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DEAR FRIEND:

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As one interested in the welfare of the Naval Reserve, or as one contemplating enlisting in same, the following abstracts from orders issued to the Naval Militia, N. G. C., may be of service to you.

The California Battalion of the Naval Militia has been ordered to sea on board the U. S. S. Badger, auxiliary Cruiser U. S. N. for eight days service, to occur late in August. This is a large transatlantic liner formerly Plant Line Steamer Yumurai of 4800 tons (a much larger vessel than the Santa Rosa.) The Southern trip will be taken with the following Divisions on board: Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, San Diego, and Los Angeles Engineer Division, a total of two or three hundred naval reserves. The cruise may be among our islands or down off the coast of Mexico.

The opportunity is now open to you of taking thus a trip or vacation at sea, and also for filling your long cherished desire of enlisting in the service of the State of California for naval reserve duties. These openings are in two different branches of the service. If in mechanical pursuits, you can join the Engineer Division, whose permanent headquarters will be in Los Angeles, altho attached to the U. S. S. Pinta at San Diego for all duties in "steamanship." Or you can join a local Los Angeles platoon of seamen to be enlisted as extra men to serve with the San Diego Division of seamen, and for all orders to look to the commander of that Division, Lieut. Roscoe Howard. San Diego has found a shortage of eligible young men of the best grade, and they will have no others, consequently has kindly extended this opening to Los Angeles to help them out. The local Los Angeles platoon will be under the immediate supervision of a warrant officer of the line. The Engineer Division will be a permanent Los Angeles institution, as a majority of its men and officers will be here. After return from the cruise, the Seamen Division of Los Angeles, can retain their enlistment if they desire and can keep up the local organization. To both these divisions promises have been given of quarters in the Brigade Armory and use of the large drill hall one night of each week. Complete equipments of rifles, cutlasses and uniforms are under way or in sight, and with the possibility of long entertained hopes of our own boats at San Pedro being realized.

A meeting of all those interested, in either the old organization of Naval Reserves or those contemplating enlistment in either of these new Divisions of Naval Militia, is called for Wednesday night, Aug. 2, 1898, at 414 CURRIER BUILDING.

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