

Soldier's Letters in Saginaw.

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When the mail from the east arrived here some time ago, the post-office employes were given a surprise.

Upon emptying the pouches a number of pieces of hard-tack rolled out upon the table.

Examination revealed that upon one side was written the letter or rather the note, and on the other side was the address and stamp all in the regulation form of a very fat private post card.

There were several of these unique souvenirs from the soldier boys, and I am not aware whether they sent them from mere curiosity to see if they would reach their consignee, or whether hard-tack is really more plentiful with them than paper.

I have in my possession a soldier's letter written on the road to the Philippines and addressed to a person in a village in New York State. It is post-marked Honolulu, Aug. 22, and bears a common two-cent United States stamp. It reached the village intended, Sept. 12, and was forwarded to Utica, N. Y., reaching there next day. From here it was forwarded to another N. Y. village, which it reached the same day at 7 p. m., where it was delivered to the owner.

Nearly half of the envelope is covered with "Old Glory," on a short flag-staff, the flag being partially covered by a blue half tone of the battleship Maine, enclosed in a frame with "Remember the Maine" slightly arched over the ship. Above all and nearly on the edge of the envel-

ope is printed in blue, "Co. E, 1st Inf., N. Y. Vol."

I have also seen soldiers' or sailors' letters with a 2c postage due stamp, and others with no stamp whatsoever.

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