Galveston July 5th 1917.

Mrs Imer, M. G. Fry
Orville Ala.

My dear Mrs Fry,

Your welcome letter 2d to hand, your last letter would have been answd but I was waiting for you to advise me that you had received the Article from Mrs Chelleny. I would have written to her, yet I was afraid, as in her last letter she had been ill, and was then at a Sanitarium some place North. And of late years I am afraid to ask for friends or write them for fear I shall find out they have "passed over" I am glad to hear through you that our mutual friend is still with us. She wrote me that she hoped to meet me in Washington I was disappointed not to find either you or her there. As you must have seen from the papers it was a grand Reunion Not so much as to a large number of Veteran Confederates for that was not the fact but as to the significance of the meeting and the greater numbers of relations of Veterans present, and the extra large assemblage of people of the surrounding cities the day of the parade. We of the late Confederate Navy for the first time were a special feature in

the parade, we had nine automobiles each having a large banner on their sides "Confederate Navy" Mr Admiral A. O. Wright of Florida rode in a machine by him self - with a drum - he holding a U. S. flag in ~~his~~ ~~right~~ one hand and a Confederate flag in the other the other cars had four Ex navy men in each. Mr Wright was a Midshipman in the C. S. Navy. When I was his mess mate at Savannah in 1867. Mr Marmaduke was a Midshipman on board the Merrimack in her great fight. Mr Dabney Scales of Memphis Tenn - was on board the Arkansas, when that ship fought the entire fleet at Vicksburg. Mr Brown as a Midshipman was on board the Alabama there were several other of the old Confederate officers from the Merrimack, the Alabama and other vessels. Ralph Semmes a Midshipman C. S. N. are evening we of the navy gave a Reception at the Willard Hotel. The Commanding U. S. Naval Admiral at Washington honored as he had with him an officer of his staff among the guests were Mrs Anna Semmes Bryan - daughter of Admiral Semmes - Escorted by her brother Ralph "
Mrs C Branch Stone - of Galveston, escorted by the Commander of Camp Magruder U. C. V. - Mr Cameron - Miss E. D. Pope of the "Veteran" Nashville, and many other ladies and old

C. S. Navy officers the following day when the naval brigade passed by the President close - some ten feet - he gave us a special smile and salute

I am glad you found something of interest in my paper "The young women of the South" Of course you see that it is but crudely composed, in fact I was the boy writing as those matters came back to me yet all is as I have put it down in the paper, Miss Anna Penney was a beautiful girl I remember the names of those you mention.

I knew a Bob Crawford boy friend of Nick Weekes Charlie & Will Richards John Hunter & others Crawford's sister married a Vanderbilt and he passed through here some years ago Nick, and some other Mobile men entertained him Crawford was in his special car a party of us went as far as Hinston when he left, with his & his two boys, I do not call to my mind the duel you speak of, 'Yes,' it does indeed seem that we lived through romance war and all kinds of excitement from 1861 to 1865, and I since that time seemed to have lived through much of life and yet the events of those four years I supposed were impressed upon my mind when it could be most affected as I seem to recall those incidents more clearly than more important ones occurring to me since,

my Sister Mrs Rembert tells me that Miss Spencer lives with a brother upon the main land but some times visits here. I have seen nothing of the family for some years, in fact the only real visit I ever made to [illegible] at Demopolis in 1865 when Mrs Spencer — then Miss McDonald — entertained the young men of the C. S. Navy as stated in my paper "Battle at Mobile and retreat up the Ala & Tombigaa Rivers" As I have no other copies of either of these articles you may return both to me at your convenience I have some Grand Nephews to whom I would like to leave all my Confederate papers &c. My only son died at 20 he had been an officer with Fitz Hugh Lee, at Cuba during the Spanish War

I trust that you are enjoying good health and I will always like to hear from you I have been busy since my return, — and I passed eight days at my old home at Memphis on my way back from Washington D.C.

With best regards

I am sincerely

Yours Wm L Cameron

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In the Confederate Veteran June No 7 there is a short yarn of mine about two young officers who lost a boat & nine men.

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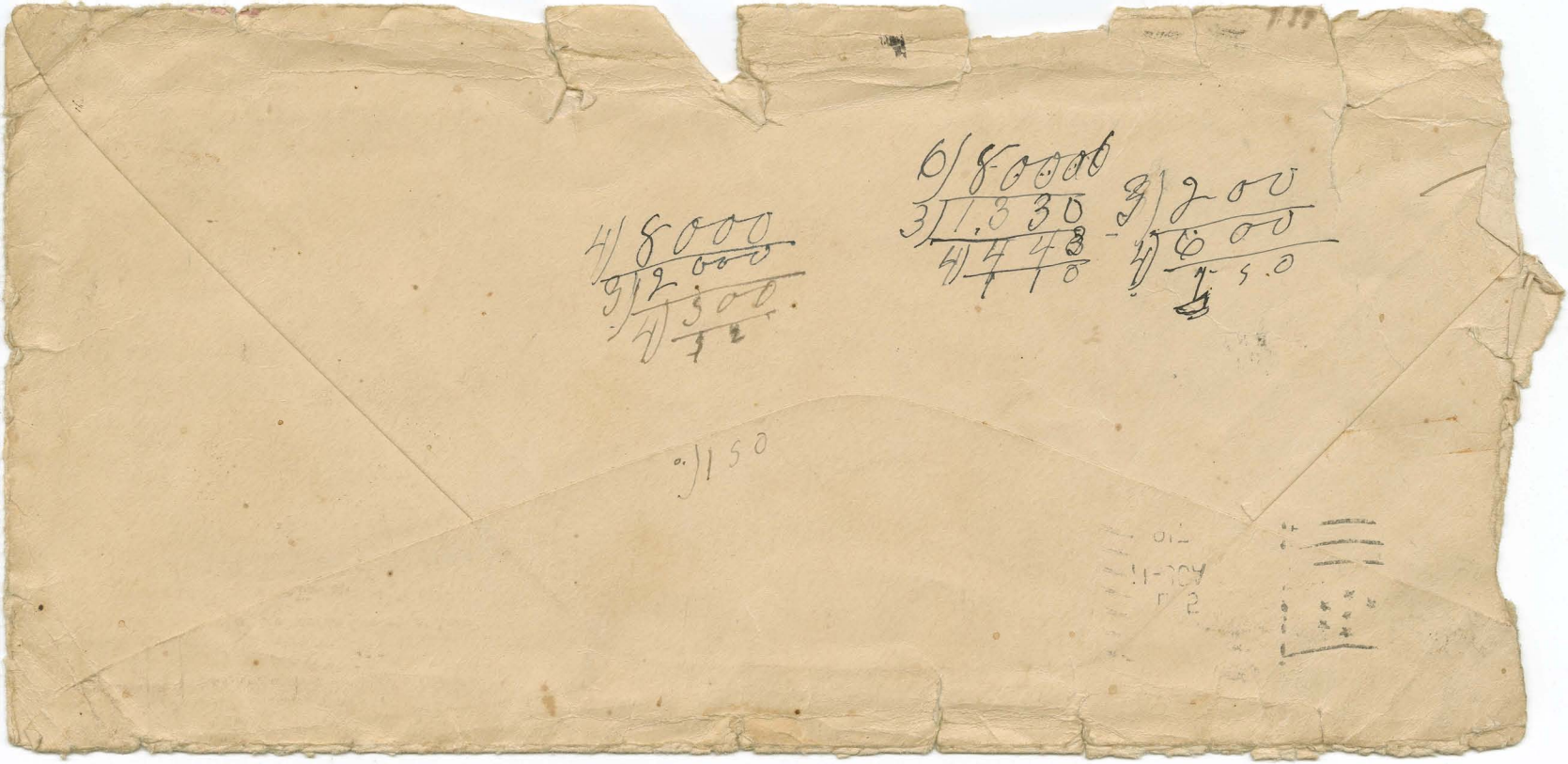

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