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*To the Editor of the San Diego Herald :*

"IN TIME OF PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR." —  
Under this specious heading, an article has made its appearance in your paper, stating that "the astonishing fact has been revealed that not a single cartridge was to be found with the command of Col. Magruder, at the Mission of San Diego and San Louis Rey."

In answer, I have to state that the Battery I have the honor to command, was never more perfectly supplied with ammunition of all kinds, including cartridges, than at this moment; and, being on the eve of departure to support Major Fitzgerald and his gallant volunteers, I invite the author of the above ungenerous communication, to accompany me, in order to witness its efficacy, should an opportunity of testing it present itself.

It is true that the remainder of the cartridges, originally few in number, for small arms, were all issued to the detachment at San Louis Rey, but requisitions were made two months since, for a fresh supply, and it was well known that a large quantity of cartridges was on hand with the Infantry at this place, and could be procured—as they were procured—at a moment's warning.

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