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My dear friend:

Since writing my  
letter a few days ago it seems  
to me that you & your boys may  
take an interest in some Manila  
relics I brought home with me. I  
send a "clip" of Manner articles  
taken from a contraband box found  
on one of the Spanish Cruisers sunk  
at Manila May 1<sup>st</sup> 1878 by Admiral  
Dewey's fleet. Our boys and the  
newspapers have had a good deal  
to say about the "Hum" & "Zip" of  
the small Manner bullets. Our troops  
had two kinds of rifles. The old  
Springfield .45 cal. and the new  
Krag .30 adapted for the army only

a short time before he submitting  
his views, and this were not  
margin on how to arm all the  
new troops. The Navy uses the  
"Lee Cal. 236. for effective work  
in stopping an enemy the old  
Springfield .45 was most effective  
but its range is much less than  
the Mouser<sup>303</sup> or the Krag. 30

A board of Army & Navy officers has  
recommended a uniform cartridge for  
both services Cal. 20 also one for  
revolvers & hereafter this will be  
uniformity in regular Army, Navy  
& National Guards or State troops.

There are enough of the Krag. 30 on  
hand now for the whole Army &  
National Guard and plenty of surplus  
powder for cartridges. I think however  
a large part of the Spanish troops had  
Remington .45 rifles. Forgive this  
small relic and I will let you see if you  
may do all my funds here I am  
Very truly yours H. W. Stevenson