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Biographical Information:

C.A. Detrick was a member of Company D, 28th U.S. Infantry, stationed in the Philippines during the Philippine-American War. His hometown was near Lemont Furnace, Fayette County, PA.

Scope and Contents

Small leather covered diary, written in pencil by C.A. Detrick between December 17, 1899 and February 2, 1900 while in the Philippines during the time of the Philippine-American War. Detrick was a member of Company D, 28th U.S. Infantry. Detrick writes about the countryside, the local population, the marches and the camps. End of diary includes addresses, expense accounts and equipment inventory.

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Front Page: Presented to C.A. Detrick by C.F. Inks, Lemont, Pa. Received by C.A. Detrick at Zapote Bridge December 16, 1899 On the next page, Detrick gives the address of C.F. Inks in Lemont Furnace, Fayette County, PA, "if anything should happen..." December 17 Stationed at Zapote. Guard Duty. Explains how the natives thrash rice. December 18 Gathered shells at the beach. Rain. December 19 Rain. Water 18 inches deep around tent. Looking for an attack tonight. December 20 Visited Manila. December 21 Marched to Las Pinas where he saw a Native funeral. December 22 Guard duty where he heard some shots. Swam out to boat and got oranges. December 23 Moved to new camp at Las Pinas. Will chase negroes out of this area of the island. December 24 Went to a cock fight and church held by the people of the town. Describes his dinner. December 25 Went to native funeral. Describes his breakfast. Native band played and did a parody. He is writing as he eats dinner and watches a cockfight. December 27 Describes clothing and nicknames of native girls and boys. December 28 "Two boys joined us that were left at Camp Meade." December 31 Cock Fight. Listened to native music. Lost locket while swimming. January 1, 1900 "...caribou it throwed a kid and hurt him a little." Cock Fight. Natives roasted whole pig. Many of the "boys got drunk this afternoon" and there were fights. "...sitting on bamboo and morning glories are in bloom all

around me..." January 2 Writes while sitting in a tree. Sees signal fires. Firing near Emos (Imus) last night. Were going to be relieved, but not sure now. January 3 "Last night was a holy terror firing all night long..." Started towards Emos (Imus). Camped. January 4 Went to Bacour for wood. 38th regiment man was shot by his own private while he was sleeping. January 5 Heard firing all night. Got orders to move. January 6 Moved at 5 am by ferry. Waiting on bank for Artillery and 30th Regiment to cross. January 7 Attacked when they moved in the morning. January 8 They moved forward a few miles and camped. On guard all night. More shooting. Relieved at 6 am and had to march without breakfast. Did a 9 mile skirmish run. Camped in Dasmarinos. January 9 Have given them until dinner to surrender. "The niggers asked for 24 hours more to see what kind of terms they will get to surrender." January 10 Many shots fired last night. Will move in the morning. A poor camp. January 11 Detached to guard a wagon train. Inspection. January 12 45th and 38th regiments left yesterday. Regimental scouts in mountains today and captured two prisoners. January 13 Companies A and B went on a scout this morning. Companies D and B are going tomorrow. January 14 Toured town. Got a quart of whiskey. January 15 Order issued to drill 20 minutes in morning and 20 minutes after dinner. Moved to better camp above church. January 16 Went on hike with 142 men of Companies A and D at 3 am. After a 9 mile hike, now in hollow at foot of mountain. A "nigger" was caught spying on camp and was ordered at gunpoint to tell all he knew. He told them there was a "nigger camp" a mile away. Marched until 7:30 and camped on the edge of Binan (Binyan). January 17 Began marching at 5 am, through Binan (Binyan) and up into the hills and arrived at Dasmarinas at 5:30. January 18 Marched to Silang. Camped three miles from Indang. Rained all day and night. Camped in knee deep weeds. January 19 Marched to Indang. Got all bananas that we could carry. Marched over ravines, holding vines. Camped on top of mountain. January 20 Marched down western side of mountain, passed through Alfonso and passed Tuy at night. Marched through nine rivers. January 21 Marched all day along the shore of the bay, sometimes in waist deep mud. Out of rations. Got two chickens. "... very funny to see a large city without anyone in it." January 22 Marched to other side of city. Got quarters in a church with a river along side it. January 23 Sent on detail to unload and store goods. Saw a leopard. Natives slowly returning to town and have camps in the mountains. January 24 Boat load of stores in the river. January 25 Shooting last night. Kimmel shot his finger. January 27 Got some nice shells and a Spanish flag. January 28 On guard. "...had to stop a nigger accrost a river then had to swim to get him." January 29 Day hike to go after "niggers." January 30 Camped at a bridge on edge of mountains. "...could see for miles and miles over the finest country eyes ever lay upon." January 31 Arrived at Camp last night. Muster in afternoon. February 1 Captured a calf. Got a piano for our quarters. February 2 Went to commissary. Back of book Names and addresses of soldiers. "Poem the 28th at Putal" English alphabet with Philippine alphabet characters underneath. Names and addresses of family and friends at home. Accounts of some things he purchased. Inventory of his items, such as blankets, shoes, shirts and socks. Expense Accounts.