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MANILA LETTER.

Willard Learned Describes the Campaign of Lawton's Flying Brigade.

PARAY, P. I., April 25, 1899.

DEAR FOLKS AT HOME:—As I have 48 hours off duty, I hasten to give you an account of our movements since February 4, last. Being impossible to carry a memorandum book, I have to rely on memory. On the evening of February 4, at about 7 o'clock p. m. the buglers of the North Dakota and Idaho volunteers and fourteenth regulars blew the "call to arms," and every man promptly responded, but it turned out a false alarm. We were then ordered to fall out and stay within bugle call. In due time the boys retired for the night, but at 9:30 p. m. that day the buglers blew a long and lasting "call to arms." We rolled out of our bunks in a hurry, slung on our haversacks, belts, and canteens, grabbed our guns and rushed outside and fell in quickly. We thought it was the old cry of "Wolf!" again, but as the first sergeant was calling the roll we heard heavy volley firing over in the direction of the water works. Then we realized that the long-looked-for "Ball" had opened, and we were the happiest lot of men you ever saw. We were marched out to Singalong church on double time, and immediately threw out a skirmish line commencing at the beach and continuing till our left touched the right of the Washington volunteers supported by two battalions of the Sixth Artillery.

We did not advance any that night, simply holding our ground. The "niggers" kept us busy all night, and at early dawn February 5, without any breakfast, we started in for business. As soon as the niggers saw our lines advancing, they opened a terrific fire from their trenches. At this juncture some of the Fourth Cavalry (unmounted) made a charge on blockhouse 13. They were heavily engaged, and about to be flanked, when our company C fourteenth regulars, having a heavy cross-fire to face in so doing. After we had got the handful of cavalry men safely in possession of the blockhouse, we were ordered to join our battalion, which was hard at work trying to dislodge the enemy, who put up a very stiff resistance. We had about given up all hope of getting them out of their trenches without the assistance of more artillery, when some bugler blew "charge!" with a yell that would put a comanche Indian to shame, we rushed up with fixed bayonets in the very face of a terrific fire, and when we had approached within 20 yards of them, they broke and ran for the bamboo thickets, in a diagonal direction towards the old Spanish-American battle ground near the beach.

Just as we gained their trenches the order for retreat was blown by order of Captain Wheeler, of the Fourth Cavalry, and it was a sad blunder too, for in the retreat that followed we had two men wounded in my company. One has since had his leg amputated, but the other is now with us doing duty. Also at that same retreat and subsequent advance is where Company M got so badly cut up and lost their brave lieutenant. I believe it was 14 killed and 34 wounded in this company at that time. After we had retreated about 400 yards, the niggers in the meantime finding out that we were not pursuing them, came back and occupied the trenches that they had so lately vacated, and then we had to go and drive them out again. This was a much easier task than the first one was. They began to run when they saw us coming. We pursued them until we had them in the old Spanish-American trenches, when the North Dakotas got in their work. At this stage the fourteenth regulars were ordered to San Pedro Macati. We remained there a while awaiting developments, but nothing turned up to detain us longer, so we were marched back about half way between there and the beach and laid down in the road for a much-needed rest, and to await the coming of the super "bull cart." We had then been under constant fire and move ever since we had left our quarters the evening before. We had nothing to eat, and as our water soon played out, we can imagine that it was a great relief to us to rest. About 7 o'clock in the evening our sup-

per arrived, and the way we put it out of sight was a caution. We held that position all night and the next morning started on another "coon hunt," and after a stubborn resistance succeeded in driving the enemy on to the open ground near the site of Camp Dewey. At this time the Monitor Monitor got in her work. She shelled the country for the entire day—February 6—occasionally firing 12-inch shells among them, the result being the scattering of the niggers over the surrounding country, and when any of the North Dakotas or the fourteenth regulars saw one, we let drive, and by sundown that day everything was quiet and peaceable all along our south line of trenches from the beach to San Pedro Macati, on the Pasig river, where the north line of trenches joined ours. Our south line of trenches is about three miles due south of Malate, and no "dagos" are allowed to pass either way. There are between 7,000 and 10,000 niggers between our line and Cavite, the majority being in the vicinity of Parangue, but so far back from the beach that the guns from the warships cannot reach them.

We have not undressed or slept with our shoes off since February 4, as we have lain in the trenches ever since. There is never a day or a night passes that we do not exchange shots, and only a few times have they tried to break our lines by a general attack. They content themselves by sneaking up on our pickets and outposts trying to pick them off. In the three months we have been here we have not lost a man that I know of, though several have been wounded.

As we were going across the battle field of February 5 in skirmish line, we saw hundreds of dead Filipinos, and all sorts of weapons; we were too busy engaged just then to collect any relics, and could not have carried them had we gathered them.

For a long time after we had our trenches completed our food was cooked at the quarters and sent out to us on a bull cart. We got two good meals a day there; after awhile the entire cook house was moved out in the field, after which time we had three meals. A commissary department was also established at Paray, at which we could buy nearly all kinds of groceries we wished, as well as tobacco, which latter article the boys greatly suffered for, especially in the early days of the campaign.

Things moved along without anything of importance happening to us on the south line till the 7th of April when we got orders to pick up and get ready for a 60 mile march. We were all wondering what was coming. We bathed, changed our clothes, sent all unnecessary trappings to quarters, received 100 extra rounds of ammunition expense, and were ready to move in just half an hour after the order came.

Something happened that I know not to delay us, so that we did not get started till about 2 o'clock p. m. of April 8. We found out meantime that we were to compose General Lawton's Flying Brigade, or as we nicknamed ourselves, Lawton's Bill Posters. The command was 1,500 strong composed of 2 battalions of the fourteenth, one of the North Dakotas, one of the Idahos, 3 troops of the fourth cavalry, some of the Washington scouts, and Hawthorne's mountain battery.

We formed in line along the Pasay road and marched to San Pedro Macati—3 miles. We then went on board casaca on the Pasig river and were towed up to Lake Laguna de Bay in the dark night. We were crowded together like sheep in a pen, and it was impossible to sit or lie down. We had to stand up all night long, and in the morning we ate a breakfast of hardtack and canned beef. We continued our trip till we arrived off Santa Cruz about 3 o'clock p. m. April 9. We got the casaca within 50 yards of the lake shore when they went aground. We then jumped overboard into 3 feet of water and waded ashore. Some of the troops were not landed at this point, but were taken to a place nearly opposite the city. After we landed we made coffee and had supper, after which we fell in and made straight for the city on double time. We had to cross swamps, rice paddies, and all sort of rough land for about 2000 yards; till we gained the timber. Not finding any innsurent thus far, we made a flank movement to the right and left, and then made straight for the city again. After advancing some 1500 yards the niggers turned loose on us at about 100 yards range. They were in a dense candel and we were not aware that they were so close. We were ordered to lie down and stayed in that position till the firing line directly in our front and left gave a yell, and before the echo had died away, the support (which was one battalion of the 14th) gave an answering yell and away we went after the firing line, and we had to move pretty lively to keep our distance from them. The 4th cavalry got landed just before we put the niggers on the run, and doubled timed it over a small stretch of country and arrived at exactly the right moment to pour volley after volley into the fleeing insurgents.

If the Idahos, who were on our right flank could have been five minutes sooner, we would have completely surrounded the entire lot; but they had an extraordinary bad piece of swamp land to cross, rendering it impossible for them to arrive on time. Our loss in this engagement was 2 killed and 4 wounded.

We bivouacked that night on the old Santa Cruz road, which was in the center of the battle field. We posted our pickets and outposts in such a manner that it was impossible for the enemy to surprise us during the night. We did not dare to build any fires, so we had plain hard tack for supper. At this time each man was carrying 30 rounds of ammunition nearly, two days' uncooked rations, one poncho and blanket, one entire mess-kit, a canteen of

water, his gun also, making a total weight of about 45 pounds, and when a man has to run through brush, swamps, and climb fences, and fight at the same time, while a tropical sun beats down with a fierceness simply awful, you can imagine our feelings on going into camp that night, for we had no sleep the night before while enroute on the water.

(continued in Tomorrow's Journal.)

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Miss W. Gilmore and mother of Independence returned Tuesday from Eugene and took passage on the evening steamer for home.

Happy Thoughts.

To please, attract and give people something to talk about, is an art in writing a prosaic advertisement. Hood, of Sarsaparilla fame, is the originator in an extensive sense of the idea of using proverbial sayings and a prettily to a pleasant introduction of the well known virtues of America's Greatest Medicine. These quaint quotations often fit the news of the day with startling directness, and the moral is easily drawn, with natural good to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Coon Songs.

Hear the latest Coon songs at the Fair Grounds next Sunday when the Conductors' Excursion holds its grand rally there. The North Star Quartette is distinctly in it, in the matter of Negro melodies.

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Don't Forget.

Don't forget that the Conductors' Annual Excursion comes to Salem next Sunday. Crowds will be here from all over the Willamette valley, and in point of numbers it will be the greatest day of the year.

STOP SMOKING!

Do you smoke? If you do, you are sure to get a cough, a cold, a headache, a nervous system, a weak stomach, a poor appetite, a bad complexion, a general debility, and a host of other ailments. Stop smoking! It is the only way to get rid of these ailments. Stop smoking! It is the only way to get rid of these ailments. Stop smoking! It is the only way to get rid of these ailments.

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL

For additional Local News see Fourth Page.

W. Cobb, of Portland, is at Salem on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. La Branch were passengers for Portland today.

W. E. Fisk, a new comer, arrived from Portland last evening.

Wm. Hurdler, of South Salem, has returned from a Portland trip.

Frank Thomas is among those reported seriously ill this morning.

J. W. Chandler was an arrival in Salem today, direct from Saginaw, Mich.

E. Logan, a future lawyer of Independence, returned home last evening.

Dr. J. W. Welch, of Silverton, was in this city today to purchase a driving horse.

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