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SOLDIERS LETTERS

Hardships of the Volunteers.

WHILE DOWN IN CUBA

All Complain of Food-Drink- ing Water that the Dead Lay in-Walking to the Neck in Water and Re- maining in the wet Clothes.

Boston, Aug. 15.—The fact that war is at an end and that the volunteer troops are under orders for home does not rob letters from the front of interest. The privations the boys endured and the experiences they underwent will form the subject of interesting talk around many a New England fireside for years to come.

Mr. Lawrence Duffy has received the following letter from Corporal J. Haggerty of Company B, Ninth Regiment:

SANTIAGO, July 29.—Dear friend Larry,—I received your letter of July 24 and was glad to hear from you. You don't know how good it feels to get a letter from home. I wrote a letter the 18th, the day after the surrender, and we were not allowed to send any more for 16 days. It is hard to get writing paper down here, and some of the boys are writing on the bark of coconuts. I offered 50 cents this morning for a stamp and could not get it. There is nothing on this Island that we want. We landed July 1st, and we thought we could rest for the night and have some supper. Then the order came to get ready for the road, without any supper or any of our clothes, only an undershirt and a pair of overalls. The next thing that met our gaze was men being brought in with arms and legs off. We started that evening, and we marched about four hours and halted for a rest. The boys were so tired that they were all asleep in a few

seconds, when there was a volley from both sides came over our heads and you bet it did not take long to knock the sleep out of our eyes.

We started again on the march and got to the battlefield at 2 o'clock on the morning of July 2. The sight we met coming on the road was enough to weaken the strongest heart. All the dead and dying lay on all sides—Americans, Spaniards, Cubans and the rivers emitted a sickening odor. When we got near the firing line we were halted to report to General Shafter. A shell exploded and killed one man and two horses and shattered the butt end of my gun. The man killed did not belong to our regiment. A guide was furnished to take us to position on the firing line. He got lost and we found ourselves between our own lines and the Spanish lines. We were between two fires. It was God that saved us. As soon as the Spaniards saw us they poured a fire right down on us as we got into the trenches. We had a little protection, and were there until July 4 without a bit of food. We had plenty of shot and shell and were obliged to drink water that the dead lay in. Saturday, July 2, the Spaniards made a charge on us. We were ordered not to fire a shot until they were within a hundred yards. On they came like a lot of lions, but they went back very quiet.

On coming up to the firing line we had to cross four rivers, and were wet up to our necks. We had to wear the wet clothes for three weeks before we got our other clothes. It rains every day. We have had no shelter only the sky and the wet grass has been our bed. We have suffered more than any regiment in the field for want of food and shelter, and we are now paying for it. All the regiment is sick and a few are in very bad shape. Our dog-tents are no good. The rain pours through them and they are like pig pens. Lieutenant Colonel Logan is gone and the boys are sorry for him. He stuck to the regiment through the thickest of the firing. He is a different man to what I thought he was. He walked the rivers where the water came up to his neck and lay in those wet clothes for three days and three nights without shelter and without food.

I have been sick four days. Some of the boys are very bad, and two have died. We were lucky during the battle. No one was killed and only 14 were injured.

I expect we will get out of here in a short time. This is a rich country it there was any one to work it. It is terribly warm, and the thermometer runs as high as 130. You would travel a whole day and not see a house. Santiago is the dirtiest place I ever saw. We are encamped about half a mile outside of the city. It is a beautiful country, but it is not taken care of. The Cubans are a dirty, lazy class, and the Spaniards are gentlemen compared with them. They use us first rate. The Cubans rob every opportunity they get.

Very truly yours,
CORPORAL J. HAGGERTY,
Company B, Ninth Regiment.

Representative Hugh W. Bresnahan of Ward 13 has received several interesting letters from South Boston boys at the front. He has the following letter from Chief Musician James E. Sullivan of the Ninth Massachusetts:

In the hills of Santiago, just out of the Trenches, July 26.—Friend Hugh,—I received your letter today in camp. It was forwarded to Santiago. I do not think we will be here long enough for you to write another letter to me. You know more about everything down here than we do.

All of the boys have been sick with mountain fever, but they are all well now. We have seen some warm times down here, but I have had great luck.

We landed in Siboney July 1, at 6 in the evening, and were marched right to the front. We were obliged to abandon all our shelter tents and everything that had any weight in it, and consequently were obliged to go two and a half days without anything to eat, and were obliged to lay in the trenches under the rain in mud a foot deep. We could not light any fires to cook our food, and were obliged to eat our bacon raw. We are just commencing to get our food properly, and the boys are coming around all right. I have had good health, and I think I will continue to have good health.

I will write again when I get out of this horrible country. The inhabitants are nothing but scavengers, and very few of the Cubans are any good. When the battle was on and the shells flying right and left, they sought refuge in and under the freight cars, and refused to come out and fight. It was they that led the Rough Riders into ambush.

On our night march we were stopped by mule trains on a road that was only wide enough for one. Fifteen six-mule teams filled with wounded were coming from the front. The other train was an ammunition train. The trains could not pass each other, and it delayed us about three hours. It probably saved a good many of the Ninth Regiment. We were in a night attack where 700 Spaniards were killed. I don't think we will be kept in the service over six months, and when I get back we will raise the roof off one house in Dorchester.

Mrs Garity of Roxbury has received a letter from her son, Private George M. Garity of Company G, Seventh United States Infantry. In the letter he says:

"I am all right now, but was laid up a few days after that battle we had on the 1st of July. I suppose you have read all about it by this time.

"It was a terrible fight. After marching all night with wet clothes and nothing to eat but 'hardtack,' we arrived at El Caney at 8 o'clock in the morning, all played out. We were expecting nothing when suddenly we were fired upon from all sides of us in the forests, and men were dropping all around us.

"We were then ordered into line of battle, and never stopped firing until 5 o'clock that night, when the Spaniards left their blockhouses and retreated down to Santiago. We lost seven killed and 14 wounded in our company. I came out without a scratch.

"The Cubans are dying all around us. I saw a woman and child dying on the road near where we were encamped. They live on mangoes and berries that grow wild around here, and come into our camp with mangoes to exchange them forhardtack, but we haven't got enough for ourselves. They have got enough food, but it is at the landing place, 20 miles from here. The roads are rough, and the mules are all sick, and we have to send down squads to bring up the food.

"Santiago has surrendered. We were ordered into our trenches on the 12th, the day they were to surrender or fight. We stood in the trenches in the rain, up to our knees in water, when a general rode up and told us Santiago had surrendered, 12,000 soldiers in the city and 8,000 on their way to reinforce them under General Pando, the butcher.

"We were all happy. We were worn out from digging trenches and doing guard duty in the rain, and not knowing what minute we would be picked off by a sharpshooter. They picked off a lot of our fellows. You could not tell where they were secreted. Another trick they played was when a doctor was fixing a wounded man one of the sharpshooters would fire at him.

"The soldiers are all getting sick. It is not yellow fever, but some other kind of a disease. You get the cramps and a dizzy feeling. We have no tobacco, or, in fact, anything. I heard one man offer \$15 for a pound of tobacco."

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, August 18.—(Special)—Showers, cooler, with variable winds.

BLANCO'S ORDERS

Release the Wires from Censorship.

TROUBLE AT SANTIAGO

More Troops Must be Sent—Congress Orders Fifteen Warships—A Frightful Storm in N. B. Wrecks Buildings and Destroys Crops.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(Special)—Manila advices say that perfect order prevails and praise the conduct of American officers and men toward all.

HAVANA, Aug. 18.—(Special)—Blanco has raised the censorship on all telegraph lines.

The insurgent leaders are notifying their troops not to approach or fire on towns.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(Special)—Congress will be asked to build fifteen more warships, including vessels of all classes.

The government will be compelled to send fresh troops to Santiago at once to assist in keeping order and maintaining American authority. Immunes will be sent.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 18.—(Special)—A regular tornado swept over a portion of Dunfries parish. The houses of Councillor Scott, Fred Elbert and John Jones were completely wrecked and their bars destroyed.

Two other houses were unroofed and several other taras destroyed. The crops were ruined.

At Stanley lightning damaged John Logan's house and killed his seven year old son.

MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE.

And W. B. M. Society Elect Their Officers.

TRURO, Aug. 18.—(Special)—At the Maritime Board of Trade meeting W. M. Jarvis of St. John was elected President and Horace Haszard of Charlottetown one of the vice presidents.

The Women's Baptist Missionary Union re-elected last year's officers, Mrs. David Price succeeding Mrs. M. C. Higgins as vice president for P. E. Island.

FRIGHTFUL R. R. ACCIDENT.

Many Klondykers Returning with Little Money

VANCOUVER, Aug. 18.—(Special)—A span of Trail River bridge in the upper portion of Vancouver Island gave way today and a train went 120 feet into the river. Six persons were killed outright, and many injured. Steamers are arriving daily with Klondykers, but few bringing any money and those have but a small stock.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.
Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.
25c. March 17/9 mos. d. & w

DR. WICKSTEED DEAD.

Was First Law Clerk of Canadian Parliament, Aged 98.

OTTAWA, August 18.—(Special)—Gustavus Wicksteed, Q.C., D.C.L., aged 98, formerly law clerk, first of the old Canada parliament then of the Dominion parliament, died today.

UNKNOWN SUICIDE

Leaps into Falls of St. John from the Cantilever Bridge.

ST. JOHN, Aug. 18.—(Special)—An unknown man, supposed to be a stranger tourist, jumped from the Cantilever Bridge today and was drowned. The body was not recovered.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, August 18.—(Special)—The following are the closing rates:

Aug. wheat, 69½; corn, 31¼; oats, 20½; pork, 8.95.
Sept. wheat, 66½; corn, 31¼; oats, 20½; pork, 8.97.
Dec. wheat, 63½; corn, 31¼; oats, 20½; pork, 9.00.
May wheat, 65½; corn, 33½; oats, 22½.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN MAILS

The mails close at the Charlottetown Post Office as follows (Local Time).

For points west (with connections) to Summerside and Tignish on line of railway, 8.15 a.m. and also at 3.40 p.m. with p.m. connections to North Tryon, Tryon, Crapaud, Victoria, Carleton, North Carleton and Searletown.

For points east (with connections) to Souris and Georgetown on line of railway, 6.45 a.m.

For Souris and Georgetown only, 2.30 p.m.

For Courier route to Southport and all points thence to Belfast, 6.15 a.m.

For Courier route to North River and all points thence to Victoria, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 6.15 a.m.

For United States, New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec and the Northwest, 8.15 a.m.

For Nova Scotia, 6.30 a.m.

For Great Britain, Tuesday, 10 p.m.

Letters are collected from street letter boxes of 6 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Dead in the Lockup.

ST. STEPHEN, Aug. 16.—A young man named Bertram Harmon was locked up in Calaris last night for drunkenness and was found dead this morning. Death is believed to have been caused by drinking wood alcohol.

"Flower Show"

SWEET PEA COMPETITION.

We will have a Sweet Pea Show at our Store, Sunnyside

AUGUST 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1898
And will give the following Prizes for Sweet Peas grown from SEED PURCHASED FROM US this season.

FIRST COMPETITION

Best Bouquet (all blue shades or all red shades) \$1.00
Second Best Bouquet (all blue shades or all red shades) .75
Third Best Bouquet (all blue shades of all red shades) .50

SECOND COMPETITION

Best Collection \$1.00
Second Best Collection .75
Third Best Collection .50

The conditions are that the competitor shall bring with the exhibit the envelope the seeds were in when purchased, and that no green or anything else be used except what is furnished by the Sweet Peas.

HASZARD & MOORE

Sunnyside Seedsmen.
Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Sweet Peas must be placed on our counters in competition not later than ten o'clock a.m. on the 23rd.

Economical Warm Weather Comfort.

Thirst and heat cause bad temper and ill-health these warm days. The more one drinks the thirstier one gets. A teaspoonful of

Abbey's Effervescent Salt

taken in a tumbler of water is unequalled for quenching the thirst, cooling the blood, and invigorating the system. It far surpasses any mineral or aerated water, being more healthful, and having the advantage of being cheaper in price.

Abbey's Effervescent Salt is recommended by physicians and medical journals, and is sold by all druggists at 60 cents a large bottle. Trial size 25 cents.

If You Want a Picture Framed

For a present or for yourself come and we will do it cheap. We have on hand a large stock of Picture Moulding to choose from. Just arrived by S.S. Coila 1500 feet of Picture Moulding of all the latest designs. Call in and see samples.

F. J. HORNSBY,
Books and Stationery,
Victoria Row,
Opposite Post Office.

You May Be

as careful as possible but a careless neighbor may put all your plans to naught.

Through a careless neighbor you may be ruined by fire. My Co's Insurance protects you against the carelessness of your neighbor. They are good stock Co's and never contest a claim.

E. R. BROW

INSURANCE AGENT,
Charlottetown

At Sunnyside Dental Parlors

Teeth are extracted painlessly and all kinds of work including CROWN, BRIDGE and LATE work, are done satisfactorily.

DR. J. H. AYERS

Shoes for Fussy Men.

We have just received from the Lynn Shoe Co a line of Men's Boots made of Box Calf, medium heavy sole, extra wide Ball medium toe, a good fitter and a guaranteed to wear well.

GOFF BROS.