

We will not burden you with a description of the scenery between Frisco and Honolulu, for it is very much the same and rather damp, but we reached Honolulu after a week's rough sea and found it a hot little seaport. We stayed there just long enough to see our "Honolulu Lady" and then left for a warmer climate. We arrived in Manila bay, October 27, passing in the dim grey light of morning the stationary Spanish fleet, which Dewey put out of commission on that memorable May morning in ninety-eight. Colonel Hare immediately reported to Major General Otis, and when questioned by him as to the strength of his regiment and what sort of men they were, replied: "I have under my command twelve hundred sharpshooters, twelve hundred gamblers and twelve hundred of the best looking soldiers in the service of the United States." Immediately after landing we departed for the firing line, however, the first few days' experience was exciting, only to the extent of a few night attacks of little importance, by the enemy, who always left for other parts after firing a few scattering volleys. (They always left one or two of their number slightly disfigured to show us what they looked like. After a week of this we embarked for the north central coast of Luzon, and after a bombardment, lasting two hours, by some of our men-of-war, we landed under heavy fire at San Fabian, and took possession of that village, which was one of the Filipinos strongholds. We were not long in getting into the thickest of the fighting after this date, and we drove them over rivers, across mountains and through the mud, killing them and capturing them until we

broke up the army and put the American flag in all their seaport cities, and we (I mean the Thirty-third), wound up by releasing Gilmore and his twenty-four men who had been held prisoners for many months.

We didn't have much of a Christmas owing to the fact that we were up in the mountains among the savages, but while we didn't eat them for Christmas dinner they didn't eat us, so some of the boys got drunk on vino and called it square. Of course there are times when we wish we were back in the states, but we never are sorry we came here, for there are many things to see and much to be gained over here.

We have been noticing in the papers the good foot ball Hal Mosely's team is playing this year, and we sure are glad to hear of his success in that line. Wish you would send us a copy of the Battalion. Mail don't come very often here, and when it does come it is welcomed.

Among our letters received we have a few from North Texas, one of which being somewhat of a "chestnut," mentions you. We are quite sure she loves you in the same old way, and hope that you will hang your clothes on her back fence for many days to come.

Give our best regards to all the old Ross Hall crowd, and write us a long letter soon, giving us all the "election" news. Owing to the short time intervening between now and reveille (we have been interrupted several times, once or twice very agreeably), we will sound recall and say no mas. Poco