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FROM HONOLULU

Our Soldier Boys First Letters Arrive.

EAGERLY DISCUSSED BY FRIENDS

Their Reception at Honolulu Like a Story From Arabian Nights.

All Well And Enthusiastic

Daily Guard, June 28

The letters from Honolulu, about 300 in number, which reached Eugene this morning, served to interest the entire community, and what they contained formed the chief topic of conversation. The GUARD publishes two letters, one from Lieut R S Huston of Company C, and one from Private Elbert Brown of Company F, Oregon Volunteers. They will be perused with interest by all. Extracts from other letters are also given:

FROM LIEUT. HUSTON.

The Oregon Volunteers marched from the Presidio, Cal. on the morning of the 24th of May, through a mass of enthusiastic Americans, who showered us with oranges, bananas, cigars and goodbyes; here and there a personal grasping of a hand and giving God's speed. The evening found us all aboard and anchored out in the bay, Co C on board the Australia.

About 5 o'clock on the 25th the three transports amid whistling and salutes weighed anchor and moved out of the bay and over the bar. Now the favorite pastime of "feeding the fish" was indulged in, and public opinion soon changed from cheers and hurrahs to expressions of sympathy or inquiry of condition. About two-thirds of the men suffered from sea sickness and 24 hours brought relief to the majority of the cases, while a few held sway for three or four days.

Seven days over the deep blue sea, without a stern or a mishap brought us in sight of the Hawaii Islands and land, though dim from distance, made us feel happy. While nearing land we sat and watched the outlines grow into mountains and ravines, eagerly waiting until the dock could be reached and our feet touch land.

Honolulu has, it is claimed, more telephones to its population than any city in the world, about one phone to every twenty inhabitants, and when we came in sight of Diamond Point about five miles away, the news flashed to central and from there all over the city, and as soon as the Australia was docked telephone connection was made with a phone on board and we could send a shout to any part of the town.

Just outside of the bar we were met by three pilots and upon one coming on board the Australia the announcement was made, "measles or no measles the boys in blue would not be quarantined," and a shout went up from bow to stern. Crossing the bar we were met by steamers loaded down with flags and people, when shout for shout was given, echoed and re-echoed, never ceasing until the men retired to rest at taps and the crowd could not get any response from the soldier whose duty bid him to cease making noise and put out lights.

From the moment the boat touched the wharf until taps the people peited the men with fruits of all kinds, cigars and cigarettes, soda water and root beer. One conical feature was to see how soon the men got strings which they would let down and draw up bunches of bananas, boxes of cigars and cigarettes and bottles of soda water.

Everywhere the Hawaiian flag was crossed with the Stars and Stripes, while the only place where the Hawaiian flag floated alone was at the top of a pole on the government parade ground and every time an eye was turned that way, be it native or citizen of Honolulu or boy in blue, the one desire seemingly expressed was, "I would it were the Stars and Stripes." Wherever was found President Dole's picture also was found President McKinley's, silent watchers of the hearts of two countries beating as one, voices of two people a chorus of one.

There are four companies of National Guard of Hawaii and two companies of regulars and their uniform is the same as ours with the exception that their stripes and straps are red, similar to our artillery and an apt expression made by an officer was this: "that don't amount to anything, a little paint will make them white." "America" is their cry.

LIEUT. R. S. HUSTON

FROM ELBERT BROWN.

Miss Grace Brown received the following interesting letter from her brother Elbert, who is a member of Co F, Oregon volunteers:

HONOLULU, June 4th, '98.

DEAR GRACE—Late last night we learned that we were to sail at 7 o'clock this morning, and so I have just arisen from a somewhat troubled sleep, for last night was a night of alarm. It is only 4 o'clock but as we will have to turn out at 5, I have nothing to boast of on account of early rising.

I am feeling very well especially since arriving in port, where we have had something to eat.

Our trip from Frisco was very smooth and we were fortunate enough to have no accidents. Of course we were sick, deathly sick, and long and loud were the groans of agony.

The first day out I was rather sick—was afraid I was going to die; the second day out I was much "sicker"—was afraid that I would die; but then the scenery was so elevating—in fact everyone was elevating, and I thought if ever poet or painter was to accurately depict and portray the mental and physical anguish resulting from sea-sickness, his indeed would be a work of honor. However, on the third day I felt much better, and at my first meal, or rather what, through courtesy, we term a meal, for we have fared so poorly that the boys were in a state of mutiny, and things had to be changed a little. We have two meals a day on the Sydney—breakfast at nine and dinner at four. For breakfast we have salt fat pork, hard tack and strong hot coffee without milk.

For dinner we have boiled pork and beans or beef and potatoes and sometimes onions or cabbage, and hard tack. The last two days on board ship we were fed some better.

When each one is given his small allowance, he finds some place on deck where there is room enough to sit down on the dirty floor, and with no table, no chairs the government proteges partake of the fullness and fatness of the government's rations on board ship.

The only thing of interest seen on the trip were the schools of flying fish. Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock we anchored in the port of Honolulu, after which a reception, which almost put to shame our reception at Frisco.

That night I attempted to sleep on the hurricane deck—we were too happy and excited—and then all night long we were surrounded by small boats, filled with serenaders; singing in the native tongue, and never have I heard anything so inexpressibly sweet—as almost divine, "the music of the spheres."

The next day, Thursday, at 2 o'clock we went on shore, and never before strangers treated as were the boys in blue.

Everywhere were citizens on the lookout for small detachments of the boys, to take them to their homes and there dine them and wine them, until their troubles on board ship seemed like some horrible nightmare.

Everything in the city was free. The street cars and carriages were all free to us and we could go to any store drug store or restaurant, cigar store or business place of any kind and get whatsoever we wished, and it was all free. They absolutely would not take money.

Eight or ten of us from our company were taken up to the Honolulu Tennis Club and had refreshments of every kind pressed upon us until our amazement was succeeded almost by despair.

Everywhere we were treated the same and we were a happy lot of boys that night.

There was lots of excitement, street fights between the Japs and the

Kanaka's a duel with swords between two Japs, which I witnessed, in which one was mortally wounded and the other seriously, so much noise, everything so strange, so unusual that we were bewildered.

Friday morning at ten o'clock we all marched off the boat and up the streets to the grounds around the executive building, where the citizens had a feast for us which cost \$7,000. Around in the shade of large spreading trees were the numerous long tables, loaded down with delicacies of every sort, and it was a feast worthy of the gods.

All of the bands were there discoursing sweet music, there were clubs of native singers, there were everywhere well dressed men and women. Only those who had invitations were allowed in the grounds. There was so much that was novel, pleasing and instructive that our senses became confused and were almost in a dream.

To increase my bewilderment, I soon became acquainted with some people who are leaders in social and political circles and before I knew hardly what had happened, they had gone to Col Summers, and gotten my leave of absence extended from eight o'clock 'til eleven.

Soon we were on our way out to their lovely country home which is almost a mansion and which faces on the sea.

But first, before going out they took me around and introduced me to President and Mrs Dole and I had a five minutes conversation with them and found them both delightful. I was also introduced to Mrs Seawell the American Consul's wife and to a good many Senators and officials, and by all I was treated as a distinguished guest and not as a high private in the rear ranks.

I had an invitation to dine with the Seawells, but had to refuse, as I was to dine with my friends, whose name by the way is Angus.

After arriving at their home and resting in the cool shade not ten feet from the sea, and partaking of some of the refreshing native drinks, about twenty of us, including two lovely young girls, one from Boston and the other from Chicago, went in surf bathing and spent a delightful hour.

After coming out of the surf I was shown over the grounds and through the spacious dwelling, where every room is as large as an ordinary building in Eugene. There were beautiful pictures, statuary, plants, everything that could delight the senses.

About 7 o'clock we sat down to an elaborate repast, served in courses, at which were covers laid for twenty, and I was the guest of honor.

After dinner the time was spent pleasantly until I had to leave my kind friends, not however, until they had loaded me down with things to take with me on the ship, and they are coming out this morning to tell me good-bye. Although I was more fortunate than some of the boys, yet everywhere they were treated as princes.

Hardly had I gotten on board the ship when there was a big fight between the seamen and some of the regulars, who were all pretty full, and there was a great mix-up.

Captain Geary, of the California battery, rushed in among them with his pistol and buffeted them around.

He got so excited that he came down in our quarters and flourished his pistol in our faces and ordered us to bed, and I hastily arrived at the conclusion that I was anxious to go to bed.

I want to write more, but must close, for the boat is pulling out.

Love to all,

ELBERT.

—May 29.

The following extracts are from a letter by Wistar Hawthorne:

"I have not been sea-sick at all since we started. Many of the boys have been feeding the fishes for the last three days. Lots of reading matter on board. Musical instruments and plenty of persons who think they can sing, so the time passes away very pleasantly for the well soldiers. Should like to be where I could write without rocking about. Everybody carries a little piece of soap in his pocket, so that if he gets shipwrecked he can wash ashore."

"The chaplain was cautioning the boys against sea-sickness and trying to ridicule them out of such foolishness, and early the next morning he was found meekly kneeling at the ship's side, heaving Jonah. He had to get some new shoes today, for he threw up all but the bottom of his socks."

"May 31.

"We had some amateur biscuits for breakfast. They were heavy—had to eat them quick to prevent them from sinking the ship. Most enjoyable time in mess time. We were inspected this morning on the wing (roll)."

"Honolulu, June 4.

"We have been royally entertained. We leave in a few minutes. Aloha everywhere."

The following letter received by Prof B J Hawthorne from the principal of the Kamehameha schools, of Honolulu, breathes a spirit of cordiality that has been evidenced in grateful terms by every one of our boys in writing home. Col. Summers also wrote Prof Hawthorne, thanking him for favors, and

said that his constant aim would be to do all possible for the best welfare of the men of his command.

Kamehameha Schools,
Honolulu, H. I.,
June 8, 1898.

Mr B J Hawthorne,
Eugene Oregon.

Dear Sir: Your son and Mr Crawford took dinner with us Friday evening last. They sailed Saturday about 8 o'clock. We were all much pleased with the boys in blue from Oregon. Chance made me better acquainted with your son and Mr Crawford than with any others; so that I shall continue to feel a special interest in them. I wrote also to Mr Crawford, and send papers to you both. I shall hope to welcome your son on their return. Both promised to write to me from Manila.

Very sincerely yours,
ULDRICK THOMPSON.

FIRE ON SANTIAGO

Belief that a General Battle is Progressing

BLOCKADE EXTENDED

New York Volunteers Ordered to Proceed to Manila

REORGANIZING TROOPS

Special to the Guard.

MADRID, Spain, June 28—It is reported here that the Americans are firing on Santiago de Cuba. Is is the belief that a general battle is progressing.

ORDERS ISSUED

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28—General Otis has issued orders reorganizing all troops remaining here.

OREGON IN THE LIST.

WASHINGTON, June 27, 7 p m.—Commander Watson's fleet to visit Spain has been made up. The official announcement is made that it will consist of the Oregon, Iowa, Yantic, Dixie, Yosemite and three colliers. This will be a most formidable fleet on offensive work.

LONDON, June 27—A special today from Tientsin, Austria, says that an Austrian vessel is on its way to the Philippines with five torpedoes for the Spanish fleet.

LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS.

Special to the Guard.

WASHINGTON, D C, June 27—The United States War Department announces that Commander Watson will leave shortly for the coast of Spain with a fleet of armored cruisers.

This looks like business is meant.

GOOD WORK DONE.

Special to the Guard.

WASHINGTON, June 28—Captain Charles Sigbee, late of the ill-fated Maine, now in command of the auxiliary cruiser St Paul, reports having fought the Spanish boat Terror, in which the latter was disabled in the guns and put to flight. One Spanish officer and 10 marines were killed.

Basket Picnic and Flag Raising

Flag raising and basket picnic at Bethel school house next Friday. Flag raising at 10:30 at the school house; from there to Meriau's Park where school exercises, patriotic speeches and singing will be had. Everybody invited. Bring well-filled baskets. The gates of the park will always be open when free entertainments are given there.

Patriotic Prices Prevail at the BIG STORE This Week.

We have decided to reduce our prices on all Summer Goods, in order to enable all to celebrate in a becoming manner.

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F. E. DUNN