

Great interest is being manifested throughout the Northwest in the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which is to be held in Portland, Oregon, August 19 to 24. It will be the first Encampment ever held in the Pacific Northwest and undoubtedly the last time the old soldiers of 1861-65 will ever come to the Pacific Coast. Portland expects thousands of people from Washington, Idaho and Oregon to be present to welcome the veterans and to do them homage. They are the sires and grandfathers of the boys of to-

day who are fighting in France for the same eternal principles. Members of the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans and their families, can purchase tickets at one cent per mile by securing a certificate from the Commander of the nearest G. A. R. Post. Portland will entertain the Grand Army in magnificent style. The great parade is to be held Tuesday, August 20th.

Percy Jarman, Butter creek alfalfa raiser and stockman, was doing business in this city on Friday last.

SIDNEY HALLOCK IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Writes Interestingly of Trip From Honolulu to Manila.

Mrs. Delia Hallock sends us the following interesting letter, received just received from her son, Sidney Hallock, who is now in the service of Uncle Sam. The letter covers a trip from Honolulu to the Philippine Islands, where Sid is now and where he may be stationed for some time. The many friends of Young Hallock in Heppner, his native city, will be glad to hear from him.

Aboard U. S. A. T. Logan Honolulu to Guam, May 17, 1918. Dear Mother:-

I'll just write my impressions of Honolulu while I have them in mind. I wrote the whole thing on shore though so probably won't be able to add much.

At my first view of the city I was somewhat disappointed because I expected to see a much larger town. All we could see was a few large buildings around the docks, and trees at the back of them. But as we went into the city we found there were houses underneath those trees.

Well, the first thing we had to do, naturally, was to eat. So I looked on the bill of fare and among other things I saw turtle steak. So I ordered the same and found it very palatable. It tasted more like veal than anything I have eaten. Also ate some fried bananas. Bananas are cheap here, you can get them for ten cents a dozen, and coconuts are ten cents each. There is a kind of a melon they grow on the Hawaiian Islands called the papaal, or something of the sort and they look like very large cucumbers and the meat is red like a pumpkin. I don't like the taste of them. There are all kinds of trees and shrubs, very few that I had ever seen before.

They have good car lines and good service, the cars being all open. After I wrote you my last letter some of us went up to a hill they call the Punch Bowl. It is lava formation and we had a fine view of the city. It is very pretty and no fooling. We also went out to Waikiki and went in swimming. The water is warm, actually I never imagined the sea water could be so warm. You know at home, no matter how hot the day, the water will nearly always freeze the dickens out of you but such is not the case here. I also went on one of those surf boats you read about and had more fun than a little floating out there and then taking the breakers feet first. It is a long shallow beach but it had coral bottom and hurts your feet when you stand up.

However, Honolulu is not what is before the war. The Government is discouraging too much festivity. The town is dry and everything immoral is closed. The streets are very clean and you don't see a heap of rubbish anywhere. There are cans along the streets to throw the rubbish into. I tried to find a dance but there was no dance going on that night, and some of the boys were rather disgusted the next morning because they were unable to find any girls. I met a fellow sailor who had been stationed there for three or four months and he was plumb disgusted with the place. He admitted that the scenery was great but said you could see it all in a week, and there wasn't anything else but scenery there. It was funny, but anywhere you went around the town, you saw some of the transport bunch. I only wish you could see some of the stuff I am seeing.

We are all in whites now. It is so hot that you can't wear anything else and feel decent. It is quite a job to get your whites clean with salt water but I would rather wash than roast, so I wash. I am sleeping on the deck now all the time, and have found a good place to swing my hammock, but even outside it is pretty hot. I just lay in my hammock without any covers. They tell me we will get to Manila just in time for the rainy season, but that is all right with me; anything like fresh water has a peculiar fascination for me. We have to put out tarpaulins to protect us from the hot sun.

May 21st, Tuesday. I have lost a day so I thought I would write and see if you have seen anything of it over there. Last night when we went to bed, it was Sunday, May 19, but today I woke up to learn that it was Tuesday. During the night we crossed the international date line, or the 180th meridian and lost a day by so doing. I understand that we will pick it up when we come back, but if anything should happen that we circumnavigate the globe and come back by continuing to go west, I shall always regret the day I lost. It seems that we will move into the rainy season out here or the season corresponding to winter. Every day we get a heavy rain on the ship but it does not last long and it comes at about the same hour.

Nearing Guam, May 29, 1918. After we have seen nothing but water for fourteen days, the land looks pretty good. This morning there was land in sight on our starboard side and we are nearing

Guam, where a bunch of our marines will leave use, and I understand we will pick up some more.

Guam, May 30, 1918. This epistle progresses rather jerkily but I have it in the drawer of my desk and write whenever I feel in the mood, or when anything happens. We are off Guam now as they anchor out in the bay and no enlisted men are allowed on shore. The channel is not deep enough to permit the boat going up to dock, so we get our impressions of Guam at a distance. They are unloading cargo by means of lighters or scows. There are a lot of natives working. They look something like Philippines but they call them something else. The natives came around in boats and sold coconuts for five cents and bananas for ten cents a dozen. Today the ship gave apples to the enlisted men—the first time, and they traded them to the natives—one apple for six bananas. The bananas are fine tasting ones too; they are the little short ones. It is certainly true that the bananas that get ripe on the trees are better than the ones that are picked green.

Same Old Ship, June 3, 1918. We are still going but will soon be in Manila—in two or three days now.

June 4, 1918. We are going through the Philippine Islands—or among them to be more exact. We expect to dock at Manila sometime tomorrow morning, and I'll write again from there if I am able to rustle some stamps, so I will close this bunch of rubbish and call it a letter. I have held my job all the way over and had good grub so I have no kick coming at all. Also the place where I slept was fine as it was out on the deck as I have said, so on the whole, I have had a nice trip and to a certain extent an interesting one, although I did not see a great deal that I had not seen before. These Islands look from a distance like the islands out on Puget Sound and about Southwestern Alaska, but probably they will look different close up. The future probably holds a lot of interesting things for me, and if it is possible, for you, too.

Goodbye and love to all. SID.

Canacoa, P. I., June 11, 1918.

Dear Mother:-

I am on shore again and it seems pretty nice to be off of that transport. You will notice the address—Canacoa—which is the Naval Hospital near Cavite. We are here for two weeks in denton again and vaccinated once more. One of the fellows remarked that if they kept up the present rate of vaccination, they would be getting us up and vaccinating us every morning before breakfast. We don't have anything to do but keep our quarters clean, and a little mess duty, or K. P. as they say in the Army. It seems nice to get plenty of fresh water to wash clothes.

I should have knocked wood when I wrote the foregoing for I hadn't any more than finished writing it when they grabbed me for one of a working party and we had to pile up sugar, flour and case goods. Believe me I got up some perspiration, and you don't have to work very hard in this man's country to get up a sweat. It's pretty hot but still not uncomfortable in the shade. We don't wear any blouses, just undershirts. It will be sun shiny weather and hot, when suddenly a cloud will come up and it will rain like thunder for a few minutes, then clear up and be nice again. The Philippines don't pay any attention to the rain—just go on working as if it were not raining.

We didn't get to see much of Manila for we just got off the transport and onto another boat that took us over here. But on the street I saw an auto, a horse and a carriage, a street car and several carts drawn by water buffaloes. There are lots of little cabs or carabanas and the horses are little bits of things about the size of a Shetland pony. The drivers keep pounding them on the back all the time. It looks funny to see one of those little horses pulling two or three men besides the driver.

Well I'll write more when I have more to write. Address my mail, Naval Station, Cavite, P. I., until I tell you different. SID.

ALL TRASH MUST BE CLEANED UP!

Notice is hereby given that, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 23, 24 and 25 are to be general clean up days for Heppner. All trash of every description must be removed from the City. The City Council will have teams to haul off the trash, owner to pay reasonable price therefor. Arrangements have also been made to use the burned off part of town where all trash that will burn will be burned by the Marshal, saving a lot of expense in hauling. People will therefore see that all trash that will burn is kept separate from that that will not burn.

W. W. SMEAD, Mayor. Heppner, Oregon, July 17, 1918.

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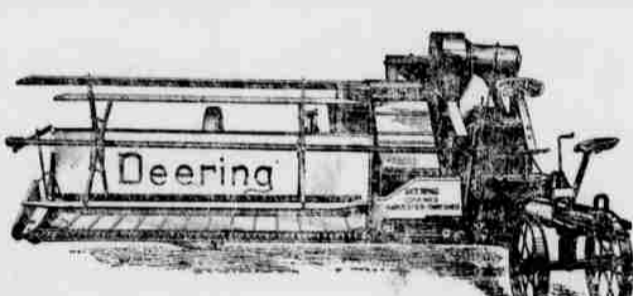
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