

SEPT. 1898 OFFICER WRITES
ABOUT CAMP WIKOFF'S POOR
CONDITION + REVIEW BY PRES
+ SEC OF WAR. "SEEING ONLY
THE PRETTY SURROUNDINGS
+ NOT THE SOLDIERS' MISERY
EXCELLENT LETTER

Camp Wikoff
10:45 pm Friday Sept 2 98

My dear Mary Jane
I am late in getting started on my
letter to you again tonight. The first part
of the evening I was engrossed in finishing
Eugene Sue's "Mysteries of Paris" buckets of gore
murders and all other crimes by the score.
It is raining out and for about half an hour
it blew so hard that every second I expected
my canvas house to take a trip across the
sand dunes and leave Willie out in the cold wet
world. Morrison and Rogers are due back from
N.Y. this evening, if they got caught in this
storm they will be a damp pair and they
need their good clothes on too.

9/10/98



Mrs W H Chapman
Fort Leavenworth
Kansas

With some good

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RECEIVED at

Aug 29 1898

Dated

Camp Wikoff Montauk

To

Gladie Longlass

Mc Caskey

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7-5 PM

RECEIVED at

Sept 7 1898

Dated

Camp Wikoff Montauk

To

Mrs McCaskey

We are well now

written don't worry about us

Yours M. J. McCaskey

AUG + SEPT 1898 TELEGRAMS
FROM CAMP WIKOFF
YELLOW FEVER CAMP

AUG. 29, 1898 -
EXC. LETTER FROM OFFICER
RE CONDITIONS AT CAMP
WIKOFF

Camp Wikoff
Montauk Point

10 p.m. Aug 29 1898

My darling wife

It is getting pretty late for camp
but I must write you before I go to bed. I
have been so homesick blue and lazy
today that I have put off writing until
this evening. I have just finished a long
letter to Frank saying that I would accept
his invitation if I could get a leave but that
does not seem possible at present as we have
less than one company officer to a company
now and there are several more to go
I wish we could know what is to become
of us. If we are to be sent to Cuba I must
get home to see you.

There is a
Mississippi
it does not
The Heroe
mustered
of all the
and then
us. I hope
the 20th.

8/30/98



Mrs. W. H. Chapman
Fort Leavenworth
Kansas

Aug. 29.

CAMP WIKOFF MONTAUK
AUG. 21, 1898

EXCELLENT LTR. RE CAMP +
HEALTH CONDITIONS

wilson jones.

Montauk Point

1898
Sun Aug 21

Dear aunt Ella + Uncle.

I thought that I would try
and answer your long received letter.
I started to answer your letter but
had to go on some detail every time
and so have never finished one. I am
feeling quite well at present hoping
this will find you both enjoying the
best of health. we left Santiago the
eleventh and arrived here on the St
Paul the fifteenth. there were no
yellow fever on the boat and so landed
the next day. there were only three
companies of the 71 on it and the
second Regulars. there were 1700 on



Mrs. Arthur J. Jones

East Hampton

Long Beach
Mass.

When I was in the hospital I was at Nova Scotia
mistake and I would not go to you.
Mrs. E. L. J.

CAMP WICKOFF - MONTAUK, N.Y. OCT. 1898

"CAMP IS BARE NOW; ALL THE
SICK WERE TAKEN AWAY"

C. E. attention.

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Camp Wickoff.
Oct. 14-98



J. J. Abelson.
Chicago.
Ills.

c/o Gage Bros.

118 Wabash Av.

age
to you
two
for you
you can
them.
on the
them
put them
see I broke
got one

my knife
blade out of it and the
other I filed out of a piece
of steel, do you remember
that old knife, I enclosed

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Company D, 1st U. S. Infantry,
In Camp on Picnic Island,
Port Tampa, Fla., June 5, 1898.

Dear Viola:

Your letter and invitation came to
hand and how glad I would be to be present

Company D, 1st U.S. Infantry
In Camp on Picnic Island
Port Tampa, Fla., June 5, 1898

Dear Viola:

Your letter and invitation came to hand and how glad I would be to be present at the exercises of your school when I know you will do more than credit to yourself. After you graduate what do you intend doing then?

We are still here impatiently passing the time though we may move at a moment's notice. The transports have everything aboard and only await the men to embark. We are ordered to be readon on an instant's notice.

The Volunteers are pouring in all around us now. Those I have seen are a lot of fine looking young men, but they have a grievance and that is they complain of not getting sufficient to eat. This arised from poor management, from not knowing just what they are entitled to draw and not knowing how to handle the government ration when they have it. A month or two in the field will no doubt remedy this evil when they learn from hard experience just how to proceed

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Damaged U.S. 2c (#279B) tied by target cancel to War Department envelope with C.D.S. PORT TAMPA CITY JUN 5 1898.

On the following page is the enclosed letter with heading:
COMPANY D, 1st U.S. INFANTRY
IN CAMP ON PICNIC ISLAND
PORT TAMPA, FLA. JUNE 5, 1898



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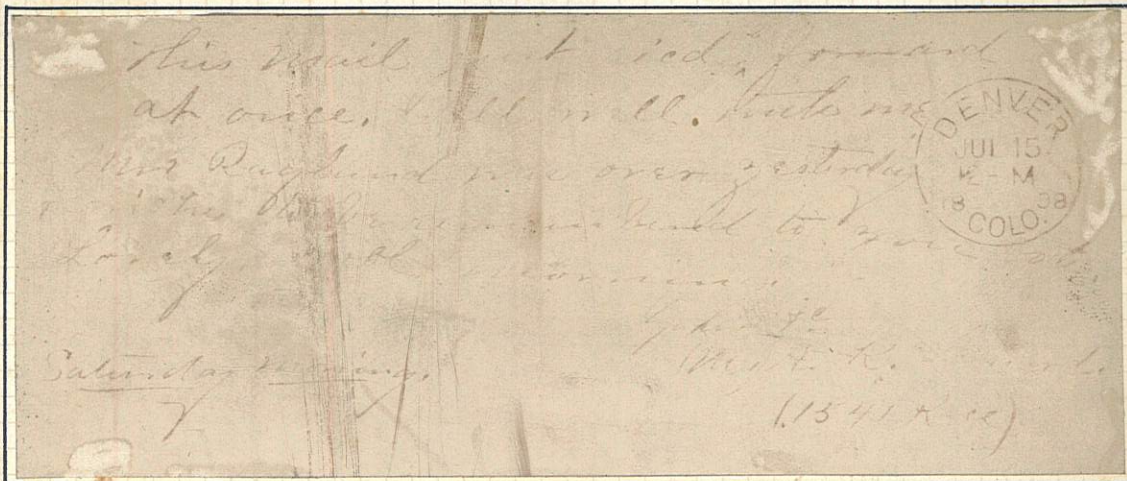
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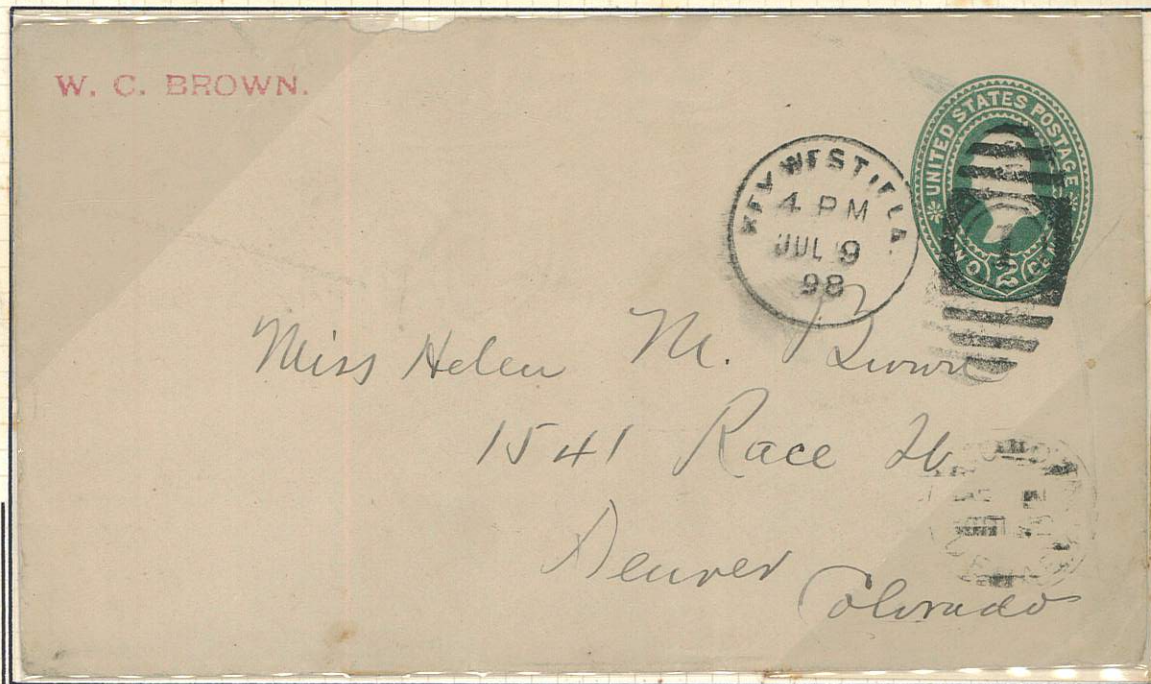
Miss Viola Bugner,
Cor. Linden Ave. & High Street,
Marina, California.

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DENVER JUL 15 12-M 1898 COLO. receiving mark and forwarding note on cover reverse



1st cover of the Brown correspondence (Capt. Brown to his sister Helen). His letter mounted on next page was written June 22nd on board the transport LEONA at Daiquiri, Cuba and describes the naval bombardment prior to landing the next day.

US #U311 is cancelled by vert. bar killer and KEY WEST, FLA. 4 PM JUL 9 98. This cover precedes any distinctive military markings.

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was on
the boat
"Leona"
at
Daquiri
June 22, 1898
landed
next
day
must have
been last
mail to
O.S. from
Daquiri.
Po No 1 as
Daquiri
closed July
6, 1898. No
mail sent
July 10-23, 1898

STANDARD SHEET
No. 1433-Q
Printed in U. S.
due to
yellow
fever
quarantine
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11 Am. ^{June} July 22nd

Dear Helen

Have just witnessed the
naval bombardment of the heights
about Altares (a little village 12 miles East
of Santiago. The bombardment
was to cover landing of troops &
was a magnificent sight. One brigade

11 A.M. June 22nd

Dear Helen

Have just witnessed the naval bombardment of the heights about Altares (a little village 12 miles East of Santiago. The bombardment was to cover landing of troops & was a magnificent sight. One brigade had landed and, another is landing so far as we can see & our turn will come in about an hour. So far as we can see from our train port about 1700 yds off shore The Spaniards are making no stand whatever & our landing will be as safe as a ride in a trolley car.

We carry 3 days rations & 100 rds ammunition on the horse. We will probably now work west and invade Santiago.

Please buy & save copies of all newspapers giving an acct of this bombardment especially the illustrated papers as a newspaper yacht was on the ground nearer than we and must have taken some splendid pictures.

I feel that we are lucky enough to witness in real life a rare drama & the great American public are paying for our admission to the show!

Revielle this A.M. at 3:30. Tonight we will step on Cuban soil.

Affectionately

Will

Spanish left town apparently at daylight & set fire to many of the homes which have been burning fiercely. Will carry your Gideon with us in the small boat & land it with due ceremony. Water is full of small boats crowded with soldiers.

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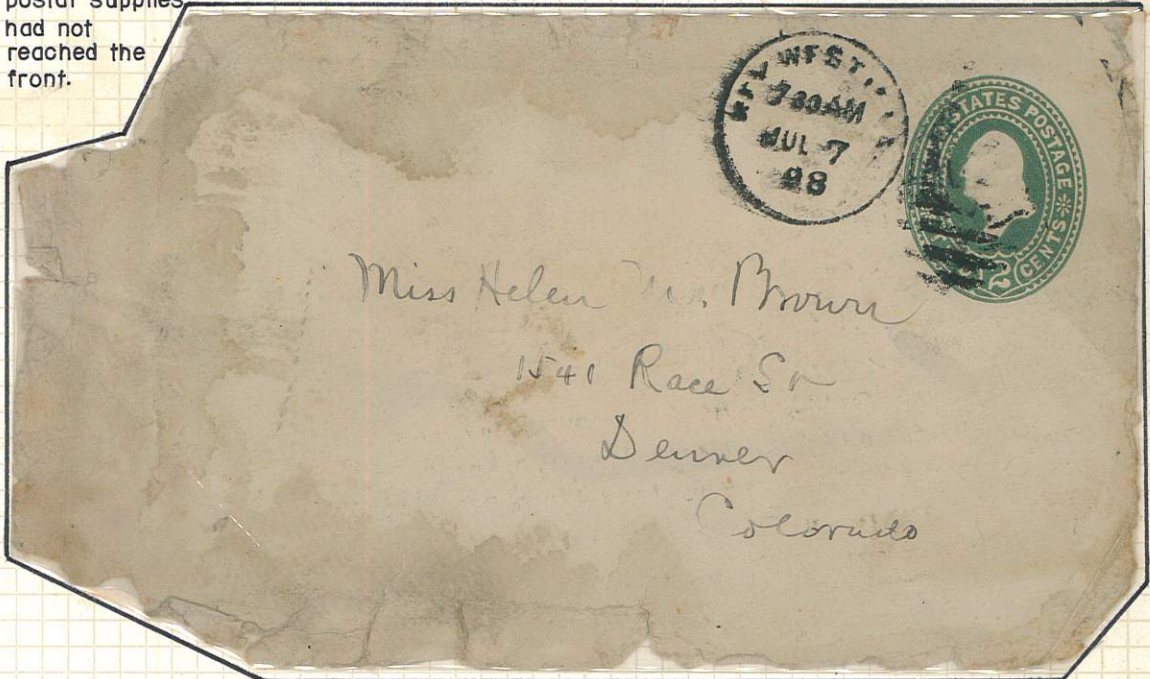
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Camp Young, Pinar del Rio
8 miles south of Santiago
June 25, 1898.
My Beloved (p. 40). I am well a good deal
better today & last night. Capt. Knox & St. Bryan wounded &
soldiers killed. The Rough Riders lost about 40 including
several officers. Our Squadron (2nd) had three cavalry
killed at El Caney & did not leave until yesterday & so arrived
at all our men. Resting today & my horse is in good condition
except that I am in a very bad way & need not worry about him
in any way.
See my friend John's acct of 7/5/98
Camp fight.

2nd cover of Brown correspondence written on the reverse of dilapidated U.S. #U311. This shows postal supplies had not reached the front.



Letter was written June 25, 1898 and must have gone through Daiquiri P.O. but before distinctive Daiquiri cancellation. The letter was written and reached the U.S. before battles of El Caney and San Juan Hill. It took 12 days to reach the U.S. and is cancelled KEY WEST 7 30 AM JUL 7 98.

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Camp Young's Brigade
8 miles east of Santiago
June 25, 1898

Maj. Bell's Squadron (1G) 1st Cavy. had a severe engagement here yesterday & lost Maj. Bell, Capt. Knox & Lt. Byrum wounded & 8 soldiers killed. The Rough Riders lost about 40 including several officers. Our Squadron (2nd) Maj. Force Commdg was left at landing & did not leave until yesterday & so arrived after all was over. Resting today & my troop is in good condition & excellent spirits. I am quite well & in good shape in every way so you need not worry about me.

Yrs.

WCB

See N. Y. World for an acc't of 1st Cavy fight.

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NR 1433-Q

Printed in U. S. A.



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3rd cover of Brown correspondence written June 27, 1898 4 days after landing in Cuba at Daiquiri. Reached Key West and cancelled KEY WEST 6 PM JUL 9 98. Must have gone through Daiquiri P.O. and the condition of the post card indicates the primitive conditions of the mail service. Written 5 miles West of Santiago and 7 miles from Siboney.

W. C. BROWN

5 miles West of Santiago
June 27th, 98

We are gradually closing in on the Spanish lines. Climbed a hill this P.M. & saw the Spanish flag waving over their barracks, but hope the Stars & stripes will wave there by July 4th. Three of our 5 batteries arrived this afternoon and are camped along side a cocoanut grove about 100 yds from us. This gives us a 12 gun field. There are 8 siege guns on the transports but don't know whether they will be taken off here. Our only road to transports which are 6 or 7 miles distant at Siboney is an old trail which is being changed into a wagon road. Siboney is an old trail which is being changed into a wagon road. Depend on newspapers for acts of what is done here for they will give earliest news. On the march I tramp along on foot carrying 3 days rations in haversack into a roll over my shoulder containing (hammock) slicker & overcoat. So far as troops & regiments are concerned we have no transportation - carry everything on our backs. Bedding roll & valise left aboard the Leona. Dont expect to see it till Santiago falls.

Affectionately
WCB

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STANDARD SHEET

1433-Q

Printed in U. S. A.



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do not
writing
July 4/98
1 mile
of Santiago
in the trenches
From
CO 1
1st U.S.
Cav Troop
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4th Brown cover written on
military message sheet on July
4, 1898 one mile East of
Santiago in the trenches.
It is devoid of postal markings,
but the #J42 U.S. due stamp
indicates it reached its
destination.



MESSAGE No. _____

PLACE FROM	DAY	MO.	YEAR	HOUR	MIN.
1 mile East of Santiago in the trenches	4	July	1898	4	P. M.

To Miss Helen M. Brown
1541 Race St
Denver Col

Have had a severe engagement lasting
2 1/2 days. Lost in "E" Troop 5 men
wounded & 1 missing. Spanish fight
desperately but we will get them in the
end. Troops have suffered greatly for want of
proper transportation, rations, clothing & other supplies.
Relatively little sickness so far however but
men cannot stand it much longer. We carry
everything on our backs, are exposed to daily rains
without shelter, constantly on short rations.
Have had my clothes off but once in eleven
days. I keep well however & rather think that
the city will fall in a day or two.
Affectionately
W. C. B.

SENT BY		REC'D BY		METHOD
TIME	A.M. P.M.	TIME	A.M. P.M.	

[TO BE FILLED BY SIGNALIST.]

1 mile East of 4th day
Santiago in of July
the trenches 1898
To 4:00 PM
Miss Helen M. Brown
1541 Race St.
Denver Col

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STANDARD SHEET
No. 1333-Q
Printed in U. S. A.



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5th Brown cover. Letters were written July 9, 10 and 11, 1898. Corner of small  at left is a New York cancel on an envelope turned inside out to make this envelope. Picture of envelope and description are on following page

This cover did not reach St. Paul, Minn. until Aug 1, 1898. From July 10 to 23, 1898 no mail was sent to U.S. for fear of mail carrying yellow fever. 1st mail after this scare left July 23 on the S.S. CONCHA. Meanwhile the P.O. MIL. STA. No 1 was moved from Daiquiri to Siboney on July 6. This very rare O-I cancel, MILITARY STA. No 1 N.Y. CUBA must have been applied at Siboney. Also struck SHIP LETTER and DUE 2 CENTS in small circles. 2 copies of U.S. #J42 2¢ dues applied at destination.



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mourning
letter envelope
which was turned
inside out to make
the envelope on the
previous page.

U.S. #286 is tied by
JUN 24 2 PM 1898 DENVER, COLO.
cancel. This is one day after Capt.
Brown disembarked in Cuba, so it
must have been received in Cuba,
probably among the 1st mail from the
U.S. to reach Daiquiri.

DENVER, COLO.
JUN 24
2 PM
1898



Captain W. C. Brown.
Troop "E" 1st U.S. Cavalry
2nd Brigade (Young's)
Cavalry Division
Tampa - Florida

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In a Splinter Proof
1 mile E of Santiago
July 9 '98

Dear Helen

Yours of the 11th, 16 & 18th ult all rec'd on the 7th when we got our first mail since leaving Tampa. I fully intended writing Chaplain & Mrs. Adams so that they would get my letter by July 10th but it has been impossible, since June 23rd we have been marching (carrying everything on our backs) fighting & digging trenches & worked to the limit of human endurance - in fact more, for 8 of my weaker men have succumbed & are sick with fever here in camp, while I have 4 sick & 5 wounded behind in camps or hospitals. Since June 23rd I have had my clothes off but twice & then only to take a sponge bath. Nearly every afternoon we have a heavy shower & then the men get more or less soaked & sleep on the wet ground. With proper clothes and shoes I get along well enough but with the exception of hard bread and salt are almost constantly on short rations. When the fight commenced July 1st we left our bedding, rolls & haversacks in a pile near a place which was taken for a hospital. The wounded came in thick & fast & the doctors helped themselves to my property to protect the wounded. The situation was of course all right. During the fight of the 2nd a lot of wounded were brought in & my men found up many of their pouches &c to cover wounded. I have word for 50 officers & men. 31 Shelter halves, 10 Blankets, 19 Pouches or water proof coats, 46 Haversacks, 44 Canteens & 39 each of knives, forks & spoons & meat cans or plates. The fight lasted 2 1/2 days & since then we have had a truce but both sides are working night & day on the trenches preparing for the final struggle. I was on duty in trenches last night from 4 to midnight & when we turned in some of our people were still working hard with pick & shovel. I have a very good parapet & ditch for 2 troops with 31 loop holes & also have a "splinter proof" covered area.

In a splinter proof
1 Mile E. of
Santiago
July 9 '98

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Affectionately,

Will

July 10th Rec'd a few officers supplies last night by purchase from the Subsistence Dept which will be a great help. We were in the trenches last night from midnight till 8 A.M. & of course every one is sleepy to-day. On our part of the line the Spanish entrenchments are less than half a mile distant and with our glasses we keep very close watch of them and the new works which they are constructing. Some of these are of course concealed by shrubbery and their location will only be known to us when the volleys are fired.

The bombardment commenced again at 4:30 PM & kept up at a lively rate till 7 PM. Inf. & Cav. confined their fire to the enemy's trenches. We lost no men so far as I know as we were all well sheltered. We gave them about 18 volleys in "E" Troop. July 11 Yours of the 23rd I rec'd this AM in the Splinter Proof while the batteries & battleships were playing away merely on the town. We have the Dynamite gun near us which is most effective & tears up things in a terrific manner. Whenever their shells strike in the town or trenches. At 1 PM firing was stopped & a flag of truce is out again & I hope the Spaniards will surrender. Please give my very warmest regards to Chaplain & Mrs. Adams & tell them that if we had not been marching & fighting to the limit of human endurance I'd have written them. I am ragged, dirty, pretty badly poisoned with poison ivy & look more like a tramp than a Captain.

About 8 or 9 of my men are down sick with malaria but are not dangerously ill. All our water has to be carried in bamboo bottles & canteens from a spring $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile distant. The wretched care taken of troops is responsible for trench sickness.

The climate is not bad & the country here is a pretty one. As soon as we get our baggage I'll send you my pay account for June \$233.33 which will run you for awhile.

Very affectionately yrs.

Will

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The Carbon Dioxide & Magnesia Co.

1511-1547 E. 31st St.

H. to W. E. N.

D. W. Hunt, President.

G. Reventhaler, Vice-President.

J. T. Stewart, Sec'y and Treasurer.

Liquefied Carbonic Gas

and Apparatus and appliances for its use.

Philadelphia.

The two fish appear to me

part of letter from J.T. Stewart which was turned, folded and made into envelope below—another indication of the shortage of paper and envelopes.

HILL TYPE I CANCEL



6th Brown cover



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First Day Cover of Santiago de Cuba, formally surrendered the day this letter was written July 17, 1898. The Hill Type I cancellation SANTIAGO DE CUBA 4 JUL 24 98 ISLA DE CUBA is an old Spanish cancel. This cover was mailed 3 days after the Santiago office was turned over to the American postal agent, Kemper. It reached St. Paul Aug 14, 1898. This was probably the 1st mail shipped to the U.S. from Santiago and therefore a 1st Day Cover in two ways.

The tall "T" may mean Transport, Transit, Troops or Train, but probably is the Spanish due "T" for Taxa applied in Santiago at the time of cancellation indicating the letter was going forward unpaid.

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STANDARD SHEET
No. 1433-Q
Printed in U. S. A.



In the trenches 1 mile E of Santiago
July 17

Dear Helen - One reason for not writing is that I'm out of paper + envelopes + can't get any + if you'd occasionally put an extra stamped envelope + sheet of paper in your letters it would be an accommodation. I've been out this morning to see the refugees from the bombardment streaming back into Santiago. People of all conditions - ladies in silks + lace elbowing their way along the muddy road with wretches who have hardly clothes enough to cover them all carrying their bundles on their heads. 9/10 are negroes + the great majority are women + children. In their baggage one sees a goat, a pig, a sick chicken, a cash box, the most motley lot I ever saw. The formed at 10 AM today + saw the Spaniards in the distance march out of their trenches. At noon we will again see the trenches while the Stars + Stripes are raised over the governor's palace. Capron's battery will fire 21 guns + the whole army will cheer. The horses have come pretty close to home to me. At 5 PM I turned up to the time we left with Capt John Dunn who was killed on July 12. During the Campaign Maj Forse " " " " was also missing with Osborne rd. Dr Capron (Capt of Rough Riders) at one time expected to serve with my troop from Sill where he was stationed with the Apache prisoners. Capron was killed in our first fight. Its Shift + Smith who were killed were with us on the Leonia. Col Hamilton was killed a few minutes after I had been helping him collect some men to be posted on our right on the hill where the iron Kettles were. Col Carroll was shot down (wounded) within 5 yds of me + immediately after he had given me instructions about holding the hill. 3 other officers from Sill were wounded.

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Please send 50¢ in stamps to R.L. Loveless Agent Southern Express at Tampa Fla being am't due for an express package from John G. Haas of Lancaster Penn rec'd at Tampa June 30.

Please tell him (which I have already written him) that I want package sent to me here to 1st U. S. Cavy 2nd Brigade (Wood's) Cavalry Division Army of Invasion via Tampa or Key West.

Gen. Wood now commands our brigade with Young. I am not sure but what you'd better take the house again at 1541 Race but if I were you I'd try & have it for only six months.

You've not given me Chaplain Adams address so I'm sending this as a venture. Wish you could mail me something good to eat. I'm getting tired of hard tack coffee & bacon.

With kindest regards to the Adams'

I am affectionately yours,

WCB

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7th Brown cover. Hitherto unknown type of Santiago de Cuba cancel. The spacing is similar to Hill Type I, but there is no outer ring. U.S. #U311 cancelled SANTIAGO DE CUBA 4 JUL 27 98 YSLA DE CUBA. This letter cancelled 3 days after previous cover (6th Brown cover) arrived on same day so was probably carried in the same mail. It is also struck in red FOREWARDED. A variety of backstamps are illustrated at right.

This Santiago cancel is the only one ever found thus far.



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Camp of 2nd Brigade, Cavy Divⁿ, 5th Army Corps
6 miles north of Santiago de Cuba
July 24th 1898.

My dear Helen.

We are very slowly getting a few of the comforts of life. On the 22nd I got my bedding roll & accordingly for the first time for a month was able to sleep in a shelter tent & get a change of underclothing. We also on that day got fresh beef - the first which the men had tasted since June 6th. We hear that 15 wagon loads of mail also arrived on the 22nd. We expect our share of it this evening. Last evening the Commissary Dept. commenced the issue of fresh bread. Today we got nearly the full allowance of regular conical wall tents for the men & I am at last luxuriating in a wall tent. We got our afternoon rains about 3 days out of four & it is desirable to keep my sick men dry. The crisp notes of mail call have just sounded & I hope I'll hear from

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Army Corp - 6 miles north of Santiago
de Cuba July 24th 1898

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Grace & yourself. The call was greeted by a cheer in camp.

Today a lot of potatoes & onions came in which together with the fresh bread & beef will be quite a treat.

There all sorts of rumors going the rounds as to what is to be done with us. Originally we (the Cav Division) were to go with the Puerto Rico Expedition but that idea was given up owing to some 20 or 30 of our men having yellow fever down at Siboney some 15 miles distant though we have none here in camp. Another project was to keep us here 5 days to see whether we developed yellow fever & if we did not to send us back to our horses. Another plan was to leave us here & send our horses here to get ready for active operations in the fall.

This is rather a pretty country & vegetation very luxuriant. We are at the foot of the mountains with Santiago appearing in the distance through the Coconut palms. About us are luxuriant mangrove trees & other fruit trees not known in the U. S. Pine apples grow near here & limes & we got a lemon or two the other day.

Yours of the 4th & Grace's of the 7th have been received. Some of my letters were sent to Denver as I did not know Mr. Adams number on Laurel Ave. Glad to know that you are enjoying yourself. I wrote Chaplain & Mrs. Adams yesterday. With this mail came a letter from Maj. Armstrong who is much interested in matters down here & who is a very loyal friend of mine.

Today 139 Captured Spanish ponies & horse equipments were rec'd at Camp & it seems probable that the Captains in the regiment will get mounts for which we shall be very thankful. The more I think of it the more I think you'd best just keep that house (1541 Race) for the present and try to get Dr. Sollar to give it to you for six months.

Will try & get some pay blanks in the next few days & then send you my June accts.

With kindest regards to Chaplain & Mrs. Adams & Mrs. Frost.

Affectionately W.

W. C. Brown

Omit ("young's) from Brigade designation of my address & simply put it 2nd Brigade etc etc

In an order just published our killed was given as 234 wounded 1236.

(ON TORN SCRAP OF PAPER)

Can't you send me by mail a writing pad of thin paper like the sheet on which I've written your letter; also some stamped envelopes?

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We may stay here all summer & then again may leave here in a few weeks. I've not yet been in Santiago, as one needs a pass to get there and its too far even when permission is granted to walk. If I get a horse I'll go in. These Cubans don't impress me at all favorably. Do you see Charlie Benham. If so let him read my letters if he wants too & tell him Ive been too busy (I've no lieutenant now) to write as he asked.

Capt. W. C. Brown

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8th Brown cover

This letter was written July 31, 1898 6 miles North of Santiago de Cuba. The envelope is very ragged, but the stamp shows traces of old Spanish Santiago cancel.

Backstamps illustrated below. Letter is on following page.



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W. C. BROWN.

Camp of 1st US Cavy, 2nd Brigade.
Cavy Division 5th Army Corps
6 miles north of Santiago de Cuba
July 31st 1898

Miss Helen M. Brown
c/o Chaplain M. N. Adams U.S.A.
1564 Laurel Ave St Paul Minn

My dear Sister Helen I enclose herewith my
Pay Acct for June 1898 duly transferred to
you and which can be cashed at any bank.
Please settle the enclosed bill for me (Mr
J. F. Haas 1 uniform) and also send check for a
like amt^t to W. W. Armstrong 723 Permanent
Block 176 Euclid Ave being the amt^t
due him for a business cable gram

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cablegram which I sent him yesterday. The balance you can keep though I may have some other bills for you to settle later. Graces letter of the 11th & yours of the 14th rec'd yesterday. Our postal service is very poor. I note what you say about wiring you but would cost about \$14.00 as every word in the address is counted & all at \$1.07 per word. I have concluded not to telegraph as you surely must by this time have rec'd one of my numerous letters. I think you'd better keep that house as I can doubtless spare considerable from my pay next year & its a great deal of trouble to move. We are looking anxiously for orders to go north to Long Island. Col. Roosevelt takes command of our brigade tomorrow & that will help us as he is very influential. Personally I am in good health but about half my men are really unfit for any hard duty. Their condition is indeed pitiable. Malarial fever is the principal trouble. No yellow fever thus far & all we ask is to be given as good greatment as has been accorded The Spanish Naval prisoners - to be sent north where we can recuperate. We can then be ready for a full campaign if there is to be one.

There are several nominations to be made soon in the Inspector Generals Dept. Please notice under head of nominations or rather appointments for the following

To be Colonel & Inspector General

Lt. Col H. W. Lawton to fill an original vacancy

To be Lt. Colonels

Major J. P. Sanger vice Lawton promoted

E. A. Garlington to fill an original vacancy

To be Majors Captain _____

vice Sanger promoted

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Garlington promoted

What I want are names of the Captains who are promoted to be Majors & if I get one of them you might Telegraph _____ and _____ promoted Inspectors General. Mail from Key West. Then you'd just pay for a telegram to Key West & let it go by mail from there. Telegrams are not so expensive but cablegrams are. I have the Army & Navy Journal of July 16th. The Journals of the 23rd or 30th may contain the desired data though I shall doubtless see the Journal of the 23rd before this reaches you. I have a good wall tent & try to keep dry. If we find that we are to stay all summer I'll ask you to get me a pair of Rubber Boots & send them via the Southern Express. Will send size to you later if I want them. We have practically no military duty - simply letting the men recuperate, but they seem to get worse instead of better. Clay soil, muddy camp, water supply from little creek, men sleeping on wet ground & etc & are not good sanitary conditions.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Miss Helen M. Brown

1541 Race St -

Survey,
Colorado.

some very interesting matters about our
 Hospital Service, wounded etc.
 The Chicago News of July 15th contains an
 illustration true to life of a squad of
 troops in mud bogging rations on our front
 at a date June 24th Perhaps through that
 paper you could get a couple of Photo Prints
 from the original negatives. Today for
 the first time the Commissary is selling a
 few canned peaches, apricots & pears to the
 soldiers even for cash & at the appointed
 time there was a long line of men waiting
 to buy. Col Roosevelt has come on as our
 Brigade & in consequence I think that
 we will be among the first to embark.
 Conditions of Sick rather worse today.
 Two men died yesterday in the Summer
 Brigade of our Division. The usual afternoon
 train is in progress as usual. Sent an important
 letter to you yesterday to St. Paul. If it disturbs
 you there it will doubtless be forwarded.
 We have a pretty few officers mess now & are
 well supplied. I rather think that we will leave
 here before the 10th. Sending the Sick in a Hospital
 Ship & it is said that we will go to Mount Pleasant
 Island. Our postal service is very poor &
 should be investigated & faults corrected.
 There is some talk of a party of officers going back
 here tomorrow to visit the wrecks & coverages
 of so & so far to go with them. I will know when
 you get that letter mailed yesterday to St. Paul.
 Very affectionately
 W. C. BROWN.

9th Brown cover. U.S. #UX 14 post card with old Spanish cancel SANTIAGO DE CUBA YSLA DE CUBA 4 AGO 2 98 (Hill Type II). Message shown on following page was written Aug 1, 1898 6 miles North of Santiago de Cuba.

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Camp of 2nd Brigade Cav. Div. 5th Corps
6 miles north of Santiago de Cuba Aug 1/98

Dear Helen:

N. Y. Sun of 23rd of July contains some interesting matter about our Hospital Service, wounded, etc.

The Chicago News of July 15th contains an illustration true to life of a squad of Troop "E" 1 Cav lugging rations on our hardest march June 24th. Perhaps through that paper you could get a couple of photo prints from the original negative. Today for the first time the commissary is selling a few canned peaches, apricots and pears to the enlisted men for cash & at the appointed time there was a long line of men waiting to buy. Col. Roosevelt now commands our Brigade & in consequence I think that we will be among the first to embark.

Conditions of sick rather worse today.

Two men died yesterday in Gen. Summer's Brigade of our Division. The usual afternoon rain is in progress as I write. Sent an important letter to you yesterday to St. Paul. If it doesn't reach you there it will doubtless be forwarded.

We have a pretty fair officers mess now & are well supplied. I rather think that we will leave here before the 10th, sending the sick in a Hospital ship & it is said that we will go to Montauk Pt. Long Island. Our postal service is very poor & should be investigated & faults corrected.

There is some talk of a party of officers going from here tomorrow to visit the wrecks of Cervera's fleet. If so I hope to go with them. Let me know when you get that letter mailed yesterday to St. Paul.

Very affectionately,

W. C. BROWN

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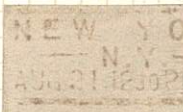
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W. C. BROWN.

Miss Helen M. Brown
 1541 Race St
 Denver
 Colorado.



10th Brown cover. U.S. #U311 envelope cancelled twice with
 old Spanish cancel (Hill Type II) SANTIAGO DE CUBA YSLA
 DE CUBA 4 AGO 5 98. It is stamped in red at upper left
 W.C. BROWN, but there is no further marking to show soldiers mail
 permitting 2c rate. The cover was routed through New York.



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Aug 4th, 98.
 My dear Helen: Want you send me
 a paper or late magazine occasionally
 for Doc no reading matter & hate to be
 continually borrowing from officers
 whose friends keep them supplied or
 who in some way have secured papers
 & magazines. Col Roosevelt said me

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Aug 4th, 98.

My dear Helen:

Wont you send me a paper or late magazine occasionally for I've no reading matter & hate to be continually borrowing from officers whose friends keep them supplied or who in some way have secured papers & magazines. Col. Roosevelt paid me the compliment this morning of sending for me & giving an account of the meeting yesterday in the City of the General Officers who are protesting most vigorously against our being kept here to die off like flies. The Surgeon General wanted 1st To keep us here and have us for sanitary reasons to change our camp every two days - something utterly impossible because we have scarcely enough transportation as matters stand to get out our rations to us. Then suitable camping places are not to be had & then the men are so weak from fever that fully half of them are incapable of doing duty.

A Second proposition was to send us to San Luis 40 miles north on higher ground in the cane growing district. We there should have more rain (our bête noir) a black clay soil & grass nine feet high. Col Roosevelt has wired the Sec of War, and Senator Lodge & also wrote a strong letter urging our immediate return to the States & he wants to take us to some island on the Maine Coast where the fever cannot exist. Suffice to say that the Surgeon Generals recommendation that we be kept here presumably for fear of spreading the fever in the States is condemned in the strongest terms by everyone. Indeed, our men are so weak from fever (not a single case of yellow fever in our camp however) that it will be a serious undertaking to get this command on board ships which are only six miles distant.

Our roads from mud are barely passable & daily growing worse. I've only had two men who have not been sick & therefore enervated as a result of the fever & when the Yellow fever reaches us as it doubtless will if we stay here it is but safe to predict that we shall lose half the command. Personally however I am well & have only had two slight attacks of malaria & have little fear of yellow fever. Capt. Dodge 24 Inf whom you knew at Leavenworth
(enclosed note)

P.S. While writing the above "Officers Call" sounded & we were all summoned to the Regtl Comdrs Tent to have read a despatch which Gen Shafter had just rec'd saying that we were all to be shipped back to the U. S. as fast as transportation will permit. So the "Kick" of the Generals did accomplish something after all.

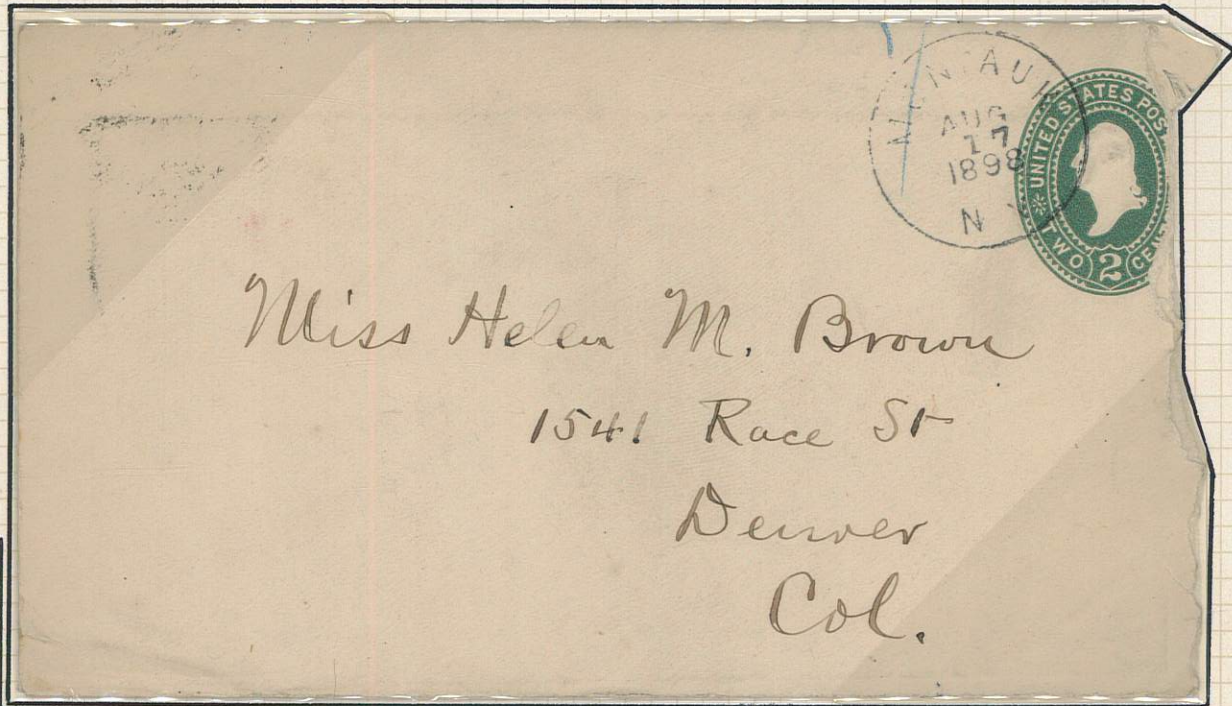
Affectionately

Will

As I write the whole camp has waked up men cheering & a whole air of cheerfulness & bustle that I've not seen for weeks.

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11th Brown cover, U.S. #U311 with ragged right edge tied by MONTAUK AUG 17 1898 N.Y.
The enclosed letter shown on the following page was written on the troop transport MATTEAWAN in the harbor at Montauk Point, L.I. Aug 16, 1898. This is a 1st day cancellation of the troops returned from Shafter's 5th Corps in Cuba.

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In the harbor of Montauk Point L.I.
N.Y.
Aug 16th, 98

My dear Helen:

Aug 7th Marched from our Camp to the little
R.R. & took train (5 miles) to Santiago.

We made the march of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in one hour
& twenty minutes in the hottest part of
one of our hottest days. We left about noon

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delightful weather all the way
north. I had an attack of malarial fever
on 8th & 9th but it soon broke up and I
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of my troops however are still sick.

We arrived last night at dark &
found the Grand Duches, St Louis, St Paul,
Miami, Vigilancia & Gate City in line
ahead of us. Yellow fever cases are
reported on the first two named
vessels but we are free from it.

Lost 3 men en route north - First
a ship's stoker who threw himself overboard
and was lost. Then an Artilleryman
sick with fever jumped overboard two
days later to end his troubles & yesterday
just after we sighted land a 1st Cavalry
man died of heart failure. We heard last
night for the first time definite news

In the harbor of Montauk Point
L. I. N. Y.
Aug 16th, 98,

My dear Helen:

Aug 7th marched from our camp to the little R.R. & took train (5 miles) to Santiago. We made the march of 1 1/2 miles in one hour & twenty minutes in the hottest part of one of our hottest days. We left about noon Aug 8th on the Watteawan and had delightful weather all the way north. I had an attack of malarial fever on 8th & 9th but it soon broke up and I am now feeling quite well. About 1/3 of my troop however are still sick.

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I suppose we will be quarantined for some days. Our camp is evidently in a healthy location of the east end of L. I. within a mile of Montauk Point Light House. We are now waiting to go ashore and hope to get there today. They rather expect to be here for about a month or two & then some of us may be sent to the West Indies for a tour of duty. Did you get that June pay acct which I sent you to St. Paul? Write me soon.

Very affectionately

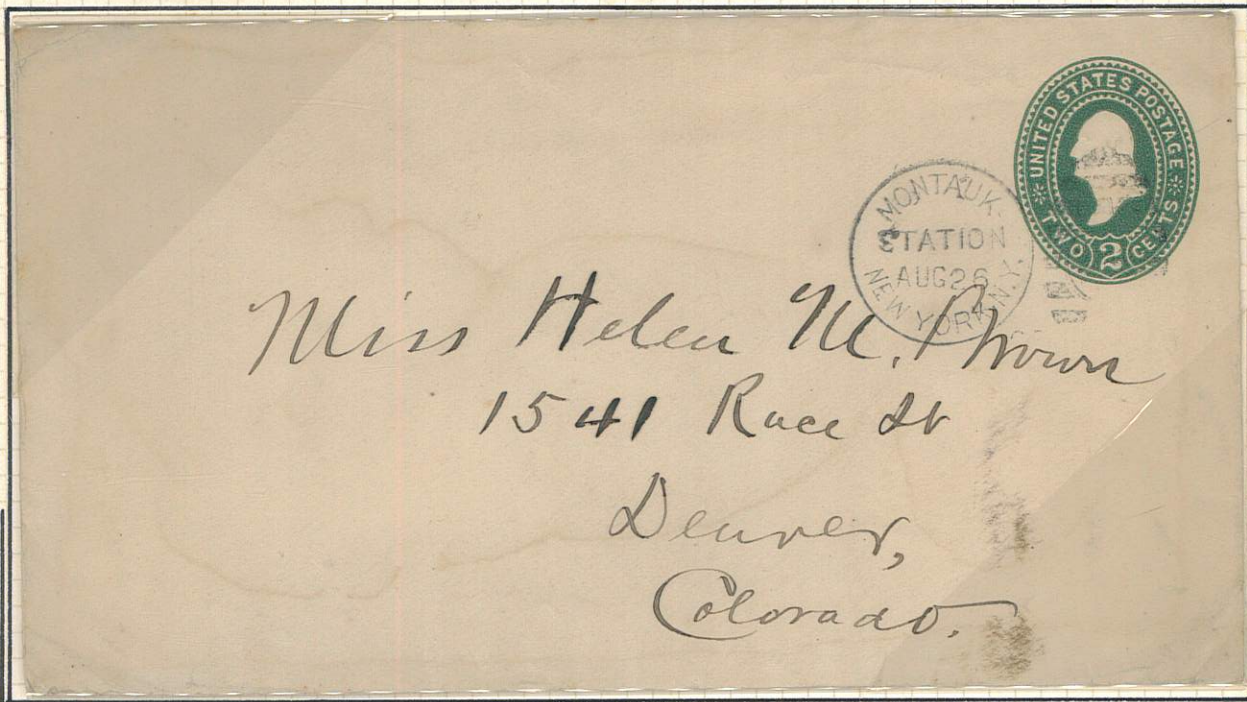
Will

P. S. Grace's letter of Aug 2nd just rec'd and Harpers & Frank Leslies July 30 and Aug 11

Aug 17th Failed to get off the ship yesterday & today our rations are out. Have an officer dangerously ill (Osborne). Verily our country has but little care for the men who fight its battles.

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last Brown cover (12th). The writer landed at Montauk Point, L.I. from Cuba on August 17, 1898. This letter was written 8 days later Aug 25th at CAMP WIKOFF, U.S. #U311 is cancelled with military cancellation MONTAUK STATION AUG 26 NEW YORK, N.Y. 98.

Capt. Brown sailed for Cuba — June 14, 1898
landed in Cuba — June 23, 1898
departed from Cuba — August 7, 1898
returned to U.S.A. — August 17, 1898



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Camp Wilcox
Long Island, N.Y.
Aug 25, 1898

My dear Helen,

Yours of 21 rec'd but I am sorry to say that Denver is too far away to go there now & even if nearer we haven't here enough officers to find even one to a troop. While our orders are to go ahead & equip troops up to 100 men

Dr Osborne who until recent promotion was my 2nd Lieut died right before last of typhoid fever. The poor fellow was kept on shipboard out in the harbor here for two days & a night after the quarantine officer had passed us & then when taken ashore instead of being sent to a N.Y. Hospital was sent up to the General Hospital here & put in a small tent. His wife nursed him but in my opinion he ought to have been sent to a City Hospital. Our mess at the beginning of the campaign consisted of Forre Osborne, Overton & myself. The two former have gone. Of about 16 officers from Ft Sill who went to Cuba 5 have been killed or died of fever. We are gradually getting proper food but it is very very slow

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Camp Wikoff
Long Island, N. Y.
August 25, 1898

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We've been promised floors in our tents but thus far they have not materialized.

Gen. Corbin the A. G. wrote Aug. 18 that the President had asked him to give personal attention asking my appointment as Major & Inspector Gen'l. but at that time all vacancies had been filled. Capt. Knox wounded at La Quasima got one of two places. 1st Lt. H. L. Mills 1 Cav wounded July 1st has been made Supt. at West Point.

Yours Affectionately

Will

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It is my wish that my daughters have entire control of whatever property I may leave them and if either or both of them should marry and die leaving no children it is my wish that such property as they may be possessed of in their own right revert back to the surviving heirs of my estate

W. C. Brown

(Enclosure with letter)

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W. C. Brown

Further

It is my desire and wish that my Real Estate be not sold until all, or at least two of my children shall deem it for the best interests of all three to have it sold.



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U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS

EXCELLENT SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR SAILOR'S LETTER. 12 pg letter from a Navy Lieut. on the U.S.S. "New Orleans", to his wife, dated June 6th-7th, 1898, detailing his ship's involvement in the commencement of the bombardment of Santiago Harbor, Cuba. Extremely well written & detailed letter, datelined "Off Santiago", on ship's stationery, w/"U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS." at top. Includes: "...at seven o'clock we began to fire, opening up at two miles and gradually approached. The Spaniards fired their guns in return for a little while, but very soon we drove them away from their guns.... We got within range of one mile and fired a few shots without having a reply.... and then we hauled off. As we left, the Spaniards fired three shots, I suppose as a sort of defiance. The forts were well peppered and sand and smoke arose in clouds as our shells burst. A fire was started in one of their batteries and continued to burn for some time.... We had about a dozen ships engaged this morning and for a little while the firing was brisk and the sight a fine one.... so much was done at hap-hazard, that much interest was lost. We remained at too long range when we had them driven away from their guns...." (June 7th continuation) "Yesterday afternoon, my old ship "Dolphin" amused everyone by the terrier-like way in which she watched over a train load of soldiers she caught along the beach. The train was passing towards Santiago with troops to assist in the defence of the place after our bombardment and the Dolphin fired on it... either disabled it or made it take refuge in a deep cut... The Spaniards are busy repairing the damage our shells did to their forts and I suppose will have all in good order to meet our next attack...." Accompanied by original transmittal cvr with 2c red Wash. tied by June 15 dated KEY WEST, FLA. duplex.

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Box 1

we lay off during a rain shower and then as it cleared up we approached firing occasionally as opportunity offered. We got to a range of one mile and fired a few shots without having a reply from the Spaniards and then we hauled off. As we left, the Spaniards fired three shots - I suppose as a sort of defiance. The forts were well peppered and sand and smoke arose in clouds as our shells burst

INCREDIBLE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR LETTER. 16 pg letter from a sailor on board the U.S.S. New Orleans, on ship's stationery, datelined "off Santiago de Cuba, June 15, 1898" with incredibly detailed & well written account of the bombardment of Santiago Harbor. There are two well executed hand-drawn maps in the letter, showing the positions of each ship in the bombarding fleet, targets & emplacements of the Spanish. Accompanied by original transmittal letter w/2c red Washington tied by blk KEY WEST, FLA duplex. Only a brief excerpt here, to provide an example of the quality of this letter: "We went in quietly to a distance of a mile and a quarter and opened a fire that must have struck terror to the hearts of the men in the batteries. Our first shots went over as the range was too great, but immediately the sight bars were lowered and every shot appeared to go home. The black clouds of earth directly on the crest of the bluff showed that our shells were ploughing up the space in or near the fortifications. We went closer until only a short mile away and our fire was so true and rapid that the Spaniards could not or did not reply. Three or four times shells exploded in great clouds of black earth and out of the clouds great spirals of smoke shot high in the air, up to about 150 feet. These spirals were formed almost instantly and were exactly like huge cork screws...." much, much more as the entire letter is packed with content, including accounts of the attack on the Spanish Armored Cruiser Cristobol Colon, counter attacks by the Spanish, torpedo attacks, etc... VF50-400

FROM LT. EDWARDS LIEBER
USN
6/15/1898

U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS.

Off Santiago de Cuba
June 15, 1898.

My Darling:

Yesterday I added a very short note to my letter to let you know I was well and

June 15-16-17



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 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, capturing French blockade runner Olinde Rodrigues 17 July. She arrived Philadelphia 20 October for the Peace Jubilee. She 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 Manila 21 December. For the next 5 years, as flagship of the Cruiser Squadron, U.S. Asiatic Fleet, she cruised the Philippines and the China coast. Relieved by Baltimore, she departed Cavite 27 December 1904 for Mare Island, arriving 27 January 1905 to decommission 6 February 1905.

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EDWARDS F. LEIPER
GRAD. U.S.N.A 1882
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OUTSTANDING LITERATE
ACCOUNTS

8 letters from Lt. Edwards Leiper USA
dated from June 17, 1898 to July 10th
Fascinating account of blockade
of Santiago Cuba

U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS.

June 17, 1898

My darling Mary:

To-day every thing
has been quiet except dur-
the early morning when
the gunboat fired at
all soldiers on the beach

she was joined
We do not know
landed

to us
amidst
we will
has been
to gain
it will

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR SAILOR'S CORRESPONDENCE.

Lot of 8 letters from
a sailor on board the U.S.S. New Orleans, June 17th - July 10, 1898, total of 38+ pgs. 5 letters
are on printed stationery of U.S.S. New Orleans when it was a Brazilian naval vessel,
AMAZONAS, the original name of the New Orleans. 2 are on printed stationery of "CRUZADOR
before its purchase by the U.S. These have an illus of crossed anchors & are quite scarce. 7 of
the letters have their original cvrs, postmarked at Key West or Brooklyn. Datelines include "off
Santiago de Cuba", "Guantanamo" & "Key West". Lots of excellent content, including in small
part: "...during the early morning...a small gunboat fired at a lot of soldiers on the beach
and later she was joined by the Texas... Victor Blue has been on shore several times to
gain information. I fear it will go hard with anyone so caught... The Spaniards seem to
be less active in their batteries and we think they realize that they cannot fire the guns without
ships. If they put men in them they will be killed and they cannot fire the guns without
all and they have to meet large numbers of Spaniards. They have had about a dozen
killed and wounded since landing.... Just now a band of Cuban patriots is in shore from
us and approaching the Spanish positions, we look for firing between the two armies
at any moment.... Our gunboats can assist where operations are along the beach.... the
advance is within three miles of Santiago, having had a severe skirmish in which twenty
two were killed and eighty wounded... It seems that the Spanish sailors were landed with
machine guns which did much damage to our troops. The Vesuvius fires her dynamite
shells nearly every night and must alarm the Spaniards very much as the explosions are
like earthquakes..." much more. VF

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR. 8 pg letter from U.S. sailor on board the U.S.S. New Orleans (same sailor as previous lots), on printed ship's stationery, datelined "off Santiago de Cuba, June 23, 1898". Excellent & well written content describing the landing of U.S. troops. Includes: "...We were at the landing point early and found the Spaniards occupying the place with their flag flying over a blockhouse on a high bluff above the landing. ...the troop ships loaded with thousands of soldiers came by the dozen. It was some time before our steam launches with their boats in tow could get alongside the troop ships.

They were to discharge and get the boats loaded with soldiers....the Spaniards probably learned of the approach of the Cubans and hauled down their flag, set fire to a train of freight cars, to the round house for locomotives and to three block houses and retreated....The Cubans came in sight and waved the blue and white stripes of "Cuba Libre" and our ships opened fire on the hill sides, woods and thickets and whatever place might shelter a Spaniard. The hills and mountains gave back the roar of our guns multiplied a hundred times, but the Spaniards were silent and stole away...our soldiers reached the shore, the New Orleans giving three rousing cheers for "the Army"...." much more. With original transmittal cvr w/2c red Washington tied by blk KEY WEST duplex. VF

FROM. LT. EDWARDS LIEBER
U.S.N.

U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS.

Off Santiago de Cuba,
June 23, 1898.

My darling Mary:

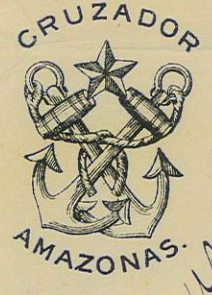
Yesterday afternoon I added a hasty account of the landing of the troops and sent my letter off because I knew you would be glad to know I continue to be very well, and besides I was very, very, tired and sleepy as I had been up until one o'clock the night before the landing and all of us were called at four o'clock and after a cup of coffee went to our guns and were kept on deck in the broiling hot sun

June 23
(44)

Mrs. E. F. L.
Care Dr.
Do

U.S.

JULY 2, 1898
COVER = U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS
(FORMERLY "AMAZONA")
LTJ. HEAD U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO



U.S.S. New Orleans



July 2

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quently from Key West to
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once in ten days or two*

EXCELLENT SPANISH AMERICAN WAR SAILOR'S LETTERS. Lot of 2 letters from sailor aboard the U.S.S. *New Orleans*, a protected cruiser, which cruised on blockade between San Juan, P.R. and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the summer of 1898. On July 17th, she captured the French blockade runner "Olinde Rodrigues", an event well described by writer of these letters. The first letter, 24 pages, is datelined "U.S.S. *New Orleans*, off San Juan, July 18, 1898", with additional entries until July 28th. The second letter is 7 pgs & is datelined "U.S.S. *New Orleans*, Guantanamo Bay, Aug 26, 1898". A total of 31 pgs, well written & interesting. Excerpts include: "...we continue alone on the blockade... We lie about six or eight miles off the Morro and let the ship drift with the wind which always blows... Day before yesterday we had some fun in firing at a stranded steamer near San Juan... the "Aurorus Lopez"... the "Yosemite" failed to destroy the steamer and the Spaniards have been removing her cargo and other things... we went to within two miles of her and fired on her, setting her on fire and remaining near until her destruction was assured. A boat load of men escaped from her to the shore... Yesterday morning we had great excitement and seized our first prize. She proved to be a French steamer named "Olinda Rodrigues"... when she arrived here she was running for the entrance to San Juan with all speed and was well inside our line of blockade. A hundred pound shell fired across her bows while we were yet five and a half miles away from her made the Captain change his mind and she was headed for us... she was seized and sent to Charleston for trial. Her passengers were black and white and all on equal terms. The black man is a great creature in this part of the world. Her Captain was furious and threatened all the ills of the powers of France... (from July 24 entry): Last night we were roused up about midnight to chase a German steamer that was passing... It is exciting to feel the ship running along like a thing of life and with a brilliant beam of light like a terrible eye fixed relentlessly on a distant speck that may be friend or foe, everything else appearing to be perfectly black... Then to hear the loud report of the gun, the shriek of the shell and finally a distant flash followed by the report of the bursting shell. Nothing ever has escaped from us except one of our own large steamers and she ran away apparently much alarmed at us..." much, much more. With original transmittal cvrs w/ WASHINGTON, D.C. or FORTRESS MONROE/VA. pmks. F-VF 150-200

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 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 Guantanamo 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 Manila 21 December. For the next 5 years, as flagship of the Cruiser Squadron, U.S. Asiatic Fleet, she cruised the Philippines and the China coast. Relieved by *Baltimore*, she departed Cavite 27 December 1904 for Mare Island, arriving 27 January 1905 to decommission 6 February 1905.

Over
Re
U.S. of

New Orleans,
off San Juan,
July 18, 1898.

My Darling:

Yesterday I was caught without a letter ready for you and so when Lt. Russell, not Fullam, was sent in charge of a French steamer to Charleston I could send you only a simple note to tell you I am well. There is no telling when this may be sent to you as we continue alone on the blockade and have no information as to when mail can be sent home. We lie about six or eight miles off the Morro and let the ship drift with the wind which always blows. You would wonder from what place all the wind comes.

GOOD SPANISH AMERICAN WAR SAILOR'S LETTER, WITH SCARCE
MONTAUK STATION PMKD CVR. Lengthy & well written letter (15pgs) from Navy Lt.
on board the U.S.S. New Orleans, datelined "...off San Juan, Puerto Rico, Aug. 9, 1898"

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(w/additional entries dated Aug. 12th through Aug. 15th), with good content, incl: "for weeks we have been left alone except for a few hours on several occasions when other vessels have stopped to give us mail while passing...The Captain has written and telegraphed...saying that other vessels were required here....We now look for the approach of our Army across the hills. They have been in Puerto Rico some days and the distance across is only about eighty miles....We feel that Admiral Sampson will be very angry when he learns about the absence of other vessels from here. We are entirely cut off from all news....I heard on board a German Steamer that terms of peace have been agreed upon between Spain and the United States....General Miles' army must be near San Juan....Yesterday (Aug 14) afternoon, we were astonished to find the Spaniards signalling to us and asking to be permitted to send a small steamer to St. Thomas. Our ship went in close to the Morro and the fort hoisted a flag of truce and we have opened up communications with them..." Accompanied by original transmittal cvr with 2c red Wash. tied by VF blk MONTAUK/STATION/NEW YORK, N.Y. Aug. 25, 1898 dated duplex w/MONTAUK in the barred oval killer. This scarce short lived pmk was from the recently set up Camp Wikoff, established to receive returning soldiers, most of whom were suffering from various illnesses. This pmk is dated approx 2 weeks after the 1st soldiers arrived there. cvr has minor corner wear, lt toning on back. letter is VF..... 1

My darling Ma
Two days ago I
hastily written notes
I knew or recp.
it about our
note - a



Mrs. E. F. Leiper
Overbrook
Pennsylvania
U.S. of America.

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AUG. 26, 1898 LT. E.F. LIEBER, USN
OFFICER on USS New Orleans - voyage
to Puerto Rico; evacuation of
Spanish troops on P.R.

U.S. New Orleans

Guantanamo Bay

Aug 26, 1898.

My Darling:

It is early morn-
ing and I have just turned
out to write you a note be-
fore going on watch. To-day
we will sail for Porto
Rico going first to Guanica
in that island and then
probably to Ponce - pronounced
Pon-say - and later to San
Juan. You know Captain
Folger is a Commissioner
to arrange for the evacuation
of the island by Spanish
troops. Our trip probably

Mrs. P.

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15 LETTERS JUNE-AUG. 1898
FROM TROOPER EBEN BUSWELL
OF 71ST INFANTRY N.Y. VOL.
EXCELLENT SEQUENCE

15 FASCINATING SPANISH AMERICAN WAR LETTERS

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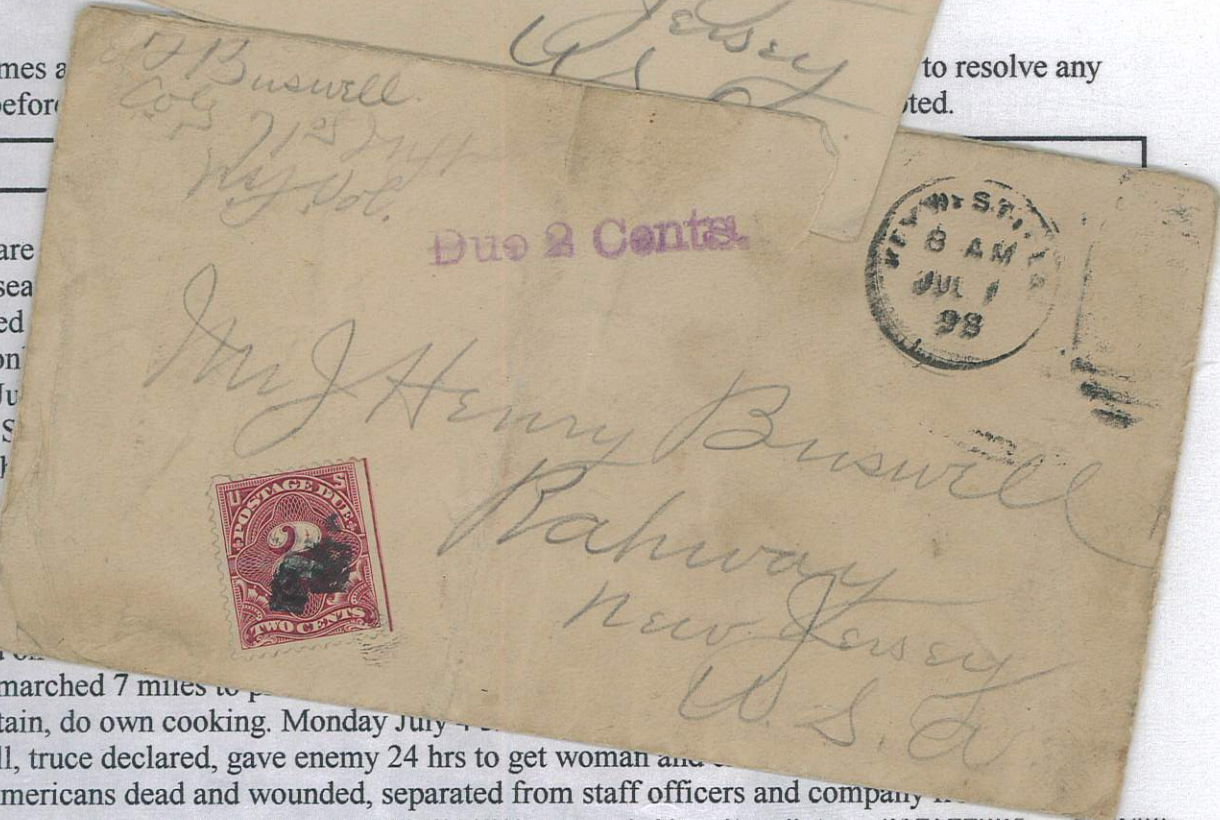
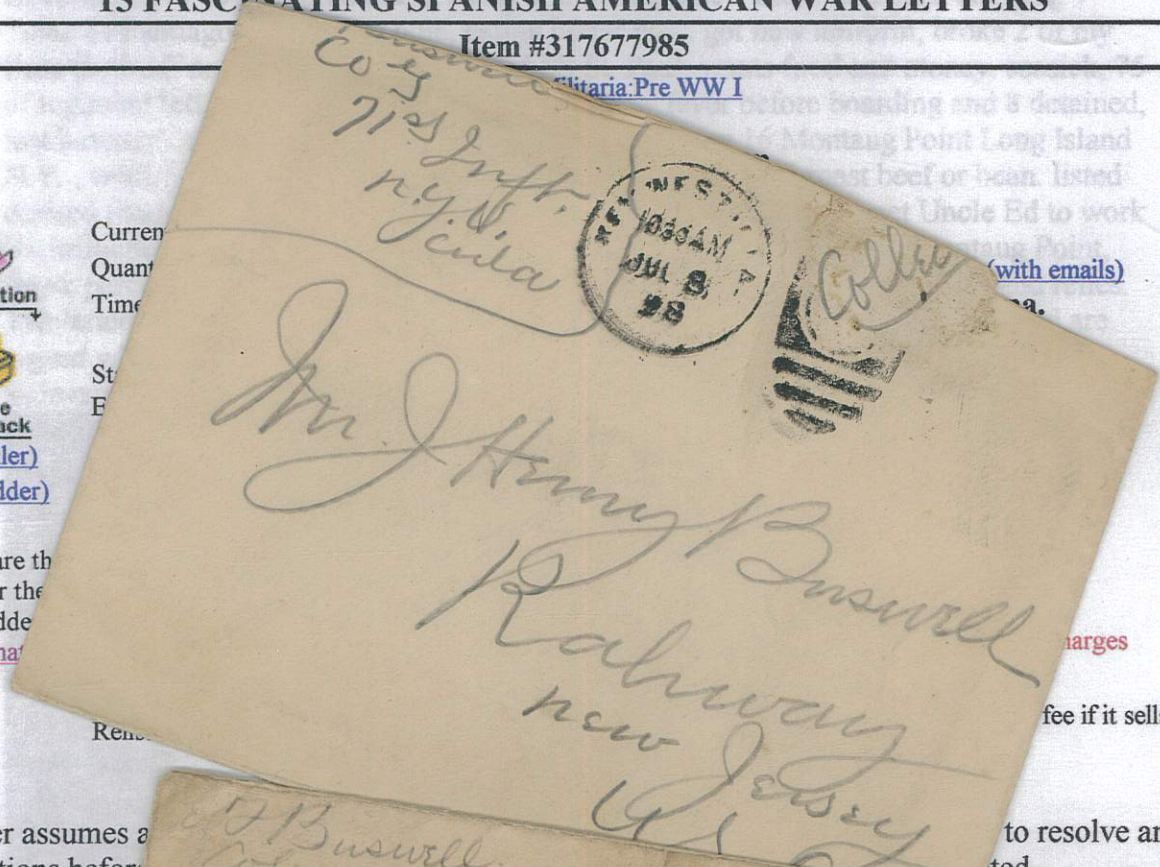
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Leave Feedback
(to seller)
(to bidder)

If you are the seller or the high bidder now what

Seller assumes all questions before

They are 15 at sea allowed food on tack. Ju off to S gave th 23 10 ration Sat. J yeste forced

5:30, marched 7 miles to mountain, do own cooking. Monday July the hill, truce declared, gave enemy 24 hrs to get woman and 800 Americans dead and wounded, separated from staff officers and company



JUNE 15, 1898 - ON BOARD
U.S.S. VALENCIA
LEFT TAMPA - 30 LARGE STEAMERS
FOOD TERRIBLE - WANTS REVOLVER SENT

On Board
Valencia

At Sea.

June 15th 98

My dear Parents.

Your letter with
10 stamps enclosed received
just before we left Port
Tampa.

We set sail last night
& our bound for no port
where but suppose Key
West will be our first
stopping place. We are
going very slow about
5 1/2 knots an hour.

& it is quite a sight to
see about 30 large steamers
following one another.

I did you send me
a revolver I also have.

JUNE 17

AT SEA : GOOD WEATHER;
SIGHTING BAHAMAS KEYS

At Sea
Off Coast of Cuba
June 17/98

My dear Parents,

Just a few words
in continuation of my letter
of the 15th inst which was not
mailed at Key West as I
supposed. as we did not
go within about 40 miles
of that point. To day is
the first time that we
have sighted land since
leaving Tamp Bay. We
have been sailing through
the Bahamas Channel
to day & every now & then
would sight one of the
Bahamas Keys. We were
joined off Key West by
about 15 more transports

JUNE 23rd
10 M. OFF COAST OF SANTIAGO;
SUPPLIED W/ 100 ROUNDS + 3 DAYS RATIONS
SAW NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF TOWN

On Board Transport
"Vigilancia."

June 23

My dear Parents

It is now 8-15
P.M. + have just rec-
orders to get ashore, are
laying somewhere off
the coast of Cuba about
10 miles from Santiago

We have been supplied
with 100 rounds of shot
& 3 days rations so it
means that we will
march on Santiago
tomorrow

Yesterday I witnessed
the bombardment of
a small town here
on the coast by the
U.S. Warships.

Will close now

JUNE 27, - 8 M. FROM SANTIAGO
EXPECT TO SEIZE TOWN TOMORROW;
WE WERE REAR GUARD OF FIGHT
YESTERDAY BETWEEN ROUGH RIDERS & SPAN.

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J. M. R. C. Cuba
Sat June 27/98

My dear Parents.

We are now laying about
5 miles from Santiago. & expect
to start & seize that town to
morrow.

We were the rear guard
of that fight yesterday between
Rough Riders & 10th Cal. & the
Spanish forces.

There were 9 killed & 31
wounded in the battle. we
were near enough to hear the
firing & see the smoke.

JUNE 28 2 M. WEST OF SANTIAGO
PITCHED CAMP AT MOUNTAIN BASE;
CAN SEE CITY

My dear friends this morning

Write me all the news + send
newspapers as I will get them sometime
Aur notes or a paper since leaving Tampa
we have not received any mail

Yours affectionately

7 miles West of
Santiago de Cuba

Sonder

June 28/98

My dear Parents

I write you two
letters since landing on
Cuban Soil

Yesterday we were
aroused at 4 A.M. & got
ready to march at 5:30 when
we marched about 7 miles
through valley & up & down
mountain to this spot where
we pitched camp. It is a
beautiful spot at the base
of a number of mountains.
From the top of the moun-
tain you can see the City
of Santiago.

And it is hard to tell

JUNE 29 NEAR SANTAGO
CUBANS ARE POOR WRETCHES;
STARVED

It seems to me as the mail leaves here at 6 o'clock to go to the coast where it is to go by the steamer. I think a cable for

Coffee sugar & beans.
3-AM June 29

Have just come off guard & am dead tired having been on since 12:30 yesterday afternoon & will be on till 12:30 this afternoon I hope on & off.

Night before last we were all aroused by the one of the guards shooting his gun off at some one. He caught prowling around his post but on investigation found no one.

The Cubans are the wretchedest lot of people you ever saw. The majority

JULY 4 3/4 M. WEST OF SANTIAGO
DROVE SPANISH OFF HILL; TRUCE
DECLARED; BODIES EVERYWHERE
EXCELLENT LTR.

Monday July 4/98
3/4 of a mile West of
Santiago

My dear Parents

It is a beautiful day & we are
at present situated on a high hill where
the Spaniards were intrenched until
Friday night. Our boys in blue made
one of the greatest charges in history
when they drove the Spaniards from
off the hill. The battle commenced
Friday morning & lasted until yester-
day noon when a flag of truce was
raised by our party. They gave the
Spaniards 24 hours to get the women
& children from the City of Santiago
& they then extended the truce until
tonight. But there is hardly any use
of me writing this as you learned from
the papers the full details. The loss
of the Americans were 800 dead & wounded.
It was a terrible sight to see the poor
boys laying by the road side & all
over the ground dead & wounded a
sight I shall never forget.

JULY 18th SANTIAGO HAS
SURRENDERED; YELLOW FEVER;



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Secretary of Commission.

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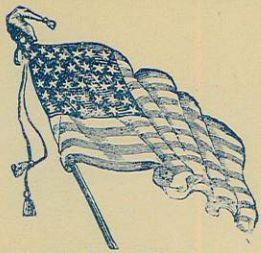
TAMPA DEPARTMENT,
FRANK MAHAN, General Secretary.

Santiago de Cuba
Tampa, Fla., July 18 1898

My dear parents

Have written you several letters in the past two weeks & suppose you receive them in due course of time. Well now that Santiago has completely surrendered I suppose & hope that the war is over. but of course the people know more about the war than we do. There are several cases of Yellow Fever here but none as yet in our Regt. & we have received word that we are going to the States in a short time. Hope it is true as we all have had enough & there is great danger of us catching the fever by keeping us here. Wrote to Aunt Filler a couple days ago. The weather

JULY 23 REGT. STRICKEN WITH
MOUNTAIN FEVER (LIKE MALARIA);
HOPING TO GO HOME; NO FOOD FOR
SICK; 1st FRESH MEAT IN WEEKS



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TAMPA DEPARTMENT,
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Tampa, Fla., July 23 1898

My dear parents.

We are still laying
in the same position that we were
at my last writing & with nearly
1/2 the regiment down with
what they call Mountain Fever
it is in all respects the same
as malaria I was taken
with it last night & am
laid up with it. it only
lasts a couple of days.

We are expecting orders to
move on board transports every
day to set sail for the States.
If it does not come soon the
whole regiment will be down
sick. Have not received

JULY 29 SANTIAGO, CUBA

NEWS THAT WILL LEAVE FOR CAMP
BLACK IN 3 DAYS; ONE DEAD IN REGT.



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FRANK MAHAN, General Secretary.

Santiago
Tampa, Fla.,

July 29 1898.

My dear Parents.

As I sit here in the tent
alone I thought I would drop
you a few lines informing you
that we have just received
notice that if the general
health of the Regt. is good
why we will leave here for
Camp Black inside of 3 days.
Here I suppose we will stay
for a week or two & then will
be mustered out of service
& I will be very thankful
as I am dead tired of this
life. I suppose we thus
reaches you I will be on my
way north. He expects to

AUG. 7 SANTIAGO

TOWN IS DIRTY ROTTEN HOLE; FOUND
DEAD CAPTAIN'S SWORD ON BATTLEFIELD
NEW UNIFORMS ISSUED

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FRANK MAHAN, General Secretary.

C. F. BARRETT } GEN. SEC.

C. M. BRITTAIN } CUBAN DEPT.

1898.

SANTIAGO, CUBA.

Hydromerito.
Your letter with clipping
enclosed also. Sun & Journal
last night also received
your Herald a week ago.
All our things now look
I think we will undoubtedly
be home by Sept. 1st. Hope
& pray so anyway.
I'm glad to hear that
business is good & hopes will
continue.
I have in my possession
a sword which I picked up
on the Battle field on July
4th. It belongs to a dead

AUG. 13 ON BOARD ST. PAUL
ON WAY TO MONTAUK POINT
75 MEN LEFT IN CUBA WITH FEWER
LOST HAVERSACK DURING BATTLE OF SAN JUAN

On Board
S.S. St Paul
Aug. 13/98

My dear Parents

Well Thank God we are
on our way home again & expect
to arrive at Montauk Point L.I.
some time tonight or tomorrow
morning where we shall probably
go in camp for a couple of
weeks before being mustered
out of the service.

Now that we are so close to home
wish you would send me down
a box of eatables such as cake &
pies & some can salmon & sardines
You know what to put up as
we have not had anything
decent for a couple of months
also send me down a couple of
boxes of Sweet Caprice Cigarettes
Tobacco & wish you would send
me down some money as we

AUG. 16, MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND
WEAK FROM NOT EATING; SEND
FOOD

Tuesday Aug 16
Montauk Point
My dear Parents Long Island
We landed here this

morning & are in camp on
the top of a beautiful hill
overlooking the ocean & there
is a lovely salt air breeze
blowing & it is quite cool.

Wrote you a letter yester-
day morning which I sent off by
the Quarantine Boat suppose
you have received it.

Am at present feeling
a little better but am very
weak mostly from not eating
anything to speak of.

Hope you will send a big
Box of eatables & tobacco &
cigaretts. see list I send
you yesterday

AUG. 17th CAMP WICKOFF, N.Y.
USE INFLUENCE TO GET ME
A FURLOUGH

Camp Wickoff
Mauntauang Pt.
L.D.
Aug 17/98

My dear Parents.

Your letter of the
16th is at hand & it is the
first letter I have received
since arriving.

As for furlow it is pos-
sible to get a furlow for
3 or 5 day if you have
influence, now by getting
Uncle Ed to work for in-
fluence with the Military
Authorities you can succeed
in getting me a furlow
which I need very much
not feeling at all well
& being weak. Now
I wish you would attend

AUG. 19

MONTAUK POINT

THANKS

PARENTS

FOR FOOD &

#

Montauk Point

Aug 19/98

My dear Parents

Your letters of the
17th recd last night also
one addressed to Santiago
also Money & I received
box this morning & contents
relished. Extend my thanks
to various ladies who made
the bread & cake.

It is now pouring rain
& has been raining all
the morning & looks as
if it would rain all day
Am feeling better &

MAJ. E. C. FARQUHAR, Surgeon, Zanesville, O.
CAPT. G. H. WUCHTER, Ass't Surgeon,
Wadsworth, O.

CAPT. A. V. SMITH, Ass't Surgeon,
Canton, O.

CAPT. W. A. HOBBS, Ass't Surgeon,
East Liverpool, O.

SURGEON'S QUARTERS
Eighth Regiment Infantry,
O. N. G.

CAMP Bushnell Columbus O. May 16th 1898

My Dear Girls

I arrived here all OK about

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Papa

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Miss Grace S. Farquhar
No 189 Putnam Ave
Zanesville Ohio

go to that by letter if I have time to
write and if not by telegram. I will
now have to stop for this time as it
is night & all Act & Col. G. G. left
for home last evening with love and
Kisses for all I am

Your affectionate Papa
G. S. Farquhar

Do not write until I let you and give
address

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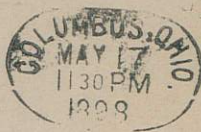
CAMP Bushnell Columbus O May 17th 1898

My Dear Daughter

We received word this afternoon that we would leave tomorrow morning for Washington City over the Tnd O. C. and Chesapeake and Ohio R.R., so we will not be near Zanesville we leave Ohio at Nova and go entirely through the Virginia to our destination which will take us two nights and a day. to reach I will write you along the way and as soon as we reach our destination. I am feeling fine and a happy ready feel



OUR BOYS
1898



Miss Grace S. Farquhar
189 Putnam Ave
Zanesville
Ohio

Miss Annie and Florence

On Board Cars May 18th 1898
New Athens Ohio 5:30 pm

May18postcard

Dear Girls

We are gliding through Ohio making very good time considering the long train we have. There are three sections. Dr. Wuchter is on the first, Dr. Smith is on the second and we have the third. The people run out in droves at every station to see us. I seen Neut & Annie Whipps at New Lexington. Annie said she was going to visit you soon. Love to all

Yours affectionately-
Papa

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SURGEON'S QUARTERS
 Eighth Regiment Infantry,

O. N. C.

CAMP Russell A. Hall Washington 26th 1898

My Dear Child

I have

information to Buga

had the time

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descriptions

Infantry, O

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This evening after

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went through the

is also in our

honor flags

a general good

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social visit

from

REMEMBER THE MAINE



My Grace S. Farquhar
 Putnam Ark.
 Zanesville Ohio

great engagement
 whenever you
 of this Fairfax County Virginia

a Company 2 parade the 8th Ohio joined him it was
 the old Camp Indian dance and parade after they

went through the Mass. & Ohio Regiment they all
 joined and went through the 6th Ill. which

is also in our big old they carried wood sticks
 honor flags. pine tree tops had on barrels and

a general good time it was a social visit from

through the country
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 the old Camp Indian dance and parade after they

went through the Mass. & Ohio Regiment they all
 joined and went through the 6th Ill. which

is also in our big old they carried wood sticks
 honor flags. pine tree tops had on barrels and

a general good time it was a social visit from

through the country
 and have no
 it ere long give you.

great engagement
 whenever you
 of this Fairfax County Virginia

SURGEON'S QUARTERS
Eighth Regiment Infantry,
O. N. C.

CAMP Russell A. Alger Washington D.C. May 30th 1898

My Dear Father & Girls

Having a little unused time at my Command. this evening thought I spend it in writing to you. I have received several packages of papers from you all right and some that you remailed to me. Only remail letters the papers are mostly advertisements and I do not care for them. Well the troops still continue to come. thus an troops from Missouri Kansas Ills Tennessee Ohio Penn. La. Kentucky New York Massachusetts Indiana

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such an army as this and it takes all my time. So I do not get out of camp to see anything new. Mr Maxwell & wife from Stutenville spent two day with us



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SURGEON'S QUARTERS

Eight Regiment Infantry,

O. N. C.

CAMP Russell a Alger Falls Church Fairfax Co Va June 1898

My Darling Father and Girls

Your highly appreciated letter of yesterday reached me this afternoon at 3.30 the mail comes quicky now that things are in good working order. I still continue well and feeling better every day. This service is the best thing on earth for me and outside of my loneliness and my absence from my three darlings I could be the happiest. I want you all to be as happy as you can. Bear your being left alone like the true soldier I know you are and when this war is over we will have a happy reunion that

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all the men. The officers have not yet got them but

"REMEMBER THE MAINE!"



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Camp Alger.....

Falls Church, Va.

Miss Grace S. Farquhar
No 189 Putnam Ave

Zanesville Ohio

Camp Russell A Alger Va

June 7 1898
June 7 1898 postcard

My Dear Daughters

Having a few spare moments on hand thought I would write you a few lines. Everybody in the Regiment is well we only have one man in the hospital and he will go to his Company in the morning. It is quite warm here through the day and cool nights but we are all very comfortable and have every thing we need. I have just got through escorting some members of this Chinese delagation through the Camp they seemed to enjoy it hugely. We have all kinds of people visit us and all relish it hugely -
With Love to all I am

Your affectionate father
E.C. Farquhar



Camp Alger.....

Falls Church, Va.

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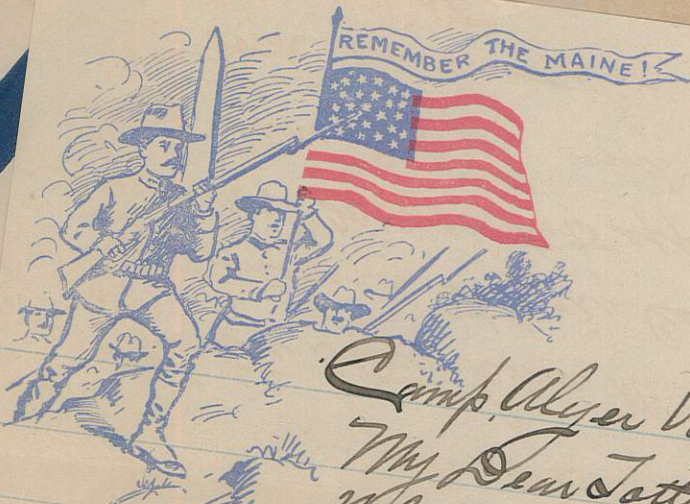
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Camp Alger Va June 14th 1898
My Dear Father & Girls
While waiting for the afternoon
mail thought I would drop you a
few lines I am gathering up a few
souvenirs of Camp Alger to send home
to you. all are just waiting for
the artist to ^{finish} some pictures of my tent
which I had taken some days ago.
So I can send them in the box you
tells which I have named Cuba
is flourishing. I put him in my wash.
pan for about 1/2 hour every day but in
a little grass & clover and straw
for it to eat. it is lively I wish send
you an inventory in my next of what
as far as I know the box will contain

CAPT. G. H. WUCHTER, Ass't Surgeon,
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East Liverpool, O.

SURGEON'S QUARTERS
Eighth Regiment Infantry,
O. N. G.

CAMP Russell A. Alger Va June 17th 1898

My Darling Father and girls

Having a few minutes to dispose I put
before inspection I will answer you my interesting and
welcome letter which reach me yesterday afternoon.
Word reached us yesterday afternoon that our Brigade
would shortly leave "Tuesday perhaps" for Fernandina
Florida it is on the sea coast near the Georgia line
they say it is a beautiful place. but can tell
more about it when we see it all an well
pleased at prospect of a move the men had come to
them yesterday then shelter tents or as they call them
then each company.



Miss Grace S. Farquhar
189 Putnam Ave
Zanesville Ohio
sincerely in love
What disposition to make of it, as the mail

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SURGEON'S QUARTERS
Eighth Regiment Infantry,

O. N. G.

CAMP

Russell A. Alqua June 19th 1898
My Darling Fats & Girls

I got the box of hypos yesterday afternoon so I think you will get it Monday, write me as soon as it arrives and tell me what condition you receive it in and how the little Floob the pup Encland you are find him better from real Virginia.

SOLDIER'S LETTER
Collect postage from Addressee
J. N. KIEFFER, Chaplain
8th Regt. Ohio Vols.

Miss Grace S. Farquhar
No 189 Putnam Ave.

Zanesville Ohio

Shirley been over but is better today. She and I have gone to Arlington Cemetery. Will be back this evening I am still well. So we go to Florida.

Surgeon's Office,
8th Regiment, O. V. I.
Camp Quince A. Alger Va
June 22nd 1898.

Lattie & girls
 I am kept so busy these days from
 in P.M. that when I write I have
 to snatch the time between while
 something, I was so glad the box reached
 and the turtle alive and in good
 have to watch it or it will
 always used my granite wash
 would put just a little water
 blades of grass and I would go
 quite often, or it might get
 you like the badges.
 New Souvenir Stamp

Camp Alger.....
★★★
Falls Church, Va.
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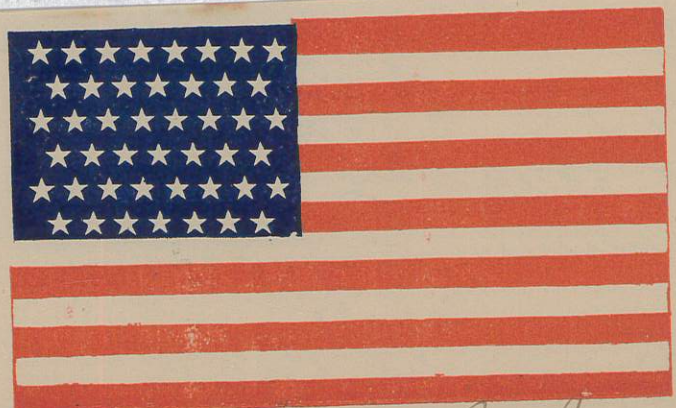
Miss Grace S. Farguhar
No 189 Putnam Ave
Fanesville
Ohio

and my own
 200 weeks ago and has never
 started since all the Rail Roads are so
 busy handling government stuff

June 26, 1898
Camp R. A. Alger, Va.
June 26, 1898

My darling Fattie & girls

Received your great long letter and pictures yesterday and I enjoyed them hugely. The pictures were nice I would mount some to keep. I sent the pictures Friday. The lady whose letter was enclosed made them. The two of me the one in my tent was late the second day we were here and before I was fixed up my furniture beside my bed was hard back boxes. The little colored boys picture was taken by Capt. Bygon. The boy ran off from his home was riding under the cars. The boys got him out and



Camp R. A. Alger Va June 26th 1898

My dear Fattie & girls

"REMEMBER THE MAIN"

Miss Grace S. Farquhar



No 189 Pulman, Va
Zanesville Ohio

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SURGEON'S OFFICE,

8th Regiment, O. V. I.



AMP R. A. Alger, Va

June 29th 1898

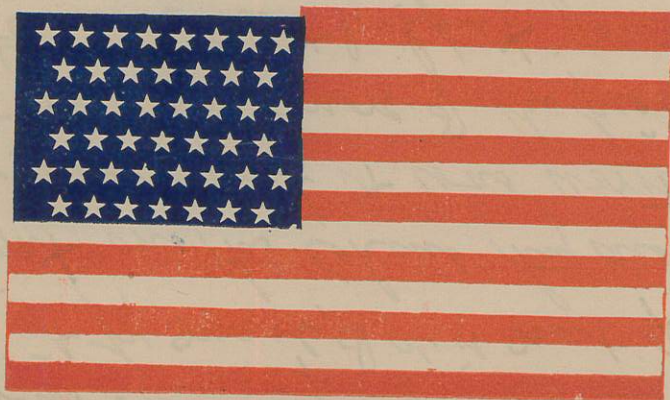
My Darling Father & Girls

I had intended to have written to you & you yesterday but business was away. I left my Brigade containing about three thousand five hundred men was ordered out for a practice march from here to the Calumet river so we had to get up at 4 am. to prepare for the march and be ready to move at 6. The 6th Massachusetts took the lead. The 6th Ills. next and we were the last. we got word before we started that the New York Cavalry which is Camped here was going to start after us, and attack our train of ten mule teams so the Mansfield Camp M. and Company B. of Akron was the rear guard. we made the march and it was as fine but in about four hours. the Cavalry did not bother us. they would not a sham battle

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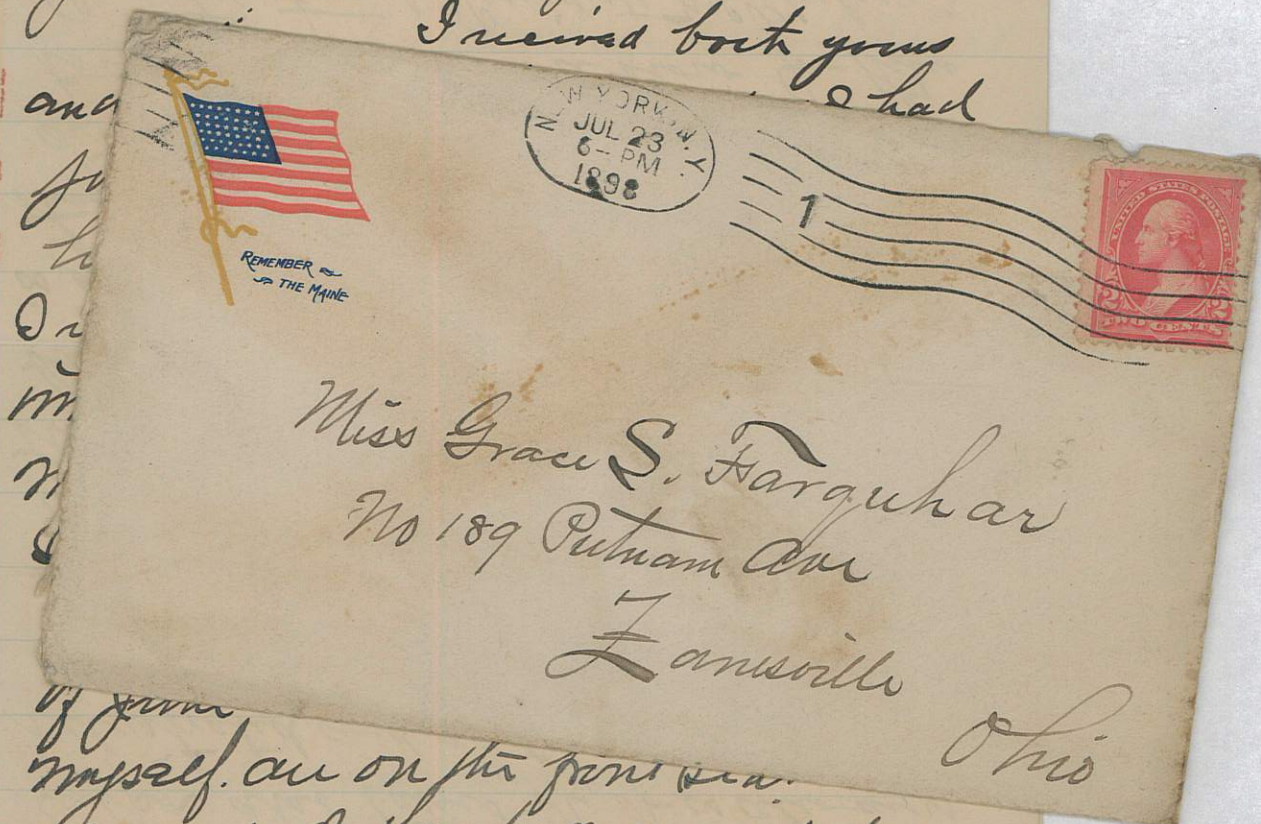
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My Dear Father & Girls



SURGEON'S OFFICE,
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CAMP Alger Va
June 30th 1898

My Darling Fattie and girls
I received both yours and had

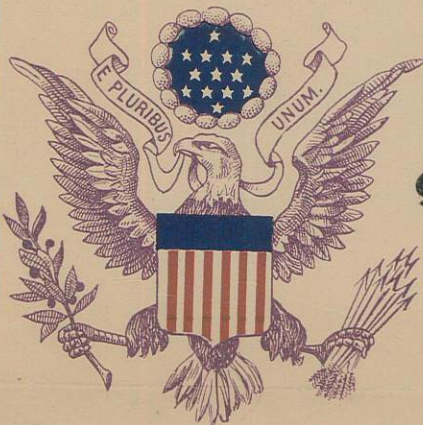


Miss Grace S. Farguhar
No 189 Putnam Ave
Zanesville
Ohio
Several of the boys are inside

July 21st 1898
Surgeon's Office
8th Regiment O. V. I.
Camp Alger Va

My Darling Tattie & girls

the "st Paul" under
orders to write will
I as often as I
get orders, I must
not say bye for



SURGEON'S OFFICE,
8th Regiment, O. V. I.
CAMP Alger Va
July 5th 1898

My Darling Tattie & girls
We are now packing up
to go to New York
St. Louis

"REMEMBER THE MAINE"



Miss Grace S. Farquhar

no 187 Putnam Ave
Lansville Ohio

Bye Bye for
the present
Affectionately Pa Pa

July 25th 1898 7:15 PM
Camp R.A. Alger, Va.

My Darling Alice & Lottie

We are all packed up and waiting train for New York where we will take the steamship "St Paul" for Santiago leaving New York tomorrow it will be a round trip the boys are delighted for a _____ of active service. I enclose a check which is the grocery name she can take it to the bank and deposit like she did the other. There is also a check of \$10.00 for family use. I had to leave Camp before I finished this. We are on cars on our way to New York City will reach there about 9 o'clock this morning when we will start for Santiago. I will now have to put writing to as to get this mailed will write you again as soon as I can.

Love & kisses to all
Your affectionately

E.C. Farquhar

Just for all the eavesdroppers watching this story, the steamship "St Paul" was commissioned by the Government to transport troops who was also the Captain of the "Maine" before she sank. It has a national bond in a lot.

Camp R.A. Alger Va
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Camp Alger.....

Falls Church, Va.

Santiago de Cuba

SOLDIER'S LETTER.

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J. N. KIEFER, Chaplain,
8th Regt. Ohio Vols.

Miss Grace S. Farquhar
No 189 Putnam Ave
Lanesville, Ohio

My darling Tattie & girls
Enclosed find check for \$40.00 with which pay my taxes. It is somewhat near
that amount if there is any left just take care of it. We are all packed up and
leave here for New York where we take the steamer under Captain Sigbee and go
direct to Santiago de Cuba another 4 or 5 days on the way. I will write as often as
I can write away. I must now close. I had expected to have had a month's pay
but it yet before we leave
Love to all and kisses
Your affectionate
Papa ECF
To all of the boys watching this says this letter has a watermark on the paper
with an eagle & fleur de lis 1892 All then

Camp Alger Va July 6th 1898
My Darling Tattie & girls,
Enclosed find check
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but later Papa ECF

"REMEMBER THE MAINE!"



Camp Alger.....

Falls Church, Va.

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Miss Grace S. Fargahar
No 189 Putnam ave
Zanesville
Ohio

Your affectionate
Papa ECF

July 6, 1898
Sandy Hook, N.Y.
On board U.S. Ste. St Paul

My darling daughter,
We are now on board the famous Ste St Paul and are starting out to the ocean but will send this letter back to New York to mail by a dispatch boat I hope you will get it right. I will write you more and have the letter ready to send back by the first steamer. The boys are well and wish about their trip. I must now close having lots of love & kisses for all. I will write you in full the first opportunity.

On board U.S. Ste St Paul
Sandy Hook N.Y.
July 6 1898

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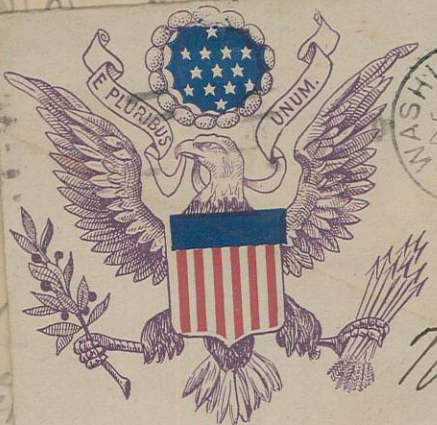
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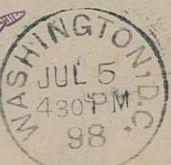
Miss Grace S. Torquhart
No 189 Putnam Ave
Jomsville
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Now we are encamped on the
 bank of the dead Spanish buried
 under the earth to the ground
 level.

[illegible]

Mrs Grace S. Farguhar
 No 189 Park Ave
 Lanesville
 Ohio



I have been thinking
 about you a great
 deal lately. I hope
 you are well and
 happy. I am well
 and hope to hear
 from you soon. I
 am on the way to
 the city. I hope to
 see you soon. I am
 on the way to the
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 you soon. I am on
 the way to the city.

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Miss Grace S. Farguhar
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Camp of 8th Regt 00, Santiago de
Tuesday July 19th 1898

My Dear Daughter
Having a little spare time
this morning thought I would
write a few lines. We have had
a lot of paper and envelopes we
buy in here and our envelopes
stuck together so we have
no any we can use. I can find
inside the city in probably
get supplies but the Spanish
who surrendered are still
and we are not allowed to go
till they leave for home and
what time just when that
our baggage is sent at
on the sea coast when we
were captured from the St Paul
now I us have a change of clothes
with us we go to the little creek
near us wash our clothes hang
them on tree limbs to dry and
we play in the water until
they are dry enough to put on then
we go to camp again. The

July 23, 1898

8th Regiment O.V.I.
with General Shafter's Army
Santiago de Cuba

Some days it does not amount to much
if it is warm, we have more water to get
good water than any other place. It is
what we use at
warm but a
bad

~~General~~
Falls Church, Va.
Santiago de Cuba

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J. N. KIEFFER, Chaplain,
8th Regt. Ohio Vols.

Miss Grace S. Faguna
No 189 Putnam Ave
Lansville Ohio
July 23

Santiago de Cuba
July 23rd 1898

My Darling Daughters

I did not know whether
to write again until I found out whether
you were home or not. I have

Maj. E. C. FARQUHAR, Surgeon, Zanesville, O.
CAPT. G. H. WUCHTER, Ass't Surgeon, Wadsworth, O. CAPT. A. V. SMITH, Ass't Surgeon, Canton, O. CAPT. W. A. HOBBS, Ass't Surgeon, East Liverpool, O.

SURGEON'S QUARTERS
Eighth Regiment Infantry,
O. N. G.

CAMP 8th Regt O. N. G. Santiago de Cuba July 30th 1898

My Darling Daughters

While it is pouring down rain this Am thought I would drop you a few lines and give you the situation here in respect you know the war situation at home better than we do as we have access to the daily papers there of on the Island. It has been

offering not and that

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not satisfy, nothing but ice water will

reach the spot for me, I will not write

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Co. D,
8th Reg't O. N. G.
WOOSTER, O.



Return to

Miss Grace S. Farquhar
No 187

Putnam Lane
Zanesville Ohio

Maj. E. C. FARQUHAR, Surgeon, Zanesville, O.
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SURGEON'S QUARTERS
Eighth Regiment Infantry,
O.N.C.

CAMP 8th Cav, I Santiago de Cuba Aug 5th 1898

My Darling Daughter

Your very very welcome letter of July 20th reached me yesterday and words utterly fail to record the good it did me in this

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Camp Alger.....

Falls Church, Va.

Santiago de Cuba



8th Cav, I
Santiago de Cuba
Aug 5th 1898
SOLDIER'S LETTER
Contact postage from Address
I. N. KIEFFER, Chaplain,
8th Cav, I
Santiago de Cuba

Miss Grace S. Farquhar
Zanesville
No 189 Putnam Ave. Ohio

or have a check now cross the business for him and when I see is on first street up Slavin in McGinnis Block. As interest money you su of the check was received that it is paid if you have not received it when this reaches you go and see him and tell him that I sent it and if it does not come to hand that you will send another I also sent check to pay Slavin also

SURGEON'S QUARTERS
Eighth Regiment Infantry,



CAMP 8th Cav, 9 Santiago de Cuba Aug 7th 1898

My Darling Daughter

This is Sunday Morning, and
has enough to roast "taters" in the sun. This
is a peculiar climate and country especially
during the wet season. It begins to cloud up
while we are at dinner every day and by 1 or 2
o'clock it is pouring down and keeps it up
until then we are well drenched. It does not
take it long for the sun to get out
There is a lot to see on
the Island and every
become a
the morning
landscapes
Thousands
with the
lovely
hundreds
fields and
and the peculiar people as a rule are
contented. I will tell you all about it when



Miss Grace S. Farquhar
No 189 Putnam Ave
Zanesville Ohio

Camp 8th Oct

Santiago de Cuba
Aug. 12th 1898

My Darling Girl

While I have a few spare
moments this AM I will drop you
a few lines to let you know that
I am well. I am just tired to hear
from you all and to know how
you are.

War Department.

Post,
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Miss Grace S. Farguhar
189 Putnam Ave
Zanesville, Ohio

I am so busy that I cannot
do so at once as I cannot
stand it much longer without
word from you. Love you.



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War Department.

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Miss Grace D. Farguehan
No 189 Culmather Ave
Lansworth Ohio
USA

I begt me
to look after
my sick and
luppus to look
shortly on
York. but cant
one too or than
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among the
with me
I think wont
cant find
learn it unier
I will have
is a box mailed
which is fastened
of it reaches
either of them.
when I get
not want it

CAPT. G. H. WUCHTER, Ass't Surgeon,
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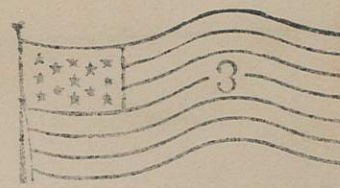
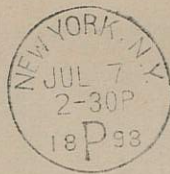
CAMP

McCaff. Montauk Point L. I. August 28th 1898

My Darling Daughter

This is Sunday and a lovely day it is and I am enjoying every minute of it I have not looked after the mail a minute since I got off the ship. My awful severe labors and responsibilities were too much for me.

True for the whole to let a had a are done trooper not last things I doubt I



Miss Grace S. Farquhar
No 189 Putnam Ave
Zanesville Ohio

I get home. The men were heavily started to death some to wear to wear from malaria and improper food and they mumbled but the government is giving us every thing now they get ten thousand gallons of milk a day and General Alger told me and it is good as I drink three quarts a day myself and know what it

SURGEON'S OFFICE,
8th Regiment. O. V. I.
CAMP Mitchell

Montauk Point L.I. Aug 29 1898

My Darling Fattie & Girls

I hope ere this reaches
you that

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that I am

again, I

of the 27th

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learned

I got a

so I did not have to stay in
Cuba. There is no doubt but
we will be on our way home
within a week or ten days & you
must not go on a visit until I
see you. If things go as I intended



Miss Grace S. Farguhar
No 189 Putnam Ave
Lanesville
Ohio

SURGEON'S OFFICE.
8th Regiment, O. V. I.
CAMP

Montauk Point Sept 1898

My Dearest Tottie and Girls:



Miss Grace S. Farguhar

No 189 Putnam Ave.

Ohio

Lansville

and officers and men that went with us
all with the exception of a few of us are free of
Malaria they are yellow as pumpkins and despondent
this condition makes them dull and takes the
fun out of them I guess I am the funniest duck
in the whole pack! It takes more than a Hispano
American war to take the fun out of me
hardships never cause me to despair. This is when
I make the most fun to cheer up the drooping
spirits of the boys. and I can assure you
they all appreciate it hundreds have told me

JOHN R. McKINNEY.
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

RETURN AFTER 10 DAYS TO
J. R. McKINNEY,
Attorney-at-Law,
WOOSTER, OHIO.



Oct 5 1898

Miss Grace Fargus,
119 Putnam Ave.
Zanesville
Ohio

so glad
asked
all
orders
for
the instrument case & I will sign
you had better ship them right
here in my name & I will take
care of them. You know this is
Regimental Headquarters and the
other things of that nature are kept
here. If you will ship them to me
they will be taken care of. Was very
glad to hear of Clara getting such
a nice position. Think it was
very kind of President McKinley.
And it will be so nice for you to
live in the Capital city also.
Do not know who will be made Major Surge
set. think Mr Hobbs would like it.

MAJ. FARQUHAR DEAD.

In His Delirium He Addressed Cheering Words to Dying Soldiers.

Zanesville, O., Sept. 16.—Maj. E. C. Farquhar, surgeon of the Eighth Ohio regiment, died last night of a complication of typhoid fever and pneumonia. He arrived home from Santiago last Friday evening and was immediately taken with a violent fever. It was pathetic to hear the dying surgeon, in his delirium, addressing cheering words to the sick soldiers, bidding them keep up courage as they would soon be home again. He was 54 years old and both an army and navy veteran of the civil war. He was one of the oldest and most enthusiastic guardsmen in the state. His wife died four months ago, and he leaves three daughters.

ting. Bring all of "Uncle Sam's Webb Foots," as President Lincoln called the al men of '61 to '65, wherever they may be found, into our good ship's company, and may be sure they will sooner join us if they find us harmonious, charitable toward other, and fraternal, than if contrary conditions exist.

The history of the United States Navy, from its organization until the present day, is an unbroken record of *success*, patriotism, loyal sacrifice, and splendid service to our country. It has always been professionally in the very front rank of the Navies of the World, from the commanding abilities of its highest officers down through the line to the man behind the gun, and at the lever in the engine room. Our people are beginning to realize this, and it is our opportunity. Any man may well be proud to belong to this Association and be known as a Naval Veteran of the Civil War. Let us get in all we can to share this honor with us, before the last survivor goes aloft for the last time.

Fraternally Yours,

WILLIAM E. LARZELERE,
Captain and Chief of Staff.

J. F. R. FOSS,
Rear Admiral Commanding.

Official:
FREDERICK E. HASKINS,
Captain and Fleet Secretary,
767 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

MORTUARY RECORD.

Shipmate Geo. W. Stevenson, of the Cushing Association, Port of Milwaukee, Wis., died July 19th. He served on the U. S. S. "Hunchback." His funeral was largely attended, for he was a good friend and shipmate, and many will mourn the loss.

Shipmate James Patterson, of the Naval Veteran Association, Port of Philadelphia, Pa., died July 17th. He served as chief engineer on the U. S. S. "Young Rover," also in the Japan and Paraguay Expeditions, and the first man to run a locomotive in Asia. His funeral was well attended by the Naval Veteran Association and U. S. Grant Post, No. 5, G. A. R., of which he was also a member.

Shipmate Benjamin F. Fuller, of the Cumberland Association, Port of New Bedford, Mass., died August 8th. He served on the U. S. S. "Minnesota," "Seymour," "Brandywine," "Stars and Stripes," "Hunchback," "Young America" and "Hetzel."

Shipmate Samuel Benjamin, of the Cumberland Association, Port of New Bedford, Mass., died Sept. 3rd. He served on the bark "King Fisher."

Shipmate John Shannon, of the Minnesota Association, Port of St. Paul, died on Sept. 15th. He served on the U. S. S. "Portsmouth." He was buried from the Catholic Church and the Union Jack covered the casket.

Shipmate, Past National Commodore E. C. Farquhar, of the Herrick Blue Association, Port of Zanesville, O., died on September 15th, and was buried on the 18th inst. He served during part of the war in the 88th Ohio until mustered out, when he joined the U. S. S. "Brilliant," serving until the close of the war. Shipmate Farquhar was a Mason of high standing, an Odd Fellow, Junior Order of American Mechanics, and an enthusiastic Guardsman of thirteen years' standing. He was also a member of Trescott Post, No. 5, G. A. R., of Salem, O. Dr. Farquhar entered the service again in the war with Spain, braving the horrors of Santiago, and worked like a hero to preserve the lives in the 8th Ohio. At Montauk Point he succumbed to the dread disease which, together with pneumonia, caused his death. His wife died last April. To his three sorrowing daughters who are thus left without a protector, we offer our sincere sympathy and consolation in their hour of need. Shipmate Farquhar was Commodore of the National Association during 1895-6. As a mark of respect, all Capstans are ordered draped for the regular period.

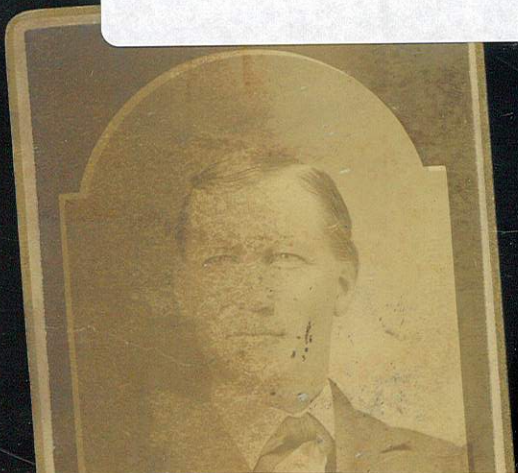
INFORMATION WANTED

The address of any naval apprentice who served between Sept. 17th, 1864, and July 1st, 1865, is wanted by Fleet Secretary Haskins.

Any information as to the whereabouts of Henry Wilson, who served on the U. S. S. "Connecticut." Address Henry J. Lyda, 929 N. 19th St., St. Louis, Mo.

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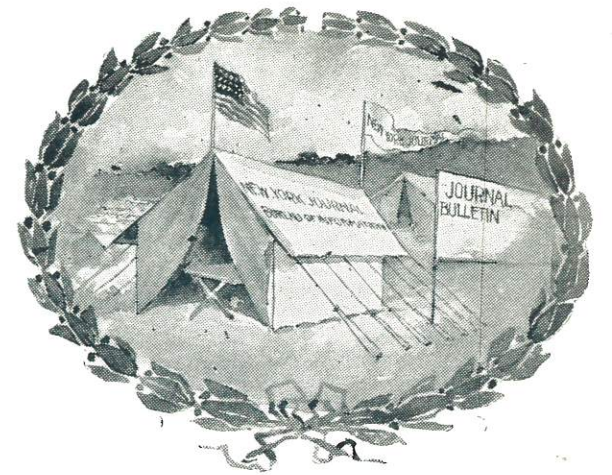
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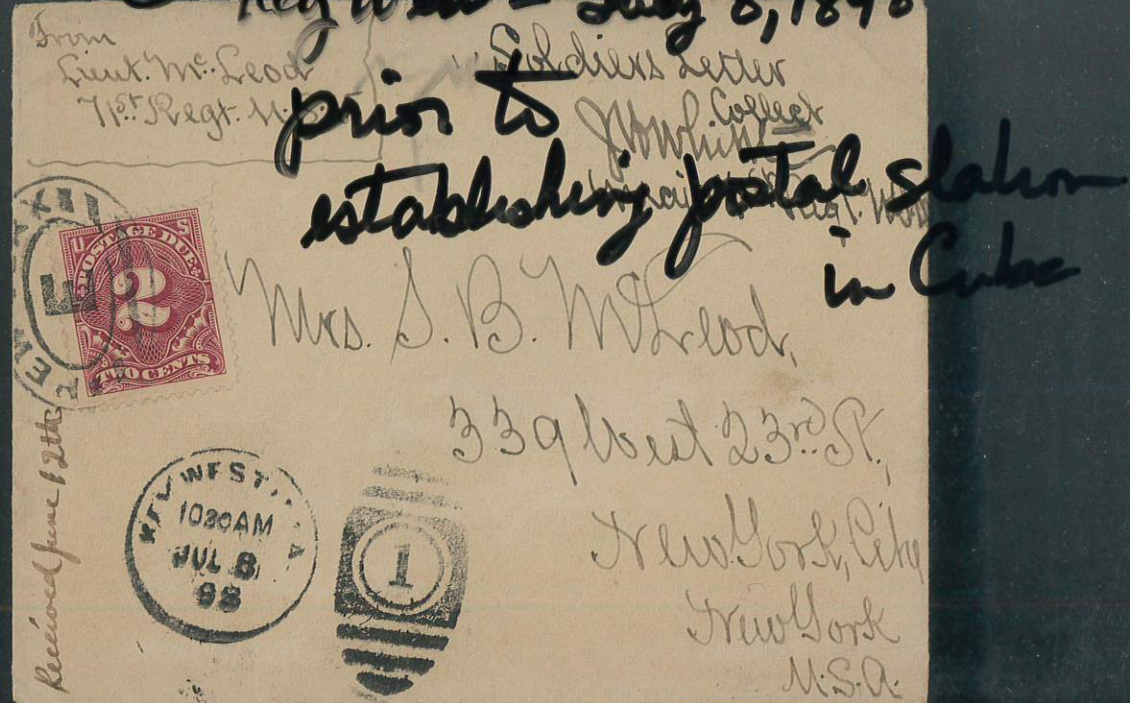
Dear Liz.

I received your letter best of all the note but it did not worry me as I guess he is all right his Mother and Father have the say about that and they are all right. Phill. Barger was here this morning and it makes a fellow feel good to see a friend from Albany he says he will send me a box of rum when he goes home. I am kept busy all the while Potter gave me a contract to press his pants by the month for \$5 a month all I asked him for was 3 and he said I was not fair to myself so he said I'll give you \$5 he is my best customer as he has the money we received our Regt. Colors yesterday after noon and to day there is a rumor that we go to Governors Island this week but you cant believe all you hear Ella sent me a clipping out of a paper about our boys in distress to read it you would think we were in rage I wish you could see me. I look as if I come out of a ban box but some are hard up for shoes and other slobbs ruined their clothes and would not put a stitch in them they had an idea some one would do it for them the same as in the Armory we received a lot of Shoes and Under wear yesterday and I have a pair of Shoes set of Under wear and 3 pr. of socks and there is more coming and food we have plenty and as soon as we get Paid I'll have lots of

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of my extra to as soon as I get it I will give you the 5 any
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run home and surprise you if you meet Mack just remind
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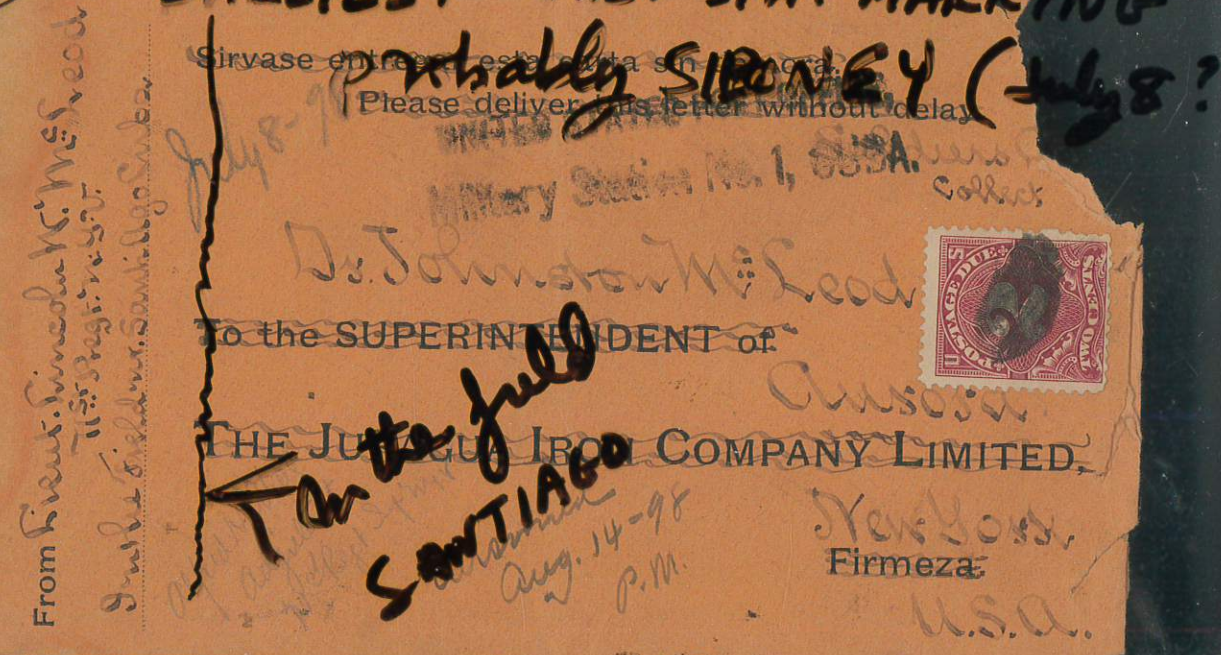
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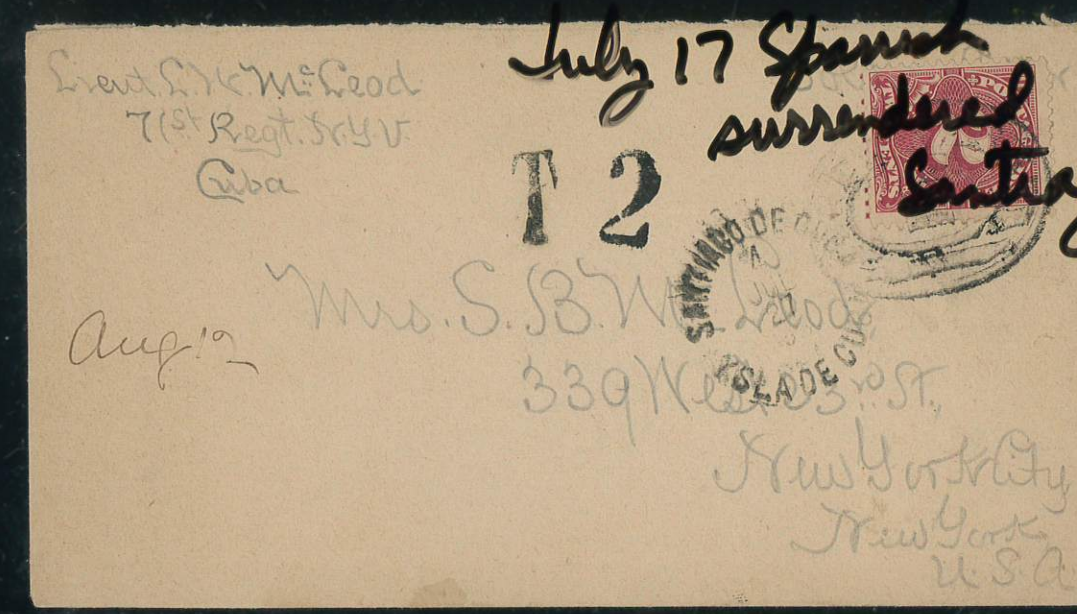
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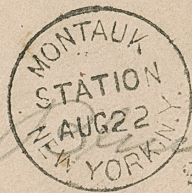


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