

Solution to 'Never Forget':

A photo titled "Departure of Spanish Prisoners of War, 1898"

Can be found on the Maine Memory Network @ <https://www.mainememory.net/artifact/7855>

Clues:

Each word and each line here might be a clue.

Solve them alone or get help from a crew: **the prisoners were the crews of Spanish ships**
Go through the lines and add up your scores/ *Follow my Lead* and the prize will be yours.

= ME = Maine = USS Maine and the prisoners were taken to the state of Maine.

Somewhere in the world, at a far southern isle: **Cuba**

My namesake arrived and stayed for a while: **The USS Maine in Havana Harbor**

Southern yes, but above the equator: **northern hemisphere**

She created a stir a little time later: **The USS Maine exploded in Havana Harbor**

A sudden event, blown way out of size: **It was assumed the Spanish blew her up.**

Accusations, denials, and probably lies.

And so an historic kerfuffle was born: **It ignited the Spanish-American War**

It did not last long but relations were torn: **The war lasted just one year.**

Five out of six were eventually lost: **5 out of 6 Spanish war ships were destroyed**

With many abandoned, and at a great cost: **Many lives lost, over 1,500 captured**

Ironically, they stayed with me for a while: **Prisoners were sent to Kittery, Maine**

But sadly, their visit was not in fine style: **A prison camp**

Another island, and much farther north: **Seavey Island in Kittery Maine**

They waited and waited for news to come forth/ Before all was done,

Fever and disease took thirty-one: **Yellow fever and influenza**

When they were ready to return to their home/They packed up their bags and they headed

for Rome: **They were picked up by a ship called "City of Rome" and returned to Spain.**

Years later, new information gave pause, Revealing what might be the truth of the cause:

The USS Maine's boiler probably blew up, destroying the ship, not a Spanish attack.

For future generations, records were kept/ Little pieces of history so we don't forget.

Go find this old memory in my archive/ Seven thousand, eight hundred and fifty-five:

At the site called The Maine Memory Network, item # 7855 is this photograph of Spanish sailors leaving Maine for home.

Many years later, controversy still swirls: **The cause of the explosion is still debated**

More research may help as history unfurls/ Old records exist for all to see,

Go find them now and **Remember ME: Rallying cry, "Remember the Maine! To hell with Spain!"**

Background image, USS Maine 1898



The prize for this hunt:

