

9th Aug 87

My Darling wife

Today nothing has happened
of any interest at all - excepting
the preparations for Mr Hickman's
funeral. The escort is to be fifty
men from the Artillery and consequently
all the Guards will be from the
Battersea and Cavalry tomorrow. I am
one of the Pall Bearers. The cause of
death was apoplexy. but he was
in a bad state physically - having
a fatty heart - and weakened tissues
Mrs Hickman is utterly prostrated - Mr.
Managers to keep up.

- 10th -

I did not send this yesterday
as there was nothing in it worth
the sending. The funeral is over
He was buried from the Chapel
here - that is - he was taken to
the Requiem Vault at St Paul's

The services were at half past one
P.M. - and conducted by a young
Episcopal Clergyman from St. Luke's
in the City - The young ladies worked
all last evening at Mrs. Tiltons and
this morning in the Chapel. which
was more beautifully decorated
than I ever saw it before.
Mrs. Berry sang two pieces of
Music at the Service - Her voice
is very fine - and pleased as usual
St. Rice escorted Mrs. Hickson - who
bore up well - considering - The Coffin
was double - and closed - Gen. Howard
and several of the Staff Officers were
out - and Col. Hickson sent a fine
floral piece on behalf of the Logan Legion
The Bennetts sent the piece which settled
on the Coffin - All the Ladies here
helped about the Chests - There were
eight Ball Boxes - and everything
packed off nicely - Six Carriages
were provided for the party The

last-service was given in front of
the Vault - at - Laurel Hill and
the Salute and Taps after the Coffin
had been Carried into the Chamber.

Mrs. Dickens's Mother and Siblings
are coming out - to her - and the
house is left - intact - until their
Arrival - After which they will
pack up and move to Cincinnati
such property - as is not disposed
of here. From all Reports she is
well provided for at home - and
will not suffer for want of Support.

Every one of the Doctors seems more
or less Stumped by the Mrs. Budden
death - And they all appear to be afraid
that some one of them soon may be
Called Next. - I don't enjoy your
being away - very much. Sam declines
to take a Furlough - Says he would
rather stay here and attend to business.
So I live at home - as usual - Have
put down the bills to one Beef steak a

day - and am living - "within my means"
Your letter came today and does
not give an idea of a very cheerful
time at Santa Cruz - The cold spell
appears to be a general one all along
the coast - I should think Dizzie
would be tired of it too - They
expect here that the Infants will
start back on the 24th of this month -
Mrs Hartz has engaged a house in
town - I send you enclosed a
letter read from Sibbie Wakefield
They are evidently bitterly disappointed
that we did not go to Montreux -
Have not had so far a particularly
brilliant time of it - am restless
and dissatisfied - No news from
Sweetzer - I do not think he will
come down at all now - My
regards to all friends - Some to
Dizzie and the Kid - and baskets
of kisses for my sweet little wife
Dime papers from home but nothing in them of
interest -

Aug 11 1879

My Darling Wife

I addressed my letter
directed to the Post-Office at Santa
Cruz - as I could not remember the
name of the house you were at - So
you will have to send for it there -
The recruits were gone to town - and
I got your address of the house from
them - as you did not give it in letter
before so far - On second thought however
I will address this to West Wales - so
you will be sure to get it - Today - 41
recruits came for the 2nd Co - 30 of
them to go to Piedmont and 11 remain
with K Troop here - Captain Adams
of the 1st Co came with them -
He was an enlisted man in My Troop
in the Marine Brigade - during the war
but - was detached on signal duty all
the time so I never had met

him - the North Wind with the ladies
and went into town as he expects
to go away tomorrow - I would
have to stay over but he is anxious
to go back by the Northern Route
and wants to set off at once

There was a terrific explosion
a little after two o'clock - which
shook the buildings here and startled
everybody - Most of the people thought
it an earthquake at first - but
a second and third lesser ones followed
the first was much heavier than the
one of the vessel at the Cliff house
last winter - It turned out to be
the powder works at local Berkeley
out on the point - and the damage is
said to be severe no particulars
of loss of life yet - The Bennetts
have gone to town to do something tonight
and most of the people are away.
Your dear letter came - I cannot
go to town tomorrow but will send in

To Strizumskis I should have some letters
but had no money in the house and
have forgotten whether the train is
paid for or not - The Carrys are ex-
pected - and probably here. I have
not seen them. Will do so in the morning
I am surprised at what you write
of yourself - will see the old custom
as I am set in to town. If the
weather continues cold I should
think Dizzie would be better pleased
to stay here than at Santa Cruz.
The sea bathing is not particularly
healthy when it is too cold to go
in. Carl Popper is reported in the
papers as likely to be transferred
with the Cal of the 1st Artillery which
would leave him here. Have
not heard him speak of it - but
he shows no signs of moving at all
excepting the packing up.

I don't enjoy your being away
a bit - and will be unable to do

down - as these recruits will be here
for some days - and I want to get
some work out of them - besides.

I cannot afford to go this month with
Sam - here on full wages, and the
constant prospect of the French war -
Smollett &c - any continuance of which
would involve expense to me -

I feel considerably blue over
the matter but am tired up and
must submit - Have as good a time
as you can - and take things easy -
above all do not run any risks in
that - Cold water - regards to all

Yours truly ever

Shelburne

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Any Person
the payment

any kind, will be subject to a fine
Hundred Dollars.

Mrs G. C. Doane

Santa Cruz

California



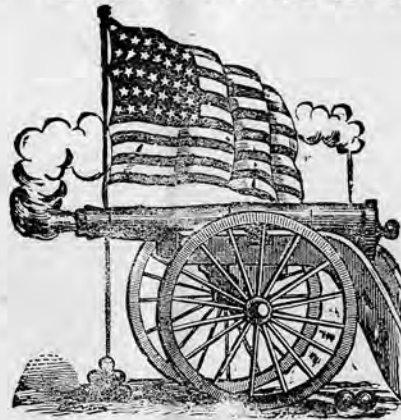
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M. M. BRIGADE & RAM FLEET

REUNION.

AT
ST. LOUIS, MO.



SEPTEMBER
27, 28, 29, 1887.

TO ALL SURVIVORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RAM FLEET AND THE M. M. BRIGADE:

DEAR COMRADES: The proposed Reunion at St. Louis, this fall, is an assured fact. A large amount of correspondence has been had during the past few months, and the addresses of over 400 of our Comrades obtained. Near 200 have answered the Postal Card Circular, all expressing warm interest in the approaching Reunion, and about two-thirds promise to be present. What a pleasure it will be for Comrades who, after an eventful service, such as ours was, parted twenty three years ago, to meet once more and grasp each other's hands. Now for the details—and First.

TRANSPORTATION.—As the very best obtainable rates over all lines have already been (or are being) secured by the Grand Army authorities, no efforts in that direction were needed for our Reunion, as every old soldier going to the great soldiers' meeting at St. Louis (whether a member of the Grand Army of the Republic or not) can take advantage of the low rates offered. It has just been announced that several lines of road have put their rate at 1 cent per mile each way, and others will doubtless do the same. For all information in regard to this confer with your local railroad authorities.

THE REUNION:—Our Headquarters will be Hall 14 (second floor) Druids' Building, corner 9th and Market streets—entrance on 9th—a nice hall, furnished and just suited to our use. The hall will be opened at 10 o'clock Tuesday, and be kept open continuously during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday and the forenoon of Wednesday will be for enrolling and renewing the acquaintances of "Auld Lang Syne." The first call to order for business will be at 2 p. m., Wednesday, by General Alfred W. Ellet, and thereafter proceedings will take such course, as to organization, meetings, etc., as the Comrades present decide. Announcements and appointments may be placarded at Headquarters, for the convenience of Comrades.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:—Hotel rates will vary from \$5 per day for the best, to fair at \$2. There will be no trouble whatever about securing ordinary hotel accommodations after you get there. Several parks will be filled with army tents and straw, where all who come provided with blankets can be assigned free of charge, getting their meals at restaurants and booths, of which there will be an abundance near by, at the uniform price of 25 cents. We will have all needed information on this subject at our Headquarters, so that Comrades can learn all about it there.

SUGGESTIONS:—Many suggestions have been made by different Comrades in writing us which, if carried out, will render the occasion of our Reunion all the more memorable. Some of these are: [1] That each Comrade bring along (or send) any photos, sketches, records, diaries, mementos, or relics of the Marine service, in his possession, to be placed on inspection during the three days. [2] That a suitable Badge be provided to be worn during the meeting, which will be done. [3] That every Comrade be urged to come if he possibly can. [4] That those who CANNOT COME, send (by Money Order or Postal Note) any contribution they feel able and disposed to make to help defray the expenses of the Reunion, addressing it to J. R. Crandall, No. 4, South Commercial street, St. Louis. [5] That those who are unable to be present in person send a few words of greeting and personal remembrance to the Comrades present; also their photos with name, rank and autograph, written on the face side. [6] That a sketch of the Reunion, with a complete roll of Survivors, present and absent, and their postoffice address, be published and sent to all who report in person, or by letter, to the undersigned.

FINALLY:—Comrades, add your suggestions and present your plans, and let us have a permanent organization effected by means of which we can as least hear from each other yearly, and keep up the interest we all feel in the men and scenes of the famous Marine service in which we took part.

Your Friend and Comrade,

H. D. Crandall,

Late Capt. and A. A. G., M. M. Brigade.

Brookfield, Mo., Aug. 22, 1887.

My dear Mr. Toome
With you
& Cap. Toome since with
you on Thursday
except, at half past six

Yours cordially
Adelaide H. Per

Pro. President
Feb 15th 1887

Bozeman, Mont., Sept 30 1887

Mrs Mary L Doane

My dear Child your letter of
of Sept 25th is received containing
a note of Demand for \$500—
I did not call upon you for
a note I said nothing about
a note it was sufficient for
me to know that you needed
the money and I hope you
will enjoy it and hope that
I will never need it if I
should ever need it I will
call upon you consequently
I return your note satisfied
in full (myself + Ma says
so) I have just returned from
Lizzy's her little boy (Cherence)
was quite sick and I was
at Helena + on my return I

Stopped 2 days they are all
 well now. I got a letter
 from Gov. Leslie commanding
 me to Helene to conduct over
 our Lake project and
 also one from Judge Durham
 assist Secretary of the Treasury
 of the U. S. States an. also a
 gentleman who says I can get the
 intire by Delegation to assist
 in procuring the franchise
 upon the Lake I am writing
 to several firms to find out
 what the Boat will cost
 I want a good size Boat
 say 100 feet long 24 feet
 with 25 Horse power engine
 the Lake is rough sometimes
 and I want a boat that
 can live

we have the finest crop in
 Gallatin that they ever had
 Everything is prosperous
 here Davis has a fine
 shop this year as you
 pa has left some soon I
 will fill up many if it is
 not too much. Trouble will
 you see what you can get
 some good silk at there
 or send some samples &
 price no hurry but when
 even you prefer to go to town
 Sallie likes her school very
 well hope she will stay well
 we had bought Lizzie a house
 & lot gives us as often it was
 nothing more than right to
 give you the same Mother
 Your Loving