# THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR AND GREENVILLE

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It has been rewarding to search among the records and to talk with older citizens of Creenville and to find that there are still those among us, who remember what is meant by the cry of sixty-serven years ago. "Remember The Maine" The hattlefuly Maine was sunk in Havana harbor on February 15, 1898, under mysterious circumstances, with a loss of 260 men and officers. Congress, though President McKinley on April 25, 1898, declared war on Spains." On Friday August 12, 1998, the Secretary of State, William R. Day, and the French Ambassador, jules Cumbon, acting on behalf of Spain signed a peace trotocol ending hostilities and President McKinley proclaimed an amistice." This was a most four months after the declaration of war, and six montly after the sinking of the Maine."

It is my purpose to tell of some of the events that happened during this period and of the effects this war had on the town, the county, and the citizens of Greenville. It must be remembered that in 1898, Greenville was a small town with only 9000 souls, and there was not even one paved street in the village and very few sidewalks.\* President McKinley issued a call on April 23, 1898, for 125,000 volunteers, and there was an instant response in Greenville.

The Butler Guards of Greenville was a military company before the Confederate War, and claimed to be the first company of soldiers from South Carolina to be mustered into the Confederate Army, when they joined the Second South Carolina Regiment in Richmond under Gen. J. B. Kershaw; In 1988 the Butler Guards was the only active military company in Greenville County, and was a member of the South Carolina National Coun-Ocar K. Mauldin was their captain, with Wade H. Ligon and

<sup>1</sup>Frank Freidel, The Splendid Little War (New York, 1958), p. 8. 2Henry B. Russel, Our War With Spain (New York, 1898), p. 332.

<sup>3&</sup>quot;An Bye Witness," The Spanish-American War (1899), p. 145. 4154d., p. 1.

<sup>57</sup>he United States Census of 1900.

<sup>6</sup>Letter of W. T. Shumate, April 11, 1914, in the Greenville News, July 26, 1969.

Thomas B. Ferguson as 1st. and 2nd. lieutenants. Edward B. Ligon and C. A. Parkins were segeants. \*\* Captain Mauldin and his company were autious to have their organization, again, among the first to volunteer for service, and their conduct refuted the report that the military of South Carolina was not willing to enter unconditionally the service of the United States Anny. Fifty-eight men of the Butter Geards againfied their purpose to volunteer and twenty-six other men joined up with them making a full complement of eighth-four men, that was required for a company.\*

Within a few days after the declaration of war another company, which was known both as the Greenville Guards and the Greenville Volunteers, was organized under the efforts of Augustus D. Hoke who became the captain, and James W. Gray, Jr., and William D. Whitnine who were installed as 1st. and 2nd. lieutenants. Harry A. Dargan was first sergeant.<sup>9</sup> The officers of these two companies came from Greenville as did a large portion of the mea, but many came from the adjoining counties and the unper section of this state.

After signing for service the Buther Cuards were quartered at the City Amony on the east side of Laurems Street, between Wathington and McBee Avenue, near the old City Hall 10 The Greenville Volumbers or Guards, under Captain Augustus D. Hoks, were bivouaced at the County Court House, where they set up a tent on the street which was used for enlistment purposes. The Buther Guards had uniforms and arms, but Captain Hoke's company had neither, but in spite of this, strict military order was observed."

On May 3, 1986, Col. J. W. Cagle, who was the last Commander of the Carads at the close of the Confederate War, came before the reldiers and made them a staring speech. The Greenville Mountaineer reported, "May 7th is a day that will long occupy a conspicuous place in the history of Greenville, for them it was, that two companies from this town left to take their place in the army. Assembled early at the City Armony, was the Butler

Tough Walter Floyd, Historical Roster and Itinarury of South Caroline Volunteer Troops Who Serond in the Late Wer Bennern the United Stores and Spain . . . (Columbia, 1901) (Dewenshers often as S. C. in the Sp.-Am. War)

SCreenville Mountainer, April 10, 1898.

<sup>10/</sup>hdd.

Coards, one hundred strong. Each soldler were a buttonhole boxquet and the officers had been presented with flowers by the women of the Female Academy. When they had formed, Captain Mauldin stepped between the two lines, which extended the whole length of the hall, and holding up a tattered banner, called the men to attention. It was the Bonnie Blue Flag that beam the Slogle Star', which he held up and it was the old bullet scarred battle flag of the Butler Caurst sue sein the Confederate War. He then made a short patriotic talk, and declared that this company would always keep this flag, and it's memory unstilled."<sup>13</sup>

These two companies left for Columbia on May 4. All schools had been dismissed, all local bands assembled and the Creewille and Columbia Depot presented an animated spectacle with the men, women and children of the town there to any goodlys. The bands played "Dixis" and other patriotic airs, and there were more tears than cheers when the train pulled aways. To be two hundred men left at this time and there were few families is this small town that did not have a relative or a fixed lawvilled.

Only men with the finest physique were accepted in the smi and an alarming proportion of all volunteers were rejected. The Butler Guards had fifty-six men to pass the physical test and the Greenville Gourds had fifty-two men accepted. A mass meeting was held in Beattie's Hall on May 11 to discuss measures to obtain review the stress of the control of the companies. The were stirring speeches by Ex. Lt. Gov. W. L. Maildin, Col. J. C. Boyd, P. T. Hayne, C. W. Dillard, J. W. Cray, Joe B. Slom, and John H. Earle-l' Results were good, for the Greenville Guards was mustreed into the service of the United States Army on May 13, 1898, as Company F of the First South Carolina Volunteer Infantry, I\* And the Butler Guards were mustreed two days later on May 15 as Company H of the First South Carolina Volunteer Infantry, I\* was told that Capt. Mauldin was ready with the other company but refused to be mustreed in on Friday 1304.

On June 6 Companies F and H left Columbia for Camp Thomas, Georgia, where they were assigned to the First Army Corps. 16 They proceeded by rail via Spartanburg and Greenville.

<sup>12</sup>Greantile Mountaineer, May 7, 1898.

<sup>1875</sup>id., May 14, 1898. 1475id., May 18, 1898.

<sup>16</sup>Flord, S. C. in the Sp-Am. War.

And the town of Greenville met them at the depot, and the second outsin to it's heroes was even greater than the first. Again all schools were dismissed and the pupils attended in a body and there was much band music. The town people had made one thousand gandwiches and there were special boxes of choice food for the "Greenville boys," <sup>26</sup>

Both companies left Camp George H. Thomas, Georgia, on pune 9 for Camp Coba Libre, Florida, and were assigned to duty with the Seventh Army Carps. They did not get to Cube. On September 34, they returned to Camp Ellerbee at Columbia, South Carolina. The beaddines of the Greenville Mountaineer of November 2, 1986, reported "be flighting being over, the enlisted men cry, We want to go bome," and it is their almost unanimous will, to be mustered out." The local railtroads sold excursion tickets to Columbia so that Greenville people could see their bory, and especially for the mustering out of the First Regiment. In Freewille Companies F and H were mustered out on November (1,1886.19

There was also organized in Greenville another volunteer company under William G. Sirrine as captain, Richard L. Dargan and Theodore C. Stone as 1st. and 2nd. lieutenants. The sergeants were Augustus M. Deal, Christie J. D. DeCamp, William P. Ligon, Claud M. Grawford and Robert E. Houston. It was proposed that they be called "The Hampton Rifles." They were mustered into service at Camp Ellerbee, Columbia, South Carolina, on June 15, 1898. Although the officers were from Greenville, as were most of the noncoms, the privates came from all over the state. This company was designated as Company B Second Regiment, South Carolina Volunteer Infantry, assigned to the Second Army Corps. This company went to Jacksonville and then Savannah, where they boarded the transport Roumanian on January 3, 1899, for Havana, Cuba, and were stationed at Camp Columbia nearby. They made a memorable march of fifty miles to Guines, Cuba, February 19-23, 1899. They returned to Havana, leaving there for Savannah where they arrived on March 22. They proceeded from there to Augusta, Georgia, where they were mustered out on March 28, 1899. This company organized under Captain Wil-

<sup>18</sup>Greenville Mounteiner, June 8, 1898. 17Del., November 2, 1896. 18Floyd, S. C. in the Sp.-Am. Wer.

liam G. Sirrine is the only Greenville Company that did reach Cuba. 19

When Gov. Ellerbee called the National Guard into service he stated that no colored troops would be called under the first demand.<sup>28</sup> On July 10, 1898, the Daily Greeneille published the notice, "The men who intend to enlist in the Mountain City biounteers, which is a colored company, being organized by J. C. Hill, are asked to meet at the courthouse on Monday vesting. There are said to be one hundred of them. All who do not intend to enlist are requested by authorities, to stay away." There is no evidence of any further action to form a Negor company here.

On June 1, 1898, the Mountaineer reported "The recently organized Home Guards and a company formed from the rejected men of the Butler Guards have consolidated and will apply for the charter of the old Butler Guards, under which name they will ask admission to the State Millita. The officers of the new company are F. B. McBee, Captain, S. F. Burgess and A. Parkins 1st and 2nd. Leutenants. It is stated that there are about severy-five men on the roll of the new company. This company will do millità duty entirely."

Dr. Robert Emmet Houston served as a sergeant under Captume. G. Sirrien in the Second Regiment of South Carolian Volunteers. Mrs. Houston, last April, told of his carrying a small camera with him in the service. And that he took a number of pictures of his colonel and other officers, and sold them to members of the regiment. He then loaned this money at high interest to his "crap-shooting" comrades. After his discharge he found that this money amounted to enough to make a down payment for tuition to the University of Virginia, where he later studder mediciae. Mrs. Houston has a small photo of Dr. Houston and Eugene Stock, showing them in a tent during the Spanish-American War.

In the center of the large circle at Springwood Cemetry at Greenville, South Carolina is a small marthe shaft, marking the grave of Wade Hampton Parker, the first solder from Greenville to die in service during the Spanish-American War. Carwed thereon is "Born in York County August 18, 1876. Died Columbia, S. C. May 16, 1868. Co. H.S.C.VL. First Regiment." A newspaper

<sup>19</sup>Ibid.

<sup>20</sup> Greenville Mounteineer, April 20, 1898.

story states, "A squad of soldiers from the Butler Guards under Capt. F. B. McBee attended the funeral and proceeded the body to Springwood Cemetery, after which they fixed a military salute over the grave."<sup>21</sup>

Some amusing incidents and stories were circulated in Greenville during the Spanish-American War. On March 9, 1898, the editor of the Greenville Mountaineer reported, "It is now well understood that our local house-mover, Haynes, will be given the contract to raise the wreck of the Maine, as the New York company did not have the facilities. The wreck will be brought direct to Greenville, via Reedy River, where it will become a National Monument." The Mountaineer further states, "President McKinley will make his beadquarters at Caesars Head, and the very name of the place is enough to bring victory. A great telescope from Chicago University will be mounted in an observatory erected on the mountain, from which place the President and his official household can without difficulty view the operations in Habana Harbor. The Butler Guards are to be sent to Caesars Head to protect the President and are now being feasted on game chickens to put the fighting spirit in them."22

A group was always to be found around the newspaper's bulletin board. One who could not read asked, "What is printed there?" He was informed that "Commander Dewey has been engaged in a bloody fight. The Spanish Navy has been suball the Philippine Islands except two have been sunk, and these two islands are now being towed by a tug, and will be hitched onto Cuba."<sup>28</sup>

The first intination that a Spanish-War camp might be located in Greenville is found in the Greenville Mountaineer of June 15, 1868, which stated that there was an excellent chance of getting a camp for soldiers, which the government would locate some place in the South. Mayor James T. Williams, Alderman James Frank Richardson, and Alester G. Furman rode on the same train with and contacted the army men who were inspecting the advantages of different towns. They traveled from Columbia to Charlotte, and had a most satisfactory interview. They were told that the government wasted principally good water and they as-

<sup>2176</sup>d, May 25, 1898. 2276d, March 9, 1898. 2276d, May 4, 1898.

sured the group that Greenville could supply that.24 Williams, Richardson and Furman laid the groundwork well, for the army officers inspecting sites came to Greenville early in September, 1898. They were composed of Gen. George Schwann, Lt. Col. O'Riley, Medical Dept,; Lt. Col. Hodgson, Quartermaster Dept.; Capt. Craighill, Engineer Corps, and Capt. Dodd, Judge Advocate. They were driven over the city and shown the proposed sites for a camp on the Stone property on Earle Street, and off Anderson Street. They were also driven up to Paris Mountain and saw the adequate source of good water. The Paris Mountain Water Company was then a private concern with two reservoirs on the mountain. Harry T. Poe, superintendent, promised that the company would pipe water to the campsites.25 A report was submitted stating. That there were objectional features about a camp, but that they would be reduced to a minimum with proper management. But if 5000 men were stationed here Greenville would have \$150,000,00 spent here every month. And that would do wonders for Greenville

On October 1, 1898, a mass meeting was held in Bestitie's Hall which endorsed the action of Mayor Junes T. Williams and his committee. Gov. Mauldin presided, with A. C. Furman as secretary. The following were present, Mayor Williams, C. F. Dill, A. A. Gates, H. Endel, W. H. Ervine, F. M. Sincens, Junes H. Morgan, J. F. Conder, Davis Furman, E. B. L. Tayask, Joseph A. McCoullough, A. B. Brown, J. F. Richardson, W. E. Beattie, J. B. Marshall and W. H. Cely. Committees were appointed on water, piping, securing land, and finances, "Then followed several weeks of intensive efforts of the citizens of Creenville and the original committee of Williams, Richardson and Purman to persuade the government to establish a camp here. This committee assembled information, works, telegraphed, and went to Washington where they talked with army officials, Congressmen and even had a visit with President McKinley."

Early in October the committee returned from Washington with definite assurance that a camp would be established here with two brigades and approximately ten thousand men. A news-

<sup>247</sup>bid., June 15, 1898.

<sup>281</sup>bet., October 1, 1898. It is interesting so note that the protocol soding hostilitex had been signed on August 12, 1898.

<sup>17</sup> Septiet Courier, November 17, 1898.

paper commented, 'Division Headquarters will be in Greenville which gives us a set of officers of high rank and these as a rule are gentlemen, of good social standing, whose families will accompany them.' It was stated positively that no Negro troops will be sent here.<sup>23</sup> The original plan was to have one Brigade in Greenville and one in Spartanburg but because of the excellent water in Greenville both Brigades were established here.

The camp was named "Wetherill" in honor of Alexander Macomb Wetherill, who was one of the first men killed at the battle of San Juan in Cuba on July 1, 1898. Capt. Wetherill was first buried in Cuba and later his remains were removed and interned in the officers section of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia. Sec.

There were two sections of Camp Wetherill. One was located on the E. S. Stose property and was to the north of Earl's Street, extending from Buncombe Street almost to the present Wade Hampton highway. The other section was located to the south and east of Anderson Street near and beyond the present Mills Mill, with 2nd. Division Headquarters being located to the west of Anderson Street on the exact site of our present hospital. A map drawn by the Engineers of the 2nd Div., 2nd Army Corps dated February 38, 1899, shows the locations of the units in the 2nd. Brigade, near Mills Mill. No map has been found of the First Brigade on Earle Street.

Camp Wetherill was strictly a tent camp. From photographs at hand this can be seen. Wooden buildings were erected for the heatedquarters, the hospital and the mess shacks. Some of the tents had wooden floors which gave some comfort to the men from the stow and the mud.

The Brigades from the 2nd. Division, 2nd. Army Corps. U. S. Volunteers, were sent to Greenville, S. C., from Camp Meade, Pa. Small detachments from each organization left Camp Meade on November 1, 1886, for the purpose of preparing camps for their respective regiments.<sup>18</sup> The newspaper of November 5th reports: "Engineer Corps making camp ready. Part of the soldiers

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<sup>23</sup>National Archives Record Service, letter to suchor, March 19, 1965.

30"Monthly Reports of Said. Div., 2nd. Army Corps." November, Documber, 1898; January, February, 1899.

have come, and Greenville already has assumed a livelier look. With the soldiers the town began to look brighter and there is a perceptive increase in hurry and bustle. It has been extremely cold and one soldier remarked that Greenville was not the 'Sunny-South' he had heard about "81

The First and Second Brigades started leaving Camp Meade. Pa., on November 11, 1898, and the last arrived in Greenville, S. C., on November 17. The First Brigade consisted of the 203rd. New York, the 2nd West Virginia and the 5th, New Jersey, These were located on Earle Street where also the Brigade Hospital Corps made camp. The only house at that time on Earle Street belonged to E. E. Stone and is now occupied by a descendant Mrs. Agnes Stone Dorsey, who states that this house was used as a nurses' home by the Hospital Corps which was located nearby. The Second Brigade consisted of the 4th, Missouri, the 5th. Massachusetts, and the 201st. New York. The two brigades were both of Volunteer Infantry. The Second Brigade was located near the present Mills Mill.82

The winter of 1898-1899 was one of the most severe winters that Greenville has ever experienced. (Although it was nearly duplicated in 1917-1918 when the 30th, Division was here). The soldiers were much disappointed to find cold weather when they expected a Florida Sunny South

On November 14, the Second West Virginia Regiment marched from the depot out Washington Street "and into the hearts of the people," as the band leading the troops turned into Main Street, they played "Dixie," which was greeted by "rebel yells." The 203rd. New York arrived Sunday night November 13, and got a wet welcome as they pitched their tents in the mud.38 The Fourth Missouri Regiment unloaded from the Columbia tracks near Anderson Street, and a "more disagreeable day has not been seen in Greenville this fall, and the boys received a had impression of Southern weather." The Fifth Massachusetts arrived November 19, and completed the quota of troops for Greenville. "This organization was beautifully drilled and walked

<sup>31</sup> Greenville Mountaineer, November 5, 1898.

<sup>82&</sup>quot;Monthly Reports 2nd. Div., 2nd. Army Corps, November, December, 1898; January, February, 1896. 33 Greenville Mountaineer, November 18, 1898.

<sup>34/</sup>bid., November 19, 1898.

The paymaster arrived in the latter part of November, and it was estimated that each regiment received \$30,000, and \$20,000 of this was spent in Greenville. Six regiments meant that \$120,000 was spent that mouth in Greenville.<sup>36</sup>

The Christmas season of 1898 was the greatest rush that Greenverse mechanish had ever known, and the trade was beyond all expectations. It was impossible to buy any Christmas cards, books, trinkets, clothes or asylthing that might be suitable as a gift. The soldiers bought the woolen gloves and gruntlets available, besides other warm clothing.<sup>87</sup>

The Mansion House was used as Division Headquartens and Proprietor A. A. Gates had a Riag made, by special order, which was thirty feet long and hung it in front of the building. It was the largest flag ever seen here-3" The troops also influenced the social and religious life of the town. The Fifth Massachusetts Regiment had a speededld aggregation of musicians and their music was very highly pressed. They played for the German Club dances and were in great demand and greatly pleased the ladies. Rev. E. L. House, Chaplain of Fifth Massachusetts gave a lecture at Cition Colleges" Chaplain house was invited to preach at the First Baptist Church one Sunday and greatly delighted his audience.

The Confederate monument which then stood in the coxter of Main Street where Oak Street ends, was said to be of newer-failing interest to the visiting Northern soldiers, who often took off their hats in respect when they passed this monument. I suppose the joke about the monument originated during the severe wister. The weather got so cold that the soldier on the monument threw down his gua and put his hands in his pocket."

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<sup>\$47</sup>bid., November 30, 1898. \$77bid., December \$4, 1898.

<sup>\$1796,</sup> December 24, 1898. \$8796, November 19, 1898.

<sup>187</sup>bid., February 25, 1899.

<sup>40</sup> Beptist Courier, February, 1899. 41 Geomville Mountainer, November 30, 1898.

Greenville merchants took note of the war in their advertising. Stradley and Barr said, "The Maine has blown up, but not our prices."42 The shoe store of Iones & Herndon advertised. "The War in Spain may blow over, but our campaign is against high prices."48 C. W. Estes advertised, "Lieutenant Hobson, the hero of Santiago, carried a ten thousand dollar life insurance policy, with us. That was Hobson's choice. Why can't it be yours?"44 The Baptist Courier showed a drawing of a soldier with a knansack, titled: "An Affair of the Nation. Pink Pills for Pale People."

There was a laundry owned by A. D. Hoke and W. D. Sullivan (afterwards sold to Pickelsimer) on the corner of Townes and College Streets. The soldiers walked from their camp on Earle Street hringing their soiled laundry and exchanged it for clean clothes which they put on after taking a bath at the cost of twentyfive cents. This was one of the few places where a hot bath could be obtained.45

Because the soldiers were giving away and selling parts of their uniforms and equipment, the provost guard was given orders to arrest any citizen wearing any part of the uniform of a soldier. Exceptions were made in favor of ladies wearing capes of officers. "which has become quite the thing lately." An arrest was made of one prominent man found wearing an army overcoat.46

The Baptist Courier complained when the Governor of New Jersey came to Greenville and took Sunday to review the New Jersey troops which were camped on Earle Street. "We are sorry the Governor took Sunday for this business, the people of Greenville and this state do not make a gala day of Sunday, and we regret the Governor has thus desecrated this holy day."41

When the troops first arrived there was considerable drunkenness and disorder, as the soldiers soon learned of the dispensaries and the blind tigers. One squad of soldiers made a respectable wnman dance for them, according to a newspaper story, which said, "the soldiers are not all conventional gentlemen, and some

<sup>427</sup>b4d., March , 1898.

<sup>48754</sup>d, July 10, 1898.

<sup>44</sup>Greenville Findmont, August 29, 1930. 45Greewille Mountgineer, February 25, 1899.

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<sup>47</sup> Beptiet Courier, February , 1899.

of the things they do are a little startling." A New Yorker had the distinction of being the first soldier to be arrested. He was tanked up on South Carolina whinkey and was exuberantly drunk in front of the Mansion House. 4 The soldiers thought it great fun to flirt with the Greenville girls, but complained that most of them would not even look at a fellow.

The most serious crime occurred shortly after the troops arwed, when Weaver Smith, a little white beggar boy, was found
foully murdered, with a long gash in his stomach. He was found
in some weeds off Elford Street and it was definitely determined
that it was done by a solder." The Beptist Courier curried the
following proclamation, "Whereas information has been received
of an atrocious murder in Greenville, on the hody of Weaver
Smith. There is a reward of \$250.00 for apprehension of the guilty.
Signed W. H. Ellerbee, Covernor, South Carolina." <sup>20</sup> Spartanburg
chewed on "sour grapes" and said, "It is not so bad not to have
a camp after all."

Early in 1899 a soldier created a disturbance and struck the guard who tried to arrest him. He was fired at by the provest guard and the rifle bullet passed through the parior window of Sheriff P. D. Gilreath, who lived at Richardson and Buncombe Streets. (He was the great grandfather of Phillip Hungerford) <sup>54</sup>

Order on the streets however did greatly improve and conditions changed, as the men became better disciplined. The men were not allowed to purchase liguour from the dispensaries. General Davis installed a strong provost guard of three hundred men with one hundred on duty at all times.<sup>58</sup>

The minutes of the First Presbyterian Session record a single addition to its membership from the camp, Private Wade Hampton Rice of West Virginia Infantry who joined on profession of fath. It is worth noting that the available histories of the Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal churches make no mention of the Span-

<sup>48</sup>Greenville Mountaineer, November 19, 1898.

<sup>491</sup>bid., Necember 23, 1898. 59Baptist Courier, November 24, 1898.

<sup>51</sup> Greenville Mountainers, January 7, 1899.

<sup>521</sup>bid., November 19, 1898.

sih-American War camp. The Presbyterian Church reported to the Presbytery that the camp injected new problems in the town, and that some members were enticed by the band concerts in the camps to forget the sanctity of the Sabbath. And that the first thing the troops did when they arrived was NOT to go to church.<sup>58</sup>

Arthur Gower writes in his history of the Presbyretan Church. The soldiers gathered quickly, and there was slight preparation for their care, either physical, mental, social or spiritaal. But it is to Greenville's credit that almost all went sway with a pleasant feeling toward Greenville. Much money flowed into this section through the sojourn of these soldiers, and their conduct induced more alertness in the home people, and despite some blots and blemishes, that would take time to eradicate, their coming was a real benefit to Greenville."

Mr. Charles A. David, a noted cartoonist and author, drew a cartroon of a Spanish-American War soldier with snow covered mountains as a background. A thermometer aboved zero, and it was snowing. His hat had blown off, the gun on his shoulder as well as his red nose was dripping icicles. It was titled, "On Guard In The Sunny South." This was printed in color on earthoard and sold by the hundreds to the soldiers who mailed them back home.

Local jewelers also capitalized on the camp. On the bowls of silver spoons was engraved the words "Camp Wetherill", and were sold as gifts and momentos. Mrs. McKoy owns one of these spoons.

Soveral letters exist from soldiers who were at Camp Wetherill worte thanking citizens and friends for kindness to them while here. Mrs. Kate Wier Wynce, living at that time on North Main Street betriended many of the guards that patrolled the street in front of her house, with hot food and drink, during the freezing weather. One of these soldiers presented her with an army cape. During the freezing winter of 1917 another soldier,

<sup>5.</sup> C., 1962), p. 254.

from Camp Sevier, complained that he had but one blanket to keep warm. Mrs. Wynne gave him that cape. This is the cape, and I was the soldier.

Mr. Guy B. Foster, whose home was directly across Stone Avenue from the camp, told how these soldiers inspired him, a boy of thirteen, and of his desire to join the army with them and his disappointment in not being allowed to do so. He related incidents and details of this camp from personal knowledge. His sister, Mrs. A. Foster Geiger, who was older, vividly remembered and told of many events. An army bakery was located on Earle Street, from which bread was sent to the other brigade. A wagon full of bread being hauled by six mules became stalled in the mud on Main Street in front of where the Public Library now is. The wagon was mired to the azles. The mules were unhitched and carried to the earny for rest. The next morning six fresh mules arrived but the wagon had become frozen sold in the mud, and could not be budged. The bread was unloaded, and the wagon remained in the mud for and aroun until soring thawood if out.

Miss Athalie Moseley who lived at that time on Cedar Lane Road told of he father bringing milk to the camp on Earle Street and selling it to the men by the cupful. Fresh milk not being part of their rations, was atmost unavailable. She went many times to the camp with her father who befriended the soldiers and entertained many of them in his home. She furnished me with this strong box, which has Co. H 2nd, West Virginia, U. S. Army stamped upon it. This was one of the companies located on Earle Street.

By the spring of 1899 it was obvious that the war would not be renewed. The First and Second Brigades were discontinued as organizations on March 3, 1899, and some of the troops were mustered out in Greenville. All had left by the end of March.<sup>44</sup>

However, there were some interesting after-effects of the war which influenced the development of Greenville. The Greenville News states that "General Leonard Wood was a fast friend of Capt. W. G. Sirrine because of their service together in Cuba

<sup>\$4&</sup>quot;Monthly Reports of 2nd. Div., 2nd. Arroy Corps." February, 1899.

during the Spanish-American War. Mr. W. G. Sirrine brought Ceneral Wood to Greenville and because of this visit, Camp Sevier was extablished here. General Wood was primarily responsible for the location of encampments."55

The site on the Stone property on Earle Street vacated by Camp WetherIII, became Greenville's first real estate development. Alester G. Furman brought an auctioneer up from Charleston, and Mr. Furman under a high slik hat leading a beats hand walked from a dirt Main Street to the Stone property, where he sold small lots. This sale netted the astronomical sum of \$15,000, all in one days.

Within twelve months, the little town of Greenville had heard a declaration of war and had seen the signing of an atmittee. They had organized and furnished three complete companies of soldiers, sent them off to war and had seen their eterum. They had sought and obtained an army camp and had been tievated by a force of soldiers greater than their own number. These also within this time returned to their homes.

The impact of these events has had a great and lating effect on the town of Creenville. Its pace quickmed. A considerable amount of money had passed through this section and some of it remained. New ideas had germinated. Many solders had made friends and liked what they saw and had stayed behind. The first streets began to be paved. Local butinesses were encouraged and new industry was invited. Paris Mountain Water Company having laid new pipes to the camps, sought to have the area developed. Truly the Greenville of today can look back on those times and see the stuff that they were made of.

I like to think of the patriotism of those three companies of Tenerulle's soldiers, who at the drop of a hat were ready and anxious to go to war to serve their country. And of the citizens of Greenville who gave them up and sent them off "with tears and cheers." And of these same soldiers, who with the war won, wanted only to come home to their families and friends. It is in these, that we can see the backboose and the sinews of our strength and Greenville's success of today.

<sup>55</sup>Undated clipping from Greenville Nesse, clipping file of W. C. Sinine, Greenville Vablet Library.

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#### NAMES OF MEN IN COMPANY H. FIRST REGIMENT SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Organized in Greenville, S. C.

Formerly known as The Butler Guards

Oscar K. Mauldin. 23 years. Captain, lawyer, Greenville, S. C. Wade H. Ligon, 28 years, 1st, Lt., merchant, Greenville Thomas B. Ferguson, 24 years, 2nd, Lt., mechanic, Greenville, Edward B. Ligon, 22 years, 1st, sergeant, mechanic, Greenville Beni, H. Kendrick, 28 years, Ot. Master Sergeant, mechanic, Greenville James E. Duer. 22 years. Sergeant Mechanic Greenville. Thomas Leslie, 19 years, Sergeant, mechanic, Greenville Norman Z. Abbott, 20 years, Corporal, saw mill, Gentral Claude D. Pell, 24 years, Corporal, clerk, Greenville Kirk N. Robinson, 23 years, Corporal, insurance, Greenville Edwin R. Haney, 20 years, Corporal, mechanic, Greenville James N. Bolding, 23 years, Corporal, barber, Greenville Thomas E. Price, 24 years, Corporal, carpenter, Greenville John A. Moseley, Corporal, Greenville Henry M. Smith, 28 years, Corporal, guard, Greenville Bud B. Mathews. 35 years. Cornoral, carpenter. Greenville William H. Charles, 43 years, Corporel, clerk, Greenville Jesse H. Henderson, Corporal, Greenville William T. Preston, 18 years, private, carpenter, Spartanburg William B. Adams, private, Greenville, Herbert D. Torrence, 23 years, private, blacksmith, Greenville Andrew C. League, 27 years, private farmer Greenville Robert B. Arthur. 20 years, private, clerk. Greenville William M. Benton, 29 years, private, laborer, Greenville Edward Bowen, 22 years private weaver Creenville Ernest Y. Brooks. 19 years, private, farmer, Greenville Edgar W. Bull. 23 years, private, stonecutter, Greenville. William A. Bates, private, Pelzer Henry V. Burdett, 30 years, private, carpenter, Greenville Rowland J. Cahill, 19 years, private, salesman, Spartanburg John M. Crook, 21 years, private, printer, Greenville Robert L. Chandler, 19 years, private, farmer, Greenville George A. Coz, 21 years, private, farmer, Greenville Charles R. Crumley, 20 years, private, brakeman, Greenville Nan'l P. Cunningham, private, Danville, Va. Andrew S. Cureton, private, Greenville Francis G. Earle, 38 years, private, farmer, Holland James W. Foster, private, Greenville, William M. Foster, private. Greenville James M. Garner, 22 years, private, weaver, Greenville James M. Criffith, 21 years, private, farmer, Greenville Ben A. Griggith, private, Camden

Robt, T. Gunnells, private, Greenville,

Whitfield A. Haves, 20 years, private, weaver, Pelzer Wm, S. Hunnicutt, 22 years, private, carpenter, Murphy, N. C. Memmus W. Hudgens, 20 years, private, farmer, Laurens John P. Hawkins, private, Greenville Lewis A. Henderson, private Gaffney Leland A. Hopkins, private, Greenville John H. Jones, private, Greenville Pleasant A. Jenkins. 25 years, private carpenter Generalle. Thomas B, Kennemore, 18 years, private, student, Greenville Manley E. Kennemore, 19 years, private, farmer, Greenville John F. Kennedy, 18 years, private, millman, Pelper William S. Land. 29 years, private, carpenter, Greenville Julian E. Lane 23 years private clerk Greenville John S. Lupo. 19 years, private, farmer, Greenville Abe C. Lynn, 23 years, private, farmer, Greenville James Luoney private Greenville John R. Lenderman private Reedy River George D. McAlister. 21 years, private, farmer, Spartanburg John L. McClellon, 21 years, private, farmer, Williamston William H. McGaha 26 years private weaver Greenville Austin L. Mahaffy. 23 years, private, clerk, Williamston George W. Manley, 38 years, private, unbolster, Greenville Moore Murphy, private, farmer, Greenville Julius H. Mancke, private, Columbia Woodfig L. McLane, private, Greenville Albert C. McCreary, private, Pelzer lames V. Nabers, private, St. Allans Geo. B. Patterson, 19 years, private, miller, Greenville John J. Pinson, 23 years, private, plumber, Greenville Isham W. Pinson, private, Greenville George Pierce, private, Greenville Robt, R. Richardson, 27 years, private, weaver, Greenville Sanford Scruggs, 20 years, private, expressmen, Greenville Luther A. Seav. 30 years, private, farmer, Inman Robt. C. Simpson, 19 years, private, millman, Pelant Rowley H. Smith, 23 years, private, carpenter, Greenville John L. Stroud, 23 years, private, millman, Pelms George W. Serratt. 21 years, private, millman, Greenville Anthony Stowe, private, millmen, Greenville Ben M. Stradley, private. Greenville George E. Turpin, 45 years, private, carpenter, Greenville Geo. M. Thackston, private, Sterling Frank Yaughan, private, Greenville Forest N. Wakefield, 19 years, private, weaver, Greenville Guy L. Watson, 21 years, private, clerk, Greenville John A. Wilson, 23 years, private, farmer, Landrums Lewis W. Wilson, 20 years, private, carpenter, Greenville Robert C. Wilson, 23 years, private, weaver, Green Columbus M. Watson, private, Willis

Claude E. Chapman, 21 years, private, farmer, Greenville

Henry L. Tripp, private, Landrums Herbert M. Caines, 28 years, sergeant, mechanic, Caffney William A. Wallace, 23 years, sergeant, bookkeeper, Greenville Hayne Y. Smith, 38 years, corporal, kiln-man, Greenville William B. League, 26 years, private, carpenter, Greenville Henry Pollard, private, Greenville Samuel R. Preston, private, Greenville Herbert C. Daggett. 22 years, private, painter, Anderson Thomas Paige, 28 years, private, decorator, Anderson Milledge L. Bonham, Jr., 18 years, private, student, Anderson Samuel Franklin, 31 years, private, machinist, Macon, Ga. William W. Wells. 20 years, Corporal, railroad agent, Greenville Lon Ward, private, Greenville Reuben R. Hollingshead, 41 years, private, jeweler, Spartanburg John H. Beard, private, Greenville Meredith Cox, 27 years, private, clerk, Greenville Avery H. Hightower, private, Greenville William Mathews, private, Greenville Thomas I. Steins, private, Greenville Laurence L. Turner, 38 years, private, farmer, Greenville Sanders W. Patterson, 21 years, private, millman, Pelzer Daniel M. Shipman, 30 years, private, framer, Greenville Lee M. Walker, 22 years, private, weaver, Augusta, Ga. William L. Walker, 24 years, private, blacksmith, Greenville

#### NAMES OF THE MEN IN COMPANY F. FIRST REGIMENT SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Organized in Greenville, S. C.

Formerly known as The Greenville Cuards.

Augustus D. Hoke, 28 years, Captain, laundry, Greenville James W. Gray, Jr., 23 years, 1st Lt., planter, Greenville William D. Whitmire, 24 years, 2nd. Lt., deputy sheriff, Greenville Harry A. Dargan, 28 years, 1st, Sgt., salesman, Greenville Charles D. Whitman, 22 years, Om. Sgt., salesman, Spartanburg Charles A. Cooper, 28 years, Sergeant, printer, Greenville James A. McDavid, 20 years, Sergeant, salesman, Greenville George W. Burbanks, 22 years, Sergeant, clerk, Greenville John M. Steele, 23 years, Sergeant, wheelright, Greenville Clifford L. Babb, 20 years, Corporal, cotton buyer, Laurens Arthur D. Milster, 28 years, Corporal, tinner, Spartanburg Samuel M. Nabers, Jr., 20 years, Corporal, bookkeeper, Spartanhurg Charles P. Robinson, 37 years, Corporal, farmer, Greers Oscar B. Willis, 22 years, Corporal, clerk, Spartanburg John H. Harris, 30 years, Corporal, mill hand, Spartunburg William L. Omesby, 42 years, Corporal, plumber, Laurens Thomas E. Peterson, 27 years, Corporal, fireman, Laurens William W. Tribble, 21 years, Corporal, machinist, Laurens

Solomon C. Hargrove. 24 years. Corporal, machinist, Laurens Harrison H. Ferguson, 21 years, Corporal, clerk, Spartanburg George W. Childress, 27 years, Corporal, machinist, Greers Lute C. Bradley. 28 years, private, painter, Simpsonville Archie Watson, 22 years, private, Telegraph Operator, Columbia Mage I. Cellahan 20 years private salesman Spartanburg Thomas M. Baswell, 38 years, private, blacksmith, Greers Frank Hooper, 22 years, private, wagoner, Columbia Leonard Becker, private, Spartanburg Thomas B. Bennett, 38 years, private, painter, Laurens Miles B. Bomar. 21 years, private, farmer, O'Neal Volney B. Bogan, private, Gaffney William A. Brown, private, Spartanburg Himm T. Berkett 25 years private weaver, Pelzer Linder Carrier, private, Spartanburg Joseph Chaney, 19 years, private, photographer, Laurens James W. Clark, 19 years, private, millhand, Spartanburg James Clutts, private, Spartanburg John A. Cureton, 21 years, private, baker, Greenville Corvisie Y. Cunningham, private, Spartanburg William Davis, private, Hollyville, N. C. Fred L. Dillard, 20 years, private, clerk, Spartanburg Earle Dodd, 21 years, private, weaver, Spartanburg Sidney W. Edwards, 20 years, private, millhand, Laurens James C. Ellenburg, 21 years, private, millhand, Pelzer Robert J. Farmer, 27 years, private, farmer, Arlington Andrew Flood, private, Spartanburg James C. Gaffney, 21 years, private, painter, Spartanburg Benjamin F. Gibbs, private, Spartanhurg John M. Goswell. 26 years, private, mill hand, Augusta, Ca. Allan T. Green, private, Spartanburg Millas T. Harris, 23 years, private, farmer, Clinton Andy P. Hill, 25 years, private, farmer, Greenville William M. Hill, 35 years, private, mechanic, Spartanburg Rome Holland, private, Pacolet Howell Hollingsworth, 19 years, private, printer, Spartanburg Jesse A. Hudson, 26 years, private, farmer, Greenville James P. Huskey, private, Gaffney James J. Henderson 23 years, private, mill hand, Gaffney Jesso R. Jolly, 38 years, private, carpenter, Spartanburg William L. Jones, 24 years, private, weaver, Piedmont Samuel F. Lanford, 22 years, private, mill hand, Lanford Robert G. Lemons, private, Spartanburg Clarence C. McGowan. 19 years, private, clerk, Spartanburg John W. Martin, private, Spartanburg David L. Melvin, 31 years, private, mili hand, Greers Edward R. Millan, 20 years, private, insurance, Spartanburg Arthur W. Miller, private, Spartanburg Thomas Millwood, private, Spartanburg

Eugene W. Moon, 28 years, private, farmer, Greers

lames E. Moon. 28 years, private, carpenter, Greers William Morgan, private, Spartanburg Charlie B. Mott. 20 years, private, machinist, Laurens Arch C. Owning, 22 years, private, farmer, Rapley

John S. O'Neal, private, Spartanburg

Lem L. Poplin, 22 years, private, carpenter, Spartanburg Hugh L. Peden, private, Spartanburg

George C. Robertson, 28 years, private, farmer, O'Neal Joseph H. Robinson, 19 years, private, barber, Greenville Nigh P. Robinson, 20 years, private, clerk, Spartanburg

William H. Bowland, private, Spartanburg Ebbie F. Rowley, 18 years, private, student, Greenville

Edgar H. Rush 39 years private carpenter. Spartaphurg Thad G. Saxton, 30 years, private, merchant, Walterboro William Steele, 19 years, private, salesman, Greenville John Shipman, private, Spartanburg

Arthur R. Shockley, private, Spartanburg

Berry C. Sloan, 19 years, private, farmer, Spartanburg Claud P. Smith, 21 years, private, farmer, Woodruff William Sinor, private, Spartanburg,

William T. Thomas, private, Spartanburg Bishop P. Thomason, 43 years, private, cotton buyer, Greenville lames Turner, 19 years, private, mill hand. Spartanburg McDaniel Vaughan, 43 years, private, wood turner, Greenville Moultrie E. Voiselle, private, Union

Henry H. Ward, 23 years, private, carpenter, Augusta, Ga.

Lon, R. Ward, private Greenville Zebulon West, private, Spartanburg Leonard A. Whitmire, 18 years, private, student, Greenville

Augustas D. Kuykendall, 26 years, private, brickmason, Flat Rock Wake Shaver, 19 years, private, decorator, Spartanburg James Waters, 19 years, private, farmer, Enoree

Edward Neighbors, 19 years, private, express, Moores Harley L. Ropers 20 years private millhand Enorge Charles P. Lanford. 18 years, private, farmer, Woodruff. Robert Carlson, 18 years, private, curpenter, Spartanburg Thomas Tingley, 18 years, private, salesman, Spartanburg

Bruce Miller, 23 years, private, machinist, Charlotte, N. C. William C. Reid, private, Spartanburg John L. Richards, private, Gaffney Anselm S. Miller, private, Greenville

Keith D. Bristow, private, Spartanburg Gary R. Vaughn, 24 years, private, farmer, Greenville John M. Glenn. 23 years, private, weaver, Piedmont

### NAMES OF MEN IN COMPANY B. SECOND RECIMENT SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

Organized in Greenville, S. C. Called the Hampton Rifles

William G. Sirrine, 27 years, Captain, lawyer, Greenville Richard L. Dargan, 23 years, 1st. Lt., clerk, Greenville Theodore C. Stone, 23 years, 2nd. Lt., merchant, Greenville Augustus M. Deal. 21 years, 1st. Sergeant, student, Blacksburg Christie J. B. DeCamps, 19 years, Om. Sgt., student, Greenville loseph E. Leach, 20 years, sergeant, clerk, Greenville William P. Ligon, 20 years, sergeant, clerk, Greenville Claude M. Crawford, 23 years, sergeant, laborer, Richardsonville Robert E. Houston, 18 years, sergeant, student Greenville Henry Thompson, 22 years, cornoral, laborer, Lowell, Mass. Randolph W. Shannon. 20 years, corporal, farmer, Camden John D. Tate, 23 years, corporal, carpenter, Gaffney Henry G. Carroll, corporal, Bennettsville Robert H. Pollard. 24 years, corporal, farmer, Laurenburg Henry P. McLendon, cornoral, Camden Warren P. Crenshaw, private, Greenwood Charles P. McGregor, private, Pacolet

Joseph N. Caussee. 24 years, private, farmer, Conway Robert M. Wray. 27 years, private, farmer, Blacksburg Adam H. Jenkins, Ir., 32 years, private, Greenville

William H. Capell, 18 years, private, laborer, Cresoville Nathaniel C. Carson, 18 years, private, lineman, Greenville William M. Carter, 18 years, private, student, Columbia Beverly P. Cobb, 23 years, private, farmer, Blacksburg James Cobb, private, farmer, Blacksburg

George W. Dyer, private, Walhalla Richard Evett, private, Greenville, James O. Glenn, 24 years, private, farmer, Newberry Walter W. Goudelock, 23 years, private, laborer, Pacolet

George Hathcock, private, Bennettsville John P. Hill. 21 years, private, weaver, Asheville Charles W. Hudson, 20 years, private, tinner, Atlanta, Ga.

John M. Jeter, private, Santee Joseph A. Johnson, 19 years, private, farmer, Charleston Thomas O. Lee, private, Camden Robert Ligon, private, Greenville

Fred T. Logan, private, Atlanta, Ga. Robert H. Lupe, 20 years, private, student, Greenville Peter J. Mack, private, Columbia Ernest L. McCall, private, Bennettsville

George B. McCombs, private, Columbia Stanmore Y. Morris, 24 years, private, framer, Prosperity J. T. Nalley, private, Easley

James S. Norris, private, Briggs Edward, R. Parker, 23 years, private, laborer, Columbia William Platt, private, Columbia

Frank Y. Sammons, private, Greenville Samuel C. Sessions, 18 years, private, clerk, Columbia William R. Sprouse, private, Blacksburg

William R. Sprouse, private, Blacksburg

James P. Strong, 23 years, private, laborer, Gaffney

George D. Suttles, 21 years, private, laborer, Greenville

George D. Suttles, 21 years, private, laborer, Greenville Charles H. Terry, 20 years, private, farmer, Greenville John H. Tork, private, Greenville

Thomas M. Wakefield, private, Andrews, N. C. Albert P. Ward, private, Georgetown

Milton A. Ward, 18 years, private, weaver, Greenville John W. Ware, 20 years, private, farmer, Abbeville Harley West, 18 years, private, clerk, Greenville James L. Whitman, 21 years, private, farmer, Abbeville

Wylis T. Wood, 21 years, private, weaver, Galfney Johnathan Byers, 19 years, private, farmer, Blacksburg Brooks Fastaling, private, Repositionally

Brooks Easterling, private, Bennettsville
Alter T. Holley, 18 years, private, laborer, Augusta, Ga.
Loring P. Lyde, 21 years, private, farmer, Orangeburg

Loring P. Lyde, 21 years, private, farmer. Orangeburg Benj. H. Littlejohn, 22 years, private, weaver, Danville, Va. Samuel E. Mabery, 29 years, sergeant, musician, Jonesville Robert M. Meeks, 19 years, sergeant, inseman, Greenville William J. Varner, 20 years, corporal, farmer. Spartanburg

Joseph Alford, private, Ashboro, N. C. Herman P. Aull, 20 years, corporal, farmer, Newberry Joseph N. Autibus, 19 years, private, plumber, Charleston.

McPherson B. Brooks, 19 years, corporal, clerk, Ninety-six Francis M. Cooper, private, Easley

Arthur Cockerd, 23 years, private, laborer, Richardsonville Oscar M. Cureton, 23 years, private, student, Greenville Welcom J. David, 22 years, private, machinist, Columbia Thomas M. Dantiller, 18 years, private, farmer, St. Mathews

Thomas T. Davis, private, Pelzer John Davis, 24 years, private, lineman, Augusta, Ga. John D. Dunaway, 42 years, private, laborer, Spartanburg

John D. Dunaway, 42 years, private, laborer, Spartanbu: Aiken Duncan, private, Piedmont Isaac Estridge, 20 years, private, laborer, Columbia

same Zestrige, 20 year, privete, laborer, Colimbial School Frinzier, 50 years, privete, laborers, Colimbial Color Frinzier, 50 years, privete, laborership, 51 Martines Willer, 25 years, sergeant, teacher, Longmires William Color School Scho

Archie P. Howie, 18 years, private, clerk, Columbia Fred K. Johason, private, Bennettsville Paul H. Joyner, 18 years, private, Railroad Employee, Columbia Charles M. Jessen, 18 years, private, bookkeeper, Charleston Ethel H. James, private, Greenville

Theodore G. May, 18 years, private, blacksmith, Charleston, Wade P. Mills, private, Columbia William C. McAbee, 19 years, private, laborer, Spartanburg

William M. Moody, private, Pelzer

Lawrence Powell, private, Augusta, Ga. Gary F. Rose, 20 years, private, laborer, Columbia

John F. Ritter, private, Walhalla

Jeff Smith, private, Greenville

George A. Sloane, 22 years, private, printer, Columbia Eugene E. Stone, 19 years, corporal, laborer, Greenville William Thomas, private, Pacolet

Leonard H. Whitehead, 23 years, private, laborer, Greenville James A. Walker, 21 years, private, agent, Orangeburg

Arthur B. Zeigler, 21 years, corporal, carpenter, Blackville John W. Chasteen, 19 years, private, farmer, Anderson

Ossie Childers, 23 years, private, laborer, Greenville George Ford, 23 years, private, mason

John Green, private, Landrum

Thomas C. Hawkins, 21 years, private, laborer, Anderson John Hosey, private, Greenville

Ben A. Patterson, 20 years, private, farmer, Cherokee Falls William H. Price, 21 years, private, flagman, Garlandville, Ga. Texas L. Scott, private, Kingstree

Thomas M. Scott, private, Pelzer

James R. Taylor, 38 years, private, weaver, Union

Oscar W. Williamson. 28 years, private, clerk Creenville