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Hesperian Readers:—

You no doubt are interested in hearing from the Philippine campaign, and especially of the University boys who are here, so I will take the liberty of penning you a few lines concerning the campaign and the University boys in it.

The first Philippine expedition left for San Francisco, May 25th. Our regiment was the first to arrive at Camp Merritt, so we were part of the second expedition which left there June 12th, on the U. S. "Senator."

We stopped at Honolulu a short time and were treated even better here than at any place where we had been in the states. We sighted Wake Island July 4th which our fleet took possession of. We passed quite close to several of the Ladrone.

July 20th we arrived in Manila Bay. Dewey's famous fleet saluted us as we came up. The "Senator" was brought to anchor on the spot which had been made famous May 1, by our Asiatic Squadron. The Spanish wrecks could be plainly seen from our decks. Fort Cavite lay about two miles to our south while Manila could be faintly seen six miles or more north of us.

Three days after arriving in the Bay we were taken ashore in scows. We called the camp, where we pitched our shelter tents, Camp Dewey. It was about three miles from the Spanish firing line. During the day we could see great numbers of insurgents, while at night we could hear the firing which they and the Spaniards were doing.

Our forces began occupying the insurgents' trenches the latter part of July. The last day of July our troops in the trenches were attacked by the Spaniards and quite a battle ensued. Our regiment had just been relieved from out post duty that morning, so it happened to be in camp. August 2d the 1st Nebraskans and some of the 23rd regulars and Utah artillery occupied the trenches. About 10 p. m. the Spanish troops were seen advancing, by our pickets, and the alarm was given. For forty minutes a heavy fire was kept up by us and the enemy. Only one Nebraska boy was killed and a few slightly wounded. Our regiment was on out post several other times and each time they were under fire although they were never given another opportunity of firing in return.

Some of our boys were on out post the day before we captured Manila. Our whole regiment participated in its capture. The enemy fled so quickly from the fire of our fleet and artillery, that few of our infantrymen had an opportunity of firing a shot.

During the siege and capture of Manila our forces lost less than 100 men in killed and wounded while the enemy have probably lost 1,000 or more, from what we can learn.

Since coming into the city we have had plenty to eat and time to look over the city. I have been agreeably surprised to find University boys in several of the regiments here, and I will give as many of their names as I am able.

Name	Co.	Reg.	Rank
Baker, Milan D.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Garron, Jas. F.	D	1st Neb.	Corporal
Broadly, Bracton	B	1st Neb.	Private
Burr	—	1st Colo.	Private
Blanchard, Geo.	Hospital	1st Neb.	Private
Clapp, Hugh E.	D	1st Neb.	Corporal

Comstock, Walter M.	B	1st Neb.	Private
Corey, Chas. H.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Cook, Earnest B.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Curtin, Eugene W.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Dohrman, Henry D.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Dungan, Wm.	D	1st Neb.	Corporal
Eager, Frank D.	H	1st Neb.	Captain
Falkner Horace L.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Fingado, Henry.	K	1st Neb.	Private
Friel, Walter M.	E	1st Neb.	Private
Garringer, Albert.	B	1st Neb.	Corporal
Gilbert, Alvin W.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Glaze, Albert A.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Gretzer, John.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Gere, Frank.	G	1st Wyo.	Sergeant
Hall, Daniel C.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Hanlon, Don W.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Hisey, Albert S.	B	1st Neb.	Private
Hull, Annidel M.	H	1st Neb.	Corporal
Hunting, Walter J.	F	1st Neb.	Corporal
Hyatt, Walter R.	K	1st Neb.	Private
Hessley, Earl C.	D	1st Neb.	Sergeant
Hollingsworth.	C	1st Neb.	Captain
Hassley, Guy W.	L	1st Mont.	Sergeant
James, Richard C.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Jewett, Perry W.	B	1st Neb.	Corporal
Kellogg, Ira A.	B	1st Neb.	Private
Kennedy, S. E.	Band	1st Neb.	Private
Knapp, C. T.	D	1st Neb.	Corporal
Lampert, David.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Lien, Jonas	—	1st S. Dak.	1st Lieut
Larrabe	—	1st S. Dak.	—
McConnell, Robert B.	H	1st Neb.	Sergeant
Meier, Otto W.	H	1st Neb.	Private
Miner, Hal V.	H	1st Neb.	Corporal
Montgomery, Robert D.	H	1st Neb.	Sergeant
Oury, Wm H.	B	23rd Reg.	2d Lieut
Payne, Robert B.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Pillsbury, Ed A.	B	1st Neb.	Corporal
Price, Eugene H.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Placek, Eniel.	G	1st Neb.	Private
Pugsley, Ralph H.	K	1st Neb.	Private
Rebmann, Jeremiah.	B	1st Neb.	Private
Robbins, Chas. H.	B	1st Neb.	1st Serg
Robbins, Reese.	H	1st Neb.	Private
Robertson, Wm J.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Robertson, Chas. R.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Rochon, Clarence G.	B	1st Neb.	Private
Russell, Philip W.	D	1st Neb.	1st Lieut and adj't
Ryon, Lewis.	H	1st Neb.	Sgt. Major
Sinn, Arthur C.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Slaughter, Guy F.	I	1st Neb.	Private
Snider, Geo. W.	B	1st Neb.	Corporal
Stearns, Myron O.	B	1st Neb.	Sergeant
Steen, Rufus.	K	1st Neb.	Private
Stortz, J. A.	B	1st Neb.	2d Lieut
Smith, A. J.	B	1st Neb.	Private
Shaffer, Wm.	D	1st Neb.	Sergeant
Scott	—	6th Artillery.	2nd Lieut
Telleson, Chas. C.	E	1st Neb.	Corporal
Towl, Gerinaine E.	H	1st Neb.	Private
Tucker, John Martin	H	1st Neb.	Private
Wayner August	K	1st Neb.	Private
Wessel R. J.	F	1st Neb.	Private
Westover, John.	D	1st Neb.	Private
Weber, Ernest O.	K	1st Neb.	2nd Lieut
Whedon, Bert D.	C	1st Neb.	2nd Lieut.
White, Sherman, A.	E	1st Neb.	2nd Lieut
Wright, Clarence E.	E	1st Neb.	Private
Wood, Biereton J.	D	1st Neb.	Private

Corporal C. P. Ames and corporal George W. Bates got as far as Frisco with our regiment. The former left for home in order to take the West Point examination; the latter left to obtain recruits, but has not yet returned to his company.

The University boys are quite prominent in the Literary Society which we have organized and which meets Saturday afternoons. Many of us are learning Spanish. We are in hopes of getting home in time to attend the second semester of school. Several other boys in our regiment are expecting to attend the University when we return home.

Very truly yours,
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