

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

WOODSTOCK BOY'S GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF LIFE ON THOSE ISLANDS.

While so many of our lads are doing noble work for the Empire here is a letter from one who is working in the ranks for Uncle Sam. It is a most interesting epistle. The writer is John Driscoll and the letter is dated, Aparri, Philippine Islands, June 26th. It is written to his mother who lives in Woodstock.

APARRI, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
June 26th 1900.

DEAR MOTHER:—You spoke in your last letter about me writing a letter to you, telling about my adventures since coming to the Philippines but you know, mother, that I am a very poor scribe, never the less I will do the best I can and commence when the 16th were guarding the Manila and Dagupan Railroad it was at that time one of the hardest positions to hold on the Island but the 16th did their duty in good shape, as any soldiers should as their was not a wreck on the R. R. while we were there, but all this time the Insurgents were giving us a great deal of trouble trying to blow up bridges, pulling down telegraph poles and wires. We also lost a number of men killed in the different skirmishes that occurred almost every night there. About the 3rd of November the Insurgents were getting so strong and bold that our brave Colonel (Charles C. Hood) by name concluded that it would be good policy to drive them to the Mountains so he ordered a detachment of 25 men from each company and started out having along with him also the 3rd Artillery. We were out 17 days that time meeting on our way general Lawton and 4th U. S. Cavalry also the 35th U. S. Vol's and with that force we soon drove them over the mountains, having several hard battles also several killed and wounded. As our work was over we returned to the R. R. again for duty, foot sore and weary, some of the boys having hardly no clothes on there backs and no shoes on their feet as the marching over the mountains was very hard on them saying nothing about wading through swamps and ricefields three days. After that general Lawton got killed at San Mateo and America lost one of his best and bravest officers I will tell you here what a soldier is supposed to carry when he is on a march so that you can have an idea what it is like. In the first place he has a rifle, two belts of ammunition 50 rounds in one over his shoulders then 100 around his waist then a roll which goes over his shoulder composed of a shelter half (half canvass tent) rubber blanket (poncho) and a woolen blanket canteen haversack musket, 2 plates, cup, knife, fork and spoon, also a suit of under clothes, soap and towel and one day's rations so you see that is no easy thing to carry. On the 2nd of Dec. we were relieved off of the R. R. the 3rd U. S. Infantry taking our place. We then went to Manila and were quartered in old Spanish barracks in the wall city where we stayed until the afternoon of the 24th, Christmas eve, when the 16th went abroad three different vessels laying at anchor in the harbour the 1st Battalion A. B. C. D. going on the Uranus, 2nd on the Venus 3rd on the Argih. About six in the evening anchor was raised and in a short time we were sailing out of Manila Bay on our way up to Aparri in the northern part of the Island of Luzon. We all spent a very disagreeable Christmas, almost everyone was sea sick and the dinner which we had did not help to brighten matters for us as it consisted of corned beef, hard tack and black coffee. Along in the afternoon we stopped at a small town along the coast called Vigan, where we bought cigars, native candy and fruit from the natives. We did not see a sail or any sign of a vessel while we were on the China Sea, and on the afternoon of the 26th we dropped anchor in the mouth of the Cagayan river where we had a good view of the town of Aparri in the distance, also lying round in different positions were the cruisers Newark and gun boats Helena and Nashville ready to storm the place if they showed any resistance. The next morning the 16th went ashore and took the town without firing a shot a number of officers of the Insurgent army surrendered to our Colonel turning over their arms also the arms of their followers amounting to about 450 rifles the other two battalions then went up the Cagayan river to their different destinations, and all met with the same success at that time. E and F companies were stationed at a town called Tuguegas which is the capital of this province (Cagayan). G and H companies are stationed at a town called Ilagan which is the capital of Isabelle province, then the 3rd Batt. went farther north into the mountains, and a terribly hard time they had of it. L and K companies are at present at Buyambang which is the capital of Neura Viscaya province. That left the 16th Regiment in charge of three of the largest provinces on the island. Everything went along very smoothly for a short time when there was an out break of the Insurgents in which a number of soldiers of the 16th lost their lives the 3rd battalion having suffered the most K. company losing 17 men in one month and L. company 9, all of the other companies also lost a number of men. I have been in three very hard battles since coming up here and I expect it is not over yet. B. company had a hard battle at Lineo in which they lost two killed and five wounded including Major Ward. We have been out on several marches, meet small bands of Insurgents and had a skirmish with them, but they will not stand and fight only fire a few shots and then run away but if they can hide in trenches and ambush a few Americans then they are in the height of their glory especially if there is some bolo men (bolo, large knife) with them who hack and cut up the wounded in a terrible manner. The Insurgents were making it so hot for the 16th here about the 1st of March that Colonel Hood sent to Manila for reinforcements and in a short time the 49th U. S. Vol's Infantry (colored) arrived here and then it was not so hard on us. At the present time the large bands of Lahones, robbers, are giving us a great deal of trouble especially around Vigan where the 33rd is stationed having lost 9 men last week. A great many people in the States think that the trouble

is about over in the Philippines but the death report for the month of May shows that more men got killed by Insurgents bullets than any month since the Americans came over. There are also a great many cases of dysentery and almost all the hospitals are filled with patients and we have already buried four in our small graveyard north of the town from the same cause. We do not forget our dead comrades and on last Decoration Day we marched out to the graveyard and decorated their graves with beautiful tropical flowers that looked grand for the time being. The Cagayan river is a grand stream and is called the Mississippi of the Philippines. It has large tobacco plantations all along its banks, which after it is dried is shipped down here in Cascoes, small boats, then loaded on large vessels and sent to Manila where it is made into cigars and cigarettes, there is also a large part of it sent to Spain. The merchants in the tobacco business are most Spaniards and a few Germans. Cigars are very cheap as you can buy 2 for one cent, also 50 cigarettes for a nickel. The natives who live on the Cascoes are a hard working class sailing up and down the river all the time except at high water when they pull up at some town along its shores until it is safe to sail, there are sometimes as many as three families on one boat where they eat and sleep together their food being mostly fish and rice. Each Casco has a covering of bamboo to protect them from the sun and rain, it also has one mast and when the wind is in their favor they run up a leg of mutton sail, if not they keep close to shore and use poles, it is very slow work but they do not seem to mind it. In speaking about the town of Aparri, I will say it is a very nice place with a population of 12,000, 1,800 of whom are Chinese. It is situated on the extreme northern coast of the Island of Luzon at the mouth of the Cagayan river which is navigable by large boats about 15 miles south to the beautiful town of Loloce where C. company are stationed and where B. company expect to go in a short time perhaps the 1st of the month thereby letting C. company come to Aparri and rest up as the duty up there has been very hard. Aparri is one of the principle sea ports of northern Luzon and is the head shipping point for nearly all the tobacco which I mentioned before as coming down the river in Cascoes. The town here has two business streets, Chinese merchants occupying the greater portion of them but is still despised by the majority of Filipinos who living as cheap as he does claims the Chinese lives cheaper. When we first came here the town was the most filthy place I ever seen but time has changed things considerable and it is now quite a respectable place to live in. We have also a uniformed police force here, composed of the natives who have done great service and showed their loyalty to the American's at all times since they were organized. The Filipinos who inhabit this part of the Island are known as Cagayan's and not as war like as the Tagalog but they all look alike to me only that they dress better and look cleaner up here than they do down around Manila. I will give here a slight description of the Filipino as I seen him with a brown yellow color, not very tall, but having plenty of muscle and how he gets it eating rice is a mystery to me, as a rule he is very particular about his dress and most always wears a white linen suit without a spot on it, of course I am speaking about the better class, he is also very religious and is of course a Catholic. It is a common thing to see him come from church and untie a game cock which he has tied outside and go to the cock pit which is about a stone's throw away, where he and his neighbours match their pets against one another, sometimes betting all the money that they have on their person, often fighting and then they are taken to the Calaboose by the police and have to pay a heavy fine. And what is more he will not leave the cock pit as long as he has a 100 mex. pesos (50c. U. S.) in his pocket nor could you get him to work for \$10.00 a day. On the other hand the woman is indeed an industrious individual doing almost all the manual labor from tilling the soil to packing things to the market for sale, often packing a load of bananas on her head that a mule could not pull. Take the woman away from most of the Filipinos and they would starve to death on account of their laziness. The quarters that A. and B. company are occupying was formerly a Spanish convent but make very fine quarters far better than what we get in most places in which we stop, and adjoin the somewhat picturesque church of the town which is situated on one side of the Plaza square. Company D. is just opposite us but their quarters are not in as good condition as ours. Also in the centre of the Plaza we have a band stand where the 16th regiment band gives us a concert every evening that lasts about one hour and you can bet we do enjoy it especially when they play some popular air or some rag time piece then the boys grow wild and commence dancing on the green and forget for the time being their troubles. We have also a very fine diamond here to play ball upon and I think the finest company baseball team in the regiment is in B. company as we have played all the other companies that we came in contact with and always came off victorious in a series of games. There are also five of B. company's players in the battalion team which never has been defeated since coming up here although we played several games with the crews of the different gun boats who have been stationed here off and on. The troops here get fresh beef four days a week as there are about 400 head of Australian cattle now on the range here with a guard over them, we have also fresh bread every day and taken all together we live very good at present, but oh, what a difference when we go on a hike. I have been in the Philippines just one year today just think of it, also six months in Aparri and almost one half my time up in the service, how time flies I have been away from home about five years how I would like to see all the old folks. I suppose Woodstock has changed considerable. I will send you a few of the post papers along with this letter as I thought perhaps some of them would be of interest to you of course everything that takes place here is not printed in them as the officers would not allow it. Sam our mascot is still in the land of the living and the only survivor of the many different mascots that came over with us on the Grant. He is looking well and seems to enjoy himself, but oh how he does hate a guage (Filipino) It is a common thing to

see one of them running at full speed and yelling at the top of his voice and Sam barking and biting at his heels, we have also several tame monkeys who run all around the quarters stealing everything they can carry off when nobody is looking. I see by the papers that the Irish soldiers are doing great work down in South Africa, also the Canadian troops, and that the people of Ireland sent down shamrock seeds to be sown on the Irish soldiers graves, it is also rumoured here that the United States and China are going to have some trouble and the 20th U. S. Infantry and 6th Artillery at Manila are ready to leave there for China at a moment's notice. It would not surprise me if America would have trouble with the other nations in the next few years to come and get plenty of it like England did in South Africa.

JOHN DRISCOLL,
Co. B. 16th U. S. Inf.
Aparri, P. I.

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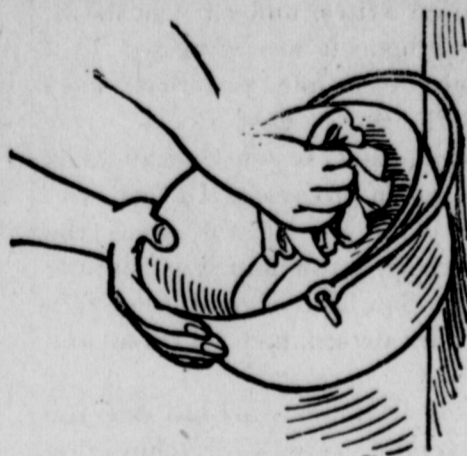
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