERED IN SEN[illegible]

Feb. 16, 1859... Excellent speech by Senator Thompson of Ky. against the purchase of Cuba from Spain. In it, he addresses President James Buchanan. Thompson illustrates how ships will bypass New Orleans for sugar cane and other crops, and go on to Havana which is said to possess a better harbor. How New Orleans would shrivel up. How the cost of this purchase would put the country into debt for 200 years. And how it would agitate the negro question; meaning slave or free state? (pg.13). A reference to Senator (Jeff) Davis of Mississippi (pg. 9)..... Humorous in parts, animated + colorful speech. Joes to Buchanan (pg. 14).... etc.... 16 pp.

[illegible] It imports that we are to [illegible] somehow, and that we simply want some facilities for that purpose, which in mercantile phrase means money. Here it means $30,000,000. I will not vote to commit myself to anything of that sort; and besides, before I get through, I hope to show to any reasonable man that the whole scheme is ill-timed, improper, and uncalled for.

The zeal and ability with which the Senators from Louisiana press the acquisition of Cuba have struck me with some surprise. It seems to me that if Cuba were acquired, the whole sugar interest of Louisiana, which is now protected by a tariff, would be prostrated. The lands of Louisiana are too far south to be very well convertible into cotton lands. The loss of machinery, the loss of time, the ignorance of the hands, would be equivalent to a fire on each plantation. Not only that; but there would go out from Louisiana to Cuba, for the purpose of getting lands there, the active, the enterprising capitalists, the men of value, and the men of substance. Many of the sugar planters, and the best of them, would emigrate; the drones, the idlers, and the the triflers, would stay at home. We see this exemplified in the case of every new State. You find there an active, enterprising, thrifty population, more so than you see in the old States, because the active, the enterprising, the intelligent, the men bent on making a fortune, have gone there. Kentucky has been bled in that way by Missouri, by Louisiana, by Illinois, and by Indiana, until I will not say that it has such a sorry population that it lately turned to be a Democratic State; for I believe we still could have held our own if it had not been for this everlasting nigger question and the American question.

Well, sir, what will be the second effect upon Louisiana? Wherever in the world commerce prevails, its entrepots are the points of transhipment, the termini of great lines; they are the places where commodities are exchanged, and there cities grow up. Now, suppose the city of Havana should grow up under American protection; it will be some six, or eight, or ten days shorter, for foreign vessels to load with cotton there than to go to New Orleans; and cotton will be transported there from the Mississippi valley, passing by New Orleans. Cotton will land at the last terminus, land in a good harbor; and it is a pleasanter place than New Orleans, and no more liable to yellow fever. I say, then, this is a bill to break up the sugar-planting interest of Louisiana,

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EDWARD GRUBB PLEA TO PRES. TO PURCHASE CUBA



365 Cuba Must Be Ours
Autograph Letter Signed, "Edwd B. Grubb, Jr." 1p quarto, docketed on verso "Speech for the Bishop" addressed "Mr. President" it reads in part: "...The people of the United States, must have some thing to occupy their mind continually. Last year they had Kansas and Central America. Now the all engrossing question is 'Shall Cuba belong to the United States'...Cuba must be ours, sooner or later it must be. All our filibustering in that quarter has amounted to nothing and now the government has taken it in hand. Now, I say, let the President be authorized to offer a reasonable sum for Cuba, the Spanish Government will not refuse it, for they must know their power there is getting weaker every day. If Cuba lay at the mouth of the English Channel instead of the mouth of the Gulf of Mexico, England would have it in ten days...Let Cuba be ours, before the next session of Congress, and let us add that Garden of the South, as another gem to our already brilliant cluster..." Complete fold separation, else Good.

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E SPAN-WAR LTR (1866)
E POOR SPANISH NAVAL
GUNNERY

EXCELLENT 1866 LETTER FROM PERU DESCRIBING THE SPANISH ATTACK AT CALLAO. Folded letter datelined "Lima, May 12th, 1866" & addr to NYC, with VF blk **STEAMSHIP/10** circle hdstp, ms "Per Steamer via Panama" & sender's double oval hdstp on face. Includes:"**no transactions having taken place...on account of the blockade & bombardment of the port of Callao by the Spanish fleet. The latter took place on the 2d inst. lasting from 12-1/4 to 3/4 to 5 in the afternoon...when the Spanish men of war retired, not without having suffered badly from the Peruvian guns...The Peruvians behaved very well, and sustained the fight very bravely; both parties fired very badly, but the Spaniards worse...if the large guns would have been managed properly....not one of the enemies ships ought to have escaped.....The minister of War & many officers died by an explosion of some powder in one of the ironclad towers through their own fault...**" much more... VF .....



P. "Missouri"

Havana, 11 September 1869

Messrs Lanman & Kemp
New York
Sirs

HAVANA - SEPT. 1869
RE BATTLE AT TUNAS BETWEEN 6000 INSURGENTS + 400 SPANISH TROOPS.
ALSO RE OPIUM TRADE

We hand
have received your esteemed favor
which are duly noted.
$525 was accepted by Dr. R de
of $325 due 5 Inst. - We handed
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$525 is accepted under date of 9th
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We are truly Your most ob Servts
J. C. I Tamborini

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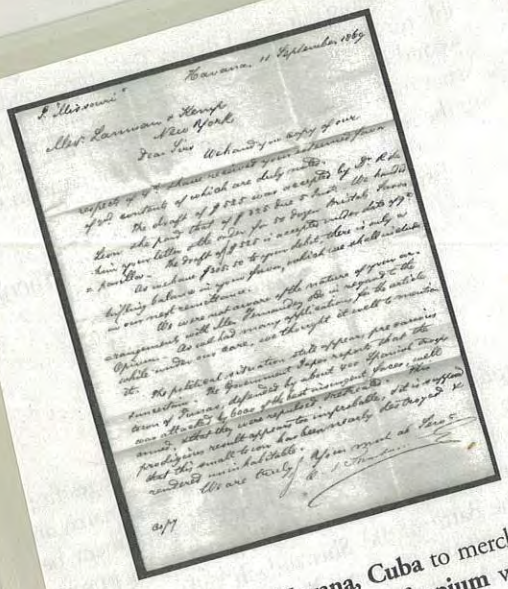

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Leon she paid that of $325 due 5 Inst. We handed
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As we have $325.50 to your debit, there is only a
trifling balance in your favor, which we shall include
in our next remittance.
We were not aware of the nature of your ar-
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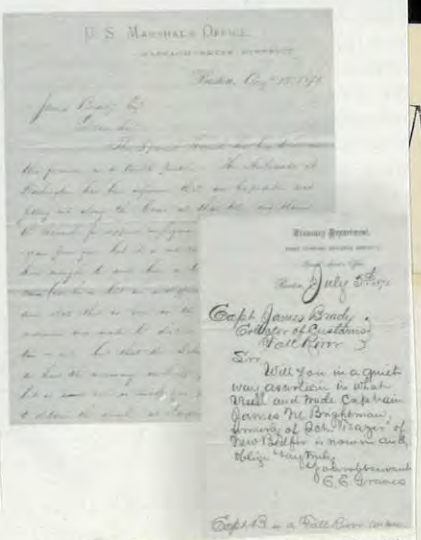
1869 Letter out of Havana, Cuba to merchants Lanman
Kemp concerning a shipment of **opium** which was to
through **Fernando Po** before arriving in Havana. The w
wants to know what "arrangements" have been made
Fernando Po in regards to the opium. The letter continues
the political situation in Cuba and the Spanish troops def
ing Tunas from a large insurgent army. It seems that the w
does not believe the official accounts of a Spanish victory
rather believes the small town of Tunas has been destro
Most interesting commercial letter.

U.S. Marshal Attempt to Stop Illegal Expedition to Cuba Attempt to stop an illegal expedition probably headed for Cuba. Neatly penned 3 page letter on printed stationery "U.S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE / BOSTON" August 15, 1871 to Captain J. Brady, U.S. Customs service, Fall River, Mass. The U.S. Marshal advises "...the Spanish Consul in a terrible pickle, the [Spanish] ambassador [in Washington] informed that an expedition fitting out along the coast and blames the Consul for negligence...write him a letter as plain as you can and advise that every endeavor was made to discover if the report is true...the schooner sailed [before we] could search and seize it...endeavored to detain vessel but it could not be found...I have information there was an expedition fitting out and publicity put them on their guard...my scout actually shipped in NY but was dismissed."



The Marshal advises the urgency for the Consul to clear himself with the ambassador "...Spanish Gov't had little confidence in our assisting them to stop parties from going to their possessions and they are nearly correct !" ACCOMPANIED WITH second neatly penned letter on printed stationery "Treasury Department / Special Agent's Office / Boston" July 5, 1871 to the same Captain Brady at Fall River. "...Will you in a quiet way ascertain in what vessel and trade Captain J. M. Brightman formerly of the Schooner 'Teazer' of New Bedford is now in ?" Both fine.

1871 U.S. MARSHAL TRIES STOP VESSEL HEADED TO CUBA (DOUBTLESS WITH ARMS FOR REVOLUTION

MARSHAL'S OFFICE,

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT.

Treasury Department,

FIRST CUSTOMS REVENUE DISTRICT,

Special Agent's Office,

Boston, July 5th 1871.

James Brady
Collector of Customs
Fall River

Sir:

Will you in a quiet way ascertain in what Vessel and trade Captain James M. Brightman, formerly of Sch. "Teazer" of New Bedford is now in and oblige

Very truly
Yours obt. servt.
C. E. Graves

Capt. B. is a Fall River man.

1873 CAPT. ALBEE (WINNER OF CMH IN CIVIL WAR, ANTICIPATES WAR WITH SPAIN RIGHT AFTER THE "VIRGINIUS" INCIDENT IN NOV. 1873

Bennett or others of the ... will be glad to listen to him." Origi- ... signature of

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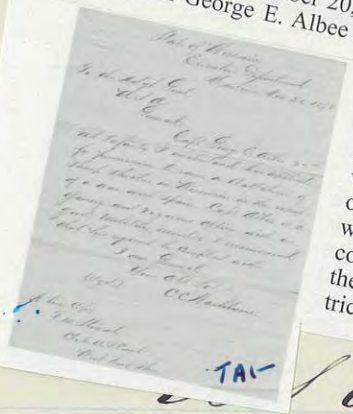
RANDL...

1350 Albee Tried to Raise a Sharpshooter Outfit in 1873, Anticipating a War with Spain ! Official notarized copy of a letter officially written from the governor of Wisconsin to the Adj. General United States Army. In the neat bold secretarial hand with a clerical signature "C. C. Washburn" the then serving governor of Wisconsin (later senator) from "State of Wisconsin, Executive Department, Madison, November 20, 1873" to the Adj. General U.S. Army..."Captain George E. Albee 24'th U.S. Infantry has applied for permission to raise a Battalion of Sharpshooters in Wisconsin in the event of a war with Spain. Captain Albee is a young and vigorous officer with a good military record and I recommend his request be complied with." Attested at bottom "a true copy" with the signature and title of the "Clerk U.S. Court, Western District of Wisconsin.



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General

Capt. George E Albee 24th US Infantry I understand has applied for permission to raise a Battalion of Sharp Shooters in Wisconsin in the event of a war with Spain. Capt. Albee is a Young and Vigorous Officer with a good Military record & I recommend that his request be complied with

I am General

Your Obt. Svt.

(Sgd) C. C. Washburne

A true Copy

F M Stewart

Clerk U S Court

West Dist Wis

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Sr Alcalde Municipal, Presidente de la Junta de exenciones de Milicias de este pueblo.

Dn Victoriano Gomez, vecino de este pueblo en la calle Real nº 118 á V.S. con el mayor respeto acude haciendo presente que fué sorteado para el servicio de las Milicias disciplinadas, pero que habiendo

Received June 22 1887

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Keep any papers for me until I arrive Thursday morning

T M Barber

Received June 28 1887

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1887 ORIG. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PIONEER ADVOCATES OF U.S. SUBMARINE WARFARE

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Received May 2 1887

Washington Barber

Lieutenant Commander

W.S. Navy

Answered

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1895 CUBA
COMMANDER 1st Div. 2nd Brigade
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY

Ejercito Libertador de Cuba - 4º C.
1ª Division - 2ª Brigada

M. G. Serafin Sanchez. —

La noche del 6. del actual el Sargento Manuel Fernandez con 3 números de los que componen la comision del Ote Collazo, á los que se unieron 5 individuos de nuevo ingreso procedentes de Yaguajay, y que iban desarmados, formaron una emboscada á los voluntarios que procedentes del fuerte de "Centeno", van a Yaguajay en busca de la paga. Apoyó tambien á dicha emboscada el Sub-Ayte. Martin y dos soldados del Bon de Yaguajay armados de revolver, que

desempeñaban otra comision en ese lugar. Al cruzar el Tente. un Sargento y seis soldados voluntarios, se les hizo una descarga, y fueron cargados al machete resultando muertos dos de los voluntarios y heridos el Tente. el Sargto. y dos voluntarios mas. Se ocuparon tres rifles, un machete, y doscientas capsulas. Los voluntarios heridos emprendieron la fuga, y no fueron perseguidos por la proximidad del fuerte á donde se dirigieron.

Soy de Vd. con toda consideracion

C. G. en Arroyo Hondo Nbre 10/895

El Jefe Y. de la Brigª. Coronel. —

Pedro Diaz

NOV. 1895 CUBAN REVOL.
LTR. TO GEN. CARLOS ROLOFF
FROM COL. PEDRO DIAZ

Ejercito Libertador de Cuba.

4º Cuerpo — 1ª Division

2ª Brigada

M. G. Carlos Roloff.

El dia 26. de Octbre por la mañana el Capitan Franco Carrillo al cruzar por la colonia "Maria" en Jaguayabon descubrió una emboscada enemiga la que tiroteó — Vinieron dos carros en ausilio con 100 infantes y sostuvo con ellos media hora de fuego causando bajas al enemigo las que no puede precisar Nuestra fuerza ninguna. —

Soy de V. con

respecto y aprecio.

C. J. en Viajacas Novbre 11/895

El Jefe J. de la Brigada

Coronel

Pedro Díaz

N.Y. PRESS CLUB DINNER
MAY 1896
FOR ELBERT RAPPLEYE —
AMER. NEWSPAPERMAN THROWN
OUT OF CUBA BY
SPANISH GOVT. FOR
WRITING UNPLEASANT STORIES
ABOUT ADMINISTRATION

New York Press Club.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1896.

DINNER

. . TO . .

MR. ELBERT RAPPLEYE,

An American correspondent who told the truth and was expelled from Cuba by the Spanish Government.

MENU.

Little Neck Clams.

Consommé Royal.

Radishes. Olives.

Boiled Salmon, Sauce Hollandaise.

Sauterne. Pommes Château.

Filet of Beef, à la Financière.

St. Julien. Haricot Vert.

"Sorbet Romanique."

Nestor Cigarettes.

Roast Squab.

G. H. Mumm & Co.'s Extra Dry. Lettuce Salad.

French Vanilla Ice Cream and Strawberries.

Assorted Cakes. Coffee.

Cheese. Fruit.

"Sparkling Londonderry Lithia Water."

FOR

CUBA!

1200 Men Wanted

The undersigned desires to secure the

ESTABLISHED 1838.

POSTER (MAY 1896) SEEKING MEN FOR CUBA!

AKK

services of 1200 men to go to the

Island of Cuba.

Their transportation will be paid to the Island and back again. No men wanted under 18 years of age or over 27 years. No married men wanted. One hundred men will be secured in each of the following places viz,

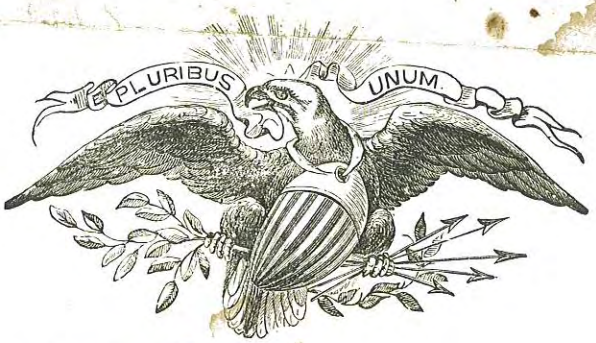
Schoharie, Middleburgh, Berneville, Albany, Cobleskill, Schenevus, Cooperstown, Oneonta, Walton, Delhi, Stamford and Sidney.

Bills will be sent to each of the above places announcing what day the undersigned will be there to arrange for securing the services of the 100 men wanted from each place. Parties interested should address

CHAS. C. KROMER,
Schoharie, N. Y.

Dated Schoharie, May 13, 1896.

GROCER NOLAN'S TRIBUTE



Land of my adoption and "land of the free,"
Oh what a disaster has happened to thee!
The heart in my bosom was chilled through each vein
When I heard that the Spaniards had blown up the Maine.

Oh, Weyler! wild butcher! near Havana's shore,
Sent those to eternity we ne'er shall see more.
No more these brave sailors we'll e'er see again,
Who were killed by the Spaniards on board of the Maine.

Oh men of all nations look on and see
What a cruel people those Spaniards must be.
There were many mothers went almost insane
When they heard of their dear ones aboard of the Maine.

Congressmen as a unit from shore to shore
Voted $50,000,000, and would as much more.
They entrusted our president and Secretary Long,
Whose deed will be recorded in history and song.

It's well known to old England we have tried men and true
'Neath the star spangled banner, the red, white and blue.
We have conquered old England, and can do so again!
Why not the small nation that blew up the Maine!

DANIEL M. NOLAN,

Haverhill, Mass., March 25, 1898. The Grocer Poet.

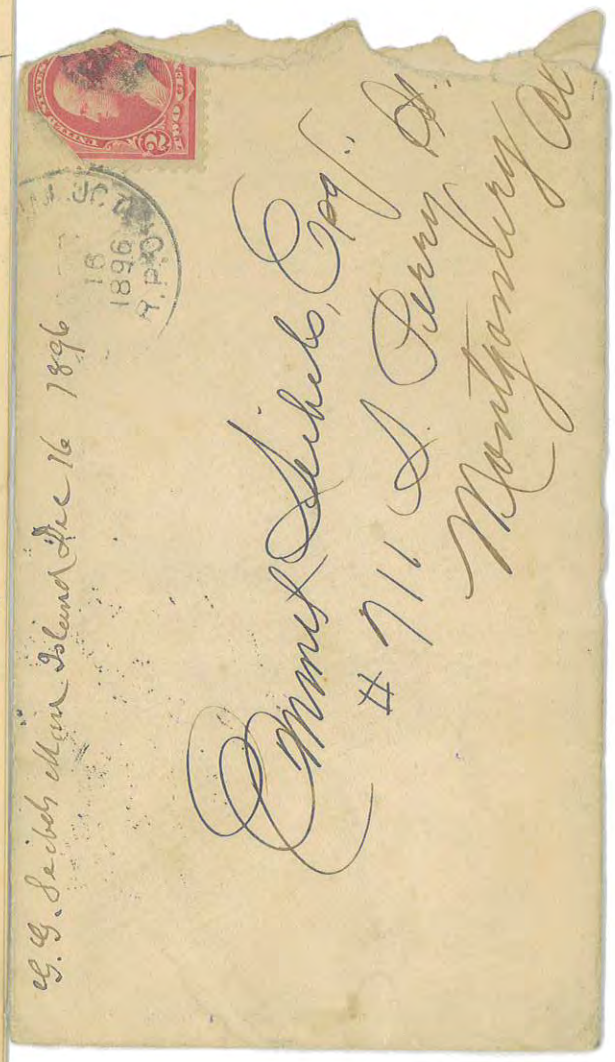
USS PETREL - AUG 1896
OFFICER DESCRIBES NEW
SHIP WHICH LATER WAS
IN DEWEY'S FLEET @ MANILA

U. S. S. Independence
Navy Yard Mare I.
Dec 16, 1896

Dear Papa & Mamma:

Your postal & letter received on Saturday night & should have been answered before, but I have neglected, but now take the opportunity.

I am sorry that my orders do not suit you, but you must remember that I am subject to these things & it would ill become me to object. It would be all the same after all, if I should be ordered to Sitka, I would still be away from home



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The Petrel went into commission today. I witnessed the ceremony but not officially as I have not as yet received my orders. I expect them at any minute. I learned from Lt.Comdr. E. P. Wood who is the Commanding Office of the Petrel that we shall sail in about thirty days;

As I told you before the Petrel is not such a large vessel, it carries four large six inch guns, that is they throw a projectile of about one hundred pounds. I call them large because they are but they are not considered so. In addition to these we carry a Hotchkiss gun. We have a complement of about one hundred & forty men all told, with Marines included. I have not learned the names of all the Officers, when I do & meet them I will write you. We have nine Officers in the Ward Room Mess.

I don't understand how the report that Elmore Jones was appointed by me as my clerk got out, it is not true - I have no clerk in the strict sense. I have only a Yeoman who is an old service man assigned to duty under me by the Dept. I have nothing to do with it. My Yeoman however is about the same as a clerk. Nothing new here – things are rather quiet

Love to all
Affectionately yours

EMPRESA DE VAPORES ESPAÑOLES
CORREOS DE LAS ANTILLAS

SOBRINOS DE HERRERA
TRASPORTES MILITARES
6 SAN PEDRO 6
CORREO APARTADO 215
Dirección Telegráfica:
HERRERA
RH
HABANA

Lit. "La Habanera" Mercaderes 28.

Habana 20 de Octubre de 1897.

MILITARY TRANSPORT

Sr. Don Juan Ravelo.

Cuba.

Muy Sr. nuestro: Tenemos á la vista su atenta carta del 13 del actual y gustosos pasamos á corresponderla.

Cierto es que, al convenir con el Sr. Presidente Heureaux los pasajes de inmigrantes para Puerto Plata, no hicimos mencion alguna de los diferentes impuestos de Hacienda sobre viajeros; y nació esa omision de ser fijos esos impuestos y estar en el ánimo de todos que los han de satisfacer, puesto que á nosotros no nos es dable hacer concesion sobre ellos. Sin embargo, como se trata de asunto de nuestro amigo el Sr. Heureaux, á quien siempre estamos dispuestos á complacer, damos orden á los Sres. Gallego, Mensa y Ca., para que no exija el pago de esos impuestos á los inmigrantes que van á Puerto Plata por cuenta del Presidente de la República, quedando por cuenta de esta Empresa el pago de los impuestos de referencia.

Accediendo á los deseos de Vd. no tenemos inconveniente en concederle pasaje de gracia para ir á Santo Domingo ó Puerto Plata, y al efecto, y para evitar la expedicion de un billete para cada viaje, le incluimos un libre tránsito valedero por tres meses.

De Vd. somos atentos servidores Q. B. S. M.

Sobrinos de Herrera

Description

This is a very collectable and rare letter from Habana Cuba, 1897. The letter is written on official letterhead that reads: "Sobrinos De Herrera" Empresa De Vapores Españoles, Correos De Las Antillas, Trasportes Militares, 6 San Pedro 6 Correo Apartado 215/Direccion Telegrafica: HERRERA and has the initials RH. This letterhead has a prominent watermark that reads "La Habanera, Mercaderes 28" as seen in the picture below. The letter is addressed to Sr. Don Juan Ravelo, Cuba and is signed in fountain pen "Sobrinos de Herrera". The date written on top is 20 de Octubre de 1897. The letter deals with a meeting with President Heureuax of the Dominican Republic, taxing immigrants coming to Puerto Plata, and the hotel or stay taxes related travelers. The letter tells that the company Sobrinos De Herrera will pay all taxes for any persons coming to Puerto Plata that are guests or friends of the President of the Dominican Republic, whom they are always willing to please. The letter also states that enclosed is a free ticket valid for 3 months to travel to Puerto Plata. This letter is in very good condition with some minor folding lines most likely from when the letter was placed in the original envelope. The paper is a bit yellowed but is definitely in strong condition. It was archived and preserved very well over the years and is not brittle.

NOV. 1896
FLORIDA'S GOVERNOR IS CONCERNED ABOUT ATTACK ON SOUTHERN PORTS! BY SPANISH



State of Florida.

Executive Department,

STATE OF NEW YORK - EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
NOV 12 1896
EXECUTIVE

Ack Nov 19

Tallahassee, Nov. 10/96.

His Excellency,

Levi P. Morton,

Governor of New York.

Sir:-

In view of the dangers which threaten the defenseless Gulf and South Atlantic sea-ports of the United States, we have deemed it proper to issue a call for a convention in the interest of the Gulf and South Atlantic harbors and their defenses.

The object of this convention, which will assemble at Tampa, Florida, on the 20th day of January, 1897, is to discuss methods for the proper defense of southern harbors. As loyal citizens of this republic, it behooves us to heed the admonitions of wisdom and endeavor to speedily place our defenseless southern ports in a condition to protect us from the possible peril of foreign invasion.

In the interest, therefore, of this important subject, we respectfully request your Excellency to honor this convention with your presence, and also to appoint delegates from your commonwealth to attend the same. Kindly forward the names of such delegates, when appointed by your Excellency, to Mr. H. J. Cooper, Secretary of the Board of Trade, Tampa, Florida.

Respectfully,

W. D. Mitchell

Governor of Florida.

SHORTLY BEFORE THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR INVITES THE NEW YORK GOVERNOR TO A CONVENTION TO *"DISCUSS METHODS FOR THE PROPER DEFENSE OF SOUTHERN HARBORS"*

HENRY L. MITCHELL (1831-1903). Mitchell served as Governor of Florida from 1893 to 1897.

LEVI P. MORTON (1824-1920). Morton launched his banking firm in 1863 after a previous business failure brought on by worthless Southern debts. He served as Vice-President under Benjamin Harrison from 1889 to 1893.

TLS. 1pg. 8" x 10". Nov 10/96. Tallahassee. A typed letter signed *"**H.L. Mitchell**"* as Governor to New York Governor Levi P. Morton. Mitchell wrote on *"State of Florida Executive Department"* letterhead: *"In view of the dangers which threaten the defenseless Gulf and South Atlantic sea-ports of the United States, we have deemed it proper to issue a call for a convention in the interest of the Gulf and South Atlantic harbors and their defenses. The object of this convention, which will assemble at Tampa, Florida, on the 20th day of January, 1897, is to discuss methods for the proper defense of southern harbors. As loyal citizens of this republic, it behooves us to heed the admonitions of wisdom and endeavor to speedily place our defenseless southern ports in a condition to protect us from the possible peril of foreign invasion. In the interest, therefore, of this important subject, we respectfully request your Excellency to honor this convention with your presence, and also to appoint delegates from your commonwealth to attend the same..."*. The letter has a stain in the upper left corner and a few fold separations that have been professionally repaired. A fine prediction of the Spanish-American War.

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REMARKABLE! SERIES OF DOCUMENTS FORMING

1897 Spanish American War - Cuba ~ document; Creation of a Military Unit

1897 A MILITARY UNIT TO FIGHT

For auction is a manuscript document written between February and June 1897. 8 pages (4 pages with text and 4 blank)
8 1/2 x 6 inches.

RARE!!! AGAINST THE CUBAN REVOLUTION

This is a set of four documents bind~~a~~ by a string in the upper left corner which are a series of reports filed during the conflict.

Summarized translation of the documents reads as follows;

p. 1

Operational Army of Cuba-Occidental Division

I have authorized Enrique Martinez y Villaverde, a representative of the 'Julia Duran' Sugar Refinery, to assemble and maintain a group of 30 armed men under the command of Luis Castro Davila.

Signed: Havana, 2/6/1897. Marquis of Ahumada and Enrique Martinez y Villaverde, 'Julia Duran' Sugar Refinery.

p. 2

Operational Army of Cuba-Occidental Division

The Inspector of the Artillery Corps has authorized the supply of 30 rifles and 3,000 cartridges from the local garrison to the 'Julia Duran' Sugar Refinery.

Signed: Havana, 2/6/1897. Marquis of Ahumada and Enrique Martinez y Villaverde.

p. 3

Property taxes levied on rustic farms during the fourth quarter of the 1896-7 financial year.

This office has received the sum of 52 pesos and 46 cents from Julia Casuso Roque

Signed: San Antonio de las Vegas, 30/3/1897. Commander Francisco Carrasco.

p. 4

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I am offering the soldiers of the 'Pizarro' Regiment the use of the soup kitchen which is available in our farm. Enrique Martinez y Villaverde.

Signed: Central Julia, 16/6/1897. Commander Francisco Carrasco.

Cópia nº 1-

Ejército de Operaciones en Cuba = Cuerpo de Occidente = E.M. -

Con arreglo á la circular de la Capitanía General de esta Isla, fecha 16 de Abril de 1896, he autorizado á D. Enrique Villaverde y Martinez para que en el Ingenio Julia del que es apoderado situado en el barrio de Guira término municipal de San-Antonio de las Vegas provincia de la Habana pueda tener pagándolos por su cuenta treinta hombres que se hallarán á cargo de D. Luis Castro Davila y cuyos nombres se expresan al márgen, armados de fusil Remington modelo 1871 con las correspondientes municiones y condiciones que á continuación se indican, en el concepto de que el interesado ha cumplido las prescripciones del bando de 6 de Enero de 1897 = Habana 2 de Junio de 1897 = El Marques de Ahumada = Sor Don Enrique Villaverde y Martinez, Ingenio Julia Guira.

Es

FROM SPANISH TROOPS IN PHILLIPINES 1898

CARDENAS, CUBA DEC. 1895

Span-Phil 1898 doc. With circular Regimento de Linea Legaspi h/s. From Capitan General de Distrito & signed in Zamboanga Feb. 7, 1898. Frayed/toned edges right margin. F.....

LEAVE ... AS HAVE INVADED THIS PROVINCE + DESTROYED ALL WIRES + RAILROADS...

ISLA DE CUBA

REGIMIENTO DE LINEA LEGASPI





Nº 101

Por orden del Excmo. Señor Capitán General del Distrito y en Jefe de este Ejército de 24 del pasado, comunicado por la Subinspección del Arma en oficio núm.º 58 de 26 del mismo, ha sido V. destinado al Regimiento Iberia núm.º 6 y en el cual ha de causar alta con fecha primero del mes actual.

Lo que participo á V. para su conocimiento y efectos consiguientes.

Dios gûe á V. muchos años

Zamboanga 7 de Febrero de 1898.

El Coronel

Emilio Gutiérrez

Sõr. 2º Teniente Don Santiago Non Gatdula

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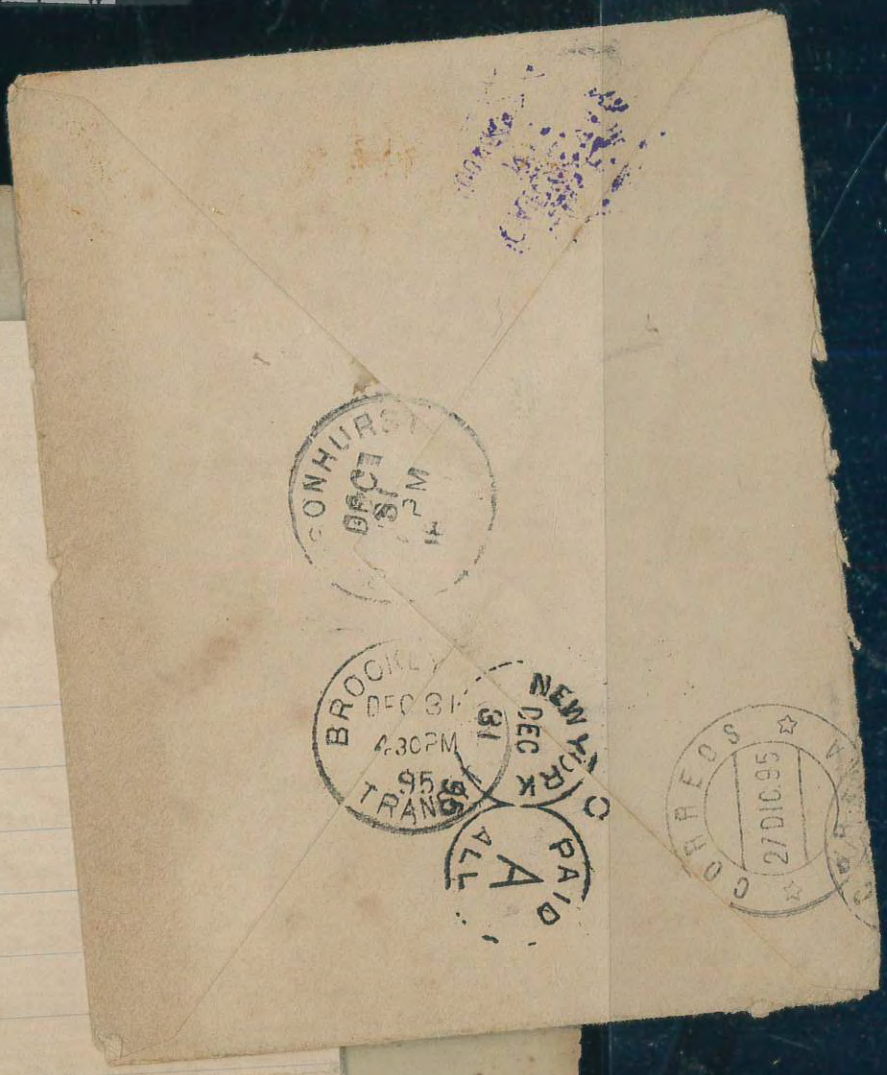

CARDENAS, CUBA DEC. 1895

AMERICAN PLANTER; MUST LEAVE FOR HAVANA IN NEXT HOUR AS INSURGENT ARMIES HAVE INVADED THIS PROVINCE + DESTROYED ALL WIRES + RAILROADS...



ISLA DE CUBA

LAVEL DEVIL

Miss Kathleen Duryea
Bay 28th St.

Cardenas, Dec. 25, /95.

My dearest Kathleen:-

I write you this in great haste, as by chance there is a steamer leaving here in an hour for Havana. I did not write before as the insurgent armies have invaded this province and have destroyed all wires and railroads so that we are completely uncommunicated. I will not get your letter to night as I expected nor N.Y. papers as there is no way for the mail to arrive here; for the last two days we have seen nothing but

CUBA MARCH 1896
MIL. TELEGRAM RE
WAR

TELEGRAMA

Sr. D. Gobor. Regional

El Alcalde

f. R.

. F. S.

...ratos telegráficos,
...el número de orden,
...a fecha, mes y hora del

...ervicio de la Telegrafía.

Número 33.

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Tercera 16

Antonio

10059

Ponce

GOBIERNO CIVIL
6. MAR. 96
TELEGRAFIA
DE LA PROVINCIA DE MALAGA

...bras 65 Depositado el 4 Marzo á las 6 10 h.

...s de que el Cabecilla Quintin
...rtida viene de Casimba
...termino del Roque con
...ta Cabecera.

...l Saralegui

Papelería de Castro: Muralla 23

Modelo núm. 2

AMERICAN PLANTER IN CUBA WRITES ABOUT PROBLEMS (JAN 1897)
"Weyler made overseer leave + their plantation is nearly abandoned
Shows[illegible] America doesn't step in + end Spanish rule.
[illegible] WILL PROTEST TO CONS. GEN LEE

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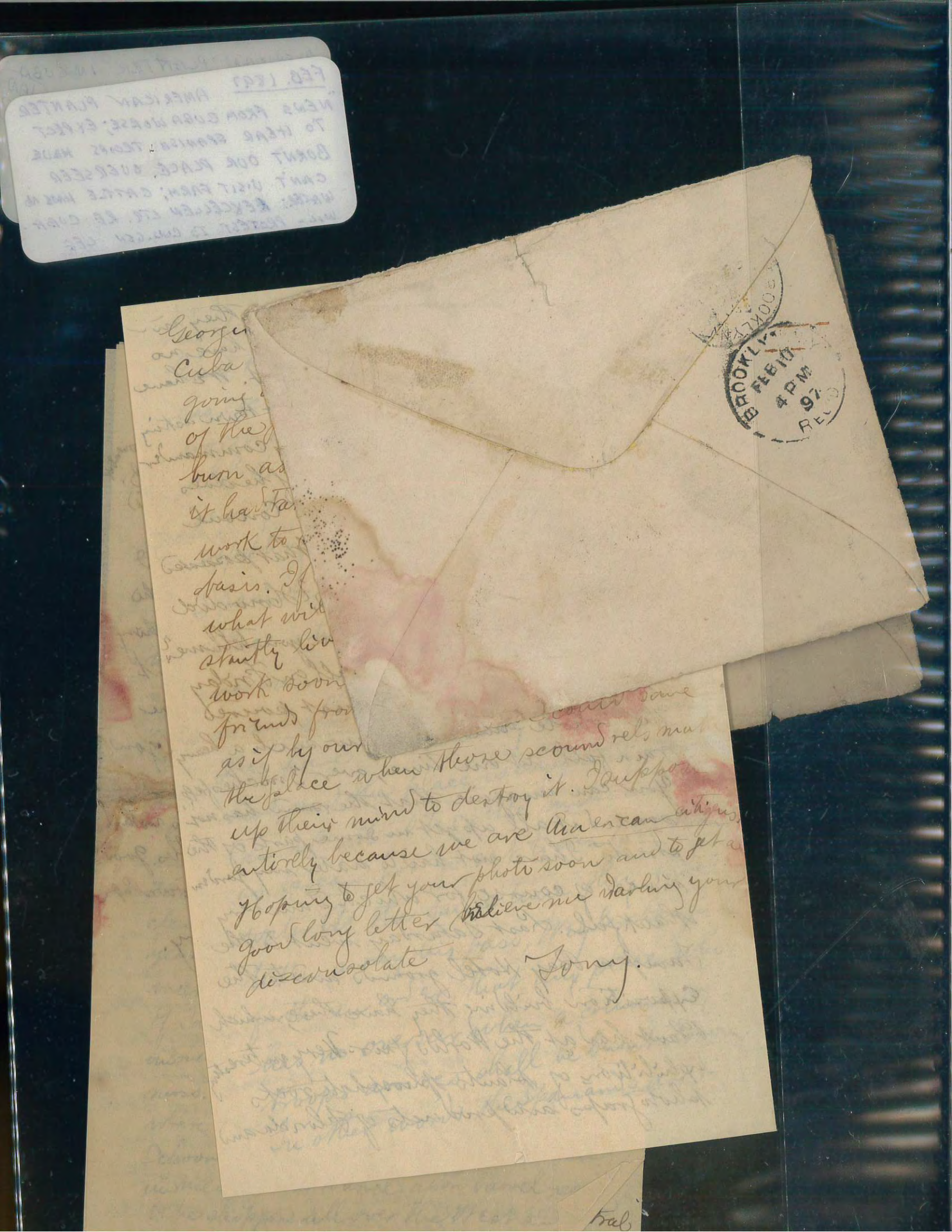
Tampa, Jan 21st 97.

My own darling: Well I was surprised is putting it mildly. Just think to-morrow would have been 2 weeks since I had received a letter from you. Such a long time! It seemed to me in fact that you had decided not to continue writing to me, and cut me altogether. Then again I thought you might be sick and was already wondering how seriously I thought again that your letter failed to arrive because it was lost. In fact I did nothing but think think until I was almost thought out. I said: perhaps she is waiting for a proof before writing. In fact if I had known the photograph was to keep me without a letter for 2 weeks I would not have said a word about it. I even thought that you had been engaged all this time to your friend newly arrived from Europe, and had eloped on his arrival. Now darling promise me not to keep me again two weeks without news for it makes me worry, when I have enough to worry about on account of Cuba; for since last writing to you our overseer has been obliged to bring his family and himself into town due to an edict of that savage barbarian



FEB. 1897 AMERICAN PLANTER "NEWS FROM CUBA WORSE; EXPECT TO HEAR SPANISH TROOPS HAVE BURNT OUR PLACE. OVERSEER CAN'T VISIT FARM; CATTLE HAVE NO WATER; EXCELLEN LTR. RE CUBA. WILL PROTEST TO CONS. GEN LEE

Tampa, Feb. 8/97.

My own sweet darling:

I received your sweet, but excessively small letter this morning. I was almost expecting your photograph, but suppose will have to still exercise a little more patience and wait for it some time this week. You never told me how much you had to pay for your photos. Do where you had it taken the cousin you ran away from once? If so, how is it you dared go there again. Since I last wrote to you we have had regular spring weather, the trees beginning to bud warm etc. although the evenings are still cool, enough so for an overcoat. On account of change of weather there



MAR. 1897 (+COVER
INTERESTING LETTER RE
JOINING CUBAN REVOLUTION

BRIGHTWOOD IND., 3-8-97.

MR. C.C.VAUGHN.,
GOLCONDA ILLS,
DEAR SIR:

MR. HODSON SHOWED ME YOUR LETTER OF THE 5TH INST AND I WAS WELL PLEASED TO HEAR FROM YOU, ALTOUGH I NEVER EXPECTED TO AGAIN. I HADN'T FORGOTTEN YOU THOUGH BY A LONG SHOT. WHEN I READ OF THE "CUBAN" VICTORIES IT USED TO MAKE ME THINK WHETHER YOU HAD GONE THERE OR NOT & I DIDNT KNOW BUT MAYBE YOU HAD BEEN KILLED. YOU KNOW YOU SPOKE RATHER SERIOUSLY OF GOING THERE JUST BEFORE YOU LEFT HERE. I SEE NOW THAT YOU MUST HAVE RE-CONSIDERED YOUR INTENTION OR PERHAPS IT WAS VERY NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THERE. IT MUST BE PRETTY HARD WORK TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR OUT OF A COMPANY OF TWENTY (20) WHO LEFT INDIANAPOLIS GOING TO FIGHT FOR "CUBAN LIBRE" THEY ALL CAME BACK BUT TWO (2) AND NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM THEM SINCE THEY LEFT, AND ITS VERY DOUBTFUL IF THEY GOT THERE OR NOT. I USED TO THINK ABOUT GOING MYSELF BUT COMING DOWN TO THE SOLID PART I GUESS A FELLOW IS A DURN SIGHT BETTER OFF AT HOME THAN IN THAT FEVER-HAUNTED ISLAND, EXPOSED TO "YELLOW JACK" & MAYBE STOPPING A BULLET THAT WAS AIMED AT SOME OTHER FELLOW. FROM WHAT I HEAR THOUGH, THE SPANIARDS ARE VERY POOR MARKSMEN AND THATS THE ONLY CHANCE YOU RUN IN THE WAY OF BEING PERFORATED.

I WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW HOW YOU ARE GETTING ALONG AND WILL EXPECT A LETTER FROM YOU BEFORE YOU COME TO B'WOOD WHICH I SEE IS YOUR INTENTION ACCORDING TO MR. HODSONS LETTER. HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON, I REMAIN,

YOURS TRULY,

Jimmie Riley

Brightwood, Ind.



COL. CONDO
MAR 10
1897

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
MAR 8
7 PM
1897
TRANSIT

executed by Spaniards when captured on the Virginius

This patriotic club was established by Antonio Maceo. 1 Libra = 1 Jamaican pound: signed by L. Quesada

CLUB B. VARONA.

Aaron M. Sollas, Printer, 110, Tower Street, Kingston.

NO. ..... KINGSTON, 10 Julio 1897

Received from P Bartolome

the sum of Libra Pounds

Shillings and Pence

Leonte Quesada

£ 1 /

CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY
IN KEY WEST, FL.
RECEIPT FOR FUNDS COLLECTED
($116.95)

DELEGACION
DEL
Partido Revolucionario Cubano.

AGENCIA GENERAL DE CAYO HUESO.

Julio 22. 1898

99

Sr. José Becerra,
Tesorero de esta Agencia
Ciudad.

Estº compta y amigo: con esta recibirá Ud la cantidad de ciento diez y seis pesos y noventa y cinco centavos ($116 95/00) para Fondos Generales, colectados en los talleres.

De Ud. affmo. amº

J. D. Poyo

PARTIDO R. CUBANO
Agencia Gral.
CAYO HUESO

AGENCIA

ORDEN NUN. 505

PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO CUBANO.

AGENCIA.

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Key West Julio 23 1898.

Señor Sub-Tesorero:

Ruego á usted se sirva entregar á la Sra Clementina de Vega

la suma de trece

pesos ($ 13 / 100) pension asignada para

sus gastos semanales

PARTIDO R. CUBANO, Agencia Gral, CAYO HUESO

EL AGENTE,

J. D. Poyo

Recibí la cantidad expresada en esta órden.

Clementina F. de Vega

Nº 1544

$ 0[illegible]

★ | PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO CUBANO | ★

SEGUNDA SERIE

Contribucion Patriótica.

Conste *por el presente documento como el Sr.:* Francis Almentero. *miembro del* PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO CUBANO, *ha entregado durante la semana que ha terminado, al colector que suscribe, la suma de* 0[illegible] *que ha sido entregada al Agente general y Subdelegado en esta ciudad, para fondos de guerra.*

Tampa, Fla., 13 *de* Novbre *de 189*7

EL COLECTOR DEL C. Valiente

Sr. Comandante
Guillermo Schuwayer
En Campaña

R de C.
Esto Ldor
5º Cpo
1ª Division
Matanzas

Sr Comandante
Guillermo Schwayer

Comandante: anoche he recibido varios bultos que han sido entregados á mis oficiales aquien venian dirijidos recibiendo yo, el papel de esmeril y los purgantes de sulfato de sosa.

Si V desea puedo mandarle recibo de lo recibido y aun de lo que tengo en esa, ó esperar á que venga todo, Esto es como más

CUBA – JULY 1897
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY
CORRESPONDENCE TO
COMMANDER SCHWAYER FROM
BRIGADE CHIEF J. GOMEZ

Como le sea.

Yo sigo algo mejorado de mis males.

Sin otro particular queda de V. con la más alta consideracion en P y L.

En Campaña Obre 18 de 1897

El J. de la Brigada

C. Gomez



Guardia Civil
José Mata Carreras

Sr. Dn. Jaime Caballero
San Martin de p. B. 1.
Meneres dia 4 de Agosto 96
Mi mas Estimado
Tio en esto momento tomo la
pluma para que al Recibir
estas cuantas letras les encuen-
tran con la mas completa
salud como la mia es buena
adios gracias
pues Tio sebra como hace
mucho tiempo que no e tenido
ninguna carta de Vds pues
yo no reciseria que Vds no an
escrito no se an perdido por el
camino por que yo escrito
como unas cinco cartas en
tre cuatro meses de modo
que como Vd. Reciben estas

nas y entada de mas familia
y en la mastresa de las
cosa que estan Vds no le
llamo por el nombre por
que nome cuerdo y de
mas personas de su agrado
y Vds les Resiben los
afectos que los quiera ber
los con mas ponto sea
to posible que lo es
S. S. S. Q. M. S.
José Mata Correa

la Direcion pondran
Ylla de Cuba Sr D José Ma
correas Comandancia de Remedios
Guardia civil puesto Remedios

Ejercito Libertador de Cuba

Cuarto Cuerpo Segunda Brigada

C. Mayor Gral Francisco Carrillo.

Pongo en su conocimiento haber entregado al C. Coronel Benitez segun recibo que obra en mi poder, al C. Sargento Juan Antº Valdés, en calidad de preso por parte dado por todos los vecinos del "Güije" respecto á su mala conducta, habiendo sabido además se ocupaba en matar reses en su casa, vendiendo los cueros en Placetas. Lo cual participo á U. para lo que tenga á bien resolver.

De U con el mayor respeto y consideracion

El Tetº Coronel
Higinio Esquerra.

Py L. Camptº Güije Julio 12 de 1896

Al C. Mayor Gral Francisco Carrillo.

ALCALDIA MUNICIPAL
de
Santa María del Rosario
Particular

Agosto 20/99.

Gral F. Carrillo

Querido Compañero:

Aquí me tiene V. de Prefecto ésn un lugar donde como V. dice hay buen pasto, buena aguada y buena gente. A pesar de todo esto y de estar solo á 4 leguas de la Habana, me conformara con una Subprefectura en esa simpática y cariñosa Remedios. (no digo esto por adularle).

Le remito esa carta de la cual puede enterarse para su debido Delgado

á quien le cuadra perfectamente el apellido por lo flaco y raquítico que és al reclamarme á mí, un caballo.

Si es de él déselo y "pax Cristy"; pero con pruebas y recibo para yo no perder el de Ciego.

Désele un abrazo y recuerdos á los compañeros y á todas las familias de ese Edén mi respetuoso saludo y para V. el afecto de

Compañero

Bernabé Paz.

Le suplico les remita esa esque

REPUBLICA DE CUBA

C. Mayor General Francisco Carrillo.

C. General: he girado la vicita de inspeccion á esta casa de Posta; y, lo mismo que la del Tejar, es indispensable proveerla de armas para pasar la trocha, pues, como V. sabrá, la estan fortificando de tal manera que se hace dificil á los postillones pasar las comunicaciones. El Jefe de Posta me dice que con dos carabinas puede pasar las comunicaciones.

Soy de V. con la mayor consideracion y respecto

P. y L. Casa de Posta de Ranchuelo Sbre 13/96

El Inspector

Gabriel Rodriguez Capote

INSPCIO DE COMUNICACIONES DISTRITO 3 REMED

FROM. JUAN FRANCO

LA REPUBLICA.
Periodico Revolucionario de las Villas.
DIRECCION.

Cdno General Francisco Carrillo

Mi distinguido General:
Ayer dia 4 me entregó Carabeo la casa lista. El punto es inmejorable y creo no habrá mas necesidad de mudarnos. Hoy me trasladé allá. Le agradecería me mandara una orden para que respetaran mi caballo donde voy á colocarlo, pues en la imprenta no lo puedo tener y V. sabe los abusos que hay respecto al particular; y no desearía me lo llevaran por hacer ocho meses que me acompaña.

Carabeo me manifiesta que con los pocos números ar-

no ha salido bien; pero consiste en la falta de herramientas para hacerlo.

La nota que le dí procure que se consiga lo que en ella pido cuanto antes.

Le envié 50 números de "La República".

De V. attº y SS

Juan Maspons Franco

Julio 5/96

Conteitada Julio 13/96

gra... sin haber

cho nunca. La primera

EJÉRCITO LIBERTADOR DE CUBA
Departamento Occidental
CUARTO CUERPO DE EJÉRCITO
1ª División—2ª Brigada
JEFATURA.

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Lbº 1º

Las rotaciones de la Brigada de mi mando se celebrarán en el día de hoy y como no sé si V. habrá dispuesto que la fuerza de infantería que le acompaña habrá de hacerlo aquí también, suplico á V. me instruya sobre el particular para hacerlo saber á aquella



C. Capitan Juan Caldovel

Con esta fecha he propuesto á V al Ctel Gral para el empleo inmediato de Comandante, por meritos de guerra en la accion del Limonar el 24 de Junio del pp. año, cuyo cargo desempeñará V á reserva de la superior aprobacion

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P. y L. Congolosongo Febrero 6/897.

El Gral de Bda Jefe de la Division

Lacret Morlot

CLUB PATRIÓTICO
"PANCHITO GOMEZ."

Cienfuegos 28 Nov.e 1898.

Mi querido Franco: Desde ayer por la tarde estoy en esta Ciudad bueno y salvo, esto es sin fiebres.

He empezado ya á anotar todos los diplomas que me han remitido de la Brigada de Cienfuegos, cosa muy necesaria ahora que se está hablando de pagarnos.

En mi carta última te decía me averiguaras si Alberto Herrera está allí de Remedio y me informaras en seguida, pues él fue encargado por mí para arreglar mis papeles de Capitán. Deseo saber lo que haya hecho, pues en caso contrario tendré que arreglarlo en la Comisión Ejecutiva.

Te pienso ir pronto á ver tus

pues tenemos que hablar sobre muchas cosas, principalmente sobre negocios. —

Recibí ayer una comon del Gral Roloff felicitandome por el envio de las relaciones de las Villas. Con respecto al Teniente Roloff me dice lo siguiente: "Si el Teniente Roloff está todavía en esa tenga la bondad de decirle que espere mis órdenes en el C. G. del Gral Carrillo ó del Gral en Jefe segun le fuere mas fácil, pues es posible que yo vaya para allá"

Ya habrás visto á Emilio y hablado con él de todo lo que él y yo hablamos.

Sin mas, recuerdos á Malaret, Justo, Marcelo y demás amigos, sin olvidar á los Ruiz y tu sabes te quiere tu

hermano

Justo



Estado Mayor Depto.
— Occidental —

Al Mayor General
Francisco Carrillo.
Jefe del 4.º Cuerpo.

General:

Tengo el honor de elevar á sus manos la adjunta Circular de este Cuartel Gral. de fecha 9 del corriente.

Soy del General Carrillo en P. y L.

En Campaña Febº 17 de 1897.

El Tte. Coronel
Jefe de Estado Mayor del Depto.
Loinaz del Castillo

EJERCITO LIBERTADOR
CUARTEL GENERAL
—DEL—
Departamento Militar.
DE
Occidente.

Al Mayor Gral Francisco Carrillo,
Jefe del 4º Cpo.

General:

Adjuntos le remito los nombramientos, cuyas propuestas se sirve Ud. hacerme en su comn. de 23 Enero, exceptuando la del Cº José Gómez, para Teniente, cuya hoja de servicios desea Conocer este Cte Gral, para así graduarle —

La hoja de servicios, bajo firma de jefe caracterizado, será en lo sucesivo, requisito indispensable á toda propuesta de empleo militar en este Depto.

De Ud. en P y L.

Cte Gral, en Veguita y 31 Enero 1897.

El Mayor Gral
Jefe del Depto.
J. M. Rodriguez

Apreciada Sra y amiga:

Debe á esta fecha estar en poder de Ud. mi carta-contestacion á su anterior fha — en la que le hacía presente el descrédito que merece la Notaría que Ud. me recomendaba para el asunto de Dn Santiago, y la falta de un procurador que gestionara módica y honradamente el mismo asunto. Creía, como sigo creyendo, que probabilidades mejores habrán de presentarse ahí ó en Caibarien para despachar el consabido asunto; y de consiguiente mis servicios en obsequio de Uds. serían de escaso valor, por cuanto que tropezaba con esas dificultades hoy insuperables á causa de la incomunicacion en que vivimos con el resto del mundo civilizado.

En cuanto á la consulta que me hace Ud. en su apble. 15 de este mes — recibida la carta hoy precisamente — no sé como evacuarla hallándome perplejo, pues hase empeorado de tal modo la situación y surgido serios inconvenientes de todo punto imposibles de allanamiento. Me refiero en primer lugar á la prohibición absoluta de los yankees en permitir la salida de Cuba de súbditos españoles — como por la prensa podrá Ud. haber visto — El plazo que el Gobierno Americano señaló de 30 dias (después de la notificación del bloqueo á las Potencias Europeas) para permitir la salida de extranjeros y españoles de puertos bloqueados ó no, expira Mañana — De consiguiente sería objeto de un permiso especial para cualquiera buque neutral

mi intención. La poco favorable acogida que tuvo mi idea ..... me hizo desistir y hoy aunque continúo creyendo que se está más seguro y con aptitud de pasar el susto rápidamente en ese pueblo, por ejemplo, he resuelto permanecer en la Habana, á menos que el desarrollo que tomen los sucesos no tuerza el rumbo de mis ideas — Le digo á Vd. esto porque esa familia ha de basar sus cálculos en los recursos que posea y no contar con el apoyo de nadie. Es verdad que cada cual tiene que sostenerse sobre su propia base y en estos tiempos!!.) . . . .

		Oro Español
De Cienfuegos á Kingston Jamaica	$	477
Kingston á New York	"	300
N. York á Tampa	"	500
Aproximado Total	$	1.277

(12 de familia)

Aproximadamente

Mayores á 10 centavos — Niños 1/2 pasaje niños de brazos — gratis

Importar el itinerario Oro $ 1277.
y de otros gastos é imprevistos " 223
hacen un total (aproximado de $ 1,500 —

Si consigo con tanta descripción ilustrar en algo la empresa de esa familia quedaré muy satisfecho —

Escribí á Dichoso y espero su contestación para remitirle ó no el baul — Dígale que han me pedido $ 5 plata por carga y $ 3.75 Oro por pasajero —

Por fin tenemos ya parte de nuestra escuadra en aguas de Cuba — Dícese que se están batiendo frente á Stgo de Cuba; y que no entraron en puerto como se había anunciado —

Carecemos de comunicaciones con Matanzas por la línea de Bahía Volado un puente grande y sobre 20 alcantarillas — Intentan aislar la Habana del resto — No ha habido hasta ahora desembarco de yankees — Han sido emigrados cubanos los que lo han efectuado — Bayamo fué quemado por las tropas antes de evacuarlo

Hasta mi próxima se despide con saludos para la apble familia de Vd. y Dichoso, Santiago su affmo amigo [illegible]

zapatos. Loque deseo llegue pronto á sus manos y tenga la suerte de servir cuanto es necesario á los que les toque en suerte.

Le agradeceré si vá por Matanzas-como tengo oido- me haga el favor de ver si con Betancourt está el jóven Pompilio Guerra - que me parece está con él y me lorecomienda á Betancourt local se lo agradeceré en el alma; dicho jóven es mi hermano.

Sin otra cosa departicular ruego á Dios por Ud y por la pronta realizacion de nuestros deseos, que son los de todo hijo de esta venturosa Cuba-hoy agobiada por sus tiranos - que siente correr por sus venas la sangre que dió vida á héroes como Martí, Céspedes Maceo y otros que han inmortalizado su nombre con sus gloriosas hazañas, hechas, por amor á esta tierra bendita, que pronto verá el fruto de tanto martirio y sacrificio, con la anhelada Libertad por la que tanta sangre se ha derramado.

Soy de Ud atta y SS.

Q. B. S. M.

Esperanza del Valle

Cienfuegos y Noviembre 4/96.

(1) 36 sombreros.

Sr. D. Francisco Carrillo.

Muy distinguido compatriota:
con sumo placer recibo su alta
y patriótica carta, la que me
llena de júbilo cuando recibo,
por que siempre es grato y satis-
factorio leer unas cuantas líneas,
que procedan de un valiente
y prestigioso cubano que es
honra y gloria de su patria.

En atención á que no
ha recibido lo que tuve el
gusto de mandarle en nombre
del Club, le remito ahora una
hamaca y una frazada con
sus iniciales, y además para
sus dignos soldados: 36 muda
de ropa, 36 frazadas, 36 pares de

Veracruz, Septbre 12/878.

Señor General

Francisco Carrillo

Provincia de Stª Clara

Distinguido General y amigo:

Tengo el gusto de presentar á Ud y recomendárselo al Sr Capitán Francisco Argüelles, que es digno de nuestro aprecio pues que sin intereses ninguno coadyuvó á la fundación y propagacion del El Contidente Americano" que á mis expensas vió la luz en la Capital de la República y que fué consagrado á defender y propagar la idea de nuestra Independencia; en esta vez así me tocó ayudar á la revolución que ya casi toca á su termino ya que en las dos anteriores sacrifiqué mi persona en aras de nuestra Querida Patria

En el mes de Mayo el referido Capitán Argüelles quizo tomar participio activo en la guerra acompañandome; pero una de dificultades sin número independientes de nuestra vo-

Juntos no permito ver coronados de
éxito nuestros deseos.

J. Conto Gonzalez

Remedios 12 de Mayo de 1899

Al Mayor General Sr. Francisco Carrillo.

Sor:

Ruego atentamente á V. se sirva manifestar á este Juzgado cual es la residencia del Coronel Sr Benigno Alonso y el Cabo José Perez que residian en Gaguajay.

Soy de V. atentamente
El Juez de Instr.
Juan Tirada

En contestación á su
~~alto~~ oficio de 12 del
actual, en el que indaga el para
dero del Cor.l Benigno
Alonso y Cabo José Perez,
debo significarle que
los expresados ciuda
danos no tienen re
sidencia fija, pero
por pertenecer á la Bri
gada de Espiritu, debe
informarle para su
citación, el Jefe de la
Guardia Rural ~~de la~~ ese Distrito

Bendigé
contestación
20 Mayo 19

Ejército Libertador de Cuba
4º Cuerpo - Primera División - 2ª Brigada
Rgmto. de Ynfantª - 2º Batallón

C. Mayor Gral. Francisco Carrillo.

Participo a Vd. que hoy en la marcha dí orden á la pareja que iba de descubierta para que detuviera á los individuos que fueran delante de la fuerza. Al llegar por Guajabana dicha pareja compuesta de los cdnos Juan de la Cruz González y Antonio Camacho, detuvieron en el referido lugar á los cdnos. Sargento Silvestre Fernández y soldado Santiago Fernández, que acompañaban á una cdna. que dice el primero ser su Sra.

Los antedichos individuos, al ser detenidos por la pareja, contestaron de mala manera, que no obedecían orden de ninguna clase, y al ser

No 10

Con fecha de hoy treinta y una me comunica el Comandante Filomeno Perez que habiendo mandado al sargento Adolfo Ramirez con ocho numeros a una comisión se encontró con la guerrilla de Fomento que conducia ganado para dicho poblado hostilizándola, regándoles el ganado y conduciendo diez reses de las que regaron al caminamento sin tener novedad.-

Bravo

Egército Libertador de Cuba.

Brig.da de "Cienfuegos"

Al Mayor General Don Francisco Carrillo Jefe del 4.º Cuerpo.

General: Siendo de suma necesidad á esta Brigada el tener una persona de confianza, que sostenga comunicación con los "Clubs patrióticos" existentes en los poblados de Cartagena y Soledad los que prestan á las fzas á mis órdenes recursos de ropa, calzado, medicinas &c., me permito rogar á V., expida la autorización correspondiente á favor del Comandte Mariano Pino Moreno, muy práctico en aquellos lugares, de reconocida honradez y patriotismo.

De V. con la mayor consideración y respeto.

Patria y

Libertad Junio 2 de 1897.—

El Jefe de la Brig.da

A. Rojo

Registro n.º 307.

Ejercito Libertador
4º Cuerpo – 2ª Brigada.
Regtº Narciso Lopez nº 1.

Mayor Gral Francisco Carrillo
Jefe del 4º Cuerpo.

Al tener noticias en mi marcha, que la tropa habia retrocedido, me acampé en Manacas Canteros, un cuarto de legua mas acá del paso de "Las Damas" habiendo mandado exploradores sobre Neiva, para asegiorarme de la verdad: acaban de llegar los exploradores (6 de la tarde) y me informan que la tropa salió esta mañana de Neiva para Pedro Barba, donde se encuentra.
Quedo en espera de sus ordenes, al rededor del paso de "Las Damas".
Según me han informa

do, la tropa recojio á
su paso, varias famili-
as y que su objeto al ir
á Pedro Barba, es recojer
el fuerte de este nombre.
Soy de U. con toda conci-
deracion y respeto.

El Tte Coronel
1r Jefe del Regto Narciso
Higinio Esquerra

P. y L. Campto en Manacas Cantero á
20 de Enero de 1897.

EJERCITO LIBERTADOR

Departamento de Occidente

CUARTO CUERPO.

PRIMERA DIVISION.---SEGUNDA BRIGADA.

JEFATURA.

L.° 1°

N.° 327

Sr. Jefe del 4° Cpo. Mayor General Francisco Carrillo.

General: El Jefe de la Brigada de Sn Espíritus, Coronel Jesús J. Sánchez, con fecha 31 de Diciembre de 1898. me dice lo que sigue:

"Sr. General Jefe de la 1ª División. = General: Con noti-
"cia esta Jefatura de que el
"Capitán Jesús Zayas en unión
"de otros individuos había co-
"metido el delito de asalto y
"robo en un establecimiento
"de esta población, ordené al
"Tte. coronel Rafael Sarí proce-
"diese inmediatamente á cap-
turarlo, lo que verificó el Tte
"Coronel siendo del preciso he
"rir al malhechor, el cual

REPÚBLICA DE CUBA
EJÉRCITO LIBERTADOR
4º CUERPO
BRIGADA DE SAGUA
2ª D. 3ª Brgda.

Cuartel Gral de la Brigada.

Edo. Mayor Gral. Francisco Carrillo
Jefe del 4º Cuerpo de Ejército.-

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L. 2º

General: Con fecha veinte y uno del corriente y por medio del Comte Ygnacio Castillo que marcha hacia Vuelta Arriba con un contingente desarmado, paso á v. comunicación felicitándolo por su nombramiento de Jefe del 4º Cuerpo y congratulándome pertenecer á ese Cuerpo que tan dignamente manda v. y haciendo constar que tanto el que suscribe como las fuerzas que manda quedan incondicionalmente á sus órdenes y que puede contar con

Ejército Libertador de Cuba

Cuarto Cuerpo 2ª Brigada

C. Mayor Gral Franco Carrillo

Pongo en su conocimiento que estando el día 20 acampado en Pierde Tiempo tuve noticias de que una columna enemiga se hallaba cerca de nosotros en las sabanas llamadas de Pedro Barba y que iba en direccion á ese punto inmediatamente dispuso el C. Comte Rafael Acosta que el C. Tte José R. Marrero saliese con 15 números á hostilizar la haciendome saber al mismo tiempo el camino por donde venía el enemigo mientras que preparado el resto de la fuerza mandó que el C. Comte J.M. Náisoles

Jatibonico, Mayo 16/896.

C. Mayor General Francisco Carrillo.

Cuartel General en Campaña.

Muy querido General y amigo!

al fin me tiene V. aquí después de haber escapado de los Pinkertons españoles. Desembarqué con el Gral Calixto García en Baraeva en la noche del 24 al 25 de Marzo y desde entonces he venido marchando sin cesar. En Canastas, jurisdicción de Mayarí, me separé de Vicente (que está convertido en un verdadero mambí) y de los demás compañeros de Wilmington y Nassau, Betancourt, Marrero, Rosel, Antonio Ruiz, Rivero etc. para juntarme otra vez con ellos en la residencia del Gobierno de la República; pero, antes de hallar á éste, el Secretario de Relaciones Exteriores me entregó unos pliegos y una co-

misión para el General en Jefe Máximo

Gomez y me vi en el caso de dirijirme inmediatamente á su Cuartel General. En el camino encontré que venian hacia acá el Teniente Coronel Bernabé Boza con un contingente Camagüeyano y los Doctores Eugenio Sanchez Agramonte y Andrés Moreno de la Torre y con ellos me tiene V. hoy acampado en Jatibonico esperando saber á punto fijo donde podremos incorporarnos á sus fuerzas.

Mis compañeros, es decir los pocos buenos que quedan de las dos expediciones que V. organizó en los Estados Unidos, quieren estar á sus órdenes, y tan pronto el Gobierno se los permita vendrán á las Villas con Vicente. Yo, gracias á la comision que me han dado, podré incorporarme ántes á V.

Le abrazará muy pronto su affmo. compatriota

Cosme J. de la Torriente

Ejercito Libertador de Cuba

Ctº Cpº

Cº Mayor Gral Franco Carrillo

Como resultado de las ultimas investigaciones echas para averiguar de una manera cierta, las bajas sufridas por el enemigo en el fuego sostenido el dia 10 de este mes; resulta que habiendo mandado una pareja de esta fuerza a reconocer cuatro sepultura que existen en el lugar del combate, hayarón seis cadaveres, cuatro de color y dos blancos, además de los diez heridos llevados a Placetas han fallecido siete, haciendo un total de trece muertos y tres heridos, y de los nueve caballos muertos

que decia en mi anterior parte de fecha 14 se han hayado dos mas, que hacen un total de 11.

Es todo cuanto por hoy puedo tener la satisfaccion de manifestarle

Soy de U. con la mayor concideracion y respeto.

El Tte Coronel
Jefe del Regto Narciso
Higinio Esquerra.

P. y L. Campamento en Sabanilla á 19 de [illegible]tiembre de 1896

S. de la R.

Al Mayor General: Cdno Fnco Carrillo.

R. DE CUBA PREFECTURA DE PLACETAS



Pongo en su conocimiento como acabo de recibir un parte del Suprefecto F. Sanchez que ha salido una tropa de placetas por el rumbo del Corojo. lo que pongo en su conocimiento para lo que crea conveniente.

Pz L. Dbre 20 1896.

el Prefecto Carlos Cardoso. P.O. Sanchez

Al Mayor General
Fn.co Carrillo

en
Campaña

E. L. de C.
3a Brigada
1a División
4o Cuerpo
Trinidad

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Lo. 5o.

Al Mayor General Francisco Carrillo, Jefe del 4o Cuerpo.
Su Cuartel General.

E/.

R. el 2 de octbre.

Tengo el gusto de incluirle el extracto de las operaciones de esta última quincena, y algunas de la anterior que, por no haber llegado á tiempo, no fueron en mi comunicación de fecha 2 del actual. No 158a Lo. 5o.

Agto 21/897. "Me comunica el Cmdte Celedonio Hernandez, que tiroteo los fuertes de "Güinia de Miranda", pr. mis of.-

" 27. En emboscada sostuvo fuego con una columna que se dirijia de Güinia á Fomento, haciéndola retroceder, nuevamente al primero,

Coronel no le hagan falta por tener 32 hombres armados que le deja el ~~Bergonzo~~ Cabrera y además operar en un rádio tan reducido que no tiene que moverse, lo contrario de lo que me pasa á mí, que tengo que recorrer grande extensión de terreno. — Espero, si Vd. lo tiene á bien, me dé órden para recojerlos. —

Con consideración quedo de Vd. atto Subalterno

El Jefe de la Brigada
Juan Marcó Parra

P. y L. Campaña Sephe 15/897.

R. de C.
Ejército Libertador
2ª Inspección de Costa

Mayor Geral Francisco Carrillo
Mi General: respetuosamente
contesto al oficio de fecha 24 del pa-
sado donde me hace el requerimien
to de los atravesaños extraidos en
mi zona "Punta Brava" y como
quiera que en cumplimiento de
mi deber trato de hacerlo todo lo
mejor que pueda le esplicaré la
falta cometida.

Es muy cierto que se cortaron
atravesaños, pero hubo el inconve-
niente que el Cañonero no salia de
allí y por mucha vijilancia que
tenia no lograba mi intento, es
decir castigarlo; y habiéndome
enfermado fuere en mi lugar
al Sub Inspector Pedro Perez que
habiendose tambien enfermado
fué cuando mandé al Capi
tan Prefecto Cortés levantando

el corte con la pena de que si seguian serian ahorcados, no habiéndose castigado en el acto por consideracion á ser una mi mínima falta.

Es cuanto ha pasado y creo no se repetiran esos abusos Patria y L. Febrero 4 de 1897.

El Inspor de Costa.

El Tte Coronel.

José Perez



El Jefe del 4º Cuerpo Mayor Gral

Francisco Carrillo.

EJERCITO LIBERTADOR DE C.S
BRIGADA DE TRINIDAD

Nº 25

R. de C.

Cte. Mayor General
Francisco M. Carrillo

Es en mi poder su atenta comunicación fecha veinte y seis de Noviembre Nº 12. en cuya contestación pueda manifestarle que no he olvidado un momento la indicación que Vd. y el Gte Sanchez – Q.G.G. me hicieron así es que habiéndome separado de Vds en Pijabo el quince del pasado llegué á Güimia el diez y siete empezando los trabajos de preparación continuando marcha para el punto indicado en cuyo lugar me encuentro acompañado del Gte Cabrera.

Es muy comentado

esta el encuentro que Vds. tuvieron en Managuita teniendo ahora la certeza de la pérdida de nuestro malogrado Jefe Mayor Grl. Serafin Sanchez lamentando al mismo tiempo la herida que Vd. recibió deseando su pronto restablecimiento.

Las disposiciones que recibí del Grl. Sanchez con respecto á la compañia que me pidió estar cumplida pues esta salió ya para Santi Espiritu.

Respetuosamente queda de Vd con distinguida consideración en P. y C. La Colmena Diciembre 4 de 1896.

El Coronel

Juan Bravo.

Rec. 2 mayo
Cont. 10 mayo
Malaret.

Al Mayor Graf F. Carrillo

Muy respetable y distinguido amigo: no había tenido antes el honor de contestar su muy apreciada carta, por que mi falta de salud no me lo habían permitido. No sabe Ud. con cuanta pena estoy por que puedo ser juzgada como falta de respeto, y atención á una persona como Ud. que tanta consideración y simpatía me inspira!

En la suya muy interesante me decía que la insignia que le permití á Ud. tenía dueño y me refería la victoriosa

me repito de Ud con la mayor admiración affma amiga

Cubanita

15 de Abril 1898.

P. D.

Esta no es más que para suplicar á Ud. tenga la fonda de darme noticias de un joven llamado Teodoro Culmell que estaba con el Gral M. Gomez esto se lo agradeceré mucho. Por ésta se cree (Un hecho) la independencia de Cuba ojalá fuera verdad ésta esperanza!

operación realizada por el
Tte Coronel José D. Sanchez
digno hno de Serafín, y como no
me había olvidado de éste hoy
tengo el gusto de enviarle
las insignias que le pertenece
y á Ud. una banda de "Jefe
de Día" para los oficiales
que tengan éste honor cerca
de Ud. pensaba enviarle
ggna que me remitén de
N. Y. pero por la mucha
vijilancia no se ha podido
sacar aún del vapor.
Aprovecho ésta oportunidad
para tener el gusto de remitir
á Ud. el acta de formación
del Club Cubanita, y quedo
á su disposición.
Sin más deseando muy pronto
recibirlo con rosas y palmas para
saludar á Ud. personalmente

Certifico que el Mayor Gral José María Rodríguez, Jefe del Departamento Occidental confirió al Subte Fabian Fagerman el grado militar de

Teniente

del Ejército Libertador con antigüedad de 7 de Octubre de 1896, por méritos de guerra en el Combate de Colorado.

Y para que sean guardadas al Teniente Fagerman las consideraciones debidas, firmo el presente.

En P. y L. Jiquimas á 28 Agosto 1897

El Jefe de E. M. del Depart.º Occidental

Coronel

Despachado.
Malaret.

Loinaz del Castillo.

DEPARTAMENTO MILITAR
★
DE
OCCIDENTE

CUARTEL GENERAL.

Sr. Mayor General
Francisco Carrillo
Jefe del 4.º Cuerpo.

General:

Tengo el honor de saludar á Vd. y le ruego haga las más eficaciones averiguaciones por medio de su bien atendido Despacho, con objeto de saber el paradero, ó la suerte que les cupo de los jóvenes Alfredo Juztis y Lopez = Ant.º Goicuría y Morán = y René Vasseur y Póo.

Anticipandole las gracias, queda de Vd. muy att.º con toda Consideración. —

P. y L. Nov.e 30/898.

El Jefe de S.M.
Coronel.
Carlos Dubay.

Adición

También le estimaré me dé razón de Alberto Ravena y Alum. —

Vale

Dado aviso en "Las Villas". y cont.

Republica de Cuba
Ejercito Libertador
4º Cuerpo

General:

El dia que, de V. me separé, despues de pasar por el Mamey y calzar la fuerza pernocté en Guabam

Dia 19: seguí marcha acampando en San Cayetano.

Dia 20: Tuve noticias que el enemigo conduciria convoy de Coloradas á Buenavista; resolví quedarme por si, fuera cierto, poder estar pronto á cualquier auxilio.

Recojí 6 individuos pertenecientes a fuerzas del Bgdr Gonzalez

Dia 21: salí acampando en Guaní. Recojí los Cdos, procedentes de Caibarien, Enrique Cremade, Ezequiel Lara, Juan Valdes y Indalecio Ramirez: los dos primeros Voluntarios, armados y municionados (70 cápsulas

detalles, que me reser
bo, de ciertas operacio
nes importantes
Hoy paso la Trocha
Lo que tengo el honor
de comunicarle en
cumplimiento de mi
deber ——
Cmpto en Guaní Agosto 25/76
El Cmte
Quintin Bravo

Al Mayor General Francisco
Carrillo, Jefe del 4º Cuerpo
R. el 28.

Veracruz Sept. 19 de 1897.

Mayor Gral. Franco Carrillo y Morales

Salud.

Muy querido Pancho:

Tengo el gusto de comunicarte, que la noche del 8 del que cursa fué de plácemes para mí, por que en sus primeras horas tuve el honor y satisfacción de abrazar á nuestros compatriotas Sres. Gonzalo de Quesada y Benjamín J. Guerra que acababan de llegar de Mexico; habiendo esperimentado á la vez el placer, de saber por el primero, que te quiere tanto como á hermano germano.

Cuando hice presente á Quesada que había sabido de tí ese mismo día por conducto de la mamá vieja, me preguntó con señalado interes si estabas bien, y como si que se alegró al contestarle que sí. Esta circunstancia, aparte de sus particulares merecimientos y natural simpatía, hubiera bastado para que yo lo apreciara, como lo quiero ya en alto grado.

Estos excelentes patricios fueron recibidos con el entusiasmo y alegría que se merecen; y como dirijieron la palabra á los Cubanos y Mexicanos, especialmente Quesada con su dulce espresion, y elocuencia patriótica, que confieso me conmovió, fueron calurosamente aplaudidos, tanto en ese momento como en las distintas reuniones verificadas; obteniendo en todas ellas, asi de los nuestros como de los naturales, un buen resultado en sus gestiones por la

Patria. Hoy salieron para Alvarado, por ferrocarril, en un tren especial les fué ofrecido generosamente por el Administrador de la Empresa.

A consecuencia de enfermedad en la familia de mi hijo, no me ha sido posible acompañarlo algunos ratos en su alojamiento, cual debía; y me cabe además el sentimiento de no obsequiarlo con la esplendidéz á que son acreedores por todos conceptos, por que te seré franco como siempre, ¡mi posicion desgraciadamente no me permite satisfacer ni el mas mínimo de mis deseos!

En dias pasados te dije por medio de mamá, que los parches porosos son muy buenos para el reuma, y como no impiden el movimiento de campaña ni son de riesgo, debes usarlos.

En fin: deseo verte glorioso, da mis recuerdos á Adriano, Montalvan, Bravo, Rodrígz. &. &, á tu hermano, que se está allí un apretón de mano, y tu recibe un fraternal abrazo de tu siempre afmo. compatriota

Vigil

Correa nº. 19 (alto)

P. D.

Mañana 20 salen ya despedidos pª. México. En la Habana se dijo q. este gobierno los había expulsado de aquí; pª. lejos de eso, han sido muy deferentes con ellos todas las autoridades. Fueron Versiones gachupinas.

Te Juro que si tuviera algunos reales me iría con ellos á verte; pero estoy de "ojo y ojo" y no cuento con nada. Lo único que tenía (muy poquito) lo he entregado á Benjamin para "Metralla". Siempre tuyo Vigil

Camagüani Noviembre 30 de 1897.

Al Mayor General C. Francisco Carrillo.
~~En Campaña.~~

Mi distinguido amigo: mucho tiempo hace que deseo escribirle por conducto seguro, pero no ha sido posible lograrlo apesar de mis esfuerzos hasta hoy que al verificarlo tengo la seguridad de que llegará á su poder. Mas que escribirle deseo tener el gusto de saludarle y pasar todo el tiempo que fuera posible en su amable y grata compañía como en otras ocasiones, demostrándole á la vez de esa manera que aun no estoy encasquillado como le manifestó V. en su apreciable dirijida al amigo Cesar.

Ese recuerdo ha producido en mi verdadera satisfaccion pues veo que de la manera que á diario tengo un pensamiento para el más digno de los caudillos de mi pátria, tan merecedora de ser libre, así tambien el ilustre

campeon me honra recordándose de mi pobre persona siempre á su disposicion para cuánto se le ofrezca y que con verdadero gusto procuraré desempeñar.

¡Cuanta diferencia mi querido General de aquellos para mi felices dias, á los que han transcurrido hasta estos! Ymposible de relatarle, sin cansarlo, de cuanto he pasado y sin tiempo bastante para hacerlo por este medio lo dejaré para cuándo pueda tener el gusto de verificarlo en su presencia.

¿Que le parece á V. la cacareada "autonomia"? ¡A buen hora mangos verdes!

Por estos mundos de opresion, mucho se espera del nuevo régimen y de sus elegidos para mangonearla, dando por hecho que tendremos "paz" para Navidades, ya depuestas las armas del Ejercito Libertador ¿que tal? ¿no será demasiado corto, aparte de lo ilusorio del placito?

En las nuevas disposiciones se obliga á todos los hacendados á hacer la zafra venidera, auxiliándolos con fuerzas suficientes para que se lleve á efecto de todos modos. Puedo asegurar á V. que "Zaza", "Altamira", "Rosalia" y Tahon se preparan y serán á un tiempo los que dén principio, á más de los de "Yaguajay" segun se corre por aquí; ¿puede no molerse?

Estan llamados los valientes voluntarios y sorteados para hacer su salida á campaña porque ya por España no hay quien se embarque ¡pobres carneros!

Hasta que tenga el gusto de recibir sus letras que espero por esta agencia le recomiendo mis afectos para los muchachos de su E.M.S. mis amigos, incluyendo al C. Narciso y V. mi querido General sabe que incondicionalmente está á sus órdenes y muy deveras le distingue su afmo.

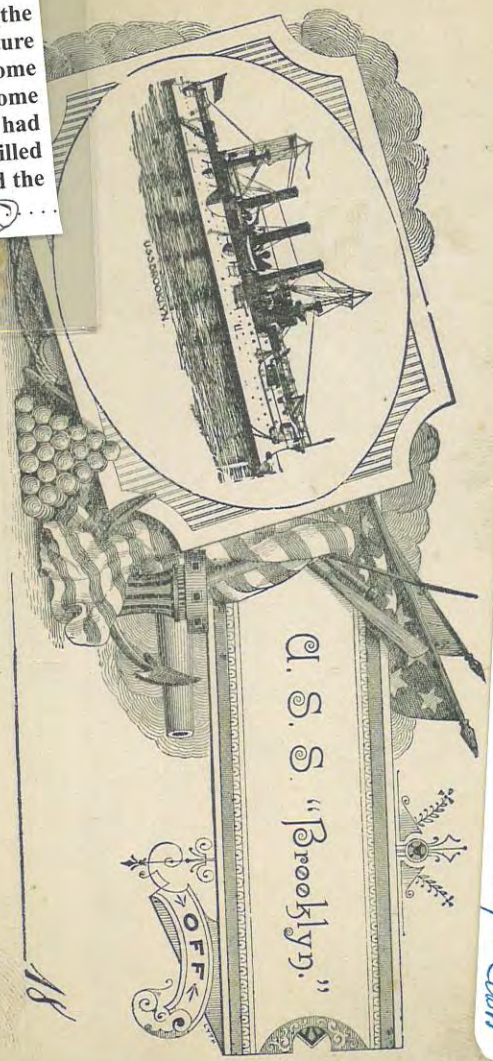
B.

Cont.



PHILADELPHIA, PA.
APR 19 930 AM '97

GOOD 1897 LETTER FROM SAILOR ON ILLUS. "U.S.S. BROOKLYN" STATIONERY W/ILLUS. CVR. 4pg letter, approx. 6" x 9-1/2", w/**"U.S.S. 'Brooklyn,'"** printed at top w/side-view illus of the ship, w/flags, anchor, cannon, etc.., from a sailor to his brother in N.H. Incl. original transmittal cvr with blk illus. of the ship at TL & w/Apr. 19, **1897** dated PHILADELPHIA, PA. mc tying 2c red Washington. An interesting letter from a sailor on board this Cruiser, which saw action in the Span-Am War a year later, w/bragging about the merits of the ship & meeting Heavyweight boxing Champion "Gentleman" Jim Corbett, who explains his recent loss to Fitzsimmons. Incl. (spelling corrected):**"They are coaling her today. We will put our ammunition next week...The new battleship Iowa had her trial trip the other day. She made 12 knots, but she couldn't come up to the Brooklyn. She [the Brooklyn] made 21 knots...She is the fastest ship in the Navy of her size...the largest Cruiser in the world today...That picture was taken one day before we went to Marcus Hook...about 20 miles down the river...where we had the accident and had to come back...There has been thousands of people down here today to see the ship...I have been boxing every night....We have some pretty good bouts here...Jim Corbett is in this City and he gave a great lecture on fighting. He told the different fights he had been in. He said he had Fitzsimmons dead to right, but he got careless and got the knockout blow. He said the blow almost killed him at the time, but he feels just as good today as he ever did. He...only wanted to get another chance at Fitz...He punched the bag for 15 minutes here the other night..."** Scarce cvr & stationery. Cvr has sm edge tears, letter is F-VF P . . . . . (AAX) . . .



COVER + LTR. HEAD USS BROOKLYN
APR. 1897
PLUS EXCELLENT LETTER
RE TRIAL RUN, ETC.
IN ONE YEAR SHE
WOULD BE IN BATTLE IN CUBA

to day as he ever did he sad
that only wanted to get another
chance at fitz that was all
he punched the bag for ~~fr~~ 15
minutes here the other night
well les I am a fraid I will
have to close with the love
from your ever
loving brother
Ernest H. Harvey
U.S.S. Brooklyn Navy Yard.
Philadelphia
Pa.

P S write soon

OUTSTANDING BROADSIDE

TO: LT. GEORGE F.W. HOLMAN 12/97
RE HIS REQUEST FOR
TRANSFER FROM USS MAINE:
HE SURVIVED THE EXPLOSION

Naval Torpedo Station
Newport R.I.
Dec 6. 1897.

My dear Holman:

I had a talk with Captain Cromwell in regard to your detail to duty here at an early date. He is not disinclined to comply with the request. Said he would try to find some one to take

GEORGE PULLMAN
RECOMMENDS OFFICER FOR PROMOTION!
POLITICAL INFLUENCE

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E.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., July 15, 1897.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your reference of letter dated June 26, 1897, of General James H. Wilson, in the case

a form letter from the Adjutant General's Office signed by William P. Hall. The letterhead reads, "War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C.". He is writting George Pullman of the Pullman Railroad Co. that he has received his letter from General James Wilson who in turn wants to recommend Col. Robert H. Hall for Brigadier General of the Army. Hall is letting Pullman know that the papers are on the Presidents' desk. Wilson was a Union General whose men captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He later became a railroad construction engineer and executive. He returned to the army in 1898 forthe Spanish-American War. Col. Robert H. Hall became a Brigadier General in 1901. William P. Hall served on the Western Frontier until the Spanish-American War. He received the Medal of Honor for the rescue of a fellow officer who was surrounded by 35 Indian Warriors. He was married to Terese Blackburn, daughter of U.S. Senator C.S.Blackburn of Kentucky.

AT

file for

Very respectfully,

W. P. Hall

Assistant Adjutant General.

To

Geo. M. Pullman, Esq.,
Chicago,
Illinois.

No. 7967.

From

Dated 18

Subject 18

Respectfully Referred to

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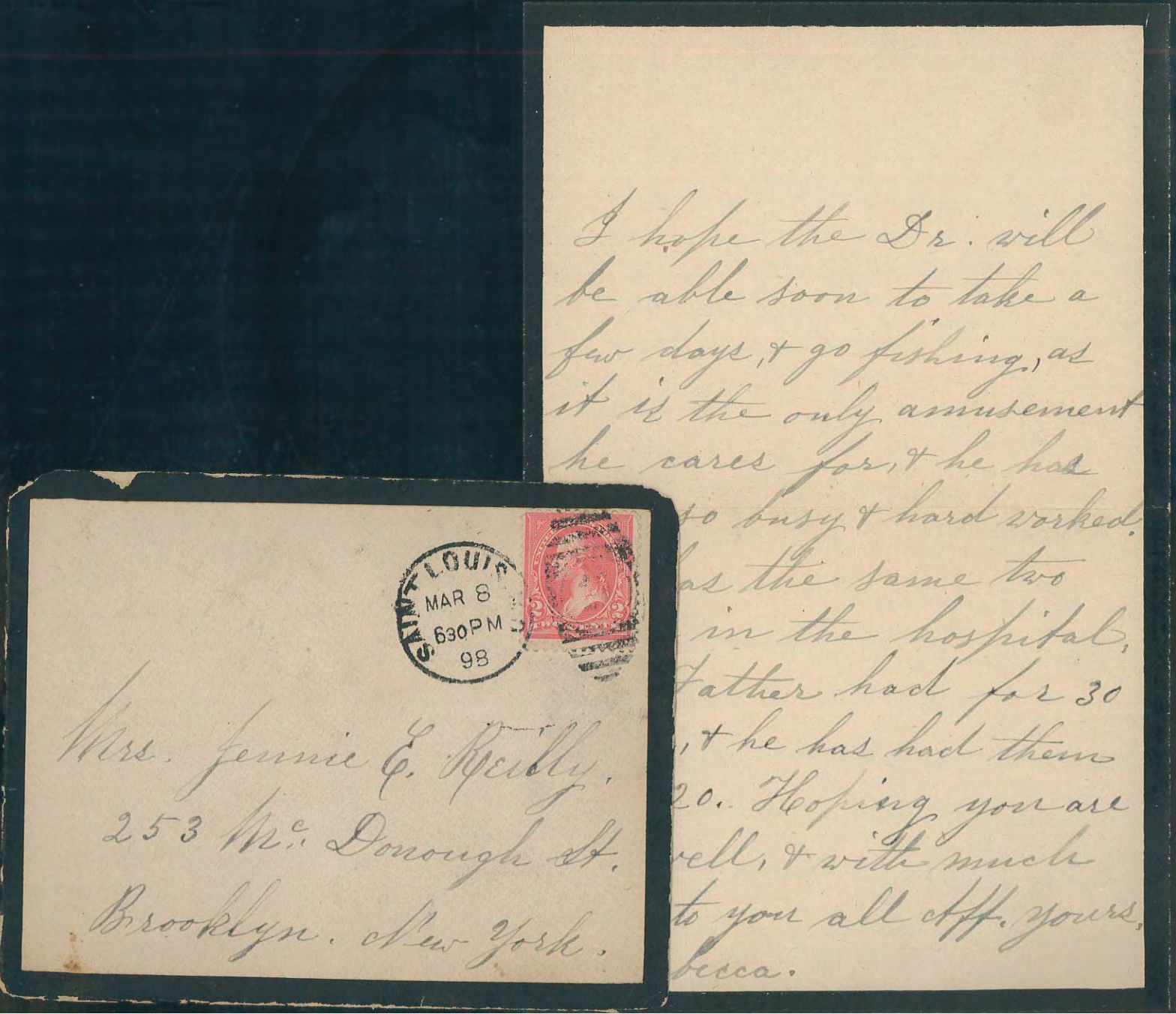
For the President.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - 1898 LETTER RE U.S.S. MAINE. 4pg letter, **on black bordered mourning stationery**, datelined **St. Louis, March 7th, 1898** from Rebecca, to her sister, Mrs. Jennie E. Reilly in Brooklyn, N.Y. Incl. original transmittal cover, with **black mourning borders** & with black **ST. LOUIS, MO.** duplex tying 2c Washington. Written just 3 weeks after the U.S.S. Maine blew up in Havana harbor, which would propel the U.S. into war with Spain, Rebecca makes a nice reference to this event: **I suppose you are as interested as I am about the "Maine", & hope there will be no war, for the Spaniards are so treacherous, we cannot tell what they would do....**



I hope the Dr. will be able soon to take a few days, & go fishing, as it is the only amusement he cares for, & he has so busy & hard worked. as the same two in the hospital, father had for 30 , & he has had them 20. Hoping you are well, & with much to you all aff. yours, becca.

ST. LOUIS MAR 8 630 PM 98

Mrs. Jennie E. Reilly.
253 Mc Donough St.
Brooklyn. New York.

St. Louis, March 7th
1898.

My dear Jennie,

I was quite astonished to hear you had moved, but it is such a dreadful undertaking, that a few times is more than enough for anyone. I hope you like your new quarters, & that you are settled. We have had



MAR. 1898 - TELEGRAM RE
"NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE"
SENT 1 MONTH AFTER SINKING
OF USS MAINE
~~NAVY PIGEON MAIL FORM~~ MX



miral C.C. Carpenter, 1p. oblong octavo, March 28, 1898, and reads "National Volunteer reserve organized you elected member of military and Naval Committee acting Commander Genl. Schofield Vice Commander General Longstreet chairman committee Generals O.O. Howard, Ames, Dodge, and Wheeler, Vice Chairman, Alex. McCook Secretary all enthusiastic Call going out now, kindly advise your acceptance tonight. Wm. D.H. Washington, Waldorf." with attached note on verso that was carried by a Carrier Pigeon, and reads "My dear Admiral - Sorry you were prevented from coming.....C.F. Goodrich. VG

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Form No. 1.

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To Admiral C. C. Carpenter

National volunteer reserve organized you elected member of military and Naval committee acting Commander Genl Schofield Vice Commander General Longstreet chairman committee Generals O. O. Howard, Ames, Dodge, and Wheeler, Vice chairman Alex, McCook Secretary all enthusiastic Call going out now, kindly advise your acceptance tonight

Wm D. H. Washington, Waldorf

U. S. S. Passaic.

Brunswick, Ga., March 23rd 98

1 MONTH AFTER MAINE EXPLOSION, NAVY SENDS AMMO TO STATE NAVAL UNITS (ANTICIPATING WAR?)

Sir:-

I have the honor to advise you of the receipt of four thousand rounds of cartridges for my Division from the Navy Department.

Respectfully,

James S. Wright

Lieut. Com'd'g. Torpedo Division

V.

Adj

1898 Letter

USS Passaic as Flagship
Torpedo Boat Division
Naval Battalion, Georgia Volunteers

DESCRIPTION: TLS 1p. 4to., Brunswick, Ga., March 23, 1898.

Letter from Lt James S Wright, commanding the Torpedo Division of the Georgia Naval Militia, notifying the Adjutant General of Georgia of the receipt of 4,000 rounds of cartridges for his Division from the US Navy Department.

Letter is on stationery *U.S.S. Passaic, Brunswick, Ga* with the seal of the Naval Battalion, Georgia Volunteers in the upper left.

Six weeks after this letter was written aboard her, she was recommissioned for the Spanish-American War. She guarded Key West and later Pensacola from attacks by the Spanish fleet.

USS Passaic (1862-1899): First of a ten-ship class of monitors in the Civil War, *Passaic* was being towed along to Beaufort, NC with the original *Monitor* when the convoy was struck by a storm off Cape Hatteras. *Passaic* dumped all her shot overboard and manned her pumps, barely surviving, but *Monitor* was lost.

Laid up after the war, she was repaired and recommissioned in 1876, served as receiving ship and training ship at the US Naval Academy. She served in the Massachusetts Naval Militia 1895-96, and the Georgia Naval Militia 1897-98.

Brought back into active service May 16, 1898, stationed at Key West and Pensacola. She was decommissioned for the last time in September 1898 and sold for scrap in October 1899

MAR-APR. 1898 PRIOR TO WAR CONSTITUENTS WRITE CONN. SENATOR HAWLEY ASKING RESTRAINT RE WAR

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SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - ARCHIVE OF LETTERS TO A SENATOR, URGING THAT WAR WITH SPAIN BE AVOIDED. Archive of **11** letters, 15 total pgs, dated March 30 - Apr. 18, 1898, all to U.S. Senator, **Joseph R. Hawley**, (1826-1905), **Major Gen. in Civil War**, Gov. of Ct. (1866); in Congress, (1872-81), in Senate (1881-1905). 10 letters are on printed letterheads (1 illus.), from variety of Ct. business men, professionals, etc.., writing just after the Naval Court of Inquiry delivered its report (Mar. 28), that the cause of the sinking of the U.S.S. Maine was an explosion by a submarine mine. At this time, much of the press was urging war with Spain, but (with the exception of 1), as these letters show (& as Pres. McKinley personally felt), many were in favor of a peaceful solution to the crisis. However, the President succumbed to political pressure & war was declared on Apr. 25th. Excellent content throughout, incl. (Mar. 30):"**My only excuse for writing you is to join in the show of hands against war with Spain...as long as we can keep out of it with honor. We do not want a war anyhow on sentimental grounds. We have not much in common with those yellow skinned devils on either side down in Cuba, but will feed them awhile longer if that will do any good, and even lend them money to buy the Island and take a mortgage on it, if they can then take care of themselves and not force us to foreclose...But even that would be better than a fight over it now. Stand firm and let the heathen rage...**" ..... (Mar. 31):"**The sentiments expressed by you regarding the conduct of President McKinley in the great crisis which is upon us, are the sentiments of all our good people here in Willimantic...**" ..... (Mar. 31):"**A war with Spain on account of the Cuban rebellion would be contrary to the Monroe Doctrine, for President Monroe gave that doctrine two sides, in connection with each other....There might arise a case in which international law and the Monroe doctrine both should give way to humanitarian motives; but such a case does not seem to me to be presented at present in Cuba; because humanity would probably suffer more from the war between the United States and Spain, than it will suffer in Cuba, whether the rebellion is supressed or not...A war with Spain, on account of the destruction of the Maine, would not be justified, except on conclusive evidence that the Spanish government directed that destruction. But so far from that appearing to be the case, it...appears to be debatable whether the undoubted explosion of its own magazines, was not the only explosion that occured...does not appear that anybody on board the Maine heard more than one explosion...**" ..... (Mar. 31):"**I write you at this critical time to use your influence...to hold back any who would act rashly, thereby plunging us into war with Spain...very few here ....think President McKinley is acting with caution and desirous to bring the matter to a honorable and peaceful solution without sacrificing thousands of lives, millions of treasure, desolating houses and destroying...cities and villages...**" ..... (Mar. 31):"**I am proud to be among the citizens of Hartford, who unanimously stand by the President and all others like yourself in this emergency, for national patience, integrity and honor. May divine wisdom guide & direct you all...**" ..... (Apr. 1):"**As it now seems pretty evident that Spain will not grant Cuba independence at the demand of the United States, there seems to be but one possible peaceful and successful way out of the difficulty....the British Government, in Spain's own interest...insisting on our demands being met...Now if we can gain what is desired by diplomacy...why is this not better than to involve this country in war - especially during the rainy and yellow fever season in Cuba, and at a time when we have neither sufficient torpedo boats, torpedo boat destroyers, or even heavy guns and fortifications enough, to properly attack, or to properly defend ourselves?...put the ministry and the Spanish dynasty in position to grant the demand without risking revolution and perhaps loss of the crown...I write in the interest of all those who are anxious to aid the suffering reconcentrados and to help free them from a yoke which has forfeited all right to govern them, but...with the least possible bloodshed...permit me to suggest that if hostilities could be postponed till fall, and Spain were willing to grant an armistice until that date, which would put us past the...yellow fever season, and also to enable us to complete (in 3 months) 70 torpedo boats, and (in 5 months) 30 torpedo boat destroyers, also to fully fortify our coasts...and also possibly enable us to complete the two battle ships, Kearsage and Kentucky...why could we not then in the healthy season, and more fully equipped, be better able with less bloodshed and infinitely less loss by sickness, to compel the desired result?...if Spain will not grant an armistice during the rainy season, the insurgents in Cuba can give the Spaniards all and more than they want to do...and the Spaniards alone would be the chief sufferers by yellow fever...are we not by hasty action, unecessarily risking the destruction of a number of our battle ships and armored vessels, besides the yellow fever on shore...**" ..... (Apr. 4):"**I attended the Center Church yesterday, and Dr. Lamson prayed that the President might have 'a clear eye and a brave heart', and that Congress might be embued with 'wisdom from on high'...God directed the Israelites to take possession of Canaan because their 'iniquity was full'. Is not Spain's iniquity full?...Then the blowing up of the Maine. I believe it must have been done by order of the local officials. How else could it have happened? If so, how long should we temporize. Oh! for a Gen. Jackson or a Gen. Grant at the head!!! Rod, my son, will be pleased, I know, to be in command of the Tecumseh...**" (this letter was from Roger Welles, & likely refers to Roger Welles, Jr., 1884 Naval Acad. grad; arctic explorer, director of Naval Intelligence in WWI & Rear Admiral in 1919). ..... (Apr. 7):"**Nothing has stirred the public mind about here like this Cuban matter, since '61. It is in everybody's mouth...Some of our people who read only the N.Y. Journal or World, howl for 'War at any price' and denounce the Prest. in much the same spirit that Lincoln was denounced by the Copperheads. But they are not in the majority, thank God. That the President's hands may be upheld is the earnest wish of thousands of your friends...**" all with old mounting adhesions along left edge. F 50

Hall Library,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C., Apr 12, 1898.

Dear Mollie,

So Guy has a visit on the

1898 POLITICAL LETTER US HOUSE TREATMENT OF MCKINLEY TALK OF W...

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WAS BUFFETED ABOUT LIKE A FOOTBALL, RIPPED UP THE BACK AND LAUNCHED TO THE SKIES". SHE CALLS THE DEBATE STORMY AND SAYS FREE SPEECH HAS GIVEN "VENT TO PENT UP EMOTIONS" SHE SAYS CONGRESS IS TEARING MCKINLEY MESSAGE APART. SHE ALSO DESCRIBES HER HUSBAND'S ATTENDANCE THAT DAY AT A RECEPTION FOR FITZHUE LEE AT THE DEPOT. SHE SAYS EVERYONE IN WASHINGTON IS GAY AND HAPPY. EVEN WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR LOOMING.
IT IS A SHORT, TWO PAGE LETTER IN GOOD CONDITION. A GLIMPSE AT THE POLITICAL PROCESSES LEADING UP TO THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR.

filling up for another letter, he has been so busy for two days taking in the Italian Steamer at Alexandria and the arrival of Fitzhue Lee today he was close up to him, and saw the whole reception at the depot.

The excitement seems more like a big parade of wind and flag,

War with all its horrors does not depress the public, every-body is gay and happy as a big sun-flower —— But the President, McKinley has given the subject his time and thought till he looks jaded and now congress is tearing his message apart like wolves, Heaven be kind to him, I believe he will prove the right man in the right place.

Just a short letter, Mollie if you will put something in Martha's trunk, let it be unbleached muslin light weight, for a couple of sheets, I have plenty pillow cases Marie will appreciate apron material, she thinks she will do her own work when she moves, I only speak of these as you will send something I know.

Good night, Hannah,

APR. 1898 - CONSULATE IN HAITI — CIPHER WARNS ALL CONSULS TO REPORT ON SPAN. SHIPS

(Copy)

Telegram received in cipher.

Port au Prince, Apr. 12, 1898.

Received 9:50 A.M.

Sherman,

Washington.

Cabled Consuls of the U. S. at the Republic of San Domingo to report every day to the Department arrival and departure of Spanish war vessels. Have written Consuls of U. S. here.

Powell.

Deciphered by Chief Clerk.

POWELL, WM. F. US MINISTER TO HAITI WAS A BLACK MAN

The sheet reads:

"(Copy) Telegram received in cipher. Port au Prince, Apr. 12, 1898. Received 9:50 A.M. Cabled Consuls of tho U. S. at the Republic of San Domingo to report every day to the D departure of Spanish war vessels. Have written Consuls of U. S. here. Powell. Deciphere

Here is a brief biography of Powell from the website "Political Graveyard":

Powell, William Frank (1848-1920) — also known as William F. Powell — of New Jers Charge d'Affaires to Santo Domingo, 1897-1904; U.S. Minister to Haiti, 1897-1905. Bla location unknown.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR BROADSIDE AAL

"WAR! The President Signs the lutions. Spain Given Three Days of e The Cuban Ports Will Be Blockaded Havana Bombarded," headlines this April 1898) broadside 5-3/4" x 9-3/4" broad- as America readies for revenge of the ne. Folded, otherwise fine.

DAILY RECORD EXTRA.

WAR!

The President Signs the Resolutions.

SPAIN GIVEN THREE DAYS OF GRACE

The Cuban Ports Will Be Blockaded and Havana Bombarded.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—President McKinley signed the resolutions at 11:24 o'clock.

The ultimatum to Spain giving three days in which to evacuate Cuba will now go. At the end of that time, if the demand is not complied with, hostilities will begin immediately and a blockade of Cuban ports declared. The bombardment of Havana will follow.

Even Woodford admits that peace is now impossible.

Sagasta's speech to the Cortes yesterday is accepted as official notice that Spain will not reply to the ultimatum.

There is some talk of the renewal of the intervention of the Pope and the powers, but it is now too late to prevent hostilities.

BUTCHER WEYLER'S PREDICTION.

PARIS, April 20.—A Madrid correspondent wires an interview with Weyler in which he says that the war will be chiefly naval and if the Americans manage to reach Cuba he says that several hundred thousand of them will be necessary, for the fever will kill half and he will answer for the remainder.

SPANISH MINISTER LEAVES.

WAR DECLARED APR. 23, 1898
CALL TO ARMS DOUBTLESS
BY IOWA NATL. GUARD!
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J. C. FRANCE. L. J. ROWELL.

FRANCE & ROWELL,

LAWYERS.

General Law Business. Second Door West First National Bank.

Tipton, Iowa, Apr. 23rd. 1898.

Dear Friend William:--

War looks very near. Will telegraph you on receipt of orders. Bring those two men with you and we will take them with us. We will need some extra men. Each bring the following articles:--A Change of light woolen under wear, hair brush, tooth brush, comb, whisp broom, small mirror, towel, needle thread and extra buttons, The A. G. O. has ordered us to pack up. Come by team if you cannot get here any ~~o~~ other way. Notify me as to your action so that I cantell what to count on. Wear your uniforms.

Very sincerely yours,

L. J. Rowell

APR. 24, 1898 - WAR DECLARED
TELEGRAM MOBILIZING TROOPS
(PROBABLY IOWA NATIONAL
GUARD)

Form 116.

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Edgar H Yule

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Dated Tipton Ia 24

To Edgar H Yule

Report at the Armory at once
bring men with uniforms

L J Rowell.
Capt

ADVISES GOVERNOR OF SO. CAROLINA THAT REGT. IS READY FOR COMBAT

A. D. WOOD, PRESIDENT

H. D. Wheat, Pres. & Treas. J. G. Wardlaw, Secty

GAFFNEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

COTTON GOODS.

Gaffney, S. C., April 26th, 1898

Gov. W. H. Ellerbe,
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir:-

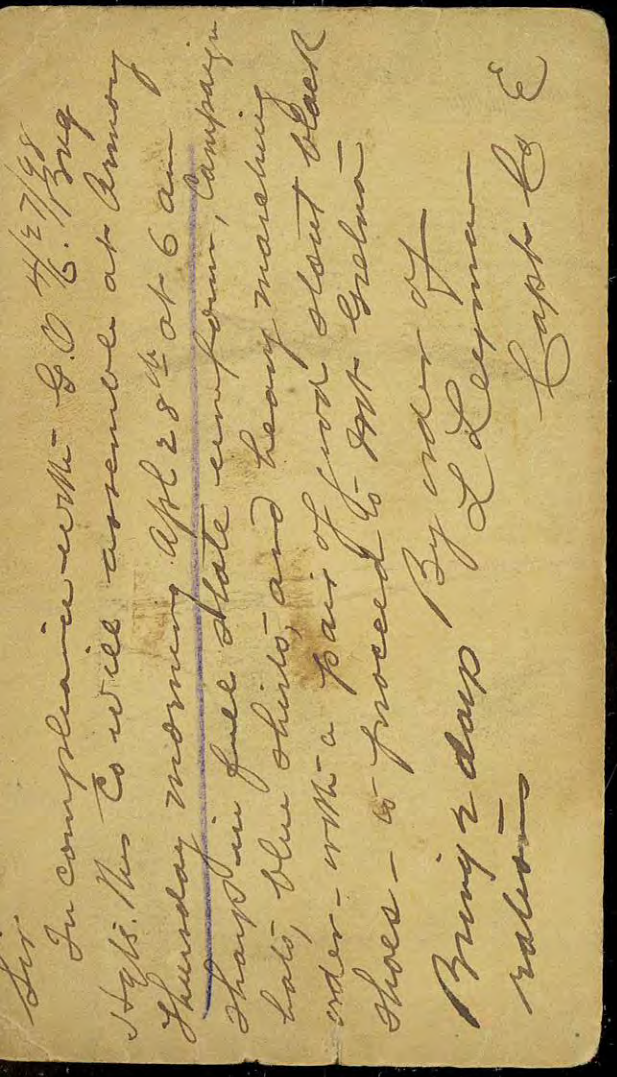
The Abbeville Volunteers, Newberry Guards, Maxwell Guards (Greenwood), Johnson Rifles (Union), Pea Ridge Rifles (Kelton), Morgan Rifles (Clifton) and Gaffney Light Infantry, composing the 3rd Regiment of Infantry, have authorized me to tender their services as a regiment, when in my judgment the necessity should arise. I do not want to add to your burden of responsibility, nor do we desire any newspaper notoriety, but would simply ask you to notify me when the time comes for this regiment to do its duty.

Yours truly,

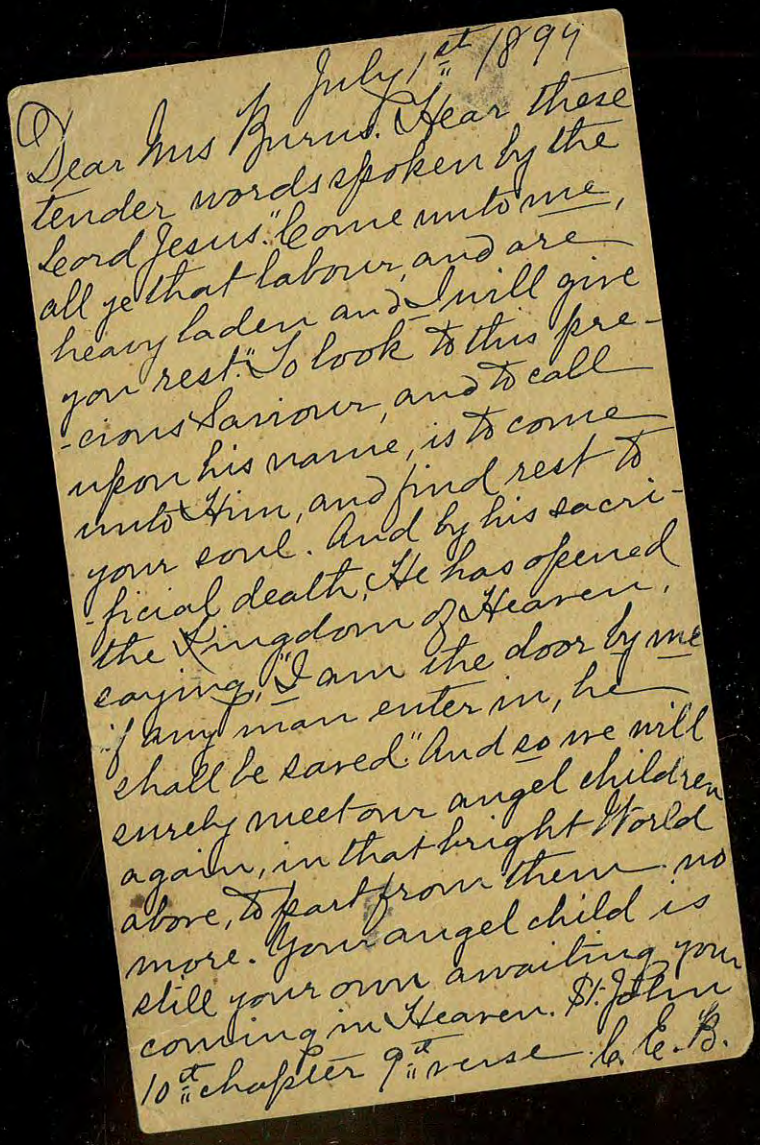
J. G. Wardlaw
Col. 3rd Reg. Infantry.

UNUSUAL PAIR OF CARDS APR. 27, '98
#1 TO: SGT. BURNS CALL TO ARMS!!

#2 TO: MRS. BURNS. APPARENTLY 7/99
EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON DEATH
OF HER HUSBAND (OR SON)



Sir
In compliance with G.O. 4/27/98
Hqts. Ths Co will assemble at Armory
Thursday morning Apl 28th at 6 am
Thays in full state uniform, Campaign
hats, blue shirts, and heavy marching
order - with a pair of good stout black
shoes - to proceed to Mt Gretna
Bring 2 days By order of
rations L Leyman
Capt Co E



July 1st 1894

Dear Mrs Burns. Hear these
tender words spoken by the
Lord Jesus: "Come unto me,
all ye that labour, and are
heavy laden and I will give
you rest." To look to this pre-
-cious Saviour, and to call
upon his name, is to come
unto Him, and find rest to
your soul. And by his sacri-
-ficial death, He has opened
the Kingdom of Heaven,
saying, "I am the door by me
if any man enter in, he
shall be saved." And so we will
surely meet our angel children
again, in that bright World
above, to part from them no
more. Your angel child is
still your own awaiting your
coming in Heaven. St. John
10th chapter 9th verse. C. E. B.

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Sergt. William Burns.
2029 Mountain St.
Phila.

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Wm. H. Burns
2029 Mountain street
Philadelphia

APR. 30, 1898 - INTERESTING! WRITER INQUIRES ABOUT NAVAL BATTLE IN PHIL. WHICH OCURRED NEXT DAY! MAY 1, 1898

OFFICE OF
FLEMING & MECHLING,
Druggists.
20th and Larimer Streets.

Denver, Colo. April 30 1898

Check it out...Here's a Unique set of 2 different Original items from 1898 with great content about the upcoming Presidential election for 1900 & the looming Spanish-American war threat-One is an @ 6" wide by 9 1/2" tall 2-page hand written letter dated April 30, 1898 sent from Denver Colorado to "Tish-I-Mingo" cigar maker Andrew Steffens in Indianapolis, Indiana-The cover letter originally contained a draft for $ 1000 (A LOT of money in 1898!) and has great content about the upcoming election, looming war and how the Tariffs will affect the tobacco / cigar business: "Was just looking...to see if naval battle had taken place in the Phillippines (SIC) Islands. To a man up a tree it looks as though the administration were a set of cowards from the Presit. (President) down. I say Hurrah for Bryan. The next congress is sure to be democratic." The letter is on the letterhead of "Fleming & Mechling Druggists 20th and Larimer Streets Denver, Colo." and is signed at the conclusion as "Flem & Mech". The letter is written in vintage flowing fountain pen-Comes with the original mailing envelope from the Fleming & Mechling company-Letter is folded as originally mailed and comes with the original mailing

DENVER, COLO. APR 30 2 PM 1898

RETURN IN 5 DAYS TO
Fleming & Mechling,
20th and Larimer Sts.,
ALSO
16th and Tremont Sts.,
DENVER. - - COLO.

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re elected in the fall
As soon as I can g
ahead sufficiently to
in advance will se
some cigars. With
& many thanks for y
kindness We are
Yours re
Them & Me

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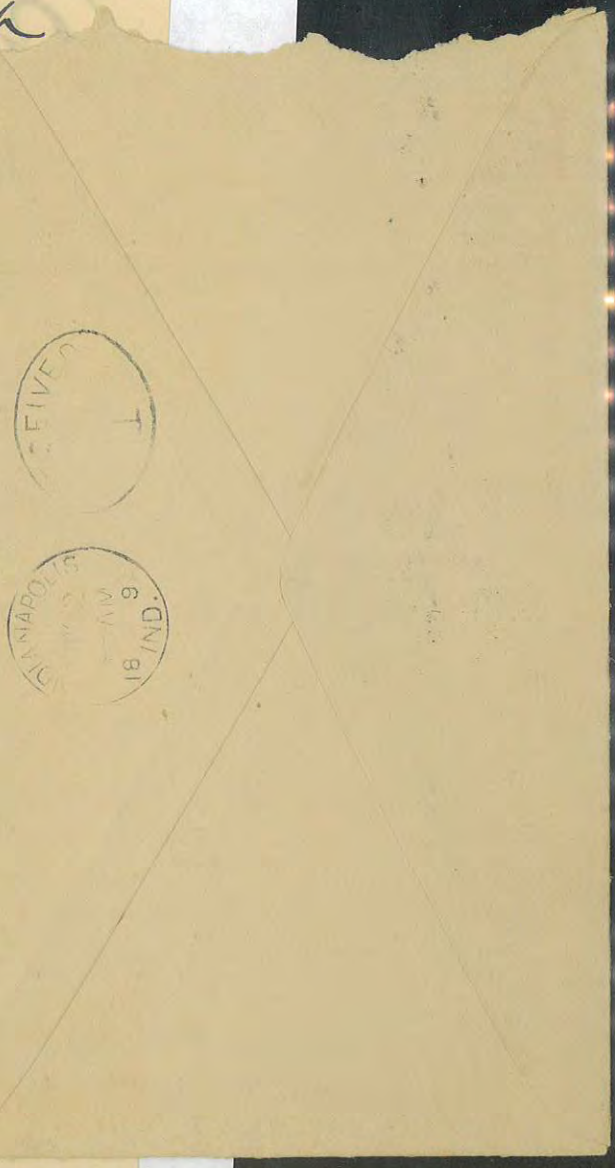

STATE OF MAINE.
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

(2 pages) order from Governor of Maine authorizing formation of private military units (part of state national guard) MAY 1898

Augusta, May 25, 1898.

Mr. Fred B. Wiggin,
Harrison, Maine.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22d instant.

I beg to enclose herewith Special Orders No. 72 authorizing you to form a military organization with permission to bear arms and parade in public, under authority granted by Section 126, Chapter 266 of the statutes of 1893.

Yours respectfully,

John M. Richards

Adjutant-General.

STATE OF MAINE.
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Augusta, May 25, 1898.

Special Orders)
No. 72.)

License is hereby granted to Mr. Fred B. Wiggin and other citizens of Harrison to associate themselves together as a military organization with permission to bear arms and parade in public, under authority granted by Section 126, Chapter 266 of the statutes of 1893.

By order of the Governor.

JOHN T. RICHARDS,

Adjutant-General.

APR. 27, 1898 - WAR DECLAR
OUTSTANDING LITERATE LTR
Re: PRES/ SPANIARDS/ need for way
emotions etc

RALPH PLUMB.

Streator, Ill., April 27th 1898

My dear French:

Your good story of the young preacher who frankly admitted that no body knew anything about the last head of his discourse, illustrates at least the present aspect of our war with Spain. I took no stock in the numerous criticisms hurled at the President for dealing cautiously with the question of War, and I am not entirely satisfied now but that in due time his course would have prevented war while the nations honor would have been conserved, but the dye is cast and all patriots will shout War!

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[illegible] guards
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[illegible] Depot to
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[illegible] Streator.
[illegible] all over.

After 5 days, return to
RALPH PLUMB,
STREATOR, ILL.

UNITED STATES POSTAGE TWO

630 PM
98

N E French Esq
1st Nat Bank
Jefferson
Ohio

See reverse for 2nd item

MAY-1898 POLITICAL INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN NURSE POSITION (#2) SENATOR SEEKS PROMOTION TO ARMY DOCTOR

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

JAMES H. KYLE, S. Dak., *Chairman.*
George C. Perkins, Cal. — Donelson Caffery, La.
John H. Gear, Iowa. — Lee Mantle, Mont.
Boies Penrose, Pa. — William Lindsay, Ky.
James Z. George, Miss. — Frank J. Cannon, Utah.
A. D. Tinsley, S. Dak., *Clerk.*

Dic. T.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,

UNITED STATES SENATE,

May 2nd, 1898.

Miss Frances J. Woods,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:-

Agreeable to my telegram to you yesterday I have in line with your wishes expressed in your letter to me of April 21st, today written the Secretary of War, strongly recommending you for the position of nurse in the army, reciting your qualifications and experience. At this time I am unable to say what the outcome will be. The department has been flooded with hundreds and I might say thousands of applications for such positions. The department has a rule which precludes women acting as nurses on board naval vessels and just how many nurses occasion may require with the land forces of the army it is impossible to forecast at this time. That will depend upon developing circumstances. Allow me to compliment you on your very laudable ambition and to assure you that I shall be glad to do every thing within my power for you.

With kindest regards I remain,

Very truly yours,

James H. Kyle.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
SOUTH DAKOTA,
PIERRE.

Jan. 5th, 1899.

Col. A. S. Frost,

Manila, P. I.

My dear Colonel:

I have received a letter from Col. Woods of Rapid City asking me to endorse his daughter, Dr. Frances Woods, who is now in Manila, for advancement.

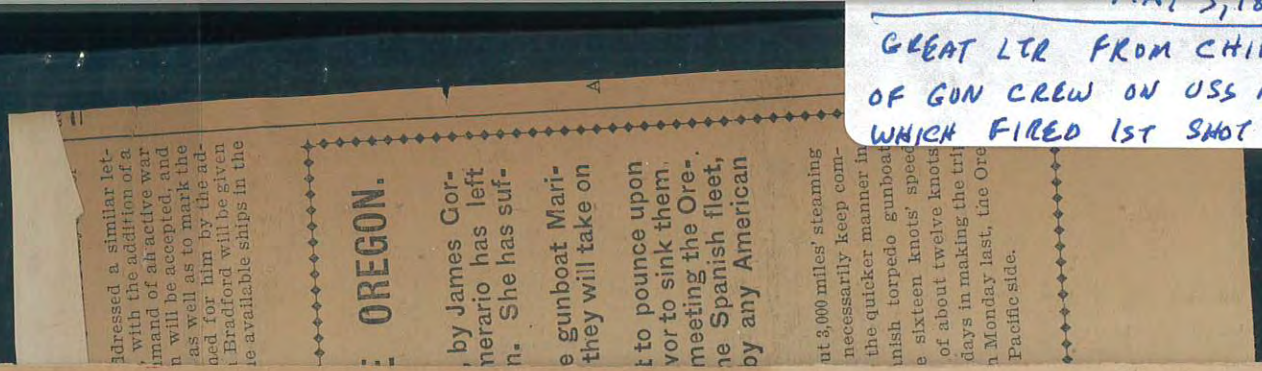
If it is possible for you to do anything to assist her I shall be very glad to have the favor extended, as Dr. Woods is a lady of education and refinement, and her parents are very strong friends of mine. I am sure she is worthy of every courtesy and consideration which can be shown to her by our South Dakota people.

Very sincerely yours,

Andrew E. Lee

Governor of South Dakota.

GREAT LTR FROM CHIEF OF GUN CREW ON USS NASHVILLE WHICH FIRED 1ST SHOT OF WAR



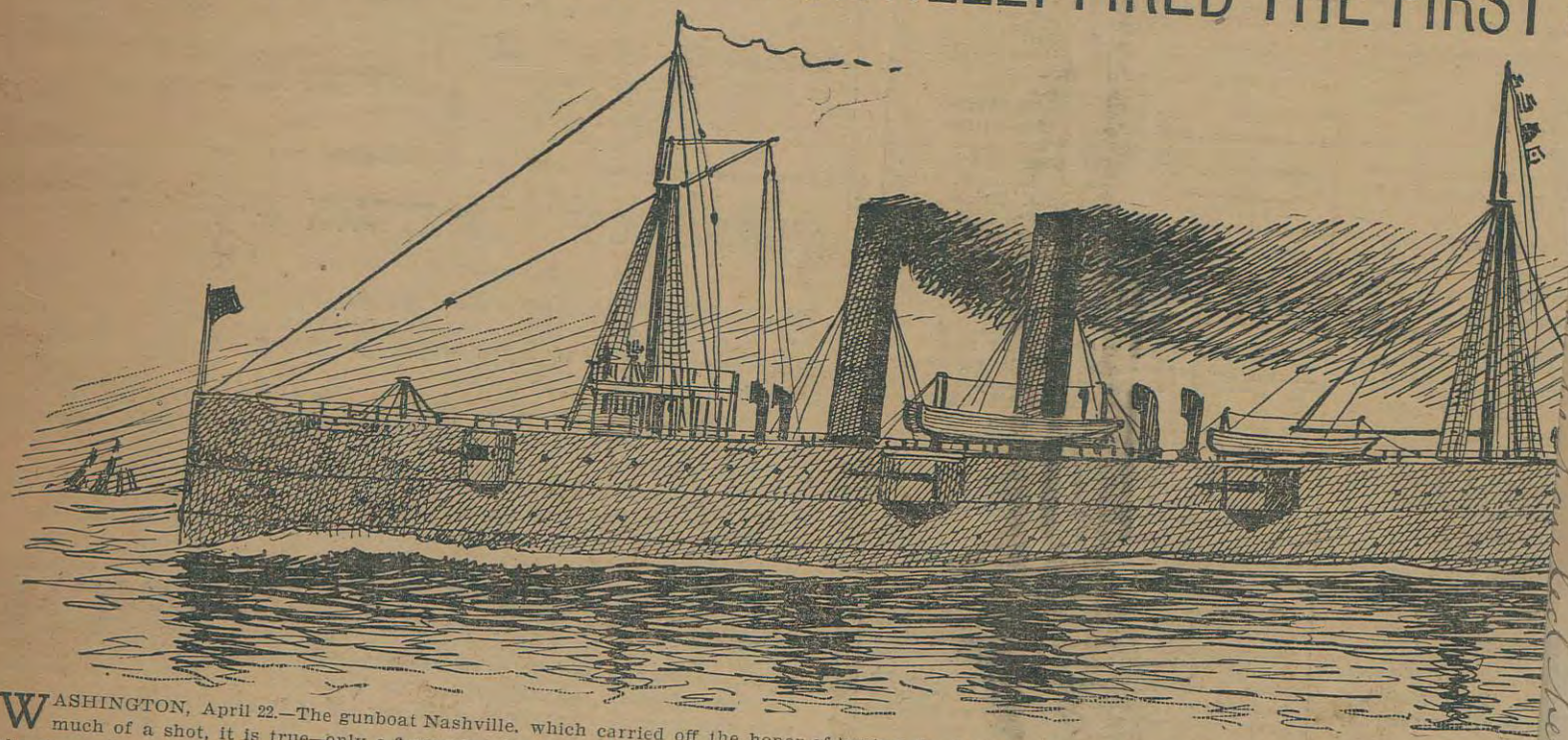
Key West Florida

May 3rd. 98

Mr Roland.

I received your letter of congratulation and was very glad to receive one of such a nature, I will give you a description of the event as near as possible we were about 18 miles off Key West with the squadron going in evolution, preparatory to sailing to Cuba, this was about 7.30 oclock the morning of the 22nd April, when all of a sudden we discovered a big steamer some miles ahead. we threw the glasses on her and found her to be flying the Spanish flag, a very plain flag which is red yellow red. Three stripes which makes it very easy to tell her nationality. We steamed up within 6 or 700 yds. of her, and shot across her bow when the order was given. I happen to fire the 1st. shot, I being number one of the after 4 inch gun no. 1. is gun captain who always does the most firing, but she did not heave to, until a second shot went close to her, and then she began to realize her position, and slowed down, we lowered the whole boat and went aboard of her with an officer and 8 men. The crew [illegible]

UNITED STATES GUNBOAT NASHVILLE: FIRED THE FIRST S



WASHINGTON, April 22.—The gunboat Nashville. which carried off the honor of having the first shot at the Spanish flag, is the pride and flower of her
much of a shot, it is true—only a 6-pounder—but its whistle will be heard around the world. The Nashville and her commander, Washburn Mayn
she was ordered to fire upon the Spanish lumber steamer Buena Ventura, and, while the prize was easily captured—being a common freighter against a
portance when it is remembered that the shot which the Nashville turned upon the Spanish ship was the official opening of the war which is to ma
cient gunboat in the navy; also the newest one. She was launched at Newport News only two years ago, and is an example par excellence of the m
builders on her trial trip. Her contract speed was thirteen knots an hour, and she earned a $50,000 bonus for the builders by easily running over sixteen
eight 4-inch rapid-fire guns, aranged in sponson on the gun deck and in the open on the main deck; four 6-pounder quick-firers, two 1-pounder Hotchk
that will carry her 6,000 miles, and, with a little slower rate of travel, 8,000 miles. Her dimensions are: Length, 220 feet; beam, 36 feet. She displaces 1,750
ville has lately been protected by a breastwork of cotton bales on her deck, and the crew has practiced shooting over this floating fortification. The cre
gruder and six men at once took charge of the merchant ship, and the first action of the war was consummated.

MAY 6, 1898
2 weeks after war declared, the Ill. N. Guard is mobilized. Good letter from Lt. Geiger re uniforms, selection of officers, etc



ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD,

Company M, 1st Infantry

Springfield ILL.

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Mrs Fanny G. Geiger
Galena
Ill.

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GROUP OF LETTERS FROM SAILOR ON NEW ARK FRIO MAY TO NOV. 1898. INTERESTING RE PLANS TO ATTACK CUBA

FIRST CLASS MAIL

JUN. 28, 1898 KEY WEST, F

SAILOR ON U.S.S. NEWARK TELLS OF PLANNED ATTACK ON SANTIAGO, CUBA TO BOMBARD IT AND WHEN THAT IS DONE "WE ARE GOING TO CAPTURE THE CANARY ISLES.

getting along all right I think the war will be all

~~June~~ 25, 1898 aboard USS Franklin

MAY 25, 1898 @ KEY WEST LOADING AMMO + WAITING TO BE TRANSFERRED TO BRAND NEW SHIP "SS NEWARK"

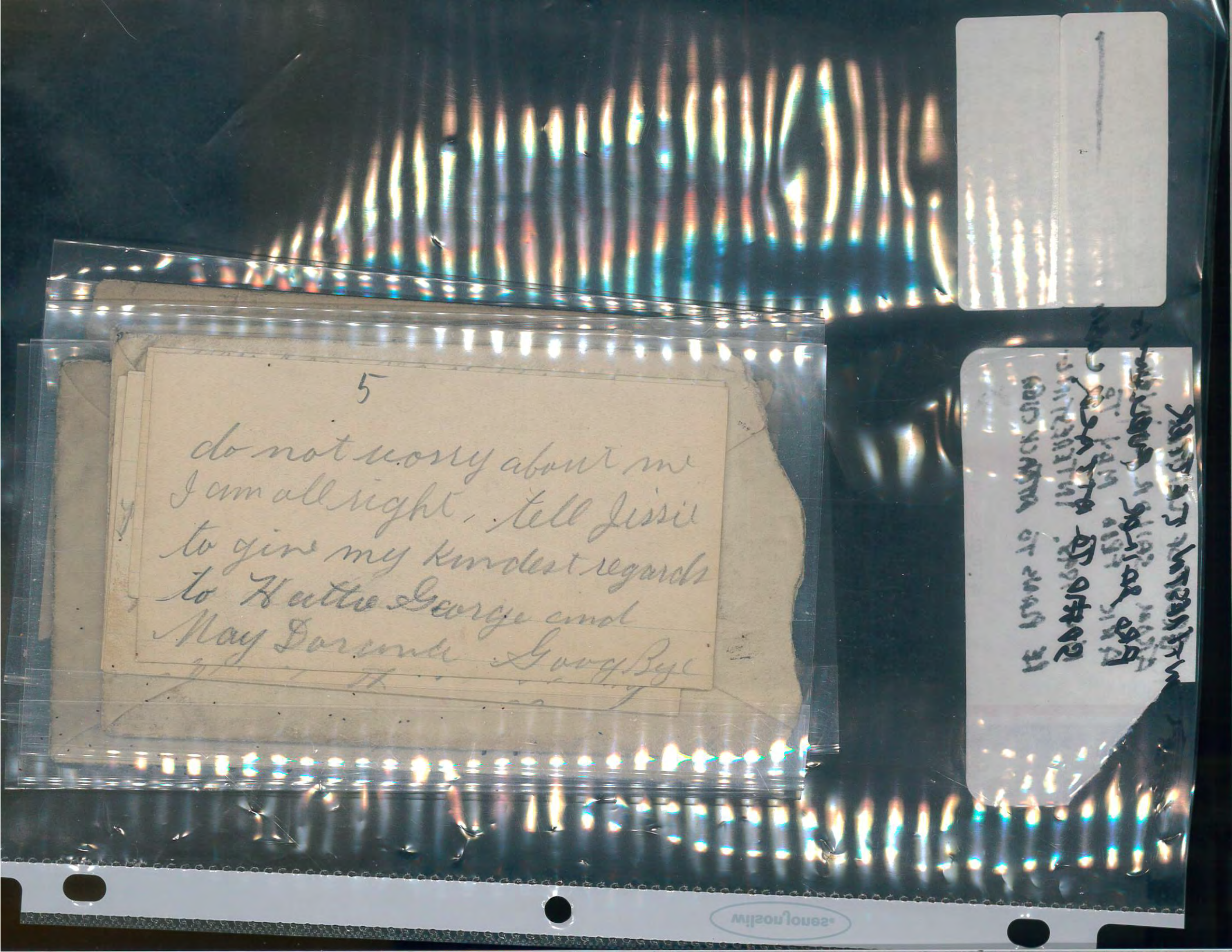
NORFOLK MAY 26 9-AM 1898

Miss Jessie Bryan

Wyandotte

Mich

wilson jones®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do not worry about me
I am all right. Tell Jissie
to give my kindest regards
to Hattie George and
May Dorsett Good Bye

EARLY LTR. FROM CAMP BUSHNELL
OHIO. MAY 12, 1898
SEE EXCELLENT RESEARCH
Re CAMP + WRITER

Camp Bushnell,

Columbus O. [illegible]

Dear Mother:-

Your [illegible]
and pleased to hear from [illegible]
First of all I must [illegible]
that we are positively [illegible]
Washington. Pay no [illegible]
to any [illegible]
say to th[illegible]
said, he [illegible]
to five th[illegible]
and I [illegible]
We [illegible]
along [illegible]

Camp Bushnell.

Columbus O. May 12-

Dear Sister Florence-

I did not have much time to write until today. I received your letter and was glad to hear from you.

[illegible] and
[illegible] trase.
[illegible] like
[illegible] ng
[illegible] joying

From
H. A. Clark, Corporal. Co. L. 8 Reg.
Columbus. O.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.
MAY 12 1130 PM

Mrs. J. M. Clark
Massillon
O.

[illegible] Mill St.

8th Regiment - Ohio National Guard

This regiment was organized at Akron Ohio on April 26, 1898, and was sent by train to Camp Bushnell, Columbus, Ohio, on April 28, 1898. They were mustered into the U.S. Volunteer Service (Regular) on May 13, 1898. Company L was made up of men almost exclusively from Canton-Massillon Ohio.

The 8th Regiment left Camp Bushnell on June 8th for New York City. They embarked on the Steamer S.S. St. Paul. They landed at Siboney, Cuba on July 11th after a 4-day trip. They were strung out along the Aquadores River for picket duty the same day (July 11th). This unit was moved twice more for duty, next to Sevilla Hill on July 16th and then to San Juan Hill on August 11th, where they performed occupation/garrison duties.

The regiment left Cuba on board the S.S. Mohawk on August 17 and sailed on August 18th. They arrived at Montauk Point, New York, on September 6th, were processed and boarded trains for Ohio the same day. The unit was furloughed until November 10th and they were mustered off active duty on November 21st, 1898.

William (Will) A. Clark enlisted in the 8th Regiment in January 1897 at the age of 21. Although a resident of Massillon, he enlisted at the regiment's headquarters at Canton. According to the regimental roll book, he enlisted on Jan. 20, 1897 in the "Canton Zouaves". He enlisted for 5 years.

Records show that he was born in Stark County, Ohio, on March 12, 1875. He was 5' 8" tall with light hair, blue eyes, and light complexion. His occupation was listed as book-keeper.

Records compiled after the war (contained in the Ohio Historical Society Archives, 17th Ave., Columbus, Ohio) listed him as a corporal. He was listed as..."posted to regimental hospital, Siboney, Cuba, on sick furlough from August 1st through August 17th. " He was sick furloughed from August 27th through September 25th, and then he was shown as sick furloughed from November 10th to the unit's mustering off active duty on November 21st.

He was discharged under General Order #5, 1899, on April 30, 1899

EPILOGUE

Will Clark died in Stark County, Ohio, on December 9th, 1904. His cause of death (as shown in Canton city records) was...."consumptive disorders of pleural cavities; acute congestive clogging of lungs..."

He remained single.

HANDS FULL IN MONTEVIDEO. 6pg letter, 8" x 10", datelined Montevideo, May 5th, 1898, from D.W. Gifford, a New Bedford whaling captain, on the bark "Sunbeam", to his son, with excellent content, written from a Latin American port shortly after the war between the U.S. & Spain began. Includes (spelling corrected):"...I have arrived in the River where I never was before, after a long & tedious cruise, without much oil. I have been looking for one and found nothing....I have only found two whales & took both of them....when I arrived, I find sperm oil gone up & I have none. Thank the war for so much, but I don't like the idea of laying here & knowing there is a nasty little Spanish gun boat waiting for me to go outside. She would not be pleasant to meet. But I am not alone. There is several ships here with me; two of them bound round for the Klondike after gold & they are a sorry lot of people, you bet....I shall have to lay here all of this month before I can ship my oil & hope there will be a change before that time...Wish I hadn't stopped sperm whaling. With present prices, would no doubt have made a good thing, but shall now go sperm whaling. I have got so far about the best gang I ever had...The people here are all Spanish...& all strong sympathizers with Spain. Of course there is cable news every day the American victories has made strong feeling among the Spanish here....I shall ship my oil in an English steamer to New York...It is a large fine city, all built of stone and very pretty buildings,...well paved streets, but people very slow for business, nobody in any hurry, everything possible put off for tomorrow....There is no harbor here, ships lay long way off shore, almost in the open sea...." .....(continues "Saturday night"):"...have had a hard day of it today. This morning it began to blow a gale & such a gale as it only can blow in River de la Plata. Ships and steamers all dragging, some coming on here...There was another Klondike schooner arrived...and a bigger set of fools I never saw. I don't believe any of them will ever get out of here. The Spanish Man of War came in here yesterday & anchored alongside of me. I sent word on board to hoist the Flag, that I was not afraid to show it, nor to let them know who I am. I feel too nervous to write much tonight, for I know there is some anxious ones on board the ship..."....(continues Ma 8):"I wish I could hear more about the War. The people here are all Spanish & Spanish sympathizers & it is hard work to get reliable news...This morning the papers say...the Spanish had taken 4 of our ports, Mobile, Boston, Savannah & Pensicola. They are dreadful sore over the loss of Manila. The Man of War that was here has been out & is now gone up the river....Her crew, when here, was kicking because they couldn't get their pay & the people here started a subscription & raised money to give them...." small letter, all fold seps. F

IN HARBOR OF MONTEVIDEO FEARS BEING ATTACKED BY SPANISH MAN OF WAR ...

BMX MAY 5, 1898 great letter

1898

I Suppose
eare from me as I Wod
Wall I have arived in
ver Was Before after
along & tegious cruse Without much Oil
I have ben looking for Bone and found
nothing I Was bound to give it a good look
& I think I have I ondley found 10 Whails
& took both of them now When I arive
I finde Spearm Oil gon up & I have none
thank the War for so much. but I donot
like the Ideare of laying heare & knowing
thaire is a nasley little Spanish gun Boat
Waiting for me to go out side she would not
be pleasiant to meate but I am not alone
thaire is several shipes heare with me 10 of them
Bound round for the Kondike after Gold & thay
are a sorrey lot of Hople go bet

worse than many New England winter storms, and all the rest of the year we are free from violent winds of a destructive nature. In the pine woods the water is excellent and easily obtained by digging....We have all sorts of soil from rich hammocks down to flat pine....and at all sorts of prices, from $1 an acre to $100....The rise in prices don't seem ... advantage of location or quality of land, but more frequently by the ... poorer, and less

pay & the peapole heare started a suberption & raised money to give them so you se the fealing heare now lester I must close this. I should not advise you to leave whaire you now are for the preasan waite for better times before throwing up a good Job save all you can times must chang before long I think. I have done so poor this time that I feal dretfull poor wish ma would consent to sell the place and by some small one & live more with in our meaner it is harde to look a head & se nothing coming in & a big deat stearing me in the face will write later and tell you whaire next to direct, be a good Boy & do all you can to mack Ma happe & you will have the Love of your ever loving Father

I DWG.

"IF SAMPSON DOES WHAT DEWEY DID, WE WON'T HAVE TO FIGHT"
RECEIVES COMMISSION IN BLACK UNIT.

Camp New Orleans La.
May 8, 1898.

My Dear Papa.

Your welcome letter rec'd. and was surprised to see that you have only rec'd one letter from me since when sent the telegram for I wrote you two. in the last one I told you that I had been promoted against my will to Corp. and have had a commision offered to me in a nigger regiment and have accepted it. But if Sampson gets his work in on the Spanish the way that Dewey did there will be no need of the land forces fighting, all of us are anxious to go.

We will stay here until we recruit our companies up to the war footing of 106 men. How long that will be I cannot tell nor does any one else know. rumor has it that they are going to fill our regiment with the volunteers and send us to the Philipines but then you cannot always tell.

We are being treated like lords here by the people of New Orleans, it seems as though they cannot do enough for us they bring us tobacco flowers and fruits galore and when you go into a saloon you are always invited to drink. I have a card to the young mens Gymnastic Club, one of the best in the place and I make good use of it, they have a fine natatorium and Gymnasium - Remember me to all

Your
Frank

SERIES 6.

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS POSTMASTER WILL PLEASE RETURN TO

Frank Zoms
Co a 23rd Infy

UNITED STATES

NEW ORLEANS, LA. MAY 7 1898

ENVELOPE.

U. S. POSTAGE TWO 2 CENTS

J. Evan Zoms Esq
2243 N 18th St
Philadelphia Pa

U. S. PATENT, JULY 1, 1879.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. MAY 11 11-30A. 1898

RECEIVED 1

PHILA. PA. MAY 11 1230PM 98 A.C.

PROVINCETOWN, MA-
PATROLLING NEW ENGLAND
WATERS EARLY IN WAR DUE
TO LOCALS FEARING AN
ATTACK BY THE SPANISH N
SAILOR DESCRIBES SHIP'S
ROUTINE.

No. 11

U.S.S. Prairie,
Wed's., May 11, 1898.

Dear Papa,

I rec'd the letter from you and mamma yesterday. It was forwarded to Provinc town.

This is the third night of our regular patroll; our route is apparently from Highland Light, on Cape Cod, to a point about 30 mi. to sea from Portsmouth, N. H. Since back's pretty well

have escaped all
I heard that 20 men
sponded to the sic
this a.m. In conseq
the Dr. started an in
tigation, I hear, and
evening they say that
big change for the be
in our food has been
duced, that less work
be done and that all m
on watch, except those a
rally on the lookout
can slup below in the

bunkers, or some s
thing. So you see
men on from 8 P.M.
midnight and fro
A.M. to 8, have nom
only 4 hrs. sleep, bu
it is apt to be nea
three

Provincetown

6 AM
20
1898
MASS.

Mr. C. J. Prescott,
U. S. Barge Office,
No. 11 New York,
N. Y.

Room 21.

Yours aff. Son.
Standish.

butter and one or two
other things, but it
was very good. Oh yes,
also coff & hard tack.
For supper there was
a stew of potatoes, canned
corn and two or three
other things; cocoa (the
time since we started)
hard tack. Sometimes
on rare occasions, we
e butter or jam to help
ng. It sounds like
retty slim bill of fare,
everything is first rate
ality and well cooked.
ve the biggest appetite
years. Time to turn

bunkers, or some s
thing. So you see
men on from 8 P.M.
midnight and fro
A.M. to 8, have nom
only 4 hrs. sleep, bu
it is apt to be nea
three

Provincetown

6 AM
20
1899
MASS.

Mr. C. J. Prescott,
U. S. Barge Office,
No. 11 New York,
N. Y.

Room 21.

Yard off. Don.
Standish.

butter and one or two
other things, but it
was very good. Oh yes,
also coff & hard tack.
For supper there was
a stew of potatoes, canned
corn and two or three
other things; cocoa (the
time since we started)
hard tack. Sometimes
on rare occasions, we
e butter or jam to help
ng. It sounds like
retty slim bill of fare,
everything is first rate
ality and well cooked.
ve the biggest appetite
years. Time to turn

781 **Navy ALS, 1898**
Commander W.A. Gibson to Lt. J.H.S. Holcomb from aboard "The City of Peking" in San Francisco Bay, May 24, 1898. Gibson is sending eleven orders to Holcomb regarding the disposition of naval resources in light of hostilities. Interesting and important Spanish-American War correspondence. 8" x 10", four sheets. Moderate fading, one small split on fold. Fine.

NAVAL LTR. – MAY 24, 1898
FROM C.O. OF "CITY OF PEKING"
GIVING ORDERS RE NAVAL
RESOURCE

B/A1–

Steamer "City of Peking"
San Francisco, Cal.
May 24th 1898.

Sir.

1– It has been decided to send the "City of Peking", "City of Sydney" and "Australia" (now chartered by the War & Navy Department) to-gether in company, and to send a Naval Officer on each ships.

2. You will report on board the "Australia." to the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Troops for duty as adviser in such matters as require a knowledge of nautical affairs, especially in the matter of signalling between the ships. You will have no authority to interfere in any way with the Captains or Officers.

3– The ships are to proceed to Honolulu H.I. by the route usually followed by mail

antiseptic and proved that this method reduced danger to life from surgery. Autograph Note Signed, 1 page, 12mo., July 9, 1897. A cover note for a contribution to the Essex Dev-

9160 | NAVY DEP'T. SECRET ... | 1899
1401 | REC JUN 22

San Francisco Cal.

Rec'd. May 24 - 1898

J H Lee Holcombe
Lt U.S.N.

S.S. "Australia"

Reported May, 24, 1898 and will perform duties required by foregoing instructions.

Thomas M. Anderson
Brig. Genl. Vol. Comdg.

Office of Auditor for N... Dept.
AUG 29 1898
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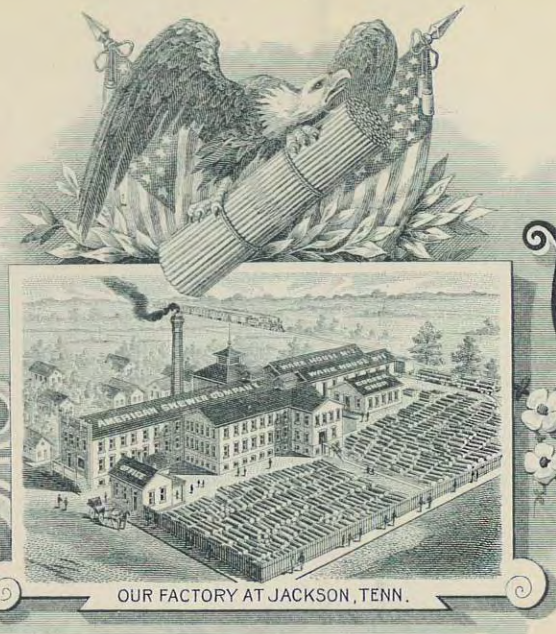
BUR. C...
37505
JUN 22 '99

MAY 1898
"LOTS OF SOLDIERS GOING SOUTH... BUT NO SPANIARD



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Jackson Tenn. U.S.A. May 24 1898

Mr. A Steffen
Indianapolis Ind

Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand You New York Exchange for Fifty Five Dollars to pay for One thousand Cigars shipped to M. P. Smith Jackson Tenn this pays You for all the cigars I ordered up to date please acknowledge receipt for same and oblige

Yours very truly
Peter Weis

There are lots of soldiers going South through our town but I did not discover any Spaniards

P Weis

After 10 days return to
WEIS & LESH,
JACKSON, TENNESSEE.



A. Steffen Esq
Indianapolis
Ind.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR -SCARCE SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM LAKELAND, FL. Lot of 2 letters from soldier, W.A. Schumacher, Co. A, 71st Regt. N.Y. Vols. The 1st, 2pgs, is datelined "Camp Black, Hempstead, L.I., May 9, 1898". The 2nd letter is **10pgs** & is datelined"**Lakeland, Florida, May 20, 1898**", w/exc. content, incl:"**...we left Camp Black Thursday morning and went aboard the City of Washington with the expectation of sailing for Key West...but on account of the Spanish fleet having been sighted off the Virginian Coast, the orders were changed and we were sent to Lakeland, Florida, by way of the Penn. R.R....The changing of our baggage and provisions, first from the camp to the L.I.R.R., then to the transports, for we had two for our re... ...he City of Washington and the Seneca, and then from the... ...no fun...I was put in command of a guard at Je... ...provisions...which afforded us ... also a good nights sleep, for ... ese were put in the baggage ... the stations along the line ... ing the day consisted of ... good cigars which the ... troubles began again, ... n by mules to the camp ... present encampment ... and amongst a thich ... ch day...[lists all ... soon for Cuba, ... as I have written ... death...**". W/2c ... are VF .....

Answered May 12 '98.

Camp Black.
Hempstead. L. I.
Co. A. 71st Reg.
May 9 – 1898.

Dear Cousin Lou...

letter and was ...
hear you an... ...e
such a go... ...e
was sorry I a...
back in ti...
the Fun.
Now be... ...t.
I don't think ... ...ish
you for the ... ...d
abundent ... ...t the
brought me... ...d we.
you I great... ...Florida.
for it came... ...R. leavin...
The boy... ...evening
be remembe...
Gussie an...
you know...

Miss Miss
Miss Louise Mueller.
#1815 Prospect Ave.
New York City
(Bronx)

UNITED STATES POSTAGE 2 CENTS

LAKELAND FLA. JUN 10 AM 1898

2 months with promises...The Indians and rough people residing here are of
dissolute inclination, being such as have committed crimes in the states & hav
come away to the Territory. They have no conscience & are destitute of mor
responsiblity. I am liable to be dealt with roughly by the Indians. They are easi
offended, resentful & have no forbearance. I am ragged & very much out
pocket. I have been wearing the same coat & vest constantly daily...My socks stin
& the underclothing has not been washed in 36 days...I have been changing them
every week for the sake of novelty..." W/original cvr w/2c green tied by VF b



NANDAIGUA ACADEMY AND BOARDING SCHOOL, M. WILLSON, PHILADELPHIA

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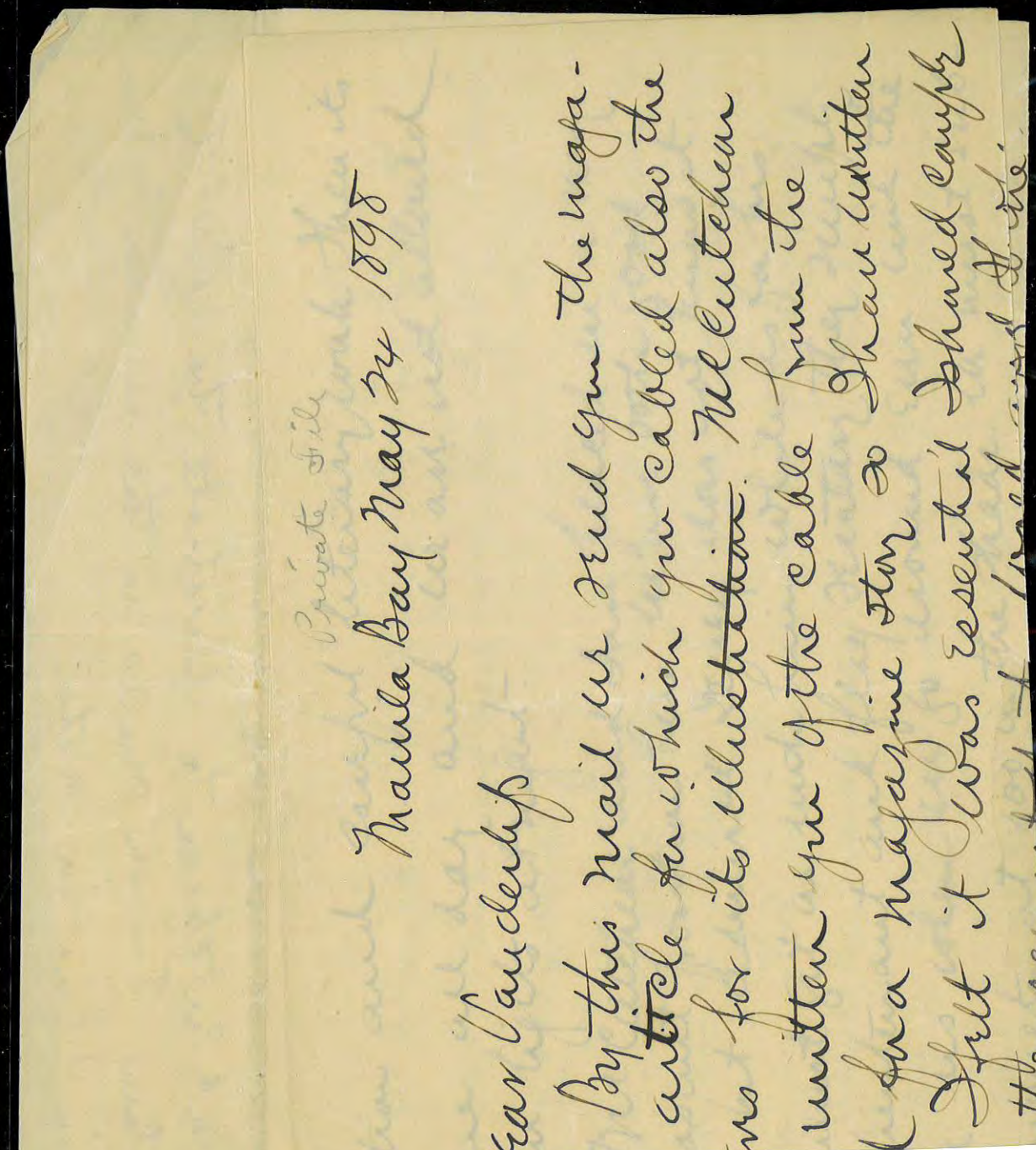
having
much of
we resigned.
company.
Corpl. S. do my work with
the rest and rest with them
also.

Hoping this may find
you and all the rest of
the family in the Best of
health also the girl in Black.
I will close with Best.
Wishes to all.

Your Cousin
W.A.Schumacher.


Private File

Manila Bay May 24 1898

Dear Vanderlip

By this mail we send you the maga-
article for which you cabled also the
ms for its illustration McCutchen
written you of the cable from the
l for a magazine story so I have written
Felt it was essential I should comply
the [illegible]

YELLOW JOURNALISM DURING THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Interesting content 4pp. A.L.S. from journalist E. W. Hardin, 4to., Manila Bay, May 24, 1898 to a fellow newspaperman back in the States regarding his inability to gain access to Commodore Dewey and other Navy personnel and the demand for news from back home. In part: "...It is far from pleasing to me but when one has orders for cable stuff for two magazine stories 'instantly' and a book of 60,000 words, 'rush copy' there is not time for calm reflection and careful literary work. Then it is hot here and we are not allowed to have lights at night. McCutchen and I are placed in a very unpleasant position here. We are both good fellows but Admiral Dewey does not know it. We cannot get in with him while as far as his flag lieutenant and flag secretary they simply freeze us when we go around wven with the thermometer at 100 in the shade. We must submit every line of stuff to them to be read and the flag secretary is an ensign and perhaps 25 years old. I do not mind that so much as the inability to get into the good graces of the Admiral. Cant [sic] you get Theo. Roosevelt to write a letter to the Commodore telling him we are old college chums and asking him to look out for us especially. There is another correspondent here J.L. Stickney [?] of the N.Y. Herald, a former naval officer and he is given every facility we are denied...Then a letter to Gen Alger to Gen Merritt or whoever comes out here with the troops would be very valuable. I have your letter of April 4 in which you wonder if I will come home a footsore civilian or stay and do yellow journalistic work. Well you know how yellow I can get...Well wait till you here [sic] the thrilling illustrated lecture 'How I licked the whole Spanish Nacy' with hot blood...[illeg.] to all the women in the theatre between the acts. I am going to use McCutchen to illustrate the effect of bursting 8 inch shells on the human system..." Letter is marked "Private File" in top right corner, presumably by the recipient. A couple of small tears and archival repairs at separations, otherwise good.

RX-

both are on the same order. If not you can use your best judgement either using it under McCutcheon's name. It may be your intention to run it as your own matter. If so you are welcome to make such use of the matter as you like. In any event it should be typewritten before it is sent to a magazine. It is far from pleasing to me but when one has orders for cable stuff for two magazine stories "instantly" and a book of 60,000 words, "rush copy" there is not time for calm

Manila Bay June 3 1898.

My Dear Vanderlip

I have received your letter of April 5 and am sorry to learn of the probability of war between the United States and Spain. However we are somewhat prepared for the news your letter contained by the newspapers which are received here two months after they are printed. The last American papers received are dated April 16 and it then looked like war was inevitable. All the spare time we have between sinking Spanish vessels and killing people we put in hoping and praying there may be a peaceful settlement of our difficulties. However our thoughts are constantly interrupted by the sound of heavy firing...which mark another battle between the Spanish regualrs and insurgents...Col George A. Loud late paymaster of the McCulloch has gone home. Incidentally he has played the meanest trick any white manever played on you. McCutcheon and I took 130 pictures of the fight and of the wrecks etc. which we ordered sent to you. We had to leave Hong Kong before they were finished and we have just learned Loud took every negative with him not even leaving prints or a note of explanation as to what he intends doing with them. We will cable you to have the San Francisco collector watch for him and ask fo the negatives...Col Loud has a right to prints from the negatives but no right to make any use of them before we can dispose of the right also. He took only one picture in the entire lot, The remainder are taken by Mac. Gen Lord is a vain conceited, selfish man whi thinks only of himself...He volunteered for service during the battel and so did McCutcheon and I. He selcted his own post, the after ammunition room sending Mac and me to the forward ammunition holds, which were in a more dangerous position..." Much more good content. Loud went on to publish his diaries upon returning to the States in August of 1898, entitled "Col. George Loud's Diary, Written During the Battle". Usual folds and archival repairs to fold separations. Good.

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SPANISH AMERICAN WAR CORRESPONDENCE

Lengthy A.L.S., 6pp., 4to., Manila Bay, June 3, 1898, from journalist E. W. Harden to a fellow newspaperman attacking Colonel George Loud for misconduct and negligence of duty while serving during the Spanish American War. In part: "...I am sorry to learn of the probability of war between the United States and Spain. However we were somewhat prepared for the news your letter contained by the newspapers which are received here two months after they are printed. The last American papers received are dated April 16 and it then looked like war was inevitable...All the spare time we have between sinking Spanish vessels and killing people we put in hoping and praying there may be a peaceful settlement of our difficulties. However our thoughts are constantly interrupted by the sound of heavy firing...which mark another battle between the Spanish regualrs and insurgents...Col George A. Loud late paymaster of the McCulloch has gone home. Incidentally he has played the meanest trick any white manever played on you. McCutcheon and I took 130 pictures of the fight and of the wrecks etc. which we ordered sent to you. We had to leave Hong Kong before they were finished and we have just learned Loud took every negative with him not even leaving prints or a note of explanation as to what he intends doing with them. We will cable you to have the San Francisco collector watch for him and ask fo the negatives...Col Loud has a right to prints from the negatives but no right to make any use of them before we can dispose of the right also. He took only one picture in the entire lot, The remainder are taken by Mac. Gen Lord is a vain conceited, selfish man whi thinks only of himself...He volunteered for service during the battel and so did McCutcheon and I. He selcted his own post, the after ammunition room sending Mac and me to the forward ammunition holds, which were in a more dangerous position..." Much more good content. Loud went on to publish his diaries upon returning to the States in August of 1898, entitled "Col. George Loud's Diary, Written During the Battle". Usual folds and archival repairs to fold separations. Good.

MAY 15/23/29/ 1898 — ++++

3 GREAT LTRS FROM SAILOR ON USS IOWA DETAILS PURSUIT OF SPANISH FLEET

FROM SAN JUAN, PORTORICO TO SANTIAGO WHERE SPAN. FLEET IS DESTROYED

Off Santiago de Cuba

U. S. S. IOWA

9th 1898

U. S. S. IOWA

Off San Domingo

May 15th 1898

First firing

MAY 26 98

Mrs. Geo. A. Allen

#36 Spring St.

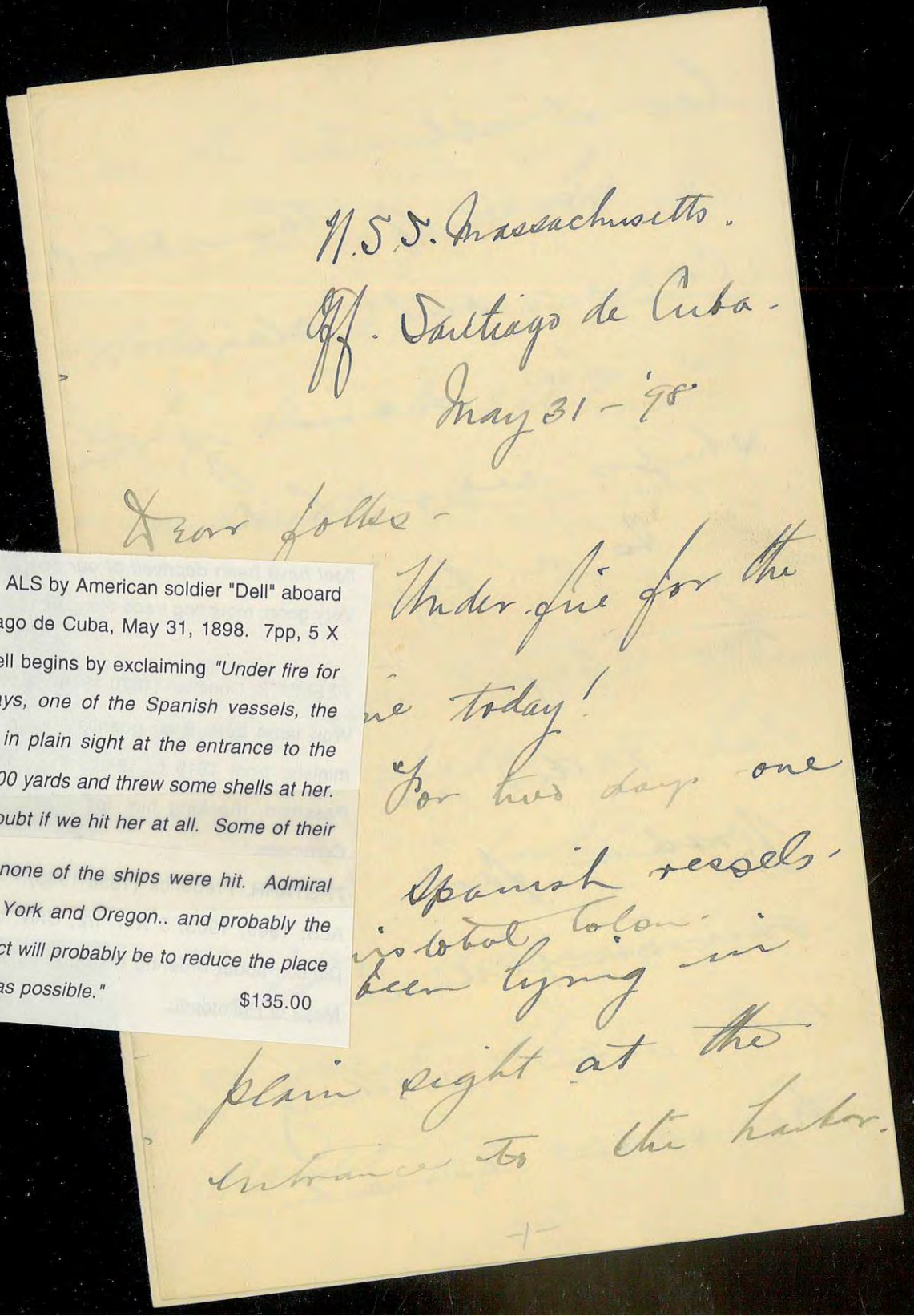
Norwich

Conn.

had sailed for Cadiz, Spain, in consequence we gave the Forts at San Juan a few shell just for practice. We left Key West May the


wilsonjones

MAY 31, 1898
NAVAL LTR. FROM BLOCKADE
OF CUBA


U.S.S. Massachusetts.
Off. Santiago de Cuba.
May 31 - '98.

Dear folks -

Under fire for the
me today!
For two days one
Spanish vessels.
Cristobal Colon
been lying in
plain sight at the
entrance to the harbor.

73.(SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR). ALS by American soldier "Dell" aboard the USS Massachusetts off Santiago de Cuba, May 31, 1898. 7pp, 5 X 8, fine. Writing to his parents. Dell begins by exclaiming *"Under fire for the first time today. For two days, one of the Spanish vessels, the Christobal Colon has been lying in plain sight at the entrance to the harbor... westbound in to about 8000 yards and threw some shells at her. the distance was so great that I doubt if we hit her at all. Some of their shells came out close to us, but none of the ships were hit. Admiral Simpson is coming with the New York and Oregon.. and probably the Army for a landing force. The object will probably be to reduce the place and sink the Spanish fleet as soon as possible."* $135.00

MAY-1898
PRE INVASION
PREPARATIONS
(BROWN, CAPT.)

ish American War Letter 5 pg letter, datelined Lakeland, Fla., May 24,"98 from
lry Officer in Camp. w/orig. PSE cvr, w/VF LAKELAND/FLA. cds. Interesting contents
siting the camp in Tampa, troop readiness, **"We have 21 transports ready to take
ver to Cuba but we are not likely to go until something is done with the Spanish
t. They have an extremely dirty camp at Tampa & are much crowded while we
e one of the healthiest Camps I've ever been in...We are most of us naturally
ious to get over to Cuba and try our luck with the Dons but the general
pression seems to be that we shall have to wait until Sampson repulses the
anish Fleet."** Dramatic ending as news breaks out as he writes: **"While writing the
ove we have heard rumours of a fight at Santiago - Spanish fleet annihilated, etc.
ope its so, for we will then move shortly."** VF

Lakeland, Fla.
May 24, 98.

My dear Helen:— Mr. Lunais & I went down
to Tampa yesterday to circulate wind
among the camps & see old friends
& had a very interesting day of it
they have 21 transp[illegible]ly to
take us over t[illegible] we
are not like[illegible] something
is done [illegible]
fleet [illegible]

UNITED STATES POSTAGE
TWO

LAKELAND
MAY
25
6 PM
1898
FLA.

Miss Helen M. Brown
1541 Race St.
Denver, Colorado.

[illegible] Mons
[illegible] the 1st Reg
[illegible] and Col
Regt of Volunteers
[illegible]unteer regiments have

U.S.S. NASHVILLE JUNE 2, 1898
ON BLOCKADE DUTY OFF
HAVANA HARBOR. FIRED FIRST
GUN OF THE WAR; EXCELLENT

On board U.S.S. "Nashville"
Off Havanna Harbor June 2/98.

My dear Suttle:

A common sailor conducts his correspondence on shipboard under difficulties and I trust you will keep this in mind when you look over this letter. For almost a week now we have been standing off Havana Harbor, within reach of the larger guns on Morro Castle, with very little to relieve the monotony but an occasional chase after suspicious craft. I cannot help being surprised when I think how quickly we arrived right on the field - I can hardly realize the fact that but a very short time ago - no thought of such a thing happening had entered my mind. Even just before reaching Key West, everyone thought that we would be detained there at least two or three weeks. On the contrary we had no sooner [illegible] and been lined up in [illegible] that the [illegible] signed to the [illegible], among [illegible] Dupont (torpedo [illegible] well known. [illegible] + 30 men, and [illegible] to stick [illegible] as possible [illegible] charge told [illegible] Wilmington",

CHICAGO, ILL. JUN 8, 730 PM 1898
KEY WEST, 9 AM JUN 4 98

Charles S. Suttle, Esq.
203-164 Dearborn St.
Chicago,
Illinois.

1898 S/A WAR - CUBA
COVER FROM SAILOR ON USS NASHVILLE PMKD KEY WEST 6/4/98 WITH LETTER DESCRIBING BLOCKADE DUTY, "FIRED 1ST GUN IN WAR", ETC.
VF
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4 letters dated Apr 16/July 19/
July 17/June 26 1898 from
Ensign Kenneth W. Bennett

ENSIGN K. BENNETT
LTR #1

USS Amphitrite,
Key W[illegible]

Aboard the USS Amphitrite working blockade duty out of Key West! Observations must be read!!!

My dearest Mamma,

It doesn't seem as if I could ever get the time to write you a real decent letter, even now the mail will close soon and I must hurry this to prevent its getting left. My last letter was sent half finished and was a most incoherent epistle. We have only three mails a week and they are irregular owing to the war scare.

You know much more about the news [illegible] than [illegible] The H[illegible] all hav[illegible] where [illegible] we gi[illegible] It's [illegible] Hacke[illegible]



Mrs. H. W. Bennett
253 State Street,
Hackensack, New Jersey

indeed considering all the hard work he did. He's really a splendid man.

It seems so queer to read in your letters that the snow kept the girls from riding their wheel. Here it is lovely. Warm, with a sea breeze all the time: Key West is so situated that any breeze is a sea breeze, there's no land any where near. Aunt Georgie wrote me a letter and said that the "brown creeters" still had her under their thumbs but that she was much better. I hope Amy Grace pulls through all right. Poor Mme Wheeler has had a frightful winter of it.

To day I paid the last cent of my tailors' bill and now don't owe a cent to him. I feel real happy. I've paid about $650 of debts in ten months. But it's been hard work and I've denied myself many

BENNET
LTR 2

U.S.S.Amphitrite,

Key West,Fla.

My de rest Mamma,

They are hurrying us out for some reason or other and tomorrow we leave for Nipe Bay on the North coast of Cuba,way to the Eastward and from there we hope to go to San Juan,you must not worry about the yellow fever as it doesn't amount to a hill of beans

Group of correspondence from Ensign Kenneth M Bennett USN who was attached to the monitor USS Amprhitrite during the Spanish American war. Two letters with covers (damaged from opening) headed Key West Florida in April and July, 1898 with an additional typed letter (no cover) describing a shark attack. The first hand written letter is postmarked April 14, 1898 (war was declared April 25) and expresses the opinion "We are drilling pretty hard and getting our men in good condition for whatever may happen. The belief that the Spanish deliberately blew up the Maine is gaining ground and if war is declared, that will be at the bottom of it, the humanity dodge is all foolishness" (referring to the feeling that we should liberate the Cubans from the Spanish opressors). The second letter, postmarked July 19 speaks of leaving for Nipe Bay. He also writes "San Juan will most certainly surrender without a blow and the poor Navy will have no work at all, but we live in hope". The final piece is a two paged typed letter in which he relates stories told by the Captain of his ship over dinner. They were when the Captain was on the USS Wachusetts looking for the CSN privateer Florida. A whale boat capsized in the surf and there is described the subsequent shark attack and how one CPO nearly drowned because he wanted to keep his legs out of the water, which basically kept his head under. Nice group of letters from a junior officer during the Spanish American War-see scans.

is most delight ful and Nipe Bay is they say simply grand.

San Juan will most certainly surrender without a blow and the poor Navy will have no work at all,but we live in hope.If I only were in the fleet that goes to Europe I'd give my best leg.They are the ones to envy and I bo it ,too.

Last night I was ashore and spent the evening with Izard,he's a Pay Master n... and is just back from Santiago:while he was there he ... had a long talk to... mail fa- Th... so many cili... rrid and l... r a change. ...nytheing of ...ting is ...hope that we



BENNET
LTR 3

My dear Mamma,

...at we should coal

Description

We are offering this week the last two Spanish American War letters from Ensign Kenneth Bennett, USN. This one is 3 1/2 typed pages datelined USS Amphitrite, Key West, Florida. At letter's close it is dated July 17 (1898). It was written to his mother. He relates stories that Army doctors told from the accounts of the wounded they treated. "All the battles were won by our privates who fought magnificently, there was no strategy at all." "....General Shafter, who proved himself hopelessly incompetent..." "The brigade commanders were without instructions and each one went on his own hook, so very often got in each other's way..." ...the fall of Santiago was an almost deadly blow and that coupled with favorable terms of peace will finish the whole affair in a jiffy. "The idea of worrying about yellow fever. You ought to be ashamed of yourself, there's no more chance of our getting it aboard ship than there is of the old Amphitrite catching a prize." Much more interesting material too. Bennett also admonishes his mother not to speak of the matters he mentions: "This is all in confidence as they would probably do almost anything to me if it were found out that I told tales out of school." I guess his mother kept quiet since Ensign Bennett went on to command the destroyer USS Drayton, the gunboat Castine and the battleship Wyoming. A wonderful window into the Spanish American War, the letter is generally very clean with a few bends and crinkles at edges but without tears, lines in scan are folds not toning-email with questions.

Description

We are offering this week the last two Spanish American War letters from Ensign Kenneth Bennett, USN. This one nearly 4 typed pages datelined USS Amphitrite, Key West, Florida, June 21, 1898. Written to his father, it is marked "Private" twice in pen at UL. As in the other letters, Bennett relates fantastic war news.."Every account of the bombardments say that the Spanish batteries were silenced or destroyed but hey manage to hold out all the same and return fire every time; thank goodness most inaccurately" "The army must be landed by now and they should make short work of the town as there are only about 5000 Spanish troops anywhere near the place" A most interesting note ab[illegible] Marines "The Marines weren't as heroic as the papers make them out to be. A squad of them got on a boat and pulled out to on[illegible] ere lying at Guantanamo Bay and begged to be taken on board but were sent back double quick to their work" [illegible] attleship USS Oregon which made a stunning voyage to join the naval forces in the Caribbean "[illegible] and her trip around was something phenomenal. It was by all odds the longest ever [illegible] ter. It is very clean with only a couple edge bends and one pin hole at [illegible]

BENNET LTR-4

(SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR). Late 19th century photo of a sergeant's uniform and a large hat. HEINEMAN Photo


Photographer

3 LTRS. JUNE 4/6/8 1898
FROM SOLDIER ENROUTE BY
TRAIN FROM CAMP THOMAS, GA.
TO PORT TAMPA. GREAT DESCRIPTION
OF TAMPA + EXPECTATION OF
BOARDING SHIP TO PORTO RICO (
PROBABLY WENT TO CUBA)

DUMMY LINE NOW COMPLETED TO SILVER S

PHIL. F. BROWN,
MANAGER.

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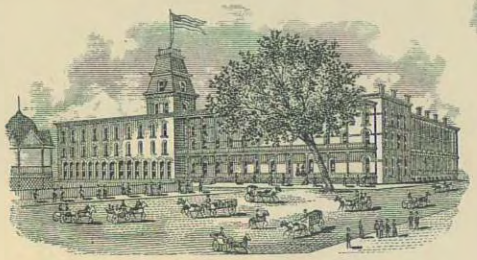


BICYCLE PATH TO THE WORLD-RENOWNED
SILVER SPRINGS FIVE MILES.

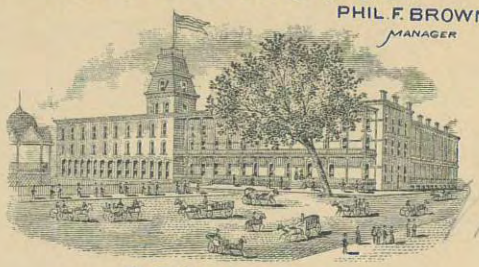
Ocala House

THE PLANT SYSTEM

Ocala, Fla. June 4, 1898.

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO #1

OCALA HOUSE,
PHIL. F. BROWN
MANAGER



OCALA, FLA.

Evidently at first
dcdnt have any
+ later got some
or someone
supplied

Collect at ot

OCALA, FLA.
JUN 4
9 PM
98



Mrs. Flora M. Bestor,
732 W. North Ave,
Baltimore,
Md.

Letter on
other side

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

OCALA HOUSE,
PHIL. F. BROWN
MANAGER



RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

...ing at
...center
...w long
...! they
...few hours,
...the
...received
...Strans
...ouse +
got this paper + envelopes. The proprietors
of a large store there gave also paper
+ envelopes, + I shall try to write
my next note on it. At this store
they gave away a great number
of lead pencils. When a man entered
the store + bought a cigar, they gave

JUNE 13, 1898

(No. 6243.)

POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Drawn in favor of or purchased by

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

The Post Office Department has provided means whereby Postal Money Orders may be sent to the soldiers in the field, and to the soldiers and sailors at or adjacent to points now or hereafter to be occupied in the foreign localities where military operations are being carried on.

All Money Order Offices are hereby authorized to issue Money Orders payable as follows:

CAMP ALGER, VA.

If for payment to a person connected with the army encamped at or near Camp Alger, draw such Orders on *"CAMP ALGER POSTAL STATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.,"* that camp being a Station of the Post Office at Washington.

CHICKAMAUGA, GA.

If for payment to a person connected with the army encamped at or near Chickamauga, draw such Orders on *"CHICKAMAUGA PARK POSTAL STATION, CHATTANOOGA, TENN,"* the Post Office at that camp being a station of the Chattanooga Post Office.

CUBA.

While the command with which the soldier is connected remains at Tampa, Fla., the Orders are to be drawn on the Post Office at Tampa.

When the command is transferred to Cuba, draw the Orders for payment at *"MILITARY STATION No. 1, CUBA, NEW YORK, N. Y."* The military Post Offices in Cuba will be Stations of the Post Office at New York. But one such Station (No. 1) has been established, to be located at or near the point which the army shall occupy. Others will be established at such additional convenient points as shall be necessary. Mail the advices thus: *"Postmaster, MILITARY STATION No. 1, CUBA,"* omitting the name "New York," and dispatch *via* Tampa, Fla.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

In like manner the Money Order business connected with the military operations in the Philippines will be conducted by Stations of the Post Office at San Francisco, Cal. *"MILITARY STATION No. 1"* has been so established, and Money Orders for payment to those connected with the army or navy operating in that locality will be drawn as above stated. Mail the advices thus:

stationery, w/red & blue illus. of waving U.S. flag, w/"CAMP THOMAS. Chickamauga Battlefield" printed below & "Lytle, Ga." printed at right, dated June 6, 1898, from Charles E. Swartz, Co. D., 2nd Regt. Ark. Vols., to his brother, w/interesting content re their eagle mascot, which has a Union name, while another Ark. regiment has a "Confederate" eagle mascot. Includes: **"Don't think for a minute that our eagle's name is Vinnie Davis. His name is Abe Lincoln, Jr. Vinnie Davis belongs to the First Ark....Young Abe is quite a**

JUNE 6, 1898
LTR. RE NAMING MASCOT (EAGLE)
FOR LINCOLN OR JEFF DAVIS

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"CAMP THOMAS"
Chickamauga Battlefield.

Lytle, Ga., June 6 1898

Dear Brother and all —

Don't think for a minute that our eagle's name is Vinnie Davis. His name is Abe Lincoln, Jr. Vinnie Davis belongs to the First Ark. [illegible]

JUN 6 98.
LYTLE
GA.
5 PM





CAMP GEORGE H. THOMAS
CHICKAMAUGA PARK,
LYTLE, GEORGIA

C. E. Swartz,
Co. D. 2nd Regt. Ark. Vol.

L. E. Swartz
Nappanee,
Ind.

302

Elkhart Co.

[illegible] yesterday I ever ate. There are a good many mulberry trees around here. Down at the creek where we go in bathing

SAILOR ON BLOCKADE DUTY OFF HAVANA + SANTIAGO DESCRIBES SKIRMISHES, SHIPS, DTD. June 8/ June 22/ July 26, 1898

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U.S.S. Mayflower.

Key West Fla.
June 8 1898.

My Friend and Pastor:-

I have neglected writing to you because I have had no paper to write on. I just drew this paper about half an hour ago. I am very sorry I did not see you when I was home. I have a messengers billet on here so I don't have to work but I do just for the amusement and

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rolling drunk and had a
sailors uniform on and
that is why he is so earnest
in his work for us. He is a
real good talker and
attracted the attention of
men who said they had
never been in a church
in their lives and promised
to come again. I will
if I can. He is a real
good singer. Goodby.
Frank.

PORT TAMPA, FL. June 6, 1898
CAPT. WM. CHAPMAN AWAITING INVASION OF CUBA DESCRIBES PORT OF EMBARKATION, ETC.

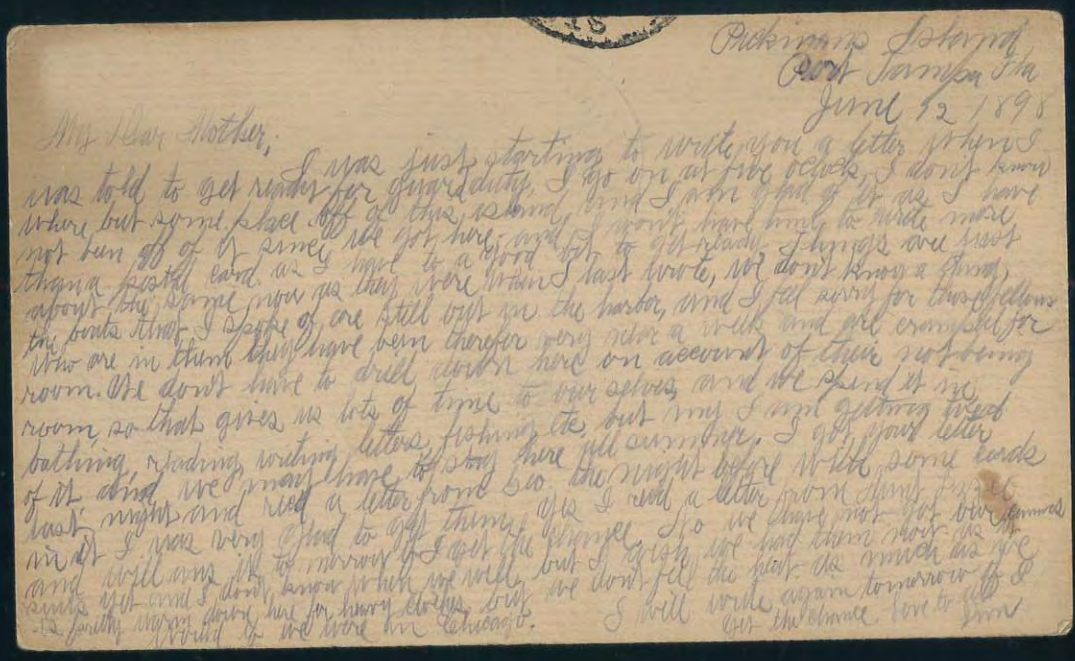
Port Tampa
1.30 p.m. June 6th

My dear wife

I started to write to you this morning but only could write about four lines before I had to quit in order to get the note off. We are lying off of Port Tampa and are about 7 or 8 miles from Tampa itself. It is very interesting to see all of the ships here. They have the rations transportation etc loaded on most of them but none but our boats have the troops aboard yet. They were loading the guns and horses of the artillery this morning and the 1st Infantry have orders to go aboard the transport this afternoon.

The City of Washington, which you will remember was lying near the Maine when she was blown up, was anchored just aft Jus but pulled out a few minutes ago. She draws so much water that she is going outside and the men for her will

sent out on smaller boats. She is one of the largest transports here and carries 1300 men besides freight.
The paymaster Maj. Tucker was aboard this morning and will probably pay this afternoon. The Uranus as which has no troops aboard except a detachment to look after the mules has already gone outside where there is a breeze as soon as our men are paid I presume that we will pull out too.
The cavalry I understand are to be sent without horses except those troops of the 2nd that are with us. That will probably make them happy.
We know nothing at all of our future movements. You had better send mail to Tampa
Must stop and give this to Smiley as the General is going
Love to you and the boys
Lovingly
Will



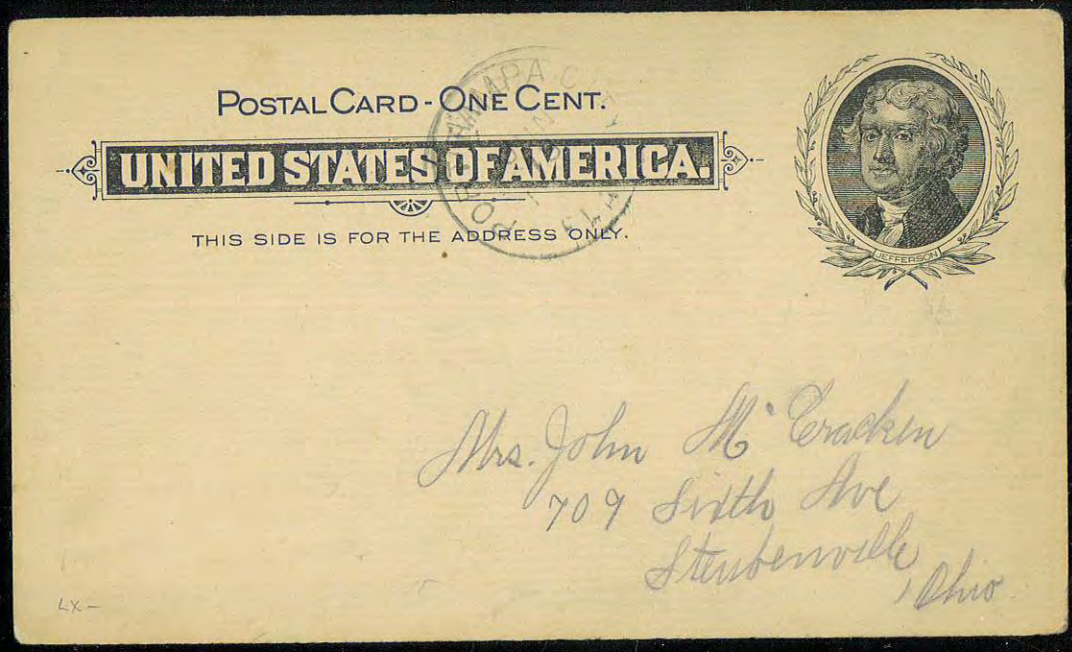
Pickinans Island
Port Tampa Fla
June 12 / 1898

My Dear Mother;

I was just starting to write you a letter when I was told to get ready for guard duty. I go on at five o'clock. I don't know where but some place off of this island and I am glad of it as I have not been off of it since we got here...don't have time to write more than a postal card...The boats that I spoke of are still out in the harbor and I feel sorry for the fellows who are in them. They have been there for very near a week and are cramped for room, so that gives us lots of time to ourselves, and we spend it in bathing, reading, writing letters, fishing, etc....". It stain

have been delivered

SPAN-AM WAR - SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM PICKINANS ISLAND, PORT TAMPA, FLA. #UX12 1c blk postal card, w/VG blk **PORT TAMPA CITY/FLA.** cds, addr. to Ohio, w/lengthy message on reverse, in pencil, in tiny handwriting, datelined **"Pickinans Island, Port Tampa, Fla., June 12, 1898"**, from Jim to his Mother. Incl:**"I was just starting to write you a letter when I was told to get ready for guard duty. I go on at five o'clock. I don't know where, but some place off of this island and I am glad of it as I have not been off of it since we got here...don't have time to write more than a postal card...The boats that I spoke of are still out in the harbor and I feel sorry for the fellows who are in them. They have been there for very near a week and are cramped for room, so that gives us lots of time to ourselves, and we spend it in bathing, reading, writing letters, fishing, etc...."**. It stain at TL edge on message side. F . . . . . .



RLY AVIATION - SCARCE 1910 AVIATION MEET PROGRAM. 4pg printed program, 8" x 11", for the aviation meet held at mont Park, NYC, Oct. 22nd to 30th, **1910**. Front cvr has lg, bold printed**"PROGRAM. Aeronautical Meet. International ation Meet. BELMONT PARK. October 22d to 30th"** w/lg blk **illustration** of an early primitive bi-plane. Inside 2pgs headed **iation Records That Will Be Challenged Here. List of best performances corrected to September 1, 1910, which airmen will to better at New York Meet"**, w/long list of over 50 air records in a variety of catagories, incl: speed, height, duration, slowness, way, passengers (up to 5), bomb throwing, distance, etc... Lists current records, quite detailed, giving aviator's name, type of hine, date of record, place & record statistics. Many famous early aviators listed, incl Glenn H. Curtiss, J.C. Mars (who had made lst attempt at Air Mail in 1910), Farman, Grahame-White, etc...Back page has the aero meet daily programme, list of prizes (total \$72,000), names of aviators & types of airplanes. a few creases, sm edge tears, on back are mounting traces & a couple of paper pes from old mounting. F

ON BOARD TRANSPORT "VIGILANCIA"
IN TAMPA BAY EN ROUTE
TO CUBA
JUNE 9, 1998

Port Tampa, Fla
on Board - Transport
"Vigilancia" June 9.

Thank you for your most interesting letter - You have a way of inviting in a most engaging way the interesting and current news. I wish I had at hand my portfolio and writing paper - You deserve a letter in reply to yours. but expecting at this time to be sailing in West Indian waters, instead of being anchored in Tampa Bay, I had all luxuries put in trunk, which is now in the hold. My card to Mr Van de Water will explain further about our charge of plans, concerning which I imagine you know more than I. for we fellows are mere machines and are, tho. in sight of land, cut off now from newspapers and all gossip of the land. When or where we go, nobody knows. The matter you mention at close of letter is not a proper one to treat here. Do not be discouraged. The passing years develop boys, and one may trust to the guiding hand of a loving providence to do for him what he cannot exactly him self accomplish. Do not worry. I am sure that all will come out well. Indeed my affection for you will lead me lovingly to share with you the responsibility of doing all we can to have our progeny at least as good as their ancestry. All will be fully [illegible] all, dear old [illegible]

WAR LETTER

IN TAMPA BAY
EN ROUTE TO CUBA
JUNE 9, 1998

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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PORT TAMPA
JUN 4 PM 1898
FLA.

JEFFERSON

Mr. Orison B. Smith
"Zegendal"
Quogue Long Island
N.Y.

TROOPER BROWN WAS DISCHARGED IN TAMPA, FLA AUG. 5, 1898
see "Boys of '98" for details

VERY SCARCE COVER
JUN. 14, 1898 FROM TROOPER H.T. BROWN CO I 1st US Vol. Cav (Rough Riders) left in Tampa to care for horses - saw no combat

THE BOYS OF '98

THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND THE ROUGH RIDERS

H. T. Brown
Co I 1st. Regt.
U. S Vol. Cav.
Tampa Fla
Col Roosevelt

CO. I
To remain in Tampa

TAMPA FLA
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Mrs. Alice Brown Prentice
Taftville
Conn.

Trooper H.R Brown discharged @ Tampa
Box 386 Aug 5, 1898

3rd U.S.V. Cavalry" 6/15/98
GRIGSBY'S ROUGH RIDERS
A regiment formed in the fashion of T. Roosevelts Rough Riders from mostly Montana men. Sadly, lacking T.R.'s clout, it never saw action!
Great letter re formation, etc



Camp George H. Thomas,

CHICKAMAUGA PARK.

LYTLE, GA. June 15th 1898.

My Dear Sister,

Will you ever pardon me for not writing to you sooner? But now I am a soldier and have been in this Park for more than two wks. Shortly after receiving your kind letter in Montana I conceived the idea of joining uncle Sam's Volunteers, and I am now in the 3d U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Col. Grigsbys Rough Riders. I joined the Missoula troop. Missoula Montana is about 120 miles from Anaconda where I was located. Your letter I think (the little fluff) would have worked nicely though not use it, would however have done as had I remained longer in Anaconda.



old college mates and school friends
some are Captains, others Lieuts &
a great many soldiers generally
There is one Co. from Liberty Mo.
where I attended School and one
from Mexico Mo. where I taught
in The Mo. Military Academy
so I seem to be almost home
again. Two of the fellows who
were teaching with me in The M.M.A.
are now here in the Park, they come
over to see me every few days and I
return The Compliment, They are
both Capts. now.
The 2nd Arkansas ~~are~~ is encamped
with in 200 paces of our Camp
Troop "F" of which Troop I am
a member is the pride of the 3d
regiment and our regiment is quite
noted The Rough Riders from Montana
are well known everywhere.
My Dear Sweet Sister let me hear
from you very soon for if you
delay I may not get your letter
I am Your loving Brother
that we

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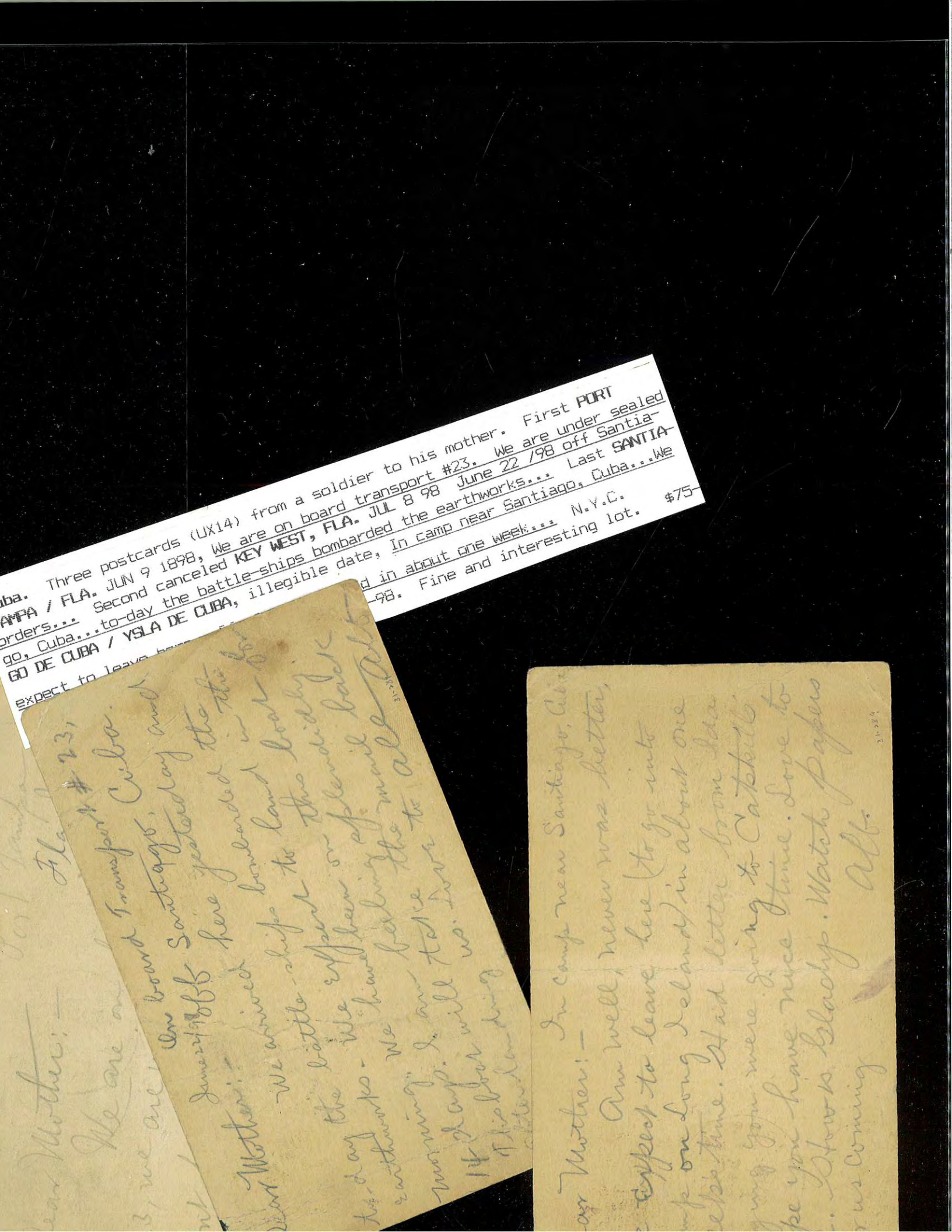

uba. Three postcards (UX14) from a soldier to his mother. First PORT
AMPA / FLA. JUN 9 1898, We are on board transport #23. We are under sealed
orders... Second canceled KEY WEST, FLA. JUL 8 98 June 22 /98 off Santia-
go, Cuba...to-day the battle-ships bombarded the earthworks... Last SANTIA-
GO DE CUBA / YSLA DE CUBA, illegible date, In camp near Santiago, Cuba...We
expect to leave [illegible] in about one week... N.Y.C. $75-
[illegible] 98. Fine and interesting lot.

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PORT TAMPA JUN 1898 FLA.



M 5-11-98 4-1F N.Y.

Mrs S. L. Halliday
498 W 153rd St
New York
N.Y.

Chichester
Ulster Co
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West 153rd St
New York
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Mrs. S. L. Halliday
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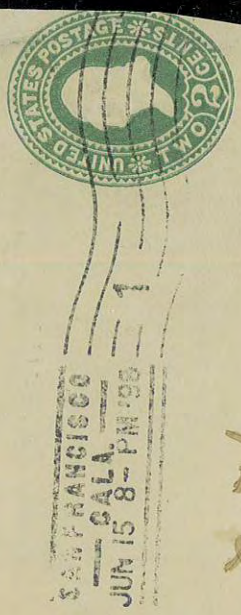
JUNE 14, 1898 — ON BOARD THE "ZEALANDRIA" BOUND FOR MANILA



2.15 P.M.

On Board The Zealandia
Bound for Manila
June 14th 1898

Dear Parents.

We are just going out through the Golden Gate into the Ocean. Great crowds are gathered along the coast to bid us Gods speed. and I suppose by night many of us will be sea sick, I am well now, but may be sick on the ocean. (sea sick) The leaving of this Expedition for Manila, is a great event in San Francisco There are four Boats in all. The Zealandia, Senitor, China, and Colon. Carrying in all about 5000 of Americas best men. who are now known as soldiers. it is a great sight

UNITED STATES POSTAGE 2 CENTS
SAN FRANCISCO CALA. JUN 15 8-PM '98

Samuel C Thomas
New Bright

FT. WADSWORTH, NY JUNE-1898
DESCRIBES OPERATION OF REMOTE CONTROLLED COASTAL DEFENSE GUNS



ROSEBANK JUN 15 6 AM 1898 N.Y.

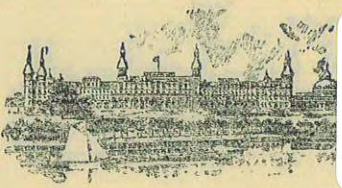
Mrs. Chas. E. Smith
110 Bradford st
Albany N.Y.

Fort Wadsworth S. I.

June 14th 98

My Dear Wife

I have written you two letters and have not heard from you yet. I hope you received them both as they are very important to you I am on Guard to day in the main Guard house in the Fort It makes a fellow feel like a soldier and he has got to be one or go to the guard house and then he has to work in the hot sun like a slave when we are off duty we have plenty of freedom so they have no fault to find and our Mess is exelant ever so much better than at Camp Black We



Geo. Studebaker
C.O. of 157 Indiana Vol.

3 letters from Camp in Tampa
June 16-25, 1898 from
George Studebaker (Regt. Commander)
& father - head of STUDEBAKER CO.

Tampa Bay Hotel,
A. E. DICK, MANAGER.

Tampa, Fla., June 16. 1898.

My dear Father:

I came up to the City this morning to get one of my teeth filled that came out last evening and will have the work finished this afternoon and will take dinner and Supper with Mother and Ada They were out to our Camp yesterday afternoon and stayed to Supper and came back to the City on the Eight O'Clock train I am very well and ne[illegible] felt better in my life and I [illegible] of a life will do m[illegible] till when we [illegible] nd u[illegible] ooks [illegible] will [illegible] ay [illegible] l go [illegible] ommer [illegible] day a [illegible] so and [illegible] ing

THE PLANT SYSTEM
The Inn,
Port Tampa, . Florida.
S. N. HANNAH, MANAGER.

PORT TAMPA
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Mrs. Geo. M. Studebaker.
Hotel Windsor.
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a chance to go just yet but
sent to us later on after they
have been drilled some and
properly instructed Well I
must stop and do some
other work tonight so will
say good night and by
With love and kiss to all
I am as ever your off son

Geo. M. Studebaker

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(SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR) A fine content sailor's letter from onboard the Battleship texas off Santiago, 3pp. small folio, June 19, 1898. J. Franklin Wilson writes a lady telling her of Spanish snipers planted along the shoreline, the bombardment of forts and effect of the fire re turned, and the service of the Texas: " . . . credit of sinking the Spanish warship Riena Mercedes, and of demolishing the town of Guantanamo and its forts . . . we ran intoi a nest of submarine mines, but the 'Texas luck' was in front . . . [if we] struck those mines she would have shared the fate of the Maine . . . if Sampson would send the 'Bulldog' (that's us) home, he (Cervera) would come out and fight . . . " More fine content. Of course, within days Cervera would indeed come out to witness his fleet's destruction firsthand.

United States Battleship Texas,
Off Santiago de Cuba,
Sunday June 19th 1898.

My dear Miss Snedeker,-

For a number of days past I have been going to write to you, and let you know that even though they have tried their best, the Spaniards, (or Dagoes as we call them,) have not got me yet. The Texas has been in four engagements already, and I have learned how it felt to hear rifle and cannon balls whistling around my ears. I dont think I am what is



OFF SANTIAGO – JUNE 21, 1898
COL. McCASKEY WRITES ABOUT BATTLE + ORDER OF TROOP LANDING; EXCELLENT!

Off Santiago de Cuba,
June 21, 1898.

My dear Wife:

Long before this note reaches you, our fates will be known, by you, the hope for the best. But if this is ever read by you, remember, that I have tried to do right and forsee the harm I may have given. I sincerely regret. Remember, that my last utterance would be love for you, and that in all these many years, I have been faithful & true. Life is a serious time, but I hope to do my duty, and if I fall, so. That in after years you may never regret that you "married a soldier."

Both our boys, go with me in the first landing Column, and may it go well with them. I will probably not see Douglas, but Harry is here. Last night we drifted well out to sea

No 26 – 20th Inf ty. 2 Car & Gen Bats
29. 3rd Inf
17. Artillery – Gen Whal
22. 3 & 6th Cav
1 – 9th Cav
21 – 1 & 10th
8 – Incala

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for I fear we will take little
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or food.

BOSTON MASS. JUN 21 3 30 PM 98

Mrs. McCaskey
Fort Leavenworth
Kansas

JUNE 25, 1898 - SANTIAGO, CUBA
Re: Battle for Santiago; "Rough Riders routed" — excellent contents. "20th Inf. Reg. are heroes"

About 9 miles east of Santiago on coast

Demajayo
Santiago De Cuba
Cuba
June, 25. 1898
Saturday

Dear Mother,

Were here we are in Cuba and it is surely war in earnest. I am out on picket duty now and have been ever since last evening. "K" troop [illegible] the boat yesterday and we had no sooner struck camp than we were put out on post. This place [illegible] little town last of S[illegible] [illegible] clear[illegible] before [illegible] were [illegible] The [illegible] and [illegible] An

Soldiers Letter C. O. D.
Douglas McCaskey [illegible]
Santiago De Cuba [illegible]

7 PM JUN 29 98

For
Mrs McCaskey
Fort Leavenworth
Kansas
U. S. A.

Dear 2d

Pr Paddock 1st Lt 6 Cav
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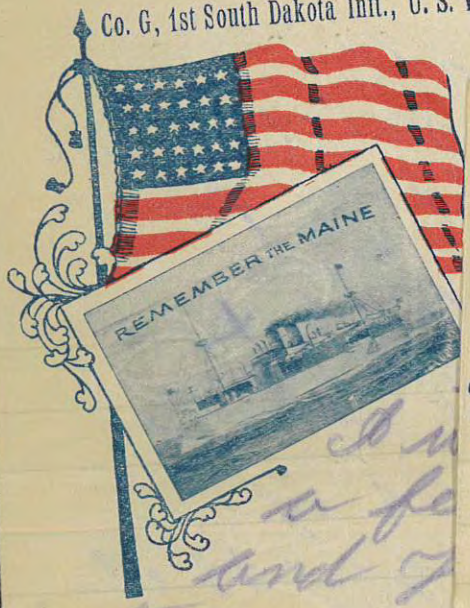
POSTAGE 2 TWO CENTS

FROM CAMP MERRITT(?) de Transig. Soldier was sent to Phil.

Co. G, 1st South Dakota Inft., U. S. V.



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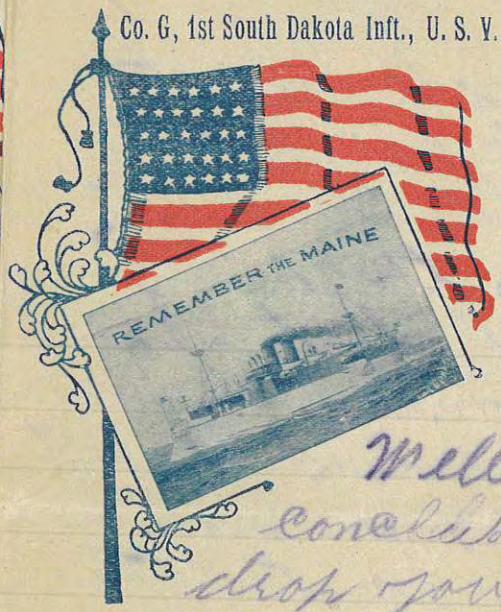
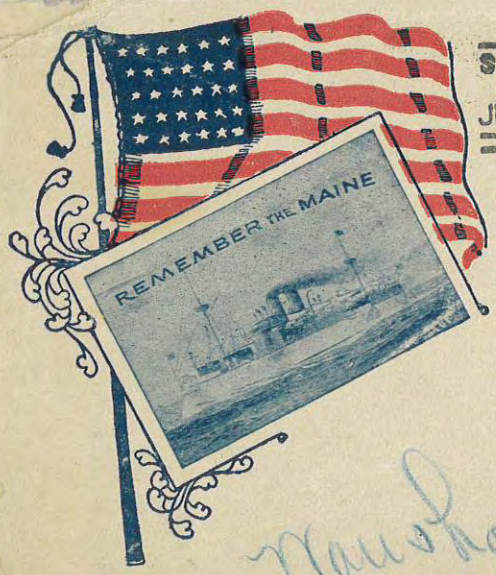


San Francisco
Cal June 26
1898

Well I come to
conclusion I would
drop you a few lines
as it is a long time
since you have heard
from me, or since I
have heard from you



SAN FRANCISCO
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James Mortson.
Saxville.
Wisconsin.

TAMPA, FL. JUNE 26, 1898

RE: CAMP AT TAMPA; ROUGH RIDERS, ETC. FROM TROOPER IN 2nd CAV.

Tampa, Florida,
June 26, 1898.

Dear Friend:-
We arrived here after a twenty-hour through nothing but pine forest, with a few small towns to relieve the monotony, I suppose, for there was little else to occasion the existence of one unless it was the turbentine industry which
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Span-Amer War Letter of travel in Florida

TAMPA, FL. JU 25 5 PM

Miss Myrta V. Whitney
Ripon,
Fond du Lac Co.,
Wisconsin.

notes & comments.

I will have to close this time as I go on guard mount soon. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Sincerely your friend

Walter D. Moore

Troop A

2nd U.S. Cavalry

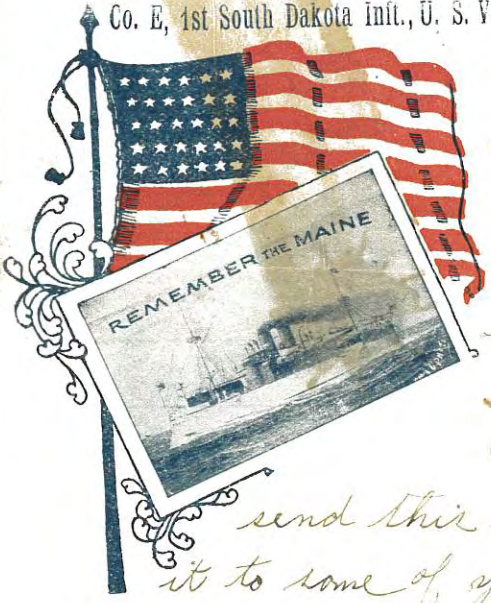
Tampa

Care Troop E. Florida

We are assigned to troop E temporarily; we are known as the "Orphan Troop". There are also 2 "skeleton" troops being made up of new men.



Co. E, 1st South Dakota Infl., U. S. V.



San Francisco, 6, 29, 1898.

I don't know who I will send this letter to but will send it to some of you & you can all read it. Some ladies just came along and gave us some oranges and I had to stop and eat. Sunday I was down to the wharf & and saw the Indiana. They were loading it up with soldiers & tents and one thing and anothes. The third expidition sailed Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday. Gen. Merritt sailed to-day. They are talking here now that we go between the sixth and tenth of July, but I guess that they dont know any thing about it. Barnes just stuck his head in and said to tell you hello & he was happy as a clam. I was on Guard Saturday and they let us out Sunday. I went up town with

MIAMI, FL. - SOLDIER'S LTR.
JUNE 29, 1898
"CAMP HELL"

Army Christian Commission
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Young Men's Christian Associations,
3 WEST TWENTY-NINTH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

WILLIAM B. MILLAR,
SECRETARY.

In Camp
Miami Fla June 29 1898

Dear Marie

this E... to
as ... is
of ... used
We
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journey -
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by beautiful
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far as that
The drill gr... deep
ins sand, and ... it is as

Miss Marie Poissonneau
14th Nav Orleans
Arrabella
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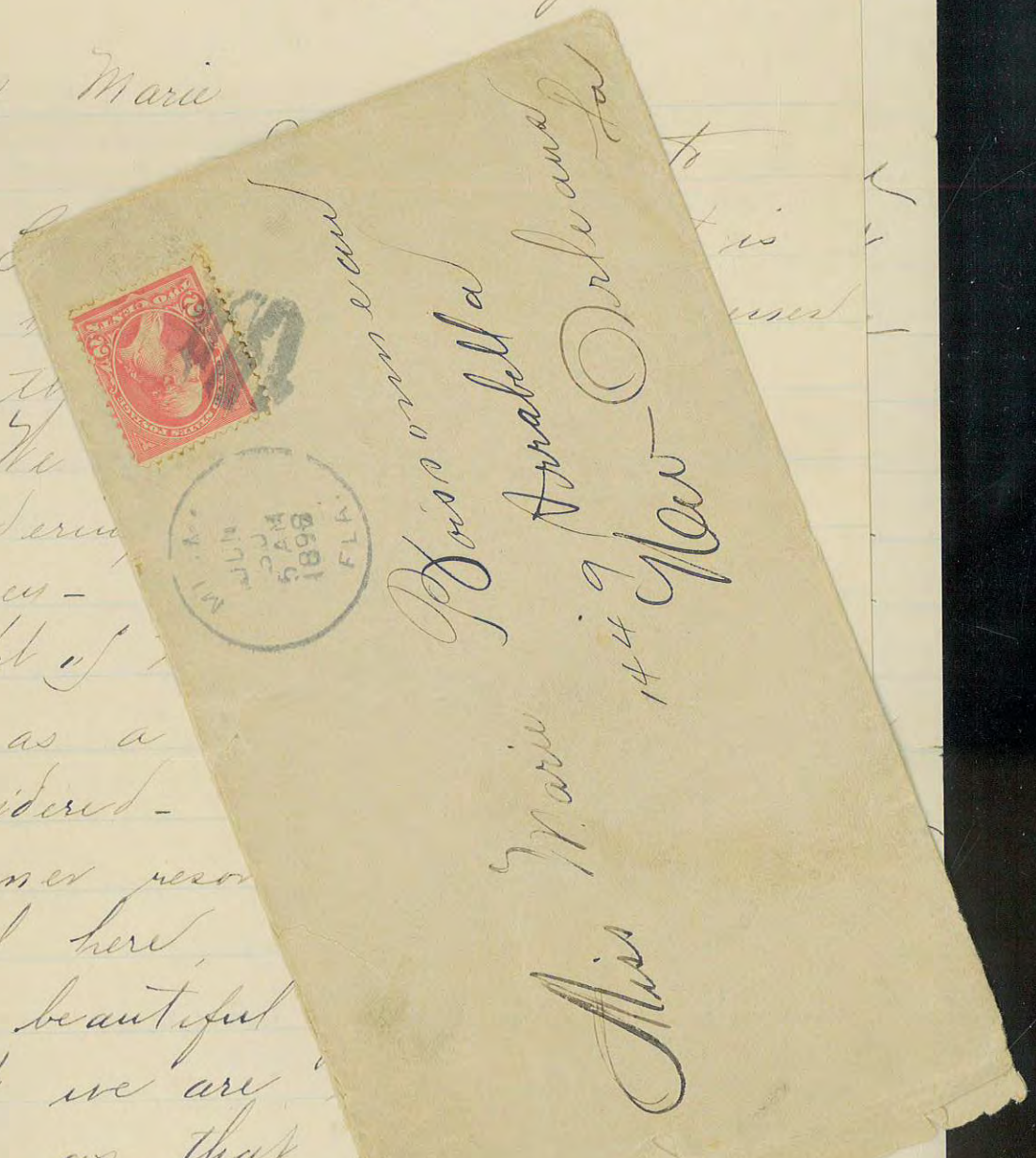
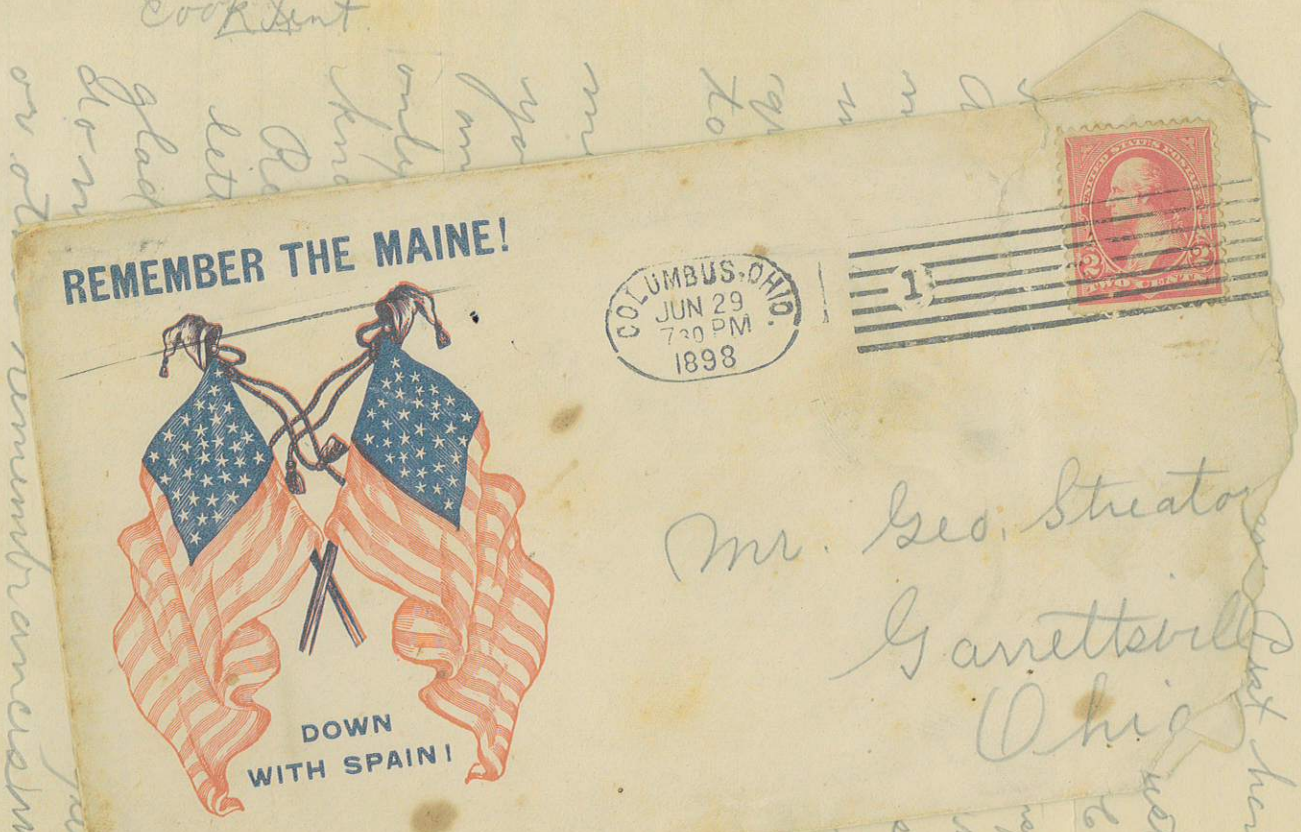
MIAMI JUN 30 5 AM 1898 FLA.



SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - SCARCE & EXCELLENT SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM MIAMI, FLA. 2pg letter, approx x 9-5/8", on 2 sheets of **patriotic stationery**, w/blue printed "Army Christian Commission/OF THE/INTERNATION COMMITTEE/Young Men's Christian Associations,...", at top & w/red & blue illus. of flag at TL. Letter datelined**"In Camp, Mia Fla., June 29, 1898"**, from Andrew to a friend, Miss Marie Boisonneau, in New Orleans. Incl. original transmittal cvr w/F **MIAMI/FLA.** June 30 dated cds & 2c Washington tied by blk fancy cancel ("M"?). A scarce soldier's letter from Miami, which so unprepared & inadequate to serve as a military camp that the soldiers dubbed it "Camp Hell". The 1st soldiers arrived in Miami June 24th & by the 1st week of July, the entire division of 7500 men had established the camp, (Miami at this time had a populatio approx. 2000). Excellent content, written on the day of this soldier's arrival, in which he declares his immediate & intense dislik the place. Incl:**"Just arrived to this God forsaken place, it is as hot as the deepest recesses of the 'other place'. We are all pre well considering the fatigueing journey. Don't like the aspect of the place at all, as far as a camping ground is considered. I a beautiful summer resort, there is a fine hotel here, surrounded by beautiful gardens, etc.. [Henry Flagler's "Royal Palm"], l we are not in it, as far as that is concerned. The drill grounds are deep in sand, and if it is as hard marching through the wi of Cuba, God help us. We have not yet pitched our tents; we are about to start in a few minutes..."** cvr has a few edge tears, le

JUN. 1898 - CAMP BUSHNELL
DAY OHIO TROOPS WERE MUSTERED
INTO FED. SERVICE. DRAWING
OF CAMP



bookstore hand this picture to him with best Compliments

I was on guard duty the other day 4 hrs and have been on special duty several times. Our Cook does quite good work we have potatos, eggs, pork beef bread, butter, onions rice, beans, (potatoes cooked different ways, and coffee without milk of course we do not get all this at once but we have good solid rations but nothing fancy. But last night one of the boys was given a Chocalate cake and we all had a piece and send some Lunt Fuller Goodbye I have to drill Park

10th O.V.I. Co. K.
Camp Bushnell,
Columbus O.
June 29, 1898

Dear ones at home! — This morning the mustering in to regular service but as our Co is last one in the Regiment it will be considerable time before we reached.

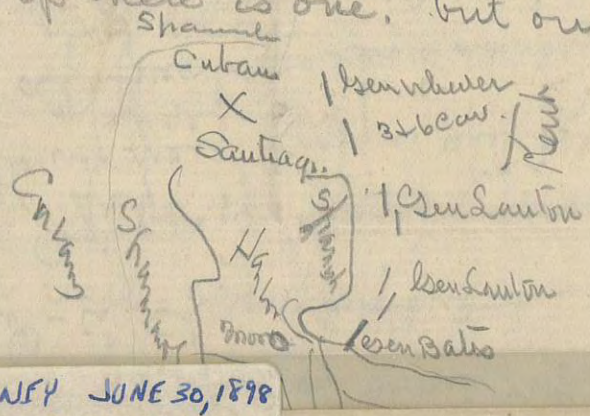
Yesterday I was on Commissary duty. Then I helped take down the Capt's tent and put up a new one and put up a fly in front of the cook's tent. In the afternoon we drilled and at 6 o'clock went on

SIBONEY, CUBA JUNE 30, 1998
GREAT BATTLE LETTER!!!

Siboney - Cuba. June 30. 98.

My Dear Wife.

We are still here busy guarding supplies doing outpost duty - repairing roads - and all odd sorts of jobs - It seems quite a problem to get rations to the front. It is reported - that the Spaniards are making an effort to re-inforce Santiago from the north - and about 4000 Cubans under Gen Garcia - left here this morning to head them off. I have no idea of the place to capture the place - if there is one. but our line runs some thing like this



CUBA - SIBONEY JUNE 30, 1898
BATTLE LETTER WITH MAPS, ETC. GREAT CONTENTS

A Soldier's Letter.
Wm. S. McCaskey.
Major 20 Infty

DUE

Mrs. McCaskey.
Fort Leavenworth.
Kansas.
U.S.A.

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
[illegible] Station No. 1, CU



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... Gen Bates will be ignored.

my news wile all he stale, so there is no use in trying to compete with newspapers or cable.

SOLDIER DESCRIBES
OFFICER TRAINING COURSE

6/30/98 1st reference to OCS
Soldier undergoing officer training describes a typical day!

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Camp. G H Th
June, 30,

Dear Parents

I have just got
drop you a few lines as
am feeling fine I never
felt better in my life
been some delay and
know what time we sh
now. But talk about bein
Now some people think
all the time we want b
will tell you about how m
we get and since I have
premoted I tell you it is
it is not like the malitia
I can assure you we are
take the field and they a
than drilling us now
show you how much time I
get I will explain the way
things run we get revelle



Cap. A. G. Sylvester
Co. B. 3rd Regt. Ill Vol

CAMP GEORGE H. THOMAS,
CHICKAMAUGA PARK,
POSTAL STATION,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Mrs Lewis Sylvester.
123 West Ave
Aurora Ill.

CHICKAMAUGA
PARK

DESCRIBES A DAY IN OFFICER TRAINING (O.C.S)

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR LETTER POST DATED 1898

WHICH STATES: Camp GH Thomas June 30, 1898 dear parents I have just got time to drop you a few lines as usual I am feeling fine I never in fact felt better in my life there has been some delay and we don't know what time we shall leave now but talk about being strict now some people take we have all the time we want but father will tell you about how much time we get in since I have been promoted I tell you it is work it is not like the militia now I can assure you we are the first to take the field and they are more than drilling us now just two show you how much time I get I will explain the way things run we get reveille at 440 rollcall at five mess at 536 call at 650 call at 630 to roll-call at seven drill home seven till nine I something from 910 till 10 from 1010 till 12 something commissions officers school and let me say if you don't pass 70% you are reduced to the ranks and there are reductions going on every day 12 two 1230 mass. From one till three school again and at 310 drill till five 515 mass and at six dress practice is 600 fatigue colic and seven call to your quarters eight caps so you see I can't get much time to write we go to Lookout Mountain for a big March tomorrow and then to Mission Ridge for rifle practice I suppose after we get out in the field of something we will get a little more time as they are not so strict about little things what we are going to do I do not know but I do know that if they court or any other officer is not right up to his business he goes down quicker than something tell and not to be in a hurry just yet as they drill the poor new recruits for hours eight all day and drill them hard to. I tell you there is at present 65 something and men here and more coming every day by the way I ran across Bill Smith's boys yesterday and we talked over the times that our dad did right here in our own campground tell Ed to tell Brookins if the boys of the camp go to something the something of the camp over to the most something man the camp can decide whom something something a picture of myself and two of my pals together on Lookout Mountain Sunday by the way when you write and put some something in the letter as they don't sell them down here I close with love to all tell Frank I have got some fine relic a your son Archie THE POST MARK IS CHICKAMAUGA PARK CHATTANOOGA TENN. TO AURORA ILL

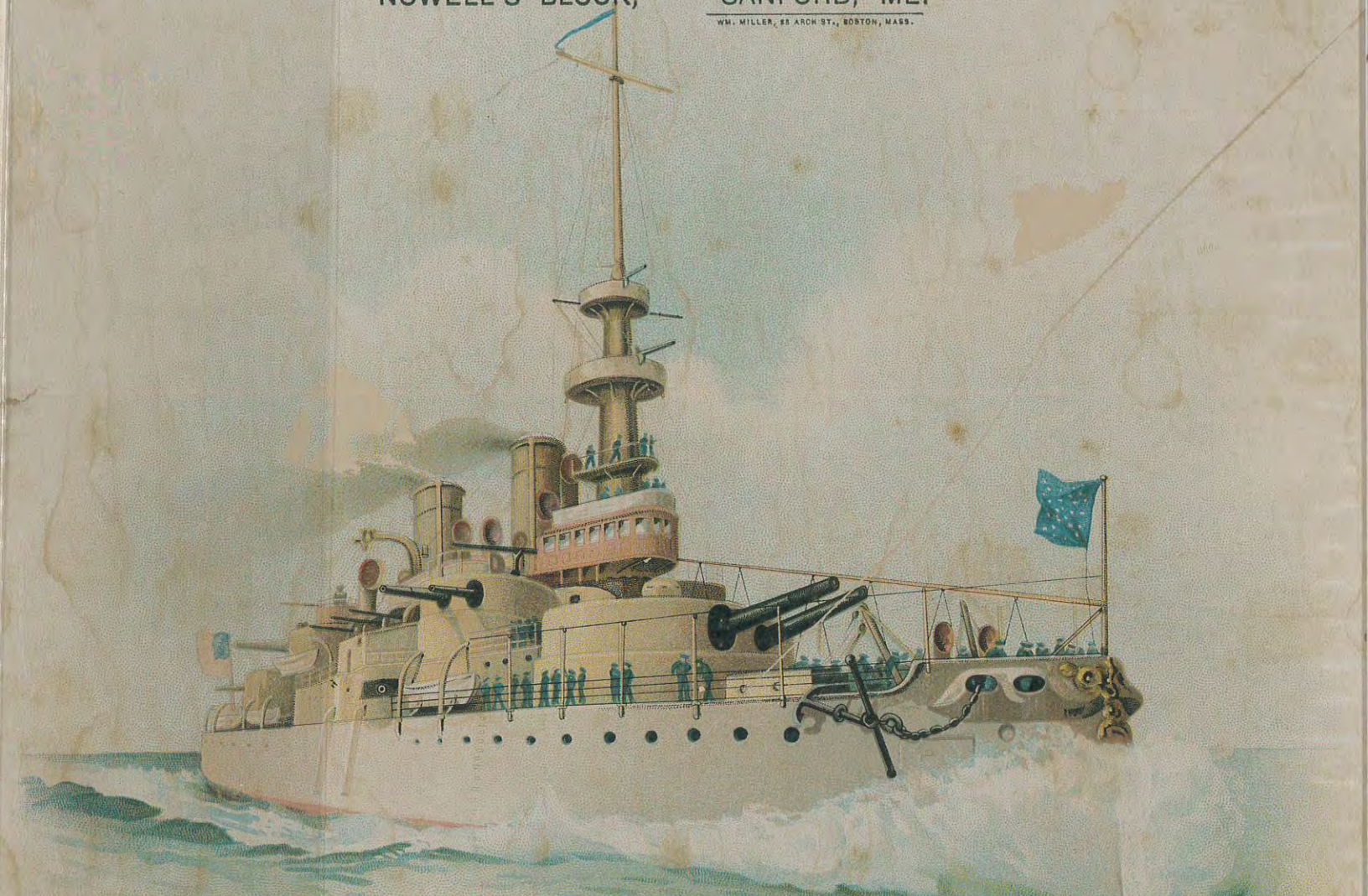
Compliments of

CHARLES H. NOWELL,

General · Insurance · Agent,

NOWELL'S BLOCK, SANFORD, ME.

WM. MILLER, 88 ARCH ST., BOSTON, MASS.



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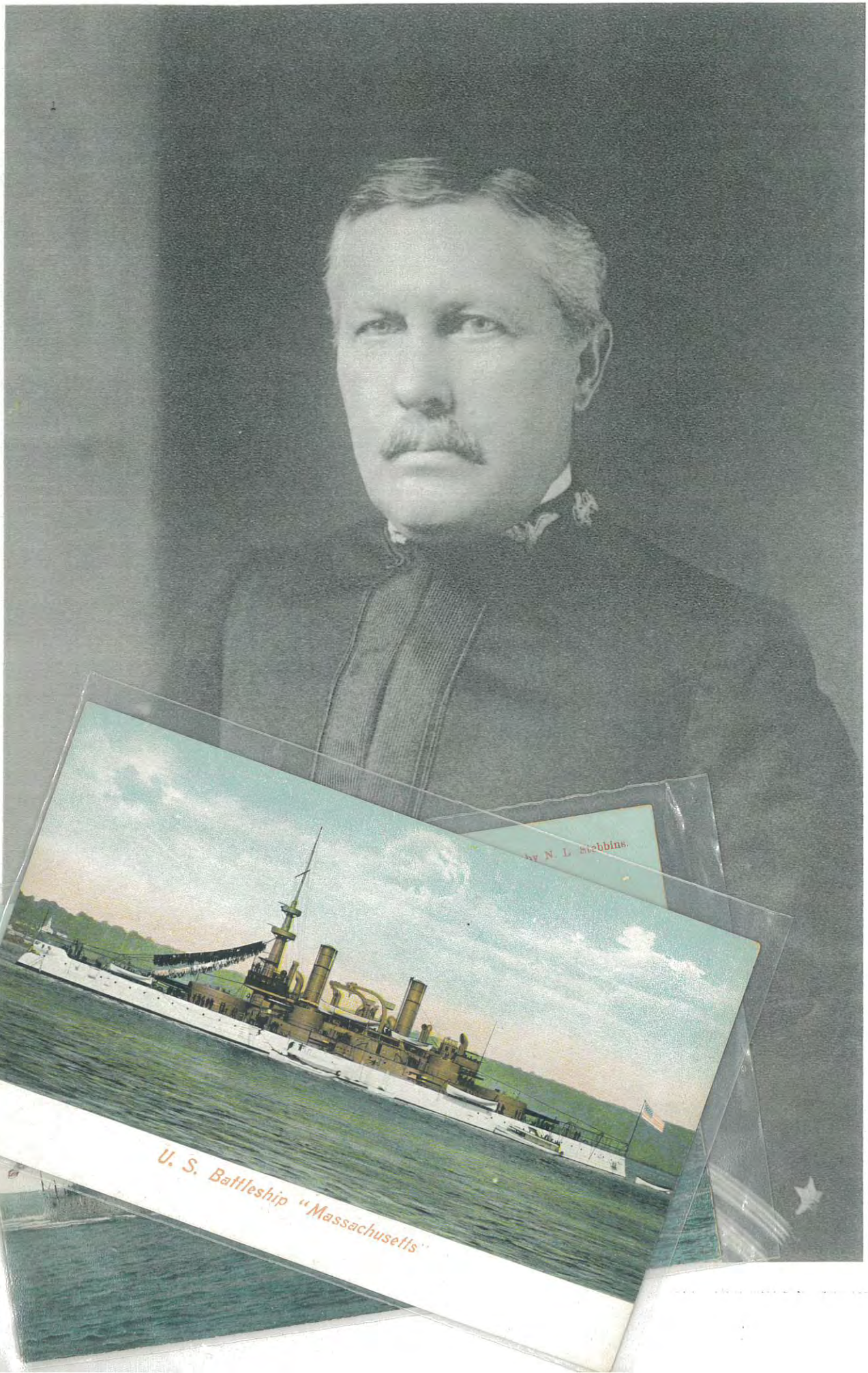
U. S. Battleship "Massachusetts"

AWARDED THE "SAMPSON" MEDAL FOR SERVICE IN CUBAN WATERS MAY/JUNE/JULY 1898

N. Nav. Sp.
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ADDRESS BUREAU OF NAVIGATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
AND REFER TO NO.

2076-1138

JHT-LP
WASHINGTON, D. C.,

September 24, 1908.

Sir:

The Bureau transmits herewith a bronze medal, conferred upon you in accordance with the provisions of an act of Congress approved March 3, 1901, directing the preparation and distribution of such medals to the officers and men of the Navy and Marine Corps of the United States who participated in the engagements with the Spanish naval forces in the waters of the West Indies and on the shores of Cuba during the war with Spain.

The medal issued to you is in recognition of your services on board the U. S. S. MASSACHUSETTS at Santiago June 6, June 16, July 2, July 4, and May 31, 1898.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this medal to the Bureau.

Very respectfully,

J. E. Pillsbury

Chief of Bureau.

Rear Admiral,
Seaton Schroeder,
Comdr. 4th Div., U.S.Atlantic Fleet,
U. S. S. WISCONSIN.

(Enclosure)

12/1896 LC SCHROEDER
ORDERS FOR DUTY ON
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS
[ENDORSED BY DEWEY/SICARD]

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

WAM
39231

WASHINGTON, Dec.8th,1896.

S I R : -

On the 16th instant, you will regard yourself detached from duty as a Member of the Board of Inspection and Survey, Navy Department, Washington, D.C., and from such other duty as may have been assigned you, will proceed to New York, N.Y., or to such other port as the U. S. S. MASSACHUSETTS may be, and report, on the 17th of December, to the Senior Officer present, and, by letter, to the Commander-in-Chief of the North Atlantic Station, for duty on board the U. S. S. MASSACHUSETTS, as Executive Officer of that vessel, as the relief of Lieutenant-Commander Conway H. Arnold, U.S.N.

Very respectfully,

Secretary.

NAVY PAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,
PAID $18.24 MILEAGE.
Washington D.C. NEW YORK.
JAMES E. TOLFREE,
PAY INSPECTOR U. S. NAVY.
DEC 21 1896

LIEUT.COMMANDER
Seaton Schroeder, U.S.N.,
Member Board Inspection and Survey,
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

(Presdt.Bd.)

Navy Department
Board of Inspection
and Survey
December 9th 1896

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Commodore U.S.N.
President of Board

Washington D. C.
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Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.

Navy Yard, New York.
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COMMODORE, U. S. N.
Commandant, Navy Yard & Station.

U.S.S. Massachusetts
1st Rate
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Wm. Rodgers Lieut Comdr

AUG. 1898
ADVANCED ON PROMOTION LIST FOR "CONSPICUOUS CONDUCT IN BATTLE" ENDORSED BY AD. SAMPSON

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FLAG-SHIP N. A. STATION.
AUG 27 1898

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

August 11, 1898.

S I R:-

The President of the United States having advanced you three numbers on the list of Lieutenant-Commanders, from the 10th day of August, 1898, for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith your commission, dated the 10th instant.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Chief of Bureau.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER

Seaton Schroeder, U.S.Navy,

Executive Officer, U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS,

North Atlantic Fleet.

(C.-in-C.)

(Encl.)

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AWARDED THE "SAMPSON MEDAL"

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ADDRESS BUREAU OF NAVIGATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
AND REFER TO NO.

2076-647

EWC-JHT

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

April 15th, 1907.

Sir:

The Bureau transmits herewith a bronze medal, conferred upon you in accordance with the provisions of an act of Congress approved March 3, 1901, directing the preparation and distribution of such medals to the officers and men of the Navy and Marine Corps of the United States who participated in the engagements with the Spanish naval forces in the waters of the West Indies and on the shores of Cuba during the war with Spain.

The medal issued to you is in recognition of your services on board the U. S. S. Massachusetts at Santiago de Cuba, May 31, June 6, June 16, and July 3, 1898.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this medal to the Bureau.

Very respectfully,

W. P. Potter

Acting Chief of Bureau.

Captain,
Seaton Schroeder, U.S.N.,
Comdg. U.S.S. Virginia.

(Comdr.-in-Chief)

(Enclosures)

OTTO RIECK - COMMANDER

166 South Brinker Avenue

Columbus, O[illegible]

U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS
VETERANS' ASSN - 1939

T. F. Lyden, Lieut. Com[illegible]
241 L. Street
South Boston, Massachuse[illegible]

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Jersey

U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS

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Miss Bessie Donaldson
Evanston, Ill.
714 Sheridan Road.

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Those of you shipmates who wer[illegible]
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U. S. S. Massachusetts
Shipmates Association
OTTO RIECK, COMMANDER.
166 S. BRINKER AVE.
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Shipmate
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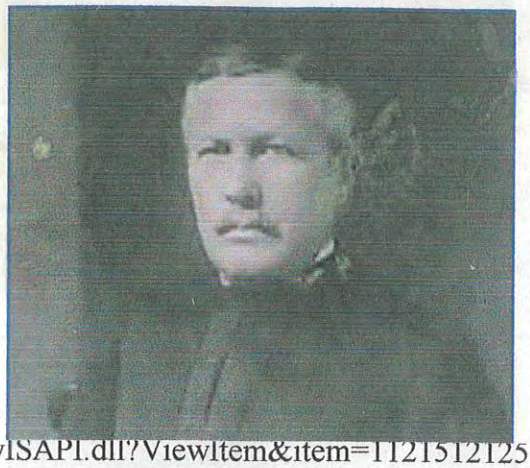
OUTSTANDING NAVAL WAR LETTERS FROM LT. COMMANDER (LATER ADMIRAL) SEATON SCHROEDER

Naval Letters - USS MAINE - Feb. 16/18 1898



These are ~~TWO (2)~~ of 75 war time letters and battle reports written between Jan - Sept 1898 that I have acquired from the estate of USN Rear-Admiral Seaton Schroeder [seen at the left] who served in the US Navy for over 50 years and was a veteran of the Spanish American War serving as XO on the USS MASSACHUSETTS during the entire conflict. At the Battle of Santiago, he earned a commendation from the Navy Department for "eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle."

These letters was written to his wife on Wednesday, February 16th & February 18th 1898 by Lt. Comdr. Schroeder while on duty on the MASSACHUSETTS

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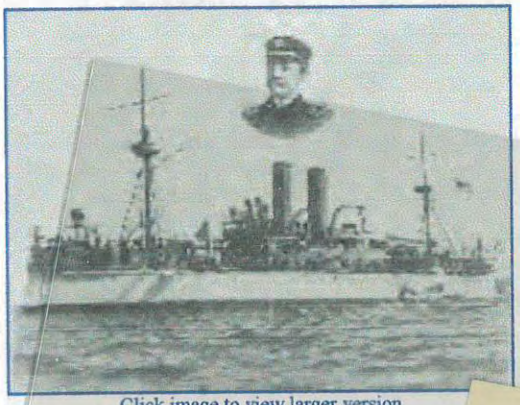

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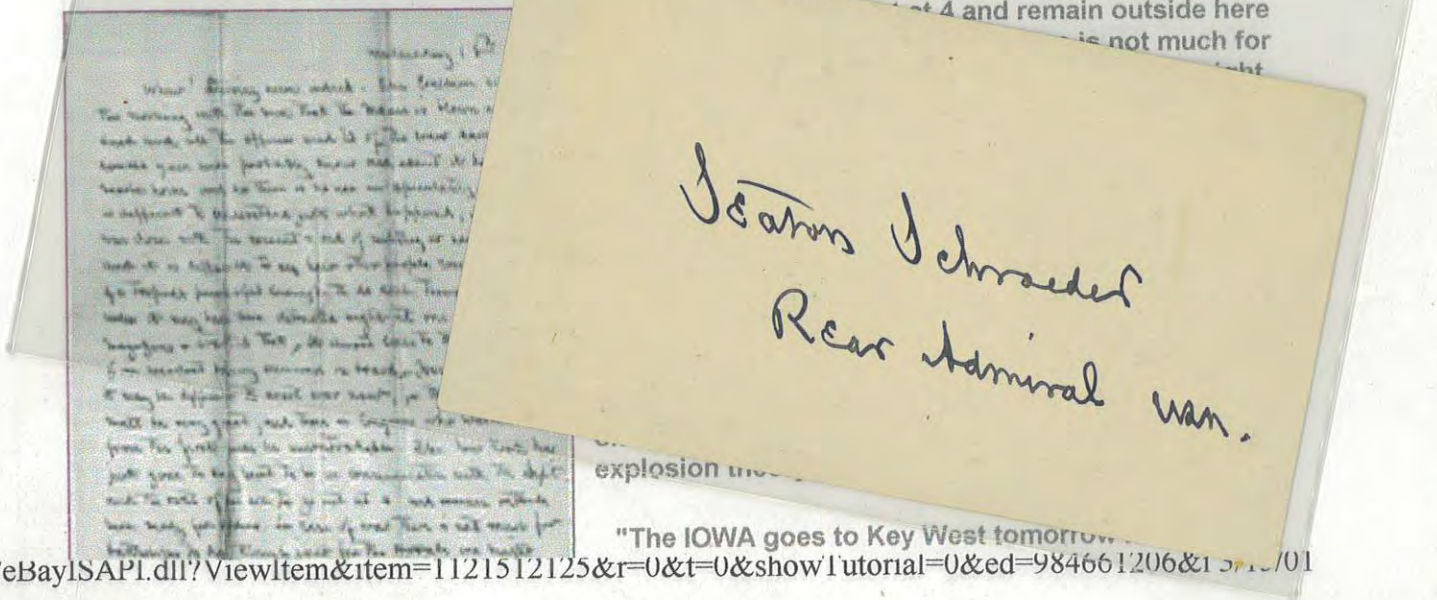

Seaton Schroeder
Rear Admiral USN.

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"The IOWA goes to Key West tomorrow

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BOARD CONVENES ON USS MAINE - SEPT. 1897

ONLY 4 MONTHS PRIOR TO EXPLOSION

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NAVIGATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
AND REFER TO NO. 79588--Gow

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U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS
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WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Sept.15,1897.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Navy having appointed you a Member of a Board, ordered to convene on board the U.S.S.MAINE, from time to time, as occasion may offer, at the call of the Senior Member, you will report to Lieutenant-Commander A.Marix, U. S. N., the presiding officer of the Board, at the place and time specified.

This duty is in addition to your present duties.

Respectfully,

A.S. Crowninshield
Chief of Bureau.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER
Seaton Schroeder, U.S.N.
U.S.S.MASSACHUSETTS.

(Commander-in-Chief)

Officers must promptly acknowledge the receipt of orders, and inform the Bureau of Navigation immediately upon having reported in obedience thereto.

KEY WEST JAN. 23, 1898
CRUISING OFF KEY WEST.
"CAPT. IS AN IMBECILE"

Tomorrow we
go to Dry Tortugas
to stay Indefinitely

Sunday - Key West.
Jan 23d

Dear Old Lady,

This is just to say that I have your two letters of 14th and 19th. It is too awfully hot for anything else. As the old woman in chief would not let the squadron know whether or not the same low speed was going to be kept up, we had to keep steam up in all four boilers when two would have been plenty, and the ship is correspondingly "hot up". At 4 yesterday afternoon we were 60 miles from here and signal was made that we would probably anchor early in the morning; and as 5 miles an hour would bring us here in 12 hours I made all arrangements for anchoring at 4. But as night came on, although the splendid lights of the coast are visible 20 miles and a ship can go close up to them, the jesuitical animous old imbecile could not stand the stream but sheered off into the Gulf Stream again, and we anchored at 5 minutes before noon!

I am sorry Anna has proved a fizzle. I think you did quite right, - that is if you did anything. I gather from your letter that she left in a temper. Thank you for the books. Where

Lovingly
S.S.

JAN. 24, 1898 BRO. PORTUGAS
"THE RECENT EXCITEMENT OF HAVANA..." DINNER WITH CAPT SIGSBEE (CO. OF "MAINE"

Monday Evening Jan 24th
off the Dry Tortugas.

Dear old Lady

A nice breeze makes it a good deal cooler to-day and I sit down for a little chat before sitting down for about an hour's work before turning in. We left Key West this morning, but of course it would [illegible] to make one [illegible] of a [illegible], as we came [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] the Tortugas and have anchored for the night, and to-morrow I suppose we will go into the [illegible] [illegible] are several days behind the programme now, and we don't know what part of it will be skipped. Captain H. says he is going to try to persuade the [illegible] to let us have a week to drill the men and improve the efficiency of the ship, and he seems to [illegible] he will be able to do it. I hope so indeed. The prospect of solemnly meandering about in the different formations, when so many of the ships have been two months at a Navy Yard and have a number of new men on board who need to be licked into shape, is wearisome. It is very possible that in consequence of the recent excitement of Havana it would

JAN. 25, 1898

"MAINE HAS BEEN SUDDENLY SENT TO HADANA. --

Tuesday.

Sensation in the fleet! Last night a torpedo boat came from Key West and was boarded by a boat from the flag ship; shortly afterward the signal was made to the Maine for the Captain to repair on board flagship + to prepare to get underway immediately. We all wondered if it was another brilliant canard like that of last summer; but a little after Eleven she went off right straight in the direction of Havana! There is apparently nothing very serious, however, as all the Captains were ordered to go on board the Fern, and she has taken them in to examine the anchorage of the Bay Tortugas. We may go in there to-morrow. I doubt if we will use up any more coal "Evoluting" while the Maine has been suddenly sent to Havana, and the fleet would be helpless in an Emergency without coal, and a General order states that there will be 5000 tons here on February 10th. Of course it may be coming gradually and there may be some now; but it would be very slow work coaling with the facilities down here. So I hope that all that nonsense may be stopped for a while and we may have an opportunity to try to get the ships efficient.

The Fern is to go to Key West this afternoon + will

JAN. 26, 1898
"MAINE APPARENTLY .. GONE TO HAVANA.."

Dry Tortugas. Wednesday Evening.
Jan. 26th

Dear Ma Lady,

Our greatest diversion lately has been to sit on the quarter deck in the Evening with our cigars and watch the signals being made by and to the Flagship. There seems to be always some little coup de theatre. Last Evening we saw the lights of a small steamer coming slowly through the S W. Entrance; finally she seemed to stop, and threw a search light about, and we concluded finally that she must be aground. And that was the case. At about Eight a small boat came from her with her Captain who said it was the yacht Buccaneer with some newspaper correspondents, and he was on his way to the Flag to ask for assistance. Then a boat went out that way from the Flag, and also the Fern was signalled not to sail until further orders, presumably so as to have us help the B. At half past Eight we heard three whistles blown by the B., and saw that she was afloat and moving in. Then nothing more for 1/2 of an hour when the Flag began signalling, and imagine our amazement to read a signal to the Dowa "Send cutter with Kedge anchor and heavy tackles in charge of a Lieutenant to assist Standard reported at Entrance to harbor." How we did laugh at the Evidence of the Flag's

poor Iowa, so I jumped down & got permission from the Captain to signal to Flag "Buccaneer is afloat and anchored". They signalled "How do you know?" We answered "We saw her move, Enter the harbor and anchor near Fern". They seemed a little dubious, but finally, just as the Iowa's boat was shoving off with a long pull ahead of them, signalled to Iowa "Belay cutter, assistance is not needed." We are now wondering if the New York's officer of the deck was suspended. But it has gotten so now that every body simply laughs every time the Flag is mentioned.

With the Maine apparently gone to Havana, the coal of the fleet running short and no coal expected until February 10th every one thought that we would have an opportunity for a little sensible work; and so impressed was I with that conviction that among other attempts to recover from two winter months at a Navy Yard I painted one of our boats. Now the signal has been made to get underway at 9 in the morning for Evolutions in Florida Bay! So my beautifully painted boat will have to be lowered with all her fresh paint into the water in order to hoist in the others, and the soot and cinders to-morrow will completely finish up that paint & make a sweet mush. Friday night we anchor off the Nw. Entrance to Key West & may have a chance to mail this. Cheque Enclosed. The rest by next mail.

Goodnight. Lovingly S.S.

3 LETTERS FROM SCHROEDER
FEB 6 / FEB 6th / MAR. 28th
FROM TORTUGAS PRIOR
TO DECLARATION OF ANTICIPATED
WAR

Dry Tortugas. Feb 6th

Dear Grandmamma,

Two letters from you to-day, and the tidings that you are off for Europe a little earlier than I realised; so that I have been caught napping and you will slip off without my saying bye bye.

I hope we may get through the crisis without war, although it seems very improbable. Were it almost any other nation than Spain there would be no doubt or question about it. Had such a thing happened in an English port, they would have been the first to pronounce upon it, and would have caught and punished the perpetrator before we could have formulated

FEB. 16, 1898
RE CAUSE OF USS MAINE
EXPLOSION (DAY BEFORE)

Wednesday 16th

Whew! Stirring news indeed. Gen Ericsson arrived this morning with the news that the Maine is blown up and sunk and all the officers and ⅔ of the crew saved. Of course you will probably know all about it before this reaches home and so there is no use in speculating; but it is different to understand just what happened; it certainly was done with the consent + aid of military or naval authorities, and it is difficult to see how other people could get hold of an Torpedo powerful enough to do such tremendous work, unless it may have been detonated right at one of the ship's magazines + started that, it almost leads to the possibility of an accident having occurred on board. However it may be, it may be difficult to avert war now; for the excitement must be very great, and those in Congress who wanted war from the first will be uncontrollable. The Iowa Herald has just gone to Key West to be in communication with the Dept and the rest of us are to go out at 4 and remain outside here ready for orders. In case of war there is not much for battleships to do; though just for the morale we might knock down some of Havana's batteries. Glad Dick is all right.

FEB. 17, 1898
"skeptical about Maine being destroyed by a mine. Probably an accident. Men on alert

Bay Fortugas. Thursday 17th

Dear old lady,

A sudden chance to send letters occurred this morning by the Cushing, and I could not sign or close mine as usual as it was. The Cushing had to run in to the harbor for shelter, however, and as we have come in again this may go by the same mail.

I wonder if you people who write know any more about recent occurrences than we do. We have just learned that two officers of the Maine, Jenkins & Merritt, were lost. I must say I am very skeptical about her having been blown up by a mine or torpedo, & greatly fear & greatly hope it may have been an accident on board. Of course don't say this to any one Especially Evie, but men slept at their guns all last night, with a watch at the search lights, & we went to general quarters once and fired a few shots for the necessary battery. I must say I think it very ill advised to visit ports such a time as this to have night quarters for exercise when there is of course a base possibility of an actual attack; a cry of wolf. However, that and the rough boating are good training. I want to try to get word to Dick to cable us for any money

he may need for clothes. Tell Eve and let her have all she wants & I will fix it.

Your letter of last Thursday came this morning with Grandma's Enclosed. That nice cake of soap came in the previous mail and I am wondering what was its history. I have plenty of novels to last for some time. That History of our Navy I had sent home for safe keeping as I do not want it on board. I gave the home address in the subscription card. If Marion Crawford's last book is out in book form you might send me that.

Evening.

With all airports and hatches closed and screened it is too suffocating to write, Honeypot; and as I have nothing to write about anyway I will close this on the chance of the Cushing taking it early in the morning. We have picket boats guarding all the channels leading to the anchorage in case any erratic Spaniards should come this way.

Bye bye. God bless you all.

Lovingly S Eaton.

FEB. 18, 1898
RE MAINE EXPLOSION;
ALERT IN TORTUGAS

Tortugas Harbor
Friday evening Feb 18th

Dear Honeypot,

The Iowa goes to Key West to-morrow morning for Captain Sampson to be in a Court of Inquiry on the Maine. This is the first intimation we have had that the possibility is considered of its having been caused by an accident on board. I refuse positively to believe that a mine was allowed to remain under the position given by the harbor authorities to the Maine, or that any torpedo was sent against her with the knowledge of any authorities. It is difficult to see how cranks or fanatical Weylerites could prepare such a powerful torpedo; the only possibility is that such a torpedo if exploded in immediate contact with the hull immediately at a magazine might have started it; but that is unlikely. It is curious how little we know about it. We will have to wait for the northern papers.

Your letter of Friday continued on Sunday, was brought by the Ericsson, and reached me at lunch, and I nearly choked to death while drinking a glass of beer and reading your congratulations on the cause of our children not being too brainy!

Dear Sandy! Give him a good hug for me, — metaphorically.

I would be very glad to have some little things like peppermint chocolates. We now have mostly roast ham or shoulder in three tenses, — past, present & future. The only variety is that we sometimes have a left shoulder instead of a right.

During the uncertainty we take every precaution; guns ready for action, picket boats at anchor in the channels ready to burn signals if anything suspicious appears, all air ports & hatches screened &c. Your young friends in the steerage have to go in turn & stay out there all night in the cutters.

I write so often because there is always a possibility that there may not be another chance for some days. I have taken off all the clothes I can for the night; if any boat fires a star we go to General Quarters, my pajamas have about given out, so in one way it is fortunate I cannot wear them just now.

Lovingly

Scatter.

Feb 20, 1898 - re alert from attack
& believe Maine exploded from accident

Feb. 1898

Key Tortugas. Sunday. 20th

Dear Grandmamma,

I have never tried writing with the left hand with a pen before, because the kind of pen I generally use are cut bias the wrong way for the left hand. But I hope you will be lenient in your criticisms. Using the right hand is not work for me at any time, but in such a temperature as reigns in my room it is simply prohibitory. The ship generally is getting hotter, because at dark, when she would ordinarily cool off we close up and screen every aperture through which light could show, and send picket boats to guard every channel leading to the anchorage to give warning of any suspicious vessels approach; and we keep the battery ready and a quarter watch at their guns: if a green star should be fired from any of the boats eight search-lights and 4 0 Driggs-Schroeder guns would be trained upon her immediately. We have learned yet absolutely nothing about the Maine's disaster, and hope for a mail from the North To-morrow To tell us something about it. Extra news I am more strongly inclined to fear and to hope that it was some accident on board. I do not admit for an instant that it was an act of the Spanish authorities; and it is difficult to imagine how cranks

or turbulent Weyleritas could ~~get~~ get the materials to produce such a tremendous detonation. Of course a moderately powerful torpedo fired close to the bottom of the Maine and in the immediate vicinity of a magazine might determine an explosion of that magazine which in turn might start another; but it is highly improbable. But there is no use speculating. We will know some day probably. In the mean time we are ready for any service, though I hope there may not be war. Some people in our country and a good many others in Spain will give such bridle to their ~~together~~ tongues as to cause the danger of their conquering the more sober ~~sense of others~~. We hope that to-morrow may bring us mail; and wash! We are all getting pretty low in the way of collars and ich; and our caterer will also hail with joy a few stores to tile further vary our "bill du fare." Our variety now consists f alternating right and left shoulders of ham.

I now note for the first time that my paper is ot folded the proper way. The fact is that when I took up ny pen and began I did not seriously expect to be able to ctually write a letter. But it is not so bad, is it?

Give my love to Lucy & Letta & Harry & Langdon and whittle. I have received from Langdon the plans of the little thedral around the corner. God bless you, Grandma.

Affectionately S Eaton

DRY TORTUG
CONFUSION REIGNS WHEN
A BOAT DELIVERING LAUNDRY
ENTERS HARBOR

Feb

Dry Tortugas. Friday Evening. 25th

Humors of the campaign. Don't send it to Puck! A small steamer was sighted yesterday approaching. She was under steam and sail, and yet took hours and hours to come in the harbor. Captain Higginson was onshore at the lighthouse, so the Indiana was senior ship. She made signal "make your number to strange vessel". The regulations say that the incoming vessel should be the first to do so if a naval vessel, and the Indiana made her own number by the International Code, so I paid no attention to the order. Then the I. sent a boat to board this measly cooking tramp; just as that boat reached her, Captain Taylor sent another, and then made General Signal "Go to General Quarters" which we did, and in a few minutes 4 13-inch, eight 8-inch, four 6-inch and twenty 6-pounder guns were yawning on the poor little thing. Then Indiana signalled "Send a boat to board strange vessel, ascertain her name, port of entry, destination and report by signal". So I sent a boat, making three. Then Captain T. signalled to me "Do not allow strange vessel to approach before being examined." I was convulsed by that time but wigwaged to our boat "Keep that vessel off until examined." Finally it was conveyed to the Indiana that she had stores for the fleet, and after some hesitation signal was made "Secure". I

Then told the stranger to come to us and ride by a line from our stern. So he came up very cautiously and when close enough I bawled out "Now back her"; when a cadaverous individual with one red suspender and all the seat out of his trousers wailed back "I can't back." So they sent out a couple of boathooks and kept clear of us and I asked "Well what are you doing here?" "I brought your work". "When are you going back?" "I dunno; my rudder's loose and my propeller's coming off. I'll go inshore and try to fix it." I wonder if he knew what a commotion he had made!

The absence of the flagship has enabled us to do more important work in one week than in all the cruise so far. Every man of the gun divisions has had a certain amount of firing with rifle and pistol, and I have set up inshore a rifle range and a pistol range, and we are beginning to find out who are the good shots, so as to make them the gun pointers, - a most important thing as you can imagine. In one division the scores ranged from 46 to 0 out of a possible 50, and one of the men who made a zero was a gun captain, because we have never had a chance to find out anything about them before! If we can have quiet work unmolested we will finish all the divisions and have some torpedo practices.

FEB-28, 1898
SHIP IS BEING COALED;
DOUBTLESS ANTICIPATING
ACTION (USS MAINE SANK FEB. 15)

7 of

...nday Evening. 28th

Dear Old Lady,

We had a return to-day to the homely occupation of coaling ship, so as to liberate one of the schooners who has been waiting for some time to get rid of her cargo. The Texas, which returned from Galveston the other day, also took a schooner alongside; but we just did "run away with the slack of her." She performed a cumbersome rigmarole of getting out kedge anchors &c to keep the schooner off in case of a heavy sea making in, while we just hauled ours alongside and set to work. So after a while when the wind came out fresh from a different direction she and her schooner had a great tangle of anchors, hawsers &c, and after a lot of work and trouble she succeeded in casting off her schooner which drifted off clear, and in the strong breeze they could not get her alongside again. As we two were lying comfortably at one anchor as snug as a bug in a rug, we kept on coaling and at 6 shoved our schooner off having taken on board all the coal we could stow. Shortly afterwards Captain Philip signalled over to us very characteristically, "Higginson you and Schroeder are just rubbing it in to the poor old Texas."

The Detroit appeared off the S E entrance after dark & signalled that she would come in in the morning with

stores for the fleet. She will not bring any mail, however, as no mail has arrived in Key West since the Ericsson came yesterday. After closing my letter yesterday I received another letter from you and Sally which had gone to the Indiana. How dissipated she is getting! Also a note from Dick who seems all right although tired and disgusted naturally. Those peppermints were delicious, as Every one thought. Some little things like that Every now and then will be a great treat. I hope your visit to New York was pleasant.

Do you mind my writing with a pen this way? Can you make it out? I can write pretty fast and I want to practice all I can although I don't seem to improve much.

I have finished Prisoner of Zenda; it is an interesting book although I don't care so much for so much gore. I suppose I must tackle Middlemarch now, though people heave great sighs for me when I say so.

I Enclose cheque

Bye bye. Lovingly

S Eaton.

Sunday, Feb 27th

Dear Grandmamma,

You have not growled at nor chided me for my last left handed letter, so I will try it again.

There is much excitement these days, is there not? Before this reaches you, in fact perhaps even before now the papers may have statements of things discovered which I have recently learned from an officer who was in Havana during the inquiry. There is little doubt that a mine was detonated under the Maine's bottom. I do not for an instant believe that the government or higher officers had any knowledge or took any part in it; but it must have been fired by some officer or other person familiar with the firing station; and in not re-

Feb 27, 1898 Schroeder gives his opinion re Maine explosion and poor gunnery of U.S. sailors

moving the mine or taking other efficient precautions against such a possibility, the Spanish authorities were criminally negligent and are responsible to the extent of trying the guilty persons for murder, apologizing, paying the full value of the ship and proper indemnities. If there is any great delay in doing this it will be hard to avoid war. Hear is about the last reserves of Spain now to cover her retreat from Cuba and may also be necessary in order to prevent a revolution. I am glad to say that thanks to our being let alone we have, I think, practically doubled the efficiency of the ship for battle in the last week. By target practice we have discovered that some of our gun captains cannot hit a barn door at 500 yards. There is no telling what a week or two may bring forth; but we are well prepared and in efficient condition. It is true that our speed is reduced perhaps a mile or more per hour by the foulness of the bottom, there being no dock that can take us; but I don't suppose any ship is kept entirely perfect in every respect.

When do you sail? And what will be your address over there?

I was nominated on the Court of Inquiry, but taken off presumably because of being Dick Wainwright's brother-in-law. I don't know on which side it was thought I would probably be biased.

Love to all.

CAPT. JOHN. PHILIP MAR. 1898
CO. OF USS TEXAS
APPOINTS AN INQUIRY BOARD

134.

U. S. S. Texas , 1st Rate ,
Dry Tortugas , Fla.,
March 13,1898.

Gentlemen:-

1. You atr hereby appointed a Board for the purpose of examening and reporting upon the necessary outfit for discharging coal at Fort Jefferson and loading it into lighters for the Fleet.

2. You will make the necessary estimate and cost giving details, method of construction, draft of water, etc., that can be admitted to dock and vicinity.

3. Make the report as full as possible as to all details. A rough drawing giving distances, location of docks, fort, entrances, storing place, etc. is desired by the Commander-in-Chief.

4. You will also express your views as to the best mode for coaling at the Tortugas anchorage.

5. Make report in duplicate and have it ready by Wednesday evening, the 16th instant.

Very respectfully,

J. P. Philip

Captain U. S. Navy,
Commanding U. S. S. Texas ,
Senior Officer Present.

Lieutenant Commander Seaton Schroeder, U. S. Navy,
Lieutenant Commander J. A. Rodgers, U. S. Navy,
Lieutenant Commander G. B. Harbor, U. S. Navy,
Carpenter J. S. Waltemeyer, U. S. Navy,
Carpenter E. W. Craig, U. S. Navy.

MAR. 3, 1898 - DRY TORTUGAS
AWAITING (ORDERS) WAR ON NOT!
MEANWHILE PREPARATIONS + TARGET PRACTICE

March

Dry Tortugas. Thursday Evening. 3rd

Dear old Lady,

We continue to hear nothing and know nothing of what is going on. A Revenue vessel came in to-day + we heard that the Miantonomah and Minneapolis have been put in commission which shows that the administration are wise enough to prepare for whatever may turn up. We keep on with our target practice and are fortunate in being unhampered by the Admiral + staff, and we will get into more and more efficient condition all the time if I can manage to keep the Captain in check. His peculiar nature, which I believe he has been fighting against honestly, will make itself apparent, and he blossoms out into very bad freaks occasionally. He has recently suddenly conceived a violent desire to increase enthusiasm and increase the military efficiency of the officers + men, with the result that all are losing a great deal of snap and — bosh! It may be temporary dyspepsia.

We have been several days without a mail, and without news, which is irritating; but our torpedo boats are few in number, and one cannot always be spared of course to run down here; besides, we have been having quite boisterous weather, in which they could not run. We have hopes for something to-morrow. And by to-morrow evening, if the weather is not too bad, practically all the combatant force will have had their turn on the rifle range; and I also hope to have a torpedo practice.

CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY: WAR OR NOT? CONTINUED PREPARATIONS COALING; TARGET PRACTICE..

March

Wednesday Evening. 9th

Dear old Lady,

They say the Banks will probably go to Key West on Friday or before. When she returns the ships are Each to furnish a steam launch and swinging party to help them to carefully survey this place. I am rather sorry we have to dabble in that sort of work, but it will be a good thing to have the place surveyed. It was certainly a remarkable place to bring a fleet of heavy ships;- the three salient features of it are that it is a dangerous coral formation, has not been surveyed for a long time, and is in the immediate neighborhood of a National post house.

We suppose that all the information is being gradually obtained, weighed and acted upon possibly. I am free to confess that while realising what a horrible thing war is, I seem to feel less anxious now that Spain should promptly accede to the demands that we will have to make; a good sound drubbing is what that abominable people needs. There will be no glory in administering that drubbing, and there will be a great deal of care, anxiety, work and some hard knocks; and yet those people ought to be severely thrashed. Yet I cannot say that I really hope for war. I am glad that we are having these first weeks of preparation. It makes me shudder to think what a condition these ships

Isn't that jolly about the French woman! Apart from the benefit to the children she will be worth double the money if she keeps you from nervous prostration as I should any mother of five children would be threatened with.

Later Must close. Bye Bye

Lovingly

Sister

KEY WEST APR. 23, 1898
COUNTRY'S BUSINESS MEN
INSISTING ON "USS MASS.")
STAYING BEHIND TO DEFEND COAST

CIVILIANS BELIEVED
SPAN. FLEET WOULD
BOMB EASTERN CITIES!

Wednesday morning. (April 23rd)

Oh! me, oh! my. I knew that writing for some more goodies would send us flying. Signal has just been made to prepare to get underway at 2 this afternoon. No one has any idea what it is for, nor any thing. We see by the papers that the committees of both Houses have ~~[illegible]~~ reported for immediate intervention. The question now appears to us to be "Against whom are we to intervene?" The Spaniards have declared an armistice; if the insurgents accept it, well and good; if they do not, then it appears to me we will have to land some three hundred thousand men and put down the Cubans!

We also see something in the papers about the business (!) men of the country insisting on the Massachusetts staying behind for the defense of the coasts! Brilliant tactics. Three monitors which were built for harbor defense and are well suited to that and nothing else, have been sent down to Key West, and it is proposed to lock up a sea going battle ship in a harbor in the hope that the fact of her being at Hampton Roads will deter a possible Enemy from appearing off Boston. Good Lord deliver us. However, no more time now. We may be back soon. Ta Ta. God bless you all. Sovereignly S Eaton.

APRIL 23; APR. 24; 1898
KEY WEST
Re: Maine; awaiting orders; Captain destroys life boat at target practice

April 23d

Key Tortugas. Wednesday Evening

Dear Old Lady,

Some how or other I have mislaid your last letter. Careless, Eh! I see by the papers that the general idea among them is that the destruction of the Maine was an accident. But I have just heard two things which are the first I have heard that point the other way. One is that one of her boats was lying at the starboard boom, and the man in her says that there was a big upheaval of the water and then the Explosion; in connection with this Captain Sigsbee's statement that the ship gave a lurch To port point to an External Explosion. The whole matter may have been ascertained definitely by this time without our knowing any thing about it. The Journal has apparently completely forgotten the Indiana and us; and in the Entire absence of any news we feel called upon To Take Every precaution, so the quarter watch is kept at the guns all night, and the picket boats watch the channels. It is pretty Tough on the youngsters who have to keep Every third night in an open boat. The question of food is becoming annoying, and that of water serious. I don't seem to mind the food feature so much. Apart from all this we are Taking advantage of the Journal being away To do a good deal of necessary work. Every man, of the combatant force, has already fired 10 shots with the rifle, and 6 with the revolver, and therefore knows at

Later.

That was a little merchant steamer with mail and some stores and she goes right back. She brought 2 letters from you of Thursday & Friday last. Also a note from Admiral saying we need not keep up picket service &c, no cause for alarm

Bye by

Lovingly

Seattle

DAY PORTUGAS
NO CHANCE OF SPAN-SQUADRON
COMING HERE. NO PLACE TO
COAL!

Thursday Evening. 29 –

Dear old Honypot,

The gale began to moderate this morning and we got a boat off with your letter enclosing those from the Grandmas. By Jove! I wish I were in Commodore Dewey's squadron. Everything here is keeping on at the same old jog. We coal ship to-morrow. I see Dick's orders in the paper and am so glad. There seems to be no prospect of the Spanish squadron coming over, and I must say that I think it would be a foolish move on their part, — unless they just want to show some Energetic action whether successful or not. There is no place over here for them to coal or repair

I enclose cheque.

I must tell you a funny thing about the Captain. He sent for me & I found him reading a note just received from his wife. He asked if, when the Brooklyn came down on us, if our chain was actually unshackled and slipped, or all ready or what &c., and when I told him just what had been done he said "Mrs. Higginson writes that the Commodore had been on shore and told her that nothing but Captain Higginson's splendid seamanship saved both ships from great damage". Then after a pause he added "I forgot just what orders I did give".

Dear! dear! I wish I were a letter writer. But I am not.

Good night.

Lovingly

S Eaton.

Suppose you see if that novelist's last book (sequel to Saracinesca series) is out and not to Expensive, eh?

MAY 2 – ~~MAY 1, 1898~~
① news of Dewey's victory!
② relatives advised that ocean is safe for European trips "no Spanish privateers"

Monday Evening. May 2d

Dear old Lady,

Is not the news from Manila glorious! Those fellows away off there have struck the first blow, and apparently a most successful one. It was really vital to them, because under present laws of neutrality there was no refuge for them in case of disaster. Now we have to wait patiently to learn of the damage to our ships, and the casualties. You know Seymour Paine is Executive of the Olympia. Where is his wife? His ship is by all accounts the most successful ship in the Navy, and one of the finest of her class in the world; why we have not duplicated her again and again is one of those mysteries. Of course our news is still meagre, but when the Spaniards admit such losses it is certain that the truth was no better for them than they state. It will be some days before we can hear from Commodore Dewey, unless the Town has capitulated and he can use the cable to Hong Kong. It looks as if we would stay out in the cold unless that Spanish squadron forcibly comes over here. I understand the prevalent idea in the Department is that they have gone after the Oregon; if they do think so and did not send a reinforcement to her it will be another case of Sicard-ism, old woman in chief.

The box of cakes has come and they are perfectly
ious. Sunday intervening made a day's delay, but you would
think there was any delay, they were so fresh and nice.

It is all very well for Mrs. Captain to talk the way
does. Talk is cheap. I cannot take the same interest in the
and rather look forward to the end of the cruise. The
pion, formerly the yacht Sovereign, is in, with Marix in
mand; I can judge what a treat the Corsair will be to
k. Sweet. Commanders are the lucky ones now; they
getting the yachts, and the Colliers all go to Commanders.
Resources came limping in the other day, having had a
d time in that blow.

Good night. Lovingly

Seaton.

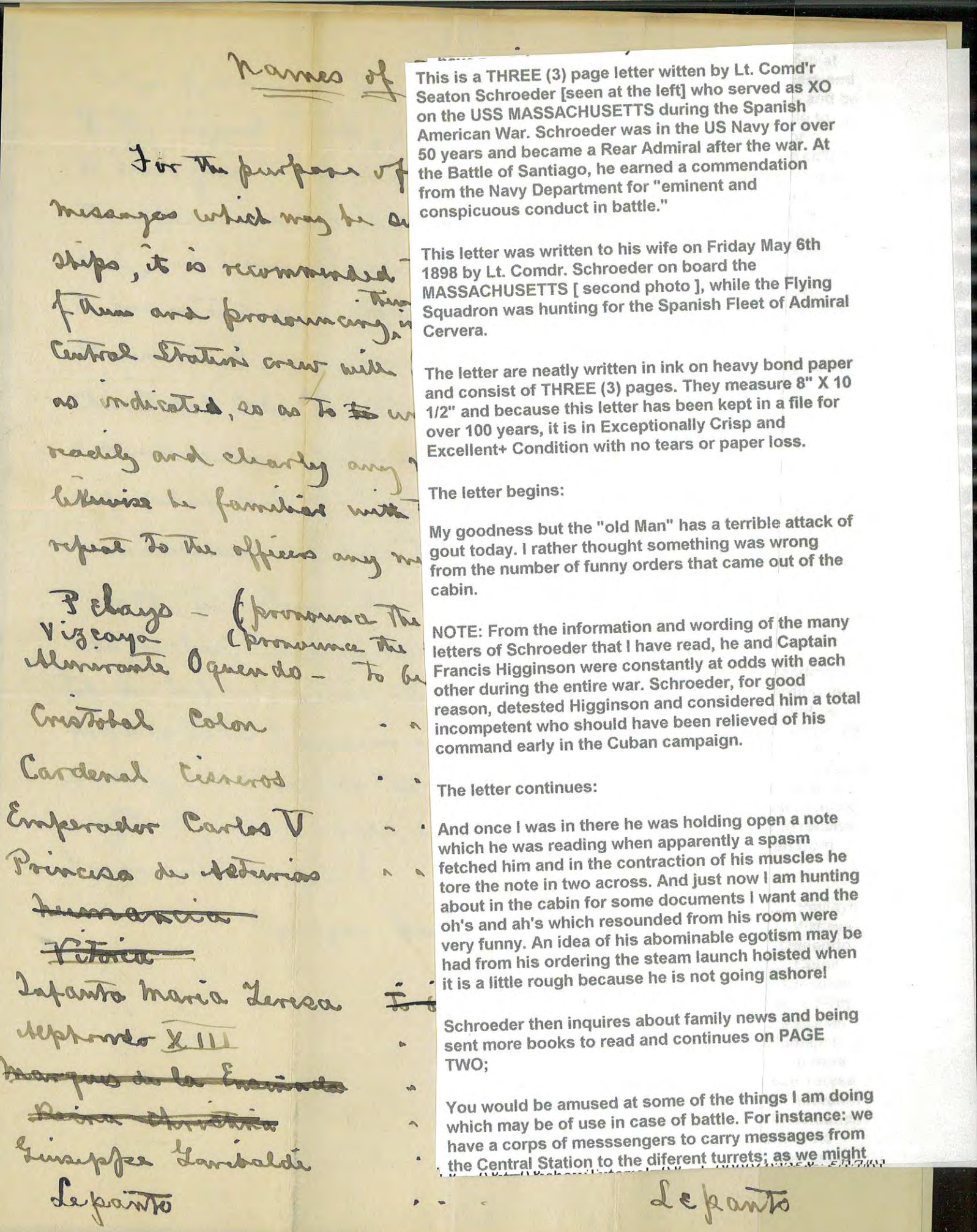
Monday. Have your letters with Grandma's, Lettie's &
ram. In the hurry of trying to puzzle out the situation when
rupted Every 2 minutes for periods of 20 minutes I
ded it all important to cable Grandma "Return in Campania"
I did. Harry's movements are much less important & can be
decided when she gets back. There is not the slightest possible
ow of any danger crossing the ocean; there is not an American
er on the ocean now, except coastwise. Reading letters again
ms that Grandma wanted advice about Harry; but I do not understand that
plates following Harry on the bike. The war cannot last long unless we shilly shully
. we have no ships for their privateers to capture and they apparently are not going to
privateers. Harry ought to ~~[illegible]~~ give up his Germany trip.

Friday. May 6th

My Goodness, but the "old man" has a terrible attack of gout to-day. I rather thought something was wrong from the number of funny orders that came out of the cabin. And once when I was in there he was holding open a note which he was reading, when apparently a spasm fetched him and in the contraction of his muscles he tore the note in two across. And just now I was hunting about in the cabin for some documents I want and the Oh's, and ah's which resounded from his room were very funny. An idea of his abominable Egotism may be had from his ordering the steam launch hoisted when it is a little rough because he is not going ashore!

Your letter of Wednesday & Thursday - I am awfully sorry for Sumner Paine; that is really about the hardest thing that can happen to a man. The two books have come, for which kindly greetings fair dame; but I read them both at home; that is the reason I am curious to read the last sequel just out, I forget the name. But don't bother. There are a great number of books on board in different rooms. I am afraid I am getting dependent on my half hour's light reading before turning in! I am now struggling with one of Ouida's; I have never finished any one of hers.

You would be amused at some of the things I am doing which may be of use in case of battle. For instance: we have a



Names of

For the purpose of
messages which may be
ships, it is recommended
of them and pronouncing
Central Station's crew with
as indicated, so as to
readily and clearly any
likewise be familiar with
repeat to the officers any

Pelayo - (pronounce the
Vizcaya (pronounce the
Almirante Oquendo - To be

Cristobal Colon
Cardenal Cisneros
Emperador Carlos V
Princesa de Asturias
~~Numancia~~
~~Vitoria~~
Infanta Maria Teresa
Alphonso XIII
~~Marques de la Ensenada~~
~~Reina Cristina~~
Giuseppe Garibaldi
Lepanto

Lepanto

This is a THREE (3) page letter witten by Lt. Comd'r Seaton Schroeder [seen at the left] who served as XO on the USS MASSACHUSETTS during the Spanish American War. Schroeder was in the US Navy for over 50 years and became a Rear Admiral after the war. At the Battle of Santiago, he earned a commendation from the Navy Department for "eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle."

This letter was written to his wife on Friday May 6th 1898 by Lt. Comdr. Schroeder on board the MASSACHUSETTS [second photo], while the Flying Squadron was hunting for the Spanish Fleet of Admiral Cervera.

The letter are neatly written in ink on heavy bond paper and consist of THREE (3) pages. They measure 8" X 10 1/2" and because this letter has been kept in a file for over 100 years, it is in Exceptionally Crisp and Excellent+ Condition with no tears or paper loss.

The letter begins:

My goodness but the "old Man" has a terrible attack of gout today. I rather thought something was wrong from the number of funny orders that came out of the cabin.

NOTE: From the information and wording of the many letters of Schroeder that I have read, he and Captain Francis Higginson were constantly at odds with each other during the entire war. Schroeder, for good reason, detested Higginson and considered him a total incompetent who should have been relieved of his command early in the Cuban campaign.

The letter continues:

And once I was in there he was holding open a note which he was reading when apparently a spasm fetched him and in the contraction of his muscles he tore the note in two across. And just now I am hunting about in the cabin for some documents I want and the oh's and ah's which resounded from his room were very funny. An idea of his abominable egotism may be had from his ordering the steam launch hoisted when it is a little rough because he is not going ashore!

Schroeder then inquires about family news and being sent more books to read and continues on PAGE TWO;

You would be amused at some of the things I am doing which may be of use in case of battle. For instance: we have a corps of messsengers to carry messages from the Central Station to the diferent turrets; as we might

MAY 8, 1898 —
① Chafee at fleet's inactivity
② still waiting to locate Spanish ship
③ fortifying US towns for Spanish attack

Sunday. May 8th

I think this is about as disgusted a set of people as is often met. These unfortunate canards which are coming so frequently never only make it worse. Yesterday we heard that the Spanish fleet had been sighted off Martinique, and as we expected immediate release from this inactivity. And this morning comes word that the Spaniards are at Porto Rico; but I argue that if there were the case we would have our orders before now; I imagine Admiral Sampson's fleet has been sighted there. It is beginning to be a melancholy joke. An ~~Irishman~~ Seaman as he came on deck this morning, said "Offered for rent, a large vessel, well adapted for fighting." Yesterday at dinner Potts or somebody suggested that the next time we paint ship we give her a thoroughly subdued tone; just then our band struck up, and I added "Yes, we will cultivate the arts of peace, music and painting (ship)." I hear that on shore we are called the Sitting, not the Flying Squadron, with additions to the effect that there are no Fly's on this squadron. - &c.

Thinking we would certainly be out of this before long, I wrote a note to Grandma the other day, to Langdon's care, and one to him, and this morning I have an enthusiastic telegram from the dear boy saying "Letters received; three cheers for the

main entrance to the reservation will undoubtedly be on our avenue, and the barracks, stables &c will be nearer the water, probably on the Mackerel Cove side. Still it is a very great pity and I feel very sorry for it. Col. Wilson must be a fool to talk as you say. Great Heavens! one would think the fleet of Great Britain were coming over with the one object of bombarding a defenseless town and making it a base for landing an army. It is bad enough when ignorant yellow journals talk that way, but nauseating when attributed to a military man; you may be quite sure Col. Wilson said nothing of the kind, - that is not necessary.

That was delicious about Cuba + Spain fighting and Sally America picking up Cuba + carrying him off. I dare you to keep on writing such nice letters.

I wish to Heaven we did have some sailing orders; they will not come until it is learned where the Spanish fleet, and perhaps not then; for just as likely as not they will turn up at the Canaries again. The only thing I really dread is that a desultory war with all its annoyances, petty and great, may linger along; if we can thrash their fleet there will be nothing left for them to do. All right, orderly

Love

Sam

MAY 24, 1898
HIS HATRED OF HIS C.O
(CAPT. HIGGINSON) IS INTENS.
"SOUNDS LIKE BEGINNING OF CAINE MUTIN."

May
Tuesday 24th

Cooling! We got the signal at 5.30 that the collier Merrimac would coal us to-day. We immediately began getting ready, when at about 8.30 three steamers were sighted in the offing & signal was made to "clear ship for action"; so things had all to be secured again; it proved to be the Marblehead, Vixen & Eagle. So we secured again & began preparing to coal, making double work unfortunately. The worst of it is that the Captain relaxed every one's zeal by his peculiar manner and talk. It is a question whether or not I can stand it until the trouble is over; and yet I cannot ask to be detached until then certainly. This morning we were just rushing the work & he began to find fault; I was simply aghast and when he kept on I said simply that it was the best I could do, and he answered before a lot of men "I daresay it is; but it is poor work, I think." I must say that I hardly think he meant that my best was poor; but it was pretty hard to stand. I simply answered "Oh! I am very sorry, Sir", and sauntered away and went below and got my breakfast it being 9 o'clock and I up since half past five. Best of all things that the little squirt has said was once at Hampton Roads when he gave me a positive order on the

MAY 15 1898 OFF CHARLESTON

AWAITING LOCATION OF SPAN. FLEET. PROUD OF DEWEY; CRITICAL OF CAPT. (HIGGINSON) NOW ORDERS – FULL SPEED TO KEY WEST

Sunday. 15th.

Off Charleston.

I am afraid I have been caught napping, old Lady. We are heading in for Charleston and Flag has just made signal that a mail will be sent in. However that will not be for over an hour, and as I have the watch all ready to write it may not be disturbed

About the only thing I have to say, however, is that like Every one else I feel a great deal better since hearing from. I am very anxious to hear of what Sampson's fleet has been doing: While it will be bad in some ways if the Spanish fleet is still at large I shall be sorry if Sampson has not them, and hope he will come out of it alright. If those Spaniards do not do any better work than at Manila, our people will undoubtedly win a fine victory. But I must say I think it was a mistake not to send us down there to join Sampson post haste. I suppose we are stopping here for further orders. If Havana forts are to be attacked it would be criminal to have this ship not Talk paint.

It is getting warm; perfectly comfortable on deck, but most trying Every where below. The living quarters are still

perfectly habitable; but the temperature in which the powder division and some of the Engineer's people would have to work

Off Charleston

Same day.

Letter closed & posted. Sight house steamer met us with orders, & Flag has just signalled "We are bound for Key West with all possible speed." The men on the forecastle read the mig way & began clapping hands when it was completed. Hope we will put an end to it now & have peace soon.

No possible use for this, so might as well send it for safe (?) keeping.

Lovingly
Scottie.

you bet um hearts.

Lovingly S.S.

No time to write to Grandma I am afraid.

3 letters May 16/
re blockade of Cienfuegos
where Spanish fleet was
believed to be
AMK

At sea

Dear old Lady,

I suppose you will have received my two letters written off Charleston. We did not anchor there at all, as a light house tender was waiting for us with orders and we promptly started eastward at the rate of 12 Knots. After we were well underway Commodore Schley signalled to the fleet "Now boys we are off for business"; but while Everyone was very glad of it, the wording of the signal did not seem to impress people; I don't Know why; something in the slangy use of the word "business" and "boys" caused unfortunate coming on an official message from the Commander in Chief. However, I think there is no one who is not sincerely glad. This morning another signal informed us that the Spanish fleet had been sighted off Curaçao. They are playing fast & loose indeed. Their presence in these waters is a continued possible diversion, and beautifully illustrates a portion of Dick's recent Essay relating to a "fleet in being." I imagine we will make two squadrons now, Each capable of meeting the Spaniards, and guard the Eastern and Western Ends of Cuba which will suffice at once to Help Track of them; and in course of time one or the other may close with them. May it be ours! In the

officers as to shut them up in this stifling heat without any reason, and that I would be up to see him about it as soon as I could dress. He countermanded the order; but his air [illegible] was thoroughly illustrative of

RE: Cienfuegos Blockade -May 1898

This group of THREE (3) letters, consist
(9) Pages were written by Lt. Comd'r S
Schroeder who served as Executive Off
USS MASSACHUSETTS during the Spani
War.

These letters was written to his wife du
month of May on board the MASSACHUS
ship was enroute with Schley's "Flying
fleet as it headed to Cuba to begin Bloc
of Cienfuegos

These detailed letters are neatly writte
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This group of letters, dated May 16th, 2
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Commodore Schley as the fleet headed
West in search of Cervera's Spanish fle
quotes Schley signaling to the fleet, "N
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sighted off Curacas, which Schroeder re
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Schley's quote would later be part of Sc
testimony in 1901 at the Schley govern
looking into his actions during the war.

On May 20th, the fleet arrives at Cienfu
Schroeder gives a detailed description
and fortifications. The fleet consists of
BROOKLYN, TEXAS, SCORPION, and
MASSACHUSETTS, but Admiral Sampson

NEW YORK, the IOWA, INDIANA and sn

In Schroeder's usual detailed descriptic
explains the blockading duties ship assi
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by a member of the US Navy's officer cc
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while chasing Cervera's Spanish fleet ir
around Cuba.

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that would eventually lead to an overwl
victory over the Spanish Fleet at Santia

HIGHLY DETAILED US SPAN AM NAVY
RARE AND SELDOM AVAILABLE, SO DO
ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD THESE
PIECES OF SPANISH AMERICAN
CORRESPONDENCE TO YOUR COLL

MAY 20, 1898

Friday May 20th At sea
off West End, Cuba, bound for Cienfuegos

Dear Cornelia,

Cienfuegos is a harbor on the southern coast of Cuba near the West End, and I understand that the idea has been reviewed from private sources that that Spanish fleet has a great quantity of ammunition which they are very anxious to land in Cuba, and it is that that has brought us here — the Brooklyn, Texas, Scorpion & ourselves. It was a chance that I did not get another letter from Key West, but it was very hot, and we had obtained permission to go out on Thursday morning to test compasses & I had thought I would have a chance there. But Admiral Sampson came in in the New York, & the Iowa, Indiana & smaller craft came in on Wednesday afternoon & our orders were apparently changed then, and we started out on this trip Thursday morning instead. I suppose the Spanish fleet is lodging about waiting for a possible chance to land those arms and their last reported position near Cienfuegos will then about equal distance from several points. I hear that Havana light had been burning for a couple of night before we left, as if they were expecting some vessel & wanted to help her; but it may have been a ruse to draw our forces away from other places.

It is so hot below that I could not think of writing there; but I am taking advantage of little lull to scribble in

22 years ago when he & I were in the Gettysburg! And I have been doing the same ever since until this cruise, as I navigated also in the Vesuvius. I wanted to signal to Pillsbury yesterday to ask how he is getting along, but did not have an opportunity. He and the Cincinnati left us very soon and went off & fired a shot across a schooner's bow to investigate them.

The ships are all darkened at night, which incidentally makes me very hot below. And yet it is funny, — last night we saw a vessel's light probably a couple of miles off, well beyond the range of a search light; but the flagship spouting a search light and moved it up and down somewhat so that it would certainly be seen 15 or 20 miles!

We are going head to wind, and with our short smokestacks the gas and ashes aft here are dreadful. We asked six months ago to have [illegible] lengthened, and it was considered such a good idea that it was done to the Indiana, but has not been done to us yet. By the way (don't breathe it) they say the Indiana cannot make more than 6 or 8 knots; the crown sheets of her boilers have come down a good deal. Positively do not breathe that to a soul.

Bye bye for to-day.

Lovingly, Seaton

Off Cienfuegos. Monday May 23d

Well, old lady, we still keep guessing. A British steamer
The Adulla
Came along this morning, and after Examination was allowed
To go in. It is the same steamer that took refugees from Santiago
not long ago I believe, and is probably on the same Errand here
now. She comes from Jamaica, and the Commodore has
signalled that it is believed the Spanish fleet is in Cienfuegos,
right here: I rather doubt it myself, as it seems to have been
a foolish move To make; but it may be so. I think if we
were To go close in we could see over the high land at the
head in the Entrance and make certain. We did go pretty
close in yesterday morning, but no very careful observation appears
To have been made with glasses from aloft. The impression is
that they came in on Saturday afternoon, when we were only
about 40 miles off; the Commodore says he heard heavy
firing at that time which might have been a salute; but I
doubt if their guns here are heavy enough for a blank charge to
be heard 36 miles.

The navigation of this squadron is a most refreshing
contrast to that of the N.A.T.C. whom we had last winter. At
noon on Saturday as soon as the position was well established,
we headed in for some attached Cays, sighted them & kept them

This is getting rather long winded; and very soon I will go up and get the ship underway & move about 100 yards so as to give more room for one of the other ships which anchored too near us.

Summer is coming on apparently, and as I will have no use for a uniform overcoat except for bad weather I shall pack up my new one and send it home.

Bye bye. Love to all the chicks.

Lovingly
Scotty.

Has Dick an Eye on any special small vessel, when Trying to pull my leg about being able to get about better than I? I expect he has finished all his services not in command, and will probably be too stuck up to be spoken to.

MAY 23, 1898 OFF CIENFUEGOS

Off Cienfuegos. Monday. May 23 –

Sen blockading for a couple of days; no time to write now, as the Hawk has suddenly signalled she will take mail. Everything lovely except hot HOT whew! we hear that the Spanish fleet is at Santiago but I imagine that cannot be or we would have started for them by now. Iowa came yesterday. Cantine & the Colleen Missouri this morning. Dupont came yesterday morning.

SS

MAY 25-28 BOUND FOR SANTIAGO
GREAT LTR RE CONFUSION AS TO FLEET'S DESTINATION; 3 ships spotted turn out to be USA - not Sp.

Off the South Coast of Cuba.
Bound for Santiago. Wednesday May 25th

Still chasing the slippery Spaniard, Honey fut. I do not suppose Schley could leave Cienfuegos without orders from Sampson, and so I suppose that the Marblehead brought us despatches yesterday morning. But there are some who think differently. The night before, we saw signal fires on the shore in two places, about 3 miles each side of the Entrance, - three fires in a row; and we supposed that it was possibly to warn off the Spanish fleet, though they were so low that that fleet would have been almost on top of us before seeing them; well, when the Marblehead came in yesterday it was learned from her that that was a signal from the rebels that they wished to communicate, and she immediately started off for some rendezvous spot which they had been using while she was on the blockade, and may then have learned that the fleet was not in the harbor. There seems to be no hurry about getting to Santiago, however, as we did not start until Eight in the Evening, showing no lights at all until well away. We are also going pretty slow so that we will not reach there until To-morrow. We are indeed compelled to go more slowly to-day by a moderate E'ly gale which holds back the smaller vessels. We

and the night. This morning the Minneapolis having on
a just coal Enough to reach Key West was ordered
while at about noon the rest of us turned and went
wly in column, heading Santward! and a number
signals indicated that we were going to Kansas; but this
a false inference as a signal has just been made that
will remain off Santiago until further orders. This power-
fleet is kept off a port of no great tactical importance,
as it will take the fastest [illegible] 2 1/2 days to bring us
and from [illegible] Sampson [illegible] at Key West or
[illegible]! Suppose the Spanish fleet is found! And we
must be found!

Oh I forgot to mention an important addi-
nal article I want sent, — one dozen towels. Same
I got before if you remember, — the same we have
home for that matter.

Bye-bye I will [illegible] this & start another
[illegible] I wonder if [illegible] is with you. I
[illegible] try to write to her [illegible], but am indeed
[illegible] I [illegible] have to [illegible] my [illegible] habit of a
[illegible] on Sunday. In fact it is hard to tell
[illegible] some other day. [illegible] to her & the chicks.

Lovingly, Harry. Seaton.

SAN TIAGO, CUBA
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Hampton Roads. May 4th

Carissima Gross Mutter

Off Santiago de Cuba.
Sunday. June 26th

Dear Letter,

Since despatching my last I have a letter from you with a postmark on it as large as life "Oyster Bay". But I hope you (or your mother) did get my last although it went without stamp. In days gone by we often did that; but in the new hang things are so much changed that they may have affected outside matters such as postal laws.

That lovely fan came — some of your great grandchildren reading that may picture to themselves a silk fan, painted & furbelowed &c. I am

agree with me.

I am writing this evening, before Evan goes home started, because we have good reason to think we may go to sea at any actual moment, and I would have no time to write then. I gather the plan is for us to attack the Spanish fleet, and I think that is eminently wise if we have not delayed it too long. After the great Expenditure of money it would be a pity if we could not handle the tactical problem so as to meet them with always a superior force. I think we will; but of course we must remember that they are in desperate straits politically, and may risk everything in one possible chance to gain a victory to quiet the mobs at home.

PRACTICALLY CALLS SCHLEY A COWARD.

Tuesday May 31

Off Santiago. Wednesday June 1st

Dear Old Lady,

We have had a mild excitement to-day in the shape of a few moments distant exchange of shots with the forts and the Christobal Colon; but it was very mild, being carried on at a range of about 9000 yards and only during the short time allowed by a rapid run at 10 knots an hour through the small sector in which the Colon could be seen through the Entrance. I don't know what accounts the papers will give of it; but we just simply didn't do anything, nor can I make out what the Commodore wanted to do. If the idea was to discover the whereabouts of any new batteries that they have been erecting, we did that to a certain extent; but when the Commodore came on board at about Eleven he said he was going to take this ship and the Iowa and New Orleans and pot that Colon at long range with our big guns; that we would steam leisurely by so as to make the fire accurate &c. But when we started in about 1/4 to 2 he made us keep up a rate of 10 knots, and we were only able to get off 14 shots before she was screened again by the other point of Entrance, and as we have no good means of getting the range none of our shots went any where near her, - beautiful line shots as a rule, but all 500 to 1000 yards short, because what instruments we have for finding the range proved valueless for such long ranges and small angles, and before we could correct the

USN Letter - CRISTOBAL COLON Santiago Action

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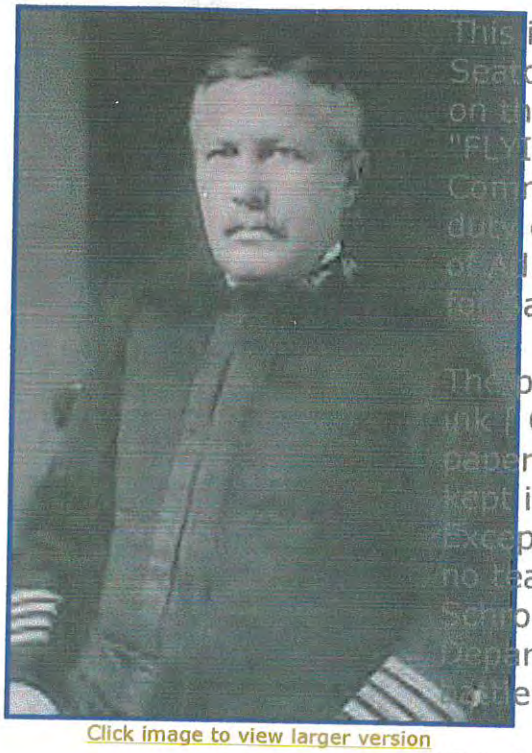

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This is a FOUR (4) page letter written by Lt. Comd Seaton Schroeder [seen at the left] who served as on the USS MASSACHUSETTS which was part of th "FLYING SQUADRON" under the command of Commodore W. S. Schley. The Fleet was on blocka duty off Santiago Cuba hunting for the Spanish Fle of Admiral Cervera which was rumored to be headi for Santiago.

The pages are beautifully and neatly hand written [One Page is written in pencil] on heavy bond paper measuring 8" X 10 1/2". Because they had b kept in a file for over 100 years, they are Exceptionally Crisp and in Excellent+ Condition wit no tears or paper loss. During this campaign, Schroeder earned a commendation from the Navy Department for "eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle.



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This highly detailed letter was written to his wife o May 31st and June 1nd 1898 while the ship was blockaging Santiago Harbor where the day before, Spanish Fleet had been discovered held up in the harbor.

The letter reads in part:

off Santiago de Cuba
Wednesday June 1st
[This was later crossed out and written in pencil
read Tuesday May 31]

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JUNE 1, 1898
RE PLAN TO BLOW UP
MERRIMAC IN SANTIAGO HARBOR

Off S[illegible]

June 1st

Oh! my prophetic soul. The Harvard does not go until To-morrow morning, and I must waste another stamp, although my stock is getting low, to say that within two hours after my letter left the ship To-day, news came officially that an attempt would be made to sink the big collier Merrimac in the entrance To-night! It is really going to be done if possible, but it will be an extremely difficult thing to find the entrance in the dark, and it will be a most perilous undertaking. I am sorry to say that Jim Miller (Comdr), who commands her and who of course will not let any one else do it, says perfectly calmly that he is perfectly certain that he will not come out of it; he looks good byes to us, and is apparently convinced that he has not the slightest chance of escaping. This, I think, is an unfortunate exaggeration, and he should not talk that way when those who have volunteered to go with him must hear. Boatswain Mullen from the New York goes with him, and one volunteer from the crew of each ship; ours man is a fine young seaman named V. V. Anderson. A number wanted to go of course, but he was one of the first and I picked him out. I have very serious doubts of the complete success, as the steamer will have to be placed somewhat across the channel to block it completely. I understand that in order to keep them from being fired at as long as

possible the scouts of the squadron are going to chase him at 4 to-morrow morning in, blazing away with rapid fire guns as if he were running the blockade, and possibly lighting up the entrance with their search lights to help guide him; this will be hazardous, however, as the forts will be able to see them, and they cannot stand much of a fire. If, as I understand, the intention is to demolish the forts and sink the Colon, it would be better, I think, to wait until after that and run her in by daylight when the batteries have been silenced.

They do say that Admiral Sampson had given Schley positive orders to attack and destroy that fleet wherever he found them, and had given up the Iowa to him to strengthen his squadron abundantly; furthermore, upon hearing of our having cornered them here, he sent positive orders to sink the Merrimac in the entrance, — neither of which has he attempted to do! It certainly has ceased out of all reason for us to lie off here and do nothing but coal ships with the Colon and Maria Teresa lying in plain sight.

Your two letters of 20th and 22d came to-day late, by the Porter I think; one of them had Schroeder dear little typewritten contribution. Bless you all. And thank you for attending to shirts so promptly; wish get them when we go to Key West so can hold out till then. Don't forget to send some stamps right away. I have 10 from Potts.

Lovingly S.S.

GREAT HISTORIC LETTER!
AN EYEWITNESS TO THE
SINKING OF THE "MERRIMAC"

ADI

Off Santiago de Cuba.
Friday June 3rd.

Dear old Lady,

The work of sinking the big collier Merrimac in the Entrance To the harbor was gallantly done last night; but I am afraid all the heroic little band perished; none have returned so far. For reasons unknown To any of us Comdr Miller was detached from his command yesterday and ordered north by the first conveyance, and strangely enough the young Naval Constructor Hobson finally prevailed upon the Admiral To let him take her in. It appears that he conceived the idea, and prepared the vessel, and on these grounds insisted that he should be given command. While it is curious and a pity that a line officer's work should be done by another than a line officer, and there are certainly plenty who would have volunteered if any had been asked, that Miller was not going; yet he was young & full of enthusiasm and certainly did the work thoroughly & well, and his name must remain honored in company with Rhind who took the powder boat up under Fort Fisher during the civil war. The thing was to have been done night before last, but the collier could not be gotten ready; some think that is the reason that Miller was detached, but I think that is all wrong; many think he was breaking down & had To be relieved. However it may be, it is certain that he was prepared To do his

JUNE 4, 1898 5 pp LTR.
RE: HOBSON'S CAPTURE, ETC
GREAT WAR LTR.

Saturday Evening. June 4th

Dear old lady,

I am a wee bit tired and sleepy, but feel like writing a little before lying down.

As I hurriedly added to my last, all the Merrimac volunteers were Taken prisoners. A flag of Truce came out with Admiral Cervera's chief of Staff, and we learned in different ways that he brought a message that it was a gallant deed well done, that they were all captured as they floated on a raft up to the fleet and were prisoners of war until Exchanged, all well Except two slightly wounded. But they are now confined in the Morro Castle, so that we cannot fire upon that; fortunately that is an absolute work of no importance mounting no heavy guns. The important batteries are being now Erected and completed and armed with guns Evidently Taken from their imprisoned fleet. We understand that 20 000 Troops are coming here immediately for a combined attack. In the mean time while not having any heavy fighting we are kept in a State of frequent general quarters, day and night, which is trying to the men Especially as the L. S. seems to Take pleasure in insisting that Everything shall always be done in the way that entails the greatest hardship in the way of heat and fatigue upon them. She is perfectly incomprehensible. In my Earnest Efforts to obtain some little common sense "let up" for them I subject myself to supercilious snubs that I wonder at my Tolerating.

course. I know how you wish to be where you can get news most quickly. If you should decide to stay near Washington better to try to get some evening air. But you ought to be at Jamestown for a part of the summer any way. We cannot make out what is the matter with the army; many seem to think that General Miles has not been able to find a horse to match his sash in color, and that all military operations will be at a stand still until that has been effected. We have just heard that 10 000 troops have left Tampa, but it appears that even Admiral Sampson does not know whether they are bound here or for Havana vicinity. But what I was going to say was that in consequence of the delay with the army the war is apt to drag along for some time without any serious engagement except knocking down the batteries here, and possibly doing the same at Havana. So, so far as getting news is concerned there is no reason why you shouldn't go to dear Stonecat. Dear Stonecat! It seems to me that if I get home in the middle of winter I would want to go to Stonecat for a few days.

Bye bye. Hurry fat. Bless you all.

Lovingly
Seaton.

SANTIAGO JUNE 5, 1898
EXCELLENT! re Hobson sinking Merrimac in Harbor; Admiral Cervera, etc etc.

Cuba.

Sunday. June 5th '98

Dear Grandmamma,

I have been perforce remiss in the matter of letter-writing, and must thank you & Letha now for your nice letter of the 18th.

To-morrow morning we are to attack the forts and batteries here; 5 even is to be the witching hour; - rather early in my my opinion, as the men and officers who have had the mid watch must turn out pretty early to get any breakfast; and it is not very much cooler at 7 than at 8 I find. But the prevalent idea generally seems to be to begin Early.

While we have not had any serious fighting our days and nights are frequently full of incident, which I could not begin to tell of. We found the Spanish fleet here, and two of them moved so as to command the ~~Entrance~~ Entrance; and it is difficult to realise that Schley made no serious effort to sink or cripple them. The contrast with Sampson's splendid work is most painful. A young constructor, Hobson, performed the daring and brilliant exploit of taking the big collier Merrimac into the Entrance and sinking her, not completely blocking the Entrance but making it very much more difficult for the Enemy to get out. It is curious that a Naval Constructor should have been allowed to do this, when there are

been known, and whose business it would more properly have been; but he maintained that he conceived the plan, worked it out in every detail and claimed the honor; and as he is a graduate of the Naval Academy & therefore knows enough seamanship and navigation to do it, and is well known to have perfect courage and coolness, the action is probably true, though —. They went in under a heavy fire, and strange to say none were wounded; they drifted up to the Spanish ships on a raft being lucky enough to be captured by the boom instead of the shore. Admiral Cervera sent out a flag of truce to say they would be held as prisoners of war until exchanged, that it was a gallant deed well done, and that the entrance to Santiago had always been difficult but was more so now!

I have been interrupted several times, the last time by the notice that a Torpedo destroyer was hovering about in the Entrance, and we moved up to protect a cable steamer which is dragging for the telegraph cable to cut it.

I wish I had been with Dewey. Evans was I think Schley is a ruined man; and for him to fail so just toward the close of his career makes me very sorry for him.

Can you make out this scrawl? Blessings on you all. I hope you have been able to go to Washington, and I address this that as 137 may be closed and Dewey will know your address. I wonder though if she is in Washington!

Affectionately Seaton.

3 LETTERS JUNE 7/8/10
OFF SANTIAGO

MORE CRITICISM OF SCHLEY

off Santiago de Cuba.
June 7th 1898.

Well, old Lady, we had our little tea party yesterday morning, but like all engagements with earthworks it was quite unsatisfactory. We silenced the enemy but most of their guns are still there, and they are hard at work repairing traverses &c. You see, all we have to aim at is the individual guns, and unless we hit them they can repair between times whatever damage we may do to the earthwork. We landed 6 heavy shell right there and the men cheered as the clouds of Earth and dust blew up; but no serious damage was done. To save writing I will enclose rough draft of my report. I was up at 5, had some coffee and toast, and at 6 ate some bread & jam and a cup of Maggi soup, all of which keep me in good shape. Owing to delay of two vessels of the other squadron in taking position we did not open fire until 1/4 to 8. And then for some time, owing partly to Schley's great disregard of orders concerning the direction and range to be observed, and partly to the L. S.'s pitiable ignorance of how to handle the ship so as to facilitate accuracy and rapidity of fire, and nervous contradiction of orders &c., this ship was about as useful as if she had been in New York. When it was imperative that the range should remain as constant as possible so we could correct the fire, he kept moving the ship about at varying speeds, and twisting her about so the batteries would bear first in one direction and then in another disturbing the aim completely. And then the orders! — "Fire rapidly Sir, why don't we fire faster?" "Don't load after the next fire. Let me know how many guns are loaded now." "Now go ahead with the fire. Battery not loaded! Why, bear a hand & load, Sir" &c. at infinitum. I finally

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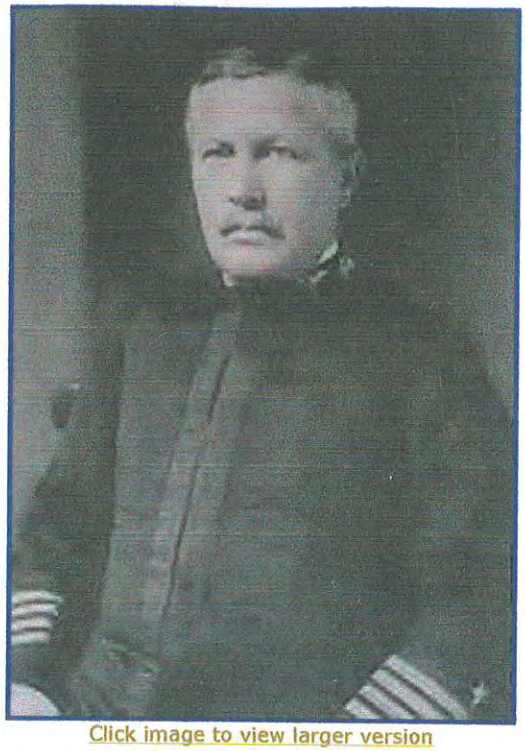
USN Letter- Santiago Bombardment & Schley



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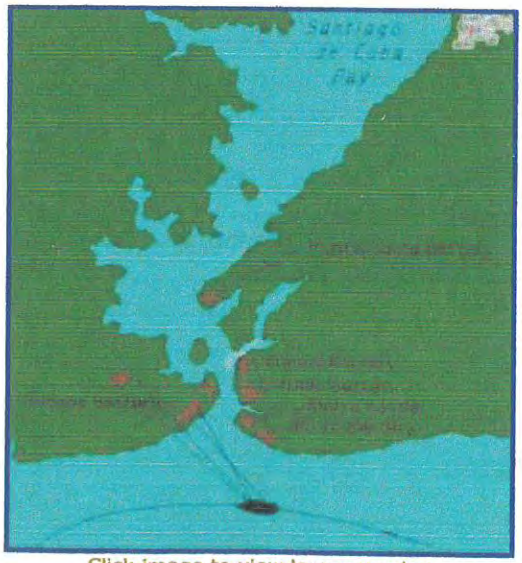

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The letters were written to his wife during th June 7th, 8th and June 10th 1898 on board MASSACHUSETTS while the ship was on blo outside Santiago Harbor. The US Fleet, unde Admiral Sampson, were instucted to bomba the Spanish shore batteries which protected to Santiago Harbor. Throughout the months 1898, the Fleet undertook various attacks c the Western and Eastern Batteries as well a Gorda Battery and any ships of the Spanish were further inside the harbor entrance.

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The Letters begin:

off Santiago de Cuba
Tuesday June 7th 1898

Well, old lady, we had our little tea party ye morning, but like all engagements with the was quite unsatisfactory. We showed the en of their guns are still there, and they are ha repairing traverses. You see, all we have to

JUNE 12 || JUNE 23 || JULY 8th
+ JULY 11th
4 excellent letters about the naval affairs at Santiago + troop unloading, etc etc

off Santiago de Cuba.
Sunday, June 12th
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Dear Grandma,

It is a great day for the fleet when one of the auxiliary vessels joins company, and usual is made to send to us and so for mail. Your letter of the 30th came the other day with one from Rhinelander. When you speak of going to Oyster Bay you give me the impression that is the P.O. name of a village, although it does not sound like it, and I hesitate to address a letter there, just as I would hesitate to send one to Chesapeake Bay. I may hear more definitely before a chance comes to send this.

We had our little fight on

months voyage when we have already been two without a "wash". During the past few weeks we have fared much better than before in the way of provisions, several supply steamers having come to the fleet. Our caterer Mr. Bayley has cabled Park & Tilford an order and directions about stores; if anything needs personal attention I will cable you.

Love to Juliette and ~~Peggy~~ Margaret.

Affectionately always
S Eaton.

REPORT ON NAVAL ACTION
JUNE 16, 1898

BLI-

Off Santiago de Cuba. June 16 - 1898

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report on the Engagement with the shore batteries this morning.

2. The fire of this ship was directed entirely at the west battery, the first shot was fired at ~~about~~ 5.30 A.M. and the last at ~~about~~ 6.05, when we hauled out of action. Three 13-inch, ~~and~~ ~~[illegible]~~ twenty three 8-inch ~~shell~~ and twenty two 6-inch shell were fired, all from starboard battery except two from port forward 8-inch turret. When the broadside was first brought to bear the range was about 5000 yards; three ~~[illegible]~~ 8-inch shots were fired from that position, and then the ship was headed in and brought into action again at about 3500 yards, which approximate range was kept during the rest of the Engagement. The smoke interfered badly with pointing, and with noting the falls, ~~the wind coming directly from the direction of~~ the Enemy's works being directly to windward. ~~sweeping it right back over the ship~~. I was able to note four very good 8-inch shots, and there may have been others. The first shots were fired with full charge, the battery having been loaded for several days; all reloading of 8 and 13-inch was with reduced charge, and those calibres are now loaded with reduced charge except the left gun of forward 13-inch turret which did not have the opportunity to fire and remains with the original full charge. I can only state positively that one 8-inch shell burst; the others may have been smothered in the column of Earth thrown up.

3. At first our fire was returned vigorously by two guns in the west part of the Earthwork; in fact they opened first; but their fire was silenced before very long. This ship was struck once forward by the fragments of a shell which burst upon striking the water a few yards ahead; one fragment which struck the 13-inch barbette was large enough to judge that it was a piece of a 6-inch, cast iron of very poor quality. Several other shell fell quite near the ship; I noted one that ricocheted, but all the others that I saw had evidently a large angle of fall and did not rise. I think the latter were from a battery behind the ridge of the west battery, as puffs of smoke were seen frequently rising from there.

4. The damage done to the ship by our own fire was limited to breaking some

sashes and panes in the chart house and loosening some deals of Electric Telegraphs and indicators.

5. The traverses of the Enemy's works, the ~~guns~~ breast works in the Eastern part, and a derrick near the middle, ~~and the westernmost of two guns in the western part of the battery~~ are still in place and do not appear to have been seriously disturbed; two guns also appear to be still mounted in the western part.

6. The crew of this ship did their work with alacrity and spirit, although many were fatigued by their watch and work during the night.

Very respectfully

To the C.

1961

Off Santiago de Cuba.
Wednesday June 15th

Dear old Lady,

It must have been revelation to Captain Folger night before last to have heard the deep toned detonations of three shells from the Resuvius's guns. Of course they were more or less random shots fired in the dark; one went over the ridge, in the general direction of where some of the smaller Spanish vessels lay, Torpedo destroyers &c., though we do not yet know whether or not any were hit. Another struck on the sea face of the ridge, and the other on the crest not far from the west battery. All this is from the official bulletin issued from the flagship, which adds that all three Exploded with terrific force. The wording of the End makes me inclined to think that Admiral Sampson does not pay personal attention to these bulletins. Several officers in this ship who happened to be up & aft that they heard an unmistakable boom as from a heavy Explosion. I get too tired by night to keep up to wait for anything, not knowing when it is going to be, and I was in "my warm, warm cot". But I heard the familiar old sound & went on deck just in time to hear the br-r-r-r of a shell passing overhead; those Spaniards did not know what had happened, so they just blazed away

JUNE 19, 1898 SANTIAGO
THE ARMY ARRIVES AT LAST

Off Santiago de Cuba
Sunday - June 19th

Dear old Lady,

I have just addressed a letter to Grandma to Jimtown not being sure whether or not Oyster Bay is the name of a P.O., or a bay (like Delaware Bay); and as the last stamp I have been able to borrow goes on this, I have marked here Ship's letter and hope it will go without a stamp. It is about ten days now since we last received letters, and we all seem to think it about time that some came. The Dixie arrived this morning, commanded by Davis, but there has been no signal nor sign about mail, although she certainly must have come from Key West.

We hear now that the Army did not sail before the 15th (if then). Those poor fellows are more sadly handicapped by the War Dep't than we are by the Navy Dep't. Three or four weeks ago there was hardly a gun mounted here, and they would have had a walk over; Ever since then they have been landing guns from the ships and mounting them; and they will have a much harder job.

JUNE 23-25, 1898 OFF SANTIAGO
OUTSTANDING LETTER — NAY SHIPS
FIRING AT SHORE (RANDOMLY) +
SAILORS HELPING LAND ARMY TROOPS

Off Santiago de Cuba. June 25th

All my packages have arrived! Such a lot of nice things. I have written a note to Harry to thank him and Letta for the fan, which works very nicely and is a delicious luxury. A little while ago I took one away from my office and have had some comfort from it; but this new one is very much nicer, and I have turned the other over to Potts in whose department it really belongs; so he is very much obliged to Harry + Letta. And the shirts! They will certainly be a great thing. Just at present many of us pin a handkerchief folded for a collar, as almost every thing is excusable; and with that rig Furbish's shirts are very comfortable; the collar rig he got up for the necks is not quite successful, as one might expect. And the other box! with the K-y Ky, and different bouillons and ginger. I shall tell the Dr. about the spiritus frumenti and take an occasional prescription. Rather a joke about these packages is that I put a letter in the mail box a few days ago addressed to Comdr Forsyth at Key West enclosing the order for a package + asking him to forward it; and after the mail was sent on board the Panther we learned that she was going direct to New York. Forsyth will get the note in the course of a week or so, and in the meantime I have the boxes. I expect Logan has them

This writing with the left hand is a great scheme. The results may not be very legible; but I simply could hardly write at all if I had to do it with the right hand.

Saturday 25th.

I hear there is a report being made about mail leaving; so it may go at any time. Last night was so cool that I had to put a shirt half way up, and then went to sleep laughing over it.

Disembarkation of army progresses well according to the flagship's bulletin. We hear that yesterday they had a little contretemps and lost a few. The bulletin also says that it is stated on good authority that the house occupied by the Commandante at Baiquiri was abandoned so hastily that an unfinished letter was found there addressed to the General at Santiago assuring his excellency that the writer was well able to repell all attacks by land or sea &c.

Bye bye, sweet heart. Love to all

Lovingly

Sister.

VESUVIUS (DYNAMITE SHIP) IS; BLOWS HOLES IN CLIFF. ALSO SHIPS BOATS RETURN FROM CARRYING TROOPS IN THE INVASION

off Santiago de Cuba.
Tuesday morning. June 27th

Dear old Lady

I wrote the date this morning at half past two. These later days we are taking every precaution to guard against Admiral Cervera trying to break through our lines with his ships. As Admiral Sampson says in a battle order, if he intends ever to try to escape it will have to be done soon. So our cordon is drawn pretty tight around the harbor entrance, and latterly I have thought best to be on deck during our trick at the search light, because things would have to be done in a hurry if the Enemy were discovered coming out. Last night we had from 1.30 to 3.30, and at about 2:30 I thought I would profit by the quiet to write a little, being all dressed and ready to jump up in a jiffy; but I had just begun the note when bang went two guns somewhere; it was one the vessels to the E^a shelling something, though she only fired half a dozen shots. But I stayed up on deck. The Vesuvius let up three shots also last night, and one of

XO REPORT TO C.O. RE SHIPS CONDUCT DAY PRIOR.

BTL

U.S.S. Texas
off Santiago de Cuba
July 2nd 1898

Sir

I have the honor to report as follows upon the engagement with the shore batteries this morning:

2. This ship commenced firing at about 9:45 and fired 136 shots, Twenty three fifty four fifty nine
23 13-inch, 54 8-inch, 59 6 inch, both starboard and port batteries being engaged alternately. At 7.35 we ceased firing and hauled out of action. During earlier and the greater part of the action our fire was directed entirely at the west battery in company with the Brooklyn and Iowa; the range being 4000 to 5500 yards. Later a few shots were fired up the inlet between the Catalina battery and Churuca point with the sights at 6500 yards, and afterwards some were fired at Estrella point battery, range 3500 yards.

3. The conditions were extremely unfavorable, as they always are in the morning here, the morning sun does not show up the target battery well; and the morning land breeze blows the smoke right back over the ships, in rising clouds making it generally impossible to note the falls and correct the range. Some shell, both 13-inch and 8 inch, were observed to land in the battery, however, and, considering all the circumstances, the work of the gun pointers appears to have been good.

4. The fire of the right battery was quickly silenced, the gunners being driven off by our fire; but no material damage appears to have been done to any of the guns which were in position when the action began were still in position when we withdrew, namely one modern rifle (probably 6-inch) and some mortars. When the fleet ceased firing and withdrew, the enemy returned quickly and fired one shot at each ship of the west squadron.

JUNE 30, 1898 - SANTIAGO
GREAT LETTER
BNX

Off Santiago de Cuba.
Thursday. June 30th

Letters! Blessed letters. Two from you and one from the Sunny Bay. I might almost say one from Sal Wal too, in view of her little evening note to you about the mouse. It must have been a thrilling spectacle indeed, you and Alice on top of the furniture and a fair haired child catching a mouse for you! Schroeder's was the latest date, the 18th. We have some newspapers too, and find a good deal of amusement as well as some indignation in noting their absolutely conscienceless fabrication of news. The Spanish lies are perhaps worse because they are told by officials with a purpose; but in point of pure invention and absolute falsehood our press is certainly quite as bad; and this mendacity of course prevents our being able to point the finger of scorn at the others and show the civilised world how they are trying to bolster up a bad and failing cause. The most of our lies of course are in the details, which are concocted entirely in the home offices of the papers; and yet it is difficult to understand the effronting of a correspondent right on the spot who cables to the papers that the Texas went past the Morro and fought for hours single-handed far into the night, the Spaniards flashing their search lights on her &c. The whole thing is a pure fable from beginning to end. And with regard to the illustrated papers, if people were to know how ridiculously impossible the pictures are I think their

MISSED THE BIG DANCE WITH
WAS RECOALING A FEW MILES
AWAY

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Port Guantanamo.
Monday July 4th

Dear old Lady,

You will have read with delight of the way the Gloucester shared in the fight yesterday; and you doubtless will have been in a quandary to explain the entire absence of mention of the Mass. After watching and guarding that place for 37 days, during which time we were the only ship that was never off her station, and the only ship that was not signalled to go closer during the search light duty, we leave under orders to come here for coal at four in the morning and at 10 the Enemy appears. So one the hardest part is that it should happen so after I have for weeks and weeks refrained from reporting the captain to the Admiral, simply because we were in the presence of the Enemy & in expectation of an Engagement. Well — Dick has done splendidly as all knew that he would. We leave here at 3 for Santiago again & may leave a mail on board this empty collier. I enclose my official report about the bombardment; if I could state the absurd & demoralising methods of the Captain it would be more spicy.

Bye bye

Lovingly

Seaton

OVER

Off Santiago de Cuba.

Tuesday July 5th

Well, Honeybee, I left two letters for you at Guantanamo, but I have no idea when they will go. And now the Flagship has signalled To send mail To her by Evening, so I suppose some vessel is going. A note from the Chief of Staff also Tells the Captains that we will probably go into action this afternoon; but as the U.S. only had To let me know that much so that I might Keep things in a semi ready condition, and did not volunteer any further information as To the possible Time or circumstances &c. I can only Keep ready To jump. I think possibly that an armistice, which has existed for Several days on shore, may End To-day and we may have some shelling To do for diversion in support of the army.

We got away from Guantanamo a little after three yesterday & came down here at full speed. On the way we met the Brooklyn and gave her three hearty cheers. After nightfall we were signalled to close in and use the search light on the entrance, much To our Surprise because we had learned that the Flag had signalled the day before, after

SANTIAGO JULY 7, 1898

ALI

off Santiago de Cuba.
Thursday Evening. July 7th

Dear old Lady,

It seems to me that I have not written for some time. There has been nothing of interest going on, and I have taken advantage of the lull to finish up my quarterly returns, which are now out of the way for another three months. But I have something of interest to relate, - that parties of officers who have visited the wrecks of the Infanta Maria Teresa and Oquendo have brought back a number of souvenirs, and I have been quite flattered by the way things have been pressed upon me. I thought at first that owing to our ill luck in being away on that day I would not care to bring home anything from any of the Spanish ships; but that seemed foolish. So when the boat was shoving off loaded with officers and a few Chief Petty officers, I said, rather in fun "Now remember, if you see any rapid fire cartridge cases, one of them is mine", and you should have heard the chorus "All right Sir," and over a dozen hands go up in acknowledgment. And will you believe that four great big 6-inch brass cases, four feet long, were brought

ORDERED TO SAIL FOR SPAIN ON JULY 17

Port Guantanamo

Saturday Evening July 9th

No particular object in writing this Evening, Hows, except To use up stamps! After a little while we will need only foreign stamps! The Telegraphic order has come assigning us in place of the Iowa To Watson's squadron. I cannot comprehend what useful object Camara's fleet has in view, and therefore cannot believe that we will go in chase of him. He can hardly possibly be found To Manila; although sending Camara's fleet over here seemed great at first so foolish. It seems really as if it were a "bluff", and of Course we have To "call" it; but I think that when we get across the ocean it would be well To let Camara wander about where he wants To for a while, while we destroy some of the ships they are building, and then go after him, - if the sensible people in Spain have not by that time succeeded in effecting peace.

Sunday. Have ordered off immediately. Send us by mail a couple of Knife knuckles. I may get them, we are ordered To be ready To sail for Spain on 17th but may be delay.

Love

FOR SPAIN JULY 17th

No-1

Guantanamo. Sunday July 10

Just closed a letter in furious haste because order was given by the L.S. To get it on board the Harvard immediately; depot from flag now says to have it there by 4. Have nothing much to add except to ask you to number your letters and keep record so I will know when any of them missfire. I Enclose a blank form as a suggestion. I think it is not certain that we will go, but Admiral Sampson has fixed the 17th, and if we do go letters will be too precious not to take a little trouble about. I am confident now that one of our mail bags is adrift somewhere, because in some of the 30th you allude to things as if they had mentioned previously.

I hope my cheques have gotten home all right. I will send them Earlier next time. And if we start across I will send about all there is and you deposit and draw. We were going to do that way originally, but you seemed to prefer not receiving it quarterly but monthly.

I have a fine long letter from Dresser. He is a pretty good friend.

In your letter of the 30th you speak of monthly cheques being delayed. You don't mean that you had not received cheques for month of June do you (at End of May)? Speaking of that I would be very glad if you would give the dates (or numbers) of letters you receive; will you? Janis is worse off about letters than we. We found his ship the Dixie here & he came on board & I asked where Mrs. D. was & he said in the cottage at Jamestown, whereupon much to his pleasure I said "Oh! no, she is not; that cottage rented to Mrs. Rodgers for $600."

Langdon speaks of sending a box of cigars. ...y will probably arrive in next mail. His letter might be ...sidered to sound as if he were presenting me with a ...x. Now there is no one from whom I would more willing receive a present like that, but you see I cannot write things I want if it is taken that way. Please Express this ...m and pay for them. I will write him when I can.

Hope you will be able to go to New London for ...ange. Give them all my love if you do.

Lovingly Seatne.

LTR. GUANTANAMO, JULY 11, 1898
GREAT COMMENTS ABOUT SCHLEY'S MISHANDLING THE BLOCKADE, ETC.
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Guantanamo
Monday. July 11th

Dear old Lady,

Have two missing letters of 24th & 27th and three from some of the chicks have turned up. What a nice letter Josie writes, – she writes as well Too!

Newspapers have come which I have not read yet but they tell me that the Massachusetts is mentioned as having been in the forefront of the battle of the 3d. What a flat let down it will be. It is not often that such sharp ill luck comes to a ship. Thank Heaven we are in the Eastern Squadron, and unless Admiral asks for peace pretty soon we will be off on one of the historic events of Naval annals; and with Watson in command of the squadron there will be no more Schley business. I am almost consoled for our misfortune of the 3rd by what I hear the papers say about Dick. He deserved certainly be promoted, and probably will be, if not a grade at least so many numbers that he will get his grade very shortly.

Another bundle has come from the Boston Store, containing a duplicate of what you sent by the St. Paul. I

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"The Commodore wishes to know how all are on the bully Massachusetts." It is nauseating.

We hear now that when coaled & provisioned &c. we are all going to Porto Rico, to finish that before starting after Camara. There is a rumor that he has returned westward with his fleet, but I can find no foundation for it. There seems to be rather a hope among ~~most~~ many of the officers of the fleet that we will not start on that chase. My hopes are certainly the other way. It is the cruelest fate that the war should have caught me Executive of a vessel commanded by Higginson, part of the time in a squadron commanded by Schley, and on top of that that we should have been absent during the destruction of the Enemy's fleet at Santiago; and while I am thus unfortunately circumstanced I still earnestly hope that we will have the duty of finding and destroying that fleet with the hope of better success than with Schley who by the merest accident found the fleet and from sheer pusillanimity failed to destroy one half of it which was entirely exposed to our guns. Higginson has apparently begun to realise lately that he has committed himself rather seriously towards me, and I doubt very much if he will repeat any such treatment. I think that the shame of recollection may be all I will have to suffer from, for some time at least. Pah! why do I speak of it?

Bye bye again, Honeypot. That story of Sally's about the farmer getting a return ticket was immense — but!!!

Lovingly Seaton.

[illegible] TO SHELL CITY;
AT 3AM SIGNAL THAT CITY
HAS SURRENDER;

No 3

Guantanamo again.
Friday July 15th

Back again to our Base. We were busy here coaling at my last writing, I believe; but at Eight o'clock of ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday Evening we received a signal to be ready to go to sea at 5 in the morning, which involved the usual labor and hurry of hoisting in all the boats &c. &c., and during that time until the Captain returned from the Newark, Com. Watson's flagship, most of the officers had pretty well made up their minds that it meant Hampton Roads, to take in ammunition and stores for the Eastward voyage. But we then learned that we were wanted at Santiago, with the Oregon, to throw our big 13-inch shells into the city from off Aguadores. We got off at 5 and on reaching Santiago vicinity learned that there was still a truce and a fair prospect of the place surrendering. The shore is very bold there, and to anchor one has to go quite close in; but the L.S. did go in the next morning, and we were finally anchored in 16 fathoms right off the mouth of the river and in good position for shelling the town. We could not see the

Town of course, nor anything to indicate its vicinity; but we located our position on the chart by angles and bearings &c., and had Everything arranged to find by compass direction; — when about 3 o'clock signal was made that the city had surrendered. We called all hands clear ship, and gave three cheers which must have been heard at the Morro, and our little band played patriotic airs &c. &c. Then we hove up our anchor, and greatly to our surprise and amusement a Telegraph cable came up on the anchor. I say amusement because the one that has caused more laughter than perhaps anything else since we have been down here has been the numerous announcements of another cable having been cut supposed to be the last connecting Cuba with the outside world. Of course they all have been cut now except the one to Hayti which we are using ourselves, and this one which we picked up is only a small coast wise one, — but it sounded funny. We about 5 we started for this port with the Oregon and Texas, and arrived at about nine, and had a great time finding our way in in the dark and picking our way in among all the ships. It was a brilliant thought to seize this magnificent bay as a base; as the

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Mail was sent on board Collier Libanon an hour ago for Key West & she has gone - Now is a chance to send by St. Paul to New York. I send a box containing umbrella struck made from ~~B~~ 5 1/2 inch R. F. cartridge case from Cervera's flagship Maria Teresa. It is packed tightly. Unscrew, turn up side down & shake it out.

All well

No mine time

Lovingly

Sumner

Sunday 17th July

Lucan Tarame

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It has just occurred to me that I have again put off until too late sending my Cheques. So I will Enclose one now to the Browns, and send the Paymasters later.

And I will furthermore seize the opportunity to say good night.

Lovingly

S Evans.

Tuesday Evening. 12th

A lot of letters just arrived, up to the 8th, Honey. A signal also says that the mail will leave Key West To-morrow afternoon, so I will just bring this up to date. We have reported all ready for sea, but no orders have come, and we hear that Admiral Cervera has actually returned, and the impression seems to be gaining ground that the battles will drop out of the war pretty soon. I keep repeating to myself that last summer the L.S. said something about his finishing this cruise this next September and getting the Relieving Ship in Boston. Two months. May they pass quickly. Raymond came on board to see me the other Evening; he was on a Board To Examine the Spanish ships, and says they were set on fire by our shell fire, not destroyed by the Enemy themselves, except the Colon which was treacherously sunk after surrender.

S.S.

No-5.

I am awfully afraid you never got a letter of mine of July 6th containing account of 1st instalment. It was in a mail very much delayed in Tampa. Nothing important, but after writing letters I like to have them reach their destination. Let me too if a letter ever arrived for Grandma unstamped.

Guantanamo. July 18th

Gracious, but there was a mad lot of officers on board here yesterday when the captain had all the mail collected from the letter boxes and sent on board the slow collier Lebanon which was about to start for Key West, when he alone knew that the swift St. Paul was shortly going to leave for New York, which fact she will reach, about the same time that the Lebanon reaches Key West. As it was the day for the Articles of War to be read there was no time to do any more writing; but I did manage to get off that unique unstable stand, sending it to Briggs to look out for it. The other things that I have for remembrances, - a bowl and couple of saucers, are not packed, and I am rather thinking of waiting to see if we start for Manila, and if not, of waiting until the fall and sending them to 1816.

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Guantanamo July 21st

Was ordered to Texas this morning as Senior Member of Board to report if Texas can do further service without repair, & while there orders came for us to get underway at 3. Have just returned on board & find we are going to Porto Rico to convoy & land the army, 32 miles from San Juan. Don't know if there will be opportunity to send this as mail left ship before my return. I understand we will be relieved in about 10 days to return here to fill up with provisions & ammunition for Manila. Do not understand situation at all, but suppose it is alright.

Sincerely

[illegible]

Nequa Enclosed.

DESCRIBES HOW COMM. WAINWRIGHT CAPTURES PORT TO ALLOW TROOP TRANSPORTS TO EMBARK SOLDIERS

5)

Off Port Guanica.
July 25th

This is the most tantalising thing that has occurred to me for a long time. We are anchored off the mouth of this beautiful little harbor, and we can see the smooth beach with palms coming down close to the water's Edge, so that one could lie on the sand with feet in the water and head in the shade; and the grass and smiling country extends all about in the valleys and part way up the wooded slopes, - a perfect garden spot, an Eden (I daresay there are snakes there); and I cannot get there and roll on the sand and grass and dig into the Earth. I can hardly understand the great, great longing I have for grass and country and sandy beach; it almost makes me shrink from the happy thought of before long possibly gazing on the bricks and asphalt of Washington or New York. The particular little bit of beach carried me back to the hard but happy work in Samana Bay, when I found my poor lunch so much more palatable when Eaten in a pretty grove. It looks beautiful from out here, and the Transports are all inside and the troops being disembarked rapidly in the perfect shelter. Dick as usual goes to the fore, and the Gloucester, being the only small vessel we have, had the honor of going in alone, firing a few shell

here and there as a caution to any troops who might be on hand; and we could just see that her boat went ashore, seized a lighter which would be of use in landing men and stores, hauled down a Spanish flag and hoisted the American. Then the Transports went in slowly, and I daresay the 6000 men they carried are nearly all ashore now. Potts was given a whale boat to go in and see his brother, and Dr. Dickson went with him; but the captain told me not to allow any more to go. Oh! That beach does look so beautiful. The S. L. S. was most anxious to make a battle of it, and at quarter past five this morning when we were more than 20 miles off he had all the officers called and told to be ready for General Quarters; rough on those who had the night watches. Finally at about 9 we anchored most peaceably and the Gloucester went in and captured the place. The approach is not well arranged as we discovered; when we thought we were in a good place the anchor was let go, but only 24 fat of chain ran out, while our draught is 26 fat! we were just touching an uncharted shoal, and quickly backed off and anchored again in 9 fathoms. I suppose we will go almost immediately to blockade Ponce a few miles Eastward, & guard an important little port which will have to be taken — without much resistance probably.

Lovingly
S Eaton.

No. 7

At sea. July 22d.

Dear old Lady,

Some days I got a whole "raft" of letters from home including two buried envelopes from the children, a very nice one each from Josie & Schroeder, and yours of the 2d 6th & 8th. I cannot remember whether or not I have acknowledged them. And now here in mid ocean, so to speak, I have just received your box & accompanying letter of the "7th"! How? Just as we were leaving Guantanamo the Yankee appeared & signalled to us that she had mail, Express packages, stores & heavy freight for us. We could not very well stop, having these transports in company, so we hailed the Gloucester and told Dick to go back & get all our stuff and catch up with us, which he had no difficulty in doing, as the transports could not be made to go over 5 knots during the night. So this is the second time Dick has brought me some comforts. Thank you very much, Honey; those things will be very nice, though we are a great deal better off for both food and drink than we were at Tortugas.

As we were about to get underway yesterday Captain Barker came alongside and took charge of my No. 6 with cheque.

of an expression from the Boatswain Mr. McCarthy who saw some of them one day in Guantanamo when he had to go near the boats on some work; - "For God's sake, is that the outfit we have gone to war for!" A few days ago he used another expression that amused the officers a good deal. The collier had come alongside and we had coaled hard before breakfast, and at 8 o'clock as usual the officer of the deck reported to the Captain the amount taken on board, and the S. L. S. turned round by the orderly that that was very good work (I don't know what was the matter with him); the officer of the deck saw Mr. McC. and told him, and he stared in blank astonishment and then blurted out "My God, Sir, that nearly makes me drunk."

We made our first of destination to - tomorrow morning, I suppose. Although it is difficult to imagine that the Enemy have thought of providing any defences there we will have to look out for mines of course, and shall not show well before sending our boats in. We will be handicapped in landing these troops by not having our two big launches which are still at Siboney, one completely destroyed but the other still in working condition at last accounts.

When I get home, if you notice me in a desultory drop an undershirt or pair of socks into a basin of water which I have just used, don't comment upon it but tell the servants I did it by accident.

No. 8.

Off Guanica. ~~Tuesday~~ Monday Evening. July 26th

Dear old Lady,

I hear the Yale may go to New York to-morrow to get some of the sick north, so I just add a word to say that Potts saw Dick to-day and says he looks splendidly, has a delightful comfortable little ship, a nice mess, and is as happy as can be. They had more of a scrimmage in there to-day than we knew, for Dick landed his company of blue jackets to seize the lighters and hoist the American flag, and some soldiers began arriving from a neighboring village & they had quite a fight although no one was hurt. The Gloucester's 3-pdrs & 6-pdrs supported the company pretty well until the first transport arrived and a couple of boat loads of regulars got ashore and rolled those Spaniards back in fine shape.

I have increased my allotment $50, making $175, beginning of course at the end of next month. That leaves me more than I can possibly spend; but when far off it is best ~~[illegible]~~ to be flush. I think the best way to manage the rest will be for me to send you, before we start, a cheque for about all I have at the Browns, which will be enough for several months, leaving to you the bother of regulating the monthly amount.

I have packed up the saucers & bowl from the Teresa

and will probably send it by the Yale. One of the cancers is for Grandma.

I am doubly glad for Grace's sake that he went to the Philippines as Brigadier General, as it would have been most mortifying to him to have been with his regiment at Santiago. Potts had a talk with his brother + several other Army men To-day and they all say the 71st just ran like sheep. For Heaven's sake don't tell Belle that I said so.

I may add to this To-morrow. If not, bye bye again.

Lovingly

Sister.

Tuesday morning.

The Yale has just signalled "Ready to sail. will try to reach New York. Sanitary condition of ship bad". Whether or not he means that the sanitary condition may prevent his reaching New York, I do not know. But he is bound to go some where, so I will send the mail, the S.L.S. being absent. I will not send the package, however, as I will surely have other opportunities.

S.S.

No 9.

Off Ponce, Porto Rico.
Thursday July 28th

Dear old Lady,

When I turned out at 3 this morning to get the ship underway to come here I did not know it would bring me two letters from you and one from Grandma, which it did. You met the Cincinnatti on the way, with a mail from Key West. Yours were of the 13th and 17th. I hope my cheques will get off in better time hereafter. They say the block of mails in Tampa is very bad. I must be annoyed at your fear that the Eastern Squadron would have sailed before your letters arrived; we would certainly not be sent so far, I should think, or so near Spain, without a complete supply ammunition.

The Transports came in immediately after us, and anchored, and we began disembarking the Troops. There was no resistance; what few soldiers there were here, about 300 I believe, were persuaded by the British Consul to "go away"; they have retreated in the direction of San Juan. We have now about 7000 men here and at Guanica, and we learn that on the whole island there are only about 7000 Spanish regulars and some 3000 volunteers; so our 25000 ought to have no great difficulty, especially as there will probably

AT SEA OFF SAN: DOMINGO
AUG 2, 1898
FABOLOUS 6 page letter
A MUST READ

Re: (1) FLEET ATTACKING SPAIN
(2) TOWING GROUNDED COLUMBIA OFF REEF
(3) RUMOR RE SHIP GOING TO MANILA

No-10.

At sea. South of San Domingo.
August 2d -

Dear old Lady,

We are on our way back to Guantanamo in obedience to a Telegram and a letter from Admiral Sampson, both much delayed, saying that he had promised that his squadron would be ready to start on the Eastern cruise on Monday, yesterday. From this we judge that there has been a good deal of changing about and that Sampson is to command it himself, which would indicate that the squadron had been materially increased in force. Just before leaving Ponce, however, yesterday noon, we heard that Spain had asked about peace through the French ambassador, in which case it seems hardly possible that we would start. Since Cervera's fleet returned I have not thought it probable that the squadron would be sent to the Philippines; and it seems to me that it would be very ill-advised to attack the Spanish coast and ports. Of course war is war, and the belligerents are free to attack each other wherever they like; but I think that, rightly or wrongly, Europe

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Can you tell me who Miss Lilian Horsford is? I received a note from her the other (Cambridge) saying that after consultation with Miss Irwin she was going to send me some books for distribution among the men. I wrote to thank her for the happy thought, — but I have no idea who she is.

Guantanamo. 4th

We find Everything ready, nearly, except us, to start Ed. To-morrow. We have 600 Tons of coal, 100 odd Tons of ammunition &c to take & the squadron will wait until Saturday, I believe. But we are apparently certain to go. Dick Davenport told me under promise not to let it out that this ship & Oregon and two auxiliary cruisers are really going to Manilla, so that Germany cannot fail to understand that we will put up with no nonsense. So do not mention it until it is known from other sources. Address now all letters care Navy Department. I will immediately send cheque for what I have in Browns which will last you 3 months, but you will have to "manage" it. No more time just now & a mail may go at any moment. Found your Nos 1, 2, & 3 here & those from chicks, including one (is it possible?) from Wainwright! I am absolutely perfectly well.

Bye bye. Lovingly

Sister

No. EXCELLENT - RE. FLEET TO GO/TO PHIL./GERMANY A DANGER?/PENDING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS SQUADRON WON'T GO

Guantanamo. Thursday Evening.
Aug. 4th

Dear old Lady,

I understand the mail may go to-morrow morning, so first of all I will attend to business.

Heretofore you have had		From now it will be	
Monthly allotment	$125	Total monthly	$350
" cheque	225	allotment	175
" Total	350	Monthly cheque	175
			3
		For three months	525
		Stonesent Taxes &c	25
			550

So I enclose now a cheque for which ought to carry you through three months. Last month I sent $25 additional which with the Extra $25 now should cover taxes, water rent &c. I have that much in Brawns now. In September the Baltimore Ground Rent comes due, and I will send the order in time, which will pay the taxes on 1816 and the 20th Street shanty. You will need more for travelling and for autumn clothing &c, which I expect to send in good time; but if it does not reach you in time you could pay half the taxes; otherwise I like as a rule to pay the whole year's taxes in November. Addison and Linkins will attend to it. I hope you will be able to get along and keep it all straight.

the same and hope it will not give you too much trouble.
I am so constantly interrupted, and we are so apt to
and a mail at any unexpected moment, that I will close
this now & have it off my mind. So bye, bye, sweetheart.

Lovingly
S.S.

GUANTANAMO — AUG. 8, 1898

"HURRY UP + WAIT" CORRESPONDENT LEARN CRUISE CANCELLED BEFORE OFFICERS ARE TOLD'
MUST READ! MUCH INFO

ST. PAUL TO TAKE TROOPS HOME; COMMENTS RE SOLDIERS HAD HARD TIME; SHAFTER CRITICIZED: RE SCHLEY'S CONDUCT;

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[illegible] quarters aboard. Monday 8th —

I did not write yesterday when I might have, for two reasons - I was busy all the forenoon, and in the afternoon I made up my mind that I must really try to read up some of the back papers, and that took all my leisure time. In the Evening, I will, after receiving the eight o'clock reports I felt so overpoweringly sleepy that I Turned right in + slept like a child until half past five. So there you have it; and in consequence, if the Niagara, which is now alongside giving us some more ammunition, should leave more suddenly than is expected you will get correspondingly less of a letter.

I think I have told you how on arriving here we found the fleet all ready to sail + how we had to work "double Tides" to get all our coal + ammunition + stores on board. When we were about all ready, signal was made that pending peace negotiations the squadron would not sail until further orders; so I felt justified in devoting Saturday afternoon to cleaning up a little (the ship I mean), and that Evening Brownson insisted on my coming to dine with him on board The Dixie.

Thursday 11th It is rather funny how this letter has been dragging along. But the St. Paul is "billed" to sail this Evening, and probably will.

We were a little disappointed to find that a lot of Ward Room Mess stores which were reported to be in a steamer which arrived the other day, were not there, which is doubly inconvenient because a lot of butter which we received not long ago from a big Philadelphia firm is perfectly uneatable! I did not know that bad butter could be found in Philadelphia.

There is nothing of new to say, Honey. I rather think we will be the last of the big ships to go North, as our crew had liberty in Newport News in April and the others did not. It is only fair that they should go. But if we are going to undertake to govern the Philippines and Cuba and Puerto Rico it seems to me we will need a good many ships, and land forces too, for some time. I see in the papers that the D L S will probably be detached before long. I wish we could get Schauler; but we may get that ass Dickins. Any one will be welcome, however.

Lovingly Seaton.

SQUADRON

No-13

Guantanamo. Saturday. May 13th

Dear old Lady,

Signal was made last night that the two armored cruisers, (New York & Brooklyn), and the four battleships are ordered to Hamptonsville! Now I put an exclamation point after that to indicate joy &c.; and yet, Henry, I do not understand and cannot explain to myself any more than to you how it is that I do not feel any joy over it at all. It is not that my disgust with the ships under present conditions is such that one place is as good as another, because then I would just as lief be in New York as down here; whereas in point of fact I am sorry we are going north. The nearest stab that I can make at it perhaps is beginning the war in Schley's squadron and feeling the humiliation that would be ours but if it were known at large what a flunk that Commodore made. Missing the destruction of Cervera's squadron was unfortunate but that was all. But when Schley's squadron left Key West we had orders to find and destroy that Spanish squadron; we found it and left it alone; — a cowardly piece of business. I suppose that so long as the war was still on I had some unexpressed hope that something might occur to remove that stigma from

our minds at least; and now it is all over; what with being in Schley's squadron and Higginson's ship, the war has been a hideous, woeful failure to me, and I — well there is no use maudling over it.

I suppose we will start in a few days. But of course the papers will give Admiral Sampson's cablegram reporting our sailing, and I suppose we will make the voyage in about 6 days. I don't know that any mail will go before we do, but I suppose there will. I enclose rough draft of my report on sinking the Mercedes, as I may possibly have occasion to refer to it with my other reports. The Captain just ordered me to make it.

Au revoir. Lovingly

S Eaton.

Later. The Flagship has just signalled to be ready to sail at 10 to-morrow morning. It will be quite a formidable fleet to enter New York harbor. I understand a telegram says that hostilities have been ordered to cease and that the terms of the treaty of peace have been agreed upon. I also hear that probably this ship and the Oregon and Brooklyn will eventually go to the Pacific. The D.L.S will be promoted in December I believe, and yet he told Potts that he will ask to take this ship out. I do not see though how they can let him do that. I understand the torpedo boat Rodgers takes mail to Key West this evening. Ta Ta. S.S.

U.S.S MASS. (MAR. 1899)

JOHN D. LONG,
SECRETARY.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,

RECEIVED
MAR 8 1899
NAVY YARD, NEW YORK.

WASHINGTON, March 7, 1899.

S I R : -

Upon the reporting of your relief, on April 1st, 1899, you will regard yourself detached from duty on board the U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, will proceed to your home, and wait orders.

Immediately upon your arrival home, report your local address, in full, to the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D.C. See Article 224, U.S.Navy Regulations, 1896.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER
Seaton Schroeder, U.S.N.,
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS,
Navy Yard, New York, N.Y.

(Comdt.)

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CONTAIN SOME COMMENTS ABOUT WAR BUT MOSTLY PERSONA

Thursday
April 14th

Dear Gran I am so quick
to get worried if I do not
hear & yet so slow to write
myself. Lucy's baby is two
weeks old & I do hope & pray
she is getting on well. Seaton
says he wrote his weekly
letter to her but I address
mine to you meaning it for
all & it is full of love.
I did think by this time the
state of the country would
be decided. I believe now

816 Th -
March 31st

Dear dear Grace I have thought each day things on this side would be more settled to tell you about but there is no use waiting although they say Spain will give us a definite answer now, & surely we will know whether it will be war or peace by the middle of next week. I have a letter from you which was sent to me at Fortress Monroe & came back to me to-day, & me from

Address Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department,
and refer to No.

163746

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

March 18, 1899.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, requesting permission to publish as an appendix to a paper for the Naval Institute, the report of the board on station bills, of which Lieutenant-Commander Marix was senior member, you are informed that the Bureau has no objection to your making such use of it.

Very respectfully,

Chief of Bureau.

Lieutenant-Commander
Seaton Schroeder, U.S.Navy,
U.S.S.MASSACHUSETTS.

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JOHN D. LONG,
SECRETARY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 11, 1899.

S I R : -

Proceed to Boston, Mass., and report at 10 a.m., on the 13th instant, at the Parker House, to Commander William H. Emory, U.S.N., for duty in connection with marking the trial course of the U.S.S. KEARSARGE.

Upon the completion of this duty, return to Washington, D.C., and resume your present duties.

This duty is in addition to your present duties.

Respectfully,

Chas. H. Allen

Acting Secretary.

COMMANDER
Seaton Schroeder, U.S.N.,
Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

(Comdt.)

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Navy Department,

BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY,

Washington, Sept. 14th, 1899.

Sir:

Proceed to Portland, Maine, ~~and report to me there on~~ on duty in carrying out ~~for~~ the course for speed Trial of the "Kearsarge". On the completion of this duty return to Boston Mass. and report to me at Hotel Touraine on September 24th, 1899.

~~On the completion of this duty you will return to your home.~~

Very respectfully,

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Navigation,
APPROVED, SEP 20 1899

Chief of Bureau.

Fred Rodgers
Rear Admi. ~~Commodore~~ U. S. N.

Officers must promptly acknowledge the receipt of orders, and inform the Bureau of Navigation immediately upon having reported in obedience thereto.

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SCHROEDER DOCUMENTS (3) re HIS DUTIES SURVEYING USS KENTUCKY MANY GOOD SIGNATURES

JOHN D. LONG,
SECRETARY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

WAM
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 3, 1899.

S I R :

Proceed to Boston, Mass., and report at 10 a.m., on the 14th instant, at the Parker House, to Commander William H. Emory, U.S.N., for duty in connection with laying out and buoying the course for the trial of the U.S.S. KENTUCKY.

Upon the completion of this duty, return to Washington, D.C., and resume your present duties.

This duty is in addition to your present duties.

Respectfully,

Chas. H. Allen

Acting Secretary.

COMMANDER
Seaton Schroeder, U.S.N.,
Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

(Comdt.)
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President Board of Inspection.

Commander

Seaton Schroeder, U. S. N.,

Member Board ~~of Inspection~~, Kentucky Trial,

~~Washington, D. C.~~

Boston, Mass

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Washington, D. C. Nov. 29 1899

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To Portland, Me. & ret.

STEPHEN RAND, Pay Ins. U.S.N.

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Portland, Me.,

Nov. 14, 1899.

Reported:

W. H. Emory

Comdr., U.S.N.

Boston, Mass.,

Nov. 22, 1899.

Reported:

Fred Rodgers

Rear Admr., U.S.N.,

President Board.

IN REPLY ADDRESS THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
AND REFER TO NO.

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C.

Navy Department,

OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL,

Washington, December 7, 1899.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 6th instant, enclosing a summons to appear before a general court martial at the Navy Yard, New York, on December 4th, I return herewith the summons referred to, approved by the Department.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very respectfully,

Judge Advocate General.

Commander

Seaton Schroeder, U. S. Navy,

Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

(Comdt.)

INQUIRY - SUMMONS
SCHROEDER CAME FROM GUAM!
(ALSO ENDORSEMENTS)

UNITED STATES.

Washington, D. C.,
Sept. 21, 1901.

You are hereby summoned to appear before a Naval *Court* of Inquiry, at the navy-yard, Washington, D. C.,----- ---------- *to testify in the case of* Rear-Admiral Winfield S. Schley, U. S. N., on Saturday, the 21st day of September, 1901, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.,-------- *and when discharged return to your* present duty.

Judge Advocate.

To

Commander
Seaton Schroeder, U. S. N.,
Washington, D. C.

OCT 1902 · GUAM (WHERE SCHROEDER IS GOVERNOR.

LETTER FROM FRIEND TO MRS SCHROEDER ABOUT BIG STORM THAT HIT GUAM

From J. C. Cox
U.S. Naval Sta.
Island of Guam



Mrs Sca
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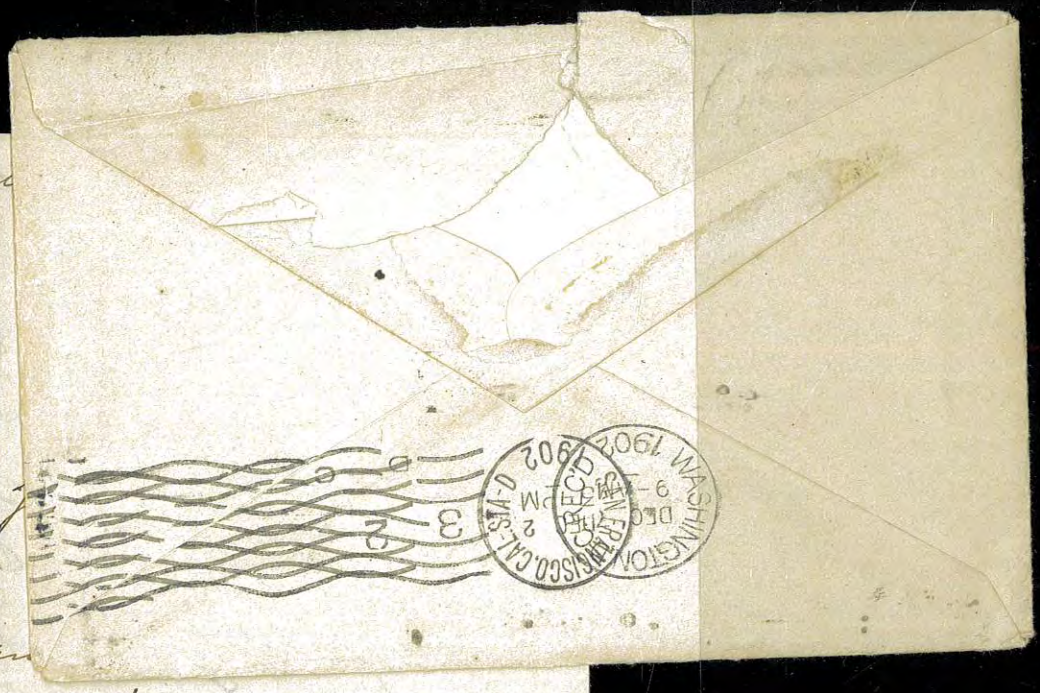
Oct 27 - 1902 -
Island of Guam -
My dearest Mrs Schroeder -

The Thomas arrived day before yesterday and brought me your sweet letter and it was so ~~nice~~ of you to write me on the train - You did not say one word about how you had stood the trip and as we have all been quite anxious to know, was delighted to hear from Governor yesterday that it had not been too hard on you and he seemed to think it far better than you had hoped for -

up old win
do hope I
any risk to
there now.
heaviest sort
Dr. seems to
then we han
allowed to go home on the
Solace on her next trip and
if all this pans out it
will be a grand winding
up to our ~~trip~~ sojourn here.
We all felt so sorry for
you when we heard of
the delay of the supply and
then news of the earthquake
on top of that - ~~Governor~~ was
so happy that you all were
not here he didn't seem



A Personal Error in Estimating the Direction of a Sound

By CAPT. SEATON SCHROEDER, U. S. N.



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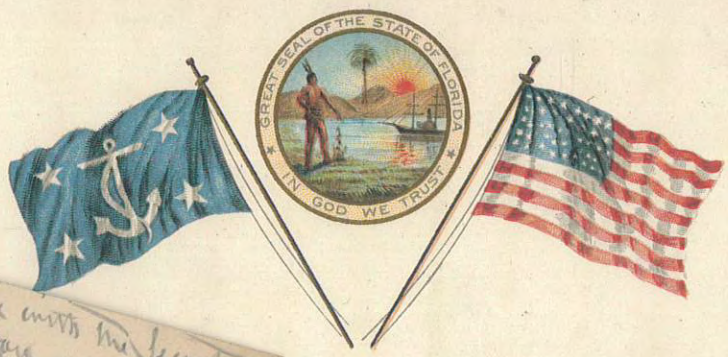

If you come, I will be with the Secretary
& cannot look out for you.
If you come by car, come to the
Sands Street gate, if in carriage
Come to York street gate

Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder
U.S.N.

U.S.S. Connecticut

Commander in Chief
U.S. Atlantic Fleet

...tary of the Navy
...our company at the launching of the
...tes Battleship Florida
on the morn... of Thursday, the twelfth of May
One thousand, nine hundred and ten
at half after ten o'clock
at the Navy Yard, New York

NAVY DOCUMENTS (9)
REGARDING THE U.S.S. VIRGINIA
1905-1907

ADDRESS BUREAU OF NAVIGATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
AND REFER TO NO.
JAS/CAS
2598/

WASH

November 14, 1905.

S I R :--

Proceed to Newport News, Va., and report by letter to the Commandant of the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., for duty as General Inspector of the U.S.S. Virginia, with a view to being ordered for the command of said vessel when placed in commission.

When this vessel is ready for trial, proceed in her for her trial.

Upon the completion of which, on arrival of the U.S.S. Virginia at Boston, Mass., return to Washington, D.C., by rail, and resume your present duties.

This is in addition to your present duties.

Respectfully,

C. A. Bowers

Chief of Bureau.

Captain Seaton Schroeder, U.S.N.,
Chief Intelligence Officer,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

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P.L.S.

1906 - INVASION OF CUBA
DETAILED PROPOSED PLAN FOR U.S. NAVY LANDING FORCE IN HAVANA...
Box

U. S. S. Virginia,

Havana, Cuba,

No.
Enclosures:

October 9th., 1906.

Sir:

1. I have the honor to submit a report on the organization and proposed plans of action of the U. S. Naval Landing Force, organized by your order of September 21st, 1906. Although the force was not landed, it is possible that the information obtained by reconnaissances and the plans based thereon may be of use in the way of suggestion in the event of a similar emergency arising in the future.

2. Accompanying the report is a tracing based upon a map showing the Havana Electric Railway Company's system, with additional information obtained. There is also enclosed a private advertisement map which was the first found and which was used in the reconnaissances, and which may contain matter of use to the Office of Naval Intelligence; a number of these were obtained, roughly backed like this one, and issued to battalion commanders.

3. At first, in consequence of the arrival and departure of single ships, the organization underwent frequent change; but the force was in some way organized and ready to land within a few hours after your order was received. Reconnaissances to determine the best line of defense could not be

APR. 1921 AFTER W.W-I
DETAILED PROPOSAL OF
LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS
CONFERENCE PREPARED
BY ADM. SCHROEDER

G.B.No. 438-1088

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.
GENERAL BOARD.
WASHINGTON.

MMM.

August 25, 1921.

From: Senior Member Present;
To: Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, U. S. Navy.

SUBJECT: Limitation of Armaments Conference.

The General Board is considering questions relating to the Limitation of Armaments.

2. The General Board would be very glad to have your views on any or all of the following questions.

(a) Under present world conditions what would be an equitable ratio of naval strengths of Great Britain, United States, Japan, France and Italy?

(b) What should be the duration of a limitation of armaments agreement?

(c) What effect would the international code have on limitation of armaments?

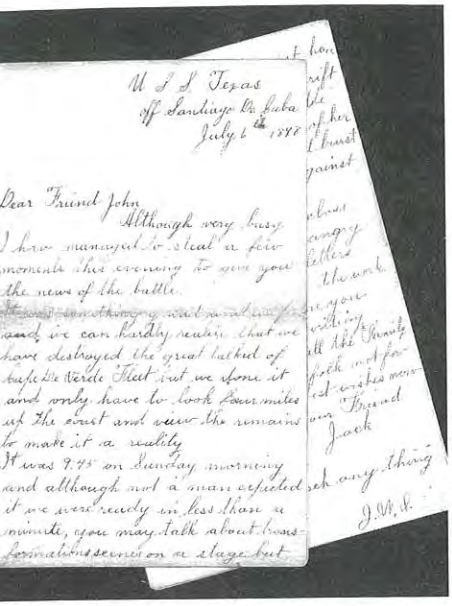
(d) What effect would limitation of armaments have on the international code?

(e) What regions of the world are most likely to be the foci of naval action of the United States?

(f) What is the minimum relative strength appropriate to the American Navy if the Anglo-Japanese alliance continue?

(g) What is the percentage advantage in strength of the British fleet over the American fleet incident to its world wide system of bases available in war for both vessels of the British Navy and vessels of the British merchant marine?

3. It is possible that some or all of the following proposals may be submitted by one or more of the representatives of the several powers at the Conference. The General Board would be very glad to have your views on these proposals as well



U S S Texas
Off Santiago De Cuba
July 6th 1898

Dear Friend John
Although very busy
I have managed to steal a few
moments this evening to give you
the news of the battle

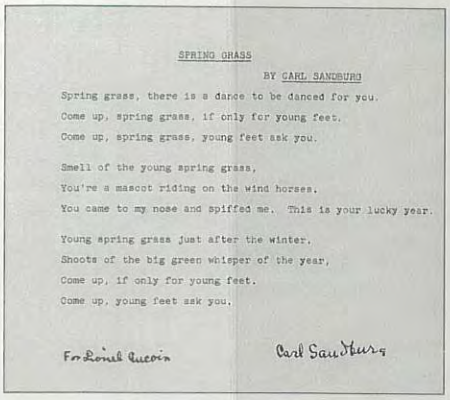
and we can hardly realize that we
have destroyed the great talked of
Cape de Verde fleet but we done it
and only have to look four miles
of the coast and view the remains
to make it a reality
It was 9.45 on Sunday morning
and although not a man expected
it we were ready in less than a
minute, you may talk about trans-
formations seen on a stage but

Jack

J.W.S.

Fabulous Eyewitness Description of the Destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago During the Spanish-American War

378. **(Spanish-American War).** An 8 page 8vo letter of a sailor named Jack from the U.S.S. Texas, Off Santiago de Cuba, July 6, 1898, to a friend describing the sinking of several Spanish ships. *...we can hardly realize we have destroyed the great talked of Cape de Verde fleet...it was 9:45 on Sunday morning and although not a man expected it we were ready in less than a minute...in one minute the guns were talking with half naked men working them...all were bare footed and stripped to the waist and some had red bandanas or wet towels on their heads...he saw a destroyer trying to do the Brooklyn...I tell you we threw some amount of shell into her...at last a 6" from aft finished our prey for it hit her square in the middle and I tell you it was a grand sight to see her go sky high men and all...the Admiranti Oquendo...let go broadside after broadside at us...you could hear shells whizzing all around us...at last a 12" shell hit her quarter and exploded...instantly there was a cloud of smoke and flame came out and she made for the beach burning fiercely. The last one was drove ashore by the Iowa who by the way tried to do us out of the Oquendo by shoving her nose in between us but we fired so close to her that she cleared out. Capt. Evans signaled us 'Back out Jack, she's too heavy for you' and Capt. Phillip sent back 'I would not back my engines for the Queen'...the Viscaya...we only fired three shell at her but that was enough as she made for the beach striking her colors as she went...yesterday we steamed along the beach to have a look at them and I tell you it was an awful sight to see them once proud ships laying on the beach smoldering...the night of the fourth we had fireworks... they brought a large ship to the entrance for some reason or other and the Mass. and the Texas played with it until one o'clock when she sunk..."* Very good, tape at a few folds. A remarkable account of a great sea battle by an eyewitness participant, one of the most graphic battle descriptions we have seen. War was declared against Spain on April 25 and Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet at Manila Bay on May 1. Teddy Roosevelt took San Juan Hill on July 3, the same day this writer's ship and the rest of the U.S. Fleet in Cuba destroyed the Cape Verde fleet under Cervera, and the Spanish asked for peace terms on July 26. $895



SPRING GRASS

BY CARL SANDBURG

Spring grass, there is a dance to be danced for you.
Come up, spring grass, if only for young feet.
Come up, spring grass, young feet ask you.

Smell of the young spring grass,
You're a mascot riding on the wind horses.
You came to my nose and spiffed me. This is your lucky year.

Young spring grass just after the winter.
Shoots of the big green whisper of the year,
Come up, if only for young feet.
Come up, young feet ask you.

For Louis Untermeyer — Carl Sandburg

A Signed Copy of "Spring Grass"

Manuscript Signed, 1 page
em *"Spring Grass,"* boldly
at the conclusion. Signed
rare. $295

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Metropolitan Opera in its first
A fine signature as *"Sofia*
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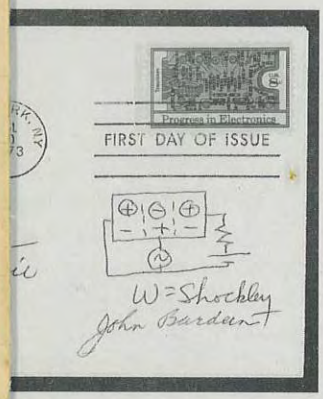

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where we made a target out of her
it was pretty to see the shell burst
in her showing her plainly against e on
the black back ground
Now John I will come to a close
and hope you will not be angry
for not answering your letters
promptly for if you knew the work
this bombarding gives me your
would excuse me from writing
Give my best regards to all the Family
and all the Greenpoint folk not for-
getting Plucky, with best wishes now
I Remain as ever Your Friend
Jack

P.S.
How is North Beach any thing
doing now

J. W. S.

They brought five hundred Spanish prisoners down here this morning. There was only one man killed and one wounded on the American side I don't know how many Spaniards. They have just ~~[illegible]~~ the American. We have got two Spanish gun boats up here in the river and they are afraid to come down. Sanpson sank all of the vessels at Santiago yesterday except one and captured that. I do not have much work to do here but the grub is very poor. Well I guess I will close for this time hoping you get this letter as I have forgotten your address but will address it as near as I can. With best regards to all I remain you friend

Charles S. Walter

Guatanamo
Cuba
U.S.S. Vulcan.

GUANTANAMO, CUBA
JULY 4, 1898
SAILOR ON U.S.S. VULCAN
WRITES OF V.S. TRIUMPH
AT SANTIAGO

Guatanamo Cuba
July 4/98

Mr. George Schwab

Dear Friend:—

This is the first time I have written to you for a long while but I have not had time. I am on the repair ship Vulcan. Sampson didn't do a thing yesterday but clean out all of the Spaniards at Santiago

the pipe & mokes fine.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - SOLDIER'S LETTER ON MULTICOLOR PATRIOTIC STATIONERY WITH MATCHING CVR. 4pg letter, datelined "July 4th, 1898, Falls Church, Va. "**(Camp Alger)**, with large multicolor illus. of a kneeling infantryman shooting his rifle, U.S. & Cuban flags & Naval Battle scene at top, w/"REMEMBER THE MAINE" AND "FOR HUMANITY, COUNTRY AND RIGHT" printed above & below illus. Accompanied by original transmittal cvr, addr to Monmouth, NJ, with same multicolor illus. on face & 2c red Wash. tied by July 4, 1898 dated WASHINGTON, D.C. Barr Fyke mc. Interesting letter contents incl:"**The report this morning is that the Spanish fleet is destroyed, all but one, but we can't tell, there is so many false reports here. Everything is a booming here today. We got paid off Saturday....I don't know whether we will go south or not. They have got us guessing. One day they will be all a flutter, the next day it is all over with...I don't pay any attention to the papers anymore, there is so many lies in them. All you can hear down here is...about the great victory in Santiago and so on....There are some rattle headed fellows in the brigade. I think our Co. is all right. Colonel Foster is a fine man. The other day, the boys reported for police duty at headquarters & we were standing in front of Foster's quarters in the shade. One of the officers told us to git & Col. heard it. He said to leave them boys alone. He said his boys couldn't get too close to suit him. You had ought to have seen that officer...**"

July 4, 1898 SOLDIER AT CAMP ALGER SPECULATES ABOUT RUMORS OF U.S. NAVAL VICTORY AT SANTIAGO

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ADOPTED APRIL 19, 1898.

RESOLVED,- FIRST, THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA ARE AND OF RIGHT OUGHT TO BE FREE AND INDEPENDENT.

SECOND, THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF THE UNITED STATES TO DEMAND, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES DOES HEREBY DEMAND, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN AT ONCE RELINQUISH ITS AUTHORITY AND GOVERNMENT IN THE ISLAND OF CUBA AND WITHDRAW ITS LAND AND NAVAL FORCES FROM CUBA AND CUBAN WATERS.

July 4th 1898

Falls Church Va.

Dear Folks at home

This is forth of July and we have nothing to do so I thought I would try my new pen, I tell ... it is a ...



7-4-1898

Mr Frank Fowler

Monmouth

Illinois.

Warren, Co.

...ver from Otto the other

story

July 2 + July 26, ...
sailor writes about bombardment of Spanish troops + Cuban's cut of heads of prisoners...

[SPANISH AMERICAN WAR LETTERS]...two nice original manuscript letters from an American sailor named Frank aboard the USS NEWARK,to his brother, from Guantanamo, Cuba...The first (2 pages, 5 1/2x 7 1/2) dated July 2, 1898 talks about a collision "the day after we left Key West". Everyone of their hammocks when the call was sounded "they fell in under arms with there belts on and there guns but no pants or coats". Frank would like to say more about a bombardment they were in, but the ship was disabled...The second letter is more detailed (5 pages, 4 1/2x7), bombarding Spanish troops ashore, the MARBLEHEAD a "bloodthursty ship"..."A gread many of there men were killed". The Cubans cutting off the heads of surrendering Spaniards, Frank wearing a pair of shoes and gold ring from a dead Spanish soldier, more. An interesting pair of letters.

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Dear Brother

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Guantanamo
July 26

Dear Brother

Yours received you ask me to tell you the news about the place but you get it in the papers before any thing happens acorden to all the papers I have seen.
Our fleet was ordered to Spain but before they could get ready the order was changed and part has started for Porto Rego

A.L.S. 1 p. 8vo., Camp Near San [illegible], adjutant General, writes to General Joseph Wheller shortly after the Battle of San Juan Hill, in part:"...I am directed by the Commanding General to inform you Capt. S.M. Brett, 2nd. Cavalry, has been appointed Provost Marshall at these headquarters...your attention is invited to the fact that a great many stragglers coming to the rear claim to have been sent back by different officers for various kinds of property. No man will be sent to the rear except in cases of urgent necessity, and will be provided with written passes, signed by the proper officer...". Letters from the field of operations during the Spanish American War are uncommon, very good to fine.

BAI-

Headquarters 5th Army Corps,
Camp near San Juan River, Cuba,
July 4, 1898.

The Commanding General
Cavalry Division.

Sir:

I am directed by the Commanding General to inform you Capt. S.M. Brett, 2nd Cavalry, has been appointed Provost Marshall General at these Headquarters, and with his Troop, "I", 2nd Cavalry, will perform the duties pertaining to that position.

Your attention is invited to the fact that a great many stragglers coming to the rear claim to have been sent back by different officers for various kinds of property. No man will be sent to the rear except in cases of urgent necessity, and will be provided with written passes, signed by the proper officer.

Very respectfully,
S.M. McCammond
Assistant Adjutant General.

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WARTIME LETTER FROM E.J. MC CLERNAND TO GENERAL JOE WHEELER JUST AFTER THE BATTLE OF SAN JUAN HILL

(SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR). McClernand, Edward John. Spanish-American War officer. Letter Signed as Assistant Adjutant General, 1 page 8vo, *"Camp near San Juan...Cuba,"* July 4, 1898, to Major General Joseph Wheeler. He writes to inform Wheeler of an appointment and of a problem with *"stragglers:" "I am directed by the Commanding General to inform you Capt. S.M. Brett, 2nd Cavalry, has been appointed Provost Marshall General at these Headquarters and, with his troop, "F," 2nd Cavalry, will perform the duties pertaining to that position...a great many stragglers coming to the rear claim to have been sent back by different officers for various kinds of property. No man will be sent to the rear except in cases of urgent necessity...."* McClernand, son of the Civil War General John A. McClernand, distinguished himself as an Indian fighter earlier in the 1890's. He served in the Santiago Campaign of the Spanish American War; this letter was written the day after the attack on Santiago ended, and three days after the famous Battle of San Juan Hill. Wheeler was the Confederate Civil War hero who, when the Spanish-American War began, was appointed Major General of Volunteers, commanding the cavalry under former Union General Wm. Shafter. Fine condition. es1077

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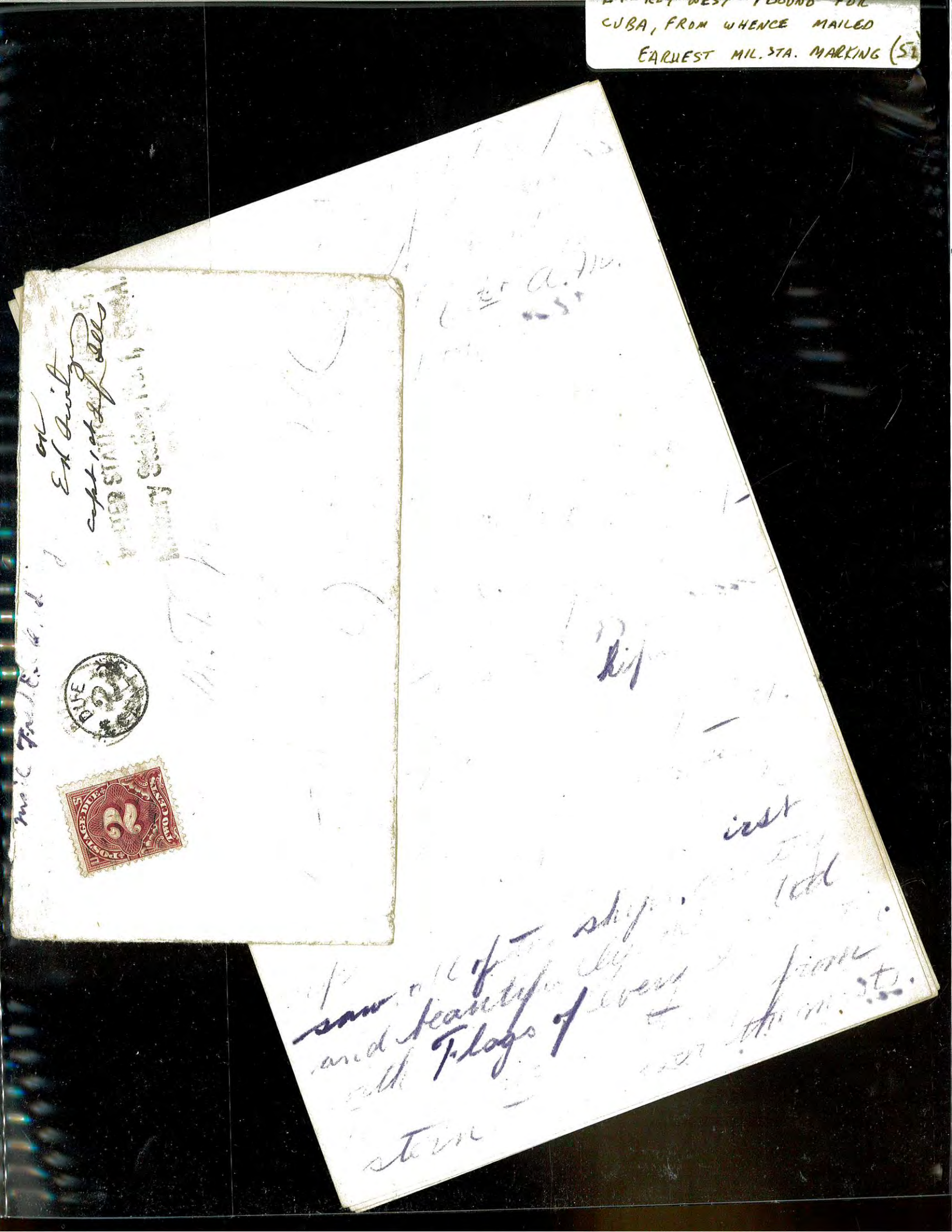
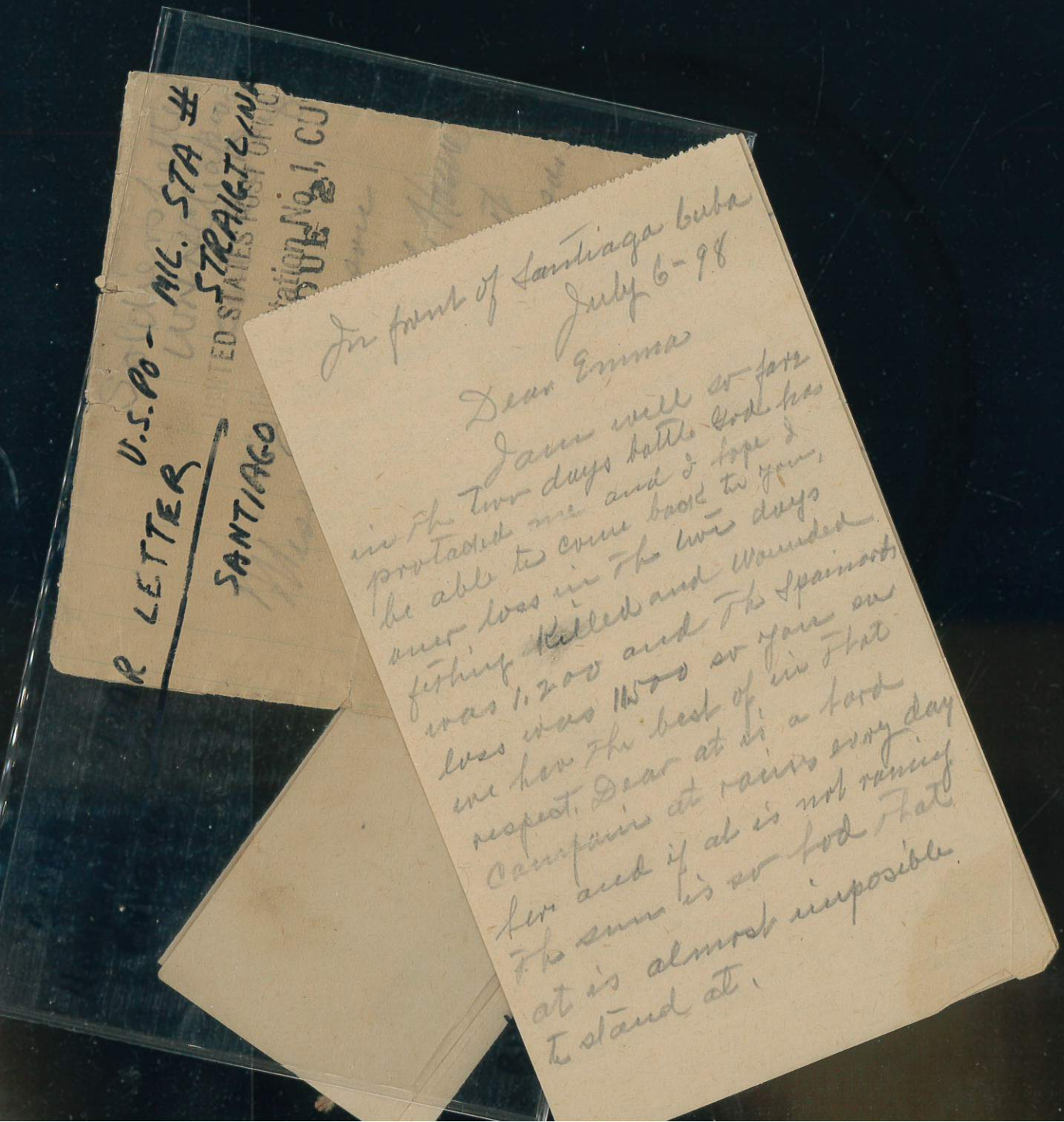


JULY 6, 1898 - SANTIAGO, CUBA

WRITES OF BATTLE; CASUALTIES EXCELLENT



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In front of Santiaga Cuba
July 6-98

Dear Emma

I am well so far in the two days battle God has protected me and I hope I be able to come back to you, over loss in the two days fighting Killed and Wounded was 1,200 and the Spaniards loss was 11500 so you see we have the best of in that respect. Dear at is a hard campaign at rains every day here and if at is not raining the sun is so hod that at is almost impossible to stand at.

SANTIAGO, CUBA
JULY 8, 1898

BATTLE CARD

SCARCE AND MOST INTERESTING CARD
FROM: "ON FIELD 3½ MILES NE OF SANTIAGO
JULY 8, '98"
BATTLE, KILLING "SHARPSHOOTER" ETC.
DISCUSSES FROM MEMBER U.S. 34TH REGT.
"DARKEY (?) REGULAR"
MENTIONS STATION NO. 1 DYPO CANCEL
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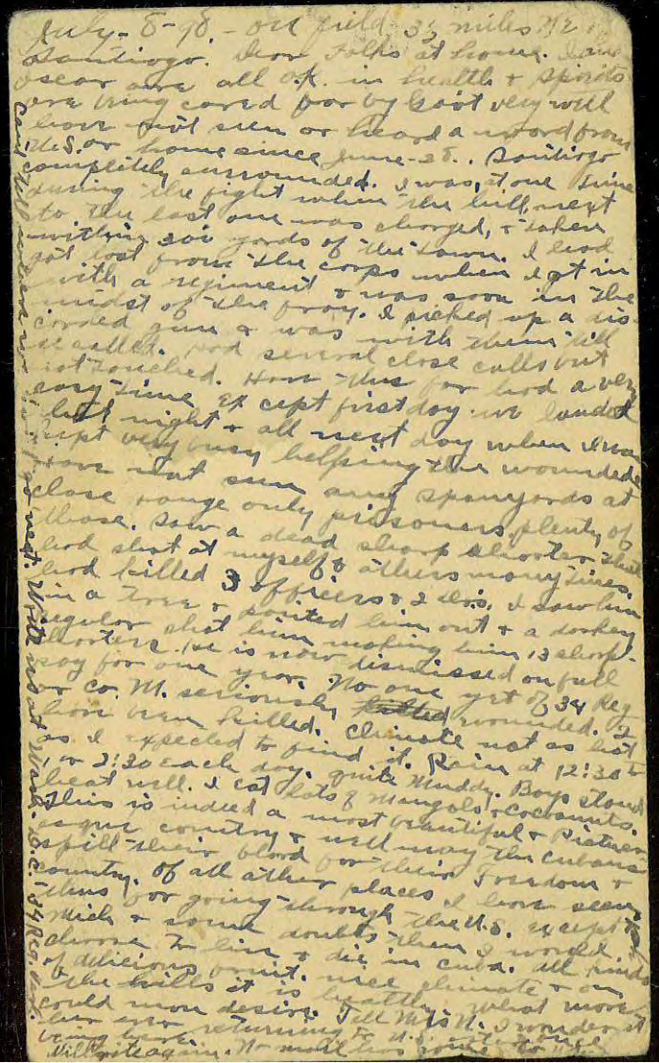

July-8-98.- On field 3½ miles NE of Santiago. Dear Folks at home. I and Oscar are all O.K. in health & spirits are being cared for by Govt very well have not seen or heard a word from U.S. or home since June-28. Santiago completely surrounded. I was, at one time during the fight when the hill next to the last one was charged, & taken within 200 yards of the town. I had got lost from the corps when I got in with a regiment & was soon in the midst of the fray. I picked up a discarded gun & was with them till we called. Had several close calls but not touched. Have thus far had a very easy time except first day we landed that night & all next day when I was kept very busy helping the wounded. Have not seen any spanyards at close range only prisoners plenty of those. Saw a dead sharp shooter that had shot at myself & others many times. Had killed 3 officers & 2 Dr's. I saw him in a tree & pointed him out & a darkey regular shot him making him 13 sharpshooters. He is now dismissed on full pay for one year. No one yet of 34 Reg or Co. M. seriously ~~killed~~ wounded. 2 have been killed. Climate not as hot as I expected to find it. Rain at 12:30 & 1 or 2:30 each day. Quite Muddy. Boys stand heat well. I eat lots of mangols & cocoanuts. This is indeed a most beautiful & picturesque country & well may the Cubans spill their blood for their Freedom & country. Of all other places I have seen thus far going through the U.S. except Mich & some doubts then I would choose to live & die in Cuba. All kinds of delicious fruit. Nice climate & on the hills it is healthy. What more could man desire. Tell Mrs N. I wonder at her ever returning to U.S. [illegible] being here. No mail has come to [illegible] will write again. [illegible]

SCARCE AND MOST INTERESTING CARD
FROM: "ON FIELD 3¼ MILES NE OF SANTIAGO
JULY 8, '98"
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Mr. J. M. Thomas
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FROM: ENSIGN JOHN T. EDSON
GRAD: U.S.N.A 1871
SERVED IN S-A WAR FROM
MAY 12, 1898 — OCT. 17, 1898

ON U.S.S GLOUCESTER DURING
BATTLE OFF SANTIAGO —
A VERY OLD ENSIGN IN BATTLE
JULY 4, 1898



RICHFIELD SPRINGS N.Y.
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For Mr. Charles Edson
Care of Mr. Rene Millet
A la Residence
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Read letter
Fascinating War News
#240 - To Africa
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Dear Elie:

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Capt. Wainwrigh

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succeeded in reaching the beach. Boats were sent to their rescue.

JULY 6, 1898
CORPSMAN TALKS ABOUT LIFE
OF EASE IN HOSPITAL
SEES THE USS ST. PAUL
LEAVE FOR CUBA w/ 8th OHIO REGE

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Governer's Island
July 6, 1898.

My darling Edna,

We are going to start for San Francisco tomorrow Morning at 10: O'clock.

I am going to ride with the Officers as I am to be Colonel Barber's clerk during the trip. I will have

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only" as we have nothing
to do so far. I get $21.60
a month & am trying
to get stewart $54 a
month I have got
enough pull to do it
if I can pass the ex-
amination.

Now if you wony
that will all of the troubles
I got as I am having a
fine time other wise
tell Papa to send me papers
occasionly Your loving son Ham

12 July - 1898

ORDER TO SEND ALL WOUNDED SOLDIERS TO 7th BATTALION HOSPITAL FROM

MARIANO HOSPITAL NS FULL

EJERCITO DE OPERACIONES
EN CUBA

PRIMER CUERPO

E. M.

Sección 2ª

Hospitales

Excmo Señor

El Excmo Sr. Comandante General de la División de defensa de esta plaza en telefonema de ayer me dice lo que sigue:

"No habiendo capacidad en el hospital de Mariano para mas enfermos, ruego á V. E. ordene á batallón San Quintin remita á los hospitales de esta plaza los que en lo sucesivo tenga."

Lo traslado á V. E. para su conocimiento y fines que se interesan.

Dios

Al General Jefe de la 1ª Brigada

Habana 12 Julio 1898

Trasladado á V. E. á fin de que al mismo tiempo que al Batallón de S. Quintín se gire prevención á los demás Cuerpos de una Brigada acantonados en las inmediaciones de dicho Mariano.

SIBONEY, CUBA JULY 9, 1898

WAR LTR FROM SURGEON.

COVER W/ EARLIEST MIL. STA. #CUBA

Siboney, Cuba
July 9th 1898

Dear Ma —

We arrived here on the "Relief" on Thursday. As soon as we got ashore we went to work on the ... d are still ... now being ... the ships to be ... probably to ... I could have ... had I so ... inlet in full ... nd transports ... in expected ... tiago and we

Soldiers Letter
C. T. G. Anderson
a.a. Surgeon U.S.A.

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SIBONEY, CUBA JULY
WAR LTR FROM SURGEON
COVER W/ EARLIEST MIL. ST

preparing for it.
may go to the front
time so you may not
from me again
a hurry.
to Florence.
Let to me here
C. L. G. Anderson
A. Surgeon U.S.A.
Siboney
Cuba

$60.00

FT. MYERS, VA – July 1898
Soldier tells of leaving for TAMPA
FT. Myer is small post – still in existence

Fort Myer Va. July 10th 1898.

Dear Grandpa;-

I supose you thought it was very queer that I did not come and bid you good bye; I expected you down every day so I did not come up what was the matter that you did not come.

I like it down here all right I have been over to Washington a number of times.



we are on [illegible]
we will [illegible]
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it is [illegible]
have to [illegible]
I was [illegible]
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like it very much.

SIBONEY, CUBA JULY 12, 1898

RE: SIEGE OF SANTIAGO T NEGOTIATIONS; ALSO YELLOW FEVER QUARANTINE

Sabona. Cuba
July-12-98

My Dear Father & folks at home:- All is O.K. as yet Santiago yet holds out. Gen Miles just landed yesterday & goes to the front-to-day. Had no rain for 3 days till last night (I was up at the lines then) a storm came up the likes of which I have never before seen in the shape of Rain. nor heard such deafening clapps of thunder or been at shocked
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WAR LTR. FROM SIEGE OF SANTIAGO



NEW ... JUL ...

Atty Thomas
Traverse City,
U.S.A. Mich!

SENT VIA SHIP – TO MICH.
SENDER WAS A CLERK IN MICH. HOUSE OF REPS. BEFORE WAR
HENCE ENVELOPE

GUANTANAMO CUBA
JULY 17, 1898
TRUE WAR! SAILORS LTR.
SAILOR: JOHN BRYAN

Guantanamo Bay Sunday July 17 1898

Dear Mother
There is a boat
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we will soon be out of ...
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House of Representatives,
Committee on Elections,
Lansing, Mich.
Return in Five Days.

NEW YORK N.Y.
JUL 22
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John Bryan
Wayandotte
Mich

Original letter from cuba during the Spanish American War.Mr.Bryant of Wyandotte,Michigan writes his mother that the Spaniards are about to surrender. They are starving and have Yellow Jackalso talks about the lack of news from the states and talks of a battle bigger than deweys.The envelope is from the Michigan House Of Representatives where Mr.Bryant was a clerk before the war.

FEVER HOSPITAL JULY 16, 1898
1½ M. EAST SIBONEY
GREAT LETTER FROM MEDIC
RE YELLOW FEVER + FUMIGATED
MAIL. OUTSTANDING

JULY 30 - POSTMARKED NY
PROBABLY FUMIGATED

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~~OFFICIAL BUSINESS.~~

Penalty for private

NEW YORK
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Mr J. M. Thomas
615 Webster St
Traverse City
Mich
U. S. A.

Excuse the Prime stationary; wrote a letter to you just the other day in which I enclosed some spanish coin + cartridge holder picked up on the field hope they will reach you O.K. as you find it convenient Remember me kindly to all my girl boy friends in Utility and to My Aunt Co.

Fever Hospital
1½ Miles east Sibony
July - 16. 98

Dear Folks at home: - I write again to let you know that all is yet well with Oscar & myself. I am now a "Steward" promoted three days ago & am now taking care of patients 68 of them with no one else to help & all of them act like regular babies. want every - thing mentionable & some of the un-mentionable

MAIL PORT CITY MAIL
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is left after all others have had their dip into the once fat Binn.

At present the Hospital is pretty well regulated & things moving in something of a systematic manner. The fever patients are fed exclusively on Malted Milk. Beef Tea. & water. They all go away fat (?)

Well guess I've growled enough & told enough for once. I keep a diary of all changes I make what I do & what Co. M does. as well as some of the things I see.

~~your son~~
Verlin

JULY 16, 1898 PARENTS OF OFFICER KILLED AT SAN JUAN ASKS C.O. DETAILS OF HIS DEATH AND WHEREABOUTS OF BODY

T. S. GURNEY,
ATTORNEY * AND * SOLICITOR
Collections Made. * Money Loaned.
ABSTRACTS FURNISHED.
FRUIT LANDS FOR SALE.

No .....

Subject .....

Hart, Oceana Co., Mich., July 16 1898

Lieut. Col. Emmerson H. Liscum

Dear Sir. We see by the papers that you are at Fort Monroe, We want to learn some of the particulars of the death of our son, Lieut. John A Gurney, 24 Inf. U.S.A. July 1, before San Juan, - We dont think that you saw it, or probably knew about it personally, Because we ~~saw that~~ saw in the papers that Capt Ducat Co. D was instantly killed, then Lieut John A Gurney Co. D. 24 Infantry was stricken down and instantly killed, and then Lieut Lyon, Co. D was killed, and then in a few minutes after that you was killed, But three out of the four are alive and back to America, God's country, But our Dear boy John will re-



FRONT OF SANTIAGO, CUBA
July 10, 1898
CELLENT OFFICERS
ETTER RE AWAITING SPANISH
ECISION TO FIGHT OR SURRENDER

CORRESPONDENCE OF
CAPT. WM. CHAPMAN
REGULAR ARMY - PART OF
McCASKEY FAMILY

SANTIAGO, CUBA JULY 15, 1898
TY HAS PRACTICALLY SURRENDERED
ARE TO SHIP SPANIARDS HOME
THEY WANT TO TAKE THEIR ARMS.
OW FEVER/

IN SANTIAGO - JULY 17, 1898
CITY SURRENDERED TODAY;
YELLOW FEVER SCARE

In front of Santiago
2 p.m. Sunday July 10 1898

My darling wife

I have been waiting for the last two or three days in hopes that I would have some news to write. There have been fleets of rumors going back and forth ever since last week with negotiations for the surrender of the Spanish. We have just received notice that the Spanish have been given until 2 p.m. to surrender unconditionally and if they do not surrender by that time fire will be opened at four o'clock. It would seem to me that they will surrender but I believe that they will resist as long as they can. We have moved forward from where we were when I last wrote and are now entrenched on one side of a ravine and the Spanish on the other. General Randolph reached Siboney with reinforcements yesterday but I do not think that they have gotten up yet. We are all tired of waiting here and hope that we will go in and get through with

it doesn't amount to much
any way. Give my love to the kids. Tell
Pa Henry I wagon to write
to him. This time but won't
have time just now.
Some seem to think that we
will go back to the same parts
we came from. I have not
been assigned yet nor have
any Official notice of my promotion.
This isn't much of a letter
but have to write in a hurry.
We are all well.
Give my love to all of your
family.
A great deal of love to you
and the children. If every-
thing goes well we may be
home in a few weeks
Lovingly.
Will

8/21/16

CAMP MERRIT, S.F. CAL JULY, '98

SOLDIER WRITES ABOUT PROBABLE TROOP MOVEMENT TO PHILIPPINES.
(HIS UNIT GOES)
W/ SPEC. DELIVERY STAMP

Camp Merritt
San Francisco
Cal
July 13/98

Dear Mother
Recd your letters of the 8 & 9 Mailed the 9th you did S... About An... Told ...

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a Nice Start.
+ the Legislature Meets
this Winter + a Fellow can Make
a Stake there. So go + have a
good Time + Spend what Money
you Need
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about the Manual. Have you
Droped it.
You dont seem To
be any good for Business
any More are you getting
on the bum.

Will Write you
again To Morrow
as it is 11 P M.

I Do Not Belive I Would
Sell either your House or
Shop Especialy the House

EXCELLENT WAR LETTER
RE BATTLE BEFORE SANTIAGO
JULY 13, 1898

camp— About midway between the front and Sibney (when we landed
July 13th 1898.

Dear Bob— Your most welcome letter was rec'd the other day. Both very Harry and myself were glad to hear news from A.A. Its been an awful long while since we heard from them or in fact from anywhere. Your letter came in the first mail we rec'd since we left camp Alger but now we expect to receive mail at last

Count

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

hard to tell a fellow can get all kinds of cigarettes and cigars and rum from the hill on which we are stationed we can see the city very plainly. we are only about five hundred yards from the Spanish intrenchments and over them we can see the block houses and barracks of the troops. This morning when the Spaniards were marching out, one of our bands played national airs, and when they played national the troops (U.S.) all bared their heads and then the cheering began and went all around the line. The line is shaped something like a horse shoe being about nine miles long and you can judge how the cheering sounded as it was passed around

I am glad to hear that both Σ X. and A. Σ. N. are in such flourishing condition although I am sorry that the A.Σ.N. boys were not able to fulfill the catalogue and have the banquet. Have the Σ X.'s done anything about a house(?) now if so write and tell me. Σ X. Quarterly and write me again and tell me all the news and tell Stan how to write. Remember me to all the boys and girls. Fraternally Yours

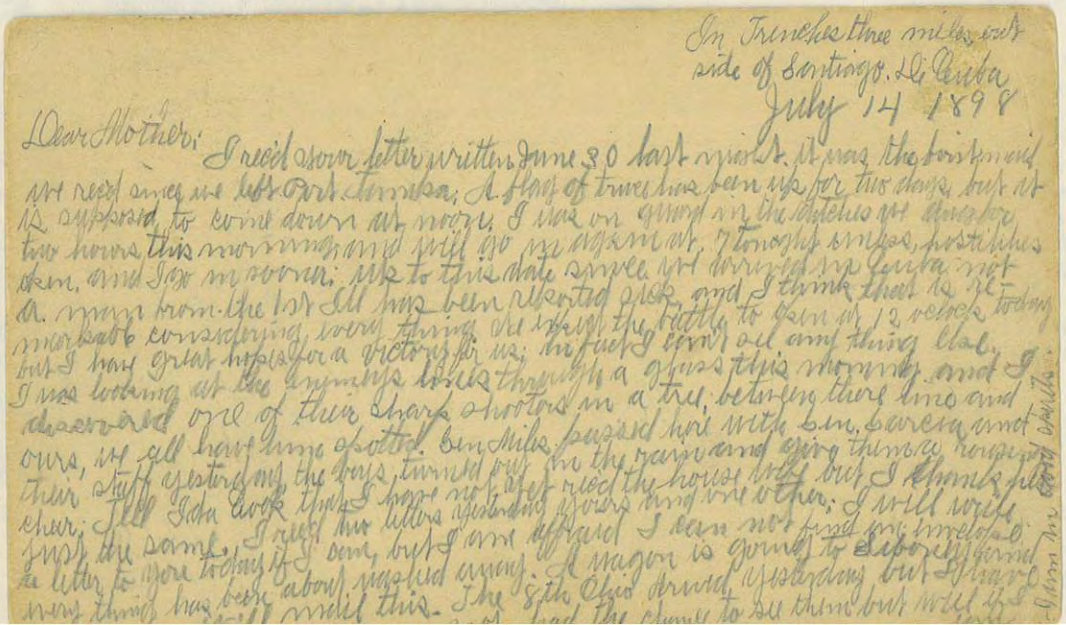
IN TRENCHES
SANTIAGO, CUBA
JULY 14, 1898

In trenches three miles out
side of Santiago De Cuba
July 14, 1898

Dear Mother:

I rec'd your letter written June 30 last night it was the first mail we rec'd since we left Port Tampa. A flag of truce has been up for two days, but it is supposed to come down at noon. I was on guard in the ditches we dug for two hours this morning and will go again at 7 tonight unless hostilities open and I go sooner up to this date since we arrived in Cuba not a man from the 1st Ill has been reported sick and I think that is remarkable considering everything. We expect the battle to open up at 12 o'clock today but I have great hopes for a victory for us in fact I can't see anything else. I was looking at the enemy lines through a glass this morning and I discovered one of their sharpshooters in a tree between their line and ours we all have him spotted. Gen Miles passed here with Gen Garcia and their staff yesterday the boys turned out in the rain and gave them a rousing cheer. Tell Ida Cook that I have not yet received the house wife but thank her just the same. I recd two letters yesterday, yours and one other. I will write a letter to you today if I can find an envelope every thing has been about washed away. A wagon is going to Siboney and will mail this. The 8th Ohio arrived yesterday but I have not had the chance to see them but will if I can.

I am in good spirits



A Nondescript Classic U.S. Postal Card of 1898

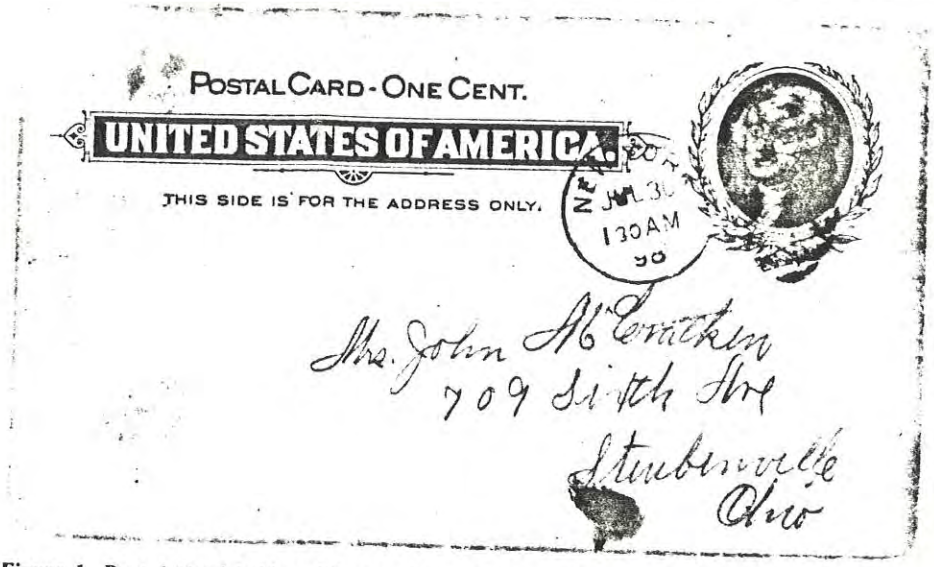


Figure 1. Postal Card held at Siboney, Cuba, for a week because of the Yellow Fever epidemic and then dispatched to New York (City) for processing.

by Charles A. Fricke

With the declaration of war between the United States and Spain in April 1898, there were many elements which developed out of the preparations for a war to be fought on Spanish soil. One was the postal requirements for the troops both stateside and overseas. Needless to say, there was much concern by the postal officials about the handling of mail for the troops. The events of the war developed a range of postal history unique to each of the war zones and its geographical relationship to the continental United States. The area of interest for this particular card is Cuba.

The Postmaster General's Report to Congress[1] covering postal activities for the Spanish-American War was highly detailed; however, only the following three paragraphs relate directly to the postal history of the card.

REPORT OF
THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.
REMOVAL TO SIBONEY.

On July 6 we removed our office to Siboney. We took with us the remainder of the first mail, and with it some 200 additional sacks received from one of the transports on the day of our arrival at Siboney. This matter was assorted, and on the night of July 8 all mail matter on hand was called for by regimental mail messengers, and nothing remained in the office excepting letters returned to us from the various regiments as undelivered. On July 9 Mr. Brower was taken sick and went to the hospital; the following day we received 120 pouches of mail from the States, with the addition to our clerical force of Mr. George S. Gallupe, jr., of the Pittsburg, Pa., office; Mr. W.E. Spicer, of the Boston office; Mr. J. Gerst, of the New York office, and Mr. J.A. Collins, of the Brooklyn office. All the mail was assorted and partly delivered, when on the morning of July 11 Captain Graves, in charge of a detail of soldiers, came into the office with an order from Major La Garde to burn the building on account of its infection.

SAVING THE MAILS.

I asked him for sufficient time to enable me to see Major La Garde, which was granted. I then called on Major La Garde at his headquarters where I also met Colonel Greenleaf, chief surgeon of the Army. I called their attention to the large quantity of mail which we had received the previous day. It was then decided that Captain Graves's men should put up tents and remove all mail matter from the building, but all personal effects belonging to myself and the clerks, such as clothing and bedding, in the building should be burned. This was accordingly done and although there was a heavy rainstorm at the time, all the mail was placed in sacks and carried to the tents erected for our use before the building was burned. A few days later a rumor went the rounds to the effect that mail in the post-office had been burned by direction of the military authorities. I made every possible effort to trace the origin of this rumor, but without success; however, I can say that there was absolutely no foundation for the story, and Captain Graves, of the Thirty-third Michigan Volunteer

1. *Report of the Postmaster General* (1898), The Military Postal Service.

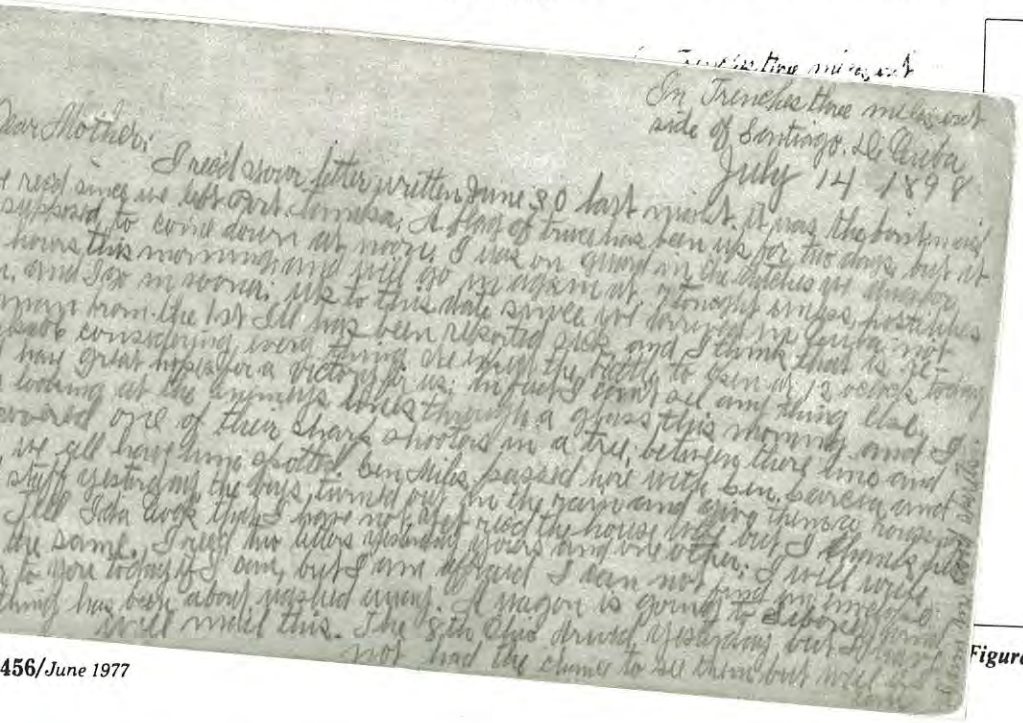


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Figure 3. Transcript of the message.

SANTIAGO, CUBA JULY 14, 1898
SURRENDER DAY! EXCELLENT MILITARY LTR. BY MAJ. McCASKEY

Santiago. July 14. 1898.

My dear Wife:

A month ago we left the U.S. -today articles for the surrender of Santiago are being prepared and we are lying inside the trenches. This month means much for the future of many poor army people. Some have been fortunate but they hardly appreciate it. I have never experienced such a month. I have been very sick - but I am so thankful that I have been able to be in at the death. My mind has been [illegible] though [illegible] could not [illegible] a short [illegible] being over. [illegible] the Dr [illegible] there [illegible] have been [illegible] have [illegible] had to go the rear. My work is not done.

SANTIAGO, CUBA July 14, 1898
Surrender Day
Excellent Officers War letter

[illegible] soldier's Letter.
Wm. S. McCaskey.
Major 20th Infty.

Mrs. McCaskey
Fort Leavenworth.
Kansas.
United States.

DUE 2 CENTS
NEW YORK JUL 30 98
DUE 2 CENTS

We have had no newspapers in the month - Some little mail has been received - I only received a part of a letter from you, through Chaplain Robinson - and I am aware of the fact that you would not have written that - but you feared to expose yourself & your feelings to the Robinsons. I feel that your treatment of me has been most heartless - all the while - Your boys know I have not heard from you - It is all right, I am not deceived - nor am I surprised, I am prepared for it all - and realize - that your ideas of love & simple duty - are very different from mine.

Good by, and May you be happy in your own way,

Always with love

Your

William

Our new Major Miller of the 2d - has reported. We like him. His regiment - (Gen Ratis) is just on or right in line of battle - so his change of station was a short one. We each have a shelter but to ourselves. together under the hill - I would like give our 60 year old Confederate Lehman Dr Aby - for any of the Regulars. Though almost dead he has done nobly

JULY 15, 1898

FROM
MAJOR McCASKEY
GREAT WAR LETTER!

In the trenches. Santiago de Cuba.
July - 15 1898.

My Dear Wife:

This is a most remarkable situation. A few months ago the United States Army was stretched from Maine to Alaska & Southern California now we can look down upon or in a few moments go over and talk to officers of the 1st Infty or 21st Infantry - immediately on or right is the 2d - from Montana - on our left the 3d from Minnesota - with the Denver & Salt Lake people nearby - Our ... left looking right down ... works and on our right ... spread out as ... the center - Strange ... view this all - ... e deaths from nos ... to care to go ... y officers have ... are gone nowhere, ... or any where - ... know more ... o. I saw a

WAR LETTER OUTSTANDING
July 15, 1898 - headed
"IN THE TRENCHES, SANTIAGO, CUBA

Letter
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Major 2nd Infy

Mrs. McCaskey.
Fort Leavenworth
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United States of America

DUE 2 CENTS

YOR SHIP POSTAGE

JULY 15, 1898 SOLDIER ABOARD USS YALE READY TO ASSAULT MORRO CASTLE WHEN SPANISH SURRENDER! GREAT WAR LETTER

SPANISH-AMERICAN W... SOLDIER READY TO STORM MORRO CASTLE IN CUBA - WITH HAND... ...pencil, approx. 4-1/2" x 7", on **patriotic stationery**, w/red & blue illus. of U.S. flag a... **in front of Morro Castle, Santiago, Cuba"**, from E.C.L. Morse, Co. M, 6th Mass I... **patriotic cvr**, w/diff. red & blue illus of flag at TL, ms**"Soldiers Letter"** at TL & w/July ...ex. Excellent content in this letter from a soldier who was all set to make an amphibious assau... **we are at the front and waiting for orders. We left Charleston last Tuesday...the course took us pas... we examined the (alleged) foot prints of our lamented friend Christopher with the aid of a spy glass. We pa... end of Cuba and enjoyed the beautiful wild and mountainous scenery...The mountains are high, steep, wild and ... coloured with all the shades of green that this verdant isle produces. Cocao nut trees are more than abundant, but as ...re not allowed on shore, on account of the yellow jack, we enjoy them...at a distance. We have had considerable attention paid us on account of the presence of Gen. Miles on board and have received calls from all the dignitaries, Admiral Sampson included. We were all ready to go ashore and storm Morro Castle yesterday and the big war ships lay about us in the form of a crescent, for we were to land under the protection of the fire from their guns. Our position was like this..."** Follows w/**hand-drawn map**, showing the positions of their ship & the other ships identified by name. He continues:**"We had all our equipments on and the boats were swinging from the davits and we were in position ready to get into the boats, when word came that Santiago had surrendered. I wish you could have seen the demonstration. The band played all the national airs and we marched about the deck, cheering and yelling at the top of our lungs. We amuse ourselves on board with the exciting sport of watching the sharks swim about the ship and the more innocent enjoyment to be derived from a...game of poker at 10c per ante and no limit under the rules of the jackpot system. We rather expect to move on to Puerto Rico in a day or so as it is evident we are not needed here....The 'chuck' is bum, Bum!!, BUM!!! Canned salt beef, hard tack and very poor coffee minus the lactal fluid, with an occasional variation by leaving out the beef two meals out of three and baked beans once a week..."** cvr has sm stain at L, letter is VF . . . . . .



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there being no less than twenty five or thirty.
The weather has been fine with the exception of
one day.
There is really but little ...

ever done to deserve what he has received is not apparent...He has never rendered any party service and never will. He quickly tired of Vienna and St. Petersburg, and would soon tire of Berlin. It is very undiplomatic to give out, as he has, that he is 'dissatisfied' with Russia. How much influence can he have in Russia after that? Do you think Mr. Lodge would favor throwing Germany away on Tower?...I have expressed through Secretary Hay my desire to be transferred to a foreign post, without naming any particular one. I would be glad if it might be Germany, but I do not know what consideration the President may be disposed

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persons. Machinery
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July 15 1898
U.S.S. "Yale" in front of Morro
Castle, Santiago, Cuba.

Dear O.T. —

Here we are at the front and waiting for orders. We left Charleston last Tuesday night week at Midnight and had a most enjoyable trip.

The weather was perfect and the course took us past San Salvador where we examined the (alleged) foot prints of our lamented Christopher with the aid of a spy glass.

We passed by the eastern end of Cuba and enjoyed the beautiful wild and mountainous scenery of eastern Cuba under the auspices of a glorious morning sun rise.

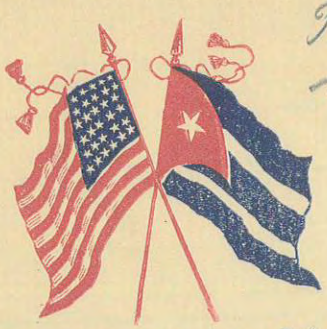
The mountains are high, steep, wild and beautifully coloured with all the shades of green that this verdant isle produces.

Cocoa nut trees are more than abundant

CAMP CUBA LIBRE
JACKSONVILLE FL July 1898
"FOOD COMPLAINT."



...Camp Cuba Libre...
Co. , Regt.



...Camp Cuba Libre...
Co. Signal Regt. 7th Corps Vols.

Tell Shellenberger to send me his address.

Paul-

Jacksonville, Fla., July 10 1898.

Dear Mama

Yours letter received yesterday. I am all right now & feel perfectly well so you need not worry about me at all. I will take good care of myself & keep well. It is pretty hot here. about the same as in Dke. but the nights are pretty cool. We have showers here two or three times a day ever since we have been here. Every Thing here is all right except the food & that is all right except we have to much salt horse. We

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Love to all
With love

3 LETTERS FROM MEDICAL CORPSMAN July 15/24 Aug 9, 1898 DESCRIBING CONDITIONS IN ARMY HOSPITAL (FROM JOS. BOWDITCH, RELATED TO FAMOUS AMER. MATHEMATICIANS) BIX



Army and Navy Christian Commission
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Young Men's Christian Associations,
3 WEST TWENTY-NINTH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

WILLIAM B. MILLAR,
SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION.

TAMPA DEPARTMENT,
FRANK MAHAN, CAMP GENERAL SECRETARY.

Tampa, Fla., Sunday, July 24, 1898.

Dear May:

Your letter came Monday night. I have no Bible, nor do I know of any one that has, though many have testaments; those are distributed free by the Y. M. C. A.

As to the suggestion that I attempt with sophistical reasoning to blind myself to the truth, I think not; for at heart I am inclined to believe the Scriptures implicitly, though I love to laugh at the absurdities.

Since Tuesday I have been sick. The work was more of a shock than I could withstand: accordingly I succumbed. Must soon get well now, or shall starve to death, for my diet is so light as to be only an aggravation. Two sweet christian women called a few days ago and gave us flowers and tracts. The ladies, with

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WILLIAM B. MILLAR,
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of the
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General Offices,
3 West Twenty-Ninth Street,
New York City.
TAMPA DEPARTMENT,
FRANK MAHAN, General Secretary.

Tampa, Fla., ~~Friday night July~~ 15 1898.

My Dear Little Cousin:

I do not know, but perhaps this is the first letter you ever had; at any rate it is the first one from me. You will answer it, wont you?

The letter your mother sent to me at Washington came to me about two weeks ago. I thank her for the needles and thread and for the rose. I would be pleased if she sent me one of her pictures

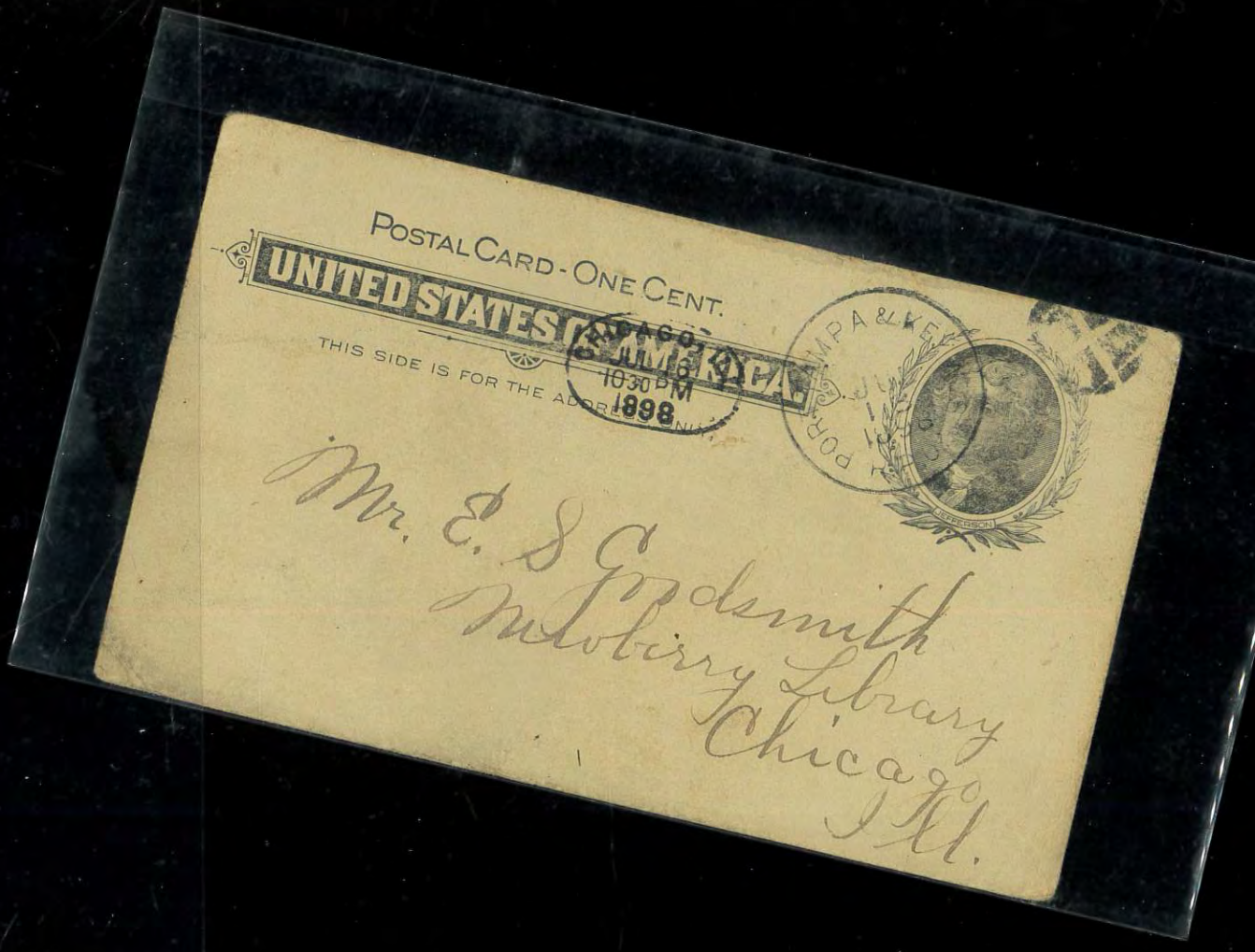
Now I will tell you where I am writing this letter. Perhaps you think that I am sitting at a table and have a lamp to see by. Such is not the case. I am in my tent and am lying on my back, for the tent is so small that I cannot sit up unless I crowd the man

JULY 18, 1898 PORT TAMPA
USS TECUMSEH DELIVERING
MAIL TO FLEET IN CUBA

Key West Fla.
U.S.S. Tecumseh.
Wed July. 13. 1898.

Dear Papa:- We leave the dock to night for Havanna. All we have to do is collect the mail that has just come on the Mascotte & take down to the fleet. There must be a lot of ships down there from the mail we are getting. I will write you a long letter as soon as we get down there.

Yours With.



POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

CHICAGO, JUN 6 1030 PM 1898

PORT TAMPA & KEY

JEFFERSON

Mr. E. S. Goodsmith
Newberry Library
Chicago
Ill.

NEAR SANTIAGO JULY 19, 1898

DESCRIBES SURRENDER CEREMONIES
DESPISES CUBANS; MALARIA
SPREADING/

Near Santiago Cuba,
July 19, 1898.

My dear "Rufus":

It is several days since my last letter to you, and much has happened since then.

Doubtless you have read a full account in the papers of the ceremony of the formal surrender of the City, its fortifications, and in ... much all ... go- ... troops ... ith ... that ... them ... anxious ... t out ... ten ... nay ... ns

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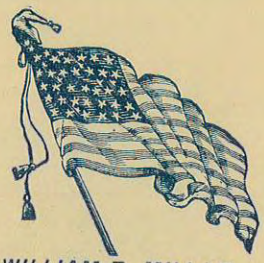
UNITED STATES POSTAGE TWO CENTS

To Miss. Ruth G. Cummins
P.O. Box #26
Atlantic City
New Jersey

SANTIAGO, CUBA JULY 20, 1898
Re: BATTLE + RUMORS RE 71st NY
+ re SPANISH PRISONERS



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Santiago - Cuba ~~Tampa, Fla.~~, July 20 1898.

My own Dearest Wife:

We have just had an order from the Col. to do no work from 9 am til 4 P.M. The weather is intensely warm with a few breezes. We expect our large tents today or tomorrow. We are going to send the Spaniards to the Isle of Pines south of Cuba, as we promised to land them on Spanish soil & not to Spain as they thought. They are now

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ARMY CHRISTIAN COMMISSION
OF THE
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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS,
3 WEST 29TH STREET, N. Y. CITY,
If not called for in Five Days
return to

TAMPA DEPARTMENT.

G. S. Andrews - Private
Co. E. 71 Regt. N.Y.V. Inf.
Major Frank Keck, July 20/98

Mrs. George S. Andrews
126 Lake Avenue,
Saratoga Springs
New York
U.S.A.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA

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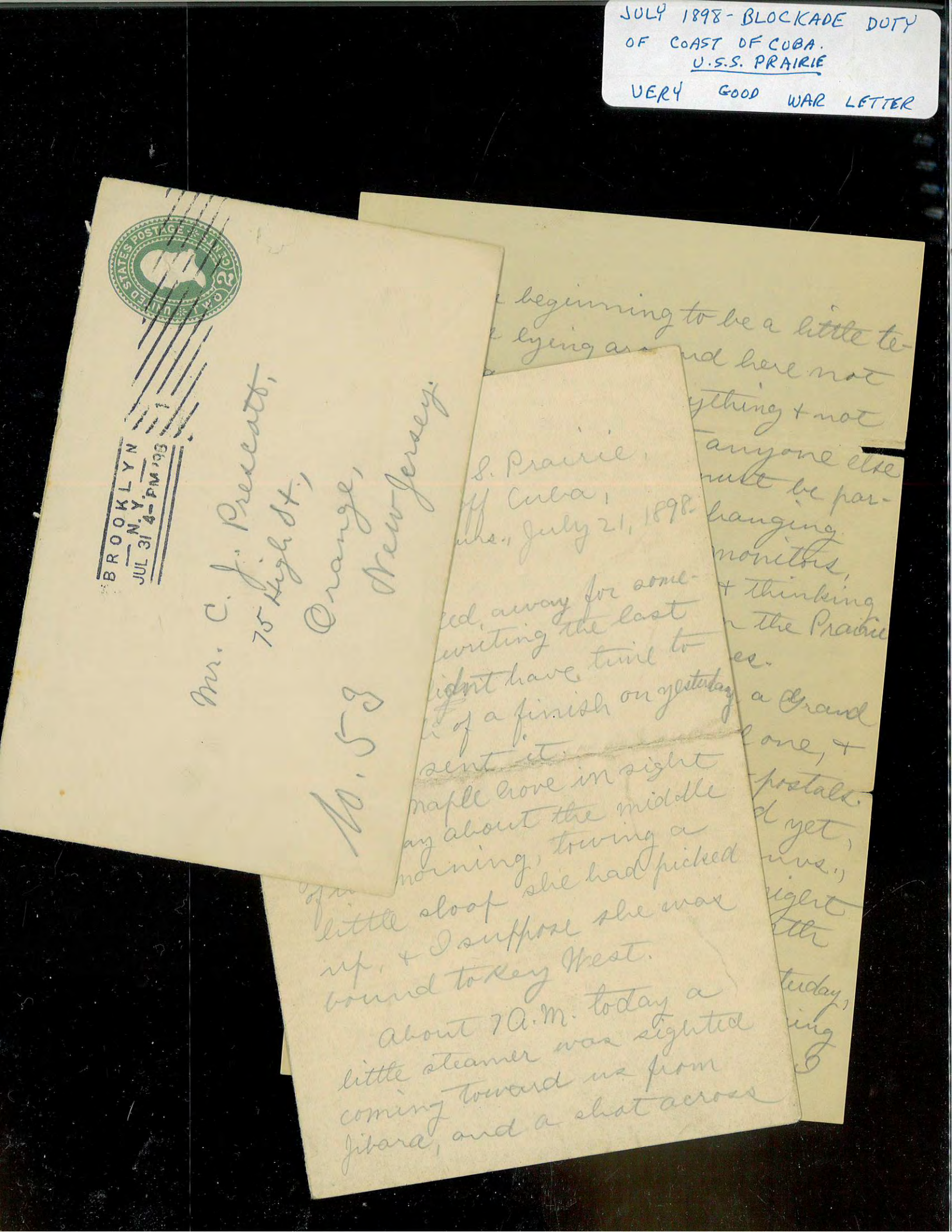
Soldiers Letter.

JULY 1898 - BLOCKADE DUTY OF COAST OF CUBA.
U.S.S. PRAIRIE
VERY GOOD WAR LETTER



JULY 19 1898 EXCELLENT SOLDIERS LTR.

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Headqu
Camp George H. Thomas
Chickamauga Park Ga
July 19. 1898.

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR - EXCELLENT SOLDIER'S LETTER. 2pg letter, approx. 8-1/8" x 10-3/4", datelined"**Headquarters 3d Ill. Vol., Camp George H. Thomas, Chickamauga Park, Ga., July 19, 1898**", from Fred Burnitt, to his daughter staying w/relatives in Argentine, Kansas. Incl. original transmittal cvr (reduced at right) w/2c red Wash. tied by **JUL 20'98/CHICKAMAUGA/NATL. PARK/GA.** duplex, w/red & blue illus. of flag at L. A charming letter from an officer explaining military matters to his young child. Incl:"**The regiment is out holding its evening parade. So are the other regiments of our division, and I can hear many bands playing. It is very fine to see the band march to its place. Then come the battalions, and form quickly, making one great mass of soldiers. The band plays sweetly as it marches past...Then comes the Adjutant on his swift little horse and commands, and all the soldiers present arms to the Colonel, who then takes command of the regiment and has them do many interesting things with their guns. Then he orders the Adjutant to receive the reports and publish the orders. Then the officers on horseback all ride up to the Colonel and he talks with them. Then the officers go back to where the soldiers are standing and then the whole regiment, headed by the band, pass in grand review before the Colonel. I enclose the countersign and parole for tonight...We have some funny things in camp. When orderlies from brigade headquarters come galloping through camp with messages, the men begin to cheer, all because they hope and think it may be an order to go to the front. Then the funny mules. We had 109 of them to draw the wagons of the regiment. They and their drivers all went to Charleston yesterday to be loaded on board ships. We do miss their noisy neighing.....I hope as you do that the war will close so that the soldiers who want to may go home....**". Includes approx. 8" x 6.5" typed document, headed"**HEADQUARTERS, SECOND BRIGADE, 1ST DIV., 1ST CORPS.**", July 19, 1898, to "The Commanding Officer, Third Infantry Illinois Vols", advising that "The Brigade Commander directs that you will use the following parole and countersign tonight: Parole, 'Sherman'. Countersign, 'Atlanta'". Signed by C.W. Fenton, Asst. Adjt. General. VF .....



RETURN TO

COMPANY _____

_____ REGIMENT,

_____ VOLUNTEERS.

CAMP GEORGE H. THOMAS,
CHICKAMAUGA PARK,
LYTLE, - - - GEORGIA.



Miss Alice E. Burnitt, c/o
Care Mr. A.S. Dwight, Esq
Argentine,
Kansas.

JULY 21, 1898 ON BOARD
USMS ST. LOUIS
ENROUTE TO PUERTO INVASION;
HIS UNIT GEN. BROOKE'S BODYGUARD

U.S.M.S. "ST LOUIS."

On Board the U.S.M.S. St Louis
July 31, 1898

Dear Mother & Sister

WASHINGTON: D C
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U.S.M.S. "ST LOUIS."

A. H. Davis
Earlville
Illinois
U.S.A.

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I will pay him
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write if she wants to.
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with Jane [illegible]
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had my Lookout NY
trip in but I am
going to write for
them. I have not
got my pictures from

July 22 1898 — PORT TAMPA
ON BOARD TRANSPORT "CHEROKEE"
GREAT LTR. RE PREPARATION FOR
INVASION OF PUERTO RICO (BAY)



Army and Navy Christian Commission
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Young Men's Christian Associations,
3 WEST TWENTY-NINTH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

WILLIAM B. MILLAR,
SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION.

TAMPA DEPARTMENT,
FRANK MAHAN, CAMP GENERAL SECRETARY.

Tampa, Fla., Friday July 22, 1898
On board U.S. Transport "Cherokee"

Friend Homer,

Your welcome letter received yesterday
...g and the paper came this A.M. Thanks.
... heading where I am at. We re-
... day before yesterday
... on "dog



ARMY AND NAVY CHRISTIAN COMMISSION
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS,
3 WEST 29TH STREET, N. Y. CITY,
If not called for in Five Days,
return to





TAMPA, FLA.
JUL 23
2:30 PM
1898
SUBSTA. 4

Mr. Homer Newton,
14 U. Sag. St.,
Pontiac,
Oakland Co.
Michigan

Interesting
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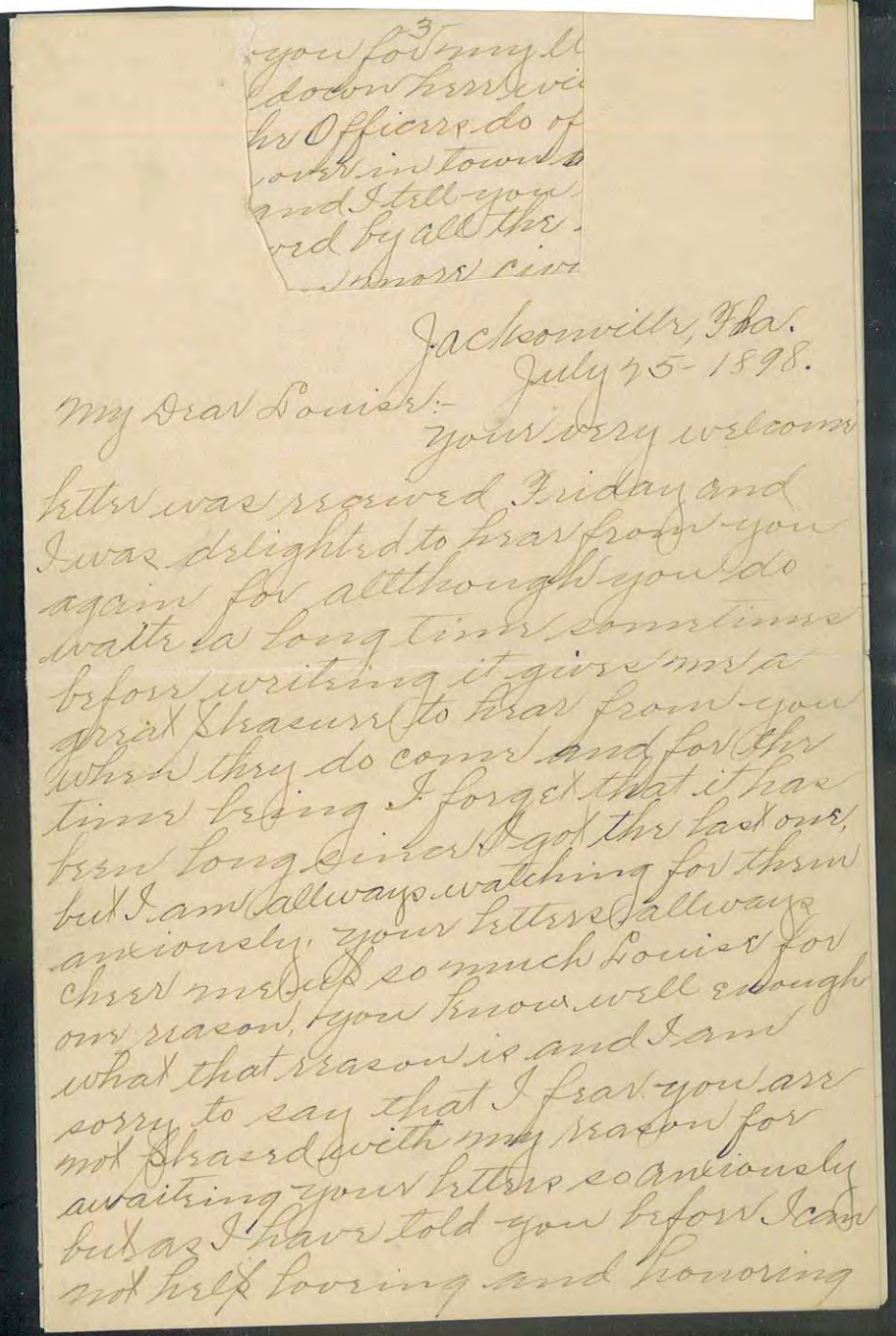
for Porto Rico. We ...
baggage on the wagons. The ...were
swearing, chains and wagons were rattling.
Finally every thing was ready, we slung our equipments

sent by "J.D. Terry". There is no envelope. Letter was found in a batch of correspondence in central Indiana but without the envelope there is no way to tell where it was sent. Letter is hand written and is in nice condition except for cut out portions at the top of two pages (see photos). Most of the correspondence is typical back home stuff, but some of it pertains to the war situation.

The pertinent correspondence is as follows: "I will tell you all I know about the war situation as far as our part of it is concerned. We are in the 1st Brigade and 2nd Division of the 7th Army Corps under the command of Major General Fitz Lee but the immediate command of Brigadier Genl Burt,and if the whole 7th Corps stays together we will not get any fighting to do until the fight at Havana takes place, if then, but if the Corps is divided I think we will go to the front pretty soon as Genl Burt, our commander, is very anxious to get into the battle and is doing all in his power, I believe, to have his division ordered to the front as soon as possible, but if he does not succeed I think we will be sent to Cuba with Genl Lee to hold the Island and keep everything quiet after the war is all over. If this happens we are in it for a much longer time than we expected. William Jennings Bryan is Col. of a Regiment from Nebraska, they arrived here Friday and were assigned to the 7th Corps and it is talked very much that he and Genl Lee will be kept in reserve to be sent to Cuba to keep them out of the Presidential Campaign of 1900 for political reasons better known by the heads of the party in power at present, but of course all this is merely conjecture, no one here knows what the plans are unless it is Genl Lee and I don't believe he knows. We hear rumors here nearly every day about our leaving here, sometimes we are to go to Poto Rico, sometimes we are to go back to North Carolina, sometimes to any place and then to another so I never place any confidence in any of them but am just waiting to get positive orders from headquarters to move at any time and am ready to go wherever I am.....(cut out portion)



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Jacksonville, Fla.
July 25-1898.

My Dear Louise:-
Your very welcome letter was received Friday and I was delighted to hear from you again for altthough you do waite a long time sometimes before writeing it gives me a great pleasure to hear from you when they do come and for the time being I forget that it has been long since I got the last one, but I am allways watching for them anxiously, your letters allways cheer me up so much Louise for one reason, you know well enough what that reason is and I am sorry to say that I fear you are not pleased with my reason for awaiting your letters so anxiously but as I have told you before I can not help loveing and honoring

PORTO RICO JULY 26, 1898

DESCRIBES INVASION OF PUERTO RICO

Tuesday July 26.
Guaynita
Porto Rico

Dear Mother:

Reached here yesterday at about 8 A.M. The Gloucester ran into harbor and fired a few shots, and everyone took to their heels. Then the fleet ran into harbor and began to unload. Completely surprised the Spanish for they made no resistance and were not fortified there has been a little firing this A.M. among the hills. This is a very pretty place, situated on a very pretty harbor under the hills about 40 or 50 miles

Extremely Fine
GUANICA - 1st LANDING
PUERTO RICO- "Guaynita Porto Rico" heading on July 26 (1898) 4pg letter of a recently arrived U.S. soldier (not yet landed), excellent content on naval assault on P.R.; with original cover having Washington D.C. Aug 8 ms, Purple "Soldier's Letter/Due 2 Cts." precanceled at Due Effective Very Fine (Ph)

SOLDIER DESCRIBES 1st INVASION OF PUERTO RICO (GUANICA

WASHINGTON, D.C. AUG 8 230 AM '98

Soldier's Letter



all of us are in good health and are anxious to get at the Spanish. So far we have every reason to believe that the Spanish want to quit. They are not fortifying to any extent and are quitting and surrendering.

This seems like a very fruitful and beautiful place. Well I will close hoping you are all enjoying yourselves and having as good health as I am.

Remember me to all who ask.

Good Bye

Lots of love

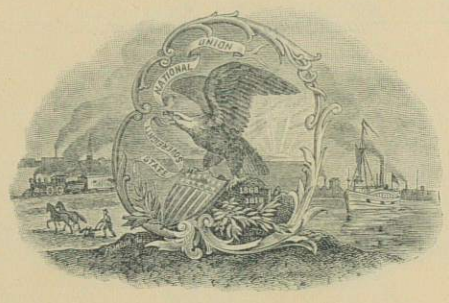
Fred,

Signal Corps.

Care Mayor Reber

Porto Rico

JULY 26, 1898 - INVASION OF P.R.
CAPT. ON TROOP TRANSPORT "MOBILE"
DESCRIBES PREPARATION, + VOYAGE
TO PUERTO RICO; NEAR ATTACK BY "CINCINNATI"



Illinois M

Company....., ... Infantry.

On board U.S. Transport "Mobile" July 26 189 8

My Own Darling Lilie:

I succeeded in getting off my letter this morning on the dispatch boat of the N. Y. Herald in daylight, but as we are still on board I'll begin another and tell of the happenings since I finished my yesterdays letter. Everything was going on same as usual last night, when at about 10 o'clock the report came down that the lights of a vessel were in sight. We all tumbled upon deck, and sure enough, miles away on the horizon appeared a light which looked as much like a star as anything else. Some thought that that was what it was but soon found this mistake for suddenly the light grew brighter and brighter, its powerful rays first in one direction and then another. This showed at once that it was the electric search light of a war vessel and she was evidently looking for something. For a few minutes the light was sent



ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD,

Company M, 6th Ill Infantry

Porta Rico ~~Ill.~~

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Mrs Henry G. Geiger,

Galena,

Ill.

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Illinois National Guard,

Company M, 6th Infantry.

On board transport "Mobile" July 22 1898

My Own Dear Girlie

Here we are at last, on board ship, with the broad Atlantic all around us, the shores of old America having sunk out of sight some hours ago. We boarded ship just at dark last night and lay in the harbor until morning. The last two days were very busy ones, and I wist you could have ~~been~~ there to see the scene of activity and ~~ab~~ around hustle in getting our big ship loaded. Carloads and train-loads of supplies were loaded into her, night and day but she swallowed everything, without being phased in the least. Then there were 800 army mules put on, with 500 tons of baled hay and hundreds of bushels of oats, to say nothing of all the wagons belonging to the mules. We [illegible] work loading but even then [illegible] to help out. I myself [illegible] night. The big wharf [illegible] big animated bee-hive. [illegible] to go ever since [illegible] to hear all the good-

ON BOARD TRANSPORT "MOBILE"
JUL. 22, 1898
INVASION OF PUERTO RICO
GEIGER CORRESPONDENCE



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Mrs Henry G. Seeger
Galena
Illinois U.S.A.

SOLDIER'S AT BELLEVUE HOSP. (WOUNDED SHORTLY BEFORE). SEND THANK YOU TO CHILD. JULY 23, 1898 LOT

Department of Public Charities.

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BELLEVUE, HARLEM, FORDHAM, AND GOUVERNEUR HOSPITALS.



Superintendent's Office,

Foot East 26th Street.

W. B. O'ROURKE,
Superintendent.

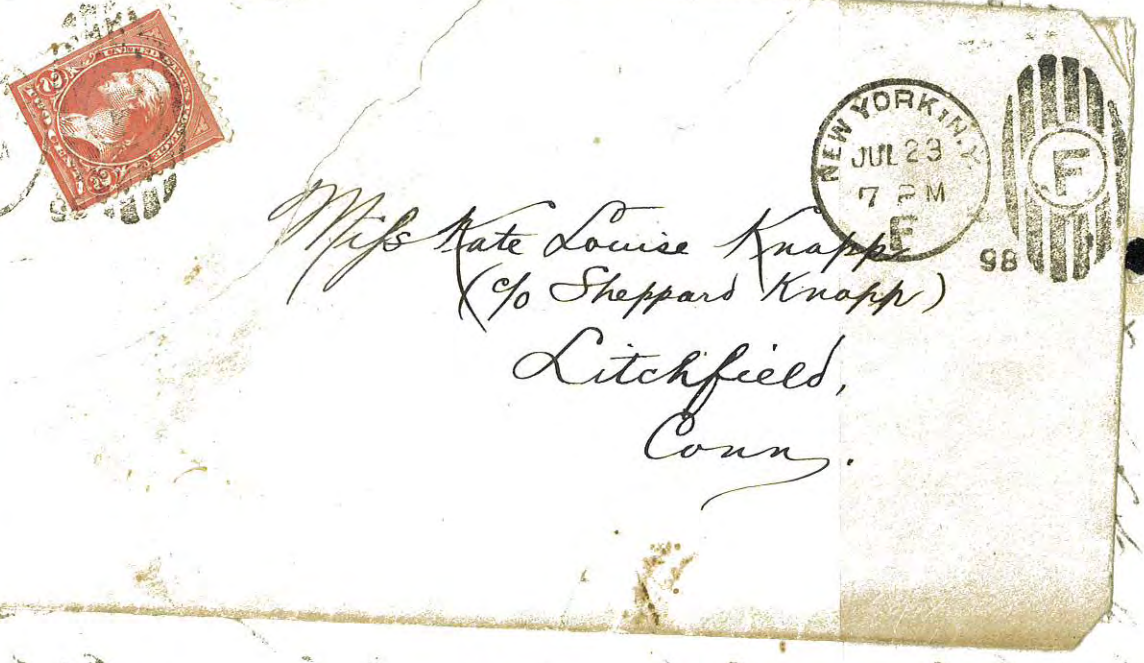
New York, July 23/1898.

Dear little Louise —

The soldiers at Bellevue Hospital who were wounded in the battle of Santiago, have received your gift and desire to express their sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness. Nothing you might have sent could be more acceptable than cigars & stationery and the fact that you purchased them with money that was your "very own" proves that a little girl can be patriotic too — and trust her to find a way of showing it. All the soldiers here are doing nicely. It would be rather difficult to obtain the signatures of all but below will be appended enough to prove the little Litchfield girl's gift is appreciated.

We are gratefully yours

Edward A. Hunt K Troop 6th Cavalry
Frederick Rust. Co. G. 13th U.S. Inf.
Alton M. Moore. K Com. 71st N.Y. Vol.
Charles Henry. Co. C 9th U.S. Infantry.
John J. Leary Co C 9th US Infty
John A Paegelow Co C 16th U.S. Infty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Miss Kate Louise Knapp
(c/o Sheppard Knapp)
Litchfield,
Conn.

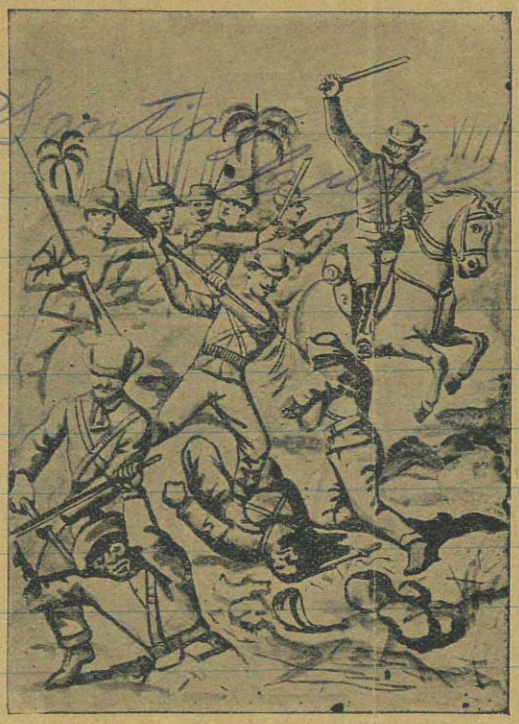
ROUGH RIDER DESCRIBES BATTLE OF SAN JUAN HILL!

EJÉRCITO EN OPERACIONES
DE LA ISLA DE CUBA

La Infanteria

DE SAN QUINTIN

en la acción donde murió Maceo



Santiago De. Cuba
July 28-98

Mr. J. H. McDonald my Dear
Brother and family I drop
these few lines to let you
know that I am still alive
but have been in places that
looked like no man could
live in I suppose that you all
ready knew that I had gone
to Cuba and for what pur
pose I was in the 3 days

A ROUGH RIDER WRITES THAT HE "IS STILL ALIVE"

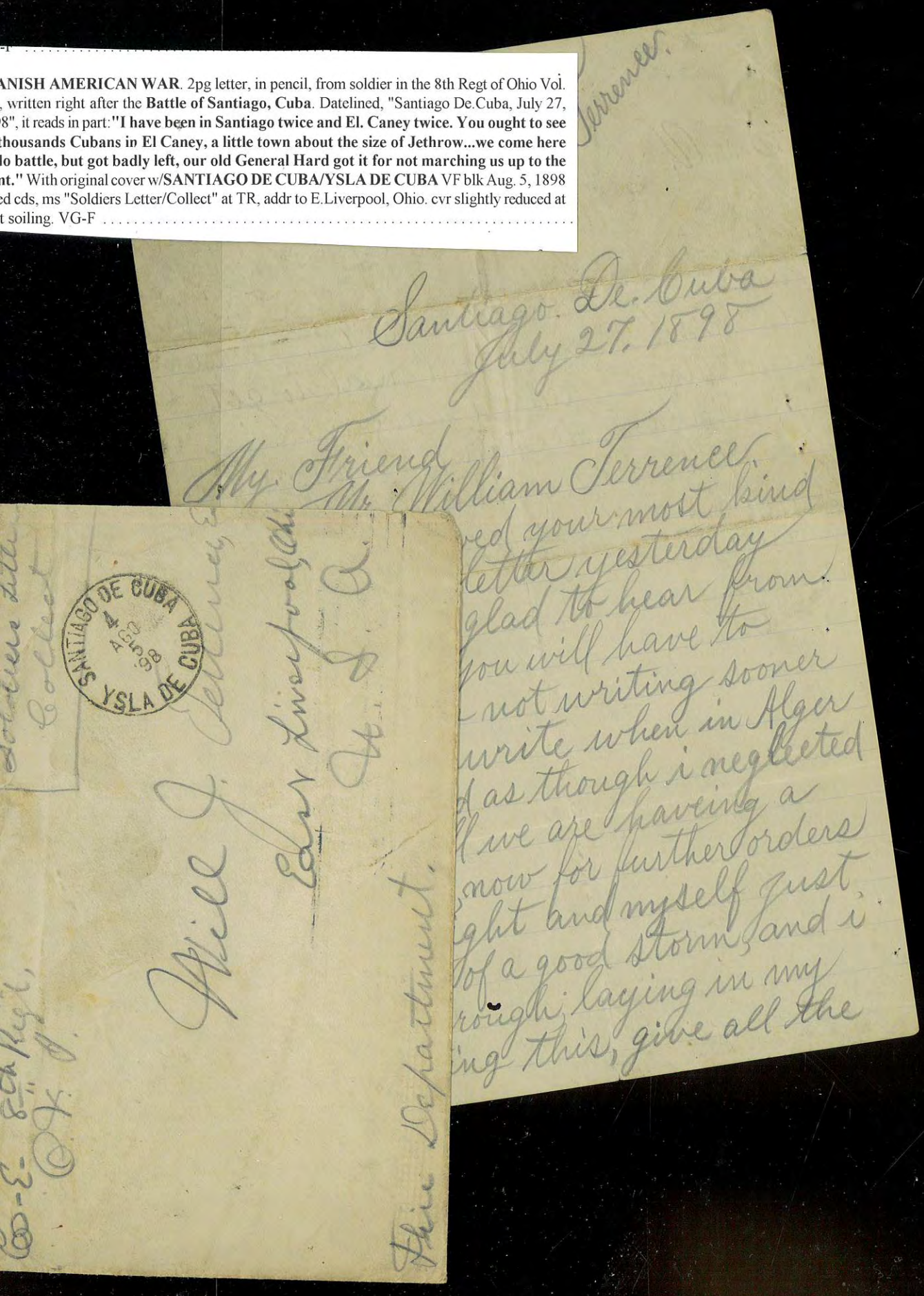
30.(SPANISH AMERICAN WAR). ALS, 5pp, Santiago De Cuba, July 28, 1898, by Capt. W. McDonald, troop L. Roosevelt's Rough Riders, 5th Army; to his brother. "I am still alive but have been in places that looked like no man could live in. I was in the three day fight at Santiago. I belong to the rough riders from the Ind. if you read the war news you know what kind of a time I have had. I was in Santiago yesterday and it is the dirtiest city that I was ever in. There was not a frame building in the place all are Doby and look ready to fall down... there is some talk of us moving from here to the State of Spain and stay there until fall and then go and capture Havana. I suppose that you know that the Stars and Stirpes floats in triumph over Santiago. I had the pleasure to witness the surrender and also to see the old glory flag mount the first time to the top of the Spanish flag pole. I see in Ft. Smith paper that I was

... Capt. Mr. ... killed in the first battle in June 24th.. Fish was also killed that day he was the first man that fell and Mr. Thomas Isbel of my troop fired the first shot in the starting of the war and he was wound(ed) but not until he had 7 bullet holes in him did he cease fighting... it is lonesome here we are camped in the mountains 2 miles from Santiago and are not allowed to town only when we slip off and run the risk of being arrested."

The envelope is endorsed "Soldiers Letter" and signed by Frank Hays, 2nd Lt., Santiago postmark, postage due 2 cent hand stamp. $400.00

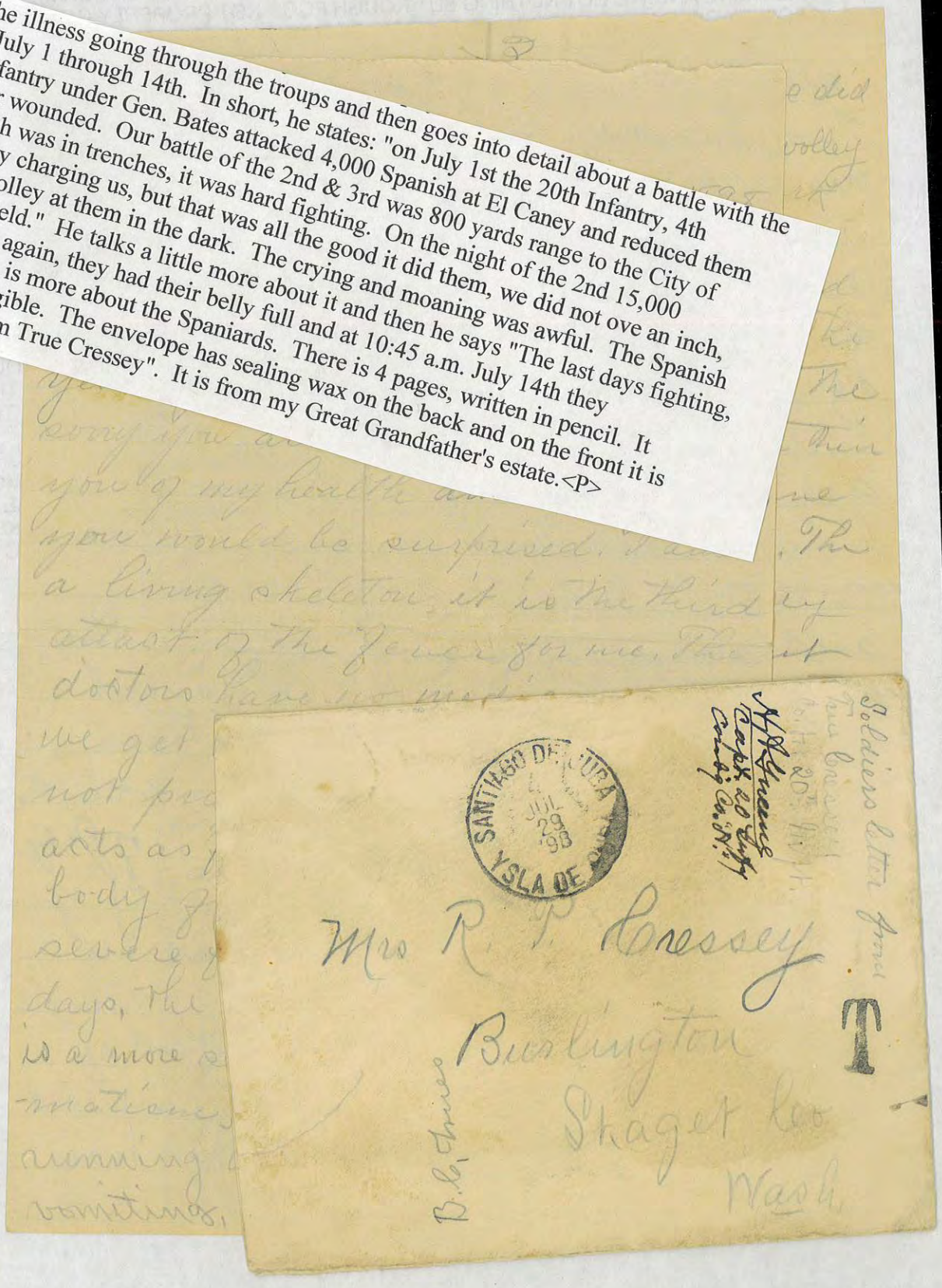


ANISH AMERICAN WAR. 2pg letter, in pencil, from soldier in the 8th Regt of Ohio Vol. , written right after the **Battle of Santiago, Cuba**. Datelined, "Santiago De.Cuba, July 27, 98", it reads in part:**"I have been in Santiago twice and El. Caney twice. You ought to see thousands Cubans in El Caney, a little town about the size of Jethrow...we come here lo battle, but got badly left, our old General Hard got it for not marching us up to the nt."** With original cover w/**SANTIAGO DE CUBA/YSLA DE CUBA** VF blk Aug. 5, 1898 ed cds, ms "Soldiers Letter/Collect" at TR, addr to E.Liverpool, Ohio. cvr slightly reduced at t soiling. VG-F



SANTIAGO JULY 28, 1898
OUTSTANDING WAR LETTER
DESCRIBES BATTLE; FEVER:
CUBANS. ****

writer tells about the illness going through the troups and then goes into detail about a battle with the Spaniards in Cuba July 1 through 14th. In short, he states: "on July 1st the 20th Infantry, 4th Infantry and 24th Infantry under Gen. Bates attacked 4,000 Spanish at El Caney and reduced them to 2,317 besides their wounded. Our battle of the 2nd & 3rd was 800 yards range to the City of Santiago. The Spanish was in trenches, it was hard fighting. On the night of the 2nd 15,000 Spanish surprised us by charging us, but that was all the good it did them, we did not ove an inch, but sent wolley after wolley at them in the dark. The crying and moaning was awful. The Spanish left 1,000 dead on the field." He talks a little more about it and then he says "The last days fighting, the flag of truce went up again, they had their belly full and at 10:45 a.m. July 14th they surrendered". Then there is more about the Spaniards. There is 4 pages, written in pencil. It is somewhat faded, but legible. The envelope has sealing wax on the back and on the front it is written "Soldiers letter from True Cressey". It is from my Great Grandfather's estate.<P>



SANTIAGO JULY 28, 1898

DEAR MOTHER
... I AM A LIVING SKELETON. IT IS THE THIRD ATTACK OF THE FEVER FOR ME. THE DOCTORS HAVE NO MEDICINE AND WE GOT NOTHING BUT ROUGH FOOD NOT PROPERLY COOKED.THE FEVER ACTS AS FOLLOWS:NUMB ALL OVER THE BODYFOLLOWED BY CHILLS THEN A SEVERE FEVER THAT LASTS FROM 2 TO 3 DAYS.THE LIMBS ARE SORE. THE BACK IS A MORE SEVERE SORENESS THAN RHEUMATISM. THE HEAD NUMB, CONSTANT RUNNING OF THE BOWELS AND VOMITING. 80% OF THE MESS ARE IN THIS FIX. IN ADDITION THE YELLOW FEVER IS RAGING. THE WATER STINKS, THE TREES STINK,THE GROUND STINKS, THE VEGETATION OF ALL KIND STINKS, THE HEAT IS AWFUL...

ON JULY IST THE 20TH INF, 4TH INFANTRY AND 24TH INFANTRY UNDER GEN. BATES ATTACTED(SIC) 4000 SPANISH AT EL CANEY REDUCED THEM TO 2317 BESIDES THEIR WOUNDED.OUR BATTLE OF THE 2ND AND 3RD OF JULY WAS 800 YARDS RANGE TO THE CITY OF SANTIAGO. THE SPANISH WAS IN TRENCHES. IT WAS HARD FIGHTING. ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 2ND 15,000 SPANISH SURPRISED US
BY CHARGING US. BUT THAT WAS ALL THE GOOD IT DONE THEM. WE DID NOT MOVE AN INCH BUT SENT VOLLEY AFTER VOLLEY AT THEM IN THE DARK. THE CRYING AND MOANING OF THE SPANISH WAS AWFUL. WE DID NOT LOSE A MAN THAT NIGHT. THE SPANISH LEFT 1000 DEAD ON THE FIELD. WHEN THEY CAN TAAKE THEIR DEAD WITH THEM AND LEAVE A WOUNDED MAN BEHIND, THE NIGHT OF JULY 3 A FLAG OF TRUCE WENT UP AND WAS UP UNTIL THE 10TH. THEY WOULD NOT SURRENDER SO WE WENT AT THEM AGAIN AND FOR TWO MORE DAYS WE SLAUGHTERED THEM. ON THE EVENING OF THE LAST DAYS FIGHTING THE FLAG OF TRUCE WENT UP AGAIN. THEY HAD THEIR BELLY FULL AND AT 10:45 AM THEY SURRENDERED

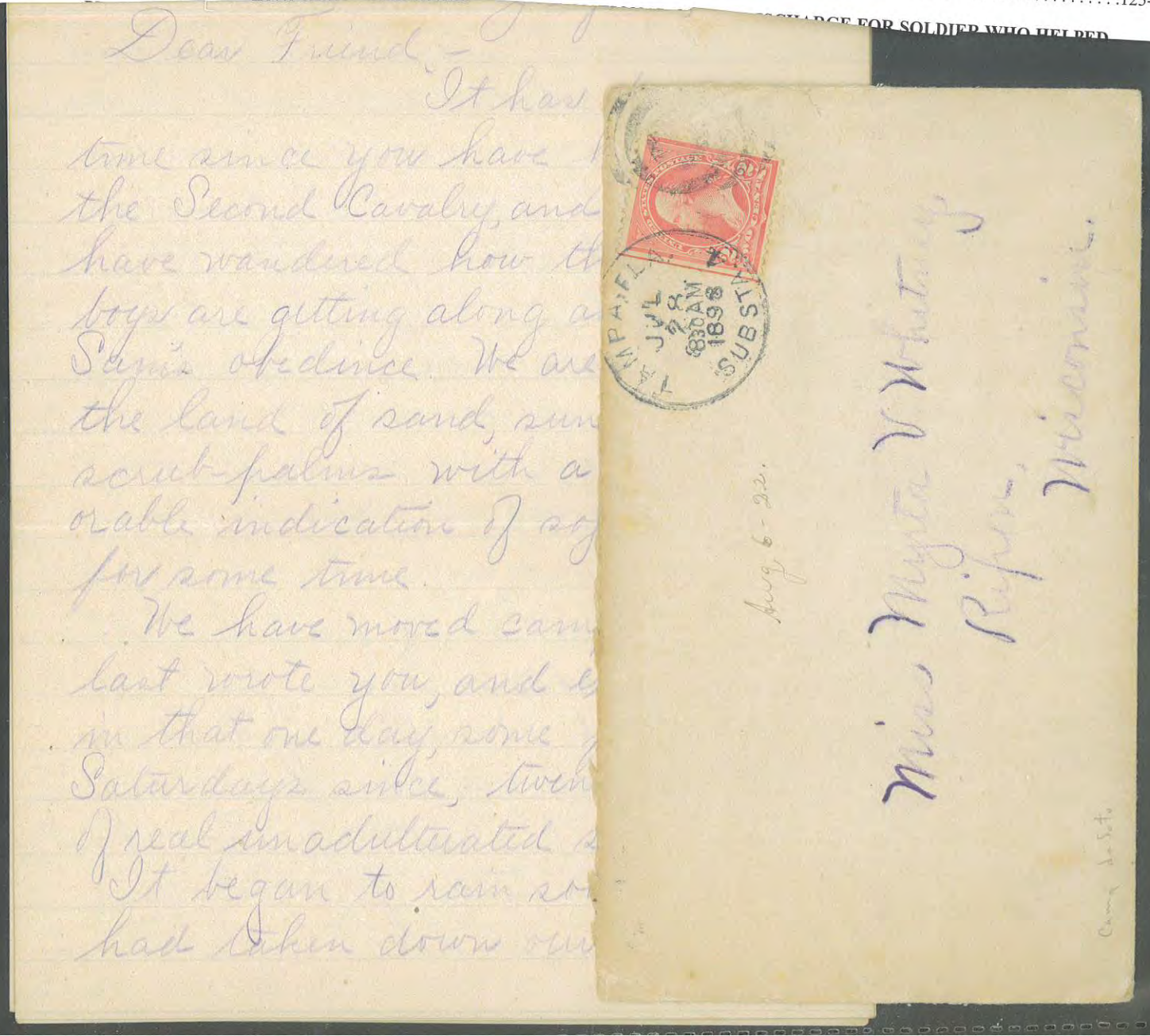
ALL THEY HAD LEFT OUT OF 30,000 TROOPS WAS 23,000 THAT SURRENDERED. OUR ARTILLERY IS NO GOOD. IT IS A DISGRACE TO THE NATION. THEY CAN'T HIT A MOUNTAIN. THIS IS THE ROUGHEST COUNTRY OUTSIDE OF H---.PEOPLE ARE DIRTY AND INDOLENT. THE CUBANS ARE DIRTY NIGGERS WHILE WE WOULD BE FIGHTING THE CUBANS WOULD ROB OUR PACKS AND HAVERSACKS. AS SOON AS THEY GET A BELLY FULL THEY WON'T DO NOTHING AND ARE SAUCY. ALL THEY THINK OF IS TO PLUNDER. THEY WON'T FIGHT. THEY ARE A LOT OF FAKES...

YOUR SON
TRUE

TAMPA, FL. JULY 28, 1898
GOOD LTR. RE CAMP LIFE
+ PROSPECTS OF GOING TO
CUBA
(RX)

267 **SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - GOOD LETTER FROM SOLDIER IN TAMPA, FLA, w/CVR.** VF blk **TAMPA, FLA./SUBSTA. 4** duplex ties 2c Washington to cvr w/lengthy, **9 pgs** letter, datelined**"Tampa, Florida, July 28, 1898"**, from Walter D. Moore, **2nd Cavalry,** w/great content re the the unhealthy conditions for the troops at Tampa, hopes of getting into action, etc... Incl:**"It has been some time since you have heard from the Second Cavarly...We are still in the land of sand, sun and scrub-palms, with a very favorable indication of sojourning here for some time. We have moved camp since I last wrote you, and experienced in that one day...twenty-four hours of real unadulterated soldierism. It began to rain soon after we had taken down our tents and continued in a steady down pour until the next morning....spent a very pleasant night upon a wet ground between two wet blankets...the next day...we worked carrying driftwood from the beach, two hundred yds distant, and built a platform one & one half feet above the ground, over which we spread our shelter tent. We then got some hay to put on the 'floor', covering it with a blanket; we then had a very comfortable 'flood-house'. Our present location, although higher than the old one, is very unhealthy, much malaria & other fevers existing among the boys. The Washington authorities have taken the matter under advisement, and...decided to move all troops from Tampa Bottoms and Palmetto Beach, we being one of the regiments at the last named place. In all probablility, we will go to Fernandina, 300 miles north and on the Atlantic coast. There will be [a] few more regiments leave on the Porto Rico expedition...One of our troops, B, left last week for the front...It is very hard indeed to stay behind and see the men go to the front, while you lay around a monotonous old camp and accomplish little or nothing. But, I suppose, if the Cubans become a little more demonstrative in their objections to American rule, where American valor and arms have accomplished that which they never could have accomplished, we may yet see a little garrison duty if nothing else in Cuba....I was on guard last night and as I walked my beat with a large Colt's revolver and ammunition belt around my waist and carbine over my shoulder (very dangerous, but quite inoffensive, I assure you), I could not help notice contrast in my position to that of three short months ago....Brown in K troop died soon after being carried to the hospital. One man was refused admittance yesterday by the doctor and they have just carried him in dead. We have a very poor doctor, I think..."** VF 125-150

268 **BLACK HISTORY - LYNCHING - 1898 VIGNE...** ...CHARGE FOR SOLDIER WHO HELPED



Dear Friend -
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TAMPA, FL. JUL 28 830AM 1898 SUBSTA.

Aug 6-22.

Miss Myrta V Whitney
Ripon,
Wisconsin.

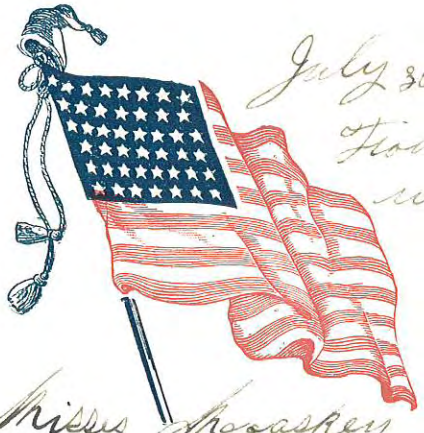
EXCELLENT SOLDIERS LTR. FROM SANTIAGO. DETAILS OF BATTLE, ETC.
JULY 30, 1898 BEX-



Santiago de Cuba
July 30th/898

Dear Friend Ernest
I Sopose you think I have forgotton you the reason I did not write you was I did not have any paper we cannot get it as if we were home I recd your letter about a week ago & was glad to here from you & that you were well I was very sorry to here of your Mothers death but gods will must be done Well Ernest you wanted to know if I got

wounded General in hospital



July 30 1898

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Misses Mccaskey

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Misses. Mccoskey
Fourt Leavenworth
Kansas

Hang Gee.

Guernica, P. R.
July 28, '98

Dear Mother,

Everything is lovely here now, no firing and if it was not for the soldiers you would not know there was a war. We did not go ashore the other day as I expected but have been doing signal duty from the ship and the Headquarters ship "City of Macon", to the shore and all other ships. (General Miles comes up and observes). There were two regiments of Wisconsin Volunteers, Infantry arrived yesterday but were sent to Ponce...../The Porto Ricans are a light colored Nigger and have a more intelligent look. They all took to the hills when we came into the harbor but are now coming back. July 30, '98.....Yesterday we stretched a telegraph line from Guernica to Yanco about 7 miles. It works fine. Guernica is a town of about 1,000 inhabitants. Yanco has about 8,000. The Porto Ricans hail us with delight always. They all say they are "Americanos". This A.M. we left Guarinco for Ponce about 15 miles. Got there about 9:30. Lots of transports and several war ships there. This is General Miles Headquarters.....We are all OK in health but not in spirits because we are afraid that this cruel was is over. We received word today that Spain had sued for peace and that operations against San Juan would be abandoned. Well I should think they would. They do not fight with any heart and simply run when ever they see an American soldier.....The Spanish, or rather the Porto Ricans for they says they are Americanos now are coming out in boats to see the ships. This town was taken yesterday without firing a shot.....We can get almost anything without paying for it.

Lots of Love
Fred Snyder



75.00

GREAT LTR. RE: INVASION OF P.R.

Ponce Island of Puerto Rico July 30-98.

Dear Mother:-

I hope you will not be worried about me and not hearing from me for so long. I am all right and I hope this will find you the same.

We went on board the Steamer Grand Duchesse Wednesday afternoon at about 5 P.M. & at 6 P.M. we we moved out into the bay and anchored off off all Fort Sumpter, for the night

from Henry Sessions Co L Ind Vol

Elmer E Tennant Lt. Co L - Ind Vol

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VERY RARE - PUERTO RICO

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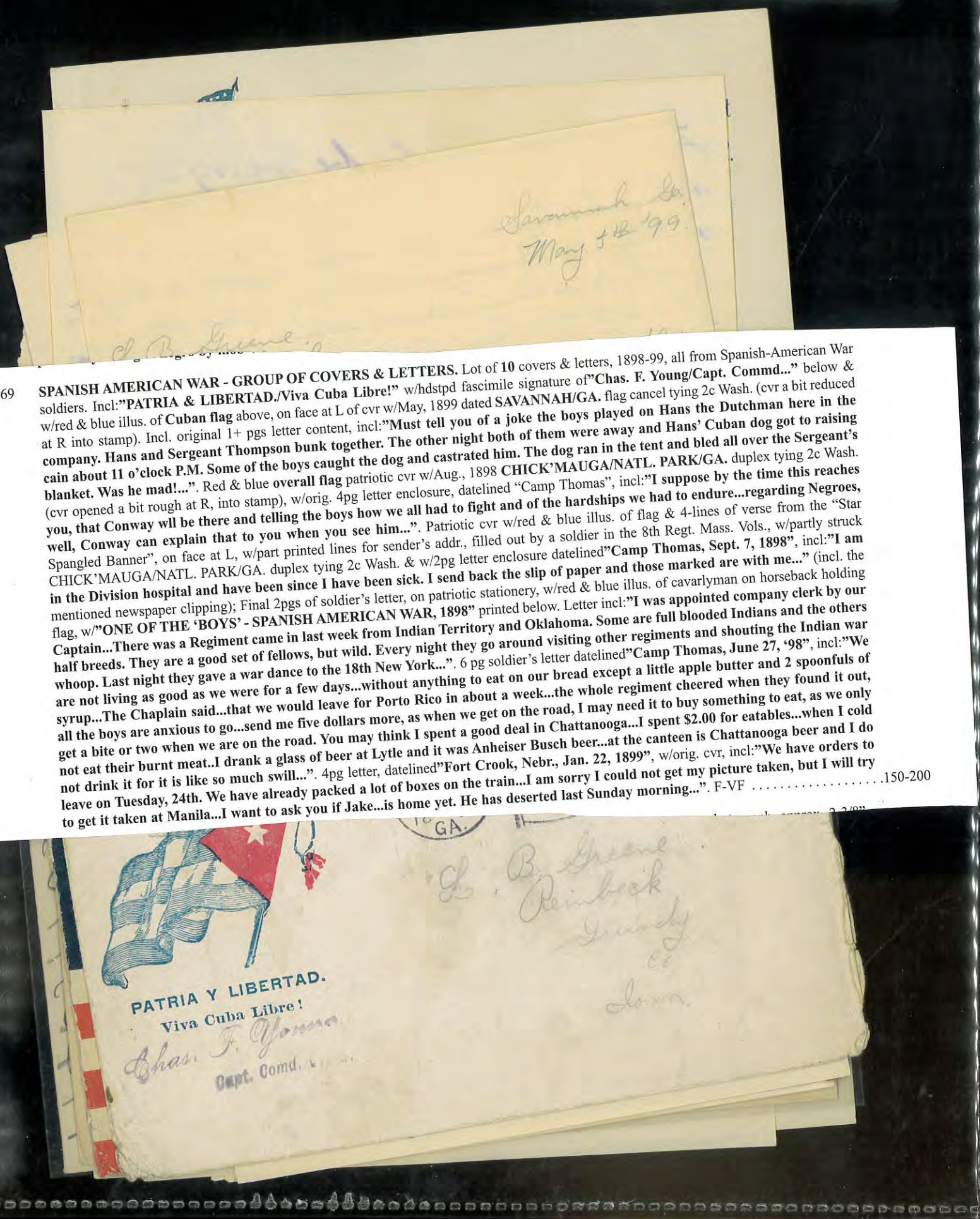
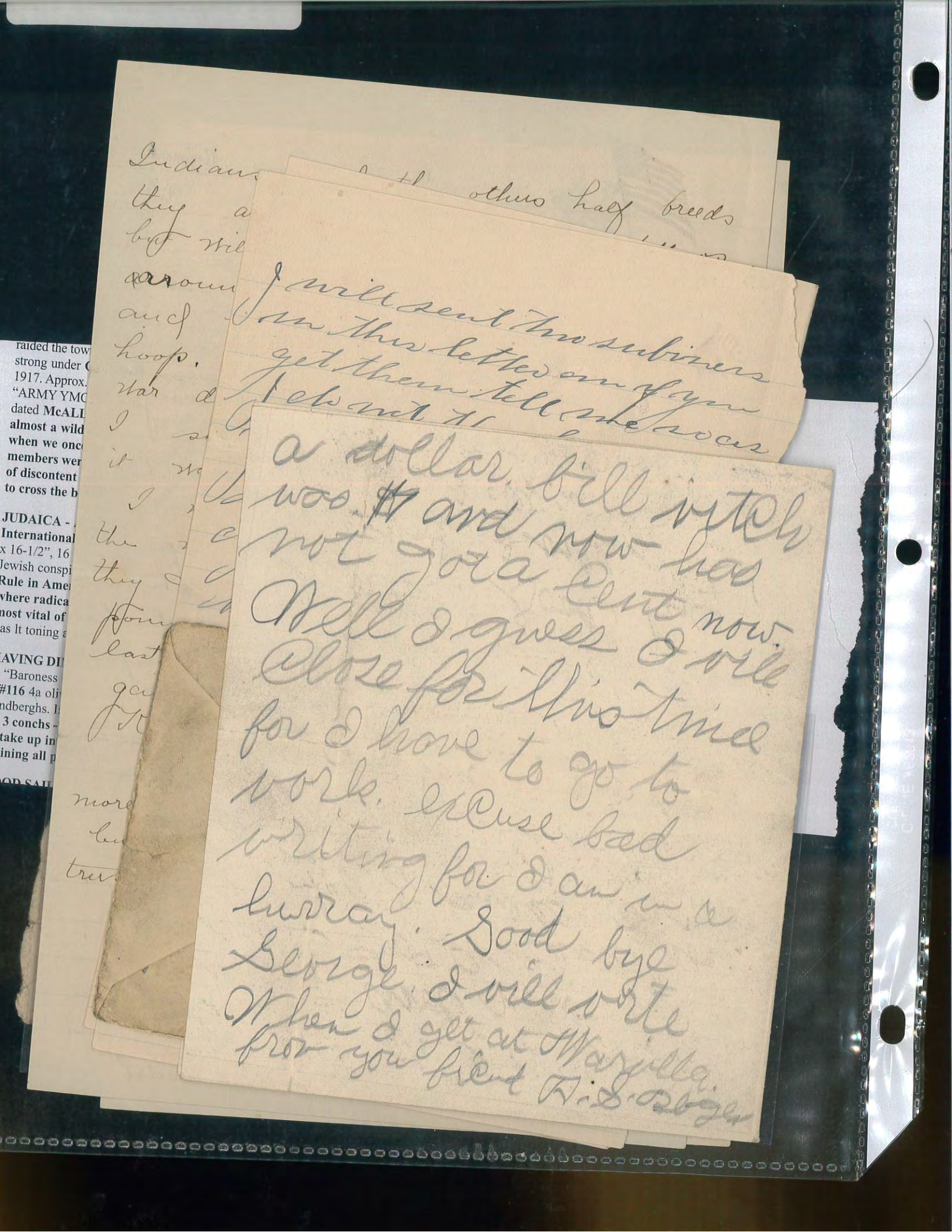


269 **SPANISH AMERICAN WAR - GROUP OF COVERS & LETTERS.** Lot of **10** covers & letters, 1898-99, all from Spanish-American War soldiers. Incl:**"PATRIA & LIBERTAD./Viva Cuba Libre!"** w/hdstpd fascimile signature of**"Chas. F. Young/Capt. Commd..."** below & w/red & blue illus. of **Cuban flag** above, on face at L of cvr w/May, 1899 dated **SAVANNAH/GA.** flag cancel tying 2c Wash. (cvr a bit reduced at R into stamp). Incl. original 1+ pgs letter content, incl:**"Must tell you of a joke the boys played on Hans the Dutchman here in the company. Hans and Sergeant Thompson bunk together. The other night both of them were away and Hans' Cuban dog got to raising cain about 11 o'clock P.M. Some of the boys caught the dog and castrated him. The dog ran in the tent and bled all over the Sergeant's blanket. Was he mad!..."**. Red & blue **overall flag** patriotic cvr w/Aug., 1898 **CHICK'MAUGA/NATL. PARK/GA.** duplex tying 2c Wash. (cvr opened a bit rough at R, into stamp), w/orig. 4pg letter enclosure, datelined "Camp Thomas", incl:**"I suppose by the time this reaches you, that Conway wll be there and telling the boys how we all had to fight and of the hardships we had to endure...regarding Negroes, well, Conway can explain that to you when you see him..."**. Patriotic cvr w/red & blue illus. of flag & 4-lines of verse from the "Star Spangled Banner", on face at L, w/part printed lines for sender's addr., filled out by a soldier in the 8th Regt. Mass. Vols., w/partly struck CHICK'MAUGA/NATL. PARK/GA. duplex tying 2c Wash. & w/2pg letter enclosure datelined**"Camp Thomas, Sept. 7, 1898"**, incl:**"I am in the Division hospital and have been sick. I send back the slip of paper and those marked are with me..."** (incl. the mentioned newspaper clipping); Final 2pgs of soldier's letter, on patriotic stationery, w/red & blue illus. of cavarlyman on horseback holding flag, w/**"ONE OF THE 'BOYS' - SPANISH AMERICAN WAR, 1898"** printed below. Letter incl:**"I was appointed company clerk by our Captain...There was a Regiment came in last week from Indian Territory and Oklahoma. Some are full blooded Indians and the others half breeds. They are a good set of fellows, but wild. Every night they go around visiting other regiments and shouting the Indian war whoop. Last night they gave a war dance to the 18th New York..."**. 6 pg soldier's letter datelined**"Camp Thomas, June 27, '98"**, incl:**"We are not living as good as we were for a few days...without anything to eat on our bread except a little apple butter and 2 spoonfuls of syrup...The Chaplain said...that we would leave for Porto Rico in about a week...the whole regiment cheered when they found it out, all the boys are anxious to go...send me five dollars more, as when we get on the road, I may need it to buy something to eat, as we only get a bite or two when we are on the road. You may think I spent a good deal in Chattanooga...I spent $2.00 for eatables...when I cold not eat their burnt meat..I drank a glass of beer at Lytle and it was Anheiser Busch beer...at the canteen is Chattanooga beer and I do not drink it for it is like so much swill..."**. 4pg letter, datelined**"Fort Crook, Nebr., Jan. 22, 1899"**, w/orig. cvr, incl:**"We have orders to leave on Tuesday, 24th. We have already packed a lot of boxes on the train...I am sorry I could not get my picture taken, but I will try to get it taken at Manila...I want to ask you if Jake...is home yet. He has deserted last Sunday morning..."**. F-VF 150-200



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not got a cent now.
Well I guess I will
close for this time
for I have to go to
work. excuse bad
writing for I am in a
hurray. Good bye
George. I will write
When I get at Marilla.
from you friend H. S. Boyer

SANTIAGO CUBA AUG. 1, 1898

GEN. SHAFTER INSTRUCTS FIELD COMMANDER

ON DISPOSITION OF SPANISH PRISONERS

Headquarters 5th Army Corps,

Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, August 1,1898.

The Commanding Officer,

1st Infantry.

Sir:-

The Spanish soldiers you mention cannot be sent here now; they will be sent for in time to permit them to accompany their regiments home.

Rations will be sent for the Cubans.

By command of Major General Shafter:

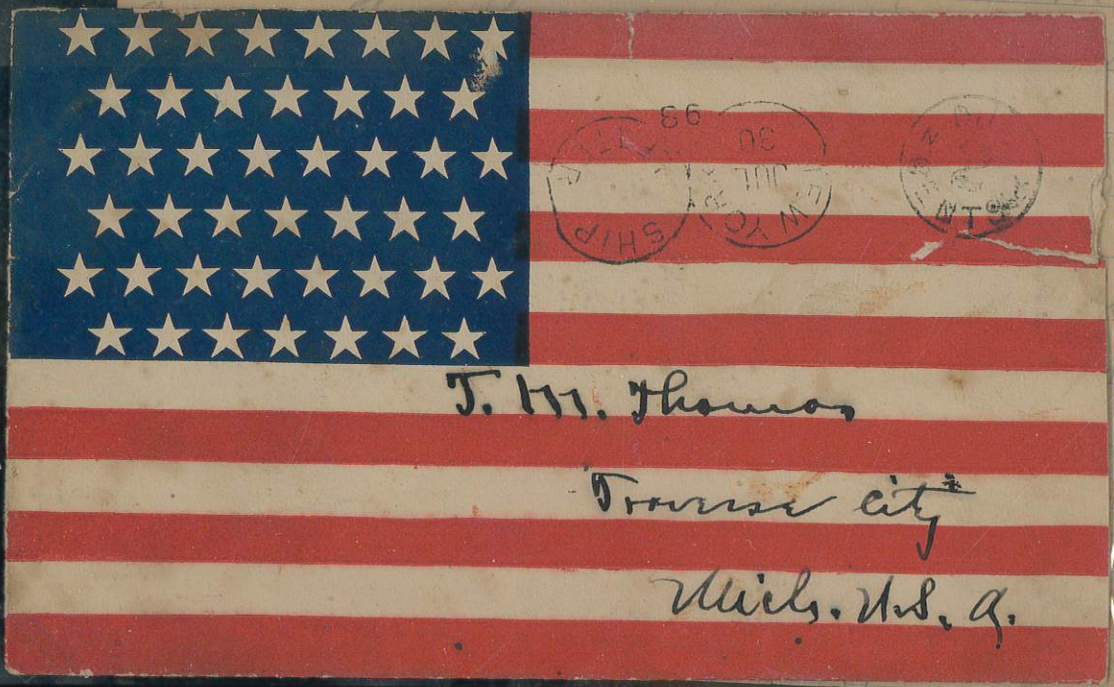
J. McKenzie

Assistant Adjutant General.

10 DAYS (YELLOW FEVER)

Edgemont Key Fla.
Aug 1 - 98

Dear Folks at Home. Here I am writing to you once again to let you know that I am still well but somewhat weak have heard no news from home for a month. but hope I may as soon as we are out of this quarantine. 10 days commencing with July 26 or 31. This box of shells picked up along the shores of the Key will serve perhaps as a Memento of the Key & Quarantine station



T. W. Thomas
Traverse city
Mich. U.S.A.

PONCE, PUERTO RICO AUG. 1, 1898

CAPTAIN GEIGER, CHIEF OF PROJOST GUARD DESCRIBES CONDITIONS 4 DAYS AFTER INVASION OF P.R.

Casa de Preparaciones Farm...

Arrillaga y Cia.

FARMACÉUTICOS

Plaza Principal 21 y Cristina 1.

PONCE

JARABE BALSÁMICO AL GUAYACOL

VINO Balsámico al Guayacol

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Píldoras Reconstituyentes (Dr. E. CORONAS)

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(ARRILLA...

de Aug. 1st de 1898

Sr

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My Own Dear Wife

We are settled down here at La Playa for a few days and I get another ... dear. We ... days ... home ... soon, ... come ... of the ... time ... from ... and ... and valleys ... remain at ... now for a few days to ... rested up and I live in hopes of getting relieved here and getting to them. Those who came from the Regt to day brought our mu...



Mrs Henry G. Geiger
Galena
Ill

U.S.A.

Camp Ahern
La Playa,
Porto Rico
Co M 6th Ill

Bx 885

HARBOR OF PONCE, P.R.
POSTAL MARKINGS SHOW
COVER WAS CARRIED TO + MAILED
FROM N.Y 16 DAYS AFTER WRITTEN



CAMP THOMAS

CHICKAMAUGA BATTLEFIELD

LYTLE P.O. GA.

Harbor Ponce Porto Rico
Aug 3. 98

Allentown Steam Heat & P. Co.

Dear Sir

t I would write a few
let you know that
well at present hoping
ill find you all in the
tate of health In regards
answer your letter any
I was keep busy ever since
rived here yesterday without
t fired and are very near
wn of Ponce which seems
a very nice town from
ip. We were not unloaded
n do not know weather we
oing to or not. They is a
afloat that we will leave
for San Juan but it is
ure ~~yet~~ at present.



This letter was written on board ship the Seneca No 5 which is very poorly fitted out for this kind of business. In regards to scenery they is very little to say because we have not seen any land for the last 12 days until we

Yours Respectfully
Corp. Harry L. Christ
Co. B. 4 Regt.
Penna Vol.
Porto Rico

Santiago de Cuba August 4. 1898

Col Bisbee

Never mind. Troops are ordered home and will not need camping grounds. Will have your troops relieved in a day or two. Lists of Cuban sufferers received. General Shafter directs that if you find them starving, to ration them from the supplies sent for Cubans. I am sick and knocked out in Menocal. Must come down in the morning. Men are getting sick again and should be sent home.

Yours truly

Shafter

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR. Lot of 5 received copies of **military telegrams from Cuba,** all dated early August, 1898, from various locations (San Luis, Cristo & Santiago de Cuba). All are written on the back of printed Spanish railroad forms of Santiago de Cuba. Four are approx. 10" x 7", 1 is smaller. All are directed to Col. Bisbee, 2 are from Major General Shafter, who commanded the expeditionary force against Santiago de Cuba, taking the city on July 17, 1898. These telegrams were obviously received by Cuban military operators, as shown by the writing & spelling. They reveal the epidemic tropical diseases which were riddling the American troops, which led to much criticism of Gen. Shafter. Includes (spelling corrected): (From Gen. Shafter, Aug. 4th):"**Never mind. Troops are ordered home and will not need camping grounds. Will have your troops relieved in a day or two.**.....(Aug. 5):"**Lists of Cuban sufferers received. General Shafter directs that if you find them starving, to ration them from the supplies sent for Cubans**"....(August 14):"**I am sick and knocked out in Menocal. Must come down in the morning. Men are getting sick again and should be sent home..**". Scarce. VF .....

FERRO-CARRIL Y ALMACENES DE DEPÓSITO DE SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

Nota de los efectos que conduce este tren al par

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Soldier describes loading ammo + embarking on S.S. Manitoba to? from Fortress Monroe

8/4/98

On board
S.S. Manitoba
Transport #23

Dear Father,

Yesterday we were a busy crowd in camp. We were loading provisions etc all day and about 6 o'clock we got the order to strike camp and go aboard ship as soon as possible. Then there was a rush. As soon as we finished mess we struck tents and packed up. After a while the captain called out that he wanted twenty men in full heavy marching order to go aboard the boat and not come back to camp. No one seemed anxious to volunteer until he said the twenty would have first pick of quarters on the boat; then there was a rush. I thought the "pick of quarters" was a sort of

Mr. Edward Bolle

fob pocket of my trousers. I will consider this a loan and will repay you when I can. I have to fall in for mess now so will have to close. We now expect to leave to-morrow — but I think myself it will ...iday before we get off as ...r troops for this boat are ...ly loaded yet. This is ...gest transport in the ... with one exception. We ...ave many priviledges on ... which troop do not have on ...ts. This boat is consider... ...er 400 feet long and draws ... of water. She is perfectly ...ous. I must stop now but ...rite again before we go if

Your loving son

Samuel

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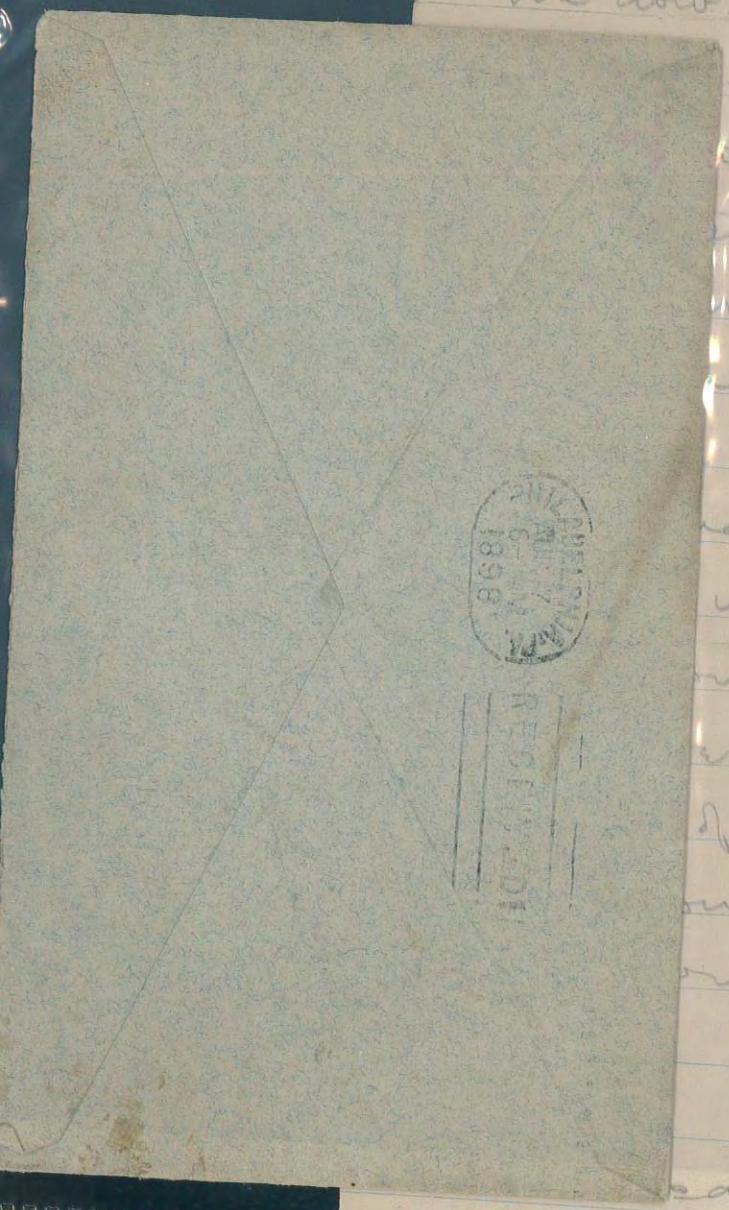

Santiago
De Cuba
Aug 2. 98

To my Friend
at the Opra House.

Well how is things all
right I hope things look blue here
... sickness not fighting
... left behind here
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CUBA AUG. 2, '98
WAR LTR.
EXCELLENT
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A. W. Safford
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Co. M. 2nd Mass Infty
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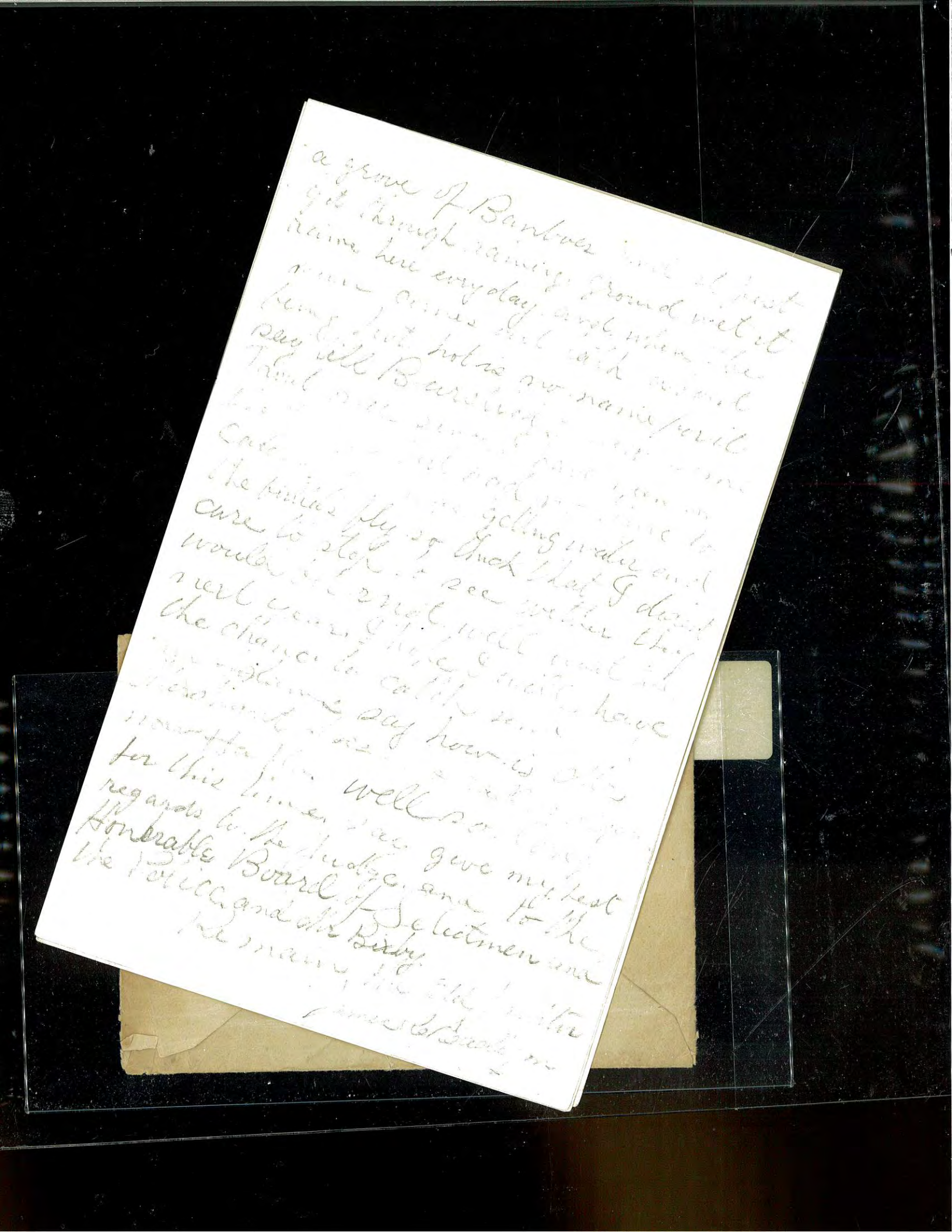

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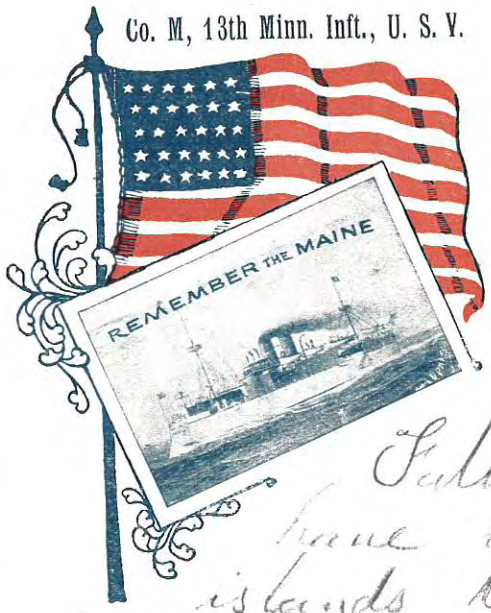

August 3/98

Father and mother
have landed in Philippine
islands that is we are
in the bay and dont know
how long we will be
until we land. can see
firing every night On
shore. the California troops
had a brush last night
with the spaniards and
had two men killed and
eighteen wounded.
the insergants are crasey
to take the town of Manila
they want to put their
flag up first. but
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DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS, WHEREAS, ALMIGHTY GOD, IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM HAS CALLED FROM THIS EARTH OUR BELOVED COMRADE, DAISY SMYTHE NURSE, HOSPITAL MANILA, P. I., LIFE MEMBER OF THE CAMP, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THIS CAMP EXTENDS TO THE BEREAVED RELATIVES ITS HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IN THEIR HOUR OF SORROW AND BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, THAT THE CHARTER OF THIS CAMP BE DRAPED FOR THE PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS AND BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE SPREAD UPON THE MINUTES OF THIS CAMP, A COPY OF THE DECEASED AND ONE TO THE N.". The document is signed in nce and is in very nice condition

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ough Riders and Spanish-American "Major Gen. Wheeler, Col. Wood, Dunn and Chaplain Brown"; "Hill San Juan, Cuba"; "Battlefield of fill, where Col. Roosevelt's 'Rough



York 14 Sept. 1898." ***...plus;*** n U.S.N. Comdg USS Boston, e way***...plus;*** CLARK, Charles Ossippee, West Gulf Blockading e Bay and the capture of Fort

LT. ALSTON HAMILTON

Autograph Letter Signed by Alston Hamilton, 14p. small quarto, In Camp near El Caney, Santiago de Cuba, August 6, 1898, addressed "My dear General" with fine detailed hand-colored maps of the island and encampments, it reads in part: "...Tonight is the first time that I have been able to answer your very welcome...letter. I haven't seen anything of Colonel Roosevelt; but as you know he is in Wheeler's Division and I am in Lawton's or rather in Randolph's Brigade of Lt. Artillery, now that there is no longer any fighting. We were attached to Lawton's Division at El Caney and at the two days fight at Santiago, in fact, during all the fighting. Randolph arrived with the other Artillery 'just in time to be late' & they didn't get a chance to fire a shot. A of the 2nd - E of the 1st - F of the 2d & K of the 1st were the only batteries that did any firing. The 2nd Massachusetts Infantry did splendid work at El Caney and did far better than any other militia that were here. What I saw down here convinced me that our regular army can be excelled in fighting qualities by none on earth, man for man. I hope to be able to get you one of the 45 caliber cartridge cases used by the Massachusetts Regiment at the Block house at El Caney...The fighting was not attended with great danger to us, as we fired at 2400 yards during most of the fight. At El Caney, and at 1000 yards during part of it. This was on July 1st. On July 10th & 11th we were entrenched within 800 yards of the Spanish lines and many shells and Mauser bullets passed close to us. The Spaniards had 24 cannons and we had 24; we silenced their guns for good in about an hour and a half. I will try to draw you a rough sketch of the threatre of operations [includes 6 pages of sketches]...July 1st evening left for Santiago by road from El Caney. ...at 2 am July 2 left for San Juan via El Caney & Sevilla. Dug gun pits at San Juan July 2. Left San Juan July 3d. P.M. arrived on road to Santiago where we had encamped July 1 & went into camp...July 5 took up position on firing line & dug gun pits. Began firing 4:30 PM, July 10. Fired until 6pm. Began firing July 11 at 6:15 am, fired until 1:30 pm. Truce till 17th when Santiago surrendered...." Sketches include those of different angles of the gun pits as weli as detailed overviews of



He Fought with Roosevelt at Santiago

Colonel Alston Hamilton, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, for many years and instructor at West Point and at the Fort Monroe Artillery School, and known internationally as and authority on gunnery and ballistics, was assigned to command the 58th Regiment during World War I.

BUT 71ST NY WERE NOT.
DESCRIBES BATTLE
IN GREAT. DETAIL 8/6/98
FROM CAPT W. CHAPMAN

Santiago de Cuba
Saturday Aug 6 1898

My dear Mother
I feel that I have been
very neglectful in not
writing to you but you
must excuse me again,
for a great deal of the
time writing has been
very difficult and some
times impossible and
it is only lately that we
could have any assurance
that our mail ever got
anywhere. Since we have
been in camp here we
have not felt like doing
anything that was not
forced upon us. I am
very glad that Margie
has sent you my

WRITES RE ANXIETY FOR TROOPS EXPECTED AT MONTAUK BEFORE RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE

Hotel Winthrop,
7th Ave. Boulevard & 125th Street,
CLINTON W. BIRD, Prop'r.
Telephone, 553 Harlem.

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Hotel Winthrop,
7th Ave. Boulevard & 125th Street,
CLINTON W. BIRD, Prop'r.
Telephone, 553 Harlem.

New York, August 6th 1898.

Mr. Smiley

Dear Sir,

This will Explain. Telegram. sent this Morning

You Can imagine the anxiety felt, during this dreadful War, when one has any one, dear to them on the battlefield, and I had my favorite Nephew there in the midst of danger, while the fighting is over, and he escaped being hurt, this danger of fever is alarming, So we are thankful to learn that the troop's are to be sent North, and are expected Early next week, I feel that I must wait, to either see

FROM CAPT. ICE FIGHTING IN PUERTO RICO.!!

ALT

Playa de Guanica
Porto Rico
Aug. 6th '98

My darling wife:-
The Steamer Mohawk is just going to Ponce, 12 mi. East of here, - where Army Hdqrs have been established, + I jump at this chance to send a word of love and greeting [illegible] + know how [illegible] The 11th Reg. [illegible] ay before yester- [illegible] and fairly [illegible] le camp. [illegible] ws from [illegible] July, - when [illegible] and know [illegible] y dear ones. [illegible] pray that

Via George - warmest regards to all at Office

After.....days, return to

Soldiers Letter
H.B. Looker
Capt. Co. [illegible]
Prov. Batt. of Engrs.

UNITED STATES POSTAGE 2 CENTS

Mrs. H.B. Looker
3112 Q St.
W. Washington
D.C.

Chance here yet for money
No paymaster.

My dearest Con
to all —
And kisses to all of
you —

Your own loving
Harry

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AUG. 7, 1898 SANTIAGO, CUBA
FROM MAJOR McCASKEY RE
TROOPS GOING TO CAMP NIKOFF,
SON HAS TYPHOID

Santiago de Cuba.
Aug. 7th 1898.

My Dear Wife;

Douglas has been very ill. and was threatened with a mild case of typhoid. His regiment left for the north today - on the Gate City - but we did not consider him in a condition to stand the trip on a troop ship, so I secured an order for his admittance on the Hospital Ship Olivette, which leaves to-morrow. Major Sogan + Lt Estes - went down in the ambulance with him, under charge of Lt. Lewis - Major Sogan - is on Gen Bates' Staff - but has been very sick - He is much interested in both the [illegible] ook [illegible] Douglas [illegible] ital [illegible] n [illegible] lad [illegible] also [illegible] D. [illegible] oning

ARMY CHRISTIAN COMMISSION
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS,
3 WEST 29TH STREET, N. Y. CITY,
If not called for in Five Days
return to

TAMPA DEPARTMENT.

A Soldier's Letter,
Wm. S. McCaskey.
Major 20 Inf

DUE 2 CENTS

Mrs. McCaskey,
Fort Leavenworth,
Kansas.
U.S.A.

POSTAGE DUE 1 ONE CENT
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over here.

Garry was in town today on official business - He wanted to go in & see it and I sent him. He tells me he has not missed a roll call on the island and that he has not been sick a day. Occasionally he would not feel comfortable. That is about the best record in the regiment. I only hope he will get through safely - There was another meeting in town today, and Gen Bates invited me to go in with him at 2, but it was too hot. I can't stand much of that yet. I have not been out of camp - except once or twice at Gen Bates' camp near by.

The troops are being sent north as rapidly as transports can be loaded - The Cavalry will all be off tomorrow and some infantry. I suppose we will get started within 10 days - unless we are detained awaiting transports. We go to Montauk Point L. I. opposite New London Conn. - Hope to see you there soon. Garry, Douglas & I, celebrated Charles' birthday, by talking of him in D's tent. Sorry he missed West Point - but we did the best we could. Good by - with love

always Your William

CAPT. J. W. HEARD
3rd CAVALRY

DISPARAGES CUBANS AS SOLDIER DURING A BATTLE

S. S. Wanderer,
Key West Fla
Aug. 6. 1898

Dear Sergeant.

I return you herewith the receipt, which you sent me in reply to my telegram — The Wire was sent you merely as a blind, for you to show to Mrs. Heard. I also send you herewith a bank statement & letter concerning errors on return, from the Q. M. General — Will you attend to it for me, and file all retained papers with my other papers.

I leave here in an hour, [or at 11^30 a.m.], for the Quarantine Station at Tampa Fla, and expect to be at the "Tampa Bay Hotel, Tampa, Florida", in about 5 or 6 days. — Consequently you may address me there. I have three or four cases of fever on board ship, but do not believe it is any thing more than Malaria, with one or two cases of Typhoid, which may turn out badly. Doughty is the only man from Fort Ethan Allen, with me. In the fight at Menimani River, near Bahia Honda, I had no american Soldier wounded even, which I attribute to the fact that they laid down & fought, instead of running away. Of the Cubans, I lost three killed and eight wounded. The Spanish loss was unknown — The Cubans put it at 200 killed & wounded, or more than their whole force engaged, in my opinion.

I think probably their loss may have been half a dozen or so, wounded — they retreated immediately into the woods carrying

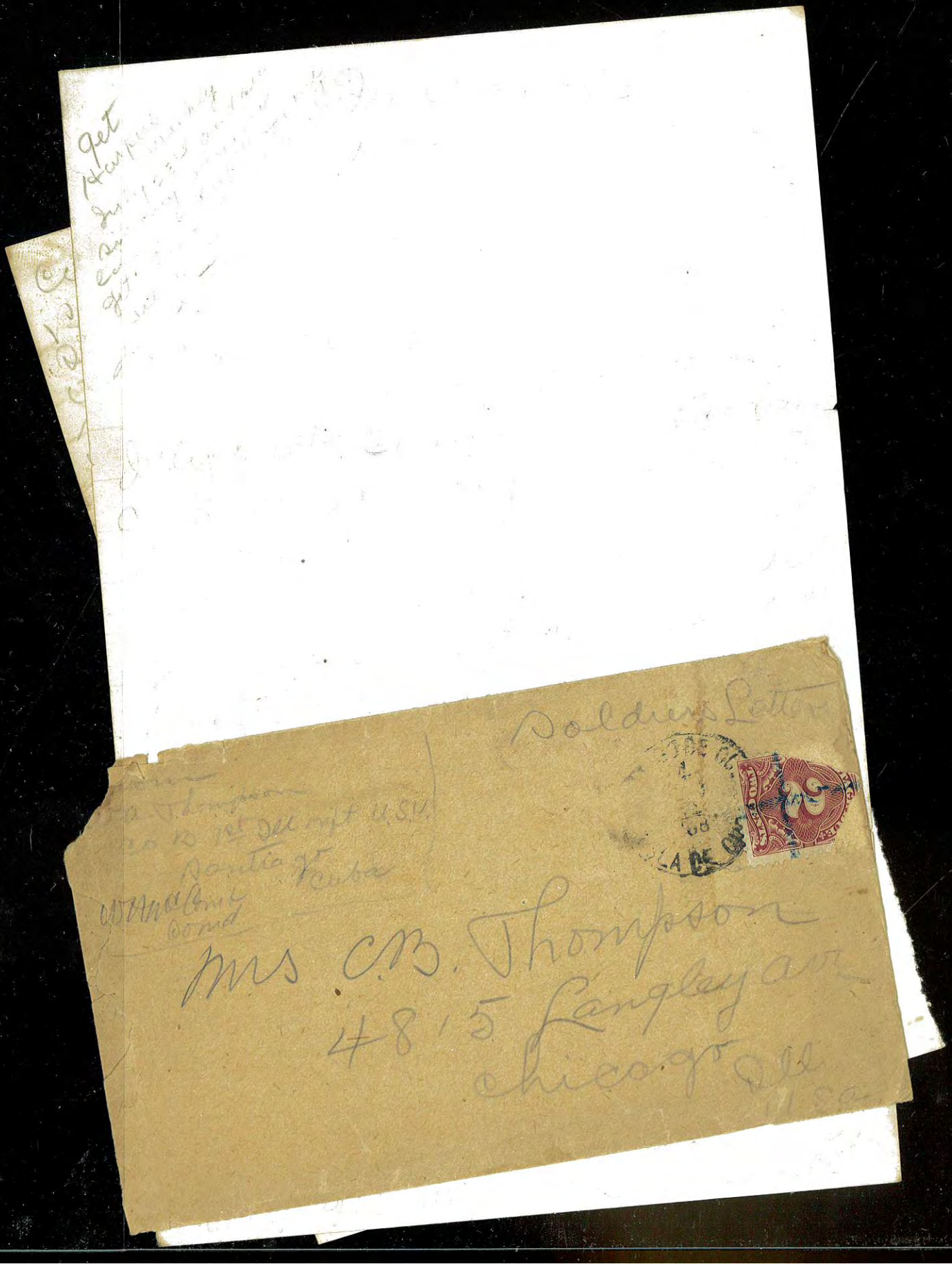
away with them. I did not press them, as the success
the expedition was the first object to be obtained.
hatever loss, however, was incurred by the Spanish, was
icted by the American soldiers, with the Krag-Jorgensen
ines. From my position, & with my field glasses, I could
h absolutely that not a Cuban bullet came within a
ter of a mile of the Spanish line. In fact the
3" Cavalry soldiers on board saved the ship, the Expedition &
Insurgents even themselves.

Sincerely yours

J. W. Heard

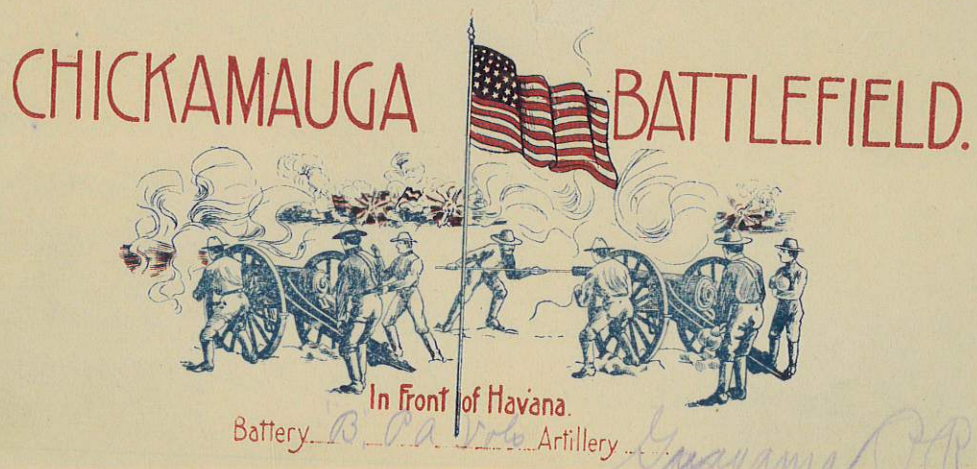
SANTIAGO, CUBA AUG. 10, 1898

COMPLAINING ABOUT ILLNESS UNLESS TROOPS LEAVE CUBA SOON



something during your wheel
and had a long talk
with them there are two
of their boys out of the shop
to the war. I have no
news to write you as I go
no where, now my dear
boy I do hope you will
soon be home I does
seem so long since
you went away praying
that God may keep
you in perfect health
and bring you home
safely to your loving
but anxious mother
Remain with much
love
Maria Thompson

GUAYAMA, PUERTO RICO
AUG. 10, 1898
BATTLE LTR: JUST AS HIS BATTERY WAS SET TO FIRE ON TARGET, PEACE DECLARED


CHICKAMAUGA BATTLEFIELD.
In Front of Havana.
Battery B. P. A. Vols Artillery

Guayama P.R.
Aug 16 98

Dear Bro

Well Lance I am at last in P. Rico & dam glad of it & I guess we will be home soon now. Get arrive on the Island on Aug 4 & was camped back of Arroyo about a mile in a dam old swamp & it was a hell of a place too. The boys were cursing all the time about it. On the evening of 12th they were a bugle call & we were call up & give an order to break camp & March to this place that evening. It was 4 20 & we were to get out of camp at 6 o'clock. He got out about 8. They were all kinds of delays & we marched to this place & slept in street that & move the next morning on a block house up in the Mts back of the town about

Niggaas. They are lots of house houses
around here. Well I must close
Give mys best to the family, to Flora
& the Boys & Girls. Has the Old quit
said anything lately about me
as you heard of, So good bye.
We may leave soon. So write quick.

Your Bro
Bob

PS Especially give my best to your happy
wife
Bob

re: WAR WITH SPAIN By
David Trask p. 363 for details
about this "first serious combat..."
of the P.R. campaign

COAMO, PUERTO RICO AUG. 10, 1898
COL. W.S. HULINGS, C.O. OF 16th PA. INF. GIVES DETAILED REPORT OF BATTLE

Coamo. Aug 10th 1898

To Capt. Douglass Dettle,
A. A. Genl. 1st Brigade, 1st Div. 1st Corps.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that pursuant to orders from Genl. Earnest: the 16th Regt. at 4 o'clock P.M. Aug 8th leaving behind all baggage, the sick and a camp guard, preceded 650 strong from its camp near Guawa Deaz, under the guidance of Lt. Col Biddle, and accompanied by Lt. Wagner of the Signal Corps, to make a flank movement to the right and rear of the Spanish forces posted at Coamo: Leaving the Pike about 1½ miles beyond our camp, a trail leading northerly through mountains was followed for about 5 miles where we bivouaced until 3.15 A.M. Aug 9th: Lt. Col Biddle accompanied by Capt. Gardner having notified me that he would be ready to guide me at 3. A.M. I waited until 4.30 A.M. but could hear nothing from him. Finally I determined to proceed alone and had already given orders to move when Capt. Gardiner returned explaining that he had been lost.

Proceeding hastily in single file over the difficult trail, the valley of the Rio de Coamo reached about 7 A.M. 2 miles west of Our Corps at which seemed to be volley firing from

PUERTO RICO - AUG. 10, 1898
DESCRIBES ADVANCE OF TROOPS UNDER GEN. GARRETSON TO CAPTURE UTUADO. AUG. 12 - CEASE FIRE!!

In the field, Aug 10th 1898

My [illegible]

Well, here we are, on the march through Puerto Rico, at last and I'll write a letter to Sweetheart as we go, a little each day. We are with the old Regiment again and every one was delighted when the order came relieving us from our work as Provost Guard in time for us to join before the regiment started for the front. It took lots of work to convince Gen Wilson that we were needed with the regt and even the day before the movement to the front began he sent word to me that our work was very satisfactory and we would be kept there. But neither Col Foster or Gen Garretson gave up and next day I was relieved by a company of U.S. Regulars. We promptly packed up and towards evening started out for the camp ground 3 miles away. Nothing but the 'lightest' baggage was taken as part of our road was so bad that nothing but pack mules could cross, so my trunk was stored with others in a ware house to be shipped around by steamer while I took only the grip, packed with a few nessessariers. It was dark when we arrived but it didn't take long for the [illegible] in their new quarter[illegible] ox cart and [illegible] boxes laid do[illegible] at 3 oclock [illegible] at 7 oclock [illegible] ox carts which al[illegible] day march [illegible] as could be. The [illegible] road winding [illegible] all kinds of [illegible] seem fa[illegible] date



day until lately; the Commander has forbidden them the p... going to the ocean, the boys take shower baths. There is a building here in camp fixed with water pipes in the ceiling. You can stand right under them and turn on the water..get washed off in good shape... This Division of the Army came from Tampa, Florida about three weeks ago....something like fifty thousand men camped here at Fernandina. It is all sandy ground...Companys G & C caught two big turtles out on the beach one night. They were about 30 inches across the shell. The cooks made them up into soup....The City of Fernandina is only a short distance from camp...have to get a pass...About 5 miles from camp, there is a Fort. Twelve men stay there all the time. They are mounting an eight inch cannon, which is twenty two feet in length....It is called Fort Clinch. A big flag is run up every day on a flag staff...can see it from camp...Eight men from this company are sick with the Typhoid Fever...Charly Milton caught an eel over in the creek that was about two feet long...." VF

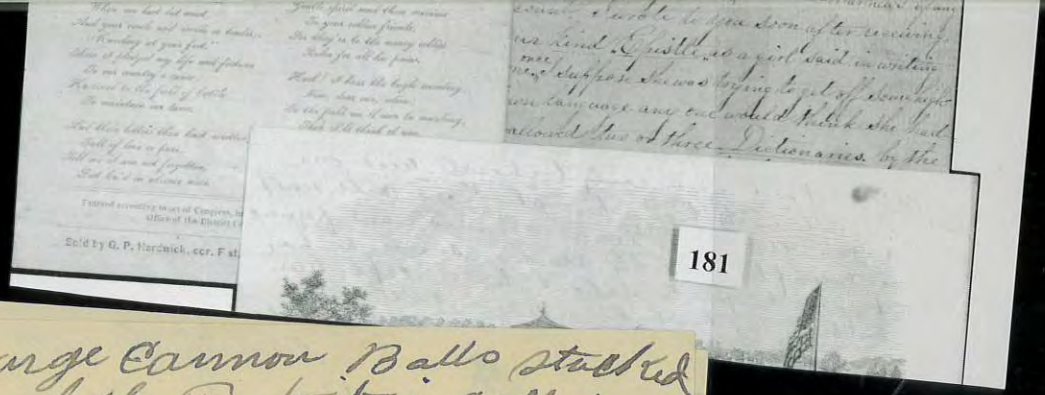


Aug 18th 1898

Dear Friend Harry

Well after so long a Time I will answer your good letter I am well how are you geting along working and attending School and the like of that undoubtidy. We are here in Fernandina Florida about 1½ miles from the Atlantic Ocean. The Boys go in bathing nealy every day until lately the Commander has forbiden them the privledge now and instead of going to the Ocean the boys take shower baths. there is a building here in Camp fixed with water pipes in the cealing you can stand right under them and turn on the water you can get washed

Yours



is lots of large Cannon Balls stacked up in side of the Fort it is called Fort Clinch a big Flag is run up every day on a Flag staff we can see it from here on clear days. Eight men from this Company are sick with the Typhoid Fever. one Boy by the name of Charley Miller caught an eel over in the Creek that was about two feet long they look some like a Snake but are good to eat I persume you have heard people talk of things being slippery as Eels. have you not. it is almost impossiable to hold one unless you put Sand on your hands first. have you got through throshing yet it dont seem as that it could be pretty near September but it soon will be over the less. Is there many Apples this Year Strawberries was the only thing ripe when I came away Now Harry I want you to be sure and write me often and tell me all the news you think of. It will soon be time for to get ready to Eat our dinner as it is nearly Noon Give my respects to your Folks. good by

Mr. describes invasion of P.R. PORTO RICO
DIFFICULT UNLOADING HORSES

Aug 10 98
Harbor of Ponce, Porto Rico.

Dear Kid,

As you see by the heading we have gotten to Porto Rico at last.

We got here this morning at about 11 O'Clock & layed of the harbor for about an hour when we started in & I ran aground we wont be able to get off untill sometime this evening.

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Headman
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Penn Mols
Porto Rico

Soldiers Letter

AUG 11 98
M. STA. NO. 1
PORTO RICO
2 P M

Miss Marion Headman
Crosbed House
Shelter Island
Long Island N.Y.

If not there
send to 18 [illegible] St
Phila

BAX

SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM PORTO RICO. 3+pgs **Gauyama, Porto Rico, Thur. Aug. 11th, 1898"**, from Arthur Streed, Co. D, 3rd Ill. Vol. Inf., to his parents, on illustrated Camp George H. Thomas stationery, w/a red & blue illus. of Uncle Sam chasing a Spaniard across Cuba at the point of a bayonet. Excellent content, incl:"**We have the whole town and we get anything that we want, if they ask too much for it, we take it and give them what is right...If there is anything that is not fit to eat, the Porto Ricans tell us. They all came back to their homes when they found out that we were there, and are so scared that they won't hardly go to their homes to sleep because they want to stay close to us. If they don't fire off a few of our guns, they gather in a crowd and are in our way. The other day, we drove them in the houses, but we had not gotten out of sight before they were in the streets again....We sleep in a house that a Spanish officer had....This is a free silver country and we get two dollars for one of ours.....We have captured over one hundred Spaniards and expect to get some more now because there are more of our troops landing every day. When we landed, there were no one except Gen. Miles about 45 miles away. Our Reg. was the first to land. They took us ashore in small boats from the ship which got stuck three miles from shore....I have to go out on patrol....search the houses around here to see if there are any more Spaniards around....**" Streed later enlisted in Canada to fight in World War I (14th Canadian Battalion) & died a few years after the war from the effects of being gassed in the defense of Paris. With original real photo postcard, taken in London, showing Streed in his Canadian uniform. F

CAMP GEORGE H. THOMAS,

Chickamauga Park,

Postal Station,

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Gauyama, Porto Rico
Thur. Aug 11th 1898.

Dear Folks,-

I thought I would write a few lines to you while I have a chance to let you know that I am well and having a good time down here, we have the whole town and we get anything that we want, if they ask too much for it we take it and give them what is right, coconuts they want five cents but we give them one cent or two hard tacks and cigars one cent a piece, there are over fifty differ kinds of fruit that we eat if there is any thing that is not fit to eat the Porto Ricoians tell us, they all came back to their homes when they found out that we were there and are so scared that they wont hardly go to their homes to sleep because they want

CIVIL WAR

ANDERSONVILLE. 2pg letter, date
letterhead of the "American Missionary Association", Macon office
who died at the notorious Andersonville POW camp. Includes: **"The stone for the grave**
Saturday....It will be attended to and properly set....To be left alone
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urs...." Includes original transmittal
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"Army and Navy Journal", the "Jewish
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Despite his success as a photographer,
merica's greatest Civil War photograper.

to see if there are any more
spandiards around here.
Good By.
Your Son
Arthur.

Arthur Strud,
Co. D 3rd Ill. Vol. Inft,
Military Post No. 1,
Porto R

When you write you
to put a five cent stam
but we only two cents

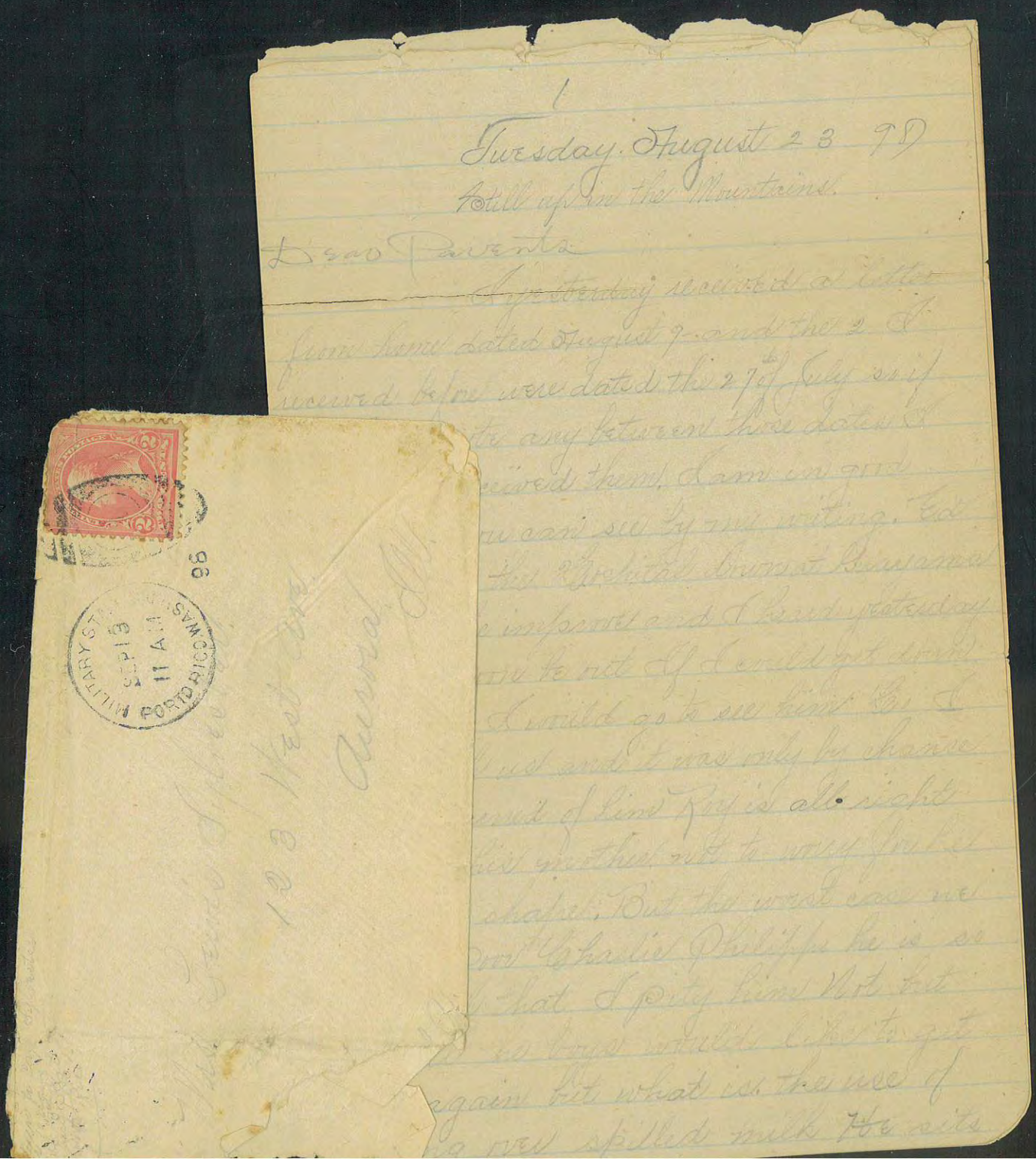
Write



PUERTO RICO AUG. 23, 1898

"GOT MY 1st PRISONER BUT DID NOT SHOOT HIM; TOOK HIS UNIFORM BUTTONS INSTEAD

HI, THIS AUCTION IS FOR A SPANISH AMERICAN WAR LETTER POST DATED 1898. THE LETTER I[S] DICTATE THE WHOLE THING. IT HAS TO DO WITH A MAN BEING A COWARD. A WOMEN CHEAT[S] IS IN THE MOUNTAINS OF PUERTO RICO. HOW THEY ARE STAYING FAT WHILE THE PEOPLE IN CAMP ARE [illegible]. THIS LITTLE TID BIT : by the way i got my first prisoner sunday and instead of shooting him as most people up there would say i took the button off his coat for a suveneer and gave him a hard tack and turned him lose he was only a soldier like my self fighting for something that he has no han[d] getting up for as father well knose the men who get up the are always far from the front from an intepreter i found that he had not recieved a cent sir he had been in the army and that for over 3 weeks the only feed he had to eat was mangoes.....i was trying my best to get his companions however i guess it is all off as the white flags are now flying from both sides and i here we are soon to leave THE POST MARK IS PORTO RICO PICTURES SHOULD SHOW ALL. I AM NO EXPERT. SHIPPING IS AWAYS INSURED WHEN GOING OUT OF COUNTRY AND IN ANY AMMOU[NT]



Headquarters Troop "A", N.Y.V.,
Ponce, Porto Rico,
August 13th, 1898.

My dear Mamma:-

How I long to hear from all at home, how you all are, etc.

This morning we had inspection in heavy marching order at 7.30 A.M. The men looked very well and ready for any emergency. They are a fine lot, but hard to manage in more ways than one. They always expect something special to be done for them.

in twenty minutes, whenever the order comes from General Miles.

Lovingly, your son,

Medwin.

AUG. 1898
SOLDIER AT CAMP ALGER WRITES TO SGT. IN PUERTO RICO RE: HIS BROTHER'S COURT MARTIAL FOR KILLING A MAN IN A BAR
[ON LOVELY LTRHEAD + ENVELOPE]



ADOPTED APRIL 19, 1898.
RESOLVED: FIRST, THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA ARE AND OF RIGHT OUGHT TO BE FREE AND INDEPENDENT.
SECOND, THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF THE UNITED STATES TO DEMAND, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES DOES HEREBY DEMAND, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN AT ONCE RELINQUISH ITS AUTHORITY AND GOVERNMENT IN THE ISLAND OF CUBA AND WITHDRAW ITS LAND AND NAVAL FORCES FROM CUBA AND CUBAN WATERS.



Thoroughfare Gap Va Aug 19 98

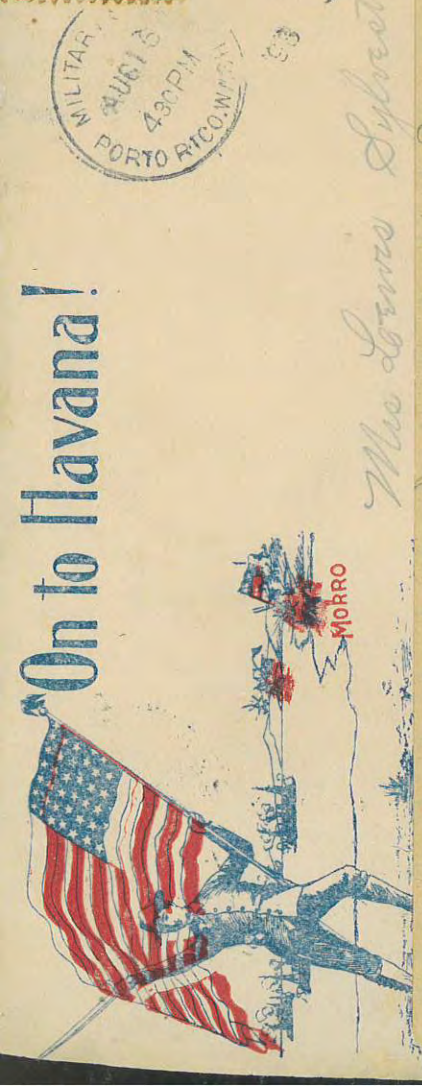
Sergt. Disch
Ponce. De. Ports. Rico

Dear Sir
I am informed that my brother shot and killed a regular in a wine house by the name of Stafford and that you were with him at the time the shooting occurred, Please let me know whether he is Court Martialed and shot or whether he is to be Court Martialed or what has befallen. And oblige
Charles H. La Duke
Camp. alger.
Co. E. 34th Mich Vols, Va
I will Inclose a stamp also

GUAYAMA, PORTO RICO
AUG. 14, 1898
DESCRIBES LAST BATTLE
IN P.R. FABULOUS LETTR

HI, THIS AUCTION IS FOR A SPANISH AMERICAN WAR LETTER POST DATED 1898 FROM PORTO RICO TO AURORA ILL ,WHICH STATES: "Sunday, August 14, 1898 dear parents. I suppose you know better than I do that the war is practically over. The first we knew of it was yesterday. We were just forming in a line of battle to storm aid block house and some entrenchments the Spaniards had up on the top of the mountains it would no doubt have been a nasty piece of work to perform and the artillery had embedded and the order was just about to commence firing when up came an orderly with a dispatch for Gen. Brooke to the effect that peace had been declared at first the boys cheered and yelled but afterwards we were hot for after chasing them up for over two weeks and at last catching them and them being obliged to draw off was a little too much we were taken back to the crest near the town of Gauyamam and fair we pitched tents the town is full of Spaniards now that peace is declared and I tell you they are ravenous set of cutthroats how long we expect to stay here I can not say but the prevailing opinion is that we won't be here much over six weeks or 60 days at the most well if the war is over I don't care to stay here a moment longer than is necessary even though it is a fine country I tell you what makes it the worst not a one of the natives understand our language and sometimes it makes me laugh to see all the boys trying to make them selves understood as for myself I get along very as some of the people talk good French and I talk a kind of mongrel French so I can get along well enough I have not seen a newspaper nor I received a letter since I have been here as I don't know what is going on out in the real world well as I only need drop you this letter to let you know the position I will lose hoping this letter will find you all as well as I am when I write





MILITARY
AUG 15
430PM
PORTO RICO, W.I.

Mrs Lewis Sylvester

Guayama Porto Rico
Sunday August 14 98

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MANILA ~ AUG. 14, 1898
USS PETREL ONE
OF DEWEY'S FLEET.
ASST. PAYMASTER GEO. SEIBELS
WRITES DETAILED LETTER
RE "PHONY ATTACK" ON
CITY OF MANILA WHICH
SPANIARDS OFFERED TOKEN
RESISTNCE TO SAVE
FACE. A FAMOUS INCIDENT
IN S-A WAR FROM A
EYE WITNESS PARTICIPANT
GREAT LETTER

The Petrel,
Sunday,
Aug 14, '98

Dear Annie:

In a few more
hours you
the fall of
have not he
ready. The
day, and
must have
States yesterday
That would
you Saturday
know we are twelve or four-
teen hours ahead of you.
The comdr-in-chief knew
where the ends of the cable
were, an as we have people
here who understand how to
manipulate the business, there

Geo. Seibels Manila P.I. Aug 14, 1898
Forwarded to and Received at
Salada N.6, Oct 1st
1st October 1898

SAN FRANCISCO
— CALA —
SEP 22 1 — PM

Miss Annie L. Seibels,
#711 S. Perry St.,
Montgomery, Ala.
U.S. of A.

MANILA AUG 17, 1898
EXCELLENT! re Battle for Manila + Surrender

El Teniente Alcalde
del
Distrito de Sta Cruz

Manila Aug 17th 1898

Dear Sister

It is some time since I sent you a letter and as you will see by the heading of this- that we have changed quarters. I suppose that you have heard of the surrender of the City- It was a very easy thing for us in one way though we were worked rather hard for a few days previous to entering the city- Friday night we were on outpost duty again- back to camp on Saturday morning and [illegible] again [illegible] direct [illegible] little [illegible] only one

PHILIPPINE STATION
AUG 19 1898
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

2 TWO CENTS

Letter + Story of Manila Surrender

Miss Susan Detar
#146 Division Ave
Greensburg
Pennsylvania
U.S.A.

Westmid Co.

3 letters re combat in Phil.

Spanish American War: Lot of 3 letters & covers: Aug. 3rd, 1898 letter from Lt. Chas. Hagan, 1st Regt. Cav., datelined "Camp Dewey near Manila" w/good battle content:"**We had a fight on the night of July 31st in which we had 11 men killed and about 40 wounded. Captain Richter was shot in the head and pretty badly wounded but he will recover. Our regiment had besides Capt. Richter, one man killed and 9 wounded. the organizations engaged were the 10th Penn., the Utah Light Battery, Batteries H and K of the 3d Art. and the 1st and 2d Battalions of our Regiment. Not a man of our company was hit and we were the leading company....The fight was started by someone firing at the Spanish.**" Second letter datelined "Camp Dewey, P.I., Aug. 9th 1898" includes :"**I suppose you know by this time that Captain Richter is dead. It is too bad and everbody here feel pretty bad about it. Dewey gave Manila 48 hours to surrender, the time expired at 1 PM today, so we expect that he will be all right provided all of the houses are not knocked down**" Third letter datelined "Manila P.I., Nov. 22/98" & includes:"**..Dont you think about such a thing as coming out here, we would lose the children in a month. The children of the white people here look so sickly that you would think they were going to die the next minute.**" 8pgs total. Includes three covers: Red & blue flag w/eagle & half tone photo of "Capuchinos Convent/Battle of Malate July 31st", 2c red tied by VF purple **MIL.STA. No.1, PHILIPPINES ILS/SAN FRANCISCO, CAL** Nov 23,1898 DC hdstp. tears at bottom & part of bkflp missing, tape at left; VF blk ***PHILIPPINE STATION,*/SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.** Aug 5,1898 DC hdstp & VF blk **U.S. CHARGE/TO COLLECT/2 CENTS** SL hdstp, postage due stamp cut out & VF purple rubber hdstp on back:**Headquarters/1st Reg. Cal US Vol Inf/Camp Dewey Ph. Is./ Soldiers Letter** w/stamped sig of A.J. Kelleher, Captain and Adjutant First Infantry. tape residue at LL; last env has same hdstp on back as above & VF purple DC Aug 19,1898 hdstp as above w/VF purple POSTAGE DUE, 2 CTS. SL hdstp & torn 2c red postage due stamp above. piece of tape on cvr. envs as described, letters VF.



(4)

again.
Don't worry about me, I am
as big as a house and
healthy.
Good-bye for awhile my
sweetheart
to yourself
and love a
everybody,
Christmas and
New year.
Yo





GUAYAMA, PORTO RICO
AUG. 17, 1898
WAR LETTER

3RD INFANTRY
ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS

North of Guayama
Porto Rico
August 17. 1898.

My Dear Anne;

And it rains & it rains. We are camped on a hill where we can look at the Spanish & they can look at us. My tent faces north. Six of the companies are out in front in their tents. Two of the companies of these six are on outpost duty directly up the mountains. The other six companies are across the stream of water that runs to the sea past Guayama with their outpost up the San Juan military road & on the peaks of the mountains more to the westward. The 4th Ohio is to our rear about a mile. The 4th Penna two miles & south of the town, where are also camped the cavalry & artillery. We know nothing of the terms of peace. & sit here in the rain & watch the Spaniards & they seem to be watching us. I received a letter from Colonel Copley & have answered it. I think his plan all right. We have talked it over many times. It is simply making the property yield something within the lifetime of those now interested & taking

into the enterprise those who are wishing to share the risks of the business, but who if the business is a success we can buy out by paying the Bonds. I think if you read this portion of my letter to Col Capley he can explain the details to you. I enclose power of attorney in special reference to the transaction. Col Capley said that he would pay the interest on bonds Aug 1. If so I should buy the mortgage of Dr Duncan paying the face of the accrued interest to the date of purchase.

Charley Cecil is waiting for the mail.

With love

Yours

Fred Bennett

AUG. 21, 1898
RE SICKNESS IN CAMP

SH AMERICAN WAR - SOLDIER'S LETTER ON SCARCE PATRIOTIC ONERY. 4pg letter from Jesse M. Edwards, Co. I, 2nd Regt. Mo. Vols, datelined Thomas, Ga., Aug. 21, 1898", w/both sheets having a large red & blue illus. of a holding rifle, w/roses above &"**U.S. VOLUNTEER ARMY. THE FLOWER OF ICAN MANHOOD**" printed above & at left. Letter incl:"**There is a good deal of s here now....we had quite a time at the review the other day. We left our camp 6 o'clock in the moring and didn't get back until about 12. We were the 9th Reg. . that passed the reviewing stand...It was the hottest day I nearly ever saw, the t lot of soldiers I ever saw....There is going to be a prize fight here in the Soldier's re tonight, between a second Mo. & 9th Penn. man. The winner will get a gold ...I don't want to go to Cuba or anywhere else to do garrison duty. There isn't but a dozen in this Reg. that does...**" W/original transmittal cvr w/red & blue illus of flag ines of verse below & CHICK'MAUGUA/NATL PARK/GA. camp duplex tying 2c red

U.S. VOLUNTEER ARMY

CAMP Thomas
Ga. aug 21st 1898.

Dear Uncle I will answer your welcom letter I recieved day before yesterday I was glad you was all well & doing well. I am feeling much better now than I was a while back I am sorrow I disapointed you

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"Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust!'
And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

FROM
Jesse M. Edwards
COMPANY I
2nd REGIMENT Mo. Vol.
CAMP Thomas
Chickamauga Ga

AUG 20 98
CHICK'MAUGA
NATL PARK

Mr George Edward
Cumberland
Cass Co.
Iowa

go to Cuba or any where else
to do garison duty there
isent but a bout a dozen in
this Reg. that does. Have you
herd from Bertha lately She
lives in marshaltown Iowa
Well I will close for
this time for mess call
has just blown & I must
go & get my dinner.
Good by write
Soon from Jesse Edwards
to his Mole George Edwards

body of the mail clerk as well as shooting & killing 3 trainmen.
his photo, w/a handstamp over Hugh's photo saying that he
others are still at large. On other side are a photo of the blown
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as facsimiles of their signatures (all aliases). sm tear at 1
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MANILA AUG. 27, 1898

OUTSTANDING LTR. RF AMERICANS FRATENIZING W/ SP. PRISONERS + FIGHTING AGUINALDO

WALTER C. WEEDON
PRESIDENT

H. E. COLEMAN
GENERAL SECRETARY

CORRESPONDENCE TABLE

Young Men's Christian Association

~~HONOLULU, H. I.,~~ 189

Manilla, Aug. 27, '98

Dear old John:

This is awful paper to have to write to you on but it is the best I can do on the battle field.

I wont try to tell you about the battle or any of the war news because you will [illegible] through [illegible] this ever [illegible] say that [illegible] would not [illegible] thing in [illegible] you were [illegible] would [illegible] these old [illegible] where Lewey [illegible] about eight

AR-LETTER EXCELLENT

M.L. STA #1 PAIL AUG. 28 1898

Young Men's Christian Association,
HONOLULU, H. I.

SOLDIER'S LETTER

Chaplain U. S. Army

~~Excellent contents~~
re Spanish soldiers
in Manila + insurgent
attacks

[illegible] Alexander.
Washington Co.
Pa.

POSTAGE DUE 2 CTS

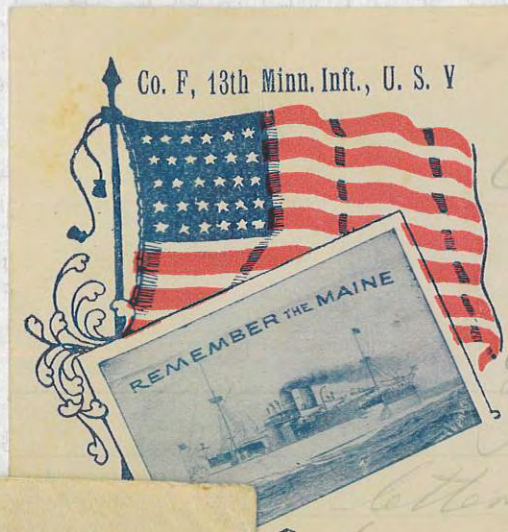
LP S. A.

enlistment, three years, but we the volunteers will get to go home all right but I hear the regulars will have to stay but we will get twenty six dollars per. month + every American dollar is worth two dollars, in the money here, that makes $52.00 spending money per. month, so it could be worse with: beer at 2 cts. per glass, whiskey at 3 cts. per. drink; gin 2 cts per. drink, shave 2 cts.; cigarettes 2 cts. per. pack $1.01 fifty in a pack; cigars 1 ct, 2 cts, 4 cts. each that would be about cts, 10 cts, + 20 cts, respectively at home. Write soon.

Your Friend
A. P. Chaplin
Co. M. 14th Inft.
Military Station No. 1,
Philippine Islands
via San Francisco
Cal.

MANILA SEPT. 14, 1898

writes about Capture of Manila Aug 27th and Illness



Manila
Philippine Island
Sept 14. 98

Dear Friend Norm
I received your
letter of the 25 of July
the 10th of Sept. and was
lad to hear from you.
ince the 19th of August
been in the Hospital
down with Typhoid
I had fevere nights
a week befor the capture
anila, but we all knew
befor many days we
d have a good scrape
id not go to a doctor
I knew he would not
me to go with the
I said nothing about
eing [illegible] At last
night of the 12th of Aug
ot orders to be ready

Soldiers letter
WA Appleton
Capt 13 Minn Vols
Manila Pt

Norman Appleton
414 Jefferson Ave.
Minneapolis
Minn. U.S.A.

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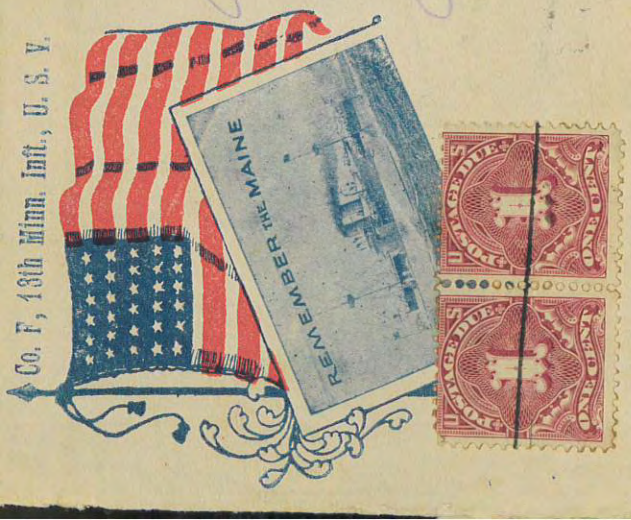

SEPT. 15, 1898 MANILA

EXCELLENT WAR LETTER

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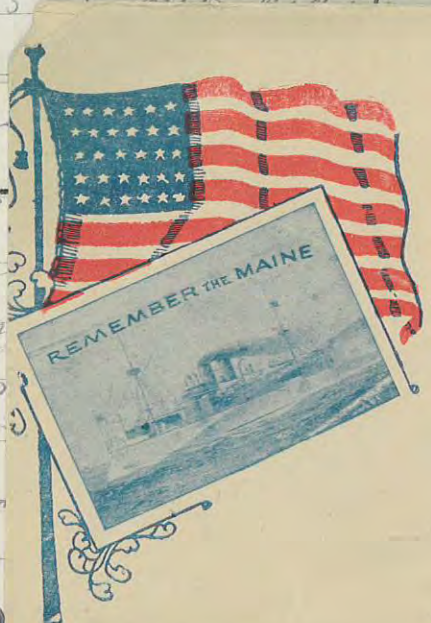
SPANISH AMERICAN WAR - GOOD SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM MANILA, W/PATRIOTIC CVR. Lengthy letter, datelined **"Manila, P. Island, Sept. 15th, 1898"**, 1st 2 pgs written on "captured" Spanish ledger sheet, approx. 8-1/2" x 12-1/2", w/blk printed border & "ANOS" printed at TL. The other 2pg on approx. 6" x 8-1/2" sheet. An interesting letter from Sgt. John C. Larson, 1st Regt. S.D. Vols., to a friend in Canton, S.Dak. Incl. original transmittal cvr w/red & blue illus. of flag &**"REMEMBER THE MAINE"** w/blue halftone photo of the famed ship & w/lightly struck magenta MIL. STA..../**SAN FERNANDO...** double circle pmk ing 2c red Washington. Letter incl:**"We arrived here on the morning of the 23rd, but didn't go ashore until the 27th...were ationed at Point Cavite, right across the bay from Manila. Our quarters were in an old Catholic church which was built over o hundred years ago...it's a monster of a thing, although it's quite badly ruined now. We can walk out on the stone walk right t of the upper story of the church and have a fine view of the work that Dewey done..it's a terror...can see the masts of the ips sticking up all over the bay, and then to see where he fired into the stone walls that were from ten to fifteen feet rough...it's enough to make any country raise the white flag and say they'll be good, and he's still got his fleet right out there the bay ready for action. The first night we were here, we were ordered to sleep with our clothes on and our rifles by our side the guard had had some trouble with the insurgents the night before. ...in the middle of the night, when all were asleep, one he guards fired four shots at one of the insurgents...The officer of the day thought sure that there was trouble on hand, as ordered the bugler to blow to arms, and it wasn't five minutes from the time the bugle started to sound until every man was and in his place. How's that for the S.D. boys? We were stationed at Cavite sixteen days when at 11:45 orders came to be dy to go aboard a boat at 1 o'clock....taken aboard an old tug boat and from there was taken aboard the transport ship St. l...we didn't have any more idea where we were going than a rabbit. We were kept right on there for two days and the boat r moved. That is after we had sailed out away from Cavite about six mi....got orders to go ashore, so we were taken aboard e old things that they call flyes, they are a long narrow flat bottomed boat drawn by tug boats. They have to use this method ading and unloading things, as there are no docks that they can get to with a large ship. This time we were landed right in heart of Manila, then we were marched about 3/4 of a mi. to where we are now...The reason we were taken over here was use they thought that we would surely have trouble with the insurgents and the leading Gen. said that the S.D. Reg. was the kest to get into place of any here and...if they ever were called into the field of battle they would stay a little longer than any em...This is some paper that the Spaniards left when they had to give up the building...Spanish soldiers were quartered in e the war..."** cvr slightly reduced at L, letter is VF P ..... BOX

Manila P. Island

1898.





Miss Mamie Cooper

Canton, Lincoln Co.

S. Dak.

U. S. A.

4.

You must excuse this paper as it's all I have just now and I haven't time to go up town and get some. This is some papal paper that the Spaniards left when they had to give up the building. You see the building that were in now are the one that the Spanish soldiers were quartered in before the war.

I must bring this to a close now as I haven't any more time. Hoping that I'll hear from you soon. By, By.

I remain very

Respect. Yours.

Sergt. John C. Larson
Co. D. 1st Reg. S. D. V. I.
Manila P. I.

You had better the return on letters you after you this as I don't ... will stay so terrible long John)

...ing ... then a ... there for two days and the boat never

action.
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SEPT. 21, 1898 CAMP POLAND

EXCELLENT LETTER RE

RACIAL VIOLENCE IN CAM

letter, in pencil, datelined **"Camp Poland, Knoxville, Tenn., Co. H., Second Reg. O.V.I., Mess 16, Sept. 21, 1898"**, from Hal Phillips to his family in Jerry City, Ohio, w/interesting content re racial violence between a Ga. Regt. & a Black Regt. Incl. (spelling corrected): **"I just came in off review...The review was for Sec. of War Alger. There were lots of people to see us...We had a battle in camp the other night. The 1 Georgia tried to run out a Negro Reg. There was quite a lot of firing done. Our long roll sounded and we all fell in and they got out the ammunition and they told us to rest on our arms....They sent five guards from each company with ten rounds of ammunition and they formed a guard line between the two Reg's all night...I was over to see the 14 Minn. off last night and there were lots of Negroes there. They sung and danced..."** Incl. original transmittal cvr w/red & blue illus. of flowers & soldier w/**"U.S. VOLUNTEER ARMY, THE FLOWER OF AMERICAN MANHOOD"**. Cover has stamp missing. letter has a couple sm partial fold seps & sm clip out at bottom of last pg & is F ..... RX



Camp Poland
Knoxville
Co H 2d Second Reg O.V.I.
Mess 16.
Sept 21. 1898

Dear Mother
I received
your most welcome letter
and was glad to hear from
you.
I am glad that you are
well
I just came off a
review before dinner when
I got your letter
The review was for

MANILA AUG. 26, 1898
EXCELLENT WAR LTR.
AMY

Manila Aug 26-98.

Dear Sister Winnie.

Your letter of ~~Sept~~ July 12th came in night before last and it just saved me from being one of the boys that got left as it was the only letter I got. you dont know how precious these home letters are. it was such a good newsy letter too. I am surely surprised to hear of Bird Bests engagement but think she will make a

Soldiers Letter
Francis Corr
Capt & Actg Maj 13th Minn

Co. I, 13th Minn. Inft., U. S. V.
From W. S. Clark



PHILIPPINE STATION
AUG 27 1898
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Mrs R. M. Balch.
3205 - 2nd Ave So
Minneapolis-
Minn.
U.S.A.

POSTAGE DUE, 2 '79

(SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR). J. B. ANDREWS. 1st Expeditionary Military forces City of Manila, Island of Luzon, Philippine Islands. Autograph Letter Signed, Co. D, 14th Reg., U.S.Army, August 28, 1898. 8vo. On illustrated patriotic stationery picturing the U.S.S. "Maine". "I was in line of battle on Aug. 13, '98, when the Americans stormed and captured the city of Manilla and its defenses." HIGHLY FRAMABLE.

(E. 200.00/[redacted].

Co. D 14th Reg., U. S. A.



Aug. 28" 1898

Dr. Adelbert D. Haines
Penn Yan N.Y.

Friend Adelbert.—I was in line of battle on Aug. 13" 98. when the Americans stormed and captured the City of Manilla and its defenses.

I am an Oddfellow having taken the subordinate. Rebecca & Encampment degrees 2 years ago.

Have been in this land of strange Animals & plants since July 1st 98. Very Truly Yours

J.B. Andrews
1st Expeditionary Military forces
City of Manilla
Island of Luzon
Phillipine Islands

AUG. 1898 FROM CAMP IN U.S.
COMPLAINS FIGHTING IS OVER





Chickamauga Park
Lytle Ga

Charlie

letter at hand and
s glad to here from.
and glad to
re that the folks
ep well. as they do
my selph and in
good helth and
nt. conceplain You
You was glad that
war is over. You
be more so then
elph but if we should
ve to do garrison duty
god pity me for I want
to get back to work
I didnt come for that

rpose I came to fight nowe
the fighting is over.
ay can send me home
soon as thay pleas
I am ready at any
oment can you blame
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would be back in the
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mustered out but
hope we are well I
good by for this time
ing to here from you
ll soon.

I Remain the same
Ever. Cland Holly

1st Mo Vol Co A

REC'D.ST.L.MO.VIA.NASHV.&ST.L.
AUG 24 1898
TR 54

LETTER DATED AUG. 20, 1898
DESCRIBES CAPTURE OF MANILA
ON 8/13/98. ON SPANISH GENERAL'S
STATIONERY

EJÉRCITO
Y
CAPITANÍA GENERAL
DE
FILIPINAS

E. M. G.

Sección.....

Manila P. I.
Aug 20-1898.

Dear Sir:

The goal is at last reached, the cost comparatively slight when the number of men engaged, and the amount of shooting is taken into consideration. The men who lost their lives lost them in a good cause, and were fighting bravely. None in our battalion were injured altho' we were in the main St of Manila two hours before the fighting ceased in the trenches. You will have read in all forms and in many papers, the particulars of the fight, so I will not stop with them except to say that while we were waiting in reserve ½ mile in the rear of the trenches, the bombardment began. It was just 9.37 A.M., the boom, boom of the heavy guns shook the ground. we could feel the air as it rushed past us. This lasted until 10.20, when we got our

Description

PHIL. AUG 27, 1898
GREAT LETTER —
AOX

A Wonderful Battle Content Letter dated August 27th, 1898
Cavite during the Spanish American War. This letter is writ
Soldier of Company "C" of the 1st South Dakota Infantry R
a diary, in that it mentions many events since his arrival. He writes about having arrived
at Manilla Bay, and what troops are currently there – about 2300 Men. He talks about
the Insurgents, in that Gen. Merritt will not let them loot. He makes mention that the
Insurgents have about (300) Spanish prisoners that they are slowly starving to death. The
writer states that his Men are going to be taking the Prisoners away from the Insurgents.
He also mentions that the S.D. Boys took in (2) Spanish Prisoners trying to escape, by
using their hands as paddles. The writer writes, "…you should be here where I am sitting
now…you could then
within (2) miles…(7)
American Battleships
afraid of Dewey's "Bo
letter. If photos of lett
and Letter are both in





9.75, datefilled "U.S.S. Alexander, Hampton Roads, Va., Sept. 3rd, 1898", from A.F. Eberhardt to his cousin in NYC. W/original transmittal cvr w/2c red Wash. tied by blk FORTRESS MONROE/VA. cds. Incl:"...we were to go to Spain, but the Department, after due consideration, decided that we had given them enough already and they did not wish us to sweep Spain from the face of the earth altogether, so they held us back. Yes, poor Spain will never again be the same...We

U. S. S. Alexander
Hampton Roads, Va.
Sept 3rd 1898.

FORTRESS MONROE VA. SEP 4 7 AM 1898

Miss Louise Mueller,
1815 Prospect Ave.,
New York City,
New York.

Rec'd Sept. 6th 10 Ave.

...ved your letter dated July 9th
...l was indeed much pleased
... we were to go to Spain but the
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...d us back. Yes poor Spain will
...e. Have you seen Will Sch.
since he came home, I know he came out O.K. for we had a list of all soldiers who returned home. He is home before me, but I think another 2 or 3 weeks will see me home again also. We are booked to sail for the Ladrone Islands, no definite time stated, but I hardly think I will be with her although I would not mind going it is fine over on the Pacific coast. With love to all I remain

Your Cousin
Gus.

SEPT. 1898 PHILIPPINES
OUTSTANDING LETTER RE
BATTLE WITH SPANIARDS
FOR MANILA
BLA

Philippine Isles. Manila
Sept 1, 1898

My dearest mother:

I wrote a few days ago and gave you a history of the capture of Manila but now as I have a little more time I will tell you a little more.

I am now at the Brigade Hospital in the surgical ward as night nurse so I am writing this night of the 1st.

Now comes a little tale Before the 11th of Aug. the ...t were doing all the ... but alas on the eve of ... he American troops star- ... their way to capture the ... occupied by us. ... hey fought up to their ... in mud amidst a heavy ... rifle bullets. ... n the morning of the 13th ... ericans climbed over the



Mrs. J. H. La Place
Stanford Heights
San Francisco
Calif.

W. I. of A.

A poor excuse is better than none. Tell Francis Chris, Pa. Emile that I will write them a Private letter but at present they must contend them selves with a family letter.

Each man here gets about 18 hrs. out of 24 for duty letting us little time to sleep.

I will close with best love to yourself. Pa. Francis, Chris. and "A meal."

Best love to all.

I sill remain your loving son

Louis.

About "A. meal" he is in the guard house serving out a months Pay and a month hard labor for refusing to do something Dr Kemp told him do ~~do~~

He is not fit for the Hosp. Corps



Good letter

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. REC'D OCT 8 530 AM

PUERTO RICO 9/1/98
SOLDIER WRITES OF
ILLNESS SINCE ARRIVAL

rd 9/12/98 am

Ponce
Porto Rico

Dear Father,

I have not written for a long while but I was on the boat on the unloading detail for over a week and as soon as we got out [illegible] to our camp [illegible] was pretty sic[illegible] cholera for quit[illegible] as I got better I [illegible] all kinds of de[illegible] guard duty an[illegible] had any time [illegible] been very well [illegible] I have had diar[illegible] badly ever sin[illegible] ashore. I have n[illegible] write much now [illegible] to be home soo[illegible] can tell you all [illegible] Our present plans as far [illegible]

Solitaire
Utah

MILITARY STATION
SEP 1
12 M
PORTO RICO, NASH. D.C.
98

Mr. Edward Bettle Jr.
514 Walnut St
Philadelphia
Penna
U.S.A.

as I know them are to leave
here this week for New York,
from New York to Mt. Etna and
there to be mustered out. I
am afraid it will be Oct. 1st before
that day arrives but I am
glad to know that we are going
to start so soon. I will have
to close now as I am very
busy I do not suppose this
will reach you much before
we arrive at Mt. Etna but
still it may be acceptable.

Your loving son

Samuel

August 30th



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REPORT

OF

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER, U. S. VOLUNTEERS,

TO THE

ADJUTANT-GENERAL U. S. ARMY,

RELATING TO THE

[illegible]GO CAMPAIGN.

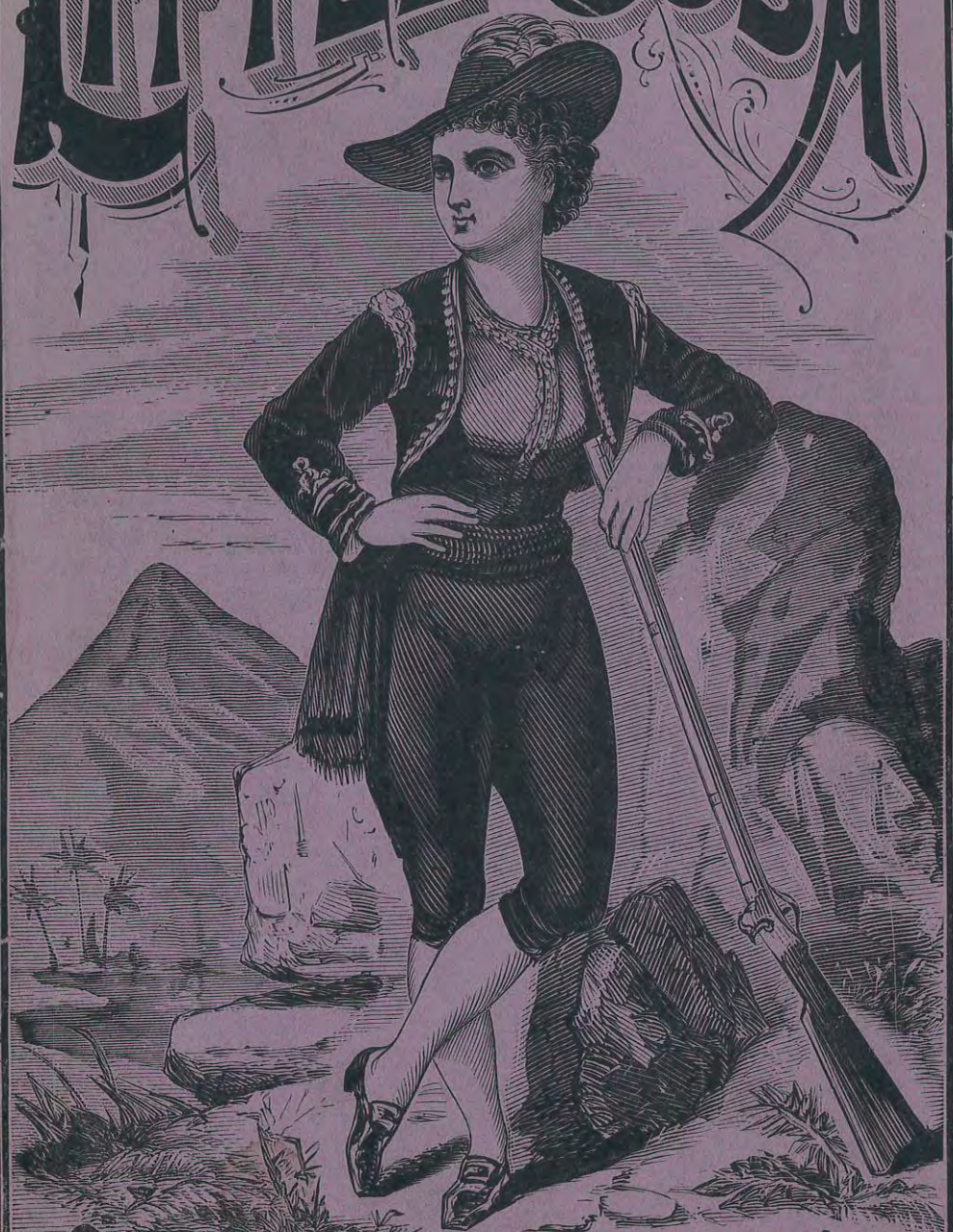
1898.

REPORT OF GEN. WHEELER W/ MAPS 1898 PHIL. STUCK DOWN WITHIN

WASHINGTON:
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.
1899.

"LITTLE CUBA" RARE
PUBLISHED 1882
STORY OF CUBAN REVOLUTION
+ "VIRGINIUS" INCIDENT
LXT

LITTLE CUBA



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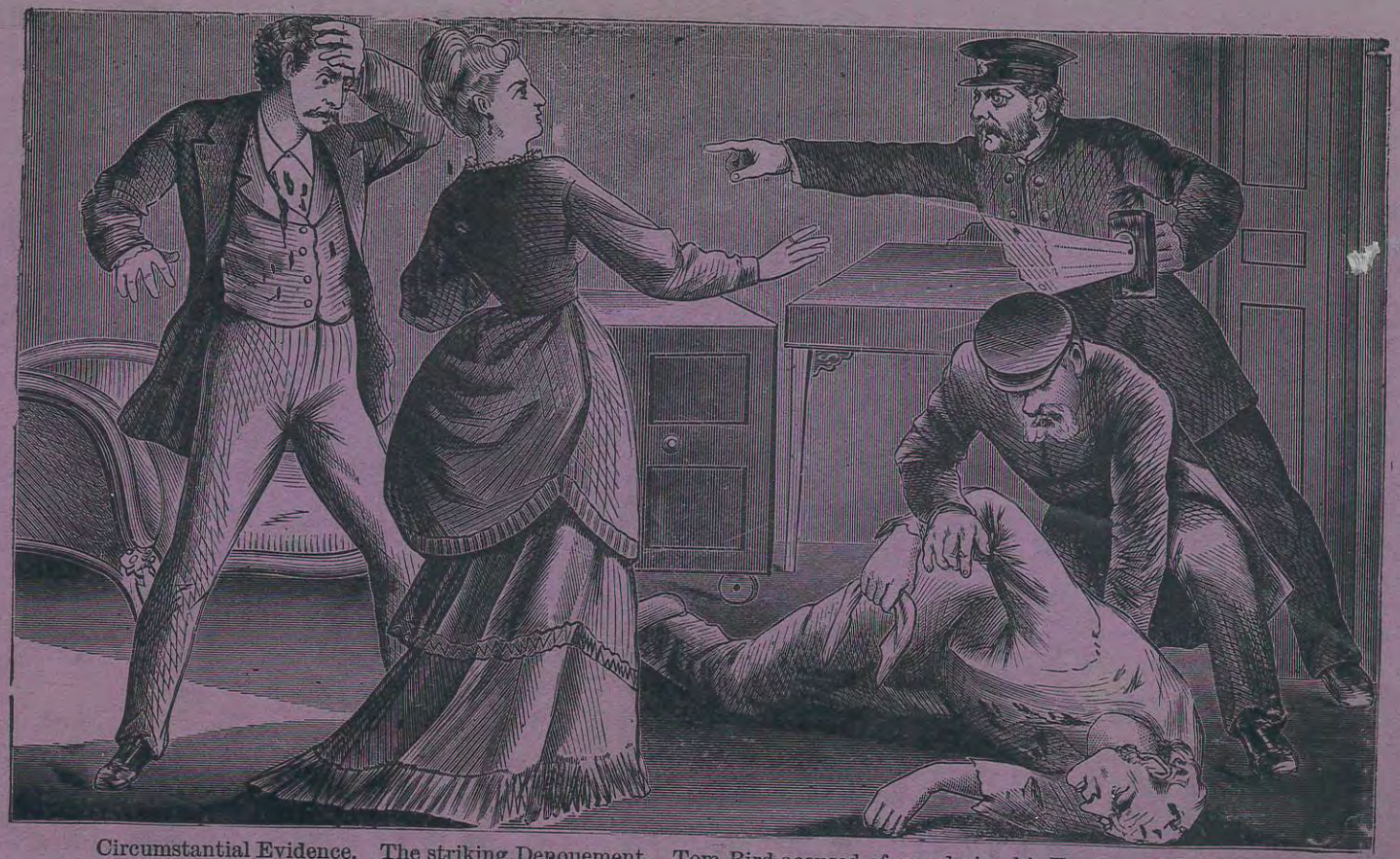

Circumstantial Evidence. The striking Denouement. Tom Bird accused of murdering his Employer, Mr. Dallas.
Der zufällige Beweis. Die überzeugenden Umstände. Tom Bird beschuldigt, seinen Geschäftsherrn, Mr. Dallas, ermordet zu haben.

JULY 1899 – FEB. 1900 PHILLIPINES

LETTERS FROM PVT. THOMAS BENNET

TO HOME AND RE HIS DEATH

+ DISPOSITION OF BODY FROM COMMANDING OFFICER

Re: Pearce Atkinson

letters re death while a U.S. volunteer with Cuban revolutionary forces. Killed in action 1896

SEPT. 9, 1898 PORTO RICO

"IN SIGHT OF SPANISH ENTRENCHMENTS

DESCRIBES HORROR OF VOYAGE,

BLOWN BRIDGES, ET

BBI

In Camp in sight of Spanish Entrenchments
Aibonito, Porto Rico.
Sept 9, 1898

Dear Miss Violet,

I received
r letter in the first
l that we received after
landed in Ponce. I am
fully sorry we missed
t box that you sent. The
oks and papers would have
een a Godsend on that trip.
we started from New York
on the 10th and arrived here
in Porto Rico on the 16th
Six days, and a more

Soldier's Letter
Private H.T. Bruce Co "B" 1st U.S. Vol. Engineers
In Camp near Aibonito Porto Rico
A.D. Raymond.
Capt 1st U.S. Vol Eng
Condy Co "B"

Miss Violet Beach,
Main Street
Peekskill
N.Y.

PORTO RICO WASH. D.C. 12 M 98

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept., 16" 1898.

EXCELLENT LETTER RE DEATH OF OFFICER FROM TYPHOID + HIS FINAL PAYS AUGUST 1898

Mr. Edward Snyder,

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

You, no doubt, remember Lieutenant Will W. Kerr, of Co. B, 157th Indiana Volunteers, who was taken sick in Camp at Port Tampa City, and died at St. Petersburg, just across the Bay, on the 8th day of last August. I am his brother and went from Indianapolis to your Camp to see him; when I arrived he was confined in the Regimental Hospital and was quite sick; the impossibility of his improving at that place was at once apparent and arrangements were immediately begun to have him removed to a more healthy spot. St. Petersburg was the place selected, and we took him there on the evening of July 27, 1898. The house in which the Lieutenant and myself were quartered over there, was a private one, the room being the front one up-stairs, with plenty of ventilation, having two windows and three doors; the landlady was a former Indianian, and as fine a woman as I ever met; the physician who treated Will was in every way capable, he having served as Surgeon of the 35th Illinois Regiment during the Civil War, and the two nurses employed were recommended very highly. I only recite these facts to let you know the class of people brother Will was quartered with, and the kind of treatment he could expect and did receive from them.

I [illegible] 1898,

Major B [illegible] Hotel in this ci [illegible] or the pur [illegible] Depart [illegible] Interior; at whic [illegible] ted that my [illegible] ned with hi [illegible] ss to say [illegible] is man, as [illegible] ally contrad [illegible] instant [illegible] what he [illegible] il or in p [illegible] by

Return if not delivered in TEN Days. C.C.Kerr, INDIANAPOLIS. U. S. PENSION AGENCY.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. SEP 16 3 30 PM '98

Penalty for Private Use, $300.

FORT WAYNE SEP 17 11 AM 98

Mr. Edward Snyder,

Ft. Wayne,

Indiana.

Co. B, 157" Ind.

PUERTO RICO SEPT. 1898

DESCRIBES GEN. FRED GRANT (SON OF U.S. GRANT). COMPLAINS ABOUT FOOD + LIVING CONDITIONS

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La Villa de Guayama,
Puerto Rico
Sunday Sept 11-98

Dear Parents + Sisters

Your welcome letter of Aug 25 at hand, + was very glad to hear from you all, + to know that you had rec'd my last letter. I rec'd one from F. Noble, the same time I got yours, written on the 23d, the two reached me on the 8th inst. I also rec'd [illegible] last week, the [illegible] + the Dispatch

[illegible] is now in [illegible], he took charge [illegible] turned to [illegible] a very fine man [illegible] Father. It was [illegible] to. that we got [illegible] toes + corn beef [illegible] have had to eat

After.....days, return to

Robert C. Thompson Co B 4th
Guayama Puerto Rico

POSTMARK (1898)
"MILITARY STA. - - -
PORTO RICO - - "
[redacted]

UNITED STATES POSTAGE TWO 2 CENTS

SEP 15

Mr. Chas R. Thompson,
South Charleston
Clarke County Ohio
U.S.A.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR
SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM PUERTO RICO
ENCLOSED LETTER DESCRIBES GEN. FRED GRANT, PRES. U.S. GRANT'S SON. COMPLAINTS ABOUT FOOD AND LIVING CONDITIONS.

Mrs. C. A. Eldredge, Chairman.
Mrs. E. C. Goddard, Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. A. S. Holbrook, Chairman Shipping Committee.

Mrs. E. S. Cohen, Secretary.
Mrs. E. T. Ensign, Treasurer.

1409 Hooda Ave.

SEPT. 17, 1898
RED CROSS THANKS FOR DONATION TO MAKE "SICK SOLDIERS MORE COMFORTABLE"
AL

COLORADO SPRINGS RED

HUMANITY



NEUTRALITY

Auxiliary No. 43.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept 17" 1898

Mrs. Lloyd Aspinwall
and
J. H. Doud. Dear Boys.

On behalf of the Red Cross Auxiliary I desire to acknowledge your generous gift of twelve dollars and beg to assure you that the amount you send shall if it will make more sick soldiers more comfortable.

Thanking you most cordially for your effort and your contribution.

I am very truly Yours

Lillie B. Ensign

Jr. Red Cross Art.



Camp Mc Kinley
Honolulu Sept 18/98.

My dear Uncle John.

I suppose
have given up all hopes of ever
iveng an answer to your letter.
as certainly very kind of you
ite me and I humbly ask your
ow for not being more prompt.
ll be impossible in a letter to
a comprehensive account of our
derings, so I will just touch on
back that may be of interest.
u no doubt know after we left
k Black we went to the dibberent
e in New York Harbor. Our company
stationed at Ft Wadsworth. We
ed our stay at Wadsworth very
h. It close proximity to New York City

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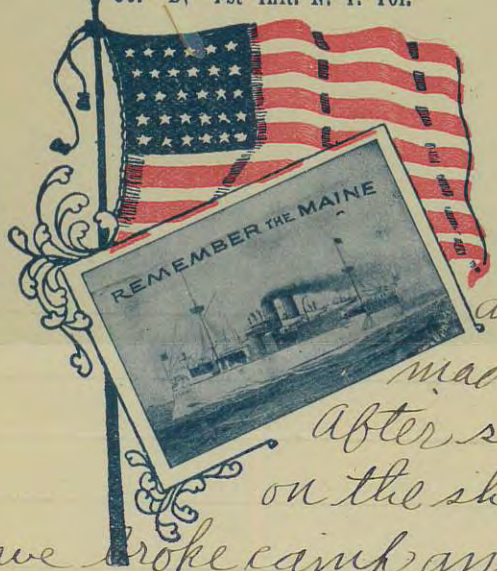


and Coney Island
made it very pleasant.
After sojourning for a time
on the shores of New York Bay
we broke camp and took a trip across
the continent to San Francisco. When
we landed in "Frisco" we were accorded
a great reception by the former residents
of New York. They received in a style
that did credit to their native state.
After we had lunched we marched
Merritt. We were supposed to stay
as long as we were in the West.
mind can scarcely conceive of a pla
desolate. It is a veritable desert.
mass of sand. Colonel Barber was
in arms immediately. He went down
headquarters and raised a great row a
told them if they did not give him a decent
place to camp he would take the matter

SEP. 18, 1898
GREAT DESCRIPTION OF HAWAII
BTK

Sept 22, 1898 GUAYAMA P.R.
very scarce mil. stationery carried
w/ letter re Gen Frederic GRANT
(son of US Grant) states he
is a drunkard and poor
commander



Guayama Porto Rico
Thursday. Sept 22 98

Dear Parents

Rain Rain Rain that
is all that has been doing for the
last week

MANILA - SEPT + OCT, 1898

2 letters re vaccination, court martial, Gen Lawton, from an Oregon soldier

Manila P. I. Oct 3 98

Well I will try and write a little more I don't know what to write, I will only send one of my pictures this time as it fills the book pretty full we don't know how soon we will get to go home, you will know it before we do, Capt. Pickens said that we would start about the 1st of next month we are enjoying ourselves as well as we can and our boys has a violin and we have a dance about every night

$13 a month we get $15.60 I have saved $20 more
I bought a ribbon a peice for the girls
you can use them for hat bands if you like
here is a street car ticket you can ride as
far as you like for 2¢ they have only horse
cars in going up a grade the hook on an
extra horse and go up on a dead run I have
told you about their little horses. for heavy
teaming the use the water buffalo they
will haul from 1 to 2 tons with one of these
yoked up in a cart. I had them pictures
take on the 17 of sept I weighed 155 lbs that
day I have had fine health rite along I
was on guard on the 16 and again on the 23
your's and my birthday Theo, and I go on again
to morrow. the mail does not leave till
the 6th of act so I will close now mabe
I will have some more to tell by then dont send
any more stamps that one you sent is stuck tight

STRAIGHT LINE CANCEL
MIL. STA NO. #1
CAVITE, P.I.
SCARCE

MANILA BAY - SEPT. 1898
INSURGENTS REFUSED TO LAY DOWN ARMS; EXPECT ATTACK; CAVITE SURROUNDED;
EXCELLENT CONTENTS

Manila Bay P.I.
Sept 12 '98

Dear ones at home:

Quarters and inspection over I am enjoying a good smoke and resting. We are standing watch and watch on the guns now and are expecting an attack at almost ... the insurgents. ... used to lay ... ns and have ... t entirely ... We could see ... last night, but ... no news from ... The insurgents ... ber the soldiers and should the forts be

US MIL. STA. NO. 1 - S. P. Cal
CAVITE P.I. SEPT. 28

John L. Straughn
Lisbon
Ohio
U.S.A.

U.S.S. Monterey
Manila

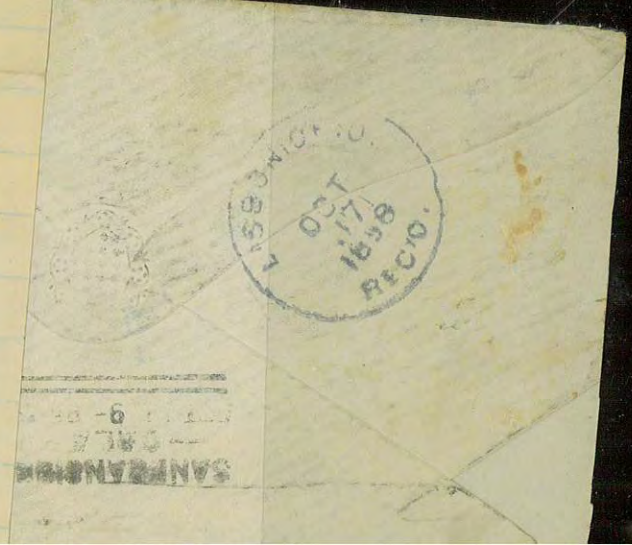
attacked they will no doubt land several battalions of bluejackets.

I have had no mail for a long time now but will no doubt get some on the next steamer.

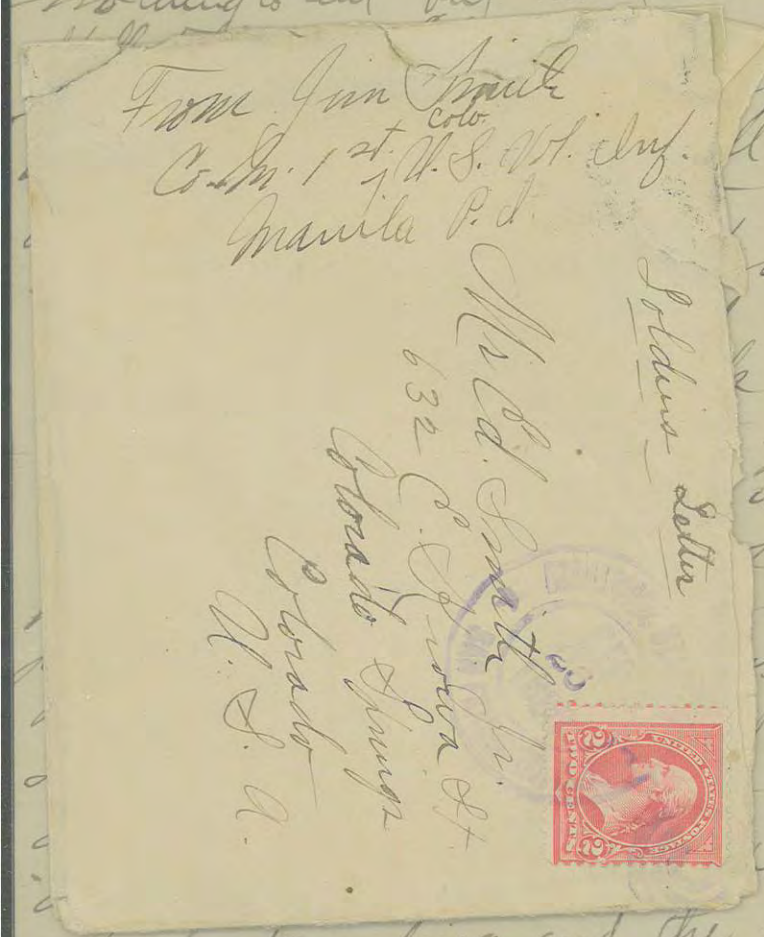
No one knows what we will do next. I am well as usual. I expect to go ashore Tuesday for provisions.

With love

Ted



many other times I have got up in the morning and went to the trenches with nothing to eat but hard-tack.



From Jim Smith
Co. M. 1st Colo. U.S. Vol. Inf.
Manila P.I.

Soldiers Letter

Mr Ed. Smith Jr.
632 C. Grove St.
Colorado Springs
Colorado
U.S.A.

go boat-riding and the house here where we life has got ~~At~~ plenty of baths in it

so we dont go swimming any more.

The day we made the atack on the city we made a charge of 2,000 yards with full equipment three days rations, and 160 extra rounds of ammunition. and befor we got to the Spanish fort we had to wade and swim a river and at the end of the charge I wasent ~~mo~~ no more tired than a jack-rabit. You remember the big hail storm in 1893 well that was the way the bullets were coming our way when we made the charge. When I jumbed into the river (I was the second man in the river Sient Sleeper was fi[illegible] there was all kinds of bulle[illegible] splashed water on me.

GREAT WAR LTR
9/98 - SOLDIER IN 1st Col. Vol.
DESCRIBES "FIRST BATTLE OF MANILA" SOMETIMES CALLED A "SHAM BATTLE". SPANIARDS COULDN'T SURRENDER THE CITY WITHOUT U.S. ATTACKING TO PRESERVE SPANISH "HONOR"

Manila
~~Aug.~~
Sept 23, 1898

Enclosed fine a little thing to remember Manila by.

Dear Brother,

Charlie gave me your letter several days ago, no mail has gone out since so will answer it now. I suppose you are still working for Munich. I wish you were here with us for we have seen a whole lot since we left the Springs. We have seen some hard life since we arrived at the Island. It was pretty tought the first three or four weeks but I stood it like a top, so did Tony. My wind is better over here than it was at home & I feel better all around. Many a night I have went to bet hungry and

We have had a good deal of trouble in our company about sleating. There has been three ~~of~~ gold watches stolen since we arrived in Manila ~~one~~ two was stole from Lieut Gondys trunk and the other out of Bigers pocket while he was at dress parade. Oh but I bity the man if he is ever caught.

Harris the man (privat) that was sent home to ~~help~~ help recute the company and represented him self as Lieut & Serg. was thrown in the River for punishment. Nine of us are going to have "Chicken" for supper dont you wish you were here. It was so long since we seen chicken that we had to look it up in the Dictionary to find out what chicken ment. Well I will close with love to all. From your loving Brother Jim.

MANILA LTRS. 9/29/98 + 11/13/98

SOLDIER IN ASTOR BATTERY.
(a) re fight for Manila (charging enemy)
(b) hates U.S. officers

Headquarters Astor Battery
United States Army
Manila, Sept 29th - 1898

Meg dear Aunt:

The long looked for mail arrived yesterday the 28th of September - I can assure you that it was most welcome too. It was nearly three weeks since we had had any mail at all and you can imagine how impatient everyone was for mail. I received your letter of August 4th written from Rangeley and it was most welcome. During the last few weeks I have written you several letters and have also written two or three times to Robert, all of which letters you [illegible] received. The [illegible] Honolulu was [illegible] of the Y. M. C. A. [illegible] ed all soldiers and [illegible] my left address

[illegible]dquarters Astor Battery
[illegible] Army -
[illegible]mero Tres - Ermita -
[illegible], Sunday, Nov. 13th 1898 -

[illegible]he long expected and
[illegible]il, came on
[illegible] much disappointed
[illegible] from you -
[illegible] letter from
[illegible] informs me that
[illegible]

From -
Wm. E. Lieb
Astor Battery
U. S. Army
Manila

Soldier's Letter

Mrs. Chas. H. Smith,
#593 Farmington Ave.,
Hartford,
Conn.

United States of
America

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Malate, just out of Manila Sept 21st 1898

Dear Mother and

MALATE, PHIL. SEPT. 1898
WATCHED DEWEY'S FLEET BOMBARD SPANIARDS; TALK OF TROUBLE WITH NATIVES; SOLDIERS TREAT THEM LIKE DOGS; ABOUT WAY OF LIFE

I recd a letter some time ago, a
Because we were expecting to b
and I wanted to have money in my pocket when
I wrote. Now we are paid and here goes, with
a new pen and ink For a long letter, I am feeling
fine, although I had a time with my teeth
Four of my back teeth were acking at once for about
two weeks I would not let them pull them
out as they were not decayed and now it is
all over and I am glad to say I still have my
teeth just as good as Ever, there is considerable
sackness among the Soldie[illegible] but it is caused
from their drinking [illegible] ing fruit
they drink the native [illegible] Beer and
wine some are [illegible] nk consequently
they give away [illegible] spell to
sober them [illegible] Wm Moss
and Dill [illegible] Back
yesterd[illegible] Climate
I d[illegible] will go
But [illegible] Christmas
dinn[illegible] ber when
I left [illegible] it wont
matter [illegible] we went ashore
in smal[illegible] the 6th landed
about 6 [illegible] Manilla we marched
about 1½ m[illegible] Camped in a big peanut
Field and [illegible] the city we were out on out
post the 9th it rained all night and we had
to stand or set in the mud 24 hours



I just found a leaf that I overlooked
d I Cant Bear to let any paper (6)
avel that I have Not Scribbled on
eeed two letters from That Crazzy
s Williams: he wanted me to write
him but I will use my Leisure
ut writing he is the Shallowest
cuse of a fool I ever had to write
me he is foolish he was trying
ve me advise just as though I
uld have to take his advise yet he
t use as much Sence as a ten
ar old baby ought to I heard just
ow that the Neal came in
ught So I Expect Some mail
morrow, the Boys are betting on what
me we will start home it has
to be a 2 to 1 already that we will
art by the 20 of Nov. I bought 1,00
th of Stamps and they got out of
y Snap sack and ran away So
Just Paid 75 cts for a Mahogany
est with a lock to it and will try
ying Some more tommorrow
d See if they Can break a lock
am going to buy Some Curios to
take home with me when I
o but wont Keep untill I am
eady to go. I want you to save
me a Can of Strawberries when
let home as I am getting crazy for
Some american fruit
Son and Bro Co Lamb

Form 72. 1M. 9-16-08.

The Chicago Tribune.
BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

SEPT. 1898 NEWSPAPER EMPLOYEE EXPRESSES VIEWS RE THE SPAN-AM. WAR

#3.

By the way Willie says you owe him a letter ,he asked me to remind you of the fact when I wrote.

Now about the War didnt we tell you so. Hereafter th U.S. will be respected abroad and the next thing you know we will be having the South of Africa. I did not enlist in the army for several reasons of course the primary one was afraid of being shot.

I am very glad now that I didnt as we whipped Spain better than if I had been there. Mr. Frank Tyler is now at Santiago Cuba,with the colored regiment,one of our elevator men also went,one went from the business dept.the Ed. Dept. lost two on being with the second regiment and another a sailor on the battle ship Oregon.

Well now Robbie I hardly expect that you will as you said in the last letter heap coals on my head this time but I shall be very glad to here from you when ever you can get the time to write as I am sure that none of us have forgotten you though it may seem to you that we have by our holding off so long in writing,the fact of the matteris that the longer one puts it off the harder it is to get started and write.

I trust that you have succeded in getting a good position and feeling more satisfied with it,also that you have been enjoying good health and that you will continue to do so. Remember now that I shall always be pleased to hear from you and I know so will Cable and Storer. We all send our best wishes andtrust that you are doing well. Must close nowfrom your old Friend

W Bauer.

WB

P.S. I may go to Tex. again this fall.

M. 9-16-98.

Chicago Tribune.
USINESS DEPARTMENT

Chicago, Ill. Sept. 30th. 1898.

. Robert Holdridge,
Johannesburg, S.A.,

ar Robbie:-

Since last writing you I have been to Texas and back. make a long story short, I left here the last off January "that is eft the Tribune Office" and through Wards kindness I got a pass on e railroad clear through to Dallas, Tex., My folks were very sorry to e me go and they reminded me some what of yours when we thought of ing to Arizona, about. Well a long time ago. I got in Dallas the ddle of Feb. found the town quite slow but after being there a week struck a job with R.G. Dun & Co. I worked for Dun for one month d then quit as it was the same thing over again, what I wanted was get out in the open air on account of my health and as my work was st about as confining as it was here I left and went to Fort Worth ere I struck a job as half cow-boy and half nothing .

e ranch was pretty good though we did not have a great variety of od andthe work was almost too hard for me not being accustomed to rd work. On the ranch I was put to work herding sheepand I liked fairly well with the exception that it was very lonesome at times. ll I herded sheep for about a week or twoand then spent a few days unding up cattle with one or two genuine cow-boys, of course I was only novice and wasnt worth anything as far as helping sort out the cattle s concerned, but I managed to sit on a bronco that was as tame as y animal can be gotten, anyway now that I look over it I feel as though had a very good time and have often wished to be back there again, t I got home sick and then too my folks kept continually writing for to come back so naturally though I might ad foolishly came back.

MIL. STA #2 GUAYAMA, P.R
OCT. 1898
RE TROOPS (SPANISH + AMER)
LEAVING ISLAND. ONLY 1 MONTH AFTER WAR.



Miss Emma J. Hobbs
Maine St.,
Amesbury.
Mass.
U.S.A.

(Soldiers letter.)

Monday.

Guayama, Porto Rico.
Oct. 17th, 1898.

Friend Emma :—

I thought it a duty to write to you, if you will excuse me for the present and for bad grammar which I have no doubt you'll overlook. I'm in hopes to be home before very long as all things indicate as much at the present time. We, that is the hospital corps, and all of the second brigade have been ordered home so I'm told and I do believe the reports are true for we here are cleaning harness and ambulances for something or other It is said we are to start by the 15th of this month for the U. S.

War letter
and heading

10-27-9[illegible]
2 PM

Canc

AX

Soldiers

hang wall paper and to
make the women folks as
miserable as possible with
my cheap and good for nothing
talk to come back a foolish and
half witted thing as some of my
would be friends call me and for
which many a time I have wished
I were dead for it has stung me
so much and so deep down in
my heart for these many years
that had I not my right mind I
would have made way with my
self long ago. Well now friend
Emma let me drop this last
harang and proceed as be-
fore but I beg you to pardon
me for these hasty remarks and
to always remember that I
Albert Feltham of 37 Merrimac
Street Amesbury Massachusetts
am always you friend for I
know you to be a christian lady
and I have respect for you
Your friend Albert Feltham
37 Rue de Merrimac
Amesbury Mass U.S.A

State of New York.

From Inspectors of election

Co. A. 1st. Inf. N.Y. Vols. Honolulu.

Official Business.



Soldiers Mail
W. F. Wheelock
1st Lt. 1st N.Y. V. Infy.





SOLDIERS BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF NOV. 1898 – (FROM HAWAII) DID THEY VOTED FOR T. ROOSEVELT FOR NY GOVERNOR?

State of New York.

From Company D

Inf. N.Y. Vol.

Business.

The Governor of the State of New York,

Albany.

366 #287 4c orange Trans-Mississippi, (well centered, but with tiny tear at TR) and 2c red Washington, tied by Nov. 9, 1898 dated **HONOLULU, H.I.** duplex to approx. 11.5" x 5.75" linen lined cover, w/preprinted address to "The Governor of the State of New York, Albany, New York.". Part printed return addr at TL, "State of New York, Official Business", From "Inpectors of election. **Co. A. 1st Inf. N.Y. Vols. Honolulu.**" SAN FRANCISCO & ALBANY bkstps. Scarce usage. a few sm edge tears, slightly reduced at L. F-VF P . . .

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Description

This is a very important historical document from the Philippines to President McKinley during the Philippine Insurgency. The document is written and signed by Jose M. Basa, one of the few advocates for association with the United States during Emilio Aguinaldo's Revolutionary Government that was established soon after Admiral Dewey took Manila during the Spanish American War. The content of the telegram speaks for itself. All items I auction are guaranteed genuine and accurately described. Payment is

From

Amount charged $ 3 5

No. Words. Date 1/8 Time 4 P. m. 98

Time

Official Instructions VIÂ EASTERN

Clerk

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN ABOVE THIS.

TO Receiver's Name President McKinley.

Address Washington

all wealthy and educated
Filipinos pray America through
Consul General Wildman in
name of Humanity and
grant them Protectorate or
annexation

J. Maria Basa.

I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded according to the rules of the International Telegraph Convention, and according to the Company's *Conditions printed at foot hereof*, by which I agree to abide.

Address 7 Remedios Terrace Sender's Signature

The Company may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall on request refund to the sender the amount paid for its transmission.

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SEPT. 1898
OFFICER GRANTED EMERGENCY
LEAVE FROM PUERTO RICO -

Communications on Medical business should be addressed "To the Surgeon Gener

Subject: Contract Surgeon.

In reply refer to No. 40724

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon General's Office,

Washington, September 21, 1898.

HON. E. J. HILL, M. C.,

Norwalk, Connecticut.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant, in relation to Dr. J. W. Wright, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, I have the honor to inform you that the Chief Surgeon at Ponce, Porto Rico, has this day been cabled to order Dr. Wright to return home on the hospital ship "Missouri", or the first transport leaving Ponce - that this request was made at instance of his wife owing to serious illness of his father.

Very respectfully,

Asst. Surgeon General, U.S. Army,

Acting Surgeon General.

Yes I have not got the brothers address
Kindly forward

OCT. 1898 - NURSE @
FT. Mc PHERSON ARMY HOSPITAL
WRITES ABOUT OVERWORK

Dear Rosemary.

You don't know how glad
I was to receive your letter. and I
have tried to answer it before but
it has been impossible, you cannot
imagine how hard it has been for
me to write even to your Cousin Alice.
but I knew if I did not write to her she
would worry herself sick. I am not
going to attempt
must be long until
will tell you then
I have to write
write one or two more
that it makes my
strange. You
by now I my co
I am just about
do not feel that
longer. I am not

Cousin Florence
Hynes.

FORT McPHERSON
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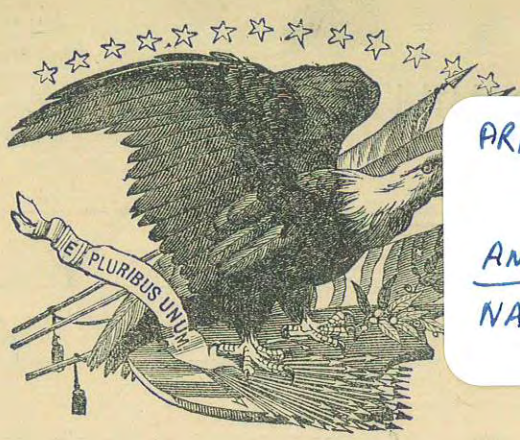
TWO CENTS

Miss Rosemary Jones
Morgan Park
Ill

PAID IN FULL $ 73.00

ARMY DISCHARGE
OCT. 1898

AND
NATL. GUARD DISCHARGE
DEC. 1898



To all Whom it May Concern:

Know ye, That Frederick G. Voek, a Private of Battery A, of the First Regiment of Ohio Artillery Volunteers, who was enrolled on the Eleventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-Eight, to serve Two Years, or during the war, is hereby DISCHARGED from the service of the UNITED STATES, by reason of S.O. No 134 Dy 130 A.G.O. Washington D.C. 1898

* NO OBJECTION TO HIS REENLISTMENT IS KNOWN TO EXIST

The said Frederick G. Voek was born in Cleveland, in the State of Ohio and when enrolled was 31 years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches high, Fair complexion, Blue eyes, Brown hair, and by occupation a Carpenter

GIVEN at Columbus Ohio this Fourteenth day of October, 1898

Geo. T. McConnell
Captain
Commanding the Battery

Countersigned.

J. B. Batchelor Jr
Capt 2d Infy
Mustering Officer.

* To be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.

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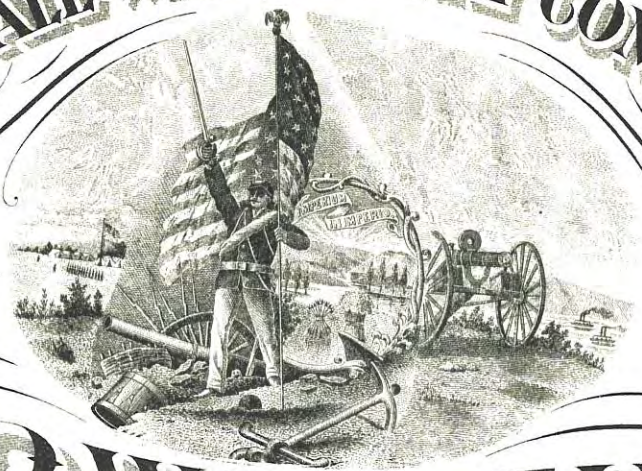
MILITARY RECORD.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN



KNOW YE THAT

Fred A. Falk

in the Cleveland Light [illegible] a [illegible]

Company Battery [illegible] Captain [illegible]

[illegible] of Light [illegible]

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

who was enlisted on the 20th day of [illegible] A.D. 18[illegible] for the term of [illegible] years.

Oct 10th In Camp, Cuartel de Malate,
7.20 P.M. Manila, Philippine Islands.

My Dear Mother,

I have just come home to my quarters, duty, for the last 24 hours, and I must say of course I don't mean that 24 hours duty would knock me out very much, but let me give you the bill of fare that I have had on my hands, for the last few days, last thursday, I was extra guard, that is if a guard was to get sick, each Co has to have an extra man, that has to stay in his quarters and he can't leave them for the 24 hours, well I got that on thursday last, friday the whole Co had to go out on out-post duty, we were on duty at the Spanish Battery, that has the largest guns that Spain has mounted here, they are just out-side of the Walled City, and by the looks of things, the spaniards must have got out of the Gun pit in a hurry, as you can see in the Magazine Room, the shells with caps on that had just been put in place, and there was one shell out-side in the gun tackle, ready to be hauled up to the breech and rammed in, but I guess, that when the Gunboat Calleo, (which is one of the spanish boats, captured by "Dewey",) came steaming along the shore of the bay, it had a [illegible] made all kinds [illegible] and I don't [illegible] along the sho[illegible] hot time go[illegible] troubles after we [illegible] day evening, [illegible] here, we have go[illegible] floor until [illegible] when we are on[illegible] me to

OCT 10, 1898
EXCELLENT LTR RE SPANISH FORTIFICATIONS) army life
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H INFANTRY SOLDIER LETTER: 1898 SPANISH AMERICAN WAR PHILIPPINES





YOU ARE BIDDING ON AN IMPORTANT 14TH U.S. INFANTRY SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM MANILA DURING THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR WITH FANTASTIC WAR CONTENT. This 4 page letter is dated October 10, 1898 and was sent from Camp, Cuartel de Malate in Manila, the Philippines. It is very detailed and emotional and truly characterizes the infantryman's life. The soldier, Harvey Knight, describes guard duty by the Spanish Artillery Battery at the fortress of Intramuros - **"...we were on duty at the Spanish Battery, that has the largest guns that Spain has mounted here, they are just out-side of the Walled City, and by the looks of things, the Spaniards must have got out of the Gun Pit in a hurry, as you can see in the Magazine Room the shells with caps on that had just been put in place, and there was one shell out-side in the gun tackle, ready to be hauled up to the breech and rammed in...."** He goes on to described why the Spanish soldiers abandoned their post - **"...but I guess that when the Gunboat Calleo (Callao), (which is one of the Spanish boats captured by "Dewey") came steaming along the shore of the (Manila) bay, it had a kind of soothing effect on the dons and they made all kinds of haste to get inside the Walled City...".** He further describes the effects of shelling from the American fleet - **"...and I don't blame them, as by the looks of the buildings along the shore, at Malate, why there must have been a hot time going on...".** The rest of the letter deals with camp life, assisting officers, a planned trip to Hong Kong to purchase silk and other details of his activities. The letter measures app. 8-1/2" wide x 10-3/8" high. The letter is in excellent condition with mild toning and normal mailing folds that do not detract. **This is truly a very fine and important description of wartime Manila during the Spanish American War. Please see the photos for more details. This will make a great addition to your collection. Check my other auctions for more great Spanish American War and other items. Thanks for bidding.**

P.S. Tell Claire that I send her a string of Kisses a Yard long.

to take home with me when we go, and as I don't think that the silk, that we buy in Manila, is any good, why I will wait and hear from you, as to wether those few I sent home, are any account or not, don't forget to let me know, so I will know what to do. I want to get some good stuff, if it is possible to get it, and as a fellow don't know what this stuff is, I therefore think that I have done the best thing, I could do, that is leave it to you. And if there is any thing that I can get for you while I am here, why let me know, any thing that will suit you, will only be a pleasure for me to hunt it up and obtain it, if possible. I think I shall have to stop this now as I have to get in some good licks at sleep to-night, so as to pay up for lost time, I want to get a pass in the morning, so that I can go over and see Fred Holmes and as it is quite a distance from Malate I will have some tall drilling to do to get there and back on time. I wrote a letter to Loomis in the last mail, I had promised to write him when I left there so I have payed my debt, and I will have to stop writing to all those fellows, as I have all the work in that line that I want, in fact more than I want

Don't think that I mean that I am tired of writing home because if I was I would not write so often, I write at least once a week and sometimes more, it all depends on the time I have to write in, you know the Mails don't leave here every day. I will now have to close, for the present, with love for all.

Give my best regards to all of my good friends.

I Remain your loving Son

Harvey Knight, Co M- 14th U. S. Inft. and Etc.

Group "2 w letters" 1898



Provost Marshal Generals Office

HEADQUARTERS ~~DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC~~,

Manila, Philippine Islands,

Oct. 12th, 1898.

My dear Lizzie -

I find after all, that the Cooking at our Mess is very poor. most every thing is served cold. The cook or Woman either, dont know how to make griddle Cakes of any kind or description. I had one this am. as heavy as lead. No butter made in this part of the world. Very few poor Cows. and consequently very little milk. I asked about it at Breakfast this morning. I dont believe the people here know how to live. You could not stand it. I must try to stand it for a while.

PROVOST MARSHALL OFFICER
Re: GEN. OTIS; BATES

I often wonder if the United States are going to hold these Islands. What steps they will take to do it. Surely it will take a large force. and it will be very expensive. I believe it will be hard to get men to enlist for service here. Judging from the anxiety shown by the men now here to get home. Should natives be enlisted. They might be reliable. and they might not. No one can tell. rather risky business I should think. We have had two grape vines already from Paris but neither of them can be true. One just opposite to the other. I dont believe they will arrive at any conclusion for two or three months. So we must wait.

We had some Native music at our quarters last night. two young girls and one young man. a brother of the girls. They could sing very well but they were very graceful in their movements. and on the whole rather pleasing for a short time only as there is a sameness to it all.

Everything possible is being done here to arrest the sickness among the men. I am sorry to say sickness has increased lately. One has to take the best of care of himself. and you know how hard it is to make the men do it. As to that. how hard it is also. for one who is willing to try to do it. I find it so any way. I catch myself disobeying some of the rules before I know it. After one gets sick it is so hard to recover here. My daily life consists in getting up at 5 45 a.m. I first take a shower bath. dress. get my breakfast 6 30 a.m. My Carrametto. (two wheeled vehicle) comes for me at 7 a.m. when I start for my office which is about a twenty minute drive. I work until 12 noon. When I return to my quarters for lunch. returning to my office a little before two P.M. and work until five P.M. or a little after some times. When I return to my quarters for the night. usually late enough. Sundays I remain at my quarters

OCT. 1898 INVITATION TO MEET PRES. MCKINLEY

FEB 189 INVITATION TO MEET THE PEACE COMMISS

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE RECEPTION TO

THE PRESIDENT

and Distinguished Officers of the Army and Navy of the United States

ON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th

1898

The Treaty of Paris
1898.

The Union League of Philadelphia
requests the honour of
Mr. R. A. Lord's
company on the evening of Saturday, February fourth, 1899,
at nine o'clock, to meet
The Honourable William R. Day,
The Honourable Cushman K. Davis,
The Honourable William P. Frye,
The Honourable George Gray,
The Honourable Whitelaw Reid,
} *United States Peace Commissioners.*

The favour of an early reply is requested
addressed to Charles E. Pugh,
Vice-President.

I am sleeping on the same cot bed. that I took from San Antonio with me. and every morng. when I wake up. I think well here I am in my cot at home. but how disappointed I am. When I realize the fact that I am some eleven thousand miles from you. the feeling depresses

Manila P.I.
Oct. 17th 1898

My dear Lizzie.

The ship that I thought was going some time ago. and wrote you about. not left yet. I am told now - she will not leave for several - I will have this letter in the Office in time to catch her any - though they have a way here ending some letters by the way Hong Kong - We have had a very d storm - I suppose they call - here a typhoon - I must say I dont like this letter writin my Office - As I can only writ little before I am disturbe I am so tired at night I c write - No change here - for h not received a mail for n twenty days - No news over th



the first thing I know I am - the person will will write about what is the most uppermost in his mind. even if it is a grumble - Well my dear Lizzie I will close. I love you. and May God. Bless and protect you. and allow me to return soon. I think of you a thousand times a day - Please give my love when you write to all my people and yours. I dont even know where you are now - With Kisses Ever Your own Carroll.

MANILA OCT. 17, 1898
OFFICIAL WRITES ABOUT CONDITIONS

Consequently we are in ignorance of every thing going on in the outside world. Our world here is very small being confined entirely to the City of Manila.

I am not comfortable yet and see no way of improving matters. I may be good enough in attending to my duties - but I am willing to own that I don't know how to take care of myself. I have lost so many of my clothes either through not having time to prepare them for the wash. or a disinclination to do so. That I feel as if some one ought to look out for me - Native Servants are not reliable - Casey is going home first chance. Lt. Bolles told me yesterday - The 18th Infy. go to Cavite to-morrow. I am possible - I saw Bolles and Fiske yesterday. Hatch is much better. will soon be out. I am very sorry the 18th are going so far away. I will see very little of them after this - Cavite being some five or six miles across the bay. from Manila. I have never been over to Cavite - but am told it is not a pleasant place - As this is not a pleasant place I can't see the difference in that regard - if it is any worse than this it surely is bad - 2 P.M. I have just returned from lunch - with the 18th Saw Bates. Wood Warwick. Van Valzah. Keller. Hinkle. Steele Griffith. Evans. Grote - nearly all of them in fact - I had about one hour and a half - and had a very pleasant time. They all except Warwick dislike going to Cavite - Gen. Hughes told me to-day. That Gen. Otis had recommended Bates for a Major & Inspector General of Volunteers.

MANILA OCT 26, 1898

MALE NURSE DESCRIBES IN DETAIL CONDITIONS IN HOSPI

Manila P. I.
Division Hospital Oct 26th 98
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Mrs J. A. Stackhouse
N. Yakima
Washington
U.S.A.

UNITED STATES POSTAGE TWO 2 CENTS

MIL STA. RR. V. PHILIPPINE IS. S. OCT 26 1898 SAN FRANCISCO CAL.

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P. O.
Division Hospital

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several Hospital all over the

CAGUAS, PUERTO RICO
OCT. 1898
OFFICER DESCRIBES MONOTONY
OF OCCUPATION; FLAG RAISED OVER
SAN JUAN

Caguas Puerto Rico
Oct-18-1898

My Dearest Sister

Received your note yesterday and you cant imagine how glad I was to hear from you. This Provost duty is very tiresome and monottonous. You have no doubt received my letters that I have written since I landed on this Island by this time so wont say any more about our march from Guyama to this place.

This is certainly a beautiful country and productive: it is productive even on the very tops of the mountains it is cultivated. They raise a good many cattle here but are a mixed lot.

sick but am ready to leave for the U.S. any time. The fleas are about to eat me up. I got a mosquito net to cover my cot so they dont bother me now. But the infernal fleas.

I got mothers letter yesterday dated Oct 3 but the one written before that I havent received. It takes two weeks if a letter goes straight through to reach them. I am sorry to hear Harry dosent improve faster but probably will now since it is cooler up there. I wish it was a little cooler here. Love to all and hope to be with you all in a few weeks.

As Ever yours

Geo Florence

OCT. 1898 POLITICAL CLOUT
CONGRESSMAN ASK PRES McKINLEY'S HELP TO GET AN ARMY COMMISSION
BR

Republican County Committee.
City & County of New York.
No. 1 Madison Avenue.
New York.

October 29th, 1898.

The President
Washington,D.C.

Dear Mr President:-

Mr. A.L.M. Gottschalk is 26 years old, living in my district. He has applied for a commission as second lieutenant in the Regular Army. He went through the war as a correspondent of the Herald and returned with the respect and confidence of the officers with whom he was thrown in Contact.

He is a gentleman of genuine ability and a great many good people are interested in the success of his application. I hope you will find it possible to allow him to be examined for appointment. I am sure that he will be a credit to the Army. He speaks both French and Spanish and was of good use to the Army in Cuba.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) Lemuel E Quigg
member of Congress.

MALATE, PHIL. OCT. 28, 1898
EXCELLENT LTR. RE MEDICALS + VIEWS OF CAVITE
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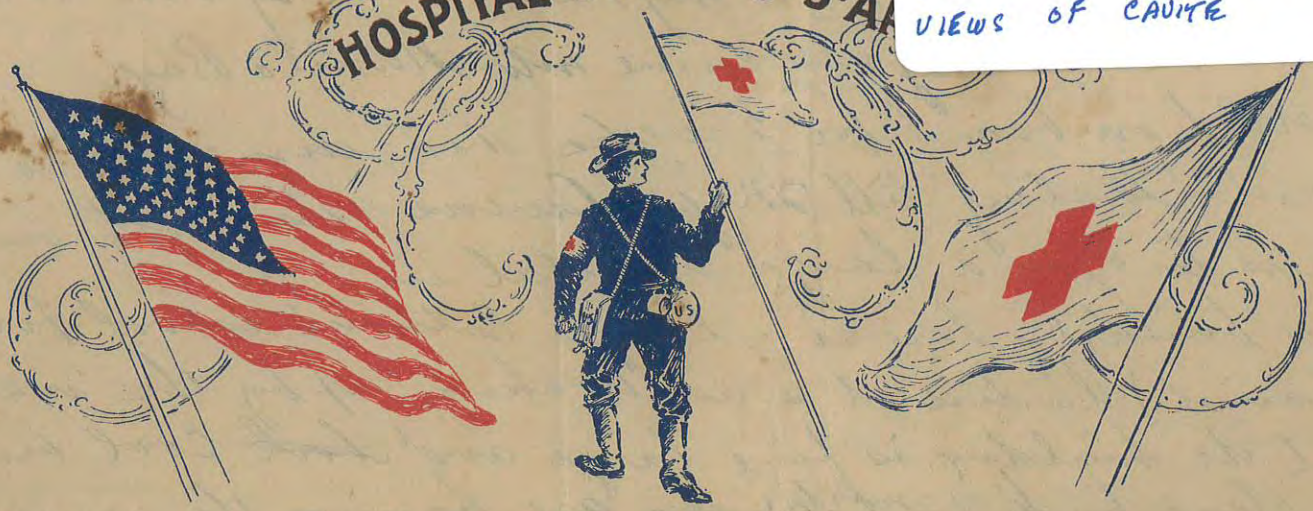

Convalescent Hosp Malate P.I. Oct 28 1898

My dear Father,

I shall look for a letter from you soon, I am getting along nicely and am in good health now. The past week I had Desentary 5 days which weakened me some. I had to lay off for 2 day. I am in the Dispensary here 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. 2 afternoon and 2 Evenings off duty a week then 2 of us in here makes it fairly easy 86 day and night 600 miles farther worse to Endure entary a great & Typhoid fever 365 deaths a day d one die of Disentary the patients aged from the

159 **EXCELLENT SPANISH AMERICAN SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM PHILIPPINES, ON PATRIOTIC STATIONERY.** 4pg letter (2pgs may be from another letter from same person), datelined **"Malate, P.I., Oct. 28, 1898"**, ea. pg. on approx 8.25" x 10.75" stationery, with **"HOSPITAL CORPS U.S. ARMY"** printed at top & large red & blue illus. of a uniformed medic holding a red cross flag, with U.S. & Red Cross flags at L & R. Letter from a medic at a Division Field Hospital, under command of Major W.O. Owens, Brig. Surgery, U.S.V. Excellent content, incl: **"The boys are troubled with disentary a great deal...small pox, malaria & typhoid fever are very common. There are about 3 to 5 deaths a day at the Hospitals of soldiers....I wrote you the day we came into Manila Bay. We stayed on board for 2 weeks, then came out to this hospital to stay till Major Owens gets a fit building...The building here is a large Catholic school...it was broken up by the war....If U.S. keeps the Islands here, there will be very small chances of our getting back for a long time....I have some bandaging and minor surgery to do.... I have been across the bay to Cavite. The harbor there is spotted with Spanish wrecks with the tops of decks or masts sticking above the water. One small fort is blown all to pieces...The Insurgents are stationed between Cavite and Malite...The natives are a low, ignorant class, small and treacherous. The Spanish are quartered in the walled city; they are given every privilege, are dressed well and live well, while we do the work. Anyone would think they were the conquerers and we the slaves. I went into their Hospital in the Old City...they took me all around....better fitted dispensary than we have...Manila has electric lights, horse cars, paved streets & narrow sidewalks...Mosquitoes are terrible...."** a couple sm stains. With fity transmittal cvr, w/stamp removed. letter is F-VF . . . P . . . . . BAI

other Hospitals. we scarcely ever have a death.

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all around and into their Dispensary. they have
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food here is all right but the last part of the time
board ship it was pretty bad hardly fit to eat.
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ill write again soon. { your loving son
member me to all the folks. } Bert.

Mr. H. A. Lawrence.
E. Pepperell.
Massachusetts
U.S.A.

ASTOR BATTRER MANILA
OCT. 30 1898

DISGRUNTLED SOLDIERS!!
GOOD CONTENTS

Headquarters Astor Battery
United States Army -
Manila - October 30th 1898 -

My dear Aunt:

The mail goes out
to-morrow morning early on
a steamer leaving for the United
States and although I have no
particular news to write, will drop
you a few lines to let you know
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[illegible] better than that

From
Wm. E. Hills
Astor Battery
U. S. Army -
Manila, Philippines

MIL. STA. No. 1, PHILIPPINE ISLS.
OCT 31 1898
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Soldiers letter

Mrs. Chas. H. Smith,
#593 Farmington Ave.,
Hartford,
Conn.

United States
of America -

TYCOON WM. BAYARD CUTTING
RE GIFT OF MEDICINE FOR
USE AT OFFICERS' MESS
11/1/98

THIRTY-TWO NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK CITY.

NOV 1, 1898

Mr. Thomas P. Tuite,

Company B. First United States Volunteer Engineers

508 W. 145th. Street,

My dear sir:

Mrs. Cutting duly received your letter of Oct. 16th. and has asked me to reply. You were entirely right in your supposition that the Anker's Capsules were intended for the use of your mess. They were addressed to you in pursuance of the instructions contained in the newspaper clipping. I wrote at the same time to my cousin, Lieutenant Livingston, simply notifying him that the capsules had been sent for the use of himself and his comrades. I am glad that you found them useful.

Yours truly,

W. Bayard Cutting

2 ITEMS RE ARMY DOCTOR M. LEALE OF N.Y.C + RED TAPE IN SIGNING OFF CHARGES FROM ARMY // ALSO ARMY TELEGRAM



Ebbitt House

ARMY & NAVY

H.C. BURCH, Manager.

Washington, D.C. Nov. 30th 1898.

Dear Father :-

The journey down last night was not at all disagreeable although all the sleepers were very crowded: for on reaching the train I turned in and slept soundly all night. When we reached Washington it was snowing, but about eight o'clock it cleared off, and has

If not delivered within 5 days, return to
TROOP A,
136 W. 56TH ST., N. Y.



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604 Madison Av

MANILA NOV 1, 1898

LTR. FROM CAPT. HERPOLSHIMER

WRITTEN IN GERMAN

Manila Nov 1/98

Mr. Chas Herpolshimer
Lincoln Neb

Lieber Vater:

Ich habe deinen Brief
vom 25 Sept. gestern erhalten, auch
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Mr. Chas. Herpolshimer

Lincoln

2147 K St.

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Return to Mr. Herpolshimer
Capt 1st Neb
Manila

MANILA NOV. 3, 1898

SO. DAKOTA SOLDIER Re:
1. U.S.A Keeping Philippines
2. Typhoid
3. rumor US troops will be replaced by said Filipinos

Manila, P.I. Nov. 3. '98

Dear Folks at Home

Well we don't have any thing to do this afternoon and the mail goes out to-morrow so here goes for a few lines. One of the boys just came back from the hospital looking a great deal better than he did when he went. Flanders of Erwin went at the same time ~~to~~ and he is a pretty sick man, has the typhoid fever. It is very doubtful if he ever comes out. There is not near as much sickness here as there was a while ago. We have heard that the U. S. is going to keep the Philippines. They are talking of mustering in some of the natives and sending

Miss Vivian Dwight
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U.S.A.

MIL. STA. NOV 4 1898

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POLITICAL LTR. URGING
RE-ELECTION OF McKINLEY

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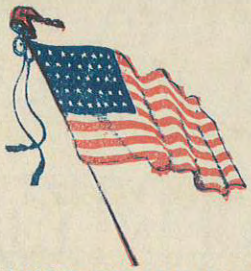

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WILLIAM W. GRIEST
LOUIS A. WATRES
E. W. ECHOLS

PERSONAL.

Mr. Albert Warren Kelsey,
Chestnut Hill, Pa.

November 4th, 1898.

Dear Sir:

The war, protection and sound money policies of President McKinley are now on trial before the American people. The verdict will be recorded on the 8th of November next. Therefore, in this emergency it is highly important that the Republicans of Pennsylvania should rally at the polls and uphold by their votes the hands of our Chief Magistrate. I have no doubt as to the result of the contest next month so far as the election of the whole Republican ticket is concerned, but I deem it highly important that the grand majority of 1896 be maintained; I ask you as a Republican to contribute your

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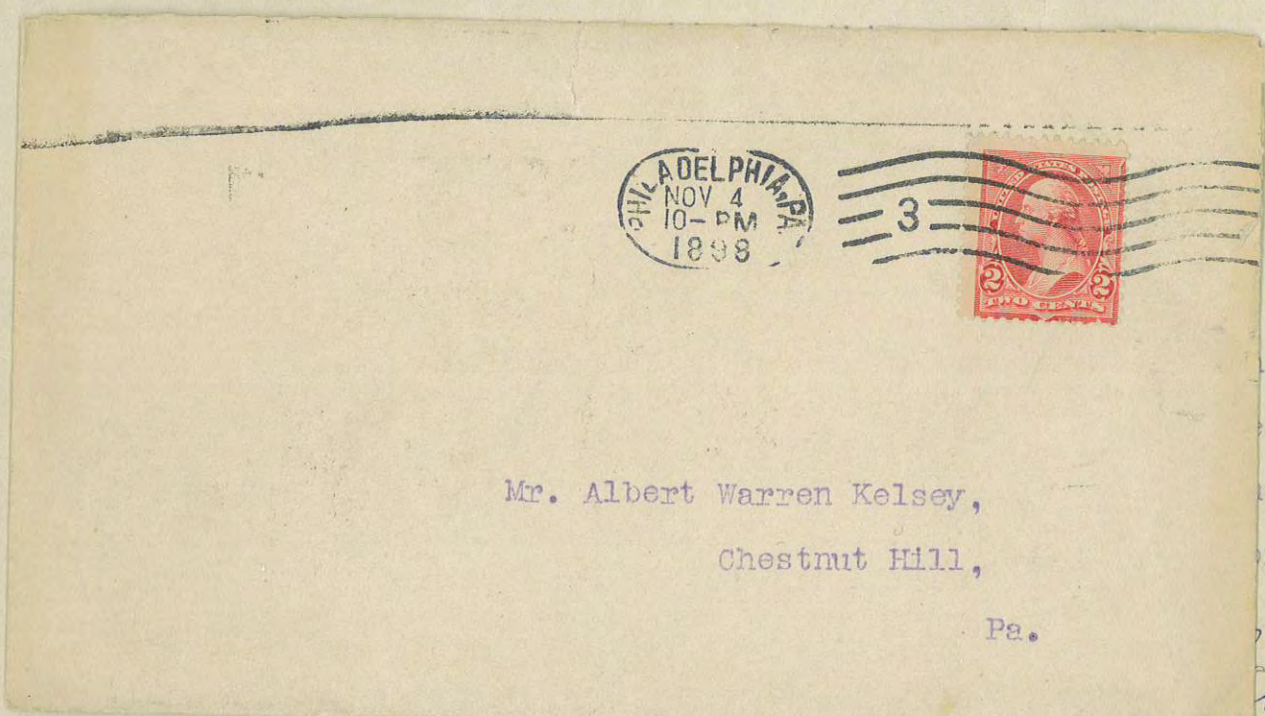

MANILA NOV. 9, 1898
RED CROSS HOSPITAL
WRITES/OF NEAR DEATH
FROM FEVER; NURSES INDIFFERENT

MRS. JOHN F. MERRILL, PRESIDENT
MRS. LOUIS SLOSS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
MRS. W. R. SMEDBERG, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

MRS. W. R. ECKERT, SECRETARY
MRS. J. A. DEGREAYER, CORRESPONDING SECRETAR

California State Red Cross Association

O. H. J. SCHLOTT,
FINANCIAL MANAGER

Manila, P. I. Nov 9 1898

Dear Mom;

I am going to write this as an offset to ~~#~~ my last letter. I was at the time of writing very sick in the Division Hospital with Typhoid Malaria and have had one relapse since then. Now at the present time I am convalescent in the Red Cross Hospital and rapidly regaining health and strength. I was taken sick in quarters on 7th of October and was immediately taken to the Hospital in the ambulance with a temperature of 102. For two weeks I was very sick but my strength and constitution rapidly ~~[illegible]~~ threw off the fever and on the 20th I was removed to the Red Cross Convalescent Hospital as a convalescent patient to regain my strength. But not being restrained by the nurses (who are women and who thought more of the officers, launch rides and carriage drives than their patients, I ate too much and overtaxed my strength and on the 27th was in bed again and with a temperature of 103.6° and had to be packed in ice. I was out

MANILA NOV. 10, 1898
SOLDIER GRIPES ABOUT FOOD, RAIN, NATIVES + FELLOW AMERICANS SELLING SUPPLIES

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LETTER INSIDE

MIL. STA. NO. 1, PHILIPPINE
NOV 10 1898
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

FROM

COMPANY
13TH REGT. MINNESOTA INF'T'Y
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CUBA NOV. 1898

SOLDIER APOLOGIZES FOR SENDING POSTAGE DUE AS NO U.S. OVERPRINTS ARE AVAILABLE YET (ISSUED JAN. 1899)

Some of our soldiers have already started to arrive and it is a very welcome sight to an American to see some of their soldiers again after looking for any length of time at these Spaniards.

Every American who has been here any time before you always wants to give advice as to what to eat and what to do to avoid yellow fever. I have not given it a moments thought since I have been here and have kept on eating just whatever I wanted.

The fruit is delicious and is sweeter and more juicy than any I have e[illegible] in the States. The American fruit is very high, for ex[illegible] day about pears and found to my sur-
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[illegible]ggars, and they are to be se[illegible]nd in fact you would have a h[illegible]ry. Some lie on the sidewalk [illegible] others who have more strength [illegible]th which to buy bread, and [illegible] in some old building and drop [illegible]ntil the sun reminds them that

[illegible] all the fellows. I would write

[illegible] and mother and to Ralph, and remem-

[illegible],

Howard A. Austin

Excuse the way I send this letter, but as Cuban Stamps are not accepted in the U.S. I have to do it.



NOV. 1898 - ASTOR BATTY. MANILA. WRITTEN AFTER SPAN. SURRENDER + BEFORE NATIVE INSURRECTION

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Headquarters Astor Battery,
U. S. Army, Manila, Nov 16th '98

My dear Aunt!

I wrote you a day or two ago and in the letter stated that I had not heard from you in the last mail, but write you just the same. Well, your letter of September 30th came yesterday - as the "Leelia" carrying all the mail left day before yesterday why I could not get an answer to your letter off on her. Your third letter should have come in the big mail, but by some mistake or other it's got in the wrong mail and was delayed.

Am sorry it did not come with the big mail. Well our postal service continues to fog as bad as ever and we do not get mail until intervals of three weeks have passed.

I am afraid that I will have to

3 LTRS. NOV. 1898 TO SOLDIER. WELL WRITTEN EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT HIS HEALTH

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Lyons Farms N.J. Nov 24/98

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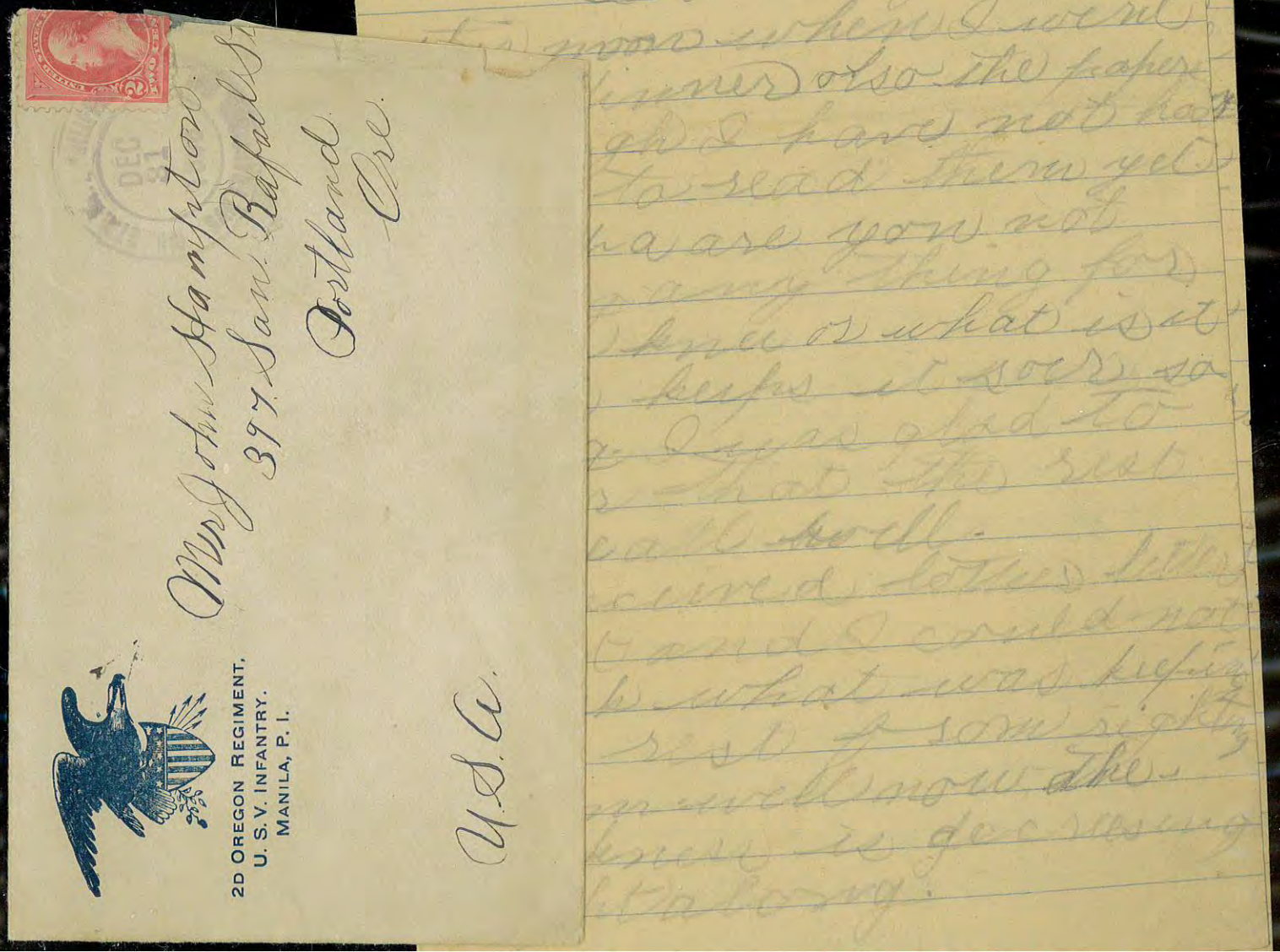
198 **SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES.** 8pg letter from Edd Hampton of the 2nd Oregon Regiment, datelined **"Manilla, Phill. Is., Dec. 22, 1898"**. With original transmittal cvr with blue illus. of eagle & shield &**"2D OREGON REGIMENT,/U.S.V. INFANTRY./MANILA, P.I."** printed below, w/magenta **MIL. STA. NO.1, PHILIPPINE.../SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.** Dec. 31, 1898 dated DC tying 2c red. Cvr reduced at R, cutting into 1/4 of stamp. Letter includes:**"We are just starting up work in earnest now...If we want the place swept out or any boxes moved..., all we have to do is to tell a native to do it...Christmas our company is going to have a nice dinner....all the chicken we can eat and fries, plum pudding....They have a slaughter house right here in the city. It is a very large one and also very clean. The floor of the part where they kill cattle is all paved,...At 5 minutes to 9, a bell rings and all the natives, about 50, run to the corrall where the cattle are kept and each one gets hold of two or three, ready to take them inside and then another bell rings and they hurry them in and tie them up...there are a number of men with a short knife, shaped like a spear head, and very sharp, and they take hold of the cattle's horns and hit them just behind the ears and they fall down in a second. It is astonishing how quickly they can kill a hundred or so....other men there ready to skin and dress them....We had very poor food on the way over while the officers fed on the best of the land...the sky light in their dining room was left open...we could look down and see them eating fruit and all kinds of nice dishes...lots of the boys went away from the mess hungry and it made us kind of angry to see them eating such food when they knew their men were getting such miserable grub....officers spending money at the gaming tables...."** VF



Democrats as their champion, ... Uncle John was a delegate to the Convention at Phila. and a strong Grant man. Hoping Uncle Jacob may see the error of his way...before the election..." with original transmittal cvr. VF 100-150

CHEYENNE INDIANS IMPRISONED AT FORT MARION, FLORIDA. 2pg **letter press copy** (a retained copy created by pressing onion skin paper to the original letter while the ink was still wet), datelined "Fort Marion, St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 18, 1876", from a Cavalry officer "In charge of Ind. Pris", to Lt. Col. J.W. Forsyth, A.D.C., Chicago. (James W. Forsyth, Union Bvt. Brig. General in Civil War, given full commission of Brig. Gen. in May, 1865 & Indian fighter after the C.W., became Col. of Custer's old 7th Cav. in 1886). Excellent content re Cheyenne Indians imprisoned in Florida at the same fort where Geronimo & his Apaches were sent in 1887. Incl:"**...the barrack for the prisoners, which had begun**



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now proof only from what I have heard from others.

There are quite a number of oficers wives coming out here now there are two in our Reg.

There is a big lot of shipping going on here now.

I received a letter from Margaret Godfrey last night.

Will good bye for this time

From your loving son and brother

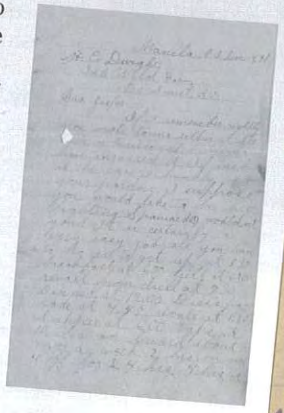
Edd.



MANILA DEC. 1898
SOLDIER'S LTR. RE TROOP MOVEMENTS + NATIVES

BBX

0717 Fighting in the Philippines Autograph Letter Signed, "Clarence A. Dwight", 4p. octavo, Manila, Philippians, December 14, 1898, with original cover to Homer Dwight in South Dakota, it reads in part: "...The Arty Battery are going home on the first transport that goes to the U.S. It is also semi officially stated here that the 1st Colorado's and the 13th Minn. start for the U.S. about the 1st of February. The So. Dakota's are guessing when they will get out of this country.....the natives will hump up like a cow in a rainstorm. They are comical set of people anyway. Most of them are quite small but once in awhile we run across one that is (mucha grandy) Some of them go around with an old cloth wrapped around them in any old fashion but they keep themselves covered up. There is some very nice looking native girls here. If you were here I think that perhaps you could pick out one that would suit you..." VG.



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Manila, P. I, Dec. 14, 98.

Pvt. C. Dwight,
Idle Wild Farm,
De Smet, S. D.

Bro. Jasper:

If I remember rightly you wrote to me either at Seattle or Frisco and I never have answered it. If such is the case I humbly beg your pardon. I suppose you would like to be here fighting Spaniards) wouldn't you? It is certainly a very easy job, all you have to do is to get up at 5.30 breakfast at 6.00 drill at 6.30 recall from drill at 7.30 Dinner at 12.00 Dress parade at 4.45. recall at 5.30 Supper at 6.00 taps at 10. Go on guard about once a week 2 hrs. on and 4 off for 24 hrs. This is

MANILA DEC. 12, 1898
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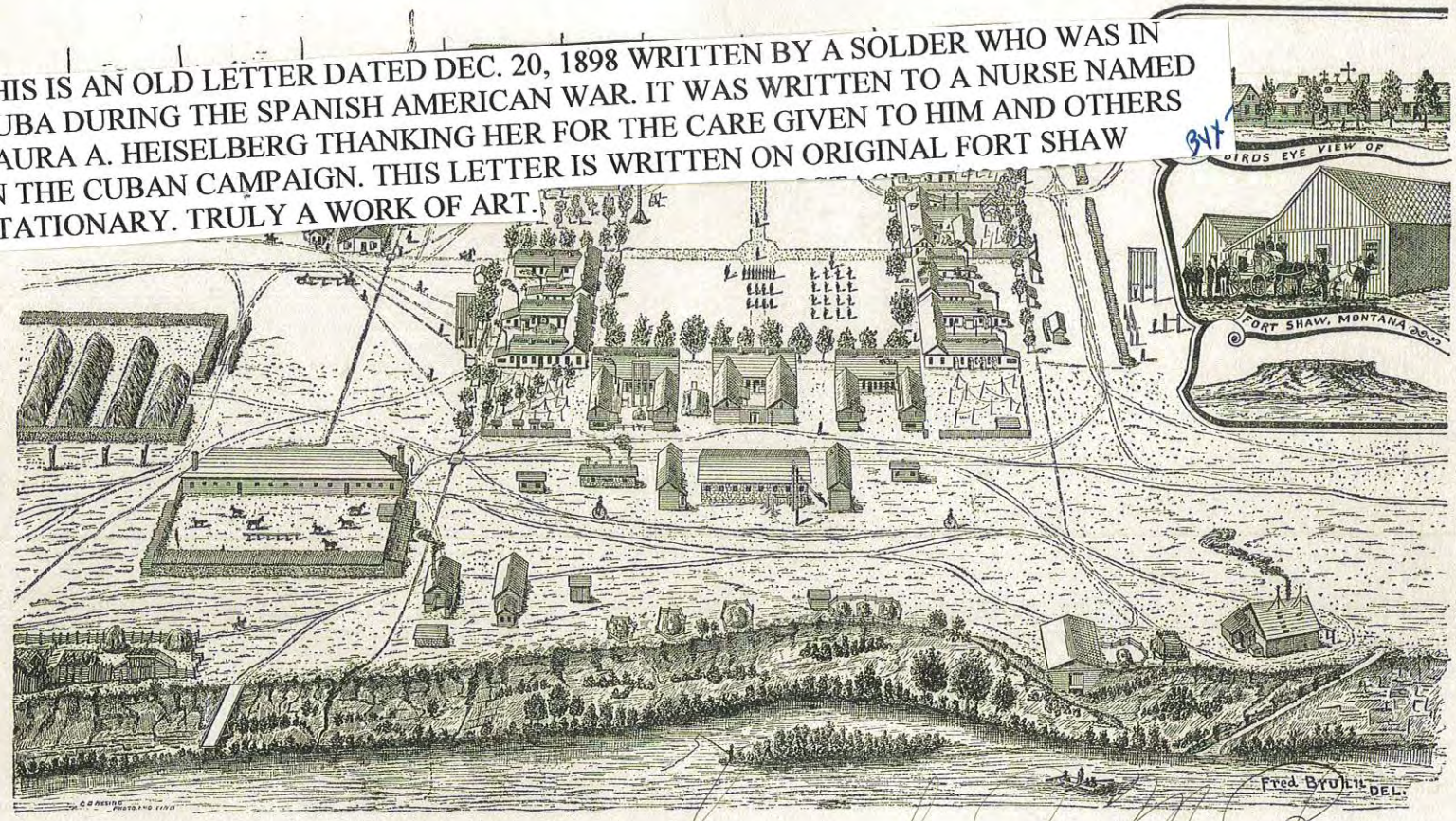
AURA A. HEISELBERG THANKING HER FOR THE CARE GIVEN TO HIM AND OTHERS
N THE CUBAN CAMPAIGN. THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN ON ORIGINAL FORT SHAW
TATIONARY. TRULY A WORK OF ART.



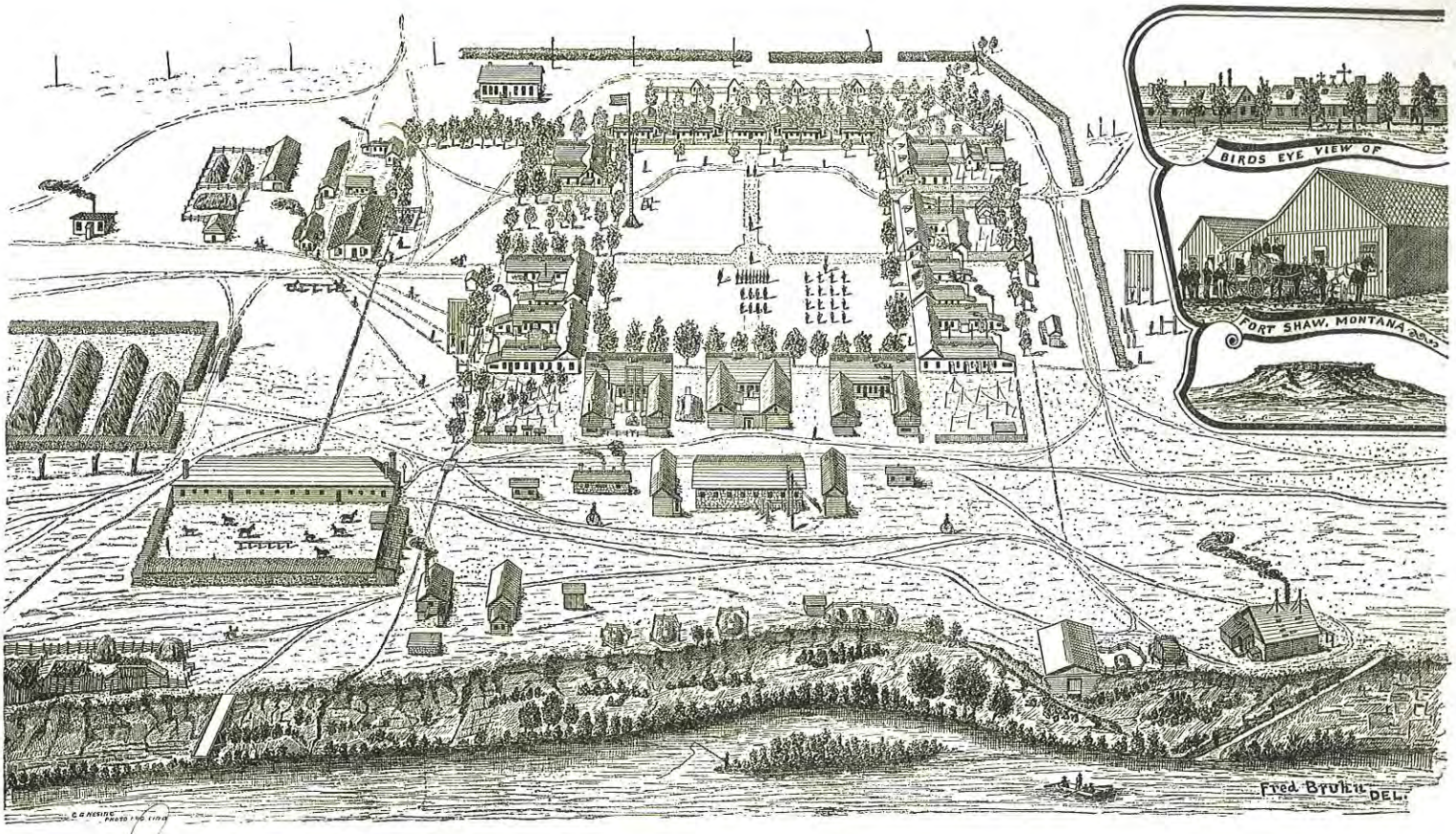
Camp J. M. Bacon
Walker, Minn
Dec 20/1898

Mrs. Hazzelberg,
New York, City

Dear Friend:-

Though the soldier who wears the blue may have his faults, yet it cannot be truthfully said of him that he forgets his friends or his promises. Enclosed please find photographs I promised you.

There is one thing that soldiers who were in the Cuban Campaign will never forget, and that is the kind treatment and attention they received at the hands of the good women of this Country. I shall always remember you kindly, "my Florence Nightingale;" and when



the season of Peace on Earth and good will to men" comes around, and the chiming bells shall ring out the old year and in the new, know that I most sincerely wish you a very pleasant Christmas and a happy New Year.

Very respectfully,
William H. Morris.
1st Sergeant Co. G. 2nd Infantry

P. S.

Orders have been received for our regiment to go to Manilla in the near future. Please let me know if you get the pictures.

W. H. M.

MUSICIAN JAY SIMS APPT. TO N.C. NATL. GUARD (MAY 1898) AS "PRINCIPAL MUSICIAN"; ALSO LTR. FROM MANILA, (1901) OF REFERENCE RE HIS WORK IN CUBA; LATER HE WAS IN SOUSA'S BAND (+ PHOTOS)

To all who shall see these Presents

Know Ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in th

I do hereby appoint him Principal Musician ~~in Company~~

North Carolina

to rank as such from the 27th day of April

He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge t
manner of things thereto belonging. And I do strictly
Soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders as
orders and directions from time to time, as he shall rece
Regiment, or other Superior Officers and Non-Comm
discipline of War. warrant to continue in force unt

Given at the headquarters of the
, in the year of our L

Officer.

1st Lieut & Adjt

Adjutant of the Regiment.



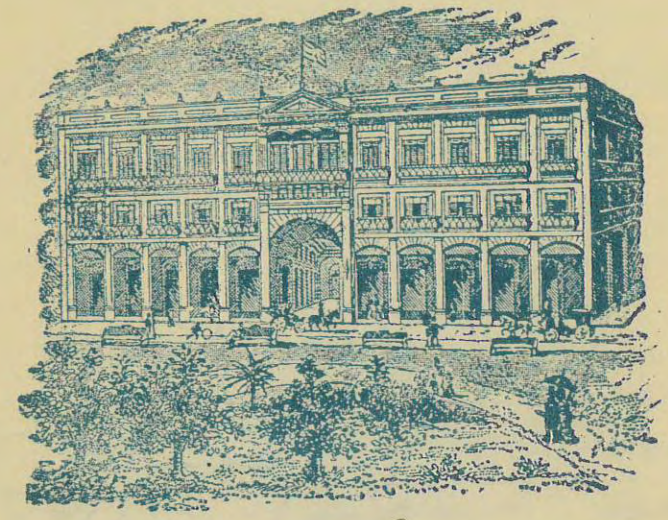
Camp Wallace. Manila
March 16. 1901

To whom it may Concern.

This will introduce Mr J. G. Sims. Mov. Sergeant Band 99th Infty. He is a thoroughly sober & reliable Man, in every way & is a first class performer on Slide Trombone. He has served with me in this capacity in Cuba, during Spanish-American War & in these Islands since July 21st 1899. Any favor shown him, will be appreciated by me.

Respt
Chas Coe
Chief Musician
99th Infty.

CUBA 12/98
OFFICER WRITES "MOST SPANISH TROOPS ARE GONE... CUBANS NO PROBLEM.



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Havana, 12/28 1898

My dear father and Mother;

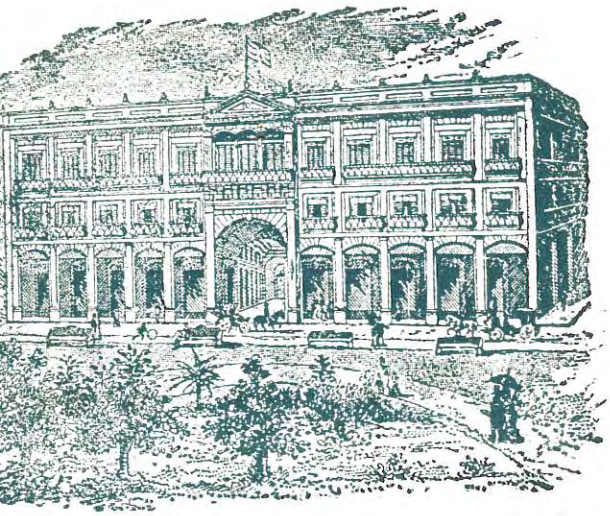
Your letter dated the 20th (I believe) arrived Sunday — Our mail has been delayed and a letter in camp has been a seven days wonder for the past week. I very sorry you are ill, Mother dear and if your illness is due in any degree to worrying over me, you must get well at once for I am in ... not offer any ... in a day ... go into ... military ... be detailed ... attalion (Mair ... at present). ... ved from ... company ... r my ... r I shall ... attalion ... about time

Grand Hotel Pasaje,
DIAZ, GONZALEZ & CO., Proprietors,
Havana, Cuba.

Lieut. C. R. Perry
2nd Illinois Vol. Inf.
Havana Cuba

Charles A. Perry
Chicago
Illinois
505 N. Adams St. U.S.A.

Letter



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Havana, ... 189 .....

EJÉRCITO LIBERTADOR DE CUBA.

4º CUERPO. 1ª DIVISION.
1ª BRIGADA.

JEFATURA.

Se concede licencia al Cmdte. Urbano Olivera y Diaz. *por hallarse comprendido en el artículo 2º del acuerdo sobre Licenciamiento del Ejército del dia 10 del mes de Noviembre del corriente año de la Asamblea de Representantes, habiendo ingresado en el Ejército Libertador el dia* 24 de Julio de 1895 *prestado servicio activo en el mismo hasta el* dia de la fecha *y las demás circunstancias que al dorso se expresan.*

Ha cumplido las dos primeras condiciones prescritas en el artículo 2º de dicho acuerdo y queda advertido de cumplimentar la tercera que se impone.

P. Y L. —*Campamento en* Sto. Espiritus *á* 28 *de* Diciembre *de 1895.*

El Jefe de la Brigada,
—Coronel—
Jose D. Sanchez

161 **SPANISH AMERICAN WAR - EXCELLENT SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM CUBA.** 6pg letter from E.P. Banning, Co. A, 6th Mo. Vols., datelined Havana, Cuba, Dec. 29, 1898. Includes:"We are camped on a high hill about eight miles from Havana....We left Savannah last Wednesday a week ago and arrived in Havana on Saturday....Nearly every blue coat was on deck and cheering lustily until we came in sight of the wreck of the Maine, when it stopped and became so quiet that one could hear the throb of the ship's engines. There could be seen on the faces of the boys in blue a trace of sorrow mingled with a look of anger...I never will forget the look of that pile of twisted and bent iron and steel if I live to be a thousand years old.....There are several U.S. warships in the harbor; the Brooklyn, Texas, Topeka and New York.....while you were eating your Christmas dinner, we were marching out to our camp in the broiling hot sun...and the fine white dust rolling up in clouds about us...Havana is a filthy place....We had a royal time coming through the city. American and Cuban flags were everywhere and the boys were constantly cheering. The Spanish soldiers are leaving fast....seem to be glad to get a chance to leave. They are very friendly and treat us all right. The government has hired a lot of Cubans to do the heavy work around the camp, and they are preparing to lay water mains out to the camp...hope that they will hurry up as we have to haul water...The Cubans do most of their hauling with oxen...The horses that they have are about as big as a two months old colt...." With original transmittal cvr with red & blue illus. of flag, Dec. 30, 1898 **MIL. ST./HAVANA/CUBA** cds tying 2c red Wash. which has been mostly torn away upon opening. letter is VF . . . . . .

CUBA DEC 29, 1898

ARRIVING SOLDIER DESCRIBES EMOTION ON SEEING WRECKAGE OF U.S.S. MAINE

LBX-

Havana Cuba 12/29/98

Dear Folks at Home

I received your most welcome letter day before yesterday but have been so busy fixing up our new camp that I have not had time to aunser it before now. We are going to have a fine camp when we get things fixed up but it will take some time as yet but few tents have been put up.

We are camped on a high hill about eight miles from Havana and from where we are I have a good view of the sea.

We left Savanah last Wednesday a week ago and arrived in Havana on Saturday afternoon



Soldiers Letter
Downey Co. "A" 6th Mo.
1st Lieut Havana, Cuba.

that were coming from Chattanooga on top of a car, when a wire caught them in the neck and threw them off the car..... This is the rottenest company in the Regiment. Our non-commissioned officers are the poorest men we have....I would never go into action with this company...but should lose myself and get into another company. This one would become demoralized at first fire....Am nearly dead I am so thirsty. Have had just one glass of water in the last three days. We don't have but two or three pails of water a day and that is for the drinking and cooking of over a hundred men. The cooks are unable to cook anything and we have to go without coffee....And yet all the while we read in the papers from home what nice water we get and how it comes to the camp in pipes. The water we get is unhealthy river water and is drawn in barrels for about two miles. It has to be filtered three or four times and is then very muddy and dirty and has a nasty taste...How I wish I could get a drink! I am nearly choked....Our hospitals are full to overflowing...."....(From letter from Camp Hamilton, Ky., on way to Concord to be mustered out):"Hope you will be at train with a bite to eat as we shall be nearly famished. They have got so they don't feed us at all now. And as we don't get paid till we get to Concord, we will be unable to buy anything....We have been used shamefully and inhumanely....We are weak from lack of food. They are nearly starving us..." Also includes a large printed circular, which was handed out to the N.H. Regt., with health tips for soldiers going to Cuba, ... malaria comes from vapors rising from the ground; wearing ..., etc...A few cvrs have sm tears, stamp flts, 1 600-750

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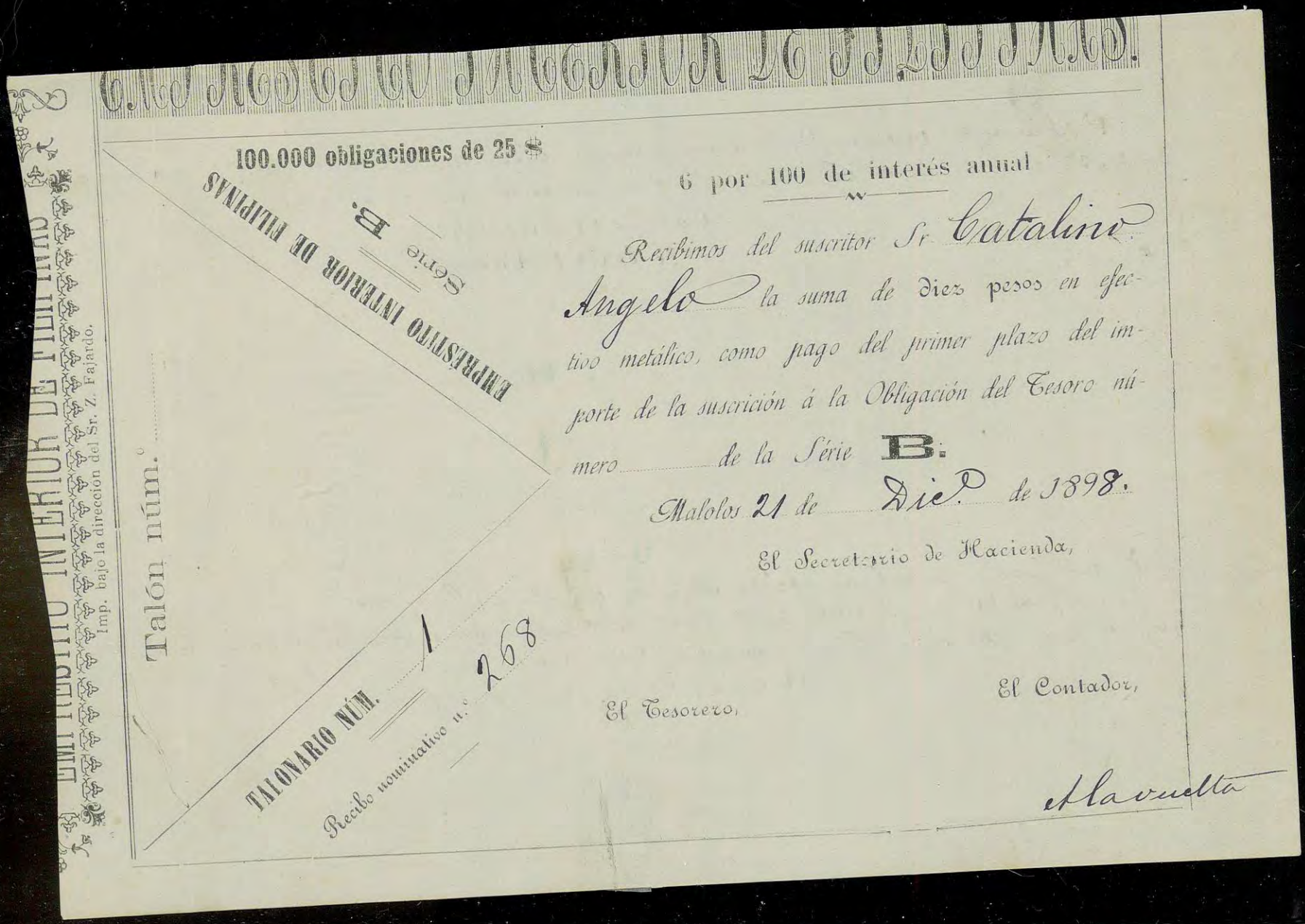
he had charge of the unloading of the ship.
The Cubans do most of their hauling with oxen and it looks rather strange to see them at work.
The Horses that they have are about as big as a two months old colt, but they haul some terrible loads.
Well I hope that you have had a merry Christmas and hope that you will have a Happy
I guess
this ten
tell you
next tr

Camp Cot
Hava
C

BROOKFIELD, MO.
6 AM
4 JAN
1899

Offered here is an extremely rare Government Bond issued by the Revolutionary Government of Emilio Aguinaldo to raise money for the war effort against the United States. The revolutionary government was formed after Admiral George Dewey took Manila during the Spanish American War. The bond is a Series "B" and was issued in Malolos On the 21st of December 1898. The bond is in great shape but has one repaired edge tear that doesn't detract from the appearance of the document. This is a fantastic



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DEC. 1898
4X4-

Recibimos del suscritor Sr. Catalino Angeles la suma de Quince pesos como pago del 2º y 3er. plazo de una Oblig.n de esta Serie suscrita por el mismo.

Malolos 21 Dicl 1898.

El Secl.o de Hacienda

El Tesorero

El Contador

El interesado ha cobrado $0'30 importe del 2% de bonificación que le corresponde segun el art.o 11 del Decr. de 30 de Novl último habiendo ingresado el valor total del 2º y 3er. plazo de una Oblig.n segun (los res) el recibo presente.

Malolos 21 de Dicl de 1898

El Tesorero

TO

DEC. 1898 USS OLYMPIA
MANILA —
EXCELLENT LETTER ON
OLYMPIA STATIONERY +
X MAS MENU

FIRST CLASS MAIL



HAVANA FEB. 18, 1899
DESCRIBES PARADE HONORING DEAD OF THE USS MAINE ON 1st ANNIVERSARY

Provost Headquarters
7th Army Corps.
Feb. 18. '99.

Dear friend Dick.

Yours of the 7th reached me yesterday and found me in the best of health. The old turnkey still holds his job. [illegible] ter every time I go there. [illegible] hostile as ever when they [illegible] e and wine. [illegible] what it tastes like, but [illegible] uld set me wild like [illegible] boys. [illegible] the boys were well the [illegible] them. Two days ago [illegible] t down toward Havana [illegible] here the Heroes of the Maine [illegible] graves were decorated and [illegible] I didn't think that [illegible] as many buggies and rigs [illegible] They were there by [illegible] l. Yesterday the [illegible] ased in review to Gens. Lee, Brooke and Ludlow and staffs



some of the boys to take a swim in the ocean.

Well Dick I'm a little short of news just now. After pay-day when the boys get hostile, I will have more to tell you.

Hoping that this will find you as well as I am

I remain
Your friend Jack.

P.S. Don't send my mail in care of the company or regiment.
When you write address it to
Military Station #26
Buena Vista.
Cuba.

I'll send you the envelope.
The regiment is near Mariana and I am at this place. This is also Gen. Lees Head Qts. Write soon

MAY-1899 MANILA, P.I.
LETTER FROM OFFICER
ON "OLYMPIA" EXCELLENT/CONTENT
REBELS HAVE PRISONERS

TO

U.S. CRUISER OLYMPIA



Manila, P.I.,
May 6, 1899.

My Dear Mother:-

I am getting spoony again. All required for me to get in that ... and ... spoony ... them ... them ... few ... and ... me- ... in ... ist

SAILOR'S LETTER
U.S.S. Olympia
B. P. Lamberton.
CAPTAIN U. S. NAVY



MIL. SUB. NO. 1 PHILIPPINE IS.
MAY 7 10 AM
MANILA

Mrs. Jno. F. Marshall,
724, South 3d St.,
Waco,
Texas.

W. S. America.

FEB. 1899 U.S.S ESSEX
TRINIDAD, BWI
NAVAL OFFICER WRITES
OF PEACETIME NAVAL LIFE

U.S.S. Essex.
Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.

My dearest Mamma,

We sail for St Vincent on Wednesday next at early day light, thence to St Kitts, to St Thomas, to San Juan, to La Guayra, to Curacao, to Havana, to Port Royal.

We are having the most gorgeous weather possible, not a bit hot and the showers are not frequent enough to be disagreeable. They say that the temperature here varies only 6° the year round and the climate here is as healthy as can be.

You can imagine how glad I was to find the mail waiting for me when we got back from target practice on Friday. Agnes's letter dated January twenty-third was the latest date. Now that Sam has left, you must be careful of yourself and have a good long rest, he must have been a terrible bother and I know Agnes is right when she says you work much too hard and don't let them do but very little.

What is the matter with Uncle Harry? Didn't he get enough out of it to satisfy himself? It worries me to think that there's any chance of Aunt



The least suspicion of a fire is
quite enough and the nights
are something to dream of. If
you could just see the big rains
[illegible] tearing down the mountain
[illegible] ack as can be with -
[illegible] lovely rainbows, and
[illegible] of the sky will be as
[illegible] blue as can be.
[illegible] Star is 'way down low
[illegible] are lots of new stars
[illegible] would love to see. The
[illegible] Cross with α Centauri
[illegible] lots of others that are
[illegible] to me.

[illegible] ave been elected caterer
[illegible] correspondingly depressed.
[illegible] it so but there's no
[illegible] out of it and "Lin doin' de
[illegible] Kin". We have a ~~[illegible]~~ Steward
[illegible] jewel but the boys aren't
[illegible] h - e room in my opinion
and you have to keep at them
constantly as they won't work a bit

NEW YORK D FEB 19 1899
HEMPSTEAD N.J. 20 1899 REC'D

SANTIAGO, CUBA MAR. 1899

BURIAL CORPS ABOUT EXHUMING ROUGH RIDERS' BODY ETC

Camp Rhoades Santiago De Cuba
Mch 8-99

My Darling Wife & Loving Children

Well Monday we commenced work on San Juan hill or rather at the foot of the hill and a worse [illegible] messed never saw there is [illegible] affair we were so [illegible] over each other try[illegible] to work there were [illegible] four scattered. [illegible] better luck but to [illegible] [illegible] one wagon [illegible]

SANTIAGO CUBA MAR. 1899

BURIAL CORBS MEMBER WRITES ABOUT EXHUMING SOLDIERS' BODYES, INCLUDING ROUGH RIDERS SPANISH SOLDIERS JAW USED FOR PIPE RACK, ...

UNUSUAL CONTENTS



SANTIAGO DE CUBA

After 10 days, return to

F. D. Nudd with
D. H. Rhodes Funeral Party.

MILITARY STA. MAR 11 10 AM SANTIAGO DE CUBA

99

D. H. Rhodes
In Chg. U.S. Burial Corps
Cuba -

Mrs. F. D. Nudd
Waterville
Maine
#8 Pleasant St.

from [illegible] have gone to town my hips and legs are to tired to walk two miles and back so I felt like writing to you Snell has not written a word

MAR. 1899 - U.S. ARMY IN PHILIPPINES!
CHINESE STRETCHER BEARERS SAME RATIONS AS P.O.W's !!...

Headquarters Department of the Pacific and 8th Army Corps.

Office Chief Commissary.

Manila, Philippine Islands, Mar. 14, '99

Circular.

The Chinamen hired by the Quartermaster's Department as stretcher bearers under paragraph 5, Special Orders No. 68, current series, from these headquarters, are entitled to the same ration as the native prisoners of war as recommended in my letters of February 11th and 15th, 1899, and approved by the Major General Commanding under dates of February 13th and 16th, 1899, copies of which have been furnished all commissaries.

This ration should be issued to the Chinamen above referred to by organization commissaries, etc. upon proper ration returns signed by the officer (medical) employing them; as it differs from the Army ration, issues should be entered on seperate adstracts.

(sgd.) D. L. Brainard,

Colonel, Purchasing Commissary, U. S. Army,

Chief Commissary.

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Headquarters, First Brigade, First Division, 8th Army Corps,

Office Brigade Commissary,

PHILLIPINES MAR. 31, 1899

EXCELLENT CONTENTS RE BATTLES WITH INSURGENTS

March 31st '99

Dear Mother:-

It has perhaps been a week since I last wrote home and as I have been trying to keep a record of writing every week I will write a little ... Since I ... matters have ... much ... the Iowa ... been out ... in ... parties and ... a few little ... of course I ... been with ... am in ... organization ... in our place ... line. In one of these skirmishes ... Co. H.

excellent contents re battle with insurgents

SOLDIER'S LETTER
George H. Penrose
Major & Brigade, Surgeon U.S.A.

MAIL STA No. 11 PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
APR 7 1899 9AM
MANILA.

Mrs L. S. Hutcheson
Lake City,
Iowa
U.S.A.

s home is at Iowa Falls.
the time you get this
will have at least
year of service in so
can not stay here
very much longer
ll said he thought the
s. would all be in
e states by Sept. 1st but
hardly think so.
dont suppose it would do
have all your cold weather
but we would indeed
ke to have some of it
ell I must close for
s time
rth love to all
Genl —

LAKE CITY IOWA.
7 AM
12
MAY
1899
RECD.

LUZON, PHILIPPINES APRIL 1899

RE: FLYING BRIGADE ATTACK ON INSURGENTS BY A "GATLING" GUNNER

Luzon
April

Dear Folks:—

Since I last wrote nothing has happened of very great moment but what you have seen in the newspaper accounts excepting the last two days preparations are being made to send out another flying brigade and this time I am going with them. Two guns are going from our battery and I am going with the first one — I was changed from the Gatling to No. 1 on the [illegible] Hotchkiss — & We thought [illegible] this morning [illegible] as yet and [illegible] before [illegible] insurgents have [illegible] if reports are [illegible] half of [illegible] short & [illegible] no pay & [illegible] holds are

interesting contents

SOLDIERS LETTER

Charles C. [illegible]

Post Chaplain, U. S. Army.

MIL. STA. [illegible] APR 8 10 AM PHIL. ISL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 2

99

Mrs L. S. Hutcheson
Lake City,
Iowa
U.S.A.

the hands of the Americans.
And Paranaque is about the last
place. This Brigade is to round
them up in Paranaque when
the gunboats will have a chance
at them from the bay side
and the Brigade will cut them
off from the mountains so nothing
will be left but for them to
surrender.

It is now the general opinion
that the [illegible] the
[illegible] by September but it is hard to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as though that
[illegible] be the [illegible] [illegible] we
[illegible] we will stay another year.
Well [illegible] is nothing more
interest to write so will close.

Write Soon [illegible]

[illegible]

LETTER
LETTER WRITTEN ON .30 CAL CARTRIDGE BOX

Soldier's letter writen on partial folded 30 calibur shell box, beautiful "Mil Sta No. 1 Philippines Island Manila Apr 10 1899 3 p.m." duplex, addr to Minn; SL 'POSTAGE DUE 2 CTS' h/s, letter re killing of Spaniard who jumped from a train, UNIQUE PIECE! ARI

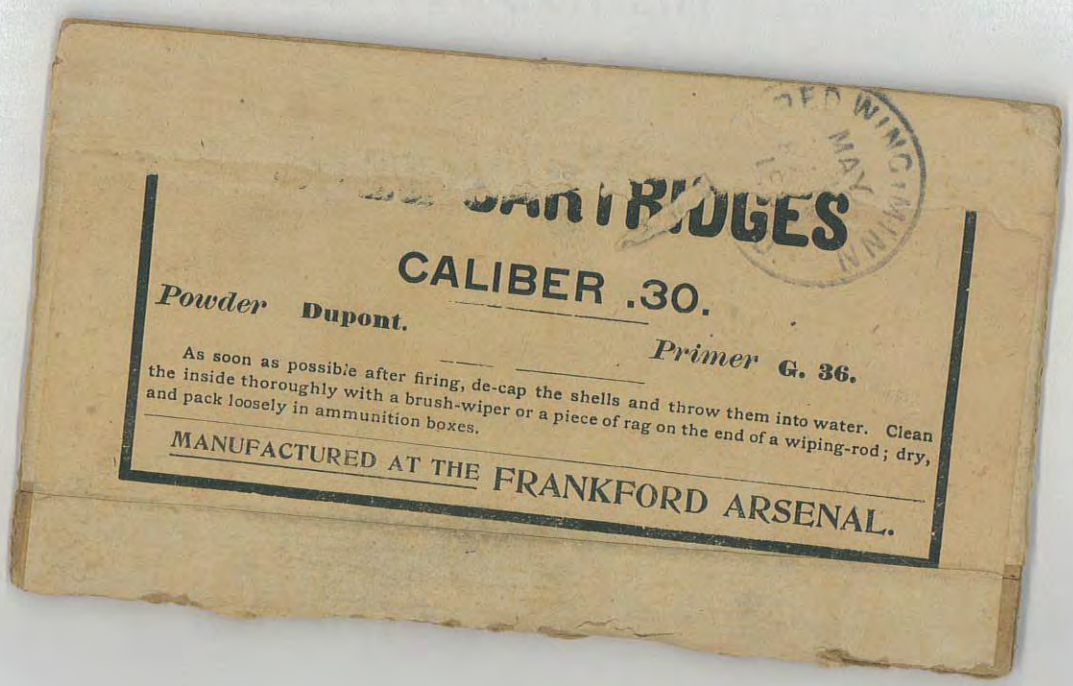
BIGUA, P.I. April 8, 1899

Hello Pardner

Still in the same place and we hope to be relieved in a short time. At about 6:30 last night a train came down from Malolos. On board were three Spaniards who were suspected of being in league with the insurgents. One of them made a jump from the train when it stopped but only got about 200 yds. away before he was stopped with two bullets, one in the breast and one through his throat. He died at about 10 o'clock in the evening. We are waiting for the mail to come out every minute.

Lots of love from your

Old man



CALUMPET, PHIL. APR 1899
HARD FIGHT – 3 Killed / 17 wounded

Calumpet P.I.

Dear Mother

we arrived at this Place from Malolos Mar 25 the Boys had a hard fight 3 Killed + 17 Wounded Recd your last 3 letters am glad the Ougen Buseness is doing as well as it ... a short Time ... with the ... of Mess ... the Burying ... all in ... of the Co ... that know

First Regiment South Dakota Infantry,
U. S. Volunteers,
MANILA, P. I.

E J Phares
Co A

SOLDIER'S LETTER
C. M. Daley Chaplain
1st S. D. INF. U. S. V.

Mrs L E Ekgrig
Pierre
So Dak
USA



PHILIPPINES APRIL 1899
EXCELLENT BATTLE LETTER
AIX

1.

Malolas, P. I. 4/7, 99

Dear Mother:-

Yours and Jones' letters of the fore part of February rec'd the night before we started on the march to Malolas. Also rec'd one from Sadie the afternoon we got here. Have been here seven days and I [illegible] the least idea how long we will stay here or where we will go when we leave.

We left our trenches about 6 a.m. on March 25. There was 10 companies of the S. D. Reg't. All but A. & B. they [illegible] quarters. The 2nd Batt. was in [illegible]



EXCELLENT LETTER RE
INSURGENT OFFICERS SURRENDER

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Manila P.I.
Apr 28 99



ife
have news today
urns out right will
joicing both here and
Two insurgent officers
Chief of Staff of the
my came into day
ace. I hope that an
ll be reached by which
t will lay down their
ehave themselves.
e weakening unless
a play to gain time.
ever is not a man
n fool a little bit and
hat he will not make
ay sort of an arrange-
r they will have to
irely and turn in all
s and ammunition
go on hammering them
are ready to quit on any
will probably not be
ong to make up their
her as we cannot
ste anytime parleying
-ainy season so close

going the rounds is

Mrs W T H Chapman
Fort Leavenworth
Kansas

Soldiers letter
W T H Chapman
1st Lieut 20th Ky

t run you short of funds.
y status will be decided in a day or
s but it will be nearly the middle
June before you get the accounts
has been very hot to day but there
a fine breeze just now the only
awback is that it looks like
in
ave been busy all day working on
n. papers and trying to get on to the
mmissary job. Exton has been
t to "H" Co at Anda Street and as I
not turn over my Q.M. property for
few days I have both jobs on my
nds.
wanted to write to Frank Ayres and
so to write home today but have
ne neither. I will try to get both
ters written for next mail.
pt Ulent will be a Leavenworth in
few days now I hope that he will
the package I sent through all
R..
od night sweet heart, it is getting late.
great deal of love to you and the
ys
Lovingly
Will

MAY 1899 ASSN. OF ROOSEVELT'S ROUGH RIDERS IS FORME

HEADQUARTERS
OF
ASSOCIATION
OF

ROUGH RIDERS.

PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, May 27. 1899

Mr. Wm M. Chester
Oakville Texas.

ASSOCIATION OF

ROOSEVELT'S ROUGH RIDERS.

Mr Wm M Chester
Oakville Tex

DEAR COMRADE:

You are probably aware that an organization, to be called the "Association ... Rough Riders," was begun and announced at Camp Wikoff early in September, the ... preserve the mutual good fellowship created among the members of our re... provide for annual reunions and do any and all things necessary t... acquaintances of our camp life.

If you desire to be enrolled a member of the Asso... and enclose postal money order for **one dollar** m... communications will reach you.

N. B.—Order ...
President and Secr...
The manufacturer's ...

LAS VEGAS, New Mexico, May 25, 1899.

DEAR COMRADE:—You are hereby notified that the First Annual Reunion of our regiment will be held at this place on JUNE 24th, 25th and 26th, 1899. Important business affecting the interests of each member of the regiment will be transacted, and you are therefore urgently requested to be present.

The citizens of Las Vegas will arrange quarters and rations for all members of the regiment who desire to accept their hospitality. General Wood and other prominent army officers have promised to attend the reunion. Col. Roosevelt and Col. Brodie will also be present. The elevation at Las Vegas, 6,452 feet, the weather will be cool and delightful.

Kindly advise me immediately if you will attend.

By order of the General Committee,
W. H. H. LLEWELLYN, Chairman,
East Las Vegas, N. M.


Howell
Photo

ILOILO, PHIL. - MAY, 1899

NOT MUCH FIGHTING; A SKIRMISH & ENEMY WITHDRAWS

"FUCKING IS DAMN SCARCE IN THIS COUNTRY..."

Iloilo P.I.

May th 1 = 99

Mr Thos Henn Paisley Ind.

Friend Tom

I recived your letter a few days ago and was glad to hear from you.

your letter found me well and hope th... w liner ... the same ... self ... r will ... lake ... ll be ... nd ... cant ... take ... nit ... chnicks ... uppose it is pretty dul around the south end esence they mooved





Mr. Thos. Henn.
Paisley
Ind. U.S.A.

Lake Co

them out of some
day when we get more
troops here
I will Close for this
time hoping to hear
from you soon
As ever your Friend
Geo W. Wood
Give Gusta my regards
and all the rest of
my friends

Address

Iloilo Philippine
Islands
1st Bt. Gs. C. arty

PHILIPPINES JUNE-1899

OUTSTANDING 7 pp. LTR. TO NEWSPAPER DESCRIBING IN DETAIL: BATTLES/FREED SPANISH PRISONERS, ETC..

Manila P. I.

June 24th 99

Manila P. I.

To the Editor
Dear Sir

Corpl. Charles A. Beck a Rochester young man, who is now fighting in Manila. can give a very good description of the workings of the Army, their surroundings, and the natives of those far-away islands of the sea: at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, I enlisted in Co F. 3rd N.Y. Vol. and was discharged Dec. 6th 98. not seeing any foreign service. I reenlisted in the 13th U.S. Infty. Dec 10th 98. which were stationed at Fort Niagara N.Y. and was booked for Manila. I will relate some of the experiences of the past few months. it was on the 20th of April, that our Reg left Fort Niagara for the Philipine Islands. we arribed at San Francisco the 26th where it was said that the 13th

POSTAGE DUE, 2 CTS.

Soldiers letter
P. Nunes
1st Lt, 13th Inf.

June 24th

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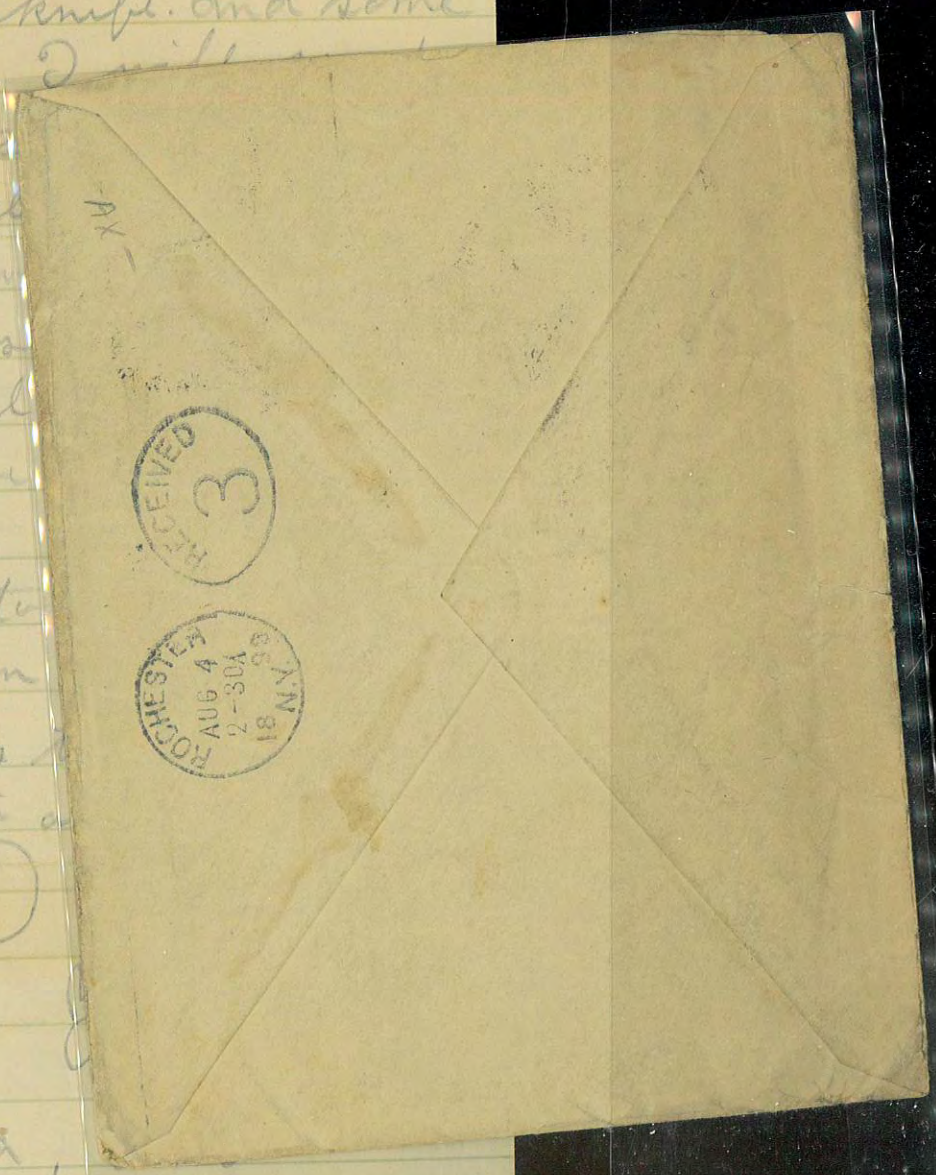


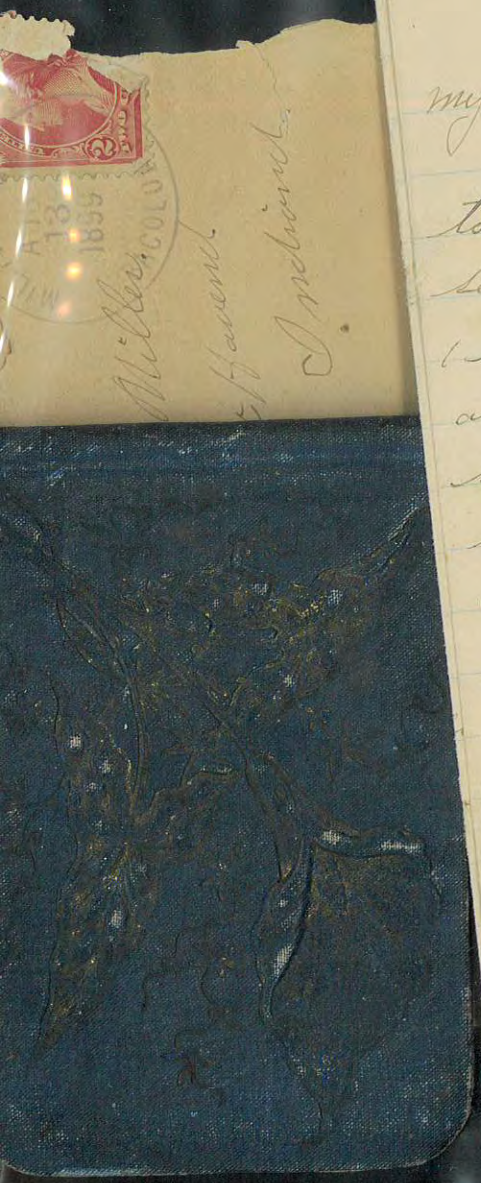
JUNE, 1899 - BACALOD, PHIL.
SOLDIER IN 6th INF. DESCRIBES
FIRE FIGHT LASTED 20 MINUTES
18 NATIVES KILLED; 2 AMERICANS WOUNDED

June 10. 1899.

Bacolod.
P. I.

my Dear Lillie

On returning to the Barracks after a ten day scramble in the mountains I found awaiting me your loving and welcome letter it did certainly set me to thinking of home in the little old home town again but I am very sorrow to hear that you are not happy. and it is true my Darling that I am not and never will be again it is certainty not happiness for to have bullets showered around you ever to or three days as I have experienced since I have been on this Island they are after us pretty hot but we always give them the worst end of the deal. I was



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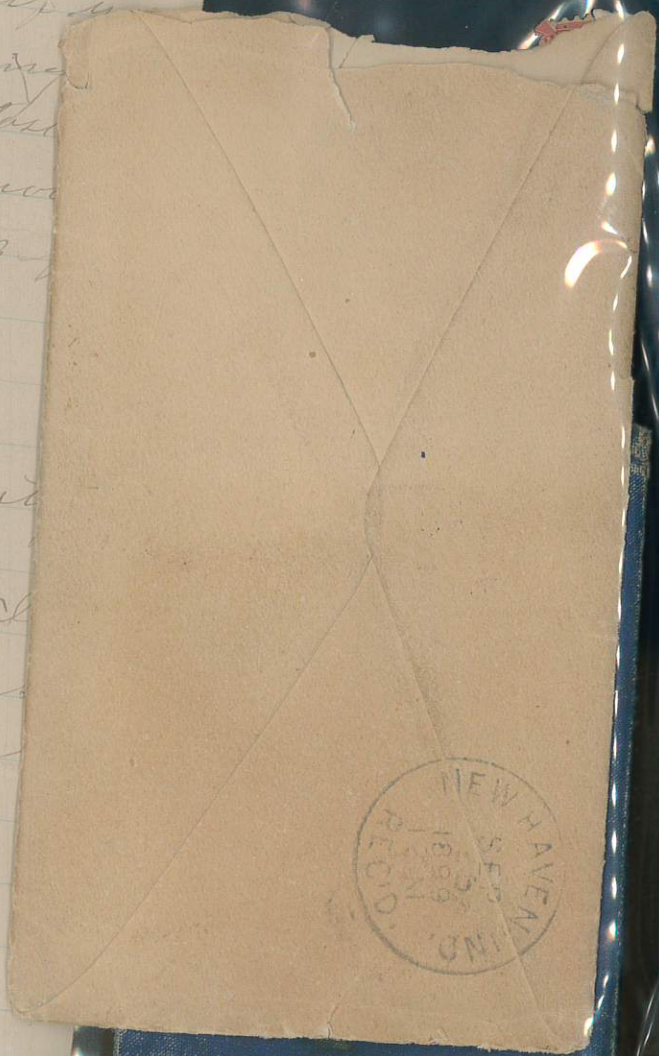
they ante good or I will paddle
you when I do get back. if y
ant married say my darling
it is getting late I will clos
this time give my requ
to all from your loving
Eugene A. Miller

adress Co. M. Sixth
Infant
Bacolod
P. I

donte forget I love you
answer as soon as possible.



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BACOLOD, PHIL.
AUG 1899
~~Dear~~ BATTLE LETTER

AUG.22,1899
BACOLOD, PHIL. IS.

...BUT WHILE ON OUTPOST LAST NIGHT TWO OF OUR BOYS WERE BADLY WOUNDED.

ONE GOT HIS ARM, CUT OFF AND THE OTHER SHOT THROUGH THE LUNG RAISED ON HIS

ELBOW AND KILLED TOW OF THE BLACK DEVILS.

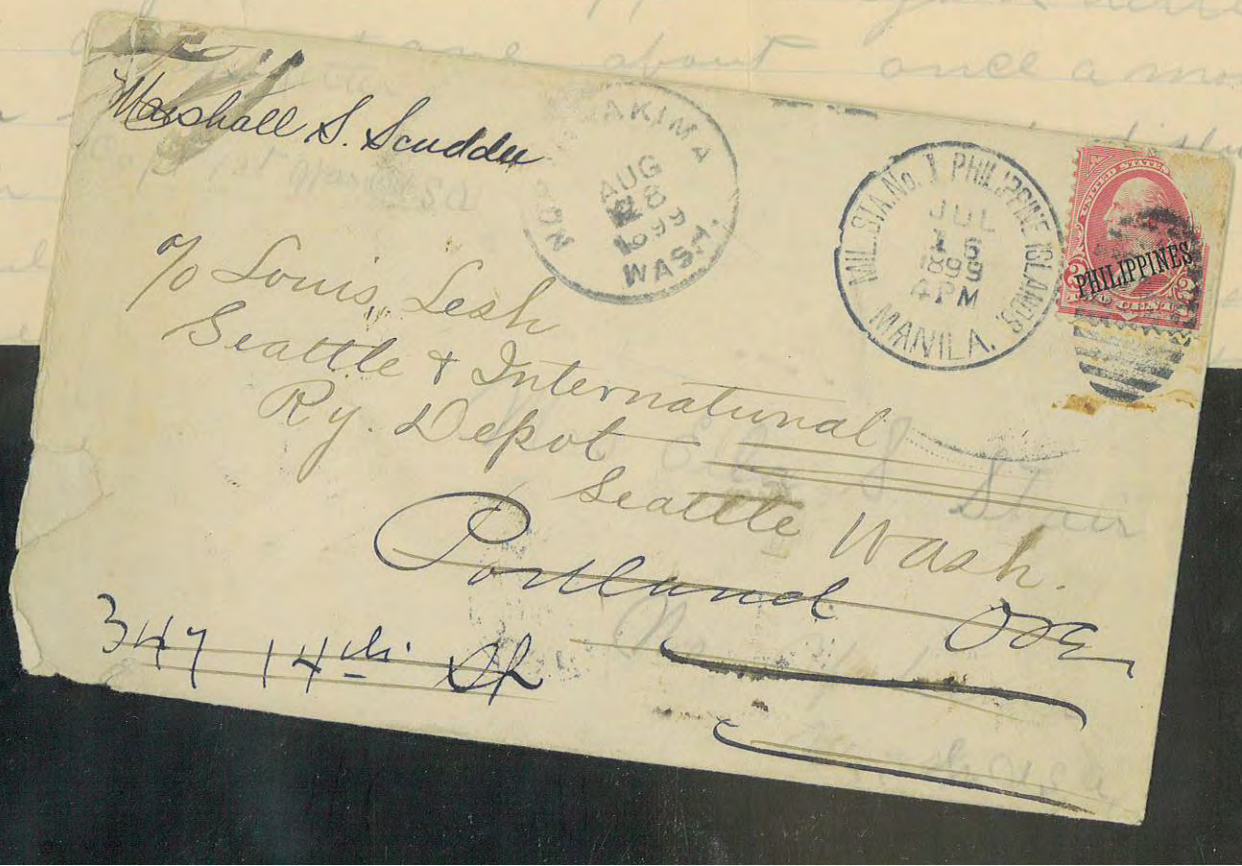
WE ALSO HAD A RATHER LITTLE BATTLE. WE GOT ABOUT 69 AND WOUNDED SEVERAL...

E.A. MILLER
CO. M SIXTH INF.
BACOLOD, P. I.

PHIL. July 1899
Re: Treaty of Peace +
offer of $500 to reenlist

Guadalupe Ridge July 15 [illegible]

Dear Mother I received a letter from
you yesterday the first one for a month
something must happen to your letters
for I [illegible] about once a month
from [illegible]
with [illegible]
would [illegible]



SEATTLE
AUG 31
7-PM
18 WASH. 99

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be any duty or freight to pay you
we would lose the ranch. cant you sell
for more than the morgage. I wish i
could keep the stock I think now we
get out of about the 1st of Octor mob
sooner, we dont know where we a
to be mustered yet but we are likley t
mustered out in Seattle or Tacoma.
there is some talk about us gett
travel pay from here to San Fran
for staying here after the treaty
peace was signed. but we dont hardly

AUGUST 1899

(PHILLIPINE INSURECTION). GEORGE W. WOOD. U.S.A. artillery soldier. Autograph Letter Signed, Cebu, P.I.. Six pages, octavo. Recommends that his correspondent not come because only one in ten men "lives through and has good helth." Tells of taking their artillery pieces apart and dragging them up the mountains to bombard a fort; killed all but 10 of the 150 insurgents ("we fired 6 solid shells before we got through the wall. and then when we got a hole through the wall we used shrapnel and exploded them on the in side you can emagin what we don to the niggers."). Accompanied by original cover postmarked Mil. P. Sta. No. 4, Cebu, P.I., Aug16, 1899 and backstamped Chicago Heights, Ill., Oct.3,99.

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Cebu. P. I.

August 16. 1899

Mr. Henn Pairley Ind

Dear Friend

I will now take the pleasure of answering your welcom letter which I recived a few days ago and was more than glad to hear from you. your letter found well and hope these few lines may find you the same. Tom I have made another move sence I last wrote to you. I am 150 miles south of Iloilo I have been here over two months

Iloilo because I
dont think we will stay
here much longer

Iloilo. P. I.
Bt G. C arty

It is warm at that
the water we drink
rain water and it has to
boilt to get the germs
t of it.
will Close for this
time hoping to
ear from you as soon as
possible. I remain as
ver your Friend
Geo. W. Wood.
Good By
My Regards to Bill.
Tilly. Gusta. Florance.
lso the Stilson Boys
Yours Truly.



CUBA AUG. 1899

TELLS OF DEATH BY TYPHOID; WAITING SHIPMENT TO PHIL.

Passo Cabalo
Cuba.
August 23) 99

Dear Friend:

I received your kind and welcome letter and was pleased to hear from you.

I am well and hope you are the same.

We are in



R. W. Finkmann.
X 8221 California Ave.
St. Louis Mo
U. S. A.

From Pvt.
Frank Engel
2nd Inf. Co. L
Passo Cabalo Cuba

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SEPT. 1899 – MANILA
MASON WRITES DETAILED WAR LETTER TO HIS LODGE

Manila, P. I.
Sept. 18th 1899.

Waterlown Commandery, No 11. K. T.

Sir Em. Com. Officers and Sir Knights.

I received the letter from your Commandery with the Roster and the enactment of the Grand Encampment held at Pittsburgh, October, 1898; and I hope the Officers and Sir Knights will overlook the matter in case there should turn up anything up new in our By-laws or from the Grand Commandery on my part for it is very hard for me to transack business of any kind while I am on this Island for my Company has been in the field ever since we landed but I should think as long I am in good standing everything will be alright.

Sir Knights it has been my wish for the last few Months to write a few lines to the Commandery and let the Sir Knights know that I am still alive on the Island but I never could get a opportunity until now to answer; when the regiment landed at Manila last April 23rd we where ordert out on the firing line about 5 miles from Manila and Gen. Otis Kept the regiment hy'king from one place to another ever since where there is any fighting going on



BOARDING . . . BATHING
... AND SURF CANOEING

P. O. BOX 140

PHONE 864

WRIGHT'S VILLA,

WAIKIKI BEACH

J. P. HAYWARD
MANAGER.

Honolulu, H. I. Sept 20

Dear Arthur:

I ... twinge of conscience the other ... P.O. Box your letter and ... sent, The Rag time was ... Ruby Waltzes & many ... the orchestral ... leader of the ... supported by the ... play at the ... give three or ... public Parks, it ... Enjoyed, the govt ... letter before ... enjoyed ... one ... Lake ... left. ... rge ... tions ... this ... w con= ... glorious

SCARCE 1899 HAWAII ILLUS. ADVERTISING CVR, WITH MATCHING LETTER W/EXCELLENT CONTENT. Cvr addr. to NYC, with Hawaii#82 5c blue tied by Sep. 22, 1899 dated HONOLULU,H.I. duplex, w/printed cc ad for "WRIGHT'S VILLA". On back is large half-tone photo of a native Hawaiian paddling an outrigger canoe, w/Wright's Villa visible on the distant shore & Diamond Head in the background. Incl. original 2pg letter contents, approx. 8.5" x 11", w/same half-tone photo, headed **"WRIGHT'S VILLA, WAIKIKI BEACH, HONOLULU, H.I...BOARDING, BATHING AND SURF CANOEING...J.P. HAYWARD, MANAGER."** Excellent content letter from Hayward, to his nephew, incl:"...the music you so kindly sent. The Rag Time was pretty well known, but the Great Ruby Waltzes & many others were eagerly sought for the orchestral arrangements. I gave to Prof. Berger, leader of the Government Band. This band is supported by the government and they are required to play at the wharf when steamers sail and give three or more night concerts a week at the public parks....I am especially busy now forming a Stock Co. to enlarge this business, it has grown beyond our accomodations....This country agrees with me first rate. The trade winds blow continually and makes the temperature delightful...This is as fine a ...mmer as winter resort. Every morning when I get up, I dress in a bathing suit ...ke a good dip in the Pacific...can wear a suit about a day & a half, they are ...ly $5 a suit, so one can afford several and they go in the house wash. The ...he head of this sheet is of my man 'Charlie'. I have bought an 80 ft net ...ut in the Ocean every day & catches enough for the table. He takes ...ith him. Beyond Charlie in the picture is Wright's Villa & old ...he U.S. Transport Columbia was in port this week with the ...anila. Many of the officers were at the Villa and I wished ...could not help thinking of the chances. Uncle Sam has ...e Transport is here with a load of horses for cavalry. ...ay when all these troops get a 'move on'..." It damp ... abt F ..... ABC

WRIGHT'S VILLA,
HONOLULU, H. I.
J. P. HAYWARD, - Manager,
P. O. Box 140



Mr. Arthur Hayward
18 East 22nd St
New York City
N.Y.

J.B. Harms & Co

ge from the hot weather in N.Y. this is as fine
mmer as winter resort, Every morning when I get
I dress in a bathing suit and take a good dip in
Pacific, at that time you are about taking
h, I wear such clothes as you see in my
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& a half, they are cheap only $5= a suit
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troops though, One Transport is here with a
of horses for cavalry, Something will have to
way when all these troops get a "move on"
e my love to wf & children & say to Mary & [illegible]
I will answer their letter some day.
member me to your father & mother

Uncle P

rite again

OFFICER TO HIS FATHER (GENERAL)
Re: COMBAT AND WRECK OF SHIP "MORGAN CITY"

Iloilo, P.I.
Sept. 25, 1899.

My dear Father,

Though we have been here a month today, no letter has come from home at all but then I alow for there having been on the "Morgan City" which mail was mostly all lost. Marie mailed me one of your letters to

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...he same for

After.....days, return to
J. Malcolm Graham
1st. Lieut. 19th. Inf.

Gen. Wm. M. Graham.
~~97th. St. & Marine Ave.~~
1513 L St., N.W., ~~Brooklyn~~
~~Washington D.C.~~, ~~New York.~~
~~U.S.A.~~

Answered November 9th 99

Rem. 5701

MIL. STA. No. 3 PHILIP SEP 26 9AM 1899 ILOILO

UNITED STATES POSTAGE TWO 2 CENTS

BROOKLYN ... 7 30 AM ... HAMILTON ...

PROBABLY FROM
1st LT. MALCOM GRAHAM
TO
FATHER ~~H~~ GENL.
W. GRAHAM

ILOILO, PHIL. OCT. 1899
WAR LTR. FROM OFFICER
REFERS TO MAIL FROM
SUNKEN SHIP "SS MORGAN CITY"

Iloilo, P.I.
Oct. 17th. 1899.

My dear Father,

Last night a mail came in with a fine letter from you, containing a letter of Metas and also one of Hattie's and all the papers. Thank you very much for them all. Then the "Morgan City" mail has been gradually coming in though in rather a damp condition.

Every day with us is about the same as any other. Except that the weather for the last week has been fine with a nice cool breeze blowing. Saturday night one of our patrols ran into an insurgent patrol but nobody was hurt on our side. The enemy must have fired a couple of thousand rounds during the rest of the night. I was on guard Sunday night but nothing happened. About a week ago I got thirteen Filipinos with contraband of war. Then I have been out at night searching houses etc but nothing happened. The other day the battalion went by steamer to the other side of Guimaras to Nabolos and practiced landing in small boats and that wasn't very exciting.

The grandest thing "C" Company has done

BACOOR, PHIL. ~~OCT. 1899~~
EXCELLENT BATTLE LTR.
FROM ARTILLERY OFFICER



PHILIPPINES

Bacoor, P. I.

24th October 1899

My dear Sweet

Your most welcome letter just recieved, and you can be sure that I was pleased to hear from you and that you were doing so well.

Well Sweet "F" Batt. has struck, not one blow, but several, and I am proud to say that the Battery has upheld its record and has fully answered all of our anticipations. You know the Battery is divided into 3 platoons 1 here 1 at Imus four miles from here, and the left platoon at Calamba, about 30 miles from here

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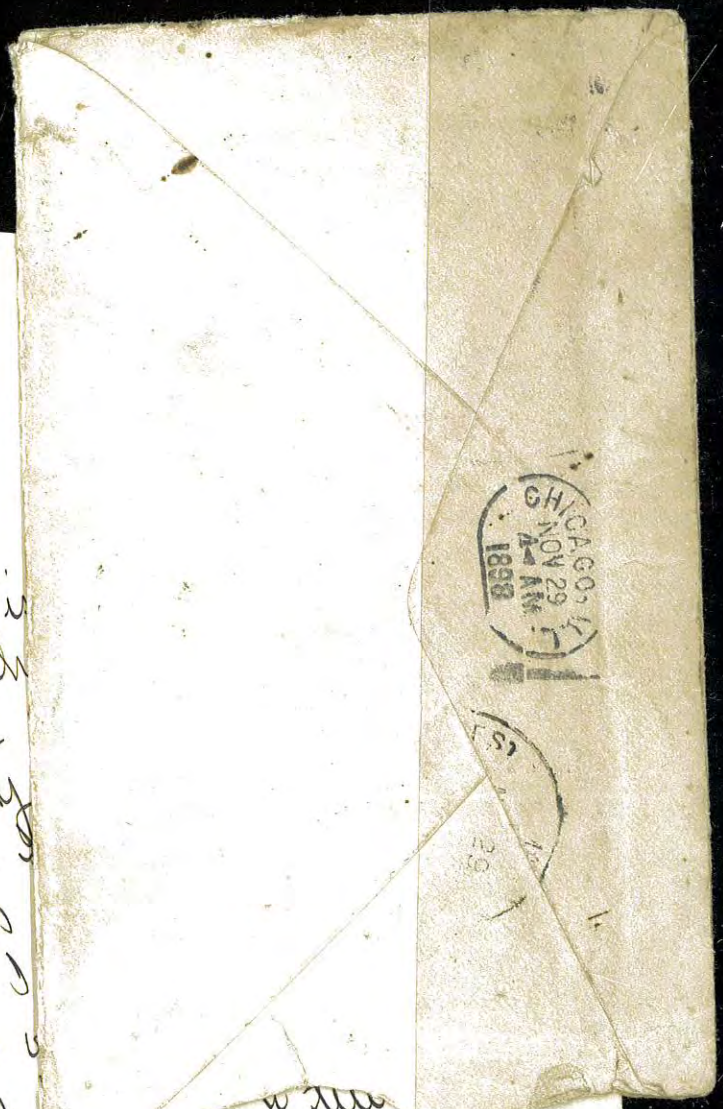
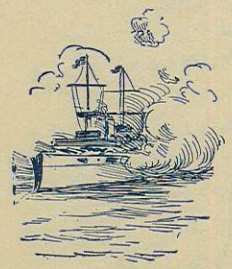
that the Battery is increased to 162
men now.
Hoping to hear from you soon and
often I remain,



Your friend
Follinsby

CHICAGO, ILL.
NOV 29
4 AM
1898

war ships - then the vice
admiral of the fleet -
He is a vice admiral of the
English navy and has com-
mand of the fleet at Gibraltar.
Then we were visited by
an officer of a Greek war
ship, which was anchored
very near our transport -
We were to sail at one
o'clock Thursday (16th) but the
anchor ~~appar~~ machinery brake
and we didn't get away
until about 8.30 P.M. As we
passed the English war ships
and all lighted up with elec-
tricity, and going at full speed
their bands struck up national
airs and so did ours; and
the english sailors and officers
lined up on all the ships
and cheered and cheered,
and yelled like madmen



U.S.A. TRANSPORT THOMAS

BOUND FOR MANILA

BROOKLYN
DAILY
EAGLE

HEADQUARTERS



47TH REGIMENT

Nov 18th 1899

My dear Father -

Well here I am
sailing along serenely near the
coast of Africa, passing
Morocco, Algiers, and are now
nearing Tunis - We are hugging
the shore, as near as p
because it is the shorte
to Malta - (our next stat
arrived in Gibraltar
day morning about 10 o
As we sailed in we
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fleet they have here n
and we saluted each

NOV. 1899 ON USAT THOMAS
EXCELLENT LTR. TO GEN.
FITZHUGH LEE (U.S. CONSUL IN
HAVANA) FROM HIS SON GEORGE,
EN ROUTE TO DUTY IN PHILL.

Spanish American War letter to General F Lee

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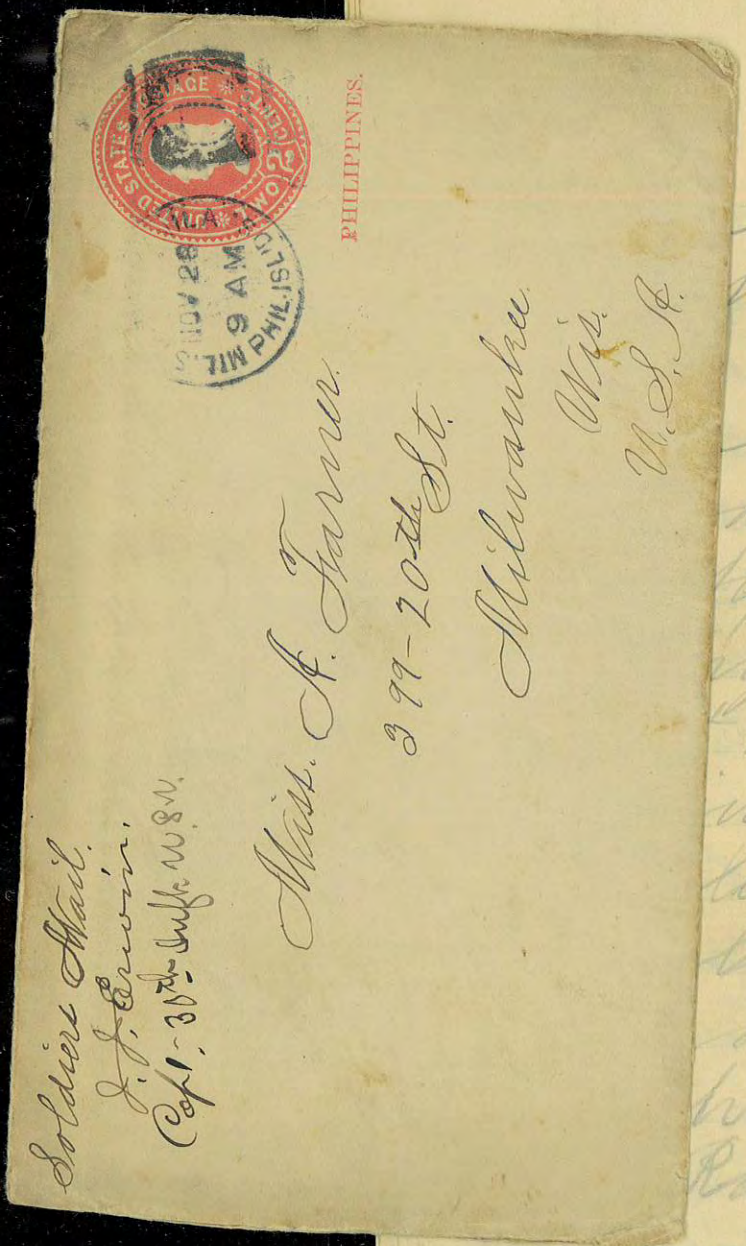
Description:

Highly descriptive 6 page handwritten (in pencil)l etter from George Lee to his famous father, General Fitzhugh Lee. (I have scanned the first and last pages, it is pretty clear from the contents, regiment number, date, etc. that the writer is George Lee, but cannot be 100% positive since he does not use last names.) Fitz Lee, son of Confederate Admiral Sidney Smith Lee and nephew of General Robert E. Lee, Confederate States of America. This youthfully exhuberant letter was written in 1899, at the height of Fitzhugh Lee's involvement in Cuba and the Spanish American War - his last military duty prior to retirement. This letter is really special and describes part of George Lee's trip with the 47th Regiment to Manila aboard the USA Transport Thomas. It will take awhile, but the only way to give this letter it's due is to type it out in it's entirety". "November 18, 1899 My dear Father- Well here I am sailing along serenely near the Coast of Africa, passing Morocco, Algier, and are now nearing Tunis - We are hugging the shore, as near as possible - because it's the shortest way to Malta (our next stop). We arrived in Gibraltar Wednesday morning about 10 am (15th). As we sailed in we passed very near to the English war fleet and we saluted each other. Then their band played "America" and our band followed with "God Save the Queen". I had a shore leave from 1 PM til 6 PM and from 6:30 PM to 11 PM - so went on shore and saw the sights. Well it certainly was interesting to see the inhabitants - people of every nation, and in their native costumes, English, Turks, Algierians, Spaniards, Highlanders, Italians, Austrians, Greeks, natives of Morocco, Tunis, Tripoli, Egypt, Arabia, etc- and the town is so quaint - built right up on the side of a huge rock 1200 ft high - winding narrow streets with very smooth quaint little stones, and all sorts of funny things in them - we lunched (five of us) at the Royal Hotel and walked and drove around the town in the funny little carriages they use - all the English soldiers saluted us - and it was very funny to see the Highlanders in their costumes, of plaid skirts and bare legs walking past. The English have tunnels bored all through the rock and the entire rock is nothing but port holes bristling with guns - it certainly is a strong fortress - I bought a fine little Swiss watch in Gibraltar, with leather case attachment to strap on the wrist in the field - for only $5 - most of the officers had them before but they got them in America and paid nearly double for them - We were visited by the American Counsul and his daughters and son - also by an English Officer on board one of the war ships - then the vice admiral of the fleet. He is a vice admiral of the English Navy and has command of the fleet at Gibraltar. Then we were visited by an officer of a Greek war ship which was anchored very near our transport. We were to sail at one o'clock Thursday (16th) but the anchor macinery broke and we didn't get away until about

NOV. 25, 1899 MALACABAN, PHIL

INTERESTING LETTER ABOUT FORCED MARCH; BEHEADING AN AMERICAN SOLDIER; CEMETERY ETC.



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Walacaban, Nov. 25, 99

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in camp, the rain was
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PHILIPPINES.

NOV 28 9 AM PHIL. ISL'D

Miss. A. Farner
399-20th St.
Milwaukee
Wis.
U.S.A.

Soldiers Mail.
J. J. Erwin.
Cop 1, 30th Inf. W.S.N.

12th INF. IN MANY FIERCE ~~BAT~~ BATTLES. LASTED 2 HOURS. MANY KILLED... EXCELLEN BATTLE LTR.

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Angeles P.I.
Nov 5th 1899

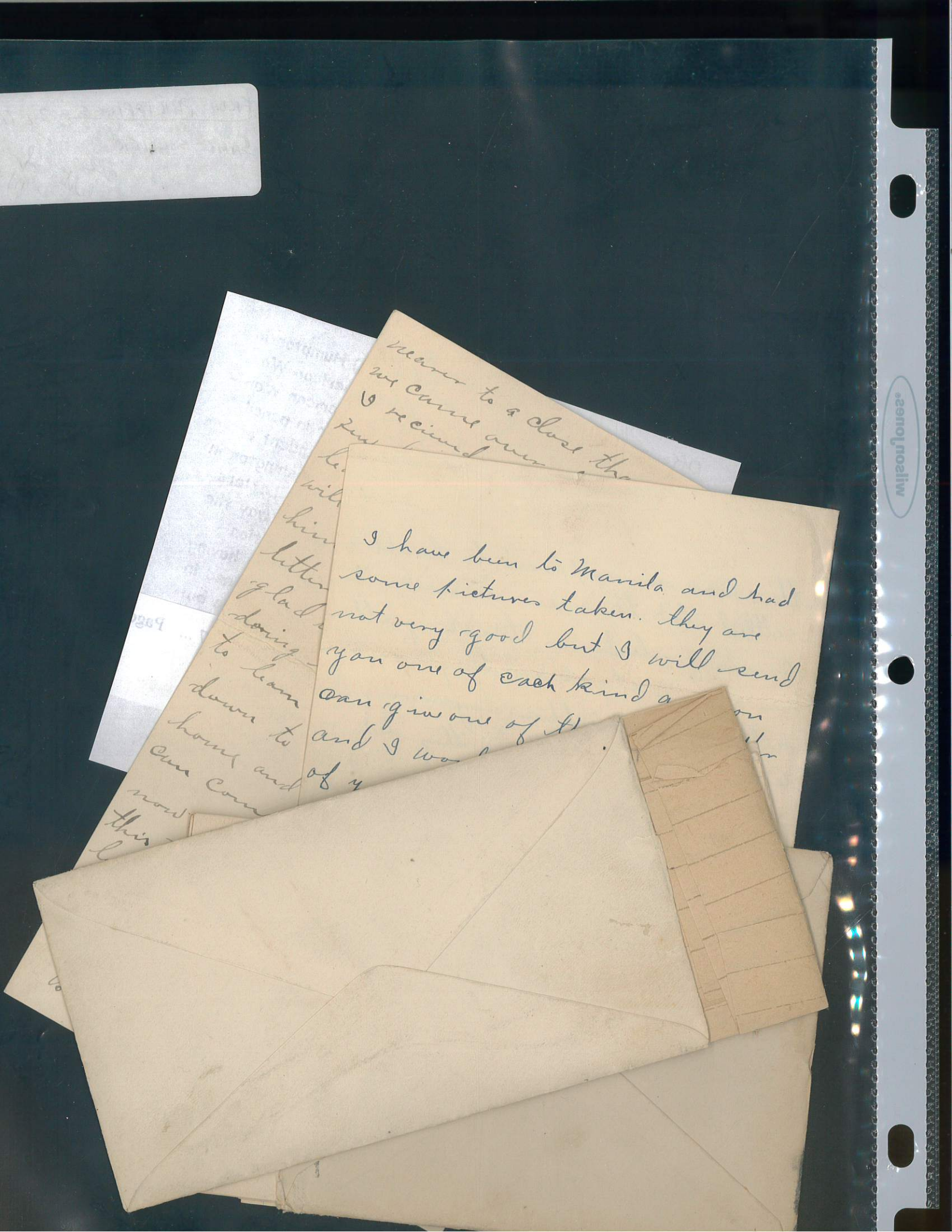
Mr. E. T. Humpton
Ostrander Ohio

Dear Bro.

the long looked for letter came at last I have been looking for a letter from you for so long that I thought you was going to quit answering my letters you said in your other letter that we was to write often and not waite for an ans so that we would have letters on the way all the time and that way we would hear from each other much oftener and that is the Reason I waited so long this time for I looked for you to write again shortly after you wrote the other letter and then I could ans. it and then I would write

FROM PHILIPPINES 3 LTRS
SAME SOLDIER
all letter of 11/5/99

Offering letters home from Harry E(dgar) Humpton in the Phillipine Islands during the Spanish American War. Found in an envelope that reads Spanish American War - Letters from Uncle Harry to (EJH) Father in pencil (Elliot Humpton was Father). He is a descendent of Richard Humpton, who fought with George Washington in the Revolutionary War. Dated 1899-1900. Letters home tell the mundane details and details the way the troops are being used to the point of exhaustion - enlisted in the Regular Army in the 12 Infantry having been in the 5th Pennsylvania Volunteers - stationed in Manilla - Quote: "You can not see anything here but Niggers and Soldiers and Mountains." Quote: "We go through the Suez Canal and the Indian Ocean and through China and the Red Sea." Talks pretty extensively in one letter about the insurrection and that the war does not seem to be drawing down - very personal account of a hard fought battle on August 16, 1899, 17 wounded, 5 killed.


I have been to Manila and had some pictures taken. they are not very good but I will send you one of each kind a

DEC. 1899 - HAVANA, CUBA

CALLS GEN. LEONARD WOODS PLAN (REHAB) A FAILURE + WOOD THICKHEADED

Uncle J. as he can collect more conveniently than you.
Jack

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF HAVANA

HABANA, December 14, 1899.

My dear father:

I haven't time to write much as I want to get this in the next mail. I enclose express order for forty ($40.) dollars and will send a mantilla to you for Cousin Calvin in a day or two. Fifteen of the forty is for you; ten for the church and fifteen to be divided up as Christmas presents for the others. As I didn't give either Willie or Julian a birthday present please give them three dollars each. That will leave a dollar each for you, Uncle John, Annie, Pocahontas, Dick, Señorita Arianna (the great, grand, only true, original and genuine), Peachy, Bessie and Gay. You are also to take the money for the mantilla when Cousin Calvin pays you for it. I couldn't buy presents down here suitable for all of you, so think the money is the best plan. I didn't send it to Annie

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SANTA CRUZ, PHIL. JAN. 1900

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Soldiers Mail

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Ernest Farmer
Co. H. 30. Inf

Miss. A. Farmer
399-20th St.
Milwaukee
Wis.
U.S.A.

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Chas. F. Goodsell
Co. G. 13. Inf. Manila. P.I.

Miss Jennie Trout,

Dear Aunt,

I am in receipt of letters from you dated Nov. 8th. & Nov 28. I also recd the papers which were very welcome, I believe I forgot to thank Marie in my letter to her for her kindness.

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INCREDIABLE HANDWRITTEN LETTER FROM A SOLDIER, CHARLES T. GOODSELL of Comp. G, 13th INFTRY to his aunt in the US., written on Spanish period revenue stamped paper, describing his participation in the Nov 7, 1899 invasion of DAGUPAN harbor. He describes the gun-

over

SUBIC, PHILIPPINE
JAN 11, 1900
SOLDIER TELLS OF TRIP;
SKIRMISHES + AMUSEMENTS

Subic Philippine Islands,
Jan-11-1900.

Dear Friend-

I will know try and write you a few lines telling you know that I am still alive and that I am in the Philippines.

We left South Framingham, Mass. Oct the 14th and we arrived in San Francisco the 28th. We left there the 14th of Nov. and arrived into Manila bay the 14th of Dec.

But we did not leave the boat until the 19th then we went into the barracks about three miles from Manila we were paid the 23rd and then we had a couple of days to our self.

On the night of the 25th we got orders to move it was about 8 o'clock. We took the boat at Manila and we arrived here the next morning at 7 o'clock. There was seventy of the 32 U.S.V here when we come.

The second day we were here we had a scrap but it did not amount to any thing, the Filipinoes took for

PHIL. ISL. DEC 1899
USS YORKTOWN
EXCELLENT DESCRIPTIVE LTR
DAYMASTER G. SEIBELS ABO
NATIVES/SPANIARDS/CHURCH/
VERY INFORMATIVE

U.S.S. Yorktown
Yambonga, M.,
Dec 23, '99.

Dear Papa and Mamma:

I know you will be surprised to learn that I am on the Yorktown and in Mindanao. It's only pro-tem - I will tell you how it came about.

One day while the Concord was under way 150 miles N.E. of Ilo-ilo, the Nausham was sighted. She signalled that she wan-



Emmet Seibels Esq.
411 S. Perry St.
Montgomery Ala.

USS Yorktown

Dec. 23 '99

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One day while the Concord was under way 150 miles N.E. of Ilo-ilo , the Nansham was sighted. She signaled that she wanted to communicate. We approached and sent a boat. She sent over a telegram from the Admiral which said "Find the Concord . Get Seibels, return with him to Ilo- ilo where he will receipt for money and take it to the Yorktown at Jamboango" The Nanshan came from Ilo ilo where we had left her four days before. I went aboard her immediately the message was received and proceeded to Ilo ilo per instructions. We got there at dawn the next morning. December 15. Telegraphed the Admiral at once. He then telegraphed further instructions and made me the bearer of important dispatches to the senior Naval office present at this place. I also brought $20,000 to the Paymaster of this ship. Arrived her on the morning of 16. The money has been turned over., dispatches delivered and I now await the pleasure of Comdr. Sperry of this vessel. I shall probably return to Ilo-ilo sometime next week on the Nanshan . The Nansham is at present landing 500 or 600 tons coal at Port Isabella, ten miles from this place. When that has been accomplished I expect to sail north and join the Concord. In the meantime I am most comfortably situated aboard her and life is very pleasant. Fiske is Executive Officer and, of course, we find lots to talk about.. The other fellows are all very nice too.

I shouldn't mind spending some time down here were it not for the fact that my orders releasing me from the Concord are probably on that ship at this moment, besides a lot of Official mail which I know has accumulated since I left. The Solace has probably arrived in Manila , although I haven't heard of it yet, this place having no cable communication up to the present time, and I am almost sure to be ordered to her for passage home. She will sail about Jan 15. In order to catch her I have got to settle my accounts etc, and turn over all funds and government property to my relief. This will take some time of course and it is only on this account that I am a little anxious to rejoin my ship.

I left my clerk (you didn't know I had appointed one I don't believe) in charge and I am satisfied everything is running very smoothly as he is a very steady and painstaking man though somewhat old and slow. He has been in the service sometime , was my Yeoman when I first joined the Concord , but the old fellow was so steady , hard-working and careful that we seemed to get along so well together till I made him my clerk and he now gets $100 per month. I had him appointed last August . Elmore Jones was after something else then and was unwilling to come out here for a short time.

I was down here on the Petrel last April and liked the place very much from what little I

Friday, Jan. 19, 1900.
ght. I am writing this in the Recruiting
21, 1900.

JAN 21, 1900 – PHIL. SOLDIER WRITES HOME USING MAP



d the 28 hour fight and captured the town
Filipino Army was here when we began the fi
ks.
Wallace.
Jan



BONGAO, PHIL, JAN. 1901
LATE DATE EXCELLENT BATTLE LTR.
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164 **FIGHTING THE INSURGENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.** 6pg letter, datelined **"Alfonso XII, Barrio of Bangue, Province of Abra, Jan. 10, 1901"** from W.A. Grove, Batt. Sgt. Major, 36th Inf., U.S. Army, to a friend in Denver, Colorado. Excellent content, incl: **"We are in the northern part of the Luzon Island...chasing bushwhackers. In a fight at Pilar, a place about 12 miles from here, on Dec. 1st, our regiment lost 2 killed and 7 wounded....The fighting is practically over now. The niggers only show up when one strolls too far into the woods alone, then 8 or ten jump up and overpower him...A friend of mine...was killed near....a town about 4 miles from here about a month ago. He was looking for the mounted detachment of our Regt. and went out in the barrios to get eggs.**

He never showed up any more and the natives said that the insurgents met him on the road and asked him where he was going. To "combate" he answered, jerking out his 6 gun, when the niggers killed him and carried his body away into the mountains. About ten days ago, about 30 of us took a night trip to the supposed holdout of the gugus. Colonel Will was in charge...travelled until about 2 A.M. when I saw a bunch of gugus sneaking over the hill to our left. I called Wills attention to it and he called out to follow and away he goes after them. Just as we broke into a field, one jumps up and tears out. Will shot with his Mauser pistol twice and I once with my Krag carbine. Well, Mr. gugu dropped and on we went after the rest in the moon light...returned to the place when we had shot the gugu. He was standing up by two or three Americans, apparently untouched....looked him over and ....he had a hole in his right arm, where the bullet had gone clean through...." Accompanied by original transmittal cvr, with overprinted 2c red Wash. tied by lightly struck duplex. tape on edges of cvr. letter is VF ..... BBI



William G Britton
Denver
Colorado
3132 Humboldt St

Alfonso XII Barrio of Bangued
Province of Abra
Jan 10, 1901

...ved your letter dated Nov. 11, '00 last night and hasten to reply. How is married life using my friend Bill? Extend my congratulations to Roy Head and sister Jesse. The reference you make of ~~your~~ our trip to Parker made me homesick last night for the first time still I am going to remain on the island. There are a great deal more chances here for a young man than there are at home. I am going to try for a civil clerkship in the commissary or Master Masters Dept, which pays any where from $65.00 to 125.00. Gold that is better than I could do at home. One must realize that the money used here is Mex currency which is worth just

Park, May 22, 1898): "We had a great reception all the way down. At every station there was a big crowd waiting for us. Sat. morning, we marched into the park about 4 miles through the sun and dust....Lots of the men fainted....was so hot marching over through the Park that the Col. horse dropped, he then stopped what had not fell out on the way and let them rest. Just as we stopped, a coon come out with a pitcher of Lemonade for 5 cts a glass and it did taste awfully good....When we were marching, we had on a roll around our neck, under clothes, overcoat, blanket and rubber blanket, besides haversack canteen, gun. Before we got over here, they got it so heavy...When we got here we were all out of water and very dry. We went down to a spring on our parade grounds after a 10 mi

Culebra cut, where it passes through a mountain...I got a machete from a native, that was used in the rebellion against Columbia....I also got a coal chisel out of one of the big ...m shovels. They are the biggest and best lot of machinery that I ever saw...the ...000 each for them. There is all kinds of wild animals here. You ...the band, jaguar, wildcat, mountain lion, tiger ...tors, crocadiles...." much more interesting

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...R GENERAL GEORGE H. BEVERLY,

...1943-49 (1 later), all to Gen. Beverly (except ...ng the war, Beverly served in North Africa & ...hand; the 51st Troop Carrier Wing & the 15th ...1945, he assumed command of Kelly Field, San ...es letters signed by Brigadier C.H.V. Pritchard,

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Dear Captain: Replying to your favor of the 14th inst., I have to say that I have examined the advance sheets sent me, and feel assured that the proposed history, or account, of the Second Regiment Volunteer Engineers will prove a very complete compendium of its duties during the late Spanish-American War, and be an interesting and valuable volume for all members of it to possess.

I trust it will meet with the approval it will no doubt deserve.

Very truly,

W. C. LANGFITT,

Captain, Corps of Engineers.

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Capt. Wm. Mayo Venable, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My Dear Comrade: The specimen pages of your forthcoming
Second U. S. V. Engineers came duly to hand, and have been perus
It seems to be a complete history, told in a very concise and pleasin
are to be congratulated on the result of your efforts.

Yours fraternally,

Send me two copies.

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The following was written by Captain Eugene Klapp:

If the "Rough Riders" deserve a book to perpetuate their history, how much more does the story of the Second Regiment of Volunteer Engineers warrant written record! "Peace hath her victories, no less renowned than War," but they do not shine as easily nor glitter as conspicuously. The Rough Riders, keeping close to their customary life of activity, namely, that of shooting and riding, went into a short campaign and fought as Anglo-Saxons always fight. They fought even better than most green troops do, and have been lauded to the skies. In the life of the present generation, to have been a Rough Rider is to be a marked man.

Yet the Second Engineers did infinitely harder service and are already forgotten. When college-bred lads, or men who are skilled mechanics, are given a shovel and a pick and set to road building and digging sinks, not for themselves – for that task is short and easy; but for an entire army corps, day after day and week after week, we then see a test of discipline and a shining example of duty well performed. It is the glory of this same Anglo-Saxon race that they can work as hard as they can fight, and that they neither count the blood from their hearts nor the sweat from their brows when there is a great object to be attained.

There was no form of hard common labor that did not fall to the lot of these men. At Montauk, Savannah, Huntsville, Middletown, Augusta, Vedado, Havana, Marianao, or even in far-away Hawaii, it was always the same. Men who wanted to fight, and who would have fought as well as these same Rough Riders or any of the others, went out cheerfully and without complaint, except now and again as to the ration, at 7 A. M. and returned at 6 P. M., as common laboring men. At night, Sundays, holidays, in the rain or snow (even on Christmas day), the pipe gang and other details went out and did their duty that the other troops might have pure water and the camp administration slip smoothly along.

Captain Venable, who was adjutant of the regiment during all of its working days, has written a valuable and interesting record of this great regiment. No one as well as he knew the great mass of work being accomplished each day by the scattered details and detachments of the regiment. He has traced its history and its record, from start to finish, with a complete roster of the companies and details of their work, so that there is not a man holding an honorable discharge from the Second Engineers who will not find this the most interesting of the many souvenirs he may have of his army life. Illustrations of camps and typical scenes increase the value greatly and years hence will vividly recall to each his share in the regiment's record.

Major Langfitt, commanding the Third Battalion, has written of its work in Honolulu, which rounds out the story of what all regular officers who came in contact with it, said was the best regiment of volunteer troops ever in the United States service.

The National Contracting Co.
No. 11 Broadway, New York,
December 26, 1899.

Captain Wm. Mayo Venable,
1646 Clayton St., Cincinnati, O.

Dear Captain Venable: I have been much interested in looking over the advance sheets of your "History of Second Regiment Volunteer Engineers, U. S. A.," which you so kindly sent me a few days since. Their perusal has served to recall many pleasing incidents of our interesting military experience together. Every member of my old command will, I believe, be personally interested in this work, and will share with me a feeling of deep gratitude to you for your labors in our behalf. The book will serve to show to the rest of the army, and to the public generally, what we know so well—that the Second Engineers did their whole duty to their country, and did it well. The book will be of permanent value besides, in furnishing data for general history and for personal biography and genealogy.

I note that the paper, printing and halftones are all of the very best. This will necessarily entail a considerable cash outlay on your part. We, of the Second Engineers, can not hope to pay you adequately for your literary labors, but we will, I trust, subscribe liberally enough for the "History" to reimburse you fully for your cash outlay.

With best wishes for the financial success of the "History," I am,

Sincerely yours,

WILLARD YOUNG

United States Engineer Office,
P. O. Drawer 50, Portland, Oregon,
December 19, 1899.

Jolo, P.I.
Monday, Feb. 5, 1900.

Dear Sister

Cottabato,
P. I.
May 30, 1901.

Dear Rena; I received ed your letter
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Soldier's Mail
From M. P. Miles,
Cottabato, Mindanao,
P. I.
Co. C. 23rd Inf.



Miss Rena M. Miles,
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[PHILIPPINES] Matthew P. Miles. Series of three Autograph Letters, variously signed, to his sister Rena in Kewanee, Illinois; accompanied by a poor cover (with a damaged "Philippines" overprinted 2¢ U.S. stamp) with indistinct military cancel, indicating his return address as Company C, 23rd Infantry

Jolo, P.I., 5 February 1900, 4pp, 4to. Acknowledges letters. "I see the girls have their old bad habit of sitting up late but then you wrote just a few days before Christmas and they probably were working on something, or was Kate studying her Sunday school lesson? So Mary has a class in harmony, what a pity she couldn't come over here and give the heathen a few ideas in it...Say, you should see the natives puzzle over the ice we get from the ice-machine, at first they drop it as though it was a hot iron then they hold it and watch it disappear and grin...There is very much talk of our regiment going back to the states this March...I suppose there is some of the mail that I do not receive but most of it gets through I guess. The weather is just the same here day after day, with an occasional rain swept down from the mountains. The Moros are peaceful and the Philipinos are coming back, having learned that we are not as bad as the Spaniards painted us. Some one broke into the canteen tent which is...over in a coconut grove about a quarter of a mile from the blockhouse and stole a case of beer...The next morning the company turned out and looked...but couldn't find it. The squad I was with went with Lieut. Boyden over to Buz Buz a Chino village built on bamboo poles out in the bay. The road to the houses or huts is a kind of high side walk made of four bamboo poles laid side by side on a kind of scaffolding and it is a quarter of a mile out to the huts so we had quite a tight rope experience by the time we got there and back. They built the village that way as a protection from the Moros. That's the only excitement we've had since coming from Zamboango." Miles notes that he will soon turn 28 and have 8 months of service; he looks forward to returning to the U.S. and taking up farming. A sergeant whose time was out "a month ago" is going to Washington [state] and promises to write about the land there and in Oregon. "I hanker after a little land and a shanty I can call my own..." Very good; approximately three-inch clean tear (no paper losses) on first leaf; tiny holes at meeting folds

Jolo, P.I., 11 March 1900, 4pp, 4to. Acknowledges magazines from Will, a letter and geranium leaves from her, "a perfumed memory of home. It is easy to imagine you all sitting around the table in the evening just as you used to...The weather here is becoming warmer...The heat does not seem to affect the men unless they are much addicted to drink...The present quarters are near the beach and has the benefit of the sea breeze. Not so many boats come to Jolo now as the Headquarters are at Zamboango, consequently you will not receive letters so often as they will come in flocks...The pay master is expected...any day now, he is

1832 Park Ave.,

Philadelphia, Feb. 16, 1900.

FEB. 1900 - FROM ARMY CHAPLAIN TO DEAD SOLDIER'S MOTHER RE: PERSONAL EFFECTS (WITH WAR DEPT. ENV.)

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Mrs. T. H. McCoy,

678 Pennsylvania Avenue,

Potrero, San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Madam:

Replying to your letter, I have to say that the comrades of your dear son are mistaken in stating that his ring was put in my care. I have looked the matter up in the note-book which I kept on the day of the battle of the 5th of February, in which he met his death, and find the following entry made in his case:- "Harvey Knight, Private Company M. 14 Infantry; one key, one ring (left ~~arm~~ on finger) (two hearts in a square)." I remember now that his finger was swollen and I feared that the removal of the ring at that time would cause further scars. The bodies of all our dead were sent to the morgue at the First Reserve Hospital. I did not go with them at the time, and had nothing to do with the property after they had left me. I remained on the firing-line with the regiment and am not therefore able to trace up the matter, much as I should love to do so.

I did not take charge of the morgue and the office of identification until March 29th, and I very much fear that the confusion at the morgue when so many bodies were received, after that frightful battle, was such that this ring may never be found. I shall still keep the matter in mind, and upon my return to Manila will make fresh efforts to get some trace of it. I know how precious all such things must be to those whose martyred dead have been left in a land so far away, and I promise that if this ring can be found it shall be.

Regretting, indeed, that I cannot at this moment write you more favorably and with deepest sympathy in your loss, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles C. Pierce,

Chaplain U. S. A.

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Mrs. J. H. McCoy.

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BINALOWAN, PHILIPPINES
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EXCELLENT 6 pg. letter re ofc
FIGHTING, OCCUPATION, NATIVES
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Binalonan P.I.
March 4, 1900.

My dear Cousin,

In December I received a letter from you; but until recently I could write no letters at all, as we were over a hundred miles from Manila, and the insurgents had most of the railroad in between them.

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With other troops under Gen. Wheaton, we were taken from Manila by transports to San Fabian in Northern Luzon. There werea few hundred insurrectos there. We landed in small boats on the beach while gunboats bombarded the town. While in San Fabian the 13th went on all kind of expeditions up along the bay, up in the mountains after Aquinaldo. About this time we took Dagupan the end of the railroad from Manila. They deserted Tarlac, their capital without fighting; and since then it seems as if they had given up the fight.

Since we have been in Banalowan we have done nothing but police duty, patrolling the main roads; and with the help of the native police; protecting the people from ladroner(robbers).

There is only our company, the band and a troop of cav. here the rest of the companies are scattered one in each of the towns around 20 or 30 miles. Except for the natives we live about the same as if we were in a fort at home.

We have to get all things from Dagupan by wagon or bull train. It is over 20 miles so we only get field rations that is mostly bacon, hardtack canned stuff and a few potatoes or onions. We have been living this way for some months too, except what little we get from the natives. Here you can buy 6 bananas for 1 centavo, 5/8 of a cent, cocoanuts are 2 centabos, chickens & eggs are cheap so we buy and cook them ourselves sometimes.

We get up at 5-45 when the buglers blow first call. At six they blow reveille, then we fall in line for roll call, after which we have 15 minutes of calesthentic drill. we have breakfast 6-30 then there is nothing to do except sweep out and straighten things up in and out of the convent where we are quartered. From 8 to 9 we drill after this we do what we please until retreat. I generally go for a walk down to the river to bathe or fool around some way until dinner. During the middle of the day the sun is very hot and ..... natives most all take their siesta (nap). After dinner I generally take off all but my under clothes and sleep or read until after 3. Then a breeze begins to blow. I dress, have supper and stand roll call at 5.30 called retreat. The band plays after retreat. At 9-00 taps blows and we are all supposed to be in bed no talking and lights out.

Your Cousin Almond

Soldiers Mail
Ernest Farner
Co. A 30 U.S.V.
Manila



Miss A. Farner
399-20th St.
Milwaukee, Wis.
U. S. A.

your 2 first letters and was very glad to hear from you, but I was not so glad to hear that grandma is dead I expected something to happen

I did not receive that box you wrote about but I think it will be on the boat that is coming to Lucena with all our stuf that we left at Manila when we started out on the march we are called the

ying column we started from Peter Macati Jan. 1st and were told that we would be on the march about 3 weeks but now it is ended and it took 6 weeks, well we marched from coast - to coast a march like that one Sherman made in the civle war but no so destructive it takes to to tell about the cities we went through, in that t we had 3 engagements and skermishes there are 2 th

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MAR. 1900 - PHIL. EXCELLENT WAR LTR: FLYING COLUMN FROM 1/1/1900 for 6 wks. "Like Sherman in Civil War" - 2 engagements - Skirmishes. Choice letter

t handkerchief is for Cora but I
ll send all of you one as soon as
n the boys from home are all well

must close I am [illegible] Tied one thing
the insurrection is [illegible] over
[illegible] in all the [illegible] citys
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ountains.

ly address is
el the same.
30th Inf. U.S.A.
Manila
[illegible] highest order, P. I.
respectfully
Schwan Brigade Commanding.

Boy Boy
Your Brother
Ernest.

This is what the General
Brigade
Head qrts. Schwans Expedition
A true copy furnished Commander
Company [illegible] published to this
Dear May Steel I wish to

Lucban Feb 5. 1900.

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[illegible] Capt Fitzgerald for the excellent conduct in the
[illegible] orders and [illegible] [illegible] performed a
[illegible] soldier =

PHILIPPINES MARCH 1900

SOLDIER HOSPITALIZED FOR BAD FEET FROM MARCHING IN MOUNTAINS AND FIGHTING

HUMANITY

NEUTRALITY

Red Cross Society of San Francisco

Indan PI 1900
March 14

Dear Sister Lottie

Please excuse me for not writing before but have very busy been on a march seeing all the fight we wanted till a week's ago when I was sent to my quarters, on account of having sore feet and they are sore, the sole are all raw, from marcking over the mountains here I will be in about a week more the ~~stock~~ nurse has just dress my feet How are you now I would like to be there now, but I am 15,000 miles

Will you Sair me Blanche address I would like to from her tell her to write you do not know how I will like to hear from home

Soldier's Letter

MAR 21 8 30 AM MIL. STA. PHILIPPINES 1900

Mrs Lottie Knowlton

U. S. ARMY AND NAVY DEPARTMENT
OF THE
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PHILIPPINES MARCH 1900
SOLDIER HOSPITALIZED FOR
BAD FEET FROM MARCHING IN
MOUNTAINS AND FIGHTING

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And we expect to stay 8
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will be soon, there is
some fever in this island
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Mother with you now
my love to her and
I much close now w
love to all, How is
Knowlton Please excuse
letter and mistake and
Goodbye from your Froth
Address Prie H. E. Knowlton
[illegible] Manila P.I.

If not delivered return
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Manila
P.I.

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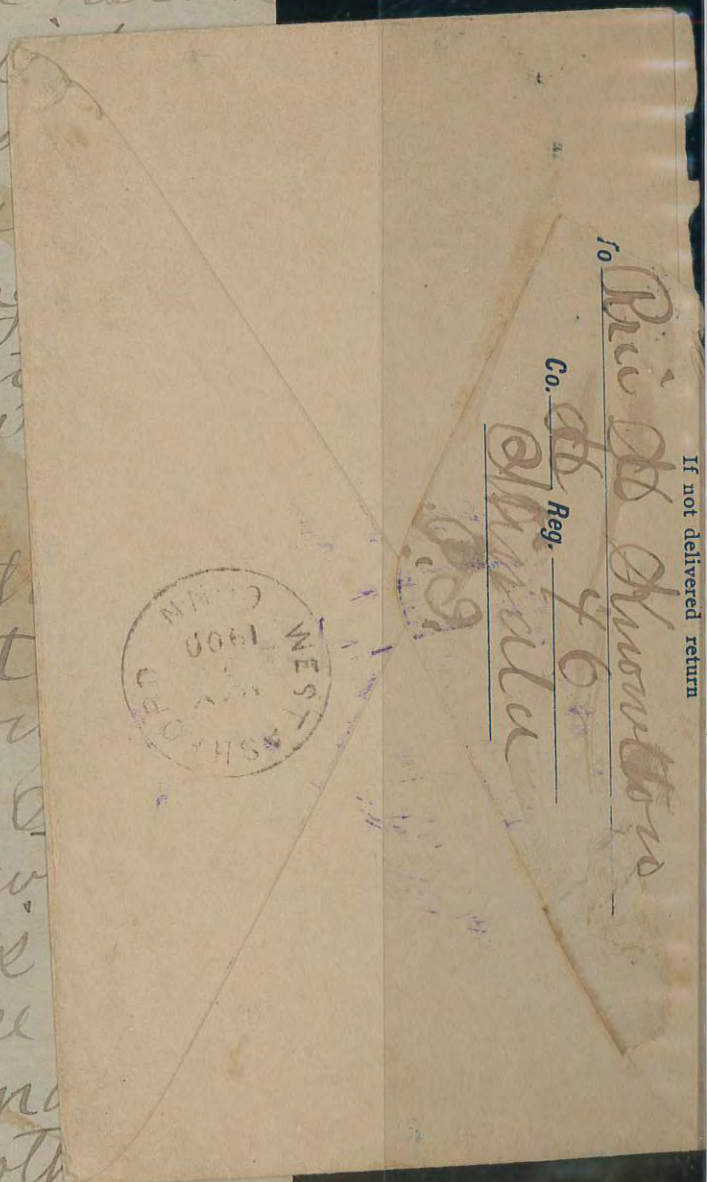

PHILIPPINES JUNE 26, 1900 AXX
re departure of troops to Boxer Rebellion; clash of U.S. troops with insurgents; prison description; pres. election EXCELLENT

Cuartel de Meisic
Manila, P.I.
June 26, 1900.

My dear Jennie:

As it is time I had written you another letter & having time to spare will endeavor to pass some of it away.

This morning the 9th U.S. Infantry sailed for China & shortly more troops are to follow them.

The 14th has a chance of going & our officers are working to have us sent.

The night before last while walking post between 2 & 3 A.M. I heard considerable firing whi[illegible] for one half hour.

[illegible] Patrol

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Soldiers Mail

JUN 27 9 AM PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINES 2 CENTS

Miss Jennie E. Mitchell
Poquetanuck
near Norwich
Conn.

SOLDIER'S LETTER.
Post. Chaplain U.S. Army

U.S.A.

GREAT LAR

a fortune teller so will have to wait for the future to unroll its pages.

How are your theatrical productions progressing? I trust that by this time you may have become one of the stars of the troupe.

They have fitted up a saloon on the Escolta into a concert hall & have daily vaudeville performances. Admission 25 & 50 cents gold.

The took in from Australia & is very poor. Saw it the opening night & left before it was half through being disgusted with their English accent and worse singing.

Give my regards to all & I trust that you are in the land of health, enjoying a beautiful New England Summer & numerous rides on your wheel.

Yours sincerely

Ed

(1) Re: use SPANISH UNT

(2) Re - EXPEDITION TO CAPTURE AGUINALDO 1900

Baler, Principe Pr. P.I.
Oct 1st, 1900.

My dear Dace:

I finished my inspection here a day or two ago and we are waiting for a military Commission to get through with its labors before we start back. The Commission is trying Novicio the insurgent leader in this part of the country for burning a wounded sailor - one of Lt Gilmores party - alive & for one or two other murders

When we got here there people had been shut off from the outside world for 74 days & as you may imagine glad to get the mail

The only real building here is an old ruined concrete church now used as as a Q.M. & Commissary Store house. The soldiers of the 2 Co live in about 40 nipa Shacks. In June 1898 shortly after Dewey's victory the Spanish garrison (3 officers & 60 men) was besieged by insurgents who surrounding the church with trenches kept the garrison in a close state of seige. But the Spaniards had a well in the convent & plenty of provisions & held them off. Some 6 mos later in Dec 1899 they made a sortie, drove the insurgents out of the town & burned it but could not venture far from the church for fear of ambush. In may 1899 the first town came around here to relieve the Spanish garrison & take them to Manila but probably fearing that the insurgents were too strong simply made a reconnoissance losing Lt Gilmore & party but the Spaniards were still in ignorance of the fact that there was a war between Spain & the U.S. Finally after a year & 4 days of seige the Spaniards were allowed to march out with the honors of war, were taken to Manila & sent to Spain. Maj Smith with 2 Co's came here in Feb 1900 & took Command & has been here ever since.

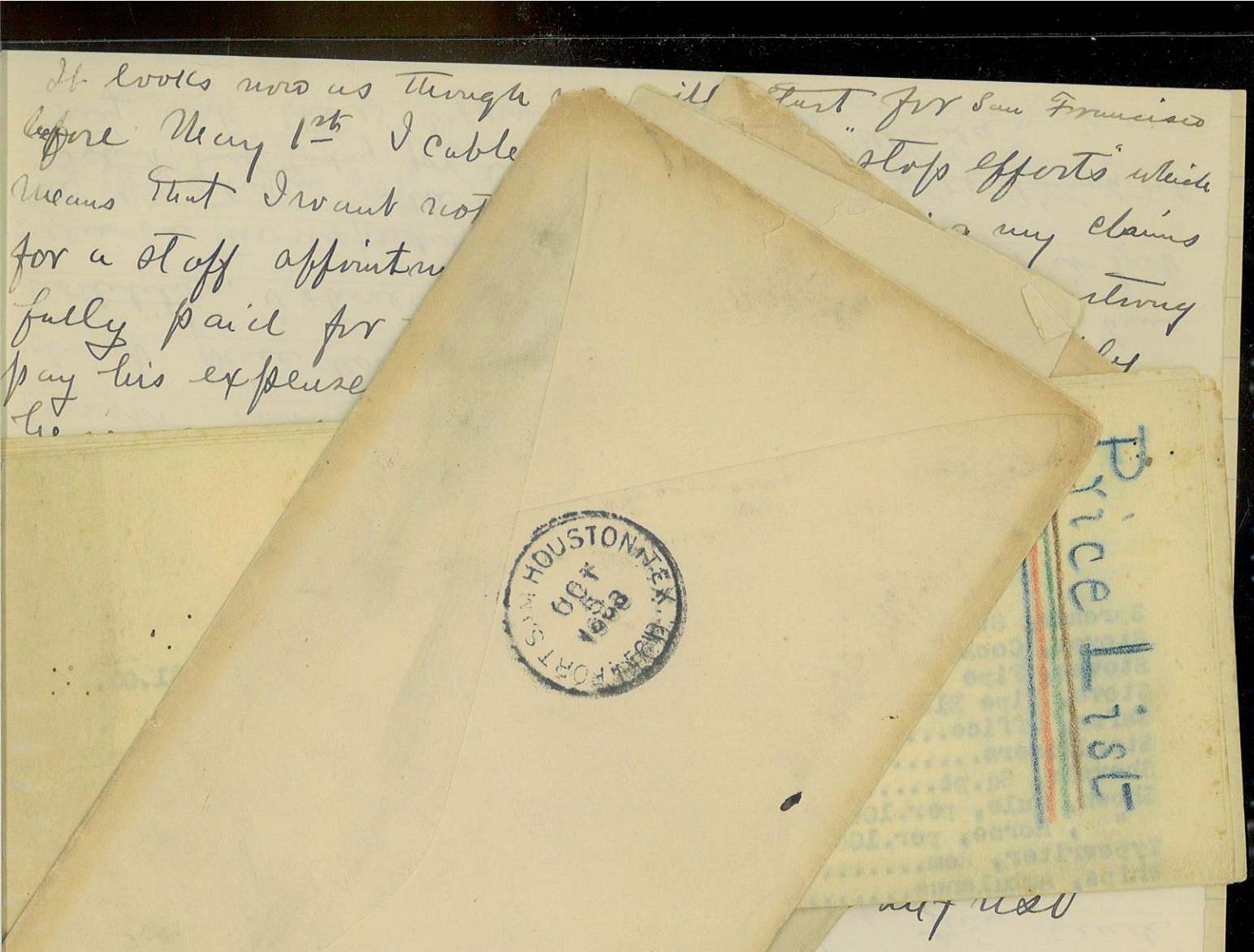
Every place in these Islands seem to have their particular points of interest. There is a Ylang Ylang tree only about 100 yds from my quarters & my orderly has just got me some leaves & blossoms the latter are used in making the Ylang Ylang perfume & I'll enclose a couple in this letter for you. Ebony is another of the productions & Doc just brought 5 ebony canes for 50¢ each. Also three small logs about 3" to 6" in diameter & about 3' to 5' long which I'm going to try to get back to the States & which you can make something out of if you wish.

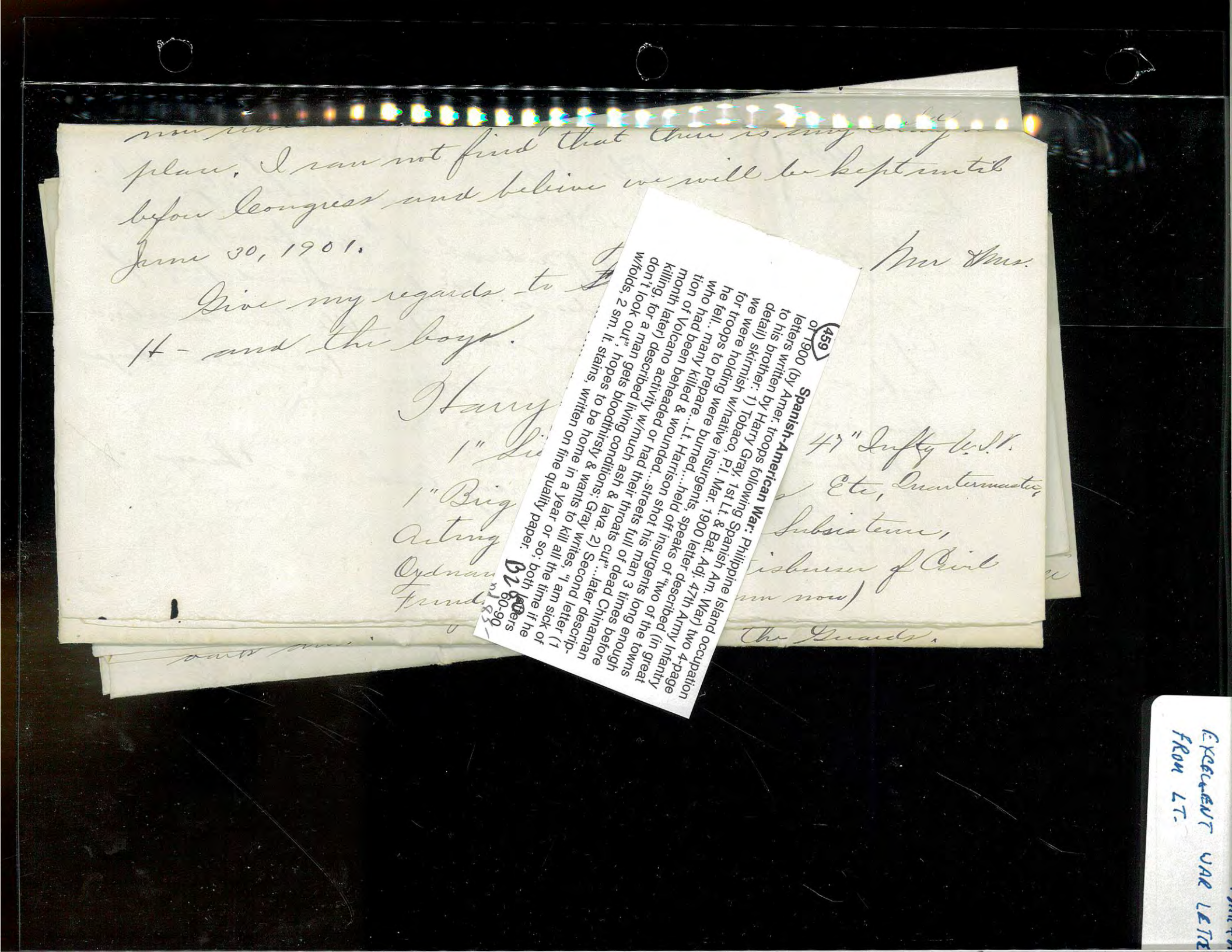
This is a great place for Cocoa nuts & we get them not for the meat but to drink the milk or rather water from the green nuts as it is pleasant & wholesome & about a quart to 1½ quarts can be got from a single nut. Native boys go about the ~~Country~~ town selling the nuts at the rate of 4 for a nickel. Bananas are very good here & are even cheaper. Doc also bought a blanket or sheet of soft woven matting which the natives use to sleep on & which you may find nice to use as a large rug. They are about as large as a blanket, soft, evenly woven, & cost $1.00 each. Labor here is 20¢ per day & Maj Smith has just had a shack built for him costing $15.25 The shack is all nipa & has one room 18' square built entirely of nipa & bamboo

I now expect to return to Manila & get there about Oct 5th. We came here around the Southern end of the island & return going by the north thus completing the circuit of Luzon. Then I expect to go to San Isidro write up my report and then go to Tayug, San Nicholas, San Quentin Santa Maria, San Jose, Carranglan, & Pantabangan, which completes this district

FOR PRINT

It looks now as though [illegible] start for San Francisco before May 1st I cable [illegible] stop efforts which means that I want not [illegible] my claims for a staff appointm [illegible] during fully paid for [illegible] pay his expense [illegible]





now ... place. I can not find that there is any ... before Congress and believe we will be kept until June 30, 1901.

Give my regards to ... Mr & Mrs. H- and the boys.

Harry ...

1" Li... 47" Infty U.S.V.

1" Brig... Etc, Quartermaster,

Acting ... Subsistence,

Ordnan... Disburser of Civil

Fund... (...m now)

... the Guards.

EXCELLENT WAR LETTE
FROM LT.

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Spanish-American War: Philippine Island occupation of 1900 (by Amer. troops following Spanish Am. War) two 4-page letters written by Harry Gray, 1st Lt. & Bat. Adj. 47th Army Infantry to his brother: 1) Tobaco, P.I. Mar. 1900 letter described (in great detail) skirmish w/native insurgents, speaks of "two of the towns we were holding were burned,...held off insurgents long enough for troops to prepare...Lt. Harrison shot his man 3 times before he fell.. many killed & wounded...streets full of dead Chinaman who had been beheaded or had their throats cut"...later describ-tion of Volcano activity w/much ash & lava. 2) Second letter (1 month later) described living conditions; Gray writes, "I am sick of killing, for a man gets bloodthirsty & wants to kill all the time if he don't look out", hopes to be home in a year or so; both letters w/folds, 2 sm. lt. stains, written on fine quality paper.

B260
60-90

I got up and went out almost at daybreak.

The old volcano was shooting ashes all over the country and they came so fine that one had to walk with his head down to keep them out of his eyes. All the time we were having earthquakes and hearing terrible sounds. The ashes got into the guns and they would not work and we did not know what would be coming next.

The fumes of sulphur filled the air and it was hard to breath.

The night before we had seen lava flowing down the mountain and felt sure that it would burn the other side and

LUZON, PHIL.

EXCELLENT LI
RE CHASING IN

Montalbon P. I.
Feb. 27th / 900

My Dear Mary:
I received
two letters from you
by last night
and was very
[illegible]

Daniel G. Fowle Soldiers Letter
Co. K. 27th U. S. V.
Manila P. I.

MIL. STA. No. 1 PHILIPPINE ISLAND
MAR 23 1900 9 AM
MANILA



Miss Mary Haywood Fowle
3016 Groveland Ave.
Chicago.
Illinois. U. S. A.

APR. 1900 - PHILIPPINES
LITERATE LTR. RE BATTLING
THE INSURGENTS. GOOD CONTENT

2nd letter - same soldier. Contents
primarily about constant rain +
discomfort

Regt. Hospital
Montalban P. I.
April 20" 1900.

My Dearest Mary;
I received
three letters from you
in a bunch the day
before yesterday and
was very sorry to
learn that you had
been worried on account
of my silence.
I wrote to you from
Mariquina telling you
that we had been in
...ains after
...gurts, and
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...urite.
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...such

Miss Mary H. Fowle
3016 Groveland Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Soldiers Mail
D. G. Fowle
Corp. Co "K" 27" U.S.V.

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MIL. STA. MANILA
MAY 19
10 AM
PHILIPPINES

Miss Mary H. Fowle,
#3016 Groveland Ave,
Chicago,
Ill.

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BATUAN, PHIL
APR - 1900
" MANY BATTLES - MUCH MARCHING. 2 wounded



Good Content

March 22nd

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...d finished
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Philippine Insurrection letter 11+pg letter from soldier w/original cvr, Philippines #U3 w/VG blk MIL. STA. 1900 duplex & lg purple POSTAGE DUE, 2 CTS. hdstp. Interesting long letter to wife, includes:"**Today is Gen Otis' 62nd birthday and this evening our band went out to serenade him..."Kid" Wolf (22nd) was wounded yesterday, shot through the left lung...a military prison is to be established in the 2nd Div. (McArthur's)...there are about 500 horses and a couple of hundred mules in one big corral. Most of the horses are right off the western ranges and of course lots of them are entirely unbroken. It is very hard to catch any particular horse after one has picked him out and after he is caught the chances are that he cannot be ridden..**" Accompanied by 4 printed programs for var army band performances in the last week of March in Manila, incl **Serenade to Major General E.S. Otis, U.S.A. by the Twentieth U.S. Infantry Band, Manila, P.I., March 25, 1900. VF** .....

SERENADE

—TO—

MAJOR GENERAL E. S. OTIS, U. S. A.

—BY THE—

TWENTIETH U. S. INFANTRY BAND

Manila, P. I., March 25, 1900.

Under Direction of Chief Musician John Kunzel.

PROGRAMME

Hail to the Chief and "America."

1.	*Overture*	*Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna*	SUPPE.
2.	*Selection from*	*"The Bohemian Girl"*	BALFE.
3.	*Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin*		WAGNER.
4.	*Sextett from*	*"Lucia"*	DONIZETTI.
5.	*Andante*		BUFFNER.
6.	*Serenade*	*The Voice of Love*	SCHUMANN.

Auld Lang Syne, Old Hundred and The Star Spangled Banner.

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MAR 26 1900 MIL. STA. No. 7 PHILIPPINES

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Mrs. W. H. Chapman
333 S. Adams Street
Green Bay
Wisconsin

Goodnight, my darling, I want you so much and in so many different ways. There is a little comfort in the thought that each day brings you one day nearer no matter when our meeting is to be. A great deal of love to you the boys and all the family.

Will

APR. 1900 RELATIVE SEEKS CONFIRMATION FROM WAR DEPT. OF SOLDIERS' DEATH IN PHILIPPINES

Adjutant General's OFFICE, MAY 31 1900 ROLLS DIVISION.

CHIEF CLERK MAY 31 1900 WAR DEPT.

BUILDING TR[illegible]
RACINE and VICINITY.

Pres. Sec'y.

ne, Wis., May 28 - 1900

War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, June 2nd. 1900.

Respectfully returned to Mr Henry Christensen 1418 Lincoln St. Racine Wisconsin.

The only information in possession of this office at the present time, relative to the death of the within named soldier is contained in Cablegram of April 20. 1900, from the Commanding General, at Manila. P. I. which reports that Richard Eisnach, Pvt Co. K. 45th U.S. Infantry vols. was killed April 8. 1900, at Nueva Caceras, Luzon P.I.

The official papers announcing his death by mail, have not as yet reached this office. Application for the settlement of the accounts of the deceased soldier, should be made to the Auditor for the War Department U.S. Treasury, Washington D.C. who will furnish the necessary blanks.

Thomas Ward
Asst. Adjutant General.

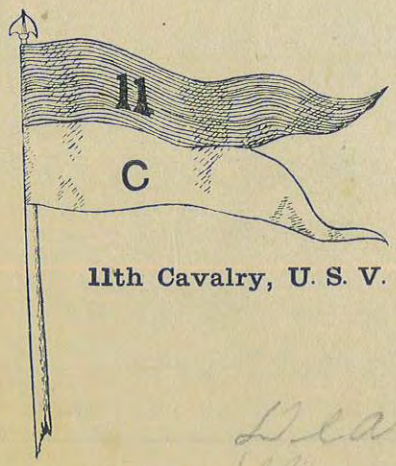
Mr. Henry Christensen,
1418 - Lincoln Street,
Racine, Wisconsin.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, $300.

WASHINGTON, D.C. JUN 2 630PM 1900

War Department, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

PHIL. MAY 1900
SOLDIER IN 11th CAVALRY
RELATES ABOUT COMRADES
SHOT OR WOUNDED. CHANGE
FROM GEN. OTIS TO GEN. MACARTHUR
BY 7



11th Cavalry, U. S. V.

Camp, P. I.

May 1, 1900.

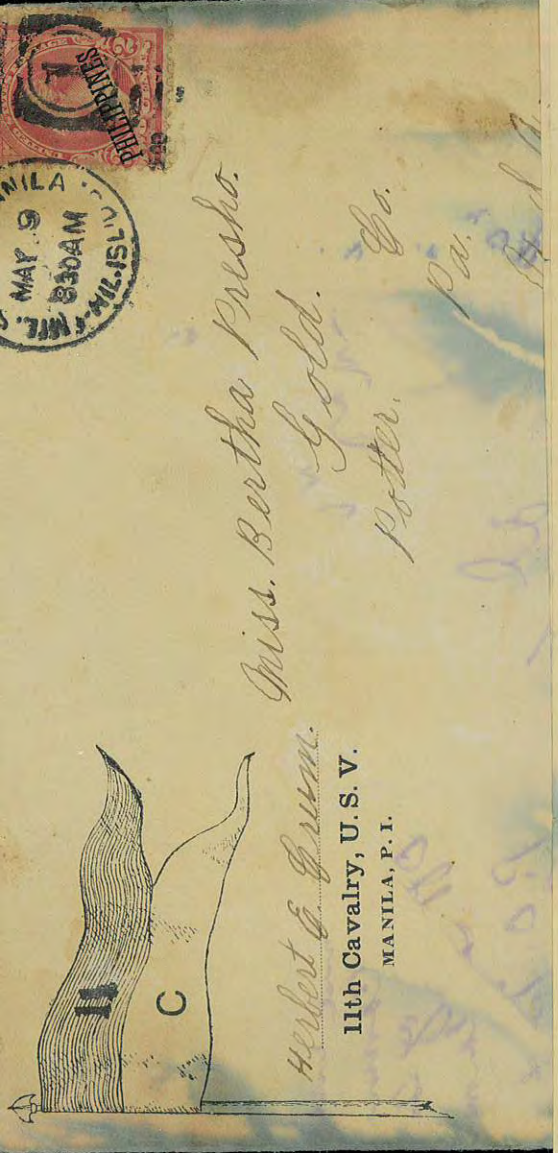
Dear Bertha,

I will write you a few lines to let you know I am still alive, & receive your letter dated Mar 21st I was glad to hear from you again, it was the first letter I had had from you for six weeks.

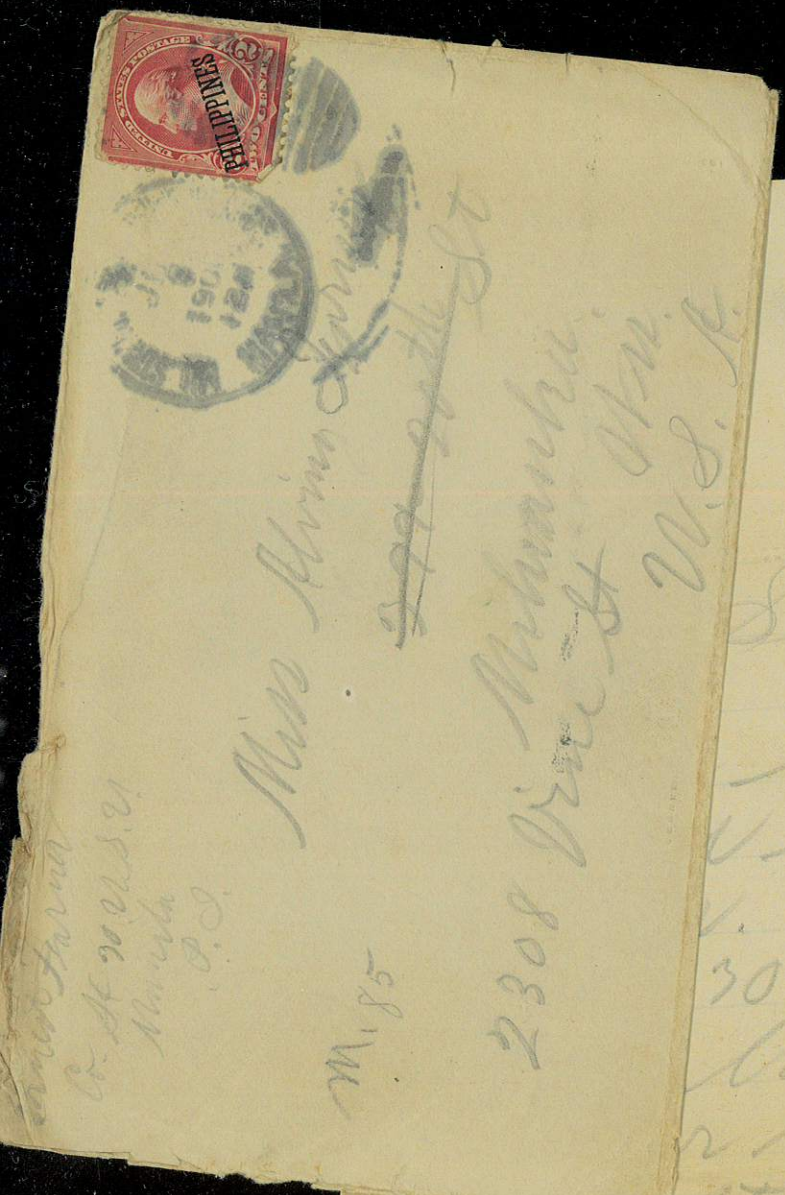
Gold young people have changed beaus some havnt they.

I am sorry to hear that Will Worley is going on the down hill road.

We had a Capt, Lieut, and a Sargent wounded in a little mixup we had with the niggers last night



SANCBAN, PHIL. JUNE, 1900
QUIET BUT TELEGRAPH WIRES WERE CUT; GEN. OTIS RELIEVED + GEN. MAC ARTHUR WILL COMMAND



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Sister.
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letter and was
to hear from
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are floating around
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the stater some time
in Jan. or Feb.
I read that in the
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JUNE-1900 BALAMBAN, CEBU
ISOLATED POST W/ 20 U.S. TROOPS
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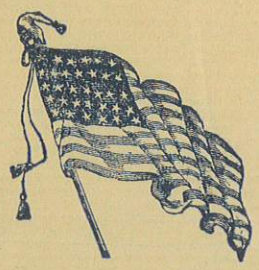
BY INSURGENTS



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Manila, P. I.

In Camp Balamban Cebu 1899

P.I. June 5/1900

Mrs. J. L. Runyan

Chicago Ills

My Deas Aunt will write you a few lines to let you know that I have not forgotten you as yet. Well Aunt May I just got through writing a letter to Mother the rainy season has set in there are continuous typhoons I am going on past in about 20 minuts I am on guard to day when I came off guard Barking house this morning I was soaking wet I have to walk a post up to my knees in water and it is raining like the devil now and I have to go on again Oh Well

R H

will set down soon as I get some mail and write you a nice long letter

Martin

Dear Ethel.

Rec'd today Sunday 22nd

Roy

TABACO, PHIL. JULY 16, 1900
GREAT LTR BY OFFICER RE LOOKING FOR INSURGENTS; GOT INFO BY HANGING ONE BY HEELS, ETC. Very

Tabaco, P. I. July 16, 1900.

My dear Percy.

I trust you were not blown to atoms on the glorious 4th of July last.

The night before the fourth I took 15 men and went gunning for Filipinos. At 10 00 P.M. we proceeded by "boroto" to San Miguel Island to capture three Insurgents supposed to be there. The night was dark and rainy and we reached the Island about midnight.

Near the shore two guards we captured asleep and we made them act as guides for us. A short way inland we came to a house

Soldiers Letter
H. T. Gray
1st Lieut 43rd Infty

UNITED STATES POSTAGE TWO 2 CENTS

AUG 2 1900 SAN MANILA

Mr. James P. Gray,
Worcester,
Mass.

(Harrington Court)

Covn & War Ctlrs.

I am afraid the stuff will spoil for mould attacks every thing here and plays havoc.

I think I have written enough for one time so good bye.

Harry F. Gray

Give my love to all at home

I enclose a few bugs that you may see what is bothering me.

H. F. G.

[ALBEE WAS W/ REMINGTON ARMS
AA1

0984 **F. D. ROOSEVELT" BOLD INK SIGNATURE as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, WW I** Single sheet, blank reverse, 8 x 10 letter on printed letterhead "Navy Department/Assistant Secretary's Office/Washington... March 28, 1918" to "Captain George Albee/U.S. Army." Two short paragraphs thanking him for "prompt and patriotic response to the Navy's call for binocu-

Soldier's Letter
Edw. L King
Capt. 11th Cavy U.S.V.

4K

Major
% Wu

Ligao, Prov. of Albay,
July 22, 1900.

My dear Capt Albee—

I ran across something the other day that I thought would interest you. It was a captured Winchester carbine and had on it the following marks:—

Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven Conn.
King's Improvement Pat'd Mar. 29, 1866 - Oct. 6, 1860.
No. 348960 B. 44 W.C. 7.

It was captured from the Insurgents and turned in. It seemed to be in good shape as far as shooting was concerned. It would interest you to see the different experients these people use in the way of ammunition. They use all sorts some homemade and some bought that ~~[illegible]~~ captured one clip that was originally .30 cal. Krag ammunition that they had picked up empty and then filed the rim down so it would fit a clip and then had

0979 Captain Edward L. King, U.S. 11'th Cavalry Hiding in the Philippine Insurrection, Writes Albee About a Captured Winchester Model 1873 Rifle Used by the Insurgents. Beautifully penned in a very neat small hand lengthy letter 31/2 pages from Captain Edward L. King Troop D 11'th Cavalry from "Ligon, Province of Albay [Philippines] July 22, 1900 "...I ran across something...that I thought would interest you. It was a captured Winchester carbine and had on it the following marks [repeats the usual Winchester name, trademark and the patent dates for the model 1873 as well as its serial number and 44'th W. C. F. caliber].It was captured from the insurgents and turned in. It seemed to be in good shape as far as shooting was concerned. It would interest you to see the different expedients these people use [for] ammunition...all sorts of homemade and some bought [ammo].Captured one clip that was originally .30 cal. Krag ammo that they had picked up empty and then filed the rim down so it would fit in a clip and then used it in a Mauser. They seemed to favor the Remington as they can shoot anything in that from Mauser to a tomato can. This is certainly a fine country down here though hardly adapted...for cavalry...thickly covered with hemp which makes the very heavy growth on which the natives are able to hide and disappear. They are mostly ladrone and we get a few every now and then [and are] beating them at their own game. This Province on southern part of Luzon and in time of peace rich...I wanted very much to get that [Winchester] carbine and send it to you but as it had been turned in to Col. of 47'th Infantry I could not do it...received a nice letter that Mrs. Lawton wrote to Mrs. King..."Then talks about the confused situation of the top brass in running the war which sounds suspiciously like other Army campaigns in later years: "nobody seems to have the necessary push but all try to run things seated in a comfortable office chair. No one seems to think of supplying us much and we have not had an oat for a month and have rations for only ten days. Well, I suppose the China trouble has driven everything else out of their heads." Light aging. One small hole on page has obscured a few letters or a very few words, but not a major detriment. A wonderful letter from a combat front in that historic campaign. King led a very exciting career with various cavalry regiments following his graduation from West Point in 1896, fighting first in Cuba with Lawton and going with him to the Philippines. Exc. +.WITH original envelope addressed to Albee at Winchester Arms Co...very interesting fancy hand lettered (by King) return address boldly titled "Soldier's Letter" over his name, rank and cavalry regiment. Envelope in weak and torn condition with piece out on top center affecting part of the postal surcharge only. Evidently sent free of charge.


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Soldier's Letter
Edw. L. King
Capt. 11th Cavy. 1896
Major Geo. E. Albee
c/o Winchester Arms Co.
New Haven
Conn.


NEW HAVEN
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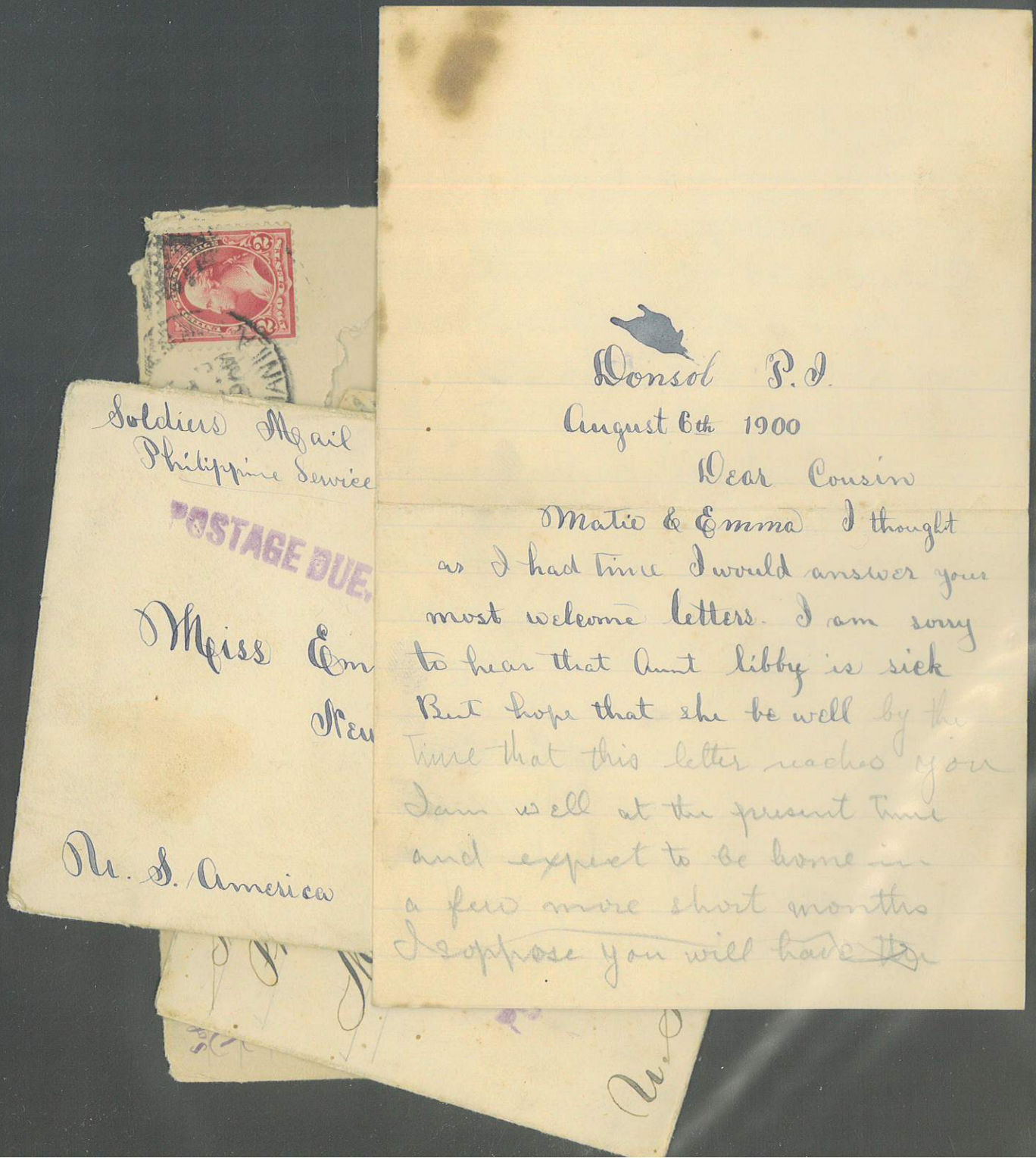

Soldiers Mail
Philippine Service

POSTAGE DUE.

Miss Em
Ken

U. S. America

Donsol P. I.
August 6th 1900

Dear Cousin
Matie & Emma I thought
as I had time I would answer your
most welcome letters. I am sorry
to hear that Aunt Libby is sick
But hope that she be well by the
time that this letter reaches your
I am well at the present time
and expect to be home in
a few more short months
I suppose you will have the

BOXER REBELLION BEING OVER

Fred Ramseyer
Co.F. 38 inft. U.S.V.
Lipa



PHILIPPINES

BATTLE AS SER 1901 ADD

Miss Lydia Patterson
Florence Patterson:
Indian Cousin I recd.
U.S. welcome letter this
[illegible] and after
[illegible] it at once
proceeded to answer the
same. I was sorry
to hear of Will's untimely
end but as far as we
can tell it may be
for the best for we
know that he is at rest
Sorry to hear that you
have been in bad health
as for my self I have

P.I. Sept. 26. 1901

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next week when I
will write you a letter
for the papers. I am
somewhat worried at
present. I have been
thinking of reenlisting
over here the offer $600.
down. for a 3 year enlist
-ment. and 15 6s per month
Well I will close
for this time excuse
bad writing
Fred Ramseyer
Co F. 38 inft. U.S.V.

P.S. I rec'd. a letter from
Stella Howard some
time ago I am still
remember by a few.
F. R.

FLORENCE
IND.

AUG. 1900 + NOV. 1900
SAN MATEO, PHIL.
2 GREAT WAR LETTERS FROM
SGT. CARL RASCHE 27 INF.
EXCELLENT WAR CONTENT
BX1

San Mateo P.I.

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San Mateo P.I.
Aug 31st 1900

Dear Bottume:—

Your kind letter of the 30th of June reach me several days ago, was more than glad to hear from you, received your letter sooner than expected, and your kindness in regards to those papers is appricated very much, not alone by myself but by all the NH boys, all told there are about thirty five New Haven boys in this outfit and about seven right in Co. "A" who offer you thanks for your generousity and forthought.

Sgt Brown, has at last stepped down from his illegaly aquired position after having withstood many charges and several fines, to say nothing of his unpopular support of every individual of this company and of other companys, He is now first duty Sgt and Sgt Driscoll is "top", there is a great change in the "Co" now every member is now throughly satisfied with the layout.

Yes even now when I look at Sgt Brown I am obliged to be truthfull and say that every inch of him is that of a soldier, but his personal self is mean, sneaking, selfish, and what not suffic to say he a f— and that covers his case completly.

Our original first Sergeant has never advanced any further than a first class buck in the rear rank, and after shirking his duty as much as possible, he managed after tricking and throwing down another man



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nteresting Spanish American War US soldiers letters (8 pp.) dated San Mateo, Philippine ug 31& Nov 26 1899 from Sgt. Carl W. Rasche, Co. A, 27th Infantry U.S. Volunteers, al covers. *Marvelous Philippine Insurrection battle content.* The letters read, in part, as Aug 31] ... Sgt. Brown has at last stepped down from his illegally acquired position after od many charges and several fines, to say nothing of his unpopular support of every of this company and of other companies. He is not first duty Sgt. and Sgt. Driscoll is 'top'. great change in the 'C' now. Every member is now throughly satisfied with the layout. now when I look at Sgt. Brown I am obliged to be truthful and say that every inch of him soldier, but his personal self is mean, sneaking, selfish and what not suffice to say he [is] that covers his case completely. Our original first Sergeant has never advanced any further t class buck in the rear rank, and after shirking his duty as much as possible, he managed ing and throwing down another man to leave his company and getting detailed on special anila slinging ink (of course I am grateful in a way to him for what he done for me, but the cold facts) ... considering where we are, our regt. has lost more men from gun shot an from sickness. Do you remember our old QM [quartermaster] Sgt. Rice. He is now was reduced from QM Sgt to private and they advanced to [him] to corp. ... drink and men in Manila put him on the bum. He was reduced and fined fifteen dollars for being thout leave three days, and two days he died from some heart troubles (so the surgeon). It is a rare sight to see Herman 'pissicated', although plenty can be had., Beer is 35c per d Cyrus Noble whiskey cost only $1.00 per pint. The native whiskey called 'beno' is a icle and will put a man out of business for life, if let along long enough. Several men in our have had heavy fines imposed on them for drinking 'beno'. Gen. Oates has forbidden drinking it and natives for manufacturing it ... Camp Meade is a thing of the past now, and e property again. All troops that will relieve us ... will be recruits from the States, all regular o's' will contain 130 men ... Each Regt will have 100 horsemen in addition. Yes, dear friend aving some hot weather, in fact it has always been so, at least that is my experience since I ere. At present time we [are] having cool nights, caused by the rains and damp earth. Many cannot see the hot sun, it is so cloudy, or ot may be raining. We are still having small with the natives here. They are becoming bolder each day or night rather. A week ago they outpost No. 1 and killed Ghitsman of Hartford and wounded another man, so that he may There were only 8 men on this post and the night was dark. At about 1 oclock Shipper came quarters and woke me up. I hearing heavy shots ... and also having the command fall in, -- double time - march, caused me to hustle half my clothes on, then my belt and gun in my ran out and fell in line, which was marching up to headquarters where we halt[ed] for The firing had ceased by this time and our Colonel (Al Cummins) consider[ed] that we o our quarters until further orders, which did not come. In the meantime a patrol was sent mediatly upon hearing the first shots, and when they arrived, nothing of the guard could n or heard, until advancing a short ways beyond the bridge, did they hear groans, which to be P. M. Carter and Corp. Ghitsman of 'D' Co., both wound[ed]. The latter dying in the nce on his way to Mainly, two other six men returned at daylight having come out of their places, at the break of day. They showed mess kits, blankets, shelter halfs and hats full of s large as your thumb. Ther claim there were at least 80 n-----s [racial slur] and .... the first

n-----s, and two Americans, whose hands were tied [illegible]

ergeants of our regiment who had been to Manila on a pass and were marked absent without . While in Manila they had become drunk and on their way back were captured by these same s who we had attacked. We lost one hat in this skirmish. [The rebel leader] Aguinaldo is a tten subject amongst us soldiers, but Geronimo is the main head of all the trouble about

THE APARRI NEWS.

VOL. 1. SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1900. NO. 1.

THE SIXTEENTH INFANTRY.

In making an appearance before the public of Aparri, whose support is necessary to our future success, we think that it will not be amiss to introduce our regiment by telling briefly, and modestly we hope, the part we have played in the Philippines.

We landed at Manila on June 26th, 1899, about thirteen hundred strong and saw our first service, in these islands, on July 5th, when we were ordered on the line, then extending from Malabon, to the Deposito. The month we spent on this line will always remain fresh in our memory as the wettest in all our experience.

When orders came for two Battalions to guard the railway they were hailed with delight. The other Battalion was soon nicknamed the Flying 3rd, being constantly on the move until it found a resting place in Cavite, where it stayed for thirty days, finally joining the other two. We were now scattered from Manila to San Fernando, guarding a most important line of communication, over thirty-five miles of railroad. That this was well done is attested by the fact that not a train was wrecked, attacked or delayed in the entire time we had charge, something over four months an a half. We were continually having small clashes with the insurgents while discharging this duty, but the San Ildefonso Expedition we will mention briefly.

On the night of December 2nd, about four hundred men, composed of detachments of the several companies concentrated at Malolos, and moved toward Qungua, having been joined by one battery of the 3rd Artillery. After dark on the night of Dec. 3rd, the command reached Baliuag. Our stay here was not long for on the following morning, having been joined by two companies of the 3rd Infantry, we moved north toward San Ildefonso.

The barrio was garrisoned by a force of insurgents who made a stubborn resistance, but after about half hours firing, both by the 3.2 inch field pieces, and the Mountain Hotchkiss, commanded respectively by Captain Randolph, 3rd Artillery, and Lieut. Guy G. Palmer, 16th Infantry, the rebels fled and Colonel Hood with his command occupied the town. That night an ambulance containing the wounded, four in number, all of whom belonged to the 3rd Artillery, was sent back to Baliuag. The insurgents attacked us this same afternoon but with a little firing from our field pieces they retired.

On Wednesday the 6th, the command was ordered to return to Baliuag. The day was exceedingly hot and sultry and consequently we were very tired and also downcast at not being allowed to move on San Miguel, but we were forced to forget all this because of heavy firing directly in our front and left. A band of about sixty insurgents had by some mistake attacked us but were completely routed, loosing a good many killed and prisoners. It was at this time that Colonel Hood, in pursuing an insurgent, was compelled to shoot him in order to make him surrender his gun.

We reached Baliuag without further trouble and after staying there for three days we were again ordered toward San Miguel.

On Sunday night we camped on the bank of the Maseen river and about two in the morning were ordered forward. At San Ildefonso we again encountered a small force of insurgents but were not detained very long by them.

The principal thing which occured in our trip from San Miguel to Biac-na-bato and return to Manila was the learning that we were to be relieved from the railroad duty and sent to Aparri. We returned to Manila reaching there on the twentieth. Shortly after we came to this beautiful country, which we hope to make our home until our return to the United States.

While returning from Tuguegarao, to Aparri, a detachment consisting of Sergeant Luer and three privates of Co. B, 16th Infantry, discovered the dead body of a man lying on the bank of the river a few miles above Iguig, about 8 a. m. on the morning of Febuary 22nd. The man, evidently a soldier, had to all appearances been murdered by bolo men. His body was horribly mutilated, no skin being left on his face and only a small tuft of black hair on his head. Four fingers of right hand and all his toes on right foot had been severed. He was cut in about 16 places, and when found had a bamboo rope about eight feet long tied around his right leg. The body had apparently been in the water for four or five days and represented that of a well built man between twenty-five and thirty years of age about 5 feet 6 inches in height, clothing consisted of a pair of trousers, made from a flour sack, (Frisco brand), a light undershirt and a Filipino pink overshirt, no shoes or stockings.

He was buried about 6 miles above Iguig, the burial service being conducted by a Red Cross doctor who was accompanying the party down the river. Nothing to prove his identity was found.

The 16th Regiment has reason to congratulate itself upon its efficient guarding of the railroad, as official reports will show. The 13th Minnesota whom we relieved, were continually having trouble and the 3rd who relieved us, know what it is to find track torn up, which is an experience we never enjoyed. Recent reports are to the effect that several yards of track were torn up between Santo Tomas and Apalit, so that we now understand the wisdom of the many tiresome patrols we made. The 16th will long be remembered along the stretch of railroad between Caloocan and San Fernando.

Pilot TUAN URIBAROI,
Missing from capsized launch:
Private THOMAS BRADY, Co. "B,"
Hospital Steward THOMAS D. HARE.

To Sam, "Mascot" of Company "B," belongs the honor of saving the life of Corporal Barton, Company "A" on capsized launch, by allowing him to catch hold of his tail and swimming ashore with him.

A BRUSH WITH THE ENEMY.

On Febuary 26th, information was received by Lieut. Ovenshine, Commanding Co. "C," 16th Infantry, that an insurgent Captain, in a small town about 12 miles east of Lal-loc, had opened a recruiting office and was enlisting men for the insurgent army. As we all know such a thing as this could not be carried on almost within reach of our guns.

Lieut. Ovenshine, with 49 men started out to investigate, and if possible capture this offending officer and bring him to trial before the Commanding Officer at Aparri. On the morning of the 27th, this comparatively small band, all in good health and spirits started on their journey.

All went well and the men were enjoying the scenery of the country which they were passing through, when all of a sudden they were fired upon by an insurgent outpost, and looking around they were surprised to see that their guide had left them after leading them into a trap.

Nothing could have surprised this band greater than this insult for we were all of the opinion that these people had surrendered and laid down their arms. But this did not stop these boys from forming in line of attack and guided by another hombre who volunteered to lead them to where the main body was located.

They started on the march again and had not gone very far when all of a sudden they were fired upon again from all sides, having been lead again into an ambush by their cunning guide. They were now outnumbered by at least four to one, and no way to defend themselves in such a tangle of bushes and underbrush with the bullets coming from every side they gradually fell back hoping to find some open ground where they could make a stand.

Thus wandering around they at last got lost in a strange country and without a guide. Wandering around for an hour or more they at last came out on the edge of a large swamp, here all seemed lost, for with the enemy in the rear and this sea of mud and water in front, it surely required strong hearts to keep up under such circumstances, but their leader was a soldier and prefering death in the swamps rather than capture, he gave the command, forward, he being the first to plunge into this sea of mud.

For two hours this brave band waded and swam, being under a continual fire from the enemy. At last success awarded their efforts, for when the other side was reached, a dry and open space was found, here again they were surrounded, for the gugus knew of secret paths through this swamp, and had gained the opposite side before our men.

When they came up they were treated with an insurgent charge. Lieut. Ovenshine then ordered his men to reserve their fire until they could see whites of the gugus eye's, and when they did get a glimpse of those fellows optics' they put several volleys into them, which made them fly in all directions. But not until their deadly remingtons had killed one and wounded two of the command.

After the charge had been repulsed they were not fired on again, as darkness came over they laid in this position until about 3 o'clock the following morning when they silently gathered their wounded together, and after caring for the dead, crept through a small opening in the enemy's lines keeping steadily on and by day break they were far away from their foe's and in a part of the country that was familiar to them. The insurgents loss are unknown as they carried off their dead and wounded during the night, although two of their dead were seen nearby the next morning. Our casualities are as follows:

Killed:
Corporal PATRICK ENRIGHT, Company "C"
Wounded:
Sergeant ROBERT BORCHART, " "
Private WILLIAM RYAN, " "

Y. M. C. A.

A request by the Secretary of War, that more Y. M. C. A. secretaries engage in work among the soldiers in the Philippines, has brought six more to the islands, and with them come the prayers and presents of our nations good people who are interested in the physical, social and spiritual welfare of the soldier. Miss Helen M. Gould has taken the lead in the support of the work.

Since the first of Febuary, Secretary J. M. Phipps, has been with the 16th Infantry, and as soon as the necessary supplies can be brought from Manila, rooms will be opened at Aparri, Tuguegarao and Ilagan, and will be furnished with a library, papers, magazines, stationery and games.

Helpful services and entertainments will be given by the best talent available from time to time and all soldiers, with those in any way connected with their interests will be cordially welcomed at all times.

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The only first class Restaurant in Aparri.
Meals at all hours, On European plan.
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VOL. 1. SATURDAY, JUNE 30,

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SAILS FOR CHINA

The U. S. Gunboat Bennington—Her departure very significant.

The U. S. Gunboat Bennington sailed for China Sunday in response to a special telegram received Sunday ordering her to proceed there immediately.

She only left Nagasaki a few days ago and it is rather significant that she should depart again so soon, especially when the report that a number of American troops now serving in these islands are under orders to proceed there.

During the present revolution in China a large number of English and American missionaries have been murdered in some of the interior towns and it is quite possible that the Bennington has, along with several more of her sister ships, a mission to perform in stopping the war. As long as the revolution is not stoped, it is a source of anxiety to the different countries interested in China and if it is not ended soon, it may plunge the worlds Great Powers into a war. Our position in the Philippines would probably implicate us, especialy since we declared in favor of the "open door" policy in China, and it may be that some of us may add another war to our credit before the dawn of the 20th century.

CHANGES OF STATIONS ANNOUNCED.

Orders were issued from Post Headquarters Saturday last instructing Company B, to proceed to Lal-loc July 1, releiving Company C, 16th Infantry, who have been garrisoning that town since January. Two non-commissioned officers and 18 privates are to be left at Camalanuigan, and one non-commissioned officer and 10 privates are to be sent to Gataran relieving the different detachments of Company C, there, who will proceed to Aparri to take station.

Company D, is going to take "B" Company's quartets, so Comaany C, will be found in the quarters of Company D, on and after July 1. Company A, is to furnish the Buguey detachment this month, so that there is quite a little change for the most of the boys.

QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES.

The Depot Q. M. has during the last few days been receiving all kinds of new Q. M. supplies and if there is any chance of Aparri being a permanent post for the 16th, we ought to be made very comfortable.

Twelve hundred new canvas bunks, mattresses, pillows, sl
will be qu
to it. W
necessary adjunct to them is a laundry if any degree of cleanliness is to be observed. Surely some enterprising Chino could supply the latter.

DEAD FILIPINO FOUND

In the River last Saturday badly decomposed with his face mashed in.

The casco containing Major W. R. Graham, Additional Paymaster U. S. Army, and escort arrived here Saturday morning and reported to the Sanitary officer, Lieut. Chamberlain, that the dead body of a man, white or black he was unable to say. was drifting down with the current. Steps were immediately taken to recover the body, but operations were very difficult on account of the horrible stench arising from the decomposed remains. An examination showed the body to be that of an hombre, though whether he had been murdered or not we are unable to say. Dogs had assisted the water in obliterating all evidence by eating parts of the corpse. The only thing tending to show foul play being the fact of the face being crushed in by a heavy blow of some kind. It may have been caused by some boat striking the remains, but it is more than probable that it is the body of some unfortunate who did not "pull" with the clique and was done away with.

The body was buried on the Aparri side of the river, down by the creek, aud makes one more of the many unknown graves in this country.

THE BAND BLEW THEMSELVES.

Saturday night the Band "blew" themselves, not at guard mount, (Sergt. Brassel being absent) but after the duties of the day had been performed. The Filipino Band discoursed the music, and the band boys danced with the Filipino belles, and thereby hangs a tale.

The hombres who were present had an idea the white men would cut them out, so they left their senoritas at home, but when they saw the refreshments on the table they could not resist the temptations, and by the inducement of candies, brought over their girls. The forethoughts of the hombres proved correct for the white men did the most dancing, but everything went on very smoothly and the party broke up well satisfied with their evening's enjoyment.

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VOL. 1. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1900. NO. 31.

COLONEL HOOD'S TRIP UP THE CAGAYAN.

Full Particulars of Fight at Carig Making Interesting Reading.

Detailed Account of the Inspector's Trip—The Enemy Lost Thirty-five Killed and a Large Number Wounded at Carig— A Stubborn Fight.

Colonel Chas. C. Hood, 16th U. S. Infantry, Commanding 2nd District, Department of Northern Luzon, left Aparri, on Sept. 3rd, on a tour of inspection of the military stations in his district.

He was accompanied by Major Henry Wygant, 24th U. S. Infantry, Inspector General of the District; Captain John Newton, 16th U. S. Infantry, Regimental Quartermaster; Captain Geo. W. Povey, Asst. Quartermaster U. S. Vols., and Chief Quartermaster of the District; 2nd Lieut. L. S. D. Rucker, 16th U. S. Infantry; the Presidente of Aparri and the Presidente of Camalanuigan. The following is a list of the places visited, with means of transportation:

Camalanuigan, Lal-loc, Gattaran, Tuguegarao, Enrile, Cabagan Nueva, Tumauini, San Antonio Rancho, Ilagan, Cauayan, Angadanan, Echague, Carig, Cordon, San Luis Rancho, Diadi, Bagabag, Solano, Bayonbong, Rosario, Solana, Alcala, St. Nino, Tabang, Piat and Tuao. The means of transportation were as follows: Aparri to Lal-loc, launch, Leader; Lal-loc to Tuguegarao, stern-wheeler, Cagayan; Tuguegarao to Cabagan Nuevo, towed on cascoes by "Pedrito;" Cabagan Nuevo to Cauayan, stern-wheeler, Cagayan. The rest of the trip was made in ambulances, on horseback, in quilez's (a light carriage) and cascoes.

The condition of all roads, bridges, buildings, schools, means of transportation, condition and quantities of supplies and native police were carefully inspected by the District Commander. At Alcala, Major Johnson, 49th U. S. Vols., joined the party and remained with it until the return to Alcala; at Echague, Major S. R. Whitall, 16th U. S. Infantry, and his Adjutant, Lieut. John F. Preston, joined and remained with the party until returning to Echague. The trip was very pleasant and satisfactory in every respect. A few mishaps were met with, and the great rain storms that were expected at this time of the year failed to materalize. They could not ford the Angadanan and Magat Rivers on account of highwater, but the crossing was made very nicely by small boats and swimming the stock. On the return from Echague to Cordon, the Angadanan river was deep and swift and the party was compelled to get the ambulances and escort wagons over by dragging them with ropes which were pulled by natives and mules. Lieut. Jack Hayes, 16th Infantry, a member of the party, dashed into the water on his horse and when the wagon tipped over his horse was thrown and rolled over, his four feet being in the air and Lieut. Hayes under him; it seemed for a moment as if the Lieut. was in great danger, but being an expert horseman, he soon righted himself and his horse. Major Johnson, who is a fine dashing Cavalry Officer, was in the water up to his neck, directing the crossing of the wagons. When Capt. Povey saw the wagon turn over he could not stand the pressure any longer and at this juncture threw himself into the water and at once became thoroughly saturated. The other staff officers contributed their *advice* freely, and so the dangerous crossing was made. On the way up the river, Mr. Velge, of the General Tobacco Co., met the party at Lal-loc, with the river steamer "Cagayan" to which the party were transferred and the trip up the river was made on this boat (with the exception of a short distance between Tuguegarao and Cabagan Nuevo) very comfortably. At Ilagan, Mr. George Webber, General Manager of the General Tobacco Co., joined the party and went on to Cauayan. He put aboard a good store of provisions and distilled water so that none were ever hungry or thirsty at any stage of the trip. Every courtesy was extended to the District Commander and his party by the army officials as well as by all the officials of the different towns and barrios.

At Alcala the town was decorated with flags and banners, and the party were escorted to the Tribunal in great state. If there was any town on the route where the band failed to turn out and play "Marching Through Georgia," every one failed to remember the name of it, Many of the towns were very beautiful, or could be made so with more attention to cleanliness and sanitary measures. Mr. George Webber gave a very enjoyable dinner on the night of Sept. 7th, at his home in the town of Tuguegarao; in fact the offers of hospitality were so profuse at all the stopping places that the District Commander was compelled to decline in a number of cases in order to carry out his program.

The people all along the route seemed to be happy and contented, and any dissatisfaction that appears to crop out from time to time against the American rule in this valley, is fomented by parties sent into the valley by leading insurrectos or Tagolas and it cannot be a great while before all these people see that we are giving them an honest administration of affairs, at the same time we will be ready to give them "combate" in great shape if they wish it, as

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SEPT. 1900 - PHIL. INSURRECTION
OFFICER'S REPORT OF
SKIRMISH WITH INSURGENTS

Hdqrs 4th Dist Dept N. Luzon
Inspector General's Office
San Isidro Nueva Ecija P.I.

September 5. 1900.

The Adjutant General.

4th District. Department of Northern Luzon.

Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in letter of the 2nd instant from your office I have the honr to submit the following report of an inquiry made by me into the circumstances connected with the abandonment of a casco of supplies enroute to Bongabong, P.I. and on being attacked by insurgents being abandoned by a detachment of the 34th Infantry, U.S.V.

The guard on the Casco was as follows, viz:-

Sergeant Joseph Battet, Company "M", 34th Infantry, In charge - he received a slight wound - a mere scratch on the left arm.

Corporal Edward Harrigan, Company "B", 34th Infantry, returning to his station from Cabamatman where he had been doing some clerical work for the Quartermaster and Commissary at Bongabong.

Private Alfred J. Williamson. Company "L", 34th Infantry.

Private Daniel E. Ward. Company "M", 34th Infantry.

Private Peter F. Betts, Company "L", 34th Infantry- (The last white man to leave the boat and the first to arrive at Cabamatman with news of the disaster)

Private Herbert Carpenter, Company "B", 34th Infantry.

Private Frank E. Glum, Company "B", 34th Infantry - returning to Bongabong from the Cabamatman hospital, ~~#####~~ but who proved to be physically so weak that he could not be depended upon for service in a fight.

taken their position during the night opposi
to above + below the Casco. They had screen
of twigs &c prepared but no entrenchments
The blood left on the ground indicated
that they must have suffered some la

The Ilocano Scouts on duty were:-

Corpl. Domingo Balonquita
Pvt. Casimiro Soniga in Hospital. - Wide and deep wound ant: surface rt. side of chest
" Marcos Suaris. - Superficial wound of Ant: surface of left forearm.
" Guillermo Angel Missing in action - a fact not discovered unti
after the return of the detachment. This man through mistake went unar
and was employed as banquero

Banqueros deserving ~~Boatmen~~ of special mention
Deogracia Evoja. When relief party arrived this man was found with a rif
Valdomero Valdes " " " " " " " " " "
Mariano Polido " " " " " " " " " " Ca
Marcelino Laureta " " " " " " " " " revol
Juan Anyaya in Hospl. Wound of right hand - Amputation at wr
Felipe Anyaya " " - Wound of ant: surface of chest wall right side, th
jacket re
Santiago de la Cruz " " Wound of trunk - entrance at point of right s
exit over lateral process of last lumbar
left side of spinal cord.

It will thus be seen that after the white soldie
retreated - about 30 minutes after the firing began - so
of the unarmed banqueros secured the abandone
arms and assisted the scouts, commanded by the Ilocano corp
Casco from the bank in the high grass. The in
called over to them and endeavored to get them
abandon the Casco to which the Corporal re
that they could have it after the ~~[illegible]~~ Il
were killed. Their conduct merits unstinted
praise, and justice and sound military policy
call for speed and [illegible] recognition of th

SEPT. 1900

AMERICAN WRITES HE IS BUILDING WAGON ROADS INTO THE INTERIOR

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT

~~Adjutant General's Office~~

OFFICE OF ENGINEER OFFICER,

Santiago de Cuba, Sept 10th 1900

Mr F.M. Crossett
New York.

Dear Brother.

Your letter came some days ago and the bill got here all right too, trust a bill for that.

You seem to have gotten Woodwards address mixed with mine for his favor from you came to my address and I sent it to him.

He is in Parral, Chihuahua State. Mexico and I am in the Govt work here.

I enclose an order for the amount of the bill due the Trat. and do it with pleasure since I have been there myself.

I did not know that I owed any Summer dues but knew I owed 10.00 for my per Capita

Re: PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION
EXPLOITS OF A
PHILIPPINE SCOUT

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION, PHILIPPINE SCOUTS.

-:O:-

Camp Wilhelm, Tayabas, P.I.
December 1, 1908.

Major Wm C. Brown,
3rd Cavalry,
Ft. Sam Houston,
Texas.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith letter from Captain C.L.Stone, P.S., commanding 19th Company regarding Corporal Tomas Manuel of that organization.

This is the scout sergeant whose action near Santa Rosa in guarding a casco of rations, you investigated as inspector general of General Funston's district in 1900.

In 1906 you asked me if I knew of the whereabouts of this man and expressed a wish to find him and re-open his case. If I am not mistaken, I believe you stated that you still had a copy of your report in his case, and that you believed he was deserving of reward. Although he has been in my battalion two years, his company did not serve at headquarters and I have therefore but recently discovered him. I know him perfectly well and have served in the field with him when he was 1st Sergeant of Jernegan's Scouts. There is no doubt as to his identity. Anything that can be done in his case must be done quickly. Action from this end of the line is too slow.

The recent progressive policy with scout organizations, whether it be for better or worse, is rapidly eliminating men of Corporal Manuel's stamp, handicapped as they are by age and lack of education, and unless some provision is made to reward them for their excellent services in former years, they are gradually going to be dropped on expiration of service, or discharged as unsuited to the service, either way being more or less of a dishonorable separation from the same.

If you still have any papers in connection with Corporal Manuel's case, I have the honor to request that you take the matter up as you see best, using the enclosed letter in any way you please.

Very respectfully,

Major, Philippine Scouts,
Commanding.

Doc.No.648?

bvm

1 Inclosure.

SUCBAN, PHIL. JAN. 1901
WATCHE TWO "NIGGERS" HUNG
FOR MURDER



Army Department
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Young Men's Christian Associations,
3 WEST TWENTY-NINTH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

ARMY SECRETARIES:
WILLIAM B. MILLAR,
JAMES H. BANKS.

Sucban

Jan 7 1901

Sister and all,

I received
letters dated Oct.
Nov. 24 and was
here from you
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ount of a sore
I have been nursing
he last month,
t the present time
patch came in
ready to move
time so you see
we are just about
to start for home,
there are 4 columns out
making a last recounting

Miss Alvina Farmer
2308 Vine Street
Milwaukee
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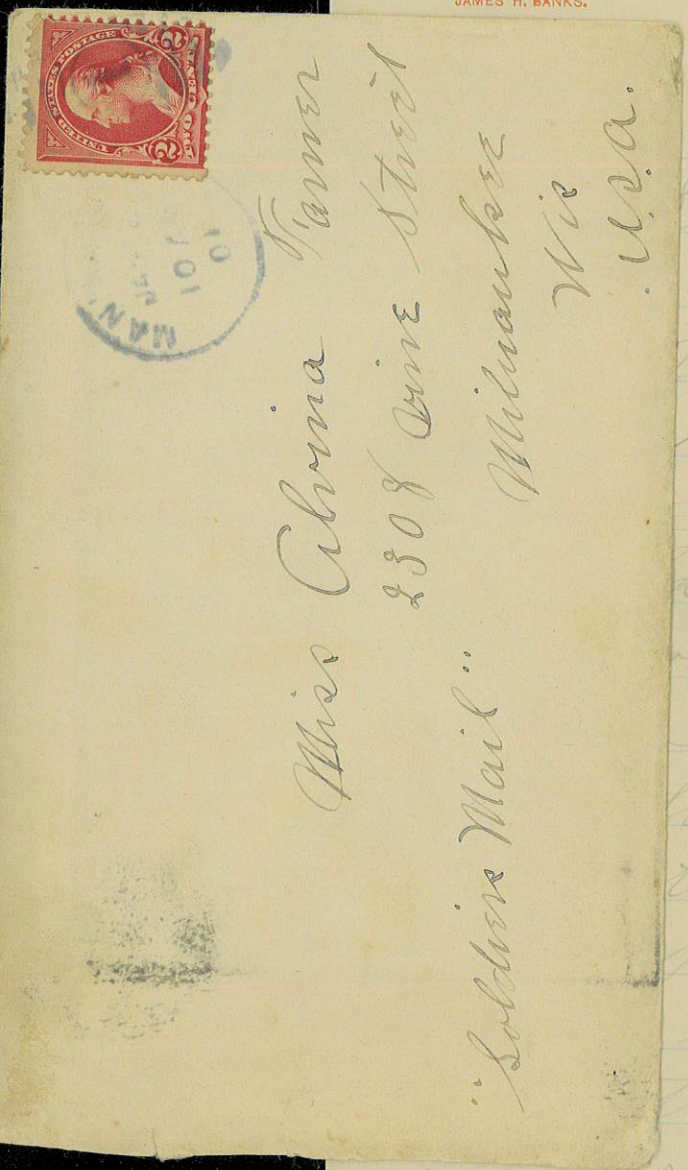
U.S.A.

"Soldiers Mail"

MAN
JAN 10 1901



CEBU - PHIL. FEB 2, 1901

RE: 5 ESCAPED NATIVE PRISONERS IN BUSH; FIRED BUT NONE HIT: 8 MEN OF 44th REGT KILLED.

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February 2 end. 1901.
Tagbilaran Bohil P.I.
Dear Folks at home
There is no news to write but I
will drop you a few lines to let you
well & hope this will
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Mr Frank Fowler
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(U.S.A.)

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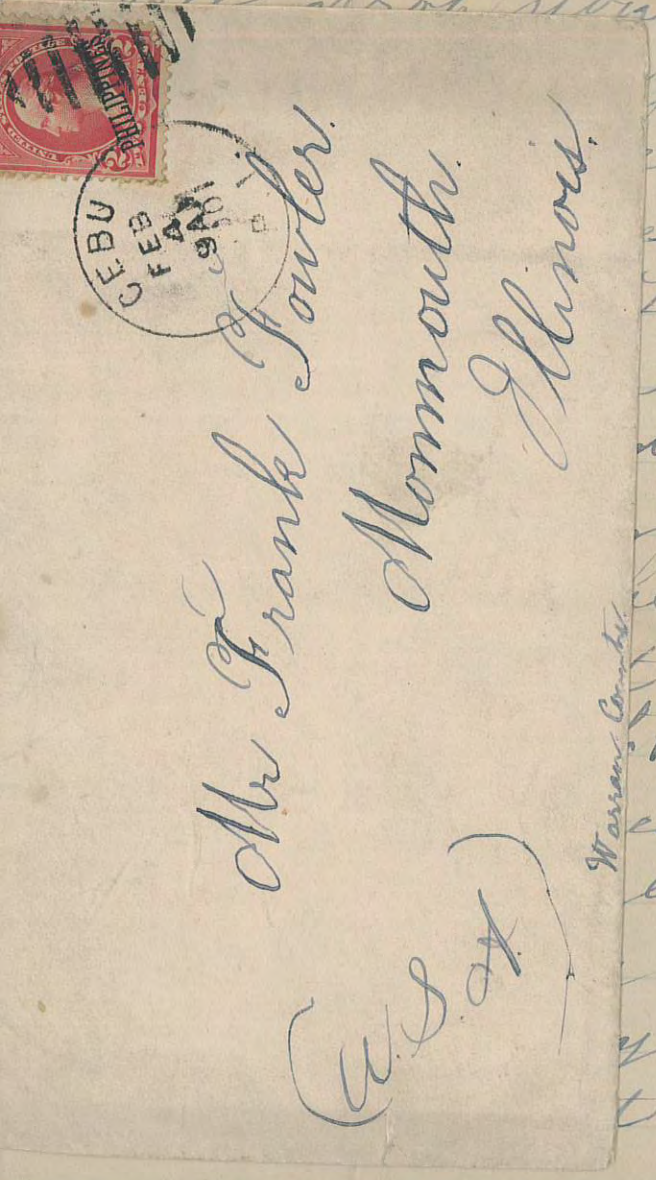

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ell I cant think of a thing to write
that would interest you so I will close
for this time hoping to hear from
you all soon

Good By
with love

Wm. E. Fowler

COL. MOALE (PHILIPPINES (MARCH 1901)
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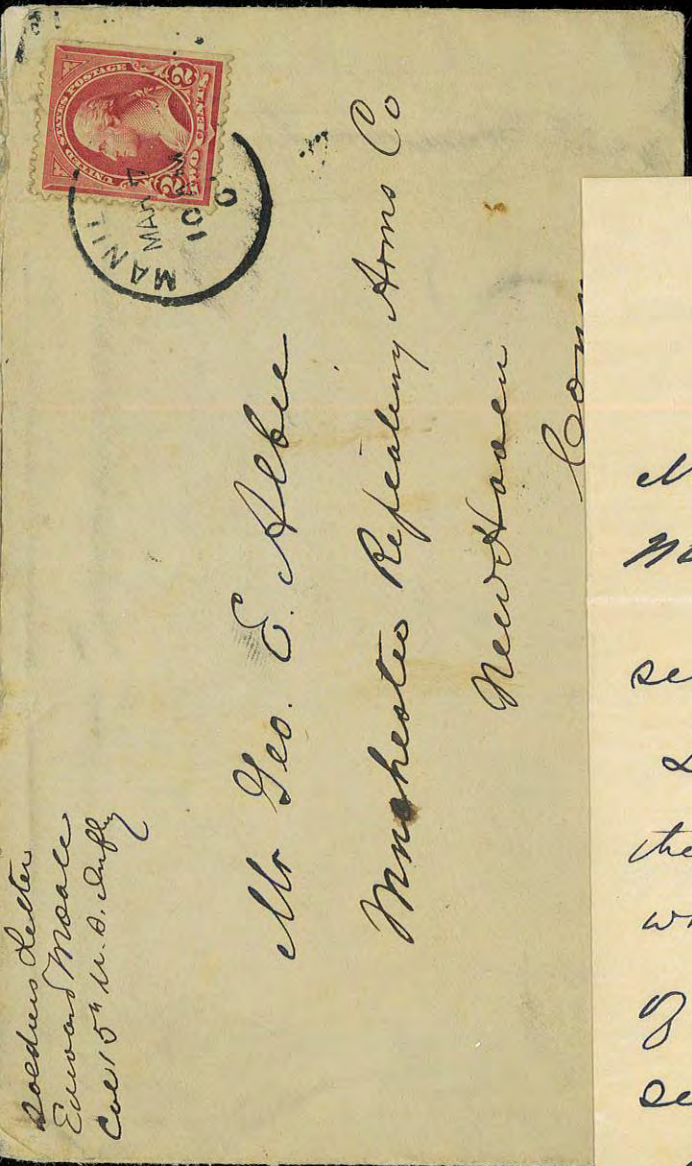

Mr Geo. E. Adee

My dear Sir. Many thanks for consigning the picture of Lawton Lawton was at my house in the latter part of March 98. while I was in Command of Fort Bayard. He remained several days enjoying the post. We have lost a very good man in his death - I am now stationed in the extreme Southern portion of Luzon Island - I am happy to say that I notice some little improve

LIPINO INSURRECTIONISTS QUIET DOWN

penned letter entirely in the hand and fully signed
rd Moale, 15th U.S. Infantry to George Albee,
m "Legaspi, Phillipine Islands" "Thanks for send-
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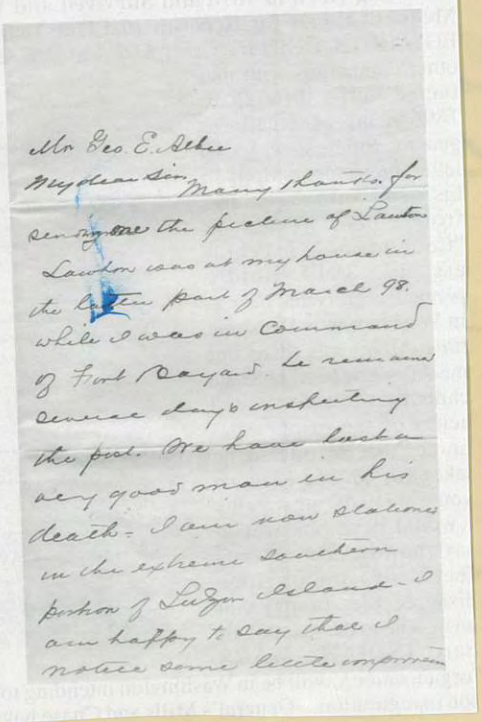

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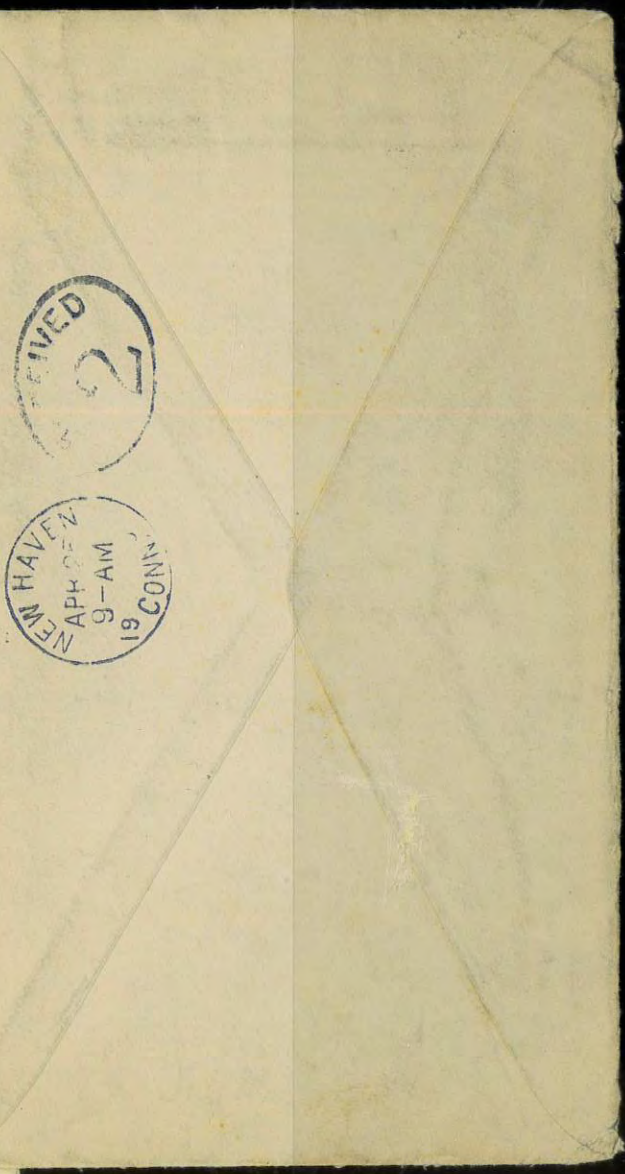

5 ltrs. between March + July 1901
Cmdr. R. Clover to Adm. O'Neill
(later Admiral)
Obviously Clover (former chief of Naval Intelligence) is sending info to Adm. O'Neill (chief-Bur Ordnance)

NAVAL ATTACHÉ
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"ALUSNA, LONDON"

United States Embassy,
123, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 20 March 1901

Dear O'Neil:

I am back again feeling quite recovered, and overloaded with work. There are so many small things here which must be attended to and takes up one's time. The situation here is interesting. There is a feeling that perhaps the Navy when put to trial will be found wanting as was the Army. The Admiralty, as you know, have absolute power, and they guard it very closely and turn down any outside suggestion, so they are liable not to be up with improvements and to stick to things they ought to drop. There is a law here calledthe Official SecretsAct, passed about nine years ago, which renders anyone liable to penal servitude for life or otherless punishment for divulging information, or giving any drawing to a foreigner that it detrimental to the Government. Since the several Army officers rushed over Europe last Summer acting independent of the Military Attache, trying in a few weeks to learn all about the ordnance and field artillery of Europe, this law seems to have come to the front so that Naval officers shut up like a jacknife when they are questioned regarding their own service. I was at Dawson's lecture the other night and there were a number of officers of the Army

AUG. 1901
FROM COR. SWIFT (LATER ADMIRAL)
TO. ADM. O'NEILL
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

U. S. S. YORKTOWN,

KOBE, JAPAN,

1 AUGUST 1901.

My dear Admiral:-

It occurs to me that you may be interested in some of the happenings on this station and some of the hints I have received as to experiences connected with the service in the east. These points may have been already presented to you - I take the chance of that.

Since my departure from the Atlantic Coast, just before the first of March, I have done some quite

SUPERB 1901 NAVAL LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE U.S.S. YORKTOWN AT KOBE, JAPAN. Very lengthy typed letter, 8pgs, approx. 8" x 10", w/holographic corrections & closing, signed by **William Swift**, commander of the U.S.S. Yorktown, datelined **"U.S.S. YORKTOWN, KOBE, JAPAN, 1 AUGUST 1901"**, to "My dear Admiral" (from the correspondence of Rear Admiral O'Neil, Ordnance Bureau, Wash., D.C.), w/excellent content re the ship's reception in Japan, work on the Philippines, effectiveness of guns in China during the Boxer Rebellion, & much more. Incl: **"Soon after my arrival in Yokohama, cables from Washington and Manila notified me of my detachment from the CONCORD and of Knox's orders to her and within a few days I was away from the CONCORD and on the way to Manila in a freight steamer. Arriving there I found my orders to command the PRINCETON modified into orders to take command of the YORKTOWN, which I did June 12th...assumed the duties of Senior Officer Present, Admiral Rodgers being then at Olongapo and...out of telegraphic communication....some accounts of the ceremonies, dinners and receptions which took place in Yokohama...the unwonted display of cordiality on the part of high Japanese officials. We were guests at many very handsome entertainments given by the members of the Japanese cabinet....Among the prominent men whom we met a number of times on board ship, in Yokohama and Tokio, were Katsure, Prime Minister, the Minister of War and the Minister of the Navy, Baron Kaneko, formerly Minister of Justice and said to be very close in his personal relations with Marquis Ito, who is considered the most powerful subject in Japan...Admiral Ito...Admiral Inouye, who commands at Yokusuka, and Admiral Saigo, the latter a very prominent man in various ministries and in somewhat confidential relations with the Emperor....the impression given to us was that our visit had greatly increased the cordial feeling existing towards America in Japan...the facilities of the shops and dock yard at Cavite...have proved entirely inadequate for the work to be done. The officers in charge of the departments have been compelled to utilize any boilers or engines which they could find to obtain motive power....the Filipino mechanics display a high order of skill and aptitude making much better lathe hands and much quicker on milling machines than the Chinese. The latter excel in ship plate and boilermakers work...In Hongkong...in some cases they have no men of European birth competent to superintend....it would be a good thing if the Department would suggest to the Flag Officer out here the expediency of sending ships to Japan for docking and repairs rather than to Hongkong or Shanghai, so that men who have been a long time in the Philippines could have a change of climate while the work is going on and be given liberty where liberty is worth having....Hongkong is now a plague spot. The pest is there continually and within a few months quite a number of Europeans have died of it. Any Commanding Officer who goes there in a ship feels a grave sense of anxiety about the health of his crew....In conversation with officers in Admiral Seymour's expedition [Boxer Rebellion] I learned with considerable surprise that our three inch field pieces which we looked upon as such an elephant proved to be the most efficient one landed by any of the powers and that the gun, its ammunition and its mounts went through all of the tests of the march towards Pekin....On occasions, the accuracy of its fire and the efficiency of the shrapnel fuze resulted in the explosion of the shell so as completely to demoralize the gathering of Chinese forces. Upon one occasion, a hostile gathering of six hundred cavalry...just on the point of charging, was turned into a confused mass of men and horses by a single explosion...The equipment of our men was better than that of any other forces...."** much more excellent content. VF .....

PHILIPPINES
MARCH 1901

address

Frank W. Reed
Sergeant. 6th Infantry Band

Bacolod Negros Island March 30th 1901

H. A. Hull
Attorney. 152 State St. New London Ct

I see one of our concert Programmes on the desk
Will tuck in letter
Just for Fun
F.W.R.

Kind Friend Hadlai Your letter of Jan 12th recieved on March 8th Will now try and write you a few lines I have quite a large correspondent list and keeps me pretty busy answering letters but I like to recieve them and so keep on writing. I find by looking over my diary I have written since here including this one 197 letters. now this dont seem many when you say it quick and is not in a business way but I find it a good way to pass away the time. and if people can stand it to read them. Why I am not geting in mischief or trouble while thus engaged. My health is still in the best of condition as I take the best of care of myself in every respect and see no [illegible] I cannot finish my enlistment on Dec 22nd next [illegible] here. But unless this [illegible] and then shall return [illegible] service over here. [illegible] ntence of the Captain you [illegible] the 26th I suppose he will be home before this letter reaches you as they left the Island of

PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION Long well written letter, four 8"x10" pgs, datelined "Bacolod, Negros Island, March 30th, 1901, from Sgt. Frank W. Reed, 6th Infantry Band. Very good content re history of the 6th Inf. involvement in the P.I. since arriving "direct from the firing lines in Cuba", fighting guerrillas, detailed account of a visit by future President Taft, opinions on Philippinos, etc... Includes: **"...depredations of bands of insurrectors, Ladrones and bandits...made a decided resistance against American rule and kept up a guerrilla warfare here for 16 or 17 months..at one time a plot was frustrated just in time to prevent a wholesale slaughter of Americans in this post....now no trouble except with small bands of Ladrones or Bandits. We are hunting them all the time. They never venture near a town garrisoned by Americans, but attack small villages or small parties on the trails and rob and murder the unprotected...We have about 400 of these cut throats in prison..."** much more..Accompanied by 2 printed Concert Programs of the 6th Infantry Band given at Bacolod, ea. signed by Sgt. Reed. VF . . . . . .

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doubt. We recently had quite a big time here for 4 days the occasion being an Official Visit of Judge Taft and the Civil Commission they came on March 21st and remained 4 days. The entire town was thoughtfully cleaned up and decorated a large crowd lined the shore to bid them welcome to the Island of Negros. A Monster Prarade took p... line each one ca... ...tter illumina-ted, by... very pretty and wa... ...sed entirely of Fili... Brass Bands after the... given in Honor ... were held and the... ...e Taft and his ass... ...nted to do for them... ...treated to the Best the... ...25 in a Blaze of ... ...ted by the Filipino... ...early reception by the N... ...re making a tour... ...d I hope this fen... ...ert you if possi... ...ut meg state soil an... ...to Cp Capta... ...tor Bank St Please ...

Programme of Concert.

6th Infantry Band.

Bacolod, Negros, P. I., - - - - March 13, 1901.

1. March: "Sanger," - - - - - - Apelles.
2. Selection from "Nanon," - - - - Boettger.
3. Waltz: "Irene," - - - - - - - Bennet.
4. "Serenade," - - - - - - - - Schubert.
5. Jota: "La Llanisca." - - - - - Verguilla.
6. Finale: "God Save The King." - - -

A. C. F. ULRICH,
Chief Musician

Frank W. Reed
Sergeant. 6th Infantry Band U.S.A.
Bacolod. Negros Island P.I.
March 30th 1901

APR 1901 - LIPA, PI.
OFFICER WRITES EXCELLENT
LTR RE NUMEROUS IMPORTANT
TOPICS IN WAR!
BMA OUTSTANDING



Penalty for



Lipa, P.I.
April 9 1901

Honey:
I am a little
notice, but nevertheless
y last letter nothing of im-
We understand that
vited to the States by the
all tired Gen Funston

Lieut Springer
Plattsburgh
N.Y.

Description

This is an Amazing, Rare, Early Spanish-American War handwritten letter home. This was sent on April 9, 1901 by Lieut. Anton Springer, home to his wife in Plattsburgh, NY. This wonderful Old piece has a Great, Early look, 4 Beautifully hand-written pages, measures approx. 8" x 12.5", comes in it's Original, "War Department" envelope, with a "PHILIPPINES" postmark cancelation and would be a wonderful addition to any collection. This letter has amazing content, including speaking of:

- General Frederick Dent Grant, son of President Ulysses S. Grant
- Gen. Leonard Wood
- Manilla
- Easter Celebration
- Expecting a Surrender
- A Rescue Mission of the 6th Cavalry
- Daughter of Senator William Stewart
- Gen. Arthur MacArthur, father of Gen. Douglas MacArthur
- Clashes with Insurgents - with US soldiers killed & captured
- "Priests ought to be hanged"
- General Emilio Aguinaldo being a Hero
- President William McKinley
- General Frederick N. Funston
- And Much, Much More!

There is also very sweet, personal content about how much he misses his wife, and his daughter, who he's never seen. His wife was pregnant when he shipped out almost 2 years prior. This letter takes a twist from sweet to tragic when you learn that Springer was killed in a battle less than 1 month after this letter was written, and never got home to his beloved wife, and never saw his only child. This appears to be in Very Nice, Crisp, Clean condition, and displays MUCH better than the picture shows.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

POST OF

She is a daughter of Senator Stewart. She

I enclose herewith a check for $100.00
for my babies. I do ~~wish~~ wish we would
get some rain - just think sweet heart -
to-morrow the 10th will be two years since
I kissed you good by. I am anxious to know
how you enjoyed your visit to New York, and how
baby acted on your return. Also what your plans
are for living anywhere. It must be pretty
tough for your folks to leave the old home.
And how is the lawsuit coming out? and

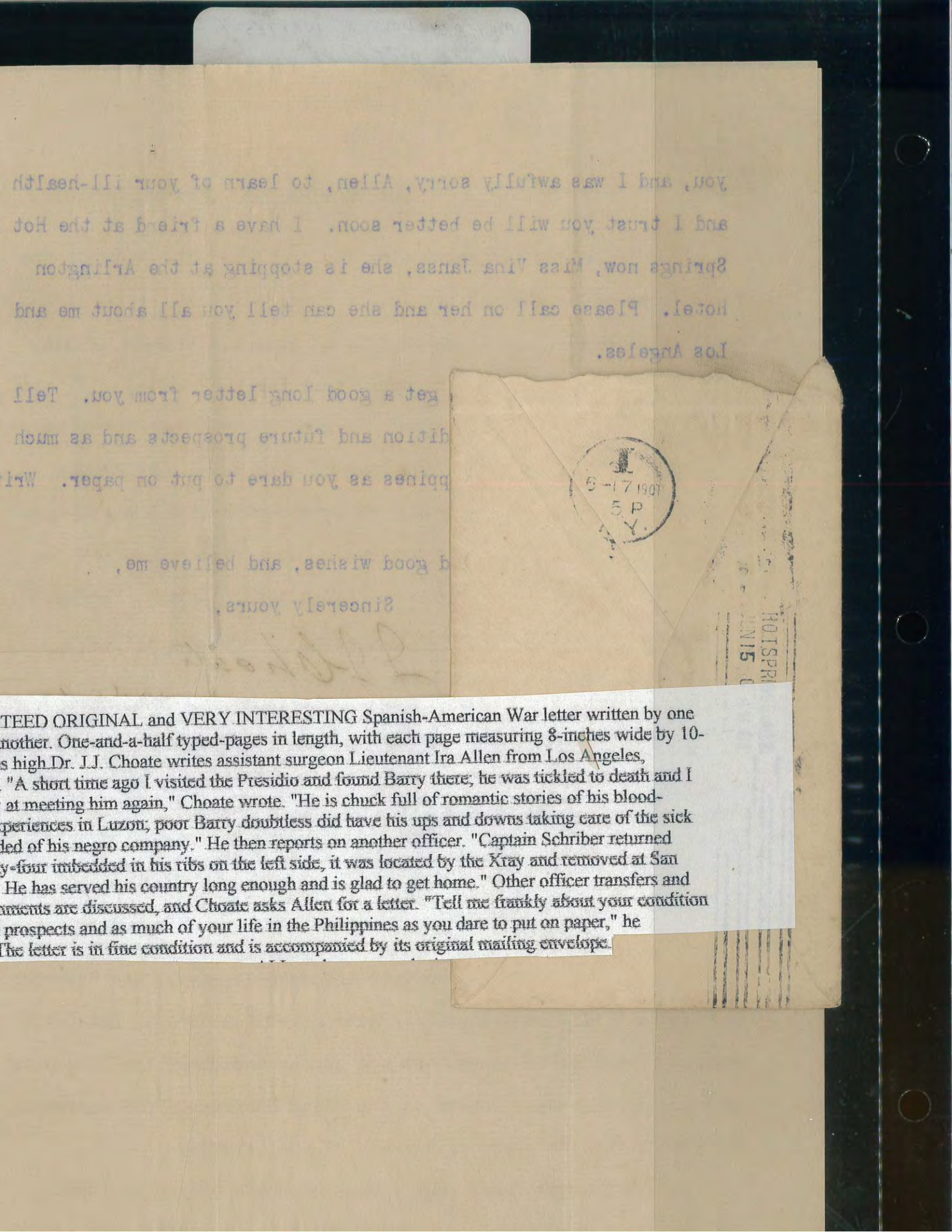
ANOTHER DOCTOR RE WOUNDS, PHILIPINNES, ETC
JUNE/1901

Los Angeles, Cal., June 10, 1901.

Dear Dr. Allen:--A short time ago I visited the Presidio and found Barry there; he was tickled to death and I was happy at meeting him again. He is chuck full of romantic stories of his blood-curdlig experiences in Luzon; poor Barry doubtless did have his ups and downs taking care of the sick and wounded of his negro company. He has only one year more to serve and thought for a while he would try for a discharge, but he has been examined for acting steward and is extremely happy over his promotion and expects to be returned to the Philippines. Captain Mathews also has returned; he is trying to obtain a commission in the regular army, but he is not very sanguine.

Captain Schriber returned with a forty-four imbedded in his ribs on the left side, it was located by the Xray and removed at San Francisco. He has served his country long enough and is glad to get home; he is going with the Seventh Regiment in camp at Santa Cruz on the 14th of June. Prescott and Chaplin are still doing duty near Manila. There is a recruiting station here and a few of the old boys are going into the regular army. The Seventh has been a little demoralized on account of the Colonel not having resigned but I am in hopes that the coming encampment will tend to heal all grievances. Roblee is the Major Surgeon of the regiment and I am in my old place as Surgeon of the Brigade.

It was through Barry that I was fortunate enough to locate



TEED ORIGINAL and VERY INTERESTING Spanish-American War letter written by one nother. One-and-a-half typed-pages in length, with each page measuring 8-inches wide by 10- s high Dr. J.J. Choate writes assistant surgeon Lieutenant Ira Allen from Los Angeles, "A short time ago I visited the Presidio and found Barry there; he was tickled to death and I at meeting him again," Choate wrote. "He is chuck full of romantic stories of his blood- periences in Luzon; poor Barry doubtless did have his ups and downs taking care of the sick ded of his negro company." He then reports on another officer. "Captain Schriber returned y-four imbedded in his ribs on the left side, it was located by the Xray and removed at San He has served his country long enough and is glad to get home." Other officer transfers and nments are discussed, and Choate asks Allen for a letter. "Tell me frankly about your condition prospects and as much of your life in the Philippines as you dare to put on paper," he The letter is in fine condition and is accompanied by its original mailing envelope.

PHIL. JUNE 1901
EXCELLENT LETTER W/
ILLUSTRATIONS OF MOROS, ETC

Isabela June 24-1901

My Dear People:—

Arrived here yesterday morning at about 11.45 went ashore soon after then the launch went over to the ship and got the "baggage" or our boxes and brought off the rest.

The "Zafiro" went out about 3 P.M. with the other company for Polack which is about 200 miles from here I'm sure this is the best place.

Hell of course we haven't got settled down yet because the other fellows haven't left yet.

I went out in "town" last night and took a walk round, there are very few houses here to be sure but I guess we can get everything we want and if we can't we can over at "Sambowanga". Of course the houses here are nipa

The "Vicksberg" came in this noon, she is the pay-boat and brings money with her. O this isn't a bad place at all, at all.

Very nice and cool here in day-time and we need a blanket at night better than Cavite, a good breeze here all the time.

I will have to be closing this letter for I want to get it into the mail. Hope everyone is well and feeling fine and having a good pleasant time, I will close with Love for all — from your Loving Son and brother:—

John W. Hubbard.

MASSACRE AT SAMAR
Sept 26, 1901
The U.S. Army unit occupying Sam
were killed + mutilated by the
natives! A much written about incid
Soldier wrote about it 3 weeks later

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON.

MANILA,

Oct 16th, 1901,

Dear Parents;

Have just a few moments before the mail closes for the U,S, and will write just enough to let you know that I am well, and getting along as fine as ever with my work Etc,

I waited until the last minute because the mail from the U,S, came in last night and I was in hopes to get letters from you, but received only one commmunication and that was from ever faithful Clare, who never fails to write by every mail.

You will have received the Manila papers I sent you ere this reaches you, and which tells something of the terrible masacre of Co, C 9" U,S, Infantry at a small town on Samar Island, it has opened some peoples eyes who have suposed the fighting was a thing of the past, no one outside of the Military know the true state of affairs over here, and they are very careful to see that it does not get to the ears of people in the States, but we who work in Hdqrs" are in a position to get the inside workings of it all, and if we were caught giving any thing away we would be tried by a Military Court and probably dishonorably discharged from the Army, besides a term in prison, so I assure you I am mighty careful not to open my mouth about any thing I see.

The U,S,A,T, Warren is expected in to-morrow, and no doubt I will get mail from you on her if I dont I shall be very much disappointed.

As it is nearly time for the mail to leave, I will stop for this time, andwhen I hear from you write you again.

With much love to you both,
I am as ever your affect" son

L. Roy Mr Head

P,S, Give my love to Nora and family aswell as all my friends.

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June 1901 PHILIPPINES
Re-commission in R.A.
BXK

Aparri Luzon
June 20 1901

"Liz" "The Filipinas" got
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SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - GOOD 1901 LETTER & COVER FROM PHILIPPINES. Cover with June 21, 1901 dated **APARRI/CAGAYAN..** duplex tying U.S. 2c red w/PHILIPPINES overprint to cvr addr. to Detroit, Mich. & forwarded to Denver, Col., w/VF blk **FORWARDED** hdstp & w/ms**"Soldiers Letter/Appari, Luzon"** at TL. Lengthy, **10 pgs** letter, datelined**"Aparri, Luzon, June 20, 1901"**, from a former Texas volunteer, and now a 2nd Lieutenant (awaiting his promotion to 1st Lt.) in the Regular Army. Incl:**"The 'Filipinas' got in this morning and had 20 sacks of States mail aboard and I was well remembered...there was no order to proceed to the U.S. and neither was that commission there, so I have more wait coming to me....it seems that the War Dept. has left it to Gen. McArthur whether or not I shall a leave or a detail, and when I shall have either..he never will let me go, for we now have so few officers with the regiment, he will let none get away...One of the Army papers has the names of Vols appointed for examination for the regular service and among the Texas outfit are two old 3rd Texas men. One is a very good man, the other not fit to be a scout. Now as it seems most of these men who come in as 1st Lieuts will rank me, and if such be the case, that I do not get any credit for my 10 months as a Volunteer, in goes my resignation...Do you remember of a dinner one of the boys gave me in Dallas just before I left - it was Sloan...a fine fellow, was a Corporal in the Rough Riders and was then appointed a 2nd Lieut. in 10th Regular Infantry..."** VF P 75-100

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inclusive ...
Detroit to Governor ...
there were two from Sheila
from Cecil one from Mr Nancy
one from ~~Fre~~ Mrs Drew and one
from Fredika and all were en-
... much and there was no
... US and

Soldiers Letter
Aparri Luzon

FORWARDED

APARRI JUN 21 1901 CAGAYAN

PHILIPPINES

Miss L. S. Fletcher
1269 Logan Av ~~570 Jefferson~~ Ave
Denver - ~~Detroit~~
Colo. ~~Michigan~~
U.S.A.

DETROIT, MICH. JUL 29 11 AM 1901

#319

No my dear Dam keeping a copy of your letters that blured state was caused as follows I do not mail your letters until a boat is to go out and put them in a pigeon hole of my desk which at that time was new and the wood green and the moisture from the wood caused some chemical reaction that effected it in that way. enclosed you find a paper that has been in my desk since about that time.

Now you know that I did send your picture to Japan but it was not colored it was painted on ivory.

You will get those shoulder straps some day.

With a kiss and a whole lot of love Dam

Yours loving Ly
Dupont =

That letter of Fredrika's was a daisy did you see it.

JULY 1901 TAYABA, PHIL
EXCELLENT LTR.
RE FIGHTING/OFFICERS/READ!

My dearest Coz.

How are you and what are you doing? I am and have been for the last two months; so busy I hardly know which way to turn. We have been "Hitting the Trail" pretty often of late had two or three skirmishes, got a whole slew of prisoners and quite a bunch of guns. So far I have gotten through with a little ~~st~~ scratch and a ~~w~~ hole in my shirt sleeve. We went out one night about 9. P.M. and got in the next morning about 10.30 A.M. covered about twenty miles of horrible trail, captured a Commandant a Lieut and 23 men. Arms and ammunition We have 62 prisoners now and have released 47 on their
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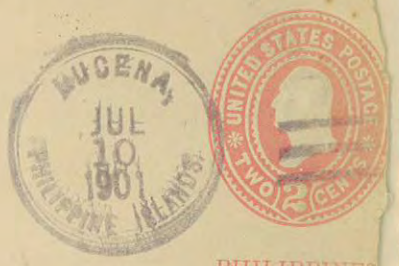

Mrs. Chas. E. Anderson
Park Ridge.
Ills.
U.S.A.

and quit. Well how is the old burg. any thing occurred of late to break the monotony.

Now really Lill if you do not write me a good sociable letter pretty pronto I shall have a fit and never get to let us know we are a live and are most eagerly awaited I can promise you not know what you'll be able to make out of this rambling affair but I'll try and do better next time. So you write soon like the dear old coz you uses to be and I'll sing "Kiss and lets make up again." That is if you think you can stand, I'm musical you know but some people don't appreciate it. Well so long, write lots of love remain

Yours to command

Dana.

Sunday July 8th 1.30 A.M.
Tayabas P.I.

Say I am dying for a good
walty is your card full. If not save me
a couple.

D.

JULY 7, 1901 PHIL.
EXC. LTR RE EVENTS (MIL. + SOC PAR) BY MAJ. E L STEEVER (later GENERAL)

No. 100.

Mrs E. L. Steever, Fort Myer, Va.

Cabugao, Ilocos Sur, 190

Luzon, P.I., July 7th, 1901.

My darling wife.

It is Sunday afternoon, after four, the rain is falling quite rapidly outside the [illegible] inside the edifice, the [illegible] is just running down m[illegible] rivulets, that too, altho[illegible] had a bath & have on [illegible] fresh clothes. The the[illegible] up so very high, or [illegible] yet there is such a closen[illegible] up, heavily saturated [illegible] would perspire perfect[illegible] and clothed in the garb of an Apollo or an Eve before the Fall. I usually lie down each afternoon, for an hour or two, so as to get my clothes off, but I sleep but seldom. It don't come

later Brigadier-General E. L. Steever II. Fisd Jan. 19 - 1920



3 COVERS PHIL. 1901
EACH CONTAINS "REPORT OF OPERATIONS" RARE!

SLAUGHTER AT SAMAR (Sept 28, 1901) LED TO RENEWED VIGILANCE. "KEEP ARMS WITHIN REACH"!!!

San Mateo, Rizal, P. I.

October 27th, 1901.

To Sergeant Solomon Fell,

Troop "I" 5th Cavalry,

Montalban, Rizal, P. I.

Sir:-

The following extract from 3rd Indorsement, Headquarters Department of Northern Luzon, Manila, P. I., dated October 21st, 1901, is quoted for your information and guidance: "The detachment at Montalban, if not under an officer, will be commanded by a specially selected Non-Commissioned Officer who will be instructed to use the greatest precaution against surprise, never allowing any man to go more than 100 yards from quarters without being armed. The arms never to be where they can be separated from the men by a sudden attack".

The instructions contained in the above quotation will be strictly observed and will be carried out in every detail.

Very respectfully,

J. T. Fleming,

Captain 5th Cavalry,

Commanding Station.

APR- 1902
PHILIPPINES
RE: INSURGENTS

ting the Insurgents in the Philippines April 11,1902 letter datelined Tanauan, angas, P.I.,1pg,to daughter from US Army officer enclosing two reports from Lieut. Love closed) "which will show part of the work done by our troops and how it is done...My is taken up...with planning field work which ..is carried out by small detachments manded by Lieutenants..." Enclosed are 4pg & 1pg typed reports to the Adjutant at auan ,dated April 9 & 10,1902 from James M. Love, Jr., 1st Lt. 21st Infty. The reports er the period from April 2nd to 8th and are filled with details of operations against the rgents, searching for their hideouts in the mountains, destroying those hideouts, gun es, capture & interrogation of an insurgent, etc... also includes a 2pg letter from same er on letterhead of the 12th US Infty, Fort William Mckinley, Rizal,P.I.,dated 1911.

Tanauan, Batangas, April 9, 1902.

Tanauan, Batangas, P.I.

Sir:

I have the honor to subr
of a column under my command
8th. inclusive.

On my way to Tanauan
San Francisco by Lieutenant
20 men from "K" and "M" Co
into North end of Lipa Mou
atically and thoroughly s

I went into camp a
an for cargadores and ra
detachment to a place wh
by my column.

A large train wa
and upon its arrival ab
and sent into Tanauan

Broke camp at 4
ant Morrison and his d

It was discover
were insurgent soldie
ed base camp on slope
detachments under Lieutenant Ashbrook,
struck into mountains, a little later further breaking up into small
squads and thoroughly scouring the ravines and mountains on the Northern
slope of Lipa Mountains, finding frequent traces of insurgents, and dest

Tanauan, Batangas P.I.
April 11. 1902

My darling Gwladys

I enclose two reports from Lieut. Love which will show part of the work done by our troops and how it is done. Tomorrow, or when I write next time, there will be inclosed copy of Major Graham's report. There are all interesting & therefor I conclude they will be interesting to you. I hope so, for personally I have mighty little to write about these days.

My time is taken up almost entirely with office work and with planning field work which latter is carried out by small detachments commanded by Lieutenants when "in hand", otherwise by Sergeants.

Telegram just received ordering me to suspend operations for 10 days, then to begin again if there is no surrender. I have sent out for the troops & came in which belong here and at Santo Tomas

With love & God bless you both

Da

Tell Mama Dear that I will answer all her letters

American soldier's battle letter. AL signed Jacob Klein, 10 pages, 5x8, Bacolod, (near Manilla, Phillipines) May 25, 1902, describing fighting on Neros Island. In part, "The 27th Infantry had a hard fight ten days ago lasted about six hours there one officer killed and five wounded. Nineteen soldiers killed and forty four wounded.... I wish we could we surely would have a great time chasen [sic] them Morros." [Morros were Muslims in the Southern Island of the Philippines, many of whom were head-hunters.] The long letter concludes with a description of a ball game. "Yes we had a fine ball game. We played nine innings. The score was six to four in favor of 'F' Co. 6th Inf. I send you one of the bills we had printed and I'll send you some more photographs before long." Includes a sepia 3x3 photo of a Phillipine girl. A fascinating letter about a not very well known part of American military history.

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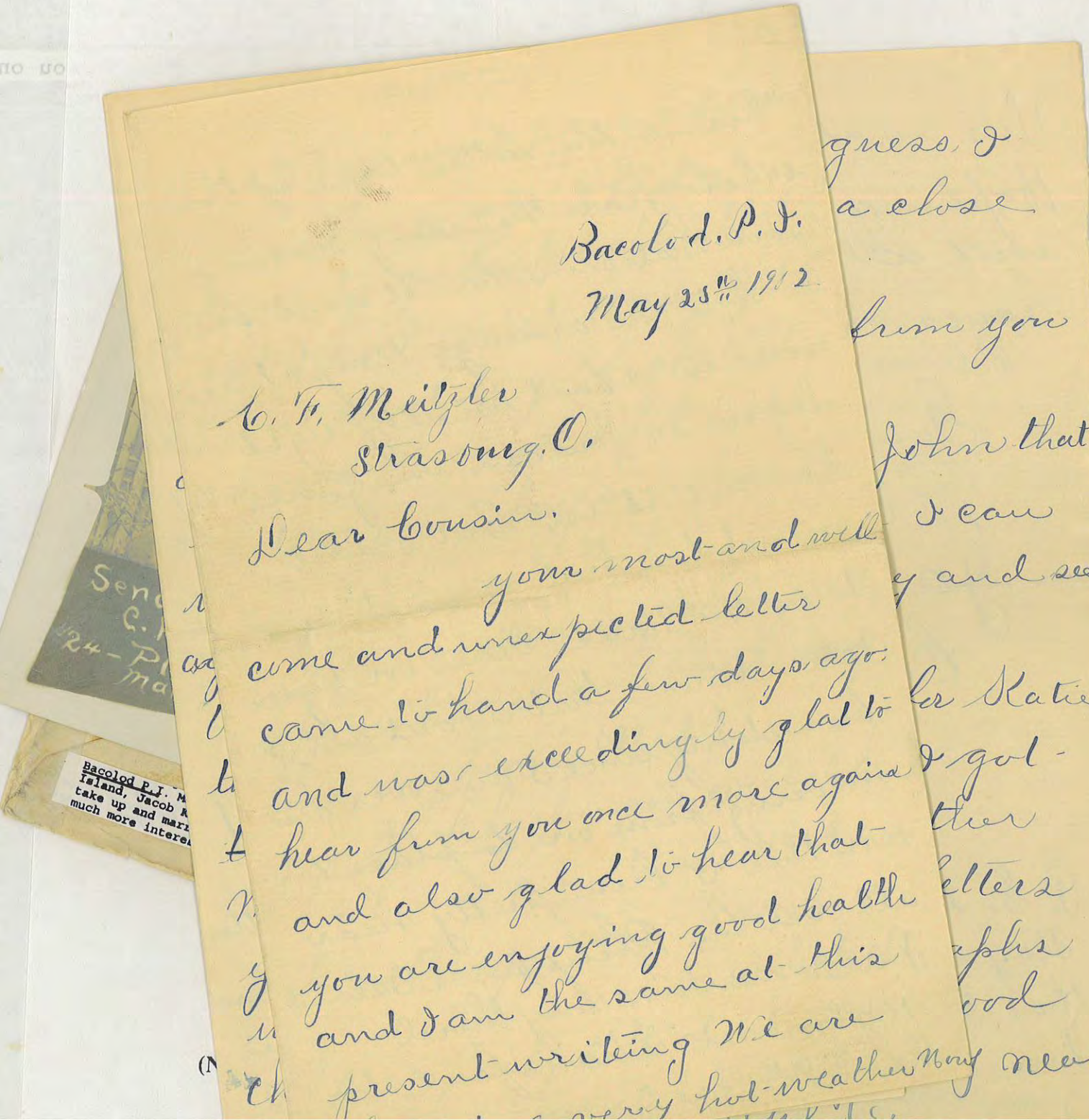

Bacolod P.I.
May 25th 1902.

C. F. Meitzler
Strasburg. O.

Dear Cousin.

your most and well
came and unexpected letter
came to hand a few days ago.
and was exceedingly glad to
hear from you once more again
and also glad to hear that
you are enjoying good health
and I am the same at this
present writing We are

ACTING ARMY SURGEON GENERAL (W. H. FORWOOD) RE: PAYMENT DENIED TO SP. AM. SOLDIERS FOR TREATMENT WHILE ON FURLOUGH

Communications on official business should be addressed "To the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C."

SUBJECT: Accounts for medical attendance.

In reply refer to No. 13334 A.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Surgeon General's Office,

Washington, August 26, 1901

Eva Leland
Northoff
New Jersey

Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 23-1901, *I have to inform you that Congress has not made provision for the payment of accounts for medical services rendered to officers or enlisted men of the Army on leave of absence or furlough during the Spanish-American war. This office has made repeated efforts to obtain authority from Congress for the payment of such accounts in meritorious cases, and it is now a matter solely for Congressional action.*

Very respectfully,

W. H. Forwood

Surgeon General, U. S. Army.
Acting Surg. Gen'l.



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riddled with holes it was the Viscaya
the large Cruiser that lay in New
Yorks Just before the war. I put this
picture in the letter so you can how
we look before and after we coal
ship me and my Orleana. Hoping this
will find you the same as it leaves
me with love to all Your son Frank
post master N.Y.



Viscaya

Tell all the boys and best rag
Girls I sen m garters

KEARSARGE

Cienfugos, Cuba
Feb 17, 1902

Dear Mother ~~but~~ I didn't get enough
time to write; We just arrived here to
day and while we wer going in the
Massachusits ran aground and they
had to send one hundred men foro
each ship to corry amenition and
stores oft to get her off but she is
off yet. We left Guantanamo on t
fifteenth and we had to leave th
Indino ther on acout of munps

USS KEARSAGE FEB. 1902
SAILOR DESCRIBES HAVANA
HARBOR - WRECKAGE OF
SPANISH SHIPS. VERY GOOD
BLX

RHIL. MAR - 1902

REMARKABLE GUN LTR AS SOLDIER DESCRIBES INTRODUCTION + USE OF THE COLT AUTOMATIC WEAPON

March - 12 - 1902

Pasig
Ma

My Dear Folks.

Just
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ains, looking for
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you no doubt
read of it by
time as we ha
one engagement
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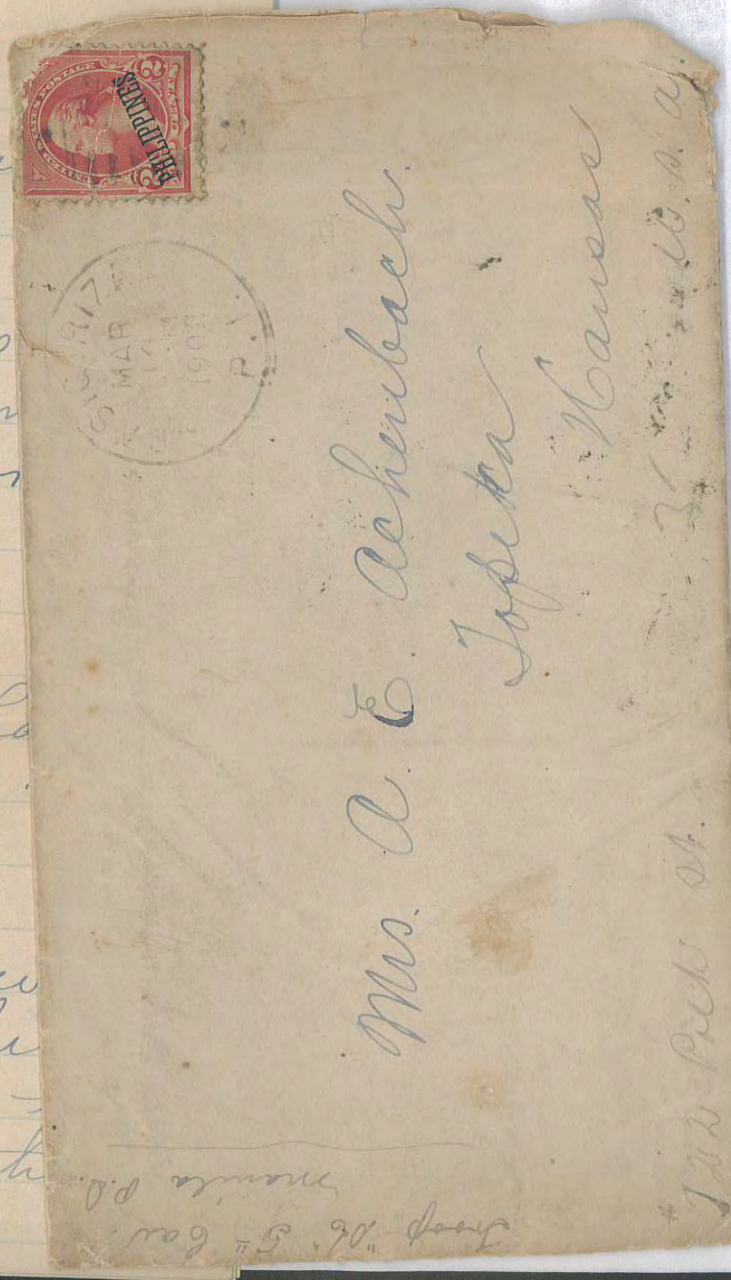
will have someth
to show.



159 **SAILOR'S CORRESPONDENCE - PHILIPPINES.** Lot of 4 letters from Sailor, 1902-3, 3 in pencil. First letter is datelined Brooklyn, states he is about to sail for Manilla on the USS Buffalo, other three letters are datelined Manilla, P.I., aboard the USFS Kentucky, the Flagship of Admiral Evans Squadron, **ea w/photo illustration of the ship printed at top**. Interesting contents include descriptions of the ships armaments, various ports, incl Vladivostock, Hakodate, Yokohama, Shanghai, Cheefoo, etc., being chased by 50 Chinese in Shanghai,**"Confound the chinks, they are no good, they will kill a white man in a minute if they can."**, initiation rite on board ship for sailors' 1st time crossing the equator, involving covering them with molasses & flour... Two letters w/orig. envs w/2 cent red overprinted PHILIPPINES & blk MANILA,P.I. cds. sm edge tears. F-VF 100-125

Manilla P. I. Jan 14 1903



Dear friend Gertie
I thought i would write you a few lines
and let you know i am still alive
and well and hope these few lines
will find you the same we just got
through Target practice that is
something you ought to see when
one of the Kentuckys 13 inch guns
go off some thing is going to happen
how much do you think it costs to
fire one of them guns I will tell
you but you will think i am
trying to jolly you it is just
Eleven hundred dollars she has got
4. 13 inch 4. 8 inch. 14.5 inch. 24.6 pounders
4. 1 pounders. 4 machine guns and 2
3 inch field pieces the machine
guns fire 125 shots a minute

JAN 4.
U.S.F.
LETTER
SHIP

THEY GIVE YOU A CERTIFICATE ..." THEY MIX WITH IT FROM HEAD

ZAMBOANGA, PHIL. MAR. 1903
ARMY (ENGINEER) OFFICEL WRITES
DETAILS RE LIFE IN ARMY
OF OCCUPATON

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MINDANAO.

Office of Engineer Officer.



WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Mrs. Jay J. Morrow
c/o Lt. Col. J. G. Butler.
United States Arsenal
Watertown. Mass
U.S.A.

amboanga, P. I., March 4. 03

to write to you but have only a
days for I have to do so much
I had a fine corporal, promoted
ffice work in good condition. I
k in, but just about the time
for being off on a drunk. I
my now and a clerk in sight
in the meantime I have lots
en away so much of the
s up my money papers, or
engaged in copying them for the
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eep me busy for at least one
tup of course I find the work
all this space wasted and I
ch about how lovely and sweet
eart.
the other day when the Don
It was so full of news, dear dear
overflowing of love my dear Sweet-
letter. And before sealing this

making another break in
ghty sorry to see him go but
away while I was away in

Saving of eighty or ninety dollars, besides the mileage from New York to Washington. And I will have so much more leisure than I would travelling with the troops. So the scheme has many advantages as you see. Don't it nice of General Davis to ask me to stay and go with him. I have a pretty good feel both with him and with General Sumner now.

Dear dear love, don't it pain to know that very soon after you are reading this I will be getting myself packed up to go home. And in about four and a half that months (how long they will be though dearie) I will have my dear love in my arms. Sweet sweet love.

I have sent Mr Chang back to China, and getting back my little [illegible] guaranteeing his safe transport.

Sent the enclosed from Dr. Chalmers very funny.

Well, dear love, bye bye.

Your own happy
Tom Boy.

Did you know that Dr [illegible] [illegible] $3000.00 per year, beginning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the states and including my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] just $32.00 more than that!

1903 - COL. IN RURAL GUARD GIVES REFERENCE TO SOLDIER WHO FOUGHT IN REVOLUTION FROM 1896-97

REPÚBLICA DE CUBA

GUARDIA RURAL

REGIMIENTO Nº 1

JEFATURA

Pagaduria.

Pedro Llanio y Cruz Tte. Coronel del Egercito Libertador y Tte. de la Guardia Rural.

Certifico : que el Soldado del Egercito Libertador Jose Jesus Mesa y Coto natural de Sta. Maria del Rosario, de 28 anos de edad soltero, de profesion labrador y vecino de la finca Ayala en Guines, sirvio a mis ordenes como asistente en las filas del Egercito Libertador desde el primero de Marzo de mil ochocientos noventa y seis hasta el dos de Julio de mil ochocientos noventa y siete.

Y para que conste y á petición del interesado expido el presente en el Camp. Columbia á 7 de Agosto de mil novecientos tres

Es copia

You are bidding on an original hand written letter from Camp Columbia, Guardia Rural, Cuba, in 1903, by Tte Coronel Pedro Llanio y Cruz, giving a refence for soldado Jose Jesus Mesa y Coto, who had served in the Ejercito Libertador from august 6th, 1896 to 1897.

AUG. 1904 - MINDANAO ISLD.

"MOROS ARE SAVAGE RACE. OUGHT TO DIE AT MUZZLE OF KRAG. THEY KILLED 15 SOLDIERS + 2/OFFICERS

U.S. STILL FIGHTING MOROS AS LATE AS 1904



Army and Navy Department
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Young Men's Christian Associations,

TO INSURE THE RETURN OF THIS ... T DELIVERED, SOLDIERS ... THEIR NAME, COMPANY ... ON THE ENVELOPE IN ... POSTED.

GENERAL OFFICE:
3 West Twenty-ninth Street,
New York, U. S. A.

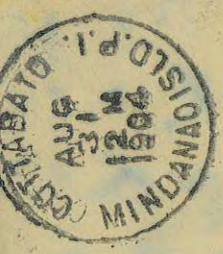
SECRETARIES:
WILLIAM B. MILLAR
JAMES H. BANKS,
JOHN S. TICHENOR.

Manila P. I. Aug. 24 1904

Cousin

I thought I would ... a few lines to let you ... that I am still alive and ... know where I am ... Cousin I am a soldier ... have been in the army ... years and seven months ... going to try three more ... will be at home on ... furlough to see all of ... st as soon as I get to the states we will be at home next July we are having a lots of fun hear





Albert Funkhouser
Evansville
Indiana
U.S.A.

COTTABATO AUG 31 1904 MINDANAO ISLD. P.I.

PHILIPPINES

Not delivered in 10 days return to Homer F. Winslow Manila P.I. Co. H. 17 Inf.

with these moroes the are a savage race of people They all ought to die at the muzle of a gun they killed 15 soldiers and two officers but not a very long time ago well Cousin albert if you have time drop me a few lines and let me know how all of the folks are getting along Well cousin I hope this few lines finds you well and injoying good health I will close hoping to be hear from you soon.

Isaac F. Hinders
Manila. P. I.
Co. G. 17. Inf.

1905 — wounded fighting in the Philippines — died a month later! Fighting Moros



The Late First Lieutenant Morton L. Avery, of Chatham Township.

43d Infantry, U. S. V.

Wounded at Dolores River, Philippine Islands, Jan. 10, 1905.
Died in Manila Hospital, February 2, 1905.

"So sleep the brave who sink to rest,
By all their country's wishes blest."



PHIL. - PRISONER'S LTR. FROM BILBID PRISON MANILA TO U.S. 1st LT. @ FT. LOGAN, COL. (FORMER C.O.?) APR. 1906

Manila P. I.
30 March th 1906

BILIBID PRISON. Prisoners Letter. Forwarded. APR 1 1906 MANILA, P. I.

Colorado U. S. A.

Mi muy querido y siempre respetable
ibí su muy atenta y bahiosa carta
timo y enterado de su contenido
buena boluntad para ayudarme
ia lo cual se lo agradesco en
V. que en testimonio fue presen
ma, y como era de esperar esto
a tenido en cuenta en mi favor

1st Indorsement.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

Respectfully transmitted to
Mr. George A. Wiceforeck, 1st. Lt. 17th Inf. Fort Logan, Colorado U. S. A.

W. L. Stewart

Director of Prisons.

inteligencia de V. y al interes que yo me tome en ello no pasó la Cosa mas adelante, en fin Sor. Con decirle á V. que esta era la Costumbre del Cobarde Garcia. cuando estaba borracho (y casi lo mismo Cuando no lo estaba,) que Dios lo aya perdonado podria esplicarle á V. mas estensamente de la forma tan miserable y cobarde que se an balido para perderme pero Sor. para que Cansarle á V. ya tendremos ocasion de poder ablar estensamente.

Mi Esposa y mi hija le saludan á V. y le Guardan su mas profundo agradecimiento y eterna gratitud la niña abla perfectamente el Castellano y ahora principia a practicar el Ingles.

Yo por mi parte siempre estoy dispuesto al servicio del Gobierno Constituido, le doy a V. la ~~el~~ henoravuena por su ascenso y ruego á Dios pueda V. llegar a ser uno de los miembros que honran el Generalato del baleroso Ejercito Americano, mi otra Cosa reciba uno fuerte habrazo de este su fiel amigo que no le olvida y le guarda su mas eterno agradecimiento.

Juan Morán

CUBA - PROVISIONAL GOVT. UNDER U.S.A. 1906

PROVISIONAL GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

REPUBLIC OF CUBA

UNDER THE PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES

Havana, October 7, 1906.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Provisional Governor, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the proclamation of September 29th, bearing his autograph, as requested in your letter of the 1st instant.

Very truly yours,

J. G. Rockwood

Private Secretary.

Isaac N. Roland, Esq.,

Freeport, Illinois.

MAY 1907 2ND CUBAN INTERVENTION

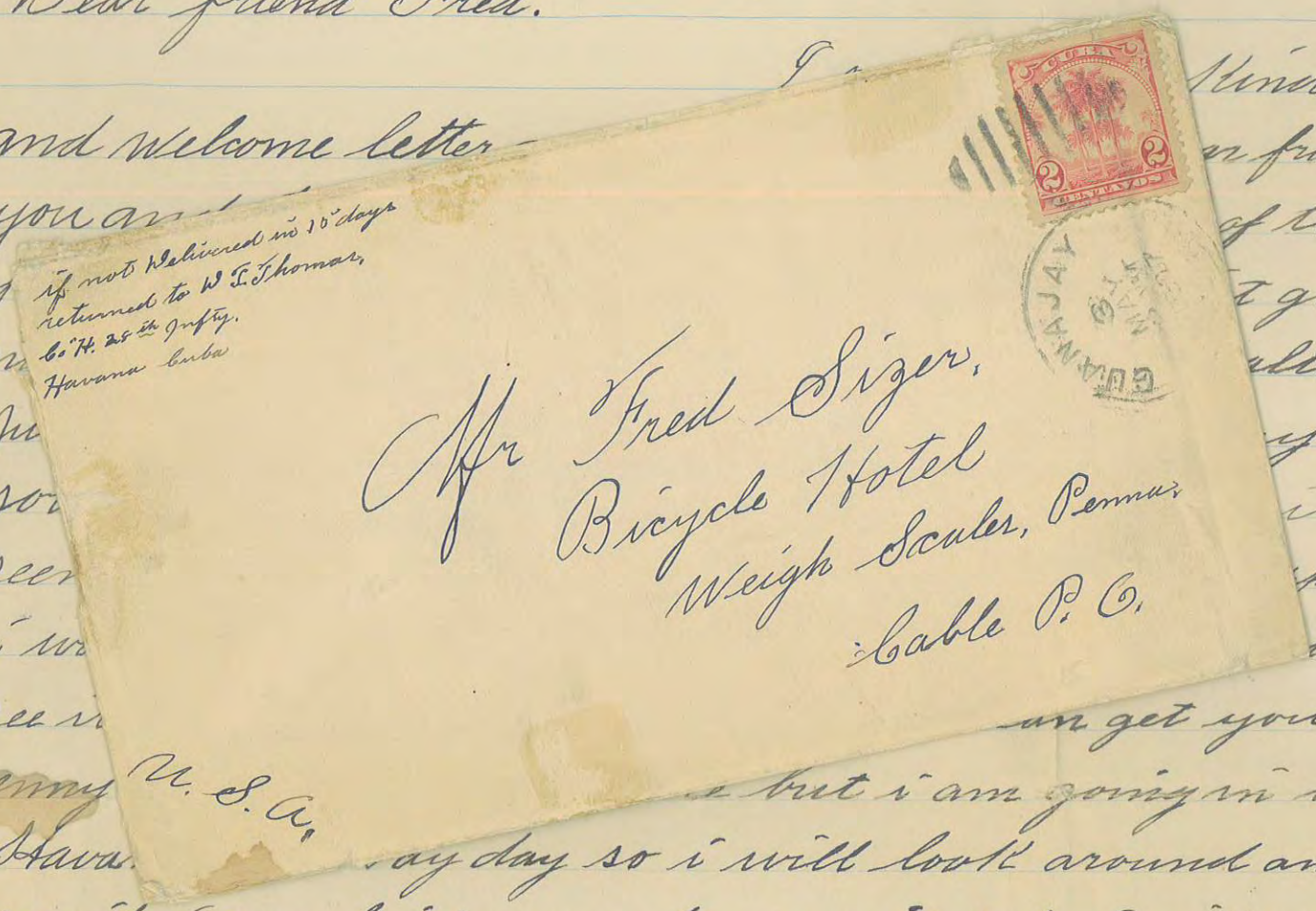
U.S. TROOPS SENT TO CUBA TO QUELL UNREST

Guanajay Cuba,

May 2/07.

Dear friend Fred.

I ... kind and welcome letter ... from you an... of the ... got ... alth ... y ... it ... pose ... to see ... an get you enny ... but i am going in to Hava... ay day so i will look around and see if i can find enny for you if i do i will send you some we may have some fighting to do over here yet those black basters of Police has been shooting up some of are Sailors so i think that will start the ball arolling we might as well start in fighting now as enny other time because it is only a matter of time that we will have



if not Delivered in 10 days returned to W. T. Thomas, Co. H. 28th Infty. Havana Cuba

Mr Fred Sizer,
Bicycle Hotel
Weigh Scales, Penna.
Cable P. O.

U. S. A.

GUANAJAY

SCAM LETTER FEB. 1908

THE "SPANISH PRISONER" LTK. WITH A SPAN.-AM. WAR PITCH.

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Castle fort of Valencia 2 February

Mr. L. F. Liscome

My dear Sir and relative

Having not the honour to know you. but for the reference which my dear wife Mary Liscome your relative gave me. who mentioning the individuals of our family praised the honesty and good qualities that distinguish you I address myself to you for the first time (and perhaps the last one considering the grave state of my health) explaining you my sad position and requesting your protection for my only daughter your niece 15 years old, who I keep as pensioner in the College Anglo Spanish of Santa Elena.

As I am strictly watched for my enemies. I hope you will reveal to nobody the most insignificant detail of this letter.

Being a Secretary and treasurer of Mr. Martinez Campos in the last war of [illegible] the confidence of such as Illustrious gentleman. [illegible] so that I might [illegible] I ever loved with [illegible] time increase [illegible] tinued. at the end [illegible] general Weyler. [illegible] succeed in making [illegible] power to see. Cuba [illegible] bellion in behalf [illegible] greatest treason. I [illegible] along with me [illegible] residing in London [illegible] my dear daughter [illegible] I found myself in [illegible] daughter

United States of America

Mr. L. F. Liscome

Saw mill

Hinsdale

(New Hampshire)

ESPAÑA 25 CENT 25



"SPANISH PRISONER"
CON LETTER WITH A
SPAN-AMERICAN WAR FLAVOR
AN OLD CONFIDENCE GAME

Castle fort of Mr[illegible]rcia 28.

Mr. P. Sebr[illegible]l

My dear [illegible] relative

Having not the h[illegible]our to know you, but fo[illegible]
the references which my de[illegible] wife Mary Sebrel your
relative gave me, who men[illegible]oning the individuals
of our family praised the [illegible] honesty and good qualities
that distinguish you, I add[illegible]s myself to you for
the first time (and perhap[illegible]s the last one considering
the grave state of my hea[illegible]th) explaining you my
sad position and requesting [illegible] your protection for my
[illegible]ly daughter your niece[illegible] 17 years old who I keep
[illegible] Santa Elena.

As I am strictly watched for my enemies I hope you will rebehal to nobody the most insignificant detail of this letter.

Being a Secretary and treasurer of Mr. Martinez Campos in the last war of Cuba, and deserving the confidence of such as Illustrious gentleman placing my capital in public founds transactions, so that I might make a brillant position for my daughter whom I ever loved with pasion since when her mother died, now my fortune increase fast would have been happy had my protector continued at the end of the campain, as no sooner was he replaced by the General Weyler that my misfortune presented itself, as I could not succeed in making him company to Spain,

Gabbais Cypress Lawn

VETERAN WAS AT SAN JUAN HILL + EL CANEY IN BAND" WHICH DID NO SHOOTING BUT WAS ARMED"..

United Spanish War Veterans

of the

United States

DEPARTMENT OF _____

CITY _____

TO THE COMMANDER:

Camp _____

Sir:

I have the honor to make application for membership in the UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS, basing my application on the following facts, which I affirm to be true:

I am 41 years of age and was born on the 15th day of March 18 66

~~State of~~ Berne County of Switzerland Am now residing at Auburn State of Calif. County of Placer

and am by occupation a Rural Letter Carrier

Nearest relative My wife Address Auburn Calif.

I was { enlisted / ~~commissioned~~ } in 1st U.S. Inf. 1887 at Angel Island Calif.

and served during the { Spanish War / ~~Philippine Insurrection~~ } war in[1] 1st U.S. Inf. U. S.[2]

for a period of _____ months, during which period I served* in Cuba and in Reg. Band and participated in† Battles of El Caney and San Juan Hill (Band did no shooting although armed.)

and was honorably discharged from service at[3] Angel Island on the 29th day of December 1899 by reason of disability occurring in line of duty.

Add here second enlistment if there was such enlistment.

1st Enlist 5 years in 1st U.S. Inf. 2nd Enlist 5 y. in 1st U.S. Inf. 3rd Enlist part of a 3y. Enlist in 1st Inf. Band 4 yrs 3 mos.

I have never been a member of the U. S. W. V., before

Rank of Sergeant and Principal Musician at enrollment in 1st U.S. Inf.

Rank of[3] Sergeant in 4th U.S. Cavalry Band at discharge

My discharge is transmitted herewith for inspection, upon condition that it be returned to me immediately thereafter.

Corporal in 3d U.S. Art Band at discharge

In regard to my character as a soldier and a citizen, I respectfully refer you to† Myself & I know of no comrade near here at all but there are several yet in 3d Band Artillery Corps who know me well.

Enclosed is admission fee, $ 1.00

Signature Louis F. Ursenbach

Date August 14th 1907

Pd Aug 16-07

All Orders Rec'd Jan 1st 1908 Mailed Sept 20th

Band in Bands.

*State place of Service, Camp, Post, or Foreign Country.
†State Expedition, Campaign, Etc.
‡Write names of two responsible men who know you; one preferably a comrade.
1. What Regiment, Command or Ship?
2. State branch of service (Infantry, Cavalry, Navy or Marine Corps).
3. If still in service mention the fact.

Form No. 5.

United Spanish War Veterans.

Camp J. Holland Laidler

No. 5

Department of Calif

City Santa

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF

L. P. Unsinker

Late of Corp { U. S. S. / Co. }

Regiment 3rd U.S.V. Infty Bond.

Recommended by Comrade J. Alexander.

HEADQUARTERS

J. Holland Laidler Camp No. 5

Dep't of Calif. Aug 16 190 7

Received and referred to the Enlistment Committee.

Commander.

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The Enlistment Committee respectfully reports* favorably upon the within application.

A. Pyrgolhens } ENLISTMENT COMMITTEE.

[illegible]

Applicant { Elected Aug 16 190 7 / Muster 190

No. in Descriptive Book

Adjutant.

*NOTE.—If unfavorably write "un" in blank.

Re Inserted

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1.—*Active Members.*—All honorably discharged Officers, Soldiers and Sailors of the regular and Volunteer Army and Navy and Marine Corps of the United States, including acting Assistant Surgeons, who honorably served during the war with Spain, or in the incident insurrection in the Philippines, or participated in said war or insurrection prior to July 4th, 1902, as an officer or enlisted man, in the U. S. Revenue Cutter Service, on any vessel assigned to duty under the control of the U. S. Army or Navy Department during such war or insurrection, are eligible to membership.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE APPLICANT.

TO THE COMMANDER OF

Camp ..... No .....

Department of .....

SIR:

We, the undersigned, recommend the above named applicant for membership, believing his statements to be true in every respect.

Comrade J. Alexander

Comrade .....

NOTE.—This recommendation is to be signed by members of the Camp.

1911 (10pp) letter re Moros

very scarce details — [illegible]

Army and Navy Department
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Young Men's Christian Associations,

GENERAL OFFICE:
124 East 28th Street
New York, U. S. A.

SECRETARIES:
WILLIAM B. MILLAR
FRED A. McCARL
EDGAR MacNAUGHTEN
WILLIAM E. FENNO
WILLIAM J. LAMKIE



TO INSURE THE RETURN OF THIS LETTER IF NOT DELIVERED, SOLDIERS SHOULD WRITE THEIR NAME, COMPANY AND REGIMENT ON THE ENVELOPE IN WHICH IT IS POSTED.

Fort Wm McKinley
Rizal P. I. July 16 1911

Dear Sister and Brother Inlaw.
I Receiped your most Welcome letter this P.m and Will Try and Answer it I Will Try and Make a Staf at telling you Something about The Islands I Was Going to Wait and tell you Personely about them But I Dont know Much to Say and So I Will Try and tell you about The People they Call the Moro They are the only People The American Soldeires Hope any trouble with now the only Way they Hope Trouble With them is When the Moro Gets the Soldier By him Self and then they Get after Him and Beet him up

If not delivered i

Mrs.



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One and then one can Bat them
out till one get tired I am

Seller assumes all responsibility for this listing.

1911 LETTER US SOLDIER IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, MOROS, BOLOS, SNAKES etc

Long ELEVEN (11) page letter 6 x 9" handwritten in dark ink with illustrated letterhead including colorful American Flags & YMCA emblem: "ARMY AND NAVY DEPARTMENT OF THI INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS."

The letter is written by US soldier William Baswell Thayer. Thayer was a soldier in Company G, 7th Infantry and was stationed at Fort William McKinley Rizal, P. I.

Thayer includes great details about the troubles that American soldiers are having with the MORO warriors on the Islands. He mentions that a member of his company is currently recuperating in the hospital after being attacked by Moros. He describes the Moro's use of dangerous BOLO knives and their throwing skills. He describes the dress & housing usec the Moro. Thayer goes on to describe the Carabao cattle of the Islands, their wildness, and how a stampeding herd was used by the Spanish in the Spanish American War to kill a la number of American troops in the 9th Infantry. Thayer also describes dangerous alligators and snakes along the Pasig River. He writes about the discomfort of the Rainy Season. H mentions that it is his BIRTHDAY and then complains about the quality of Beer and Whiskey available in the Islands.

The pages are in good condition on paper of pretty good rag content. There is a little weakness at some of the fold-lines (see scan). The letter is accompanied by its torn & worn old cover [STAMP MISSING] with illustrated American Flag & YMCA return address on reverse. The cover is addressed to: Mrs. Anna Miller 825 Sophia(?) St. East Liverpool, Ohio.

A full transcription of this interesting & historic old letter follows:

Fort Wm. McKinley
Rizal, P. I. July 16, 1911
Dear Sister and Brother in law,
I received your most welcome letter this p.m. and will try and answer it. I will try to make a stab at telling you something about the Islands. I was going to wait and tell you personally about them but I don't know much to say and so I will try and tell you about the people they call the MORO. They are the only people the American Soldiers have any trouble with no The only way they have trouble with them is when the Moro gets the Soldier by him self and then they set after him and beet him up, and sometimes they kill him. Just the other day they got one of our Company out and all most killed him. He is in the Hospital now but he will get over it all right. THEY ALL CARRY A BIG KNIFE THEY CALL THE BOLO AND THEY CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO USE IT TOO. THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO THROW IT 35 AND 40 FEET AND HIT A MAN WITH IT. I will get some of their pictures and send to you later I couldn't get any of them or I would send them today, but I am sending a few cards that might be interesting to you. But these Moros they live in what is called the Boondocks – that means Forest in the States, and they build houses up in the trees out of Bam Boo for the children to live in and the old people stay on the ground to guard them. It is real interesting study. These people they just wear some Bam Boo leaves around their body that is all the clothes they wear. I am going to get a bunch of cards together to take back with me so you can see what kind of people we have got here and I am also getting together some other Relics to take back with me.

These Carabao pictures I am sending you -- there is another interesting thing – they are more like an oxen in the States when they are tamed, but the most of them runs wild and the are dangerous. They look calm (?) but they can out-run any man and if he don't get up a tree or shoot him he is sure a ded one. The time of the American and Spanish War the Spaniards got a wild herd of them together and chased them into the 9th Infantry and killed about 2 hundred and 50 of the soldiers while they were sleeping. They are real dangerous when they get started. The more you hurt them the more they charge on you and this Pasie [Pasig] River that you can see on the card is hated all over the Islands as a very dangero river for there is so many man eaters and alligators in it and there is some snakes in it that measures 25 and 30 feet and weighs anywhere from 150 to 175 and 200 pounds. I have so of these pictures also but I am going to mail them from Terseo(?). They are in book form. I will send them from there and it won't cost me so much and they won't get lost for they ar hard to get and cost $1.50 a piece. You can go along the Pasie [Pasig] River in a good sunny day and see them big snakes lying out along the shore sunning their selves. The first ti seen them I came almost having a fit. Well that is all I can tell you about them now. I can talk better than I can write and we can have a much better time when we meet. I am just givi you a kind of an outline now of the different things that is here.

You can see those Bam Boo shacks in the card. Them is the only kind of houses they have over here. They are built entirely of Bam Boo. The floor and all of the roof is made of Bam Boo leaves tied together and fastened onto the roof just the same as putting shingles on in the States. And these shacks are built about 6 feet off the ground so that the water won't in them. You see we have a Rainy Season here and it is on now and it certainly does rain some too. It lasts about 4 and 5 months. It rains so hard sometimes that there is 4 and 5 inc of water all over the ground and running just like a River and the low ground is some places there is 3 feet of water in them and that is when it is time (?) to do Guard Duty.

Well, I started to write this letter July 16th and this is the 21st and haint(?) got it finished yet. AND THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY. I am 23 years old today. Tell Mildred I received her card an was glad to get it. And also give my best to her. I still have her picture yet. And give my best to Bill your husband. Tell him we will meet some time again and have another case(?) of Good Old Beer. That is something we can't get around here of course. THERE IS BEER BUT IT IS NO GOOD. But there isn't much Whiskey. It is all Gin and haint no good. At that it c a Paso a Quart. That is 50 cents American and you KNOW WHAT KIND OF STUFF THAT IS.

Well this is August 15th and I was so busy I didn't get no time to finish this letter and so I will try and finish it now. You know this is the busy time of the year now during the Rainy Season. We don't get much time to ourselves. I have been a long time writing your letter just writing a few lines at a time. You will excuse mistakes and bad writing. Well I believe I w close for this time. I can tell you better when I see you. I am going to get a Furlough as soon as we get in the States and try and be home for Xmas Dinner and then I want you all to n me and then we can Bat Them Out till we get tired. I am going to get a 2 months Furlough and then I know we can have some time. I am also sending under separate cover a picture Mom(?). It is a very good one of me just as I look today. I will write you another letter in the course of a week or so and then it wont be so long between times. Give by best to Will an Mildred and all the rest. Tell Mildred I have still got her picture yet. I will close for this time. Hoping to hear from you soon and to see you I Remain your Brother.
Wm. B. Thayer
Co. G, 7th Infantry
Rizal, P. I.

[look on back of Page 4]
I met Steve Sherman(?) at Columbus. I don't know if you know him or not. He is from Cumberland, WVA. He is doing his 3rd track in the Army. He is Trumpeter in the Coast(?) Artille but I lost track of him. I don't know where he went to but I think he is in New York somewhere. And I met several fellows from Steubenville and around there but you didn't know any them. I guess(?) I got a letter from Rook Langhorn(?) the other day. He said he was married now. He said he got my address from Papa. Well that will be all for this time. Good bye til meet again. Good bye. With love to all at home and to Will and Mildred and you and all of you so long, for I am going to bed now. Good bye. I tried to make it clear around the sheet c paper but I don't think I have made it. Good Bye.

According to sources on the Internet:
William Baswell Thayer was born on 21 July 1888, and died on 1 June 1972. His parents were: James William and Ida Mae (Patterson) Thayer. He was the husband of MARTHA BEATRICE (CARSON) THAYER. Married: May 17, 1923.
Thayer served in the U.S. Army during WWI.
THAYER SERVED THREE YEARS IN THE PHILLIPPINES, and saw service in China when the Allied forces marched to Pekin.
He enlisted later in the National Guard of Kansas, was drum major and first sergeant, Headquarters Company,Eagle Pass,Texas. Later stationed at Gettysburg, PA.

JOSEPH F. SCOTT, Secretary
...pect St., Cambridge, Mass.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, *June 25, 1924.*

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I—**Corrected citations pertaining to awards of the distinguished-service medal to officers of the French Army.**—The citation awarding the distinguished-service medal on page 44, General Orders, No. 126, War Department, 1919, relating to General *Armand de Puydraguen*, is corrected to read as follows:

Louis Marie Gaston d'Armaud de Pouydraguin, general, French Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. He commanded with distinction the 67th Chasseurs Division, with which a large number of American troops had the honor of serving. He continually showed every consideration for the Americans in his command, and by his skill in directing their training for effective combat he rendered services of the highest value to the American Expeditionary Forces. Home address: France.

The citation awarding the distinguished-service medal on page 44, General Orders, No. 126, War Department, 1919, relating to General *P. H. Destricker*, is corrected to read as follows:

Pierre Henri Desticker, general, French Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As assistant chief of Marshal Foch's staff he collaborated with wholehearted interest with officers of the American Expeditionary Forces, and brought to their aid his sound judgment and military attainments in the solution of perplexing and intricate problems. At all times he was unswerving in devotion to his important and exacting duties, and proved a loyal friend. The services which he rendered us were of inestimable value. Home address: France.

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1940 SP-AM WAR STILL OF INTEREST TO 2 PROMINENT PEOPLE

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The Sun

NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE
EDITOR

October 30, 1940.

PROMINENT SCIENTIST

Dr. W. R. Whitney,
General Electric Company,
Schenectady, New York.

Dear Dr. Whitney: Among the entries in Squadron Bulletins, published on the Flagship New York off Santiago de Cuba from June 14 to August 14, 1898, to inform the fleet of the progress of the seige, is this:

> Guantanamo Bay, Tuesday, July 26: The Marblehead went up the bay for the purpose of taking up mines. Thirteen contact mines were raised, all of them in bad condition on account of the quantity of barnacles. They had been down since April. The largest quantity was found on the lever, so that it could not be moved at all.

These mines were of French make, produced in 1896, with depth regulators and six contact arms and contained forty-six and one half kilos of gun cotton each. They were placed in position by the Spaniards certainly not before the last week of April, 1898.

Yours truly,

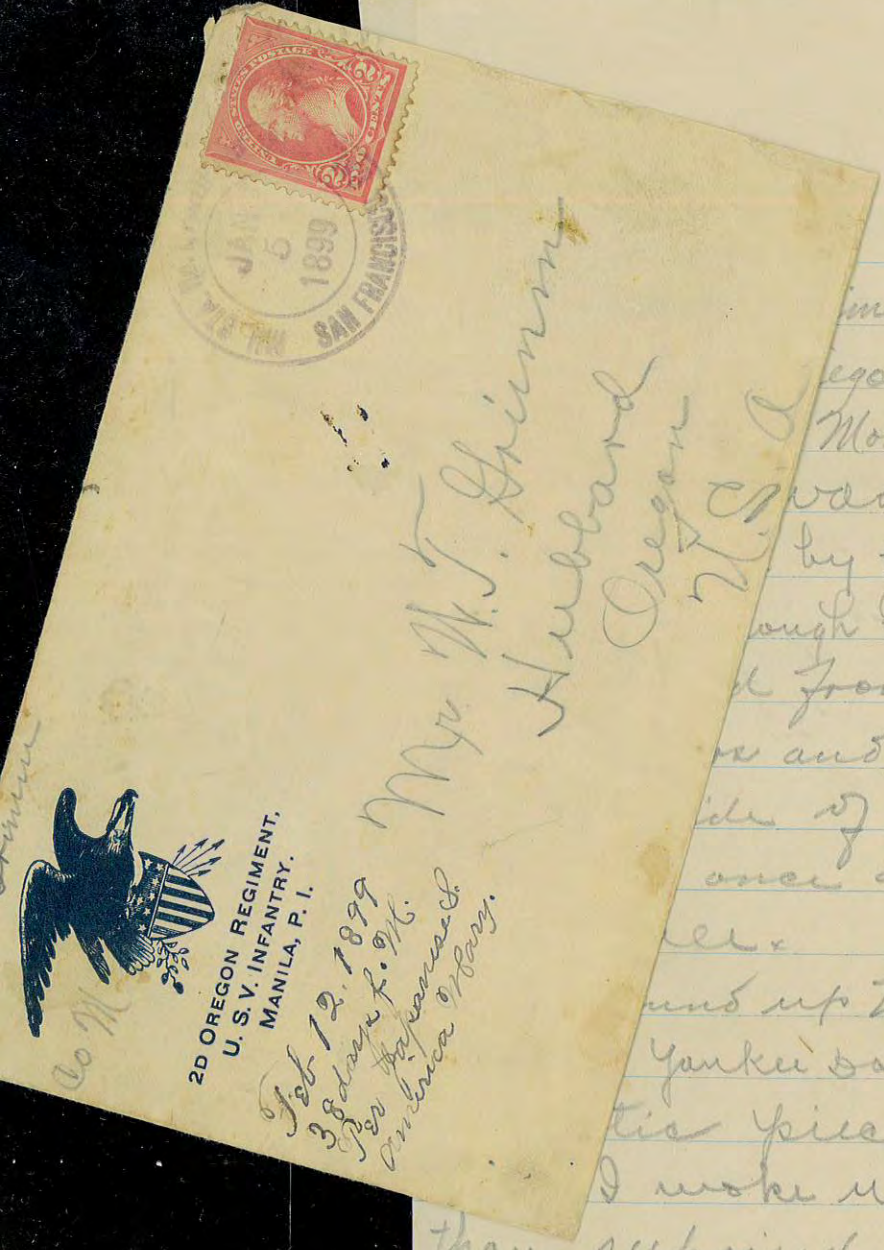
Harold M. Anderson

Harold M. Anderson.

HMA/lm

MANILA JAN 1, 1899

NEW YEARS CELEBRATION + DUTY IN HOSP.



Manila, P. I.

...mm Jan. 1st 1899

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Mother:-

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... Yankee Doodle and other

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... I woke up, I was more

than suprised to find that I

had a chew of tobacco in my

mouth. First time I ever had

such an occurance happen to me.

ON TRANSPORT PENN-
ILOILO HARBOR, PHIL.
Jan 2, 1899

VERY NICE WAR LETTER

COMMITTEE OF TWELVE
CHAPLAIN HERMAN P. WILLIAMS, Chair.
LIEUT. E. W. HEARNE, Treas.

ARMY CHRISTIAN COMMISSION
51ST IOWA INFANTRY, U. S. V.

In Camp on the U.S.T. Transport Penn.
in the Harbor of Iloilo Island Panay.
Jan 2, 1899

Dear Father & Mother,

I am a thinking that you are probably very anxious about me, more than necessary, as it is not so dangerous yet we have been here a week now, and have not done a thing yet, I do not see what is the matter, the men gents are being reinforced every day, and

Co. "A," 51st Iowa Inft., U. S. V.





Soldiers Letter
A P Moore
Major 51st Ia Inf

Mr. R. F. Koesling
Des Moines
United States
Iowa

2021 Clark St.

Regulars and one Battery of artillery

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA JAN. 1899
LT. TELLS OF DIFFICULTY UNLOADING SHIP; HE DESCRIBE TROCH (SPAN. DEFENSIVE LINE) IN DETAIL

January 9, 1899.
Cienfuegus,
Cuba.

Miss Ida Zurfluh,
Toledo, O

Dear sister:-

We arrived at this place on the 3rd inst as I wrote in Emma's letter and on the morning of the 4th we left the boat by a liter or a flat bottomed boat something like a scow. The water at the dock was not deep enough for the Minnewaska to go to when it is loaded. Our things all had to be taken to the docks on the small boats. On the morning of the 4th about 10 A.M. we started to leave the [illegible] very for

"Soldier's Letter"
F. H. Zurfluh,
1st Lt, 6th U.S.V.I.

Miss Ida Zurfluh,
835 S. 15th St

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uard, there is 1 battalion of
2d Illinois at this place the
ere sent here so as to ta
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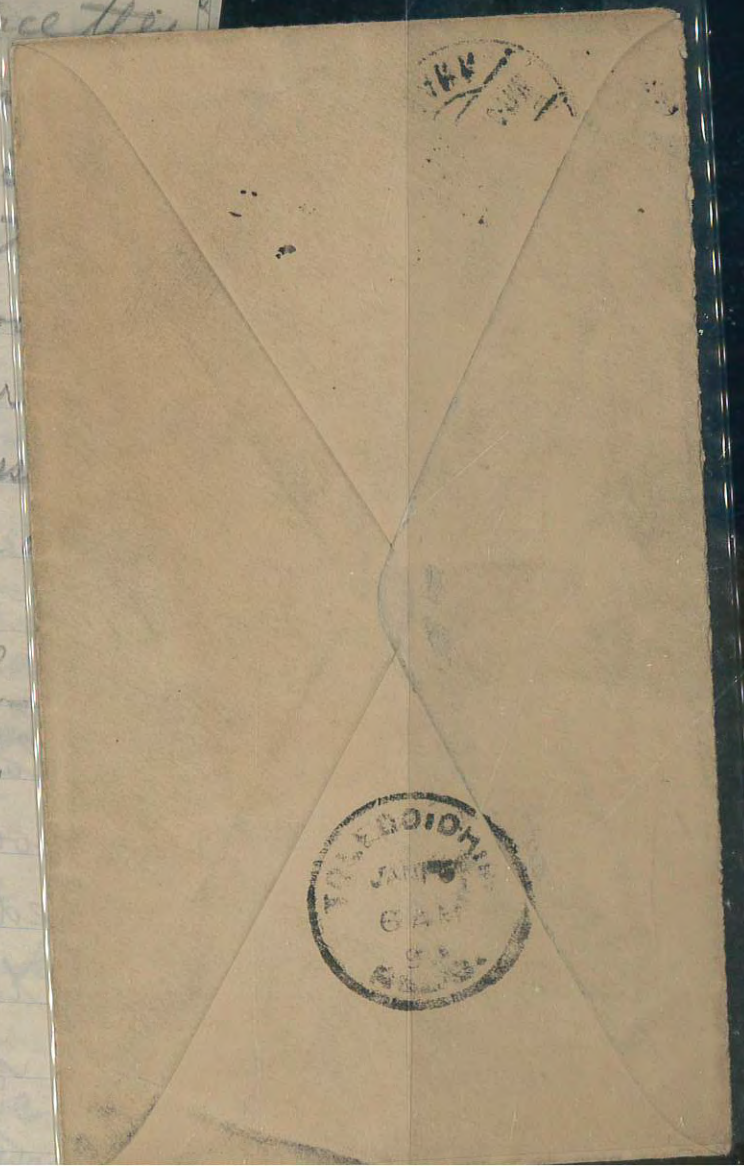
well. Love to all,

Fred H. Gurfluh
1st Lt. 6th O. V. I.
Cienfuegos,
Cuba.



MANILA 1/10/1899

GOOD WAR LTR-

Manila P.I.
Jan. 10th 1899.

Dear Father and [illegible] We have had any amount
of excitement the last few days.
Pay day with its drunks and disorders has
Come and gone.
The most deplorable event was the death
of 1st Sergt. Geo K. Morse of "L" Co. who was shot
and killed by Sentry Albert Papst of M.Co. 2nd Ore.
at about 11 P.M. Jan. 6th, at the [illegible] of
our quarters, [illegible]
During th[illegible]
the [illegible]
T[illegible]
Han[illegible]
mo[illegible]
When [illegible] fired the Field Officer of the
Day. [illegible] Vantenbain ran up to the hill and
commenced a thourough search.
Papst who was not on post at the time, was order
ed to go up on the wall and reconoiter. After
looking all around and into the moat, he started
back. Just as he turned this Sergt jumped down
off the wall within 25 feet of Papst who
supposing he was a Filippino, fired and hit him.
the ball entered the right side at the hip and
came out at the left side above the hip.
He lived about an hour and seemed to be uncon-
cious most the time, only saying a few words

(4) Page detailed from the battlefront of the Spanish American war in the Philippines. Has great content talking about getting paid and all the drunks that blow their money on alcohol, and more importantly a friendly fire death within his company. He goes into great detail about the events leading up to the accidental shooting and how bad the man felt and how he was congratulated by his commanding officer for doing the right thing even though he killed a man etc. Also goes on to talk about the soldiers craps games getting raided, and how attacks by the Filipinos are imminant because they have seen signal fires etc. Really great old letter with rare Philippine and Spanish American War content.

JAN. 1899, PHILIPPINES
GOOD SOLDIER'S LTR. TROUBLE WITH INSURGENTS. CUT BY NATIVE
EXC. CONTENTS

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR - GOOD SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM PHILIPPINES, W/SCARCE SOLDIER'S NEW YEAR'S GREETING PATRIOTIC LABEL TIED TO COVER. 4pg letter, approx. 5-3/8" x 8-5/8", datelined**"Manila, P.I., 1/13/99"**, from Clarence A. Dwight, Co. E, 1st Regt. S.D.S.V., to his Father in De Smet, So. Dak. Incl. original transmittal cvr w/partly struck purple MIL.STA. NO.1, MANILA.. duplex, dated Jan. 13, which missed cancelling the 2c red Washington. On back is Feb. 20 dated DE SMET, S.D./REC'D. cds, which ties a red, white & blue perforated stamp label, approx. 1-1/2" square, with illus. of flag & soldier's tents, w/mountains in background & fancy printed**"ACCEPT A SOLDIERS HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM MANILA 98-99"**. Letter incl:**"There is talk of a scap with the insurgents, but it does not come to any head. Have heard that Otiz and Aguinaldo have had a conference and have agreed to do nothing on either side until they could get word from the U.S. Don't think there will be any trouble for some time to come. We were called to arms last Wednesday, but it proved to be a false alarm. Somebody shot a dog and scared some natives and they started to run from the ... anything more about getting ou... Don't know whether they are f... a number of poker games runn... on outpost, by a native. There ... with a knife. It struck him in th... the other. The ball went throug... second time. The boys of the 2nd...** Right edge of letter a bit uneven, ...

Manila, P.I. 1/13/99

Dear Folks at Home:

As I have written to all of you since I have heard from you I will write this to the whole outfit. Everything here is just about the same as it has been all along. Don't see much ch... day to day. There ... a scrap with the ... but it does not ... ~~thing~~ head. Have ... Otiz and Aguinalda ... a conference and h... to do nothing on eit... until they could ... from the U.S. D... there will be any trou... sometime to come. ... to arms last Wedne... it prooved to be a ... Somebody shot a d... some natives and t...



OTOGRAPH MACHINE CO./COR. PEARL & NEW CHAMBERS STS./NEW YORK/N.Y.", w/illustration of this early photo machine, an ate "penny arcade" device, w/lens in center, time clocks above. Apparently the customer would drop a coin in the slot, stand in front of the lens & machine would photograph his or her face & in a short time out would come this case with the photo mounted inside. Inside, in a yellow mount rown printed torch & ribbon border design is a tintype photo of a man w/a lg mustache & wearing a derby. The image is slightly doubled. On back llus. of 2 torches w/a printed photo of a woman between & with"**OUR AUTOMATIC PHOTOGRAPH MACHINE WILL PRODUCE A MPLETE PHOTOGRAPH IN ONE MINUTE. ALL DEVELOPMENTS ARE MADE AUTOMATICALLY.**" Scarce, c.1880's-90's, & sibly the 1st photo machine. a couple sm spots on front cvr. F-VF P 75-10

3 COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION - CORRESPONDENCE OF A VISITOR TO THE WORLD'S FAIR. Correspondence of **4** letters, Oct. 14-22, 93, from "Will" to his mother in Phila., 9-1/2 pgs total, w/very good content describing the sights seen at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, ring the final weeks of the Fair. Incl. 2 w/original transmittal cvrs, 2c green pse's w/Chicago pmks. 1st letter is on imprinted stationery of"**OFFICE OF IE BOARD OF WORLD'S FAIR MANAGERS, PENNSYLVANIA STATE BUILDING...**", w/illus. of Pa. State Seal, dated Oct. 14, 1893 & l:"**Yesterday...we spent the afternoon in the art gallery...spent the evening in the Agricultural building...back this evening to see the fireworks d illumination...**" ..... (Oct. 19):"**I have been doing the fair pretty hard all day...We spent the morning till twelve in the art gallery...saw the ttle ship and spent the balance of time in the Liberal Arts. It is a wilderness and an awfully discouraging place...**" ..... (Oct. 20):"**It is onishing the tons of trash that are offered for sale and sold too...We went to the Electric Building for lunch, then across to Machinery Hall...and le the length of the building and back, on the traveling crane which runs high up above the exhibits; and then back to the Liberal Arts Building, ...stood it better today than I had any idea she would, and was not in the rolling chair at all this afternoon...**" .....

the 25 of Dec. but expect some in a few days. If I am lucky enough to get any will answer by first mail.

How are you getting along this winter? What kind of a winter are you havering? How are all the kids and one thing and another? Does the Kid and Jones go to school? I suppose the Kid is a six footer by this time and Jones larger than a ma. What about Muggins is she growing too? I guess I will address this thing to her. Suppose she will be a young lady by the time I get back.

Well this will have to do for this time?

Yours Muchly,
Clarence A. Dwight
Co. E. 1st Reg't S.D.U.S.V.
Manila. P.I.

Miss Vivian Dwight
De Smet,
So Dak.

346 **SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - GOOD SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM CIENFUEGOS, CUBA.** Lengthy, 6 pg letter, written in clear dark pencil, datelined"**Cienfuegos, Cuba, Jan. 24th, 1899**", from William Murphy, Co. L, 6th Ohio Vol. Infantry. Incl. o... /2c Washington tied by mostly struck blk **HABANA/ISLA DE CUBA** cds. Interesting content. Incl: "**...we have got all settle... feet, and 12 feet high, and they have a 5 ft side wall, and they are open at both ends. We have a floor in t... and a half from the ground. There is only six in a tent, so you see we have plenty of room. We all have c... Regiment went to Santa Clara (that is about 60 miles from here) about a week ago...in order to guard t... out and guard a Plantation about 15 miles from here, but we have not gone yet...We are going to have a... we will get good fresh bread every day...we have fresh beef every day now. The Spaniards are leaving as... it will not be long before they will be all gone. The supply of water is very good. It came in here on the Railroad, ... boiled before we use it....there is some of the prettiest girls here you ever saw, and the women are all so little here, and they are too cute for anything (I mean the white girls and not the poor class), and they try to talk to us and they laugh and jabber away to us...the first one that talked to me, I could not understand a thing she said, but she talked just the same...but I have got so I can talk some now and can make myself understood...so I can have a better time, and they think a soldier in blue is first the stuff...**". cvr slightly reduced at L, letter is VF 7

CUBA JAN. 24, 1899
OCCUPATION FORCE DUTY

Cienfuegos, Cuba
Jan 24th 1899

Dear, Brother,
And Sister
I received your letter's
this morning, The ones
sent in Ma's letter
was very glad
ear from you,
d was pleased to
you was up home
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ful lonesome without
, And were very much
pointed, that you did
come home for Chris-
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r, (the one you sent
Knoxville) some time
o, And answered
soon after I got it

Mr. Roy, Sawyer
Shepard
Michigan
U.S.A.

Return to Wm. Murphy
Co. L. 6th O.V.I.
Cienfuegos, Cuba

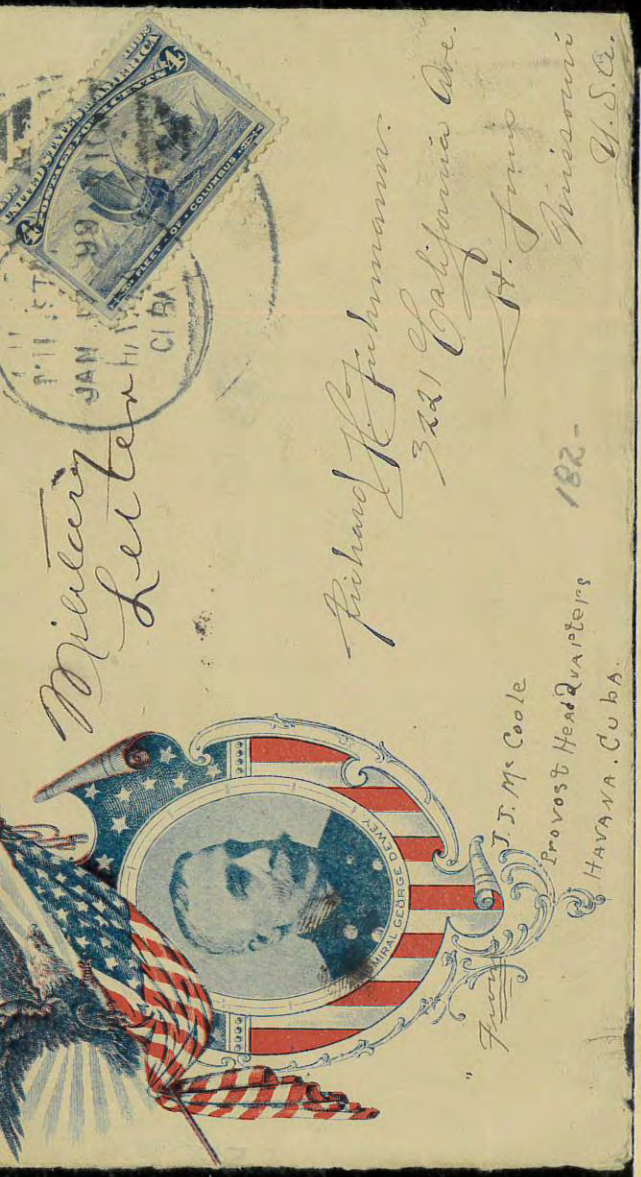
ving there till it closed. Alice stood it bet

t. 22):**"We spent the morning in the Art Gallery, but Alice got very tired. By two she could not stand it any longer, and we got on the R.R. and nt round to the south end and got a lunch in the Shoe & Leather Building. Then we got on the movable sidewalk and rode quite a while...We k our dinner last night in 'Old Vienna' in the Midway...It is the most enjoyable place of the kind I have been in; the quaint old time world street l the lovely music. We went over to the Lakefront to see the fireworks...I enclose a cutting from this morning's paper.** [enclosed - describes a scare en an elevator filled w/people got stuck in the Manufacturers Building]. **We intended going up to the roof to see the fireworks if the crowd was too at below, & would very likely have been in that elevator..."** 1 letter w/area of lt toning from newspaper clipping. F-VF 125-150

AUTIFUL 1893 COLOR LITHOGRAPHED ILLUSTRATED LETTERSHEET FOR "CAPT. PAUL BOYTON'S WORLD'S WATER OW". 1 folio pg lettersheet, approx. 8-3/4" x 13", datelined "EARLS COURT, London, 27 May 1893", w/beautiful multicolor lithographed stration across top, down left side & across bottom, with**"CAPT. BOYTON'S WORLD'S WATER SHOW"** in life-ring w/portrait of the Capt. in center. At top is illus. of sailors playing sports on the water, a man floating on his back w/an umbrella; rowers, naval battle, etc.. At left & bottom illus. of various water scenes, incl. American Indians watching people raft down rapids, a human sailboat, sailors playing sports, log rolling & a oe w/3 women on board, which is being pulled by 6 dogs! ALS of "Paul Boyton", incl:**"At present I have not got a shot of myself. If you purchase opy of "The Story of Paul Boyton", you will find a good half tone shot on front page. You can order this book through my news agency..."**

same now, And can
make myself understood
now, So I can have a
better time, And then
think a Soldier in blue,
is just the stuff
Well, as I can't think of
any more to write
I will close for this
time, Hoping this will
find you well, Also
hoping I may hear from
you soon,
Love to all, And a
kiss to Winnie *
Good Bye Will
Write Soon

HAVANA JAN. 1899
DESCRIBES PROVOST'S DUTIES
& GEN. LEE'S HQ



Camp Columbia
Havana, Cuba
Jan 16. '99.

Military Station #10.

This extra envelope was sent to a lot mate of mine.

Dear friend Dick.

Your letter received and was very glad to hear from you. Myself and companions are well. Things are running pretty smooth in camp. Drill an hour and a half in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Besides, a dress-parade every evening. I did my last drill last friday. I am not with Co. "C" any more. I am on detached service with Maj Harrison, a son of the ex president &

ges (six for a nickel) and candies
also sell good cigars, two for
ts. I buy enough at one
to hold me for a week.
C are having a fine summer
ter. Can go around all night
thout a coat on, and during
day we feel like taking
shirts off. A nice breeze
ws all day and the heat
not felt so much. - Well Dick
ust chop off for this time
Your friend Mc.

ave not seen the boys since
them, but will do so
day or two. | address my letters to the same place as before.

Good letter
x mpp
CP-1a

CIN. & S.I.
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RARE MIL. STAT. CANCEL (DAMAGED)
+ GREAT LETTER RE HOSTILITY
BETWEEN CUBANS + SPANIARDS

Gib...
Jany. 26th 1899

My dearest Mother:

We only get mail once a month now so you can imagine how glad I was to ... d Eugenia's letter. I have been ... pital for about three weeks and ... nd strong now as I ever was. ... rettiest little town on the Islan... fair Benarita's galore may be s... eets at all times. Our company ... from the whole Regiment ... is place; the eleven other com... tioned at Holguin, a town of ... ants about 27 miles from here ... ted right on the coast and every ... joy delightful salt water ba... ink bathing in the Atlantic ... uary!

Last ... bitants here celebrated some chu... tire town turned out and para... they had a bazar and several ba... ys. The people here are

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR - EXCELLENT SOLDIER'S LETTER, PROTECTING THE SPANISH FROM THE CUBANS. 3pg letter, approx. 7-7/8" x 9-7/8", datelined"**Gibara, Cuba, Jan'y 26th, 1899**", from **Lt. Marshall Williamson, Co. K, 2nd U.S.V.I.** Excellent content, incl:"**We only get mail once a month now, so you can imagine how glad I was to receive yours....This is the prettiest little town on the Island of Cuba...Our Company was chosen from the whole Regiment to garrison this place; the eleven other Companies are stationed at Holguin, a town of 40,000 inhabitants about 27 miles from here. We are situated right on the coast and every evening we enjoy delightful salt water baths. Just think bathing in the Atlantic Ocean in January! Last week the inhabitants here celebrated some church day. The entire town turned out and paraded and then they had a bazaar and several balls each night, for four days. The people here are white people and appear to be well educated and refined, most of them are Spaniards. On the third night of the fete, the Cubans attempted to start a riot and marched down to the Spanish Club, crying 'viva Cuba Libre' and shouting out threats to all Spaniards. Our officers were at the Spanish dance and they quickly sent over and had the Company turn out with guns loaded and bayonets fixed. We double-timed over to the club and the Cubans dispersed. We were ordered to remain around the immediate vicinity and the dancers were notified by Captain to continue their amusement. So the dance went on and the Spaniards, whom we came over here to fight, continued their dance virtually protected by our guns from the Cubans...**" more interesting content. Accompanied by faulty cvr w/2-1/2c on 2c Cuba overprinted U.S. stamp tied by **MILITARY STA./No.7/GIBARA/CUBA/N.Y.P.O.** duplex. (cvr torn into top of pmk). Letter is VF ..BRX....

~~WAR DEPARTME~~

H. Marshall Wilkinson

Gibara Cuba

~~OFFICIAL BUSINESS.~~

Soldiers letter from
H. Marshall Wilkinson
Co. N. 2nd U.S.S.I.
M. Pick aid
Capt. 2nd U.S.S.I. commanding Post

...ty for ...300.

CUBA
2½ c.
de PESO

N27
GIBARA
JAN 26
CUBA
N.Y.P.M.

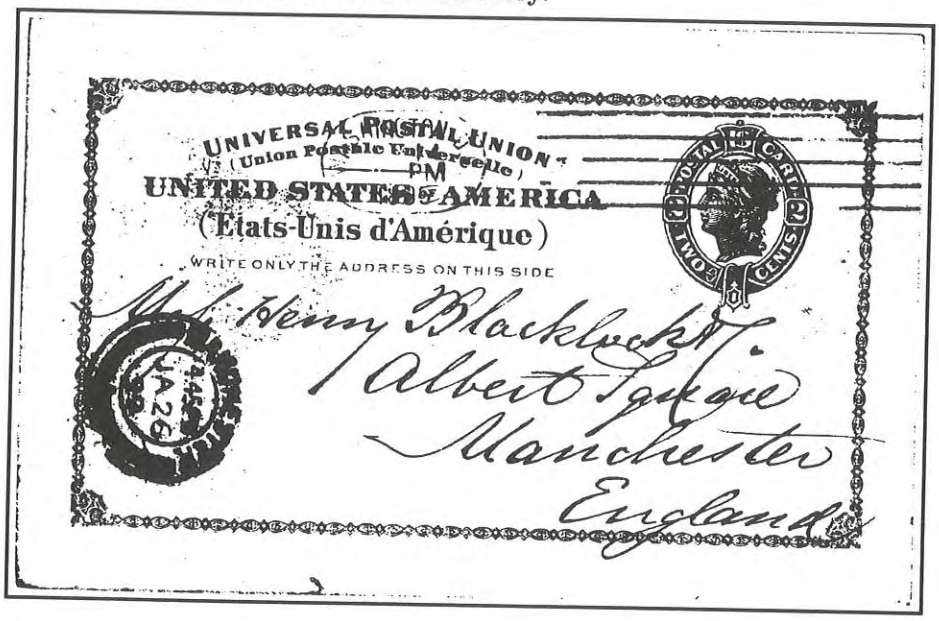
Mrs L. A. Wilkinson
Jennings
La

P.O. Box # 41

Remember The Maine!

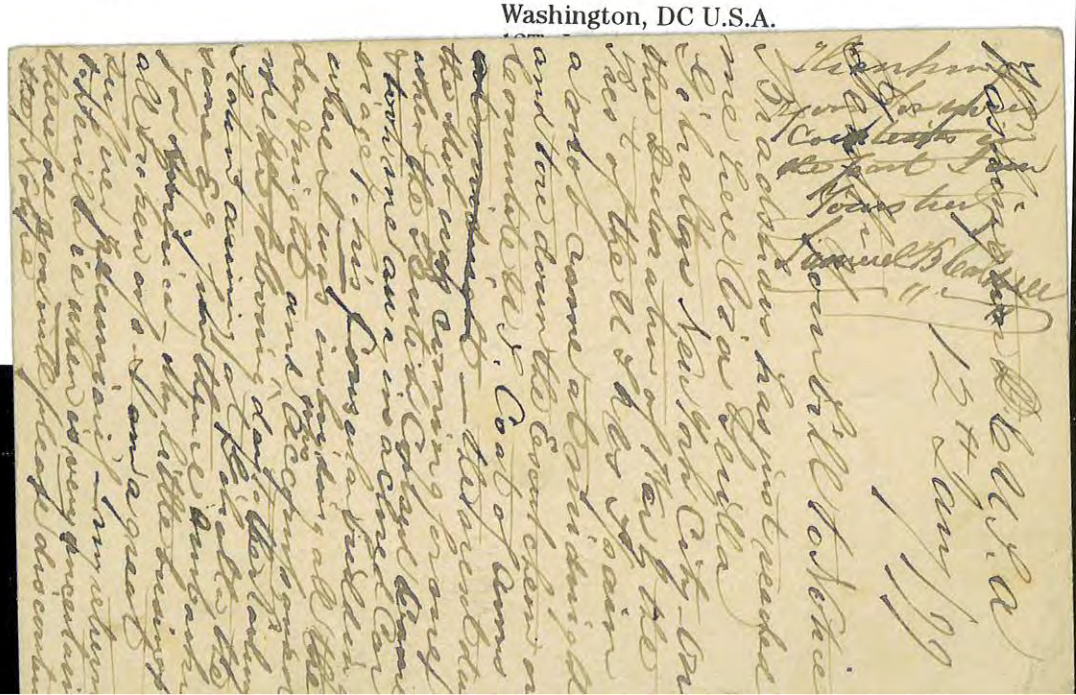
By Samuel B. Col(_____?)

The Spanish-American War was a relatively short affair. Notable mostly for it's rhetoric it was a ten week long war that saw only two major naval battles. One attack that has not been reported before is told on the reverse of this postal card (UX13/S16) which in reply to a commercial notice of the day retells Samuel's experiences on the Seville front in the Spanish-American War. After a trip through Seville, Gibraltar, and New York the original notice caught up with Sam in Washington D.C. long after the war was over. His reply to Henry Blacklock & Co. of Manchester, England reminds us to check out the flip side of the card for the rest of the story!



Mr. Henry Blacklock & Co.
Albert Square
Manchester
England

Washington, DC U.S.A.

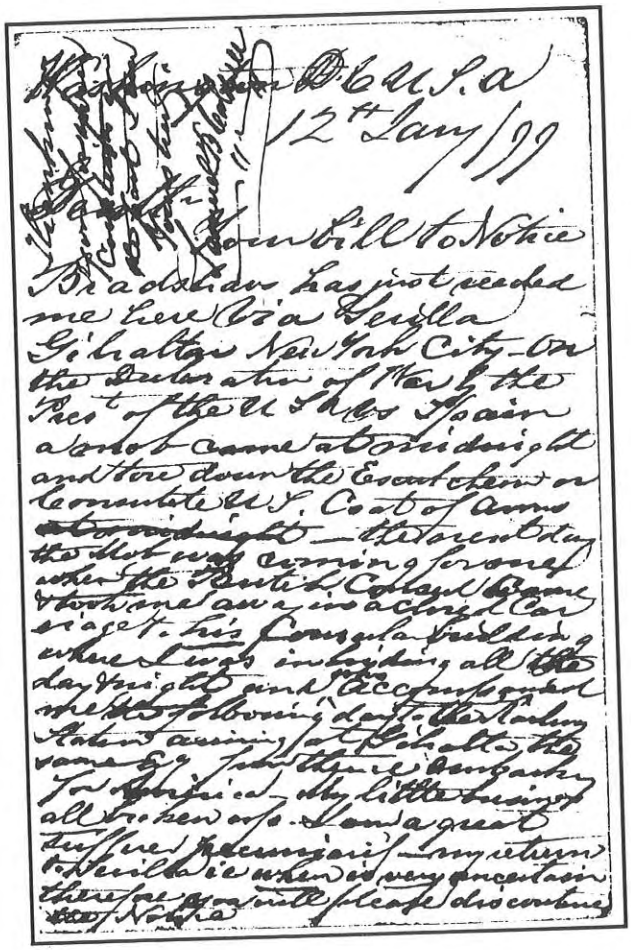


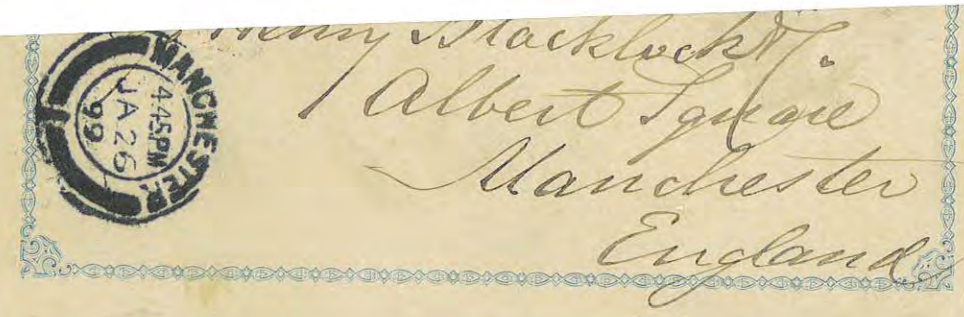
night and who accompanied me the following to the Railway Station arriving at Gibraltar the same Eve. From thence embarking for America my little business all broken into. I am a great sufferer pecuniarily — my return to Sevilla, i.e. <u>when</u> is very uncertain there for you will please discontinue the Notice.

Thanking you for your (_____?)
in the past I am yours truly,

Samuel B. Col(_____?)

Got a postal card with an interesting story or message on the reverse? Send it in and I'll share it with our members. Thanks to John DeStefanis for passing along this card in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Spanish-American War.





JAN. 1899
DR. SEEKS COMMISSION FROM HIS SENATOR

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10th, 1899.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, April 25, 1898.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The number of physicians who have offered their services to the Government now exceeds 1,500, and every mail brings numerous additions to the list.

The Surgeon General highly appreciates the patriotic motives which have induced this offer of services—in many instances by men prominent in the profession and enjoying a lucrative practice—but the labor of answering these numerous letters interferes with the necessary work of the office, which has been *greatly* increased by the exigencies connected with equipping the Regular and Volunteer Armies for field service. It therefore becomes necessary to acknowledge letters offering service and inquiries relating to the Medical Department by this circular letter.

No appointments are made in the Regular Army except after examination by an Army Medical Examining Board, and all applicants must be graduates in medicine and less than 29 years of age.

The Surgeon General of the Army has nothing to do with the appointment of medical officers for the Volunteer Army.

Comparatively few Contract Surgeons (Acting Assistant Surgeons) are likely to be required, and it is the intention to employ for service with troops going to Cuba or at hospitals on the Gulf Coast, only such as are immune to yellow fever.

All applications and offers of service will be placed on file for future reference, and for selection of the most available persons for the special duty required, in case of need.

No female nurses will be sent to Cuba or to hospitals on the Gulf Coast, and it appears probable, at present, that there will be no necessity for the employment of trained female nurses. All applications will, however, be placed on file for future reference in case of need.

GEO. M. STERNBERG,
Surgeon General, U. S. Army.

United States Senate.

OFFICIAL OR DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS.

FREE.

WASHINGTON
JAN 10
10-PM
1899

U. S. S.

Geo. M. Terrill, M.D.
317 Powell St.
San Francisco,
California.

CUBA CUBA

letter enclosed with Gibara cover

text of letter with date – Gibara 15 I (January) 1899. The letter was not postmarked until Jan 24th '99, 9 days after the letter was written.

Gibara is a small town on the Northeast coast of Cuba about 25 miles North of Holguin (which became Mil. Sta. No. 8)

CUBA CUBA

HAVANA, CUBA JAN. 1899

DESCRIBES OFFICIAL RAISING OF U.S. FLAG IN CUBA



Camp Columbia
Military Station No. 10.
Havana, Cuba.
Jan 5. '99.

ear friend Dick.

Your last letter nd also the envelopes eached me at Savannah. We left there Dec 21st and arrived at Havana Dec 24th. At 2³⁰ we passed Morro Castle, and fifteen minutes later dropped anchor within fifty yards of the wreck of the Maine. Just the masts are above the water.

Xmas day we started from the dock on our march to camp, ten miles distant, near Mariano, and only one mile from the ocean. Every tuesday

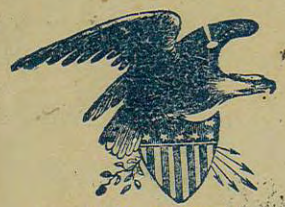
Hello Dick. If it would not be
too much trouble to you, I wish
you would send me one of the home
papers now and then.

On every hill can be
seen a blockhouse.
The troches are being
torn down by our men.
I was the first one out of
my company to ride on
the cuban rail-way.
It is called the Jesus Del
Monte. Well Dick as I
must save some news for
the next letter, I will close
hoping that you had a
merry Xmas and a Happy
New Year. Yours very respty
Jack McCoole

(you ever get
letter.)

. Theophile will write
you in a short while
are very busy at present-

Good Content
Cuba
CP-1a



SECOND OREGON
VOLUNTEER INFANTRY,
MANILA, P. I.

SOLDIER'S LETTER
Capt. A. J. Kelly, C.
Adj. 1st Cal. U. S. V. Inf.





Mrs Gardner.
Market st. Wonder Millenary Store
San Francisco
U.S.A.

MANILA - JAN 10, 1899
TROOPS EN ROUTE TO ISLANDS
RECALLED TO MANILA WHERE
TROUBLE IS EXPECTED

HAVANA JAN. 1899

DESCRIBES LONG MARCH + INTERIOR OF CUBA

Camp Columbia. Havana, Cuba.
Jan. 29th 1899.

Friend Dick;-

Yours of the 20th inst. at hand and was very glad to hear from you. Am very sorry that Martin F. is down again and hope he will soon be up and around for I bet it is pretty near causing his death that he

FROM
A. H. Luther
Co. H, 6th Mo. Vols.,
Camp Columbia
Havana, Cuba.

FRANKED,
CHAPLAIN
T.C. GIVEN,
6th. Mo. V. I.

Richard Fuhrman Esq.
3221 California Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.
206-
U. S. A.

of drownded rats when we finally reached our camp.

I will close now hoping to hear from you soon, I remain your friend

A. H. Hunter.

P. S. Tell M. F. to write to me now he has nothing else to do and to send me an old Standard or a Quick once in awhile.

1900
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On board U. S. Troopship Arizona
Off Iloilo P. I.
Jany 2nd 1899.

OFFICER JAN-1899 GREAT LETTER RE INSURGENTS, POLITICS, TO PROF. AT USMA - [WRITER KILLE DEC. 1899]

My dear Echols:

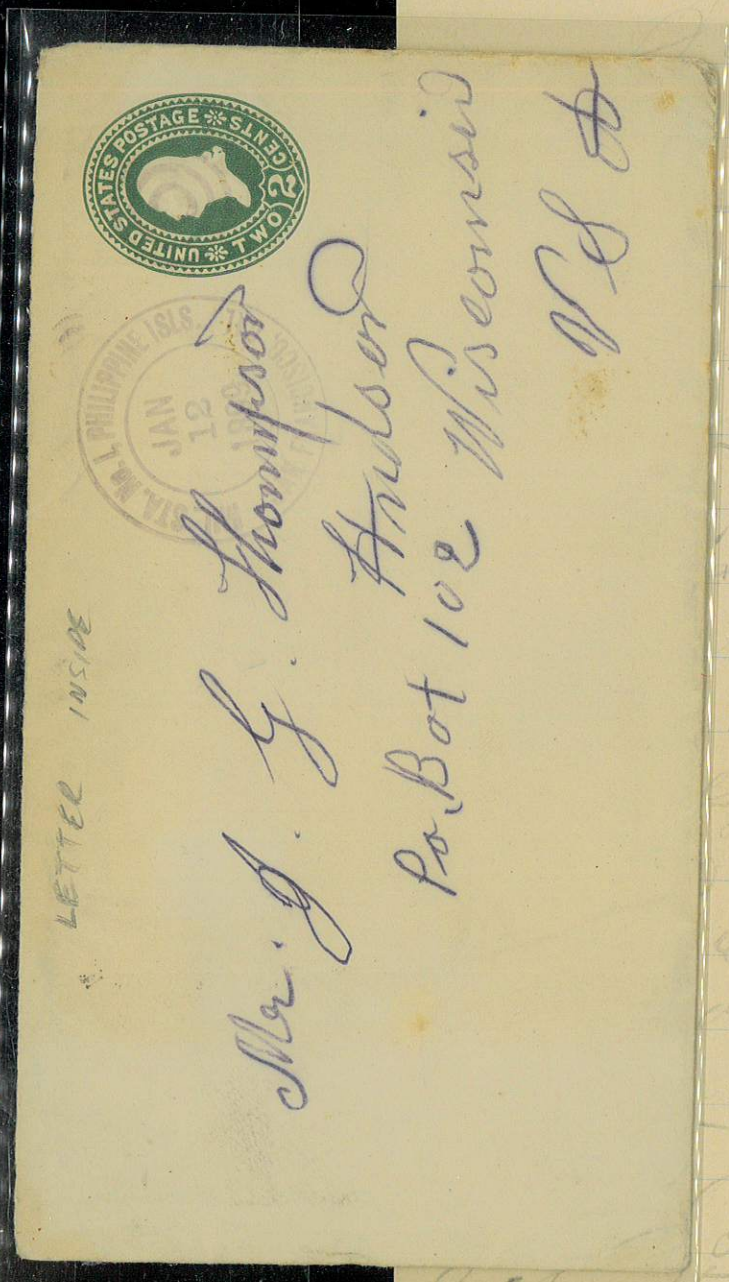
You must not think [illegible] silence that I have not thought of you, and have been unmindful of your advancement, My dear fellow there has not been an appointment made during this war, nor has there been an appointment of Professor at the United States Military Academy in my recollection that [illegible] me so much, such appointments [illegible] wish I could say [illegible] been made [illegible] lating you I [illegible] service. I [illegible] before many [illegible] tried to get over [illegible] you left and [illegible] went over to find [illegible]

I was disappointed [illegible] that you had gone - Hann told me that

Answered Kup.
From Olivia B. Warwick
Killed Dec '99

Charles P. Echols -
Associate - Professor - U.S.M.A.
West Point
N. Y.
United States America -

PHILIPPINES JAN. 1899
GOOD CONTENTS; WAR LTR.
(DIFFICULT TO READ)



January 12/99

We are expecting
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UNITED STATES POSTAGE 2 CENTS

STA. MA. L. PHILIPPINE ISLS
JAN 12 1899

LETTER INSIDE

Mr. J. G. Thompson
Andson
Po Bot 102 Wisconsin
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but guess you will both get your letters at the same time will close for this time will write and let you folks know if we have any trouble I here exped they will have a time at Iwo Other times any time but not here. respects to all

Fred Thompson
Manilla
Philippens islands
Co M. 13 Minnesota infintry



MANILA JAN. 20, 1899

SOLDIER WRITES OF TROOPS MUTINY IF NOT PAID: GEN. OTIS TRYING TO PREVENT

MX

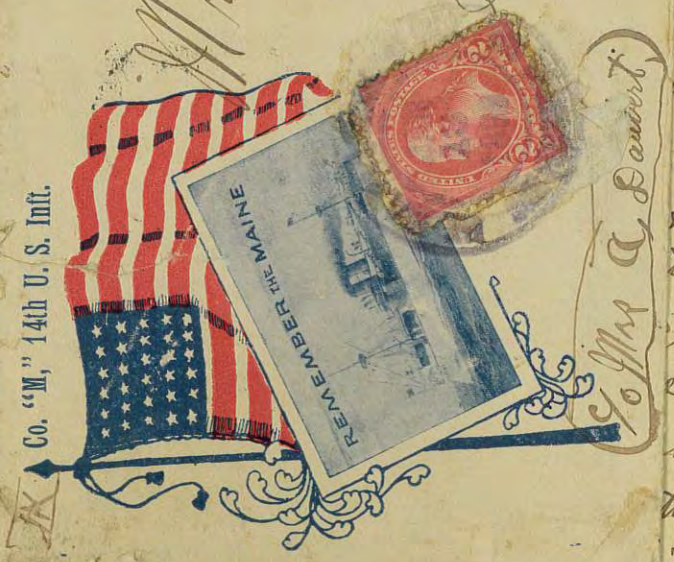
In Camp
Friday,
2 P.M.

Cuartel de Malate Jan. 20th
Manila, P.I. 1899

Dear Mother,

...e just received the pictures that we
...ken some time ago, while on outpost,
...will send them along with this,
... up, in a Freedom, the Mail
...here on the 23th for the U.S. so as
...to go on out-post duty, tomorrow morning
...might not get another chance to send
... this mail, I suppose that you will
...ith me, that the pictures are very poor
... took them, just to remember the
...and place, that we had them taken
... can see my ugly mug, in two of the
..., I am holding my rifle at a load, from
...ing position, you can hardly see my face,
..., where you see the sentry, in back of us
...e the old block-house used to be, the
...is walking on the top of the stone
...tions, the fellow that has his hand on
...ids head, is our acting first Sergeant, in
place of the fellow that stands on the other
side of the nigger kid, I mean in place of the
fellow with the stripes on his coat sleeve,
I have my face in the picture of the company

Mrs S. H. McC...
679 Pennsylvania ...
Potrero,
San Francisco,
Cola, U.S.C.



Co. "M," 14th U. S. Inft.

c/o Mrs A. Dawert

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nd he never did a guard while he was here

do not blame the men a bit, a man is not
ing to fight for a government, that breaks its
reements, by changing its laws, after they
ne 6,000 men in the field, in a fever
fested country, Well I cannot stay any
nger with you now, so hoping that your
t letter will bring better news, in regard
your luck, I shall close with love for
, hoping that you are all in good
ealth, I remain your loving Son,

Harvey Knight

dress) Co M - 14th U. S. Inft,
Military Station No 1 —
Philippine Islands,
ia, San Francisco, Cala,

Give Claire a big Kiss for me,

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Frank Holcomb, went under the
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ne in the roster, I found this out last
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GUANAJAY CUBA JAN. 1899
RE: RAIDING LOCAL WHOREHOUSE AND ENCLOSING NEW OVERPRINTED CUBAN STAMPS

Camp Barrett Guanajay Cuba January 29, 1899

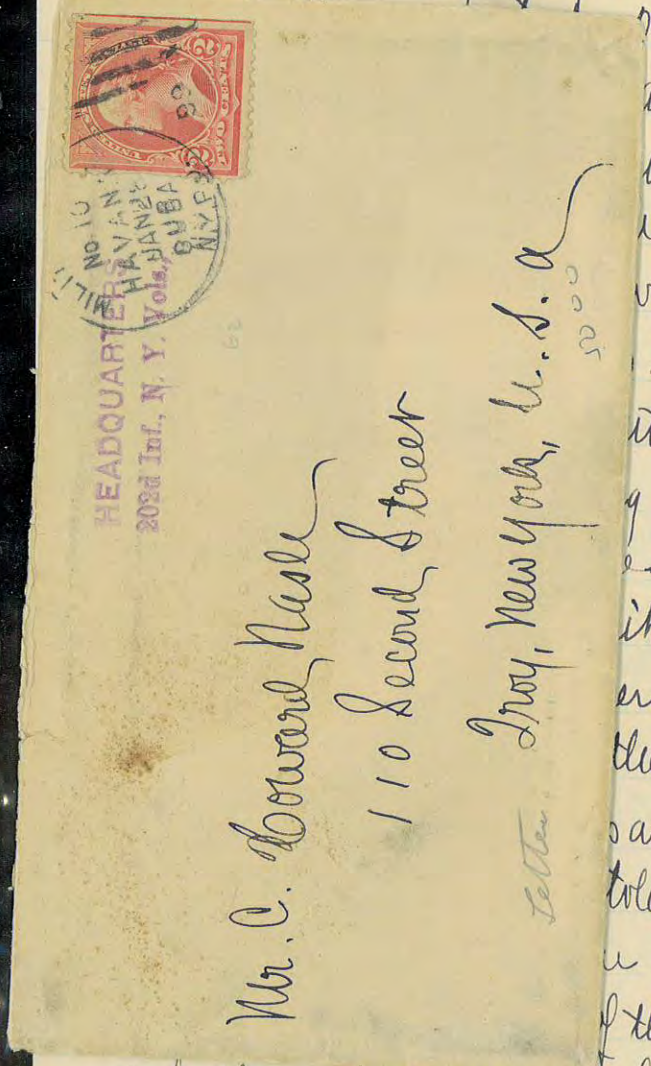
My Dear Howard

Your fine letter of 15th inst. received two days ago - and this is the first opportunity I have had to answer it -

I have been very busy the last three days - Three days ago I was [illegible] provost guard duty and took charge of the [illegible] at nine in the morning and returned at twelve [illegible] was quiet - I raided two disorderly houses & [illegible] ree in the first which was a dirty place & [illegible] was clean & the women quite pretty - In [illegible] houses together - I had to go around through [illegible] to the other and the women in the first house [illegible] g around where I found the men, but it was [illegible] - for drunkenness & disorderly conduct -

[illegible] sit on a General Court martial which has [illegible] ers - One was the man who killed Kelly at Athens [illegible] that I shall have to go on the jury -

[illegible] s are out for a practise march on an order [illegible] told me not to go more than twelve miles [illegible] n error we went fifteen - The reason was [illegible] f the kilometer stones which mark the road [illegible] and when we arrived round one we had gone so far - However the men stood the march in fine shape, so I don't think I will get called down



The "Forest Lovers" is all right and when I get a chance I am going to read it again.

I enclose some Uncharged U. S. Stamps - I got what I could with the printed margin but the others I could not get that way. These were the only denominations I could get. Have you gotten any of them?

Mess call will sound in a few minutes so I must close - with love to all especially Margery

George

Tell Jack I received his letter & will answer soon -

An interesting original letter and envelope sent home by a young s
Virginia City, Montana. The soldier was serving with the 1st Mon
Philippines for Spanish American War, Philippine Insurrection se
to get home when he is discharged in the Philippines. He can get t
there back to the States for another $100 gold. The letter was mail
1899. The letter is postmarked Virginia City,Mont. Feb 26, 1899.
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as most of us know.

MANILA JAN. 1899

MONTANA VOL. TALKS ABOUT TRYING TO GET DISCHARGED



Manila, P. O.
Jan 17, 1899

Mr and Mrs Vickers and All

My Dear Father, Mother and All.

Well I guess I will
rite you a few lines to let
you Know that we are all
well and hope these few
lines will find you all the
same. The mail came in
yesterday but we only got one
letter from Matt. to Dock
dated Nov. 25th, but there
will be more sometime
this week. I hope Nellie
is all right again, she must
have been very sick from the
way you write.

An interesting original letter and envelope sent home by a young soldier to his folks who lived in Virginia City, Montana. The soldier was serving with the 1st Montana Volunteer Infantry in the Philippines for Spanish American War, Philippine Insurrection service. He talks a little about trying to get home when he is discharged in the Philippines. He can get to London for $150 gold and from there back to the States for another $100 gold. The letter was mailed from Manila on January 17, 1899. The letter is postmarked Virginia City, Mont. Feb 26, 1899. He says in his letter that "all is quiet but it did look like a scrap for a while". The situation changed drastically on February 5, 1899 as most of us know.

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uard myself so there
ot very many of us in
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Well as there is nothing
ite about and I am a
tired I will close for
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an and Dawson join with
n love + kisses to all and
ds to all friends.
Hoping to hear from
soon I remain as

Your Loving Son

R. B. Vickers Dick

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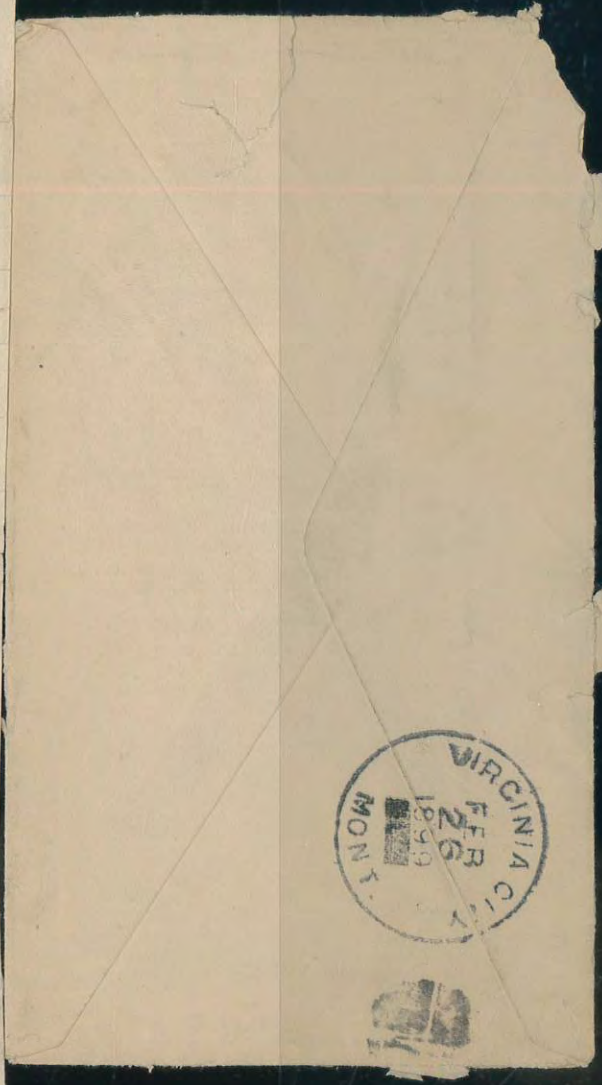
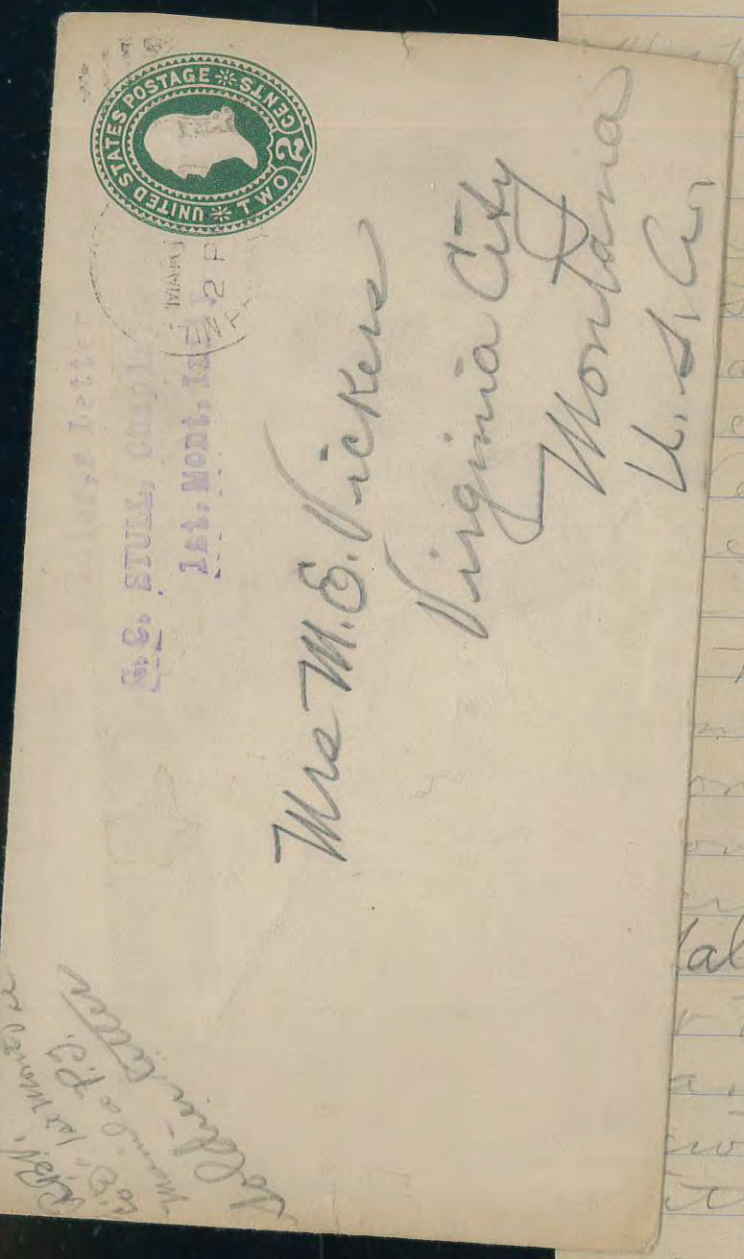


really interesting soldier's letter sent home by a soldier serving with the 1st Montana Volunteers in
e Philippines. Spanish American War/Philippine Insurrection. The letter w
899 from Caloocan Manila PI. Here is some of the content; "We are still in
nd I don't know when we will move", "The Kansas Regiment was ordered t
he order was countermanded as General Lawton arrived here yesterday wit
roops on the Grant from New York and he will be in command of all of the
and as he has not got much use for the Volunteers I think it will help us som
that Governor Smith (of Montana) couldn't do anthing for us as he is a silve
"The boys are getting pretty tired of laying in the trenches and are anxious f
content, nicely marked envelope, postmarked Virginia City, Montana, April 14, 1899.

PHIL. MARCH 1899
MONTANA VOL. WRITES
ABOUT GEN. LAWTON'S ARRIVAL,
POLITICS TO GET DISCHARGED;
EXPECTED BATTLE EX



Caloocan, Manila, P.I.
March, 11, 1899

Mrs M.E. Vickers
My Dear Mother—
We received your
g and everwelcome letter
ther day and was very glad
ar from you and that you
e all getting better again,
e are all well and hope
e few lines will find
all the same.
We are still in the
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ve. The Kansas regiment
re ordered to move on
Malabon yesterday afternoon
r the order was counter-
anded at noon, as Gen.
wton arrived yesterday
ith seventeen hundred
more troops on the "Grant"
from New York, and he will



Bayamo Cuba
Jan. 18, /98

My Dear Father & Mother

I received your very welcome letter of the 26 inst. and was glad to hear that you are better and able to do some work I also received the papers and golden days they were more than welcome as reading matter is even more scarce here than in Manzanillo and there being only one company of us here it seems rather lonely, but we had rather stay here than go back to Manzanillo there are two or three cases of yellow fever there at present one of niggars employed by one of the officers in our regiment was the first to get it We have a couple of contract doctors with us and one of them is a kind of a specialist on yellow fever he has practiced in Louisiana all his life it was he that detected this case and had him isolated but he died in a few days

Letter
Mr Chas Whitehill
G.L. 4th U.S. Vols I
Lunyn Lewise
Captain Co. U.S.V.
Commanding Bayamo Cuba
Mr Wm Whitehill
Phoebus.
Elizabeth City Co.
Virginia
U.S.A.

MILITARY STA. No 6 MANZANILLO JAN 21 - CUBA - W.Y.P.O.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM CUBA. 6pg letter on patriotic stationery, w/blue illus. of flag at top, datelined "Matanzas, Cuba, Jan. 25th, 1899", incl: "It is nice and warm here, but the nights are kind of cool and damp. But it is all right to sleep if it was not for the sand fleas...I put...comfort powder on me every night and it stops the itching and every fellow in the Reg. is all the time scratching...Today is the first time that we have had any beef. We have been living on bread and coffee, and I had rather have that than the beef that is killed here, for they kill it in the morning that we have to eat it...it is too fresh....The City was all decorated with the stars, stripes and all the Cuban army was all out and they looked happy, and they was all the time giving three cheers for the Americanos, as they call us....they are awful poor. There is about 1100 starving right in this city alone. It is a hard sight to see some of them. I was out with the team Sunday, carrying food to the poor....I saw a man sitting on a stone with his foot half eaten off. It was caused by a Spanish cutting it with his sword...could not get anything done for it, so it is rotting off...today, the U.S. Gov. took him to the Hospital....it was a good thing that we came here..." sm edge tears. F-VF

IP ..... REGIMENT ..... V. .....

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Matanzas Cuba Jan. 25th

Dear Mother and Sister
I am still here and have got the best of health and growing fat. I got your letter yesterday and was glad to get it and to hear that Emma was going to teach school for she will feel better to have something to do to earn some money. it is nice and warm here but the nights are kind of cool and damp but it is all

RE: THE BOXER REBELLION & THE PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION. 3pg lette
approx. 8" x 10", datelined "Nagasaki, Japan, Sept. 2nd, 1900", from E.V. Lyma
Commander of the U.S. Army Transport "Sumner", incl: "I arrived here last evening 5 da
from Manila. We left Manila under orders for Taku, China via Nagasaki....we are to
Taku and receive over 100 ladys that were shut up in Pekin by the Chinese, belong
legation there. We are to take them on board and proceed to Frisco..
week, while in Manila, in which a Japanese S. Ship of
foundered in the China Sea...I understand
oops are being withdrawn.
s on...The fighting in the P.
and supply trains. You w
tion of the Dem. Platform.
ach clause, and has been pr
people...."Aggie" considers
e Philippinos to fight and h

it just like that any where
you go but this are some
rich people that they have
been away all the time there
was any trouble and they are just
getting back for this will
never be any more trouble here
I think that I will have to
stop writing and call this
enough for this time. I can
tell you hello about things
when I get back for the
things in the papers was not
telling any lies about the
people here and it was a good
thing that we came here.
I will close wishing you well
and remember me to all of the
people with love.

Frank

CUBA - JAN. 1899
ALL ABOUT STAMPS – 2/5/10/25
CENTAVOS REVOLUTIONARY ISSUES, ETC

Camp Columbia
Marianao, Cuba,
January, 15 1899.

My Dear Cousin:

Have been to the City of Havana several times since we reached this place but could not find any Cuban Postage Stamps until yesterday.

I enclose herewith a set of four one each – 2 – 5 – 10 & 25 Centavos.

I do not know any thing about Stamps and suppose these are all right – the man I got them from, in one of the Newspaper offices, said that these are the only issues made by the Cuban government and that they were over in actual use in parts of the Island.

I suppose the Spanish stamps were the thing a few weeks ago but the "Americanos" are the only ones in use now – the Soldiers send their letters to United States for 2¢ when franked by an officer – as you were notified

U,S.F.S. Olympia
Manlia, P.I.
Feby 9th/99

John H. Hulff Esq.
Norfolk Va.??

Dear Sir

Your letter of Dec. 26th to hand today and I take pleasure in sending you a part of a Spanish pennant which was taken off the Don Juan de Austria May 2nd. I can vouch for its authenticity but would not like to SWEAR the holes in it were caused by our bullets. Also a couple of cap ribbons. The paper is from the Commandant's office at the Cavite Arsenal. Trusting these will be received in the spirit in which they are sent.

I remain
Yours sincerely
.._. Harvey
Chief yeoman, U.S.N.

Please do not mention my name in any paper as all flags and pennants are supposed to be turned in to the Admiral

Admiral Dewey defeated the Spanish at Manilla Bay on May 1, 1898.

USS OLYMPIA FEB. 1899
SAILOR SENDS SOUVENIRS
HOME. ON CAPTURED LETTERHEAD

SECRETARIA
DE LA
COMANDANCIA GENERAL
DEL
ARSENAL DE CAVITE

U.S.S. Olympia
Manila P.I
July 9th/99

John H. Huff Esq
Norfolk Va.

Dear Sir
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FEB. 5, 1899
OUTSTANDING WAR LTR.
RE: START OF PHILIPPINE WAR

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Manila, P. I. Feb 20

Well Dear Sister & Bro. I will now drop you a few lines, as I am sitting in the Battle field and watching for the enemy, of course I Supose you know that the war has brok out the war started, Feb 4 on Saturday Night at 9 Oblock and lasted untill Sunday afternoon at 5 Oblock that was the first Battle and it was a hard one for 20 Hours with out a drop of water or bite to eat, and fought all Sunday beneath the baking Sun. We chased the enemy 4 miles beyond there lines and [illegible] further [illegible] ammenity [illegible] on, and the [illegible] played [illegible] night the [illegible] commence [illegible] sounded [illegible] the Battle [illegible] got to sl[illegible]



insurgents. We wouldn be
so sore at them if they haden
fired at the red cross, and
they caught a [illegible] on
Doctor over their lines hulled
him off his horse and cut him
in pieces with knifes they would
killed him fair, the same as
we do, all the natives in town
has got the white flag raised
the white flag mean surrender
they have got hhirt tailes
drewers chimmies tailes and
spirts every thing that is
white. Well I think I will cut
my letter short as they have
comence to firing over in the
Nebraspe regiment, 2 miles
from here so I think that
means fight again to night
it is now 6 oclock in the evening
and I will close. the enemy
is coming near. good bye
Chris Peterson

HAVANA FEB, 1899 ON SPANISH MILITARY LETTERHEADS
RE: MEMORIAL TO SAILORS KILLED ON MAINE, ETC

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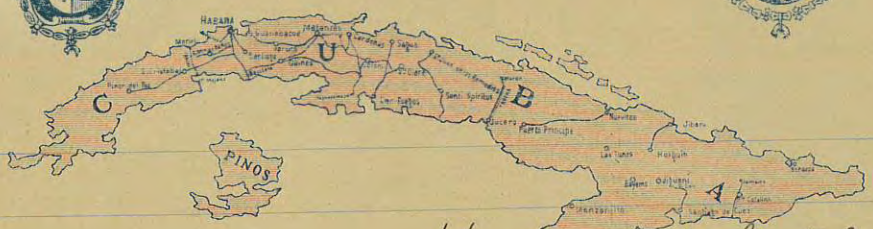

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 19 99

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Mr Chas Talkington,

Dear Sir and Friend:

Your letter of some days ago received and read with much pleasure. It found me still in Cuba enjoying the delightful climate, and the society of the army, together with the regular drills, dress parades, guard duty and police duty. We have been pretty well fed, too, since we have been here. Today we had fried steak, gravy, beans, bread, and coffee. Occasionally we have pie, stewed apples or peaches, peach cobbler, biscuits and maple syrup.

MANILA FEB 1899

INTERESTING BATTLE LETTER "WE KILLED 42...

2

made out timber and di[illegible]
for protection from the en[illegible]
they had them all long their dead
line, and were shooting at the
American Soldiers through loop holes
We made a charge on them and drove
them out, and shot them down like
jack rabbits as fast as they came
out, We shortly after took possesion of
the block houses, and raised the
stars and stripes the boys all cheered
and felt happy allthough we
mourned over the loss of our
comrads, too of my comrads fell
by my side they were the victim
of the same bullet, but we got
revenge we killed 42 on a piece
of ground the size of a [illegible] on
garden [illegible]
insur[illegible] all
over th[illegible] 90
China [illegible] the
next [illegible]
well [illegible] lette
to yo[illegible] ver
got [illegible]
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our [illegible]
that [illegible] one
it w[illegible] very long one I don't
feel much like writing very much



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SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - EXCELLENT LETTER FROM PHILIPPINES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR WITH THE INSURRECTIONISTS. 5pg letter from Erwin Hoffman, 51 Iowa Band, datelined "**Cavite, P.I., Feb. 12, '99**", with original transmittal cvr with 2c red Wash. (perfs toned) tied by blk **MIL. STA. NO.2 CAVITE/PHIL. ISL'DS.** duplex. Stamp is also tied by magenta **SOLDIER'S LETTER/H.P. Williams/Chaplain 51, Iowa Vol. Inf.** 3 line hdstp. Letter incl: "**On Dec. 7, we arrived in Manilla Bay, where we lay till Dec. 26....Jan. 31 we pulled up in front of Cavite on the ground made famous by Dewey last May & the emblems of his grand work were visible in the shapes of 10 sunken hulks of the once famous Spanish Navy. On Feb. 3, we landed, after having been on the boat just exactly 92 days....I was hilarious when I felt myself once more on Terra Firma. We are nicely quartered in old Spanish Barracks....to the right is Dewey's house, to our back is the wall 20 ft high and wide enought to drill a Co. on. On Sunday, the fight commenced in Manila & twas terrible...could see the gunboats shell them in the trenches. On Thursday morn, we were marched with the Hospital Corps out to the front, through the burning town of San Roque. The heat was terrible. The houses were all left just as the people had fled from them the same morn. I went through countless houses & got all kinds of souvenirs. The paper this letter is written on I captured in San Roque. We marched That night we stayed in some native huts. Oh, the horrors of war, the miseries and want & desolation produced by....must be seen to be realized... Two of our band boys got hurt. One a native cut up with a machete.... The other got shot in the knee by his own revolver falling to the ground & going off....**" VF 100

Cavite P. I.
Feb 12. 99

the other night
hen I was awak-
guard cried
so the good Kodak
which I prize very
the best picture I
had taken and
you most sin-
dly for it. Was so
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& varied I do assure
f Frisco on Nov 3. 98
lulu Nov 11 and as
had the glorious Grandeur
nery the bounteous and
vegetation with which
has endowed these islands
all Mark Twain called
able paradise the curious
& ade more vividly dis-
than I could ever hope

SOLDIER'S LETTER
Chaplain 51, Iowa Vol. Inf.

Mrs. M. C. Burnett
1916 Broadway
San Francisco
Cal.
U.S.A.

CAVITE



LETTER

H. W. BOLTON
CHAPLAIN
2nd ILLINOIS Vol.

MILIT. W.
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Cuba
N.Y.

CUBA
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de PESO.

Mr D Remington
124 Market St
Chicago
Ill
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Cl. M. Remington

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...y the other
days, it was a sight. up in
our corner of the graveyard
was a pile of skeleton. I
should judge of at least
two or three thousands.
They do not sell lots as they
do in America, they rent them
for so much a year and if

the last two days; it has been
raining & blowing something
awful, many of the tents have
been blown down. Last night
about 12 oclock as we were
all sweeping our tent came
down on us. We seen that
it was useless to try and put
it up again so, we remained
under untill morning. That
is what some of the boys call
real soldier life.

Gen Gomez made a statement
the if the United States did not
let him come into the city of
Havana with an armed
escord, He would take it
upon his own shoulders &
come in, but he [illegible]

GEN. GOMEZ DENIED
ENTRY INTO HAVANA WITH
ARMED ESCORT.

8/14/99

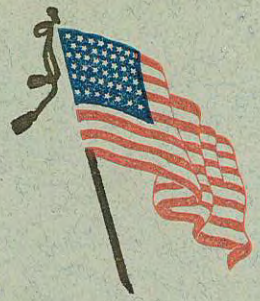
the friends of deceased fail to pay the rent they dig up the remains & throw them in the corner. They only put them two feet under the grounds so it will be easy to take them out.

I was very sorry to hear that Miss Stamers nephew was dead. I hope by this time that Mrs King has fully recovered.

We expect to be back in Chicago by May. That clipping you sent was very good

I must bring my letter to a close, as it is nearly mess time Hoping all are well.

I remain
yours
Co L 2nd Ill Havana Cuba W C Donlevy



Camp Columbia,
Havana, Cuba
Feb. 14. 1899

Mr B. Remington.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 26 ult was received a few days ago. I was glad to hear that all were well.

We are having a good time over here. We do very little drilling, as the weather is so awful warm. We have had very disagreeable weather

REMARKABLE WAR LTR FROM CAVITE, PHIL. FEB. 21, 1899, "WAR OFFICIALLY STARTS 2/4/99 8 pp. letter vividly describes fighting and "NO TAKING PRISONERS" MUST READ!!

Cavite P.I.
Feb 21, 1899

Dear old Pal;

Once more I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines

oldhal-Spanish American War/Fabulous War Letter/1899

Description

This is just about the best war letter from the Philippines that you could ever read. From A W McClelland, Co H, 51st Iowa, Cavite, P.I. Dated Feb 21, 1899. The war with the Spanish is over but they are fighting the rebels that want an Independent Philippine Islands. "We were on the transport Pennsylvania 91 days ....towards the last, lots of the guys' got Scurvey"...one fellow had his fingers and toe nails come off, his teeth got loose , etc." The rations were enough to give us all scruvey , everthing was greesy. " then he talks about laying in Manila for 19days and then sailed for Ilaio and was there 31 days. " We have one town to our credit but it did not take much fighting to get it...only a few shots fired from Rebes killed two our boys and wounded 7. "
" they have been attacked twice but held thair grounds and since the last attach, one of the Cursiers has shelled the insurgents trenches and driven them back. "
It would be hard to estimate how many Rebs has been killed, I think from the reports that the no would reach 10,000. The death list on our own side no's aobut 75 and about 300 wounded. "
" Maybee you will be surprised but there is never any wounded natives. There were at first but now the report comes in , so many killed, The boys kill every wounded one the find so they will not be bothered at the hospitals with them. I do not blame the boy's much but think the officeers or someone else aught to put a stop to it".

8 long pages of stuff like this...no censorship during the Sp American War...The writer did not think much of the war and thought it was wrong. I don't think you could find a better letter about the war and conditions...A+++

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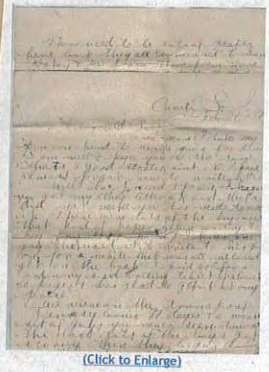

(Click to Enlarge)

guy that used it to write to his girl on for a while that was all we called get on the boat I paid 40¢ for a ordinary sized writing tablet of about 50 pages & was glad to get it at any price

We were on the transport Pennsylvania 91 days & a worse set of guys you never seen. towards the last lots of the boys got scurvy. then they began dying

There used to be lots of people
re but they all "vamoosed" to San
ookey & we drove them from there
the Luzon so now about all thats
ft is China men. & a few Spaniards
at are in business here
They have come after me again
o I am going down to the plant &
ork awhile They said a boiler had
ven out so I "spose" I will have to
all a few flues so they can keep the
d thing moving until morning
it is getting time for me
o quit any way when I started
humanity sake,
it up. Next Monday [illegible]
again & will go prepared so I can g
out to see them. I want to get ca
rning off & maybe I will get my
from the plant see"
By the way, if you remember
when this Cruel war started it
for Humanity sake, Well they ha
forgotten all about that now & som
other nation might take a hand for
humanity sake,

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR - SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM CUBA. 3+pgs letter from Will J. Davidson, Co. K, 49th Iowa, datelined **"San Antonio, Cuba, Feb. 25, 1899"**. With original transmittal cvr, with 2-1/2c de Peso on 2c Washington ovrprnt tied by blue barred oval, with blue **COMUNICACION/SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BA...** Feb. 26, 1899 dated double oval pmk. Cvr reduced at right, cutting into stamp. Letter incl: **"The people here have not seen many American soldiers before and they are very friendly and good to us. They try to talk and make us understand that they are glad to see us. Wednesday, our Batallion went on a march to a town about 8 miles south east of here and we were the first American soldiers they had seen, and they almost went straight up. They yelled and danced, waved their hands and handkerchiefs and gathered around us and tried to talk to us. It is amusing to see how they express themselves over us, shouting Maricanos mucho bueno (which is Americans very good). Last evening, they had a celebration in the town of San Antonio, it being 4 years since the war was declared between them and Spain. They paraded around town with fine banners and flags. The American swung above the Cuban..."** VF . . . . . .

San Antonio. Cuba.
Feb. 25 1899

Miss Bessie Davidson
Toledo Iowa

Dear Sister and ones at home
This being S[illegible] and our
last day i[illegible] San Antonio
as we[illegible]

CUBA 2½ c. de PESO

SPANISH CANC

COMUNICACION FEB 26 1899

Will J. Davidson.
Co K 49 Iowa
Havana Cuba.

Soldiers Letter

Miss Bessie Davidson
Toledo
Iowa
U.S.A.

Tama. Co.

[illegible] good to us.
[illegible] make us under-
they are so glad to see

Wensday our Batalion went

Americans all they can until after election...But if Bryan is not elected, they must take
best offer they can get. What a lot of fools these people are! Why they do not stop figh
and go to work is what astonishes me....They have never seen so much to do, and so m
pay for it since they lived....there will be tribes and bands of cut-throats and robbers
will have to be hunted down for many years, as we have had to hunt the Western t
of Indians..." With original transmittal cvr, addr to Prospect Harbor, Me., with 2c red V
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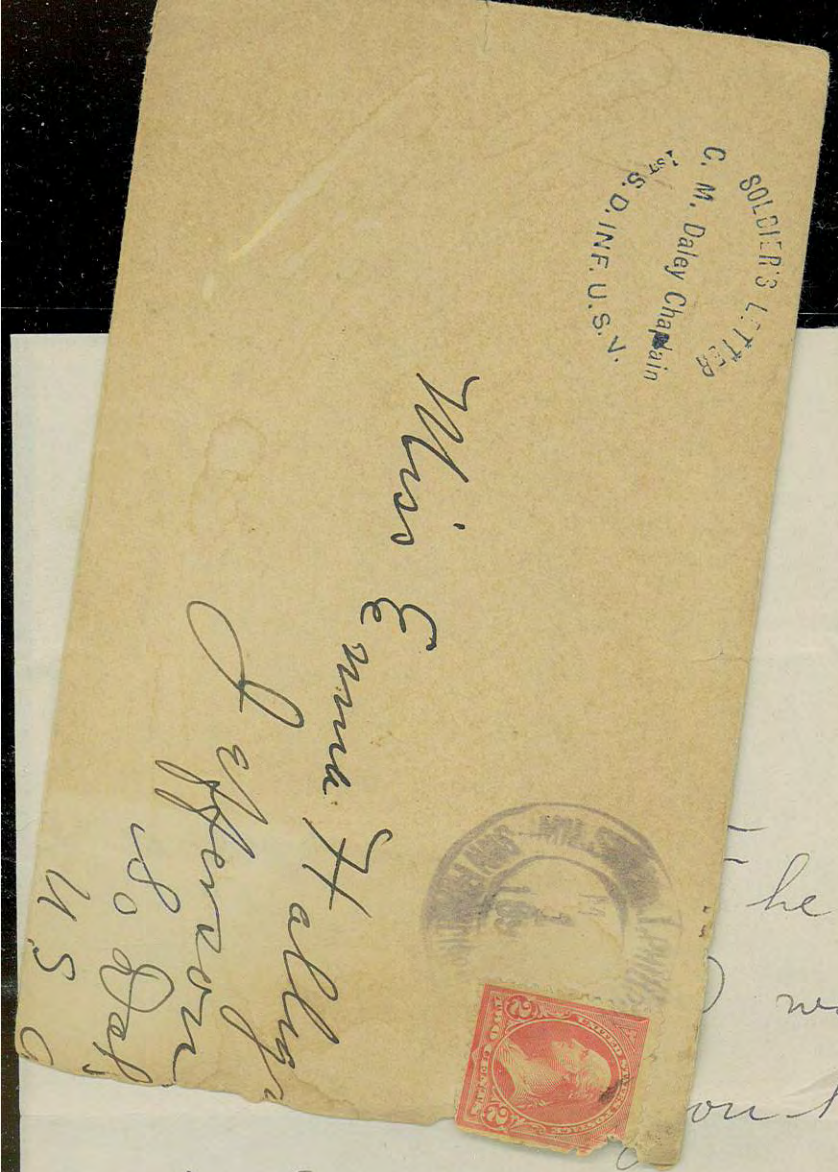
ER OF AN ARMY TRANSPORT
ROOPS & TREASURE TO CH
of 2 lengthy & well written letters,
", from E.V. Lynam, commanding th
lined"Shanghai, China, Dec. 29th,
the hardest job it is possible to
the world. We left Manila on the

and as I still enjoy the
same good health and hope
you all are doing the same
Wishing you all kind
Regards.
I Ever Remain
Your Loving Brother
Bill.



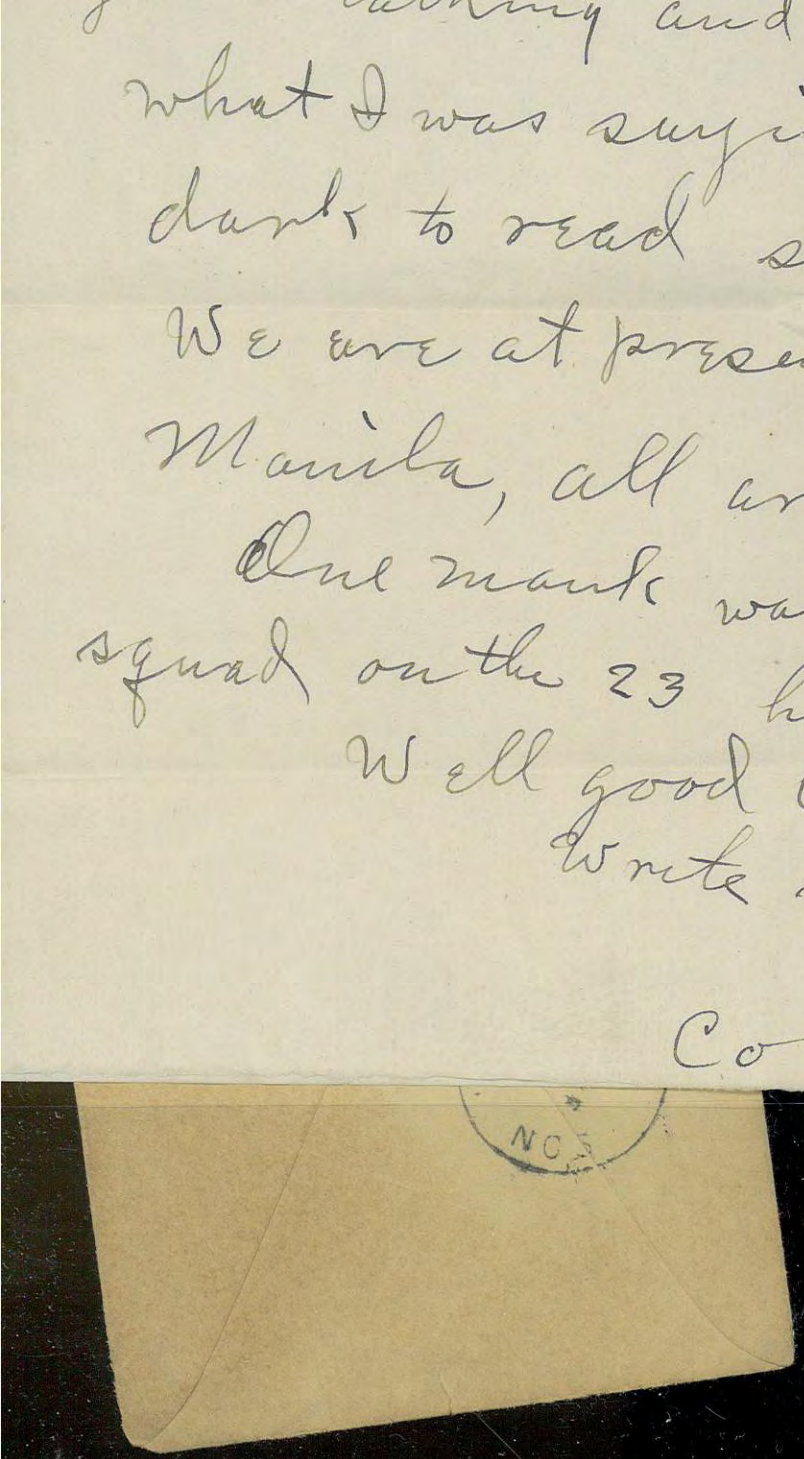
In the trenches Feb. 28, 99
8 P.M. without a light

The mail leaves early
will write this in the
you know how I am
I have been in the hospital for a
week but am again on duty.

We are anxiously awaiting

PHIL. IN THE TRENCHES
FEB. 28, 1899
ONE MAN KILLED

what I was saying and it is too
dark to read so let it go
We are at present 3 miles No of
Manila, all are well
One mank was killed from my
squad on the 23 his name was Felker
Well good bye
write soon to
Fred E Vinson
Co C 12 S D V, manila



FEB. 1899 - GOOD WAR LTR.
WM. BESBY PLOS MISC.
EPHEMERA FROM PHILIPPINES

PRIESTS INCITE THE
INSURGENTS + COLLECT $
FOR THEM
EXC. LTR !!





In the field. ans apr 9

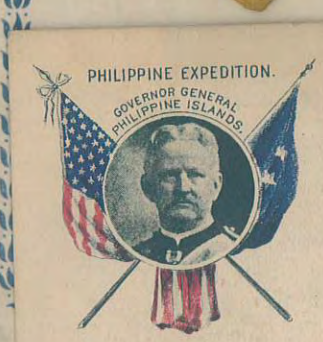
Feb. 25 99

San Pedro Macati

Dear Sister Nellie;

We received your kind and welcome letter of the twenty second of Jan., and were more than glad to hear from you and home. We are very sorry indeed to hear that Mother's eye is bothering her and hope and trust it will be well long before this letter reaches home.

The reason I did not send any of those photographs home was because I looked a fright. Willie and all the boys



William A. Be

San Francisco, Cal.

Co. "B," 1st Infty., California



Edward J. Besby

San Francisco, Cal.

Co. "B," 1st Infty., California U. S. Volunteers

MANILA (Philippine
August 24 - To the Editor of the

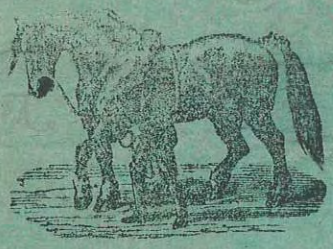
CIRCO FILIPINO

Calle Echague 2 (STA Cruz)

Gran compañía acrobática, gimnàstica y pantomímica

bajo la dirección del equilibrista filipino

Pablo M. Tister



Gran funcion para hoy 26 de Septiembre de 1898

á las 8 noche

Programa

1.o Sinfonía por la banda.
2.o Doble trapesio.
3.o La Silla misteriosa.
4.o Dientes de acero.
5.o Equilibrios por la familla Tister.
6.o La ciclista Antoñita.
7.o Intermedio, por los Clowns.

Intermedio 10 minutos.

1.o Sinfonía por la banda.
2.o Juegos de salón por la Compañía.
3.o Equilibrios sobre los piés.
4.o Juegos malabares por la A.
5.o Percha sobre el hombro
6.o La escalera peligrosa.
7.o Las tres barras fijas.
8.o Pantomima.

Precios de las localidades.

Palcos con cinco asientos.	pfs.	4'00
Butacas.....	,,	0'50
Entrada preferente	,,	0'30
Entrada general	,,	0'20

Nota.—Funcion para todas las noches con variados programas.

Imp. de J. Lafont



"Tribune": I am satisfied with America's occupation. The Filipinos are disbanding.
(Signed) AGUINALDO.
Head of Philippine Insurgent Army.

[Special Cable to "The Examiner."
Copyright, 1898, by W. R. Hearst.]
MANILA, August 24.—The transports Rio Janiero and Pennsylvania arrived to-day after a good voyage. The former brought two battalions of South Dakota volunteers, the recruits for the Utah artillery and a Signal Corps detachment.

Matanzas
Cuba
Feb. 22 99

Dear Folks at Home,

Received two letter yesterday dated the 10th and 15th and one from Vere dated the 14th and also the news papers and was very glad to get all ~~to~~ the news. That storm must have been terrible and also that fire in the Vinegar Factor and the one in the Canal all at the same time. Well Gen. Gomez of the Cuban Army arrived here yesterday and there was a grand parad and every body was out. Col Roosevelt

some I will write what I want on a piece of paper and I will send you the money for them when you tell me what they cost. I wish Pa was here for a month and I bet he would get along fine and get fat too. The ~~teeth~~ health of the boys is fine and they are enjoying themselves as best they can. We still get very rigid inspections and a great many call downs. I will now have to close as I am getting nervous. I hope all are well and enjoying plenty of sleigh riding I remain as ever your loveing Son

Everett.

stole three hundred dollars from Havana last night. So you can see what kind of work I am doing.

While you are freezing we are roasting but the weather here is just fine at present. We get a breeze from the bay every afternoon regular and it is just elegant. Besure and tell me whether you got two $5 bills or not. I will send you a money order for $50 but I would send you more but I bought a camera. It is a folding pocket one and takes a very nice picture. Films are very scarce here and I want to know if you can get me

the way with our regiment in the rear. The whole was a grand affair and the people just covered the old general with flowers. He looks very old and feeble but the people do love him.

We have got our hands full now as we expect a general outbreak between the people.

I went on at 6 last night and came in at 10 and I was very busy. We were given 50 more rounds of ammunition each and I arested two drunken and disordly soldiers, three suspicious characters, two two rifles away from Cuban Soldiers confiscated two gallons of liquor and helped arest a man who

nº 1232 Pol

Tengo el honor de remitir á V. el adjunto acta de la toma de posecion del Presidente Local, Delegados y Cabezas de Barrios del pueblo de San Jacinto.

Dios gue á V. m. a.
Masbate 1º febrero de 1899.

El Gobr. P. M.

[signature]

Sr Secretario del Ynterior del Gobierno Republicano de las Yslas Filipinas

CIENFUEGO, CUBA FEB. 99

Re: GOMEZ' TROOPS (2000) CAME INTO CITY TO LAY DOWN ARMS CUBAN LIKE THE SPANIARDS BETTER THAN

1.

Camp of 3rd U.S.V.E.

Cienfuegos, Cuba.

Dear Bro. L.:-

Your [illegible] the 8th February 26, 99

inst. wit[illegible] Daphne came day

before [illegible] thanks for it.

I [illegible] talkative by

[illegible] letter came

[illegible] two

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the 3rd Ten[illegible] arrived at

Macon, Ga. [illegible] ent was then

stationed. We, [illegible] two tent. mates

were assigned to [illegible] Co. which is in

C.C. Swartz
Co. F. 3d U.S.V.E.
Cienfuegos, Cuba.

EXCELLENT LETTER

(Soldier's Letter)

L. E. Swartz
#90 Ammond St.
Chicago, Ill.

U.S.A.



EXCELLENT GROUP RE COMBAT
BAT-

FEB. 1899 — APRIL. 1900 —
OUTSTANDING GROUP OF 9 LETTERS
FROM AN EDUCATED OFFICER DESCRIBING
COMBAT IN THE PHILIPPINES
FROM MAJOR (LATER FULL COLONEL
BENJ. FRANKLIN CHEATHAM FROM TENN.

Cheatham, Benjamin Franklin. Tenn. Tenn. Maj 1 Tenn inf 23 May 1898; hon must out 22 Aug 1899; maj 37 U S V inf 5 July 1899; col 13 Mar 1900; hon must out 20 Feb 1901; capt q m U S 2 Feb 1901.

Hdqtrs 1st Tenn. Infty.
Ilo Ilo. P. I. March 3rd 99.

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On board

Feb. 9. 99

My dear Miss Mamie

You have probably seen from the despatches that our Regiment has been in the fight; my Battalion had the distinction of being ordered by none to the front first and we were the first Tennesseans to be under fire in a foreign County (except Mexico) and I am proud to say none of my men went back on our state but in my opinion added new laurels to the Crown the old First has worn for so many years, it is impossible for men to be more cool and more obedient, they followed me across a bridge that was entirely exposed and when they came they gave a

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time your letter
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felt about it when I wo[illegible] she seemed to approach the

Crazy over the promotion, if they had the where-with-all I am sure they would all get free, just to properly celebrate; the Lieut. who came over with the message says that the other two battalions are just as bad, every body is delighted except I cannot be there. I only wanted to add a postscript to tell you the good news for I know you will rejoice with me in my good fortune.

Everything comes right in the end.

My regards to all

Yours friend

Frank Cheatham

This is a collection of nine letters written to Miss Mamie who was of the Gloster family

Manlia P. I.

Feb 28

all as the Maile leave for the States
morrow, I will drop you a few lines
ore, as I am yet sitting in the Battle
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n native home. We have lost
till now 115 men wounded 438
nd about 75 of them will die



SOLDIER'S LETTER
C. M. Daley Chaplain
1st S. D. INF. U. S. V.

MIL. STA. No. 1, PHILIPPINE IS.
1 1898

J. C. Morton
Saxville, Wausharia Co
Wisconsin
W. I. A.

boys get through with it
you see we have to stay out
here so to keep the enemy from
coming in to town we have some
soldiers in the city to watch
it while we are out here fighting
them. we had a hard one yesterday
but it only lasted 3 hours
they are laying in there trenches
and it is hard to drive them
out of them well I expect to
get your letter the next mail
comes in you dont know how
good it makes us feel to get
a letter in the field from our own
native home. the Battle field

[illegible] we have killed as far as
we know 6.200 and in the hospital
we have 2.000 and the insurgent
has lost [illegible] good many of
there [illegible] well I would
have [illegible] you some papers
but we dont come to town
and when we do get one
it is warn out before the

U. S. FLAGSHIP OLYMPIA

Manila Bay.
Feb. 22, 1899.

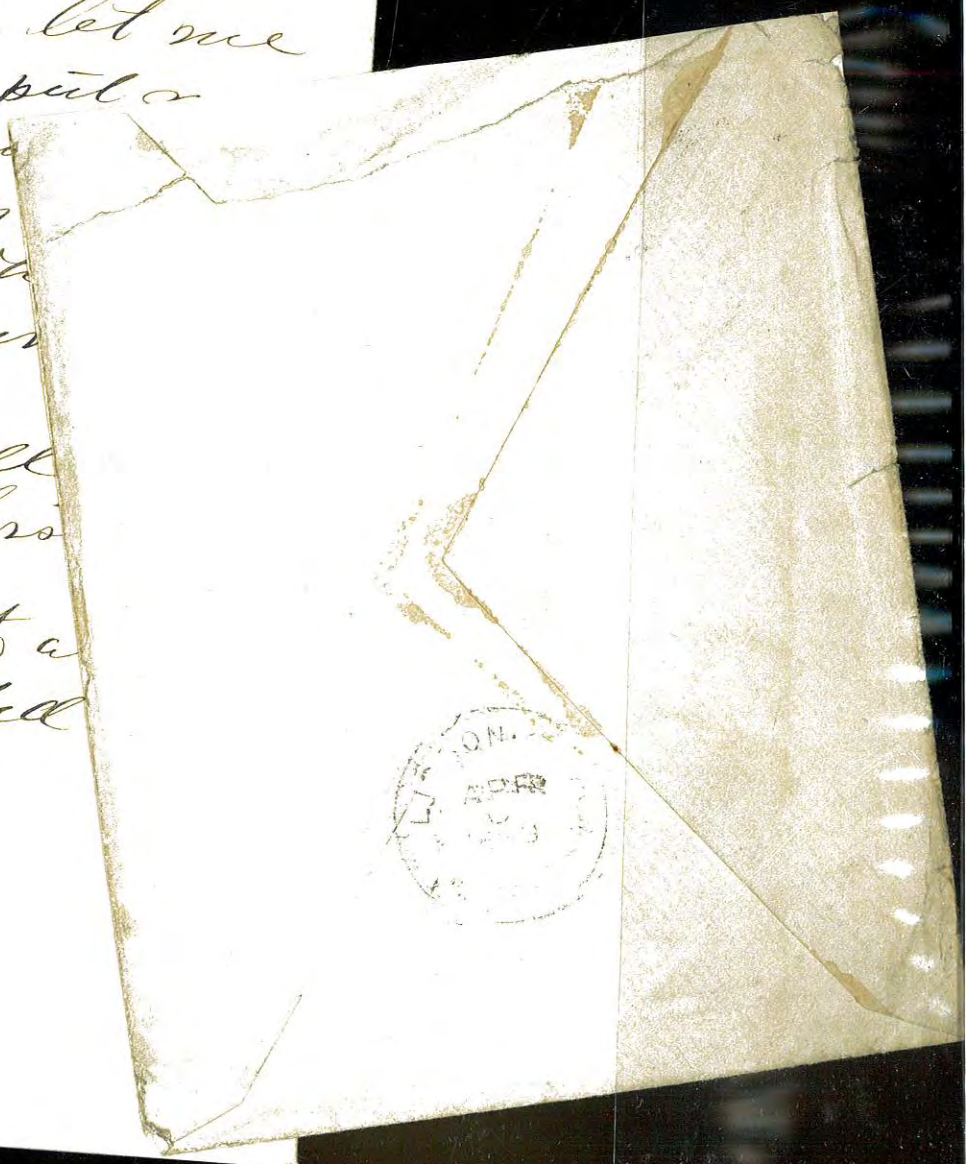
Dear ones at home:

Yesterday received your letter of Jan. 1 and papers from Uncle Frank. We have been celebrating today in an appropriate manner, and I have just finished a splendid dinner of roast beef potatoes, tomatoes good bread and butter and jelly & jelly cake for dessert. That is good considering the fact that eggs are six dollars per dozen and potatoes ten

John L. Strong

Manda together let me
know. I could put a
in the ship's bag
I send this to y
that you may
use of it when
need it.
I am very well
getting along fine

With love to a
Ned



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Certificate of Copy
Lieut Arthur W Ferguson
36th Inft U S V

Relates to shooting of prisoner by Maj W S Metcalf 20 Kan Infty

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Statement of Will Cooper Co K 20 Ko as to crossing the bridge at Bay Bay.

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interest were quite a treat to visit, and this made it a very pleasant location. The most important spot of interest here was a long cave, which for beauty of scenery and striking effect of ist interior, is unsurpassed anywhere in the world. I do not even except the famous Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. It is endless in length and in some places the massive caverns or rooms reach the great length of 200 feet and almost as high. Many beautiful springs were found in the interior. The name of an American newspaper correspondent was found in one of the rooms about a mile from the en-

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The practice march of the troops of the 7th Army Corps was marred by a horrible catastrophe which resulted in the deat of S. A. McKnight, a brave and popular officer, who was run over by the

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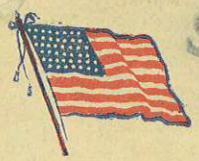
PHIL. MAR 1, 1899
GOOD BATTLE LETTER
RE: TORTURE, MUTILATIO

Trenches at Pasey-off Manila-P.I.
Feby. 27th 99.

Dear Nora

I will write you a few lines today as I may not have another chance for some time, the "nigs" as we call them, are keeping us quite busy, especially those that are on the out-posts and picket lines, my Battalion is clea[illegible] with the 14th regulars, if [illegible] fighting or on picket [illegible] our time resting, such [illegible] trenches or building [illegible] Army life is lovely - [illegible] kick one bit Nora - if [illegible] water and enough to [illegible] to eat, well - I guess [illegible] by fare, I don't think [illegible] more than a month [illegible]



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Co. H. 51 - Iowa.
Pasay - P. I.

W. H. Hogan
Capt. 2 Bldg
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Miss Nora T. Wagoner
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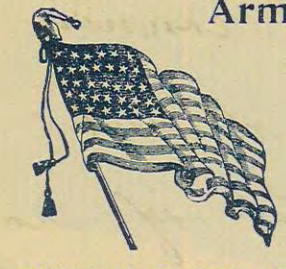
Manila P. I.
March 6th 1899

Dear Children
I will try once more to write you a few lines.
I was very sick for a while but am better now. I went in the Hospital five weeks ago last Sunday and I have not done any duty since. I think I will be able for duty in a few days. I have got indigestion. I have been living on crackers and condensed milk nearly all the time. I have not been in any battles yet. Ed Reynolds was shot through the left thigh and his leg was broke he is geting along fine. Will Kramer got a slight wound on the side of the head it layed him up for a few days he is all right now. Jim Box had a slight flesh wound on the shoulder he kept on fighting. Serg. Sowman was hit in the front part of the back by a spent ball it made a red spot.

Otis Carter
~~James Carlos~~, Joe black, and
Spaulding are goeing to start for
San Francisco to morrow to be
doctored. the fighting commenced
on the night of the fourth of Feb
there was lots of hard fighting for
several days, but for the last two
weeks it has not been very hard.
the Americans have lost 75 killed,
and about 300 wounded. If it had
not been for the fleet I think the
natives would have made it pretty
interesting for the land forces,
the fleet throwed lots of shells a-
mong the natives, the natives want
to do their fighting at night. when they
would make an night attack the fleet
would throw the flash light on them
so our boys could see to shute them.
I do not think there will be much hard
fighting untill more troops arrive
then if the natives do not surrendes
their guns the fur will fly. the natives
have several thousand killed they cannot
fight a little bit. well this is a short
letter but it is the best I can do this time.
So good bye for this time.
from your loveing Father.
X X X

Miss Mamie Cooper.
Canton S. Dak.



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In Camp in the trenches Manila P.I.
March 5th 1899.

My Dear friend Mamie:

To day is Sunday, and every thing is quit around camp, so I'll try and pen you a few lines to let you know were getting along. There was quite a lot of firing on our out post this morning, but no one on our side hurt, don't know about the others. Dewey shelled Malabon yesterday and knocked it all to thunder, they say there were five hundred insurgents killed. There was also quite a hard fight on the right of us today. At Malabon there are or were a few cannons which had left there by the Spanish, and with these they fire on Deweys fleet, thinking that they could a few of his boats, but to their sorrow they different. It is amuseing to see what scheme

INS 7, 1899 INTRENCHES PHILIPPINES
DEWEY SHELLED MALABON.
INSURGENTS FIRED OLD CANNONS

March 7th/99.
" 9th

The mail leaves on the 9th
so will scribble a few more
lines. On the 5th and 6th there
was quite a battle on the right
of the line. don't know just
what the result was, but heard
that the negroes were moved
down in grand style. We haven't
had any trouble on our front
to speak of lately, just a light
skirmish daily. But no one
hurt.
The mail came in yesterday
I received a letter from Evan
but nun from you as I expected.
I suppose by the time your
get this you will have warm
weather back there too. It's
getting hot here now. The rainy
season has'nt commenced yet.
There are only two sick in

MANILA "IN TRENCHES" MAR. 10, 1899
FIGHTING EVERY DAY FOR 5 DAYS.
EXPECT TO SURROUND MONTENEGRO'S
DIV. OF 5000 MEN; CAPT. SMITH SHOT

Manila P. I.
In the trenches
Mar-10-1899

Dear Mother & Folks
I thought I would
drop you a few lines to
let you know that I am
all right and feeling fine
we have been fighting
ever day for the last
four or five days this morning
we had a little fight
this morning and Capt

Soldiers Letter
W. H. Stephenson
Chaplain 1st Ida.

MIL. STA. NO. 1 MANILA
MAR 11
4 PM
MIL. ISL'DS

Mrs J. H. G. Smith
Boise City
Idaho
2500 Eight St W. S. A.

surround them if we
succeed we will get
about 5000 of them it
is Montenegro's doings
and if we get them we
will make a pretty good
haul and I think that
it will stop the fighting
for a while, I see by the
paper that they are going
to enlist 35000 men and
that they will be known as
the U. S. Kobs well don't you
let any of the boys enlist
for all they will do is to
do Garrison duty and that
is not every good work will
I will have to close for this time
as they are waiting for the letter
now with best wishes to
all.

Good Bye Ed.

CAVITE, PHIL. · MAR 20, 1898

UNUSUAL WAR LETTER FROM SOLDIER SHOWING SYMPATHY TO PHILIPINOS

Cavite, P.I.
March 25, 99.

Dear Mrs. Coombe:

Was so pleased at receiving a letter from you this evening that I am ... to at once, pen you a reply. ... present, the prospect seems ... for the volunteers getting ... in the near future. ... bt you know all about it ... h the Frisco. papers. ... Otis rec'd orders to send ... home at once but cabled ... shington saying that he ... not do without them at ... t.

... Insurgents may hold out ... me time yet but the general ... seems to be that they are ... f food and ammunition. ... deal has been said to ... iment of the Filipino but

Soldiers letter from Sergt. Brock, Bat. A. Hv. Art. Calif. Vol.
D. Gray
Capt. Comdy Bur.

Richmond Dt.

Mrs. Margaret Coombe
3335 Washington St.
San Francisco,
Calif.
U.S.A.

MIL. STA. No. 2 PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
25 MAR 9 AM 1899
CAVITE

MANILA MAR 1899

TALKS ABOUT ATTACK ON MALOLOS; TWO OTHER LTRS FROM SAME SOLDIER RE DEPARTURE, ETC

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Manila P.I. Mch 30/99.

Dear Father Mother & Sis

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Mrs. B F Miller.
Sioux Falls.
Minnehaha Co
South Dakota.
United States.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
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MANILA

Soldiers Letter
88 Harrison
2nd Floor 1st S.D. Inf

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in spite of the guard
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to all and a big load
for all you & a lump

"CAMP BEHIND FIRING LINES"
PASEY DISTRICT - MANILA
MAR. 2, 1899
(ALSO "FREEDOM" - NEWSPAPER (MAR 4)
VERY GOOD WAR LETTER

In Camp, Suports behind the Fierring line
Pasey District, Minila P.I.
March, 8, 1899,

Dear Sister, Anna, & Jim,

I supose that yous will be glad to hear from me, even if I do not write mutch, It is hard work to get the material to write with,

The pappers properly have given accounts of all the fighting that has been done here, we have [illegible] place scince Feb [illegible] were [illegible]

Coldiers Letter

L. D. Duggan
Major 51st Iowa USV

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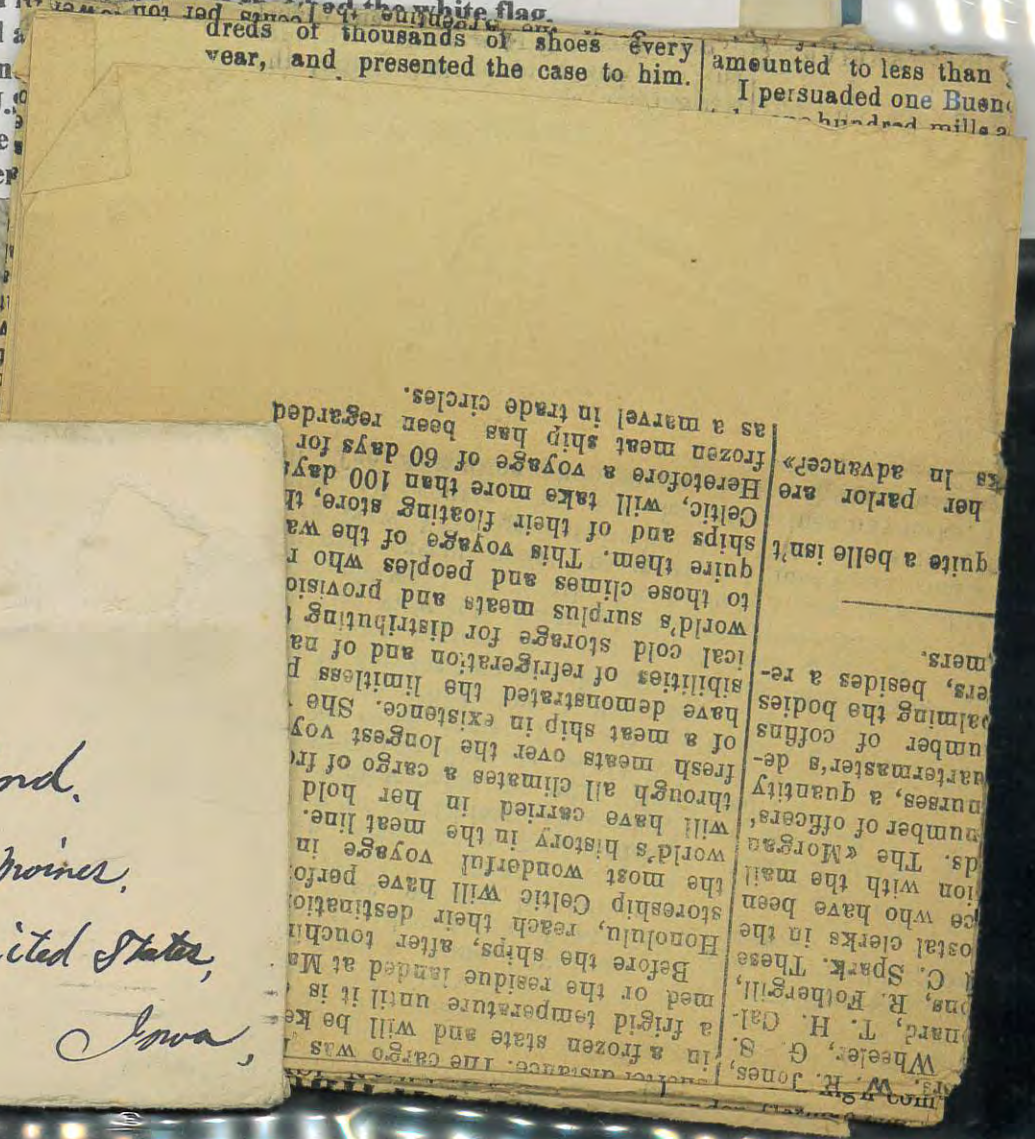
Vacant [illegible] Iowa

[illegible] and [illegible] going to have a [illegible] but the natives did not

written to his sisters is longer (two pages written on both sides and is dated March 8, 1989 and at top says it was written in Camp Snports? behind the Fierring (his spelling) line Pasey District, Minila (his spelling) P.I. In letter says they have been in this place since Feb, 18, being transferred from across the bay expecting an attack on this part of the line that night. Goes on to describe that situation and hearing cannon fire, but that the natives did not attack their lines. More descriptions of their situation. Next page describes Insurgents in front of their lines coming out of a grove of trees in which they had trenches with a white flag of truce and how their Majors went out to meet them with a White flag. Says that when our officer's got within 500 yards of teh insurgents with the flag, the insurgents fired on them and then the artillery on our side took a few shots at them and [illegible] the white flag. Says they expect to have a fight any day now and a[illegible] commence. More battle area description and men[illegible] killed or wounded. Mentions the 20th and22nd U.S[illegible] or 3 more Reg's to come in a few days. He says he [illegible] hopes so at least. Rest is more personal stuff. Inter[illegible]





CUBA MARCH, 1899

SOLDIER'S LETTER ON CAPTURED SPANISH STATIONERY

COVER W/ MIL. STAT/ HAVANA

Ejército en Operaciones
DE LA ISLA DE CUBA



Habana de Cuba March 4th de 1899.
Co. C. 49th Iowa
Camp Columbia.
Military Post #10

(Soldiers Letter)

Return to
G. S. Rugh Co. C. 49th Iowa
Camp Columbia.
Military Post #10
Havana.
Cuba.

ALBERT U. MACHEMER
Lieutenant, 49th Iowa

MILITARY STA. HAVANA MAR 5 CUBA N.Y.P.O.

Mrs G. S. Rugh
Cedar Rapids,
Iowa
U. S. A.

327-2nd St. West.

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Mar
Cuba
Va.
me
you I want

Earnie Moore a letter asking him

(8)

cause I dont want my name on
his list when I get home.
Well it is dark and we can soon
begin to develope.
Give Alta my regards and tell
her to lecture away, I am a sold-
ier now and can stand anything.
Must close now answer me
soon and I will do likewise.
Pardon this unstamped en-
velope, I forgot what a stamp
looks like. Borrowed one yesterday
and had forgotten where to put it
and finally put it down where
the number of the house ought
to be, it went too I did not
change it.
Must close give my very best to
all my friends, and ans soon, remaining
your loving son and brother.
Bert.

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After 5 days, return to
F. T. Nudd at U.S.B. Corps,
WATERVILLE, ME.
MANILA
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9 AM
PHILIPPINES
FROM "HUBBIE"
MANILA.
WITH CARE.
MANILA,
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PHILIPPINES
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No. 8 Pleasant St,
BURIAL CORPS
WRITE ABOUT LOOKING FOR TWO SOLDIERS' BODIES BY BURNING GRASS TO LOCATE UNMARKED GRAVES
FOUR LETTERS FROM BURIAL CORPS IN PHILLIPINES

CUBA MARCH 1899
"CUBANS ARE RIOTING
IN HAVANA . . ."

Camp Columbia
March 16th '99.

L. B. Greene

Hello dear old chum,

I will try and write you a few lines this evening before going to bed.

I wrote you last night and it was so full of cuss words I decided tonight to write it over for I got to thinking of home and E. and made up m[illegible]
up and beh[illegible]
I got a le[illegible]
other day and [illegible]
so I havnt [illegible]
It was too [illegible]
to a social [illegible]
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her too often [illegible]
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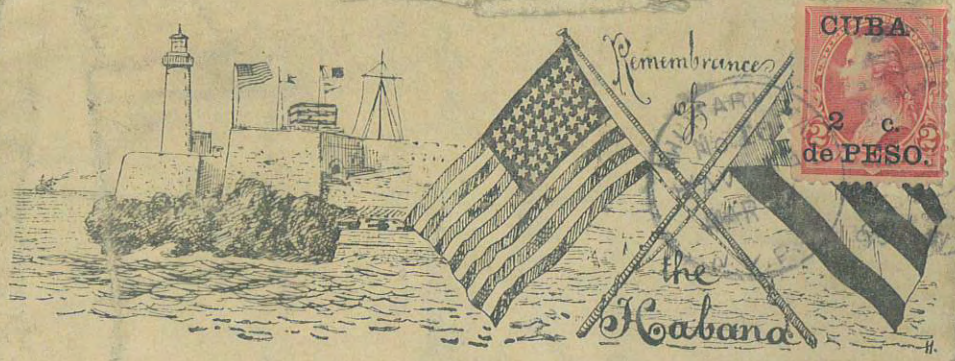

Return in 15 days
TO
Co: G. Reg 49th Iowa Vo.
HAVANA, CUBA

L. B. Greene
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SCARCE 1890's CABINET C
WITH SAILOR'S LETTER
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Miss Jessie Berry

Dear Frend
I Sincerly regret that I have disapainted you once more I tried every way possabel to get of my idea was to jump Ship that was stoped by making me stand watch every night Most of the Water finders are tranferd I will go to Manilia one of the Lucky ones we are in a big rush to try to leav to morrow We have all stores on Bord and very near finished Ship This will be a fine pleasure Trip for me



NAGASAKI, JAPAN.
長崎港本店仮町
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L STA. No.1 PHILIPPINE ISLANDS/MANILA. Mar. 1899 dated duplex ties 2c red shington to cvr addr to Ct. Purple hdstp at TL reads **SOLDIER'S LETTER./"Charles C. rce,"/Post Chaplain, U.S. Army.**. Interesting 8 pg letter from soldier, datelined **"On the g line at Panay, 5 miles from Manila"** with very descriptive account of their voyage to Philippines, burial at sea of a soldier, sights at Manila, battles, etc. Includes:**"All natives hinese carrying bundles must be searched for arms or ammunition. One day four ves came by my post carrying a litter & on examining it I found a dead nigger. You be sure that I held them no longer than necessary....Past Monday we had a fight ch lasted for several hours & the shrieking of the shells, chug, chug, chug of the inger, ping of the mauser & whine of the remington bullets & volleys etc was new ic to my ears.....The fighting was pretty hot for a few hours and many natives were d. The chinese workers employed by the Govt buried them in the evening..."** much . Cvr has sm tear at L edge, TR. Letter has lt stain on 1st pg. F . . . P . . . . . AXX

MANILA MARCH, 1899
BATTLE LETTER

AXX



On the firing line at Pasay
5 miles from Manila
Sun. Inch 19, 1898.

My dear Jennie:

Your welcome letter of Feb 1st was recd yesterday & very glad was to hear from you.

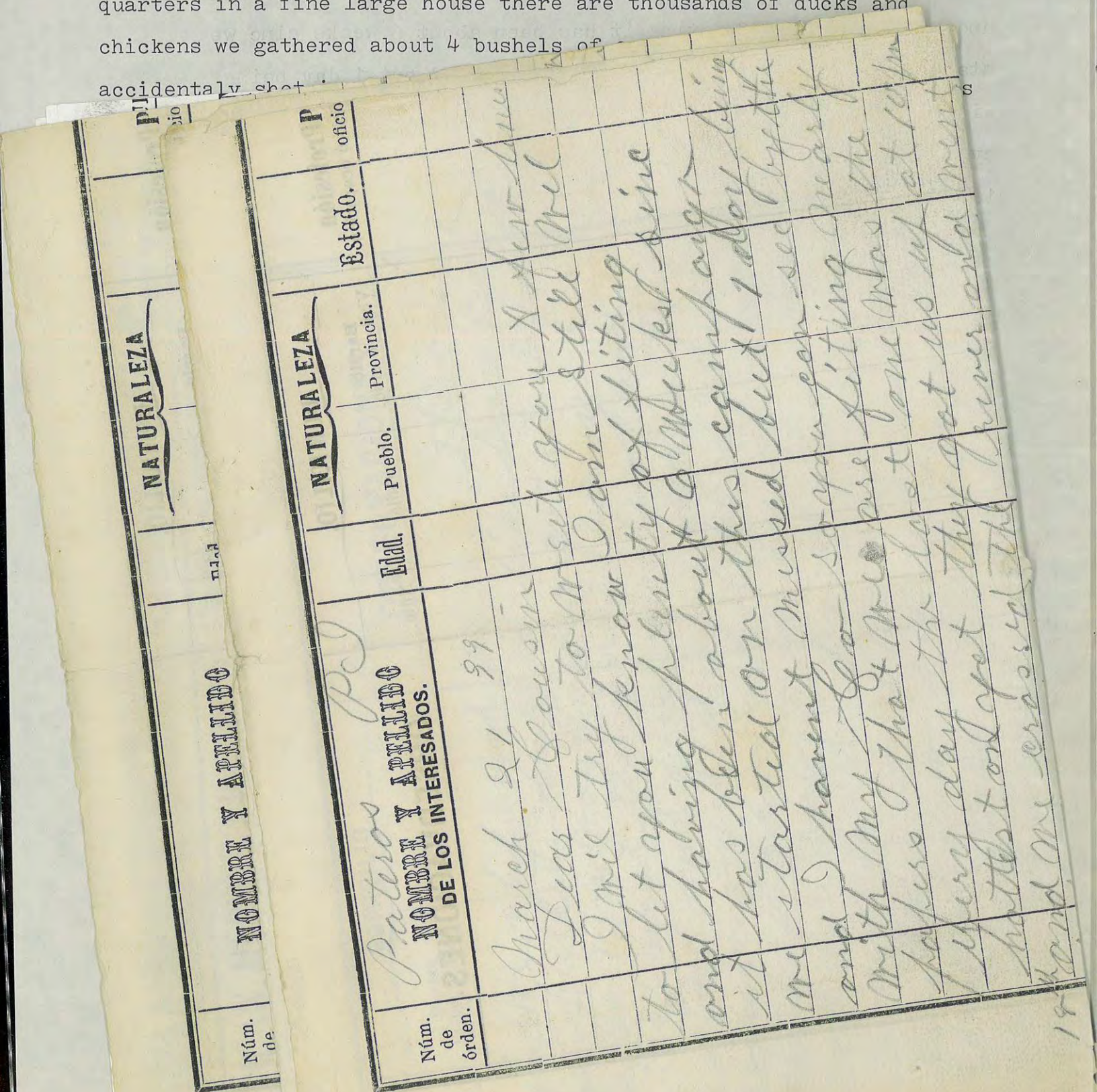
I hardly think that Corporal will suit as I am but a private in Uncle Sam's Army. The name at the end of this letter will suit me better. Indeed if I could have been of any assistance to you in your new duties & were in the vicinity would have been pleased to aid you.

I trust that you are all straightened out by this time & your official duties are running in good order. I'm quite sure they must be.

I did not answer Mrs B's letter through neglect but hope to make up for it before very long.

PHILIPPINES MARCH, 1899
EXCELLENT BATTLE LETTER
BAX

the next morning they felt better were ready for a nother fight we moved from PASIG _____ to where we now are yesterday took up a quarters in a fine large house there are thousands of ducks and chickens we gathered about 4 bushels of [illegible] accidentaly shot [illegible]



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March 21 99

Dear Cousin

I wil try to write you a few lines to let you know I am still wel and having plenty of fiting it has been about 6 weeks sinc we started on this campaign and I havent missed but 1 day being with my Co so you can see by the papers that we are fiting nearly every day the last one was the hottest on yet they got us up at 10 pm 18th and we crossed the river and went into camp about 1 we got about 3 hrs sleep got up eat our breakfast and started towards where the 22 nd Regs had fit them the day before the the Oregans and one gun of the 6th artilery was with us we had a hard march over the rice fields and through the bambo thickets and big sloughs where the mud and watter was up under our arms in places 10 AM the niggers began firing on us with mausers they were out of range of our spring fields we went right ahead finaly we came to the top of a little hil they fired a voley at us at about 200 yd then we oppened up on them the bullets buzzed like bees 3 of D Co were wounded right at my left at almost the first voley We stood and fired 3 voleys and then some one yelled at down the line the boys charged like Indians and you ought to see the nigs run and we POURED it into them for all we were worth No one wil ever know how many were left on the field we fit them about 5 m when we turned back there was 10 of our Co some___ wasnt represented the Oregons wernt in sight We were 15 miles from camp our wagon trane couldnt get to us and we didnt have a thing for diner We found some chickens and eggs sweet potatoes and fruit and started home we met our mess wagon at Sundown he had been trying to find us sinc noon we got some coffee and beens and went on for camp getting there about 9 there was all sorts of complaints and some of the boys said they were ready to go home but the

ll about it long before this. but the mail will
eave tomorrow. then the Morgan City Newport
nd Arizona. will follow to bring 8000 more
roops. I will make a rough out of the
ossition of Battle as it is today so you can see
ow it. could you see it with your own eyes no
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e bullets flew thick and did not feel one
it scared. something that I did not think I
ould ever dream of before. we sing and
lay ball and have plenty to think and
alk of but when the Bullets begin to fly
t is comical to see the boys run, crawl,
all, and in all kinds of ways to get behind the
enches. Your Picture is so nice I tell you
vos so pleased to get it, I will take it to
own and put it away as I dont want to loose
e on the Battle field so I have not worn
very much yet. If I got time will write
rank a full discription of the war as
dont think he has any direct news
it. I recieved the presents Mamma & Ed sent
in good order, and I prize them dearly as they wos
the two Lodges A.O.N.W. Odd Fellows

PHIL. - MARCH 1899
EXCELLENT BATTLE LTR.

On the Battle Field close to City Caloocan
March 7th 1899

FIGHTING THE INSURGENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES - 1899 - EXCELLENT BATTLE CONTENT LETTER. 6pg letter, in pencil, 8" x 10", datelined **"On the Battle Field close to city Caloocan, March 7th, 1899"** (& coninued on Mar. 8th) from a Montana soldier with excellent battle content. Includes: **"...we are daily encountering some trouble with Insurgents....Co. D is one of the largest companys in the field for duty, so you see how well the general health of Mont. soldier boys are....It (war) started on Feb 4 and Co. "D" was held in quarters two days when we marched out for Battle. Oh!...could you have heard the roar of cannon, the madly shout of men and sound of musketry, it would chill one to the heart. People flying like mad in all directions for we all realized what war was when this came on.....The convalescent sick in Hospitals left their beds and shouldered their rifles, for had the Insurgents gained their point, all of the entire City of Great Manila would have been a wreck at their hands. But the ever true American put such a stop to them that they stood rooted to the spot, then fled in dismay....still the fight goes on. It was Feb. 10 we made the great charge and many was the native that lay still in death for it was a grand sight to see men shooting and running, shouting and yelling all the time. It was found next day that 349 Americans was missing from the ranks, only 46 had been killed in all and the natives was estimated to 5000 to 7000....I had a bullet hit me in the stomach, but it only made a black and blue spot and knocked the wind out of me. My, my how the bullets sung around us. Lt. Wallace was shot through the lung....We sing and play ball and have plenty to think and talk of, but when the bullets begin to fly, it is comical to see the boys run, crawl, fall and in all kinds of ways to get behind the trenches..."** VF ..... ABX .....

loving letter came
ar from some of you
I have had a letter from
na and Ed saw me the
had letter or three
ness, so you know I
one other along with
play if only for a while
as we are daily encountering some trouble with
Insurgents. have not heard from Mamma for
three weeks. as I got your letter I know she is still
in good health. but you did not say one word about
Papa. at times was he away from home or
working for Gilbert. Poor Uncle Jim I am so
sorry to hear he is dead. I did so hope the time would
come he would not have to depend so much on
Relatives for help. as he was unable to help him
self very much. I had written him about the last of
Nov. but I dont suppose he was alive to get my letter
he misery is over as that poor fellow has suffered much

POLITICAL INFLUENCE GETS FEMALE APPOINTED ARMY NURSE IN MANILA @ $50 per month

Communications on official business should be addressed, "To the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C."

Subject:

In reply refer to No. .....

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Surgeon General's Office,

Washington, March 2, 1899.

Hon. James H. Kyle,

United States Senate,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that Dr. Frances Woods of Portland, Oregon, applied for service as Army nurse last August and furnished excellent endorsements including a letter from yourself. She was at once placed on the eligible list and would have been ordered to Manila some months ago had she been in Portland then.

The Chief Surgeon at Manila has been authorized to make a contract with her as nurse, at $50 a month.

Very respectfully,

Surgeon General, U.S.Army.

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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
UNITED STATES SENATE,

March 6, 1899.

Col. J. M. Woods,
Rapid City, S. D.

My dear Sir:-

Replying further to your recent communication relating to a position for your daughter, Dr. Frances Woods, now serving as nurse at Manila, I hand you herewith a letter from Surgeon-General Sternberg, U.S.A., under date of the 2nd, which fully explains itself.

I regret that this matter was not called to our attention earlier for it seems from the Surgeon-General's letter that she might long since have been under compensation had such a request been presented.

With assurance that Senator Kyle and myself are glad to have been of service to you in this matter as a slight recognition of the many favors which you have extended to us, I remain,

Yours very truly,

James H. Kyle

(1-enclosure)

¡CUBANOS!

Vuestros hermanos que están en el extrangero, y que durante la Revolución tanto se sacrificaron por la causa de la Independencia de nuestra querida patria. perecen de hambre.

¡AMERICANS!

At last, next Monday, March 20 at Almendares ground, the great base-ball nine ALTETIC from the 7th Corps (General Lee's) of the Army, will play against a piked nine (Cubans) to the benefit of the repatriation of the Cubans exiled during the war.

Three magnificent bands will furnish the music.

¡Go to Almendares next Monday at 2 o'clok and see the play!

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GRAND STAND..... 50 CTS. STANDS..... 30 CTS.

IN THE STANDING GROUND..... 20 CTS.

¡Come one! ¡Come all!

Imp. El Cubano.—Obrapía 94

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RESERVE AMBULANCE COMPANY,
SEVENTH ARMY CORPS.

CUBANS-U.S. SOLDIERS PLAY BASEBALL TO RAISE $ FOR CUBAN RELIEF
MAR. 20, 1899 CUBA
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between the Cuban and U.S. of a
Army Soldiers, March 20, 1899.
We lost the game to the Cuban
Soldiers. Secured from Havana,
Cuba, { by Raymond W. Briggs
a member of the Hospital
corps, of the U.S. of a in the Spanish
American war and presented to me
April 1899, on his return home after
his honorable discharge, at the end
of hostilities.

[illegible]

April 27, 1899. Miss Ella Wright, Co. D, 14th U.S.A., in Manila, Philippine Islands.

Miss Ella Marble (a Wright family descendant) of Cleveland, OH, measures approx. 5 1/2" x 8" has 8 pages of text, the original envelope and would be a wonderful addition to any collection. This letter is important because of its content. This was sent home from the Philippines by a Spanish-American War soldier. In the letter he speaks of currently being in the hospital because of a wound he received in Santa Cruz. He in the Philippines and much more. This letter appears to be in Very Good solid condition, quite nice for its age, and displays even better than the photos shown

APR. 1899 FROM PHILIPPINES.
INJURED SOLDIER DESCRIBES PEACE PARLEY BETWEEN AGUINALDO + GEN. LAWTON'.

LX

April 27, 1899, was sent by Wm. S. Somers, Co. D, 4th U.S.V. Infantry, to Miss. Ella Marble (a Wright family descendent) of Chesterland, OH, measures approx. 5 1/2" x 8", has 8 pages of text, the original envelope and would be a wonderful addition to any collection. This letter is important because of its content. This was sent from the Philippines by a Spanish-American War soldier. In the letter he speaks of currently being in the hospital because of a wound appears to be in Very picture shows.

Manila P.I.
April 27-99

Dear friend Ella-

After waiting through months of time, I at last received your long looked for and little expected answer to the first letter I have ever written to a girl in Chester. In closing your letter, you say you think you have done your share towards making me happy a little more pleasant. yes you have, and I thank you for it to. I am at present in the Hospital, with an ugly cut on my elbow just above the joint, at the lower part of the muscle on the back side of the right arm, but it is getting well now. I was hurt on the 9 day of April about sun down

CAVITE JAN. 4, 1899

Remarkable contents —

Soldier dist but kills 2 natives

Col Funston visits

a must read!

Cavite, Philippine
January 4, 1899.

My Dear Mother:-

The threatening attitude of the natives keeps us pretty much scared up these days on account of the women. There are about fifty that were foolish ...

Mrs. Jno. F. Marshall,
724, South 3d St.,
Waco,
Texas,
W.S. America.

of things returned. Stocoused. about half a dozen ladies to miss the boat we sent down for them. Each bridge was blocked and we left byfor the soldiers would let them pass. They nearly all wrote us that they hoped the soldier killed that dog.

This is the fourteenth January and it seems to me I ought to have an invitation to daughter's wedding by this time. It takes the mail about five weeks to reach us. The early part December means about the tenth. In that case the invitations would be sent about the first and it has been six weeks since then. If I don't get news by the next mail I'll begin to think something has happened.

Goodbye, Love to all,

Dorry.

Manila, P.I.,
March 14, 1899.

My Dear Mother:—
The Oregon has arrived at last. Had she arrived one day later she would have dropped her anchor one ~~da~~ from th...



SAILOR'S LETTER
U.S.S. Olympia
B. P. Lamberton.
CAPTAIN U. S. NAVY

MILITARY PHILIPPINE STATES
MAR 22 1899
MANILA

Mrs. Jno. F. Marshall,
724, South 3d St.,
Waco,
Texas,
U.S. America.

he didn't want to talk much about Daughter, though he was perfectly willing to listen to all I had to say. I had never thought of his being taken with Daughter till you all said something about it. However he's not hurt. Both of us are catters of our respective wine misses and all going shopping tomorrow. I used to spend all the money I could get hold of when we went together in Europe and I reckon it will be the same way here.

By the way. I got the letter you forwarded from Cousin Ida about getting her some curtains or portieres. I suppose I will be able to get them if I go home by India. I haven't seen any here so far but will look tomorrow.

Good bye. Love to all,

Dany

Little Daughter - I will not take time to write as I am hurrying to begin your dress. All are well - and it is Monday - I have just counted out the Clothes.

Kiss a Kiss Bye Bye

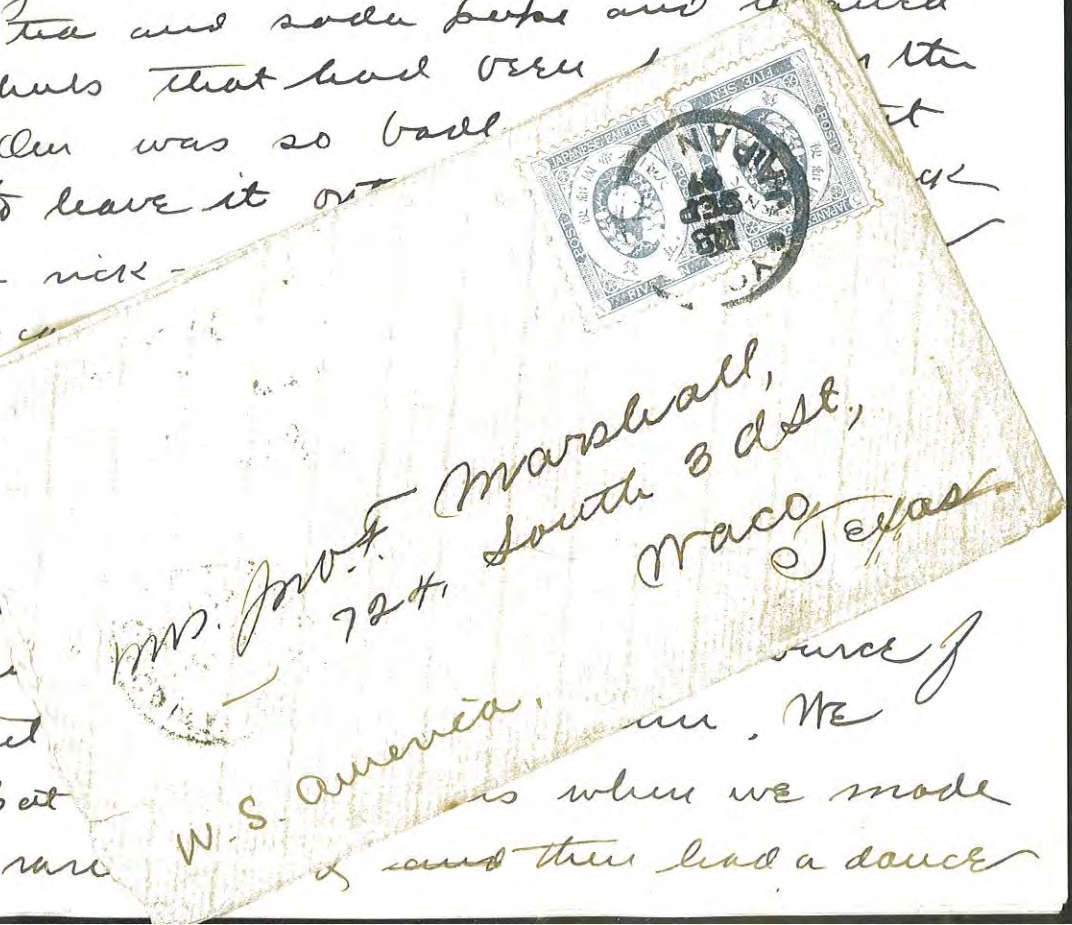
USS OLYMPIA JAPAN 1897

W. S. F. S. Olympia,
Yokohama, Japan
September 12, 1897.

My Dear Mother:-

There is some fun in Japan after all, and I have been having a good deal in the last few days. We have been bicycle riding a good deal. Upham and I have been bunning together most of the time. There aren't but several nice families in the town, that are Americans, and I have already met most of them, as all the officers know them.

Friday night we had a great time. Took a moonlight ride out to a tea house, where we drank tea and soda pepe and repaired several wheels that had been [illegible] the way out. One was so badl[illegible] [illegible]t he had to leave it ou[illegible] [illegible]k in a gin-rick-[illegible] Upham. The c[illegible] else wit[illegible] a young [illegible] Merriman. [illegible] because [illegible] down the fr[illegible] [illegible]ource of amusement [illegible]. We wound up at [illegible]s when we made a Welsh rare[illegible] and then had a dance



Mrs. Jno. F. Marshall,
724, South 3 dst,
Waco, Texas

W. S. America.

band peaps at the hotel tomorrow night and then will be dancing But I am on duty and doubt if I can get off. Don't care very much as there are very few that dance well, so I hear, and then isn't much fun at a dance if that kind.

Goodnight. Give my love to all.

Doug.

USS OLYMPIA – NEW YORK

NOV 1898

Compliments of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle



At Home
U. S. S. Olympia



NEW YORK HARBOR

Catholic big boy in St Patric's, I
judge that she is going to marry
him sooner or later. I know he al-
ways looks groggy when I go up there.
But I won't hurt his prospects.
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From the Brooklyn Daily Eagle



U. S. S. OLYMPIA
NEW YORK HARBOR

Mrs. Jno. F. Marshall,
724, South 3d St.,
Waco, Texas.

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USS OLYMPIA - NEW YORK

NOV
1898

had not been given any duty then but I suppose I should have been up on deck any way. But when I woke up we were just coming to anchor off Tompkinsville. And thus began my first Line duty as a Line officer. I haven't been given a station yet but the Executive told me this morning that I would know what to do before the day was over.

The O'Neil girls are fine. The older one, now about twenty one, took my eye in Stockholm and I have heard from her two or three times since there. I called on them about the first night I got here and have been up there several nights since. She is a pretty girl and the younger one not by any means other than goodlooking. The brother, nineteen year of age, is quite a musician and knows everything by heart. He plays the piano while the rest talk of Stockholm. The father is a cripple through rheumatism and quietly sits by and listens. The mother is in Europe for her health now. They are Catholics and from the attentions shown her by the son of Bishop Corrigan, the

USS OLYMPIA

MANIL

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Manila, P.O.,
April 2, 1899.

My Dear Mother:—

Sunday

Mrs. Jno. F. Marshall,
724, South 3d St.,
Waco, Texas.

W. S. America,

... you this last
... days ago Butler got

CAIRO'S LETTER
Ch. L. L. Olympia
R. P. Kamberton
CAPTAIN U. S. NAVY

MIL. STA. No. 1 MANILA
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USS OLYMPIA

BOSTON
1899

U.S. CRUISER OLYMPIA

Boston, Mass.,
October 18, 1899.

My Dear Mother:-

Have just gotten your letter announcing Daughter's arrival and yesterday I got Ned's in answer to my inquiry after the address of Willie Tibbs summer.

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MASS.

CHARLESTOWN
STATION

2 CENTS

Mrs. Dr. F. Marshall,
724, South 3d St.,
Waco,
Texas.

they have plenty of work at present. But nevertheless the crowds pour into the yard. We have established a dead line at the end of the wharf and nobody is allowed to pass unless an officer is in the question, and the end of the wharf is full of people all the time. Never a meal passes now that we don't have somebody to eat with us.

Went to see "Rupert of Hentzau" the other night. They say it's good but I didn't like it nearly so much as the "Prisoner of Zenda" that I saw in New York several years ago. Jas K. Hackett was Rudolf Rassendal and he was good enough but his support didn't amount to much.

Boston is a slow town compared to New York. After that theatre was all Butler and I met a fellow in the Parker House who made us sit down to a Welsh rarebit. We left at twelve thirty and we had to walk to the navy yard, about three miles. All the cars had stopped at one a.m. in New York, the cars are full and numerous. The Bostonians are very jealous of New York and make a lot of fun of them for running so much to money matters and so little to brains.

As I used to say at the Naval academy "Time goes by, I must go to bed," Good bye. Love to all

Daddy

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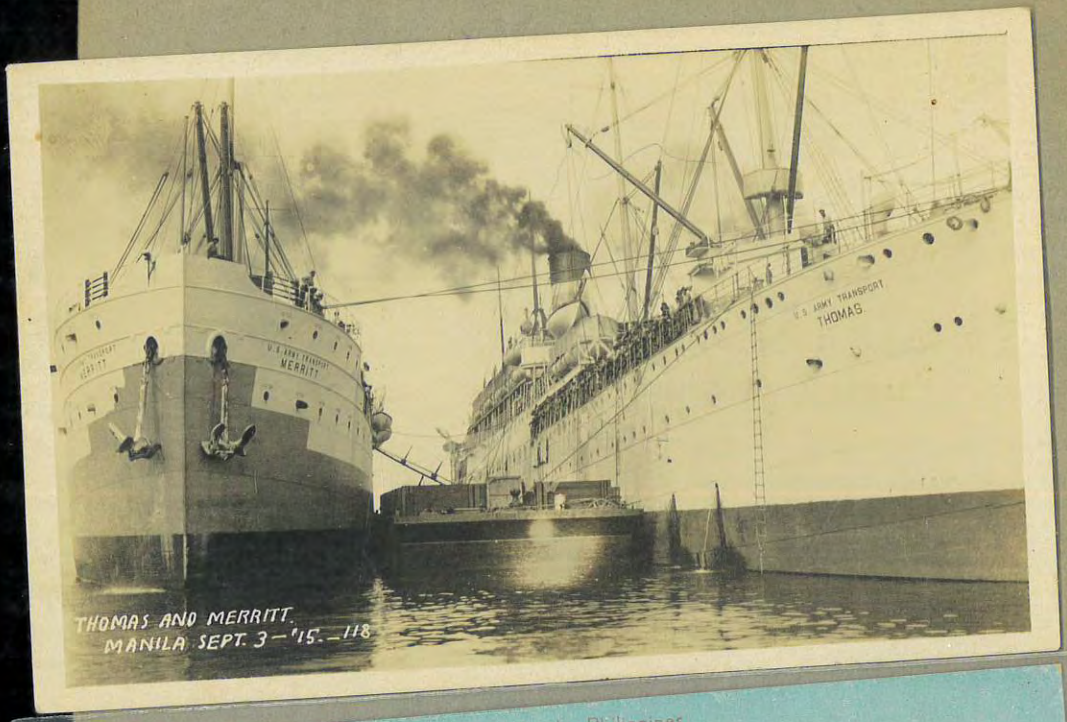
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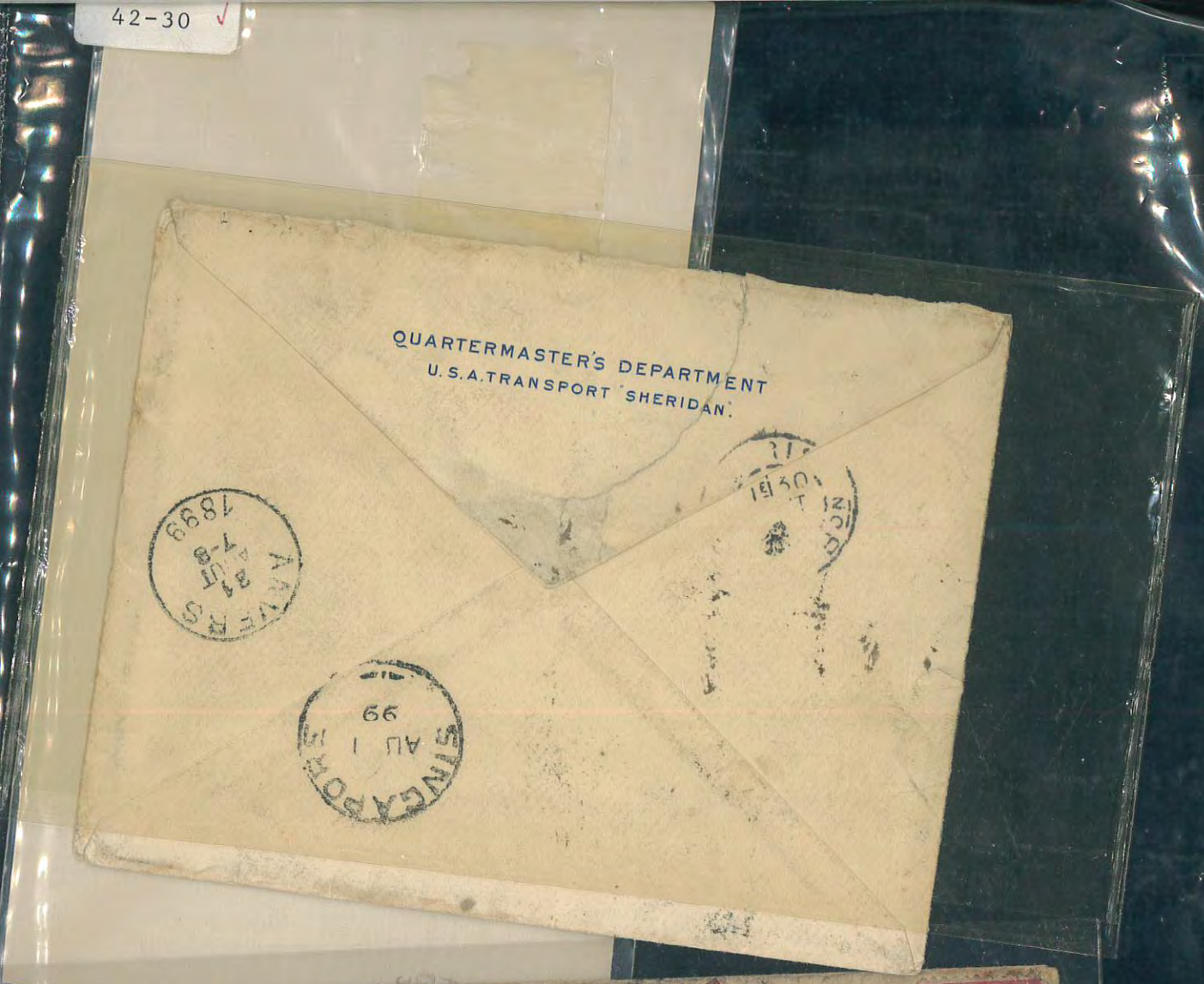

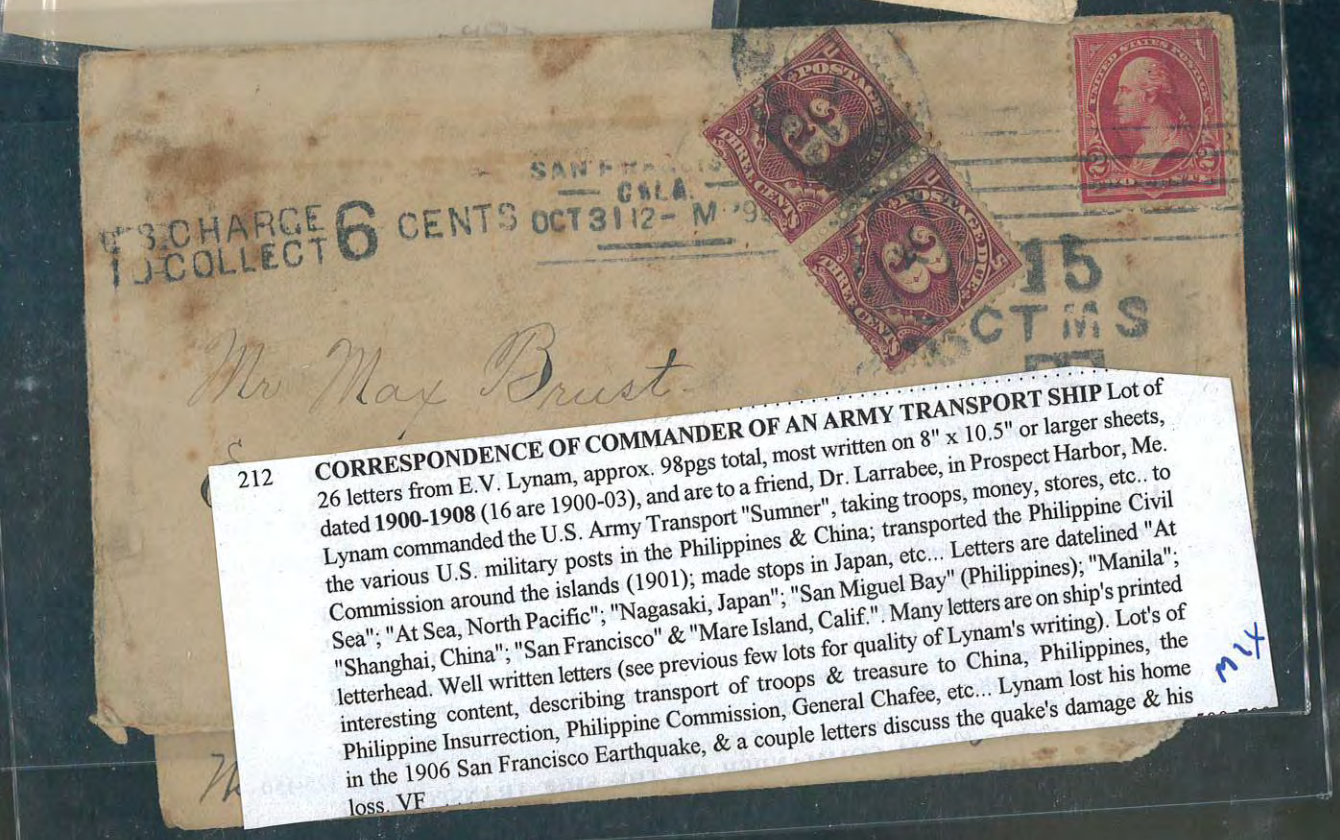

212 **CORRESPONDENCE OF COMMANDER OF AN ARMY TRANSPORT SHIP** Lot of 26 letters from E.V. Lynam, approx. 98pgs total, most written on 8" x 10.5" or larger sheets, dated **1900-1908** (16 are 1900-03), and are to a friend, Dr. Larrabee, in Prospect Harbor, Me. Lynam commanded the U.S. Army Transport "Sumner", taking troops, money, stores, etc.. to the various U.S. military posts in the Philippines & China; transported the Philippine Civil Commission around the islands (1901); made stops in Japan, etc... Letters are datelined "At Sea"; "At Sea, North Pacific"; "Nagasaki, Japan"; "San Miguel Bay" (Philippines); "Manila"; "Shanghai, China"; "San Francisco" & "Mare Island, Calif.". Many letters are on ship's printed letterhead. Well written letters (see previous few lots for quality of Lynam's writing). Lot's of interesting content, describing transport of troops & treasure to China, Philippines, the Philippine Insurrection, Philippine Commission, General Chafee, etc... Lynam lost his home in the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, & a couple letters discuss the quake's damage & his loss. VF

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SOLDIER'S LETTER
Chas. S. Watkins
Chaplain, U. S. Army



Mrs. S. Coyle
31 Vernon Ave
Brooklyn
New York
U.S.A.

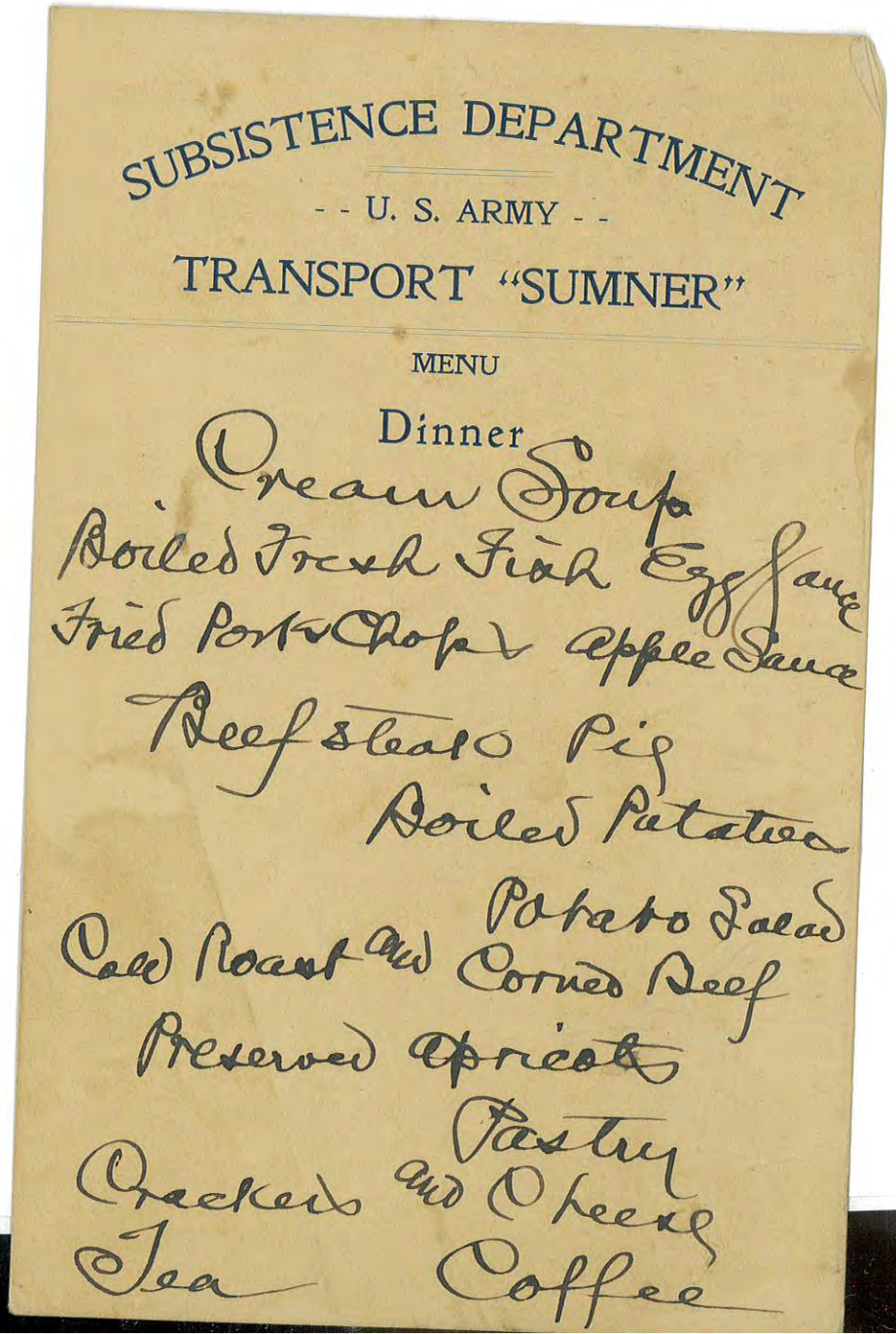


THE LOG OF THE
"THOMAS"

US Army Transport Ship the Sumner Mess Hall Menu card.

This hand written cardboard card was used in the Subsistence Dept. of the ship the Sumner. The words " Susistence Department, U. S. Army, Transport "Sumner" Menu, Dinner. The menu items are hand written in ink. The Sumner was a Steam powered ship used for troop transport Spanish American War. She was built in 1882 and was originally called the "Rhaetia". She was built for the Hamburg-America Line and launched on Nov. 23, 1882. She could carry 1286 passengers and crew. She was sold to J. H. Bogel in May 1998 and then then sold to the U.S. Navy and renamed the Cassius in 1898. Then she went to the Army and was renamed the Sumner in 1900. She wrecked on Barnegat Shoals, New Jersey on Dec. 11, 1916. I'm enclosing the information I obtained about the ship and a picture with the menu card. The information was obtained from the internet and believed to be correct.

This card is a glimpse into the lives of our servicemen, and interesting sidenote to the history of this



Nagasaki Japan Sept. 2nd 1900.

Dear Dr. Lakraber, I will send you just a line telling you that I am alright. I arrived here last evening 5 days from Manila. We left Manila under orders for Nagasaki. We supposed we [illegible] Taku, but [illegible] To take coal [illegible] transport "Warren" [illegible] here about 5 [illegible] and receive [illegible] up in Pekin [illegible] Foreign Legation [illegible] and proceed [illegible] They are conveying Frisco. Of [illegible] quite an honor on the "Sumner". We escaped a severe typhoon last week while in Manila, in which a Japanese S. Ship of 6000 tons was lost, and one Russian transport foundered in the China sea. The Japanese went on shore on the coast of Japan. The transport "Grant" leaves today or tomorrow for "Frisco" and will take this along. I understand that the fighting in China is done, and that the

208 **EXCELLENT LETTER FROM COMMANDER OF AN ARMY TRANSPORT SHIP RE: THE BOXER REBELLION & THE PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION.** 3pg letter, approx. 8" x 10", datelined "**Nagasaki, Japan, Sept. 2nd, 1900**", from E.V. Lyman, Commander of the U.S. Army Transport "Sumner", incl: "**I arrived here last evening 5 days from Manila. We left Manila under orders for Taku, China via Nagasaki....we are to go to Taku and receive over 100 ladys that were shut up in Pekin by the Chinese, belonging to the foreign Legation there. We are to take them on board and proceed to Frisco...We escaped a severe typhoon last week, while in Manila, in which a Japanese S. Ship of 6000 tons was lost, and one Russian transport foundered in the China Sea...I understand that the fighting in China is done, and that the American troops are being withdrawn. I hope they will all be out of Taku before cold weather comes on...The fighting in the P.I. does not amount to anything except the firing upon waggon and supply trains. You would be surprised if your could see the Philippinos translation of the Dem. Platform. It was translated by Aguinaldo with his comments upon each clause, and has been printed in their language by the thousands and sent among the people...."Aggie" considers Bryan's chance of election about 99 in a 100, and he tells the Philippinos to fight and harass the Americans all they can until after election...But if Bryan is not elected, they must take the best offer they can get. What a lot of fools these people are! Why they do not stop fighting and go to work is what astonishes me....They have never seen so much to do, and so much pay for it since they lived....there will be tribes and bands of cut-throats and robbers that will have to be hunted down for many years, as we have had to hunt the Western tribes of Indians...**" With original transmittal cvr, addr to Prospect Harbor, Me., with 2c red Wash. tied by Sep. 22, 1900 dated SAN FRANCISCO/CAL. mc. cvr opened roughly at R, letter is

Sulu Sea Dec. 9th 1900.

Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee, I have looked long for letters without getting them. I wrote you from [illegible] Francisco sending 200-$ to be laid awa[illegible] [illegible]ld you to send y[illegible] I have there five [illegible] [illegible]ard from you. I [illegible] [illegible]. F. and posted th[illegible] [illegible]n wandering ab[illegible] [illegible]ths, have ma[illegible] [illegible], one to the islan[illegible] [illegible]he island of Marik[illegible] [illegible]sland of Mindanoa, each time with [illegible] [illegible]he trip to Marikaban we had a chance to use our rapid fire guns in conjunction with the troops, and as I did the range findings for each shot of course I think we did some very good shooting. We were firing from one mile to one and a half miles distant. I stood beside the gun with a pair of glasses, and could plainly see each shot strike. We took 160 prisoners or more. We let about 20 go, and took with us 145. The troops captured several rifles, boolas, ammunition, and a lot of documents with one of "Aggies" officers. If some of the people in the U.S. who are maki[illegible]

210 **PHILIPPINE INSURGENCY LETTER FROM COMMANDER OF AN ARMY TRANSPORT SHIP.** 4pg letter, 2pgs are 8" x 13", 2 are 5" x 8", from E.V. Lynam, commanding the U.S. Army Transport "Sumner", datelined "Subu Sea, Dec. 9th, 1900" & continued on Dec. 13th from Manila, includes: "...in the last six months, have made two voyages to Taku, China, one to the island of Marikaban, and this last to the island of Mindanoa, each time with troops. The trip to Marikaban we had a chance to use our rapid fire guns in conjuction with the troops...I did the range findings for each shot...We were firing from one mile to one and a half miles distant. I stood beside the gun with a pair of glasses, and could plainly see each shot strike. We took 160 prisoners or more. We let about 20 go, and took with us 145. The troops captured several rifles, boolas, ammunition, and a lot of documents with one of "Aggies" (Aguinaldo) officers...This is one of the richest countries in the world, and if these natives will drop the rifle and take up the hoe, they will, under the U.S. Gov., in a few years be the most prosperous people in the tropical world. This generation are nearly all thieves, and for many years have been robbing each other from island to island, like all other semi-savage tribes....The church here is the greatest drawback to Amer. progress...I think I could settle this war sooner than powder will. I would put every priest in the islands upon the same footing of all other denominations, and turn every dollar of their church property into a school fund for the benefit of coming generations...The insurgents are in small bodys in the mountains, and do their mischief by attacking small bodys of troops who are acting as escorts to waggon trains, or small detachments of troops moving by land from place to place....It is blowing a gale from N.E. against which we are forcing our way....We are under orders and will sail from here in 3 days for Hong Kong where we will take onboard one million dollars and go to Tuku...If the ice shuts us out of there, I suppose we will go to Sha-ha-Quan....we are to take a few recruits up there for one of the regiments there...". VF . . . . . .

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How are all the people about P.H. and how
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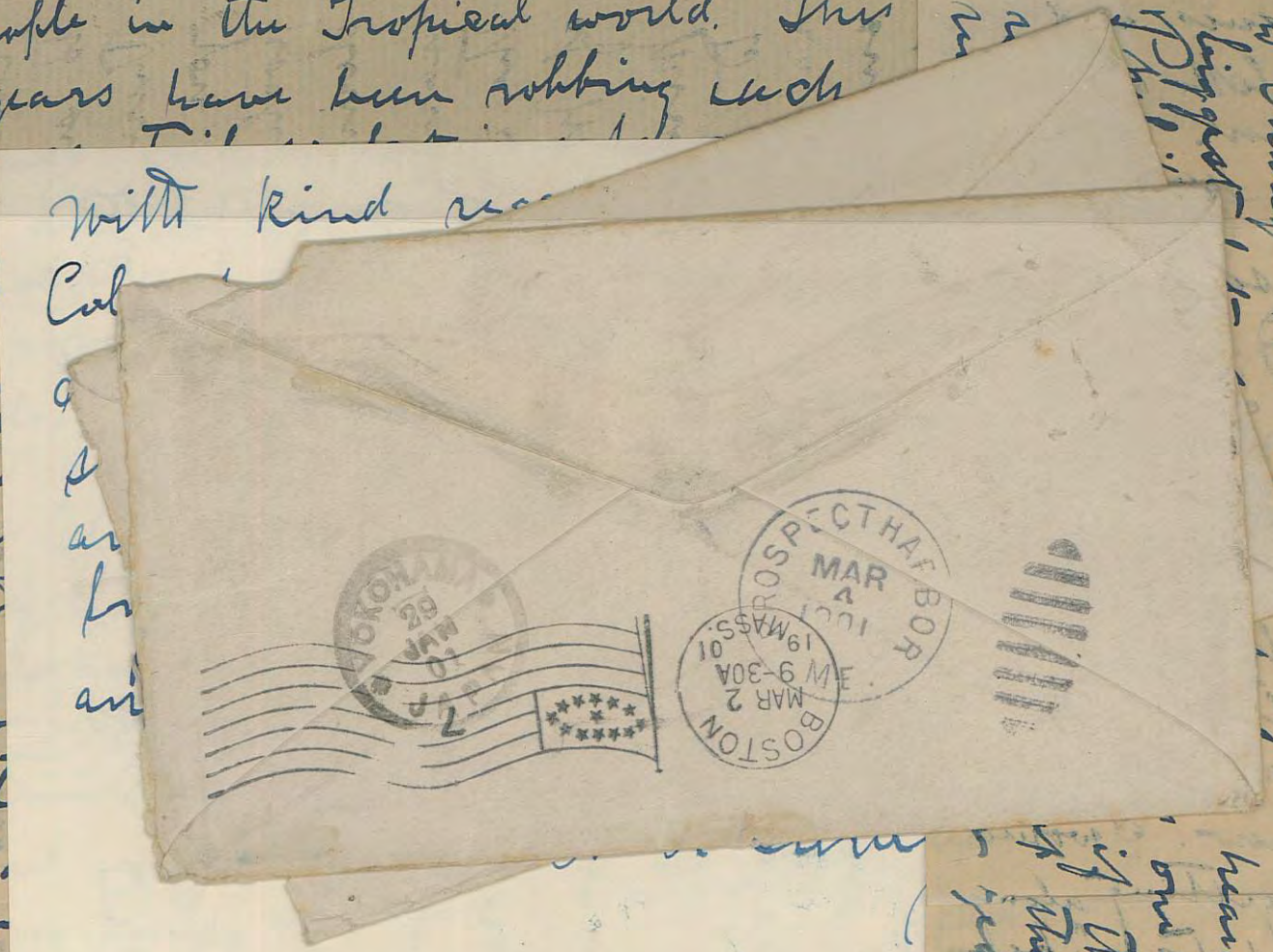
Manila is 526 miles. We would have been in the
probably 4 hours. Will



Shanghai China Dec. 29th 1900.

Dear Dr. Larrabee, I had almost began to think I was not going to hear from Prospect Harbor again; but on the 16th inst. about 3 hours before leaving Manila I got several letters, among them 2 from you, and 4 from Mabel. I have not had a letter from Mrs. Campbell since I left San Francisco. They have [illegible] held up some [illegible] write to you [illegible] order [illegible] pos- sible to [illegible] of the year in [illegible] Manila on the [illegible] onboard for Hongk[illegible] 17 tons of [illegible] We landed [illegible] and took the s[illegible] land the troops [illegible] We had to [illegible] silver here, so we [illegible] on the evening [illegible] tomorrow [illegible] will fill up with [illegible] changed [illegible] job that it [illegible] as it is frozen for miles seaward of that port

VF . . . . . .

209 **EXCELLENT LETTERS FROM COMMANDER OF AN ARMY TRANSPORT SHIP, RE: BOXER REBELLION, TAKING TROOPS & TREASURE TO CHINA, PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION, ETC..** Lot of 2 lengthy & well written letters, 9 total pages, ranging in size from 8" x 12.5" to 8" x 13", from E.V. Lynam, commanding the U.S. Army Transport "Sumner". The 1st letter is datelined **"Shanghai, China, Dec. 29th, 1900"** & incl: **"We are under orders to undertake the hardest job it is possible to send a transport on in this time of year in this part of the world. We left Manila on the night of the 16th with 160 troops onboard for Hong Kong, there to take on board nearly 17 tons of silver dollars, $700,000. Mexican. We landed at Hong Kong $78,000. American, and took the silver onboard and are to try and land the troops and a part of the silver at Taku. We had to land four or five tons of the silver here...hope to leave here tomorrow for Nagasaki, Japan, where we will fill up with coal...undertake to get to Taku, a job that it is probable we cannot accomplish, as it is frozen for miles seaward of that port now....since we left San Francisco last July...have been to Taku, on three expeditions with troops to islands south of Manila, upon one of which I had a chance to use our rapid fire guns in conjunction with the troops we landed, and helped to capture 160 prisoners...."** .....Second letter is datelined **"Yellow Sea, Jan. 5th, 1901"** & includes: **"I left Nagasaki yesterday P.M. under orders to proceed to Chifu, China for orders....there is no question but we are considerable account in all parts of the East....Every American can justly be proud of the U.S. soldier in China. There was very little looting done by them in comparison to that which by other soldiers. It was not allowed by Genl. Chaffee, and wherever stolen goods were found, it was taken by him and sold to feed the Chinese who were dependent on the Americans....The American troops were the only troops that respected or protected private property, and they were the only troops that spared the lives of their fallen foes. The Chinese sections that were controlled by American troops were the parts where the natives first returned, and the parts of Peking and Tientsin that were policed by U.S. troops were the parts where business first started....The full compliment of the ship is 155 men, besides a military guard of 6 soldiers.....(continues "Nagasaki, Jan. 26th): When I commenced this we were in the Yellow Sea on our way to northern China. I arrived at Chi-foo, China...the 7th...not expected that we could get into the Pi Hiu for ice. On the 9th, I received orders to proceed to Shan-hai-wan. That is where the Great Wall of China enters the sea. I arrived there alright and found German, Russian, Austria, and English ships there...must go to another port farther down the coast, to a place called Ching-Wang-toa, where the Americans had a post located about three miles from the coast. At Shan hai wan, the weather was very cold and the coast bordered with ice, so thick that it was almost impossible to get our steam launch through it...From Shan hai wan, we went to Ching-wang-toa, where..we landed the troops, treasure, and...ordnance stores....and took on board several employees of the Gov., discharged soldiers, military prisoners, guards....We had to lay 3 miles from the land, and some days we could do nothing for ice, and two or three mornings from our upper bridge, 41 feet above the water, there was nothing in sight but ice, the sea was one ocean of ice, and when we left this place, we steamed for 8 or 10 miles to sea through the ice before we reached open water....."** VF . . . . . .

I hate to send this side blank when I have so much to tell you, if I had the time.
I expect you know by this time who are to fail in Mr. H. this winter. I would like to be there a few hours and see the people.
Remember me to Capt. Foss and family, especially Mrs. Farrington, al[illegible] Uncle Chas. Clara Ned and Frank. Pi[illegible] thank me for my good wi[illegible] re-gards, but they can d[illegible] ways liked Uncle Chas. a[illegible] dent count either way — t[illegible] orridge."
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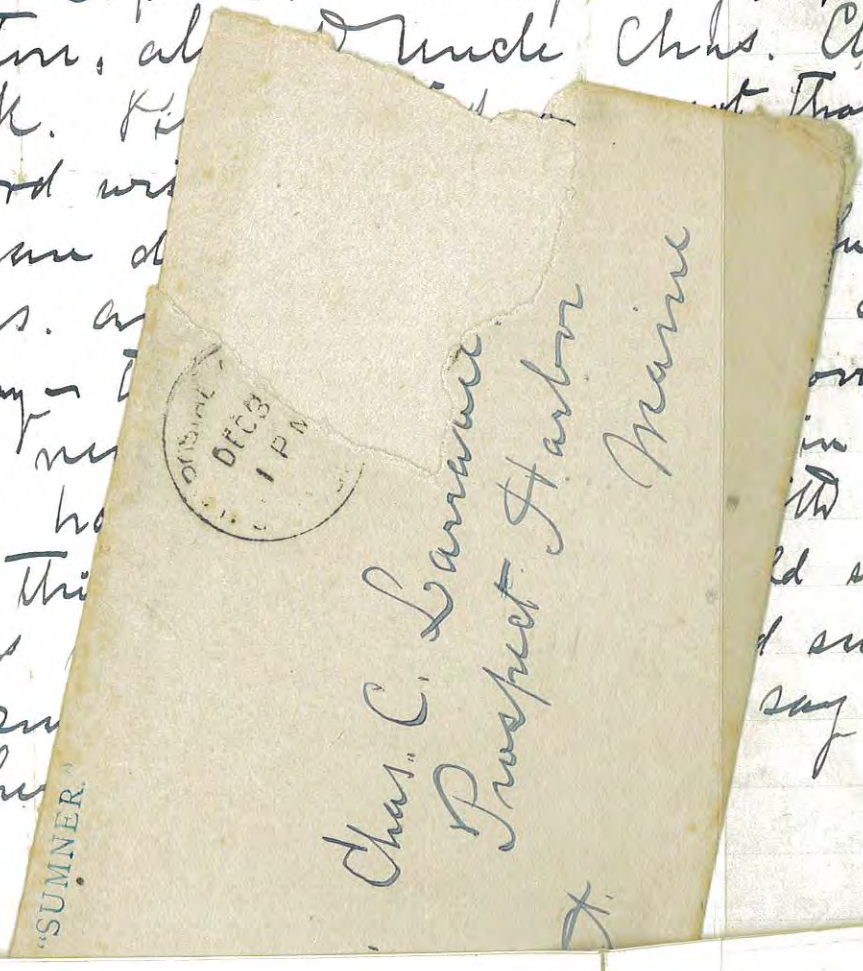
"SUMNER."



Chas. C. Larrabee
Prospect Harbor
Maine

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1 PM

now. When is another fort some 100 miles northward of Yaku close to the Great Wall of China called Shan-Hai-wan that it may be possible to get to but I doubt about getting

Yellow Sea Jan 5th 1901.

Dear Friend Sr. Larrabee, I will begin a letter to you now to be posted some time later; probably in Nagasaki when we get back there; as we have orders now to return there after we have got this job off my hands. I left Nagasaki yesterday p.m. under orders to proceede to Chifu China for orders. We will be sent up north further, if we can get there for ice from Chifu. The wind is blowing a gale from N.W. to day and feels very much like a gale off in 34° N. in the Atlantic. That is our present Latitude; our Lon. is 125° 40' E. I will let you know how I get along on this trip, as I get there.

Yes; There is no question but we are considerable account in all parts of the East. One needs to be here upon the field of action, where he can learn something outside of interested lies told by News papers to Know really what a ect we are. Every American can justly be proud of the U.S. Soldier in China. There was very little looting done by them in comparison to that which by other soldiers. It was not allowed by Gen. Chaffee, and wherever stolen goods were found it was taken by him and sold to feed the Chinese who were dependent on the Americans. Of course there was some looting done by the Americans, but not much. The American Troops were

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day dock here before we go to manila. We wil
will cost between thirty and forty thousand d
done here which will be about half what it w
will get all the benifit of the money. I sent
shawl which I hope she will get alright in due
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for several days after, because all our steam ge
most of our cooking by steam. You have no ide
the next few week. If I go to an English hotel
ican money per month for my meals, and give me
to eat. I am going to a Japanese restaurant and try
me 2 $ Mexican here for my food, and I am going t
could live with you and Annie for the time I w
month which the Nagasaki Hotel wants me to pay.
here which I will try if I think there is danger of
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Form 233.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE,

U. S. A. T. SUMNER.

At Sea, Lat: 37°. 09' N Lon 11°. 15' E. April 17th 1900.

Dear Dr. Larrabee, I have been trying ever since I left N.Y. to get a chance to write you, but have not seen a chance, now I am going to take this time to say a few words. We had a beautiful run across the atlantic to Gibraltar, with only one strong breeze ahead through which the ship acted splendid she managed 12 1/3 knots through thick and thin, arriving at Gibraltar in 11 days 14 hours from Sandy Hook. The ship is not so deep now as we have used several hundred tons of stors, coal, and water since leaving N.Y. We only took in 200 tons of coal at Gibraltar, will take more at Malta, where we will arrive tomorrow, if nothing happens.

We have run 13 knots per hour by log since leaving Gibraltar, and have over run that speed by observations. I am very busy all the time. The whole ships Co. is 152 men! All of them to a certain extent come under my jurisdiction. Then we have over 900 soldiers, officers, and three trained lady nurses. We also have one & one half million dollars in gold on board, so the ship and the gold stand

how we get into Malta, and what the
-gram is to be after leaving there.
ril 17th noon. We came in here a few
oments after 8. a.m. broak out the English
sign from our fore, and saluted it with
guns in correct Navy Style, 5 seconds
tween guns. This is the 2nd time we
e done the job in fine style. We will
e a ~~couple~~ fine hundred fifty tons of coal, and about
~~same amt.~~ 200 tons of water, and leave here for
t Said tomorrow p.m. We condense
o galls. of water per day, and use 9000 on
ard. We left N.Y. with about 600 tons
fresh water, and will have every thing full
in when we leave here. I am going on
re a while this p.m. and will have to
now. With kind wishes to all the
le in P.H. With the same to all of you
home and best wishes for the health, hap-
ss of the boys and your self and Mrs L.
will say good bye. Truly your friend
T. Lynam U.S.T. "Sumner" Manila
P.I.

Form 238.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

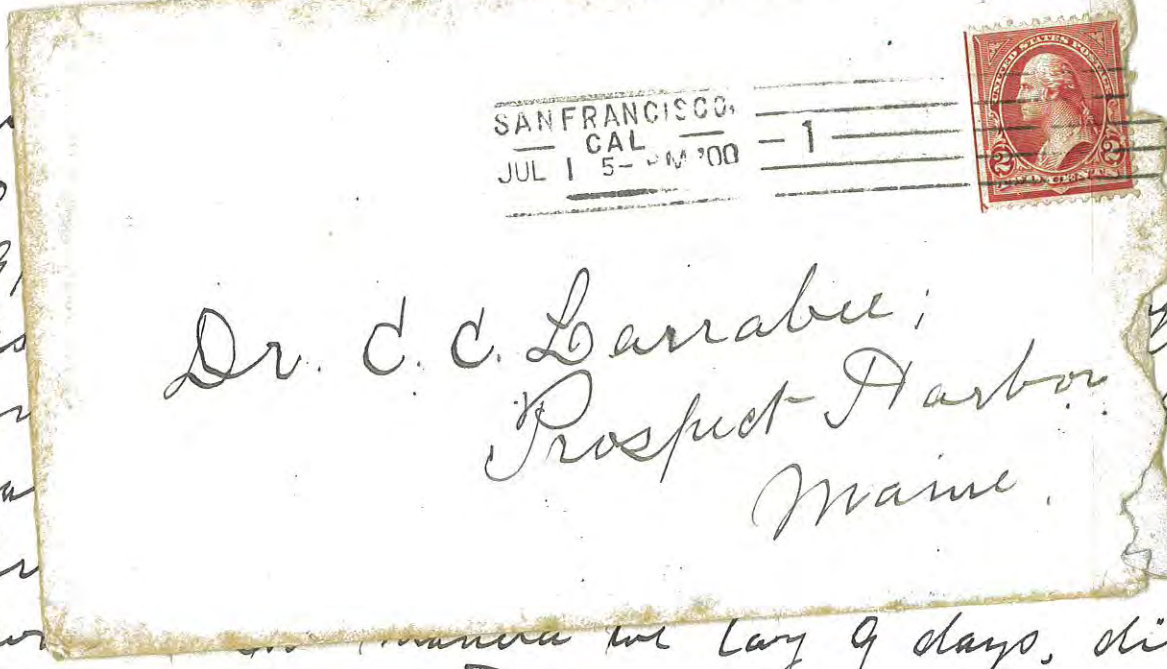
ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE,

U. S. A. T. SUMNER.

At Sea North Pacific June 15th 1900.

Dear Dr. Lanahan, I do not remember whether or not I answered your letter received at Malta. I will write a few lines now and add more to be posted when I arrive in San Francisco. We made the run to Manila alright, arriving there on the 23rd of May about 6 a.m. I did the Dewey act of entering the Bay of Manila about midnight and steaming up to the city. I did not see much of a trick in it, but it makes a difference who happens to do those little things. They have the plague in Manila, tho it does not seem to effect many except the natives and chinese. A few transients belonging to the army died with it. They considered the infection under control before we left there. We called at the port of Vigan on the West coast of Luzon, as we came on our way to Japan & Frisco for mail bags. We took 3 bags, one for Nagasaki Japan, the other for San Francisco. We were in Nagasaki from

people that I know there. I think we may be there two or three weeks tho I cannot tell. This ships reputation has reached around the world and no doubt thousands in San Francisco will visit her. I feel quite honored by having command of such a noted ship. I will keep this piece of th[illegible] you how [illegible]



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of w [illegible] Manila we lay 9 days, discharged the cargo and stores we had on board for the army and Navy. It looks as the trouble was in store for China. I think I see her finnish now. There will be more pieces of China then there are now before she is through with this job. We may expect to see more than one R. R. built in that country before many years. We expect to leave here for Manila or China on the 16th of July. With kind regards to all & a double share for you, Annie & the boys I will close.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL
JUL 15 - PM '00 - 1

Dr. C. C. Larrabee;
Prospect Harbor
Maine.

I hope to hear from you here yours truly E. V. Lyman U.S.S.
"Sanger" San Francisco Cal.

Nagasaki Japan Aug. 12th 1900.

Dear Friend Dr. Lazzabee, I arrived here from Kobe on the morning of the 10th at 2.30; ~~from~~ We arrived at Kobe on the 7. 10.30 p.m. and left there through the Inland sea on the 8th. had a beautiful trip. through that sea; as all trips there are. We expected to take the troops we have on board to Taku China, but here we received orders from Washington to transship the troops, stores and animals clothing of which we had 400 tons to another transport for Taku and then go on to Manila with the few officers and ladys we have.

They must have something special for which they need the "Thomas" in Manila. We will leave here on the 15th or 16th and be in Manila on the 21st or 22nd. I think "Aunt Ella" better make up her mind to stay with Combs the coming winter, bye and bye he will get off that nation and she will be out in the cold completely: her youthful days are nearly to an end. Margaret seems to

he flowers about the house. I often
think of them, and wish I could help Annie
or an hour there, holding the hose, or
any thing she wished. You [illegible] Annie will
never hold big corners [illegible] and
my cosey little home will [illegible]
bright in memory, aro[illegible]
recollections cluster.
must write you a ful[illegible]
duties and position [illegible]
you will consider [illegible] on
I think I am fai[illegible]
the Army officers [illegible] ship.
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many nice thi[illegible]
I will have [illegible] Mr. & Mrs.
Mrs. & Besies, my ki[illegible] Capt's. D.,
Moore, & Joy my kind [illegible] Mrs. & Mr.
John Cole, "Uncle Mell" a[illegible] whoever you
think cares to be remembered. I sent
you some money from "Frisco" hope it came
alright. With very kind wish of my heart to
you, Annie and the boys I am yours truly
E. V. Lynam U. S. A. T. Nagasaki Japan.
& I will get it some time. Good bye.

PROSPECT HARBOR
SEP 4 1900
ME.

LTR. FROM CREWMEMBER OF USAT TRANSPORT SUMNER RE PEACE COMMISSION TRIP (SCARCE POSTMARK) OUTSTANDING

CIVIL COMMISSION'S SOUTHERN ITINERARY.

The following is the itinerary of the United States Philippine Commission on their Southern trip upon which they will enter on Monday next, March 11th, with the expectation of being back by May 1st:

Manila	Cagayan, Mindanao
Lucena, Tayabas.	Dapitan, do.
Boac, Marinduque.	Dumaguete, Negros
Romblon, Romblon	Iloilo.
Palanoc, Masbate.	San Jose, Panay.
Iloilo, Panay,	Capiz, do
Bacolod, Negros.	Cebu, Cebu.
Iloilo.	Tagbilaran, Bohol.
Jolo.	Tacloban, Leyte.
Isabela de Basilan.	Catbalogan, Samar.
Zamboanga, Mindanao.	Albay, Albay.
Cottabato, do.	Sorsogon, Sorsogon
Davao, do.	Manila.
Surigao, do.	

Should it be found desirable to visit Daet, the capital of North Camarines, and Nueva Caceres, the capital of South Camarines, and that is possible, at least five days must be added to this time.

...nerary of the Philippine Civil Commission for their trip through the Southers portion of the archipelago, on the same purpose as before, has been offically given out.

The Commission expects to leave Manila next Monday, March 11, on the U.S.A.T. Sumner, returning May 1. They will make twenty-five stops, three of which will be at Iloilo. These include all of the capitals south of Manila with the exception of two or three unimportant ones. The towns will be visited in the following order: Lucena, Tayabas: Boac, Marinduque; Romblon, Romblon; Palanoc, Masbate; Iloilo, Panay; Bacolod, Negros; Iloilo; Jolo; Isabela de Basilan; Zamboanga, Mindanao; Cottabato, do; Dapitan, do; Damaguete, Negros; Iloilo; San Jose, Panay; Capiz do; Cebu, Island of Cebu; Tagbilaran, Bohol; Tacloban, Leyte; Catbalogan, Samar; Albay, Albay; Sorsogon; and Manila.

Should it be found desirable to visit Daet, the capital of North Camarines, and Nueva Caceres, the capital of South Camarines, the time allowed for the trip will extend five days.

Zamboanga Island of Mindanao
March 31st 1901.

Dear Mother—

Received your letter the other day and was very glad to get it I got it at Iloilo the next to Manila in the Phillipines We have been cruising around here for the last three weeks with the Peace commissi...

MIL. STA. ZAMBOANGA APR 1 1901 PHIL. ISL.

Mrs Willett Smith
Church St Freeport
L. I. N. Y.
United States.

Description

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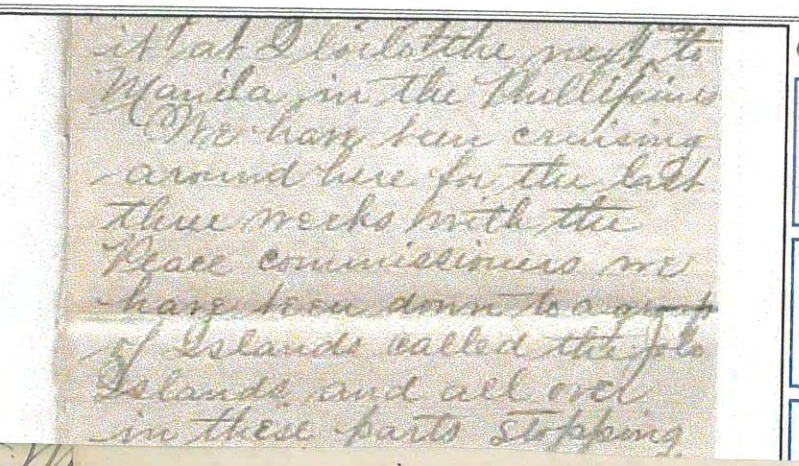

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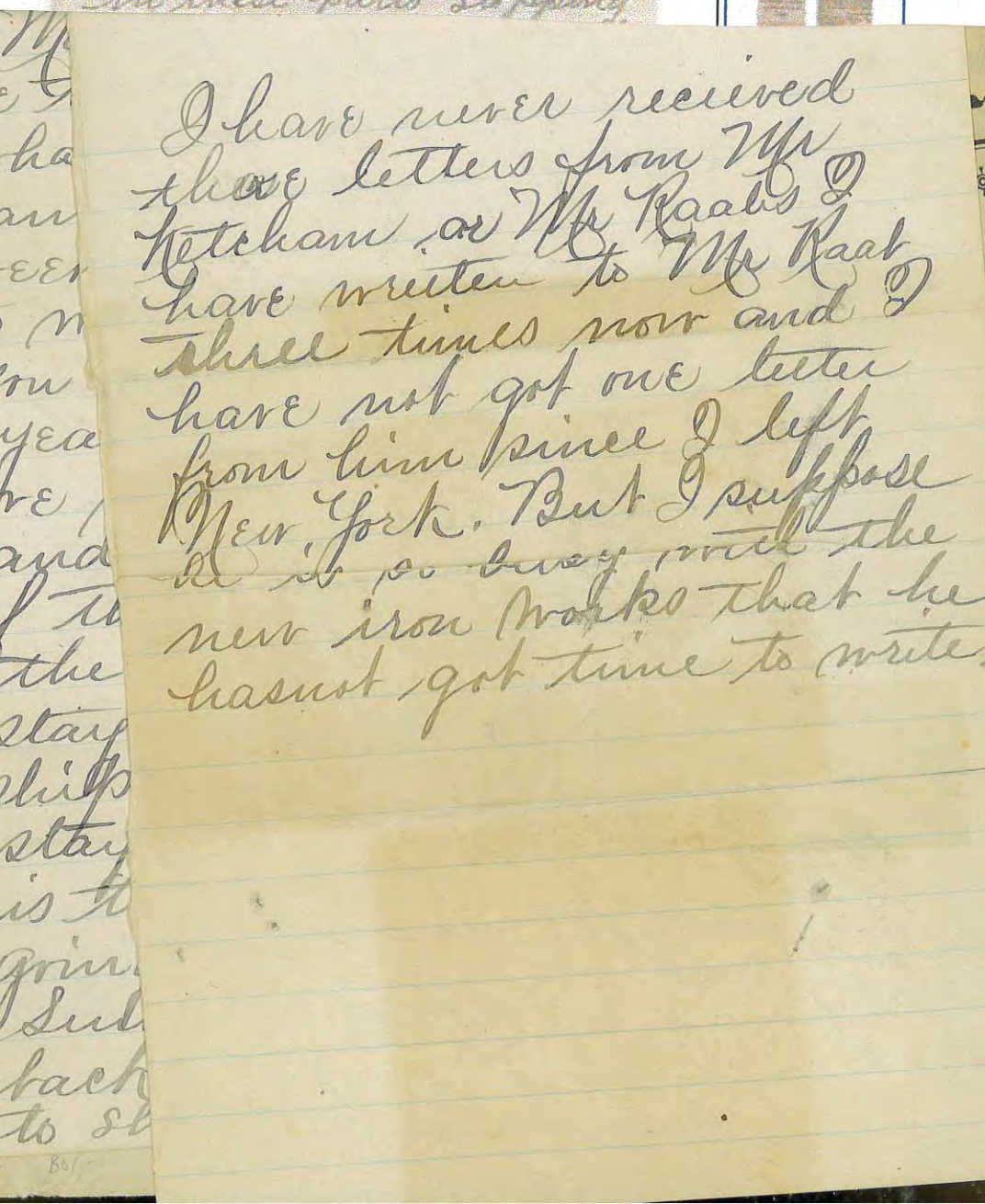

Tagbilaran island of Bohol April 20th 1901

Dear Dr. Larrabee, I am going to commence an answer to your nice and ever welcome letter which was forwarded from Manila to Iloilo, and came to hand a few days ago. Am glad ... he will be an ... will get there ... happy over the ... they were my own, ... same pride and ... future career ... expect my feelings ... yours. Then that ... and Annie ... yet is looked ... the boys were ... feel much interest ... I would like ... to see what ... I was there. ... deal in, and ... would like to

211 **SCARCE LETTER FROM COMMANDER OF THE SHIP TRANSPORTING FUTURE PRES. TAFT & THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION THROUGHOUT THE ISLANDS - 1901.** Lengthy (7-1/2 lg pgs, approx. 8" x 13"), & very well written letter from E.V. Lynam, commanding the U.S. Army Transport "Sumner" describing his tour of the Philippine Islands while carrying William H. Taft & the Philippine Commission. Letter is datelined **"Tagbilaran island of Bohol, April 20th, 1901"** and includes:**"This trip we are making will be one of the historical events of our national life. This Civil Com. is doing a great thing toward giving a people that for hundreds of years have been held in the worst description of slavery, the best Gov. on earth...this Com. is under the direct direction of the President...They are a splendid lot of men, and surely are an honor to the country which they represent, and I consider that there has been a great honor and responsibility confered upon myself and ship in having been selected for this duty. The Civil Com., their families, friends, servants and staff....several reporters for different magazines, the Assoc. Press...one Philippine Genl., several Philippino statesmen, and one Spaniard who is the owner and editor of a Spanish newspaper published in Manila, consists of 65 persons with a guard of ten men and one Sergeant of the 14th Regt. of Regulars, making 76 in all....The efforts made by the natives to show their appreciation of the Commission, and their joy over what there is being done for them, in nearly every place we have seen....Every place has been decorated with flags, and many triumphant arches have been erected, entertainment have been given, bands of music have met them nearly everywhere....among the Moros, where the players were Moros and they used their native instruments upon which they beat with wooden mallets and clubs. In the Subu group, we witnessed many strange ceremonies by the natives...War and spear dances,...strange songs, weird music, &c. They are Mohamedans there, and are ruled by a Sultan who visited the ship with his suite and high officials. Among his officers was one Moro who had killed 150 men, nearly all of them Christians - Spaniards.....At one port, Davao, on the island of Mindanao, there were representatives of 15 different tribes of Moros. Some of them had come from the interior beyond the mountains to meet the Com. The conversations had to be carried on through three different interpreters. Those Moros were dressed in cloth which they weave by hand from the finest fiber of the Manila hemp....carried small haversacks over their shoulders...ornamented with beads...They all carry bolos and steel headed spears as arms....Their knives are often sharp enough so you can shave the hair off the back of your hand...cut a mans head off at one blow. Nearly all those people are small in stature, but quick and supple...regular features, straight black hair, and skins a little darker than our Indians...The Church is a difficult question to handle, but this Com. is curtailing their power wonderfully....The priests lie to the people in the most disgraceful manner...There was one chap here that claimed to be Christ...came back here by the direction of God to help the people. He told them that the Philippinos were God's chosen people, and that He had sent him here to help defeat the Americans....ran quite a racket for a while collecting cash and troops for the insurgent cause until the Americans put him under arrest. It surprised the natives to think God's Son...could be arrested and held in confinement by the troops...if every man under arms, in all this group of islands were put into one body and placed in an open field, two companies of our troops would lick them off the earth in less than half an hour...."** much more, including a description of an ambush of American troops by natives waiting in a ditch dug in the road, which was covered with grass, which resulted in the death of every insurgent. F-VF . . . . . .

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Monday April 2 2nd Dear Dr. I am
Island of Leyte where we will stop
Albi. We expect to be in Manila th
not know. I must close this up
is a mail leaving here for Manil
and with sincere hopes for the good
and the boys, I will close. Pleas
yours truly E. V. L. Ma

know what kind of a Co. Atty. B.E.T. will
make; it never seemed to me that he announced
to much. I always thought if a chap could buy half
a dozen such men for their actual value, and
dispose of them at their own idea of their
worth, Vanderbilt and Rockfellow would not
be in it with the wealth of the main who
bought and sold the B.E.T's. What has
become of about Tracy and Ernst?

San Francisco Sept. 10th 1901.

Dear Friend Dr. Lavrakas

I will write a few lines telling you that I have got your nice letter here, and am glad to know the boys are getting on so well and that you are at P.H. are prospering. I want to see all of you just as much as ever, but do not know when that will happen. We leave here on the 12th for Manila via Honolulu, and they tell me we will probably stay out there another year. I have had a very pleasant time here this voyage. I have come to know some of the nicest people in the city by letters from some of the "400" that have traveled on the ship, and who think I have done them some little kindness. I have [illegible] the finest [illegible] of me I [illegible] invited. [illegible] out down [illegible] some [illegible] never had [illegible] there, [illegible] greatest [illegible] sands of

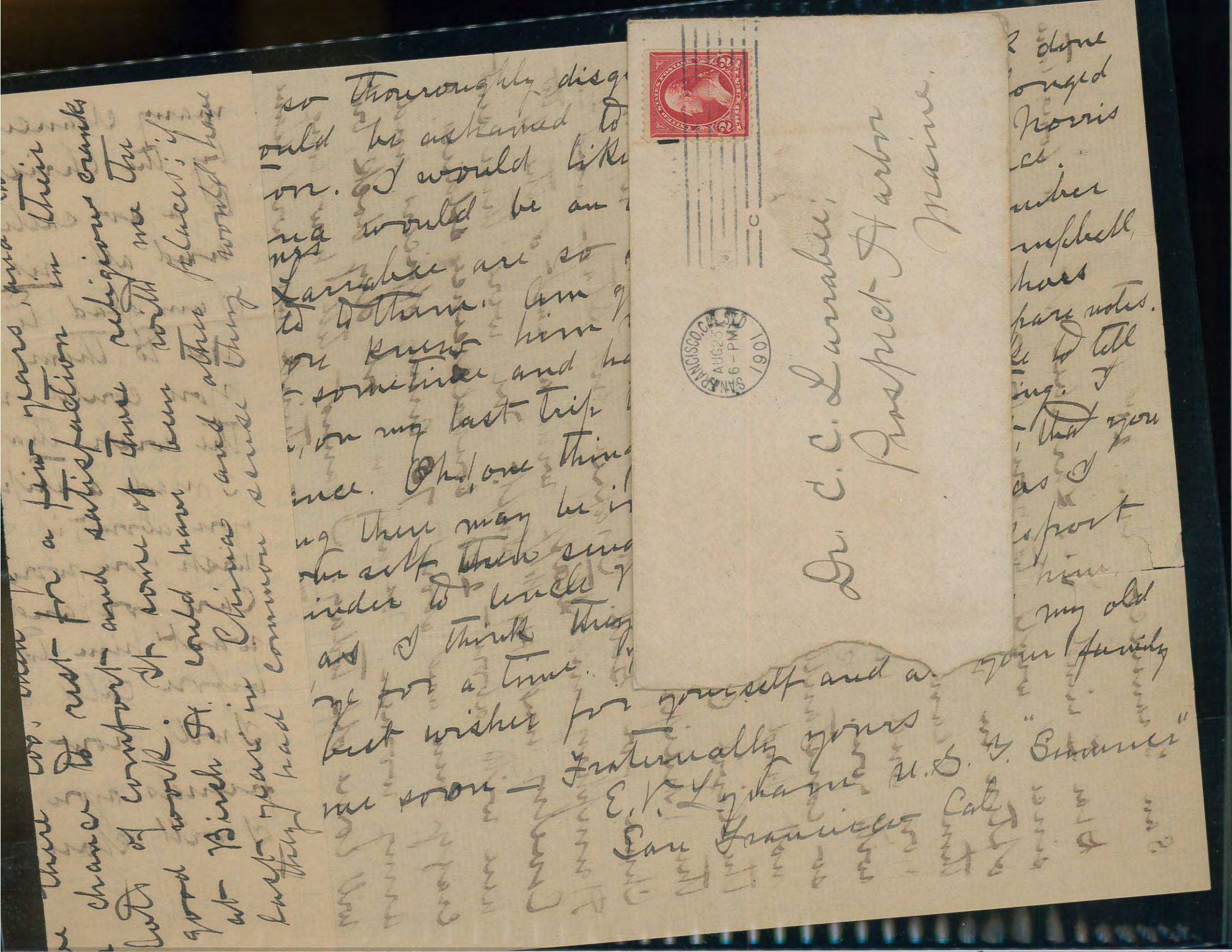


~~Shall~~ Shall be glad to get Annie's letter, am
and hope it will continue so. I would like
on alright in Pha. Uncle Charles N. stand
I got the pictures of the house; they are nic
nice and comfortable now; and I am gl
sick to look at it. Leo and yourself have
will find lots to do in them. We are to
stors, a couple hundred troops, 30 officers, an
be great times among some of them before
ways invested 1800.$ here during the last y
out, but think some of it is alright, and
cash there is laying idle in my cash bo
shall have it if the sect slips up. I m
bottom of this. I would give more the
a long chat with you and Annie, I thin
hour. What an awful thing to happen in
President — Remember me to Mr. Mrs. Wms.
such others as care to hear from me. With
prosperity of each member of your household

bushels of grain, thousands of bushels of prunes
appels, pears, peaches &c. They have 15 horses 3
beautiful Jersey cows, pigs by the hundred, duck
turkeys and chickens unknown. I wandered on
the hills, rested under the trees, went on rides
over good roads among the mountains, with a
nice team, and put in 4 very pleasant days.

San Francisco Aug. 23rd 1901

Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee, It is a long time since I wrote to you, but you have been often in my mind, & would give more than I can tell you for the chance of seeing you and Annie and having a long talk with you. I have been wondering about so constantly since March that I have not had a chance to think. We took the Civil Commission to 2 of ports among the Philippines, then we were sent up to China for Gen. Chaffee, his Staff, and Gen. Humphrey and Staff with a part of the 6th Cavalry and 14th Inf. We were there sent here with about 200 convalescent soldiers, 9 crazy men and about 75 Army officers and Army women. We are now on dry dock, but will come off today. I cannot tell how long we will be in port, but think we will leave here on the 1st of Sept. Your letters are full of interest regarding the people I know, and I like to hear of what is going on. Leo is at home now I suppose, a full fledged M. D., and I hope he is doing well. Fay will soon [illegible] and Annie will have



San Miguel Bay Nov. 10th 1901

Dear Dr. Larrabee, once more I will tell you that I would give a pile to walk into that little home and see all of you this evening. I expect Fay is away, but you, Annie and Leo are probably there, and I would like to take supper with you. I am on the hardest trip the Gov. has ever given me. They sent me from Manila on the 24th of Oct. with between 4. & 500 troops on board to land them at different places, and take others to other places. We will have on board during the trip 980 soldiers and their officers. I had orders for eight different ports when I left Manila. I have now been 12 different places, [illegible] the most o[illegible] dif-ficult [illegible] this trip is [illegible] en surveyed [illegible] and I [illegible] out a p[illegible]

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PHILIPPINES



Dr. C. C. Larrabee;
Prospect Harbor
Maine.

The mail leaves on the 16th for San Franc
by it. I expect the weather is getting a bit c
could enjoy a night in that nice room where
times it looks doubtful about my ever having
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One thing about it, it does not cost them a
Gov. loses the outfit, and the Army Of
thought of saving money for the Gov. th
of the segar after he has smoked ~~smoked~~ the r
all the people I know and sincere hopes
perity of all your family I will say good
and have a long talk upon several su
which way we are to go next, so I could te
Good bye, yours sincerely E.

of the route worsen. Sunshine one [illegible]
I hope to accomplish the job alright. So
make it worse this is the rainy time of
the year in the section I have been, and on
my passage North you never saw thicker
rains than I had for two days. They to the
Army Officers — send this ship nearly

Manila Feb. 14th 1902

Dear Dr. Larrabee, I arrived here two or three days ago from another southern trip among the islands. The work put on a regular aim for a time among the different islands, the distance around the trip from Manila back to Manila is 1760 miles. The

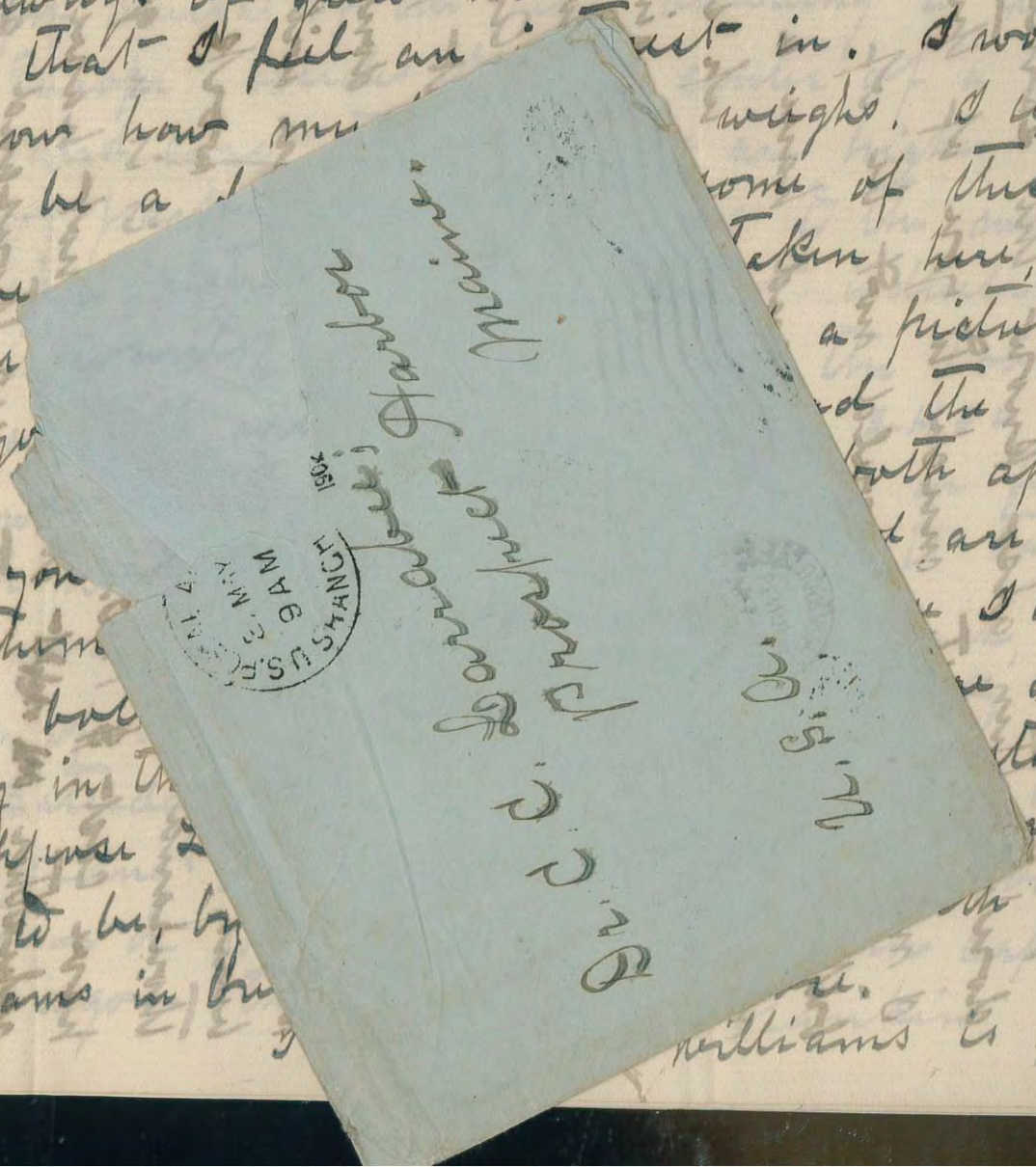
After fitting our machinery practically a
a most thorough overhauling. The ship
in San Francisco last summer for repairs!
my opinion — was doubtful about
the ship. I
boys. Remember
Mrs. Harrington.
could come with
show them about
other mail due from
their letter from you.

Again
find E. V.



Shanghai, China, May 22nd 1902.

Dear Dr. Larabee, your two welcome letters got to me a few days ago. It takes letters a long time to reach me now, from P.A. over the route they come. Our mail goes first to Manila, then is sent from there to us. We arrived here on the 19th of March, and will leave here, or be ready to leave, about the 5th of June. I am glad to hear that you are all so well and prosperous. Your letters are always of great interest, because I hear from those that I feel an interest in. I would like to know how much [illegible] weighs. I expect she will be a [illegible] some of these days, I have [illegible] Taken here for her, if she [illegible] a picture of her and [illegible] and the boys are doing [illegible] both appreciate what you [illegible] are yet doing for them [illegible] I think them but [illegible] a little money in [illegible] town? I suppose [illegible] mind, or soon to be, by [illegible] her. Williams in the [illegible] Williams is not



At Sea. Aug. 30th 1902

Dear Little Friend Annie, your letter sen
me to San Fransisco arrived a day o
two before I left there, but I did n
have a chance to answer it, so I will
write now, and send it from Japan.
I was glad to hear that the silk arri
but very sorry that it got soiled in the
mail. You can wash that silk in soa
water without trouble, so I think it w
be alright. I am awfully sorry tho th
any thing happened to it. I answered the
which you sent me before, and asked you
tell me what color you wanted the silk
a dress to be, I cannot tell when I will
East. It is talked that we are to be
from Manila to N.Y. with Genl's. Bell
Chaffee, their families, and staffs as s
as we arrive in Manila; but no one
knows any thing about that. Our ord
come from Washington, and they will s
which ever way they see fit. Dear little
I want to come to Prospect Harbor as m

The two or three days I will be in Nagasaki this time, what strange things I would show you. How does Clara and "Donna" get along? I wonder if Donna would speak to me if we met? One thing is sure it would make no difference to me whether she did or not.
Two days ago I had another birth day; they manage to get around once a year, and they seem nearer together each time.
I have always wanted Evy and Rob to come and see you and the Dr. I want you to know them, because they are very dear children to me, and I know they would be to you, if you knew them. I think I will have to say good bye soon. The wind is blowing strong from the South, and it is beginning to rain. I think we are going to have a bit of a storm. I would like to have you and the Dr. where I could show you over the ship, I think you would be interested.
Remember me to all the people you think cares to hear from me. With heaps of love to your dear little self, and best wishes to all the family I am yours truly E. V. L. "Summer"

San Francisco Cal.

At Sea Oct. 24th 1902.

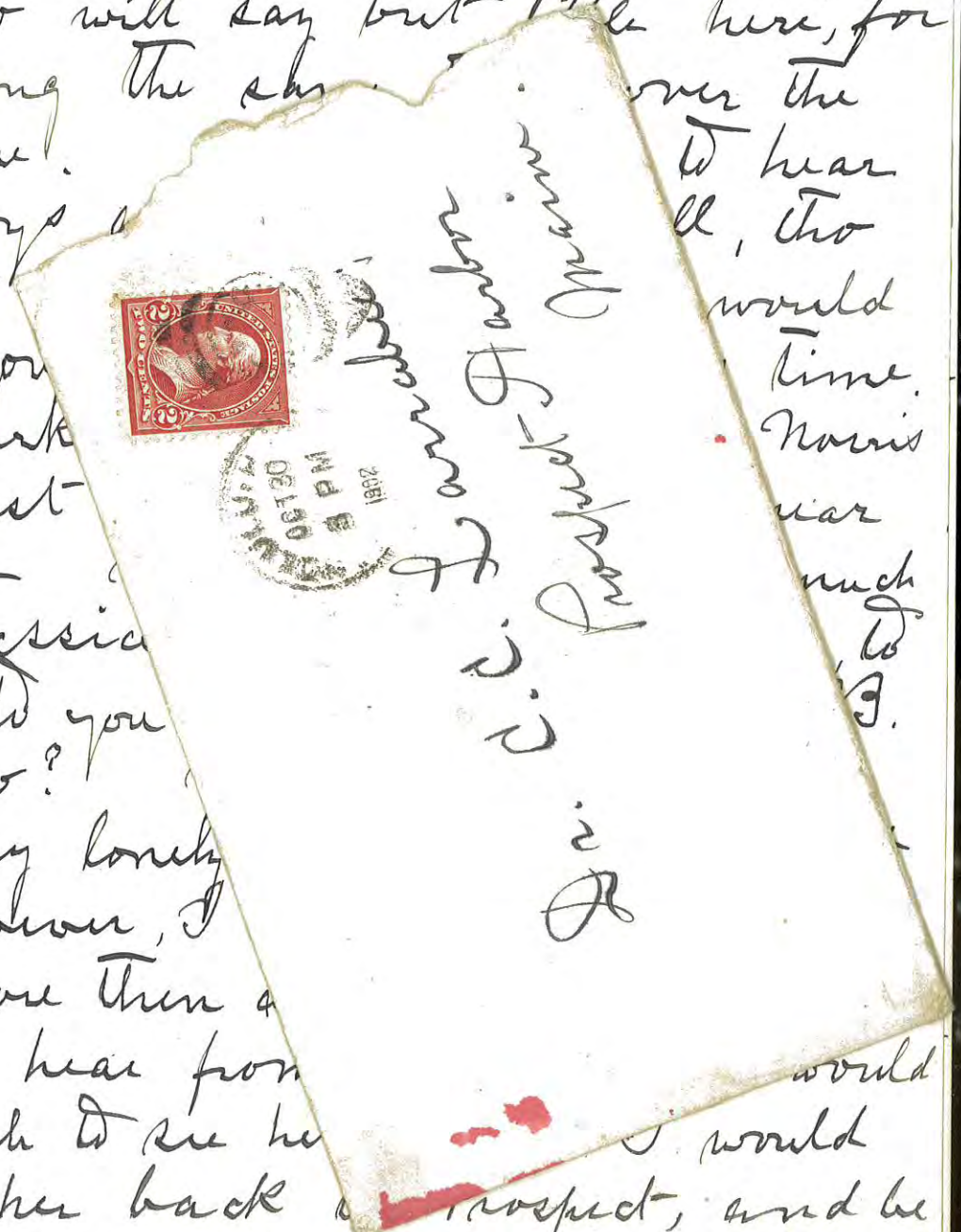
Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee

It has been a long time since I have written to you, tho I have sent Anna two letters since, I think. I do not remember what I have written her of my trips, so will say but little here, for fear of telling the sh[illegible] over the second time.

That the boys a[illegible] to hear ll, tho That is what [illegible] would do. I hope yo[illegible] time.

It is remark[illegible] Norris Last: he must [illegible] ear go, I think — [illegible] much better for Jessica [illegible] to have stuck to you [illegible] B. with you now? [illegible] would be very lonely [illegible] Maman, however, I [illegible] even away more than [illegible]

Do you ever hear fro[illegible] would like very much to see he[illegible] I would like to have her back [illegible] prospect, and be



San Fransisco Feb. 18th 1903.

Dr. Larrabee, Dear Friend,

after a long time I am going to write you a few words. I was told last Oct. by some of the Army officers high in Authority that I was to keep in the U.S. Gov. service as long as I wished to stop. The "Gunnee" has been out of Com. since Jan. 7th, but I was keep on pay by the Q. M. Dept. untill Feb 8th. I was assigned to the U.S.S. "Grant" which was formerly one of the largest of the [illegible]

She has [illegible]

Department [illegible] ...nged into a dre[illegible] months to [illegible]

$220.000- [illegible]

deepening the [illegible] ...ll

take three ye[illegible]

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Dr. C. C. Larrabee;
Prospect Harbor,
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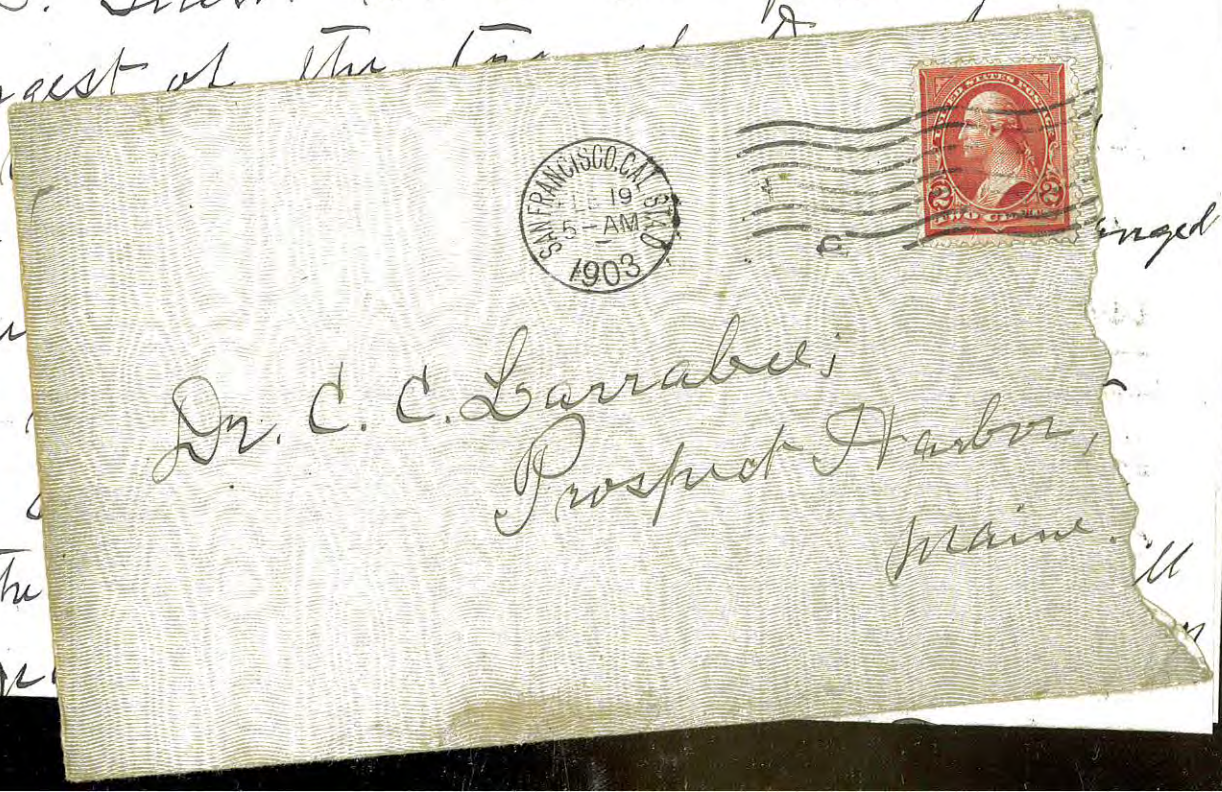
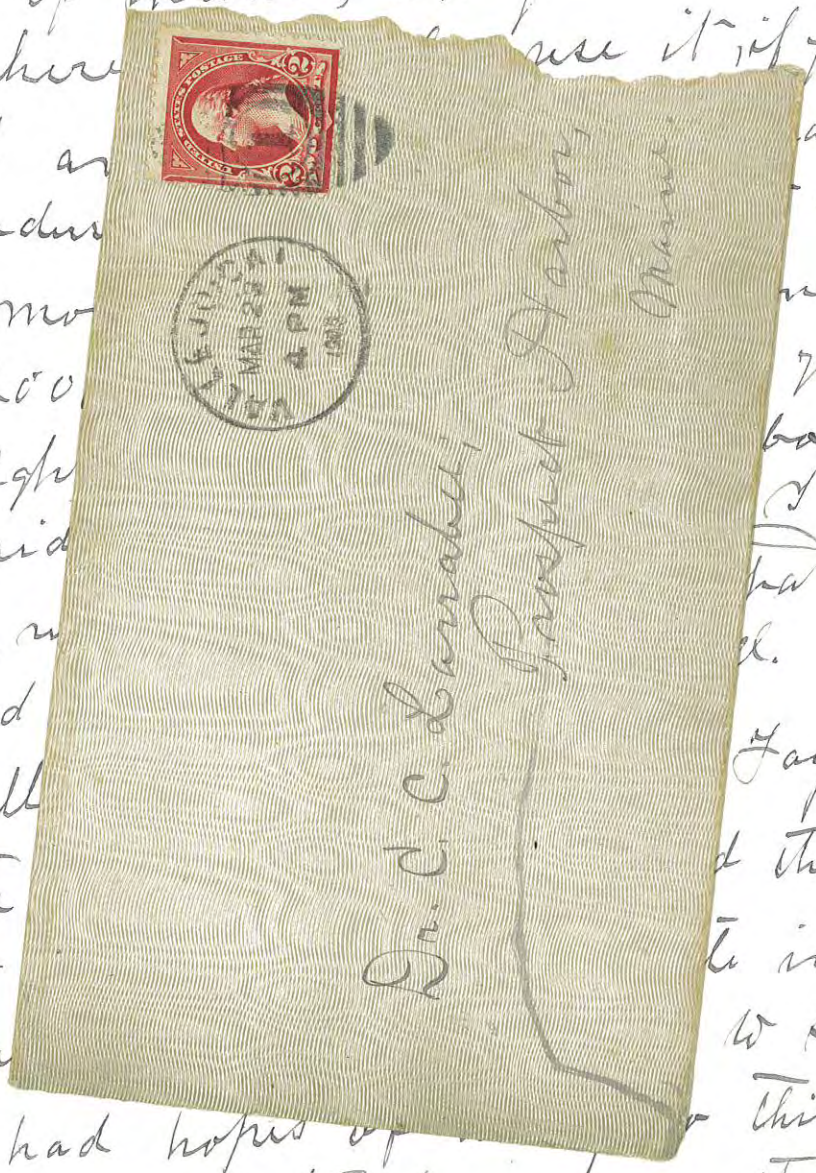


I wanted to come East for a time this
but the bro. wishes me to stop by the s
and watch a part of the work being
I am glad the boys are doing so nicely, a
know it will be a great relief to you and
when ~~Jay is~~ through college and settled
business. I received a letter a day or two

U. S. S. "Grant"
Mare I sland, Cal.

Dear Dr. Larrabee, The box, Key, and every thing has arrived O.K. Thank you for the trouble you have taken. You do not owe me one cent of interest, am glad the money was where [illegible] use it, if you needed it, and am [illegible] made use of it. I under[illegible] the check is for the mo[illegible] and, and that the 200 [illegible] get due. Am I righ[illegible] box, less the 150 paid [illegible] I must have all, [illegible] that which I ordered [illegible] ex. I know Leo will [illegible] Jay. They will both [illegible] there is no doubt but [illegible] he is [illegible] their profession[illegible] to see all of you, and had hopes of [illegible] this summer, but it looks doubtful now, as the Gov. tells me they do not want to spare me, but-



of a steel ship eight hours every day.
am getting used to it a little, but it is wonderful; the contrast of conditions which takes
place in three moments before it is time to
stop work, and three minutes after they
are done is. From being a place where one
can talk except by signs, to the silence
the grave seems strange.
Remember me to all the people who care to
hear from me, and with best wishes for each
one of your household I am sincerely your
friend. I hope to hear from you again
soon. I sent Annie a letter a few days
ago which she should have by now.
Again thanking you for all the kindness
I have so often received from you and
will close

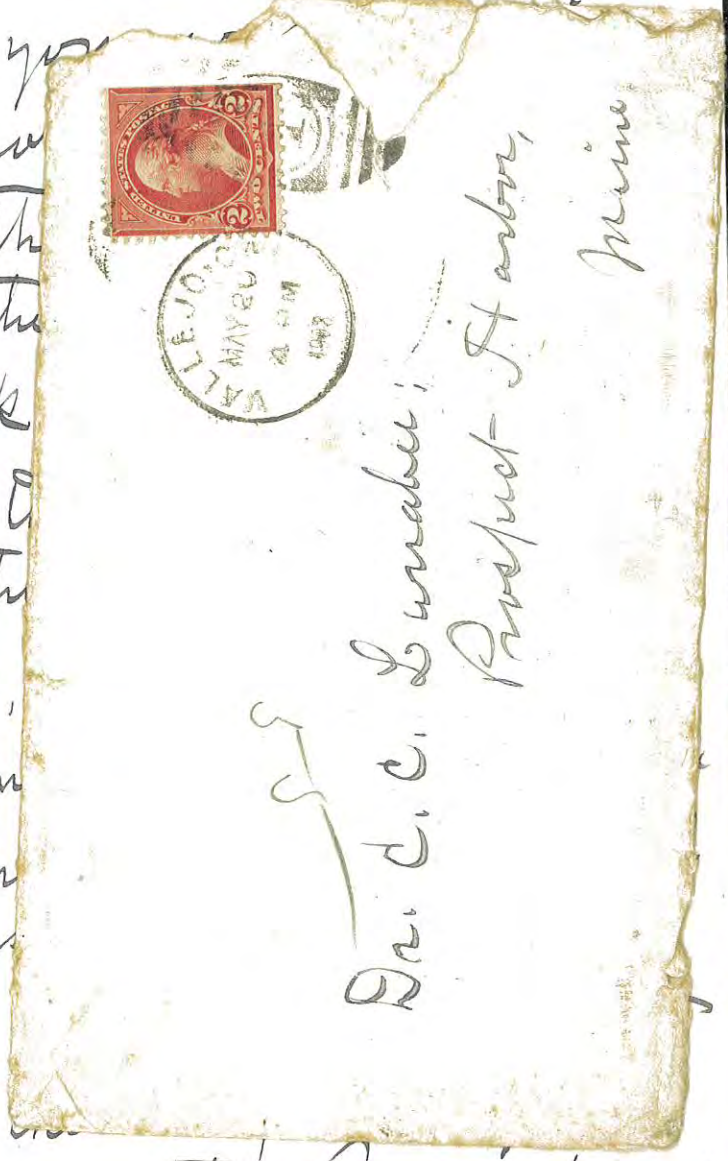
Fraternally yours E. V. L.

U. S. S. "Grant"
Mare Island, Cal.

Mare Island May 19th 1903

Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee.

I am going to write a few lines to you to tell you you ... my mind. I do no... write about here, th... men at work on the... time and I think... we will be ready t... sooner. I suppose th... nice in Maine now, ... has bloomed all win... been full of new p... radishes, strawberries... month. I suppose ... I would like to be ...



We had a visit from the President and Sect. Moody one day last week which made it lively in the little city of Vallejo. They both visited the Mare Island

Dr. C. C. Larrabee;
Prospect Harbor,
Maine

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will Last just as good another 20 years.
member me to him and Mrs. L. when you
ite. Would like to take a trip to Winter
arbor, and see the folks, Frank, Abby,
d much Chas. Clara, Ralph and several
thers. I do not suppose Donnie would
peak to me. Reds boy (?) must be quite
chap by this time. What has become of
er girl? I see by the B.A. Record now &
hen what is going on in Prospect Harbor
nd other places about there.
With kind regards to all the people I know,
and best wishes for yourself, Annie and the
boys, hoping to hear from you again I
am sincerely your friend E. V. Lyons,

U. S. S. "Grant"
Mare Island,
Cal.

U. S. S. "Grant" Mare Island, Cal, July 9th 1903

Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee,

a month or two ago, I wrote you asking
I have my log books, which are in my chest,
my Masonic apron, case and knights
Diploma with my certificate from the Grand
Lodge of Maine, the scrap book with my
published letters sent by freight to me in
San Francisco Care of Dr. W. B. F. Wake-
field 767 Sutter Street. I do not know
whether or not you have received the let-
ter as the goods have not shown up.
They would need to be put into a very good
box & stand the racket of crossing the
ocean[illegible]
by Express
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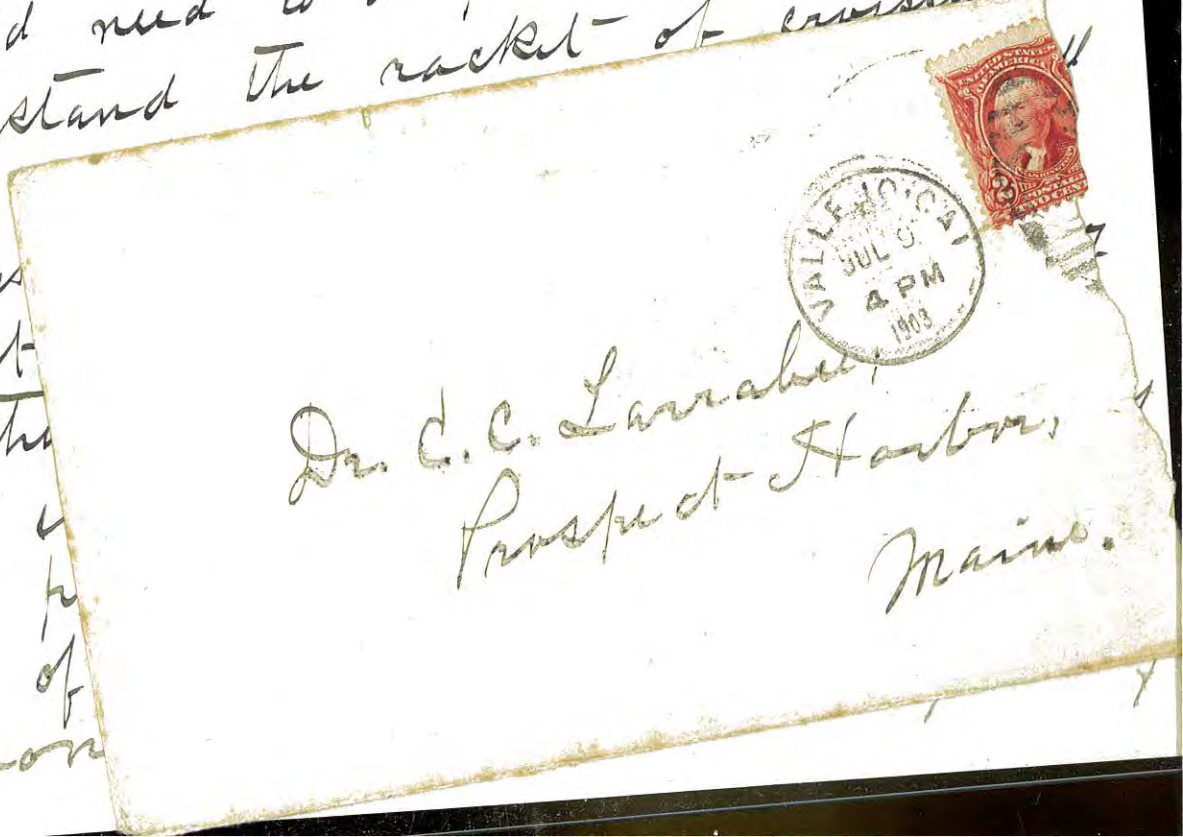


ere, and I expect it will be Oct. before we
get away from here. The delay has been
caused by manufactures in Baltimore who
have the building of our dredging pumps.
Two twenty inch pumps which will
weigh 27½ tons. They are to be sent
out by rail, and are packages not likely
to come very fast. I expect my body is
busy round about Prospect and Wicked N.
and I hope that you and family are
all well, and doing well. I have been
looking for a letter from Annie for
some time, but have not seen any.
I am in a hurry to catch this mail so
will have to stop soon. Give my kind
regards to all the people who care for
them, and with the best of wishes for
yourself, Annie, and the boys I am
sincerely your friend E. V. Lyman

U. S. S. "Grant" Mare Island July 13th 1903.

Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee,

Your letter of the 1st inst. came to hand last evening. I did not hear from you for some time after having asked you to send those articles, so though perhaps my letter had gone astray, and I sent another a few days ago regarding the business. I am glad to hear of your good health but very sorry to hear that your father is not so ... feeling fine over his pro... d reason to feel tha... ue to see him a full ... a good practice. ... would know si... w. They must hav... al in the last 3½ ... m. I think the pros... a good reason at ... all parts of the ... they deserve somethin... the trouble the state ... by

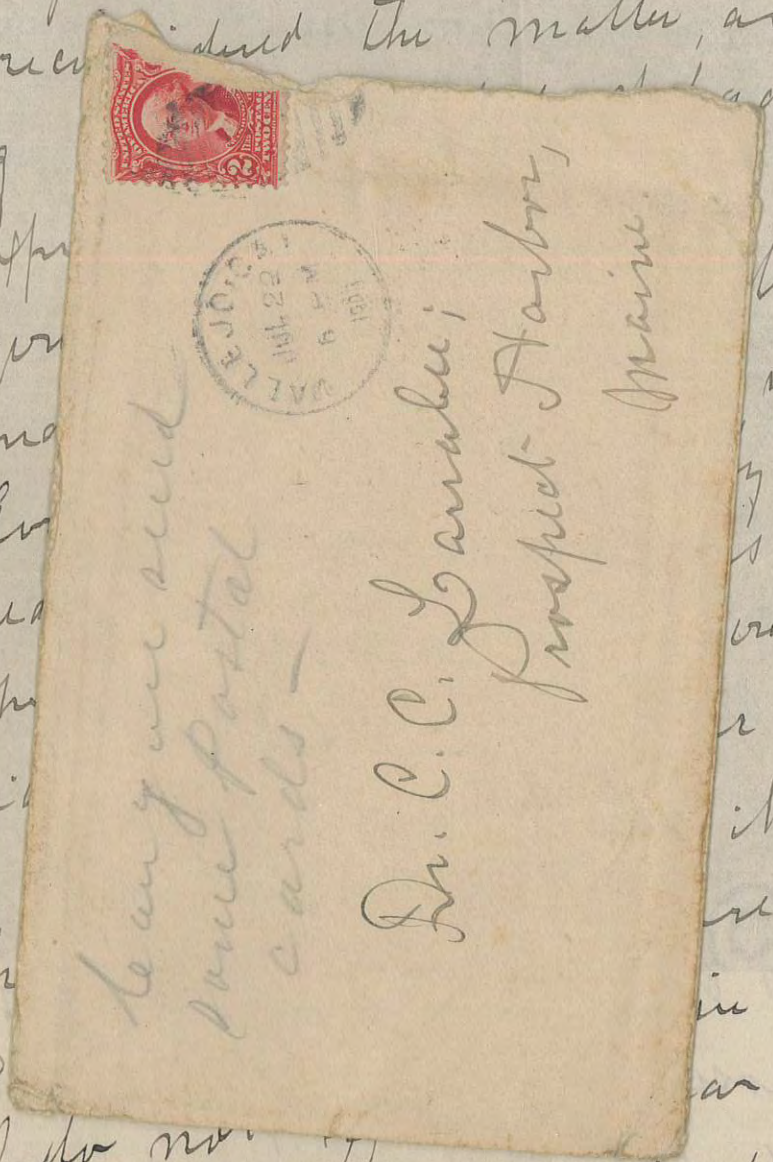
Dr. C. C. Larrabee,
Prospect Harbor,
Maine.

fiers and drouths. I am glad to hear that the W. & . people are so nicely. Please remember me to them when you see them. I do not suppose "Dannie" wants my remembrance tho it will not hurt her. I do not care for the freight receipt for those good, unless they should be lost. In that case I can get it. I do not think the ship will leave here before Oct. I know it will be a releif to you and Annie when Fay is well established. I would like to see that woman from Omaha that took a fancy to Palmer, she must be a curio herself sure. I am very anxious to have Mr. Ikes (?) address — the gentleman who was clerk with John G. Moor — I have something of importance to communicate to him as soon as possible. I presume Capt. Moor may know his address. If you can obtain it and fordward it to me at once I will be under one more obligation to you. I would not trouble you with this if I knew any other likely way to find him quick. With kind regards to all friends I am truely yours E. V. Lynam.

U.S.S. "Grant", Mare Island, Cal.
July 22nd 1903.

Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee,

Fay did just right to send the box by express. I reco[illegible]dered the matter, and wrote you saying [illegible] had told you to ship by expr[illegible] just right, as you [illegible] the box came to hand [illegible] in perfect condition. Ev[illegible] packed and wrapped [illegible] chaped a bit. The [illegible] out was the splendid [illegible] r old home. It made [illegible] it. I shall h[illegible] re I can see it all the [illegible] in my room awake. I do not [illegible] ar much crape for the Pope that is dead; but I would not be surprised if the other fellow wished that some one was wearing a little for him before he gets through. Altho, [illegible] "[illegible]" I would



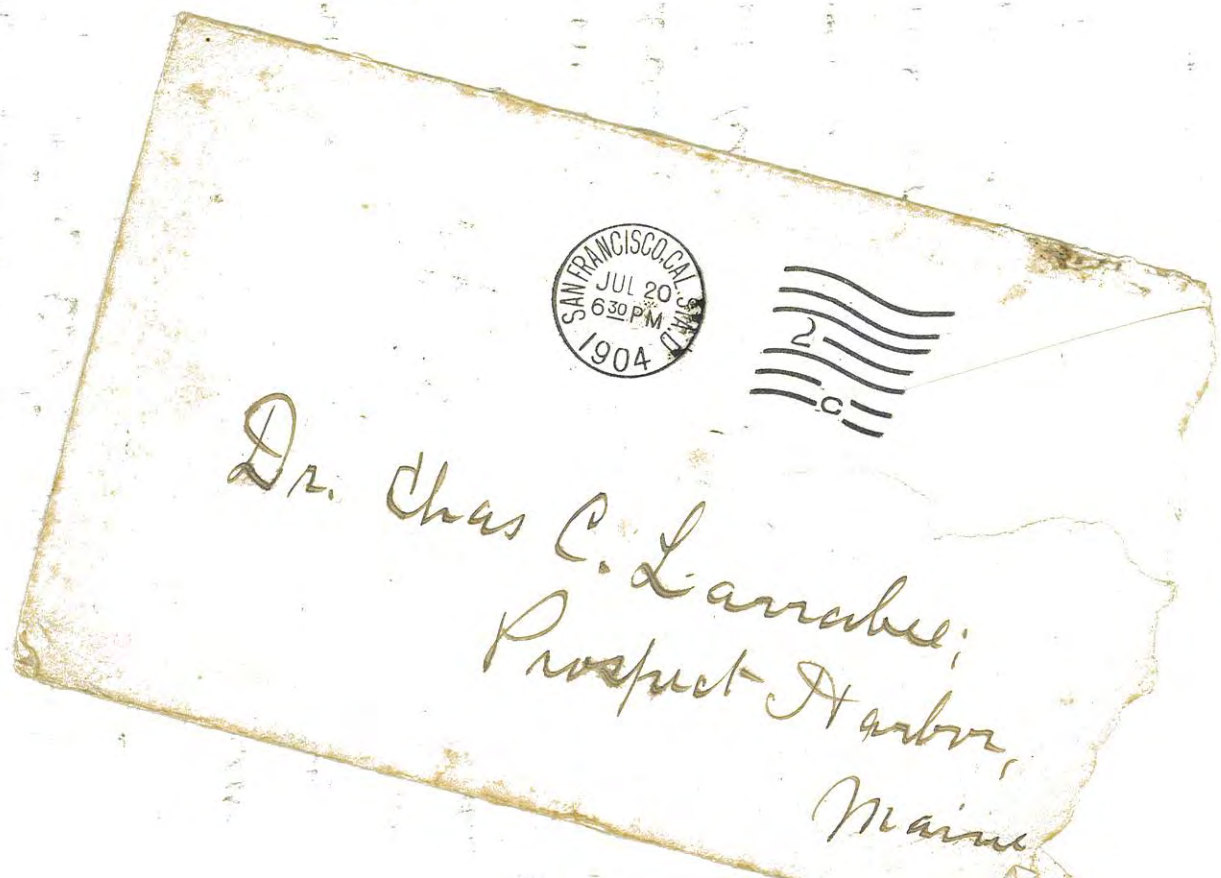
land a better show with them than I would, but I would play a devil of a game of bluff before I showed my hand.

I am astonished at what you tell me about Fred Peters!! Who is the girl? Don't I wish I could walk in and have supper with you and Annie, and spend the evening. I think we could find something to say that would last about two hours. Sometimes I think it looks doubtful about my ever getting East again until I am done with the Gov.; and by then I will be too old to go anywhere.

I want to get this into the next mail, and in

San Francisco July 20th 1904.

Dear Dr. Larabee, It seems a long time since I have written any thing to you, but you, nor no member of your family are by any means forgotten. I think of you often, and long to see and talk with you. A very important, and unexpected — four years ago — event has come into my life. More than four years ago, I took as passengers across the Pacific two ladys — the wife of Enid. Bell and their cousin —. The Ends. cousins name was Miss Julia B. Canfield, a lady now in her 45th year. She is one of the finest cultivated ladys I ever met, belongs to one of the finest families in this state, and is altogether a very charming woman. She has an income derived from interest on cash sufficient to maintain her, and is a woman before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Dr. Chas C. Larrabee
Prospect Harbor,
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At Sea, Nov. 13th 1904.

Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee,

I recieved your welcome letter of Aug. 29th in Manila, and was glad to hear from you, and I thank you and Annie for your congratulations over my marriage. It is a pleasure to know that the friends I care most for, are pleased over m[illegible]nces.

If you ever m[illegible]dy I have married, you [illegible] I am the party to b[illegible] in every way worthy of a go[illegible]st efforts, and in all w[illegible]gent lady. She and I a[illegible] know of no reason w[illegible]t continue [illegible]s to come.



C. Larrabee;
Prospect Harbor,
Maine.

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I think I will close after asking to be remembered with kindness to all who care to hear from me. With the best of wishes to yourself and family I will say good bye hoping to hear from you again soon. Oh by one more thing Dr. Are any of the tools in that tool chest worth the trouble of securing them in the chest and sending them by freight across the country? The freight would be about 10 dollars, I expect. I could use them at San Juan quite often, if I had them there. If you think it worth it, I wish you would have them securely packed and the cover screwed on with good screws-crated if you think best- and addressed to me, Care of Mr. S. R. Canfield San Juan, San Benito Co. Cal., and send them along. Sent me an account of the trouble and expense of packing &c. They will need to be well secured, or they will stave the chest to pieces on the trip. Once more good by,

U. S. T. "Thomas" Yours truly E. V. Lyman
San Francisco, Cal.

bullet now, and not take so many of those long midnight rides through rains and snow. You deserve rest now, if any man ever did, you & the precious Annie deserve the best of all things for your untiring goodness to others. I know, and have known for a long time, how highly you and Annie are held by all who know you, and know how great the loss to the community would be, if they had to give up either of you. It is one of the highest satisfactions of life when we can honestly feel that by our own earnest endeavors we have earned the respect and appreciation of

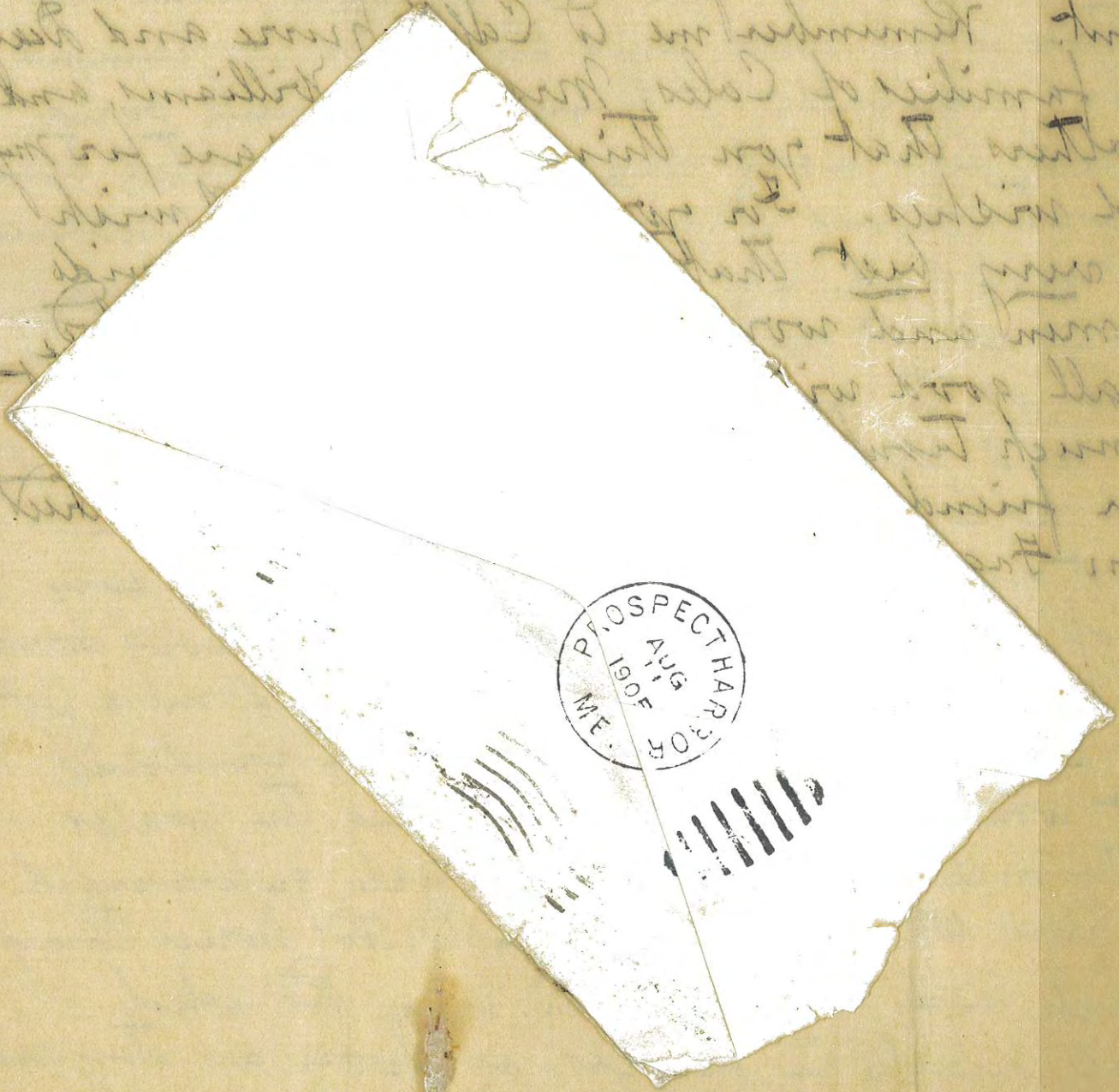
WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF

Quartermaster Army Transport "Thomas"

Aug. 5th 1905

Dear Dr. Larabee, your letter of June 25th came to hand in due time, but I was away from the ship on leave of absence during the month of July. I had a whole months vacation, in which I did not have to be at the ship at all. Julia and I spent the month attending to work that I am having done in connection with the home I hope to have in San Juan, and among the mountains 7000 feet above the sea. We were there but 12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At Sea Oct. 29th 1905.

Dear Friend, Dr. Larrabee;

I received your nice interesting letter several days before I sailed, but was to busy to answer it at that time. I am very glad to hear such nice reports of prosperity in your vicinity, and hope they will remain good always. I feel a particular interest in the good old State of Maine, and in Prospect Harbor ~~in part~~ especially. I am glad to hear that Leo and Fay are doing so nicely, and wouldn't I like to come East and see all of you again? Will Fay take a country practice, or settle in some city, after he is through College? If he would be contented, I should think it would be [illegible] him to

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m [illegible] people

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Dr. C. C. Larrabee;

Prospect Harbor,

Maine.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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At Sea March 29th 1906

Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee; Your welcome letter arrived in San Francisco three days after I left there last voyage, and I found it there on March 16th, when I arrived from the Orient. They only allowed me 10 days in port this time, so I did not have time to answer it there. I will mail this in Honolulu, if I ever get there. We are having a heavy N. W. gale with bad seas, and are not getting alon[illegible] fast. Are only making 270 miles a[illegible] should be making from 28[illegible] ose we will be in Honol[illegible] il. The tool chest [illegible] tion, and the [illegible] ike to know [illegible] cre[illegible] They [illegible] an tell you [illegible] boys are so w[illegible] k in and have a c[illegible] I would like the privilege o[illegible] et of clams, and then satin[illegible] part of them, after Annie had [illegible] ed them. No one in California

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Dr. C. C. Larrabee;
Prospect Harbor,
Maine.

home on shore for a little while, and a chance to use those tools now and then on some job some of these days. How does Capt: John Coombs get along? And is Ned Nordis fishing for lobsters all this time? I would like to have a dozen now; I would not care much about the length of them, at least; I would not bother about measuring them after they were broken up. I have been hoping for a letter from Annie for a long time, but it has not shown up yet. I would like to wander about the place with her, or go around town with you once more. I have the picture of that dear little home, on the wall in my room, where I can see it any time I look up. Pleasant memories fill my heart of the pleasant days there with you and the gentle Annie. May health and happiness ever abide with you, is my earnest wish. Please remember me to Mr. & Mrs Williams, Capt: Moore & family, both the Mr. Coles families, and any other whome you think would care to hear from me. With kind regards and best wishes to Leo & Fay, and the best of all to yourself and Annie, I will close, hoping to hear again from you soon. Sincerely yours E. V. Lyman,

U. S. T. "Thomas", San Francisco, Cal.

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At Sea June 21st 1906

Dear Dr. Larrabee, your ever welcome letter came to me in S.F. but I did not have time to answer it there, as I was very busy with the business of the ship, and in trying to fix up a place at San Juan for Julia to live while I am away. I think I have told Annie of th[illegible]angements made for that purpose, [illegible] tire you with a repetition of it [illegible]atifying to hear of the good [illegible] doing, and you and [illegible] satisfaction and plea[illegible] the efforts yo[illegible]alize how [illegible] of som[illegible] comfort or [illegible]ut it away [illegible] appreciate [illegible]nd I think the[illegible]en to forget such [illegible] see them, and you and [illegible] have a long talk over [illegible] have past since I was with [illegible] was the trouble with Mrs. Mor[illegible] thought her very well.

U. S. A. T. "THOMAS"

Dr. C. C. Larrabee;
Prospect Harbor,
Maine.

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We will make the passage to Honolulu in about six days and twenty hours. The distance is 2100 miles, measured on a Great Circle, which is the shortest distance between the two points. I will close with this hoping to live to see you again some time, and wishing that all good things may be bestowed upon you and yours. Please remember me to all who care to hear from me, especially to Mrs T. Mr. Williams and the Messrs Coles, & their families. Hoping to hear from you again soon I am truly and sincerely yours, G.V.L. Gram.

Excuse all mistakes, as this is written in haste. G.V.L.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF

Quartermaster Army Transport "Thomas."

Manila Jan. 3rd 1907

Dear Dr. Larrabee, when I arrived in S.F. in Nov. I found your Kind letter of Sept. 19th awaiting me. I was more pleased than I can express to hear how nicely the boys are doing; but I always knew they were bound to come out at the top. I should think Jay was in a good locality, and one thing is sure he will "make good" wherever he is. He has the proper stuff in him, and has had the correct training that makes good smart men. I would like very much to see all of you again, but sometimes it looks doubtful about my getting East again. I should hate to sell that dear home, unless I intended to leave the State for some warmer part of the country. It must make quite a difference in your expense acct. since the boys have got clear of Calif., and I know how proud you and Annie feel over their fine manly start in life. The training which they have received at home is much better than ten times the amt. in cash could have been to them.

Yes: we lost quite a few things in the San Francisco [illegible]

this entertainment given Xmas evening, and if there is any of them left, I am going to enclose one of them to Annie Cox. They are hunting for one now. I leave here on the 15th will be due in S. F. on the 15th of Feb, and will leave there the 5th of March I expect. Thank Dr. Curtis for thinking of me, and return my best regards to them. Remember me to the boys, Mrs. & Mr. Williams, All the Coles, Capt. & Lasey & Moore, and others that would care to hear from me, Clara & Mrs. Herrington. Will thank for the trouble that you & Annie have taken with my goods, and best wishes for your health and happiness I am sincerely yours E. L. Lyman

If you find my sailmaking palms, and any thing else that is useless to you do them up in a package and send them to me San Juan, San Benito Co. Cal. Good bye E. L.

WAR DEPARTMENT

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Quartermaster Army Transport "Thomas."

At Sea March 31st 1907.

Dear Friend Dr. Larrabee,

I received your ever welcom letter while in part in Feb; but I do not have much time to write while there, so will now do so, and send it upon my arrival in Manila. The chest had not arrived on the 5th of March, but I [illegible] received a letter from the Freight Agt. [illegible] Pacific, from San Dieg[illegible] Yuan the chest sh[illegible] wrote him at once, b[illegible] some other fellow [illegible] Yuan with a ma[illegible] and there is some [illegible] chest. However th[illegible] is hunting for i[illegible] found but to m[illegible] all this time. [illegible] ask the R. W. [illegible] would like to hav[illegible] Fay can remember them w[illegible] trouble,

MANILA APR 4 10 AM 1907

U. S. A. T. "THOMAS."

Dr. Chas. C. Larrabee,
Prospect Harbor,
Maine.

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U. S. A. T. "THOMAS"

as much drunkenness among the white officers of this Reg. as there has been among the troops this passage. Many of them are drunk in port and at sea. The horses for this Reg. will not be in Manila for a month yet, as they are to come on the Transport "Dix". We take the 9th Reg. of Cavalry home with us, and I suppose this Reg. will use the horses of the 9th for what the want untill their horses arrive. None of the Cavalry horses are taken home again; they are sold for draying purposes in Manila and vicinity when the Gov. is done with them. We leave Manila on the home stretch April 15th and are due in S. F. May 15th, and leave again June 5th. I will have to say good bye now.

Please remember me to the boys, and those about the place who care to hear from me. What has become of Ella Tracy? With love and best wishes to you and Annie

I am most sincerely your friend

I expect there is a E. V. Lynam. lot of pictures and other truck belonging to me in your way there. You might throw it in a box and send it by freight to me, or

it up. It sent, direct to me San Juan San Benito Co. Cal.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER
U. S. A. T. "THOMAS"

At Sea June 9th 1907

Dear Dr. Larrabee, your letter of May 16th arrived in due time, and I was glad to hear from you and those I know in your vicinity again. Your letters are always full of interest, because they tell me all the news, and all about the people. Your account of Capt. Deaseys wives truely was a surprise to me. I do not remember of ever knowing that he [illegible] the mother o[illegible] st was abrig[illegible] de of it. It [illegible] few days befa[illegible] gt. I should [illegible] trouble ab[illegible] en- ever you [illegible] and Anni[illegible] now, if you only think so. The boys are

U. S. A. T. "THOMAS"

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Dr. Chas. C. Larrabee;
Prospect Harbor,
Maine.



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF

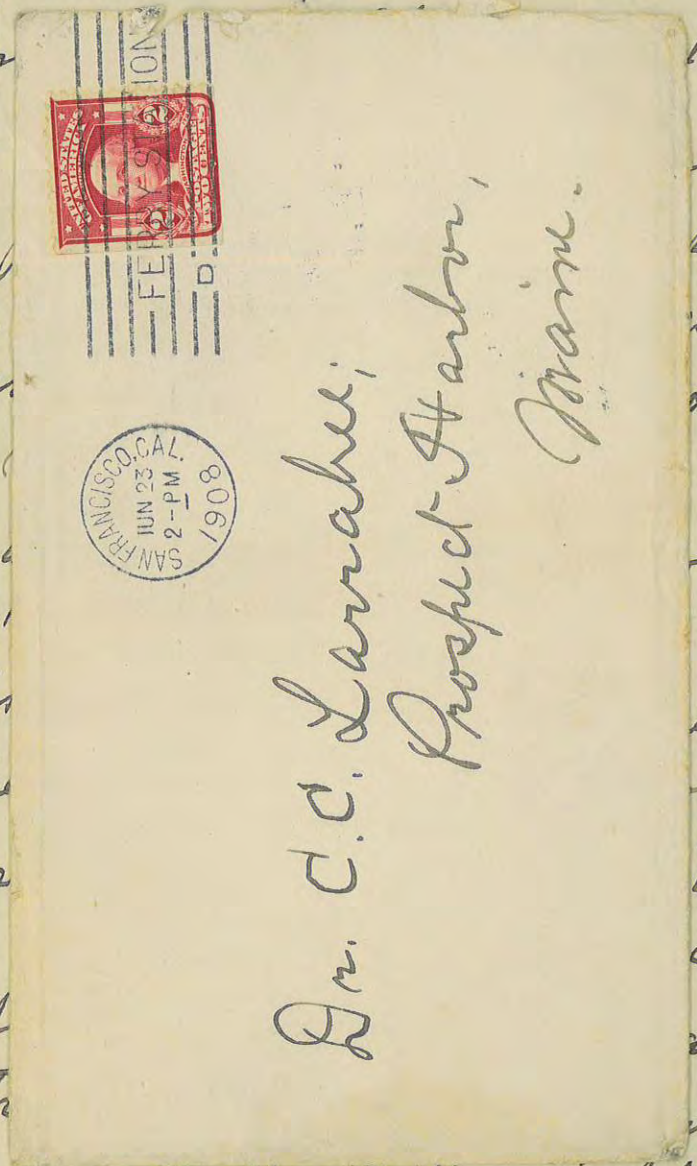
Quartermaster Army Transport "Thomas."

S. F. June 28th 1908

Dear Friend,

Dr. Larrabee,

A few weeks ago I had occasion to write Mrs. E[illegible] I inquired for you [illegible] not heard from [illegible]. To my sorrow I [illegible] that Bessie was in [illegible] you how sorry [illegible] heart feels sad [illegible] that she is sick! [illegible] this. My heart is [illegible] of the years I sp[illegible] which was I m[illegible] I had known for [illegible] have constantly [illegible] household, and th[illegible] hope within my heart that I might again see you all there, and show you the sweet little lady who has, and is, making my life happy in those years. I trust yet that I may



live to see that hope realized. I have intended for some time to drop you a line, but could not put off doing so longer since receiving Mrs. Clarke's letter telling me of Annie's illness. We sail for Manila on the 6th of July, and will be due here again Sept. 16th. Remember me to those I know, and with love to Annie, the boys, and yourself. I will close. I never write any letters while in front, when I can help it. I came yesterday from a leave of absence for 14 days, which Julia and I spent very happily in wandering over southern California.

Most sincerely yours,

E. V. Zogbaum.

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Guide for the Brooklyn Navy Yard and Station

Presented with the compliments of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle



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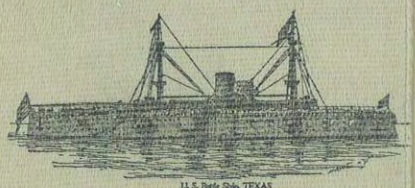

U.S. Battle Ship TEXAS

Battleship "TEXAS"

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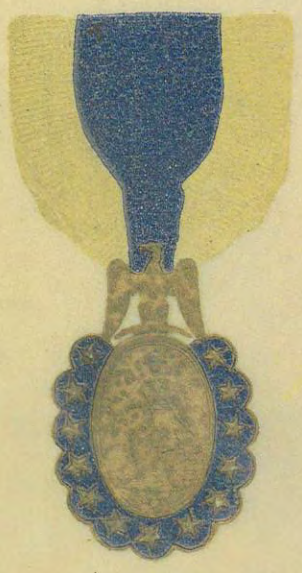

THE GENERAL SOCIETY of the CINCINNATI and the SONS of the REVOLVTION in the State of New York have the Honour to request the presence of

Rear-Admiral John W. Philip, U. S. N.,

at the Centennial Anniversary Services commemorative of the Death of his Excellency GENL GEORGE WASHINGTON Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States during the War of the Revolution to be observed at SAINT PAVL'S CHAPEL on the Broadway, New York, December the fourteenth, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety nine, at Twelve o'clock noon.

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REV. ISAAC C. KETLER, PH. D., D. D.,
President of the Faculty.

J. N. PEW,
President of the Board of Trustees,
Pittsburg, Pa.

T CHEER. THE POOR DEVILS ARE DYING."

The crew of the Texas started to cheer. "Don't cheer, because the poor devils are dying," called Capt. Philip, and the Texas left the Almirante Oquendo to her fate to join in the chase of the Cristobal Colon.

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ommodore Schley, coming alongside e Texas from the Cristobal Colon in his gig, called out cheerily, "It was a nice fight, Jack, wasn't it?"

The veterans of the Texas lined up and gave three hearty cheers and a tiger for their old commander-in-chief. Capt. Philip called all hands to the quarter deck, and, with bared head, thanked God for the almost bloodless victory.

"I want to make public acknowledgment here," he said, "that I believe in God the Father Almighty. I want all you officers and men to lift your hats and from your hearts offer silent thanks to the Almighty."

All hats were off. There was a moment or two of absolute silence, and then the overwrought feelings of the ship's company relieved themselves in three hearty cheers for their beloved commander.

– N.Y. Sun, July 6/98

The Words of an American Sailor.

"I want to make public acknowledgment here that I believe in GOD *the Father Almighty. I want all you officers and men to lift your hats and from your hearts offer silent thanks to the Almighty."*

These two simple sentences will live in history. They were spoken on Sunday last on the quarter-deck of our warship Texas by her commander, Capt. JOHN W. PHILIP, and it is a mighty long time since it has before fallen to the lot of any man to say a plain and feeling thing that could move and stir the hearts of a whole people. Capt. PHILIP'S words have gone from THE SUN'S columns to the whole nation, and they are at this moment fixed for all time in the memory of all Americans.

– N.Y. Evening Sun, July 6/98

Captain Philip.

When the yellow and red flag was pulled down on the Almirante Oquendo the commander of the Texas gave the order to his men: "Don't cheer, because the poor devils are dying."—EVENING SUN.

The victor looks over the shot-churned wave
At the riven ship of his foeman brave
And the men in their life blood lying;
And the joy of conquest leaves his eyes,
The lust of fame and of battle dies,
And he says: "Don't cheer; they're dying."

Cycles have passed since Bayard the brave—
Passed since Sydney the water gave,
On Zutphen's red sod lying;
But the knightly echo has lingered far—
It rang in the words of the Yankee tar
When he said: "Don't cheer; they're dying."

Why leap our hearts at our Hobson's name,
Or at his who battled his way to fame,
Our flag in the far East flying?
The nation's spirit these deeds reveal—
But none the less does that spirit peal
In the words: "Don't cheer; they're dying."

CHARLES W. THOMPSON.

– N.Y. Sun, July 8/98

Don't Cheer.

"Don't cheer, boys,
"The poor devils are dying."
And the voice of the speaker
Was choked with emotion,
As with horror he saw
Spanish rage and devotion;
"Don't cheer," he said,
For off toward the shore
Racked, shivered and shattered
Stood the squadron of Spain
Black, beaten and battered.
Oh, God! what a sight
For a sailor to see
Whose heart has a touch
Of sweet charity-
The decks running red
With the living outflow
Of Spanish devotion
And valor. I know
There is not a brave heart
In American blue
But could weep for the Spaniard
Whose stood strong and true
To the flag of his country
On that fatal day,
When out from the harbor
Leagues and leagues far away
From kindred and country
He sailed. And the commander
Who said it proved his valor indeed
Was as great as the heart
Which had prompted the meed
Of compassion and pity
For brave, fearless men,
In defense of their country and flag.

Oh, the deeds which will stand
Bright on history's page,
On, on in the annals
And age after age,
Are the deeds which were done
In compassion and pity
For strangers and foemen
Crushed, humbled and beaten;
And his name men will honor
Long centuries still,
Who with kindness of heart
And firmness of will
Could say, "Don't cheer, boys,
"The poor devils are dying!

Compliments of the
July 25-'98 Author Isaac C. Kettler

The City of New York.



Office of the
President of the Council.
City Hall.

Randolph Guggenheimer,
President.

New York, June 14th, 1900.

Admiral John W. Phillip,
Navy Yard,
Brooklyn.

Dear Sir:-

Your attendance is earnestly requestddat a meeting of the Committee on Plan & Scope, to be held in this office on Thursday, June 21st, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of passing necessary resolutions and closing the accounts in connection with the Dewey Reception.

Very respectfully yours,

Randolph Guggenheimer

Acting Chairman.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,

97 CEDAR STREET,

NEW YORK, December 6th, 1899.

Rear Admiral JOHN W. PHILIP,

U. S. N.

My dear s ir:-

You will see by the enclosed invitation that the Sons of the Revolution will hold services at St.Paul's Church, on the fourteenth of December, commemorative of the death of General Washington, one hundred years ago; and it will give them very great pleasure if you will accept their invitation to be present on that interesting occasion.

I need hardly add that the Navy should be represented, and it affords me very great pleasure to be the medium of this communication.

Very t ruly yours,

F. S. Tallmadge

President

R&M DIVISION
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Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition.
Omaha, U.S.A.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, I extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the

Peace Jubilee Celebration

at this Exposition from October 10th to October 15th 1898.

The triumph of our arms in the war with Spain marks an epoch in American history.

It is especially appropriate that a great national celebration should be held at this Exposition, which illustrates in a magnificent manner the arts of peace. The President and his Cabinet, several of the Ministers and representatives of foreign countries, prominent officers of the army and navy, Governors of states, and many other distinguished citizens have accepted our invitation to participate in this grand demonstration, which it is hoped will fittingly commemorate the welcome return of peace to the nation. Appropriate ceremonies, spectacular parades, military and civic demonstrations and inspiring pyrotechnic displays will constitute a part of the special program for this celebration.

To Capt. John W. Philip, Navy Dept.

Gurdon W. Wattles,
President.

NAVY YARD, NEW YORK.

Feb 17

My dear Jennie:-

Before reading this — or rather, trying to do so, do you make out the signature to the enclosed note?

I will leave you to "guess" for a while.

On return from Chicago on an "advertising" trip, I wrote those good Y. M. C. A. people

ROBERT L. McKINLAY,
43d Dist., Paris.

Member of Committees on Judiciary; Warehouses; Insurance; Penal and Reformatory Institutions; Mines and Mining; County and Township Organization; Military; Elections; Building and Loan Associations; Expenses of the General Assembly; Congressional Apportionment.

Illinois State Senate,

Paris, Ills Aug 6th 1898

Capt Jno W. Philip
U.S. Navy

My dear Sir

In the "Chicago Tribune" of yesterday a correspondent in writing of you said "Captain Philip in his white duck uniform whiter than the snow on the Himalayas made one sigh at every thing that was not white" when a little girl presented you with a bunch of flowers I am reminded when a student at the Academy that you was especially careful with your clothes and I am not now astonished at the Reporter saying that your uniform was "whiter than the snow on the Kimalayas." Was with you at the Academy in 1857 & 8 and after our summer cruise in the "Preble" in 1858 I resigned. In looking over "Lords Modern History" to day I find a list of our Section in History. viz McKinlay. McFarland. McGlensey, Ingraham, Rodgers, Knipe, Connally, Fisk, Phoenix, Mooney.



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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME AND SOUVENIR.

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My dear Friend:

It is a very grateful thing for me to send to you the slips on the enclosed sheet.

I wish you would just leave this letter among your papers. When the time comes, which I hope may be far away, that an inscription is to be sought for the tablet marking your resting place, it may suggest to some one that the words "Dont cheer, boys, "they are dying" should be placed there.

They are words which will live long after your body and mine have crumbled into dust.

Yours truly,

Geo. F. Seward

Capt. John Philip
U. S. S. Texas.

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IN MEMORIAM.

John Woodward Philip.

Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy.

DIED AT NAVY YARD, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1900.





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Admiral Philli

The Mayor of the City of New York
as Chairman of the
Municipal Committee appointed for the purpose,
has the honor to request your presence
to witness and participate in the

Naval Parade and Reception,

and the

Military Parade and Review,

Friday and Saturday, September twenty-ninth and thirtieth,
in honor of

Admiral Dewey

on the occasion of his arrival at, and reception by,

The City of New York.

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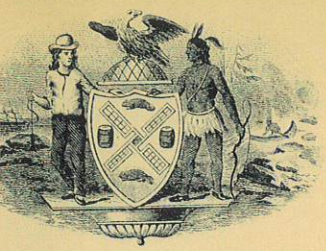

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Daniel Butterfield, Chairman.
Warren W. Foster Secretary.

Reception of Admiral Dewey, by the City of New York.

New York, September 14th, 1899

Admiral John W. Philip,
Commandant,
Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

My dear Admiral Philip:-

It occurs to me that you would perhaps value as a Souvenir one of the Official Invitations sent out by the Mayor, and I have pleasure in sending you one herewith. I shall expect to receive from you at your convenience, a list of the Navy Officers, etc., for whom you desire Seats to view the Parade.

Command me for whatever other service I can render.

Yours very truly,

Warren W. Foster
Secretary.

Military Order of Foreign Wars
of the United States
Pennsylvania Commandery.

Philadelphia, May 16, 1899.

Rear Admiral John W. Philip, U. S. N.

Sir:-

I have the honour to inform you, that by the authority of the Council of the Pennsylvania Commandery, you have been duly and regularly constituted a Companion of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, and admitted to this Commandery.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

Edwin D. Atkinson

Secretary.



Office of Secretary.

New York, Oct. 21th 1898.

Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that you have been selected by the Council of the New York Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States upon the suggestion of Genl Stewart L. Woodford and James H. Morgan Esq., for the Conferring of Veteran Companionship, subject to your filing the required records under Article III, of the Constitution, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

If agreeable to you, please fill out the enclosed blanks and return to me.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

C. B. Robinson. Secretary.

Commodore John W. Philip, U.S.N.

August 29, 1898

EDITORIAL-DEPARTMENT
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Commodore J. W. Philip.
New York Harbor

Dear Sir:

Mr. Sampson, wife of the Admiral has lent to the Century to be engraved, subject to your approval, for our War series, the photograph in profile of yourself to which I have taken a fancy — the one to which you affixed your autograph at her request the other day. I trust there is no objection on your part to such use of it.

destruction of the Spanish fleet, we placed the limit of the article at one thousand words.

This should be regarded as a minimum and not a maximum estimate, and we shall be glad to have you write more fully of these interesting operations than our letter would seem to indicate. There is already a good deal of confusion in the public mind concerning this action, due largely to looseness of newspaper reports and interviews.

The Century hopes to be able, with your cooperation and that of others in the fleet, to print a group of popular and not technical articles which will be both complete and authoritative. While the prompt printing of these articles is a secondary consideration, we trust that your official duties will enable you to make the record as

CITY OF NEW YORK

CHAMBERS OF WARREN W. FOSTER,
JUDGE OF THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.
32 FRANKLIN STREET, NEW YORK.

June 22nd, 1900.

Admiral John W. Philip
Brooklyn Navy Yard,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose to you herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting held June 21st, 1900 by the Plan and Scope Committee of the Reception of Admiral Dewey by the City of New York.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt and let me know if you approve of them?

Inasmuch as there was no quorum present, the formal approval of a majority of the Committee is necessary.

Very truly yours,

Warren W. Foster

Secretary.

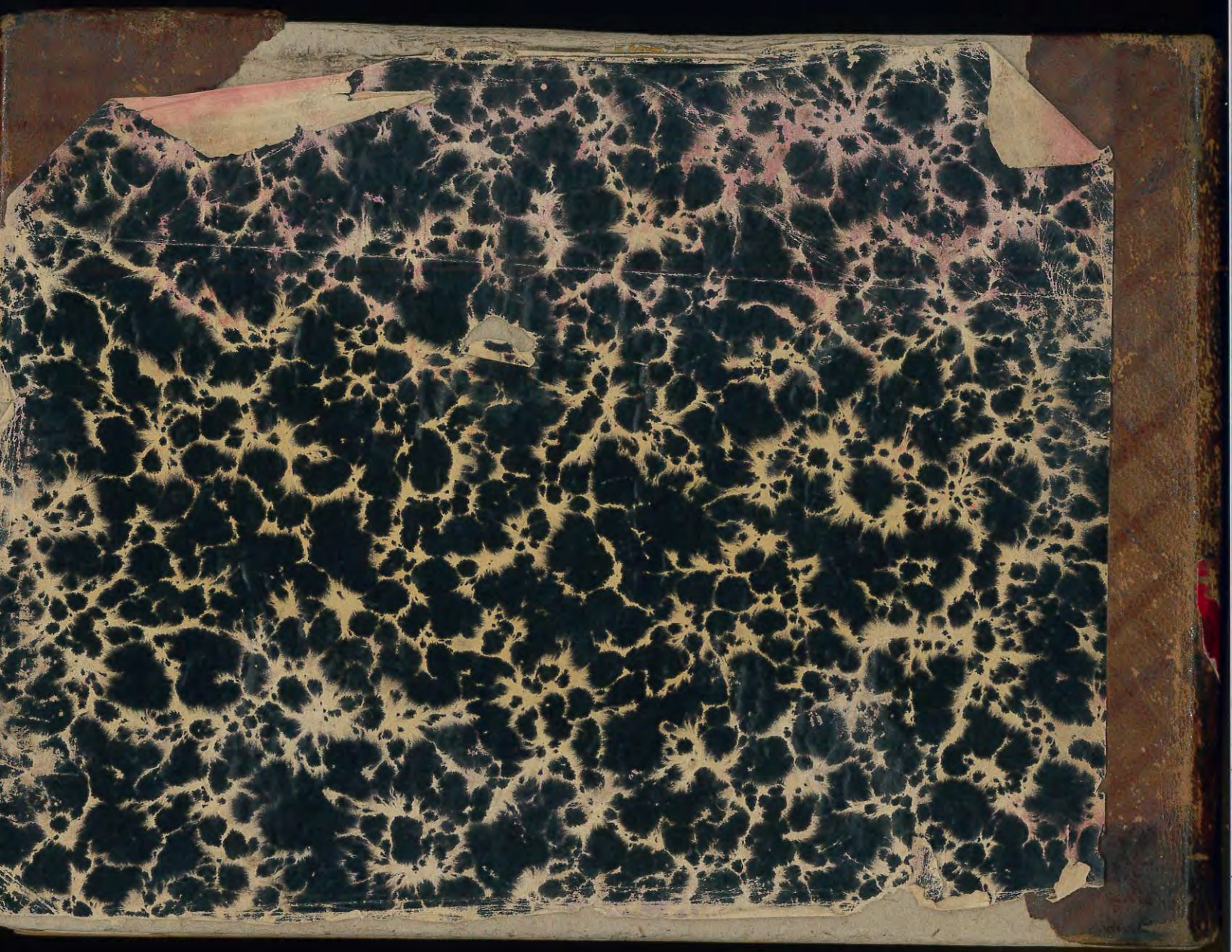
In Memoriam

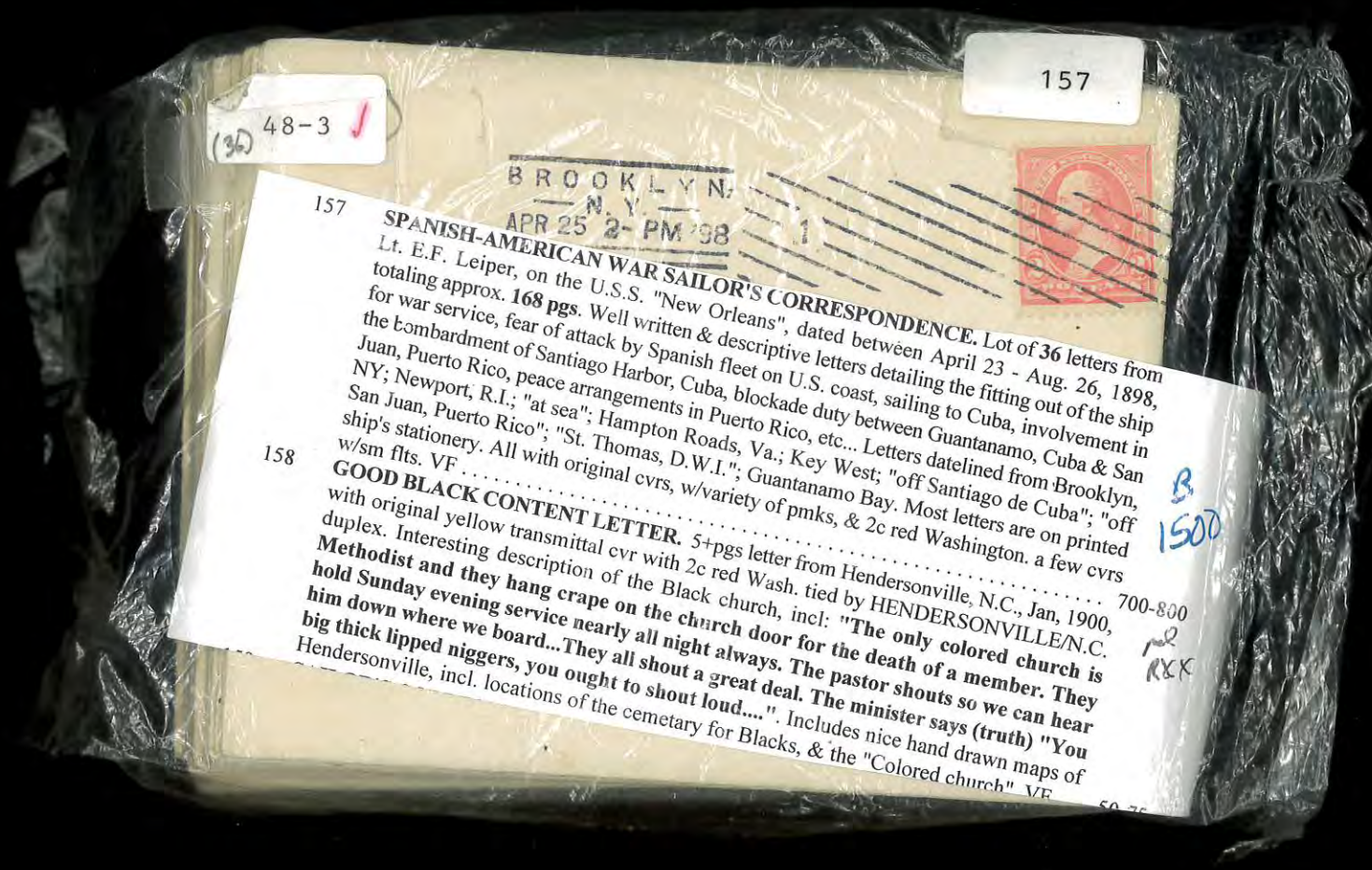
Major Frank R. Palmer.

A SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR ARCHIVE BY UNITED STATES NAVY SAILORS ADDRESSED TO THE PHILADELPHIA THEATRICAL FAMILY, THE NIRDLINGERS

FREDERICK NIXON-NIRDLINGER (1877-1931). Frederick was the son of Samuel, a theater owner. Frederick lived in Philadelphia and managed the Park and People's Theaters.

Archive. Approximately 150 pieces. 1898-1899. An archive of dozens of letters (some typed, some handwritten) from various United States Navy personnel to Mr. and Mrs. Nirdlinger. During the Spanish-American War, the Nirdlingers asked the various sailors for cap ribbons (also known as hat bands; they were black cloths with gold stitching that proclaimed the name of the ship the sailors were on). The intention was the auction they off to benefit a charity, akin to the forerunner of the U.S.O. Being in the entertainment industry, it brought the Nirdlinger family great publicity. Some of the more well-known names included here are John W. Philip, who commanded the *USS Texas* in Cuba, and Lucien Young from the *USS Hist* at Guantanamo. Some of the sailors were happy to comply with the request and some were unable due to a lack of extra cap ribbons. None of the original cap ribbons are included in the collection, since they were presumable auctioned. The book has been disbound, thought the covers are still present. The letters, as a whole, are in very fine condition.





157 **SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR SAILOR'S CORRESPONDENCE.** Lot of **36** letters from Lt. E.F. Leiper, on the U.S.S. "New Orleans", dated between April 23 - Aug. 26, 1898, totaling approx. **168 pgs**. Well written & descriptive letters detailing the fitting out of the ship for war service, fear of attack by Spanish fleet on U.S. coast, sailing to Cuba, involvement in the bombardment of Santiago Harbor, Cuba, blockade duty between Guantanamo, Cuba & San Juan, Puerto Rico, peace arrangements in Puerto Rico, etc... Letters datelined from Brooklyn, NY; Newport, R.I.; "at sea"; Hampton Roads, Va.; Key West; "off Santiago de Cuba"; "off San Juan, Puerto Rico"; "St. Thomas, D.W.I."; Guantanamo Bay. Most letters are on printed ship's stationery. All with original cvrs, w/variety of pmks, & 2c red Washington. a few cvrs w/sm flts. VF 700-800

158 **GOOD BLACK CONTENT LETTER.** 5+pgs letter from Hendersonville, N.C., Jan, 1900, with original yellow transmittal cvr with 2c red Wash. tied by HENDERSONVILLE/N.C. duplex. Interesting description of the Black church, incl: **"The only colored church is Methodist and they hang crape on the church door for the death of a member. They hold Sunday evening service nearly all night always. The pastor shouts so we can hear him down where we board...They all shout a great deal. The minister says (truth) "You big thick lipped niggers, you ought to shout loud...."**. Includes nice hand drawn maps of Hendersonville, incl. locations of the cemetary for Blacks, & the "Colored church". VF 50-75

The first *New Orleans*, a protected cruiser, was laid down in 1895 as *Amazonas* for the Brazilian Navy by Armstrong, Mitchell and Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne, England; launched 4 December 1896; purchased by the U.S. Navy while building 16 March 1898; and commissioned 18 March 1898 at Gravesend, England, Lt. Comdr. Arthur P. Nazro in command.

New Orleans sailed 27 March 1898 to fit out at New York for service in the Spanish–American War. She left Norfolk 17 May and joined the Flying Squadron off Santiago de Cuba 30 May. Next afternoon, with *Massachusetts* and *Iowa*, she reconnoitered the harbor, exchanging fire with Spanish ships and batteries. After joining in the bombardment of the batteries at the entrance to the harbor 6 and 16 June, *New Orleans* sailed to coal at Key West, and was thus absent during the Battle of Santiago 3 July.

Through the summer *New Orleans* cruised on blockade between San Juan, P.R., and Guantanomo Bay, Cuba, capturing French blockade runner *Olinde Rodrigues* 17 July. She arrived Philadelphia 20 October for the Peace Jubilee, then prepared at New York to launch her peacetime service with a visit to New Orleans 16–29 May 1899. After summer exercises off the Atlantic seaboard, she sailed from New York 21 October to join the Asiatic Fleet. She called at the Azores and Port Said, passed through the Suez Canal, and reached M
December. For the next 5 years, as flagship
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the China coast. Relieved by *Baltimore*, she de
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brother has gone to Hawaii with the 1st New York Volunteers. There were four train loads of them and they left for San Francisco last Thursday.





I suppose you had quite a celebration in Hamburg on the fourth.
We had a pretty good one here. In the morning they had a tub race in the bay but everybody fell out of their tubs and began to swim pushing the tubs along before them as they went

TUB RACE



In the afternoon they had races and a hail storm also and fireworks in the evening.

I went sailing in a cat boat with another fellow the other day and we sailed clear over to Coney Island a distance of 14 miles and I got sea sick for a wonder so that spoiled the sail.



Alfred Cochran, Tuffin's

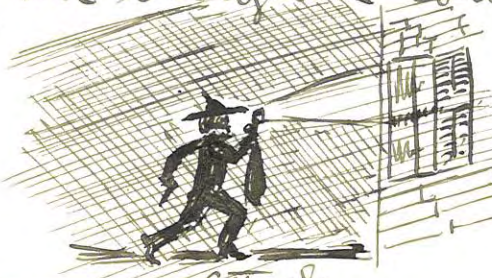
the soldiers cheered like mad. I guess the war is nearly finished if we capture Havanna soon.



There have been a lot of robberies here lately for on the 4 of July three houses were broken into and lots of valuable things stolen. The robbers tried to rob the station safe but could not. We will have to get a dog I guess



to wake us up when the burglars come.



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❑ LH	❑ Crease	❑ XF
❑ HR	❑ Crn Cr	❑ VF CH
❑ Part OG	❑ Perf	❑ VF
❑ Dist OG	❑ Reperf	❑ F-VF
❑ Unused (NG)	❑ Toned	❑ Fine
❑ Regummed	❑ Nat Incl	❑ Appear
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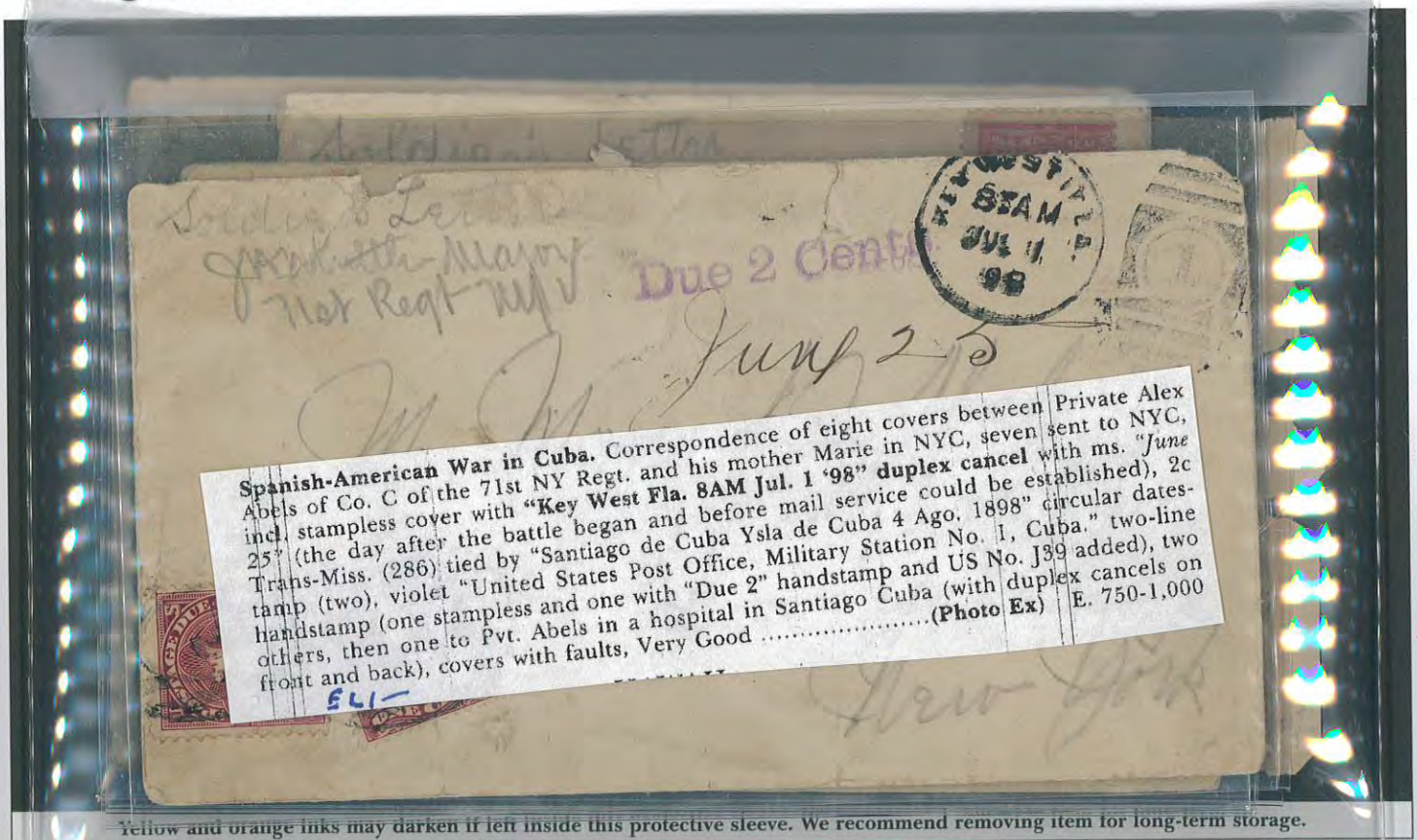

Spanish-American War in Cuba. Correspondence of eight covers between Private Alex Abels of Co. C of the 71st NY Regt. and his mother Marie in NYC, seven sent to NYC, incl. stampless cover with **"Key West Fla. 8AM Jul. 1 '98" duplex cancel** with ms. *"June 25"* (the day after the battle began and before mail service could be established), 2c Trans-Miss. (286) tied by "Santiago de Cuba Ysla de Cuba 4 Ago. 1898" circular date-stamp (two), violet "United States Post Office, Military Station No. 1, Cuba." two-line handstamp (one stampless and one with "Due 2" handstamp and US No. J39 added), two others, then one to Pvt. Abels in a hospital in Santiago Cuba (with duplex cancels on front and back), covers with faults, Very Good .....**(Photo Ex)** E. 750-1,000

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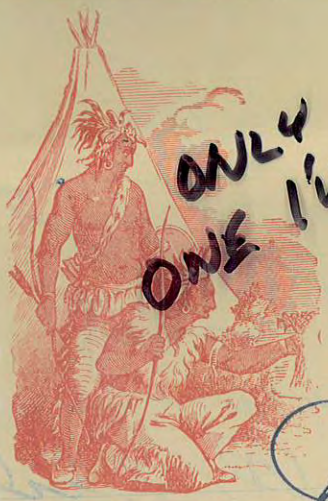

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Mrs J R Burd[illegible]
Shelbyville, Tenn

Dear Ma: We arrived in San Francisco yesterday morning, I wish you could have been here to see the reception they gave us when we were a[illegible]ingad in line after we w[illegible] the train the Red C[illegible] gave to each [illegible] wich cup of co[illegible] [illegible]owers an[illegible] as [illegible] as [illegible] n[illegible] from [illegible] which [illegible] upon each [illegible] we marched the [illegible]

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Mrs J R Burd[illegible]
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Tenn

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San Francisco Cal

Address my letters as
usual, I will receive
them, Hoping you will
all keep well, and write
me all the news about
the farm and such thing
Tell Uncle Henry to write
Also may, give my
love to all & tell Haley
Howdy. also the children
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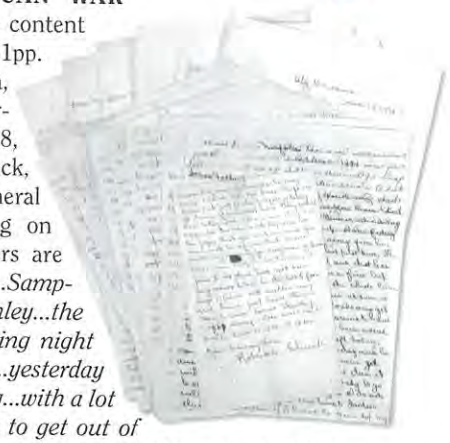
349. SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR SAILOR'S LETTERS Fine content grouping of 13 A.L.S.'s, 31pp. total, 4to. At Sea, Havana, Cardenas, Key West, and Norfolk, May 31 - Oct. 21, 1898, penned by Robert C. Schenck, son of the Union major general of the same name, serving on blockade duty. Eleven letters are war date and read in part: "*...Sampson has left us* [to]*...join Schley...the people of Havana are working night and day on their batteries...yesterday we captured a Honduras brig...with a lot of people who were anxious to get out of Havana...two French steamers worth $400,000 got out of Havana last night...Cohina Batteries No. 11 & 12 fired four shots at the Mayflower...the Hawk saw a large steamer trying to run the blockade...and ran it ashore...very bad fighting around Santiago...they have six ships in Havana and they are equal to our ships and could give us a good fight...The San Francisco went in very close to shore...the Spaniards discovered her about 2 miles from the shore in front of battery nos. 11 & 12...*[they] *fired about 25 shots. One of the shells struck the water under her stern and exploded...riddled her stern...we got out as soon as we could...The Admiral was sitting in the after-compartment...as soon as they commenced firing he went on deck...he had not got on deck before the shell exploded and riddled the place where he was sitting...On the map of the batteries that I sent you put in two more batteries* [he adds a small sketch of the batteries and a diagram of the shell fragment impact points on the vessel]*...The San Francisco did not return the fire...we hear that Blanco is going to try to escape on some ship to Spain and we are all on the watch...They say the Monserrat is loose...Thank God the war is over...the blockade of Cuba was raised...so few killed on our side and so many killed on the Spanish. The Navy has not lost over ten men and only one officer...we did not have to captu Havana...the poorer classes are starving to death...the torpedo b have all left...*" The balance of the letters concern his trip to K West and ultimately their base at Norfolk. Near fine.



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DEPARTAMENTO DE CORREOS

To / A: Carlota Mendez y Lopez

Located at / Situado en: Guanajay Cuba

DATE FECHA -1900-			AMOUNT IMPORTE DOLLARS PESOS	Cents
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July 2, ~~1899.~~ 1900

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Province: Pinar del Rio

Isla de Cuba.

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10000	2 „ „	200
	3 „ „	
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300	10 „ „	30
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	No. 5.—Five cent „	
	No. 8.—Two cent „	
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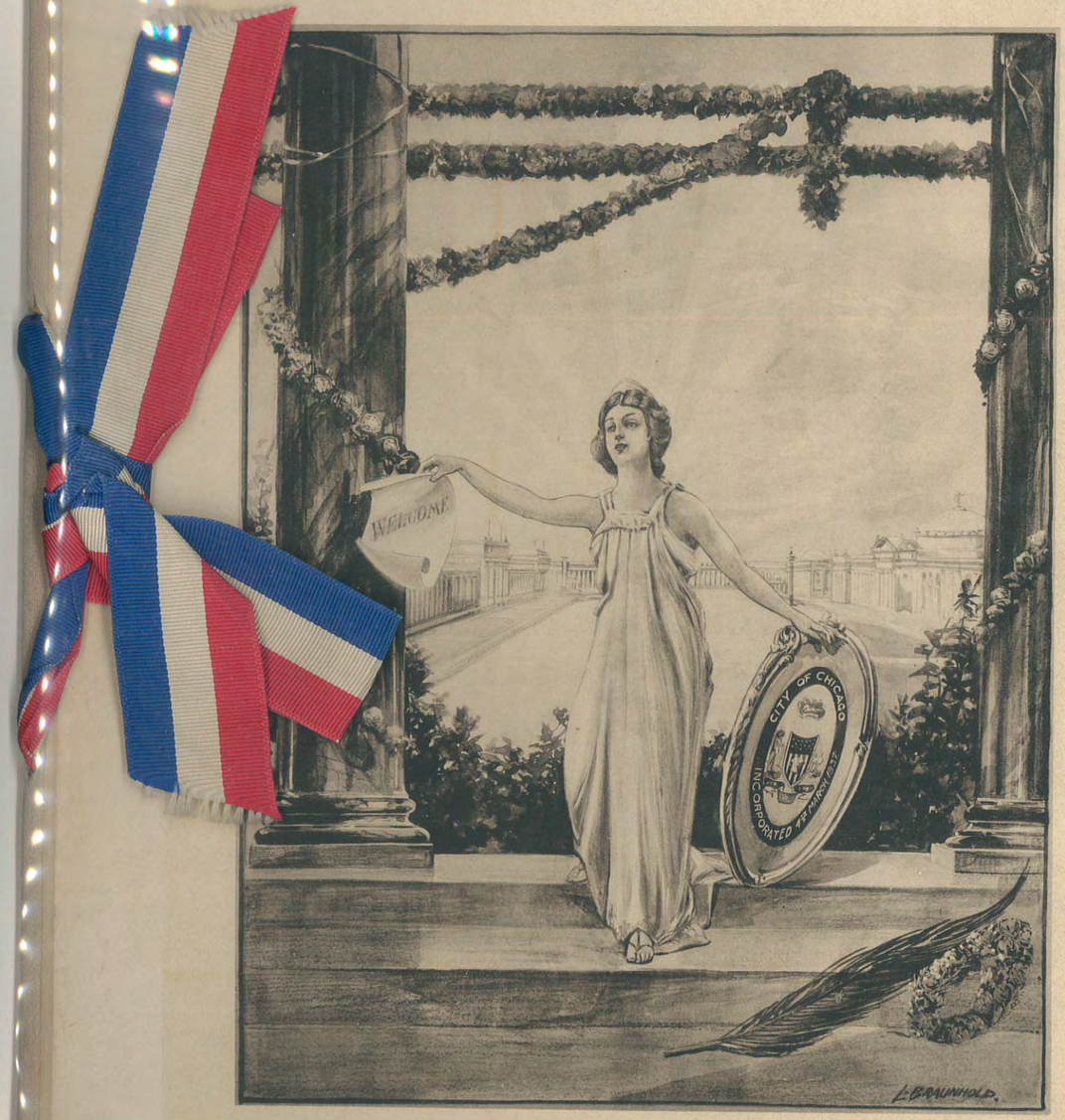

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The Treaty of Paris
1898.

The Union League of Philadelphia
requests the honour of

Mr James N Stone Jr

company on the evening of Saturday, February fourth, 1899,
at nine o'clock, to meet

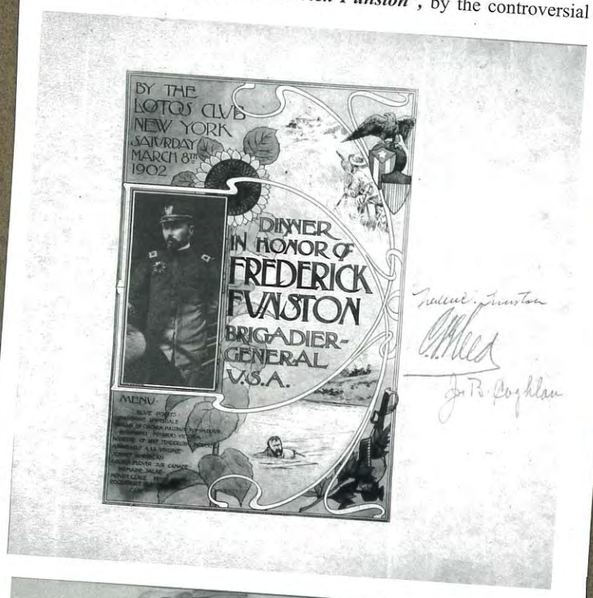
The Honourable William R. Day,
The Honourable Cushman K. Davis,
The Honourable William P. Frye,
The Honourable George Gray,
The Honourable Whitelaw Reid,

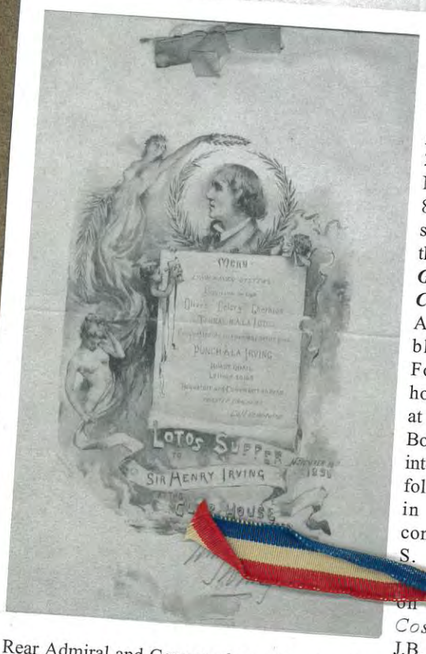
United States Peace Commissioners.

The favour of an early reply is requested
addressed to Charles E. Pugh,
Vice President.

292 **SIGNED MENUS: FUNSTON and IRVING** [2] ***($350-Up)***

Menu Signed *"Frederick Funston"*, by the controversial





Brigadier General in the Spanish-American War, and Medal of Honor recipient, 2 pages, folio, New York, March 8, 1902. Also signed in pencil by the journalist ***"C.S. Gleed"***, and ***"J.B. Coghlan USN."*** All signatures on blank last page. For a dinner in honor of Funston at the Lotos Club. Bound with ribbon into a brown paper folder.Age-toning in very g condtion. Cha S. Gleed hat on *Cospmopolitan*. J.B. Coghlan was a Rear Admiral and Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. With a **Menu Signed** by acclaimed English actor ***"Henry Irving"*** in pencil, 2 pages, 4to, New York, November 16, 1895. A menu for the Lotos Club Dinner in Irving's honor. Signed at bottom of first page. Pages are bound with pale blue ribbon. Ribbon has discolored, with soiling and damp stains, otherwise menu is in good condition.

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