

LETTERS OF CLYDE T. HOCKETT FROM THE PHILLIPINES DURING THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

C.T Hockett is Andrew and Bryce's Great Grandfather who was Dr. Hockett in Wallowa County and bought the farm land in the Valley.

Diary of Service U.S.

April 27, 1898 passed physical exam. At Ashland Turs banguet Drilled Friday started to Portland big time. presentation of flag. 20th reached Portland marched to Irvington Park went into camp. May 1st on guard duty 7th passed Physical exam. at Portland 10th mustered into U.S. vol. Service 12th left Portland for Presideo 13th passed through Ashland (lots to eat) 14th reached S.F. marched to Presideo and went into Camp 18th second & third battalion reached S.F. went to meet them. 24th broke camp marched to the City and went on board Str. Australia steamed into the bay and anchored 25th left for Manila Sea sick didn't eat any thing until Sat noon in Hospital good breakfast Sun. June 1st reached Honolulu big reception 2nd went on shore in forenoon had a square meal and a good time 3rd. all went a shore and had a big dinner every thing to eat. Was driven around in buggy by Mr. Cassidy visited museum wento the top of hill visited cemetery, had a fine time. 45h started from Houoululu to Manila 5th recd. Orders from Charleston to take two gunboats at Ladrone Islands bombard forts land forces and take possession of Island. (Jumped from June 9 to 11 crossed 180 meridian) June 17 Charleston had some target practice 18th Captain Glass of Charleston came on board Australia and together with Gen. Anderson Captain of Sydney, Peking and Australia had a discussion and laid plans to take ladrone Islands every thing very exciting had church on deck. Came from Charleston and got third officer of Australia to Pilot Charleston into harbor at the Ladrones June 20 Was in sight of land when we woke up we steamed in close to land Charleston went ahead and cruised around slowly finally they sighted the harbor and steamed up past it and the transports stoped out side the Charleston finally started in cruised along close to the land until in about three miles or more from shore then opened fire on the fort fired eleven shots two to stop a Japanese boat every shot took effect. Then some officers and citizens came in row boat to Charleston it was reported that every thing was surrendered but later found that Gov. Gen. lived several miles away and would have to see him when they saw him they sent word back that he would not surrender different reports as to the no of soldiers on the Islands. Peking and Australia steamed into harbor and anchored June 21 issued ammuniton to Co's A & D. who were going ashore as an advanced guard to capture the Islands about thirty marines and two Co's of Or. Vol. fist land was taken near the shore and anchored started with the rest and met the Gov. Gen coming to the Charleston to surrender. In a few, minutes the following message was signaled to Gen. Anderson. Complete surrender Gen. and staff on board as prisoners will receive (?) soldiers arms and ammuniton on board this afternoon. They then went to the forts and Captain Glass raised old Glory on the fort then went up cheer after cheer from the ships and the bands played national air but just as the flag went up the Charleston began firing the presidential salute which was 21 shots. Almost all officers went on shore and brought back tropical fruits of all kinds. The natives seemed very much pleased and said they were not spaniards any longer but they were Americans. June

22 We left Guam Island Ladrones at about 4 o'clock with about 64 prisoners 100 mauser rifles 7500 rounds of amunition the city of Sydney June 23 was on cook detail. June 26 went to Church & had plum duff for supper June 28 Came in sight of land at northern part of Philippine Islands in the morning and came in sight of U.S. Cruiser Baltimore in the evening and pased through in to the China Sea June 29 very rough sea June 30 Entered Manila bay and joined Deweys fleet July 1st Landed at Cavite forts went into our quarter at Cavite

HOTEL JOSEPHINE
J. M. BOOTH Proprietor.
Grant's Pass, Oregon, May 11 1898

My Dar Boy Clyde

I was glad when I came here to find your very dear letter here. It is a treasure I shall keep. Grand Pa said it was a fine letter. It was with mingled feelings of pride and sorrow I learned of your acceptance as a soldier. I was sorry my boy had to go to the first to face danger both of climate and of foe but I felt a pride that my boy was not send home because of disapation and sent home with a diseased heart. Do not use tobacco, do not drink, put your trust in God and I hope and pray that Ere long you may have started to home and loved ones who will be ready to give you welcome Take good car of you health I do not think if you are sent to the Philipines that they will be so unhealthy as Cuba. If you have a chance your best to learn the spanish language it might be of great benefit to you some day. I heard a lawyer say this winter that if he knew the Spanish language he could make all the money he wished. I hope the war will soon be over and then I wish the government would bring you back by way of Hong Kong so you could see lots of the world should you ever come back bring us something from there that will interest us see all you can so you can tell us all about the country. Now good bye , my dear boy. Put your trust in God every day and night (?) God bless and keep my darling boy.

Your Aff. Father
J. M. Hockett

HOTEL JOSEPHINE
J. O. BOOTH, Proprietor
Grant's Pass, Oregon May 12th 1898

Dear Clyde

I have just that your train is ahead and that you cannot stop long. I am sorry I wish I had some money to give you but I have not. If you go to the Islands you will no doubt be out on water about 20 to 25 day L. you'll likely be sea sick and home sick but keep up heard (?) Take good care of your health and think of what you will have to tell when you come home. I do hope you may get back in time for school next year but that is hardly likely. I have an idea it will take about a one year to settle up every thing. Write to us often from Frisco, so that we may know how you get along we would also be glad

if you would drop the Tevon (?) folk a letter once in a while. If you go to the Islands I suppose there will be a dispatch boat once in a while. Write us long letters: we will try to write to you. Every thing looked blue to me in Douglas but I think it was because you were gone: You will get to see lots of the world with out paying traveling expenses. Be brave and all the time look on the bright side of things and look to the time when you will be home:

Now Clyde wherever you are every step put your trust in God who will keep you: you may have a Catholic for Chaplain but have been raised a Christian while you can treat them well you know the "Way" you know how to pray and who to pray to. Every step commit thy ways unto the Lord and He will keep Thee.

Aff. Your Father J. M.. Hockett

P.S. When you get to Frisco let us hear often and when if at all you will start to the Islands.

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3 go to the Philipines Island but I don't know just how soon we may go one day this week and we may go in a month from now but I don't think it will be very long before we will start. I went to town yesterday in the afternoon and went up to the top of the tower of the Chronicle building and looked out over the City it was the first time I ever rode in an elevator. San Francisco is a very large place it is a great deal larger than Portland. There are lots of fortifications here around the golden gate. Fred Carter and Warren Williams are

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here yesterday visiting us. Most of the boys went to town today but I thought I would not go. Well I guess I had better close for this time. I may be in the Philipines when I write next time and I may not. Please write just as soon as often as you can and not only one but all of you must write to me and tell me all the news. I would write to Claude if I knew where to write. Tell him to write to me tell him I was very sorry I did not get to see him when I was so close to him and did not get to see him. Well good bye write soon give my love to Pa and Claude and all the rest of the folks at home, as ever your aff.
Clyde T Hockett

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I get over being sea sick. We will stop at Honolulu and maybe I can write from there. I wish I could write a letter to all of the folks but I just havent the time. But I guess some of you can write to them for me just as well and when you hear from me you can let them know how I am getting along if they want to know. I will try to write to Papa and Claude if I have time. I guess I will direct Claudes to Grants Pass and Papas to Merlin. You can all claim this one. Tell Guy and all the rest to write to me and also all the rest of the people especially our folks.

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because I am always glad to hear from any of you. I may not get to write to you much more on American soil or for along time any way but I suppose I can write occasionally after we leave. Of course it is hard to tell yet whether we will leave Monday or not so if you write as soon as you get this letter maybe I will get the answer before we leave here. I doubt whether we leave Monday or not although some think sure we will go. You must not wait for me to write but you must write anyway. Well I cant think of anything to write so I will close hoping to hear from you soon with love to all I am as ever yours aff. Clyde T H.

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the natives are seemingly very intelligent and real bright they are very lively quick and seem to be very hard workers they look a great deal like the Indians at home there are a great many Chinese here and also a great many Americans. I will send a few leaves which I pulled off of a tree while I was walking around. I thought they would be the easiest things to send in a letter for souvineers please keep them for me you folks can have all but one. One of the boys saw a subscription paper which was being passed around to raise money for the reception and the first seven farms (?) subscribed \$500 apiece

6 and about one third of a sheet of fools cap paper amounted to \$5,800 in money. I think the people are about the most patriotic people I ever saw. Every thing is green and fresh. I had a square meal for dinner it was the first since I left home and it was a fine meal roast veal stuffed turkey and lots of good thing. I have made my money do me so far but I am just within a few cents of the end of my purse now. We haven't received a cent from the government yet don't you think I have done pretty well. I guess I had about between two and three dollars when I left home a great many of the men wear white suits and nearly all wear low white shoes or moccasins or go barefooted it looks funny

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to see so many grown men going around barefooted. The mail steamer will be in from S. F. tomorrow or Saturday and then we will get our mail from home. I understand it will start back the eighth. The United States flag is flying every place almost every house in town has the stars and stripes on it. I heard one young fellow a nicely dressed young native say he wished he was an American the most of them speak the American language real well. The Charleston, Bennington and Monterey will be our protection the rest of the way. We will have quite a fleet from here on

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some of the boats are fine boats. The Peking is the flag ship but I like the Australia better than any of them. We heard just before we left that there had been another call for about 50 or 75 thousand volunteers. I think they will be used for coast defense and will probably never fire a gun, we havn't heard a word of news since we left the City so we don't know a thing about how the war is progressing. Half of us got to go on shore and the other half this afternoon. I understand we will march up to where our reception is to be tomorrow by Companies. The entertainment will last the most of the day and then I think we will be turned loose by squads and then we

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can take in the city again until about seven or eight O'clock at night. One fellow was court martialled and will be sent back to the military prison on the Island at S.F. for one year for trying to get away with another mans gun. Lots of the boys are court martialled and have to do two or three days fatigue duty for little thing that don't amount to much. I have not been court martialled yet and don't intend to as long as I can help it. They have threatened to Court martial some of them severely for complaining and kicking about

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the grub but none of them have been yet and I don't hardly think they will be. They have guard over the provisions on the boat and one day coming over a lot of the boys got together and went up on the deck where there was a lot of raw cabbage and they just made the guard stand off and they went in on the cabbage and ate it like cattle would. But they did not do any thing with them for they could not blame them. There are still two or three cases of the measles with us. We are to see a big baseball game tomorrow a band concert and several other big things and we are to have a bath in some bathing place. I don't know what it will be like but they have prepared about

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three thousand red white and blue bathing(?) suits for us. We have a large bathing tub which is placed on deck and there is a constant stream running in and out of it out of the ocean when we are traveling and it has three or four fellows in it most of the time. I think I will wait and finish this after the feast, I guess this letter do for all of you and I will not have time to write more that this unless we wait there for the other transports of course if we do that we would probably be here a couple of weeks or more

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but I guess we will undoubtedly leave here Saturday but we will not know until ***
***** ***** *** ** about finished the days sport. I will just tell you that words cannot express what I have seen and what I have had today the most beautiful sight I ever saw in my life. A gentleman took three of we boys in a nice covered buggy all over the place we have been riding all day and had every thing to eat you could possibly think of and haven't payed out a cent words cannot express what a good time I have had. I can talk a month

END OF SHORT LETTERS

Cavite Arsenal Philippine Islands

August 6, 1898

Dear ones at home:

I recieved a letter from Papa and Claude and also one from Mamma last Monday they came with the third expedition, it makes the second time we have received mail since leaving America. The monitor Monterey arrived here Wednesday morning.

There were several deaths on the transports of the third expedition on their journey across the Ocean. I think the first expedition were the most fortunate of any. They only had one death coming across and that was a young man from Woodburn Oregon he was on the Sydney. The Oregon Regiment has had one death since landing. The Pennsylvania and California and Colorado boys had a pretty hard fight last Sunday night and have had several skirmishes according to the English Admiral there were 315 Spaniard killed and 1000 wounded the American losses far has been twelve died or killed and 44 wounded One Captain of the California boys died from a wound. The Oregon boys have not had any fighting to do yet and we may not get a chance to fight the Spaniard but we are all very anxious to get a chance at them. There is some talk that we will have trouble with the natives and I would not be surprised if we do have to lick them before we leave here, we hate them worse every day. They can't shoot a gun a little bit but they all have large knives they call Matchits and they use them very handy but I don't think we will let them get close to us to use them. They are all very small people and it seems like every thing that belongs to one belongs to the rest if you want to buy any thing of one of them and he hasn't got it they will just go to some one elses stand and pick it up and bring it and sell it to you and go off about their business with out saying a word and the same way if they don't have the change for money they go and get it of some one else and give it to you and never other fellow any thing in return for his change. We never see such a thing as a glass window here the windows are just holes in the wall with cross bars in them and shutters made of something like Izing glass. There are two old Catholic churches here one built in 1643 and the other in 1647 there are lots of old dungeons here stone wall etc. We were told that we would be payed today for two months the months of May and June but for some reason it is put off again for another week. I don't know why some say it is on account of some of the fellows going up town and getting drunk and making trouble with the natives others say the paymaster is sick but I don't think any of them know any thing about it. But I know I would like for them to pay us off. They say we will have another payday the first of September for the months of July and August. We expect the fourth expedition in a few days. I will expect more mail on it. The Steamer Colon will leave here tomorrow and we will send mail on it.

After the fall of Manila we expect to go over there and it will seem more like living in a civilized country. There are no large horses here they are all about the size of a yearling calf in America. The natives nearly all keep little Shops they keep fruits cigars, cigarettes, Gin etc. When we get payed we can change one dollar of American money for two and a quarter of Spanish or Mexican money for what we want to spend. I am well as usual and I hope you are all the same you must let me know how you are all getting along. I am getting along first rate so far. I will keep a bill of fare of what I have to eat for about ten days some of these days and send to you so you can see what we have to eat. We fare pretty well part of the time and part of the time we don't. Well I must Close with love to all

Your aff and loving son Clyde T. Hockett
Address. (Cavite, Philippine Islands, Station 1)

Cavite Arsenal Phillipine I. August 10, 1898

Dear Mother:

I received your letter of the _____ which came by Hong Kong with one from Cluade, Waife and Bessie in it also. I guess there is no need of saying that I was more than pleased to hear from you. Well yesterday and today has been two days of anxious waiting and listening and looking for a movement on Manila. The ships are all cleared for the bombardment and the land forces are also ready. The foreign population were given notice to be out of Manila and ready for the bombardment yesterday at 10 A.M. and at that time all were out the foreign fleet had moved out and the bay was all cleared and ready. We heard that they had asked until tomorrow morning to get women and children out of the City and had been granted the time by Admiral Dewey. We also heard that Manila surrendered this morning at 8:30 O'clock and we don't know it may be that they have agreed to surrender and that the authorities know all about it or it maybe that the city will be taken tomorrow or at any time but I suppose you will hear all about it before this reaches you. Well we were payed off last Monday it was a long time coming but it came at last and we are alright now. I will send dome home but I want to keep enough so that I will not be caught in such a pinch again. You can use \$5.15 to pay for the things I got of Vaufel, Norris & Drake when I left that was the bill also Cluade \$5.00 he let me have when I left and you can use the rest to suit your self. We have moved our quarters today the ones we now have are much better than the ones we did have and we have a good deal more room now. A young man by the name of Holbrook of Co' C of Eugene died this morning. I don't know just what was the matter with him I think some kind of stomach trouble. I was talking with some English men that came from Manila yesterday to stay until after the bombardment and they said that the Spanish never told them about being defeated at any time during the war they always say every thing is a victory for them and never tell how many Spanish are killed etc.

They said they had not seen any beef since the war broke out and they only have a little flour it is put up in 50lb. sacks and came from California and they can't get it for less than \$15 pr sack. I received the Normal Souvinere all O.K. and was very glad indeed to get it. Co' B are all well as usual. I will not close this until after the bombardment if they bombard tomorrow. Well I must close for tonight as it is about time for taps to sound and all lights have to be blown out then and we are not allowed to even speak a word after taps which are blown at 9 O'clock. I haven't ever got in the guard house yet or even had a right good scolding yet. If we miss roll call at night or morning or drill or any other regular formation of the Company or don't show up on time for any detail we are put on we are thrown in for it, one boy out of our company was arrested and put in the guard house today for going to sleep on his post while on guard last night but I don't

think they will do much with him under the circumstances his name is Henry Wagner. Now what ever you do don't tell any one. If he or any of the other boy's should find out I ever told any thing of that kind it would make lots of enemys for me and as it is I don't think I have and enemy in the company. Well good night pleasant dreams your loving son 'Clyde'.

August 12 Well mother manila is ours and the star and stripes are floating over the city and forts. Nothing was done until today. The Oregon boys went on a boat bright and early this morning. The fighting ships all began to move at about half past nine A.M. they went up a long the shore and the Olympia Raleigh and Concord fired on the Spanish entrenchments and also fired a shot into one of their big magazines and we heard that the explosion of the magazine killed about two thousand Spanish but I suppose it was exaggerated. The Monterey and Olympia then ran up close in front of the city and main forts and they pulled down their flag and ran up a white flag and surrendered and the Oregon boys landed and marched right in the city with out firing a shot but the other troops which were coming in from behind had quite a battle when they came to the Spanish line. I am feeling pretty blue just about now because I didn't get to go with the rest of the boys this morning. I had a boil on my arm and was on the sick report and marked for no duty and so the Captain could not take me although I tryed to get him to and tryed to get the Dr. to return me to duty but he would not and so I had to stay there were five of us out of the Company that had to stay. We are batching now but I think I will go over tomorrow but we may come back here in a day or two it is hard to tell. I don't know yet when the mail will leave here but I think before long and if I go to Manila tomorrow I may not have a chance to send mail very soon. It rains terrible hard here by showers almost every day. You must be sure and write soon and tell the rest of the folks to write also.

I am as ever your loving son

Clyde

good bye

Manila P. I. September 8, 1898

Dear Sister,

I think I have written to the rest of the folks since I wrote to you so I will write a few lines to you or at least I will try to. I have been having a little dose of Malaria for the last few days but I am about alright now only am a little weak and nervous from taking so many quinine a fellow by the name of Stormer from Roseburg is going to start home tomorrow on the Hospital ship Rio Janerio he is the only one going from our Company but there is three or four hundred sick and wounded altogether going to start tomorrow we have been hearing all kinds of rumors about going home but of course that is as far as it goes. I suppose school will start up at the normal about this time, I would love to be there to start in at the beginning of the school but I will make up for loss time when I do

get back. Well it is now September 12th you see I did not finish my letter the other day. I am better now and have been returned to duty. I got a letter from Mamma day before yesterday it was written July 27th it also contained a little note from Harald. I wish you girls and the boys would all stick in a little note when Mamma writes it always does me good to even get just a word from any of you let me know how you are and tell me all the news you know. I don't know any news to write only that we came pretty near having a little fun with the Insurgents yesterday. I wouldn't care much if we did they would last pretty quick with us they would find that they were not fighting Spaniards, they cant fight a little bit they just stick their guns up in the air and shoot they are a very small race of people I have seen Insurgent soldiers carrying a gun that was not a bit larger than Waife. They haven't very many guns and those who have not got guns carry large knives they call matchets they are very handy with them but they could never get close enough to us to use them on us. I think I could whip * about a dozen of them in a rough and tumble scrap. I don't know just what the trouble was about but a lot of the soldiers were sent out to the intrenchments we were ordered to fill our belts with cartridges and hold our selves in readiness but I think they made some kind of a treaty with them at least it is all off now I suppose you have been having a fine time this summer at Aunt Ida's I understand the Newport leaves here tomorrow and is to reach the U.S. in fifteen days so if I get this letter off on that alright you will get it before the last of the month. You must give my regards to all of my friends we had Church this A. M. our Chaplain is one of the finest little men you ever saw a good many of the Regiments have Catholic priests for Chaplains I am so glad we have not got one for our Chaplain there are so many of them here in Manila they all wear a long black cloak which drags the ground and on old black hat they look so ridiculous that I cant keep from laughing at them some times. We get the natives to do most of our washing for us they wash for ten cents a piece Spanish money five cents for socks hdkfs. etc. We have been in Manila just about a month now we took it with out much trouble but they could have just slaughtered us if they had of tried they out numbered us about 20 to 1 where we landed one of the Spanish officers said they could not shoot such brave men some of the Spaniards sayed they had been told that we were little black men about the size of the Phillipinos and they were so astonished when the Oregon boys marched in the city that they could not have fired a volley if they had wanted to they were so astonished to see what fine looking men the United States had but if they had wanted to they could have wiped us clear out of existence with the fortifications they had. Well I must close for this time give my love to all the folks and tell all of them to write to me if you see any of my friends tell them to write to. Well goodbye with love to all

I am as ever your Aff. Bro.

Clyde

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Manila P. I.

P.S. There were seventeen thousand Spanish soldiers surrendered to us.

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Manila P. I.

Dec. 28 '98

Mrs. J. M. Hockett
Grants Pass, Oregon

My dear Mrs. Hockett,

Your letter of Nov 7th came a few days ago. Mail returns tomorrow and I am anxious to send a line or two to you for I know you have been anxious for word from Manila: Your son is well again and is back to quarters. I'm very glad that I am able to give you such good news. He had quite a long and severe sickness but has recovered from it nicely and looks quite well. He and I became quite good friends during his sickness in hospital: I visited him every few days and did what I could to help him to be cheerful and hopeful: He is a good boy and has proven himself a good soldier. I saw him today and he seemed cheerful as usual and when I said we'd be glad to return home again He replied "Well, I guess there is no mistake in that." I'll do what I can to help him. He no doubt has written you frequently of his sickness and now of his improved condition: A mother's letters are always good medicine and you perhaps know how anxiously we wait for mail: I know you will write often to your boy.

With kindest regards.

Very truly.

Wm. Gilbert

Chaplain 2nd. Oregon

Manila P. I.

December 29 1898

Dear Papa and Mama:

I wrote you a few lines yesterday but I will try and write a few more today as this is between Christmas and new Year and I have nothing to do. I will try and write a letter accordingly. I received the box just at the right time. I got it at noon the day before Christmas, and I tell you it was just strictly all right it came in fine shape and not a thing was spoiled except the Sausage and part of the apples. I had a very nice Christmas dinner. The menu for the Company was boiled chicken with Soup and dumplings, mashed potatoes, stewed squash, green peas (canned), Pie, Cake, Beans and Schillings best tea which was quite a treat to us after using the kind of tea and coffee we have been use to

having. And then besides that nearly every boy in the Company had a box of provisions of his own, but I don't think any one had a nicer box than I did. I am sure you used very good judgement in selecting things to send for for the things were just what I needed most and every bite of it that I have eaten is with remembrance of the dear ones at home who were so kind and thoughtful as to send me the things. Tell Uncle Victor I appreciated his kindness in helping to send me the box very much and also Aunt Vie and others who helped and I will always remember them for so doing and maybe sometime I will have an opportunity to do something for them. Tell Aunt Bird those magazines were just fine. I was very glad to get them for we don't have very much reading matter here. That bottle of mustard was just what I needed we have so much boiled meat and I can hardly eat it with out mustard or something of the kind on it. Those buttons were just what I needed. I used about half of them the same day I got them. Tell Claude those beans were all O. K. we have lots of beans but not like t hem. We have a little Spaniard working in our kitchen he was formerly a spanish soldier but has been discharged form the service and says he is going home with us when we go. A lot of the soldiers were sent to Iloillo a few day ago also two or three of the war vessels the Insurgents have been trying to take the town and the Spaniards who have been fighting to save the town and people have about given up and say they cant hold out any longer the American soldiers may have some fighting to do when they get there, It is about four hundred miles from here. A good many of the Spanish soldiers here have been sent home and I guess more will go soon. I am still doing light duty. There is but very little sickness in our company now some of the boys have the mumps but they seem to be running our now. I am glad I had already had the measles and mumps before I came or I would have been sure to have had them.

The Oregon Regiment base ball team played a fine game of base ball with the Minnesota team on Christmas day which resulted in a victory for the webbfooters the score standing nine to four in favor of Oregon. A prize of a silver cup has been offered to the winning team in the eighth army corps or the best team on the Island the dicisive game is to be played next Monday between the Oregon and Pennsylvania teams all other teams having been defeated by both teams. The Oregon and Pennsylvania teams came together once before on account of rain the game had to stop and was called a draw although the latter team was a head when they quit but it is hard to tell which team will win. The Pennsylvania regiment has a fine team but the Oregon boys will make them play ball to beat them. Last Sunday morning the Catholics held high mass at one of their fine Churches for the benefit of the American soldiers it looks very ridiculous to see them go through the performances. Christmas morning at revile roll call Capt. May made us a little speech and said he would have the Sargent issue and extra amount of boiled water which he wished us to drink to the toast "our wives our sweet hearts our country and our flag" of course we all drank but all didn't didn't drink boiled water. The recruits received \$15.60 in payment for one months service on Christmas morning. They had three months pay coming to them and now they have two the same as the rest of us we will have to pay day between now and the tenth of January.

I expect to send a few relics home soon please let me know if they get there all right. I would have had more if it had not have been for me taking sick. We have been hearing more rumors about going home. The Captains Majors, Lieut. Col. And Colonel held a meeting the other day for the purpose of voting whether to send a cable gram to

Washington to get them to relieve the Regiments in the same order as they came which would mean that the Oregon and California regiments would be home first the vote stood in favor of sending the cablegram but some of the officers bucked against it. The Colonel said he wanted to go home on account of the men and some of the officers told him he ought to look at what a good thing he was making out of it and he told them he didn't care if he did make a good thing out of it there were lots of boys in the regiment whose future depended on their getting home soon as possible and lots of nice boys would be ruined for life if compelled to stay the full two years and he thought it was his duty to take the men under his command home soon as possible. Capt. May voted in favor of sending it and I guess they sent it. We expect mail again next Saturday. We will probably get our Kaikee suits tomorrow we get them and a campaign hat one pr. of leggings and a pr. of shoes free gratis or as prize for taking Manila. The suits alone will cost the recruits \$4.00 a suit. Well I will have to close for this time wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I am as ever your loving son.

Give my love to all write often. Clyd

Grants Pass Oregon
Feb. 21 1899

Mr. Clyde T. Hockett
Manilla P. I.

Dearest Clyde: -

I thought I would write you a few lines as all the rest of the folks have gone to bed but Bessie and I. She said that she was writing to you so I thought I would write too, as I couldn't get my problems. I got a letter from Blanche Loqau the other day- We have a vacation tomorrow as it is Washington's Birthday. Mary and Gressie Darker were just here they come over every once in a while to work problems.

How are you anyway Clyde! Uncle John is still in the hotel and "running behind" as usually-

Are the Oregon boys fighting yet? Say I was up to Grandma's the other day and she said that the day you went thought to Portland that Aunt Toua didn't get to see you but that She just ran up and down the platform and yelled Clyde Hockett at the top of her voice and had the soldiers "yelling for you but there was such a noise She could not find you" But the next time she found you all right.

I suppose that you know by this time that Claude is in San Francisco at Heald Business College. I will be fourteen next June the 22 and every body says I'm getting as tall as I don't know what a pole I guess. I hope I am growing some-

I am in the eighth grade here and the eighth grade gave a social the other night. Merle spoke a piece and I sang a Duet with Mary Parker you know Mary sings alto. I wish you could have been here.

We had a real nice time- Mamma tells us to come to bed as it is about ten o'clock so good night dear Brother.

As ever your loving

Sister Waif

Grants Pass

Oregon

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March 21, 1899

Dear Brother:

I received your letter yesterday which was dated Feb. 11th, I also received one from you which was written before you left home. Well I have been having a pretty hot old time in the last two weeks. Last Saturday the Insurgents got some of the 22nd boys in a sort of a trap and didn't do a thing to them. But Sunday morning the flying brigade consisting of the 22nd Infantry six companies of the 2nd Oreg. including B Co. and two Battalions of the 1st Washingtons started out after them at day break we traveled over about five or six miles of the roughest and brushiest country you ever saw before we found them but we finally came up on a ridge and they began shooting at us from a hill across a rice field about fifteen hundred yards from us. We gave them a few volleys from where we were and then went on down into the rice field and turned loose on them. We then began a charge and charged up on a little hill in the middle of the field and poured lead into them at a distance of about three hundred yards. Then we made a charge clear across the field stopping to shoot two or three volleys about every fifty yards we soon had them on the run and we gave them a merry old chase for about five or six miles further. The Oregon boys were the only ones that did any fighting to amount to any thing. B. & D Companies being in the hottest place of all. One man in D. Co. was shot through the leg right by me and another fellow was shot in the head and killed just a few steps from me but B. Co. didn't loose a man. I tell you the bullits came thick and fast for a while. The regulars couldn't keep in sight of the webbfooters and the General complimented us three times during the day. We came back too town yesterday and are now camped on the Luneta. We are going to rest up two or three days and then we are going to go and take malabon and Mololaz the Isurgent Capitol which will probably be the biggest scrap of all and after we do that I don't think it will be long until we will be sent home. Young Black and I don't have any thing to do with each other he always keeps clear away from me. He got to be color guard and that way keeps out of all scraps. The boys don't seem to any of them like him. I suppose you have a pretty warm old time in Frisco. I wish I could be at home and go to school with you well I must close for this time write soon. I read, a letter from Dick Hanan yesterday Also one from my Dainty every thing is lovely. As ever your aff. bro, Clyde

March 27, 1899

Dear Father,

I only have a very few minutes but will send you a few lines to let you know allright. I was in a hot old fight day before yesterday and another a little hotter but not so long a one yesterday. We are fighting and driving them into Mololos where we expect to surround them we are about ten miles form there now. I think we had one man killed and one wounded in B Company. We were very lucky. But there were about seven killed and about forty wounded in the regiment and three more wounded yesterday. We ran them out of intrenchments that never could have been taken from civilized soldiers. I don't believe. My gun got so hot yesterday that I couldnt touch it. Well good by until next time as ever. Clyde

P.S. Yesterday there was a german looking for relics and got in front of our lines and when we started to advance the Insurgents fired on us and we and we began shooting and we found the german in front of B and M Companys line shot clear through with a Springfield ball he didn't live long. Of cours no one was to blame but him self for he didn't have any business in front of our lines.

It seems almost a miracle that there were not more men killed than there were for the bullets just poured into us like rain. Well good bye with love to all I am as ever

your aff, son Clyde

I recd. a letter from

You and mamma the other day.