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
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Mr Pres:

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I will write you
a letter as I promised you on the
eve of Dec 20-98 but have been
neglecting it as we do many
other things.

I have just got settled down, have
been very busy ever since I
enlisted in the army. As we
was moving from the time I
joined the regiment at Huntsville
Ala. Dec 24-98. We landed in
Havana - Jan 2-99. I will go back
to Huntsville Ala and give some
idea of the trip. We left ^{camp} in the
morning about 10 o'clock and marched
down to the town. where we went

on board the train for Charleston
 S. C. we was in Huntsville until
 7 P.M. when we left for Chattanooga
 Tenn. where we arrived at 8 o'clock
 in the evening. where we waited
 for the second section of the train.
 Then we start on arriving at
 August Georgia at noon on the Dec 28th 99.
 We had good mount at Augusta
 and started for Charleston S. C.
 where we arrived at 9 o'clock in the
 evening of Dec 29th - 99.

We stayed there in the cars all
 night. on the next day we began
 to transfer the rations to the boat
 which went aboard ~~at~~ 12-30 Dec 30th 99.
 And started for Havana Cuba
 but sopeel a short distance out in
 the harbor. on account of the tide.

which was low at that time.
 we had a good view of old
 Fort Sumpter, that is a small Fort
 but covers the whole island and
 is noted for being the place where
 the first shot was fired in the
 Civil War. We started on again at
 4 o'clock P.M. and was out at sea a
 good long ways when the sun went
 out of sight behind the waves.
 I went to bed down in the hold or
 lower deck as they call it on the
 boat. we had a hammock to sleep
 in, they were swung one over the other.
 so you can imagine how the man
 in the lower one felt when the
 two above him got seasick.
 which several of them did.
 but I was fortunate enough ^{to escape} ~~to escape~~

(4.)

He was on the water four ⁽⁴⁾ days
and three ⁽³⁾ nights. Then we stayed
on board the boat all day the
second day of Jan. 99. Then ^{we} went
off the boat ~~to~~ to sleep on the
wharf which we did with a good
will as we did not sleep good on
board the boat. Then we stayed
the next day and night ^{and} then we
marched out of the city of
Havana to the Dept of the
Cuban Pan American. (Cestate.)

which is railroad in American Song.
He left Havana at 8 o'clock and
made the run of one hundred
and thirty miles. in seven hours.
I got off and unrolled my blanket
and made a pillow out of my
shoes and belt and layed down

down to sleep my first sleep in what
was Pinar Del Rio, Providence when I
awoke in the morning.

Then we had breakfast which
was hot coffee and corned beef and
hard tack I think that was
all what we had until some
time in the afternoon when we got
some more of the same dish. Then
we pitched tents and have been
still in the same place but think
we will go to the barracks soon.

Well I will close for this time
as I think you will be in the
same notion before you get through
this. Good by

I remain as ever

yours truly

Wm B. Hooper

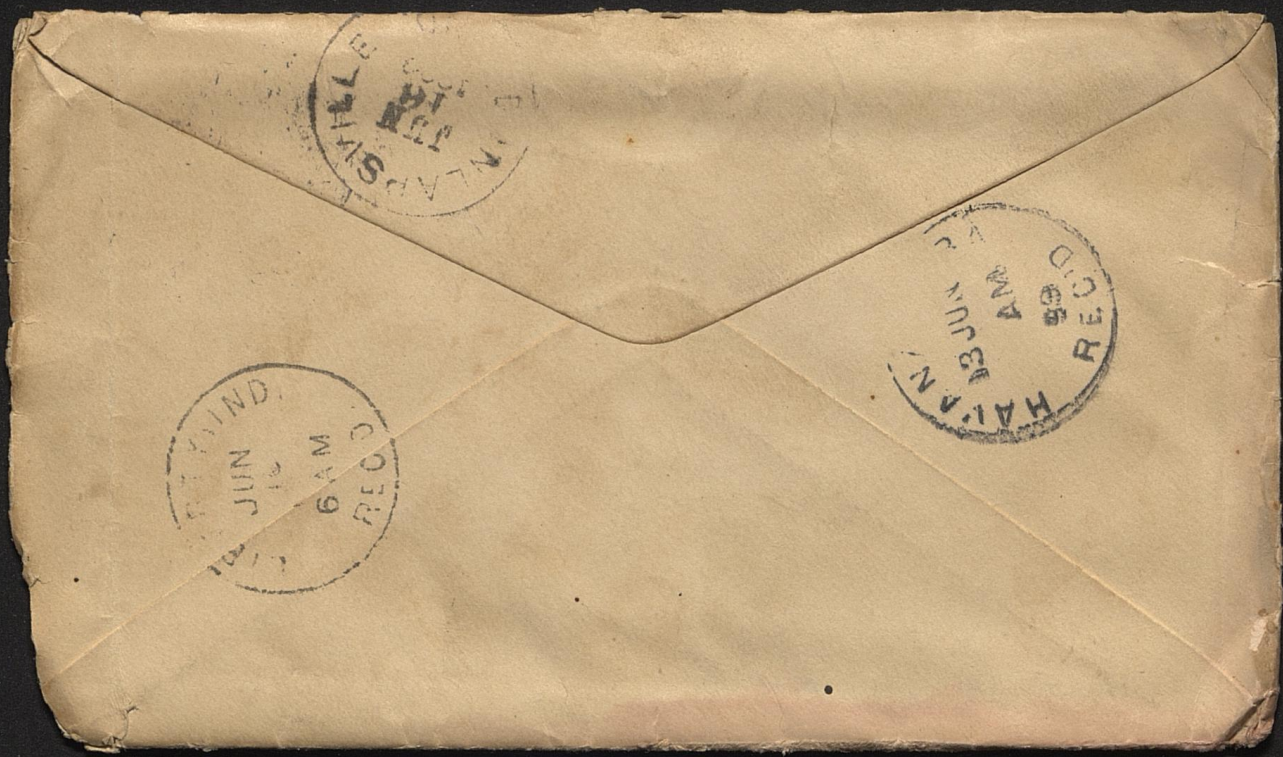
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