

FOUGHT IN THREE WARS.

Maj James P. Clare, M. V. M., Retired, is Anxious to Fight in a Fourth

It is proverbial that some men would "rather fight than eat," and this is true of Maj James P Clare, M V M, retired, as he has already fought in



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three wars and is anxious to get into the Mexican trouble if war should be declared.

Maj Clare is hale and hearty at 63 years of age, and looks at least 10 years younger, and is still doing duty at the State House as messenger for the House. He is anxious to again go to the front and it is understood that a staff position awaits him with the rank of first lieutenant.

Maj Clare was born in Chelsea, in 1846. Although but 15 when the Civil War broke out, he became attached, as musician, to Co E, 19th Massachusetts, and afterward became principal musician of the regiment. Capt Clare returned home as second lieutenant.

April 20, 1897, he was commissioned captain of Co M, 5th Infantry, M. V. M., and commanded the company in the Spanish War, for which service he was highly commended by his superior officers. For five months he was acting major, commanding a battalion.

Aug 2, 1899, he was appointed first lieutenant in the 26th Regiment, United States Volunteers, serving in the Philippines campaign. On his return he resumed command of Co M.

Maj Clare had the unusual experience of having served under Col Rice in the Civil War and also in the Philippines campaign.