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— OF THE —

## DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

— HELD AT —

## SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI,

MAY 16 AND 17, 1900.

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*Reported by Comrade C. C. Cowen, Stenographer, Post 1, St. Louis.*

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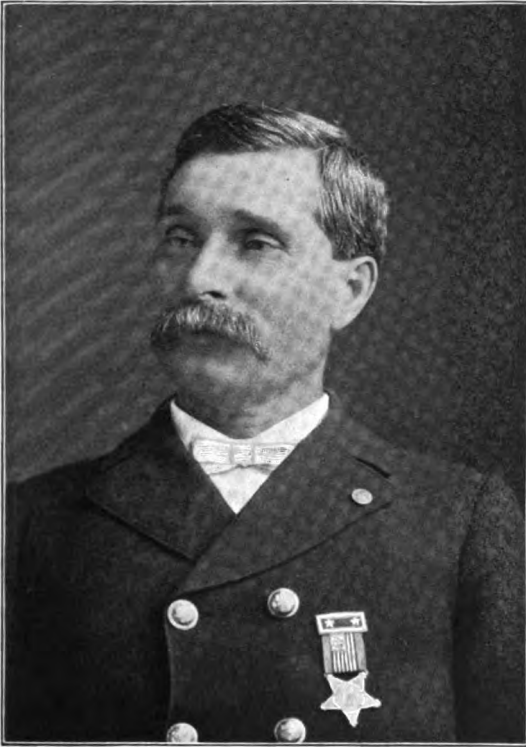
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### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of the Encampment.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling Roll of Members.
5. Reports of Officers.
- 6. Appointment of Committee on Reports of Officers, and such other Committees as may be necessary.
7. Reception and Reference of Communications.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Election of Officers and Delegates to National Encampment.
11. Installation of Officers.

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ROLL OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.

Held at Springfield, Mo., May 16 and 17, 1900.

The following is the Roll of the members of the Encampment present, as reported by the Committee on Credentials and adopted by the Encampment. Of the Department Officers, those marked with an asterisk (\*) were present.

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CHAPLAIN,

\*REV. T. J. FERRIL.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,

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INSPECTOR,

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Representatives, Chas. N. Brooks, August Bruenert, Frank A. Becker, Arthur H. McLeod, Wm. C. Price.

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Representatives, Martin Scherer, Francis P. Becker, Max Fritz, Wm. Hahn, Anton Demuth, H. Angermueller, Henry Mueller, Philip W. Schneider, Frank Sebastian.

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Representative, C. C. Birge.

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Parker, J. M. Monroe.

Representative, Sylvester F. Hatton.

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Post Commander, Wm. Stark.

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Representative, W. A. Thompson.

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Past Post Commander, Henry F. Glahn.

Representative, Gottlieb Conrard.

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**Gen. Geo. G. Meade Post No. 48, Lebanon.**

Post Commander, John Curn.

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Clough, A. Fayant, Wm. Chastain.

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Post Commander, J. W. Trader.

Past Post Commanders, Ira T. Bronson, John Rippey.

Representatives, John Wickline, Chas. Kooch, George Hofferbut.

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Representative, S. Zencker.



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Past Post Commanders, E. C. Brott, George W. Martin.

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Past Post Commanders, A. L. McBride, J. Evilsizer, D. Smith.

Representative, F. M. Wyatt.

**Gen. H. Blunt Post No. 59, Pollock.**

Past Post Commander, G. W. Mason.

Representative, T. A. Reeves.

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Representative, O. M. Fuller.

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**Capt. John Matthews Post No. 69, Springfield.**

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Past Post Commanders, W. B. Rogers, Geo. Hall.

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Representatives, James M. Turley, John A. Adams.

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Representative, Hobart Ripley.

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Post Commander, Joe Morgan.

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Post Commander, John Ferguson.

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Post Commander, Wm. J. Taylor.

Past Post Commanders, W. H. Skinner, J. Walker.

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Past Post Commander, H. C. Sankey.

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Post Commander, M. G. Garner.

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Committee on Credentials.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
NINETEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
OF THE  
**DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,**  
Grand Army of the Republic,  
HELD AT  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, MAY 16TH AND 17TH, 1900.

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The Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, convened at the Opera House, Springfield, Missouri, May 16th, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Department Commander John W. Scott.

The Department Commander: Comrades, we have met again in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, which constitute the great objects of our Order. The Chaplain will now invoke the Divine blessing.

By request of Department Chaplain Ferril, the Divine blessing was invoked by Comrade Witten, Chaplain of Post 69, of Springfield, Missouri, as follows:

We thank Thee, O God, that we are yet alive and are permitted to see each others' faces again. We thank Thee that Thou has brought us through so many dangers and trials and perplexities, and that we can meet again to engage in the delightful and responsible work on this occasion. We thank Thee, O our Father, for the responsibilities laid upon us and for the aid given us as a Christian Nation. We thank Thee, O our Father, that wherever the Star Spangled Banner floats as the flag of the living, and the sentinel of our dead heroes, that there Thy name is known and feared among men. O Lord, we thank Thee for the protection Thou hast given us, and that Thy servant, the President of these United States, has been sustained through the trials and responsibilities that have rested upon him; that he, in the name of this nation, has stated to the oppressors: "Let the oppressed go free," and: "Let my people go that they may serve

Thee," and that Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands are now under our protection to worship Thee. We ask Thee to bless our soldiers wherever they may be; to protect them from death and disease incident to camp life. O God, be with us on this occasion, and may the comrades all be happy when our guests on this occasion; and after the short returning days of our lives, when the last one has passed away, that we may all meet together around Thy throne, where Thou, O God, art the Supreme Commander. Amen.

Song by the Kansas City Quartet: "Again We Meet."

The Department Commander: I have the pleasure of presenting to you Comrade Hubbard, Commander of Post 69, of Springfield, Missouri, who will address you.

Comrade Hubbard: Department Commander, and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Missouri: I have been selected to say a few words, and a very few, of welcome to those comrades assembled here representing the 400 Posts of this State. I have no set speech to deliver. And it seems to me, Comrades, notwithstanding that I am supposed to deliver a greeting of welcome, that it is almost an absurdity; as these fair fields—this beautiful country—all this beautiful city upon these mountain tops belong to you, and it is your's to enjoy and to partake of and use at your pleasure; there is no use for anybody to hand the keys of the City of Springfield to you, and why not? You hail from Wilson's Creek; you hail from Springfield; you hail from Pea Ridge; you hail from Dug Springs; you hail from Prairie Grove; you hail from Lexington, and you hail from Lone Jack where you stood by the cannon's mouth in defense of this glorious country; you are citizens of the great State of Missouri which includes all, all that is here, and all that is here about belongs to you; but, then, as a matter of courtesy, and as a matter of love and soldierly affection, as much as in us lies, we do extend to you the most hearty and cordial greeting of this City of the Ozarks, and we hope you will partake of the hospitality of the city and participate in the interviews and associations of your comrades, and that you will make the best of your visit and it shall be our duty and aim to contribute as much as in our power lies to your enjoyment on this occasion.

I have a little criticism that I want to get off on Comrade McAdoo. He is the chairman of the committee of arrangement, and it is due to his brain that all this entertainment has been prepared for you, but I will tell you: Up yonder, a year ago, when this encampment was brought here, he said something that a good many of us resented, down here, and especially myself; he said he wanted this Encampment brought here because we had the ugliest men and the prettiest women in the country here at Springfield; now, I am willing to admit that Comrade McAdoo spoke the truth when he said that we had the most

beautiful women in all the country, but he didn't when he said that the men are not good looking in this part of the country; I want to say right here, emphatically, that we have the finest looking men here that you will find in the country; they fill the college and professional chairs; they are in all the professions; they belong to the temperance and other societies; in fact, you can find them everywhere. As I told you before, I have no set speech, I just want to welcome you here in the name of the old soldiers; but we have a gentleman here who presides over the destinies of this city who will welcome you here more in behalf of the citizens than of the old soldiers, but on behalf of both of them.

I have got a few remarks to make in addition: It has been thought proper by Captain John Matthews Post of this city to offer some testimonial to the Department of Missouri, as a remembrance, and we knew of nothing that would be more proper than to have carved out of the native woods of Southwest Missouri a beautiful gavel, and upon which the proper inscription will be put in due time. We had selected some comrades of this Post to get the particular wood out of which it would be carved, and in their researches they found a piece of hickory that was cut twenty or twenty-five years ago from a tree which stood within about twenty steps of the place where Gen. Lyon fell at Wilson's Creek, and in that dry piece of wood is a piece of a cannon ball where the tree was splintered, and the section out of which this gavel was made has been preserved in Drury College until Comrade Calland had this beautiful gavel made; it comes from that staunch stuff that represents the character of old Hickory, the hero of New Orleans, and it contains in its own hard wood a piece of a rebel shell; it comes from that historic ground where Lyon fell, and I think it ought to be preserved in the archives of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, and I now present it to the Commander of the Department.

Comrades, we welcome you with all our hearts, for we love you—we love you—we love you (Applause).

The Department Commander: In behalf of the Department of Missouri, of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you for your cordial greeting, and this esteemed gift.

We will now hear from the Mayor. I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mayor Walker, of Springfield, Missouri.

Mr. Walker, Mayor of Springfield, Missouri, addressed the Encampment as follows:

Gentlemen of the Grand Army, of the State of Missouri, to myself as the official representative of Springfield has been delegated the pleasurable duty of extending to you a welcome—"the freedom of the

city," if you will. Fifteen years ago I had the pleasure in the same capacity of extending a similar welcome to you, and to the illustrious personage, the late Gen. W. T. Sherman.

Many changes and some important events have since occurred in public sentiment and in national affairs.

I can well remember on that occasion, which was Decoration Day, I occupied a seat in the carriage with Gen. Sherman from the Ozark Hotel to the Public Square. I then remarked to him, in the course of conversation, that I believed the time had come to remove the middle wall or partition, dividing the National and Confederate Cemeteries, in proof of which I pointed out to him the fact that not two years before, on the 20th anniversary of the sanguinary battle of Wilson Creek, which was fittingly celebrated in this city by a reunion in which thousands of gray-haired veterans were welcomed and congratulated. Veterans who wore the blue and veterans whose insignia had been gray, welcomed because their presence was gratifying in the hospitable community which had invited them and congratulated because of the assurance which joint participation and fraternal commingling gave of the dawn of a new era. It was in attestation of the closing of a gap in the brotherhood of man—a frightful rent which for two decades had marred the beauty and symmetry of our national structure.

It was an auspicious event and it was fitting that its sequel, an observance of Decoration Day, in which sectional and party lines of demarcation would be obliterated, should be inaugurated from this place, where one of the first reunions of the Blue and Gray was commemorated. An event that became of national note because of its significance.

Gen. Sherman, while assenting to my proposition in a general way, said that the time had not yet come for this, but that it was likely to happen in no distant future. Fourteen years later, an officer who fought under this illustrious General, and filling the office of Chief Executive of the Nation, in the heart of the old Confederate States, proclaimed in his speech his adhesion to the sentiment then expressed.

The destruction of the battleship "Maine" in the harbor of Havana and the events growing out of it, revived the fires of patriotism in the breast of those who wore the gray, and with the same love for a re-united country they vied with the men who wore the blue in offering their services in their country's cause.

The spirit of unity and harmony has nowhere been better illustrated in the commingling of the Blue and the Gray than that practiced in this city by the local posts. It is eminently calculated to kindle anew the fires of patriotism, bind the hearts of the living in closer communion and temper the asperities of social, business and political life, and be of inestimable advantage to the nation in strengthening our institutions and promoting the ends of unity and harmony.

Aside from the exercises of to-day which will, I am sure, be doubly pleasurable to yourselves, our people hope to bring to your attention many attractive features of this locality as well as points of historic interest, and I trust that your visit to Springfield will be fruitful of pleasant memories.

Again, on behalf of Springfield, I extend a cordial welcome to you and to those visitors who have been attracted here by reason of your gathering.

The Department Commander: We thank you for your cordial greeting, and I now have the pleasure of asking our Department Chaplain, Comrade Ferril, to reply for us.

Comrade Ferril: I want to say to the Mayor of the City of Springfield that I never looked into more loyal faces than I look into this morning; men loyal to their country, at Wilson's Creek, and on all other battle grounds; and the same patriotism beats in their hearts to-day that beat in their hearts in 1861 to 1865. I believe one man has said that the boys at Springfield here are ugly, but I say that you cannot find any ugly soldiers; the Grand Army men are all good looking. The attributes that go to make up a loyal man and a good citizen molds his face and form into symmetrical beauty; it cannot be otherwise. We thank you, Mr. Mayor, for the welcome that you have given us here this morning. And as the Mayor has given us the liberty of the city, I want to say to the Comrades, as their Chaplain, to be sure to keep straight and to walk on the sidewalks while you are here (Laughter). I want to say just one word more: I have seen the time when we did not go forward in America and in Missouri as we do to-day, and I thank God that this country that we helped to save is bound together to-day with stronger cords of affection than ever before. You will remember that when Fitzhugh Lee was commissioned a Brigadier-General he got his first new suit of blue clothes, and when they came home his wife said: "General, the clothes have come, but they are blue and are all covered with brass buttons;" and he said: "You just keep them covered up until I get them on for fear I may want to shoot at them" (Laughter). But he is now wearing that blue suit of clothes with brass buttons, honorably and grandly. And old Joe Wheeler, too (Applause). Spain was a mighty power, and it waged a mighty conflict as they supposed, and as the world at large supposed, from their point of view, but to us it was but a skirmish as compared with our meeting with the grand men who wore the gray led by such men as Fitzhugh Lee and Wheeler on our bloody battle fields. Then we were called Yankees, but to-day they call Fitzhugh Lee a Yankee; we are all Yankees now (Applause). The loyal men of this country have carried the flag, as stated this morning in the welcoming speech, to Cuba, Porto Rico and to Manila, and the sun never goes down on the grand old flag to-day (Applause); when it is sunset at Manila, it is

two hours high in Maine, and so the grand old flag, as it is, upon which the sun never sets (Applause). These are the boys you welcome, Mr. Mayor, the boys that have carried and planted the flag for all time; the same boys that defended the flag when it was attempted to be trailed in the dust (Applause); may God bless you, and we thank you for this welcoming speech. We are going to try to behave ourselves while we are here, and when we go away from here we want it said by the people: "That is the grandest set of men that ever walked the streets of the city" (Applause). You may have prettier women here than anywhere else, but we flatter ourselves that we have pretty ones at home (Laughter). I appreciate your speech; I appreciate this grand welcome; and I want to say to the Mayor that the Grand Army men are the grandest men on earth; and I want them to be as near to Christ as they were to the flag of this country. Grand old flag! They cannot pull it down anywhere on this earth (Applause). I thank you.

The Department Commander: I now declare the 19th Annual Encampment of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, open for business. The Assistant Adjutant General will call the Roll of Officers.

The Roll was called and all were present except W. D. Sigler, Junior Vice Department Commander, and N. W. Taylor and E. D. Cornish of the Council of Administration.

Reports of officers being next in order, Senior Vice Department Commander Zimmerer took the chair, and on motion the reading of all reports, except the Commander's Address, was dispensed with, and the printed reports were distributed in the Encampment.

Department Commander Scott then read his address, as follows:

## ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, }  
MOBERLY, MO., May 1, 1900. }

*Comrades:*

Again we meet in Annual Encampment to review our affairs of the past year, to renew old associations and to plan and legislate for our future. We gather in the beautiful and hospitable City of Springfield, the Queen City of the Ozarks, historic for the important and thrilling events that transpired in its surroundings, where amidst the sound of cannon and fierce clash of arms, many of our comrades here to-day were conspicuous in defense of right and justice nearly two score years ago; and now where the white-winged dove of peace and tranquility reigns supreme, and a happy united people vie with each other in zealous devotion to one country and one flag.

When at the Eighteenth Annual Encampment, you honored me as your standard bearer, your kindness filled my heart with pride and I accepted the same with a determination to merit your esteemed confidence, by fulfilling the duties of the office to the best of my ability. The year has been to me one of constant thought and toil for the welfare of the Department, attended with many choice courtesies and greetings from comrades and friends, that will ever reflect pleasant thoughts in my declining moments. On assuming command of the Department I recognized but one duty towards my comrades, to stand between them and all things detrimental to their interests, from planes of affluence and humble origin alike. Like my predecessors of late, I soon realized that my first efforts should be given towards retarding the inevitable decline in membership, and I indited and sent to many suspended and dropped members a copy of the following letter:

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, }  
DEPT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R., }  
MOBERLY, Mo. }

*Comrade:*

Our Department Records are a silent witness that we have had the pleasure of your association in the past, for the welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic and its principles that your patriotism and valor were a part of its possibility, and I beg your pardon for this intrusion, if it is not consistent and agreeable to your present views. The fact that I indite this appeal to a comrade with whom I shared all endurance and every confidence in the darkest hours of our country's peril, and for the preservation of "Old Glory," lends me encouragement that it may not be in vain, if viewed and considered with the same spirit and pride that placed your name on the escutcheon of fame in the days of '61 and '65. Having been honored by my comrades with their confidence and compliment of Department Com-



mander, I assumed every duty in their interest with pleasure, and this is no exception in getting "next" to you, in requesting your return to our ranks. In doing so, I am aware of the occasional differences that arise, imaginable and otherwise, and to overcome and cast aside, veterans imbued with patriotism and valor can easily regulate, for

"Whoever thinks a faultless place to see,  
Thinks what ne'er was, nor is, nor e'er will be."

And the comrades whom misfortune has overtaken, with that pride only found in true manhood, should meet halfway those comrades whom kind providence hath tenderly blessed, and exercise towards each other the cardinal principles of our Order, Fraternity and Charity. I feel confident that your presence once more in the Post room would be met by a fraternal greeting, known only by those who stood shoulder to shoulder in that conflict, where fortitude and heroism were peerless and invincible on a thousand fields of glory. Only those endowed with that love of home and country can accord the hearty welcome we extend to you. We want your communion in paying tribute to our departed comrades, a solemn reverence we all owe. We need your tender touch and helping hand for aged and decrepit comrades and the widows and orphans. Let not the bright luster of a useful career be dimmed in a moment that is golden. Again I ask you to help bear the badge of honor and little bronze button, and receive the benediction of your comrades in the end.

Your Comrade in F., C. and L.,

JOHN W. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

The response not being equal to the object in view, I turned to personal visits among the comrades when possible, and the success attained by the latter method is plain in the second semi-annual report.

The general condition of our Department at the present time may not meet with the expectations of some who least realize the burden of decline, and that the harvest of our existence when comrades by thousands rallied around our standard, is a period of the past. But those who recognize the inevitable that confronts our decrepit and hoary columns of to-day, marching by brigades to the eternal campground, can appreciate the persistent labor and efforts that brings to you this report.

### MEMBERSHIP.

While the Assistant Adjutant General's report will show a loss in good standing, the reason to a large extent is obvious, by a close perusal of his very excellent and comprehensive statement.

The first semi-annual report shows a loss of fifty Posts and 1,051 members, greatly due to the elimination of forty-five Posts, representing 962 members, found on the rolls in arrears for all dues and reports, from one and one-half to four years, and after repeated attempts to again revive them, in justice to the Department, I deemed it my duty to carry them no longer.

The second semi-annual report shows a gain of 145 members, the first increase since 1893, and if we leave out of consideration the forty-

five defunct Posts dropped in first report, there is a gain of fifty-six members for the year, a result most pleasing in this period of our organization, and very gratifying to me for the many moments of travel and labor required to attain the same.

### FINANCES.

Reference to the Assistant Quartermaster General's report, shows our finances in fair condition.

During the year, our receipts have come from per capita tax and interest on the Mesner loan at Kansas City, with a diminishing amount from profit on the sale of supplies.

Economy has been exercised in every manner, and comrades in good standing have had the preference in all dealings. And we must consider, with the present very lenient laws, the large remittance of dues at the expense of the Department Treasury, that our expenditures are destined to overcome the receipts.

Personally, the greater portion of my expense with nearly twenty thousand miles of railway travel, in the interest of the Department, is rendered gratis.

### MEMORIAL DAY.

How pleasant to observe, each recurring year, the additional luster and respect accorded Memorial Day by a grateful people, who adore their country and cherish the memories and heroic sacrifices of its preservers, and no other occasion has the same inspiration of noble thoughts and inculcation of patriotism in the minds of all classes. May the price of our country's freedom and greatness ever be the beacon light of all true Americans.

### OUR AUXILIARIES.

Great credit is due the Sons of Veterans in their persistent struggle for success, and it is our duty to give them encouragement at each opportunity. Their principles are identical with ours, and when the Grand Army of the Republic has passed the final muster and bivouacked in the eternal camp beyond, who will revere and perpetuate its memories? The Sons of Veterans! And who will be their guiding star, down the pathway of time, in commemorating the heroic achievements of their ancestors, and paying tribute to the mute and silent mounds on Memorial Day? The loyal and patriotic Woman's Relief Corps, whose constancy and devotion, on the field, in the hospital and the home, and ever ready to share our bitter with the sweet in the past, is every assurance of their affections and kind thoughts in the future. And I am in accord with all kindred organizations, combined to glorify our country's flag and the principles it represents.

## SOLDIERS' HOME.

During the year, I have visited the Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James. My reception by the inmates and officials was cordial. A close inspection of the buildings and surroundings found everything tidy and clean, and many excellent improvements compared with the date of dedication, partly due to the benevolence of the Grand Army and Relief Corps since then. It was gratifying indeed to have the pleasure of cheering the ebbing moments of old comrades and aged women, and to have from them all praise for the management.

The capacity of the buildings were taxed to their utmost and the need of sanitary accommodations for women most noticeable. The small brick building originally furnished by Lincoln and Sherman Corps and Posts, was occupied by old comrades and sick and feeble aged women as well. This want and condition should not be tolerated by a great commonwealth in this day of enlightenment and plenty. My visit to the male hospital was a pleasure, to view the comforts and kind attention administered by Dr. Headly, an ex-Confederate soldier, to old comrades I had known in the past, some confined to their beds in a condition awaiting the last command from on high. While there I had dinner with the comrades and old ladies and was agreeably surprised at the wholesome spread, my visit not being anticipated. To my comrades and the Relief Corps in particular, I will say your success in establishing the only Union Soldiers' Home in Missouri, has been a gracious boon to the aged veteran and wife, and a noble monument to its projectors for time to come.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Thirty-third National Encampment at Philadelphia, September 6th and 7th, 1899, was attended by an unusually large delegation from this Department. The cordial greetings and lavish decorations of elegance tendered the Grand Army, will ever remain a brilliant spot in the memories of all comrades present. Incidents of pleasure and prominence were more profuse than I have time here to enumerate, but I cannot forget the gratifying and touching moments of that great parade of the noblest galaxy of patriots and battle-stained heroes of ages past, wherein I had the envied honor of leading the Department of Missouri, superb in the estimation of multitudes, through avenues historic and hallowed by the tread and deeds of our sires of 1776, where liberty and independence supplanted tyranny, and "Old Glory" first kissed the heaven-born breeze.

My presence at the Encampment sessions were constant from the opening to the close, and I can report an excellent attendance of your delegation throughout its duration. The affairs of our Order, of interest to all, received every attention from capable and zealous comrades, and to those comrades who were not present on that

occasion, I refer them to the National Proceedings that are on distribution here for their information during this Encampment. And last but not least, it is a pleasure for me to report the action of your representatives in bringing forth and tendering to that grand assembly of comrades, for the exalted position and choicest compliment within their gift, that sceptre emblazoned with righteousness and fame, for the glorified mantle of Commander-in-Chief, a comrade whom we all love and esteem, Leo Rassieur, of Post No. 1, of St. Louis. And the masterly eloquence in which our sincere desires were presented by that prince of comrades Wm. Warner, will pass down the annals of time as the highest gem of the Thirty-third National Encampment.

And comrades it is a pleasure to inform you that I have communications from representatives of nearly every prominent Department to the next National Encampment, tendering their most hearty support to the Department of Missouri, should we again present our desires for their kind consideration, and I know this Encampment will proclaim its full appreciation by recognizing their generosity as the grandest compliment of the season.

#### RE-UNIONS AND OFFICIAL VISITS.

In addition to the National Encampment, I have visited the comrades in sixty-seven counties, attended twenty-two District Re-unions and special gatherings, and many Post meetings, twelve in localities where no Department Commander had before visited. Also made forty-five visits to Department Headquarters at St. Louis, and with but three exceptions, I found Adjt. Gen. Rodgers busy at his desk, attending to your interests as well as mine.

Other duties and illness at times prevented my acceptance of many cordial invitations from this and other Departments. Re-union Committees should confer with each other in regard to dates, that these enjoyable meetings may not conflict more than possible, thus enabling a better attendance of Department officers and comrades in general.

During one trip, I attended re-unions in Benton, Montgomery, Macon, Clinton, Vernon, Barry and Phelps counties, Posts in five other counties and the Soldiers' Home at St. James. I refer to this for the reason, that when I arrived home I found several communications of a critical nature, on account of not showing up at other gatherings, same dates and many miles apart. A little patience and time will soon find us, where the Department Commander can easily meet with all, at that Grand Re-union in "the sweet by and by."

#### PENSIONS.

The past year has been one of intense interest in pension matters, and I am happy to say that your honored Commander-in-Chief with every Department Commander in support, have labored diligently in every dignified manner to lessen the burdens and have justice awarded

all worthy and needy comrades and the widows and orphans. Their claims have been presented and pressed in the presence of our Chief Magistrate, before the Commissioner of Pensions and in the halls of Congress, and in return received the implicit assurance that our labors should not be in vain. To what extent our persistent efforts and appeals have been heeded, reverts to the judgment of those most interested.

Personally, I feel there is no particular legislation required, further than a strict law, compelling the faithful fulfillment of the present pension laws in the manner intended by the legislators and a grateful people. In any event, let our actions be dignified to a degree becoming the precepts and glories of our grand organization.

Personal observations in my journeys through the Department have prompted me to be over zealous on this subject at times, but I have nothing to regret and no apology to offer for any effort I may have made for my comrades, many who are receiving inadequate recognition and recompense in more ways than one, commensurate with past promises and just merits.

#### DISCIPLINE.

I am pleased to state that affairs requiring the attention of the Judge Advocate have been few, which evidences a harmonious condition of this Department. Minor discussions when brought to notice received prompt attention with usual good results.

Several opportunities to organize new Posts in localities where average good Posts already existed were offered, and after careful investigation rejected, for the reason that I did not consider a new charter a proper remedy for adjusting petty differences and propagating personal aspirations.

And my observations are, that not more than three cities in this Department can maintain more than one Post of same color, agreeably and successfully at this late period of our existence.

On several occasions it has been my duty to call a halt of over-zealous members soliciting recruits entirely ineligible. This and the public manner in which some of our members conduct the unwritten work of the Order, is equally detrimental to our most worthy and vigilant comrades and to the stability of our Order and to themselves.

We can maintain our honored prestige of the past only by conforming to our laws, and hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may. I consider it my duty to call the attention of comrades whom it may concern along these lines for the future welfare of their Posts and our Order at large.

#### FINAL MUSTER.

Less, year by year, grow the Legions of Father Abraham, which faithfully unto death, pay the last honors to comrades who shielded their country with their breasts. The past year has widened the swath

in our ranks by the sickle of time, and every dawn reveals to view additional mounds of hallowed earth, awaiting verdure green and rose bloom with all the beauty of nature, which coming generations will ever revere. Soon the last comrade shall have crossed the mystic river to the eternal camp beyond, their memories enshrined in the hearts of a grateful people, their deeds engraved on the scroll of fame, and the flag they saved, a beacon and rallying symbol for free men and patriots evermore.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I am not forgetful of kind acts and rare courtesies extended during my term of office. In all visits I received every honor due and not a few tokens of sincere friendship that will often recall pleasant moments of the past. To have shared the happy scenes of numerous re-unions as conducted by our rural comrades, revealed to me, fraternalism in its fullest meaning. Gathered in homogeneous multitudes from all honorable walks in life, our comrades, their wives and little ones, amidst the shadows of stately forests and refreshing open air, absorbing the mirth of joy and loyalty by day and unfolding the glories of yore around the glowing campfire by night, prompts me to encourage the attendance of comrades at these festive occasions when possible.

I would be unmindful, did I not kindly remember and thank Comrades Warner, Rassieur, Ferril, Bronson, Cloud and Henry, whose genial presence and gifted speech were often in evidence and an assurance of a pleasant and successful re-union. The comrades and committees in particular who so grandly and justly received and entertained the Commander-in-Chief during his late visit to this Department, have my warmest wishes. Memories of kind words and attentions from the gallant Sons of Veterans, are pleasant reminders. To overlook the Woman's Relief Corps, would be an unpardonable omission. This noble band of women deserves our support and esteem. They are thoughtful of our interests. They promoted the Soldiers' Home at St. James, are the preservers and guardians of the sacred soil of Andersonville and many other noteworthy acts, and again I deem it a pleasure to return the sincere thanks of this Department, to Mrs. Carrie M. Sparklin of Ransom Relief Corps, who in the shadows of where its design was conceived, in words of eloquence and inspiration befitting the occasion, presented to you that beautiful flag, we so proudly followed at Philadelphia.

To the Judge Advocate, Department Inspector, Chief Mustering Officer and all comrades, I return my grateful appreciation for the cordial support and uniform harmony accorded me in all matters. To Asst. Adjt. Gen. Thos. B. Rodgers, I am under many obligations for his able and conscientious fulfillment of all duties entrusted to his

care. Ever genial and attentive to all comrades alike, he has made your Department Headquarters one of comfort and pleasure the year through.

### CONCLUSION.

And now, in the evening's twilight of devoted labors, I again emphasize my fidelity to the Grand Army of the Republic and all it represents. Born of the bloom of American manhood, cemented by trials and tribulations, welded in the heat of battle and matured in brotherly love, that only they who endured the fiery ordeal are gifted with conception to realize. With its companions I have shared triumphs and reverses and the blessings of peace and prosperity, their valor won ever since. When I received your utmost confidence one year ago, it crowned my mind with the meaning of true comradeship, and from that moment until this, I have not lost sight of your esteemed gift.

And as I transfer the mantle of your faith unto the keeping of others, I trust that my work and devotion has been within touch of your expectations.

Soon we part again to wend our weary way through shadows and sunshine of another annual decadence of time, and may kind Providence be with you at every turn and heavenly rays illuminate every step.

JNO. W. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF MISSOURI, G. A. R. }  
OFFICE OF SENIOR VICE DEP'T COMMANDER, }  
St. Louis, Mo., April 23, 1900. }

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General :

*Dear Sir and Comrade*—In compliance with custom, I have the honor to submit the following report of my official duties as Senior Vice Department Commander :

I visited several Posts in the City of St. Louis, and found the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailing. The recognition of comradeship is dear to the heart of every Union Veteran ; there is no tie and no band so strong, as that which binds the hearts of men who have suffered common dangers in a noble cause. It was my pleasure to attend Encampments, Reunions, Camp-fires and Celebrations of various Posts and auxiliary organizations, and at all which I attended it was specially gratifying to me to note the hearty and enthusiastic welcome received. I also attended several meetings of the Department Officers and Council of Administration, and participated in the Memorial Day Exercises which were generally observed with solemnity, and with greater interest than for several years past. These exercises do much good in educating the rising generation—school children taking part therein, and "Old Glory" floating over the school houses.

I attended the Thirty-third National Encampment in Philadelphia and took part in the parade.

The hospitality with which the citizens of brotherly love and our comrades received us, proved by word and deed that loyalty and gratitude still dwells in their hearts. The National emblem was everywhere in evidence and the decorations were of the highest order.

The parade of the G. A. R. through the historic city in which the National Independence was proclaimed, and the constitution framed, was reviewed by the President, his Cabinet, Heroes of the Civil and the late war, and State Officials. The living emblem of the G. A. R. and other beautiful artistic war scenes will ever remain a lasting memory to those who participated in this parade.

The soldierly bearing and appearance of the Department of Missouri in the parade elicited the plaudits of the spectators along the line of march and won for our State and Order the highest honor. As a representative of the Department of Missouri, I took part in the deliberations of the National Encampment, and was pleased to note the action taken in regard to pension affairs, Past Commander-in-



Chief Warner's eloquent presentation of Missouri's candidate for the high office of Commander-in-Chief; the courteous withdrawal of Comrade Leo Rassieur in favor of Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw, of New York. I had the pleasure of meeting Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw during his recent visit in St. Louis—being a member of the committee for his reception and entertainment.

Having been called on for a third time to command Post 13, and placed in active duty, I find comrades of various Posts, who on account of age, disease or hardships endured, are unable to earn a living and almost helpless; some received, or have earned, a small pension which I hope will not be withheld from them. As we grow older year by year we miss some familiar face at our annual meetings, as our numbers grow less. Let our love increase towards our comrades and let us be truer to the principle of our Order.

I congratulate the Department Commander upon the satisfactory results of his earnest efforts and the prosperity which has marked his administration. I have endeavored to fulfill the official duties of my office to the best of my abilities in promoting the welfare of the Order.

To the comrades of this Department I desire to return my most sincere thanks for the honor of electing me their Senior Vice Department Commander. To Commander Scott and Assistant Adjutant-General Thomas B. Rodgers and the entire Official Staff, I desire to express my warmest thanks for their uniform kindness and courtesy shown me.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. G. ZIMMERER,  
Senior Vice Department Commander.

## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R. }  
OFFICE OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, }  
KIRKSVILLE, Mo., April 3, 1900. }

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General:

*Comrade*—In accordance with the usual custom of our State Encampment, the Junior Vice Department Commander was selected from our city. Our Post having recommended your humble servant for that position, I was elected, and at this time it is proper that I should make a report to the State Encampment through you. The work in this part of the State is in a good and healthy condition, owing largely to the earnestness of our Commander in his work for the good of all our Posts and comrades. I am very much interested in our Order and also in the welfare of all our worthy comrades. I seldom meet any gathering of the old comrades, but the fact of our fast becoming aged, and our ranks being thinned out, fills my mind with thoughts that are not pleasant to dwell upon. They are these, that we are all rapidly passing to that final camping ground beyond, from which no soldier returns. Our Posts in this part of the State are in good condition, and are only being thinned out in membership by deaths.

Our very worthy and untiring worker, Commander Scott, leaves but little for his subalterns to do, as he is a host within himself. I feel constrained to commend his plan of doing his work. His showing is correct. He uses no artificial statistics. It was my good fortune to be in attendance both at Cincinnati and Philadelphia at our two last National Encampments, and I can truthfully say, the Department of Missouri compared very favorably with any other Department in the parade, and surpassed many, for which every citizen and ex-soldier of Missouri felt very proud.

Allow me to say that yourself and Commander Scott deserve well of all the old boys of Missouri for the faithful services you have each rendered in your respective positions in the last year.

Trusting I may meet you and many others of our Department at our next encampment, I am, truly yours,

In F., C. and L.,

W. D. SIGLER,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL  
AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER  
GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., May 10, 1900. }

JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander.

*Comrade:* In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit my report of the business of this office, and the condition of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1899.

From the report of the Assistant Adjutant General last year, it appears that there was a discrepancy between the numbers of Posts reported December 31, 1898 and the number as reported to National Headquarters. The Encampment on the recommendation of the Committee on this report made it the duty of the present incumbent to ascertain and correct this discrepancy. A thorough and exhaustive examination of the books and reports shows that the number of Posts, 418, December 31, 1898, as reported by the Assistant Adjutant General was correct, but the number reported to National Headquarters was not correct.

Ten Posts have surrendered their charters during the year 1899, viz: Posts 291, 428, 456, 457, 459, 542, 552, 555, 559, 564.

Three new Posts have been mustered, viz: Posts 238, 568, 569, and four have been re-mustered and re-instated, viz: Posts 99, 167, 259, 316, a net loss of three, making 415 Posts December 31, 1899.

Of the 415 Posts twenty-five are remaining suspended, viz: Posts 117, 212, 225, 248, 275, 277, 281, 318, 321, 323, 338, 351, 361, 364, 368, 410, 419, 422, 445, 476, 484, 527, 528, 535, 538.

Included in the 415 Posts, also are fifty-five Posts which have been delinquent for several years, some since 1894, but have never been suspended. These are Posts 80, 85, 121, 147, 154, 170, 209, 226, 242, 249, 261, 272, 280, 288, 302, 313, 325, 328, 333, 342, 352, 356, 373, 385, 414, 439, 441, 446, 450, 452, 455, 470, 477, 480, 485, 494, 498, 499, 500, 505, 509, 511, 513, 519, 521, 524, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 556, 558. The most of these Posts should be suspended or have their charters annulled, and I recommend that the Department Council of Administration take action thereon at its meeting at this Encampment.

The number of Posts reported in good standing to National Head-

quarters, December 31, 1899, was 335. Add to this twenty-five suspended and fifty-five delinquent but not suspended, makes the full number 415, and accounts for all the Posts.

It was found that a large number of these Posts had been reported in good standing to National Headquarters, and per capita tax paid on their membership for several years, and on the report for June 30, 1899, forty-five Posts were reported as delinquent with a membership of 962.

Getting rid of this "dead wood," the accretion of these four years' delinquency, made quite a loss on that report, but it was considered not just to the other Posts that they should be longer carried.

On the succeeding report for December 31, 1899, we showed a net gain of 145, the first gain reported since June, 1893.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1899:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1899.

Number in good standing December 31, 1898.....		12,819
Gain by muster.....	226	
“ transfer.....	88	
“ reinstatement.....	383	697
Aggregate.....		13,516
Loss by death.....	146	
“ honorable discharge.....	18	
“ transfer.....	90	
“ suspension.....	531	
“ dishonorable discharge.....	1	
“ delinquent reports.....	962	1,748
Number in good standing June 30, 1899.....		11,768

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1899.

Number in good standing June 30, 1899.....		11,768
Gain by muster.....	382	
“ transfer.....	109	
“ reinstatement.....	329	
“ delinquent reports.....	153	973
Aggregate.....		12,741
Loss by death.....	152	
“ honorable discharge.....	26	
“ transfer.....	117	
“ suspension.....	460	
“ dishonorable discharge.....	2	
“ surrender of charter.....	71	828
Number in good standing December 31, 1899.....		11,913

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing December 31, 1898 .....		12,819
Gain during year by muster .....	608	
"    "    transfer .....	197	
"    "    reinstatement .....	712	
"    "    delinquent reports .....	153	1,670
Aggregate .....		14,489
Loss during year by death .....	298	
"    "    honorable discharge .....	44	
"    "    transfer .....	207	
"    "    Suspension .....	991	
"    "    dishonorable discharge .....	3	
"    "    delinquent reports .....	962	
"    "    surrender of charter .....	71	2,576
Number in good standing December 31, 1899 .....		11,913
Number remaining suspended .....		5,630
Total number on rolls December 31, 1899 .....		17,543
Number of Comrades dropped during year .....		502
Number of Comrades relieved during year .....		202
Number of other persons relieved during year .....		82
Amount expended for relief .....		\$2,122.66
Cash balance in Post fund December 31, 1899 .....		\$10,120.67
Cash invested in collaterals .....		16,450.00
Cash balance in relief funds December 31, 1899 .....		1,881.24
Value of real estate belonging to Posts .....		12,816.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc. ....		18,524.60
Total value of property .....		\$59,792.51

The basis of representation in the National Encampment has been changed from 1,000 to 750 members for each representative, which entitles this Department to sixteen representatives, in addition to the one at large.

The condition of most of the Posts in the Department is fairly good, quite a number being in a healthy, flourishing condition, but the increasing age and infirmities of the comrades is making it difficult to maintain many struggling posts, which find their main-stay in a few active and zealous comrades. The list of suspended comrades continues very large, though less than some years ago. The number should be largely reduced by dropping them from the rolls, as a dropped member can be more easily reinstated than one suspended.

It must be gratifying to you that largely as a result of your activity and labors throughout the Department in the past year, we have been able to increase our membership in the last six months of the year. In these latter days we are doing well to hold our own.

The following Exhibits are attached to and made part of this report:

Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures, January 1, to May 24, 1899.

Exhibit "B," Receipts and Expenditures, May 25, to December 31, 1899.

Exhibit "C," Consolidated Report of Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "D," Supply Account, January 1, to May 25, 1899.

Exhibit "E," Supply Account, May 25, to December 31, 1899.

Exhibit "F," Department Property.

Exhibit "G," Department Assets.

Exhibit "H," Membership of Posts.

In conclusion permit me to thank you for the evidence of your good will and confidence expressed in my appointment. Our relations both official and personal have been most cordial and pleasant, and are terminated with regret.

To the other Department Officers and Staff and the Comrades generally, I desire to express my appreciation of their kindness and courtesy.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

THOMAS B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

## EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1899, TO MAY 24, 1899.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand January 1, 1899.....	\$ 895 47
Received from per capita tax .....	863 60
"    "    requisitions.....	185 79
"    "    charter fees.....	40 00
"    "    interest on Mesner loan.....	80 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,064 86</b>

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies .....	\$ 109 83
Printing and stationery .....	85 70
Salary J. B. Wilde, A. A. G., to June 1, 1899 .....	500 00
Incidentals .....	27 24
Postage .....	133 75
Rent of office.....	75 00
Relief (burial of friendless soldiers).....	27 22
Expenses Department Encampment.....	42 50
Per capita tax .....	160 24
Rebate on R. R. tickets, Cincinnati.....	42 50
Traveling Expenses :	
Council of Administration .....	\$ 11 30
Department Commander Peterson .....	29 60
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	\$40 90
	1,244 38
Balance paid Thomas B. Rodgers, A. A. G., May 25, 1899.....	\$820 48

## EXHIBIT "B."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES BY THOMAS B. RODGERS, ASSISTANT  
ADJUTANT GENERAL, FROM MAY 25, 1899, TO  
DECEMBER 31, 1899.

## RECEIPTS.

Received from J. B. Wilde, A. A. G .....	\$ 820 48
"    "    per capita tax .....	1,548 30
"    "    requisitions .....	175 66
"    "    charter fee .....	15 00
"    "    reimbursed burial expenses .....	18 00
Total .....	<u>\$2,577 44</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies .....	\$ 90 25
Printing Encampment Proceedings .....	282 45
Printing and stationery .....	142 40
Salary Assistant Adjutant General, 7 months .....	700 00
Incidentals .....	61 65
Postage .....	130 13
Rent of office, 7 months .....	105 00
Relief (burial of friendless soldiers) .....	44 85
Expenses, National Encampment .....	94 55
Stenographer, Department Encampment .....	53 60
Per capita tax .....	147 10
Insurance .....	14 00
Premium on bond of A. A. G .....	25 00
Traveling Expenses :	
Department Commander Scott .....	\$ 60 00
Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers .....	11 10
	<u>\$71 10</u>
	1,962 08
Balance on hand, December 31, 1899 .....	<u>\$ 615 36</u>



## EXHIBIT "C."

## CONSOLIDATED REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1899.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance December 31, 1898 .....	\$ 895 47
Received from per capita tax .....	2,411 90
"    "    requisitions.....	361 45
"    "    charter fees.....	55 00
"    "    interest on Mesner loan .....	80 00
"    "    reimbursed burial expenses .....	48 00
Total.....	<u>\$3,821 82</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies.....	\$ 200 08
Printing Encampment Proceedings .....	282 45
Printing and stationery.....	228 10
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....	1,200 00
Incidentals.....	88 89
Postage.....	263 88
Rent of office.....	180 00
Relief (burial of friendless soldiers).....	72 07
Expenses National Encampment .....	94 55
Expenses Department Encampment.....	42 50
Stenographer, Department Encampment .....	53 60
Per capita tax.....	307 34
Insurance.....	14 00
Premium on bond of A. A. G.....	25 00
Rebate on Cincinnati R. R. tickets.....	42 00
Traveling Expenses:	
Council of Administration .....	\$11 30
Department Commander Peterson.....	29 60
Department Commander Scott.....	60 00
Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers .....	11 10
	<u>\$112 00</u>
	3,206 46
Balance on hand December 31, 1899.....	<u>\$ 615 36</u>

## EXHIBIT "D."

SUPPLY ACCOUNT, JANUARY 1, 1899, TO MAY 25, 1899.

	On Hand Dec. 31, 1898.	Purchased.	Total.	Issued.	Bal. turned over by J. B. Wilde, May 25, 1899.
Membership badges .....	44	100	144	125	19
Buttoniers.....	79	400	479	342	137
Rank straps.....	128	78	206	55	151
Official ribbons.....	84	100	184	71	113
Rules and regulations .....	155	.....	155	66	89
Applications.....	90	800	890	494	396
Cash books.....	5	.....	5	3	2
Quartermaster receipt books.....	3	25	28	11	17
Quartermaster warrant books.....	10	.....	10	3	7
Roll books.....	10	.....	10	3	7
Charters.....	6	10	16	4	12
Discharges.....	67	.....	67	18	49
Transfers.....	76	100	176	160	16
Odes.....	183	.....	183	32	151
Service books.....	16	20	36	33	3
Rituals.....	21	.....	21	8	13
Blue books.....	6	5	11	6	5
Department badges, plain.....	231	.....	231	27	204
Department badges, silver top.....	48	.....	48	.....	48
Descriptive books.....	6	.....	6	2	4
Minute books.....	18	.....	18	4	14
Leaves of absence.....	28	100	128	46	82
Certificates of membership.....	131	.....	131	10	121
Electrotypes.....	.....	3	3	2	1

## EXHIBIT "E."

SUPPLY ACCOUNT, MAY 25, 1899, TO DECEMBER 31, 1899.

	Received from J. B. Wilde.	Purchased.	Total.	Issued.	On Hand Dec. 31, 1899.	Value.
Membership badges .....	19	130	149	132	17	\$ 8 50
Buttoniers .....	137	400	537	416	121	12 10
Rank straps .....	151		151	35	116	40 60
Official ribbons .....	113	150	263	68	195	19 50
Rules and regulations .....	89		89	36	53	2 65
Applications .....	396	500	896	487	409	2 45
Cash books .....	2		2	2		
Quartermaster receipt books .....	17		17	14	3	1 50
Quartermaster warrant b'ks .....	7		7	3	4	3 00
Roll books .....	7		7	1	6	4 50
Charters .....	12		12	2	10	2 50
Discharges .....	49		49	33	16	80
Transfers .....	16	300	316	162	154	6 70
Odes .....	151		151	26	125	2 50
Service books .....	3	20	23	6	17	4 25
Rituals .....	13		13	11	2	75
Blue books .....	5		5	4	1	1 00
Department badges, plain .....	204		204	2	202	121 20
Dep't badges, silver top .....	48		48		48	48 00
Descriptive books .....	4	4	8	2	6	4 50
Minute books .....	14		14	2	12	9 00
Leaves of absence .....	82		82	41	41	1 64
Certificates of membership .....	121		121		121	12 10
Electrotypes .....	1		1		1	50
<b>Total</b> .....						<b>\$310 24</b>

## EXHIBIT "F."

## DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND.

Desks.....	2	Gavels.....	6
Chairs.....	7	Charter, framed.....	1
Tables.....	2	Map of Missouri.....	1
Book case.....	1	Adjutant General's report of	
Case for blanks.....	1	Illinois, volumes.....	8
Case for supplies.....	1	Roster Wisconsin Volunteers,	
Chest of drawers.....	1	volumes.....	3
Case for pigeon holes.....	3	Journals, National Encamp-	
Typewriter.....	1	ment.....	2
Letter press.....	1	Journals, Department of Mis-	
Official Seal.....	1	souri.....	3
Cuspidor.....	1	History G. A. R. ....	1
Waste basket.....	1	Portrait General Grant.....	1
Carpet.....	1	Portrait Past Department Com-	
Sets of books.....	3	mander Kimball.....	1
Slide boxes.....	503	Portrait Past Department Com-	
Letter boxes.....	2	mander Phelps.....	1
Dating stamp.....	1	Portrait Past Department Com-	
Die for Department badges.....	1	mander Burton.....	1
Ink stands.....	3	Portrait Past Department Com-	
Department banner and case.....	1	mander Grund.....	1
Department flag.....	1	Portrait Past Department Com-	
U. S. flag, silk.....	1	mander Whitehead.....	1
U. S. flag, bunting.....	1	Portraits Past Department	
Letter scale.....	1	Commanders Cole, Rassieur	
Letter files.....	24	and Rodgers, group.....	1
Sword belts.....	9	Other pictures.....	5
Swords.....	4	Safe.....	1
Leggins, pairs.....	5	Gas stove and hose.....	1
Flag belts.....	2		

## EXHIBIT "G."

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1899.....	\$ 615 36
Amount invested at Kansas City, Mesner loan.....	1,000 00
Accrued interest on same.....	58 66
Office furniture, estimated.....	800 00
Supplies.....	310 24
Ledger balances.....	136 34
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	\$2,920 60
Liabilities none.	

## EXHIBIT "H."

STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING OF EACH  
POST, WITH GAINS AND LOSSES.

NAME OF POST.	No	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1898	1899		
Frank P. Blair.....	1	St. Louis.....	550	514		36
Gen. Lyon.....	2	St. Louis.....	128	121		7
McPherson.....	4	Kansas City.....	185	134		51
A. Lincoln.....	5	Moberly.....	76	77	1	
James A. Garfield.....	6	Jefferson City.....	35	32		3
Custer.....	7	St. Joseph.....	139	184	55	
Farragut-Thomas.....	8	Kansas City.....	232	242	10	
Gen. Canby.....	10	Rich Hill.....	57	56		1
James A. Mulligan.....	11	Lexington.....	32	34	2	
Ellsworth.....	12	Grant City.....	46	46		
Col. Hassendeubel.....	13	St. Louis.....	476	453		23
O. P. Morton.....	14	Joplin.....	100	112	12	
Stanton.....	16	Carthage.....	123	122		1
Joe Hooker.....	17	Cameron.....	85	72		13
Phil. Kearney.....	19	Laclede.....	49	50	1	
Maj. James Wilson.....	20	Louisiana.....	32	20		12
Sedgwick.....	21	Maryville.....	133	138	5	
Corporal Dix.....	22	Kirksville.....	141	144	3	
F. A. Jones.....	23	Macon.....	45	48	3	
David A. Roberts.....	25	Glenwood.....	13	13		
Gen. Joe Bailey.....	26	Nevada.....	80	82	2	
Tindall.....	29	Chillicothe.....	45	50	5	
S. A. Hurlburt.....	32	Hamilton.....	31	39	8	
Ben. Loan.....	33	Kingston.....	26	26		
McCook.....	34	Lamar.....	39	43	4	
Paddy Shields.....	36	Clarence.....	27	18		9
Col. Forbes.....	38	La Plata.....	17	22	5	
Roderick Rockwood.....	39	Xenia.....	15	21	6	
Peabody.....	41	Savannah.....	26	35	9	
Albert Chandler.....	42	Macon.....	30	30		
W. T. Sherman.....	43	Hannibal.....	107	109	2	
McCullough.....	44	Milan.....	39	38		1
Christian Meyer.....	45	Oregon.....	31	39	8	
Perry V. Fletcher.....	46	De Soto.....	7			
Capt. J. L. Clark.....	47	Green City.....	22	24	2	
Gen. Geo. G. Meade.....	48	Lebanon.....	70	73	3	
Capt. D. M. Birch.....	49	Edgerton.....	13			
Col. Fred. Schaefer.....	51	Concordia.....	51	41		10
Gen. Geo. R. Smith.....	53	Sedalia.....	164	170	6	
Thos. G. Wade.....	54	Unionville.....	31	37	6	

NAME OF POST.	No	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1898	1899		
Reynolds	56	Graham	21	21		
O. H. Wood	57	Brookfield	51	48		3
Bates County	58	Butler	78	76		2
Geo. H. Blunt	59	Pollock	18	21	3	
Gen. Wadsworth	60	Dawn	17	19	2	
Valentine Peters	61	Maitland				
Winfield Scott	63	Holden	26	31	5	
Golden City	64	Golden City	21	17		4
Capt. Wm. Wilkinson	65	Mound City	60	62	2	
Kirkpatrick	66	Winston	21	14		7
Tarkio	67	Tarkio	31	33	2	
Gen. E. D. Baker	68	Green Ridge	21	22	1	
Capt. John Mathews	69	Springfield	85	108	23	
B. B. King	70	Canton	24	21		3
Col. Jacob Smith	72	Trenton	56	76	20	
Johnson Downen	73	Sticklerville	11	11		
Greenfield	75	Greenfield	44	55	11	
Jno. A. Dix	76	Kidder	35	31		4
Col. Grover	78	Warrensburg	101	92		9
Capt. Stanley	79	Princeton	26	33	7	
L. W. Cooper	81	Lathrop	26	26		
Yaeger-Sharp	82	Wellsville	34	40	6	
Curtis	84	Sarcoxie	16	6		10
King City	86	King City	55	39		16
C. G. Harker	88	Meadville	29	27		2
Capt. J. H. Paynter	90	Jericho	20	35	15	
T. H. Richardson	92	Lancaster	17	17		
Capt. C. C. Harvey	96	Maysville	32	35	3	
Gen. G. B. Boomer	97	Linn	33	31		2
Gen. Ord	99	Richwoods		27	27	
Franklin Shanks	100	Lutesville	21	16		5
Shelbyville	102	Shelbyville	21	20		1
Chilhowee	103	Chilhowee	7			
Nichols	104	Gallatin	24	21		3
Arthur Crockett	106	Malta Bend	26	27	1	
Harry P. Harding	107	St. Louis	153	134		19
Jeff. C. Davis	108	Versailles	35	32		3
B. K. Davis	109	Hopkins		12		
Wm. McKee	110	Kahoka	54	59	5	
Miles Carroll	111	Iberia	39	39		
Cameron Garrett	115	Carl Junction	43	36		7
Jewell	118	Mt. Vernon	28	14		14
Marion	119	Stanberry	55	42		13
Maple Grove	120	Maple Grove	15	15		
Virgil Rogers	122	Martinstown	14	13		1
Lieut. T. D. Neal	124	Bethany	73	97	24	
Salem	128	Salem	26	58	32	
Capt. J. H. Little	129	Denver	10	12	2	
Fred Miller	130	Tina	19	19		

NAME OF POST.	No	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1898	1899		
Ransom	131	St. Louis	496	473		23
Gentry	134	Albany	23	22		1
Sergt. B. H. Porch	135	Olean	24	24		
Gen. J. G. Foster	137	Neosho	16			
Marionville	141	Marionville	34	35	1	
Stephen Decatur	142	Medoc	29	19		10
Samuel McClure	145	Eldon	58	58		
Avalon	146	Avalon	17	15		2
J. J. Gravely	149	Bolivar	36	36		
Liberty	150	Spickards	88	51		37
D. N. Keeler	152	Melrose	37	35		2
Loyalty	155	Creighton	31	41	10	
Geo. Miller	158	Bethel	43	41		2
Col. Henry E. Gilbert	160	Wheeling	14	14		
Gen. Frank Herron	161	Buffalo	19	21	2	
Marshall	162	Elmo	22	20		2
Col. Islam Keith	164	Breckenridge	28	32	4	
Menke	166	La Grange	20	20		
Rosendale	167	Rosendale		19	19	
Jesse H. Moore	168	Braymer	26	17		9
J. H. Whitehead	171	Victoria	23	30	7	
J. B. Steadman	172	Appleton City	50	48		2
Justi	173	Cape Girardeau	51	44		7
Maj. Hiram Gavitt	174	Fredericktown	13	12		1
Seneca	175	Seneca	40	40		
Indian Springs	176	Indian Springs	13	12		1
W. H. L. Wallace	177	Moundville	12	20	8	
Stephen Estle	178	De Witt	31	31		
Murray	179	Memphis	82	81		1
Stambaugh	180	Austin	36	36		
Mansfield	181	Powersville	52	21		31
Chester Harding	182	St. Joseph	46	28		18
Erich Pape	184	Bollinger Mills	14	14		
Maj. Hunt	185	New London	33	32		1
John A. Rawlins	187	Peirce City	25	34	9	
John D. Mullins	188	Linneus				
Gen. Henry Wilson	189	Rolla	28	28		
W. B. Goodrich	190	Webb City	20	34	14	
Austin Hubbard	194	Stockton	50	37		13
Col. Morsey	197	Warrenton	42	42		
Rogersville	200	Rogersville	28	23		5
Bradshaw	201	Mt. Moriah	14	16	2	
Geo. N. McGee	206	Camden	20	20		
Col. Brooks	207	Hannibal	16	15		1
McCroskey	210	Springfield	61	70	9	
Isaac Clevenger	211	Excelsior Springs	16	10		6
Jas. A. K. Dillon	213	Lindley	14			
Sergt. Ryan	214	Brashear	33	42	9	
Picket	215	Farmington	40	32		8

NAME OF POST.	No	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1898	1899		
Cainsville .....	216	Cainsville .....	37	35		2
Bennett Ford .....	217	Williamstown .....	11	11		
Jno. Williams .....	218	Fairport .....	17	16		1
Republic .....	219	Republic .....	32	22		10
Jamesport .....	220	Jamesport .....	12	13	1	
Norcross .....	221	Novelty .....	36	34		2
S. L. Turley .....	222	Bancroft .....	19	22	3	
Reuben Dale .....	223	Eagleville .....	46	46		
Guy Ward .....	224	Hale .....	14	18	4	
Union .....	229	Laddonia .....	13	13		
Hightower .....	231	Kansas City .....		19	19	
Lieut. S. A. M. George .....	232	Humansville .....	54	57	3	
Thos. J. Brouster .....	233	Clayton .....	45	40		5
Ash Grove .....	234	Ash Grove .....	28	17		11
Gen. Fred. D. Steele .....	235	Montrose .....	35	27		8
U. S. Grant .....	236	Lincoln .....	12	12		
Farnsworth .....	237	Warsaw .....	19			
W. S. Hancock .....	239	Mexico .....	24	48	24	
John A. Hayn .....	240	Boonville .....	48	45		3
Galt .....	241	Galt .....	23	23		
Andy Smith .....	243	Willow Springs .....	30	40	10	
Fred. Steele .....	244	Cole Camp .....	15			
Jack Grant .....	245	Knox City .....	20	23	3	
John W. Rawlins .....	247	West Plains .....	24	26	2	
Ulysses .....	250	Mirabile .....	11	11		
Col. Leonard .....	251	Eldorado Springs .....	57	114	57	
Mt. McGregor .....	225	Metz .....	28	24		4
Mt. Pleasant .....	253	Belton .....	10			
J. N. Hilton .....	254	Forsyth .....	15	10		5
John Boon .....	257	Licking .....	52	54	2	
Andy Martin .....	259	Ava .....		52	52	
Blanchard .....	260	S. Blanchard .....	9	14	5	
Johnson .....	262	Centralia .....	13	10		3
Cuba .....	263	Cuba .....	29	17		12
Morgan L. Smith .....	264	Deepwater .....	26	29	3	
Pinhart .....	268	Brunswick .....	42	40		2
Sergt. Plummer .....	269	Sparta .....	23	21		2
Baker .....	271	Pineville .....	10	10		
Difani .....	273	Perryville .....	59	58		1
Norwood .....	274	Norwood .....	9	17	8	
Henry Brown .....	276	Clarksburg .....	101	100		1
Jno. Kelsey .....	278	Cosby .....	15	16	1	
Edinburg .....	279	Edinburg .....	12	12		
Wakefield Stanley .....	282	Carrollton .....	42	25		17
Wakefield .....	283	Fair Play .....	12	15	3	
Geo. G. Bryan .....	284	Belgrade .....	30	30		
Jim Carnes .....	285	Rockport .....	28	26		2
Chas. Sumner .....	286	Boonville .....	29	24		5
Warren .....	287	Rockville .....	24	21		3



NAME OF POST.	No	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1898	1899		
Maj. Bartlett.....	289	Troy.....	13	14	1	.....
Fred Hecker.....	290	Pacific.....	29	20	.....	9
Geo. Gamble.....	293	Hemker.....	24	23	.....	1
Col. Geiger.....	294	Highlandville.....	24	16	.....	8
Capt. Blandowsky.....	296	New Haven.....	17	11	.....	6
John S. Phelps.....	297	St. James.....	50	47	.....	3
C. A. Arthur.....	299	Mansfield.....	55	55	.....	.....
Chas. Demny.....	301	St. Louis.....	34	29	.....	5
Bob. Ford.....	303	Coffeysburg.....	19	22	3	.....
Jno. A. Logan.....	304	St. Louis.....	43	45	2	.....
Geo. W. Tyler.....	311	Ford City.....	20	16	.....	4
Dan McCook.....	312	Leesville.....	23	25	2	.....
Jno. D. Rohye.....	314	Cedar Hill.....	21	19	.....	2
Jordan Wilson.....	316	Clarksville.....	17	.....	.....	.....
Capt. Manwaring.....	320	Hermann.....	30	28	.....	2
Capt. J. M. Baird.....	322	Verona.....	30	30	.....	.....
Geo. V. Pitts.....	324	Stanton.....	15	25	10	.....
Capt. J. Felix St. James.....	326	Ste. Genevieve.....	47	46	.....	1
Adrian.....	327	Adrian.....	16	22	6	.....
Gordon Granger.....	329	Clinton.....	44	30	.....	14
Jonah W. Reser.....	330	Urbana.....	33	34	1	.....
Jno. P. McCluney.....	331	Higginsville.....	21	24	3	.....
James W. Owens.....	332	Washington.....	47	44	.....	3
H. G. Blake.....	335	Panacea.....	9	12	3	.....
James Ward.....	337	Jasper.....	33	35	2	.....
Houston.....	339	Houston.....	31	33	2	.....
Evans.....	340	Economy.....	22	26	4	.....
Col. Shaw.....	343	St. Louis.....	70	73	3	.....
Jesse Owens.....	345	Bear Creek.....	29	28	.....	1
Iron.....	346	Ironton.....	17	.....	.....	.....
H. C. Beckett.....	348	Mineral Point.....	22	20	.....	2
Capt. Jas. Johnson.....	350	Arnsberg.....	18	14	.....	4
Sergt. P. P. Mabrey.....	354	Chaonia.....	12	13	1	.....
Dixon.....	355	Dixon.....	14	12	.....	2
R. L. Ferguson.....	358	Sweet Springs.....	37	27	.....	10
Splitlog.....	359	Splitlog.....	15	14	.....	1
Daniel Miles.....	360	Iantha.....	22	22	.....	.....
Sac River.....	362	Seybert.....	43	31	.....	12
Appleton.....	365	Appleton.....	21	.....	.....	.....
Upton.....	366	Sheridan.....	22	24	2	.....
Roscoe.....	367	Roscoe.....	16	13	.....	3
Samuel Lewis.....	370	Cunningham.....	25	24	.....	1
Stella.....	371	Stella.....	23	19	.....	4
R. P. Carnes.....	374	Dunlap.....	29	31	2	.....
Harwood.....	375	Harwood.....	29	28	.....	1
Capt. J. W. Robertson.....	377	Ozark.....	28	24	.....	4
Capt. Tom. Walker.....	379	Leora.....	35	29	.....	6
Commerce.....	382	Commerce.....	23	16	.....	7
Jas. A. Dollans.....	383	Mountain View.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

NAME OF POST.	No	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1898	1899		
Dawn	384	Osceola	23	25	2	
Albert Harrison	386	Climax Springs	20	23	3	
Marceline	387	Marceline	27	27		
Jacob Yount	390	Yount	28	22		6
Pike	391	Bowling Green	33	33		
Southwest City	392	Southwest City	17	19	2	
Capt. J. A. Bowers	393	Milford	19	20	1	
Brookline	397	Brookline	13	12		1
Phil. Sheridan	398	Gulf	13	13		
Capt. L. F. Bierwirth	402	Cape Girardeau	14	10		4
Durbin A. Ward	405	Pickering	17	17		
Corporal Doke	406	Garrison	15	19	4	
Conway	407	Conway	28	20		8
Col. Kregel	408	St. Peters	22	23	1	
Jno. Shelton	409	Palace	13	12		1
Capt. Kelso	411	Astoria	17	14		3
Downing	412	Newark	19	15		4
Tiff City	416	Tiff City	8	12	4	
Smithton	417	Smithton	11	10		1
Sergt. Clay Shaw	418	Sedalia	20	15		5
Fred. Roether	420	Montgomery City	30	31	1	
Florence	423	Florence	14			
Col. A. J. Webber	424	Wakenda	21	25	4	
Wm. Hawkins	425	Brunley	35	18		17
John V. Hoover	429	Elkland	21	23	2	
Holt	430	Craig	17	19	2	
Jos. S. Wray	431	Egypt Mills	13	13		
Columbia	432	Columbia	12	19	7	
David D. Porter	433	Mountain Grove	23	23		
J. B. Wicker	434	Richland	28	21		7
Thos. Shelton	435	Howland	23	22		1
Jos. A. Mower	436	Hartville	21	18		3
Gen. Simon Cameron	437	Cross Timbers	16	16		
Gen. Hazen	440	Foster	12	12		
Hume	442	Hume	12	12		
Gen. Madison Miller	444	St. Louis	38	28		10
Capt Bauer	447	Berger	17	15		2
Fair Grove	449	Fair Grove	18	14		4
E. E. Kimball	453	Middletown	25	27	2	
Calhoun	454	Calhoun		13	13	
Col. J. P. Brownlow	458	Plew	24	27	3	
Capt. J. S. Robb	461	Jenkins	12	12		
Ephraim Gaither	462	Aurora	20	17		3
Louis Duemler	465	St. Clair	26	22		4
Vandalia	466	Vandalia	33	32		1
Maj. Leonard	468	Higbee	25	18		7
Ethel	471	Ethel	14			
Callaway	472	Fulton	11	12	1	
L. W. Weatherman	473	Clyde	8	9	1	

NAME OF POST.	No	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1898	1899		
New Union.....	478	Fair Dealing.....	23	23		
T. R. Lane.....	479	Montreal.....	25	12		13
Goulding.....	481	Buckhart.....	13	14	1	
Jno. C. Fremont.....	482	Norris.....	9	7		2
Dillard Bell.....	487	Elmer.....	13	16	3	
L. Stevenson.....	488	Pocahontas.....	15	22	7	
Maj. Ennis.....	489	Greentop.....	17	20	3	
W. W. Leggett.....	490	Duncan's Bridge.....	19	15		4
Eagle.....	492	Monett.....	33	25		8
Freeland.....	493	Hardin.....	9	11	11	
E. D. Brown.....	495	Lead Mine.....	30	29		1
Col. Meumann.....	496	St. Louis.....	103	98		5
Monroe Lee.....	504	Golden.....	14			
Jno. Tietjens.....	506	Indian Grove.....	37	35		2
Maj. Worthington.....	507	Shell Knob.....	21	21		
Whitesville.....	510	Whitesville.....	20	20		
Harrison A. Gleim.....	512	Tipton.....	46	47	1	
Jesse Turnage.....	514	Rayville.....	24	30	6	
Liberal.....	515	Liberal.....	36	40	4	
J. H. Crenshaw.....	516	Carterville.....	39	24		15
Parnell City.....	517	Parnell City.....	13	17	4	
F. M. Slagle.....	520	Exeter.....	11	14	3	
Geo. W. Murphy.....	525	Cowgill.....	38	34		4
Geo. W. Walker.....	526	Darlington.....	15	10		5
Tecumseh.....	537	Ridge Prairie.....	26	28	2	
J. H. Weirich.....	540	Spring Bluff.....	18	16		2
Gen. Jere M. Rusk.....	544	St. Charles.....	14	11		3
Ridgeway.....	545	Ridgeway.....	15	8		7
T. L. Hampton.....	546	Newport.....	10	13	3	
Wm. A. Mills.....	548	Boylers' Mills.....	19	19		
Col. John A. Davis.....	549	Windsor.....	29	21		8
Seligman.....	550	Seligman.....	14	14		
Blythedale.....	551	Blythedale.....	28	30	2	
Thos. Welch.....	553	Kirbyville.....	17	22	5	
Gatzweiler.....	554	St. Charles.....	24	21		3
L. B. Hutchinson.....	557	McElhaney.....	9	9		
James A. Hill.....	560	Ellsinore.....	17			
A. C. Marvin.....	561	Collins.....	23	17		6
Blue Springs.....	563	Blue Springs.....	27	28	1	
Gen. John McNeil.....	565	Queen City.....				
Burnside.....	566	Pleasant Hill.....	21	17		4
Jas. F. How.....	567	Moberly.....	14	16	2	
Everton.....	568	Everton.....		27	27	
Mark T. Brown.....	569	Stockton.....		32	32	

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF MISSOURI, G. A. R., }  
 OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, }  
 KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 18, 1900. }

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General.

*Comrade*—I have the honor to submit my annual report as Inspector Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:

Number of Posts reporting .....	205
Number of members in good standing .....	8,482
Number of Posts in which ritual work is properly exemplified..	184
Number of Posts in which the Officers and Guards are properly uniformed and equipped .....	89
Number of Posts in which members are uniformed .....	92
Number of Posts in which the Officers are regular in their attendance .....	167
Number of Posts in which the members are regular in their attendance .....	128
Number of Posts in which the records are complete, etc.....	158
Number of Posts in which Orders are received and read to the Post .....	199
Number of Posts in which all reports and taxes have been forwarded .....	197
Number of Posts in which there is a relief fund for charitable purposes.....	32
Aggregate of Posts relief funds.....	\$10,692.37
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	2,015.15
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermaster .....	8,593.44
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts.....	24,212.05
Number of Posts with Woman's Relief Corps attached.....	57
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	12

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

H. S. TIPTON,  
 Department Inspector.

## REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF MISSOURI, G. A. R. }  
 OFFICE OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, }  
 APPLETON CITY, MO., April 18, 1900. }

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General :

*Dear Sir and Comrade.*—I herewith submit my report of Posts mustered :

Mark T. Brown Post No. 569, Stockton, Mo., mustered July 10, 1899, by D. Z. Younger, special M. O., twenty-three members.

Gen. Ord Post No. 99, Richwoods, Mo., mustered August 9, 1899, by D. B. Veazey, special M. O., twelve members.

The following Posts were mustered by special detail of the Department Commander before my appointment :

Andy Martin Post No. 259, Ava, Mo., by N. A. Crippen, S. M. O., May 27, 1899, thirty-three members.

Rosendale Post No. 167, Rosendale, Mo., by C. A. Mosman, S. M. O., July 1, 1899, fourteen members.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

D. GILLSON,  
 Chief Mustering Officer.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF MISSOURI, G. A. R. }  
 OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN. }  
 WELLSVILLE, MO., April 16, 1900. }

J. W. SCOTT, Commander Department of Missouri:

*Comrade*—I herewith submit my report. He who doeth all things well has kindly led us through another year. Again we meet in our Annual Encampment to greet each other this side the mystic river. Some who met with us at our last annual meeting have answered to the last roll call, and their bodies have been consigned by loving hands to the narrow house appointed for all the living to await the reveille of the skies.

I have tried to do the duty assigned me as Chaplain of this Department; have visited quite a number of re-unions during the year, and found the fire of patriotism burning more brightly than ever before.

Although the step of the comrades is not so quick as it was from '61 to '65, yet the love of country is as strong, and "Old Glory" is as dear to them to-day as when they carried it to victory. I also found the comrades in this Department in a receptive mood, not only for entertainment but also for most serious reflection and religious appeals.

The services of Memorial Day and the Sunday preceding have been extensively observed in this Department. Those days are filled with reverential memories, brought vividly to us, with animating reflection that arouses our vigilance to guard well the achievements of the past. The benefits of these days to the nation as an educational force cannot be estimated. They cannot, therefore, be too sacredly guarded.

Wherever in Death's embrace there sleeps a comrade, there will gather from country and city throughout this broad land "with fragrant flowers glorified with tears bedeck the portals of his narrow home."

I herewith submit a detailed report, as follows:

## MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending services .....	190
Number of sermons preached .....	190
Number of sermons preached by veterans .....	48
Number of sermons preached by sons of veterans .....	33
Number of sermons preached by others .....	109

Number of W. R. Corps participating .....	31
Number of W. R. Corps attending such services.....	550
Number of Camps Sons of Veterans.....	20
Number of Sons of Veterans attending such services.....	200

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day service.....	21
Number of comrades participating in such services.....	8,043
Number of W. R. Corps participating in such services.....	41
Number of W. R. Corps participating such services.....	831
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans participating in such services.....	26
Number of Sons of Veterans participating in such service.....	288
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	416
Number of graves decorated.....	28,000
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones.....	1,416
Number of Public Schools engaged in Memorial services.....	175
Number of pupils participating.....	16,000
Number of other organizations participating.....	88
Number of addresses delivered.....	215
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	86
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	40
Number of addresses delivered by others.....	89
Number of Posts having burial plots.....	40

*Commander and Comrades.*—It is a solemn fact, brought home to us with painful frequency, that our ranks are being rapidly depleted. How it makes our hearts ache and the unbidden tears to run down our cheeks, to realize how soon the old veterans will all pass away. It behoves us who remain to gird on the whole armor and so live that when we are called to stand before the Great Commander of the Universe, that we may have the consciousness of duty performed, and hear Him say, "You have fought a good fight; you have finished your course; you have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for you a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give you at that day."

Yours in F., C. and L.,

T. J. FERRIL,

Department Chaplain.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF MISSOURI, G. A. R. }  
 OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE, }  
 BETHANY, MO., April 11, 1900. }

JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander :

*Comrade*—For the information of the Department Encampment, I submit the following report as Judge Advocate of the Department. The small amount of work required of the Judge Advocate during the past year shows that general harmony, good comradeship, and an indisposition of the comrades to dispute over the laws of the Order, have prevailed during the present administration. For this harmony and good feeling the Department is to be congratulated.

Only four questions have been submitted to me during the past year for an opinion.

The first was as to the sufficiency of the Record in the Court-Martial Proceedings against Comrade John P. Wright of Post 489. As this record was found to be correct and regular, and as the opinion was to that effect, I do not deem it necessary to embody it in full in this report.

## OPINION II.

Has the Department Commander the right to order a general Court-Martial for the trial of a Post Commander, on charges presented by a member of his Post ; where the Post has passed and presented to the Department Commander, a resolution asking him to order a Court-Martial for the trial of the accused Post Commander, from members of the order outside of that Post, and without such general Court-Martial being requested by accused ?

Having fully considered this matter, I must answer, yes.

Sec. 3, Art. VI, Chap. V, of the Rules and Regulations, provides : that "Courts-Martial may be ordered by Posts, or by Department Commanders, or by the Commander-in-Chief, for the trial of offenses in their respective jurisdictions," except in certain cases mentioned in said section, not applicable to this case. The evident intention of this section, is to give to the Department Commander the right to order a Court-Martial for the trial of any accused member of the Order within his Department, except such members as may be holding a National Office as designated in Sec. 2, Art. IV, Chap. IV ; when a general Court-Martial will in his opinion be better for the good of the Order, than one ordered by the Post ; or in a case when the good of the Order might demand an investigation, and the Post, of which the accused is a member, neglect or refuse to order a Court-Martial ; or in any other case in which in the judgment of the Department



Commander, it is proper for him to order a Court-Martial for the trial of an accused member of the Order within his Department, and at the same time reserves to the Post, of which the accused is a member, a concurrent jurisdiction to order a Court-Martial for the trial of one of its members. Sec. 7, Art. VI, Chap. V, however, gives the accused the right to request a general Court-Martial, and in such case the jurisdiction may be taken away from the Post, if in the opinion of the Department Commander, the objections of the accused to a Post Court-Martial are sufficient.

This request has not been made by the accused in this case, but the absence of such request does not take from the Department Commander the right given him to order a Court-Martial in this case.

The resolutions of the Post have but little if any weight in this case, except as a request to the Department Commander to act; as he has the right under the law to act without the resolutions, and if he had not that right the resolutions could not confer it.

#### OPINION III.

The third matter presented for consideration, was the record of the Order and proceedings of the Court-Martial, ordered by Post 53, for the trial of Comrade James A. Capen, Ex-Quartermaster of that Post, with request for an opinion.

The charges and specifications clearly present a violation of the laws of the Grand Army of the Republic, and are in proper form. The proceedings of the Court appear from the record to have been regularly conducted, and the evidence shown by the record fully sustains the findings and judgment.

The record is defective, in leaving out a part of the evidence purporting to be in "Exhibit A," not attached; and also in the failure to show any findings of guilty or not guilty as to the charges.

There should be a finding on each specification under a charge and then a finding on a charge.

The record does not show that the Court has been dissolved, and as it can only be dissolved by the power which created it, and should not be dissolved until the finding and sentence has been approved or disapproved by the Department Commander, it is presumed to be yet in existence (Blue Book, Page 283, Decision 5, Sec. 6). It is suggested that this record be returned to the Court, that it may be corrected in accordance with the above (Blue Book, Page 269, Opinion 73).

#### OPINION IV.

Can an honorary member of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic be legally admitted to a seat in the Post during the regular session of the Post?

The Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Art. IV, Chap. II, provides who are eligible to membership in the Order; but no provision is made for honorary membership, and

without such provision I am of the opinion that there can be no honorary members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and this is the substance of all other decisions I have been able to find. (Blue Book, Page 23, Decision No. 20; same, Page 55, Opinion 104; same, Page 63, Decision 14).

There being no legal honorary members of the Order, it follows that any such so-called honorary members can not be present at a regular session of the Post.

In closing this report I desire to express to you my thanks for the honor you have conferred on me by appointing me Judge Advocate, and for the uniform courtesy you have always shown me; and to Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, I must also extend the thanks that I owe him for his many acts of kindness and assistance, and to the comrades of the Department, who by their good conduct have made my office an easy one to fill. With best wishes for all the comrades of this Department,

I am yours in F., C. and L.,

W. H. SKINNER,

Judge Advocate.

## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR, }  
 SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 9, 1900. }

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:

*Comrades*—In accordance with the rules and regulations, it is my duty to make this report for the previous year:

Number of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants .....	158
Number of deaths during term .....	128
Number who presumably died of wounds received in the service .....	32
Number who presumably died of disease contracted in the service .....	29
Number who presumably died from other causes.....	
Number of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge .....	10
The reasonable money value of such service.....	
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines .....	30
The reasonable money value of such service.....	
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or comrades .....	\$934 50
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies .....	
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions.....	43

The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers and Sailors' Homes for the care of Ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors: Federal Soldiers' Home, St. James, Mo.

Number of inmates in this Home, 110; deaths, 8.

The above Home is supported by State appropriations and voluntary contributions.

Number of ex-soldiers or sailors in alms houses, 7.

I have tabulated the various items as received, and not receiving more than 158 reports, being not quite one-half of the Posts in the Department, does not give me the full information I should have received by which I could have made a complete and more satisfactory

showing. But with the additions to the list of deaths which the Assistant Adjutant General has made from the Adjutants' reports of the Posts on file in his office, the list herewith enclosed will make a better showing than has been made for years.

Deeming it useless to complain for the negligence of Posts in sending in reports—and some of them sent in very incomplete—will cause this report to be brief.

I would respectfully suggest to the Department that some action should be taken to enforce the rules; for, what is worth doing at all should be well and promptly done.

Thanking the comrades for the honor conferred upon me at the last encampment, unsolicited on my part, it would be ungrateful in me not to say that I appreciate the compliment of their choice, which will always be kindly remembered, and in the meantime I have the honor to remain, respectfully yours,

In F., C. and L.,

JOSEPH McADOO,

Medical Director.

## DEATH ROLL, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R., 1899.

No. Post	Deaths	NAME.	RANK.	Co.	REGIMENT.	Age	CAUSE OF DEATH.
14		J. N. Horn.....	Captain	G	12th N. Y. Cavl.	68	Cancer.
		R. J. Hoffman.....	Corporal	C	22d Ills. Inf.	60	
		Ph. P. B. Berry.....	Private	C	26th Mo. Inf.	65	
		W. P. Kroff.....	Private	I	13th Mo. Inf.	53	
		Jas. Mortimer.....	Corporal	B	N. G. Mo. Inf.	69	
		W. J. Haines.....	Engineer		U. S. Navy	112	
		J. L. Schmell.....	Musician		1st Mo. R. C.	89	
		Nelson Cole.....	Colonel		2d Mo. Lt. Art.	66	
		Frank Welpman.....	Private	F	4th Mo. Inf.	57	
		E. C. Roeningke.....	Private	G	1st. Mo. Lt. Art.	56	
		Aug. Kroeger.....	Private	D	4th Mo. Inf.	65	
		Robt. Lange.....	1st Lieut.	A	17th Mo. Inf.	58	
		Thos. J. Burke.....	Sergeant	E	138th Ohio Inf.	61	
		Wm. Groom.....	Private	H	40th Mo. Inf.	76	
2	8	Thos. C. Fletcher.....	Colonel		31st Mo. Vol.		Bright's Disease.
		Fred. Kaiser.....	Private	D	3d Ills. Cavl.		
		F. Mertz.....	Engineer		U. S. Navy		
		Fred. Kraemer.....	Private	E	6th Minn. Inf.		
		Henry Pins.....	Private	A	4th Mo. Cavl.		
		Fred. Mysing.....	Private		5th U. S. R. C.		
		Christ. Fust.....	Private	D	17th Mo. Inf.		
		Jno. C. Bensick.....	Private	G	12th E. M. M.		
		Jos. Loeffler.....	Private	D	1st Mo. Lt. Art.		
		Geo. F. H. Field.....	Wagoner	B	22d Ills. Inf.		
5	2	H. A. Simms.....	Sergeant	C	144th Ills. Inf.		Bright's Disease.
		Pat'k Donnelly.....	Private	A	1st Mo. Art.		
6	1	Aug. Scheunemann.....	Private	A	77th Ills. Inf.		Brain Disease.
		Wm. H. H. Day.....	2d Lieut.	G	30th Ind. Inf.		
8	7	C. W. Thomas.....	2d Lieut.	G	2d Mass. Art.	58	Heart Disease.
		Jno. T. Blake.....	Captain	I	6th Kans. Cavl.		
		Ben. Day.....	Private	D	34th Mass. Inf.	59	
		Geo. Gaston.....	1st Lieut.		4th N. Y. Batty	59	
		W. H. Watson.....	Private	C	85th Ind. Inf.	77	
		S. S. Todd.....	Surgeon		4th Cal. Inf.	73	
		R. C. Crowell.....	Major		26th Mo. Inf.	68	
		David Phillips.....	Private		Barker's Drag's	59	
		Enoch Watkins.....	Private	G	7th Pa. Cavl.		
		Jno. A. Young.....	1st Lieut.	C	17th Ky. Cavl.		
11	1	A. J. Bullard.....	Private	A	188th Ohio Inf.		Heart Failure.
		A. Debold.....	Private	B	10th Mo. Inf.		
13	23	R. L. Hollingsworth.....	Private	G	43d Mo. Inf.		Cancer.
		Aug. Frey.....	Private	B	2d U. S. R. C.		
		Ferdinand Wolf.....	Private	L	2d Mo. Art.		
		Joshua Doreis.....	Private	E	11th Mo. Cavl.		
		F. W. Nischwitz.....	Sergeant	C	1st U. S. R. C.		
		L. Zwanziger.....	Lieut.	A	2d U. S. R. C.		
		Geo. M. Vollmar.....	Private	A	2d Mo. Art.		
		Fred. Stender.....	Private	E	2d Mo. Inf.		
		G. C. Werchmann.....	Private	E	4th Mo. Inf.		
		Philp Suess.....	Private	C	43d Ills. Inf.		
		H. J. Francke.....	Sergeant	F	1st Mo. Inf.		
		Conrad Okel.....	Corporal	K	1st U. S. R. C.		
		Leopold Stahl.....	Private	F	68th N. Y. Inf.		
		Geo. Sievers.....	Private	A	1st U. S. R. C.		
		J. Donnersmuth.....	Musician	A	4th Mo. Inf.		
		A. H. Faehler.....	Sergeant	B	4th Mo. Inf.		
		Henry Nagel.....	Captain	F	5th U. S. R. C.		
Val. Reinhardt.....	Private	E	2d U. S. R. C.				
Jacob Vogel.....	Private	G	5th U. S. R. C.				
M. Hoeflinger.....	Private	B	103d Ohio Inf.				
Julius Althaus.....	Private	E	15th Mo. Inf.				
S. Schwartz.....	Sergeant		2d U. S. Inf.				
Geo. Fehl.....	Corporal	D	2d U. S. R. C.				
F. Bindbeutel.....	Private	I	1st U. S. R. C.				
14	1	Jno. B. Seacrist.....	Private	H	6th Kans. Cavl.	69	Cancer.
		Jno. Holt.....	Private	A	73d Ind. Inf.		

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		Franklin Griffith.....	Captain	H	58th Ills. Inf.		
		Jas. H. Simpson.....	Sergeant	E	125th Ills. Inf.		
		G. B. Vest.....	Corporal	H	117th Ind. Inf.		
17	2	Hiram Smith.....	Private	E	11th Vt. Inf.	54	
		T. B. Casterline.....	Private	E	4th Minn. Inf.		
20	1	W. T. Followill.....	Captain	K	11th Ills. Inf.		
21	3	R. W. Benbow.....	Private	A	8th Iowa Cavl.		Old Age.
		Jno. B. Kildow.....	Sergeant	I	69th Ohio Inf.		
		Henry Graves.....	Corporal	E	1st Mo. Eng.		
22	3	Thos. Brigham.....	Private	B	6th Mass. Inf.		Cyclone.
		Jno. Richey.....	Private	D	11th M. S. M.	74	Chronic Diarrhea.
		H. M. Tull.....	Private	D	27th Mo. Inf.	68	
25	1	Michael Lyle.....	Private	G	5th Ky. Cavl.		
29	1	Peter Johns.....	Private	A	122d Ohio Inf.	69	
36	1	Shally Hopper.....	Private	I	2d Mo. Cavl.	63	Debility.
41	2	Jas. Irvin.....	Private	H	25th Mo. Inf.		
		Wm. Herndon.....	Private	C	192d Ohio Inf.		Heart Trouble.
44	1	Geo. A. Weaver.....	Private	E	44th Mo. Inf.		Complication.
45	3	A. A. West.....	Lieut.	I	4th Wis. Inf.		Heart Trouble.
		Bailey Adkin.....	Private	H	8th Mo. Cavl.		
		Alfred Webster.....					
51	1	Fred'k Hartmann.....	Sergeant	H	15th Mo. Inf.		
53	7	John Holsman.....	Sergeant	E	7th N. Y. Inf.	74	
		W. H. Nichols.....	Sergeant	G	180th O. V. Inf.		
		James W. Gatlin.....		G	42d Mo. Inf.		
		John Q. Bridges.....	Sergeant	D	1st Mo. Art.		
		Jarrett J. Williams.....	Sergeant	G	68th Ky. V. Inf.		
		Chas. J. Thompson.....	Sergeant	I	4th Mo. Cavl.		
		Geo. Evans.....	Sergeant	A	111th Ills. Inf.		
57	2	W. O. Dougherty.....	Private	K	83d Ills. Inf.		
		Jno. Sappington.....	Private	K	135th Ills. Inf.		
58	5	Jas. Henderson.....	Private	E	80th O. Inf.		
		Freeman Davis.....	Captain	B&H	75th Ind. Inf.		
		Jno. A. Briggs.....	Private	G	17th O. Art.		
		Jno. Huffman.....	Corporal		50th O. Inf.		
		Henry Speer.....	Corporal	B	2d Mo. Art.		
63	2	Josiah Bryson.....	Private	L	131 O. Inf.		
		David Golladay.....	Private	F	81st O. Inf.		
65	2	H. K. S. Robinson.....	Lieut.	I	25th O. Inf.		
		Wm. McFee.....	1st Lieut.	D	93d Pa. Inf.		
67	1	S. G. Ward.....	Private	K	35th Mo. Inf.		
69	2	C. Driscoll.....	Private	B	1st Ark. Cavl.		
		E. Nuckolls.....	Private	I	7th M. S. M.		
72	2	S. Greenbaum.....	Private	D	13th Ills. Cavl.		
		O. S. Mitchell.....	Private	I	7th Ills. Cavl.		
75	1	Jno. W. Henry.....	Private	A	9th Ills. Inf.		
78	1	Geo. T. Wilson.....	Private	I	136th O. Inf.		
86	2	Jno. Hutton.....	Private	E	18th Mo. Inf.		
		B. R. Haynes.....	Private	B	8th O. Cavl.	59	Bright's Disease.
88	2	David Gordon.....	Private	F	153d O. Inf.	58	Tetanus.
		Jas. B. Johnson.....	2d Lieut.	B	5th Ind. Cavl.		
90	1	W. A. Pope.....	Private	G	Osage Co. H. G.		
97	2	J. B. Joannes.....	Private	K	12th Ills. Inf.	62	Consumption.
		Alfred Johnson.....	Private	B	U. S. Eng.	69	Dropsy.
		Henry G. Evans.....	Sergeant	C	15th Mo. Inf.		Dropsy.
107	4	Fred'k. Buehler.....	Private	C	33d Mo. Inf.		Cancer.
		Louis Will.....	Private	H	4th Mo. Cavl.		Cancer.
		Franz Bupe.....	Private	B	5th U. S. R. C.		Intestines.
		Wm. Hollatz.....	Private	E	43d E. M. M.		Paralysis.
108	2	C. D. Bowen.....	Private	C	6th M. S. M.		Lung Trouble.
		Sam'l Merriat.....	Private	D	21st Mo. Inf.		
110	2	Geo. Church.....	Corporal	G	7th Mo. Cavl.		
		J. A. Taylor.....	Private	C	48th Mo. Inf.		
111	1	Michael Null.....	Private	A	1st Neb. Vol.		
119	4	Rob't A. Collins.....	Musician	A	43d Mo. Inf.		
		Sam'l Remley.....	Private	K			

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		Seth L. Berry	Private	D	4th M. S. M. Cavl.		
		J. F. Hedman	Corporal	H	113th Ills. Inf.		
128	2	Seth Kentner	Private	B	38th O. Inf.		
		Jno. W. Roper	Private	G	11th Mo. Cavl.		
131	12	Jos. Brown, Jr.	Mast Mate		U. S. Navy		
		B. E. Thonssen	Private	C	9th Ohio Inf.		
		E. S. Jones	1st Lieut.	K	27th Ills. Inf.		
		Jno. W. Turner	Brig. Gen.		U. S. Vols.		
		C. H. Gleason	Adjutant		7th Ind. Cavl.		
		T. M. McKinnie	Colonel		126th O. Inf.		
		B. K. Johnson	Lt. & Q. M.		63d U. S. C. T.		
		Gilbert C. Smith	L. C. & Q. M.		U. S. Army	60	Pneumonia.
		C. M. Breeden	Corporal	E	115th Ills. Inf.	56	Heart Disease.
		James Martin	Lieut.	B	7th E. M. M.	67	Pneumonia.
		W. O. Thompson	Lieut.	G	16th N. Y. Inf.	52	Cancer.
		Guy V. Henry	Brig. Gen.		U. S. Army	60	Pneumonia.
		C. L. Weirich	Private	I	24th Wis. Inf.	57	Nervous Trouble.
136	2	Geo. Eric	Private				
		Will Posten	Private	B	42d Mo. Inf.	75	
142	1	Wm. J. Huff	Private	H	20th Iowa Inf.		
149	1	Wm. A. Ayers	Sergeant	K	1st Ark. Cavl.	64	
150	3	Geo. A. Spickard	Captain	C	30th Mo. Inf.		
		Lewis Myers	Private	B	30th Mo. Inf.		
		Wm. N. Tillery	Private	C	23d Mo. Inf.		Heart Failure.
152	2	Fred. Ossenfort	Private	D	Pacific Battln.		Accident.
		John Schaege	Private	F	1st Mo. Inf.		Suicide.
155	1	Squire Harris	Sergeant	H	10th M. S. M.		
158	4	Jno. Vanskike	Private	G	11th M. S. M.		Kidney Trouble.
		Richard B. Barnes	Private	B	3d Mo. Cavl.		Gangrene.
		J. G. Brooks	Private	E	1st Iowa Cavl.		Tuberculosis.
		Amos Moore	Corporal	B	2d Prov. E. M. M.	79	
168	1	Aaron Herrington	Private	F	19th Mich.	59	Bright's Disease
172	1	Thos. F. George	Private	B	134th O. Inf.		
173	3	Anton Ketterer	Private	C	Cape Gir. H. G.		
		Mich. Herbat	Corporal	I	1st Mo. Eng.		
		Christ. Grube	Private	A	1st Mo. Eng.		
174	1	I. D. M. Williams	Private	I	67th Ind. Inf.		Heart Disease.
176	2	W. H. Lilly	Private	D	23d Mo. Inf.		Lung Disease.
		Jos. Wasson	Private	M	3d Pa. Cavl.		
178	1	Wm. P. Jones	Private	F	65th E. M. M.		
179	4	Joshua Worthin	Private	D	81st Ills. Inf.	66	Consumption.
		F. M. Clemens	Private	A	2d Mo. Cavl.		Consumption.
		Cyrus Hyde	Private	I	39th Mo. Inf.		
		Orton A. Barnes	Private	H	89th Ills. Inf.		
180	1	S. V. Vanzant	Sergeant	E	141st Ohio Inf.		
190	3	S. S. Spielman	Private	E	24th Iowa Inf.	62	Dropsy.
		J. D. Patton	Private	D	31st Mo. Inf.	60	Fever.
		R. M. Eubanks	Private	D	73d Ills. Inf.		
207	1	Richard Jackson					
210	4	Peter Cody	Private	F	30th N. Y. Inf.	55	Apoplexy.
		Francis Hull	2d Lieut.	M	93d Ind. Inf.		
		Wm. Fowler	Private	G	16th Ills. Cavl.		
		Val. Deck	Bugler	H	10th Ills. Cavl.		
211	1	A. F. Fuller	Sergeant	I	Mo. Prov. Gds.		
213	1	Richard Green	Private	I	86th Ills. Inf.		
216	2	O. H. Burns	Private	G	23d Mo. Inf.		
		P. Constable	Sergeant	I	7th M. S. M.		
218	2	Jno. A. Watkins	Private	G	42d Ind. Inf.		
		Chas. E. Bird	Private	A	20th O. Inf.		
219	1	A. W. Grammer	Corporal	D	46th Mo. Inf.	66	Catarrh Stomach.
220	2	Royal Williams	Private	F	30th M. S. M.		Heart Failure.
		L. H. Case	Private	B	36th Iowa Inf.		Bright's Disease.
232	1	Jno. W. Sweeney	Private	I	52d Pa. Inf.		
233	2	C. D. Wolf	Lieut. Col.		5th Mo. Vol. Inf.	78	Old Age.
		Isaac Cook	Private	B	2d E. M. M.		
235	1	Aug. Vanhall	Musician		6th Mo. Inf.		

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238	1	Phillip Mote	Private	B	71st O. Inf.	68	Inf. Bowels.
240	2	Louis Roth	Private	E	48th Mo. Inf.	71	Pneumonia.
		Ernst Roeschel	Private	A	Boonville H. G.	75	Stomach Trouble.
251	2	W. P. Spurgeon	2d Lieut.	B	70th O. Inf.		
		G. W. Sampson	Private	C	61st Ills. Inf.		
257	1	Math. Carter	Private	A	137th Ills. Inf.		
259	1	M. J. Huffmann	Corporal	C	Osage Regt.		
262	1	R. Orchard	Private	G	14th Iowa Inf.		
263	1	Jno. L. Denton	Private	K	7th N. Y. Inf.		
268	1	Geo. Kuechler	Sergeant	L	7th Mo.	55	Drowned.
269	1	Wm. McTeer	Private	B	2d Kansas		
273	1	A. Schinnemeler	Private	F	58th Ills. Inf.		
276	3	J. P. Milligan	Private	B	78th Pa. Inf.		
		Jacob Choat	Private	I	98th Ills. Inf.		
		L. W. Prine	Private	E	4th Ark. Cavl.	56	Paralysis.
282	1	Wm. Platt	Private	A	173d O. Inf.	61	Pneumonia.
287	1	John Wehnes	Private	H	24th O. Inf.		
293	1	David B. Hoppie	Private	F	42d Ills. Inf.	56	Pneumonia.
297	1	Chr. Jessen	Private	I	50th Mo. Inf.		
301	1	Thos. J. Green	Private	I	4th U. S. Cavl.		
304	1	Jno. D. Gore	Captain	E	9th Ky. Cavl.		
311	1	Thos. Stain	Private	G	41st Wis. Inf.		
312	2	John Carter	Sergeant	K	86th Ills. Inf.	69	Paralysis.
		Wm. Turner	Corporal	G	5th Prov. E. M. M.	68	Heart Disease.
314	1	Jno. Lotter	Private		80th E. M. M.		Dropsy.
329	2	Alvin Haynie	Private	G	145th Ills. Inf.		
		Jacob Seifried	Corporal	D	4th Mo. Inf.		
330	2	J. M. B. Smith	Private	B	8th M. S. M.		
		Wm. Dickey	Private	E	70th O. Inf.		
332	1	Robert Voss	Private	D	5th U. S. H. G.		
335	1	J. W. Newby	Corporal	G	149th O. Inf.		Lung Trouble.
339	2	Jas. S. Leavitt	Lieut.	E	7th Mich. Inf.		
		Benj. McFarland	Sergeant	G	5th M. S. M.	72	
343	3	Chas. Young					
		Albert Dupee					
		Anthony Edwards					
345	1	W. H. Harris	Private	M	7th Prov.	73	Jaundice.
348	2	R. Christopher	Private	G	1st Mo. Art.		Pneumonia.
		Geo. Culton	Private	I	31st Mo. Inf.		Unknown.
350	2	Wm. Friese	Private	B	2d M. S. M.	73	Bronchitis.
		Christian Friese	Private	B	2d M. S. M.	56	Consumption.
355	1	James Leek	Sergeant	H	32d Mo. Inf.		
359	1	R. A. Brady	Private	B	34th Iowa Inf.		
362	1	Marion Swingle	Private	D	8th M. S. M.		
365	2	Miles A. Wetz	Private	A	56th E. M. M.		Old Age.
		Richard Meyer	Private	G	64th E. M. M.		Lung Trouble.
370	1	W. E. Gardner	Sergeant	H	8th Iowa Cavl.		Epilepsy.
371	1	Mark Gentry	Private	K	M. S. M.	75	Gen. Debility.
374	1	Jas. Fitzgerald	Private	B	3d Iowa Cavl.		Cancer.
377	2	Israel Biers	Lieut.	F	100th Ind. Inf.		
		W. N. Cannon	Private	C	24th Mo. Inf.		
379	2	T. J. McDaniel	Sergeant	B	5th M. S. M.		
		G. W. Ellis	Vet. Surg.	L	7th Kan. Cavl.		
386	1	N. Coffman	Private	L	Osage Regt.		
391	1	Thos. L. Connelly	Private	F	22d Pa. Cavl.		
411	1	C. F. C. Cunningham	Private	H	32d Ills. Inf.	56	Killed.
417	1	D. B. Davis	Private	I	29th Mo. Inf.		
429	1	Jas. Snodgrass	Private	E	1st Ark. Cavl.		
436	1	Enos Wiseman	Private	E	130th Ind. Inf.	54	
437	1	David Wilson	Private	H	11th Mo. Cavl.	57	Consumption.
444	3	L. W. Mick	Private	B	10th Ills. Inf.	57	Pneumonia.
		Geo. Kelm	Private	F	10th Ills. Inf.	64	Pneumonia.
		J. Mathis	Private	I	7th Ills. Inf.		
447	1	Henry Meyer	Private	E	4th Reserve		Pneumonia.
458	1	F. B. Burns	Private	L	15th Mo. Cavl.	56	
472	1	D. Palmer	Private	F	98th O. Inf.		Heart Failure.



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478	2	Wm. Poe.....	Private	E	11th Va. Inf.....		Pneumonia.
		J. M. Merrell.....	Bugler	A	17th Ky. Cavl.....		Dropsy.
481	1	D. Lewalen.....	Private	C	25th Ills.....		Cancer.
482	1	W. H. Heffernan.....	Private	I	17th Wis. Inf.....	54	Cancer.
485	1	Jas. C. Mills.....	Private	I	Osage H. G.....	64	Kidney Disease.
496	6	Henry Rauth.....	Private	B	26th Wis. Inf.....		
		Fred. Pohlman.....	Private	E	1st U. S. R. C.....		
		Fred. Ehnert.....	Private	D	1st Mo. Vols.....		
		F. W. Lohman.....	Private	F	5th Mo. Cavl.....		
		Nich. Stieber.....	Private	B	3d U. S. R. C.....		
		Louis Moeckel.....	Bugler		41st Mo. Inf.....	76	Gen. Debility.
506	1	B. F. Munder.....	Private	I	4th Iowa Inf.....		
512	1	D. Burns.....	Private	F	7th M. S. M.....	64	
514	1	W. C. Blackwell.....	Private	C	38th Iowa Inf.....		
516	3	Chas. A. Meeker.....	Sergeant	B	87th Ind. Inf.....		
		Jas. O. Rose.....	Private	A	32d Ills. Inf.....		
		Elijah Kirksey.....	Private	D	4th Tenn. Inf.....		
520	1	Jacob Wiscup.....	Private	D	6th Ills. Cavl.....		
553	1	T. F. Hall.....	Private	B	21st N. Y. Inf.....		Paralysis.
554	1	Wm. Stillmeyer.....	Private	A	Krekel's Battln.....	61	Dropsy.
561	1	Jno. St. John.....	Private	B	5th Mo. Prov.....		

The Senior Vice Department Commander appointed the following named comrades as a committee on Department Commander's address: Past Department Commanders C. W. Whitehead, Leo Rassieur, Jno. P. Platt, George W. Martin, and Comrade Geo. E. Smith, Post 131.

The Department Commander resumed the chair and announced the following committees:

On reports of Senior Vice and Junior Vice Department Commander: Comrades W. F. Henry, Post 8; H. Phelps, Post 14; J. K. Merrifield, Post 131.

On reports of Medical Director and Chaplain: Comrades Ira T. Bronson, Post 53; T. H. Hagerty, Post 131; W. C. Calland, Post 69.

On Assistant Adjutant General's report: Comrades J. R. Milner, Post 69; Thos. S. Maxwell, Post 1; Jno. F. Cluley, Post 131.

On Judge Advocate's report: Past Department Commander C. W. Whitehead; David Murphy, Post 304; George Hall, Post 72.

On Department Inspector's report: Comrades J. T. Birds-eye, Post 26; J. F. Young, Post 496; D. C. Graves, Post 251.

On Chief Mustering Officer's report: Comrades Henry Evers, Post 2; H. E. Robinson, Post 21; Jno. M. Wherry, Post 444.

On Resolutions: Comrades Past Department Commander Louis Benecke; E. F. Rogers, Post 4; Chas. F. Vogel, Post 1; W. D. Hubbard, Post 69; Wm. R. Oder, Post 107.

To Visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin; Chaplain T. J. Ferril; T. J. Dockery, Post 22.

To Visit the Sons of Veterans: Comrades J. W. Eldridge, Post 210; Martin Scherer, Post 13.

On Resolutions on Death of Past Department Commander Hiram Smith, Jr.: Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin; W. B. Rogers, Post 72; W. H. Skinner, Post 124.

On Resolutions on Death of Past Department Commander Nelson Cole: Past Department Commander C. W. Whitehead; J. M. Williams, Post 276; L. G. Bennett, Post 69.

The Department Commander announced the anticipated arrival of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic to-morrow morning, and named as a committee to meet him at the Depot: Comrades F. M. Sterrett, Post 1; L. B. Ripley, Post 131; and all of the National Aides-de-camp present.

The Assistant Adjutant General moved, that in order to facilitate the business of the Encampment we now proceed to nominate Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, so the names may be printed by to-morrow morning and placed in the hands of the Comrades.

The motion was seconded, put to vote and carried.

The Committee on Credentials being ready to report, was called and made their report which was on motion adopted.

The following Comrades were nominated for Representatives to the National Encampment:

CHAS. P. WOODRUFF, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 JAS. A. STEWART, Post 4, Kansas City.  
 PETER BOBE, Post 13, St. Louis.  
 HENRY FAIRBACK, Post 107, St. Louis.  
 CHAS. F. VOGEL, Post 1, St. Louis.  
 J. W. ELDRIDGE, Post 210, Springfield.  
 O. M. FULLER, Post 67, Tarkio.  
 W. B. DEAN, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 D. T. FERRIER, Post 69, Springfield.  
 J. F. BROWN, Post 90, Jerico.  
 C. W. CORKRAN, Post 221, Novelty.  
 HENRY F. GLAHN, Post 36, Clarence.  
 ELI A. COOK, Post 150, Spickards.  
 ADAM OFENSTEIN, Post 2, St. Louis.  
 H. E. ROBINSON, Post 21, Maryville.  
 A. MCKINNEY, Post 187, Peirce City.  
 R. D. CRAMER, Post 179, Memphis.  
 O. P. SMITH, Post 8, Kansas City.  
 JOS. MORGAN, Post 110, Kahoka.  
 J. W. TRADER, Post 53, Sedalia.  
 JOS. MCADOO, Post 69, Springfield.  
 E. R. BATES, Post 327, Adrian.  
 O. C. SNYDER, Post 22, Kirksville.  
 JACOB FISHER, Post 314, Hemker.

JNO. T. BIRDSEYE, Post 26, Nevada.  
 D. C. GRAVES, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.  
 NICH. MATHIAS, Post 5, Moberly.  
 B. J. BURKE, Post 81, Lathrop.  
 J. E. DECKER, Post 219, Republic.  
 A. L. McBRIDE, Post 58, Butler.  
 DAN GILLSON, Post 172, Appleton City.  
 WM. MAYNARD, Post 567, Moberly.  
 J. N. HOSEY, Post 397, Brookline.  
 H. PHELPS, Post 14, Joplin.  
 C. W. PAYNTER, Post 345, Bear Creek.  
 W. T. BOWEN, Post 108, Versailles.

The Assistant Adjutant General moved that the sixteen Comrades receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Representatives, and the sixteen receiving the next highest votes be declared alternates.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

The Department Commander: We will now proceed to the nomination and election of Representative-at-large.

Past Department Commander Rassieur placed in nomination Comrade T. J. Ferril as Representative-at-large.

There being no other nomination, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Ferril as Representative-at-large, and he was declared unanimously elected.

The Department Commander: The selection of an alternate-at-large is now in order.

Comrade Sparklin, Post 131, placed in nomination for alternate-at-large Comrade T. H. Hagerty of Post 131, and there being no other nomination, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Hagerty as alternate-at-large, and he was declared unanimously elected.

On motion, Encampment took a recess until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.

The Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander.

The Department Commander: The ladies of Springfield

have arranged to take the members of the Encampment for a drive to the National Cemetery at 4:30 P. M. If we are not ready at that time we will "be left" (Laughter). The next business in order is the reception of communications.

The Assistant Adjutant General read to the Encampment a communication from Post 219 in relation to establishment of a National Park on the Wilson Creek battlefield, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Assistant Adjutant General also read a communication from Post 117, announcing the destruction of their post-room by fire in 1896, and asking for reinstatement.

On motion of Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, this communication was referred to the incoming administration, with power to act.

On motion of Comrade Tracy, Post 69, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to send dispatches conveying our fraternal greetings to the Departments of New York, Indiana and Oklahoma whose Encampments are now in session.

The Committee on the report of the Department Inspector reported as follows:

SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 16, 1900.

*Department Commander:*

Your Committee on report of the Department Inspector respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined said report and find that the Department Inspector has performed a large amount of work in an able and systematic manner, and great credit is due him for his performance of duty.

We also find that his report shows that the various Posts of the State are in a good condition, so far as the membership is concerned and the manner in which their work is done by them, both in the ritualistic and zealous discharge of all their obligations.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

JOHN T. BIRDSEYE,  
J. F. YOUNG,  
D. C. GRAVES,

*Committee.*

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on the report of the Chief Mustering Officer made the following report:

SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 16, 1900.

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

We, your Committee on report of Chief Mustering Officer, have

examined the said report and find nothing special to bring before the Encampment, and approve of the report as printed.

HENRY EVERS, Post 2,  
H. E. ROBINSON, Post 21,  
JNO. M. WHERRY, Post 444,  
*Committee*

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Senior Vice Department Commander in the chair.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the following report of the Council of Administration :

SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 15, 1900.

*To the Nineteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:*

The Council of Administration submits the following report :

The first meeting of the Council was held at Kirksville, Mo., on May 12, 1899. The following named Comrades were present : Department Commander John W. Scott ; S. V. Department Commander, J. G. Zimmerer ; J. V. Department Commander, W. D. Sigler ; Medical Director, Jos. McAdoo ; Chaplain, T. J. Ferril, and Arnold Beck, Francis P. Becker, E. D. Cornish, and Ira T. Bronson, elected members, and Jas. B. Wilde, A. A. A. General.

The following proceedings were had :

On motion it was decided to allow and appropriate the sum of \$250 for traveling expenses of the Department Commander, and \$100 for burial of friendless Union soldiers.

The date for holding the Nineteenth Annual Encampment, at Springfield, Mo., was fixed by correspondence with the members of the Council, in January last, on May 16th and 17th, 1900, and so announced in General Orders No. 10, February 15th, 1900.

The next meeting of the Council was held at Springfield, Mo., on Tuesday, May 15th, 1900, when the following members were present : Department Commander Jno. W. Scott ; S. V. Department Commander, J. G. Zimmerer ; Medical Director, Jos. McAdoo ; Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Q. M. General, Thos. B. Rodgers ; Chief Mustering Officer, D. Gillson, and Arnold Beck, Francis P. Becker, and Ira T. Bronson, elected members.

The following proceedings were had :

On motion the Council resolved to recommend that the action of the Council at Kirksville appropriating \$250 or so much thereof as might be necessary for traveling expenses of the Department Commander, and \$100 for burial of friendless Union soldiers be approved.

On motion they voted to recommend the same appropriations for same purposes, for the ensuing year.

On motion the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to employ Comrade C. C. Cowen, as stenographer, to report the proceedings of this Encampment.

On motion the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to pay the bill of Carpenter & Wood, of Providence, R. I., for sixty rank straps furnished by them to the Department in June, 1897, amounting to \$10.88, and not heretofore paid.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to annul and revoke the charters of the following delinquent Posts: Posts 121, 147, 154, 226, 272, 288, 302, 313, 325, 328, 333, 356, 439, 441, 446, 450, 452, 470, 477, 485, 494, 498, 499, 500, 505, 509, 511, 513, 521, 529, 530, 531, 532, 539.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to annul and revoke the charters of the following heretofore suspended Posts: Posts 212, 225, 248, 275, 281, 318, 321, 351, 361, 364, 368, 410, 419, 422, 445, 476, 484, 528, 535.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following delinquent Posts: Posts 85, 170, 280, 373, 385, 414, 455, 480, 519, 534, 536, 558.

The following report of the committee to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General was approved:

ST. LOUIS; MO., May 2, 1900.

*John W. Scott, Department Commander:*

Your committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that we have performed that duty.

We find proper vouchers for all sums paid out, the books well kept and correct; that the balance on hand December 31st, 1899, was \$615.36.

We further find the balance on hand April 30th, 1900, \$715.17.

Very respectfully, your Committee,

FRANCIS P. BECKER.  
J. G. ZIMMERER.  
ARNOLD BECK.

On motion the action of the Department Commander inviting Department Commander Martin and Past Department Commander Coulter, of Kansas, to attend our Encampment as the guests of the Department, was approved.

On motion the action of Past Department Commander Whitehead, of the Committee on Loans, in extending the Mesner loan of \$1,000 for one year from April 7th, at eight per cent per annum, was approved.

On motion the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General and Recorder.*

The Assistant Adjutant General: I will state in regard to the large number of Posts whose charters have been annulled, that the list was all carefully gone over and no Post acted on in which there was the slightest sign of life visible, or where there was any foundation for hope; where a Post was likely to be continued, the Council of Administration took no action. Some of these Posts were delinquent from 1890 or 1892, and we thought best to get rid of them as so much dead wood.

On motion the report, with its recommendations, was received and adopted.

The following report was made by the Committee on Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders:

SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 16, 1900.

*To the Department Commander and Comrades of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Senior Vice Department Commander and the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander, respectfully report that they have considered the matters referred to them.

They find that the said reports show that the Vice Department Commanders have faithfully performed their several duties with a commendable zeal and fidelity. The spirit of the reports exhibit a loyalty to country and Comrades such as might reasonably be expected from such splendid Comrades as John G. Zimmerer, Senior Vice Department Commander, and W. D. Sigler, Junior Vice Department Commander. Their services are worthy, and should receive the commendation of this Encampment.

W. F. HENRY,  
J. K. MERRIFIELD,  
H. PHELPS,

*Committee.*

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Comrade E. F. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee in relation to the Erection of Monument at Lone Jack, made the following report:

KANSAS CITY, MO., May 15, 1900.

*Department Encampment of Missouri, G. A. R.,*

*Comrades:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of erecting a



monument at Lone Jack, Mo., in memory of the heroes who fell in the battle at that place on the 16th day of August, 1862, beg to report.

Upon investigation we find that fifty-one Federal soldiers were killed and buried at the town of Lone Jack at the engagement on above date; that the Confederates (number unknown) who were killed on that day were buried on same lot in which the Federals were buried. Afterwards the title to said lot of ground became vested in "Committee of the Lone Jack Confederate monument of the County and State aforesaid" by a deed of transfer from Wm. D. Easley and Ellen Easley, his wife; so we have no title to the ground on which our comrades lie. We have made efforts through the medium of the Post Office to arrange the matter of title of this sacred ground, whereby we might feel satisfied that building a monument would not be trespassing on the rights of others, but have failed.

We are fully satisfied that the heroism shown by the determined courage and valiant patriotism exhibited at the Battle of Lone Jack merits the highest commendation and recognition of surviving comrades and friends of the old flag for which the fifty-one gave up their lives in its defense.

We cannot recommend any steps to be taken until we secure a right in fee to the ground in which our comrades lie, and upon which a comrade's love and a patriot's sympathy call for a monument of grandeur and worth in keeping with the demands under the circumstances.

Yours truly,

E. F. ROGERS,

*Chairman Committee.*

Comrade Rogers, Post 4: I desire to tell you something about the necessities of this matter. I have expended considerable money on this already. I went to the records of Jackson County to find out to whom this land belongs; I paid the Recorder for giving me a certified copy of the record; I also presented that to different attorneys to get their opinion as to whether the Confederates had any title to the land or not, and they have decided that they had. Now it is going to require some means to find out what you want to know about this matter, and to see these parties who own that property and ascertain their feelings. One man, or two men—one has done it so far, can go to work under your instruction; you can determine what should be done, and we can go to work and do it just as you want it done. There are seven men that constitute the Committee, that call themselves the Committee of the Lone Jack Confederate Monument Association. The title is in that

Committee, and we will have to hunt them up all over the country, wherever they may be, and get their quit-claim deed, which I think we can get if we can find them; for I believe they are perfectly satisfied that we should have an interest in that ground with them; and some want to go in with us and put up the monuments together; and one man said that he would give \$100 towards it. The neighbors there have put up an iron fence to include the whole of it; but that iron fence includes a number of the Confederates, so we have no right to it, and they can take those bodies up and put them where they want to.

On motion of Comrade Burkeholder, Post 72, the Committee was continued and given power to secure the title to this property, and \$20 appropriated to defray the expenses that the Committee has already gone to and that may be incurred in the future.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to select the place for the meeting of the next annual encampment.

Comrade Galloway, Post 384: I move you that this Encampment select the City of Nevada, Vernon County, Missouri, for the place to hold our next annual Encampment (Applause).

Seconded.

Comrade Birdseye, Post 26: I expected that Comrade Burton would be present at this Encampment, but I regret to say that he is unavoidably absent. From the manner in which this matter is coming up I am very glad that I am here. I do not suppose it is necessary for me to make a speech, I do not see the necessity of it at this time, but will say we want you to come and see us. We will treat you well, as we have been promising for two or three years, if you would come to our place. Come and see us. (Applause.)

Department Commander Scott: Comrades, I have received a letter from the President of the State University at Columbia, Missouri—which I will read:

UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
COLUMBIA, April 25, 1900. }

*President's Office.*

J. W. Scott, Department Commander, G. A. R.,  
Moberly, Mo.

MY DEAR SIR:

I write to invite you and through you the G. A. R. of Missouri to

hold its next annual meeting at Columbia. We should be glad to offer you the Auditorium of the University, Committee rooms, and whatever else we can furnish. We shall give you moreover a cordial welcome.

Very truly yours,

R. H. JESSE.

In presenting the matter of this kind invitation for which we are very grateful to the President of our great University at Columbia, I cannot lose sight of the claim Nevada has for so long had upon us, and in view of this, I want at this time to second the nomination of Nevada at which to hold our next Department Encampment. (Applause.)

The question was put to vote and Nevada was selected by a unanimous vote.

Comrade Haggerty, Post 131: I understand that the President of the University at Columbia, Missouri, is not a Grand Army man, but I move you, Sir, that the Asst. Adj. General be authorized to acknowledge the invitation and say that we will take his very kind invitation under favorable consideration for some future time.

Seconded, put to vote, and carried.

The presence of the Committee from the Sons of Veterans was announced.

The Department Commander: I take great pleasure in presenting to you the Committee from the Sons of Veterans.

I will introduce to you Colonel Prack, from whom we shall be pleased to hear.

Colonel Prack: I will say that we are here in response to your kind invitation to extend the greetings of the Sons of Veterans, and I will introduce to you our Captain, of St. Joseph, Missouri, who will extend to you our greetings.

Captain Philo, of the Sons of Veterans: Comrades of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, we are here this afternoon as a committee of greeting, from the Missouri Division of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America. We are here to greet you as your sons; we are your sons, born with loyal hearts, descended from loyal fathers, men

who went to the front and fought side by side under the folds of the stars and stripes, and have brought back to us unsullied this grand old flag, though battle-worn and soiled and torn, and we are here to uphold it until the last one of the sons is dead. You are our fathers; we are your sons, and we shall follow your footsteps as far as we can (Applause). It is our intention, everywhere and always, to keep the stars and stripes floating over the graves of our departed heroes of the war of 1861 to 1865, and over the graves of the known or unknown, there will be a flag floating there, if the Sons of Veterans find out that there lies buried a loyal heart (Applause). On Memorial Day we have a committee of three hundred that does not do anything else in our part of the country but to see that those flags are put up over the graves; that every grave is properly mounded up every spring, and when Memorial Day comes there is always a flag over the graves; and on the 4th of July and on Thanksgiving and on the 1st day of January, there is always a flag there. We want your assistance in the Missouri Division as far as in your power to give it to us. I am sorry to report that we are very few in number at present, and that we need your co-operation in pushing our boat forward; it is within your power to do it, as you can talk to your sons, and to the sons of your comrades and do what you can to get them to join the Sons of Veterans. I know you are getting old, old in years, but not in brains, and we would like to have you come to our meetings and encourage those who are there, and try and bring your sons, and your neighbors' sons, and in that way strengthen our order. In this Division we were up in the thousands, but to-day we are below five hundred, I am very sorry to say. We ask the co-operation of every member of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to help us. Let us build up our order in Missouri to where it ought to be (Applause).

The Department Commander: These boys are our boys. They are following in the path trod by you. The same crimson blood is forced through their veins. They are your sons, and their interests are identical with our interests. Let us stand by them and encourage them in every manner and form possible. Comrade Hagerty, will you please return the thanks of this Department Encampment to the Sons of Veterans?

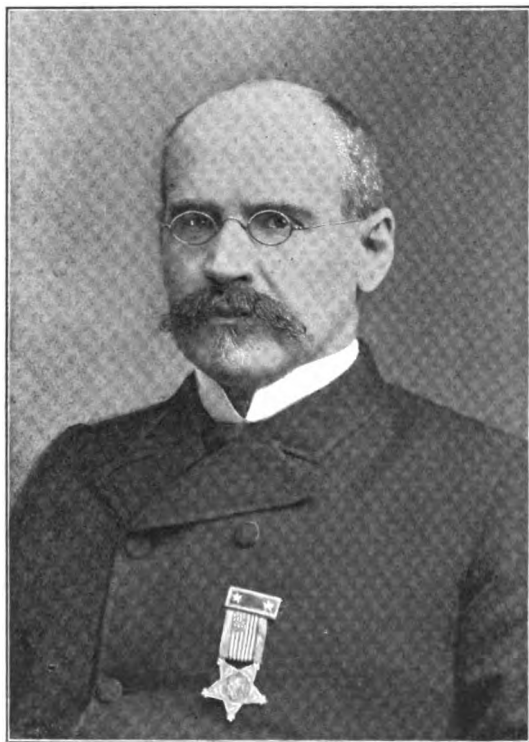
Comrade Hagerty, Post 131: It will certainly be done with a great deal of satisfaction to myself, provided I can be as eloquent and patriotic as the young man who has just taken his seat. I am glad, young gentlemen, that you are here in the flush of youth just like these old fellows were in times past. I hope, however, that you may never be compelled to pass through what they have. But being possessed of the same patriotism and love of country as the fathers, your fathers have lived to see the day that they can say with pride that there is not a man between this and the moon that dare attempt to strike down the colors of our country (Applause). Were it attempted you would immediately fall into line just as we did in times past, and just as you did a few months ago when Spain attempted to tamper with our freedom, when you boys came by thousands and tens of thousands, just as you always will when the freedom or rights, or purposes of our Government are interfered with (Applause). I am glad that the Sons of Veterans are getting into line; but very sorry, if I understood you correctly, that your numbers are not larger than they are.

I happen to have in my pocket a little gavel which I hope you will accept, and I ask you to handle this gavel in such way as to increase your membership. And I am glad that you have said that no grave that contains the remains of any Veteran, whether his name is enrolled in the Grand Army of the Republic or not, shall be undecorated. I give you this gavel in the name of the Grand Army of Missouri; you keep it in your hand and you use it on the boys if they need it to bring them into line (Laughter). Bring them into line. And I hope when we are all gone you will remember that you received that gavel in 1900 from the Grand Army of the Republic at its Nineteenth Annual Encampment at Springfield, Missouri. Take care of it. And God bless you all (Applause).

Comrade McDonald, Post 69, proposed three cheers for the Sons of Veterans, which were given by the Encampment, upon which the Sons of Veterans retired and the Encampment resumed its deliberations as follows:

The Committee on reports of Medical Director and Chaplain made the following report:





**HIRAM SMITH, JR., PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 16, 1900.

*Commander and Comrades:*

Your committee believes that the report of the Medical Director is as full and complete as possible, considering the great number of Posts that annually fail to make surgeon's reports. We would especially call attention to the following sentence in the report, to-wit: "I would respectfully suggest to the department that some action should be taken to enforce the rules; for, what is worth doing at all should be well and promptly done," in which we heartily concur.

We further beg leave to report that we have examined with pleasure the Chaplain's report, and are glad to see that the exhaustive form of report of established usage has been so carefully and successfully followed, therefore enabling the members of the Department to see at a glance the workings of that important office.

We recommend the adoption of the report.

IRA T. BRONSON, Post 53.

T. H. HAGERTY, Post 131.

W. C. CALLAND, Post 69.

*Committee.*

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Past Department Commander Martin: Your committee to draft resolutions in memory of our deceased comrade, Hiram Smith, Jr., is now ready to report.

The report was read by the Chairman of the committee, and on motion was adopted by a rising vote.

*To the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:*

We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of Past Department Commander Hiram Smith, Jr., report as follows:

As the years pass by, the name of comrade after comrade is stricken from the muster roll of the Grand Army of the Republic and added to the roll of those who have crossed the dark waters of the river of death and pitched their tents in the land beyond. They dwell with us for a day, on the morrow their homes are beyond the clouds, beyond the stars. Their names and their deeds are but a memory. Of those who have gone from among us and who will no longer greet us as year by year we gather in Encampment and in Re-union, is our comrade and friend Hiram Smith Jr., Past Department Commander of this department, who on the 28th day of June, 1899, closed his eyes forever to the scenes of this world, to open them to the blazing splendor of the city of God.

Loyal to his country and to the old flag, he was a soldier of the Union at the age of nineteen. His sacrifices for his country, from



which he went through life maimed and crippled, were deemed by him as but a light matter in comparison with the triumph of the cause for which he fought. As became one who was brave and true in war, he was a just and upright citizen in peace, a true and faithful friend, a loyal comrade. With shattered limbs and impaired health he discharged every duty as a comrade, officer or citizen, with an undaunted heart and a cheerful spirit.

This Encampment mourns his death and cherishes his memory. The heart of each and every comrade goes out with tender and loving sympathy to his bereaved wife and orphaned children, and it is the prayer of all that He who hears the young ravens when they cry and notes even the sparrow's fall, may keep and comfort them to the end.

A page of the Journal of this Encampment shall be dedicated to the memory of our dead comrade, and as a part of the records of the Department of Missouri speak now and in the days and years to come of the esteem in which he was held by his comrades and co-workers while he lived, and of their sorrow when he died.

GEO. W. MARTIN,  
W. H. SKINNER,  
W. B. ROGERS,

*Committee.*

Comrade Sparklin, Post 131, moved the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, an all-wise Providence has recently deemed it proper to call from this life one of the brightest and most affable of the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps of this Department, Mrs. Sarah Wilson Martin, wife of Past Department Commander George W. Martin; and,

WHEREAS, the record of her activity as Department President and National President, furnishes ample proof of the excellent work done for our order by our auxiliary under her leadership, and thereby entitling her to special recognition therefor at this time ; now, therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, that in the demise of Sarah Wilson Martin, the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., has lost one of its best friends and co-laborers, who endeared herself to all comrades with whom she came in contact, and who brought honor and distinction to her sisters of the Department of Missouri, of the W. R. C., by the conscientious and faithful services rendered by her as National President of that Order.

*Resolved*, that the sincere sympathy of this Encampment be tendered to Comrade Martin upon the sad bereavement which he has sustained, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our comrade as evidence of our high esteem for the departed wife and our participation in his deep sorrow.

The motion was seconded by Comrade Hagerty, Post 131.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1: Before that motion is put, I crave the indulgence of this Encampment to say just a few words. It is proper that this Encampment should be reminded of the fact that Mrs. Martin was one of the most faithful and able workers in the ranks of this Department of the W. R. C., that her conscientiousness and capacity were recognized by her election as Department President and afterwards by her choice as National President of that Order. The encomiums passed upon her services indicate that the W. R. C. in the United States had no one more competent or worthy, and that in her demise one of its strongest and most efficient laborers has passed away. I desire also to add, that it was the sad misfortune of Comrade Martin to lose this beloved companion and wife while she was temporarily absent from him visiting in the vicinity of her birthplace in West Virginia. In view of all these facts I deem it exceedingly appropriate that we should pass these resolutions, and thereby, if that be possible, in a small measure assuage the grief of our comrade.

The "Ransom Howlers" being called upon by the Department Commander, came to the platform and sang:

"Sleeping the Years of Our Manhood Away."

Being encored they rendered:

"We are Tenting to-night on the Old Camp Ground."

The Senior Vice Department Commander in the chair.

The Committee on the Address of the Department Commander submitted the following report, which was on motion adopted by a rising vote:

*Senior Vice-Department Commander and Comrades of the Encampment:*

Your committee on the address of the Commander begs leave to report that they have thoroughly examined the matters therein set forth, and now take pleasure in reporting as follows:

In addition to the beautiful sentiments expressed by the Commander, which we heartily commend to the careful consideration of all the comrades, we find therein evidence of a most thorough and painstaking discharge of duty, a zealous regard for the welfare of all the comrades and posts of the Department, and efforts of the highest order to maintain the high standing of the Department at home and abroad. The work of love performed by the Commander during his term of office is so stupendous and exhaustive, that it not only com-

pare favorably with the best that has ever been performed for the Department, but seems to be entitled to the high encomium of being among the very best.

The Department is to be congratulated upon its choice of Commander made a year ago, and we gladly move that the recommendations of the Commander be heartily approved and adopted, and that the sincere thanks of the Department be extended to Comrade Scott for his untiring, effective and extraordinary services during his administration.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
LEO RASSIEUR,  
JNO. P. PLATT,  
GEO. E. SMITH,  
GEO. W. MARTIN,

*Committee.*

Comrade Ferril, Department Chaplain, offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption by a rising vote:

*Be it Resolved* by the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment assembled at Springfield, Missouri, on May the 16th, 1900:

That, recognizing the superior qualifications of our Comrade Past Department Commander LEO RASSIEUR of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, of St. Louis, Missouri, for the office of Commander-in-Chief, and bearing in mind his gallant service in the war of the rebellion, his attachment for and devotion to our Order, his sterling integrity, his executive ability, and above all his loyalty and unswerving fidelity to the comrades and their interests, we commend him to the 34th National Encampment as our unanimous choice for Commander-in-Chief, and the Past Commanders of this Department are requested, and the Representatives of this Department are instructed, to present his name at Chicago for that high office and to use all honorable means to secure his election.

The motion was seconded and carried with great enthusiasm by the unanimous rising vote of the Encampment.

Comrade Galloway, Post 384: I move you now that the nominations for Department Commander and the other Officers be made this evening, or now, and that the time for the election be set for to-morrow at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The motion was seconded, put to vote, and lost.

Comrade Dreifus, Post 1: I now move that the time for the nomination and election of officers be fixed for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.



**LEO RASSIEUR, PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**



Comrade Rassieur, Post 1: I would suggest a change of the hour from 10 to 9 o'clock to morrow morning; I do not know how others feel, but I feel that all would be willing to fix it at 9 o'clock, and if we do, we would be through with our business in time even if we should strike a snag. I move to amend by fixing the hour at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Comrade Dreifus, Post 1: I accept the amendment.

The motion as amended was put to vote and carried.

Comrade McAdoo, Post 69: I would like to have the Commander instruct the delegates here that we will hardly have time to perform the duties of this encampment in such manner as to please all the comrades. I know that some of the comrades are loaded with big long speeches (Laughter). And I rise for the purpose of suggesting that they put their speeches into shape so that they will not use long sentences and verbiage, because I tell you, as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, we have decided, by the advice of the Council of Administration, that we will form for parade at half past 1 o'clock to-morrow, and at 2 o'clock the parade will move. Now it is entirely immaterial whether this earth is round or not; or whether the sun shines or not, the procession will move exactly at 2 o'clock (Laughter). Now I will give fair warning that it will be necessary for you to get through with your business, and that is what I rise for, to ask that you make short speeches; that is the ultimatum (Laughter).

On motion the nominating speeches were limited to five minutes and the seconding speeches to one minute.

Comrade Rippey, Post 53: Some two years ago I was elected Post Commander of Post 53, when Comrade Hagerty, of Post 131, came up there all the way from St. Louis, with a hickory cane to cane me; and he said the hickory from which it was made grew on the battlefield of Wilson Creek. I suppose he told the truth; we will assume so at least, as preachers almost always do tell the truth.

Now I have a little hickory stick here. I have been looking around in the country where I live ever since I received the unmerciful caning, to find a stick that I thought was fit to cane

one Hagerty with; I finally succeeded in finding one; it is a shell-bark hickory; you know they grow kind of rough, and out of which they make buggy spokes, hubs and things like that, you know; good, tough wood, such as they always used at school when they wanted to give us a good flogging. Now I want to retaliate by giving Comrade Hagerty a good caning, if he will come out here (Laughter).

Comrade Hagerty, Post 131, approached with an umbrella upheld as if to ward off a blow (Laughter).

Comrade Rippey: You must lay down that weapon of warfare (Laughter).

Comrade Hagerty: I never surrender (Laughter).

Comrade Rippey: Comrade Hagerty, I want to present you with this little stick that I have taken great pains to polish up so it would not hurt you very much, as I was determined to cane you at this present time; I therefore make you a present of this little stick (Applause).

Comrade Hagerty: Commander, I would like to ask this comrade, whether he thinks I am lame or not.

Comrade Rippey: I thought you might be some day.

Comrade Hagerty: I desire to thank the comrade for the stick. I got a cane at Buffalo that the man sent clear from Cincinnati; I also received one from Philadelphia, and I also received one from the Battle Ground of Gettysburg. I don't know why they continue caning me; but, sir, I will extend the hand of kindness instead of unkindness to you (extending his hand to Comrade Rippey). And, comrade, I hope that in the good Providence of God I may be able to get along without a cane; and yet, if I should use any, I shall be most happy to lean upon this one; and if I do not use it I assure you it will be treasured up and will be handed down to posterity through the Grand Army of the Republic (Applause).

Comrade Fairback, Post 107: There has been considerable reference made in the address of the Department Commander to our Home at St. James, Missouri, and the condition which he reports the Home to be in, is correct. I think it would be very proper for the trustees to make it a part and parcel of each

Encampment to make a statement of their stewardship. Reference is made in the Commander's address to what is termed the Woman's Hospital at St. James. The fact of the case is that in the last Legislature the trustees were at the State Capital four times, and they appeared before the Committee on Appropriations and properly presented their case; they also asked the assistance of the trustees of the Confederate Home, and they were present with us, and we all did the very best we possibly could. We received assurance from the Legislature of an appropriation larger than was eventually given us, we were to have \$10,000 toward building the Dormitory building, but the Governor vetoed it; I don't know why the Governor should have taken this action. With the \$5,000 allowed by the Legislature for the maintenance, and the \$1,000 for salaries, we went ahead with the work. We trust that the members of the incoming Legislature will have a more liberal view as to appropriations for our Home, so that within the next year or two we will be able to erect some more modern buildings. We have got the sanitary condition of the premises as good as it can be made now. We have closets on the second and third floors, so that in the winter time the inmates need not be compelled to go outside. We have erected a steam plant by means of which we heat the entire buildings. The Commander has referred to the new Hospital that was erected during the first year of our administration; in order to build that we had to stint ourselves very much; it cost us some \$1,400. As already stated, we have a steam plant now, and an extensive one, and we did that with \$5,000. We erected the building and extended the steam into the main building as well as the Hospital. I regret very much that Comrade Benecke, the President of the Board, is not here. I think it necessary for you to know the actual condition of matters. We have met with some difficulties such as are usual with institutions of that kind; one was in reference to the pensions that the comrades received that went into the Home; we finally allowed all the inmates to use their own pensions; we came to the conclusion that in that way we would have sufficient money for the maintenance; but we shall be obliged to ask the Legislature for a larger amount for the Home. Our hearts and minds and souls have been bound



up in that work. Our Committee sees that the money is properly appropriated, and that the food is properly cooked, and I do not think there is any complaint now with reference to the condition of that Home, and there has not been for a year. The only complaint we have to make is that we can not get sufficient appropriation. I hope our State will have the funds to enable it to be more liberal in the future.

Comrade Rogers, Post 4: What does the Government do for us there?

Comrade Fairback: It allows \$100 for each soldier, but none for the widow. We are allowed that, but if we take anything from their maintenance they deduct that from the allowance. We expected that we would receive \$100 for each soldier from the Government without their deducting that, but the Government examination is made about every three months, and the examination is very strict, and the law is very strict upon that question. We have 117 inmates; that is all we have room for. The Confederate Home has some 135 inmates. The Confederate Home has a larger acreage and their home and farm is in a better condition than ours, and a greater amount of soil, and they have it under very thorough cultivation; they have some 340 acres, and they had hogs and cows, and a lot of corn, and oats, and wheat, which we did not have; we have simply raised on ours enough to take care of our stock.

On motion the Encampment adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION, MAY 17, 1900.

The Department Commander in the chair.

The morning session opened with prayer by the Department Chaplain, Comrade Ferril, as follows:

Our Lord, we thank Thee for the wonderful care which Thou hast had over us; when we could not care for ourselves the hand of God has been over us; while the mantles of death have fallen thickly all about us our lives have been precious in Thy sight and we have been brought to see the light of this day. And in these opening exercises we ask the continuation of Thy love and kindness and parental care over us. Oh, blessed Christ, be Thou with us all along the journey of life! May we trust in Thee, and may we be guided by Thee, and may our pathway be strewn with Thy loving kindness; and may we trust Thee as our friend, as our guide and as our consolation and our all. May Thy benedictions rest upon the entire Encampment, and be Thou with our comrades at home this morning, with the widow in her sorrow and with the orphans in their lamentations; be with those that have no helper. Guide us all in our pilgrimage, and finally bring us to the great city of our God where all is light and joy, and Thy name shall have all the praise for evermore. Amen.

The Department Commander: Are there any committees to report?

The Committee on Judge Advocate's Report made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 17, 1900.

*To the Department Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate of this Department, having carefully examined the same, find that all his opinions are in harmony with the laws of our Order, as shown by the Rules and Regulations and the decisions contained in the Blue Book, and we therefore recommend the approval of the same by this Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
GEO. HALL,  
DAVID MURPHY,

*Committee.*

The committee on the death of Past Department Commander Nelson Cole made the following report:

*To the Department Encampment of Missouri, G. A. R.: . . . . .*

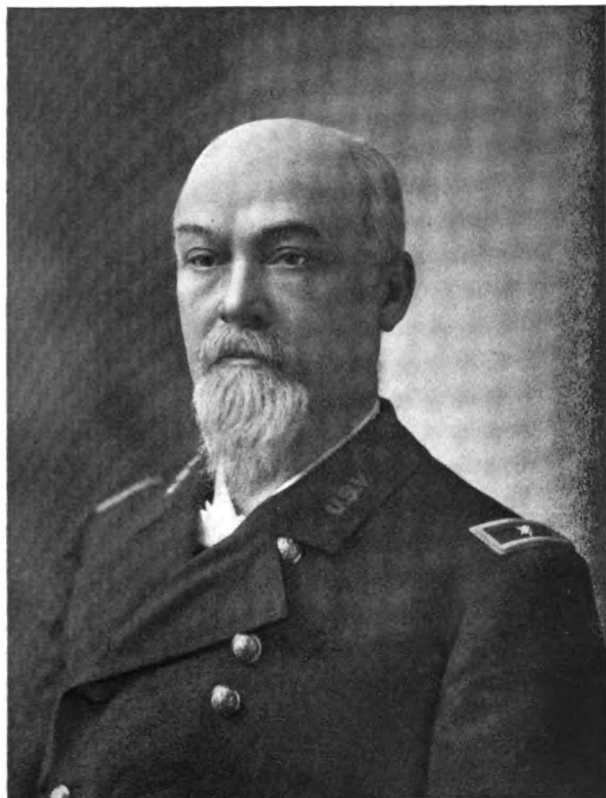
Your committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Comrade Nelson Cole, begs leave to submit the following report:

Comrade Nelson Cole was born in the village of Reinbeck, Dutchess County, New York, November 18, 1833. On the 21st day of April, 1861, he entered the service of the United States as Captain of Company A, 5th Mo. Volunteer Infantry, three months service; was Captain of Company E, 1st Mo. Infantry, afterwards 1st Mo. Light Artillery, June 10, 1861; Major in same regiment August 12, 1863; Lieutenant-Colonel 2d Mo. Light Artillery October 4, 1863, and Colonel of same regiment February 27, 1864, and was mustered out November 13, 1865.

He was by nature a thorough military man and soldierly in all his instincts. His first service in 1861 was in protecting the Arsenal in St. Louis until May 10, when he took part in the capture of Camp Jackson. He was in the battle of Boonville, June 17, 1861; Dug Springs, August 2, and Wilson Creek, August 10, where he was seriously wounded; commanded his battery in Fremont's campaign in 1861 and 1862; was Chief of Artillery and Ordinance on General Schofield's Staff, Army of the Frontier. Afterwards Chief of Artillery, Department of Missouri; served during siege of Vicksburg in Herron's division, Army of the Tennessee; served as Chief of Staff for General Pleasanton in 1864 during the Price raid; in June, 1865, commanded the right column in the Powder River expedition against the Indians, and fought three severe battles, 5th, 7th and 8th of September, 1865.

When war was declared against Spain, and a Brigadier-General was to be appointed from Missouri, the name of Nelson Cole was the only one seriously considered, and on May 28, 1898, he was commissioned by the President, Brigadier-General of Volunteers. He at once applied for active service in Cuba, or the Philippine Islands and chafed under the restraint of home service. Although born in 1833, he was a splendid type of vigorous manhood when he again put on the uniform of his country, and to all appearances, as able to bear the fatigues of an active campaign as ever.

He was mustered out of service in March, 1899, and returned to his home in St. Louis. Comrade Cole was mustered into the Grand Army as a member of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, June 24, 1880. He became Post Commander in 1883. In 1884 he was elected Senior Vice Department Commander, and Department Commander in 1885 and 1886. In 1887 he was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a true comrade in all that word implies, and filled every position to which called with marked ability and integrity.



**NELSON COLE, PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.  
PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.**



While in command of his brigade at Columbia, S. C., in the winter of 1898 and 1899, he contracted a cold, which culminated in the disease which terminated his life July 31, 1899, so that he was like thousands of his comrades, a martyr to his country and cause. As a citizen and public official, he manifested the same sterling qualities of true manhood which marked his military life.

In his death the community has lost a valuable citizen, his country a faithful patriot, and his associates a true and tried comrade. His spirit has returned to God who gave it, and the memory of his worth and goodness is all that is now left to us; therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, that it is in vain to attempt to express our loss in words, or to voice the grief which pervades this Encampment in view of this sad event.

2d. *Be it Resolved*, That these resolutions be adopted, spread upon the record, and a copy of the same presented to the family of our deceased comrade and friend.

C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,  
L. G. BENNETT,

*Committee.*

On motion of Comrade Whitehead the resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

The Department Commander: The next order of business is the election of Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment. I will appoint as tellers, Comrades Martin Scherer, Post 13; J. L. Briggs, Post 14; J. R. Milner, Post 69; W. G. Simmons, Post 131; W. R. Oder, Post 107; E. S. Battin, Post 251; Cord Ringen, Post 1; S. W. Kniffin, Post 131.

The tellers proceeded to distribute the ballots, a ballot was then taken and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The presence of the Commander-in-Chief was announced and he was escorted to the platform.

The Department Commander: Comrades, it affords me the greatest pleasure to present to you our esteemed Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Albert D. Shaw.

Three cheers were proposed and given for the Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief: Department Commander Scott and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri. It gives me the greatest possible pleasure to be

here this morning, although I must assure you that I meet you with some embarrassment, because of the fact that I have a little of the feeling of the country girl who said that she did not have time to make up her front hair, and that she was very sorry to have to come to the ball in that condition (Laughter). I lost my trunk on my way to Indianapolis yesterday, and so I am obliged to appear before you in a civilian dress, just as I was obliged to appear at the Loyal Legion dinner in the City of Indianapolis, and also before the Encampment there; but, Comrades, I believe that you all have learned long ago that clothes do not make the man, although they do make him look a little better after he is made. I hope that you will feel that my heart is right, for I can assure you that it is beating rapidly this morning as I meet and greet these grand comrades here. (Applause).

I am delighted to come to this town of Springfield, the center of loyalty in the great war days. I am told that in the circling eddy of ravages from burning homes and from ruined farms, there enlisted from this section a larger number, in proportion to the number of inhabitants, than from any other congressional district in the United States! If this is true, what a great honor it was to these gray-haired comrades; and I congratulate you, comrades, for having met here in your Annual Encampment. Nothing is so inspiring as the memory of brave deeds well done for country and for liberty. As you are aware I have spoken a great many times during the past year, and I fancy that owing to the kind action of our Grand Army newspapers, you are not entirely unfamiliar with the words spoken by your Commander-in-Chief in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am not altogether happy, however, as your Commander-in-Chief, over this fact; that sometimes in the journals that are supported by the Grand Army, and published by Grand Army comrades, there have been insinuations published against your Commander-in-Chief unworthy of both; while by the use of a two-cent stamp they would have saved themselves the embarrassment of having published, or entertained, untenable and unworthy comment; and I think any good comrade should be willing to spend two cents in order to know whether he was publishing a correct or incorrect account

concerning your Commander-in-Chief. That is all I have to say on that subject. Now I want to speak of another thing—and I shall do so in the name of my administration: I said when I was unanimously elected I hoped I would make this a busy year. I heard Comrade Scott, your Department Commander, state this morning that he has given his whole time to the cause, and so have I, thus far, to what we thought to be of interest and benefit to our noble order. When I was elected your Commander-in-Chief there was appearing every day almost in the press of the country such language as this: "Shark" — "Pension Shark" — "Old Bums" — "Pension Frauds"; how is it now? You have not seen much of that sort within the last three months, have you? (Voices—No!) Why? Simply because your Administration marched on the enemy's works and said these are lies; they are false—false and unworthy in every way of the aging heroes of the Nation. (Applause). We have had a few comrades of a fault-finding sort who have said we have accomplished nothing; but is it not something to have the Nation rise up and take off its hat, and have every vote in the Congress of the United States cast in favor of your pension bill, which you recommended at the Encampment at Philadelphia, in one of the strongest reports that was ever made? That committee was continued with some additions, and went down to Washington week in and week out, and in season and out of season; insisted that the demands of the Grand Army of the Republic should be justly met. And the fact that they have been met is due to the faithful work of your Administration, in your name (Applause). I am sorry for the class of comrades who can not see the noses on their own faces (Laughter). Your administration is not to blame for that. Now about this pension bill that has just been passed: Last year you will remember that our able Pension Committee went over the whole business from A to Z. They reported to the Philadelphia Encampment. We did not like to be called "bums" and "frauds"; we did not like to have the old soldier with limping step go around through the back streets, because he was pointed at as a "fraud". That report went on to state first what treatment the widows should receive. It also gave facts in regard to the rating under the "eighteenth" rule and other



recommendations; and that report was passed unanimously. The Pension Committee prepared amendments so as to clearly define the law of June 27th, 1890, in conformity with the Pension Committee's report at Philadelphia. This is now law, and when that law is carried out justly and generously, as it shall be, many of you will soon realize what a grand work has been done for the veterans and their widows (Applause). That Pension Committee is made up of strong men, and men as devoted and as loyal as ever gave their time for any cause; and they have grandly worked in season and out of season to bring about that glorious result—the unanimous passage of the Pension Committee's bill, the other day (Applause). Comrade Brown, of Ohio, the Chairman of the Pension Committee, is a grand man; able, faithful and true; and General Sickles, with one leg off close to his body, a man of large fortune, and yet giving his time as though he had nothing on his hands, and always accepting the invitation of the Commander-in-Chief to be present in session. He has limped up to the Capitol, and there, day and night—at one time ten days in succession, devotedly labored and for what? To secure justice for the comrades of the Nation and their widows, who saved it from overthrow (Applause). I have no time to speak of every member of that committee who did so much for our bill. After presenting our bill to the Congress, we said: "We want that bill just as it is." I appeared before the Committee of Invalid Pensions in the House, representing the men who carried the gun (Applause). Chairman Brown was there eloquently urging the bill. General Sickles was there, lame and battered, eloquently presenting the heroism of the private soldier (Applause). And the Committee was there demanding righteousness under the law, and we would have nothing less (Applause). I should not neglect to speak of Col. Patrick's noble aid in this work (Applause). We spoke in behalf of a million of men who knew the remedy of right and righteousness perfectly! (Applause.) Now I want to say that the Congress carried through the amendments precisely as they were asked to do; and they treated us nobly. If you knew what was done, and how it was done—say, Comrades, you would be proud of your Administration beyond what you are now! (Applause.) Some particulars cannot be told; but I will say to

you, if we had been working for our own lives we could not have done more than we did. We went before the Committee and said: "Gentlemen, we want our bill just as it came in here, without the changing of an "i" or the crossing of a "t"; we know what we want." And we knew that if we could get that bill reported it would pass. They finally woke up to the fact that we represented the Grand Army in our wishes, and they passed our law unanimously (Applause). And under the law as amended the widows of the heroes who have gone to their final reward in Heaven will now receive their pensions. Then, the law now provides that each and every infirmity shall be separately rated, and the aggregate of disabilities shall be the basis of the pension—not exceeding \$12.00 per month, under the amended law of June 27, 1890. Our bill does not mean to say "it may be," but that "it shall be" the rule hereafter. (Applause). I want to say, as your Commander-in-Chief, that the law means what it says, and it will be executed, just as it has been intended to be executed, or we will know the reason why (Applause). That is now a good law. What we want is simple justice, and what we deserve is righteousness; and right and righteousness are synonymous terms. You trusted your Administration, and your Administration has won you a great victory because you stood behind it (Applause). There is no use in mincing words. It takes organization; it requires vigorous action and good management to secure proper and needed national legislation in our behalf, and I am proud of the results of my Administration relating to Pensions. I want to say that no criticism can interfere with what I believe to be the consciousness of self-respect, in having done the very best the Administration could do, with the light of honesty and patriotism God gave that Administration (Applause). I do not wish to take up your time, because you have heard from me in other ways frequently; but I want to say this, that I am very proud to come into this Department, for the Comrades of Missouri stand in the front line of the noblest patriotic men that the world has ever known (Applause). The Nation will respect us just as long, and just as far, as we respect ourselves. Let us stand side by side in full Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and as the years pass, and one by one we go to our Eternal Rest, our

deathless monuments will be the Flag, and our Free Republic to show that we lived and fought and saved this glorious Union to full liberty forever. May God bless you every one (Applause).

The Department Commander: We will now receive the Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps were introduced and escorted to the platform.

The Department Commander: I wish to introduce to you the Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps (Applause). I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Heiny, Department Secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Heiny proceeded to read the report of the Woman's Relief Corps, which is as follows:

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., May 10, 1900.

*Honorable John W. Scott, Department Commander, G. A. R.:*

COMRADE: I have the honor to extend you, and through you to the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri, and submit to you the following report of our membership, financial standing and amount of relief expended during the year ending March 31, 1900; also number of persons assisted in that time by the various Corps in this Department.

Number of members.....	1905
Expended for relief (cash).....	\$583 37
Expended for relief (other than money).....	824 64
Expended for The Home (Department Fund).....	61 40
Turned over to Posts.....	979 48
For Memorial Day in the South.....	3 65
For Kirksville cyclone sufferers.....	42 00
For the Home, by the Corps.....	23 00
Other than money for the Home.	
Number of Corps in Department.....	82
Number of persons assisted by the Corps.....	1679

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

JULIA E. DOCKERY,

*Department President.*

The Department Commander: What is your pleasure in regard to this report?

On motion the report was accepted by a rising vote.

The Department Commander: I have the pleasure of introducing to you a lady whom you all know, Mrs. Hollen E. Day, of Kansas City, Mo. (Applause.)

Mrs. Day recited an original patriotic and humorous poem, which was received with great applause.

The Department Commander: I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Hall, of Trenton, Past Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Hall: I always deem it a great privilege and honor, as well as pleasure, to come here with our greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps to the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I know your time is very short, and that you are in a great hurry to get through with your business, so I will be very brief. I will only detain you to announce that this afternoon the Woman's Relief Corps will hold a memorial service in honor of our departed ones, in the Grace Methodist Church. This will be an open meeting to which the Comrades are all invited.

The Department Commander: I also have the pleasure of introducing to you Miss Dockery of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Miss Dockery: I shall not detain you, Comrades, by attempting to make a speech. I will just say that I am proud to be here, I am proud that I am a soldier's daughter and I am proud of the country and its defenders (Applause).

The Department Commander: I find among us a Comrade that I met in Kansas last week. He seemed to know all the ladies, and introduced me to the ladies, and I think he ought to know the ladies of Missouri. I take great pleasure in introducing to you Comrade Martin, Department Commander of the great State of Kansas, who will respond to the ladies.

Comrade Martin: Department Commander, and Comrades of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic: This is certainly a very distinguished honor that you have conferred upon me through your Department Commander, and one that I greatly appreciate. Ladies of the Relief Corps of Missouri, in behalf of your Department Commander, I welcome you here. The Grand Army of the Republic is the grandest organization that ever existed on God's green earth, and you ladies of the Relief Corps are a part of it (Applause). We have not forgotten the time of that sad parting when the mothers printed upon your brow, Comrades, the farewell kiss,

nor the sister's loving embrace and the silent good-bye said. I don't know whether I should say anything about the wives, because my recollection is that it was the boys that left home to do the fighting; occasionally there was a married man who went into the ranks, some of our officers were married men, but it was the boys from the farms, the schools, the stores and the workshops that made up the bulk of that grand army that went forward to fight, conquer or die. And, ladies, we have not forgotten that it was you, that it was our mothers, our sisters and our wives that stayed at home and suffered untold agonies day after day, looking and listening and scanning the papers to see the list of killed and wounded, only fearful that some familiar name would appear thereon, and who on wakeful nights prayed for your protection; they not only did this, they even took your places in business, even at the plow itself, while you were absent on the field of battle. And now, Comrades, as your heads are whitening over with that frost that never melts, it is only natural that your memory should call you back to that hour when you first resolved to leave your home to face what you knew not. Of war you knew nothing; you only knew that your country called and that you must go, and with the starry flag waving above you, you went forward to conquer or to die. And when you returned to your homes, many of you were maimed or with your health destroyed. And you found these noble women, our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters, the loyal women of the United States, ready to assist that maimed and wounded soldier, and we are relying upon them to-day, and not without a good result. Your faith has been well founded. And now they are here to-day representing an organization that has but one thing in view, and that is the relief of our old Comrades that are unable to protect and help themselves. Ladies, it would, indeed, be a hard-hearted Grand Army man that has not a warm spot in his heart for the women of the Relief Corps. Of course we love all the women, that is one of the characteristics of the old soldier; and I want to say that while I did take great pleasure in introducing the Department Commander of Missouri to the ladies of Kansas, it would not be best for me to tell you how he behaved himself, or how many he flirted with, or anything of that kind (Laughter), but

I assure you that the Department Commander of Missouri met with a very cordial reception at the hands of the Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas. I thank you (Applause).

The Department Commander: Ladies, I thank you, on behalf of the Comrades, for your visit here this morning, for you have revived the drooping spirits of our boys at this time.

Three cheers were proposed and given for the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps as they retired from the Encampment, when the regular order of business was resumed, as follows:

The Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 16, 1900.

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have examined said reports and find them complete in every detail, and show the excellent care and attention bestowed on them by the Assistant Adjutant General.

We heartily endorse the recommendations as set forth in his report.

JAS. R. MILNER,

J. F. CLULEY,

T. S. MAXWELL,

*Committee.*

The Department Commander: The next in order is nominations for Department Commander for the ensuing year. If I understand it right, and I am going to hold you down to the second in your nominating and seconding speeches, five minutes is the limit for nominating speeches, and one minute for seconding speeches. Nominations are now in order.

Comrade Warner, Post 8: I rise to name a Comrade for the high office of Department Commander; a Comrade as well known, I apprehend, as any Comrade in the Department. He is a constant and faithful attendant upon his post, and he carries into his every day life the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic—fraternity and charity to all. I name Comrade W. F. Henry, of Thomas Post No. 8, of the Department of Missouri (Applause). I want simply to say that his record as a soldier is without a stain; his life as a citizen is blameless,

and as a Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic he is an ideal one (Applause).

Comrade Reading, Post 238, seconded the nomination of Comrade Henry.

Comrade Burkholder, Post 72: The candidate whom I propose to put before you as Department Commander was before this body at Kirksville. He received a very high complimentary vote. He took his defeat so heroically that the Comrades said that they would bring him forward at Springfield. And I ask you now to remember what you thought about it at that time. The candidate that I propose to present to you in behalf of Post 72, has lived in this state for thirty-three years; he came here soon after the war and commenced to practice law, and without any friend or any personal acquaintances in the state, he soon rose, and now occupies a front position in his profession. He joined the first Grand Army post in his native state and is a charter member of his present post. He has served one term as Judge Advocate of this Department, and I think he is well qualified for the position which he seeks. His merits alone ought to elect him at this time. When the dark cloud of war covered this land of ours in 1861, and President Lincoln called for troops, he took up his gun and remained in the service for four long years carrying the musket. He served in the Army of the Potomac the first year and the three succeeding years in the Western army, taking part in the various battles from Stone River to Atlanta, including Chicamauga and Missionary Ridge, and all the battles between Chattanooga and Atlanta, and then we find him coming back to Tennessee, where he fought in the battle of Franklin, and last, and finally, in the two days' battle in front of Nashville. He was discharged after the war was over. He carried his musket while others no more deserving than he wore shoulder straps. I have the honor of nominating Comrade George Hall, of Post No. 72, of Trenton, as Department Commander of the State (Applause). He was on the firing line 120 days of his service. He was in twenty battles and thirty skirmishes, and carried his musket all the time; and I say if his services will commend themselves to you, then I want you to make him our Department Commander of the State

of Missouri for the ensuing year. If you do not think he merits the position, vote him down ; but I ask you now to elect Comrade Geo. Hall, of Trenton, as your Commander, and you will never regret it (Applause).

Comrade Morgan, Post 110, seconded the nomination of Comrade Hall.

Comrade Dockery, Post 22, seconded the nomination of Comrade Hall.

Comrade Tipton, Post 4: I hold in my hand a resolution endorsing and urging the Department of Missouri to elect Comrade Henry, of Post 8, for our Department Commander. Now, sir, as a member of McPherson post, it affords me great pleasure to second the nomination of Comrade Henry.

Comrade Williams, Post 276: I desire to second the nomination of Comrade Hall. There is one thing about him that I cannot admire, and that is, that while he tells a story well enough, he cannot sing a song ; and another thing—a very serious objection to any man—he was not born in the State of Ohio, as he should have been, but I will admit that it was not his fault (Laughter).

Comrade Fuller, Post 67: I second the nomination of Comrade Henry. And in behalf of those living in Northwest Missouri I will say that there is nothing in Comrade Henry but what we admire.

Comrade Martin, Post 57: His hair is white ; but although his hair is white, if you elect him as your Department Commander, he will carry into that office the same vigor of mind with which he kept step in helping to fight the battles for this old flag. I second the nomination of Geo. Hall. I have known him for twenty years, and during all the time I have known him I have never known him to be guilty of a mean act or fail to do a generous one towards others whenever opportunity offered. While I love the other candidate I must say that if you elect Comrade Hall you will never regret it.

Comrade Maynard, Post 567, seconded the nomination of Comrade Hall.

Comrade Davis, Post 75, seconded the nomination of Comrade Henry.



Comrade Gillson, Post 172: You have heard good accounts of these nominees, and the accounts are undoubtedly true. Much could be said of all these Comrades; something, perhaps, could be said of every good old soldier in this audience; of course, there may be some exception; there are some of us who have labored harder or have done more than others, but their hearts are as near right as ours. I wish to place in nomination a Comrade whom you all know; a gentleman for whom talk is unnecessary; a gentleman who is held in as high estimation by all Grand Army men, perhaps, as any other Comrade in the State of Missouri; a gentleman who is not only known in his own town or city, but who is also known at all Grand Army gatherings; and where there is work to be done he is always present and lending a helping hand; he is a Comrade that has taken an active part in Grand Army work for many years; he has attended all our reunions, and when you meet him there you will find that there is no one there when he goes away—he is the last one to leave if there is anything that he can do for the Grand Army of the Republic of Missouri, or for any individual member of it; he does not have to be introduced, as all of the boys know him and they expect to hear from him, and when they do hear from him they always hear something that cheers their drooping hearts and makes them go home feeling glad that they have been there. The gentleman I wish to name is Comrade Ira T. Bronson, of Sedalia, Mo. (Applause.)

Comrade Lowe, Post 566: In behalf of Central Missouri, I will say that you have never had a Commander from that part of the state. I would like for Central Missouri to be recognized and ask that we may have the Commander this year. I second the nomination of Comrade Bronson, of Sedalia.

Comrade Cloud, Post 8, seconded the nomination of Comrade Henry.

Comrade Koock, Post 53, seconded the nomination of Comrade Bronson.

Comrade Bronson, Post 53: I desire to thank the Comrade for his splendid speech in my behalf as a nominee for Department Commander of this great Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic; I desire also to thank those Comrades who have so heartily seconded my nomination; yet I am con-

strained to decline the nomination this year for Department Commander. I realize that there is no honor that could be conferred upon an old soldier that would be greater than to make him Department Commander of this great Department of Missouri, and especially this year when he would be a leader of the splendid delegation that shall march on Chicago to elect as our National Commander that peerless soldier and Comrade, Leo Rassieur (Applause). Comrades, you have before you two splendid men, as your standard bearer, to be voted for, and one of them will be elected; elect one of them; stand by whoever is elected; rally to his colors, and keep the ranks closed up (Applause).

Comrade Hartman, Post 13, seconded the nomination of Comrade Henry.

On motion the nominations were closed.

The Department Commander: I will appoint for tellers the six Comrades on this front seat. They were: D. B. Watts, Post 235; J. F. Brown, Post 90; J. H. Brown, Post 345; A. Kleber, Post 90; Wm. Brown, Post 33; L. D. Barton, Post 141. A ballot was then taken, and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The Department Commander: The next order of business is nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1: I desire to take the time of the Encampment for a few moments to present the name of a Comrade who has served this Department so often, and so well, that I think the naming of him should commend him for this high and honorable position. My candidate, and I hope the candidate of the Encampment, hails from the northern part of the state. He has been ready to serve the Department in all positions—positions of work and of trust have been given him time and time again, and he has never failed to perform every duty conscientiously and thoroughly, and in such manner as to meet with the approval of the Department. I refer to Comrade W. H. Skinner, of Post 124, of Bethany, Mo. (Applause.) You will make no mistake if you elect him, and if you should choose him, you will find that he will discharge every duty and give such satisfaction that at the end of the year the Department

Commander will thank you for the assistance he has rendered him.

Comrade Platt, Post 17, seconded the nomination of Comrade Skinner.

Comrade Martin, Post 57: I second the nomination of the Comrade who hails from that scriptural town of Bethany. He is a quiet man, but a man, as Comrade Rassieur says, who is always ready for duty—for any duty—and competent for any duty; and now, Comrades, let us elect him unanimously. I move that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Skinner.

The motion was seconded, put to vote and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot accordingly, and Comrade Skinner was declared unanimously elected as Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Skinner being called for took the platform.

Senior Vice Department Commander in the Chair.

Comrade Skinner: There are times in a man's life, and more especially in the life of a man who is not an orator, when he wishes he had the flow of language in order that he might express his thanks for the honors, and that is my position now. I am sorry that I cannot find the language to express the thanks I feel for the honors you have conferred upon me. I learned many years ago that I was not a talker, and that if I ever accomplished anything it would be by my work. Whatever I have succeeded in accomplishing I have done by hard knocks and hard work (Applause). But at this time I am sorry that I cannot express to you the feelings I have for this honor you have conferred upon me. Comrades, I thank you (Applause).

The Senior Vice Department Commander: The next order of business is nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Eldridge, Post 210: I move you, sir, that we suspend the rules and elect by acclamation Comrade C. L. Reese, of Post 210, for Junior Vice Department Commander. Com-

rade Reese is Past Commander of that post, has served the post for several years as Quartermaster, and was efficient in every respect, and a true soldier.

Comrade McAdoo, Post 69, placed in nomination Comrade A. R. McDonald, of Post 69.

Past Department Commander Rassieur was called to the Chair.

Comrade Beach, Post 8, placed in nomination Comrade O. M. Fuller, of Post 67.

Comrade Tillotson, Post 26, placed in nomination Comrade Jno. H. Davis, of Post 75.

Comrade Martin, Post 57, placed in nomination Comrade Arthur Dreifus, of Post 1.

Comrade Reese, of Post 210, was withdrawn at his own request.

Comrade Eldridge, Post 210, seconded the nomination of Comrade Davis, of Post 75.

Comrade Fuller, of Post 67, was withdrawn at his own request and seconded the nomination of Comrade Davis, of Post 75.

Comrade Warner, Post 8: Am I correct in my understanding that there is now only one name from Springfield before the Encampment?

The Chairman, Comrade Rassieur: There is now but one name before the Encampment from Springfield, that of Comrade McDonald, of Post 69.

Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, was withdrawn at his own request.

Comrade Davis, Post 75, was withdrawn at his own request.

It was moved that Comrade McDonald, of Post 69, of Springfield, Missouri, be elected by acclamation.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

Whereupon Comrade McDonald was declared duly elected as Junior Vice Department Commander.

The ballot for Department Commander was announced, as follows:

Total number of votes cast 307; necessary to a choice 154; Comrade Henry, Post 8, received 165; Comrade Hall, Post 72, received 142.

Whereupon Comrade Henry was declared the duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Hall, Post 72: I move you, sir, that the election of Comrade Henry be made unanimous.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

The Department Commander in the Chair.

Comrade McDonald being called for, came to the platform.

Comrade McDonald, Post 69: I will try and fill the office all right, and hope to see you next year at Nevada. I thank you very much for the honor you have conferred upon me. I shall expect to see you all at Drury College this afternoon, where I can treat you all to a good drink of water (Laughter).

The Department Commander: Comrade Hall, Post 72, will now present our Department Commander elect—Comrade Henry (Applause).

Comrade Hall, Post 72: It affords me great pleasure to present to you our new Department Commander, Comrade Henry. A better friend in the Department I have not got. And I assure you now, and I assure Comrade Henry, that he will never have a more loyal supporter during his administration than myself and my comrades and supporters (Applause).

Comrade Henry, Post 8: I am not going to make a speech at this time, you have had too much of it already; but I cannot refrain from expressing to you my sincere gratitude for the high honor you have conferred upon me. And I wish to say to you that my only regret is that Comrade Hall and myself could not both be elected (Laughter). Comrade Hall said truly when he said that he has no better friend in this Department than I am. The contest that has gone on, if we may call it a contest, has been one of fraternity, charity and loyalty; and now we are all comrades together; and I pledge you that I have got no sore spots, and I don't know any reason why I should have, and I don't believe that Comrade Hall has any; and I am glad that

Comrade Hall came so near beating me and did not do it (Laughter). We are all pretty much like the Kentucky Colonel's whiskey; he said it was all good, but some better than others; and it is so here. The contest has been one of pleasure, and I am glad that Comrade Hall received so many votes of this Encampment. Again I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and pledge you that anything I can do for the interest of my Comrades, and the Department, shall not remain undone (Applause).

Comrade Hall, Post 72: I think I said about all that I ought to say in introducing Comrade Henry, and they were the utterances of my heart. Never did I engage in a contest that was more pleasant to me than that between Comrade Henry and I. I entered this contest knowing that the chances were against me; I entered the contest knowing that I was not very well acquainted in the extreme southwest part of the State of Missouri, and knowing that my acquaintance and support was from the northeast and northern part of the state; but, Comrades, when I see Comrades coming over 300 miles down here to support me, I want to tell you that I feel as proud of that as if I had been elected a dozen times (Applause). Comrade Henry says there are no sore spots on him. We did not fire leaden balls at him, we simply fired paper wads, and all that I regret is that we did not fire quite enough of them (Laughter). But that is all right, Comrades, I want to tell Comrade Henry that there are no sore spots on me, either (Laughter); that, "While a little disfigured, I am still in the ring" (Laughter). I want to thank every Comrade that voted for me in this contest, and I want to say to every Comrade that voted for Comrade Henry that you have got my kindest regards and best wishes (Applause).

The Department Commander: Nominations for Medical Director are now in order.

Comrade A. Van Meter, Post 34, was placed in nomination.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1: If there are no other nominations to be made, and I hear of none, I desire to make a motion that Comrade Van Meter be elected by acclamation.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

Whereupon Comrade Van Meter, of Post 34, was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander: Nominations for Department Chaplain are now in order.

Comrade Benecke, Post 268, placed in nomination the present incumbent—Comrade Ferril, of Post 7.

Seconded by Comrades Fairback, of Post 107, and Maxwell, of Post 1.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1: I rise to make the same motion as in the case of the Medical Director, that Comrade Ferril be elected by acclamation.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

Whereupon Comrade Ferril was declared to be the duly elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander: The next order of business is the nomination of five members of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1, placed in nomination Comrade Arnold Beck, of Post 1.

Comrade Hall, Post 72, placed in nomination Comrade Ira T. Bronson, of Post 53.

Comrade Kramer, Post 13, placed in nomination Comrade Francis P. Becker, of Post 13.

Comrade McCreary, of Post 131, placed in nomination Comrade N. W. Taylor, of Post 131.

Comrade Ira T. Bronson, Post 53, placed in nomination Comrade John M. Wherry, of Post 444.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1, moved that they all be elected by acclamation.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

Whereupon the following named Comrades were declared duly elected members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year: Arnold Beck, Post 1; Ira T. Bronson, Post 53; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; N. W. Taylor, Post 131; Jno. M. Wherry, Post 444.

The Department Commander: We will now hear the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Past Department Commander Benecke, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, proceeded with the report, as follows:

*Commander:* Your committee to whom was referred the resolution recommended by Post 219, of Republic, Mo., in reference to the establishment of a National Military Park on the battlefield of Wilson Creek, respectfully report that they have considered the matter favorably, and recommend the following resolution as a substitute therefor:

*Resolved,* by the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., in annual Encampment assembled, that it heartily endorses Bill H. R. 5036, introduced in the House of Representatives by Hon. James Cooney, entitled "A bill establishing the Wilson Creek National Military Park" and it requests our Senators and Representatives in Congress to give this measure their cordial support and use their best endeavors to secure its speedy passage.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1, moved the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

Comrade Benecke proceeded with his report as follows:

During a session of the committee we considered the resolution of Comrade Rassieur (changing the manner of printing the list of Nominees for Representatives to the National Encampment) and recommend its adoption by the Encampment. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, at each Department Encampment, in the nomination of candidates for the election of Representatives to the National Encampment, the desire of nominating comrades to place their respective candidates at the head of the list causes so much confusion and disturbance, as to make it utterly impossible for the Commander to determine the right of priority, and thus seemingly makes it appear to some comrades as if partiality were being shown; and

WHEREAS, the establishing of any rule which approximately is fair to all candidates is preferable to the present manner of presenting the names on a printed list in the order of their nomination. Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved,* that the names of candidates for the position of Representatives to the National Encampment be printed on the list in the following order for the years to come, beginning with the first method next year, and after using the methods given in their order, returning to the first method and so on.

In 1901 the candidates shall be printed on the ballots in the following order, naming first the candidates from the Post with the highest number, next the candidates from the Post with the next highest number and so on to the candidates from Post No. 1 at the end of the list.



In 1902, the ballot shall be prepared in the reverse order.

In 1903, the ballot shall be prepared in alphabetical order, beginning with the candidate whose name begins with the letter A and so on.

In 1904, the reverse order, beginning with the candidate whose name begins with the letter Z and so on.

Comrade Benecke: I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion was seconded, put to vote and carried.

Comrade Benecke: I will read the following resolutions recommended by the Committee:

*Resolved*, that the thanks of the Encampment are due and hereby tendered to the local posts, viz: Captain John Matthews Post, No. 69, and McCrosky Post, No. 210, of Springfield, for the commendable zeal they have shown in their entertainment of this Encampment and especially in securing this magnificent theatre building for the Encampment sessions, for which credit is now cordially and heartily given. Our entertainment in the Queen City of the Ozarks has been most royal and we depart hence with the kindest and sweetest memories of our most hospitable treatment during our labors and stay in the city.

We especially thank the patriotic and chivalrous citizens, both men and women, of this great city, whose means and untiring co-operation and efforts have been so willingly and bountifully given for the grand and complete and highly appreciated entertainment of this Encampment. We recognize the great labor that has been imposed upon the Commanders, Committees and membership of these posts in providing for the comfort of the Encampment.

*Resolved*, that the Encampment tenders a vote of thanks to the officers of the several Railroad Companies, who have granted special rates for the members attending this Encampment, and that the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department be requested to forward a copy hereof to the respective Railroad Officials.

On motion the resolutions were adopted.

The following telegram from the Department Encampment of Tennessee was received and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to return our fraternal greetings and thanks for endorsement of Comrade Rassieur:

JOHNSON CITY, TENN., May 17, 1900.

*Thos. B. Rodgers, A. A. G., G. A. R. Encampment, Springfield, Mo.:*

Department of Tennessee sends greetings and endorses Comrade Rassieur by resolution.

FRANK SEAMAN,

*Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.*

On motion recess was here taken until after the parade in the afternoon.

The parade having been concluded, the Encampment met and resumed business as follows, with the Department Commander in the Chair.

The Department Commander: The first thing in order will be the report of the tellers on Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-fourth National Encampment.

The result of the ballot was announced as follows, and the following named Comrades were declared elected:

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The following telegram was received from the Department of Indiana:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 17, 1900.

*Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:*

The Department Encampment of Indiana sends its fraternal greetings in response to the kindly message from the Department of Missouri.

R. M. SMOCK,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

The Department Commander: The next order of business is the installation of officers, which will be conducted by the Commander-in-Chief.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1: I desire to make a motion that the installation be made public. I see some persons here who would not have the right to remain here during the installation, and I think we may as well make it public so that they may be enabled to remain.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

The Department Commander: There being no further miscellaneous business before the Encampment, it is now my pleasure to turn the Encampment over to our Commander-in-Chief for the installation of officers.

Whereupon the Commander-in-Chief proceeded to install the officers elect.

The Department Commander announced his appointment of Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was duly installed.

The Department Commander elect Henry: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to personally thank you, and on behalf of the Department of Missouri I also thank you for the duty you have performed so splendidly, and also to thank you on behalf of the Department of Missouri and my comrades for your advice to us to-day, and the noble words which you have spoken to us and the courtesies which you have shown to this Department. And I assure you whether you can visit us while you wear the insignia of office, or whether it shall be in the future when you shall be

our Past Commander-in-Chief, your presence with us will be most welcome and you will receive the Comrades' greetings and we shall all be glad to see you (Applause).

And now, my Comrades, the hour is late, and I know you do not care to listen to a speech now—would not even if I were prepared and desired to make one. I cannot tell you how I am impressed with the honor that has been bestowed upon me and the solemnity of the obligation which I have voluntarily assumed in your hearing a few moments ago. I can only assure you at the present time that I shall do all in my power to fulfill and carry out in spirit and in the letter that obligation. And I desire to state to the Comrades here representing the different posts in the different parts of the Department that I shall always be glad to receive from any and all of you any suggestions that you may desire to make where you think it will be for the benefit of the Department; and if, after you have made those suggestions and I have carefully considered them, I shall not act as you think I should, please bear in mind that it is only a conflict of opinion, and that it is my duty and I must decide it. I hope that I shall decide all questions that may be received in a spirit of fairness, and while I may have the power to do some things I shall exercise that power in a spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty. I thank you again, and we will now proceed to any further business that you may desire to bring before the Encampment.

Comrade Wherry, Post 444: I move that we extend our thanks to the retiring officers of the Department of Missouri for the very able manner in which they have performed their duty during the past year.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

Comrade Benecke, Post 268: I desire to add to this motion that we convey our special thanks to the National officers for what they have done for the pension business, and the boys in blue, by a rising vote.

Seconded and carried by a rising vote.

The Commander-in-Chief: I want to suggest and request that every Comrade rise and give three emphatic cheers for your

retiring officers, especially naming your Past Department Commander Scott, because I know, as you know, what he has done for the Department of Missouri.

The Encampment arose and gave three cheers as suggested.

Three cheers were then given for Comrade Henry and for the Commander-in-Chief.

Comrade Scott: I wish to thank you for your kind expression. I have stood by you by day and by night, under all circumstances, for your welfare, and for the coming year you will find me in the harness with our new Commander, Comrade Henry, and we will all work together with our Commander-in-Chief until we answer to the Commander on high (Applause).

By request, Department Commander Henry sang:

“I have seen a little button.”

On motion the Nineteenth Annual Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

A true record of the proceedings:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

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The people of Springfield have long been noted for their kindly hospitality to visitors and guests, and on this occasion their reputation in that respect was grandly sustained.

The general Committee of Arrangements and the various sub-committees, with the cheerful aid of the people generally, had thoroughly and systematically attended to all the necessary details concerning the Encampment and there was nothing left undone or that could be desired. The city was beautifully and elaborately adorned with patriotic decorations in honor of the occasion.

The festivities began Tuesday night, when McCroskey Post gave a camp fire which was largely attended by the Comrades and their friends. An interesting programme was carried out. Miss Mellie Eldridge, daughter of the Post Commander, presented the Post with a beautiful Flag and Piano, the result of her efforts.

The first day of the Encampment closed with a camp-fire at the Baldwin Opera House. The magnificent theatre was filled to overflowing. Comrade W. C. Calland acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Hobart's Military Band discoursed some excellent music, which was most heartily appreciated, as the applause which followed attested.

Major Cole invoked divine blessing, after which the Arion Quartette of Drury College sang in an impressive manner "Nearer My God to Thee." "Tenting To-night on the Old Camp Ground" was rendered by the "Ransom Howlers." Springfield Drum Corps was called upon to remind the boys of the times of '61-5. C. W. Pilcher, of Drury, recited "How Zachary Set a Hen," which produced much merriment and general good feeling.

Messrs. Henry and Whitehead, of Kansas City, sang "Larboard Watch," and their singing was so good they were called back several times, responding with a still better selection each time.

Judge Leo Rassieur, of St. Louis, delivered a short address touching upon the late war and the necessity of teaching patriotism and loyalty to the younger generation. Short talks were also made by T. J. Ferril, Department Chaplain, and J. W. Scott, Department Commander. Miss Laura Schwab gave a recitation or two, which were most excellent. The entertainment closed with a song, "Unfurl the Glorious Banner," by the "Ransom Howlers."

A very interesting feature for the entertainment of the visitors, a drive through the city and to the National Cemetery, to be given by the ladies of Springfield, at 4:30 P. M., on Wednesday, had to be regretfully abandoned on account of the rain.

The grand parade on the afternoon of the second day was the largest and finest that has taken place at any Department Encampment. It was over a mile in length and was composed of four divisions, each in command of an experienced veteran, and was witnessed by thousands who lined the streets along the line of march.

Col. John W. Lisenby officiated as Grand Marshal, with A. R. Dixon, Chief of Staff.

The first division was commanded by Col. Geo. H. Sease, with H. J. Dalton, A. D. C., and was headed by a platoon of mounted police under Chief Howell. Hobart's Military Band led, followed by Department Commander John W. Scott and other Department Officers and Staff mounted; Commander-in-Chief Shaw with Major Warner and others following in carriages, with mounted aides under Dr. Joseph McAdoo.

The second division was under command of P. W. Bahl, with J. R. Milner, A. D. C., and comprised the delegates to the Encampment and the Waddill Cadets, headed by a drum corps.

The third division, commanded by Capt. W. W. Langton, with J. T. Walker, A. D. C., was composed of Capt. John

Matthews Post and McCroskey Post of Springfield, the Sons of Veterans, and all the visiting and resident veterans. About twenty colored soldiers of the Spanish-American war, under Lieut. Joe Armstrong, marched with this division.

The fourth division was commanded by James Bair, with J. T. Lines, J. H. Duemler and C. L. Reese, A. D. C's, and was composed of a large number of citizens in vehicles, the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, and ladies of the G. A. R. The north and south side Fire Departments, with Mayor Walker and Fire-Chief Canada, appeared in this division with their apparatus beautifully decorated.

When the parade reached Drury College, salutes were fired and a halt was made, when President Fuller delivered an address greeting the veterans on behalf of the college, which was suitably responded to by Commander-in-Chief Shaw and Past Commander-in-Chief Warner. A most beautiful sight was witnessed when the High School was reached, where the 4,000 school children of the city were gathered on the lawn, and were enthusiastic in their reception of the veterans. A short halt was again made and Commander-in-Chief Shaw addressed the children. On the public square the Commander-in-Chief and party left the parade and took position on the tower and reviewed the parade.

On Thursday evening a camp-fire was held at Stone Chapel, at which Prof. W. C. Calland presided. It was opened by the audience singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," after which Major Cole invoked the Divine blessing.

C. N. Van Hosen, in response to a call for a recitation, gave a humorous selection and was recalled for another.

Comrades Whitehead and Henry, of Kansas City, delighted the audience with a duet and were compelled to respond to several encores.

Commander-in-Chief Shaw was introduced and made a short yet impressive address. He touched upon the late war and its results, spoke of the flag and what it represented, and was glad to know that here in Springfield, as elsewhere in the United States, the bitterness and animosities between the boys who wore the blue and those who wore the gray had all been



buried and the two now meet in friendly associations. He complimented Springfield and her hospitable people. He spoke of her great institutions of learning and admonished the young men and women to improve their opportunities, live a religious life and, above all, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Gen. Shaw's speech was well received, and his few words left a deep impression upon the audience.

Judge David Murphy, of St. Louis, who participated in the campaign in and about Springfield, spoke briefly and told of the organization among the boys of Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Michigan and other states, who were stationed in this section of the country during the war. They have a meeting each year, and will hold one during the National Encampment at Chicago, in August.

Department Commander Henry, of Kansas City, made a few remarks, told a story or two, and gave a recitation in the German brogue, which was well received, after which the camp fire adjourned.

The Committees whose successful work deserves this honorable mention were as follows:

Executive Committee: Dr. Jos. McAdoo, Chairman; G. W. Arnold, M. Donnell, W. E. Brown, J. W. Glenn, G. W. Miller, E. S. Finch, Prof. W. C. Calland, Secretary, G. H. Sease, Rev. T. Stephenson.

Chairmen of Committees: Finance, G. W. Arnold; Halls and Entertainment, G. W. Miller; Badge, A. R. Dixon; Bureau of Information, A. Demuth; Press, J. P. Tracy; Carriages and Transportation, C. M. Eversol; Parade, J. W. Lisenby, A. R. Dixon; Hall Decoration, Mrs. E. Osborne; Reception, J. Fenton.

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## GENERAL ORDERS, 1899-1900.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST., }  
St. Louis, Mo., May 15, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 1. }

I. The Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Kirksville, May 10, 11 and 12, 1899, elected the following named comrades to the offices designated:

Department Commander, J. W. Scott, Post 5, Moberly.  
Senior-Vice Commander, J. G. Zimmerer, Post 13, St. Louis.  
Junior-Vice Commander, W. D. Sigler, Post 22, Kirksville.  
Medical Director, Joseph McAdoo, Post 69, Springfield.  
Chaplain, Rev. T. J. Ferril, Post 7, Wellsville.

Council of Administration:

N. W. Taylor, Post 131.	E. D. Cornish, Post 17.
F. P. Becker, Post 13.	Arnold Beck, Post 1.
Ira T. Bronson, Post 53.	

II. Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-third National Encampment:

REPRESENTATIVES.

T. H. Hagerty (at large).  
O. C. Snyder, Post 22.  
Chas. C. Burgs, Post 23.  
W. F. Henry, Post 8.  
J. W. Eldridge, Post 210.  
J. F. McDonald, Post 42.  
E. C. Brott, Post 57.  
Martin Scherer, Post 13.  
J. S. Rogers, Post 17.  
C. A. Mosman, Post 7.  
C. N. Brooks, Post 8.  
Wm. Niehaus, Post 107.  
A. McKinney, Post 187.  
Isaac Leper, Post 146.

ALTERNATES.

T. J. Ferril (at large).  
Sol. Boehm, Post 1.  
Jno. T. Birdseye, Post 26.  
Jos. Morgan, Post 110.  
Jacob B. Harper, Post 54.  
D. W. Pollock, Post 181.  
E. W. Carter, Post 131.  
Jno. W. Toppass, Post 29.  
E. W. Green, Post 53.  
Jas. McMillen, Post 240.  
M. G. Netherton, Post 222.  
G. W. Travis, Post 173.  
Jacob Fisher, Post 314.  
A. Kampinsky, Post 82.

III. Staff appointments will be announced in later Orders.

IV. All official communications should be sent to Department Headquarters, 303 Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo. Personal communications for the Department Commander, to 808 Reed Street, Moberly, Mo.

V. National and Department General Orders, relative to the observance of Memorial Day, have been issued. This day is consecrated to the memory of our dead. Let the ceremonies of that most sacred occasion be observed with greater unanimity and heartiness than ever before.

With sincere regret, the sudden demise of Comrade Stephan Schwartz, Past Commander of Post 13, is hereby announced. He was a faithful and esteemed Comrade. His family has the sympathy of the Department he served so well, in their sad bereavement.

By order of

OFFICIAL :

JAS. B. WILDE,  
Acting Ass't Adjutant General.

J. W. SCOTT,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., May 25, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 2. }

I. Having assumed the duties of Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby desire to return my sincere thanks for the choice honor you have bestowed upon me. I fully realize the many responsibilities and shall endeavor to meet the requirements and merit your confidence and esteem to the best of my ability.

Whatever degree of success may attend my administration will depend largely upon the cordial co-operation of the comrades, and I earnestly appeal to each and every one for a helping hand to that end.

The interest of one is the concern of all, and at no time since our organization have we greater reason to present a solid front for the welfare of our maimed and decrepid comrades, their widows and orphans, than the present.

Let every comrade within or on the outside of our ranks get in line, and I will not be found at the rear wherever your interests and welfare may be in doubt.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced :

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General,  
Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis.

Inspector, H. S. Tipton, Post 4, Kansas City.  
 Judge Advocate, W. H. Skinner; Post 124, Bethany.  
 Chief Mustering Officer, D. Gillson, Post 172, Appleton City.  
 They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Aides-de-Camp to Department Commander:

Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer, J. B. Cotty, Post 5.  
 Aide-de-Camp and Dept. Bugler, J. B. Schneider, Post 13.  
 Senior Aide-de-Camp, J. M. Gruen, Post 2.

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 AIDES-DE-CAMP.

W. B. Mullens, Post 178.	C. B. Williams, Post 47.
J. W. Saunders, Post 38.	H. Mueller, Post 13.
L. Nutter, Post 453.	M. A. Hayes, Post 567.
I. Leeper, Post 146.	R. A. Vance, Post 437.
C. Burkhardt, Post 5.	S. Nease, Post 82.
N. A. Crippen, Post 299.	A. Muller, Post 297.

Aides-de-Camp will notify Department Headquarters of their acceptance of the appointment, that commissions may be sent them in due time. Rank Badges can be secured from the Assistant Adjutant General.

Post Commanders are requested to recommend the name of one worthy and energetic comrade for the position of Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

III. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutants' and Quartermasters' reports for the first term of 1899, being the six months ending June 30th, are herewith enclosed, with addressed envelope. These reports should be made out at the *last meeting in June*, when the Post Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster are together, and after having been signed by the Post Commander, should be enclosed with the *per capita* tax of ten cents for each member in good standing, and promptly forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General. The reports should not be held back until the end of the month, as no change can be made after the last meeting of the term. The consolidated reports from Department to National Headquarters are required to be made by July 20th. Our standing as a Department is shown by our reports for this term as presented to the National Encampment, and Post Officers are urged to act with the greatest promptness in order that our present high standing may be fully maintained.

All remittances should be made by draft upon St. Louis, Post Office or Express Order or registered letter. All checks on local banks are subject to a discount of fifteen cents.

The figures in red ink on Adjutant's report blanks represent the correct number in good standing on last report and must not be changed. Adjutants and Quartermasters should see that their reports agree as to the number "remaining in good standing."

IV. The following Posts are delinquent for the second term of 1898: 49, 51, 109, 111, 137, 184, 224, 253, 258, 291, 296, 305, 398, 411, 449, 479, 495, 520, 539, 556; 559, 565. These reports with *per capita* tax should be sent in with reports for the current term.

V. Post Chaplains should be prompt in forwarding reports of the observance of Memorial Day and the Memorial Services in Church on the preceding Sabbath, in their vicinity, to Rev. T. J. Ferril, Department Chaplain, Wellsville, Mo. The necessary blanks are herewith enclosed.

VI. A hearty invitation is extended to all comrades and friends to visit Department Headquarters when convenient to do so, where the courtesies of the office will be cheerfully at their command.

VII. All notable Grand Army gatherings occurring throughout the Department during the year will, upon due notice, receive attention in following General Orders.

VIII. Copies of the journal of the proceedings of the last National Encampment were distributed at the Department Encampment. Posts not represented there can procure copies, if desired, from the Assistant Adjutant General, by sending the necessary postage, ten cents; or, if several copies are desired, they will be sent by express at the expense of the Post.

Copies of the journal of the Louisville Encampment are at headquarters in such quantity that it would seem as if a large majority of the Posts had not been supplied. They will be sent on application on same terms as above.

By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST., }  
ST. LOUIS, MO., July 6, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 3. }

I. It is with deep sorrow that the Department Commander announces the death of Past Department Commander Hiram Smith, at his home in Cameron, Mo., on Wednesday, June 28th, 1899, after an illness confining him to his bed for more than seven weeks.

Comrade Smith having lost a leg and an arm in the service of his country, was a patient sufferer for many years. His naturally strong physique and constitution was shattered by the result of his wounds, and he was frequently helpless from rheumatism, requiring at such times a constant attendant. Notwithstanding these disabilities he was

a familiar figure at both Department and National Encampments, when his physical condition would permit him to attend.

Comrade Smith was born at Marshfield, Vt., April 10th, 1845, and enlisted December 13th, 1863, in Co. E, 11th Vermont Vol. Infantry. He was discharged from the service September 4th, 1865, on account of wounds received while serving under Gen. Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley.

He was buried at Cameron, Mo., with G. A. R. services and honors, by Gen. Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, of which he had been a member since September 4th, 1882. He was elected Junior Vice Department Commander in 1886, Senior Vice Department Commander in 1887, and Department Commander in 1888. He was a lawyer by profession, having been a graduate of the law school of Ann Arbor University, Michigan. He served a term as Judge of the Clinton County Court, and was repeatedly elected Justice of the Peace in Cameron, which office he was filling at the time of his death. In 1889 he was appointed by President Harrison First Deputy Commissioner of Pensions.

As a citizen he was held in the highest esteem by the entire community in which he had lived for more than twenty-six years; in his domestic life he was a most devoted husband and father; and as a comrade his nobility of character and genial disposition endeared him to all his associates.

II. As a tribute of respect to our departed Comrade, it is recommended that Post Charters be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander :

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., July 8, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 4. }

I. Upon the recommendation of Post Commanders, the following named Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

- B. F. Buzard, Post 7, St. Joseph.
- C. A. Dexter, Post 8, Kansas City.
- H. S. Beery, Post 17, Cameron.
- Taylor Allee, Post 32, Hamilton.
- Bryson Renshaw, Post 38, LaPlata.
- Henry McFadden, Post 42, Macon.

C. J. Lewis, Post 43, Hannibal.  
George W. Mason, Post 59, Pollock.  
J. D. Halman, Post 68, Camp Branch.  
W. W. Anderson, Post 81, Lathrop.  
W. Y. Broughall, Post 82, Wellsville.  
Thos. A. Bull, Post 110, Kahoka.  
J. T. Anderson, Post 119, Stanberry.  
J. C. Grosse, Post 128, Salem.  
W. T. Munson, Post 130, Tina.  
Thos. McPeck, Post 164, Breckenridge.  
S. C. Williams, Post 194, Caplinger's Mills.  
James H. Reading, Post 238, Lowry City.  
E. S. Battin, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.  
J. Eckley, Post 262, Centralia.  
Jacob Fisher, Post 314, Cedar Hill.  
Leon Jokerst, Post 326, Ste. Genevieve.  
L. W. Putnam, Post 327, Adrian.  
Francis M. Springer, Post 391, Bowling Green.  
G. W. Sloan, Post 412, Newark.  
A. D. Withers, Post 461, Jenkins.  
J. C. Patterson, Post 487, Elmer.  
Hiram Richardson, Post 488, Pocahontas.  
S. B. Eccles, Post 561, Collins.

Additional appointments will be made as they may be recommended by the Post Commanders.

The Comrades honored by this appointment are expected to use their best efforts to strengthen and build up their respective Posts and the Order generally. They are especially enjoined to aid the Post officers in the reinstatement of dropped and suspended Comrades. They should notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance of the appointment, and procure from him the badge of their rank. Commissions will be sent on receipt of acceptance of appointment.

II. The Department Commander calls attention to the short time that will elapse before the meeting of the National Encampment, which will be held at Philadelphia, Pa., on the week beginning Monday, September 4th. The parade will take place on Tuesday, September 5th. The railway rates, east of the Mississippi River, have been fixed at about one cent per mile, going and returning by same route. Posts desiring free quarters, either in halls or camp, should make early application to Col. T. H. Maginniss, Chairman, 5th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. It is hoped that the Comrades will attend in sufficient numbers to keep up the high reputation of the Department. Arrangements for the entertainment and enjoyment of the visitors have been made on a scale seldom equaled, and the grand reputation made by the patriotic people of this great metropolis in its treatment of the



Union soldiers during the war will be fully maintained in its cordial reception of their survivors.

III. The railroad rates established by the Western Passenger Association from points west of the Mississippi River are as follows: One and one-third first-class fare to Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis from points in Missouri, from which the one-way rate from Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis is \$6.00 or less, added to rates of \$16.45 from Chicago, \$18.35 from Peoria and \$19.35 from St. Louis. From points in Missouri from which the one-way rate to above points is more than \$6.00, the rate should be one fare plus \$2.00, added to rates from Chicago, Peoria or St. Louis. Should any changes be made they will be announced in future orders.

IV. Hightower Post, No. 231, at Kansas City, Mo., heretofore suspended, having paid up its arrearages, has been reinstated.

V. The following Posts have been reorganized:

Andy Williams Post, No. 259, Ava, Mo., mustered May 27th, by N. C. Crippen, P. C. Post 299. Special M. O., with 33 members.

Rosendale Post, No. 167, Rosendale, Mo., mustered July 1st, by C. A. Mosman, Post 7, Special M. O., with 14 members.

VI. The following list of Soldiers' Reunions is published for information:

Annual Encampment of the Ozark Battalion, at Rolla, Mo., August 23d, 24th and 25th.

Third Congressional District Association 18th Annual Reunion, at Lathrop, Mo., August 15th to 19th.

The Caldwell County Battalion Annual Reunion, at Kingston, Mo., August 8th to 11th.

Soldiers' Annual Reunion, at Clarence, Mo., August 23d to 25th; A. Langenback, Clarence, Secretary.

Soldiers' Reunion, at Lincoln, Mo., August 8th to 11th.

Interstate Soldiers' Reunion, at Lake Park, Nevada, Mo., 3d annual meeting, August 14th to 19th; D. Gillson, Appleton City, Commander; A. C. Dickinson, Adjutant.

Old Soldiers' Reunion, at Elmer, Mo., August 22d to 25th.

Old Soldiers' Reunion, at Monett, Mo., August 22d to 25th.

Comrades, and especially Department Officers and Aides-de-Camp, should attend as many of these meetings as possible, and take advantage of the opportunities to arouse an interest in the Grand Army of the Republic among those who may not be members, or who may have become lukewarm.

VII. The Department Commander is gratified to observe from the semi-annual reports now coming in, a very general increase in the number of new musters, and reinstatement of dropped and suspended Comrades: Notably, Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph, a gain of 35, and

net gain of 27; Col. Lennard Post, No. 251, El Dorado Springs, a gain of 22, and net gain of 13; Peabody Post, No. 41, Savannah, net gain of 11, nearly 50 per cent.; Capt. J. H. Paynter Post, No. 90, Jericho, gain of 14, nearly 80 per cent.; Salem Post, No. 128, Salem, a net gain of 26, 100 per cent. Other smaller Posts show gains of from 30 to 50 per cent. These results show good work on the part of the Post officers and Comrades, and it is hoped these examples will prove an incentive to others to do likewise.

VIII. Post officers are urged to be exceedingly prompt in sending in their semi-annual reports for the term ending June 30th, in order that an early report may be made to National Headquarters.

IX. The Department Commander is reminded of his obligation to render all assistance in his power to our Comrades, and from the numerous complaints received charging the present Pension Bureau officials with unfriendly, as well as illegal, action, touching claimants for pension, it appears to him that in order to secure relief, the grounds of complaint should be reduced to writing, endorsed by the Post, and then forwarded to these Headquarters, there to be tabulated and arranged to be presented to the proper authority. He therefore requests that action be taken without delay upon this important subject, in order to demonstrate whether or not Comrades have cause for complaining and are justified to ask relief at the hands of our National Administration.

X. The Journal of Proceedings of the 18th annual Department Encampment, and the Department Roster for 1899, are enclosed with this Order. They are sent to the Commander, but are for the use of the Posts.

XI. General Orders No. 9, National Headquarters, are transmitted with this Order.

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By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., August 7, 1899. }

(GENERAL ORDERS )  
No. 5. }

I. The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Herman B. Kramer, Post 13, St. Louis.  
D. B. Williams, Post 47, Green City.  
John H. Steele, Post 65, Mound City.  
O. P. Robinson, Post 102, Shelbyville.

S. C. McCullah, Post 141, Marionville.

B. F. Wolfe, Post 160, Wheeling.

C. Derx, Post 210, Springfield.

J. D. Davis, Post 220, Jamesport.

J. W. Darton, Post 406, Garrison.

C. C. Haggard, Post 411, Geraldine.

John T. Lewis, Post 468, Higbee.

Ben. F. Clardy, Post 471, Ethel.

W. D. Kirkpatrick, Post 566, Pleasant Hill.

The comrades appointed should signify their acceptance to the Assistant Adjutant General, when commissions will be issued. Aides-de-Camp badges, complete, \$1.10. Rank strap and ribbon, only 45 cents.

II. The following rates and conditions will apply from St. Louis to Philadelphia and return :

First. Going and returning same route, continuous passage in each direction, \$19.35 ; being one cent per mile.

Second. Going and returning same route, one stop in each direction in the territory east of a line drawn through Niagara Falls, south through Pittsburg and Parkersburg, \$21.00 ; being one fare for the round trip.

Third. Going by one route and returning by any other direct route, with one stop-over in each direction, same as above, \$23.00 ; being one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00. Tickets will be on sale September 1st to 3d, inclusive ; good returning to leave Philadelphia not later than September 12th ; with privilege of extension to September 30th, by depositing ticket with Joint Agent at Philadelphia between September 5th and 9th, both dates inclusive, and payment of a fee of 50 cents.

III. The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern—Baltimore & Ohio Line, has been selected by the Department Commander as the official route from St. Louis to Philadelphia. He would be pleased to have as many of the comrades from the State accompany him and his staff as can find it convenient. To do so, they should procure tickets reading via B. & O. Southwestern—Baltimore & Ohio Line, from St. Louis. This road makes the entire trip over its own rails to Philadelphia, passing through southern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, central Maryland and Delaware.

The farm-land views of the Central States, the Allegheny Mountains and Potomac River scenery, the historical points of the Civil War, the Capitol at Washington, all combine to make this perhaps the most interesting trip of one's life, and certainly one to be looked back upon with great pleasure.

IV. The Department Commander and Staff, with Col. Hassen-deubel Post, No. 13, as escort, will leave St. Louis by special train on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, from Union Station, on Saturday morning, September 2d, at 8 o'clock, going directly to Philadelphia without change of cars, arriving on Sunday evening, September 3d, in time for supper.

Sleeping car rates between St. Louis and Philadelphia are \$6.00 for double berth each way, on regular sleepers, and \$2.50 on tourist sleepers. Berths should be secured in advance.

V. The Headquarters of the Department during the Encampment will be at Room 37, Continental Hotel, corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia. Department Officers and Representatives will report there on their arrival and receive their Encampment badges.

VI. By arrangement of the committee in charge, facilities will be furnished all Comrades to register at Rooms 163 to 171, New City Hall. The names will be arranged by States and Regiments in such a way that they can be quickly inspected by a number of people at the same time.

VII. The dates of the following Soldiers' Reunions are published for information:

La Plata, August 8th to 10th.

Wellsville, August 9th to 12th.

Middletown, August 15th to 18th.

Craig, Holt Co., August 22d to 24th.

Twelfth Annual Reunion, Pomme de Terre District, Camp Lyon, Humansville, Mo., September 19th to 22d.

VIII. The following new Post has been mustered:

Mark T. Brown Post, No. 569, at Stockton, Cedar Co., Mo., by D. Z. Younger, P. C. Post 194, Special Mustering Officer, with 28 charter members.

IX. Department Headquarters at St. Louis will be closed from September 2d to 15th.

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By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R., }  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST., }  
ST. LOUIS, MO., August 8th, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 6. }

I. It again becomes the painful duty of the Department Commander to announce the death of another distinguished Comrade, Past Department Commander Nelson Cole, who died at his home in St. Louis, on Monday, July 31st, 1899. His illness was contracted during his service in the Spanish War, and was continuous from the time of his arrival home in February until his death.

Comrade Cole was born at the village of Reinbeck, Dutchess Co., N. Y., November 18th, 1833. He removed to St. Louis before the War of the Rebellion, in which he served with distinction from the beginning to the end.

He entered the service as Captain of Co. A, 5th Mo. Inf., three months service, April 21st, 1861. Was Captain of Co. E, 1st Mo. Inf., afterwards 1st Mo. Light Art., June 10th, 1861; Major, August 12th, 1863; Lieut. Col. 2d Mo. Light Art., October 4th, 1863, and Colonel of same Regiment February 27th, 1864; was mustered out November 13th, 1865.

He was, by nature, a thorough military man, and soldierly in his instincts, and when appointed by the President a Brigadier General of Volunteers in the War with Spain, with characteristic patriotism he again entered the service of his country.

His first service in 1861 was in protecting the Arsenal at St. Louis until May 10th, when he took part in the capture of Camp Jackson. He was in the battle of Boonville, June 17th, 1861; Dug Springs, August 2d, and Wilson's Creek, August 10th, where he was wounded. Commanded his battery in Fremont's campaign, 1861 and 1862. Was Chief of Artillery and Ordnance on Gen. Schofield's Staff, Army of the Frontier; afterwards Chief of Artillery, Department of Missouri; served during the siege of Vicksburg in Herron's Division, Army of the Tennessee; served as Chief of Staff for Gen. Pleasanton during the Price raid in 1864. In June, 1865, commanded the right column of the Powder River Expedition against the Indians, and fought two severe battles, September 5th and 8th, 1865.

Comrade Cole was mustered in Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, June 24th, 1880. He was elected Post Commander in 1883. In 1884 he was elected Senior Vice Department Commander, and Department Commander in 1885 and 1886. In 1887 he was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He seldom missed a meeting of the Department or National Encampments. He was a true Comrade in all that the word implies, and filled every position to which he was called with marked ability and strict integrity. His sound judgment and wise counsel were always at the service of his Comrades, and his time and talents were freely given for the best interests of the organization.

As a citizen and a public official he manifested the same sterling qualities of true manhood which had marked his military life. In his death the community has lost a valuable citizen and his associates a tried and true Comrade.

II. The burial service of the Grand Army of the Republic at the funeral of Comrade Cole was conducted by Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, of which he had so long been an active and honored member. As a further tribute of respect to his memory, it is recommended that all Post Charters be draped in mourning for thirty days.

By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander :

THOS. B. ROGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
 ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.,  
 ST. LOUIS, MO., October 4th, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 7. }

I. The Department Commander returns sincere thanks and congratulations to the Comrades of the Department of Missouri who attended the Thirty-third National Encampment at Philadelphia.

The creditable representation, excellent appearance and soldierly bearing of the Missouri column was met with a continuous ovation all along the line of march in the grand parade. It was a source of great pride to the Department Commander, and must ever remain a pleasant memory to every participant.

An unusually full delegation from our Department was present and attentive to the best interests of our organization at each session of the Encampment. A copy of the proceedings will be sent to each Post in due time.

The arrangements for the entertainment and enjoyment of the visiting comrades were most ample, and the people and comrades of Philadelphia are entitled to great praise for our patriotic and warm-hearted reception.

II. The following National Officers were elected :

Albert D. Shaw, of New York, Commander-in-Chief.

Irvin Robbins, of Indiana, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Michael Minton, of Kentucky, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Wm. H. Baker, M. D., of Massachusetts, Surgeon-General.

Rev. Jacob L. Grim, of Maryland, Chaplain-in-Chief.

Frank M. Sterrett was re-elected a Member of the National Council of Administration for Missouri, and was re-appointed a member of the Executive Committee.

Chicago was selected as the place of meeting of the Thirty-fourth National Encampment.

III. The report of the Committee on Pensions, which was unanimously adopted by the Encampment, was an able, forcible and dignified statement of the position of the Grand Army of the Republic on that subject. A copy of the same will be sent to each Post.

IV. At a meeting of the Representatives, Past Department Commanders and Department officers, held at Department Headquarters, St. Louis, on August 2d, 1899, it was determined to present the name of Comrade Leo Rassieur, of our Department, as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief, at the National Encampment, at Philadelphia, and a circular was accordingly prepared in his behalf, and sent out to all the members of the National Encampment. He was placed in nomination by Past Commander-in-Chief Major Warner, in a most eloquent manner, but withdrew his name before the ballot, and moved the election of Comrade Albert D. Shaw, of New York, by acclamation.

The very favorable manner in which his candidacy was received by the members of the Encampment was very gratifying to our delegation, and fully justified them in the course they had taken in presenting his name. The very active and spirited canvas for Commander-in-Chief was conducted without any acrimony, and left the best feeling of comradeship in all quarters.

V. The sincere thanks and appreciation of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, are hereby extended to Mrs. Carrie B. Sparklin, of Ransom W. R. C., No. 6, for the handsome National Flag and the eloquent and patriotic remarks expressed in presenting the same, at Philadelphia, Pa., September 4th, 1899.

VI. Grand Army Reunions and Old Soldiers' Meetings have been more numerous this year than ever before. They have been very largely attended, and show that the patriotic fires are still burning in the hearts of the old veterans.

So many of them were held on the same dates, and at points remote from each other, that it was impossible for the Department officers to attend as many of them as they would have wished.

VII. The Department Commander takes this occasion to state that he fully endorses the course of the Commander-in-Chief and Department Commander Kay of New York, as well as of Gov. Roosevelt, in standing up for the dignity of the Grand Army of the Republic.

VIII. Harwood Post, No. 375, having requested permission to hold alternate meetings at Walker, Mo., the same has been approved by the Department Commander; headquarters of the Post to remain at Harwood, Mo.

IX. Seaman Post, No. 467, Newtown, Sullivan Co., has been reorganized, August 22d, 1899, with 30 members, by C. F. Howard, P. P. C., Post 181, Special M. O.; H. J. Clevenger, Post Commander.

X. The following additional appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Thos. Lang, Post 215, Farmington.

Silas W. Crocker, Post 386, Climax Springs.

Val. Sidmon, Post 444, St. Louis.

XI. The proceedings, findings and sentence of the Post court-martial in the trial of John P. Wright, Post 489, Department of Missouri, G. A. R., have been approved by the Department Commander, and the said John P. Wright is dishonorably discharged and dismissed from the Grand Army of the Republic.

XII. The following Posts have failed to make reports for the first term of 1899:

Post 33, Kingston, R. B. Ellis, P. C.; Post 100, Marble Hill, Thos. R. Green, P. C.; Post 161, Buffalo, T. G. Weatherly, P. C.; Post 182,

St. Joseph, John Goodman, P. C.; Post 241, Galt, J. F. M. Brassfield, P. C.; Post 346, Ironton, Jehu Jones, P. C.; Post 355, Dixon, W. T. Davis, P. C.; Post 362, Dadeville, J. W. Carmack, P. C.; Post 384, Osceola, Wm. Galloway, P. C.; Post 425, Brumley, B. Meredith, P. C.; Post 436, Hartville, E. C. Steele, P. C.; Post 457, Mosley, Geo. E. Clark, P. C.; Post 482, Norris, Erwin Crist, P. C.; Post 504, Golden, J. W. Hemphill, P. C.

The following Posts have failed to make reports for the second term of 1898 and the first term of 1899:

Post 49, Edgerton, James Davis, P. C.; Post 109, Hopkins, Geo. Cobb, P. C.; Post 184, Zalma, Louis Storz, P. C.; Post 258, Gatewood, Sampson Harris, P. C.; Post 296, New Haven, Ferd. Muench, P. C.; Post 305, Mandeville, J. H. Wells, P. C.; Post 499, Fairgrove, E. A. Sage, P. C.; Post 479, Montreal, J. L. Winfrey, P. C.; Post 539, Moberly, Peter Turner, P. C.; Post 556, Easton, A. Slaybaugh, P. C.; Post 559, Alba, S. B. Williams, S. V. C.; Post 565, Queen City, Thos. C. Parker, P. C.

Post Commanders and other Post officers are urged to forward these reports, and thus prevent the suspension of their Posts, to the serious detriment of every member of their Post as well as of the Department.

XIII. General Orders, No. 11 (old series), and No. 1 (new series) National Headquarters, are herewith transmitted.

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By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., November 8, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 8. }

I. In compliance with the Rules and Regulations, the annual inspection of Posts will be made prior to December 31st, 1899. A blank of Form H, for such inspection, with addressed envelope for Department Inspector, is herewith enclosed. The Senior Past Post Commander present of each Post will make the inspection. If no Past Post Commander is present at the meeting when inspection is to take place, the Post Commander will detail a suitable comrade to make the inspection. The form of inspection will be found in the Service Book. Reports of inspection will be promptly forwarded to H. S. Tipton, Department Inspector, City Hall, Kansas City, Mo.

II. The annual election of officers of each Post will be held at the first regular meeting in December. At the same meeting Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment will be elected. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate



for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional Representative and Alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one Representative and one Alternate.

Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders, being *ex-officio* members of the Encampment, should not be elected as Representatives.

The basis of representation is the number of members in good standing, as shown by the Adjutant's report for the term ending June 30th, 1899. Posts in arrears for dues and reports are not entitled to representation in the Encampment.

Blanks in duplicate for reports of Representatives and Alternates elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed herewith. A blank for report of Post officers elect will be sent with next General Orders.

III. Blanks of consolidated Forms A and B, in duplicate, for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the second term of 1899, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be made out, and with the per capita tax of ten cents for each member, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the *last meeting in December*. They should not be held back until the end of the month.

The figures in *red ink* represent the number in good standing as per last report, and should under no circumstances be changed. Add to them all gains and deduct all losses from the aggregate under the proper heads, which will leave the number remaining on which per capita tax should be paid.

It is absolutely necessary that the *names* of all comrades gained or lost should be given under the proper headings.

Remittances should not be made by personal checks, on which there is a discount of fifteen cents charged by the banks.

IV. The officers elect and appointed will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1900, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, or such other comrade as may be detailed by the Department Commander upon request of the Post Commander.

Under the Rules and Regulations the officers of a Post can not be installed until it has forwarded its reports and per capita tax, and been inspected for the previous year. The installing officer will make inquiry, and if it appears that reports and per capita tax have not been forwarded and the Post has not been inspected, he will defer the installation until he has made the inspection and received the reports. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond before he is installed.

V. It is recommended that Posts, when practicable, have public installations, and invite the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans to join with them in the installation. The public, and especially the families of old soldiers, should also be invited, and thereby create

an increased interest in the welfare of the Post. On such occasions the Post will open and close informally.

VI. Reports will be made to the Medical Director of the Department, Dr. Jos. McAdoo, Springfield, Mo., by Post Surgeons for the entire year ending December 31st. A blank and an addressed envelope for that purpose is enclosed. Post Adjutants should assist the Post Surgeon in preparing this report, and where there is no Post Surgeon the Adjutant should make the report.

VII. The Department will present to the Post outside of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, showing the largest gain in membership during the term, a handsome bunting U. S. flag, complete with staff. All gains from muster, transfer and reinstatement to be computed.

VIII. Commissions have been sent to all comrades appointed Department Aides-de-Camp that have responded with an acceptance of the same.

Recommendations of Department Aides-de-Camp from Posts that have no appointments are requested.

Comrades who have been appointed Aides-de-Camp should use extra efforts in recruiting and regaining suspended and dropped members, and encourage the weaker Posts within their reach by visits, advice and encouragement.

In this connection, the Department Commander urges upon the Post officers and comrades that special efforts should be made toward the reinstatement of dropped and suspended members from now on to the end of the year. The two months remaining are the best in the year for such work, and it is hoped and expected that our December reports will show a large increase in membership from this source. Make the terms of reinstatement easy—a nominal charge, equal to one year's per capita, might be made, without detriment to the Post, in many cases. Let this work begin at once.

IX. In compliance with a resolution of the last Department Encampment, the Department Commander has appointed the following named comrades a committee to report to the next Department Encampment its recommendations with reference to the erection of a monument on the battlefield at Lone Jack, Mo.: E. F. Rogers, of Post 4, Kansas City; A. J. Briggs, Post 180, Austin, and J. P. Maxwell, Post 563, Grain Valley.

X. Comrade Chas. F. Vogel, Post 1, St. Louis, is hereby appointed a member of the Committee on Loans, in place of Comrade Nelson Cole, deceased.

XI. Gen. Ord. Post, No. 99, Richwoods, Washington Co., Mo., has been reorganized with 27 members, by D. B. Veazey, P. P. C., Post 46, Special M. O. E. C. Baugher, P. C.

XII. Occasional complaints are made of dropped members and old soldiers who are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic, of wearing the G. A. R. badge or button. There is a soft spot, or lack of manhood in an individual who persists in thus wearing an emblem to which he is not entitled, and all such impostors should be exposed.

XIII. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, are herewith transmitted.

By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST., }  
ST. LOUIS, MO., December 7, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 9. }

I. The attention of the comrades is called to the Circular Letter from our esteemed Commander-in-Chief accompanying these General Orders.

It is an appeal abounding with a fervor of love for his comrades that only can come from one whose heart and hand is for the welfare and best interests of every worthy Union veteran, and let our response be prompt and in a manner most pleasing to our chieftain and a pleasure crowned with success for ourselves. Let each comrade go forth for a suspended member or recruit for his Post, and also bring in a "top rail" for the camp fire. Invite public-spirited and patriotic men and women to help make your open meetings pleasant and attractive, and the ties and lessons of the past that bind us together will become more vivid and recall the days of honor won, when you went forth for freedom and right, that the grandest country on earth, bowed down in grief and distress, might survive, and peace, plenty and happiness be the boon of your fortitude and heroism.

II. Once more we have arrived at that season of the year when sweet charity, the choicest of our precepts, beckons our attention and fulfillment of obligations to our comrades, their widows and orphans in need and destitution. Let not pride be in the way of a duty that brings greater satisfaction and a more deserving reward than any other act. To all who abide in prosperity and plenty, and appreciate the generous touch of Providence, quietly and modestly cast a ray of sunshine and gladness in the dreary pathway of our wards' adversity.

III. The address on the subject of pensions, delivered to the comrades of Greater New York, on November 11th, 1899, by our honored Commander-in-Chief, stands without a peer on the issue in question, and a copy of the same should be secured and closely perused by every comrade interested. We note the speech "complete" in the "Western Veteran," "National Tribune" and "Grand Army Journal."

IV. Attention is called to the ardent appeal of the Division Commander, Missouri, Sons of Veterans, to the Grand Army of Missouri in general and to Posts in localities where no S. of V. Camp now exists in particular, for our help and encouragement in building up their most worthy Order, an organization of our descendants, obligated to perpetuate principles identical with ours, and deserving of every kind word and act within our gift for their future success.

V. The State of Illinois is about to revise and correct its history of the troops enlisted during the War of the Rebellion, and desires to hear from all Illinois Volunteers who may know of any errors or in-corrections existing in the present reports, or any data which should be incorporated in their regimental history. Address J. N. Reece, Adjutant General, Springfield, Ill.

VI. Especial attention is called to paragraph II, General Orders No. 3, National Headquarters, in regard to a proper celebration of the 14th day of December, 1899, the Centennial Anniversary of the death of George Washington. All Post flags should be displayed at half-mast, and Posts, where practicable, should have public exercises commemorative of that event.

VII. A blank for report of officers-elect and appointed is enclosed with this order. The names should be written plainly, as the Department Roster will be made up from this report. Where the post-office address of the Post Commander is different from the location of the Post, his address should be stated.

VIII. The comrades of Posts desiring to compete for the Post Flag offered for the largest increase in membership during the present term, have but a few weeks remaining in which to work, and they should be "up and doing" from now to the end of the year.

IX. Geo. V. Pitts Post, No. 324, of Stanton, Mo., has reorganized and changed its location to Sullivan, Mo., which change has been approved by the Department Commander.

X. The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the 33d National Encampment:

"Resolved, That the 33d Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic most heartily endorse the Bill bearing the annexed title, 'A Bill to Amend Section 1225 of the Revised Statutes so as to provide for the detail of active and retired officers of the Army and Navy to assist in Military Instruction in Public Schools,' and recommend its passage by the 55th Congress, and the Commander-in-Chief is requested to urge Department Commanders to influence the Senators and Representatives of the National Congress to the end that said Bill may become a law."

Comrades are urged to use their influence with the Senators and Representatives in Congress in favor of the passage of the bill.

XI. General Orders No. 3, National Headquarters, and Circular Letter of the Commander-in-Chief, are transmitted herewith.

XII. The National countersign for the year 1900 will be sent to the Commander of each Post on receipt of the reports for the second term of 1899. It will be communicated only to the comrades in good standing.

By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST., }  
ST. LOUIS, MO., February 15, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 10. }

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17, 1900, for the meeting of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, at Springfield, Mo.

This beautiful city of the southwest, with its population of more than 25,000, has ample facilities for our proper accommodation. It has two good Posts, and is the center of a region which is filled with loyal people. The prospects are that we will have one of the best Encampments ever held in the State, and there should be a large attendance.

II. Particulars of the contemplated visit of the Commander-in-Chief to the Department of Missouri, March 28 to 30, inclusive, will be given in due time, when the comrades will put forth their best effort to make the occasion worthy of the comrade we honor and the organization we represent.

III. The following additional appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

W. C. Pfeffer, Post 1, St. Louis.  
James Crosson, Post 4, Kansas City.  
Geo. W. Arnold, Post 69, Springfield.  
A. F. Reid, Post 239, Mexico.  
S. D. Foster, Post 247, West Plains.  
Josiah Bradford, Post 257, Licking.  
J. E. Lewis, Post 268, Brunswick.  
Wm. Galloway, Post 384, Osceola.

IV. The Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the second term of 1899 have been made with more than usual promptness. The following Posts are the only ones delinquent:

Posts 46, 103, 146, 188, 206, 213, 237, 244, 253, 286, 294, 316, 365, 402, 405, 409, 425, 426, 471, 482, 560.

The following Posts are delinquent for both the first and second terms of 1899:

Posts 137, 182, 346, 504.

Post Commanders are urged to send in these reports at once, as Posts not reporting will not be entitled to representation in the Department Encampment.

The National countersign for 1900 has been sent to all Post Commanders whose reports and per capita tax have been received.

V. The Department Commander is pleased to note a renewed interest among the comrades during the last few months.

The following Posts have been reorganized and reinstated :

Post 99, Richwoods; Post 109, Hopkins; Post 231, Kansas City; Post 283, Fair Play; Post 316, Clarksville; Post 324, Sullivan; Post 359, Spitlog; Post 382, Commerce; Post 426, Hunnewell; Post 454, Calhoun; Post 467, Newtown; Post 479, Montreal; Post 493, Hardin; Post 520, Exeter.

VI. Col. Leonard Post No. 251, Eldorado Springs, Cedar Co., has been awarded the Post Flag, which was offered for the largest gain of members in the second term of 1899. While many Posts showed considerable gains, none of them approached Post 251, which gained 30 by muster, 7 by transfer, 11 by reinstatement from dropped; a total gain of 48 members, making a total membership of 114. To Post Commander D. C. Graves and Adjutant Elmer S. Battin especial credit is due for this good work. It shows what can be done when comrades get to work with zeal and judgment. Let others go and do likewise, and the Department of Missouri will soon be in the front rank of our Western Departments.

VII. The attention of Posts and comrades is especially called to the importance of using their influence with our Representatives and Senators in Congress, in favor of the passage of the pension legislation that has been recommended by our National Pension Committee, and now pending in Congress; also, in favor of the passage of the Bill giving "Veterans Preference in Employment," known as Senate Bill No. 283, and House Bill No. 2583. In this way only can the full measure of the wishes of our Order be made effective.

VIII. General Orders No. 4, National Headquarters, and the address of the Commander-in-Chief, Albert D. Shaw, on the "Question of Pensions," delivered at a joint reception tendered to him by the Posts of Greater New York, are enclosed with this Order. This address should be carefully read and studied, and would be of interest if read by sections in the Post-room.

IX. The last General Orders of date of December 7th were incorrectly numbered. The number should be 9 instead of 8. Post Adjutant's should note this correction.

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By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
 ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.,  
 St. Louis, Mo., March 21, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 NO. 11. }

I. The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Albert D. Shaw, of New York, will pay our Department the honor of a visit on his trip through the Southern Departments.

His itinerary as arranged for will be as follows; Leaves Ft. Smith, Ark., by the Frisco line, at 5:30 p. m., March 28th; arrive at Springfield, Mo., 12:05 a. m., March 29th; leave Springfield, by the Frisco line, 12:15 a. m., March 29th; arrive at Kansas City, Mo., 7:25 a. m., March 29th; leave Kansas City at 9:20 p. m., March 29th, via the Wabash line; arrive at St. Louis 6:50 a. m., March 30th; leave St. Louis 8:05 a. m., March 31st.

This arrangement has been effected by the Department Commander after considerable effort and correspondence, in order that the Commander-in-Chief might be brought in touch with the greatest possible number of comrades in different parts of the State.

He trusts that they will use every effort to make his visit one of interest and enjoyment, and that this Department will maintain its envied reputation as in the past, in giving our honored guest a royal welcome while he is with us.

The Department Commander will meet him at Ft. Smith, and accompany him to Kansas City and St. Louis.

Arrangements have been made by the local Posts at Kansas City and St. Louis for his reception and entertainment, including an address at each place.

It is hoped that as many comrades as can make it convenient from other localities will join with their comrades at the places named.

The members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and other kindred organizations are especially invited to join with us in doing honor to the Commander-in-Chief.

II. The St. Louis & San Francisco R. R. and the Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Memphis R. R., the only roads running into Springfield, Mo., have made a rate of one fare for the round trip for our Department Encampment, May 16th and 17th; selling from May 15th, and good returning until May 19th.

A request has been made to the Western Passenger Association to make the same rate for all the roads included in the Association, which we confidently expect will be made. Further information on this subject will be published in future orders.

III. General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, are herewith enclosed; also, Address of the Commander-in-Chief, at Washington, D. C., and Circular of Grand Army Association, of Philadelphia, in

regard to marking the positions of the regular troops on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

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By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST., }  
ST. LOUIS, MO., April 20th, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 12. }

I. Wednesday, May 30th, next, thirty-two years ago, our beloved and lamented Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John A. Logan, in General Orders No. 11, proclaimed and inaugurated as Memorial Day, and all honor to a patriotic and grateful people whose love and reverence have consecrated this day.

Again our honored Chieftian, Albert D. Shaw, in a manner dear to every loyal heart and the memories of the past, reminds us of that sacred duty near to hand, of paying homage to the eternal campground of our departed comrades.

In a manner becoming the occasion, amid taps of muffled drums and requiems of the solemn tattoo, let us assemble in the citadels of the dead to garland the heavenly canopied mounds with nature's sweetest blossoms, and raise o'er the mortal remains of each their once beloved "Old Glory."

Let our actions on this day be an inspiration of love and patriotism for home and country, and evidence to the world that the great American Republic appreciates the sacrifices of its heroes that went forth for freedom and justice.

Like glittering dew-drops beneath the golden sunshine rays, our columns are quickly passing from view, and soon none will be left of the mighty hosts who wore the blue in 'sixty-one and 'five.

Let us invite to our assistance our devoted auxiliaries and friends, and convey to the rising generations the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, that they may cherish and perpetuate the results of our trials and tribulations and a "Nation's Sabbath Day."

II. The established custom of attending Divine Worship on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day is enjoined upon every Post.

III. All pastimes and ceremonies prejudicial to the solemnity of the occasion should be discouraged.

By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.,  
 ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST., }  
 ST. LOUIS, MO., April 26, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 13. }

I. The Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, will assemble at the Opera House, in the City of Springfield, Mo., at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, May 16th, 1900.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at the Metropolitan Hotel, Room 20, on Tuesday, May 15th, where the Department Council of Administration will meet at 2 o'clock p. m., same day.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: S. M. Sparklin, Post 131; P. W. Bahl, Post 69; C. L. Reese, Post 210; A. Helfenstein, Post 75; A. J. Twaddell, Post 234. The committee will meet at the Holland Building, opposite the Opera House, on Tuesday, May 15th, at 3 o'clock p. m. Representatives and members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival and receive their Encampment badges. The Department Register will be kept at the same place, where all comrades are requested to register on their arrival, or as soon thereafter as possible.

IV. On recommendation of the Commanders of Posts 69 and 210, respectively, the following named comrades are hereby detailed for duty during the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, A. R. McDonald, of Post 69; for Officer of the Guard, A. B. Hoskins, of Post 210. They will report for instructions to the Assistant Adjutant General on Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The Commanders of Posts 69 and 210 will detail a sufficient number of sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty at the Encampment. The comrades so detailed will report, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the Opera House, at 8 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, May 16th.

V. Circulars from the local committee at Springfield, giving rates and accommodations of hotels and boarding houses, are enclosed with this Order. The accommodations will be ample, and the committee in charge, and the comrades and people generally, will do all in their power to make it pleasant for their visitors.

VI. The visit of Commander-in-Chief Shaw to our Department at Kansas City and St. Louis will be long remembered by all who had the pleasure of meeting him and hearing his eloquent addresses. He was most cordially met and entertained at each place, and left with such pleasant impressions of his Missouri comrades that he has promised to be with us at our Department Encampment at Springfield. There should be a large attendance of comrades to welcome him.

VII. As announced in last General Orders, the St. Louis & San Francisco R. R., and the Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Memphis R. R., have made a rate of one fare for the round trip for the Department

Encampment, selling from May 15th, and good returning until May 19th. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas R. R. has also made the same rate and dates.

The Western Passenger Association has made the following rates: "One fare plus \$1.00, for the round trip from points in Missouri on and north of the line of the Missouri Pacific Railway from St. Louis to Kansas City, and rate of one fare for the round trip from points in the State south thereof; excursion tickets to be sold on May 15th and 16th, good to return until and including May 19th, 1900. Tickets to be good for going passage commencing date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction."

The following are the railroads in Missouri belonging to the Association: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Chicago & Alton; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Hannibal & St. Joseph; Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs; St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern; Missouri Pacific; Iron Mountain & Southern; Wabash; Kansas City Southern; Omaha, K. C. & Eastern; Omaha & St. Louis; K. C. & Northern Connecting; St. Joseph & Grand Island.

The St. Louis & Hannibal Railway and Southern Mo. & Ark. R. R. have been communicated with, and are expected to make a half rate.

Post Commanders, on receipt of this Order, should notify comrades who are going to the Encampment, and should at once see the station agents in their respective localities, and ascertain if they have received the necessary instructions in regard to the reduced rates, and if not, have him write his company for instructions.

VIII. By request, announcement is made that the annual meeting of the Missouri Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War will be held on Wednesday, May 16th, at 2 o'clock p. m., in the hall of Post No. 69, near the Opera House.

IX. In view of the cordial invitation extended, and the position of Guard of Honor in the Dewey Parade, May 5th, accorded the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., and after due consideration and acceptance of same at a joint meeting of the representatives of the Posts of St. Louis, the Grand Marshal, Comrade Geo. D. Reynolds, has been notified of our acceptance accordingly. It is desired that the several Posts of St. Louis, and all visiting comrades from neighboring communities, *in uniform*, report for parade duty on Locust Street south of Garrison Avenue, right resting on Garrison. Let the comrades on this occasion respond to the choice courtesy extended them, and place above all other thoughts and actions the belief and principles that bind us together—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty—regardless of creed, color and partisanship.

X. The Proceedings of the Thirty-third National Encampment, held at Philadelphia, have been received, and will be distributed to the Posts represented at the Encampment at Springfield.

XI. The following Posts have failed to report for the second term of 1899, ending December 31st: Posts 46, 103, 188, 237, 244, 253, 316, 426, 471, 560. The following Posts are delinquent for both the first and second terms of 1899: Posts 137, 346.

Posts not reporting will not be entitled to representation in the Department Encampment.

XII. General Orders Nos. 6 and 7, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

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XIII. Mrs. Sarah J. Martin, of Brookfield, Mo., Past National President, and Past Department President of the W. R. C., departed this life April 3d, 1900. The sympathies of the comrades of this Department will go out to Past Department Comma der Geo. W. Martin in his great bereavement. His estimable wife will be long remembered and greatly missed by her many friends in the Department.

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By Command of JOHN W. SCOTT, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.









**WILBUR F. HENRY, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

PROCEEDINGS  
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TWENTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
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DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
HELD AT  
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May 16 and 17, 1901.

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Reported by Comrade C. C. Cowen, Stenographer, Post 1, St. Louis.

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The Third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri adopted the following *Order of Business* and the *Rules of Order* for the National Encampment, so far as the same may be applicable to a Department.

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of the Encampment.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling Roll of Members.
5. Report of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committee on Reports of Officers, and such other Committees as may be necessary.
7. Reception and Reference of Communications.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Election of Officers and Delegates to National Encampment.
11. Installation of Officers.

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**FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 16TH.**

The Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in Moore's Opera House at 10:30 A.M., May 16th, and was called to order by Department Commander Wilbur F. Henry.

Department Chaplain Ferril, being called upon, invoked the divine blessing.

Comrade C. W. Whitehead, Post 8, assisted by the Department Commander, followed with the song, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

The Department Commander: Comrades and Friends—The preliminary exercises are open to the public, and before proceeding with the regular order of business of the Encampment, I will introduce Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton, the Chairman of the Local Committee of Arrangements.

Comrade Burton: Commander, Comrades, Friends and Fellow Citizens—The Executive Committee will voice their sentiments through a gallant soldier from the State of New York, who served in the same regiment with our late lamented Commander-in-Chief, Albert D. Shaw. I take great pleasure in introducing to you the Mayor of our city, Hon. S. A. Wight. (Applause).

The Mayor then addressed the Encampment as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: Thirty-six years have come and gone since the close of the greatest civil war the world has ever witnessed. You, whom it is a pleasure to welcome to the city of Nevada, are a part of the glorious survivors of that great struggle. To you the municipal latch-string is always out and open sesame is the city's motto. That we have adopted the pass word of Ali Baba and his forty thieves need cause you no alarm, for we only prey upon strangers; you, the brave defenders of national life, liberty and the Union, one and inseparable, are not strangers here, or anywhere in this broad land.

Great as was the sacrifice of life and treasure on the part of both the north and the south between the years of 1861 and 1865, and the many sad and stricken hearts that it caused, who can say in the light of the subsequent years that have passed, that the sacrifice was in vain? The war of the Revolution left its traditional jealousies. The war of 1812, glorious as it was for the American Navy, left its sectional bitterness. The war with Mexico, while it demonstrated the invincibility of the American soldier, was regarded by a large portion of the people with suspicion, as unnecessary and forced upon the country, not to vindicate national honor, but for the sole purpose of enlarging the area of slavery. None of these wars cemented the country together or made the sections more harmonious, or better acquainted with each other; all of them, however much they have added to the national strength and glory abroad, contained the latent seeds of dissolution and weakness at home. But when the sons of the north and the sons of the south, when the men from the west and the men from the east looked into each other's faces, on the many bloody fields of the great contest, when the people of all sections saw the persistency of each other, the sublime courage, the heroic sacrifice, which honest conviction stimulated each to make for what they deemed the right, rude as was the introduction, it carried with it a revelation of character which compelled mutual respect and esteem, and which, if it has not already, will, let us hope, ripen into that deeper regard that distinguishes the love of brothers when patriotism will be unsectional, and the welfare of the whole country will be more sought for than the selfish interest of any part of it.

There are other reasons why the war, which at the time, and to some extent ever since, though regarded as a great misfortune, has, in fact, in many things, turned out a blessing in disguise. The overthrow of slavery in a free country was so imperatively necessary, that unless overthrown it would have destroyed the republic. The war not only developed a national character, but its influence on the individual character of the American people was still greater. Peace has her victories as well as war. Her arts are to be greatly ad-

mired as well as sincerely desired. The man who is distinguished as a quarrelsome bully, and who goes through the world with a chip on his shoulder, is generally a despicable character, who in the end justly comes to grief. But the man who loves peace to the exclusion of his rights of life, liberty and happiness, who is not willing to fight and if necessary die in their defense, is justly regarded with contempt. A nation is composed of its individual citizens, and like water it cannot rise above its source. And while a nation has greater power, privileges and opportunities for doing glorious and righteous things, its obligations are not lessened by the fact that it is composed of 70 millions of individuals instead of one. In other words, a community will have the same character as its average citizen.

The war broadened and deepened the American mind individually and collectively; when peace came the license of the soldier's life immediately gave place for the respect of law that the discipline of war had made strong. His soul, though sterner and more possessed of those wrestling thews that throw the world, had lost nothing of kindness, but had so gained in justness and God-like forgiveness, that the men who had fought each other like demons were a few years after found marching side by side, to decorate the graves of those who had fallen in the struggle. Forgiveness in victory and dignity in defeat were two of the lessons of the war in which patriotic Americans can take as much pride as in any event connected with it.

Another characteristic distinguished the American soldier in those momentous days that followed April, 1865. How quickly and willingly these men, who for four long years had led such lives that the love of danger and adventure had become a strong and controlling passion, hung up their guns and beat their swords into plow shares, and cheerfully took up again the steady grind of earning their daily bread by the sweat of their face. As great praise as you are entitled to for so quickly and willingly changing from the role of the soldier to that of the plain American citizen, yet I believe the man who wore the tattered gray is deserving of even more. His return to his home was not welcomed by the plaudits and huzzahs of a populace flushed and overjoyed with the results of victory, by people able and willing to recompense him in every possible way for the sacrifice he had made. His ears heard no sound which ever salute the victor. He made no part in the pageant of some grand review. He did not return to a land teeming with milk and honey and the fruits of husbandry, but to a people humiliated with defeat, and who had exhausted every resource to achieve success, to a land once beautiful, but then ravaged and desolate, for it had been the theatre of a four years' determined struggle between giants. Other nationalities under similar circumstances, and with less temptation, have degenerated into bandits and brigands, and warred upon their own countrymen and people; but the man in gray, the man who before the

war had been thought deficient in practical business ability, and indolent and careless, went to work to repair his broken fortunes, and with an energy, a practical ability, an uncomplaining patience and actual heroism which even excelled the heroic endurance, which for four years had supported him in standing like a stone wall before the man in blue. Both the north and south have reasons to be proud of their veteran soldiers.

The preservation of the union of these states was an achievement for which, however much you may be honored, however much a grateful government may show its appreciation, you will never be overpaid. It is a debt that will never be liquidated. It is, in fact, increasing, for it is to the example of your bravery that the people of this country can point with pride to the patriotism and heroic deeds of a later generation to those young men who so recently swarmed from hill and valley at their country's call, and who so gallantly and victoriously stormed the hills around Santiago, and whose valor in the Phillipines has added another laurel to the brow of the Republic, rescued another people from tyranny and delivered them into the sunlight of American liberty. Neither should we forget those brave sailor boys who, under the leadership of Dewey and Sampson, fought two of the most conclusive naval battles in the world.

Great as were the problems of state that were so well settled by you and your comrades in that contest, yet they have been, and ever will be, succeeded by other momentous questions which, though not so important as the preservation of the Union, are still sufficiently so to make their proper settlement a question of weal or woe to the Republic. The tendency of the times is iconoclastic; old traditions, methods and systems are disregarded, unless they can stand the brutal test of the survivorship of the fittest. Great organizations of capital, great organizations of men not alone confront each other in the economic world, but too frequently confront and threaten us all. In politics, the tendency to extreme division is equally manifest; optimist and pessimist are alike dangerous. The men who see nothing in the mission of Old Glory but to wave from pole to pole are either crazy enthusiasts or corrupt schemers, whose patriotism is only a wish to fatten, grow rich and powerful at the expense, if necessary, of all institutions, human or divine. On the other hand, the men whose little pigmy souls are ever ready to take fright at the phantoms which their microscopic brains magnify into giants, who call legitimate annexation imperialism, and who raise the hue and cry against all accumulation of wealth and all business organizations under the ban of trusts and monopolies. This class, if they are honest, are blind Sampsons, dangerous to friend or foe. If dishonest, they are designing demagogues, whose very breath is pollution, whose often expressed anxiety for the country and the dear people are the merest mouthings, and who are,

in fact, the most dangerous foe this or any other country possessing a popular form of government will ever have to encounter. God save the country from its fool friends, and may He nourish, increase and multiply its disclriminating and honest ones.

Men of the Grand Army of the Republic, you should still remain on guard. The men you once fought will be your allies now, and relieve you at each alternate guard mount. The foes that threaten, and will threaten, the success of a republican form of government, are more insidious and dangerous than were the men who fought in the open for what they honestly believed was the right. Be as patriotic as you were once in action. Stand for honesty and fairness in all economical and political questions, as against blind partizanship and mere success secured by unholy means. Be not merely content that the flag shall wave from every school-house top, but insist that the principles it stands for shall be engraved on the hearts and minds of every pupil whose eyes are delighted by its starry folds. Public sentiment must, and ultimately will control, but let it be an educated public sentiment, an intelligent public opinion; for at its last and final conclusion it must be right, for it will be the voice of God; but oh what terrible and cruel mistakes it makes when unenlightened and unintelligent, it pursues its stumbling and wayward course through the world before it reaches the top of that Mt. Sinai, from whence its thunderous and commanding tones alone entitle it to be recognized and obeyed.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the name of the city I again thank you for honoring it with your presence, and indulge the hope that among your reminiscences of occasions of this character, your visit to Nevada will remain one of your most pleasant recollections.

The Department Commander: On behalf of, and as the representative of the comrades of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, we thank you, Mr. Mayor, for the words you have spoken, and will ask our comrade, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief, William Warner, to respond.

Comrade Warner: Mr. Mayor, and the good people of the city of Nevada: It is embarrassing for a common wayfaring man to attempt to respond in fitting terms to your very gracious and eloquent welcome here in this city of orators and statesmen. Sir, I may be permitted, possibly, to say that on yesterday it was your proud privilege as mayor of this beautiful city to welcome an eloquent citizen of national reputation, a citizen that had been honored twice by one of the great parties of this nation by nomination for president of the United States;

but to-day, sir, without vanity I may say, you have the more honored privilege of welcoming these old comrades whose valor and patriotism have made such candidacy and such national existence possible. (Applause.) During our stay in your midst we promise to be as orderly as we can. We shall not visit your hen-roosts, for I understand that the good people have anticipated such action on our part and have robbed all the hen-roosts for our entertainment. (Laughter.) We only ask, sir, that you and all the good people of Nevada "will be to our faults a little blind, and to our virtues very kind." (Laughter.) I have listened, Mr. Mayor, I may say, without using the words of flattery, with interest and with profit to your welcoming address to these my comrades. We of the Grand Army of the Republic are not sectionalists. The Grand Army of the Republic belongs neither to the east, the west, the north, nor the south, but it is a National Army. (Applause.) The Grand Army of the Republic, while made up of the survivors of the men that preserved to us a nation and a flag, are not pessimists; they believe that an optimist is a better citizen than a pessimist. They are not here to-day, sir, to discuss the technical question as to whether the Constitution follows the flag, but they are here now to say that American patriotism and American manhood follows the flag wherever it goes. (Applause.) Yes, sir, we belong to that school of American citizens who take more pleasure in reading the Psalms of David than the Lamentations of Jeremiah. I have stated we are not sectionalists. No! Under that great and almost godlike charity of the martyred president, and under the words of one of the greatest military leaders, Grant, we of the Grand Army of the Republic have tried to build up the waste places of the nation and tried to make it one, east, west, north and south. Sectionalism, sir, if I am permitted to digress, we believe in treating as effectively as suggested by the action of a son-in-law, when he received a dispatch from across the water saying: "Your mother-in-law died yesterday. Shall we bury, embalm or cremate?" Immediately he flashed back across the water the following message: "Bury, embalm *and* cremate." (Laughter.) Thus we are in regard to sectionalism. We are not satisfied with burying it, we are not content with embalming it, but we will cremate it so there will not be any hope of resurrection. (Applause.) Mr. Mayor, and fellow citizens of Nevada, this is not the occasion of our annual meeting for oratory; we have our orators masked, and to-night we will open our batteries upon you (Laughter.) We are holding our best to the last. If you want a prayer for the deliverance of these people, we have among us those that can take hold of the throne of grace and shake it from its base. (Laughter.) If you want a mechanic, we have them here as we had during the war. We can build a house; we never tear any down; we are builders.

In reply to the sentiment as to the results of the several wars, on

those I shall not dilate; but I, in common with my comrades, thank the Giver of all good that I have been spared to see the day that when foreign wars do come, the sons of the men who wore the grey touch elbows with the sons of the men who wore the blue, as defenders of the old flag (applause), and whose boys—God bless them—they were together on San Juan Hill; they were together with Dewey in Manila Bay, and they were together in the swamps of Luzon under McArthur and Funston, and, thank God, they were together in their march to the relief of our citizens in China. (Applause.) Mr. Mayor, when our country's honor is at stake, we do not stop to ask any questions; we do not stop to discuss technical points; we do not take down the Constitution and read it; but we inscribe upon our banner, "Our Country Always Right, but Our Country First and Forever, Right or Wrong!" (Applause.) We make them acknowledge the supremacy of the flag, and then read the Constitution afterwards. (Laughter.)

Now, Mr. Mayor, I have gone on in this rambling way to an extent greater than I intended; but I can say to you, out of the sentiment of all these old comrades, that we thank you for your gracious welcome, and from what we have seen of your beautiful city, and your entertainment of us, we shall wait anxiously for the time when you good people will ask us to visit you again. And we hope that during our stay among you our conduct may be notable for such discretion that when we leave here you will want us to come back. I can assure you that to these old comrades in arms these occasions are the blue-letter day of their lives. It does us all good to come down and touch elbows again. It is worth a trip from any part of this great state to the city of Nevada, the home of our grand comrade who has gone from among us, Past Department Commander Kimball. It makes us better citizens, and a good Grand Army man is a good citizen; he is a good Christian; he believes in and he practices Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

And now, Mr. Mayor, I thank you and the good people of Nevada again. I shall have to return to my home this noon and be deprived of your company for a few hours, but if ever you come to Kansas City you will find there, as we have found here in Nevada, the latch-string hanging out, and if mine should, by accident, have been pulled in (not of my heart, but of my door), kick the door down and walk in. (Laughter.)

The Department Commander then opened the Encampment in due form, after which he called Senior Vice Department Commander Skinner to the chair.



The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of officers as follows, those present being marked with an asterisk (\*):

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

\*WILBUR F. HENRY

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

\*W. H. SKINNER.

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

A. R. McDONALD.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR,

\*A. VAN METER, M. D.

CHAPLAIN,

\*REV. T. J. FERRIL.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND ASSISTANT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,

\*THOMAS B. RODGERS.

JUDGE ADVOCATE,

\*GEORGE E. SMITH.

INSPECTOR,

\*JOHN W. TOPPASS.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,

\*W. E. EVANS.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION,

N. W. TAYLOR, F. W. GUERIN, \*FRANCIS P. BECKER,  
\*IRA T. BRONSON, JOHN M. WHERRY.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS,

\*WM. WARNER,

W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

†NELSON COLE,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.,

JOHN E. PHELPS,

\*LEO RASSIEUR,

\*GEORGE W. MARTIN,

\*C. W. WHITEHEAD,

\*CHAS. G. BURTON,

†LOUIS GRUND.

\*LOUIS BENECKE,

\*THOS. B. RODGERS,

\*JOHN P. PLATT,

\*A. G. PETERSON,

JOHN W. SCOTT.

†Deceased.

Comrade Sherer, Post 13, made the following report of the Committee on Credentials, showing those present and entitled to seats, which was on motion adopted:

ROLL OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.

Held at Nevada, Mo., May 16th and 17th, 1901.

**Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, St. Louis.**

S. V. Post Commander, Chris. Fricke.

Past Post Commanders, Thos. B. Rodgers, James McClure, Thos. S. Maxwell, F. M. Sterrett, Arthur Dreifus, Cord Ringen, Adam Fisher.

Representatives, Fred Schoening, Louis Koop, John Lindecker, R. Blattner, John Schmid, Ernst Rotteck, Chas. F. V. Ludwig, Dan'l Hoesli, Louis Euler, Wm. Paschedag, H. W. Wiegand.

**Gen. Lyon Post No. 2, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, Charles Humann.

Past Post Commander, Henry Evers.

Representative, Henry Plumer.

**McPherson Post No 4, Kansas City.**

Past Post Commanders, Ben Warner, Chas. W. Clarke, E. F. Rogers, James C. Greenman.

Representative, P. C. Lightle.

**A. Lincoln Post No. 5, Moberly.**

Post Commander, Chas. Burkhart.

Past Post Commander, J. B. Cotty.

Representative, J. H. Roberts.

**Jas. A. Garfield Post No. 6, Jefferson City.**

Post Commander, H. T. Holmes.

Representative Peter Ham.

**Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph.**

Representative, A. S. Long.

**Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, Kansas City.**

Post Commander, Joseph E. Turner.

Past Post Commanders, Wm. Warner, C. W. Whitehead, Wilbur F. Henry, Jere. T. Dew, Wm F. Moll, W. H. Wormstead.

Representatives, August Brufenert, Chas. N. Brooks, Frank Becker, Wm. J. Nelson, Hiram Crampton.

**Gen. Canby Post No. 10, Rich Hill.**

Past Post Commander, R. M. Dale.

**James A. Mulligan Post No. 11, Lexington.**

Past Post Commanders, John B. Burris, Gustav Pirner.  
Representative, Christian Fox.

**Col. Hassendeubel Post No. 13, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, Chas. Hunnius.  
Past Post Commanders, Ig. Hartman, Peter Bobe, George Neubert,  
H. B. Kramer, Chas. Biehle, Chas. E. Koken, Martin Scherer.  
Representatives, Francis P. Becker, John B. Schneider, H. Angermueller, Wm. Hahn, Max Fritz, Louis Hunt, Ph. W. Schneider, Henry Miller, G. F. Laemlein.

**O. P. Morton Post No. 14, Joplin.**

Past Post Commander, J. L. Briggs.  
Representative, James H. Wood.

**Joe Hooker Post No. 17, Cameron.**

Past Post Commanders, H. S. Beery, J. P. Platt.

**Sedgwick Post No. 21, Maryville.**

Past Post Commander, H. E. Robinson.

**Corporal Dix Post No. 22, Kirksville.**

Past Post Commander, Thos. J. Dockery.

**F. A. Jones Post No. 23, Macon.**

Post Commander, J. N. Ketcham.  
Past Post Commanders, C. R. Haverly, C. W. Haynes, W. B. Dolson.  
Representative, Wm. Greer.

**David A. Roberts Post No. 25, Glenwood.**

Representative, J. P. Smith.

**Gen. Joe Bailey Post No. 26, Nevada.**

Post Commander, B. G. Parker.  
Past Post Commanders, H. L. Tillotson, John T. Birdseye, Chas. G. Burton, D. W. Graves, Harry Mitchell, J. H. Lloyd, J. M. Monroe, M. T. Hill, George M. Jones, E. J. Dixon, A. R. Patterson, H. P. Cutler.  
Representatives, W. H. Donan, Thos. J. Dean.

**Tindall Post No. 29, Chillicothe.**

Past Post Commander, John W. Toppass.

**Ben. Loan Post No. 33, Kingston.**

Representative, Jos. G. Everett.

**McCook Post No. 34, Lamar.**

Post Commander, J. D. Houdersheldt.

Past Post Commanders, A. Van Meter, C. M. Miller, Wm. Stark,  
Louis Borghardt.

Representative, James Hall.

**Paddy Shields Post No. 36, Clarence.**

Past Post Commander, H. F. Glahn.

**Capt. J. L. Clark Post No. 47, Green City.**

Post Commander, Victor F. Aubrey.

**Gen. Geo. G. Meade Post No. 48, Lebanon.**

Past Post Commander, C. W. Rubey.

**Gen. George R. Smith Post No. 53, Sedalla.**

Post Commander, Ira T. Bronson.

Past Post Commanders, W. A. Fast, W. B. Challicombe, John  
Rippey, J. W. Trader.

Representatives, Chas. Kooch, John Wickline, N. H. Rogers.

**Thos. G. Wade Post No. 54, Unionville.**

Past Post Commander, Lee T. Robinson.

Representative, Jacob Garver.

**O. H. Wood Post No. 57, Brookfield.**

Post Commander, George W. Martin.

Past Post Commander, J. V. Martin.

**Bates County Post No. 58, Butler.**

Past Post Commanders, A. L. McBride, J. Evilstizer.

Representative, M. L. Fry.

**Gen. Wadsworth Post No. 60, Dawn.**

Past Post Commander, F. A. Snider.

**Col. Wm. Wilkinson Post No. 65, Mound City.**

Representative, J. H. Steel.

**Gen. E. D. Baker Post No. 68, Green Ridge.**

Past Post Commanders, C. A. Paige, Chas. E. Wadleigh.

Representative, Wm. Saurbaugh.

**Capt. John Mathews Post No. 69, Springfield.**

Post Commander, W. C. Calland.

Past Post Commanders, James R. Milner, Joseph McAdoo, D. T. Ferrier.

Representative, J. J. Gideon.

**Col. Jacob Smith Post No. 72, Trenton.**

Past Post Commanders, A. H. Burkeholder, George Hall, Chancy Hall, John E. Carter, Wm. Murray, Wm. Lockhart, Wm. Brantner.

Representative, C. D. Gass.

**Greenfield Post No. 75, Greenfield.**

Post Commander, John J. Roberts.

Past Post Commanders, B. F. Thomas, R. P. Underwood, John A. Davis, J. T. Quick.

Representative, W. H. Ellis.

**Col. Grover Post No. 78, Warrensburg.**

Past Post Commander, J. H. Smith.

Representatives, A. W. Repp, John G. Scroggs.

**Gen. G. B. Boomer Post No. 97, Linn.**

Past Post Commander, W. A. Ferguson.

Representative, Max Vache.

**Harry P. Harding Post No. 107, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, Henry Fairback.

Past Post Commanders, Geo. Heintz, Wm. Niehaus, George Schubert, Wm. R. Oder.

Representatives, Mathias Herman, Louis Schaepperkoetter, Edward Borck.

**Jeff. C. Davis Post No. 108, Versailles.**

Representative, Hobart Ripley.

**Wm. McKee Post No. 110, Kahoka.**

Past Post Commander, Joseph Vandolah.

**Cameron Garnett Post No. 115, Carl Junction.**

Past Post Commander, W. E. Evans.

**Lieut. T. D. Neal Post No. 124, Bethany.**

Past Post Commander, W. H. Skinner.

Representatives, James M. Hampton, W. T. Rakestraw.

**Salem Post No. 128, Salem.**

Representative, M. W. Gustin.

**Fred Miller Post No. 130, Tina.**

Post Commander, Don. A. Mason.

Past Post Commanders, M. G. Garner, J. T. Beans.

Representative, J. D. Parsley.

**Ransom Post No. 131, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, Chas. W. Barstow.

Past Post Commanders, A. G. Peterson, J. B. Wilde.

Representatives, Delos R. Haynes, Wm. B. Dean, C. P. Chesebro,  
S. M. Sparklin, T. H. Hagerty, Farwell Walton, Chas. H. Davis, W.  
G. Simmons, J. K. Merrifield.

**Sergt. B. H. Porch Post No. 135, Olean.**

Representative, J. C. Walker.

**Samuel McClure Post No. 145, Eldon.**

Past Post Commander, J. W. Temple.

**Liberty Post No. 150, Spickard.**

Past Post Commander, E. A. Cook.

Representative, Wm. H. Newton.

**Keeler Post No. 152, Melrose.**

Representative, Tony Deuchman.

**Gen. Frank J. Herron Post No. 161, Buffalo.**

Post Commander, John O'Bannon.

Past Post Commander, R. Jack.

Representative, M. L. Reynolds.

**Gen. J. B. Steadman Post No. 172, Appleton City.**

Post Commander, E. B. Smith.

Past Post Commanders, Daniel Gillson, A. Oliver.

Representative, Andrew Zebolt.

**Justi Post No. 173, Cape Girardeau.**

Post Commander, Henry C. Phelps.

**W. H. L. Wallace Post No. 177, Moundville.**

Post Commander, E. E. Russell.

Past Post Commander, R. Davis.

**Stephen Estle Post No. 178, DeWitt.**

Post Commander, Wm. B. Mullins.

Past Post Commander, J. M. Null.

**Stambaugh Post No. 180, Austin.**

Past Post Commander, E. F. Limpus.  
 Representative, Wm. Decker.

**John A. Rawlins Post No. 187 Pierce City.**

Past Post Commander, A. McKinney.  
 Representative, James Watson.

**W. B. Goodrich Post No. 190, Webb City.**

Post Commander, J. W. Williams.  
 Past Post Commander, John Brown.

**McCroskey Post No. 210, Springfield.**

Representative, A. B. Hoskins.

**Picket Post No. 215, Farmington.**

Post Commander, Thos. Lang.  
 Representative, Jerry Rion.

**Republic Post No. 219, Republic.**

Post Commander, James E. Decker.  
 Past Post Commanders, James Watson, C. Thurman.  
 Representative, J. W. Coker.

**Norcross Post No. 221, Novelty.**

Past Post Commander, Adam Conder.  
 Representative, C. W. Corkran.

**S. L. Turley Post No. 222, Gilman City.**

Past Post Commander, M. G. Netherton.

**Thos. J. Brouster Post No. 233, Clayton.**

Representative, James Williams.

**Ash Grove Post No. 234, Ash Grove.**

Representative, N. B. Bagby.

**Gen. Fred. D. Steele Post No. 235, Montrose.**

Past Post Commanders, P. H. Sullivan, J. D. Earhart.

**Lowry City Post No. 238, Lowry City.**

Past Post Commander, James H. Reading.

**John A. Hayn Post No. 240, Boonville.**

Post Commander, Nicholas Smith.  
 Past Post Commander, Joseph Lieber.  
 Representative, Ewing Roberts.

**Col. Leonard Post No. 251, Eldorado Springs.**

Post Commander, W. W. Crabtree.

Past Post Commanders, Rufus Smith, Elmer S. Battin, D. C. Graves.

Representatives, Thos. A. Snodgrass, Samuel L. Smith.

**Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, Metz.**

Post Commander, H. W. Harrison.

Past Post Commanders, W. B. S. Gault, John G. Hudson, Andrew J. Harbison, J. M. Bradburn.

Representative, Thompson Bogan.

**Andy Martin Post No. 259, Ava.**

Post Commander, J. L. B. Harnden.

**Pinhart Post No. 268, Brunswick.**

Past Post Commanders, Louis Benecke, Joseph Gross.

**Henry Brown Post No. 276, Clarksburg.**

Past Post Commanders, D. K. Steele, Jacob Hott, W. H. Mengel, John M. Williams, J. W. Moore, D. Graves, C. M. Gordon, Wm. H. Sturgis.

Representatives, C. H. Rohrbach, G. H. Pountain.

**Edinburg Post No. 279, Edinburg.**

Representative, F. P. Fulkerson.

**George G. Bryan Post No. 284, Belgrade.**

Representative, R. S. Erhuman.

**Warren Post No. 287, Rockville.**

Past Post Commanders, A. A. Wood, J. M. Wells.

Representative, Jno. Mack.

**C. A. Arthur Post No. 299, Mansfield.**

Representative, J. W. Gelley.

**Bob Ford Post No. 303, Coffeysburg.**

Past Post Commander, C. Yost.

**John D. Rohye Post No. 314, Cedar Hill.**

Representative, Henry Cordes.

**Capt. J. M. Baird Post No. 322, Verona.**

Representative, Jacob Sauers.

**Geo. V. Pitts Post No. 324, Sullivan.**

Post Commander, E. C. Baugher.



**Adrian Post No. 327, Adrian.**

Representative, E. R. Bates.

**Evans Post No. 340, Economy.**

Representative, Wm. Voigt.

**Col. Shaw Post No. 343, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, Geo. W. Edwards.

**Jesse Owens Post No. 345, Bear Cr ek.**

Representative, J. H. Brown.

**R. L. Ferguson Post No. 358, Sweet Springs.**

Representative, Edward H. Bentley.

**Spiltlog Post No. 359, Spiltlog.**

Representative, E. T. Doty.

**Daniel Miles Post No. 360, Iantha.**

Post Commander, R. P. Benson.

Representative, John Powell.

**Sac River Post No. 362, Dadeville.**

Post Commander, J. W. Carmack.

Past Post Commander, C. L. Pyles.

Representative, J. M. Alexander.

**Harwood Post No. 375, Harwood.**

Post Commander, J. W. Plummer.

Past Post Commanders, G. Motti, Henry Mount, A. J. Jarvis.

Representative, S. R. Mount.

**Capt J. W. Robertson Post No. 377, Ozark.**

Past Post Commander, Robert O'Neal.

Representative, Nicholas Cassady.

**Dawn Post No. 384, Osceola.**

Past Post Commander, Wm. Galloway.

**Durbin A. Ward Post No. 405, Pickering.**

Post Commander, N. B. Brown.

**Corporal Doke Post No. 406, Garrison.**

Post Commander, Giles Andrews.

**Conway Post No. 407, Conway.**

Representative, A. J. Yearly.

**Col. A. J. Weber Post No. 424, Wakenda.**

Representative, A. McBride.

**Columbia Post No. 432, Columbia.**

Post Commander, Talton Woods.

**Gen. Simon Cameron Post No. 437, Cross Timbers.**

Post Commander, R. A. Vance.

**Gen. Hazen Post No. 440, Foster.**

Past Post Commander, W. R. Wilson.

**Hume Post No. 442, Hume.**

Past Post Commander, J. K. Dickinson.

Representative, Adam Hoffsess.

**Col. J. P. Brownlow Post No. 458, Plew.**

Representative, M. V. Welsh.

**Capt. J. S. Robb Post No. 461, Jenkins.**

Representative, W. G. Fare.

**Vandalla Post No. 466, Vandalla.**

Past Post Commander, W. F. Pritchett.

**Maj. Leonard Post No. 468, Higbee.**

Past Post Commander, J. W. Floyd.

**Dillard Bell Post No. 487, Elmer.**

Post Commander, A. F. Prickett.

**W. W. Leggett Post No. 490, Duncan's Bridge.**

Post Commander, J. H. Crawford.

**Harrison A. Gleim Post No. 512, Tipton.**

Past Post Commanders, Jacob Reider, J. S. Stanger.

Representative, D. C. Cook.

**Jesse Turnage Post No. 514, Rayville.**

Representative, W. H. Brewer.

**Liberal Post No. 515, Liberal.**

Representative, Jno. Perkins.

**T. W. Hampton Post No. 546, Newport.**

Past Post Commanders, Ira J. Burch, Eli Schopf.

Representative, Samuel B. Smith.

**Col. John A. Davis Post No. 549, Windsor.**

Post Commander, W. J. Colbow.

Past Post Commander, Samuel Schwab.

**Blue Springs Post No. 563, Blue Springs.**

Representative, J. K. Reid.

**Burnside Post No. 566, Pleasant Hill.**

Past Post Commanders, J. C. Pelsor, Wm. Lowe.

Representative, G. L. Neff.

**James F. How Post No. 567, Moberly.**

Past Post Commanders, H. A. Jaco, Wm. Maynard.

Representative, A. W. Martin.

**Mark T. Brown Post No. 569, Stockton.**

Past Post Commander, J. J. Montgomery.

**Col. James Jackson Post No. 571, Balm.**

Post Commander, Wm Plank.

Representative, Geo. W. Beebe.

H. P. CUTLER, Post 26,

E. F. ROGERS, Post 4,

C. W. CORKRAN, Post 221,

MARTIN SCHERER, Post 13,

CHAS. DICKINSON, Post 26,

Committee on Credentials.

On motion the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with.

The reports of the various officers having been printed and distributed in the Encampment, on motion the reading of the reports, with the exception of the Department Commander's address, was dispensed with.

Department Commander Henry then read his annual address, as follows:

## ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

*Comrades*:—A vibration of the pendulum of time has swung us through the changing seasons of another year; springtime, laden with its balmy fragrance, by its genial forces, has loosed the icy grip of winter that stifled the voices of the rippling streams, and has again awakened the music of the waters and filled the air with the perfume of her flowers; and now we are met once more in our Annual Encampment to review the work of the past year, to choose our leaders and to lay our plans for the future.

As our pulses thrill with joy while we look into the faces of our comrades; as we clasp hands and touch elbows once more at the end of another year; as old memories of the camp and field are awakened by our fraternal greetings; as we look down the line to see who has survived the battle of life another year—our souls are filled with gratitude to Him who rules over the destinies of nations and with whom “a thousand years are as a day,” for the protection of His providence in guiding and preserving us in the paths by which we march toward the final camping ground.

Forty years have gone into the eternity of the past since the roll of the drum was first heard summoning the Nation's defenders to the rescue in answer to the call of President Lincoln. Two score years have hurried by since the sound of that cannon which hurled its first shot against Sumter sent a shudder of impending woe into every household in all the land. Four decades of years have been marked upon the dial of time since the great strife began, to determine whether the Republic founded by Washington and his compatriots should perish from the face of the earth or remain a beacon light to humanity and the nations of the world.

We meet to-day in the beautiful city of Nevada, that has given to this Department two Department Commanders whose names all comrades delight to honor, Elbert E. Kimball, who was the first of all who held that high office to camp beyond the silent river, and Chas. G. Burton, who by the blessing of God we delight to greet here at this time, and whose warm hand-grasp and eloquent words are an inspiration to us all. Nevada, the Gem City of the Southwest, that has grown since the war to its splendid proportions, whose furnace fires by night and the hum of industry by day are the beacon light and harbinger of still greater advancement in the future; Nevada, the erstwhile home of that gallant and fearless hero in war and in peace, whose name is monumented in the hearts of his comrades till the last one shall be mustered out, and is recorded for all time in the archives of the Grand Army of the Republic by the name of Post 26 of this city, General Jo. Bailey, that fearless leader, preserved through all the vicis-

situdes of war to fall by the hand of an assassin while in the manly and fearless discharge of his duty as an officer of the law in time of peace.

When one year ago by the suffrage of my comrades in Department Encampment at Springfield I took upon myself the obligation and assumed the duties of your Department Commander, I was impressed with the great responsibilities of the office and the magnitude of the honor then conferred upon me, for which I was and ever shall be profoundly grateful. I then and there in assuming the office solemnly pledged myself to faithfully and impartially perform its duties and labor for the prosperity and welfare of the Order. That pledge I have to the best of my ability in the surrounding circumstances faithfully and sacredly kept and performed, and I come now to render to you an account of my doings and turn over to my successor the sacred charge unsullied and untarnished.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The very excellent and complete report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, which is herewith submitted, will show in detail the condition of the Department as to its membership and its finances. I invite your very careful consideration of this report and the recommendations contained therein, which I fully endorse. The extended, faithful and intelligent service of the Assistant Adjutant General, in his present office and as Department Commander, and his recognized zeal for the welfare of the Order, make his recommendations worthy of special consideration.

While the report of the Assistant Adjutant General shows fully the membership of the Order, I desire to call attention to some facts disclosed therein and give expression to some reflections incident thereto.

The semi-annual report of December, 1899, the last one prior to the time I assumed command of the Department, showed a total enrollment of 17,543, with 5,630 on the suspended list, leaving in good standing at that time 11,913.

The report herewith submitted shows the number enrolled December 31, 1900, to be 16,625, with 5,454 on the suspended list, leaving the number in good standing December 31, 1900, to be 11,171, a net loss during the year of members in good standing of 742. This seems like a large loss, but it must be borne in mind that it has been forty years since the first of the brave men who make up our membership went forth to battle, and that thirty-six years have passed since the last battle of that war was fought. The step that once was elastic and free is now halting and made with difficulty. Ten years ago last December the total number of comrades borne on the rolls of this Department was 24,727, with 3,699 in suspension. The total enrollment was increased next year to 25,240, with 4,382 suspended, and in 1892 to 25,610, with 5,257 suspended, which was the highest number of enrollment ever reached in this Department. Then Posts were large and enthusiasm was at the flood. Under the inspiration of such circum-

stances, when comrades were more active than now, it would seem that it might not have been difficult to keep the membership upon the crest for a few years at least. But we find that at the end of 1893 there had been a net loss of members in good standing that year of 1742, and in the year 1894 a net loss of 1485. So now when the comrades are ten years older the loss of 742 is not remarkable.

There is much encouragement in the item in the report of the Assistant Adjutant General of 416 gained by muster-in. It indicates that those who have all these years remained outside of our Order (and there are yet many such) are now seeking admission. I am persuaded that if all comrades would seek out those who are outside of the Order, and in a fraternal spirit set forth the benefits of a membership in the grandest order on earth, we might at least hold our present numbers for some time yet to come.

For reasons that seem to me must be patent to all, the number of individual suspensions must necessarily increase with an accelerating ratio unless some relief may be devised. The suggestion of the Assistant Adjutant General with reference to "resident" and "non-resident" members, etc., is commended to your thoughtful consideration as a possible remedy. When comrades, by reason of age or distance from the Post, find themselves unable to attend the meetings of the Post they cease to pay and are suspended. If by paying the per capita tax they may be kept in good standing in the Order many will do so.

There is one item that appears in every report of the Assistant Adjutant General that never ought to be there, and that is the item of loss by "Delinquent Reports." During the year 1900 there was a loss under this item of 357. There can be no possible excuse for a Post Commander so far neglecting his duty as to cause his Post to be suspended for his failure to forward his report. Any man with intelligence enough to command a Post can make up the semi-annual report of any Post in a half hour of time. I regret that there is not some practical way to punish the officers of a Post who neglect their plain duties in that manner, without suspending the whole Post and thereby punishing the members who are innocent and helpless.

I am greatly gratified to report that the spirit of comradeship prevails in all our borders, and that there has no case arisen during the past year calling for the exercise of discipline.

#### FINANCES.

I invite your thoughtful consideration of Exhibit "A" accompanying the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General. It will be observed that the receipts from all sources during the year 1900 (aside from the principal of the Mesner loan, which was received and re-invested), were \$2,753.53, while the total expenditures were \$3,131.77. That is, our expenses exceeded our income by the sum of \$378.24; and yet our expenses were \$74.69 less than they were in 1899. Our principal source of income is from per capita tax, and it is obvious that our

constantly diminishing number must constantly decrease the amount derived from that source, while our expenses under present arrangements must go on about the same.

In this connection it might be well to present some figures taken from former reports. Going back ten years and coming down to the present time, we find the number of members in good standing and the total expenses each year to be as follows:

1891.	Members in good standing,	21,038;	expenses,	\$6,742.13
1892.	“	“	20,353;	“ 6,333 70
1893.	“	“	18,611;	“ 5,683.76
1894.	“	“	17,126;	“ 5,033.70
1895.	“	“	15,501;	“ 5,166.11
1896.	“	“	14,244;	“ 3,955.59
1897.	“	“	13,612;	“ 4,275.40
1898.	“	“	12,819;	“ 4,356.34
1899.	“	“	11,913;	“ 3,206.46
1900.	“	“	11,171;	“ 3,131.77

The amount noted above as expended in the year 1898 does not include an item of \$323 paid for loan, as that was not an item of expense, being a return of money borrowed.

It will be observed that our paying membership has been reduced in the ten years from 21,038 to 11,171. The real necessary expenses of conducting the business of the Department is not greatly less than when the membership was much larger than now. The above figures are thus presented for your information and to show that while the expenses of the past year have exceeded our receipts, yet there has not been extravagance in disbursement or expenditure.

The Mesner loan was paid off during the year, and the principal (\$1,000) was reinvested under the supervision of your committee on loans. The note is amply secured by first lien on good real estate in Kansas City and bears 7 per cent. interest, for which we paid for accrued interest and premium \$35.47.

The time may not have yet arrived, but in the course of events it will necessarily come in the not very far distant future, when we must either increase our per capita tax or find some way of reducing our expenses. It is well that we have these matters in mind.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND OPINIONS.

The correspondence of my office has been large, covering a wide range of subjects. I have endeavored to give a prompt and courteous reply to all letters addressed to me. While the labor has been great yet it has been a pleasure to me to aid my comrades in all ways I was able. Only one inquiry has arisen that I deemed of such importance as to require an opinion from the Judge Advocate. His opinion, which will be found in his report, shows a painstaking intelligence that is commendable. While the question submitted to him was one more

largely of fact than law the exhaustive research of the Judge Advocate in arriving at his conclusion and his citations makes the opinion one of great importance as settling the eligibility of many comrades residing in this Department. The laws of our Order set forth in the Rules and Regulations and construed by the Blue Book, are so well settled and plain that much correspondence might be saved by a little reference to them.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS AND REUNIONS.

The attendance of comrades and citizens in large numbers at reunions in many localities is indeed important and a hopeful harbinger of good. These reunions give an opportunity to impress lessons of history and foster patriotic impulses. The youth who gather with comrades on such occasions catch inspirations of patriotism and are taught history that they cannot get from the schools nor from books. These reunions are all necessarily held within the time of a very few weeks, and therefore one can only attend a few of them. As Department Commander, I attended and addressed eight such gatherings. I have also visited a large number of the Posts and publicly installed the officers of seven of these. On all occasions and at all times I have been received and treated with marked courtesies as your Department Commander. One of the most gratifying and important official visits made by me was to

#### THE ST. JAMES HOME.

I found there a contented, well-housed and well-fed company of comrades, quite a number of them with their wives. I found that there were when I visited the Home (February 22, 1901) 101 members, 75 of whom were comrades, and 26 were women. The officers seem to be trying to make the institution in fact as well as in name a Home. It is gratifying that our state legislature is taking a growing interest in the Home and are inclined to increase the appropriations for improvements and maintenance, though the appropriations are yet insufficient to meet its wants.

#### THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

There was such a large attendance of Missouri comrades at the National Encampment at Chicago last August that it hardly seems necessary that I should at this time refer to it, yet I cannot refrain from putting upon record the fact that in that great gathering this Department maintained its high and proud position heretofore achieved. Other Departments were represented by greater numbers, but in personnel and in soldierly appearance Missouri was the peer of any and the superior of most of them. In the Encampment proper this Department occupied a place of influence and won the unanimous election of our esteemed comrade, Past Department Commander Leo Rassieur, to the high office of Commander-in-Chief. I trust that he may be justly proud of the splendid showing that may be made by this Department at the National Encampment at Cleveland next September.



Immediately upon the decision of the National Council of Administration to hold the next National Encampment at Cleveland, O., I, by wire, requested our comrade Adjutant General Sterrett when locating National Headquarters to select room in same hotel for Headquarters for this Department. This he kindly did, engaging subject to my approval a choice room at the Hollenden. This choice has been approved, and the Assistant Quartermaster General has entered into contract for the room upon very reasonable terms, thus securing, without the expense of a special trip, as is usually necessary, headquarters in which our comrades who may visit there with friends during the great encampment will feel a just pride.

#### THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

I desire to commend and acknowledge in the most emphatic manner the noble work of our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. Their labors in behalf of our comrades have been untiring and highly successful. To the Department President, Mrs. Carrie R. Sparklin, the comrades owe a debt of gratitude for her constant watchfulness and indefatigable labors during the past year, which they will never be able to know or measure. Personally, and on behalf of the Department, I hereby tender to her my sincere thanks. I counsel comrades to give the W. R. C. all possible encouragement and aid in their noble and unselfish work. The time is fast approaching when we will need and appreciate their services more than we now may think, especially in keeping up the social features and interest in our meetings.

#### THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

I have not been able to find out much of the doings of the Ladies of the G. A. R. I presume that they are doing well, because I have heard of no complaints or friction. I know that the society is composed of the mothers, wives, widows, sisters and daughters of the soldiers of the civil war, and its work is worthy of the highest commendation.

#### THE SONS OF VETERANS.

Our boys, the Sons of Veterans, are struggling to increase the growth of their organization and to expand its usefulness. The national organization has founded a Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, one of the principal features of which will be to gather and preserve relics of the civil war, and to teach patriotism and reverence for the men and their deeds by which this nation was preserved in its integrity and greatness. The Sons of Veterans should have our cordial sympathy, counsel and support. They are our pride and the nation's hope.

#### PENSIONS.

While the administration of the Pension Office as yet remains unchanged, yet the law enacted May 9, 1900, under the insistence of the Pension Committee of the National Encampment, has brought relief to

many deserving comrades, and has allayed some of the irritation that has heretofore been manifested. I counsel comrades to be patient for a little while and the change that has been so much desired in the head of the Bureau will be made. I cannot believe that the comrade who carried coffee and hard tack to the boys on the battle line when shot and shell were raining about him has lost the spirit of comradeship since he has been elevated to the highest position in the gift of any people. Comrade McKinley as President has the same heart and fraternal feelings for the welfare of his old comrades in arms as Comrade McKinley the Quartermaster Sergeant. We do well to trust and honor him whom all the world honors. He has promised our comrades the desired change and I am persuaded that it will soon be made.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

It is with feelings of deepest gratitude that I record the fact that the day set apart for a grateful people to garland the graves of the sleeping heroes of the republic with the flowers of springtime is more generally observed as the years go by, and that the observance is marked with a profounder reverence for the occasion. On that day the tender chords of memory vibrate as if touched by angel fingers, filling the soul with the sweetest melodies of love and fraternal recollections, and we seem to hear the songs wafted to us from those around the camp-fires beyond the silent river.

The report of the Department Chaplain presented herewith will be found interesting in connection with this brief reference to Memorial Day, and I invite your careful attention thereto.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

In the twelve months since last we met many comrades have been mustered out, and for the last time on earth have answered to the roll call. The number must in the natural course of events continue to grow with ever increasing ratio until the last comrade shall have reached the end of his journey and the final camping ground. Two comrades, whom this Department have highly honored, have fallen since last we met. Arnold Beck of Post 1, who was with us one year ago and who was then elected upon the Council of Administration, a position which he for many years filled with fidelity and marked ability, and Past Department Commander Louis Grund of Post 13. Because of the distinguished services to our Order of these two comrades, I suggest that this Encampment take such especial action as shall fittingly commemorate them.

One year ago we were most highly honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw. We were all thrilled by his eloquence and cheered by his warm comradeship and fraternal greeting. It was my high privilege with the other Department officers to be installed into the high office I now hold by him. His labors for his

comrades while Commander-in-Chief were untiring, and when he turned over the cares of Commander-in-Chief to his successor his efforts in behalf of his comrades were not relaxed. He died in the active service and the comrades of the nation mourned his loss. It will be fitting for this Encampment to put upon record some testimonial of our regard for his memory and our appreciation of his worth and of our loss.

### CONCLUSION.

It has been our privilege, comrades, to have our lives woven into the glorious history and wonderful achievements of the last half of the Nineteenth Century and to step over the line into the Twentieth. We have at least one comrade in this Department whose life began two years less nine days before the close of the Eighteenth Century—Henry B. Dorman of Post 34, born January 10, 1799. Each year since this Department met in Kansas City, twenty years ago, for the first time in Department Encampment, as we have annually come together we have had greater and greater reason to be proud of our achievements, and that by our sacrifice and valor the Nation under God was saved to move forward and upward until in all that goes to make a nation great we stand to-day easily in the forefront of all the nations of the world.

We're proud that by our sacrifice and blood  
 The Nation strong and firm to-day endures;  
 The valor of our sons on field and flood  
 The future of our Nation's life insures.  
 The old flag that for four long years of war  
 We followed ever where it led the way,  
 And saved, without the loss of single star,  
 Unhindered floats o'er all the land to-day.  
 The same old flag by valor of our sons,  
 And sons of those who erstwhile wore the gray,  
 Has planted hope in breasts of hopeless ones,  
 Illumined hearts that long in darkness lay.  
 It floats to-day o'er islands of the seas,  
 And everywhere it floats all will be well;  
 Its glorious folds are kissed by every breeze;  
 Beneath its shade oppression cannot dwell.

When we realize the inestimable value of the heritage preserved by us and our comrades, and vouchsafed to our children to be enjoyed by those who shall live after us, until the nations of the world shall become the Nations of the King of Kings, we are buoyed up with a hope that shines like a benediction upon our pathway and brightens it even when shadows of discouragement fall about us.

We now are about to begin the work and deliberations of our Twentieth Annual Department Encampment. I am sure that it is not necessary for me to enjoin upon you the importance of doing all things in the true spirit of fraternal comradeship; for true it is that as the years go by and the time when we braved the hail of battle and offered our breasts as a living bulwark for our country's defense, recedes farther and

farther away into the past, the ties of comradeship formed around the campfires, on the march, and amid the rattle of musketry, the booming of cannon and the clash of arms, grows stronger and more tender. Having in those long-ago days, in the springtime of life, contended together in the preservation of our country, we are little inclined now in the autumn of our existence to contend against each other, and so the spirit of good will toward all comrades will be strongly manifest in all your deliberations.

If my administration has been in any measure successful, I have been able to attain to such success because of the fact that I have had the ready and cheerful co-operation of all Department officers, my personal staff and all comrades. The reports of the various officers will show that they have been zealous and efficient in the performance of their several duties, and I personally tender to them and my personal staff my most hearty thanks for their voluntary aid in making the year pass so pleasantly away and in lightening the burdens that rested upon me.

I can scarcely refrain at this time from acknowledging the great wave of sympathetic expression that flowed in upon me from all quarters, not only from comrades and Posts but from the Woman's Relief Corps, a few months ago, when the one who had been a part of my life for thirty-three years led the way across that bourne from whence no traveller returns. Those expressions coming as they did, the voluntary and spontaneous offerings of fraternal sympathy, filled my soul with gratitude and my heart with a deeper love for my comrades.

Comrades, the badge which you have permitted me to wear for the past twelve months has been treasured by me as an emblem of the highest honor save one that any comrade may wear, more to be prized than the emblem of office in any other earthly order.

It has been my ambition to so conduct your affairs that at this time I may merit your approval of the work that has been done during the past year. Comrades, our faces are toward the setting sun, and even now some of us may see the glorious golden glimmer of the evening twilight. And so I come to the close of my term of office and to this Encampment, with a heart full of love and gratitude to my comrades and to Him who has watched over, preserved and guided us along the paths by which we have marched through dangers, seen and unseen, sometimes along flowery banks and sometimes by rough and rugged ways, to this present.

So let us meet together year by year,  
 The while forget life's struggles, cares and pain;  
 And when we've held our last encampment here,  
 In Paradise may we all meet again.

WILBUR F. HENRY,  
 Department Commander.

## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

OFFICE OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, }  
 BETHANY, MO., April 30, 1901. }

WILBUR F. HENRY, Commander:

*Comrade:*—In accordance with the established custom of this Department I hereby submit my report as Senior Vice Department Commander for the past year.

The office of Senior Vice Commander is rather of the nature of the honorable and ornamental than of the laborious class; and this is especially true when the Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General are strictly attending to business, as they have been during the past year.

Acting as best I could, I have endeavored to increase the membership of the Order in my part of the Department by inducing as many of the old soldiers as possible to again join our ranks, and have urged them to again stand shoulder to shoulder with their comrades of "'61 to '65."

During the year I have attended several reunions and other gatherings of soldiers, have addressed them as best I could, and worked for what seemed to me to be for the best interest of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I attended the National Encampment at Chicago, taking with me a car load of the comrades of my Post; took part in the parade and in the legislative proceedings, and felt a pride and gratification in the showing made there by the Department of Missouri.

Comrades of the Department of Missouri, I cannot close this report without again thanking you for the honor you conferred on me at Springfield last year in electing me Senior Vice Department Commander, and the heart of a man would indeed be calloused who would not always hold in sacred memory the many acts of kindness and the courtesies I have ever received from the comrades of this Department.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

W. H. SKINNER,  
 Senior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., May 10, 1901. }

WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:

*Comrade:* In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The number of Posts December 31, 1899, was 415, of which 25 were remaining suspended. A large number of these Posts had been delinquent for four years or more, and had been carried from year to year long after life was extinct in most of them. It was thought best at the last Department Encampment to get rid of these, and the charters of 34 Posts delinquent but not suspended and 19 suspended Posts were at that time annulled.

Ten Posts have surrendered their charters during the year 1900, viz.: Posts 80, 182, 296, 301, 365, 393, 473, 510, 545, 556.

Three new Posts have been mustered, viz.: Posts 457, 570, 571.

Twelve Posts were suspended at the last Department Encampment. Two of them have since been reinstated. The number of Posts December 31, 1900, was 355, of which 16 were remaining suspended, viz.: Posts 85, 170, 277, 280, 323, 338, 373, 414, 455, 480, 519, 527, 534, 536, 538, 558.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1900:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1900.

Number in good standing December 31, 1899.....		11,913
Gain by muster .....	199	
" transfer .....	132	
" reinstatement .....	253	
" " from delinquent reports .....	64	648
Aggregate .....		12 561
Loss by death .....	160	
" honorable discharge .....	32	
" transfer .....	116	
" suspension .....	427	
" dishonorable discharge .....	1	
" delinquent reports.....	125	861
Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1900..		11,700

## SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1900.

Number in good standing June 30, 1900.....		11,700
Gain by muster .....	217	
" transfer .....	95	
" reinstatement .....	166	478
Aggregate .....		12,178
Loss by death.....	136	
" honorable discharge .....	27	
" transfer .....	69	
" suspension .....	534	
" delinquent reports .....	232	
" surrender of charter .....	9	1,007
Number in good standing December 31, 1900.....		11,171

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing December 31, 1899.....		11,913
Gain during year by muster .....	416	
" " transfer .....	227	
" " reinstatement .....	419	
" " delinquent reports.....	64	1,126
Aggregate .....		13,039
Loss during year by death.....	296	
" " honorable discharge .....	59	
" " transfer .....	185	
" " suspension .....	961	
" " dishonorable discharge.....	1	
" " delinquent reports .....	357	
" " surrender of charter .....	9	1,868
Number in good standing December 31, 1900 .....		11,171
Number remaining suspended .....		5,454
Total number on rolls December 31, 1900.....		16,625
Number of comrades dropped during year.....		559
Number of comrades relieved during year.....		239
Number of other persons relieved during year.....		224
Amount expended for relief during year.....		\$ 2,209 86
Cash balance in Post funds December 31, 1900 .....		\$10,462 31
Cash invested in collaterals .....		16,200 00
Cash balance in relief funds December 31, 1900.....		2,036 59
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....		11,301 00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....		17,057 25
Total value of Post property.....		\$57,057 15

On the basis of one representative for each 750 members and major fraction thereof, our Department is entitled to fifteen representatives in the National Encampment in addition to the representative at large.

Inasmuch as the ruling and practice of the National Encampment is to consider the alternate at large as the first alternate and entitled to fill the first vacancy, I would suggest that sixteen alternates be elected without any one being designated as alternate at large.

Our Department has never taken action in accordance with Section 11, Article III., Chapter II. of the Rules and Regulations, authorizing Posts to divide their membership into two classes—"Resident" and "Non-Resident" members, and to establish "Out-Posts" of such non-resident members.

There are many localities in the State where there have been Posts, now disbanded, where the Post at the county seat could establish an Out-Post, and thereby increase its membership and enable many comrades to enjoy the honor and privilege of membership at a very small cost, and without the inconvenience of going long distances to Post meetings. In view of our rapidly diminishing numbers, some such action to save the membership of our disbanded Posts would seem to be of urgent necessity.

Through the kind thoughtfulness of Hon. Chas F. Joy of St. Louis, member of Congress from the Eleventh Congressional District, our Department has been furnished with a complete set of the Rebellion Records, published by the War Department, 128 volumes, with an Atlas of war maps, in two volumes. They are a valuable acquisition to the Department, and will be of value for reference in the years to come.

The following Exhibits are attached to and made part of this report:

Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "B," Account of Supplies.

Exhibit "C," Department Property.

Exhibit "D," Department Assets.

Exhibit "E," Membership of Posts.

In conclusion, Commander, I desire to express my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by your selection. Your practical knowledge of the affairs of the Department, gained by many years of active service in various capacities, has been of great benefit to the Department and has made it a pleasure to serve with you.

Wishing you and my fellow-officers and all the comrades the greatest prosperity, I am,  
Yours in F., C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Asst. Adjt. General and Asst. Quartermaster General.



## EXHIBIT "A."

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1900.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance December 31, 1899 .....	\$ 615 36
Received from per capita tax .....	2,225 72
"    "    requisitions .....	381 30
"    "    charter fees .....	40 00
"    "    Mesner loan .....	1,000 00
"    "    Mesner loan interest .....	101 11
"    "    reimbursed funeral expenses .....	5 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$4,368 49</b>

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies .....	\$ 223 98
Printing Encampment Proceedings .....	244 00
Printing and stationery .....	174 95
Rent of office .....	180 00
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General .....	1,200 00
Postage .....	191 26
Relief (burial of friendless soldiers) .....	78 05
Expenses National Encampment .....	132 00
Expenses Department Encampment .....	23 20
Stenographer Department Encampment .....	57 30
Per capita tax .....	295 15
Insurance .....	14 00
Premium on bond of A. A. G .....	25 00
Dewey Parade .....	27 00
Binding war maps and books .....	16 25
Incidentals .....	90 63
Traveling expenses:	
Department Commander Scott .....	\$ 90 00
Department Commander Henry .....	60 00
Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers .....	9 00
	159 00
Invested on real estate Kansas City .....	\$3,131 77
	1,035 47
	<b>\$ 4,107 24</b>
Balance on hand December 31, 1900 .....	201 25
	<b>\$ 4,368 89</b>

## EXHIBIT "B."

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES PURCHASED, ISSUED AND ON HAND FOR  
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1900.

	On hand Dec. 31, 1899.	Purchased.	Total.	Issued.	On Hand.	Value of Sup- plies on Hand.
Membership badges.....	17	295	312	285	27	\$ 13 50
Buttoniers.....	121	900	1021	942	79	7 90
Rank straps.....	116	134	250	113	137	47 95
Official ribbons.....	195	.....	195	136	59	5 90
Rules and regulations.....	53	130	183	108	75	3 75
Applications.....	409	1000	1409	1139	270	1 60
Cash books.....	.....	40	40	4	36	36 00
Quartermaster's receipt books.....	3	100	103	39	64	32 00
Quartermaster's warrant books.....	4	.....	4	4	.....	.....
Roll books.....	6	.....	6	4	2	1 50
Charters.....	10	.....	10	1	9	2 25
Discharges.....	16	100	116	69	47	2 35
Transfers.....	154	100	254	204	50	2 50
Odes.....	125	.....	125	40	85	1 70
Service books.....	17	30	47	36	11	2 75
Rituals.....	2	30	32	26	6	2 25
Blue books.....	1	6	7	6	1	1 00
Department badges, plain.....	202	.....	202	.....	202	121 20
Department badges, silver top.....	48	.....	48	.....	48	48 00
Descriptive books.....	6	.....	6	6	.....	.....
Minute books.....	12	.....	12	3	9	2 25
Leave of absence.....	41	58	99	86	13	52
Certificates of membership.....	121	.....	121	1	120	12 50
Electrotypes.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	50
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 349 37

## EXHIBIT "C."

## DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND.

Desks .....	2	Adjutant General's report of	
Chairs .....	7	Missouri, 1864 .....	1
Tables .....	2	Adjutant General's report of	
Book case .....	1	Illinois, volumes.....	8
Case for blanks.....	1	Roster Wisconsin Volunteers,	
Case for supplies.....	1	volumes.....	3
Case for war atlas .....	1	Journals, National Encamp-	
Chest of drawers .....	1	ment .....	6
Case for pigeon holes.....	3	Journals, Department of Mis-	
Typewriter.....	1	souri .....	3
Letter press .....	1	History G. A. R. ....	1
Official Seal .....	1	Rebellion Records, War De-	
Cuspidors .....	2	partment, volumes .....	127
Carpet .....	1	Atlas war maps, volumes .....	2
Sets of books .....	3	Portrait General Grant .....	1
Slide boxes .....	503	Portrait Past Department Com-	
Letter boxes.....	2	mander Kimball.....	1
Dating stamp .....	1	Portrait Past Department Com-	
Die for Department badges.....	1	mander Phelps .....	1
Ink stands .....	3	Portrait Past Department Com-	
Department banner and case...	1	mander Burton.....	1
Department flag.....	1	Portrait Past Department Com-	
U. S. flag, silk .....	1	mander Grund.....	1
U. S. flag, bunting .....	1	Portrait Past Department Com-	
Letter scale .....	1	mander Whitehead.....	1
Letter files .....	24	Portraits Past Department	
Sword belts .....	9	Commanders Cole, Rassieur	
Swords.....	4	and Rodgers, group .....	1
Leggins, pairs.....	5	Portrait Past Department Com-	
Flag belts .....	2	mander Platt .....	1
Gavels .....	6	Other pictures.....	5
Charter, framed .....	1	Safe .....	1
Map of Missouri .....	1	Gas stove and hose.....	1

## EXHIBIT "D."

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1900 .....	\$ 201 25
Amount invested at Kansas City, Mesner loan.....	1,000 00
Accrued interest on same .....	35 47
Office furniture, estimated.....	800 00
Supplies .....	349 37
Ledger balances.....	145 25
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	\$2,531 24

Liabilities none.

## EXHIBIT "E."

## STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING OF EACH POST, WITH GAINS AND LOSSES.

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1899	1900		
Frank P. Blair .....	1	St. Louis .....	514	526	12	.....
Gen. Lyon .....	2	St. Louis .....	121	102	.....	19
McPherson .....	4	Kansas City .....	134	127	.....	7
A. Lincoln .....	5	Moberly .....	77	59	.....	18
James A. Garfield .....	6	Jefferson City .....	32	32	.....	.....
Custer .....	7	St. Joseph .....	184	188	4	.....
Farragut-Thomas .....	8	Kansas City .....	242	240	.....	2
Gen. Canby .....	10	Rich Hill .....	56	27	.....	29
James A. Mulligan .....	11	Lexington .....	34	31	.....	3
Ellsworth .....	12	Grant City .....	46	40	.....	6
Col. Hassendeubel .....	13	St. Louis .....	453	430	.....	23
O. P. Morton .....	14	Joplin .....	112	122	10	.....
Stanton .....	16	Carthage .....	122	82	.....	40
Joe Hooker .....	17	Cameron .....	72	71	.....	1
Phil. Kearney .....	19	Laclede .....	50	39	.....	11
Maj. James Wilson .....	20	Louisiana .....	20	25	5	.....
Sedgwick .....	21	Maryville .....	138	138	.....	.....
Corporal Dix .....	22	Kirksville .....	144	133	.....	11
F. A. Jones .....	23	Macon .....	48	55	7	.....
David A. Roberts .....	25	Glenwood .....	13	13	.....	.....
Gen. Joe Bailey .....	26	Nevada .....	82	80	.....	2
Tindall .....	29	Chillicothe .....	50	48	.....	2
S. A. Hurlburt .....	32	Hamilton .....	39	37	.....	2
Ben. Loan .....	33	Kingston .....	26	31	5	.....
McCook .....	34	Lamar .....	43	53	10	.....
Paddy Shields .....	36	Clarence .....	18	24	6	.....
Col. Forbes .....	38	La Plata .....	22	19	.....	3
Roderick Rockwood .....	39	Xenia .....	21	22	1	.....
Peabody .....	41	Savannah .....	35	26	.....	9
Albert Chandler .....	42	Macon .....	30	29	.....	1
W. T. Sherman .....	43	Hannibal .....	109	70	.....	39
McCullough .....	44	Milan .....	38	31	.....	7
Christian Meyer .....	45	Oregon .....	39	.....	.....	.....
Perry V. Fletcher .....	46	De Soto .....	7	7	.....	.....
Capt. J. L. Clark .....	47	Green City .....	24	21	.....	3
Gen. Geo. G. Meade .....	48	Lebanon .....	73	59	.....	14
Col. Fred. Schaefer .....	51	Concordia .....	41	.....	.....	.....
Gen. Geo. R. Smith .....	53	Sedalia .....	170	148	.....	22
Thos. G. Wade .....	54	Unionville .....	37	38	1	.....
Reynolds .....	56	Graham .....	21	21	.....	.....

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1899	1900		
O. H. Wood	57	Brookfield	48	47	.....	1
Bates County	58	Butler	76	74	.....	2
Geo. H. Blunt	59	Pollock	21	20	.....	1
Gen. Wadsworth	60	Dawn	19	18	.....	1
Winfield Scott	63	Holden	31	29	.....	2
Golden City	64	Golden City	17	17	.....	.....
Capt. Wm. Wilkinson	65	Mound City	62	60	.....	2
Kirkpatrick	66	Winston	14	15	1	.....
Tarkio	67	Tarkio	33	28	.....	5
Gen. E. D. Baker	68	Green Ridge	22	22	.....	.....
Capt. John Mathews	69	Springfield	108	123	15	.....
B. B. King	70	Canton	21	2	.....	1
Col. Jacob Smith	72	Trenton	76	77	1	.....
Johnson Downen	73	Sticklerville	11	.....	.....	.....
Greenfield	75	Greenfield	55	73	18	.....
Jno. A. Dix	76	Kidder	31	33	2	.....
Col. Grover	78	Warrensburg	92	93	1	.....
Capt. Stanley	79	Princeton	33	38	5	.....
L. W. Cooper	81	Lathrop	26	21	.....	5
Yaeger-Sharp	82	Wellsville	40	39	.....	1
Curtis	84	Sarcozie	6	6	.....	.....
King City	86	King City	39	39	.....	.....
C. G. Harker	88	Meadville	27	26	.....	1
Capt. J. H. Paynter	90	Jericho	35	37	2	.....
T. H. Richardson	92	Lancaster	17	11	.....	6
Capt. C. C. Harvey	96	Maysville	35	28	.....	7
Gen. G. B. Boomer	97	Linn	31	31	.....	.....
Gen. Ord	99	Richwoods	27	.....	.....	.....
Franklin Shanks	100	Marble Hill	16	.....	.....	.....
Shelbyville	102	Shelbyville	20	18	.....	2
Chilhowee	103	Chilhowee	7	.....	.....	.....
Nichols	104	Gallatin	21	.....	.....	.....
Arthur Crockett	106	Malta Bend	127	26	.....	1
Harry P. Harding	107	St. Louis	34	124	.....	10
Jeff. C. Davis	108	Versailles	32	34	2	.....
B. K. Davis	109	Hopkins	12	12	.....	.....
Wm. McKee	110	Kahoka	59	54	.....	5
Miles Carroll	111	Iberia	39	39	.....	.....
Cameron Garrett	115	Carl Junction	36	32	.....	4
Hardy Smith	117	Quitman	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jewell	118	Mt. Vernon	14	14	.....	3
Marion	119	Stanberry	42	39	.....	.....
Maple Grove	120	Maple Grove	15	15	.....	.....
Virgil Rodgers	122	Martinstown	13	.....	.....	.....
Lieut. T. D. Neal	124	Bethany	97	101	4	.....
Salem	128	Salem	58	58	.....	.....
Capt. J. H. Little	129	Denver	12	14	2	.....
Fred. Miller	130	Tina	19	19	.....	.....
Ransom	131	St. Louis	473	438	.....	35
Gentry	134	Albany	22	18	.....	4

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1899	1900		
Sergt. B. H. Porch	135	Olean	24	23		1
Gen. J. G. Foster	137	Neosho	14			
Marionville	141	Marionville	35	35		
Stephen Decatur	142	Medoc	19	19		
Samuel McClure	145	Eldon	58	67	9	
Avalon	146	Avalon	15			
J. J. Gravely	149	Bolivar	36	39	3	
Liberty	150	Spickard	51	44		7
D. N. Keeler	152	Melrose	35	35		
Loyalty	155	Creighton	41	41		
Geo. Miller	158	Bethel	41	39		2
Col. Henry C. Gilbert	160	Wheeling	14	16	2	
Gen. Frank Herron	161	Buffalo	21	20		1
Marshall	162	Elmo	20	20		
Col. Islam Keith	164	Breckenridge	32	34	2	
Menke	166	La Grange	20	13		7
Rosendale	167	Rosendale	19	12		7
Jesse H. Moore	168	Braymer	17	17		
J. N. Whitehead	171	Victoria	30	33	3	
J. B. Steadman	172	Appleton City	48	48		
Justi	173	Cape Girardeau	44	43		1
Maj. Hiram Gavitt	174	Fredericktown	12	12		
Seneca	175	Seneca	40	23		17
Indian Springs	176	Indian Springs	12	12		
W. H. L. Wallace	177	Moundville	20	20		
Stephen Estle	178	De Witt	31	26		5
Murray	179	Memphis	81	80		1
Stambaugh	180	Austin	36	34		2
Mansfield	181	Powersville	21	23	2	
Erich Pape	184	Zalma	14			
Maj. Hunt	185	Center	32	30		2
John A. Rawlins	187	Peirce City	34	32		2
Gen. Henry Wilson	189	Rolla	28	26		2
W. B. Goodrich	190	Webb City	34	40	6	
Austin Hubbard	194	Caplinger's Mills	37	33		4
Col. Morsey	197	Warrenton	42	42		
Rogersville	200	Rogersville	23	24	1	
Bradshaw	201	Mt. Moriah	16	13		3
Geo. N. McGee	206	Camden	20			
Col. Brooks	207	Hannibal	15	16	1	
Edward Wray	209	Linn Creek		13		
McCroskey	210	Springfield	70	95	25	
Isaac Clevenger	211	Excelsior Springs	10			
Jas. A. Dillon	213	Lindley	13			
Sergt. Ryan	214	Brashear	42	42		
Picket	215	Farmington	32	30		2
Cainsville	216	Cainsville	35	35		
Bennett Ford	217	Williamstown	11	9		2
Jno. Williams	218	Fairport	16	22		
Republic	219	Republic	22	16		

NAME OF POST.	NO.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1899	1900		
Jamesport .....	220	Jamesport .....	13	13		
Norcross .....	221	Novelty .....	34	36	2	
S. L. Turley .....	222	Gilman City .....	22	24	2	
Reuben Dale .....	223	Eagleville .....	46	31		15
Guy Ward .....	224	Hale .....	18	14		4
Union .....	229	Laddonia .....	13	12		1
Hightower .....	231	Kansas City .....	19	33	14	
Lieut. S. A. M. George .....	232	Humansville .....	57	50		7
Thos. J. Brouster .....	233	Clayton .....	40	40		
Ash Grove .....	234	Ash Grove .....	17	22	5	1
Gen. Fred. D. Steele .....	235	Montrose .....	27	26		1
U. S. Grant .....	236	Lincoln .....	12	11		
Farnsworth .....	237	Warsaw .....				
Lowry City .....	238	Lowry City .....	25	19		6
W. S. Hancock .....	239	Mexico .....	48	44		4
John A. Hayn .....	240	Boonville .....	45	41		4
Galt .....	241	Galt .....	23	12		11
Pattonburg .....	242	Pattonburg .....		13	13	
Andy Smith .....	243	Willow Springs .....	40	34		6
Jack Grant .....	245	Knox City .....	23	20		3
John W. Rawlins .....	247	West Plains .....	26	27	1	
Ulysses .....	250	Mirabile .....	11			
Col. Leonard .....	251	Eldorado Springs .....	114	99		15
Mt. McGregor .....	252	Metz .....	24	22		2
J. N. Hilton .....	254	Forsyth .....	10	10		
John Boon .....	257	Licking .....	54	56	2	
Andy Martin .....	259	Ava .....	52	57	5	
Blanchard .....	260	S. Blanchard .....	14	12		2
Johnson .....	262	Centralia .....	10	12	2	
Cuba .....	263	Cuba .....	17	22	5	
Morgan L. Smith .....	264	Deepwater .....	29	27		2
Pinhart .....	268	Brunswick .....	40	34		6
Sergt. Plummer .....	269	Sparta .....	21	21		
Baker .....	271	Pineville .....	10	13	3	
Difani .....	273	Perryville .....	58	58		
Norwood .....	274	Norwood .....	17	17		
Henry Brown .....	276	Clarksburg .....	100	100		
Jno. Kelsey .....	278	Cosby .....	16	15		1
Edinburg .....	279	Edinburg .....	12	12		
Wakefield Stanley .....	282	Carrollton .....	25	29	4	
Wakefield .....	283	Fair Play .....	15	15		
Geo. G. Bryan .....	284	Belgrade .....	30	30		
Jim Carnes .....	285	Rockport .....	26	27	1	
Chas. Sumner .....	286	Boonville .....	24	22		2
Warren .....	287	Rockville .....	21	15		6
Maj. Bartlett .....	289	Troy .....	14	19	5	
Fred Hecker .....	290	Pacific .....	20	16		4
Geo. Gamble .....	293	Hemker .....	23	22		1
Col. Geiger .....	294	Highlandville .....	16			
John S. Phelps .....	297	St. James .....	47	48	1	

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1899	1900		
C. A. Arthur	299	Mansfield	55	35	.....	20
Bob. Ford	303	Coffeysburg	22	22	.....	.....
Jno. A. Logan	304	St. Louis	45	44	.....	1
Geo. W. Tyler	311	Ford City	16	15	.....	1
Dan McCook	312	Leesville	25	24	.....	1
Jno. D. Rohye	314	Cedar Hill	19	18	.....	1
Jordan Wilson	316	Clarksville	15	.....	.....	.....
Capt. Manwaring	320	Hermann	28	30	2	.....
Capt. J. M. Baird	322	Verona	30	28	.....	2
Geo. V. Pitts	324	Sullivan	25	29	4	.....
Capt. J. Felix St. James	326	Ste. Genevieve	46	42	.....	4
Adrian	327	Adrian	22	28	6	.....
Gordon Granger	329	Clinton	30	31	1	.....
Jonah W. Reser	330	Urbana	34	25	.....	9
Jno. P. McCluney	331	Higginsville	24	14	.....	10
James W. Owens	332	Washington	44	49	5	.....
H. G. Blake	335	Mineral Springs	12	8	.....	4
James Ward	337	Jasper	35	24	.....	11
Houston	339	Houston	33	21	.....	12
Evans	340	Economy	26	28	2	.....
Col. Shaw	343	St. Louis	73	61	.....	12
Jesse Owens	345	Bear Creek	28	27	.....	1
H. C. Beckett	348	Mineral Point	20	20	.....	.....
Capt. Jas. Johnson	350	Freidheim	14	15	1	.....
Pardoe	352	Cabool	.....	32	32	.....
Sergt. P. P. Mabrey	354	Chaonia	13	14	1	.....
Dixon	355	Dixon	12	14	2	.....
R. L. Ferguson	358	Sweet Springs	27	29	2	.....
Splitlog	359	Splitlog	14	.....	.....	.....
Daniel Miles	360	Iantha	22	19	.....	3
Sac River	362	Dadeville	31	32	1	.....
Upton	366	Sheridan	24	24	.....	.....
Roscoe	367	Roscoe	13	13	.....	.....
Samuel Lewis	370	Sumner	24	21	.....	3
Stella	371	Stella	19	19	.....	.....
R. P. Carnes	374	Dunlap	31	38	7	.....
Harwood	375	Harwood	28	31	3	.....
Capt. J. W. Robertson	377	Ozark	24	21	.....	3
Capt. Tom Walker	379	Leora	29	24	.....	5
Commerce	382	Commerce	16	16	.....	.....
Jas. A. Dollans	383	Mountain View	.....	28	28	.....
Dawn	384	Osceola	25	25	.....	.....
Long Lane	385	Long Lane	13	.....	.....	.....
Albert Harrison	386	Climax Springs	23	26	3	.....
Marceline	387	Marceline	27	27	.....	.....
Jacob Yount	390	Yount	22	16	.....	6
Pike	391	Bowling Green	33	30	.....	3
Southwest City	392	Southwest City	19	23	4	.....
Brookline	397	Brookline	12	9	.....	3
Phil Sheridan	398	Gulf	13	15	2	.....



## TWENTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1899	1900		
Capt. L. F. Bierwirth.....	402	Cape Girardeau .....	10	7		3
Durbin A. Ward.....	405	Pickering .....	17	20	3	
Corporal Doke .....	406	Garrison .....	19	18		1
Conway.....	407	Conway .....	20	25	5	
Col. Krekel .....	408	St. Peters .....	23	21		2
Jno. Shelton .....	409	Palace .....	12			
Capt. Kelsoe .....	411	Competition .....	14	10		4
Downing .....	412	Newark .....	15	13		2
Tiff City .....	416	Tiff City .....	12	11		1
Smithton .....	417	Smithton .....	10			
Sergt. Clay Shaw.....	418	Sedalia.....	15	15		
Fred. Roether .....	420	Montgomery City.....	31	16		15
Florence .....	423	Florence .....	14	14		
Col. A. J. Webber.....	424	Wakenda.....	25	25		
Wm. Hawkins.....	425	Brumley .....	18	30	12	
John V. Hoover.....	429	Elkland .....	23	23		
Holt .....	430	Craig .....	19			
Jos. S. Wray.....	431	Egypt Mills .....	13	13		
Columbia .....	432	Columbia .....	19	18		1
David D. Porter.....	433	Mountain Grove.....	23	24	1	
J. B. Wicker .....	434	Richland .....	21	17		4
Thos. Shelton .....	435	Howland.....	22			
Jos. A. Mower.....	436	Hartville.....	18			
Gen. Simon Cameron .....	437	Cross Timbers.....	16	17	1	
Gen. Hazen .....	440	Foster .....	12	7		5
Hume .....	442	Hume .....	12	10		2
Gen. Madison Miller.....	444	St. Louis .....	28	33	5	
Capt. Bauer.....	447	Berger .....	15	14		1
E. E. Kimball.....	453	Middletown .....	27	22		5
Calhoun .....	454	Calhoun .....	13	22	9	
Warren T. Stewart .....	457	Benton.....		10	10	
Col. J. P. Brownlow .....	458	Plew .....	27	26		1
Capt. J. S. Robb.....	461	Jenkins .....	12	10		2
Ephraim Gaither.....	462	Aurora .....	17	17		
Louis Duemler.....	465	St. Clair .....	22	22		
Vandalia .....	466	Vandalia .....	32	30		2
Maj. Leonard.....	468	Higbee .....	18	13		5
Lieut. Brooks .....	469	Ashland .....	19	19		
Callaway.....	472	Fulton .....	12	11		1
New Union .....	478	Fair Dealing .....	23			
T. R. Lane .....	479	Montreal .....	12	10		2
Goulding .....	481	Buckhart.....	14	14		
Jno. C. Fremont.....	482	Norris .....	7			
Dillard Bell .....	487	Elmer .....	16	15		1
L. Stevenson.....	488	Pocahontas .....	22	21		1
Maj. Ennis .....	489	Greentop .....	20	17		3
W. W. Leggett.....	490	Duncan Bridge.....	15	15		
Eagle.....	492	Monett.....	25	21		4
Freeland .....	493	Hardin .....	11			
E. D. Brown .....	495	Lead Mine .....	29			

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1899	1900		
Col. Meumann.....	496	St. Louis .....	98	107	9	.....
Monroe Lee .....	504	Golden .....	14	.....	.....	.....
Jno. Tietjens.....	506	Indian Grove.....	35	31	.....	4
Maj. Worthington .....	507	Shell Knob.....	21	15	.....	6
Harrison A. Gleim.....	512	Tipton .....	47	46	.....	1
Jesse Turnage .....	514	Rayville .....	30	32	2	.....
Liberal .....	515	Liberal .....	40	43	3	.....
J. H. Crenshaw .....	516	Cartersville.....	24	26	2	.....
Parnell City .....	517	Parnell City.....	17	18	1	.....
F. M. Slagle .....	520	Exeter .....	14	12	.....	2
Geo. W. Murphy .....	525	Cowgill .....	34	32	.....	2
Geo. W. Walker.....	526	Darlington .....	10	10	.....	.....
Tecumseh .....	537	Ridge Prairie .....	28	22	.....	6
J. H. Weirich .....	540	Spring Bluff.....	16	12	.....	4
Gen. Jere M. Rusk .....	544	St. Charles.....	11	16	5	.....
T. L. Hampton .....	546	Newport .....	13	10	3	.....
Wm. A. Mills .....	548	Boylers' Mills.....	19	13	.....	6
Col. John A. Davis .....	549	Windsor .....	21	20	.....	1
Blythedale .....	551	Blythedale .....	30	27	.....	3
Thos. Welch .....	553	Kirbyville .....	22	19	.....	3
Gatzweiler .....	554	St. Charles .....	21	20	.....	1
L. B. Hutchinson .....	557	McElhaney .....	9	.....	.....	.....
A. C. Marvin .....	561	Collins .....	17	21	4	.....
Blue Springs .....	563	Blue Springs.....	28	27	.....	1
Burnside .....	566	Pleasant Hill.....	17	16	.....	1
Jas. F. How .....	567	Moberly .....	16	18	2	.....
Everton .....	568	Everton .....	27	25	.....	2
Mark T. Brown .....	569	Stockton .....	32	31	.....	1
Maj. Cantwell .....	570	Richmond .....	.....	15	15	.....
Col. Jas. Jackson.....	571	Balm .....	.....	23	23	.....

## DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R., }  
 OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, }  
 CHILLICOTHE, MO., May 9, 1901. }

To THOMAS B. RODGERS, Ass't Adjt. Gen., Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

*Comrade*:—I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1900:

Total number of Posts .....	320
Total number of members in good standing .....	8,356
Number of Posts inspected .....	186
Number of Posts not inspected.....	134
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings.....	good
Number of Posts in which the ritual is properly exemplified .....	145
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped. ....	40
Number of Posts where officers are regular in attendance .....	147
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed .....	25
Number of Posts where members are regular in attendance..	112
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept..	169
Number of Posts in which orders are received and read to Post .....	184
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded .....	180
Number of Posts having a relief fund .....	32
Aggregate of Post relief funds .....	\$10,443.08
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	1,446.13
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters.....	20,889.40
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts.....	21,916.31
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached.....	64
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	11

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

JNO. W. TOPPASS,

Department Inspector.

## REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

OFFICE OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER. }  
CARL JUNCTION, Mo., April 20, 1901. }

W. F. HENRY, Department Commander.

*Comrade:*—I have the honor as your Chief Mustering Officer of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., to submit the following report of Posts mustered:

Col. James Jackson Post, No. 571, Balm, Mo., mustered October 17, 1900, by W. S. Hutchinson, Special M. O.; eighteen members, Wm. Plank, P. C.

Warren T. Stewart Post, No. 457, Benton, Mo., mustered December 18, 1900, by R. B. Henshaw, Special M. O.; ten members, Vincent Heusserer, P. C.

I regret it was not my privilege, on account of distance, to muster them. Special Mustering Officers will please accept thanks for services rendered by them.

Major Cantwell Post, No. 570, Richmond, was mustered by Department Commander W. F. Henry, September 29, 1900, with fifteen members, C. C. Parr, P. C.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

W. E. EVANS,  
Chief Mustering Officer.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R. }  
 OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, }  
 WELLSVILLE, Mo., April 10, 1901. }

## COMMANDER AND COMRADES:—

Our Father in Heaven has dealt kindly with us during the year. Our hearts should overflow with gratitude for the mercies bestowed and health and strength given to meet in our annual gathering; while some who touched elbows with us at our last encampment have fought their last battle and we trust are wearing the victor's crown.

In these days when comrades are halting feebly to their last bivouac, when their hold on the temporal is growing weaker as the years pass swiftly by, our thoughts should be turned toward the Eternal Camping Ground, where war is no more. During the year I have attended quite a number of camp-fires, reunions, and other gatherings where the boys who wore the blue were encamped for a few days.

Memorial Day and the Sunday preceding have been extensively observed in this Department. Patriotic and civic organizations marched with our comrades on the 30th of May to the last resting place of our departed heroes.

Our patriotism should be all aglow on Memorial Day as we garland the graves of those who died that the Nation might live. Their memory should ever be kept green by painters' pencil, by poets' songs, and sculptors' chisel. The battle-fields of the Nation are a priceless heritage to us. And in this spirit, with loving hearts, we strew flowers on the grassy beds of those who fell in defence of their country's cause, which faintly symbolizes the beauty and fragrance of the precious memory of those who rest so sweetly in the City of the Dead. Memorial Day is for the purpose of keeping alive that love which will from year to year accept the care of the soldier's widow and aged veterans in the evening of life. To receive their bounteous munificence without appropriate response would be disastrous to us and our posterity.

Believing the Encampment desires a detailed report, I herewith submit the same as follows:

## MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending services.....	180
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	47
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	29
Number of sermons or addresses by others .....	104
Number of Comrades present at such services.....	5,000
Number of Corps of W. R. C. participating with Post.....	60
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans attending services.....	18
Number of Sons of Veterans attending such services.....	310

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	205
Number of Comrades in line on Memorial Day.....	8,000
Number of Corps of W. R. C. in such services.....	70
Number of members of W. R. C. participating in such services..	1,200
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans in such services.....	18
Number of Sons of Veterans attending Memorial Day services..	127
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated .....	475
Number of soldier's graves decorated.....	28,500
Number of graves unmarked by headstones .....	1,062
Number of Public Schools engaged in Memorial Day services....	161
Number of pupils participating .....	12,000
Number of addresses by Veterans .....	62
Number of addresses by Sons of Veterans .....	27
Number of addresses by others .....	116
Number of Posts owning lots in cemeteries .....	38

*Commander and Comrades:* — How swiftly have fled the years intervening since the close of the war, and it is not a long look down the corridors of time before the last old soldier will be mustered out and the Grand Army will be no more. It is painful to reflect that in the near future only memories of its existence will remain, but these are immortal and can never die. May we so conduct ourselves the remainder of our lives, that it can be truthfully said when we are gone, that we were loyal to our country and loyal to God.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

T. J. FERRIL,

Department Chaplain.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MO., G. A. R. }  
 OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE. }  
 ST. LOUIS, MO., May 1, 1901. }

WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander :

*Comrade*.—I take pleasure in reporting that all matters in my jurisdiction have been remarkably quiet during the current year. But one case has been referred to me. That was a question as to the eligibility to membership of a recruit who had made application to Wallace Post No. 177. My opinion in that case was as follows :

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 28, 1900.

W. F. HENRY, Department Commander :

*Comrade*.—I have the honor to report on the question referred to me by you on the 23d inst.

The Commander of Wallace Post No. 177, Department of Missouri, asks whether an applicant with the following service record is eligible for membership in the Grand Army, under existing Rules and Regulations, to-wit :

“Samuel M. Martin enlisted on or about March 25, 1865, in Capt. H. C. Donahue's Pettis County (Mo.) State Militia, which was armed and equipped as a cavalry company, was given uniforms of the government blue, and did duty as scouts, patrols, etc., in different parts of the state, and was held in readiness for any emergency until late in the fall of 1865, when they were simply disbanded and received pay for their services (from the state), in Missouri state money without receiving any discharge from any one.”

By reference to the published report of the Adjutant General of Missouri for 1865, it appears that twenty-nine companies of Missouri militia were raised in the spring of 1865, at the request of Major-General Dodge, then the Federal Commander of the Department of Missouri, in certain counties named, and placed under the orders of the United States sub-district commanders. The steps taken for raising and relieving from duty this particular force appear in said report as follows :

Major-General G. M. Dodge, under date of January 25, 1865, requested the Governor of Missouri to raise by volunteering twenty-nine companies of militia, twenty-four of them to be mounted and to be raised and stationed in specific counties named, the remaining five to be infantry, two to be raised and stationed in counties named, and the remaining three for the railroad bridges on the Pacific, Southwestern and North Missouri railroads. In the mounted list he requested, “One company from Pettis” (county).

He asked that these companies as soon as raised might be turned over to the sub-district commanders for the respective counties, and said he would order them subsisted as soon as they came together. He further said, "The government will issue clothing, forage, arms and equipments (when the state has not sufficient arms and equipments to supply them already issued to the E. M. M.) upon proper requisitions;" also that it was important that the force be put in the field within the next thirty days. (See letter of Gen. Dodge to Gov. Fletcher, Adjutant General's Report, Missouri, 1865, p. 52.)

On January 30, 1865, the Governor of Missouri, by General Order No. 3, ordered twenty-nine companies of militia to be raised in the counties named, as requested by General Dodge, for a term of service not to exceed one year, specifying one company from Pettis (county) in the mounted list.

Section two of that order is as follows:

"II. These companies will be turned over to the United States sub-district commanders for their respective counties as soon as they are fully organized. They will be clothed and subsisted by the general government and armed and equipped and paid by the state, as provided by the new militia bill, but in case the state is unable to supply sufficient arms and equipments they will then be furnished by the United States on proper requisition. As soon as the troops are in the rendezvous orders will be issued by the Department Commander for their subsistence."

The order limited the time for raising these companies to the 28th of February, 1865. (See General Order No. 3, Headquarters State of Missouri, Adjutant's General's Report, Missouri, 1865, p. 700.)

A list of the companies raised under this General Order No. 3 is given in Adjutant General's Report, 1865, pp. 694 to 699.

In the list, page 694, appears Capt. H. C. Donahue's Pettis County, date of commission *April 5, 1865, to rank from March 25, 1865.*

I am unable to fix the date when this particular company entered the service, except by inference from the date its captain was commissioned.

These companies appear to have been raised and stationed in their respective counties, and were never organized into regiments. Whether there was a formal muster into the state or United States service does not appear, but probably there was neither.

As early as June 21, 1865, General Dodge issued Special Order No. 166, Headquarters Department of Missouri, in which he "relieved from duty" nine companies and two platoons of this force, "their services being no longer required." This was affirmed by Special Order No. 104, Headquarters State of Missouri, issued June 24, 1865, "relieving from service" the same companies mentioned in General Dodge's order of June 21. (See the orders copied in Adjutant General's Report Missouri, 1865, pp. 701-2.)



Other specified companies of this force were "relieved from duty" by Special Orders No. 173, 174 and 175, issued by General Dodge, between June 28 and July 1, 1865, and by Special Order No. 179, issued July 6, 1865, he relieved from duty all companies and platoons of Missouri militia, called into service under General Order No. 3, Headquarters State of Missouri. (See above-mentioned Special Orders copied in Adjutant General's Report, Missouri, 1865, pp. 702-3.)

The Pettis County Company (Captain Donahue), not being named in any of the preceding orders, I assume that it was relieved from duty by Special Order No. 179, dated July 6, 1865, *supra*.

Of this force of Missouri militia the Adjutant General of Missouri says, page 700, Report of 1865:

"These companies, where not otherwise disposed of, are considered as having been disbanded by the orders relieving them from active service.

"No official reports of their operations have been received, but it is known that they were generally engaged in guarding posts and lines of communication, doing escort duty, and hunting down guerillas and bushwhackers during their entire term of service."

#### OPINION.

I am of opinion that service in one of these companies of Missouri militia, "called into active service, and subject to the orders of the United States General Officers," renders the applicant eligible to membership in the Grand Army under Chapter 1, Article 4, of the Rules and Regulations, provided, the applicant can show by *proper evidence that such service was rendered before April 9, 1865*.

The Grand Army limits its membership to those who rendered service between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865. Service before the first date or after the last is not to be counted.

The case of this applicant stands, at best, very close to the limit. If, as he says, he enlisted on or about March 25, 1865, he had but fifteen days at most to serve before April 9, 1865.

If we count from the date his captain was commissioned (April 5, 1865), he had but three or at most four days left in which to render service within the limit. Whether or not service can be shown within this narrow limit, I have no means of knowing.

In the absence of a certificate of discharge, the only proper evidence of service and muster out will be a certificate from the Adjutant General of Missouri as to what the state records show. (Decision 1, Blue Book, p. 67, Ed. 1893.)

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. SMITH,

Judge Advocate

## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR, }  
LAMAR, MO., April 25, 1901. }

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R. :

*Comrades*—I herewith submit my report as Medical Director for the past year :

Number of reports received from Post Surgeons, Adjutants and Commanders .....	144
Number of deaths reported .....	174
Number who died from effects of wounds received in the service .....	8
Number who presumably died of disease contracted in the service .....	50
Number who died of causes not attributable to the service..	116
Number of soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge	91
The reasonable money value of such treatment.....	\$468 50
Number of patients treated free of charge, who were members of families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	83
Reasonable money value of such treatment .....	275 00
Money value of medicine and surgical appliances furnished by Physicians, Posts, Relief Corps or Comrades.....	287 00
Total money value of above-mentioned services and supplies .....	1030 50
Number of deserving sick or maimed ex-soldiers, sailors or marines not receiving pensions .....	69
Number of soldiers or sailors in almshouses.....	2
Number of soldiers or sailors in insane asylums.....	1

The average age of comrades who died during the year 1900 was 67 years and 10 months.

The Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James, Missouri, is the only Home in this Department for the care of soldiers, their wives, widows, and orphans.

According to the last biennial report, there were 69 male and 25 female inmates in the Home, making a total of 94 inmates.

During the past two years there were 12 deaths at the Home, 7 men and 5 women.

It will be seen by this report that the death rate among the comrades has been greater during the past year than heretofore.

In addition to the 174 deaths reported by Post Surgeons, Adjutants and Commanders, the Assistant Adjutant General kindly furnished me

with the remainder of the names that was required to complete the list of the dead.

It is to be hoped that in the future Post Surgeons, Adjutants and Post Commanders will take a greater interest in the matter of Post Surgeon's reports, as it is an impossibility for the Medical Director to make his report complete when not one-half of the Posts make a report, and many of those that do, fail to give the names, rank, company, regiment, age or cause of death of those who have died, and some of the reports are signed his x mark.

I desire to thank my comrades for the honor conferred on me at the last Encampment, and to the Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General for courtesies shown me.

Respectfully yours, in F., C. & L.,

A. VAN METER,  
Medical Director.

## DEATH ROLL, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R., 1900.

No. Post.	NAME.	RANK.	Co.	REGIMENT.	Age.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
23	Archer, Joseph.....	Private..	C	196th Ohio Inf.	79	Disease of Ear.
343	Adams, John.....	Private..	A	18th U. S. C. T.....		
312	Alexander, David..	Corporal.	G	5th E. M. M.....		Consumption.
188	Ault, John S.....	{ Private 2d Lieu	G A	{ 8th Ill. Inf. 1st Mo. Cav.....	66	{ Disease of Heart.
420	Adams, W. B.....	Private..	M		53	Old Age.
558	Atkinson, John.....	1st Lieut	H	7th Mo. S. M.....	85	Malarial Fever.
468	Adler, John.....	Private..	A	39th Mo. Inf.....	76	Accident.
69	Agnew, John.....	Private..	H	3d Wis Inf.....	59	
120	Bays, Nathan.....	2d Lieut.	I	5th Ia. Cav.....		Tobacco Heart.
1	Beck, Arnold.....	Lieut Col		2d Mo. Inf.....		
1	Brown, R. H.....	Lieut Col		12th Mo. Cav.....		
1	Bloebaum, H.....	Private..	G	4th U. S. R. C.....		
2	Bobe, Gerhard.....	Private..	H	3d Res. Inf.....		
4	Brown, Frank M.....	Sergeant.	B	48th Ohio Inf.....		
5	Baugh, E. D.....	Private..	E	84th Ind. Inf.....	58	Kicked by horse.
8	Boehmler, Phillip..	Private..	L	2d Col. Cav.....		
13	Brewinger, Chas..	Private..	L	3d Mo. Cav.....	72	Pneumonia.
14	Brewer, Alvah H.....	Private..	K	5th Kas. Cav.....	54	Consumption.
90	Brown, Martin.....					
21	Berry, James.....	Captain..	A	25th Wis. Inf.....	77	Typhoid Fever.
22	Barnett, Albert.....	Sergeant	L	9th Mo. Cav.....	77	
29	Brant, J. L.....	Private..	C	23d Mo. Inf.....		
39	Bonders, Elias.....	Sergeant.	A	141st Ohio Inf.....		
47	Brown, DeLoos.....	Private..	F	41st Ill. Inf.....		Epilepsy.
97	Buillot, Justin.....			Oeage Co. H. G.....		Disease of Heart.
141	Brown, John.....	Private..	F	72d E. M. M.....	78	Dropsy.
166	Becker, Andrew.....					
173	Brinkhoff, Fritz.....	Sergeant	I	1st Mo. Engineers.		
194	Boyd, J. A.....	Private..	B	65th Ind. Inf.....	77	Chronic Diarrhea.
210	Burwell, W. M.....	Private..	A	23d Ohio Inf.....		
2-9	Brown, Jesse.....	Private..	M	75th Mounted Inf.		
311	Buller, A. N.....	Private..	B	27th Ia. Inf.....		Paralysis and Dropsy.
3-22	Browning, E.....	Hos. Ste		15th Mo. Cav.....	78	Paralysis.
391	Basz, W. J.....					
546	Boggs, Franklin.....	Private	D	1st Col. Cav.....	65	Disease of Heart.
549	Boring, Ell.....	Private..	D	8th Ind. Cav.....		
48	Bennett, Peter.....	Private..	K	58th Ill. Inf.....	64	
172	Cummings, W. H.....	Private..	G	95th Ohio Inf.....	67	Old Age.
8	Case, Theodore S.....	{ Col Q M G.		{ U. S. Volunteers	67	
8	Cowles, Mason S.....	Sergeant.	K	26th Ill. Inf.....	68	Paralysis.
312	Carter, John.....					
16	Coe, John A.....	Private	B	1st Ia. Cav.....		Injury from Service.
57	Clevinger, J. G.....	Chaplain		145th Ill. Inf.....	84	Old Age.
43	Carroll, Thor. W.....	Sergeant	A	3d Mo. Cav.....		
57	Crandall, S. B.....	Private..	G	30th Wis. Inf.....	61	Accident.
67	Caldwell, Miles.....	Private..	K	4th Ill. Inf.....		
115	Cooper, W. H.....	Private..	K	13th Ia. Inf.....	77	Heart Failure.
131	Carter, E. W.....	Captain.	G	4th Vt.....	60	Pneumonia.
131	Case, J. B.....	Private..	K	14th N. Y. Inf.....	57	Disease of Spinal Cord.
131	Carrington, N. A.....	1st Lieut.	F	51st Inf.....	72	Disease of Heart.
175	Conine, Wm.....	Teamster	H	23d V. R. C.....	67	Disease of Heart.
222	Clark, Jas.....	Private..	K	11th Ia. Cav.....		
251	Chrysler, Cornell..	Captain..	D	122d N. Y. Inf.....	64	Disease of Kidneys.
	Curtis, H. J.....	Captain.	G	3d Wis.....	70	Disease of Heart.
367	Conway, Hugh.....	Corporal	A	166th N. Y. Inf.....		
391	Carr, Joseph.....	Private..	E	Pike Co. Mo. H. G.	60	Pneumonia.
424	Cox, Fred D.....	Private..	L	7th Mo. Cav.....	62	Pneumonia.
461	Clemens, Jas. T.....	Private..	E	1st Ark. Cav.....	60	Pneumonia.
569	Coulter, G. L.....	Private..	A	15th Mo. Cav.....		
10	Clemmons, Geo. W.	Private..	G	39th Ind. Inf.....		
16	Conard, C. C.....	Lieut.....	A	48th Ohio Inf.....		General Debility.

## DEATH ROLL—Continued.

No. Post.	NAME.	RANK.	Co.	REGIMENT.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
176	Cordray, Wm	Private	I	17th Ind. Inf.	60	
489	Dotson, L	1st Lieut.	E	6th W. Va. Inf.		
7	Dittmore, W. T.	Q. M. S.		10th Kas. Inf.		
8	Dexter, Chas. A.					
13	Decker, Peter	Musician	F	1st & 4th U. S. R. C.		
57	Devore, Jas.	Private	B	72d N. Y. Inf.		Paralysis.
39	Dall, Louis					
131	Dean, D. V.	Surgeon		50th U. S. C. T.	69	Softening of the Brain.
141	Davenport, Hez	Private	K	29th Ohio Inf.		
177	Donaldson, Wm.	Private	B	10th M. S. M.	63	Chronic Diarrhea.
	Dunsmore, Thos	Sergeant	A	49th Ill. Inf.		
355	Davis, John					
411	Driesel, Wm.	Corporal	E	27th Pa. Inf.	96	Old Age.
348	Dinsmore, W. H.	Private	A	49th	80	General Debility.
568	Davis, John	Private	H	38th Ill. Inf.		General Debility.
48	Ellis, Erwin	Captain	B	8th Mich Cav.		Bright's Disease.
78	Evans, Thos	Musician	H	7th M. S. M.		Typhoid Fever.
549	Ellis, John					
17	Estep, Jacob	Private	B	49th Mo. Mil.	77	Old Age.
507	Fabin, David	Private	A	15th M. S. M.		
554	Forstman, Henry	Private	H	4th Mo. Cav.		
382	Finley, Robt. W.	Private	F	2d Ill. Art.		
343	Fields, Lewis	Private	A	56th U. S. C. T.		
345	Fleeman, T. J.	Corporal	D	Regt. not given.		
257	Fulke, Jas. B.	Private	F	21st Ky. Inf.	59	Consumption.
959	Fortune, Wm. H.	Corporal	A	1st Ind. Cav.		Disease of Heart.
180	Fore, Jesse	Private	D	17th Ind. Inf.		Disease of Heart.
110	Fell, J. G.	Private	H	N. E. Mo. H. G.		
110	Fairbrother, John T.	Private	H	7th Mo. Cav.	61	Apoplexy.
115	Fair, C. A.	Private	F	7th Ky. Cav.		
78	Falconer, John A.	Sergeant	A	17th Mich Inf.		Consumption.
107	Fashold, Fred.	Private	K	4th U. S. R. C.		Dropsy.
4	Fritz, Jacob	Private	K	14th Ia. Inf.		
1	Fox, Chas. J.	Sergeant	D	8th Mo. Inf.		
115	Farrar, Chas	Private	F	7th Kas. Inf.	60	Chronic Diarrhea.
57	Green Wm	Private	A	18th Mo. Inf.	62	Disease of Kidneys.
1	Goldner, Wm	Private	D	1st Mo. Lt. Art.	69	Paralysis.
13	Gunther, J. V.	Private	F	23d Ia. Inf.	74	Cystitis.
13	Gaertner, Xavier	Private	C	3d U. S. R. C.	83	Dysentery.
13	Geller, Andrew	Private	D	5th Cav	60	Pleuro-Pneumonia.
106	Glenn, Lyman K	Private	I	59th Ill. Inf.	55	Accident.
142	Grigg, Thos	Private	M	7th M. S. M.		
107	Gassel, August	Private	C	3d Mo. R. C.		
131	Gallmeir, Fred.	Private	G	1st Mo. Art.	66	Uremia.
213	Green, Richard	Private	I	86th Ill. Inf.		
331	Groves, A. J.	Private	C	76th Ohio Inf.		
492	Grayson, J. A.					
512	Grimes, G C	Captain	A	205th Pa. Inf.	64	Rheumatism.
512	Gowin, W. H.	Private	E	43d E. M. M.	80	Old Age.
567	Grojohn, Christ.	Private	F	96th Ill. Inf.		Consumption.
1	Griveaud, E. H.	1st Lieut.	E	41st Mo		
1	Hunn, Fred	Private	E	37th Ohio Inf.		
7	Hall, W. H.	Musician	G	154th Ind.		
7	Hinterlong, A.	Corporal	E	4th Colo. Cav		
8	Hanna, Arch N.					
13	Hoffman, Joseph	Sergeant	F	6th Mo. Inf.	58	Chronic Diarrhea.
19	Hawes, E. W.	Private	B	39th Mo. Inf.		
19	Hewitt, Jacob	Captain	A	1st Md. Cav	65	Old Age.
41	Huffman, Saml.	Chaplain		6th Mo		
48	Hensley, J. H.	Private	A	Phelps Regt		
53	Holcomb, D. I.	Private	A	4th Ohio Inf.		
82	Hart, J. D.	Corporal	F	88th Ohio Inf.	56	Bright's Disease.
82	Hunter, A. J.	Private	C	9th Mo. Cav.	63	Ulcer of Stomach.
107	Harmon, Harry S.	Private	G	6th Ohio Cav		Disease of Heart.
110	Hunter, David C.	Private	K	3d Mo. S. M.	64	Disease of Stomach.

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124	Hoke, Wm.....	Private	C	149th Ind. Inf.	...	
131	Hoewel, Aug.....	Private	M	4th Mo. Res.	54	Disease of Heart.
131	Hill, Robt. J.....	Surgeon	...	45th Ohio Inf.	64	Bright's Disease.
131	Hesse, H. T.....	Captain	E	5th Mo. Cav.	76	Hematuria.
131	Herrriott, Geo. F.....	Major	...	10th Ind. Inf.	...	
19	Hare, John.....	Private	H	59d Mo. Inf.	...	Consumption.
197	Holden, Jas. P.....	Private	A	11th W. Va. Inf.	...	
240	Huber, Henry.....	Private	C	54th E. M. M.	58	Asthma and Pneumonia.
276	Hees, Philip.....	Sergeant	H	4th Mo.	69	
303	Haskins, Abner.....	Private	K	73d Ind. Inf.	...	Paralysis.
343	Holden, Robt.....	Private	...	Gunboat Pittsburg	79	Hernia.
383	Haines, John.....	Private	H	5th Mo. H. G.	...	Rheumatism.
458	Holland, Thos.....	Private	...	...	...	
549	Hollenbeck, Theo.....	Private	...	...	...	
41	Irwin, James.....	Private	H	35th Mo. Inf.	...	
48	Jones, Thos. M.....	Private	A	14th M. S. M.	...	
1	Jaeger, Chas. F.....	Private	D	47th Pa. Inf.	...	
1	Junker, Fred.....	Private	D	4th Mo. Inf.	...	
16	Jones, B. R. A.....	Corporal	K	168th Ohio Inf.	...	Nervous Prostration.
29	Johus, Peter.....	Private	A	122d Ohio Inf.	...	
48	Jones, Thos. M.....	Private	A	14th M. S. M.	...	
131	Jackson, Andrew.....	Private	F	137th Ill. Inf.	54	LaGrippe.
254	Jennlugs, L. H.....	Private	...	...	77	Disease of Heart.
323	James, A. J.....	Corporal	M	6th M. S. M.	...	
516	Jones, John R.....	Private	D	48th Ill. Inf.	60	Chronic Diarrhea.
569	Jones, Jas. H.....	Private	G	59d Ky. Inf.	...	
269	Johnson, M. B.....	Private	E	1st Tenn. Inf.	74	General Debility.
444	Kehrman, S.....	Captain	H	5th Mo. Cav.	...	
494	Kirby, Ellsha.....	Private	...	...	...	
180	Keeton, J. M.....	Private	C	14th Kas. Cav.	...	
215	Kascher, J. E.....	Private	F	6th Mo. Cav.	...	Typhoid Fever.
107	Kivits, John P.....	Private	C	44th Mo. Inf.	...	
119	Kenyon, Geo. T.....	Private	E	39th Mo. Inf.	...	
131	Klinekemper, Wm W.....	Private	C	49th Ill. Inf.	68	Consumption.
155	Knight, Curtis F.....	Private	C	47th Ia.	48	Heart Failure.
69	Kise, G. W.....	Private	B	3d Kas. Cav.	77	Old Age.
73	Kfmilin, Thos.....	Surgeon	...	6th Army Corps	...	
240	Knettle, John R.....	Private	E	130th Pa. Inf.	54	General Debility.
13	Kleb, Geo.....	Private	C	40th Mo. Inf.	57	Gastro enteritis.
13	Knoll, Chas. F.....	1st Lieut	F	4th U. S. R. C.	64	Cirrhosis of Liver.
13	Katzenberger, Jno.....	1st Lieut	I	40th Mo. Inf.	73	Uremia.
507	Lane, Daniel A.....	Sergeant	F	4th Mo. Cav.	73	
370	Lufcey, John.....	Private	F	98th Ill. Inf.	68	
121	Linan, John.....	Private	C	5th M. S. M.	...	
78	Lee, W. H.....	Chaplain	H	49th Mo. Inf.	78	Apoplexy.
28	Lively, John C.....	Private	H	16th Ky. Inf.	...	Consumption.
16	Lord, James.....	Private	A	10th Mo. Cav.	...	
13	Lange, Henry.....	Private	I	4th Del. Inf.	...	General Debility.
175	Lemons, T. J.....	Private	C	1st Ill. Light Art.	57	Apoplexy.
283	Lawrence, Russell.....	Musician	...	48th Ohio Inf.	58	Disease of Heart.
269	McGuire, Josiah.....	Private	C	154th N. Y. Inf.	74	General Debility.
48	McClurg, Jos. W.....	Private	F	1st Mo. Light Art.	60	Dropsy.
1	McCoy, T. J.....	Colonel	...	8th Mo. Cav.	82	Old Age.
1	Mogge, Geo.....	Private	G	63d Pa. Inf.	65	Disease of Heart.
2	Miller, Geo.....	Sergeant	G	4th Mo. Inf.	...	
22	Markey, Chas. H.....	Captain	G	15th Mo. Inf.	...	
23	Merrifield, E. A.....	Private	F	12th Mo. Cav.	56	Rheumatism.
29	McAlear, Chas.....	1st Asst. S	...	58th Ill. Inf.	72	Disease of Kidneys.
65	Martin, Geo.....	1st Surg'n	...	44th Ill. Inf.	...	
96	McCool, Jacob.....	Private	I	65th E. M. M.	...	
119	Munger, J. M.....	Private	F	17th Ill. Inf.	59	Consumption.
131	Messmore, A. L.....	Private	H	49th Pa. Inf.	...	
131	Madole, J. H.....	Private	F	4th Ia. Cav.	...	
131	Madole, J. H.....	Captain	G	113th Ohio Inf.	66	Disease of Brain.
131	Madole, J. H.....	Private	D	173d N. Y. Inf.	61	Consumption.

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57	McShane, Peter			27th Wis. Inf.		
299	Morgan, Thos.					General Debility.
141	McCullah, W. F.	Captain	H	16th Mo. Cav.	71	Disease of Kidneys.
	Morris, Geo. L.	Private	H	3d Mo. Cav.		
173	Meinz, John	Private	K	10th Mo. Cav.	55	Killed by Cars.
299	Morgan, Alex.	Private				
331	Meineshagen, H. H.	Private	K	49th Mo. Inf.		
	Mattox, Robt	Private	B	3d Mo. Cav.	74	
238	Milam, Geo T.	Private	E	18th Mo. Inf.	64	Disease of Heart.
499	Newberry, J. J.	Private	G	120th Ind. Inf.		Accident.
131	Nelson, B. F.	Private	C	42d Ohio Inf.	57	Hematuria.
166	Nellis, Irving					
312	Osborn, Benj. H.	Private	C	7th M. S. M.	69	Disease of Heart.
384	Osborn, Charles	Musician	A	137th Ind. Inf.	50	Drowning.
22	Preston, Samuel	Private	D	11th M. S. M.		
	Puterbaugh, David	Private	D	12th Mo Cav.	66	
8	Phillips, F. M.	Private	I	7th Mo. Cav.	65	Consumption.
131	Phillips, W. D.	Captain	E	27th Vt. Inf.	58	Consumption.
141	Phillips, John M.	Private	F	5th Tenn. Cav.	55	Disease of Heart.
175	Porter, A. M.	Corporal	F	47th Mo. Inf.	82	Old Age.
320	Poser, Rudolph	1st Lieut.	M	2d Mo. Lt. Art.	69	General Debility.
259	Payne, Chas.	1st Lieut.				Cancer.
276	Pohlman, F. W.	Private	H	43d E. M. M.	70	
283	Potts, H. H.	Private	H	8th Ill. Inf.		
370	Poe, Terry	Private	C	12th M. S. M.		
387	Patrick, W. H.	Private	A	1st M. S. M.		Complication of Diseases.
391	Preston, E. J.	Private	C	21st Ky. Inf.	76	Paralysis.
429	Powell, J. H.	Private	B	Phelps' Regiment		
449	Peebles, C. E.	Private	K	39th Ill. Inf.		
187	Purdy, Geo. A.	Lieut.	E	1st Ark. Cav.		
68	Paige, M. V. B.	Private	C	92d N. Y. Inf.		Paralysis.
314	Reinemer, Fritz	Private	A	80th E. M. M.	70	Pneumonia.
1	Roos, Leonhard	Corporal	B	20th N. Y. Inf.		
2	Raking, Chas	Private	F	10th Ill. Inf.		
9	Rogers, Geo.	Private	G	17th N. Y. Inf.		
13	Roskopf, John	Private	L	2d Mo. Lt. Art.	54	Nephritis.
13	Reith, Leopold	Private	A	3d Mo. Art.	66	Senility.
48	Raines, W. G.	Private	C	3d Tenn. Cav.	64	
131	Roth, Adam	Private	B	3d U. S. R. C.	72	Consumption.
152	Reese, W. M.	Private	H	1st Mo. R. C.		
268	Reese, W. M.	Private	E	9th M. S. M.	63	Disease of Brain.
96	Reimenschneider, A.	Corporal	F	87th Ill. Inf.		
339	Rosenbaum, John	Private		1st Wis. Cav.		
370	Reynolds, Henry	Corporal	H	50th Mo. Inf.		
479	Rainwater, F. M.	Private	G	Osage Co. H. G.		Found Dead.
492	Robinson, P. G.					
466	Ripple, Chas	Private	K	15th Mo. Inf.	70	Old Age.
57	Spies, Christopher	Corporal	C	12th Conn. Inf.	60	Pneumonia.
496	Stoerber, Henry	Private	G	4th Mo. Inf. Vol.	83	Old Age.
568	Small, Mathew	Private	I	2d Mo. Lt. Art.		Pneumonia.
326	Seibert, Aug	Private	K	43d Ill. Inf.	66	Dropsy.
332	Stemme, Henry	Private		U. S. R. C. Mo.		Pneumonia.
335	Smith, Ed	Private	L	8th Mo. Cav.		
343	Stern, Levi					
370	Stroup, E. A.	Private	A	M. S. M.		
251	Seltz, Anthony	Private	M	5th M. S. M.	60	Fever.
173	Simmons, T. J.					
190	Stroup, Wm.	Private	G	9th Kan. Cav.		
221	Snow, Amos	Private	K	11th M. S. M.		Dis. of Kidney & Bladder.
233	Stahl, Christian	Private	E	28th Ill. Inf.		
239	Sharp, Henry	Private	A	126th Ill. Inf.		Pneumonia.
131	Scott, Robt R.	Private	H	88th Ill. Inf.	69	Chronic Cystitis.
150	Schooler, W. D.	Lieut.	A	44th Mo. Inf.	72	Rheu. and Heart Trouble.
110	Seyb, Michael	Sergeant	C	1st Ia. Cav.	60	Disease of Stomach.
115	Snyder, Alex	Private	K	35th Ia. Inf.	58	Heart Failure.

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115	Sharp, W. H. ....	Private..	F	122d Ill. Inf't. ....	59	Accident.
68	Simpson, T. B. ....	Private..	A	1st Ky. Cav. ....		General Debility.
72	Stonecker, Wm. ....	Private..	H	22d Ill. Inf't. ....		
75	Smith, James. ....					
43	Schocknecht, Jas. ....	Private..	B	3d Mo. Inf't. ....		
63	Starkey, I. ....	Private..	B	27th Mo. Inf't. ....		
		Private..	K	63d Ill. Inf't. ....		
5	Skinner, W. A. ....	Captain..	B	1st Mo. Mil. ....		
17	Stevens, E. W. ....	Private..	D	39th Mo. Inf't. ....	61	Paralysis.
382	Smith, Chas. S. ....	Private..	F	2d Ill. Art. ....		
8	Supplee, Philip. ....					
1	Sickman, Casper ....	Private..	E	4th Mo. Cav. ....	62	
1	Stifel, Chas. G. ....	Colonel..		5th U. S. K. C. ....	86	Old Age.
2	Schmidt, Fred. ....	Private..	A	1st Mo. Cav. ....		
150	Schooler, Wm. ....	Private..	C	30th E. M. M. ....	69	Heart Disease.
173	Stubenrauch, Jon. G. ....	Private..	C	Mo. H. G. ....		
1	Thomas, Emile. ....	Captain..	A	40th Mo. Inf't. ....	60	
5	Thierfelder, F. ....	Private..	K	14th Ia. Inf't. ....		
60	Temple, John. ....	Private..	D	36th Ill. Inf't. ....	67	Disease of Rectum.
276	Taylor, F. B. ....	Private..	B	48th Mo. Inf't. ....	50	Pneumonia.
424	Thomas, D. L. D. ....	Private..	F	4th Prov. E. M. M. ....	70	Bright's Disease.
1	Uhlenhut, Julius. ....	Captain..	H	17th Mo. Inf't. ....		
1	Volz, Bernard. ....	Private..	B	5th Mo. Cav. ....	65	Rheumatism.
13	Von Dach, F. ....	Private..	F	2d U. S. R. C. ....	77	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
19	Williams, Alfred. ....	Major. ....		18th Mo. Inf't. ....	69	Old Age.
496	Weik, Sebastian. ....	2d Lieut. ....	I	1st U. S. R. C. ....		
554	Walker, A. ....	Private..	B	47th U. S. C. T. ....		
442	White, Joseph. ....	Private..				
479	Williams, Thomas. ....	Private..	I	144th Ill. Inf't. ....		
326	Wolfe, John. ....	Private..	H	27th Mo. Inf't. ....	72	Disease of Heart.
339	Wilcoxon, S. ....					
313	Walker, Louis. ....	Private..	G	111th U. S. C. T. ....		
343	Walker, Jacob. ....	Private..		Gunboat Pittsburg. ....	66	
349	Wilson, Asberry. ....	Private..	D	58th Ill. Inf't. ....		
247	Watson, Samuel. ....					
351	Wharton, Ira L. ....	Private..	D	8th Ind. Inf't. ....	61	Fever & Complications.
299	Whaley, Z. S. ....	Sergeant. ....	H	23d Ia. Inf't. ....	70	General Debility.
179	Wilson, Reuben. ....	Private..	C	2d Ohio Art. ....		
187	Williamson, Samuel. ....	Private..	H	5th Ia. Cav. ....		
332	White, E. ....	Private..	D	4d Ind. Cav. ....		Dropsy.
141	Williams, R. W. ....	Captain..	A	54th Ill. Inf't. ....	63	Disease of Heart.
166	Windsor, Jas. T. ....					
110	Washburn, Luther. ....	Captain..	H	1st N. E. Mo. H. G. ....		
70	White, John. ....	Private..	G	1st N. E. Mo. H. G. ....	85	Senility.
72	Williams, Wesley. ....	Private..	I	3d Mo. Inf't. ....		
14	Wheeler, C. C. ....	Musician. ....	K	8th Ia. Inf't. ....	55	Pulmonary Congestion.
13	Welsea, Pete. ....	Private..	K	1st U. S. R. C. ....	68	Senility.
1	Wolf, Fred. ....	Captain..	I	51st U. S. C. T. ....	69	Sciatica.
2	Wenzel, Adam. ....	Captain..	F	11th E. M. M. ....		
1	Waldauer, A. ....	Captain..		Fremont's Body G. ....		
214	White, R. N. ....	Private..	E	50th Ill. Inf't. ....	60	Dropsy.
14	Younger, H. N. ....	Private..	M	M. & M. ....	71	Bright's Disease.
444	Young, Richard. ....	Private..	F	7th Ill. Inf't. ....		



Past Department Commander Martin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which was carried by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, During the year of sunshine and of shadow that has passed, there has come to our Department Commander, W. F. Henry, a great sorrow in the death of one who walked by his side in the journey of life, who rejoiced with him in his triumphs and mourned with him in his defeats, shared his sorrows and brightened his joys, added to the sunshine and lessened the shadows;

*Resolved*, That we, his comrades and friends, members of the Twentieth Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, extend to him our heartfelt sympathy, and although we know the inadequacy of words to lessen the burden of grief or to soften the blow, we trust it may be some consolation to him to know that he was not forgotten by the comrades in his time of great trial. May He who made the grave the gateway to that land, where no shadows fall, where no sorrows come, comfort and keep him through the days and years of this life and through the ages of the life eternal.

On motion all reports, including the Department Commander's address, were referred to appropriate committees to be appointed.

Senior Vice Commander Skinner announced the following committee on Department Commander's address:

Past Department Commanders George W. Martin, C. W. Whitehead, Charles G. Burton, John P. Platt, A. G. Peterson.

The Department Commander resumed the chair and announced the following committees:

On report of the Senior Vice Department Commander:

Chas W. Rubey, Post 48; Henry Fairback, Post 107; William Lowe, Post 566.

On report of Judge Advocate:

A. H. Burkeholder, Post 72; C. W. Clarke, Post 4; J. W. Moore, Post 276.

On report of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General:

C. W. Whitehead, Post 8; James B. Wilde, Post 131; H. E. Robinson, Post 21.

On reports of Medical Director and Chaplain:

James McClure, Post 1; W. C. Calland, Post 69; Ira T. Bronson, Post 53.

On report of Chief Mustering Officer:

D. Gilson, Post 172; W. R. Oder, Post 107; John O'Bannon, Post 161.

On report of Inspector:

Arthur Dreifus, Post 1; John A. Davis, Post 75; J. R. Milner, Post 69.

Committee on Resolutions:

Chas. G. Burton, Post 26; George W. Martin, Post 57; J. M. Williams, Post 276; W. H. Skinner, Post 124; M. G. Netherton, Post 222.

Committee to Visit the Woman's Relief Corps:

C. W. Barstow, Post 131; S. M. Sparklin, Post 131; G. H. Douglas, Post 78; G. W. Edwards, Post 343.

Committee to Visit the Sons of Veterans:

Jere. T. Dew, Post 8; T. J. Ferril, Post 7.

On motion the following committees were also appointed:

On Memorial to Past Commander-in-Chief, Albert D. Shaw:

F. M. Sterrett, Post 1; John T. Birdseye, Post 26; Leo Rassieur, Post 1.

On Memorial to Past Department Commander Louis Grund and Arnold Beck:

Past Department Commanders Louis Benecke, John P. Platt and Thos. B. Rodgers.

On motion it was voted that all resolutions be referred, without debate, to the Committee on Resolutions.

On motion the nomination of representatives to the National Encampment was made the special order at 2 o'clock P.M.

Encampment on motion took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock P. M., with the Department Commander in the chair.

The Department Commander: The hour having arrived for nomination of representatives to the National Encampment, I will say that we are entitled to sixteen representatives, including one that is termed representative-at-large, and fifteen to be elected as we usually do. Let me suggest to you further, to avoid confusion, that there be no alternate-at-large nominated, but that sixteen alternates be elected.

Past Department Commander Peterson: I desire to place in nomination for representative-at-large a comrade who needs no eulogy at my hands. The comrade I refer to and take pleasure in nominating for this office is comrade John W. Noble, Blair Post No. 1.

Comrade Sterrett, Post 1: While the reputation of Comrade John W. Noble is as wide as the Department and as the Nation itself, we are not unconcerned when this nomination comes from another Post than the one to which he belongs; and without any desire to add to the excellent words by which his nomination has been made, but simply to show our appreciation of the honor conferred upon Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, to which Comrade Noble belongs, I desire to second his nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Assistant Adjutant General was on motion instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Noble for representative-at-large, which was accordingly done and he was declared elected.

The following nominations for representatives to the National Encampment were then made and placed in the following order, in accordance with a resolution of the last Department Encampment:

WM. PLANK, Post 571, Balm.  
 WM. MAYNARD, Post 567, Moberly.  
 ELIAS SCHOPF, Post 546, Newport.  
 O. F. CARPENTER, Post 514, Rockville.  
 F. M. JOSLYN, Post 512, Tipton.  
 R. A. VANCE, Post 437, Cross Timbers.  
 WM. EASSON, Post 377, Ozark.

WICK MORGAN, Post 362, Dadeville.  
 G. W. EDWARDS, Post 343, St. Louis.  
 GEO. H. POUNTAIN, Post 276, California.  
 D. C. GRAVES, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.  
 J. D. EARHART, Post 235, Montrose.  
 M. G. NETHERTON, Post 222, Gilman City.  
 JNO. S. HALEY, Post 221, Novelty.  
 JAS. E. DECKER, Post 219, Republic.  
 W. H. HAUGHAWOUT, Post 190, Webb City.  
 A. MCKINNEY, Post 187, Pierce City.  
 W. B. MULLINS, Post 178, DeWitt.  
 ALEX. OLIVER, Post 172, Appleton City.  
 JOHN O'BANNON, Post 161, Buffalo.  
 J. W. TEMPLE, Post 145, Eldon.  
 H. M. POLLARD, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 JACOB MATLICK, Post 110, Kahoka.  
 G. A. DOUGLAS, Post 78, Warrensburg.  
 JOS. MCADOO, Post 69, Springfield.  
 JAS. R. MILNER, Post 69, Springfield.  
 ROBT. HASTY, Post 63, Green Ridge.  
 S. T. LUCAS, Post 65, Mound City.  
 A. L. MCBRIDE, Post 58, Butler.  
 J. V. MARTIN, Post 57, Brookfield.  
 HENRY GLAHN, Post 36, Clarence.  
 F. D. W. ARNOLD, Post 34, Lamar.  
 JNO. T. BIRDSEYE, Post 26, Nevada.  
 WM. GREER, Post 23, Macon.  
 O. C. SNYDER, Post 22, Kirksville.  
 H. E. ROBINSON, Post 21, Maryville.  
 H. S. BEERY, Post 17, Cameron.  
 JAS. H. WOOD, Post 14, Joplin.  
 PETER BOBE, Post 13, St. Louis.  
 WM. J. NELSON, Post 8, Kansas City.  
 JNO. B. COTTY, Post 5, Moberly.  
 C. W. CLARKE, Post 4, Kansas City.  
 THOS. S. MAXWELL, Post 1, St. Louis.

Comrade Milner, Post 69, moved that the fifteen receiving the highest number of votes be declared the representatives, and the sixteen receiving the next highest the alternates, which was seconded, put to vote and carried.

Comrade Milner, Post 69, offered resolutions endorsing the Veteran's Preference Bill, the Pension Court of Appeals Bill, and favoring a change in the administration of the Pension Office, which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Comrade Long, Post 7: Custer Post, No 7, requests me to present this resolution:

*Resolved*, That Article II., Section 4, of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the election of new members, shall be the rule for the election of comrades on transfer cards from other Posts and for re-instatement of suspended members.

Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

On motion of Comrade Fairback, Post 107, the election of representatives and alternates was made the special order after opening of the Encampment in the morning.

The Committee on Report of Senior Vice Department Commander made report as follows:

*To Commander and Comrades of the Twentieth Annual Encampment:*

We, the undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the report of Comrade W. H. Skinner as Senior Vice Commander, would respectfully report that we have examined the same and find that he has discharged the duties of his office faithfully and efficiently. This Encampment should feel grateful to him for his services as Senior Vice Commander.

C. W. RUBEX, Chairman.

WM. LOWE.

HENRY FAIRBACK.

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

On motion of Comrade Burton, Post 26, the nominations of place at which to hold the next Annual Encampment was taken up.

Comrade Holmes, Post 6, nominated Jefferson City.

Comrade Phelps, Post 173, nominated Cape Girardeau.

Comrade Moore, Post 276, seconded the nomination of Jefferson City.

Comrade McKinney, Post 187, seconded the nomination of Jefferson City.

Comrade Platt, Post 17, placed Cameron in nomination.

Comrade Peterson, Post 131: One of the most enjoyable Encampments ever held by this Department, and one of the most perfect in its appointments in every way, was the one held at Jefferson City a few years ago. I don't think we could improve the situation in any way by going elsewhere. I endorse the motion to go to Jefferson City.

Comrade Haynes, Post 131: In regard to Cape Girardeau, as I understand it, the Department has never held an Encampment in Southeast Missouri. We have been to Jefferson City, to Southwest Missouri and to Northwest Missouri, and I believe that from the standpoint of missionaries it is our duty to visit that part of the State that has never been visited. I think we should go to Cape Girardeau. (Applause.)

Comrade Merrifield, Post 131, seconded the nomination of Jefferson City.

Comrade Glahn, Post 36: If we want to be patriotic I want to go to the comrades who have never had anything of the kind, so let us go to a little trouble and help those who cannot help themselves, by going to Cape Girardeau.

Comrade Long, Post 7, seconded the nomination of Cape Girardeau.

Comrade Platt, Post 17: I desire to withdraw the nomination of Cameron and second that of Jefferson City.

Comrade McAdoo, Post 69: I agree with some of the comrades when they say that we should act as missionaries. Being a missionary, I am in favor of the southern portion of this State. We may be able to reform them down there, and there is no chance to reform the citizens of Jefferson City.

Comrade Davis, Post 75, seconded the nomination of Cape Girardeau.

Comrade Nelson, Post 8: I desire to say only a few words on this question. I believe that we ought to consider the advantage it would be to the greatest number of Grand Army men, and for that reason I am decidedly opposed to going off to some remote corner of this State, and especially to a place where there is a very limited number of Grand Army men. Jefferson City is convenient to St. Louis and Kansas City, and is just as accessible to the north and to the south. I am decidedly in favor of some central location, and I, therefore, second the nomination of Jefferson City.

Comrade Scherer, Post 13: I have attended, I think, fourteen Encampments, and it doesn't matter, according to my mind, if they are held at the most remote part of the State; I think it is

our duty to go there. We claim to teach patriotism. Can we teach it in Jefferson City as well as at Cape Girardeau? I say not. Cape Girardeau has never been favored by this Department, and I think it is our duty to go there and cheer them up. They were found to be true in the time of strife, and now let us go there and teach patriotism to the rising generation. Let us reach out to the different sections of the State. I think it is poor policy to go more than once to a place. I second the nomination of Cape Girardeau.

On motion the nominations were closed.

Comrade Graves, Post 251, moved that the matter of location be settled by a rising vote, on division of the house.

It was moved as an amendment that the selection be made by ballot, which was put to vote and lost.

The motion that the vote be taken by a division of the house was put to vote and carried.

A division of the house by a rising vote was then taken as to whether the next Annual Encampment should be held at Jefferson City or Cape Girardeau, by which vote it developed that a large majority were in favor of holding it at Cape Girardeau, and the Department Commander so held and announced.

Comrade Burton, Post 26, moved that, immediately after the election of representatives to-morrow morning, we proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which motion was seconded.

Comrade Briggs, Post 14, moved to amend that we proceed at this time with the election of officers for the ensuing year, which was seconded.

Comrade Fast, Post 53: I believe that it is unusual to elect the Department Commander on the first day, and it would be in the nature of a surprise to elect the Department Commander at this time; and I believe further, that if that part of the business was to be dispatched at this time there would be a great loss of interest in this Encampment. They have treated us magnificently here; they have treated us generously; and now let us show our appreciation of this hospitality by staying with them over night.

Department Commander: There is a motion now pending before the house that the special order of business be for the election of officers immediately after casting the ballots for the delegates. That was amended that we now proceed to the election of officers. The vote will first be taken on the amendment.

The amendment was put to vote and lost.

The original motion was then put to vote and carried.

The Sons of Veterans having been announced at the outpost, the Department Commander appointed the following named comrades as a committee to escort them into the hall: Charles G. Burton, Post 26; Ira T. Bronson, Post 53.

The Sons of Veterans were escorted to the platform, and after extending their greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic, presented to Comrade Henry Fairback, as Commander of Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, a beautiful silk flag as a prize to this Post for being instrumental in securing more recruits to the Sons of Veterans than any other Post in the Department of Missouri.

The Department Commander sang "Glorious Old Flag," whereupon the Sons of Veterans withdrew and the Encampment resumed its session.

It was moved that when the Encampment adjourn that it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the following report of the Council of Administration:

NEVADA, MO., MAY 15, 1901.

*To the Twentieth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:*

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The first meeting of the Council was held at Springfield, Mo., on May 17th, 1900. Members present: W. F. Henry, Department Commander; W. H. Skinner, Senior Vice Department Commander; A. R. McDonald, Junior Vice Department Commander; A. Van Meter, Medical Director; T. J. Ferril, Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Arnold Beck, N. W. Taylor, Francis P. Becker, Ira T. Bronson and Jno. M. Wherry elected members.



The Assistant Adjutant General made report of the engagement of headquarters at the Palmer House, Chicago, which was, on motion, approved. A general exchange of views was had as to the best means of arousing interest in the organization. No other business was transacted.

The date for meeting of the Twentieth Annual Encampment was fixed by correspondence with the members of the Council. All the members concurring in favor of May 16th and 17th, this date was adopted and promulgated in General Orders No. 7, January 31, 1901.

By unanimous vote of the Council, Comrade F. W. Guerin, Post 1, was elected to fill the vacancy in the Council caused by the death of Comrade Arnold Beck, Post 1. This appointment was announced in General Orders No. 9, March 30, 1901.

The next meeting of the Council was held at Nevada, Mo., on Wednesday, May 15th. The members present were: W. F. Henry, Department Commander; W. H. Skinner, Senior Vice Department Commander; T. J. Ferril, Chaplain; A. Van Meter, Medical Director; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; John W. Toppass, Inspector; Geo. E. Smith, Judge Advocate; W. E. Evans, Chief Mustering Officer; Francis P. Becker and Ira T. Bronson, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

On motion the Council voted to recommend that the usual amounts of \$250 for the traveling expenses of the Department Commander and \$100 for the burial of friendless Union soldiers, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to employ Comrade C. C. Cowan as stenographer to report the proceedings of this Encampment.

A discussion was had as to the finances of the Department, and on motion it was voted that the Council recommend to the Encampment that the per capita tax be fixed at 25 cents per annum, payable semi-annually.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to annul and revoke the charters of the following Posts heretofore suspended: Posts 277, 323, 338, 527, 538, 85, 170, 280, 373, 455, 480, 519, 534, 536, 558.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following delinquent Posts: Posts 49, 61, 188, 249, 253, 258, 305, 342, 346, 426, 524, 539, 550, 560, 565.

The committee appointed to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, approved:

ST. LOUIS, MO., MAY 4, 1901.

*W. F. Henry, Department Commander:*

Your committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that we have performed that duty.

We find proper vouchers for all sums paid out, the books correct and in elegant shape; that the balance on hand December 31, 1900, was two hundred and one dollars and twenty-five cents (\$201.25). The balance on hand April 30, 1901, was three hundred and two dollars and eight cents (\$302.08.)

N. W. TAYLOR.  
JNO. M. WHERRY,  
FRANCIS P. BECKER,

*Committee.*

On motion the Council approved the action of the Committee on Loans in re-investing the \$1,000 received in payment of the Mesner Loan.

On motion the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General and Recorder.*

On motion the report of the committee was approved and the recommendations adopted.

On motion the Encampment adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 17TH.

The Encampment met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 A. M., May 17, 1901, with the Department Commander in the chair, when the following proceedings were had:

Comrade Wilde, Post 131, offered the following resolution, which was on motion adopted:

*Resolved*, That we view with delight the proposed action of the citizens of St. Louis, in their efforts to arouse a greater love for "Old Glory," by the celebration of the coming 4th of July with more than ordinary enthusiasm. And we heartily endorse such action as tending to educate the young to a stronger patriotism and a more enduring love for our country and our flag.

The Department Commander: The special order of business this morning is the casting of the ballots for representatives to the National Encampment, but the members of the Woman's Relief Corps are at the door and it would be discourteous to turn them away, and I will appoint as a committee to escort them into the Encampment, Comrades John T. Birdseye, Post 26, and C. W. Clarke, Post 4.

The Encampment adjourned in executive session and the committee from the Woman's Relief Corps were escorted to the platform. The Encampment was addressed by Mrs. Hollen E. Day, who presented to the Encampment the following report:

ST. LOUIS, MAY 14TH, 1901.

*To the Department Commander G. A. R. Mo.*

W. F. HENRY, DEAR SIR: I herewith submit the report of relief extended by this department during the year ending May 14th, 1901:

Cash expended for relief .....	\$876 69
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	862 97
Galveston G. A. R. & W. R. C. sufferers.....	78 00
Christmas for soldiers at St. James .....	48 20

Respectfully submitted,

IN F., C. & L.

Alice A. Godfrey,  
Department Secretary.

CARRIE R. SPARKLIN,  
Department President.

The Encampment was also addressed by Mrs. Elma Wilson, of Warrensburg, who entertained the comrades with a recitation, which was very beautifully rendered, and was entitled "Dear Banner of My Native Land, the Flag of Washington."

The Encampment was also addressed by Miss Lida Vandolah, of Kahoka, and also by Mrs. Laura Harnois, of St. Joseph, who delivered a recitation, which was highly appreciated by the comrades.

The Department Commander: Some comrade said, "When Adam through his lonely walk he nothing found could please him, he sadly wanted one to talk, to tickle and to tease him; so when the Lord a rib besought to make another human, he said, 'Lord, Lord, take all I've got, and give to me a woman.'" (Laughter).

Now I would ask the Chaplain to respond to these eloquent words of greeting we have received from the ladies of the Relief Corps. I think he could say more in a short space of time than any other man in this Encampment. He said I must do it. I want to thank the Woman's Relief Corps here for the work they have been doing the past year. We know what sacrifices were made by the women during the war of 1861 to 1865, and we know that the heroism of this country was as much in the home as on the battlefield. We know more than we dare tell; and our hearts are filled with gratitude for the Woman's Relief Corps, and the ladies, the loyal ladies of this country, who have presented their greetings to us.

As the time of the Encampment is very precious, without any further extended remarks you will take with you to your Encampment and to your homes, and through your lives, our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, and our best wishes for the success of the Woman's Relief Corps. God bless you. (Cheers).

The ladies then withdrew, and the Encampment returned to executive session with the Department Commander in the chair.

The following comrades were appointed as tellers on the election of representatives to the National Encampment:

J. B. Wilde, Post 131; Louis Koop, Post 1; Charles E. Koken, Post 13; J. L. Briggs, Post 14; Ben Warner, Post 4; J. L. B. Harnden, Post 259; James Watson, Post 219; Hiram Crampton, Post 8; Lee T. Robinson, Post 54.

The tellers proceeded to take the ballots and retired to count the votes.

Comrade Sparklin, Post 131: I think there is nothing on the

face of the earth that is more touching to a comrade than sympathy from other comrades. We have a comrade at the head of this Nation that is in sore distress, and, sir, I move that the Department Commander be authorized in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, now in session, to telegraph Comrade William McKinley, the President of the United States, now at San Francisco, Cal., the sympathy of our comrades.

Seconded, put to a rising vote and unanimously carried.

The Committee on the Report of the Chief Mustering Officer reported as follows:

NEVADA, MO., MAY 16TH, 1901.

*To the Twentieth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:*

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Chief Mustering Officer, respectfully report that we have examined the same and find that he has discharged the duties of his office in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

D. GILLSON,  
W. R. ODER,  
JOHN O'BANNON,

*Committee.*

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Judge Advocate made the following report:

NEVADA, MO., MAY 16, 1901.

*To the Department Commander and Comrades:*

We, the undersigned, Committee on the Report of the Judge Advocate, respectfully submit the following:

The special case of Samuel M. Martin, for membership in Wallace Post No. 177, Department of Missouri, who, as we understand the report, was deemed eligible for membership by the Judge Advocate, does not coincide with our views. In the absence of any evidence of any formal muster of the said Samuel M. Martin, either into the service of the United States or of the State of Missouri, and further of the entire lack of evidence that the said Martin performed any actual military service, we are of the opinion he was not eligible for muster into the Grand Army of the Republic.

A. H. BURKEHOLDER,  
C. W. CLARKE,  
JNO. W. MOORE,

*Committee.*

It was moved that the reports of the committee be adopted.

The Department Commander: I think the Judge Advocate ought to have an opportunity to be heard, and that the matter of the adoption of the report be deferred. There being no objection it will be so ordered.

The Committee on the Reports of the Medical Director and Chaplain made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

NEVADA, MO., May 16, 1901.

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

Your committee on the report of Medical Director have performed that duty, and find that the report is as full and concise as is possible to make it when taking into consideration the negligence that prevails in many of the Posts relative to the work of Post Surgeons.

We recommend the adoption of the report.

We have carefully considered the report of the Chaplain and find the general summary of this officer interesting and encouraging.

1. We find that Memorial Sabbath services were almost universally observed; that churches and ministers are ready and willing to join with local Posts in this service.

2. Memorial Day observance has been well sustained during the year; 28,500 graves were decorated, 12,000 school children participating in Memorial Day services, 8000 comrades in line at the various cemeteries, 143 addresses delivered.

3. We find that the school children love to honor the flag and are delighted to join in "flag observance day," and are glad to join in services in raising Old Glory over the school houses.

In conclusion we should be glad to recommend, as far as our finances would permit, that the Department Chaplain be sent over the state to deliver addresses and lectures in behalf of patriotism.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McCLURE,

IRA T. BRONSON,

W. C. CALLAND,

*Committee.*

The Senior Vice Commander in the chair.

The Committee on the Address of the Department Commander made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

NEVADA, MO., May 16, 1901.

We, your committee, commend the able, eloquent and interesting report of the Department Commander, which shows a careful study and thorough and intelligent comprehension of the condition of this

Department financially and otherwise. It is worthy the careful attention of every comrade.

Special attention is called by your committee to the present financial condition of the Department and to the necessity of future careful consideration and wise and careful action in that matter. The statement showing comparative membership and expenses from the year 1891 to the present date will be valuable to this and to future encampments in legislation and action in providing for the necessary expenses of the Department, with a decreasing membership from natural and from other causes, and should be a strong incentive to every working comrade of the Department to labor to bring back to our ranks the thousands of dropped and suspended members.

The thanks of this Department are due to Commander Henry for the faithful, patient and efficient service rendered by him during his term of office, and we feel assured this Encampment will bestow upon him the plaudit "well done."

GEO. W. MARTIN,  
C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
A. G. PETERSON,  
C. G. BURTON,  
J. P. PLATT,

*Committee.*

The Department Commander in the chair.

The Committee on the Report of the Department Inspector reported as follows:

NEVADA, Mo., May 16, 1901.

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

Your committee to whom the report of the Inspector was referred find that he performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner, and particularly in making a consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts.

ARTHUR DREIFUS,  
J. R. MILNER,  
J. A. DAVIS,

*Committee.*

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General reported as follows:

NEVADA, Mo., May 16, 1901.

*To the Department Encampment, Department Mo. G. A. B.:*

Your Committee appointed upon the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and most earnestly commend the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster

General for the very careful and concise manner in which the report is made.

We would especially emphasize the recommendation of the Assistant Adjutant General in urging the adoption by the Department of Section 11, Article II, Chapter II of the Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R. Said section reads as follows:

"Departments may authorize Posts to divide their membership into two classes—resident and non-resident members—and fix the territorial limits within which each may reside. Non-resident members shall pay such dues, not less than the per capita tax (including the tax to National Headquarters), as the Post may direct.

"Where a sufficient number of non-resident members are in any locality, they may be organized as an outpost, to be designated as Outpost No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department of Mo. G. A. R.

"Each Outpost may annually elect from its own members a Sergeant to preside at its meetings. Such meetings may be held at the home of any comrade at the convenience of the members. The application of any person for non-resident membership in an Outpost shall be passed upon by the Parent Post, and the Post Commander may in person or by a suitable detail muster in such applicant, and for such purpose may at his option administer only the obligations of membership."

If adopted we recommend that the Department Commander be requested to promulgate this action in his general orders.

We would recommend that the Department pass a resolution of thanks to the Hon. Chas. F. Joy for his thoughtfulness in having the Department furnished with a complete set of Rebellion Records, as stated by the Assistant Adjutant General in his report.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,  
 C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
 H. E. ROBINSON,  
 JAS. B. WILDE,

*Committee.*

On motion the report and recommendations of the committee were adopted.

The Committee to prepare a memorial resolution on the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw, submitted the following:

NEVADA, MO., MAY 17, 1901.

WHEREAS, Comrade Albert D. Shaw, of Watertown, N. Y., Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1899 to 1900, died in Washington, D. C., at 10 a. m., Feb. 10, 1901;

*Resolved*, That the Department of Missouri, in Encampment assembled, in memory of his official visit with us one year ago when we listened with such keen interest to his burning eloquence, so filled as it was with the thoughts which emanate from a loving, Christian and patriotic heart; in memory of the year of devoted services to our great



organization, in which, by his stately bearing and watchful care, he ever sought to elevate the plane of our patriotic usefulness; in memory of his brave struggle in the halls of Congress in the interest of his comrades throughout the Union; in memory of the purity of his purposes and the nobility of his companionship, hereby accord him a sacred place in our affections, a lofty niche in the temple of our good and great, charge all to emulate the sterling qualities of his example, until in God's time we shall once again clasp his warm hand of comradeship on another and a more beautiful shore.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. STERRETT,  
JOHN T. BIRDSEYE,  
LEO. RASSIEUR.

*Committee.*

On motion the report of the committee was adopted by a standing vote.

The Department Commander: Nothing further appearing in the way of reports, we will now proceed to the regular order of business, which is the election of officers for the ensuing year. Nominations for Department Commander are now in order.

Comrade Hagerty, Post 131: I move that nominating speeches be limited to five minutes, and seconding speeches to three minutes.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

Past Department Commander Martin: I have never taken part in the election of Department Commander that I have not wished that it could be so that all the comrades who were candidates could be elected. My heart swells, and may it cease to beat when it does not beat in favor of the comrades of this Department. With the most cordial feeling towards all the comrades, I rise to place in nomination for the high office of Commander of this Department that true soldier and upright citizen, Comrade George Hall. (Applause). I nominate him, my comrades, because he was a true soldier; because he is a splendid citizen; because he is a man of splendid business qualifications; because he is an able and forcible speaker, who will be at home upon any platform where any principles of the Grand Army of the Republic are to be defined or defended, or where the rights of the comrades are to be attended to. I nominate him because he has stalwart sons at home who will do his work in the office while he goes into the field and does your work. My comrades, I shall enter into no

detailed account of the military history of my candidate; it is sufficient how, when a beardless boy, in the '60s, George Hall marched to the front with the grandest army that the world has ever known and fought the battles for the Union under that flag in the grandest cause that the world ever knew, and laid down his arms only after peace was declared at Appomattox. The details of the marches, the bivouacs, of the sleeping under the same blanket, drinking from the same canteen, of life in the tent—there is nothing remarkable in all this. It would have been remarkable for George Hall had he not been an active participant in all that goes to make up the trials and hardships of army life; he could not help but be there; he was built that way, and there has been no change in his make-up, for he believes to-day as he believed then, that men shall not fire on the flag, whether here or in the islands of the Pacific. (Applause). I do not envy the man who would dare to attempt to convince him that that old flag, where it has once been hoisted, shall be hauled down. My comrades, many years have passed since the passage of those scenes of which I have been speaking to you, and years that have whitened the head of my candidate. But as I said to you at Springfield, elect him to the office of Department Commander and he will carry on the duties of that office with the same vigor that he ascended the sides of Missionary Ridge. Place him in the chair of Department Commander and I will pledge you my word, and the word of every comrade that knows him, and the word of every citizen in the community in which he lives, that you will never regret your action.

The nomination of Comrade George Hall for Department Commander was seconded by:

B. F. Thomas, Post 75; John P. Platt, Post 17; Jacob Matlick, Post 110; Lee T. Robinson, Post 54; J. C. McAdoo, Post 69; Louis Benecke, Post 269; W. H. Skinner, Post 124; T. J. Dockery, Post 22; A. McKinney, Post 187; J. W. Williams, Post 276; George E. Smith, Post 131; Thomas H. Hagerty, Post 131; E. F. Rogers, Post 4; R. A. Vance, Post 437.

Comrade Clarke, Post 4: I second the nomination of Comrade Hall, and move for a suspension of the rules and the election of

Comrade Hall by acclamation, as no other name has been placed in nomination. Seconded.

The Department Commander: That can only be done by unanimous consent.

Comrade Fast, Post 53: I oppose the motion to elect by acclamation.

Comrade Gillson, Post 172: It devolves upon me to present to you a gentleman for your consideration, and it gives me much pleasure to present such a comrade for your suffrage. I am not here to give you any elaborate talk; I am not here to tell you of all the virtues, of all the qualifications, of all the good points; I am not here to tell you of his war record; I am not here to tell you that he was a good soldier; I am not here to tell you that he was under that old flag. You know, and every comrade knows, that he is eligible to that high office which he seeks. It was my pleasure to introduce to you, one year ago, a comrade who is so well known that he scarcely needs any introduction. It would be useless for me to come here and testify to the qualifications and good qualities of this comrade, because you all know him; his name is a household word throughout Missouri, in any gathering of old soldiers; in fact there is never a meeting that requires the presence of a comrade but what it is responded to by this comrade. He has been all over this State, from north to south, from east to west, and I will say to you that there is no man that has ever been to these places that he has visited but that recognized him and his quality and ability. This is the same gentleman that I presented to you one year ago at Springfield, and who, through his modesty, and through his love for his comrades, Capt. Henry and Comrade Hall, withdrew his name and consented that one of them should be elected. This qualification is one that we ought to consider. I will say right here that whoever goes down under defeat, it does not matter whether it is my friend that I shall introduce to you, or whether it is Comrade Hall, they will go down with honor, and their name will be borne aloft on the banner another year for your suffrage; and I will say further that whoever it is shall have my support and my help until he is elected (ap-

plause). The comrade whom I wish to present to you to-day is no other than Dr. Ira T. Bronson. (Applause).

Comrade Fast, Post 53: It would be unnatural for a member of George R. Smith Post, who has been so long acquainted with Comrade Bronson and with his work in that Post, not to rise and second his nomination. This delegation is well acquainted with Comrade Bronson. But it is an old saying that "You don't know a man until you have lived with him." The members of George R. Smith Post have lived with Comrade Bronson since the organization of that Post. They know him through and through. I might add that George R. Smith Post as a body endorse Comrade Bronson. He is the inspiration of that Post; he is the mainspring of that Post, to which there is always a tension. No matter on what account or how that Post may languish, the presence of Comrade Bronson is an inspiration. It is true that in the past the honors of this Department have been showered on the east, on the west, on the north, and on the south of the Department, and no comrades in the Department rejoiced more than the members of George R. Smith Post, as well as Comrade Bronson. There has been something of a drouth in Central Missouri in the way of honors. We are not complaining. George R. Smith Post is made up of soldiers. They take their orders and they execute them cheerfully, fearlessly, willingly; and whatever this Encampment may do to-day will be all right with George R. Smith Post. (Applause). "All things come to him who waits." We have been waiting patiently. The good things of this Department will some day, if not this day, be showered upon our Comrade Ira T. Bronson. We hope this is our day, but whoever shall win in this Encampment shall have our heart and hand during the incumbency of his office. (Applause). Do for us what in your wisdom you may think proper, and George R. Smith Post will be thoroughly satisfied. (Applause).

Comrade Bronson, Post 53: I believe if you wait long enough Comrade Hall's nomination will be seconded by every man in this Encampment. I do not want to be left on the tail end, so I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Hall. (Applause.)

The Department Commander: We have been listening to seconding speeches for a long time. Do you want any more?

Comrade Dew, Post 8: In order to expedite matters, I would again move that we suspend the rules and elect Comrade Hall by acclamation.

The motion was seconded by Comrade Bronson, and on being put to vote was unanimously carried, and Comrade Hall was declared unanimously elected as Department Commander for the ensuing year. Comrade Bronson was appointed a committee to escort the newly elected Department Commander to the platform.

Comrade Bronson, Post 53: Department Commander, and Comrades of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, allow me to introduce to you your Department Commander elect, and let me be the first man to congratulate him. (Applause.)

Comrade Hall, in response to repeated calls, arose and spoke as follows: Department Commander and Comrades—From the depth of my soul I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. I regard my position in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic an honor, and it is a daily comfort to me to know that I did what little I could when this Nation was in peril to save that dear old flag from dishonor. Since my discharge from the war I have done what I could to try to restore it to posterity without the loss of a single star. (Applause.) And I know of no greater honor that could be conferred upon any citizen of the State of Missouri than being elected Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of this grand old State. (Applause.) When I first consented to stand as a candidate for this position, I said that if I ever got into that high position I wanted to get it as a matter of honor. I made but one promise, and that promise I made to every comrade in this Department, and I repeat that promise to you now: That it shall be the effort of my life, God sparing me, to so demean myself as to be worthy of the honor you have conferred upon me. (Applause.) I know the grim mustering officer is mustering out faster than we are mustering in. Our ranks are daily being depleted, and I know the effort that it takes to hold our lines against the ravages and assaults of death. I ask you, my comrades, to help me hold in

line our depleted numbers, and to keep a bold front against the grim monster until the last man falls in line. (Applause.) I believe—in fact I know—it is the duty of every man who is worthy, to be in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic; and, comrades, I say to you now that the doors of our Post rooms ought not to be closed against a comrade because he is too poor to pay his dues. (Applause). Now, comrades, I will not detain you any longer. May God bless and prosper each one of you. May your pathway be strewn with joy; and when the bugler sounds “Lights out,” may the angels conduct you to that grand parade ground in the skies. (Applause.)

The Department Commander: Comrades, I have written this message to be sent to our comrade, William McKinley, President of the United States, at San Francisco, Cal.:

NEVADA, Mo., May 17, 1901.

To Wm. McKinley, President, San Francisco, Cal.:

The Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment now in session, tender to you loving and fraternal sympathy.

WILBUR F. HENRY,

*Department Commander*

The Department Commander: The next business in order is nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Oder, Post 107, nominated Comrade Henry Fairback, Post 107.

The nomination of Comrade Henry Fairback for Senior Vice Department Commander was seconded by:

Louis Benecke, Post 268; John P. Platt, Post 17; A. G. Peterson, Post 131.

Comrade Ferril, Post 7, placed in nomination J. R. Milner, Post 69.

The nomination of Comrade Milner was seconded by:

W. C. Calland, Post 69; George W. Martin, Post 57.

On motion nominations were closed.

The following comrades were appointed as tellers to take up the vote for Senior Vice Department Commander, and having done so, retired to count the votes:

Louis Hunt, Post 13; M. G. Netherton, Post 222; Charles Kooch, Post 53; A. H. Burkeholder, Post 72.

Department Commander: Nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander are now in order.

Comrade Harry Mitchell, Post 26, was placed in nomination.

Past Department Commander Peterson moved that nominations close, that the rules be suspended, and the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Mitchell for Junior Vice Department Commander.

Seconded, put to vote and carried, and the ballot having been so cast, Comrade Mitchell was declared unanimously elected.

On motion a recess was taken until 2 o'clock P.M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY, MAY 17TH.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock P.M., pursuant to adjournment, with the Department Commander in the chair.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for representatives and alternates to the National Encampment, and the following named comrades were declared elected:

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Wick Morgan, Post 362, Dadeville.....	72
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Comrade Burton, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported as follows:

There was referred to your committee a communication addressed and directed to W. F. Henry, Department Commander of this Department, from a comrade of the Department of Kansas, requesting this Encampment, by resolution, to recommend the appointment of a comrade in Kansas for Commissioner of Pensions. The comrade's name is well known to your committee, and favorably known. We all like him, we all appreciate him, and we are all of the opinion that he would make a most excellent commissioner; but under the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Posts and Departments are prohibited from making any recommendations of that kind. We, therefore, recommend that the communication do lie upon the table.

On motion the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Comrade Burton: We have here a resolution which comes from the neighboring Department of Arkansas. I will not read it, as it is of great length; but, in substance, it recommends an amendment to the Rules and Regulations in regard to those who served in the Confederate Army by compulsion. We, your committee, recommend that this also do lie upon the table.

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

Comrade Burton: We have a resolution adopted by Custer Post, No. 7, that Article II., Section 4, Chapter II., of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic for the elec-



tion of members—that is, recruits—shall be the rule for the election of comrades on transfer cards from other Posts, and for reinstatement of suspended members; and your committee are of the opinion that one who has once been mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic, even though he may be out on a transfer card, or suspended for non-payment of dues, does not occupy the same relation as one who has never been a member thereof. Your committee is of the opinion that when one has once passed the gauntlet and has once been mustered in, and has taken a transfer card, he should not be prevented from being restored. We, therefore, move that this resolution do lie upon the table.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

Comrade Burton: We have had several resolutions touching the mooted question of the construction, interpretation and administration of the pension laws. You will remember that the National Encampment recommended the adoption of a bill providing for a Court of Appeals, and also recommending the adoption of what is known as the Civil Service Veterans' Preference bill. Both of these bills were, in our judgment, unfortunately defeated in the last Congress. In the latter matter we desire to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, There is an irremovable impression that the pension laws are not being construed and administered in the spirit which prompted their enactment; nor in accord with the merited demands of the disabled old soldiers, and of the widows and orphans of those who are dead; nor in compliance with the wishes of the people as expressed in the national platforms of the respective political parties; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, in encampment assembled, do most respectfully request the President to appoint as Commissioner of Pensions for the ensuing term one who will liberally and justly construe and administer the pension laws and adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as will mete out equal and exact justice to all.

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the movement for the creation of a Court of Pension Appeals, and unqualifiedly endorse the bill presented to the last Congress by the Pension Committee of our National Encampment, and earnestly request our Senators and Representatives in Congress to actively support such bill if again presented to Congress.

*Resolved*, That we unreservedly endorse the bill which undertakes to give the Union soldiers of the Civil War who served to the end of their terms of enlistment, or until the close of the war, the same preference in the civil service which is now enjoyed by those who were discharged for wounds or sickness incurred in such service, and unqualifiedly endorse the bill presented to the last Congress by the Legislative Committee of our National Encampment, and earnestly request our Senators and Representatives in Congress to actively support such bill if again presented to Congress.

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

Comrade Burton: My colleague, Comrade Martin, has a supplementary report that he would like to submit.

Comrade Martin: The Committee on Resolutions, on its own motion, offers the following resolution:

*Be it Resolved*, That we extend our sincere thanks to the good people of Nevada for their royal welcome and generous entertainment. To their honorable Mayor we are especially grateful for his masterful and patriotic address, and we recommend that it be included in the published proceedings of this Encampment. We thank the press of the city for their zeal in our behalf, and we recognize the obligations we are under to the respective railroad companies for their generosity and accommodations in the matter of transportation. The laborious duties of the executive committee having in charge the arrangements for the twentieth annual encampment have our fullest appreciation, and our remembrance of the hospitable homes which have entertained us will be a continual memory in our lives.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Comrade Burton: We also recommend that the thanks of this Encampment be extended to Hon. Chas. F. Joy, Member of Congress from the 11th Congressional District of Missouri, for his kindness in presenting to the Department a complete set of the Rebellion Records.

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The Department Commander: There was a committee, of which Comrade Rogers of Post 4 was chairman, in regard to the soldiers who fell at Lone Jack, Missouri. We will now listen to that report.

Comrade Rogers, Post 4, Chairman of Committee on Monument at Lone Jack, made the following report:

*To the Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, in session at Nevada, Mo.:*

COMRADES: In obedience to your instructions given me at our last Encampment, touching the subject of erecting a monument to the memory of our Comrades who fell in the battle of Lone Jack, Mo., Aug. 16, 1862, I beg to report.

I first looked after the title to the cemetery grounds and secured certified copies of the record title, and had Commander W. F. Henry examine the papers, and he decided the title to be in the Trustees of the Confederate Grave Yard at Lone Jack. I then visited Lee's Summit to interview some of these trustees, who manifested a willingness to extend an equal right to the Grand Army of the Republic to the grounds which are occupied by both Union and Confederate soldiers that are buried there.

About this time the Hon. W. S. Cowherd, the member of Congress from the fifth district of our state, in which Lone Jack is located, introduced a bill in Congress providing for an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a monument in memory of both Union and Confederate soldiers at this place, and it was thought by those in close relations with Mr. Cowherd it would pass; but the bill was not reached for action, and as all bills die that are pending at the expiration of Congress, this bill will have to be introduced again.

These facts coming to my knowledge I thought it wise to do nothing further in the matter until we could know the results of the Cowherd bill, but will recommend the adoption of a memorial to Congress through Hon. W. S. Cowherd for the re-introduction and passing of his former bill or one of similar import.

Very respectfully, in F., C. & L.,

E. F. ROGERS,

*Chairman.*

Comrade Rogers offered the following resolution, which was on motion adopted:

The Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment assembled at Nevada, May 16 and 17, 1901, hereby express our thanks to Hon. W. S. Cowherd, Representative in Congress from the Fifth District of Missouri, for introducing a bill in the last Congress making appropriation for erecting a monument on the battlefield at Lone Jack, Mo., in memory of those who fell in that engagement, August 16, 1862, and request that the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the state cause to be introduced at an early date a bill of similar import, and urge upon them and each of them to use all effort to secure the passage of the same.

The Assistant Adjutant General is instructed to send a copy of this

memorial to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress of Missouri.

Comrade Clarke, Post 4, offered the following and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, The Forty-first General Assembly of Missouri authorized the Governor to appoint a commission to view and mark the location of the Missouri Regiments who were engaged in the battle and siege of Vicksburg; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Department Commander be directed to present to the Governor for such an appointment the names of qualified comrades of Missouri regiments who took part in the battle and siege of that stronghold, so that future generations may know and recognize the gallant soldiers of Missouri who fought on the outside as well as those who fought on the inner line.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

The Department Commander: The tellers upon the election of Senior Vice Department Commander report that Comrade Henry Fairback, Post 107, received 149 votes, and Comrade J. R. Milner, Post 69, received 59 votes. By your votes you have elected Comrade Fairback of Post 107, of St. Louis, Missouri, as your Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander: Nominations for the office of Medical Director are now in order.

Comrade Maxwell, Post 1, placed in nomination Dr. C. F. V. Ludwig of Post 1.

Comrade Galt, Post 252, placed in nomination Dr. W. R. Wilson of Post 440.

The nomination of Comrade Ludwig was seconded by Comrade Scherer, Post 13, and Comrade Edwards, Post 343.

The tellers proceeded to take up the ballots and retired to count the votes.

The Commander then called for nominations for Chaplain.

Comrade Clarke, Post 4, placed in nomination Comrade T. H. Hagerty of Post 131.

Comrade Edwards, Post 343, seconded the nomination of Comrade Hagerty.

Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, placed in nomination Comrade T. J. Ferril of Post 7.

Comrade Scherer, Post 13, and Comrade Platt, Post 17, seconded the nomination of Comrade Ferril.

The tellers proceeded to take up the ballots for Chaplain, and retired to count the votes.

The Department Commander: There are now five members of the Council of Administration to be elected.

Comrade Peterson, Post 131, nominated Comrade J. B. Wilde, Post 131.

Comrade McClure, Post 1, nominated Comrade H. W. Wiegand, Post 1.

Comrade Hartman, Post 13, nominated Comrade Francis P. Becker, Post 13.

Comrade Rogers, Post 8, nominated Comrade Jere. T. Dew, Post 8.

Comrade Milner, Post 69, nominated Comrade W. C. Calland, Post 69.

There being but five comrades nominated, on motion they were elected by acclamation.

Comrade Benecke, Post 268: The Committee on Memorial to Past Department Commander Louis Grund, and member of the Council of Administration, Comrade Arnold Beck, submitted the following, which was on motion adopted.

Department Commander and Comrades:

It has been made our sad duty to record the death of two comrades, whose "final muster out" might have been delayed for many years if the result of the hardships endured by them, while defending the flag of our country, had not undermined their robust constitutions.

Thousands of our comrades gave their lives that our nation might live; but hundreds of thousands were spared from death upon the field of battle, yet were burdened down with disease and impaired vitality in consequence of the hardships endured by them during their service for the Union. There was no sacrifice too great, no barrier too high for them, to obstruct their endeavor to promote and advance the grand principles of which "Old Glory" is the emblem.

The work begun by their enlistment in the Union Army at the



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., March 20th, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 8. }

[EXTRACT.]

I. With profound sorrow the Department Commander announces the death of

**PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, LOUIS GRUND,**

which occurred at his home, in St. Louis, March 11th, 1901.

Comrade Grund was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1844, and came to America with his parents in infancy. His parents took up their residence at once in St. Louis, where comrade Grund was educated in the public schools, and where he resided to the day of his death.

He enlisted October 20th, 1862, at the age of 17, in the 4th Missouri Cavalry, and served in Cos. C and L of that regiment till the close of the war, and was honorably discharged October 20th, 1865.

His record as a soldier of the Republic is an honorable one. In war and in peace his bearing was such as to win for him the warm friendship and respect of his superiors in rank and of his associates. His life was full of good deeds towards his old comrades.

Comrade Grund was one of the enterprising business men of St. Louis, and took an active interest in the progressive welfare of his city, and for a term held the office of Assessor and Collector of Water Rates.

He was mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic by Col. Hassendeubel Post, No 13, on the 5th day of February, 1884, and was one of the most active members until the time of his death. He served two terms as Post Commander. In 1891 he was elected Senior Vice-Department Commander, and was elected Department Commander in 1894.

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The Department Commander desires to testify to the sterling worth of Comrade Grund as a comrade, as a friend and as a citizen, and on behalf of all the comrades of this Department to extend to his bereaved family most heartfelt and sincere sympathy.

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[From Address of W. F. Henry, Department Commander.]

Two comrades, whom this Department have highly honored, have fallen since last we met. Arnold Beck of Post 1, who was with us one year ago and who was then elected upon the Council of Administration, a position which he for many years filled with fidelity and marked ability, and Past Department Commander Louis Grund of Post 13. Because of the distinguished services to our Order of these two comrades, I suggest that this Encampment take such especial action as shall fittingly commemorate them.

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[Extract from Journal Twentieth Department Encampment.]

On recommendation of the Committee, the Encampment voted that as a further token of our esteem for them, a memorial page be set apart for Past Department Commander Louis Grund and Comrade Arnold Beck in our published proceedings.



**LOUIS GRUND, PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**







HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
St. Louis, Mo, July 10, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 3. }

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IV. It is with great sorrow that the Department Commander announces the death of

**COMRADE ARNOLD BECK,**

one of the most honored and efficient members of the Department Council of Administration, who died at his home in St. Louis, June 2, 1900. Comrade Beck was residing at Cape Girardeau at the outbreak of the Civil War. He at once raised a company and became its captain. It was mustered in as Co. C 2d Mo. Infantry, July 28, 1861. He was a gallant soldier and judicious commander, and rose to the rank of Major, and then to Lieut.-Colonel of his regiment, serving with distinction to the close of the war. His record as a citizen and as a comrade of the Grand Army is a proud one. Many offices of trust and honor have been held by him in civil life. He was long a member of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, and was again and again elected a member of the Department Council of Administration, the last time being at the recent Encampment at Springfield. Let us emulate his virtues and cherish his memory.

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**ARNOLD BECK, Post 1,  
DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.**



call of "Father Abe," was continued after the close of the war; and the fraternity which began and grew in the hearts of comrades while facing the dangers of the war, the charity for our erring fellow citizens which found expression after establishment of peace, and that loyalty which became the leading star in their conduct as civilians, have combined to make an epoch of our national history to which future generations will point with pride as lessons to be followed for the elevation and happiness of mankind.

Both comrades, Louis Grund and Arnold Beck, whose untimely departure we deplore, were members of that grand army that had no superior in valor during the war, or patriotic devotion to duty as civilians in time of peace—and our love and affection follows them beyond the grave.

We shall ever cherish their memory as only comrades can appreciate; and as a further token of our esteem for them we recommend that a memorial page be set apart for each in our published proceedings.

LOUIS BENECKE,  
J. P. PLATT,  
THOS. B. ROGERS,

*Committee.*

The Department Commander announced the re-appointment of Comrade Chas. F. Vogel, Post 1, as a member of the committee on loans.

Department Commander: We will now take up the report of the Committee on the Judge Advocate's report, which was laid over this morning by unanimous consent. The Assistant Adjutant General will read the report of the Committee on Judge Advocate's report.

The report was then read to the Encampment by the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Senior Vice Department Commander took the chair.

The Department Commander: Senior Vice Department Commander, I desire to say a word on this report. The committee does not make any recommendation, I believe, in this report. It says that the report does not meet with the views of the committee. I don't know, if that is all there is to it, that I have any objections to adopting the report, if it is merely a question of opinion between the committee and the Judge Advocate and the Department Commander. The question was submitted to the Judge Advocate of this Department, who was selected in view of

the fact of his high standing as a lawyer, a man of good judgment, as well as a painstaking person, and he has spent much time on that question, and this is the report of his opinion. Having read the opinion and considered it, the Department Commander approved it and so informed the Commander of the Post, Comrade Russell, who had presented that question. If this is all the report, I don't know as it makes any difference, for it simply says that the committee are of different opinion, but it does not say that the report be not concurred in. I have no objection to its being put on record that the Department Commander, the committee and the Judge Advocate do not agree.

Comrade Clarke, Post 4: The Judge Advocate says that he had no means of determining whether the man was eligible or not. The report of our committee says that they did not agree with the argument at all. I think that the committee, in writing up that report was trying to express its opinion more on the technical question as to whether he, after serving three days as a militiaman in the State of Missouri, is entitled to membership.

Comrade Smith, Post 131: Department Commander and Comrades: I hesitate to say anything at my own funeral, but I believe that the committee has misapprehended my report. I did not undertake to pass upon the question of service. There were no facts submitted to me from which I could determine that ultimate fact. That question was left to the decision of the Post to which application was made. The question submitted to me was whether a member of one of the twenty-nine companies of Missouri militia raised in the spring of 1865 was eligible to membership in the Grand Army. These companies were raised at the request of Gen. Dodge, then commanding the Department of Missouri. They were put under the orders of the Federal District Commanders. They were armed, equipped and paid by the State, but were subsisted by the Federal Government. They were under the orders of the Federal commanders from the time they were organized. There is no evidence that they were ever mustered into the United States service or mustered out, but they were relieved from duty at various dates by orders from Gen. Dodge.

Under our regulations, which provide that State regiments called into active service and subject to the orders of United States general officers shall be eligible to membership, it seemed to me clear that a man who could show service in one of these companies before April 9th, 1865, was eligible, and I am still of that opinion.

Comrade Wilde, Post 131, moved that the report of the committee on Judge Advocate's report be not concurred in, which was seconded.

Comrade Gideon, Post 69, moved as an amendment that the report of the Judge Advocate be adopted and the report of the committee be received and filed, which was accepted by Comrade Wilde, and seconded, put to vote and carried.

The Department Commander: The tellers on election of Medical Director, report that Comrade C. F. V. Ludwig received 153 votes and Comrade W. R. Wilson received 52 votes. I therefore declare Comrade Ludwig duly elected as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The tellers on election of Department Chaplain, report that Comrade T. J. Ferril received 133 votes, and Comrade T. H. Hagerty received 54 votes.

Comrade Hagerty, Post 131, moved that the election of Comrade Ferril as Department Chaplain be made unanimous, which was seconded, put to vote and carried.

Comrade Jere. T. Dew, of the committee to visit the Sons of Veterans, reported that they had discharged that duty, had been cordially received, and had assured them of our sympathy and support.

Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Leo Rassieur, was escorted into the Encampment and received with great enthusiasm. On reaching the platform he took the gavel and called upon Comrade Wormstead, Post 8, who addressed the Department Commander as follows:

It gives me great pleasure and satisfaction to-day, Department Commander, to be permitted to occupy the floor for a few moments amidst all these pleasant surroundings. You know,



as we all know, that it is one of the attributes of a good soldier to be ready for a surprise, and as I have known you for many years, and have never found you wanting in any of the soldierly or gentlemanly attributes, I have faith to believe that you will not be overthrown at the present time. There is nothing more worthy before men than faithful service rendered unto those who have placed you in office. We feel that you have been faithful in all things, just in your rulings, and judicious in your appointments, and in all things that have devolved upon you as Commander of this Department you have given satisfaction. One year ago to-day, at Springfield, you took your place officially in that list of grand and beloved comrades who have served this Department as Commanders through all the years of its existence; some of them have rendered their last account and passed on into the great future; some of them we have with us; there are quite a number here to-day, and we are delighted to honor them. We always delight to honor them.

You received from your predecessor in office a badge, and you have worn it worthily, and to-day you surrender it to your successor, and we know that he will wear it as you have worn it, and as those who have gone before you have worn it and honored it.

Department Commander, no one knows better than yourself, and those who have learned it by life's severe experience, how closely upon each other fall the lights and shades of life. As you have stood this year in the full white light of your comrades' favor, as the official head of this Department, the shadows have fallen across your pathway—a shadow that has deepened to its darkest intensity in the rending of earth's most sacred tie—the shadow that may fall upon the path of any of us, that will fall upon the path of all, and we sympathized with you more deeply than could be expressed in words, and we do so to-day.

It has been the custom, Department Commander, through all history, as long as man has received or rendered service man to man, to place decorations upon those who have proved themselves worthy of valorous or faithful acts. In continuation of the observance of that custom to-day, the love and esteem of your friends have centered themselves in this beautiful decoration. Your friends, especially your personal staff and your comrades of Posts

4 and 8, and the Woman's Relief Corps 10 and 11 of Kansas City, and Ladies of the G. A. R., Department of Missouri, have been active in procuring this souvenir, and it gives me the greatest pleasure on earth to place in your hands this beautiful piece of art. There is no intelligent individual of any nation upon the face of the earth that does not understand just what this means. There is no association of men upon the face of the earth but that will honor this, and honor the man upon whose breast it is worn. I deliver it into your hands, my comrade, and I express my own pleasure, and I know also the pleasure of those who have been instrumental in procuring it.

(Comrade Wormstead here handed Department Commander Henry a beautiful jeweled Past Department Commander's badge.)

Department Commander Henry: My Comrade Wormstead, I have never found a time in my life when I felt so greatly the poverty of speech as I do at this time. That badge, from its appearance, indicates that it is of great intrinsic worth; but I say to you, my comrade and my comrades, that the intrinsic value of this beautiful jewel is as nothing in comparison with the jewel of fraternity and friendship from which it comes. I am glad, my comrade, to have you say that my own Post and its associate Post in Kansas City, where I have lived for many years, and the members of which ought to know me, and the noble women of those two Corps who had been watching my course, have also been prominent in procuring this badge. I say to you, my comrades, that no wealth could buy it. It shall be worn by me as one of the greatest treasures that could be bestowed upon man. There is no higher emblem that could be pinned upon the breast of any man except the emblem that is on the breast of my comrade at my side (pointing to Commander-in-Chief Rassieur). I thank you, indeed, and I only wish I had words eloquent enough to express my gratification. When I took upon myself this great responsibility one year ago I promised to perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability. I knew that I was not competent or capable of filling it as it should be, but I said to my comrades then, if at the end of my term I should merit their approbation it would be the highest pleasure of my life. I never

expected to receive a token like this, and I receive it to-day with a heart full of gratitude for the beautiful gift; and I say to all my comrades, that I appreciate the great sympathy and fraternal affection that has been manifested toward me from the time this badge was pinned upon my breast a year ago until the present time. I shall take no more of your time, and will only say, I thank you, and all the comrades, especially my personal staff and others who have taken an interest in procuring this testimonial. I thank you again and again. Your memory, comrades, will be carried in my heart until the comrades shall follow me to my last resting place and the taps shall be sounded where I shall lie down for the last time.

At the conclusion of the Department Commander's remarks, he resumed the chair, and Commander-in-Chief Rassieur addressed the Encampment as follows:

Now, comrades, I am not going to detain you very long, as I know it would be highly improper at this time should I attempt to do so; but a great deal could be expressed by one who has been honored as I have been honored, and where the honors have come to me because of the merits of your Department, to which I belong. It was your action and conduct in the past that made it possible for Missouri to have another Commander-in-Chief, and that compliment was fortunately bestowed upon me because of the favor which your representatives manifested for me. I thank you, as those who have the power in the first instance, and I thank them for deeming me worthy of the favor which they have shown me.

I want to report to you, at the risk of being tedious, what I have been endeavoring to do during the last eight months. It seemed to me, after the election of a comrade from this Department to the position of Commander-in-Chief, that he should have marked out for him a line of duty, and follow the same in every case. I concluded that there could be but one manner of performing this duty, and that would be to stand up for the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, no matter who might be hurt, no matter who might differ. (Applause.) It seemed to me that of all organizations in this world none stands higher than the Grand Army of the Republic. It seemed to me that what

they saved to the world was more than ever had been saved before. It was organization that from 1861 to 1865 saved a government in which the last hopes of manhood and liberty were centered; and to have permitted this government then to have passed away was to have turned back the dial of Time hundreds of years, and to have gone back to the time when civilization was barely known. (Applause.) You made it possible for this government to remain a government. You made it possible for this government to be united, and manifested to the world that a government of the people, by the people and for the people could stand, notwithstanding an attack from amongst its own citizens. (Applause.) Having done so much, your organization stands higher than any other; and though some may assail it because they themselves are put into the background by the lifting up of our banner, and others may assail it because they are called upon for a small modicum of money to protect your lease of life and those of your comrades who need it, it seemed to me there was but one duty to perform in the face of this opposition, and that was to close up our ranks and maintain our position that what we fought for was right, eternally right, and could not be wrong. (Applause.) And it seemed to me, further, that our government should have its attention called to the fact that it is not dealing with mendicants when dealing with the members of our order; that it is simply paying a debt of gratitude that is just as well and clearly defined as any indebtedness in dollars and cents can be; and I thought it was my duty to call the attention of those in office to these facts, and I attempted to do it fearlessly; and I know that the Department of Missouri will stand behind me steadfastly in any such campaign. (Applause.)

I want to say to you that numbers will count a great deal in the matter of securing what is right for a poor comrade who is in need. When a comrade says, "I am not in your organization because I cannot do anything for you," tell him his name on the roll adds one to its strength and to the influence of an organization in this country.

When we go to Cleveland in September next we shall counsel together as to the best way of procuring the best legislation needed by us. If, in the meantime, it should be our good

fortune to have the pension laws administered strictly in accord with the liberal spirit of those laws, there will be very little need for legislation. If the change is not brought about, my comrades, I believe that the National Encampment in Cleveland will speak in no uncertain sound that will go from one end of the country to the other, although it may have the effect of impressing people that we are taking hold of politics for the accomplishment of our purpose. (Applause.)

That is all I propose to say to you to-day. There is no occasion to say any more to you. Your Department Commander having asked me to install the newly-elected officers, it will give great pleasure to do so.

Whereupon the Commander-in-Chief proceeded to install the newly-elected officers and the following staff officers, whose appointment was announced by the Department Commander: Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Comrade Thos. J. Dockery, Post 22, Inspector; Comrade Chas. W. Clarke, Post 8, Judge Advocate; Comrade Alex. Oliver, Post 172, Chief Mustering Officer.

The whole Encampment, led by Past Department Commander Henry then joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," after which the Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

A true record of the proceedings.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

The following telegram was received after the adjournment of the Encampment:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., May 17, 1901.

COMMANDER WILBUR F. HENRY, Nevada, Mo.:

Your telegram received and the kind message of sympathy extended on behalf of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., is cordially appreciated by the President. Mrs. McKinley's condition is much improved to-day.

GEO. B. CORTELYOU, *Secretary.*

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The principal feature of interest outside of the regular proceedings was the Camp-fire at Moore's Opera House, on Thursday evening, May 16th. The house was packed with the comrades and their friends. Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton, of Nevada, was master of ceremonies. The regular programme was opened with the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by the quartette, D. W. Graves, Herbert Graves, Boyd Graves and Bert Bowman, with Miss Grace Wight, of New York, at the piano, the old soldiers joining in the chorus.

Judge Burton then introduced the extremes of youth and age, bringing on the stage together the oldest and youngest Grand Army men in the country—Henry Dorman, of Barton County, who was born January 10, 1799, and Gilbert Van Zant, of Kansas City, born December 20, 1851, who entered at 11 years of age in the 79th Ohio Volunteers.

After Boyd Graves had sung "When Reuben Comes to Town," Judge Burton introduced Comrades Henry and Whitehead, of Kansas City, and Delos R. Haynes, of St. Louis, as "two handsome men from Kansas City and an ugly man from St. Louis," and the three sang "The Soldier's Chorus," giving "Let Me Dream" as an encore.

Comrade Burton then introduced Department Commander Henry, who made the first Camp-fire talk. He talked to the comrades in a way that they appreciated. His speech was along the line that the war resulted in a union of the people of this country. That the men who wore the gray and those who wore the blue are now cemented into one indestructible and indissoluble union.

The old veterans were then entertained by a Camp-fire song by the Graves quartette. They sang "As Sherman Marched Down to the Sea." The quartette was called back, and gave

“Who Said Chicken in This Crowd.” The song was received by the old comrades with cheers.

This was followed by violin quartette, consisting of Dr. and Madame Blitz, Miss Mary Birdseye and Paul Neilson. They rendered very beautifully Papini's Fete Champetre. This was so enthusiastically applauded that they were compelled to play again. This time they gave a magnificent rendition of “Marcia,” by Turque.

Miss Brooksie Busby, at the piano, was an exceptionally sympathetic accompanist.

Department Commander Martin, of Kansas, when introduced, stated that he was a victim of misplaced confidence, as he had been positively assured that he should sing, but that privilege had been denied him because Henry was so proud of his own voice that he could not brook a rival.

Speaking to his comrades in arms, he said, among other things: “You have given this country a martial fame that challenges the admiration of the world, and given generations to come a heritage of freedom.”

“You were the central figures in the grandest drama ever played upon the world's great stage.”

He closed his remarks with an eloquent apostrophe to the flag, and then the quartette drew another cheer from the audience by singing “Marching Through Georgia.”

“This is the time,” said Judge Burton, “that the committee inflicts me upon you,” and then delivered an address which was anything but an infliction.

He explained the objects of the G. A. R. as fraternity, charity and loyalty to the Republic.

“Fraternity among the survivors of that magnificent body of men who fought that a government of, by and for the people should not perish from the earth. Nothing binds men closer than common suffering, common defeat and common victory under the folds of the same old banner. Charity, not in almsgiving, but in everything that the word expresses. Loyalty, not to the magnificent public domain, not to our 75,000,000 people,

but to the government. Every man an emperor. A flag which stands for equal rights and human liberty. A government which will stand as long as the sons are taught to walk in the footsteps of the fathers.

“The old soldiers have a wonderful memory. They remember everything that happened and many which did not occur. They tell stories, too, of and about each other until they think them true. But there was one man in every regiment that all respected and were loyal to, so long as he didn't trump his partner's ace—the chaplain.” And in an eloquent tribute to those brave and godly men, the judge introduced Department Chaplain Ferril.

Knowing from experience the inmost thoughts of the “old boys,” he played upon them as upon an instrument, and for thirty minutes ran the gamut of human emotions; shook them with laughter, and melted them to tears. His speech was a fitting finale to the meeting, which adjourned at a late hour with three rousing cheers.

It was the intention to have had a parade on Friday afternoon, but the heavy rains of the night before had made this impracticable, much to the disappointment of the comrades as well as the people of Nevada.



## GENERAL ORDERS, 1900-1901.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }  
 SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 17, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 1. }

I. Having been elected by the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to the office of Department Commander, and been duly installed therein, I hereby assume command, with due appreciation of its responsibilities and of the high honor conferred upon me by my comrades of this Department.

II. Comrade THOMAS B. RODGERS, of Post No. 1, St. Louis, is hereby appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Other appointments will be announced in future orders.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander will be No. 307 Massachusetts Building, Kansas City, Mo., where all personal communications to the Department Commander should be addressed.

All official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Department Headquarters, No. 303 Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

W. F. HENRY,

Department Commander.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 ST. LOUIS, MO., May 24, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 2. }

I. The Department Commander desires to congratulate the comrades of this Department upon the spirit of comradeship that was manifest in the Nineteenth Annual Encampment, just held in the beautiful city of Springfield, and that the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic to that encampment, by their manly bearing and deportment, left an impression for good upon that community, which must be very gratifying to all.

The visit of the Commander-in-Chief was an honor that was fully appreciated, and his address before the encampment, to the school

children assembled to view the parade, and at the camp-fire Thursday night, will be long remembered and cherished as gems of oratory and patriotic expression. He received a comrades' greeting and welcome, and carried with him the fraternal sympathy and good wishes of all.

The fraternal visit of Department Commander W. W. Martin and Past Department Commander O. H. Coulter, of the Department of Kansas, bringing with them the greeting of that splendid department, was a pleasing feature of the encampment, and will tend to more firmly cement and strengthen the ties of comradeship which have always existed between these two great departments.

The parade on the afternoon of Thursday was unusually good. It is estimated that there were nearly one thousand comrades in line, besides a large number of carriages, citizens and civic societies. As usual, the review by the children and students of the various schools was a very gratifying feature. It was to them an object lesson in patriotism that they cannot learn from the books.

II. By the report of the Assistant Adjutant General submitted to the encampment at Springfield, it is gratifying to note that there was a net gain of 145 members in good standing during the last six months of 1899. This shows that there is a commendable revival of interest among the comrades that argues well for the future. There is one item in that report that ought to be materially reduced; the report shows that out of a total enrollment of 17,543 there were remaining suspended, December 31, 1899, the very large number of 5,630. This large number of suspensions ought to be reduced, and if each Post will correct this evil within its own ranks, when the next annual report is made the number in suspension will largely be reduced, and the number in good standing correspondingly increased. No comrade should be suspended because he is unable to pay his dues. Let the effort to restore those who have been suspended or dropped be zealously made in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and we will be able to show a net gain on each report. There are in every community many who are eligible to membership in our Order who have never been mustered into our ranks. Most of these might be recruited if wisely and fraternally approached. Let the effort be made.

III. The following comrades were elected to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed by the Commander-in-Chief:

Department Commander, Wilbur F. Henry, Post 8, Kansas City.

Senior Vice-Department Commander, W. H. Skinner, Post 124, Bethany.

Junior Vice-Department Commander, A. R. McDonald, Post 69, Springfield.

Medical Director, Dr. A. Van Meter, Post 34, Lamar.

Chaplain, Rev. T. J. Ferril, Post 7, Wellsville.

Council of Administration, N. W. Taylor, Post 131, St. Louis; Arnold Beck, Post 1, St. Louis; Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; Ira T. Bronson, Post 53, Sedalia; John M. Wherry, Post 444, St. Louis.

IV. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-fourth National Encampment:

REPRESENTATIVES.

T. J. Ferril (at large), Wellsville.  
 Jos. McAdoo, Springfield.  
 Jas. A. Stewart, Kansas City.  
 Jno. T. Birdseye, Nevada.  
 W. B. Dean, St. Louis.  
 J. W. Trader, Sedalia.  
 O. P. Smith, Kansas City.  
 O. C. Snyder, Kirksville.  
 H. Phelps, Joplin.  
 Henry Fairback, St. Louis.  
 Chas. F. Vogel, St. Louis.  
 A. McKinney, Pierce City.  
 D. T. Ferrier, Springfield.  
 R. D. Cramer, Memphis.  
 Nich. Mathias, Moberly.  
 Adam Ofenstein, St. Louis.  
 H. E. Robinson, Maryville.

ALTERNATES.

T. H. Hagerty (at large), St. Louis.  
 O. M. Fuller, Tarkio.  
 Peter Bobe, St. Louis.  
 A. L. McBride, Butler.  
 Daniel Gillson, Appleton City.  
 Eli A. Cook, Spickard.  
 C. W. Corkran, Novelty.  
 Chas. P. Woodruff, St. Louis.  
 D. C. Graves, Eldorado Springs.  
 J. F. Brown, Jerico.  
 E. R. Bates, Adrian.  
 Jos. Morgan, Kahoka.  
 J. E. Decker, Republic.  
 Wm. Maynard, Moberly.  
 J. W. Eldridge, Springfield.  
 J. N. Hosey, Brookline.  
 Henry F. Glahn, Clarence.

V. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Inspector, John W. Toppass, Post 29, Chillicothe.  
 Judge Advocate, Geo. E. Smith, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 Chief Mustering Officer, W. E. Evans, Post 115, Carl Junction.  
 Color Bearer and Aide-de-Camp, John B. Cotty, Post 5, Moberly.  
 Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp, John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis.

VI. The Commander of each Post is requested to recommend to the Department Commander a worthy and active comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on his staff.

VII. The charters of the following delinquent Posts were annulled and revoked by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 121, Cora; 147, Blythedale; 154, Arbela; 226, Jameson; 272, Malden; 288, Fairmont; 302, Ottomer; 313, Strafford; 325, Lockwood; 328, Bakersfield; 333, Piedmont; 356 Zincite; 439, Advance; 441, Alton; 446, Moody; 450, Smithville; 452, Tipton; 470, Slater; 477, New Cam-

bria; 485, Pacific; 494, Greencastle; 498, Ardeola; 499, Guilford; 500, Ardmore; 505, Chamois; 509, Brunswick; 511, Louisiana; 513, Glasgow; 521, Papinville; 529, Glasgow; 530, Mexico; 531, Bolckow; 532, Glag Springs; 539, Moberly.

The charters of the following Posts heretofore suspended were annulled and revoked by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration:

Post 212, Richmond; 225, Marshfield; 248, N. Salem; 275, Gainesville; 281, Omaha; 318, Paxico; 321, Caruth; 351 Norborne; 361, Fulton; 364, New Florence; 368, Mack's Creek; 410, Decatur; 419, Decaturville; 422, Newtown; 445, Steelville; 476, Springfield; 484, Hendrickson; 528, Downing; 535, Laredo.

The late commanders of these Posts will at once return their charters, books and papers to these Headquarters, as required by the Rules and Regulations.

VIII. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 85, Shelbina; 170, Fillmore; 280, Modena; 373, Allendale; 385, Long Lane; 414, Louisburg; 455, Centretown; 480, Protem; 519, Tuscumbia; 534, Ponce de Leon; 536, Aldrich; 558, Poplar Bluff.

IX. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's Reports for the first term of 1900, being the six months ending June 30th, with addressed envelope, will be sent in a few days. These reports should be made out at the *last meeting in June*, when the Post Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster are together, and after having been signed by the Post Commander, should be enclosed with the *Per Capita Tax* of ten cents for each member in good standing, and promptly forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General. They should not be held until the end of the month. As the time will be short before the meeting of the National Encampment, more than usual promptness is necessary in forwarding these reports.

The figures in *red ink* show the correct number in good standing last report, and should in no case be changed. Should there be an error, it must be noted on the margin. All gains and losses in membership must be accounted for by name, with the cause of gain or loss stated.

X. Blanks in duplicate for reports of Post Chaplains, as to the observance of Memorial Day, and memorial services in Church on the preceding Sabbath, in their vicinity, are herewith enclosed. One copy should be filed with the Post and the other forwarded to Rev. T. J. Ferril, Department Chaplain, Wellsville, Mo., in addressed envelope herewith enclosed. They should be sent immediately after Memorial Day.

XI. Copies of the journal of the last National Encampment were distributed at the Department Encampment. Posts not represented there, or comrades, can procure a copy, if desired, from the Assistant Adjutant General, by sending 15 cents for postage.

By Command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 ST. LOUIS, MO., July 10, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 3. }

I. The Thirty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Chicago during the week beginning August 27th, next. The Department of Missouri has always held a proud place in these National gatherings, both in the encampments proper and in the grand parades. The Department Commander urges that the comrades at once begin to plan for a large attendance. Sceldom has there been an opportunity for Missouri comrades to participate in a National Encampment with so little expense of time or money as in this one. The railroads have made a low rate of fare, and the Citizens' Committee of Chicago will provide free quarters to such as desire. Missouri should not lower her standard, nor lag behind, but should hold her high position. Let special efforts be put forth that a very large number shall be in the grand parade wearing the crimson badge of this Department. Further information in regard to railroad fare and entertainment to the National Encampment will be given in future orders. Comrades, the time must soon come when the grand parade at these National Encampments must be abandoned. The step that once was buoyant, firm and free, now oft is trembling and is made with pain. The form that once was proudly erect is now often bowed and bent with the weight of years and disease contracted in the service of his country. But let us once more renew our youth by mingling with the comrades of long ago, and by again touching elbows with those who with us formed the human bulwark in defense of country and the old flag.

II. The Department Commander suggests and recommends that Posts and comrades residing in contiguous territory organize into battalions or companies for the trip to the National Encampment. They will thereby be enabled to get better accommodations by railroads and entertainment committees than by individual action. All who can should go in uniform. There will be no camp; all the school buildings suitably located will be used for quarters. Arrangements will be made to have Missouri comrades, so far as possible, assigned to

quarters in the same buildings. Posts and battalions wishing free quarters should apply at once to the Chairman of Committee on Free Quarters, R. H. Peters, 611 The Temple, 184 LaSalle Street, Chicago. They are also requested to inform the Assistant Adjutant General of the number of comrades who will attend, so that it may be known to what extent quarters are needed.

III. The Department Commander quotes with great gratification the following extract from a letter received from Past Commander-in-Chief S. S. Burdette, Chairman of the Grand Memorial Committee, transmitting a copy of the Official Proceedings, incident to the reception of the Statue to General Grant, presented to the Nation by the Grand Army of the Republic. He says:

"In this connection I desire to express my own and the committee's very warm appreciation of the faithful and ungrudging support—moral and financial—which the comrades of the Department of Missouri gave to the project from its inception. The official reports of the Quartermaster General show that Missouri stands second in the amount contributed to the 'Grant Monument Fund,' being exceeded only by the great Department of Pennsylvania. It is but just to point out that judged by the membership of the Order in all the Departments, Missouri was the largest contributor."

IV. It is with great sorrow that the Department Commander announces the death of Comrade Arnold Beck, one of the most honored and efficient members of the Department Council of Administration, who died at his home in St. Louis, June 2, 1900. Comrade Beck was residing at Cape Girardeau at the outbreak of the Civil War. He at once raised a company and became its captain. It was mustered in as Co. C, 2d Mo. Infantry, July 28, 1861. He was a gallant soldier and judicious commander, and rose to the rank of Major, and then to Lieut. Colonel of his regiment, serving with distinction to the close of the War. His record as a citizen and as a comrade of the Grand Army is a proud one. Many offices of trust and honor have been held by him in civil life. He was long a member of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, and was again and again elected a member of the Department Council of Administration, the last time being at the recent Encampment at Springfield. Let us emulate his virtues and cherish his memory.

V. The following appointment on the staff of the Department Commander is hereby announced:

J. C. Greenman, Post 4, Kansas City, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VI. Upon the recommendations of the Post Commanders, the following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

W. F. Cloud, Post 4, Kansas City; Jacob Hoffman, Post 13, St. Louis; Gustave Sells, Post 17, Cameron; Jacob Hollenberger, Post 43, Hannibal; Thos. B. Roseberry, Post 59, Pollock; O. M. Fuller, Post 67, Tarkio; Wm. Brantner, Post 72, Trenton; John A. Davis, Post 75, Greenfield; John A. Blackwell, Post 82, Wellsville; John Bennett, Post 102, Shelbyville; W. R. Oder, Post 107, St. Louis; Wm. O. Adams, Post 120, Maple Grove; Jackson Walker, Post 124, Bethany; Richard Moore, Post 160, Wheeling; Henry W. Riegle, Post 168, Braymer; E. E. Russell, Post 177, Moundville; R. D. Cramer, Post 179, Memphis; W. R. Sanford, Post 185, Center; W. H. Haughawout, Post 190, Webb City; James H. Reading, Post 238, Lowry City; J. N. Miller, Post 243, Willow Springs; E. S. Battin, Post 251, Eldorado Springs; Wm. A. Homan, Post 370, Sumner; Nicholas Cassidy, Post 377, Ozark; Thos. Anderson, Post 407, Conway; S. G. Kaylor, Post 412, Newark; W. O. Blanchard, Post 469, Ashland; W. B. Wolcott, Post 516, Carterville.

Additional appointments will be made as they may be recommended by the Post Commanders. It is expected that comrades so honored will feel it both their duty and pleasure to do all in their power to advance the interests of their Posts and the Order generally. They should notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance of the appointment, and procure from him the badge of their rank. Commissions will be sent only on receipt of acceptance of appointment.

VII. Post Chaplains who have not already done so, are urged to make report at once of Memorial Day services to Department Chaplain, T. J. Ferril, Wellsville, Mo. Blanks and addressed envelopes have been sent to all Posts.

VIII. The following Posts having paid their arrearages, have been reinstated:

Hardy Smith Post, No. 117, Quitman; Pardee Post, No. 352, Cabool; John A. Dollans Post, No. 383, Mountain View; Long Lane Post, No. 385, Long Lane; Lieut. Brooks Post, No. 369, Ashland.

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XI. The Journal of Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment, and Department Roster for 1900, are sent herewith. They are addressed to the Post Commander, but are for the use of the Post.

XII. General Orders No. 8, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 St. Louis, Mo., August 9, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 4. }

I. The Thirty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in Studebaker Hall, in the city of Chicago, on Wednesday, August 29, 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M. The Annual Parade will take place on Tuesday, August 28th, at 10 A. M.

II. The Headquarters of the Department will be located at the Palmer House, Room 228, and will be opened on Monday morning, August 27th. All Department officers, representatives and alternates will report there as soon as possible after their arrival. A visitors' register will be kept here for Missouri comrades, and all will receive a cordial welcome.

III. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that from present indications the Department of Missouri will be largely represented by comrades in the grand parade. It is expected that all comrades who can do so will take a pride in swelling the ranks of the Missouri Division, and that all who march will wear the uniform. A blue coat and blue pants and soft black hat is as economical and inexpensive a suit as one can wear. Let all take a pride in holding for Missouri the proud position she has heretofore attained as the peer in appearance of any Department in the parade.

The line of the parade will be in the central business part of the city, and it is said will not exceed two miles in length.

IV. Posts and comrades will assemble for parade at the place assigned for the Department of Missouri, on Tuesday, at 10 o'clock A. M. Comrade J. C. Greenman, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief-of-Staff, will have charge of the formation. Posts attending as a body will report on their arrival to the Assistant Adjutant General, giving their numbers and location. All detachments and unattached comrades will be formed in a separate battalion.

V. While the Department Commander would be pleased to have as many Aides-de-Camp mounted in the parade as practicable, he does not feel like imposing the burden of expense it might entail upon them. Horses and equipments will be secured for such as may desire them, on their sending \$5.00 to the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

VI. The McLaren school building, corner of York and Laffin Streets, has been set apart by the Committee on Free Quarters for the occupation of Missouri Posts and comrades. It is centrally located, about one mile west of the lake, and accessible by three street car lines—Harrison street car to Laffin Street, Metropolitan "L," Garfield Park branch to Laffin street. Posts desiring free quarters should ap-



ply for assignment to R. H. Peters, Chairman, The Temple, 184 La Salle Street, Chicago. They should also notify these Headquarters. Comrades desiring accommodations at private houses near the quarters of their Posts or elsewhere, should apply to J. A. McCartney, Chairman, The Temple, 184 LaSalle Street. Cots will be furnished in free quarters, but comrades must furnish their own covering, towels, etc.

VII. The railroad rates for Missouri will be one fare for the round trip. Every possible effort has been made to secure a lower rate from the Western Passenger Association, but without avail. Tickets will be good going August 25th to 29th inclusive, and good to return up to September 1st. By depositing tickets at the Joint Agency Office on or before noon of September 2d, and payment of a fee of 50 cents, they may be extended to leave Chicago up to and including September 30th.

VIII. The Department Commander has accepted as his personal escort the comrades of Posts Nos. 4 and 8, Kansas City. The official train will leave Kansas City on the evening of the 26th. The exact time and route will be announced as soon as determined upon. All comrades and friends who can do so are invited to go by this train. Whatever advantages the selected route may give will be shared by all.

IX. It is announced that reunions by States (as to service) will be held at the fixed hour of 8 o'clock P. M. Tuesday, the day of the parade. That is, all who served in the Illinois regiments will meet together, and so with each of the other States. Comrades will ascertain the place of meeting of their respective States from the daily papers of Tuesday morning.

X. The Department Commander calls especial attention to the Circular Letter herewith enclosed, of Division Commander Oscar Fries, of the Sons of Veterans. The prize offered is worth working for, and the cause is one which should enlist the active sympathy and work of our comrades.

XI. Hon. Charles F. Joy, member of Congress from the 11th district of Missouri, is entitled to the thanks and grateful acknowledgments of this Department for a complete set of the Official War Records of the Rebellion, furnished through him for the Headquarters Library. The set consists of 130 volumes, with numerous maps in two large atlases.

XII. The following additional appointments of Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Julius Bongner, Post 1, St. Louis; Jacob M. Gruen, Post 2, St. Louis; Louis Kaesehagen, Post 13, St. Louis; Sidney Coon, Post 14, Joplin; J. W. Truxel, Post 53, Sedalia; James H. Sampson, Post 96.

Maysville; J. P. Achor, Post 128, Salem; John Henry, Post 131, St. Louis; J. D. Abbe, Post 149, Bolivar; Eli D. Hopkins, Post 215, Farmington; R. James, Post 352, Cabool.

Commissions will be issued to the comrades upon receipt of their acceptance of the appointment by the Assistant Adjutant General.

XIII. The proceedings, finding and sentence of the Post court-martial in the trial of James A. Capen, of Post 53, Department of Missouri, G. A. R., have been approved by the Department Commander, and the said James A. Capen is dishonorably discharged and dismissed from the Grand Army of the Republic.

XIV. Headquarters at St. Louis will be closed during the week of the Encampment and for several days later.

XV. General Orders No. 8, National Headquarters, are transmitted with this order.

By Command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., October 4, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
NO. 5. }

I. The Department Commander desires to congratulate the comrades of the Department upon the splendid appearance made by Missouri in the grand parade at Chicago at the National Encampment. The attendance from this Department was large, and in general appearance it was the peer of any Department in the line. No Department received more hearty and generous applause from the great host of on-lookers, who crowded every available space for viewing the parade along the whole line of march. The Department Commander takes this opportunity to express his very high appreciation of the efforts of comrades to hold the high standard of excellence which Missouri has attained, and extends his thanks to all who took part in the parade. Blair, Lyon, Hassendeubel, Harding and Ransom Posts of St. Louis, Custer Post of St. Joseph, Wm. McKee Post of Kahoka, Veteran Co. A, with its drum corps, and McPherson and Farragut-Thomas Posts of Kansas City, are worthy of special mention. The prize banner carried at the head of the Department was awarded to Ransom Post, No. 131, of St. Louis, for making the best appearance of any Post in the Department in the parade. The Department Commander tenders special acknowledgment and appreciation to the large number of his personal staff, who rendered such efficient aid in making the parade such a splendid success.

II. The Department Commander takes especial pride in announc-

ing to the comrades that the National Encampment recently held in Chicago, further honored this Department by making Past Department Commander Comrade Leo Rassieur, of Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis, its unanimous choice for the high office of Commander-in-Chief. Every comrade of this Department will feel a commendable pride in this selection, and will, in a measure, share the honor so generously bestowed upon our most worthy comrade.

III. General Orders Nos. 1 and 2, National Headquarters, are herewith transmitted. They contain much valuable information and admonition. Let them be carefully read in the Posts.

IV. Now that we are about entering upon the long evenings of the fall and winter, let there be a renewed effort to recruit the membership of the Posts. There are many in the vicinity of every Post who are eligible to membership in our Order who are not members of any Post. They should be looked up and induced to join. Special efforts should also be continued to induce as many suspended and dropped comrades as possible to return to full membership. Make the terms of reinstatement as easy and inexpensive as possible, and a large accession can be made to our number in good standing.

V. The Department of Texas has made an appeal for contributions for the relief of the comrades and other Union soldiers who are sufferers from the terrible calamity which befell the city of Galveston and surrounding country in Texas. This appeal has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. It is earnestly requested that the Posts of this Department contribute, as they may be able, to this worthy object, and send their contributions to the Assistant Adjutant General, Thos. B. Rodgers, Room 303 Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo., who will receipt for the same, and forward the amounts to the Department of Texas.

VI. The following additional appointments of Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

R. M. Stewart, Post 4, Kansas City; Chas. Englehart, Post 76, Kidder; T. G. McCune, Post 185, New London; V. B. Scott, Post 222, Melbourne; J. D. Officer, Post 223, Eagleville; E. M. Mitchell, Post 282, Carrollton.

Commissions will be issued upon receipt of acceptance of the appointment by the Assistant Adjutant General.

VII. Especial attention is called to the report of the Committee on Legislation for Veterans in Public Service, a copy of which, with a circular letter of the Commander-in-Chief, is herewith enclosed. Prompt action is advised.

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IX. The following new Post has been mustered:

Maj. Cantwell Post, No. 570, at Richmond, Ray Co., September 29, 1900, by W. F. Henry, Department Commander.

X. Copies of the Journal of the National Encampment at Philadelphia were distributed at the late Department Encampment. Posts not represented there, or comrades, can procure a copy, if desired, from the Assistant Adjutant General, by sending 15 cents for postage. Journals of former National Encampments may be had on same terms by those wishing to complete sets.

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By Command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:  
 THOS. B. RODGERS,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 ST. LOUIS, MO., November 15, 1900. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 NO. 6. }

I. The Department Commander congratulates the comrades that the great political battle is over, and that an overwhelming majority of the people of the Nation have registered their approval of our comrade, the President. We are assured that the business of the country will not be disturbed by a radical change of policy, and that deserving comrades will receive their just rights at the hands of those in power. The Department Commander will use his personal endeavor, to the end that his comrades shall have a fair hearing and be accorded justice in all matters that may be properly brought to his attention. A comrade who, as Quartermaster-Sergeant of his regiment in 1862, carried hot coffee and hardtack to the boys on the battle line when shot and shell filled the air is President, and will remain President for four years more. His heart is just as full of the spirit of fraternity now as then, and he will not long permit a course of injustice to be pursued towards his comrades by any officer of the Government.

II. Now that the election is over and we can all settle down to work again, let every comrade look about him for recruits of the Grand Army. There is not a neighborhood in which our ranks may not be recruited. Many have never been in the order, and many have allowed their membership to lapse. Get after such in the spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty, and induce them to join the nearest Post. The report of the Commissioner or Pensions shows that there are 53,775 pensioners residing in this Department. The report also shows that more than three-fourths of all the pensioners enrolled are survivors, and less than one-fourth are widows and orphans. That would indicate that there are at least 40,000 survivors of the civil war who are eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic residing in Missouri, while our records show that our total member-

ship, June 30th last, was only 17,385, and that 5,688 of these were on the suspended list. These figures show that over 22,000 comrades of the civil war residing within our Department are not on our rolls at all, and of more than 40,000 within our borders who are eligible to membership, only 11,700 are touching elbows in the Post rooms. Comrades, let us change this.

III. The annual inspection of Posts will be made prior to December 31, 1900. A blank of Form H, for such inspection, with addressed envelope for Department Inspector is enclosed herewith. The senior Past Post Commander present will make the inspection. In the absence of any Past Post Commander at the meeting when inspection is to take place, the Post Commander will detail a suitable comrade to make the inspection. The form of inspection will be found in the Service Book. Reports of inspection will be promptly forwarded to John W. Toppass, Department Inspector, Chillicothe, Mo.

IV. The annual election of officers of each Post will be held at the first regular meeting in December. At the same meeting representatives and alternates to the Department Encampment will be elected, based on the number of members in good standing as shown by the Adjutant's report for the term ending June 30, 1900. Each Post is entitled to one representative and one alternate for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional representative and alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one representative and one alternate.

Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders, being *ex-officio* members of the Encampment, should not be elected as representatives or alternates.

Posts in arrears for dues are not entitled to representation in the Encampment.

Blanks in duplicate for report of representatives and alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed herewith. A blank for report of Post officers-elect and appointed is also enclosed, and should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the officers are installed.

V. Blanks of Consolidated Forms A and B, in duplicate, for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the second term of 1900, are herewith inclosed. These reports should be made out, and with the per capita tax of ten cents for each member, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the *last meeting in December*. They should not be held back until the end of the month.

The number of members in good standing on last report, the number remaining suspended and the cash balance in the hands of Quartermaster, are set down in *red ink and should not be changed*. If there is an error it should be noted on the report. It is absolutely necessary that the *names* of all comrades gained or lost during the term should be given under the proper headings.

Remittances should not be made by personal checks, on which the banks charge a discount of fifteen cents. Otherwise this will be charged to the Post.

VI. The newly elected and appointed officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1901, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander on request of the Post Commander.

The Rules and Regulations require that before the officers of a Post can be installed, it must have forwarded its reports and per capita tax, and have been inspected for the previous year. If it should appear upon inquiry that this has not been done, the installing officer will defer the installation until he has made the inspection and received the reports. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond before he is installed.

VI. Public installations are recommended when practicable, to which the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans should be invited, as well as the general public. On such occasions the Post will open and close informally.

VII. Reports of Post Surgeons will be made for the entire year, to Dr. A. Van Meter, Lamar, Mo., Medical Director of the Department. A blank and addressed envelope for that purpose is enclosed. A complete list of all deaths during the year should be reported. Post Adjutants should assist the Post Surgeons in preparing this report, and where there is no Post Surgeon the Adjutant should make the report.

IX. The appeal of the Department of Texas, for aid in behalf of the comrades who suffered from the Galveston disaster, and which was received too late to be sent out with the last General Order, is enclosed herewith. It should receive favorable consideration from such Posts as are able to contribute and have not already acted. All contributions should be sent to Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, who will forward them to the Department of Texas.

X. It has come to the notice of the Department Commander that some of the Posts are not in the habit of furnishing each recruit with the membership badge as required by the Rules and Regulations. The buttonier, which is all right in its place, was never intended for a substitute for the badge.

XI. The following new Post has been mustered :

Col. James Jackson Post, No. 571, at Balm, Cedar Co., October 26, 1900, by W. S. Hutchinson, P. P. C., Post 251, Special Mustering Officer; Wm. Blank, Post Commander.

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By Command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander :

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 ST. LOUIS, MO., January 31, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 7. }

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Thursday and Friday, May 16th and 17th, for the meeting of the Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, at the city of Nevada, Mo.

II. By reference to General Orders No. 3, from National Headquarters, herewith transmitted, it will be seen that the Thirty-fifth National Encampment will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, during the week commencing September 9th.

III. The Department Commander urges upon Post Officers and individual comrades the importance of reducing the number of suspended and dropped members, as well as getting in new recruits. In a large majority of cases it would be well to remit the dues of suspended members and let them start out even again. The finances of the Post would not suffer by so doing, and many good comrades might be saved to the Order who would be future contributors to the Post funds. The Department Commander is gratified to note that the reports show that many Posts have made substantial gains during the past year. There is not a Post in the Department that may not, with proper effort, make a net gain on its next semi-annual report. Let all comrades work to that end. Our representation in the National Encampment depends upon our number in good standing June 30th, next.

IV. The noble organization of the Woman's Relief Corps is doing a grand work in this Department, and the Department Commander urges all Posts and comrades to render all possible aid in establishing and strengthening auxiliary Corps. They are worthy of our commendation and hearty support, as are also the Sons of Veterans. Let the bonds of fraternity be made stronger between the Grand Army of the Republic and our auxiliary Woman's Relief Corps and our sons of the Sons of Veterans.

V. The following are the amounts contributed through Department Headquarters for the relief of the Texas comrades:

Post 75, Greenfield, \$2.50; Post 412, Newark, \$1.00; Post 332, Washington, \$5.00; Post 496, St. Louis, \$2.00; Post 141, Marionville, \$2.00; Post 512, Tipton, \$5.00; Post 247, West Plains, \$2.00; Post 124, Bethany, \$7.50; Post 177, Moundville, \$1.00; Post 322, Verona, \$2.00; Post 257, Licking, \$2.00; Post 492, Monett, \$2.00; Post 21, Marysville, \$10.00; Post 13, St. Louis, \$5.00; Post 251, El Dorado Springs, \$2.00; Post 29, Chillicothe, \$2.50; Post 152, Melrose, \$5.00; Post 276, Clarksburg, \$3.00; Post 221, Novelty, \$5.00; Post 11, Lexington, \$2.00; Post 241, Galt, \$3.40; Post 314, Cedar Hill, \$1.00; Post 47, Green City, \$1.85; Total, \$74.75.

In addition to the above, Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, of St. Louis, contributed \$25.00 before the appeal was sent out, and Harding Post, No. 107, of St. Louis, contributed \$15.00 through the General Committee. Several other Posts have made contributions direct, and if reported to these Headquarters, proper acknowledgment will be made.

VI. Comrade F. M. Sterrett having been appointed Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic, resigned as a member of the National Council of Administration, and comrade Jere T. Dew, Post 8, Kansas City, was elected by the Executive Committee in his stead.

VII. Warren T. Stewart Post, No. 457, Benton, Scott County, Mo., was re-chartered, and mustered December 29, 1900, by R. B. Heuchan, P. P. C., Post 382, Special Mustering Officer. Vincent Heusserer, P. C., New Hamburg, Mo.

VIII. The attention of Posts and comrades is again called to the offer made last summer by Division Commander Oscar Fries, of the Sons of Veterans, of a silk flag as a prize to the Post securing the most recruits for the Sons of Veterans. But a few months now remain in which to do this work.

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By Command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., March 20, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 8. }

I. With profound sorrow the Department Commander announces the death of Past Department Commander Louis Grund, which occurred at his home, in St. Louis, March 11, 1901.

Comrade Grund was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1844, and came to America with his parents in infancy. His parents took up their residence at once in St. Louis, where Comrade Grund was educated in the public schools, and where he resided to the day of his death.

He enlisted October 20, 1862, at the age of 17, in the 4th Missouri Cavalry, and served in Cos. C and L of that regiment till the close of the war, and was honorably discharged October 20, 1865.

His record as a soldier of the Republic is an honorable one. In war and in peace his bearing was such as to win for him the warm friendship and respect of his superiors in rank and of his associates. His life was full of good deeds towards his old comrades, who once on land and on sea upheld the Constitution and the Flag of the Republic.



Comrade Grund was one of the enterprising business men of St. Louis, and took an active interest in the progressive welfare of his city, and for a term held the office of Assessor and Collector of Water Rates.

He was mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic by Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, on the 5th day of February, 1884, and was one of the most active members until the time of his death. He served two terms as Post Commander. In 1891 he was elected Senior Vice-Department Commander, and was elected Department Commander in 1894.

His hand and purse were ever open to the needy, and his loss will be greatly deplored. His Post turned out in large numbers as escort at his funeral, which was attended by the Department Commander and several of his staff, as well as by a number of Past Department officers and a very large concourse of citizens.

The Department Commander desires to testify to the sterling worth of Comrade Grund as a comrade, as a friend and a citizen, and on behalf of all the comrades of this Department to extend to his bereaved family most heartfelt and sincere sympathy.

When the Department Bugler sounded the taps over the final resting place of our comrade in the city of the dead, the last sad rites were closed over the mortal remains of one who was true to country and to comrades, and whose good name will be cherished in fraternal memory.

II. As a tribute of respect to our departed comrade, it is recommended that Post charters be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

By Command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
St. Louis, Mo., March 10, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
NO. 9. }

I. By unanimous vote of the Department Council of Administration, Comrade F. W. Guerin, of Post No. 1, St. Louis, has been elected a member of the Council of Administration, *vice* Arnold Beck, deceased. He will be respected accordingly.

II. The comrades and citizens of Nevada are arranging to receive and care for the 20th Annual Encampment of this Department, which will convene at that place, May 16th and 17th, in a most generous and hospitable manner. The Department Commander urges upon comrades the importance of a full attendance, that the first Encampment

of the 20th century may be memorable as one of the best in the history of the Department. Accommodations will be quite as reasonable as at any previous Encampment. Ample arrangements will be made for the accommodation of the W. R. C. and other patriotic Orders meeting at the same time in Nevada.

III. The Western Passenger Association, comprising most of the railroads in the state, has made the following reduced rates for the meeting of the Encampment:

"Open rate of fare and one-third for round trip from points in Missouri from which the local one-way rate to Nevada is \$1.50 or less; rate of \$2.00 for the round trip from points in Missouri from which the local one-way rate to Nevada is \$2.00 and more than \$1.50, and rate of *one fare for the round trip* from all other points in the State; excursion tickets to be sold on May 15th and 16th, good to return until and including May 20th, 1901. Tickets limited for going passage commencing date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction."

The following railroads not in the Association have made the same rates: Kansas City Southern; Missouri, Kansas & Texas; St. Louis & San Francisco; Southern Missouri and Arkansas; Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City.

The St. Louis & Hannibal has made a rate of one and one-third for the round trip from all points to St. Louis or Hannibal.

Post Commanders on receipt of this Order, should notify comrades who are going to the Encampment, and should see the station agent and ascertain if he has received the necessary instructions in regard to reduced rates, and if not, have him write his company for instructions.

IV. The following appointments of Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

L. F. Carter, Post 7, St. Joseph; C. S. Bolton, Post 17, Cameron; D. W. Graves, Post 26, Nevada; A. L. McBride, Post 58, Butler; Joseph Parrish, Post 65, Mound City; C. F. Wadleigh, Post 68, Green Ridge; Dr. Edw. Borek, Post 107, St. Louis; H. C. Sankey, Post 128, Salem; H. Montgomery, Post 150, Spickards; D. Gillson, Post 172, Appleton City; C. W. Corkran, Post 221, Novelty; John P. Webb, Post 424, Wakenda; W. H. Graham, Post 453, Middletown; A. F. Prickett, Post 487, Elmer.

Commissions will be issued upon receipt of acceptance of the appointments by the Assistant Adjutant General.

V. The following Posts contributed for the relief of Texas comrades direct to the Department of Texas:

Post 53, Sedalia, \$10.00; Post 102, Shelbyville, \$1.00; Post 5, Moberly, \$12.40; Post 8, Kansas City, \$5.00; Post 63, Holden, \$3.00; Post 282, Carrollton, \$2.45; Post 190, Webb City, \$5.00; Post 72, Tren-

ton, \$3.00; Post 383, Mountain View, \$2.80; Post 548, Boyler's Mills, \$1.00; Post 240, Boonville, \$5.00; Post 515, Liberal, \$2.00; Post 371, Stella, \$2.00; Post 546, Newport, 55 cents; Post 59, Pollock, \$2.00; Post 487, Elmer, \$5.00; Post 304, St. Louis, \$6.00; Post 106, Malta Bend, \$1.00; Individuals, \$10 00; Total, \$79.20.

With amounts heretofore acknowledged, making a total of \$193.95.

VI. S. L. Turley, Post 222, having voted to change its location from Melbourne to Gilman City, Mo., the same has been approved by the Department Commander.

By Command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
ST. LOUIS, MO., April 20, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
NO. 10. }

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

I. Just a third of a century ago that greatest of American volunteer soldiers, that noble and chivalrous comrade and citizen, General John A. Logan, then Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, inaugurated the beautiful custom of decorating the graves of our fallen comrades, with the hope that the observance would "be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades." That hope so nobly expressed by our distinguished comrade has not been disappointed in all the thirty-three years that have gone by since he said:

"Let us then, at the appointed time, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us, in this solemn presence, renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan."

In furtherance of the hope expressed by Comrade Logan it has been made a part of the Rules and Regulations of our Order that the 30th day of May, annually, shall be observed as a Memorial Day "in commemoration of the deeds of our fallen comrades."

II. The genial rays of the vernal sun, the balmy air richly laden with the melodies and perfumes of the springtime, and nature putting on her most beautiful robes of green and flowers, remind us more forcibly perhaps, than the calendar of time, that the day is fast approaching when we shall again assemble, with the choicest flowers gathered from Nature's rich abundance, to garland the graves of our

comrades who have ended the march of life and pitched their tents beyond the silent river. The Department Commander is gratefully impressed that it is not necessary to enjoin upon comrades the duties incumbent upon them in the observance of that sacred day, for the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, that permeates the very being of every true comrade, makes the performance of those duties a most pleasing privilege; therefore, the several Posts of this Department will, in their own way, arrange to make the day one of impressive ceremony, always bearing in mind the object for which it was inaugurated, and for which it should be perpetuated. The co-operation of all citizens should be invited and encouraged.

III. It has become a custom, which should not be departed from, to invite the ministers of the several churches to preach on the Sunday next preceding Memorial Day a sermon especially adapted to the patriotic memorial event, and Posts should, if possible, attend some such service in a body and in uniform.

IV. Let the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans, be invited to take active part in the exercises of Memorial Day, and especially should the young people and the school children be impressed with the lessons of the occasion, that their young minds may be inspired with a lofty patriotism. Let the programmes of arrangements provide, if practicable, that they shall have some active part in the proceedings. It is important that those who are assuming the active duties of life, which we are laying down, and who are to be our successors in the preservation of our country and its institutions, shall know at what great sacrifice and cost the integrity of our country has been preserved, and the old flag been maintained unsullied as the emblem of liberty, equal rights and national unity. The exercises of Memorial Day should impress these lessons of history with special emphasis. Let the tendency to make the day a holiday for games and excursions for pleasure be discouraged, and the day be made indeed a Memorial Day—a day for sacred memories. Let the grave of no comrade, however humble he may have been, be neglected nor forgotten.

By Command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. . . }  
 ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 24th, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 11. }

I. The Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, will assemble at Moore's Opera House, in the City of Nevada, Mo., at 10 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, May 16th, 1901.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at Hotel Mitchell, on Wednesday, May 15th, at which place the Department Council of Administration will meet at 4 o'clock P. M., same day.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: Thos. B. Tuttle, Post 16; H. B. Cutler, Post 26; A. C. Dickinson, Post 26; E. F. Rogers, Post 4; Martin Scherer, Post 13.

The committee will meet in the Commercial Club Room in the Duck Block, one block east of Hotel Mitchell, on Wednesday, May 15th, at 3 o'clock P. M. Representatives and members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival, and receive their Encampment badges. The Visitors' Register will be kept at the same place, where all comrades are requested to register on their arrival.

IV. On recommendation of the Commander of Post 26, the following named comrades of that Post are detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, James Monroe; for Officer of the Guard, Edward I. Hunt.

The Officer of the Day will report for instructions to the Assistant Adjutant General on Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Commander of Post 26 will detail a sufficient number of sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty at the Encampment. The comrades so detailed will report, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the Opera House, on Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock.

V. The hotel accommodations and prices are as follows:

Hotel Mitchell, 100, at \$2.00 per day; Hotel Rockwood, 150, at \$2.00 per day. The following hotels charge \$1.00 per day: Hotel Merimack, 50; Hotel Mozier, 20; Hotel Richardson, 50; Arcade Restaurant, 25; Eureka Cafe, 20; Nevada House, 30; Vernon House, 20; Cottage Hotel, 10; Central Hotel, 20. At boarding houses and private houses the rate will be from 75 cents to \$1.00 per day.

Persons desiring quarters should address Harry Mitchell, Chairman of Committee on Accommodations.

The comrades and citizens of Nevada have made ample arrangements for our comfort and pleasure, and a cordial welcome awaits us. Entertainments and camp-fires will be held at the Opera House and other places.

VI. The railroad rate, as published in the last General Orders, is one fare for the round trip from all points in the State, except from points near Nevada, which is one and one-third. Station agents should be waited on to make sure that they have received instructions for reduced rates.

VII. The Department Commander announces for information that the last Congress enacted a law authorizing the President, upon application by the proper authorities, to detail retired officer of the Army and Navy to act as instructors in military drill and tactics in schools, and the Secretary of War is authorized to issue such ordnance stores as may be necessary for use in such instruction.

VIII. The proceedings of the Thirty-fourth National Encampment, held at Chicago, will be distributed to the Posts represented at the Encampment at Nevada.

IX. Edward Wray Post, No. 209, Linn Creek, Mo., has been reorganized and reinstated.

X. General Orders Nos. 4 and 5, National Headquarters, are forwarded herewith.

XI. The Sons of Veterans have located at Mason City, Iowa, the Memorial University, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. The object is a noble one, and worthy the co-operation and support of all comrades and citizens. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the project is so well settled and advanced that the contract has been let for the initial building. The Department Commander deems the matter of so great importance that extracts from a letter just received by him from A. L. Sorter, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Regents, are published for information:

"The Board of Regents of Memorial University have the honor to inform you, and through you the comrades of your Department, that on March 14th, 1901, the contract was awarded for the collegiate building of Memorial University, and the work has now commenced. We hope to commence work upon two more buildings at an early date.

"Especially would we call the attention of the comrades to the Civil War Museum, which will be a leading feature of Memorial University. In a fire-proof building, constructed especially for this purpose, we desire to gather and preserve for all coming time as many of the mementoes of the Civil War as it is possible for us to obtain. We feel that in the task of gathering these from the homes and Post rooms of the country that you will render us what aid you can."

XII. As this is probably the last General Order which the present Department Commander will promulgate during his term, he takes this occasion to express his profound appreciation of the honors conferred upon, and courtesies extended to him by all comrades of this Department and elsewhere during the past year. The spirit of comradeship that has been manifested toward him on all occasions has indeed been hearty, tender and touching, for which he desires to express to all his comrades his warmest gratitude and thanks. The labors and associations of the past year will ever remain with him a pleasing and grateful memory.

By command of WILBUR F. HENRY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.









**GEO. HALL, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

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Reported by Comrade C. C. Cowen, Stenographer, Post 1, St. Louis.

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GENERAL ORDERS, 1901-1902.

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The Third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri adopted the following *Order of Business* and the *Rules of Order* for the National Encampment, so far as the same may be applicable to a Department:

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of the Encampment.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling Roll of Members.
5. Report of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committee on Reports of Officers, and such other Committees as may be necessary.
7. Reception and Reference of Communications.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Election of Officers and Delegates to National Encampment.
11. Installation of Officers.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 13TH.

The Twenty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Opera House at 10 o'clock A.M., May 13th, and was called to order by Department Commander, George Hall.

The Department Commander: This is an open meeting of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Mayor of the City of Cape Girardeau, whose guests we are, is with us and will command your attention.

Mayor Porterfield: Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri: Our little city, set on the broad banks of the great Mississippi, with our churches, our schools, and our happy and prosperous people, are glad and happy this beautiful May morning because we have been chosen as the meeting place for the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Missouri. Many years ago this body of men that I have the privilege of addressing this morning, were pursuing peaceful avocations in life, and living with their families in happiness and in plenty, but suddenly one day the alarm arose that our country with her flag was in danger. They left home with all its pleasures, with all its comforts and not all of those who left

home in those days were permitted to return. I can remember as if it were but yesterday seeing the old mothers bid their boys go, telling them it was their duty, that it was their country's call. They went to the front, leaving everything on earth that was dear to them, and after having spent four years and during hardships, privations, and the tolls incident to a great civil war, they returned. I say they returned, but not every poor boy who was sent forth to the call of his country by his mother ever returned. Many of your comrades were left on the battlefield, or in the hospital, but those who did return brought back that banner without a blemish upon it (applause). And under its folds, and the great sacrifice, was built one of the greatest nations on the globe. That banner, now, that these boys brought back floats in every clime and is loved and respected. And the young people today should be taught to appreciate the great good that was accomplished by that enormous sacrifice. It is useless for me to speak to you old gray-haired veterans and remind you what you suffered in those days. We all suffered; thousands of mothers suffered, yet not one regretted the sending of the boys to the front in the protection of that flag. Gentlemen, you have among you a number of eminent men and I do not feel that it would be proper for me to trespass upon your time today by making any extended remarks.

Commander, Gentlemen and Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic: I desire on this occasion to extend to you a hearty welcome to our little city. I extend to you the hospitality of our citizens, and the key of our city; and anything we can do that may contribute to your enjoyment while you are with us shall not be overlooked. If our pavements are not wide enough for you and you do not choose to walk in the streets, I will remind you that it is not necessary for you to "keep off the grass," (laughter).

The Department Commander: In behalf of this Department, Mr. Mayor, permit me to say that we shall not steal anything that we cannot carry off. (Laughter.) We will leave the setting hens for seed. We have with us our Past-Department Commander Burton who knows all about our virtues and understands our faults, who will please come forward and answer the Mayor's address.

Comrade Burton, Post 26: Commander, Mr. Mayor of Cape Girardeau, and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I sincerely thank you, Mr. Mayor, and through you the good people of the City of Cape Girardeau, for your royal welcome and generous hospitality. With each recurring year, Mr. Mayor, it is the

custom of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, to pitch its tents and build its camp fires in some one of the cities or towns of this magnificent commonwealth. One year ago your chosen representative kindly invited us to come to this historic town and camp by the side of the great river whose waters run unvexed to the sea. We love your school houses and your churches, for the school house is the corner stone of this great republic (applause), and from within the walls of the temples erected and dedicated to the worship of the living God, we learn those fundamental principles of right and wrong that has enabled us with clean hands and pure hearts to invoke the blessing of Divine Providence upon us and upon our flag (applause). We come, Mr. Mayor, wearing the same old uniform of blue. We do not bring with us to your town the gun; we stacked or broke that long ago. We have discarded the knapsack, the haversack and the canteen, but we bring to you the same old standard under which we marched and fought, the stars and stripes, the flag of the Union preserved and maintained (applause). You have kindly, sir, gladdened our eyes by putting upon your walls the lineaments of some of our patron saints; sitting in the back end of the hall my eyes rest upon the lineaments of him, who, with all due deference to the Father of our Country, we of the blue still speak, and will ever speak of the silent commander as "the first in peace, the first in war, and the first in the hearts of his countrymen," (applause). On the left is the picture of the Black Eagle of Illinois (applause), that magnificent representative of the volunteer soldier; and down yonder is that of Joe Hooker, that grand old soldier, and near by is that of Frank Blair, a name known in every home in Missouri, and the pride of every lover of his country whether he be a native or adopted (applause). And yonder that illustrious incarnation of the battlefield, Phil Sheridan (applause); and pardon me, my comrades of the Potomac, and of the Tennessee, when I say at least on behalf of the boys of the Cumberland that there stands the Rock of Chickamauga, the glorious old Pap Thomas, (applause); these are some of our patron saints. Let us invite your boys and your girls into this hall to look upon their lineaments. No Roman senator of old, and no Grecian philosopher has ever written one word in behalf of humanity or good citizenship that entitled them to the respect of comparison (applause). We hope our stay among you may have made an impression, a lasting impression upon the young that will do them good and we may merit their confidence and esteem (applause).

The Department Commander: It is proper to open the Encampment by invoking the divine blessing of the Supreme Commander. We have with us our Past-Department Chaplain, Comrade Hagerty, who will now lead us in prayer.

Comrade Hagerty invoked the divine blessing on the Encampment.

A quartette, led by Comrade Whitehead, sang "Fraternally Again We Meet."

Comrade Hagerty, Post 131: Commander Hall, I want the privilege of presenting to you a gavel that has a history. There is not another like it in the world. The handle was made from the oak tree under which General Grant sat when he received his commission as Brigadier General. I received the wood from Comrade Emerson of Ransom Post. I have a grandson who was traveling last winter, and on the top of Lookout Mountain he got a piece of wood and sent it to me and I turned the head of this gavel out of that piece of wood. When Comrade Rassieur came back from his tour last year he told us about visiting the Government works up at Seattle where a vessel was being built by the Government. I thought for a moment I will write to these men and tell them that our Comrade Rassieur has been there, and ask them if they would not send me a piece of wood out of that ship, and they answered me immediately that they would be glad to send it to me at once, and did, a piece of teak wood. It looks like walnut. I have inlaid that in the head of this gavel. Then I have a neighbor in St. Louis who has a son who is a Captain in our Army at Manila. I said, "I want your son to send me a piece of wood from a ship sunk in the harbor of Manila by Admiral Dewey's fleet." He wrote me, and sent me a piece of wood taken from the Christina Mercedes, one of the largest Spanish vessels sunk by Admiral Dewey in Manila harbor. Then I sent to one of our missionaries at Manila, Dr. Stutz, who went over there to establish a church, and asked him if he would not send me some wood from there, and he sent me some wood

as black as your boot, and as hard as ebony—a piece about a foot long, and I have squared and inlaid a little piece of that in it. Then about a month ago, I saw a friend here in St. Louis who said he had received a piece of wood from Morro Castle, at Havana, and would give me a piece, which he did, and here it is together with all the other woods, composing this little gavel, the like of which does not exist except this last piece in Commander in Chief Torrance's gavel, which is a duplicate of this, except the last piece. So you are ahead now. Now, at the end of your administration which has been so successful—by the way, I did not vote for you the first time, but after awhile I voted for you—and now I want to put in your hands this little gavel. If you do not want it, give it back to me when you die. (Laughter.)

The Department Commander: Chaplain Hagerty, you have the heartfelt thanks of your comrade for this generous gift. This gavel I appreciate for its historic value. It is appreciated tenfold more from the fact that I know it came from a true, loyal, faithful comrade, and in my own behalf and in behalf of the Department Encampment of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you. (Applause.)

The Department Commander: Comrades, this closes the open meeting of our Department Encampment, and all persons present who have not the countersign will please retire from the hall. The Officer of the Day will instruct the Guards to admit none to our meetings hereafter without the countersign, and we will proceed with our business.

The Mayor retired with the greetings of the Encampment.

The Department Commander: We will now dispense with further ceremony and the Encampment will at once be opened for the transaction of business.

We have received information that our Department Chaplain, Comrade Ferril, is sick and cannot be present with us at this time. I will therefore request Comrade E. H. Sawyer,



of Post 131, to act during this Encampment. The Chaplain will now lead us in prayer.

Acting Chaplain Sawyer invoked the divine blessing on the Encampment.

The Department Commander: It has been reported that a committee from the ladies of the G. A. R., are in waiting; I therefore appoint the following comrades to escort them into the Encampment: Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, Senior Vice-Department Commander Fairback, and Acting Chaplain Sawyer.

The ladies of the G. A. R. were escorted into the hall by the committee.

The greetings of the ladies of the G. A. R. were extended to the Department Encampment by Mrs. Mary M. Stark and responded to by the Department Commander, when the ladies retired from the Encampment, which resumed executive session.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of officers as follows, those present being marked with an asterisk (\*):

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

\*GEORGE HALL.

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

\*HENRY FAIRBACK.

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

\*HARRY MITCHELL.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR,

\*DR. CHAS. V. F. LUDWIG.

CHAPLAIN,

REV. T. J. FERRIL.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND ASSISTANT

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,

\*THOS. B. RODGERS.

INSPECTOR,

\*THOS. J. DOCKERY.

JUDGE ADVOCATE,

\*CHAS. W. CLARKE.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,

ALEXANDER OLIVER.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION,

\*JAMES B. WILDE, \*JERE. T. DEW, \*FRANCIS P. BECKER,  
ANTHONY ROESLEIN, \*W. C. CALLAND.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS,

WM. WARNER,  
W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,  
†NELSON COLE,  
†E. E. KIMBALL,  
†HIRAM SMITH, JR.,  
JOHN E. PHELPS,  
\*LEO RASSIEUR,  
\*GEORGE W. MARTIN,

\*C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
\*CHAS. G. BURTON,  
†LOUIS GRUND,  
LOUIS BENECKE,  
\*THOS. B. RODGERS,  
JOHN P. PLATT,  
\*A. G. PETERSON,  
\*JOHN W. SCOTT,  
W. F. HENRY. \*

†Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, showing those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

ROLL OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.

Held at Cape Girardeau, Mo., May 13th and 14th, 1902.

**Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, Christ Fricke.

Past Post Commanders, Thos. B. Rodgers, James McClure, Arthur Dreifus, Cord Ringen.

Representatives, Louis Koop, R. Blattner, Fred. Schoening, Henry Helmich, Ernst Rotteck, John Schmid, Henry F. Kiel, Louis Euler, John Lindecker, F. T. Kuehne.

**Gen. Lyon Post No. 2, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, Adam Ofenstein.

Past Post Commander, Chas. Human.

**McPherson Post No. 4, Kansas City.**

Past Post Commanders, Benj. W. Warner, J. B. Davis.

**A. Lincoln Post No. 5, Moberly.**

Post Commander, Nicholas Mathias.

Past Post Commanders, J. W. Scott, R. T. McCaskey.

**James A. Garfield Post No. 6, Jefferson City.**

Post Commander, H. T. Holmes.

Past Post Commanders, John B. Brooks, John T. Clarke.

Representative, Wendell Buehrle.

**Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph.**

Past Post Commanders, Wm. Leibig, W. G. Campbell.

Representatives, A. S. Long, George Pugh.

**Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, Kansas City.**

Past Post Commander, C. W. Whitehead.

Representative, T. N. Brooks.

**Col. Hassendeubel Post No. 13, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, Ignatz Hartmann.

Past Post Commanders, Ernest Kretschmar, Ig. Hartmann, Peter Bobe, George Neubert, Louls C. Hesse, Chas. Totsch, Chas. Biehle, Chas. E. Koken, Wm. Rohlfing, E. L. Dosenbach, Martin Scherer, Chas. Hunnius, H. Munchrath.

Representatives, Francis P. Becker, Wm. Hahn, John B. Schneider, Henry Miller, Wm. E. Schubert, Ph. W. Schneider, Max Fritz, H. F. Laemlein.

**Corporal Dix Post No. 22, Kirksville.**

Past Post Commander, Thos. J. Dockery.

**Gen. Joe Bailey Post No. 26, Nevada.**

Past Post Commanders, John T. Birdseye, Chas. G. Burton, J. H. Lloyd, Harry Mitchell.

Representative, J. J. Cox.

**McCook Post No. 34, Lamar.**

Past Post Commanders, F. D. W. Arnold, A. Van Meter.

**Capt. J. L. Clark Post No. 47, Green City.**

Past Post Commander, Victor Aubrey.

Representative, Wm. C. Ayers.

**Gen. George R. Smith Post No. 53, Sedalia.**

Post Commander, Chas. Kooock.

Past Post Commanders, Ira T. Bronson, T. P. Berry, Daniel Grow, John Rippey.

Representatives, N. H. Rogers, George Brill, John Wicklin.

**O. H. Wood Post No. 57, Brookfield.**

Past Post Commanders, G. W. Martin, J. V. Martin.

**Gen. Wadsworth Post No. 60, Dawn.**

Past Post Commander, F. A. Snider.

**Gen. E. D. Baker Post No. 68, Green Ridge.**

Past Post Commander, C. A. Paige.

**Capt. John Mathews Post No. 69, Springfield.**

Past Post Commanders, J. R. Milner, J. W. Lisenby, W. C. Calland.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

**Col. Grover Post No. 78, Warrensburg.**

Representative, G. A. Douglas.

**Harry P. Harding Post No. 107, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, Edward Borck.

Past Post Commanders, Fred'k Post, Henry Fairback.

Representatives, Louis Schaeperkoetter, Math. Hermann, Henry Boss.

**Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.**

Post Commander, C. W. Barstow.

Past Post Commanders, A. G. Peterson, Smith P. Galt, L. B. Ripley, A. E. Cook, J. F. Cluley, J. B. Wilde, J. M. Wherry.

Representatives, S. M. Sparklin, E. H. Sawyer, C. P. Chesebro, S. D. Arnold, Wm. Godfrey, F. A. Johann, J. S. Favorite, A. M. Everest, Chas. Nelson.

**Samuel McClure Post No. 145, Eldon.**

Past Post Commander, J. W. Temple.

**Liberty Post No. 150, Spickard.**

Representative, James J. Clark.

**Keeler Post No. 152, Melrose.**

Post Commander, F. W. Steines.

Representative, Louis Grauer.

**Gen. Frank J. Herron Post No. 161, Buffalo.**

Post Commander, John O'Bannon.

**J. N. Whitehead Post No. 171, Victoria.**

Representative, J. E. Jones.

**Justi Post No. 173, Cape Girardeau.**

Post Commander, James N. Hartzell.

Past Post Commanders, Henry A. Astholz, August Bierwirth, L. F. Klostermann, Henry Henze, Christ. Klages, John Wolter, F. L. Taubert, H. C. Phelps.

Representative, G. C. Thlenius.

**Maj. Hiram Gavitt Post No. 174, Fredericktown.**

Post Commander, R. Albert.

Past Post Commander, E. H. Day.

**Capt. G. W. Murray Post No. 179, Memphis.**

Representative, T. B. Rule.

**Erich Pape Post No. 184, Zalma.**

Past Post Commander, Lewis Storz.  
Representative, Andrew J. Bedwell.

**Picket Post No. 215, Farmington.**

Post Commander, Wm. A. Kennedy.  
Past Post Commanders, E. D. Hopkins, Wm. Kollmeyer, Thos.  
T. Dalton, E. K. Hopkins, D. J. Doughty.

**T. J. Brouster Post No. 233, Clayton.**

Past Post Commander, Henry Seibel.  
Representative, Chas. Wachter.

**W. S. Hancock Post No. 239, Mexico.**

Past Post Commander, T. T. Turley..

**John A. Hayn Post No. 240, Boonville.**

Past Post Commander, Joseph Leiber.  
Representative, Walter Barron.

**Andy Smith Post No. 243, Willow Springs.**

Representative, F. L. Withaup.

**Pinhart Post No. 268, Brunswick.**

Representative, Joseph Miles.

**Difani Post No. 273, Perryville.**

Past Post Commander, Wm. N. Hayden.  
Representative, Ferreal Cretin.

**Henry Brown Post No. 276, Clarksburg.**

Post Commander, Fred. Bantrop.  
Past Post Commander, J. M. Williams.

**Maj. A. Bartlett Post No. 289, Troy.**

Post Commander, J. B. Allen.

**John S. Phelps Post No. 297, St. James.**

Representative, Hermann Kingsley.

**C. A. Arthur Post No. 299, Mansfield.**

Representative, Samuel Rippey.

**TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,**

**Bob Ford Post No. 303, Coffeysburg.**

Past Post Commander, C. Yost.

**John D. Rohye Post No. 314, Cedar Hill.**

Post Commander, Jacob Fisher.

**Wm. McKinley Post No. 324, Sullivan.**

Post Commander, E. C. Baugher.

**Capt. J. Felix St. James Post No. 326, St. Genevieve.**

Post Commander, George Beckermann.

Representative, Adam Reubsam.

**Evans Post No. 340, Economy.**

Representative, Jos. Yetter.

**Henry C. Beckett Post No. 348, Mineral Point.**

Post Commander, W. H. Evens.

Past Post Commander, S. R. Maclay.

**Capt. James Johnston Post No. 350, Friedheim.**

Post Commander, C. C. Haupt.

Representative, Fred. Hahs.

**Harwood Post No. 375, Harwood.**

Past Post Commander, John Gooch.

**Capt. Tom Walker Post No. 379, Leora.**

Post Commander, J. H. Crews.

Past Post Commander, Samuel Scism.

Representative, John Reynolds.

**Commerce Post No. 382, Commerce.**

Past Post Commanders, G. C. Rose, R. B. Heuchan.

**Jacob Yount Post No. 390, Yount.**

Post Commander, Abraham Johnson.

**Capt. L. F. Bierwirth Post No. 402, Cape Girardeau.**

Post Commander, Alexander Halling.

Past Post Commander, Richard Pulliam.

Representative, Tony McGee.

**Joseph L. Wray Post No. 431, Egypt Mills.**

Post Commander, John M. Brown.  
Past Post Commanders, Jacob Rubel, Fred Hahn.  
Representative, Henry Kirchoff.

**Warren T. Stewart Post No. 457, Benton.**

Post Commander, Wm. Robertson.  
Past Post Commander, F. McGraw.  
Representative, Peter Ackley.

**Vandalia Post No. 466, Vandalia.**

Representative, R. F. Oglesby.

**L. Stevenson Post, No. 488, Pocahontas.**

Post Commander, Anthony Reck.  
Representative, E. S. Templeton.

**Col. Meumann Post No. 496, St. Louis.**

Representative, Rudolph Ulrich.

**Capt. John A. Davis Post No. 549, Windsor.**

Post Commander, W. J. Colbow.

**Gatzweiler Post No. 554, St. Charles.**

Past Post Commander, H. G. C. Dammer.

**Burnside Post No. 566, Pleasant Hill.**

Past Post Commander, Wm. Lowe.

**James F. How Post No. 567, Moberly.**

Past Post Commanders, S. S. Rich, Wm. Maynard.  
Representative, A. W. Martin.

L. F. KLOSTERMANN, Post 173,  
JAMES McCLURE, Post 1,  
D. J. DOUGHTY, Post 215,  
JOHN M. BROWN, Post 431,  
ROBT. B. HEUCHAN, Post 382,  
Committee on Credentials.



On recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, Comrade T. N. Brooks, of Post 8, was admitted as a representative.

On motion the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with.

Senior Vice-Department Commander Fairback in the chair.

The reports of the various officers having been printed and distributed in the Encampment, on motion the reading of the reports, with the exception of the Department Commander's address, was dispensed with.

Department Commander Hall then read his address, as follows:

## ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

*Comrades*—Since we last met in Department Encampment we have passed another mile-stone in the highway of life. Another year with all its opportunities, its joys and sorrows, its achievements and disappointments have become a part of the eternity of the past. Many of our comrades that met with us on that occasion, touched elbows with us, renewed the ties of friendship born on the weary march or field of battle, and helped us to rekindle the memory of the camp-fires of '61 to '65, have since answered the last roll-call on earth and gone to join the comrades on the parade grounds in the skies. While others enfeebled from age, and disease contracted in defence of the dear old flag are unable to meet with us—are standing with their feet in the edge of the dark river—their mantles wrapped around them, waiting for the final orders to pitch their tents on the eternal camping ground.

Today we meet in our Twenty-first Annual Encampment on the bank of "the great father of waters," in Cape Girardeau, the Gem City of Southeast Missouri, with its happy homes, churches and school houses decorated with "the flag that makes them free," and its inhabitants extend to us a joyous welcome, many of whom know by sad experience the suffering and sacrifices caused by that terrible conflict, and by their loyalty and devotion to our country helped to save our grand old State to the Union. The location of the encampment at this place, owing to the difficulty in getting here, has no doubt kept many comrades from attending, but the majority of the comrades at the last State Encampment felt that it was due to the comrades and loyal people of this part of the state, that we recognize their patriotism and devotion to our country by accepting their invitation to hold our Encampment at this place.

## MEMBERSHIP.

I am now called upon to give an account of the manner in which I have discharged the trust you confided to my keeping one year ago.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, which is herewith submitted, will fully show the present condition of the Order as to membership as well as financially. I call your attention to some of the more important facts shown by said report which demand more than a passing notice.

The last semi-annual report before my election as Department Commander, December 31, 1900, showed a total membership on our rolls of 16,625, of which 5,454 were on the suspended list, leaving the

number in good standing on that date, 11,171. The semi-annual reports of June and December 31, 1901, show a gain during the year as follows: By muster, 462; transfer, 184; reinstatement, 534, making a total of 1180. While the loss is as follows: By death, 305; honorable discharge, 37; transfer, 163; suspension, 1,245; by delinquent reports, 459; dishonorable discharge, 1; total, 2,210. Or a net loss of 1,030, leaving the number in good standing, 10,141, suspended, 5,506, the suspensions and loss from delinquent reports for the year being 1704. It will be observed that while the gain by muster-in is 46 more than the previous year, the loss by suspension and delinquent reports is unusually great. This can be accounted for in part by the severe drouth that has prevailed throughout the state, as well as the ever increasing age of the comrades. Some way ought to be provided against the necessity of so many suspensions; the doors of our post rooms should never be closed against a comrade because he is too poor to pay his dues.

The last Department Encampment authorized the Department Commander to revoke the charters of 15 posts previously suspended, and to suspend 15 other posts, making 30 in all, which contributed materially to our loss in membership.

#### NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS AND OUT POSTS.

The last Department Encampment adopted the provisions of Section 11, Article II, Chapter II of the Rules and Regulations, and the Department Commander was instructed to promulgate the action of the encampment in his general orders. This was complied with as shown by Paragraph IV, of General Orders No. 3, issued on the 20th of July, 1901. I again on the 23rd of December, by Circular Letter No. 2, called the attention of the comrades and officers of posts to this provision of our laws, and urged upon the comrades that resided at too great a distance to attend the meetings of their posts to organize themselves into Out Posts, and recommended that the Posts appoint committees to aid in carrying into effect the provisions of this law, and tried to impress upon the comrades, the honor that membership in the Order conferred. I regret that I am compelled to report, that but very few of the comrades have availed themselves of the provisions of this law. In fact I know of but one Out Post having been organized, the comrades preferring active membership in their Posts, or no membership.

#### FINANCES.

Our finances are an increasing source of anxiety. While Exhibit "A" of the last Assistant Quartermaster General's report shows a balance on hand, December 31, 1900, of \$201.25, the report of my honored predecessor shows that the expenditures of that year exceeded the income

by the sum of \$378.24. The income for that year was \$2,753.53 and expenditures \$3,131.77. The income for the year ending December 31, 1901, was \$2,636.30, and the expenditures were 2,927.48, which exceeds our income by the sum of \$286.18. Our principal income is from dues, which are constantly decreasing as our members diminish, while our expenditures remain about the same. The last state encampment increased the per capita tax or dues 5 cents per annum, yet the income was \$117.23 less than the previous year.

It is proper to say, however, that of the expenditures of the last year \$43.45 was paid as costs and expenses of the sale of the Kansas City property, under the Locke deed of trust hereinafter mentioned, which we will no doubt recover back when the property is sold. While the per capita tax was increased five cents, we have only received the benefit of this increase for one term ending June 30, 1901, the per capita tax for the term ending December 31, 1901, being payable in 1902.

On the 14th of September, 1900, the committee on loans purchased for the Department a coupon mortgage note of \$1000, dated July 26th, 1900, due three years after date, bearing 7 per cent interest from date as evidenced by six interest coupon notes attached thereto, secured by mortgage or deed of trust on a house and lot in Frederick's third addition to Kansas City, Missouri, given by Gerardis N. Locke and wife to Cally C. Balls, for which the Department paid \$1035.47, being the principal \$1000.00, accrued interest on the note, \$8.17, and premium \$27.30.

The borrower failed to pay the interest note due on this loan on the 26th of July, 1901, and the property was sold under the deed of trust on the 28th of September, 1901, and bid in by the committee for the Department for \$1000.00. The costs of the sale amounted to \$43.45, which was paid by the Department. At the time of the purchase of the property it was charged with city taxes for 1901, \$7.22; county and state taxes for 1900, \$7.59, and for 1901, \$8.53. In addition to the above this property was charged with special taxes as follows: Sidewalk bills issued Aug. 20, 1900, \$25.13, interest, 10 per cent; paving bills issued Aug. 30, 1900, \$90.95, interest, 7 per cent; tree bill issued Jan. 16, 1901, \$2.32, interest, 10 per cent; sewer bill issued Aug. 12, 1901, \$15.87, interest, 10 per cent; Gilhorn Road Park, \$2.27; Posio extension, \$6.15; making total taxes, besides interest, \$166.03; to which we add the costs of sale, \$43.45, and the original investment, \$1035.47, and it makes the cost of the property to the Department \$1244.95. To this should be added the interest due to date of sale, \$40.85. The property was rented by the committee to the former owner at \$10 per month from the 1st of October, 1901, and the rents applied as will appear by the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General.

All the city and county and state taxes proper, the Gilhorn Road and tree taxes have been paid. The sidewalk bill, \$25.13; paving bill, \$90.95; and Posio extension bill, \$6.15, making a total of \$122.23, with the interest thereon are still unpaid. We are informed that the legality of the Posio extension taxes is being contested in the courts.

The property is a frame dwelling of seven rooms and cellar, stone foundation, in rather bad repair; inside lot 30 feet front, about 140 feet deep; on paved street, granitoid walk, and insured for \$1500. This property should rent readily for \$12.00 per month hereafter, with a little repairs, and ought to sell readily for more than the Department has invested in it. It is in the hands of Past Department Commander C. W. Whitehead, to rent and sell. And as the Department Commander has no authority according to the statute laws of the state to execute a deed to the property without authority so to do from the Department Encampment or the Council of Administration, I recommend that the Encampment by resolution authorize the Department Commander to execute a deed to the property on behalf of the Department as soon as the same is sold at a price sufficient to re-imburse the Department for investment and expenses.

#### THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The excellent work of our auxiliary the Woman's Relief Corps, of this Department, during the last year, is deserving of special recognition for their faithful, efficient service. While their field of labor is in a measure separate from ours they have co-operated with us, and aided us in many ways. The labors of this band of faithful, self-sacrificing, patriotic women have been the means of bringing joy and sunshine to many a desolate home, relief to many a needy comrade, and it is through their labors that many of our posts have been able to maintain their organization. They are standing by us and sustaining us now as they stood by us and sustained us during the dark days of the rebellion. They are entitled to our lasting gratitude for their faithful devotion. We need their support now as we needed it then, and will continue to need it until the last comrade has answered to the final roll-call—until there is no sorrow to relieve and no tear to dry.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

The Missouri Division of the Sons of Veterans have made slight gains in the last year, but not as great as they should have done, although its officers seem to have been vigilant in the discharge of their duties. This organization is one that we should feel a deep interest in and give our hearty support and encouragement. They

are our sons and the sons of our deceased comrades. We will soon have to depend upon them to protect the passionless mounds that mark our final camping ground, keep sacred our memories, and preserve and perpetuate the government for which we fought, for which our comrades died.

#### THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

I am not fully advised of the work of this organization, but its object is a noble one and appeals to us for our sympathy and support, as do all other charitable, patriotic organizations that labor for the relief of our needy and afflicted comrades, and the inculcation of the principles of charity and loyalty.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

It is a source of comfort to know that the day set apart as sacred to the memory of the deceased comrades that periled their lives to save the dear old flag from dishonor, is becoming so generally observed by our citizens and especially by our school children; the graves of the country's defenders strewn with the choicest flowers of spring time, with the flag of our country waving above them, is an object lesson of patriotism to the young that will never be forgotten. The report of our Department Chaplain herewith presented will more fully advise you in relation to this subject.

#### THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

While extensive preparations were being made for the last National Encampment held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the second week of September last, and the comrades were looking forward to it with joyous expectations, the whole country was shocked and almost paralyzed by the murderous assault that was made on our honored comrade, President William McKinley, by a cowardly assassin in the guise of friendship, which interfered greatly with the success and enjoyment of the occasion. During the session of the encampment the news came that he had but a few hours to live. Out of respect for him, and overwhelmed with grief, the encampment referred all its business to the Council of Administration, elected and installed its officers and then adjourned. The encampment was royally entertained by the city of Cleveland and the hospitality of its citizens was unsurpassed. Every effort was put forth for our happiness and comfort. While the numbers participating in the parade were not as great as they otherwise would have been, yet it was all that could have been expected, and was in keeping with former parades in splendor. The order of march was so arranged by the Commander-

in-Chief that the comrades were not worn out by the repeated haltings and delays that are so painfully frequent on such occasions. The Department of Missouri maintained its high rank on the occasion, and the comrades were greeted with applause by the multitude for their splendid appearance, and soldierly bearing.

#### PENSIONS.

There is a universal feeling among the comrades that the pension laws have not been administered in the liberal spirit that was intended by Congress, and that the Pension Bureau, as recently constituted was unfriendly to the claims of the comrades. When we take into consideration the fact that it has been more than forty years since the large majority of the comrades enlisted, and that most of them are past the age of sixty, and are necessarily broken down, and disabled by age and disease from obtaining a living, and that a large per cent, if not a majority of the original pensions being granted are for the pitiful sum of \$6 per month, we are forced to conclude that the complaint was a just one. The pensions are not charities, but are a part of the compensation the government promised us when we enlisted, and we demand that the government fulfill its promise in the same liberal patriotic spirit in which the service was rendered. The pension committee appointed by the National Encampment have been untiring in their efforts to correct these evils and bring about a change. It is to be hoped that the recent change in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions will produce the long prayed for relief.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS AND REUNIONS.

During my administration I have written a great many letters and have visited quite a number of Posts, and in every way I could have tried to encourage the comrades and stay the ever increasing inroads that are being made upon our ranks. I attended eight reunions in different parts of the State, and some in localities that had never been visited by department officers. The attendance at these reunions was usually very large, and a general feeling of fraternity and patriotism manifested, that is very hopeful and encouraging. I was at all times as your Department Commander, and by all classes, treated with the greatest kindness and respect, and a greater appreciation was shown for our Order than ever before.

#### THE FEDERAL SOLDIERS' HOME.

The last legislature appropriated money to erect an additional building to provide for the increasing number of our comrades and their wives, that are being forced by want, increasing age and

disease to seek shelter in our Home. The corner stone of the building was laid on the 17th of July last. The board of trustees invited the officers of the Department and Woman's Relief Corps to participate in the exercises, which we did. We found the Home in good condition, the inmates well cared for, and the officers doing all they could with the means at their command, to make the Home a success, and a credit to our State. We found that many of the rooms had been furnished by different Relief Corps and some by individual members. It is but an act of justice that I state that the existence of this Home is due to the untiring and self-sacrificing efforts of the Woman's Relief Corps, and it will ever stand as a monument to their patriotic devotion to us and our Order.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

It is with a feeling of profound sorrow that I am compelled to report to you that death invaded our official family circle during the last year, and deprived us of one of our most faithful and efficient members, Comrade Henry W. Wiegand, a member of the Department Council of Administration, who died at St. Louis, Mo., December 16, 1901. Comrade Wiegand was born at Werthen, in Westphalia, December 18, 1836. He lived in St. Louis since December, 1854. He served in Co. C., 1st Mo. Inf., and Co. C., 5th Mo. Inf. He was mustered in Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, in January, 1887, and was an honored and useful member of the Post.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I want to again thank you for the great honor you conferred upon me in electing me your Department Commander. It has been the effort of my life to keep the promise I made to you a year ago, in assuming the duties of this office. I assure you that whatever mistakes I may have made have been mistakes of the head and not of the heart, and my failures have been from lack of ability and not from lack of disposition. I want to thank you and through you, the comrades throughout the State for their uniformly kind and courteous treatment. While my labors have been onerous, they have been pleasant, I have formed associations and leave pleasant memories that will go with and cheer me through life.

I want to especially thank my Assistant Adjutant General, the Senior Vice-Department Commander, Judge Advocate and all other officers and aides for their kindness, counsel and assistance. Whatever of success I have attained, is largely due to their help.

One sad ever present thought that constantly intrudes itself into our gatherings and mars our joys, is that we have passed the summit of life and are ever marching with increasing step and decreasing



numbers to the eternal camping ground. In a few years at most our Post rooms will be closed and closed forever. But the comforting thought of it all is, that when the door of the last Post room finally closes, it will close upon the grandest human organization that ever blessed this old world. In the beginning we found our country divided, wrecked and prostrated by all the horrors of a terrible civil war, with neighbor arrayed against neighbor and brother against brother. Largely through our efforts and teachings in public and private walks of life we will transmit to our posterity the grandest country the sun ever shone upon, a government that affords greater blessings, greater liberties, greater opportunities and greater protection than is afforded to the citizens of any other government in the world.

May the God of battles bless and prosper you and yours, and when the final "lights out" is blown by the grim bugler, may we all renew these fraternal associations, in that eternal encampment on high.

GEORGE HALL,  
Department Commander.

## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

OFFICE OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, }  
 St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1902. }

THOS. B. RODGERS, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l., Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

*Dear Comrade*—I have the honor to herewith submit my report as Senior Vice-Department Commander. On July 17, 1901, I accompanied the Department Commander, George Hall, Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Rassieur, Judge Advocate, C. W. Clarke, and Assistant Adjutant General, Thos. B. Rodgers, to St. James, Mo., to participate in the Corner Stone Laying Ceremonies. There were also present Mrs. Orpha Bronson, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Adah G. Briggs, Trustee of the Board. There were many able addresses delivered by the G. A. R. representatives. The following poem was read by me and placed in the corner stone of the building:

"By the Grand Masonic Lodge the corner stone is laid,  
 To provide a new home for comrades aged and belayed,  
 Who at their country's call formed in battle line,  
 To uphold its laws with muskets new and faith divine.  
 The comrades as Missouri's guests will therein dwell.  
 For one and all they deserve the best; all's well;  
 But at roll call how few will answer "Here;"  
 Thirty-six years have passed, many laid to rest with tears,  
 In youth their steps were light, and bright their eyes;  
 Then they offered their lives for their country's sacrifice;  
 They marched in heat and cold, on icy fields they lay,  
 While mothers, wives and sisters for peace did pray.  
 Nations develop, expand and with battles are purified,  
 With powder, bullets and sword the mind is rarified;  
 Passionate contentions between citizens and brothers in the past  
 Has made the Republic stronger, 'twill now forever last.  
 As the evening shadows over the veterans fall,  
 Let them not forget the nation united is for all;  
 Our sons in the country's battles have raised Old Glory on high.  
 All is peace, the Union one, on our strength we rely.  
 In the far off distance they see those golden shores,  
 Their comrades marching by company, regiment, brigade and  
 corps,  
 On dress parade, their names are read, salute, then tattoo—  
 Forever at rest, brave, gallant heroes, loyal and true.  
 For years and ages their descendants will come  
 To renew fresh pledges with music and song;  
 Their home will remain after they have passed away,  
 But their deeds will be remembered on every Memorial Day."

I was in attendance at the National Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 9 to 12. Had charge of the "Brownell" school building which was the headquarters for Missouri for registration and free quarters. Our Department Posts and comrades did themselves honor in the splendid line of soldierly appearance we made on the grand parade. With precision in step, uniformity in our regulation uniforms, as we marched along on the beautiful September day, we were highly complimented for our bright, active, intelligent, soldierly appearance. Ohio's noble women applauded us as we marched along; the word came, "Here comes Missouri, real old veterans, who look like real fighters. No Chaplains in their ranks who wear Prince Alberts."

In company of the Assistant Adjutant General I visited J. B. Wicker Post at Richland, which held a camp-fire last October, and were handsomely entertained by the comrades, who appreciated the encouraging words and advice we extended them. We also assisted at the installation of the officers of Jere M. Rusk and Gatzweiler Posts at St. Charles. The Woman's Relief Corps of Gatzweiler Post were installed the same evening. The comrades extended the usual courtesies; after the meeting, addresses, recitations and dancing were in order. Rusk Post was on the eve of disbanding, but by and with the encouraging words of our Assistant Adjutant General, they will hold their meetings hereafter regularly.

I also visited Brouster Post at Clayton, St. Louis County. The comrades were pleased with our visit. This is one of the best Posts in the State and the welcome they extended to us was an indication of the fraternal spirit which permeates our order. The officers of General Nathaniel Lyon Post were installed by me. This is the second oldest post in the State. Lyon Post is now in splendid condition numerically and financially. I have been a regular attendant at my own Post "Harding" and have frequently attended the meetings of the other posts of St. Louis, where at all times I received a hearty welcome.

I succeeded by correspondence with the Assistant Secretary of War, Gen. Gillespie, in having an order issued to the commanding officer at Jefferson Barracks, that whenever a comrade or veteran is buried in the National Cemetery that along with a bugler a firing squad assist in the services. A similar order has been sent wherever there is a National Cemetery and U. S. troops are stationed nearby.

Comrade J. W. Farris, President of the State Federal Soldiers' Home selected me as chairman of a Builders' Committee to examine the two new buildings at St. James, Feb. 20 and 21, 1902, to report to the Board of Trustees whether the contractors had performed their work in accordance with the plans and specifications. We reported favorably. These buildings are in every sense of architec-

ture modern, hot and cold water on each story, with baths, water closets and all necessary convenience. Our old worthy deserving comrades at St. James, are proud that their home buildings are as comfortable and agreeable as any state homes in the country. Every space is occupied and some 30 to 40 applicants are on the waiting list anxious to be admitted. There is great demand for an additional appropriation for another dormitory building with room for 150 inmates, and a new structure for dining room, kitchen and laundry. Let us hope that the incoming legislature of the State will make the necessary appropriation.

The members of our order have many things to feel thankful for. One especially is the splendid fight and persistent defence for our comrades who in their declining years of helplessness, are compelled to apply for a pension. The long continued unfair means pursued by the former Pension Commissioner, has come to an end; let us hope forever. For those valuable services of persistent and tireless work we are indeed thankful to Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Rassieur, and comrade Charles G. Burton, who is a member of the National Pension Committee.

Then we owe our thanks also to President Theodore Roosevelt who firmly has vetoed all measures to restore deserters and give them an honorable discharge. All honor to the President of our country for keeping the Union Army roll of the Civil War a roll of honor. The present Commissioner of Pensions, Eugene F. Ware, is a thorough soldier, veteran and a comrade, who deserves our hearty loyal support; let us stand by him, though all the world assails him.

My labors in your behalf, dear comrades, I am afraid may not meet your full expectation, but after my official retirement the latch string to my heart and hand is ever open to a worthy comrade in distress. My services have not been a burden but a pleasure to serve you one and all. May the blessing of the ever ruling Providence be with you forevermore, and may all of you live long and enjoy one another's comradeship, until we all shall meet in one grand Union on the golden shores of the camp-fires awaiting us.

In F. C., and L.,

HENRY FAIRBACK,

S. V. Dept. Commander.

## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

OFFICE OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, }  
NEVADA, Mo., April 25, 1902. }

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General:—

*Comrade*—The brevity of my report reminds me of an old saying, that “a short horse is soon curried.”

Although the duties incumbent upon the office of Junior Vice Department Commander are few and light, there are some things he might do in the interest of the organization, by way of visiting Posts and Reunions, but which I regret to say, owing to circumstances, I was unable to do. I regretted very much that I could not attend the National Encampment at Cleveland, which was, however, more of a loss to myself than to the Department.

In conclusion, I can say no less than to express my sincere thanks to the comrades who honored me with this office. I wish you one and all many years of health and prosperity, and hope to meet with you in Encampment at Cape Girardeau.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

H. MITCHELL,

Junior Vice Dept. Com.

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }  
St. Louis, Mo., May 10, 1902. }

GEORGE HALL, Department Commander:—

*Comrade*—I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1901.

The number of Posts December 31, 1900, was 355. This included 16 Posts previously suspended, viz: Posts 85, 170, 277, 280, 323, 338, 373, 414 455, 480, 519, 527, 534, 536, 538, 558. Of these, one Post, No. 414, was reinstated, and the charters of the remaining 15 posts were annulled by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, at the last Department Encampment.

Nine Posts have surrendered their charters during the year 1901, viz: Posts 56, 122, 211, 278, 335, 370, 449, 462, 546. One new Post, No. 572, was mustered, making a net loss of 23 Posts, and leaving 332 Posts, December 31, 1901, including 15 Posts which were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, at the last Department Encampment, viz: Posts 49, 61, 188, 249, 253, 258, 305, 342, 346, 426, 524, 539, 550, 560, 565.

One new Post, No. 573, was mustered in January, 1902.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1901:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1901.

Number in good standing December 31, 1900.....	11,171
Gain by muster.....	261
Gain by transfer.....	82
Gain by re-instatement.....	298
Gain by re-instatement from delinquent reports.....	51      692
<b>Aggregate .....</b>	<b>11,863</b>
Loss by death.....	150
Loss by honorable discharge.....	21
Loss by transfer.....	79
Loss by suspension.....	530
Loss by delinquent reports.....	40
Loss by surrender of charter.....	78      898
<b>Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1901.....</b>	<b>10,965</b>

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901,

Number in good standing June 30, 1901.....	10,065
Gain by muster.....	201
Gain by transfer.....	102
Gain by re-instatement.....	185
	488
Aggregate .....	11,453
Loss by death.....	155
Loss by honorable discharge.....	16
Loss by transfer.....	84
Loss by suspension.....	715
Loss by dishonorable discharge.....	1
Loss by delinquent reports.....	300
Loss by surrender of charter.....	41
	1,312
Number in good standing December 31, 1901.....	10,141

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing December 31, 1900.....	11,171
Gain during year by muster.....	462
Gain during year by transfer.....	184
Gain during year by re-instatement.....	483
Gain during year by re-instatement from delinquent reports .....	51
	1,180
Aggregate .....	12,351
Loss during year by death.....	305
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	37
Loss during year by transfer.....	163
Loss during year by suspension.....	1245
Loss during year by dishonorable discharge.....	1
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	340
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	119
	2,210
Number in good standing, December 31, 1901.....	10,141
Number remaining suspended.....	5,506
	15,647
Total number on rolls, December 31, 1901.....	15,647
Number of comrades dropped during year.....	489
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	242
Number of persons not members relieved during year...	146
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$1,507 00
Cash balance in post funds December 31, 1901.....	11,336 37
Cash invested in collaterals.....	16,250 00
Cash balance in relief funds, December 31, 1901.....	2,190 39
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	11,725 00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	15,411 10
	\$56,912 86
Total value of Post property.....	\$56,912 86

Our Department is entitled to fourteen representatives in the National Encampment in addition to the representative at large.

On account of a failure to pay the interest on the loan of \$1000 at Kansas City, it became necessary to sell the property under the deed of trust, and the Department became the purchaser in September last. Since that time the property has been rented for \$10.00 per month. This rent has been paid since October 1st, 1901, and the proceeds applied to the payment of taxes, etc., except a surplus of \$21.66. Past Department Commander Whitehead, chairman of the committee on loans, has charge of the property and is of opinion it can readily be sold for an amount sufficient to cover our investment and expenses connected therewith.

It will be observed that our expenses last year exceeded our income. This would not have been the case had the Department received the benefit of the increased per capita for the full year, and had derived an income instead of an expense from our loan. I am satisfied that with the same economy as practiced in the past, the Department can meet its necessary expenses for the next and several following years without increasing the per capita tax.

It became necessary last fall to borrow \$250 to tide us over to the end of the year. This was secured from one of the comrades without interest, and was repaid early in January, 1902.

The plan of establishing outposts adopted by the last Department Encampment and promulgated and recommended in General Orders and Circulars, does not seem to have brought forth much fruit. I imagine but little effort has been made in that direction. But one Post is reported as having established an outpost, Post 21, of Maryville, which has one, and another under way. It is possible there may be some others. Notwithstanding this poor showing I am still of the opinion that the plan is a good one, and with proper effort would be successful.

The following Exhibits are attached to and form part of this report:

- Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "B," Account of Supplies.
- Exhibit "C," Department Property.
- Exhibit "D," Department Assets.
- Exhibit "E," Membership of Posts.

In closing this year of official life, I desire to express to you my appreciation of the kindness and consideration you have shown me. Our official intercourse has served to cement more closely the ties of personal friendship formed during an acquaintance of more than twenty years. To my fellow-officers and all my comrades I extend my thanks for their uniform courtesy and kindness, and wish them all abundant prosperity.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Asst. Adjt. Gen'l & Asst. Qr. Mr. Gen'l.



## EXHIBIT "A."

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1901:

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance December 31, 1900.....	\$ 201 25
Received from per capita tax.....	2,206 46
Received from requisitions.....	379 84
Received from charter fee.....	15 00
Received from interest on loan.....	35 00
Received from borrowed money.....	250 00
Total .....	<u>\$3,087 55</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies .....	\$ 228 12
Printing Encampment Journal.....	236 47
Printing and stationery.....	71 60
Rent of office.....	180 00
Salary of Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	1,200 00
Postage .....	164 55
Relief (burial of friendless soldiers) ..	50 00
Expenses National Encampment.....	93 37
Expenses Department Encampment.....	13 70
Stenographer Dept. Encampment.....	48 60
Per capita tax.....	276 70
Insurance .....	15 50
Premium on bond of Asst. Adj. Gen'l....	15 00
Expenses of trustee's sale.....	43 45
Incidentals .....	91 17
Traveling expenses:	
Department Commander Henry....	\$80 00
Department Commander Hall.....	100 00
Asst. Adj. Gen'l Rodgers.....	14 25
	194 25
	<u>\$2,922 48</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1901....	\$ 165 07

## EXHIBIT "B."

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES PURCHASED, ISSUED AND ON HAND FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.

	On hand Dec. 31, 1900.	Purchased.	Total.	Issued.	On hand.	Value of Sup- plies on hand.
Membership badges.....	27	299	326	318	8	\$ 4 00
Buttoniers.....	79	900	979	963	16	1 60
Rank straps.....	137	60	197	89	108	37 80
Official ribbons.....	59	150	209	127	82	8 20
Rules and regulations.....	75	50	125	71	54	2 70
Applications.....	270	1000	1270	920	350	2 10
Cash books.....	36	....	36	5	31	31 00
Quartermaster's receipt books.....	64	....	64	26	38	19 00
Quartermaster's warrant books.....	....	25	25	5	20	15 00
Roll books.....	2	....	2	1	1	75
Charters.....	9	....	9	....	9	2 25
Discharges.....	47	....	47	13	34	1 70
Transfers.....	50	200	250	196	54	2 70
Odes.....	85	....	85	41	44	88
Service books.....	11	44	55	39	16	4 00
Rituals.....	6	10	16	13	3	1 15
Blue books.....	1	2	3	2	1	1 00
Department badges, plain.....	202	....	202	2	200	120 00
Department badges, silver top.....	48	....	48	....	48	48 00
Descriptive books.....	....	4	4	4	....	....
Minute books.....	9	....	9	4	5	3 75
Leave of absence cards.....	13	55	68	68	....	....
Certificates of membership.....	120	....	120	2	118	11 80
Electrotypes.....	1	....	1	....	1	50
<b>Total.....</b>						<b>\$319 88</b>

## EXHIBIT "C."

## DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND.

Desks .....	2	Adjutant General's report of Illinois, volumes.....	8
Chairs .....	7	Roster Wisconsin Volunteers, volumes .....	3
Tables .....	2	Journals, National Encampment .....	6
Book cases .....	2	Journals, Department of Missouri .....	3
Case for blanks.....	1	History G. A. R.....	1
Case for supplies.....	1	Rebellion Records, War Department, volumes.....	128
Case for war atlas.....	1	Atlas war maps, volumes....	2
Chest of drawers.....	1	Report of War Department, 1899, volumes.....	3
Case for pigeon holes.....	3	Report of War Department, 1900, volumes.....	7
Typewriter .....	1	Portrait General Grant.....	1
Letter press.....	1	Portrait Past Department Commander Kimball.....	1
Official Seal.....	1	Portrait Past Department Commander Phelps.....	1
Cuspidors .....	2	Portrait Past Department Commander Burton.....	1
Carpet .....	1	Portrait Past Department Commander Grund.....	1
Sets of books.....	3	Portrait Past Department Commander Whitehead....	1
Slide boxes.....	503	Portraits Past Department Commanders Cole, Rassieur and Rodgers, group.....	1
Letter boxes.....	2	Portraits Past Department Commander Platt, Henry and Smith.....	3
Dating stamp.....	1	Other pictures.....	5
Die for Department badges..	1	Safe .....	1
Ink stands.....	3	Gas stove and hose.....	1
Department banner and case.	1		
Department flag.....	1		
U. S. flag, silk.....	1		
U. S. flag, bunting.....	1		
Letter scale.....	1		
Letter files.....	24		
Sword belts.....	9		
Swords .....	4		
Leggins, pairs.....	5		
Flag belts.....	2		
Gavels .....	6		
Charter, framed.....	1		
Map of Missouri.....	1		
Adjutant General's report of Missouri, 1864.....	1		

## EXHIBIT "D."

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance December 31, 1901.....	\$ 165 07
House and lot in Kansas City, Mo., bought in at trustee's sale .....	1,300 00
Office furniture, estimated.....	800 00
Supplies .....	319 88
Ledger balances.....	116 65
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	\$2,701 60
Liabilities:	
Borrowed money.....	\$250 00
Bills payable .....	102 80
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	\$ 352 80
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	\$2,348 80

## EXHIBIT "E."

STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING OF EACH POST,  
WITH GAINS AND LOSSES.

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1900	1901		
Frank P. Blair.....	1	St. Louis.....	526	504	....	22
Gen. Lyon.....	2	St. Louis.....	102	68	....	34
McPherson.....	4	Kansas City.....	127	144	17	....
A. Lincoln.....	5	Moberly.....	59	57	....	2
James A. Garfield.....	6	Jefferson City....	32	20	....	12
Custer.....	7	St. Joseph.....	188	176	....	12
Farragut-Thomas.....	8	Kansas City.....	240	236	....	4
Gen. Canby.....	10	Rich Hill.....	27	27	....	....
James A. Mulligan.....	11	Lexington.....	31	26	....	5
Ellsworth.....	12	Grant City.....	40	41	1	....
Col. Hassendeubel.....	13	St. Louis.....	430	418	....	12
O. P. Morton.....	14	Joplin.....	122	97	....	25
Stanton.....	16	Carthage.....	82	82	....	....
Joe Hooker.....	17	Cameron.....	71	73	2	....
Phil. Kearney.....	19	Laclede.....	39	43	4	....
Maj. James Wilson.....	20	Louisiana.....	25	28	3	....
Sedgwick.....	21	Maryville.....	138	115	....	23
Corporal Dix.....	22	Kirksville.....	133	114	....	19
F. A. Jones.....	23	Macon.....	55	63	8	....
David A. Roberts.....	25	Glenwood.....	13	10	....	3
Gen. Joe Bailey.....	26	Nevada.....	80	71	....	9
Tindall.....	29	Chillicothe.....	48	47	....	1
S. A. Hurlburt.....	32	Hamilton.....	37	31	....	6
Ben. Loan.....	33	Kingston.....	31	32	1	....
McCook.....	34	Lamar.....	53	61	8	....
Paddy Shields.....	36	Clarence.....	24	18	....	6
Col. Forbes.....	38	La Plata.....	19	19	....	....
Roderick Rockwood.....	39	Xenia.....	22	25	3	....
Peabody.....	41	Savannah.....	26	20	....	6
Albert Chandler.....	42	Macon.....	29	25	....	4
W. T. Sherman.....	43	Hannibal.....	70	64	....	6
McCullough.....	44	Milan.....	31	31	....	....
Perry V. Fletcher.....	46	De Soto.....	7	6	....	1
Capt. J. L. Clark.....	47	Green City.....	21	21	....	....
Gen. Geo. G. Meade.....	48	Lebanon.....	59	43	....	16
Gen. Geo. R. Smith.....	53	Sedalia.....	148	150	2	....
Thos. G. Wade.....	54	Unionville.....	38	58	20	....
O. H. Wood.....	57	Brookfield.....	47	48	1	....
Bates County.....	58	Butler.....	74	48	....	26
Geo. H. Blunt.....	59	Pollock.....	20	20	....	....
Gen. Wadsworth.....	60	Dawn.....	18	19	1	....

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1900	1901		
Winfield Scott.....	63	Holden .....	29	24	.....	5
Golden City.....	64	Golden City.....	17	19	2	.....
Capt. Wm. Wilkinson.....	65	Mound City.....	60	42	.....	18
Kilpatrick .....	66	Winston .....	15	12	.....	3
Tarkio .....	67	Tarkio .....	28	27	.....	1
Gen. E. D. Baker.....	68	Green Ridge.....	22	23	1	.....
Capt. John Mathews.....	69	Springfield .....	123	123	.....	.....
B. B. King.....	70	Canton .....	20	20	.....	.....
Col. Jacob Smith.....	72	Trenton .....	77	73	.....	4
Greenfield .....	75	Greenfield .....	73	64	.....	9
Jno. A. Dix.....	76	Kidder .....	33	30	.....	3
Col. Grover.....	78	Warrensburg .....	93	82	.....	11
Capt. Stanley.....	79	Princeton .....	38	43	5	.....
L. W. Cooper.....	81	Lathrop .....	21	33	12	.....
Yaeger-Sharp .....	82	Wellsville .....	39	38	.....	1
Curtis .....	84	Sarcoxie .....	6	6	.....	.....
King City.....	86	King City.....	39	56	17	.....
C. G. Harker.....	88	Meadville .....	26	22	.....	4
Capt. J. H. Paynter.....	90	Jerico .....	37	22	1	.....
T. H. Richardson.....	92	Lancaster .....	11	12	1	.....
Capt. C. C. Harvey.....	96	Maysville .....	28	28	.....	.....
Gen. G. B. Boomer.....	97	Linn .....	31	33	2	.....
Shelbyville .....	102	Shelbyville .....	18	19	1	.....
Arthur Crockett .....	106	Malta Bend.....	26	17	.....	9
Harry P. Harding.....	107	St. Louis.....	124	127	3	.....
Jeff. C. Davis.....	108	Versailles .....	34	31	.....	3
B. K. Davis.....	109	Hopkins .....	12	11	.....	1
Wm. McKee.....	110	Kahoka .....	54	62	8	.....
Miles Carroll.....	111	Iberia .....	39	36	.....	3
Cameron Garrett.....	115	Carl Junction....	32	30	.....	2
Jewell .....	118	Mt. Vernon.....	14	14	.....	.....
Marion .....	119	Stanberry .....	39	43	4	.....
Maple Grove.....	120	Maple Grove....	15	8	.....	7
Lieut. T. D. Neal.....	124	Bethany .....	101	85	.....	16
Salem .....	128	Salem .....	58	37	.....	21
Capt. J. H. Little.....	129	Denver .....	14	13	.....	1
Fred. Miller.....	130	Tina .....	19	19	.....	.....
Ransom .....	131	St. Louis.....	438	433	.....	5
Gentry .....	134	Albany .....	18	19	1	.....
Sergt. B. H. Porch.....	135	Olean .....	23	22	.....	1
Gen. J. G. Foster.....	137	Neosho .....	21	.....	.....	.....
Marionville .....	141	Marionville .....	35	39	4	.....
Stephen Decatur.....	142	Medoc .....	19	12	.....	7
Samuel McClure.....	145	Eldon .....	67	46	.....	21
Avalon .....	146	Avalon .....	13	13	.....	.....
J. J. Gravely.....	149	Bolivar .....	39	42	3	.....
Liberty .....	150	Spickard .....	44	31	.....	13
D. N. Keeler.....	152	Melrose .....	35	34	.....	1
Loyalty .....	155	Creighton .....	41	25	.....	16
Geo. Miller.....	158	Bethel .....	39	39	.....	.....

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1900	1901		
Col. Henry C. Gilbert.....	160	Wheeling .....	16	16	.....	.....
Gen. Frank Herron.....	161	Buffalo .....	20	85	65	.....
Marshall .....	162	Elmo .....	20	19	.....	1
Col. Islam Keith.....	164	Breckenridge ....	34	20	.....	14
Menke .....	166	La Grange.....	13	13	.....	.....
Rosendale .....	167	Rosendale .....	12	12	.....	.....
Jesse H. Moore.....	168	Braymer .....	17	17	.....	.....
J. N. Whitehead.....	171	Victoria .....	33	42	9	.....
J. B. Steadman.....	172	Appleton City....	48	48	.....	.....
Justi .....	173	Cape Girardeau..	43	40	.....	3
Maj. Hiram Gavitt.....	174	Fredericktown ..	12	11	.....	1
Seneca .....	175	Seneca .....	23	20	.....	3
Indian Springs.....	176	Indian Springs...	12	14	2	.....
W. H. L. Wallace.....	177	Moundville .....	20	20	.....	.....
Stephen Estle.....	178	De Witt.....	26	26	.....	.....
Murray .....	179	Memphis .....	80	68	.....	12
Stambaugh .....	180	Austin .....	34	25	.....	9
Mansfield .....	181	Powersville .....	23	23	.....	.....
Erich Pape.....	184	Zalma .....	13	12	.....	1
Maj. Hunt .....	185	Center .....	30	24	.....	6
John A. Rawlins.....	187	Peirce City.....	32	25	.....	7
Gen. Henry Wilson.....	189	Rolla .....	26	20	.....	6
W. B. Goodrich.....	190	Webb City.....	40	29	.....	11
Austin Hubbard.....	194	Caplinger's Mills.	33	27	.....	6
Col. Morsey.....	197	Warrenton .....	42	44	2	.....
Rogersville .....	200	Rogersville .....	24	19	.....	5
Bradshaw .....	201	Mt. Moriah.....	13	11	.....	2
Col. Brooks.....	207	Hannibal .....	16	16	.....	.....
Edward Wray.....	209	Linn Creek.....	13	17	4	.....
McCroskey .....	210	Springfield .....	95	103	8	.....
Sergt. Ryan.....	214	Brashear .....	42	30	.....	12
Picket .....	215	Farmington .....	30	30	.....	.....
Cainsville .....	216	Cainsville .....	35	34	.....	1
Bennett Ford.....	217	Williamstown ..	9	9	.....	.....
Jno. Williams.....	218	Fairport .....	22	13	.....	9
Republic .....	19	Republic .....	22	28	6	.....
Jamesport .....	220	Jamesport .....	13	13	.....	.....
Norcross .....	221	Novelty .....	36	33	.....	3
S. L. Turley.....	222	Gilman City.....	24	.....	.....	.....
Reuben Dale.....	223	Eagleville .....	31	31	.....	.....
Guy Ward.....	224	Hale .....	14	14	.....	.....
Union .....	229	Laddonia .....	12	12	.....	.....
Hightower .....	231	Kansas City.....	33	.....	.....	.....
Lieut. S. A. M. George.....	232	Humansville .....	50	32	.....	18
Thos. J. Brouster.....	233	Clayton .....	40	37	.....	3
Ash Grove.....	234	Ash Grove.....	22	23	1	.....
Gen. Fred. D. Steele.....	235	Montrose .....	26	24	.....	2
U. S. Grant.....	236	Lincoln .....	11	10	.....	1
Lowry City.....	238	Lowry City.....	19	14	.....	5
W. S. Hancock.....	239	Mexico .....	44	41	.....	3

**TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,**

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1900	1901		
John A. Hayn.....	240	Boonville .....	41	42	1	....
Galt .....	241	Galt .....	12	12	....	....
Fattonsburg .....	242	Pattonsburg .....	13	13	....	....
Andy Smith.....	243	Willow Springs..	34	24	....	10
Jack Grant.....	245	Knox City.....	20	18	....	2
John W. Rawlins.....	247	West Plains.....	27	21	....	6
Ulysses .....	250	Mirabile .....	10	10	....	....
Col. Leonard.....	251	Eldorado Springs.	99	97	....	2
Mt. McGregor.....	252	Metz .....	22	20	....	2
J. N. Hilton.....	254	Forsyth .....	10	10	....	....
John Boon.....	257	Licking .....	56	45	....	11
Andy Martin.....	259	Ava .....	57	78	21	....
Blanchard .....	260	S. Blanchard.....	12	11	....	1
McIntosh Post.....	261	Hermitage .....	....	19	....	19
Johnson .....	262	Centralia .....	12	12	....	....
Cuba .....	263	Cuba .....	22	18	....	4
Morgan L. Smith.....	264	Deepwater .....	27	19	....	8
Pinhart .....	268	Brunswick .....	34	30	....	4
Sergt. Plummer.....	269	Sparta .....	21	16	....	5
Baker .....	271	Pineville .....	13	13	....	....
Difani .....	273	Perryville .....	58	29	....	29
Norwood .....	274	Norwood .....	17	18	1	....
Henry Brown.....	276	Clarksburg .....	100	99	....	1
Edinburg .....	279	Edinburg .....	12	12	....	....
Wakefield Stanley.....	282	Carrollton .....	29	29	....	....
Wakefield .....	283	Fair Play .....	15	....	....	....
Geo. G. Bryan.....	284	Belgrade .....	30	33	3	....
Jim Carnes.....	285	Rockport .....	27	21	....	6
Chas. Sumner.....	286	Boonville .....	22	20	....	2
Warren .....	287	Rockville .....	15	13	....	2
Maj. Bartlett.....	289	Troy .....	19	22	3	....
Fred Hecker.....	290	Pacific .....	16	18	2	....
Geo. Gamble.....	293	Hemker .....	22	22	....	....
Col. Geiger.....	294	Highlandville ..	16	14	....	2
John S. Phelps.....	297	St. James.....	48	50	2	....
C. A. Arthur.....	299	Mansfield .....	35	28	....	7
Bob. Ford.....	303	Coffeysburg .....	22	22	....	....
Jno. A. Logan.....	304	St. Louis.....	44	43	....	1
Geo. W. Tyler.....	311	Ford City.....	15	15	....	....
Dan McCook.....	312	Leesville .....	24	18	....	6
Jno. D. Rohye.....	314	Cedar Hill.....	18	18	....	....
Capt. Manwaring.....	320	Hermann .....	30	30	....	....
Capt. J. M. Baird.....	322	Verona .....	28	22	....	6
Wm. McKinley.....	324	Sullivan .....	29	33	4	....
Capt. J. Felix St. James...	326	Ste. Genevieve...	42	40	....	2
Adrian .....	327	Adrian .....	28	20	....	8
Gordon Granger.....	329	Clinton .....	31	18	....	13
Jonah W. Reser.....	330	Urbana .....	25	27	2	....
Jno. P. McCluney.....	331	Higginsville .....	14	14	....	....
James W. Owens.....	332	Washington .....	49	36	....	13

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31		GAIN.	Loss.
			1900	1901		
James Ward.....	337	Jasper .....	24	22	.....	2
Houston .....	339	Houston .....	21	24	3	.....
Evans .....	340	Economy .....	28	28	.....	.....
Col. Shaw.....	343	St. Louis.....	61	85	24	.....
Jesse Owens.....	345	Bear Creek.....	27	26	.....	1
H. C. Beckett.....	348	Mineral Point...	20	18	.....	2
Capt. Jas. Johnson.....	350	Fredheim .....	15	14	.....	1
Pardee .....	352	Cabool .....	32	18	.....	14
Sergt. P. P. Mabrey.....	354	Chaonia .....	14	7	.....	7
Dixon .....	355	Dixon .....	14	12	.....	2
R. L. Ferguson.....	358	Sweet Springs...	29	28	.....	1
Splitlog .....	359	Splitlog .....	14	10	.....	4
Daniel Miles.....	360	Iantha .....	19	16	.....	3
Sac River.....	362	Dadeville .....	32	32	.....	.....
Upton .....	366	Sheridan .....	24	21	.....	3
Roscoe .....	367	Roscoe .....	13	.....	.....	.....
Stella .....	371	Stella .....	19	18	.....	1
R. P. Carnes.....	374	Dunlap .....	38	32	.....	6
Harwood .....	375	Harwood .....	31	23	.....	8
Capt. J. W. Robertson.....	377	Ozark .....	21	27	6	.....
Capt. Tom Walker.....	379	Leora .....	24	24	.....	.....
Commerce .....	382	Commerce .....	16	15	.....	1
Jas. A. Dollans.....	383	Mountain View...	28	28	.....	.....
Dawn .....	384	Osceola .....	25	22	.....	3
Albert Harrison.....	386	Climax Springs..	26	24	.....	2
Marceline .....	387	Marceline .....	27	27	.....	.....
Jacob Yount.....	390	Yount .....	16	12	.....	4
Pike .....	391	Bowling Green...	30	21	.....	9
Southwest City.....	392	Southwest City..	23	19	.....	4
Brookline .....	397	Brookline .....	9	7	.....	2
Phil Sheridan.....	398	Gulf .....	15	14	.....	1
Capt. L. F. Bierwirth.....	402	Cape Girardeau..	7	7	.....	.....
Durbin A. Ward.....	405	Pickering .....	20	19	.....	1
Corporal Doke.....	406	Garrison .....	18	13	.....	5
Conway .....	407	Conway .....	25	26	1	.....
Col. Krekel .....	408	St. Peters.....	21	21	.....	.....
Capt. Kelsoe.....	411	Competition .....	10	.....	.....	.....
Downing .....	412	Newark .....	13	15	2	.....
Tiff City.....	416	Tiff City .....	11	8	.....	3
Smithton .....	417	Smithton .....	10	14	4	.....
Sergt. Clay Shaw.....	418	Sedalia .....	15	14	.....	1
Fred. Roether.....	420	Montgomery City.	16	18	2	.....
Florence .....	423	Florence .....	14	14	.....	.....
Col. A. J. Webber.....	424	Wakenda .....	25	22	.....	3
Wm. Hawkins.....	425	Brumley .....	30	30	.....	.....
John V. Hoover.....	429	Elkland .....	23	20	.....	3
Jos. S. Wray.....	431	Egypt Mills.....	13	13	.....	.....
Columbia .....	432	Columbia .....	18	18	.....	.....
David D. Porter.....	433	Mountain Grove..	24	18	.....	6
J. B. Wicker.....	434	Richland .....	17	21	4	.....



NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1900	1901		
Jos. A. Mower.....	436	Hartville .....	19	17	....	2
Gen. Simon Cameron.....	437	Cross Timbers...	17	17	....	....
Gen. Hazen.....	440	Foster .....	7	....	....	....
Hume .....	442	Hume .....	10	10	....	....
Capt. Bauer.....	447	Berger .....	14	16	2	....
E. E. Kimball.....	453	Middletown .....	22	22	....	....
Calhoun .....	454	Calhoun .....	22	....	....	....
Warren T. Stewart.....	457	Benton .....	10	16	6	....
Col. J. P. Brownlow.....	458	Plew .....	26	18	....	8
Capt. J. S. Robb.....	461	Jenkins .....	10	12	2	....
Louis Duemler.....	465	St. Clair.....	22	19	....	3
Vandalia .....	466	Vandalia .....	30	28	....	2
Maj. Leonard.....	468	Higbee .....	13	12	....	1
Lieut. Brooks.....	469	Ashland .....	19	....	....	....
Callaway .....	472	Fulton .....	11	10	....	1
T. R. Lane.....	479	Montreal .....	10	9	....	1
Goulding .....	481	Buckhart .....	14	15	1	....
Jno. C. Fremont.....	482	Norris .....	10	....	....	....
Dillard Bell.....	487	Elmer .....	15	13	....	2
L. Stevenson.....	488	Pocahontas .....	21	12	....	9
Maj. Ennis.....	489	Greentop .....	17	....	....	....
W. W. Leggett.....	490	Duncan Bridge...	15	15	....	....
Eagle .....	492	Monett .....	21	20	....	1
Col. Meumann.....	496	St. Louis.....	107	94	....	13
Jno. Tietjens.....	506	Indian Grove.....	31	32	1	....
Maj. Worthington.....	507	Shell Knob.....	15	13	....	2
Harrison A. Gleim.....	512	Tipton .....	46	40	....	6
Jesse Turnage.....	514	Rayville .....	32	21	....	11
Liberal .....	515	Liberal .....	43	34	....	9
J. H. Crenshaw.....	516	Carterville .....	26	25	....	1
Parnell City.....	517	Parnell City.....	18	14	....	4
Geo. W. Murphy.....	525	Cowgill .....	32	32	....	....
Geo. W. Walker.....	526	Darlington .....	10	9	....	1
Tecumseh .....	537	Ridge Prairie ..	22	22	....	....
Gen. Jere M. Rusk.....	544	St. Charles.....	16	20	4	....
Wm. A. Mills.....	548	Boylers' Mills...	13	12	....	1
Col. John A. Davis.....	549	Windsor .....	20	18	....	2
Blythedale .....	551	Blythedale .....	27	25	....	2
Thos. Welch.....	553	Kirbyville .....	19	12	....	7
Gatzweiler .....	554	St. Charles.....	20	23	3	....
A. C. Marvin.....	561	Collins .....	21	19	....	2
Blue Springs.....	563	Blue Springs....	27	19	....	8
Burnside .....	566	Pleasant Hill...	16	12	....	4
Jas. F. How.....	567	Moberly .....	18	20	2	....
Everton .....	568	Everton .....	25	24	....	1
Mark T. Brown.....	569	Stockton .....	31	32	1	....
Col. Jas. Jackson.....	571	Balm .....	23	23	....	....
Rincheval .....	572	Rhineland .....	....	15	15	....

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, }  
KIRKSVILLE, Mo., April 22, 1902. }

To THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjt. Gen'l Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

*Comrade*—I herewith transmit to you a compendious report of the Inspection of the Posts in this Department for the year ending December 31, 1901:

Total number of Posts.....	297
Total number of members in good standing.....	8,199
Number of Posts inspected.....	189
Number of Posts not inspected.....	108
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings.....	fair
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified .....	168
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped.....	93
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed.....	98
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept	180
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded .....	180
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	30
Aggregate of Post relief funds.....	\$10,744.89
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	1,503.61
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters.....	12,199.50
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts.....	24,467.60
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached.....	60
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	3

I very much regret my inability to obtain more complete returns, though to do so I wrote to over one hundred Posts whose reports have failed to come in.

Thanking you for your efficient co-operation, I remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

THOMAS J. DOCKERY,

Department Inspector.

## REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

OFFICE OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, }  
APPLETON, CITY, Mo., April 14th, 1902. }

GEORGE HALL, Department Commander:—

*Comrade*—I have the honor as your Chief Mustering Officer of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., to submit the following report of posts mustered:

Rincheval Post No. 572, Rhineland, Mo., December 21, 1901, by W. L. Heckmann, Special M. O.; fifteen members.

H. M. Hiller Post No. 573, Alexandria, Mo., mustered January 24, 1902, by Joe Morgan, Special M. O., eighteen members.

May we so conduct ourselves the remainder of our lives that it can be truthfully said when we are gone, that we were loyal to our country and loyal to our God.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ALEX. OLIVER,

Chief Must. Officer.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. G., }  
 OFFICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN. }  
 BOWLING GREEN, MISSOURI, April 14th, 1902. }

*Commander and Comrades*—Another year has come and gone, and in the Providence of God we are permitted to meet in our annual encampment to look into the faces of those to whom we are bound with silken cords of affection that never can be broken. I have done what I could during the year in visiting posts, attending camp-fires, and assisting in the last sad rites of some of our comrades who had answered to the last roll-call on earth.

By reports received at these headquarters Memorial Sunday services and Memorial Day were generally observed in this department. I am glad to be able to report that the old veterans attended those services and by so doing evidenced their strong attachment to this great heritage they helped to preserve.

Doubtless a greater number of parents with their children fell in line on the 30th of May and marched with the boys in blue to the city of the dead, with flowers of exquisite beauty in one hand and the star-spangled banner in the other, than ever before in this great commonwealth. We are truly glad that it is so, for the rising generation is the hope of this great republic. If the children are taught to love and honor the old flag and what it represents, the "land of the free and the home of the brave" is secure.

"Bring forth the flag and let its folds  
 Float o'er every hero's grave;  
 A tribute to the martyrs dead,  
 A greeting to the brave.  
 Strew brilliant flowers above each  
 Mound, o'er every soldier's breast;  
 A nation's tears, bedew the bier  
 Where freedom's warriors rest."

The following consolidated returns were received which I submit in tabulated form as follows:

## MEMORIAL SABBATH DAY SERVICES.

Number of posts attending services.....	185
Number of sermons preached.....	185
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	45
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	36
Number of sermons preached by others.....	104
Number of comrades present at such services.....	4,600

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of posts observing Memorial Day services.....	208
Number of comrades in line on Memorial Day.....	7,000
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	480
Number of soldiers' graves decorated.....	28,580
Number of graves unmarked by head-stones.....	1,125
Number of public schools engaged in Memorial Day services..	175
Number of pupils participating.....	12,475
Number of addresses by Veterans.....	60
Number of addresses by Sons of Veterans.....	35
Number of addresses by others.....	113
Number of posts owning lots in cemeteries.....	38

*Commander and Comrades:—*

Let us remember that we are traveling toward the sunset of life. Very soon the last day's march will be made. Let us so live as to inspire those about us with patriotic love of country and enduring liberty, and above all may we have saving faith in the Blessed Christ, who rides at the head of His conquering legions and has promised to stand by us in the last battle of life, and angels bear us upon their golden pinions to that city whose maker and builder is God.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

T. J. FERRIL,

Dept. Chaplain.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MO., G. A. R. }  
 OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE, }  
 KANSAS CITY, MO., April 19, 1902. }

GEORGE HALL, Department Commander:—

*Comrade*—The spirit of fraternity and charity has so far prevailed in our order during the last year, that there has been little use for a Judge Advocate. When comrades are united in works of charity, they have little time for strife.

It was my pleasure during the last year to visit, in connection with yourself, the Federal Home of St. James, at the laying of the corner stone of their new dormitory, which is being erected for the comfort of our comrades by the State. The home is delightfully situated, and our comrades are surrounded by many of the comforts of a real home. Their greatest need, it seemed to me, was books and games to while away their leisure hours.

I bore the fraternal greetings of the Grand Army to the Confederate Home at Higginville at the laying of the corner stone of their hospital, which is being erected by the State. I spent a most delightful day; my reception by these old Johnnies was most delightful; and I feel proud of old Missouri for her care of these brave men. These homes are situated one in the eastern and one in the western part of the State.

I believe that the practice of sending fraternal greetings to camps and gatherings of those who wore the gray should be encouraged and made a feature in future gatherings in this State. I thank God I have lived to see the day when there no longer exists antagonism or jealousy between the Federal and the Confederate, and the surviving comrades of both armies are united in upholding our common flag, and protecting our mutual interests.

I submit the following reports on the only two cases that have been referred to me during the year:

I have the honor to report on the papers referred to me by you on the 17th instant, as to the eligibility of Samuel L. Martin to membership in the Grand Army, based upon the following statement of facts:

“He was enlisted on or about March 25th, 1865, in Captain H. C. Donahue’s Pettis County, Missouri State Militia, which was armed and equipped as a cavalry company, was given uniform of government blue, and did duty as scouts, patrols, etc., in different parts of

the State, and was held in readiness for any emergency until late in the fall of 1865, when they were simply discharged, and received pay for their services in Missouri state money, without receiving any discharge from any one."

The Adjutant General, in response to a request for certificate of service, said:

"In answer to yours of the 22nd instant, beg leave to say that we have no record on file in this office of Captain A. C. Donahue's Company unattached E. M. M."

"Out of fifty-three companies organized under series 1865, only fifteen are on record in this office."

There is nothing to show either a muster into the service, or an honorable discharge, or a call into active service, and subject to the U. S. general officers, before April 9th, 1965.

I think that the services of this company are similar to those performed by what we know as the First Missouri Regiment under General Rosecrans, and the "Squirrel Hunter" organized in Cincinnati during the raid of Kirby Smith, in 1862, all of whom have been held not eligible to membership.

This matter is discussed in a very able opinion of Judge Advocate George E. Smith, who says in the concluding paragraph:

"In the absence of a certificate of discharge, the only proper evidence of service and muster out will be a certificate from the Adjutant General of Missouri as to what the State records show."

There being no muster, no discharge, no record of service in the Adjutant General's office of Missouri, and no evidence of being called into active service and subject to the orders of the U. S. general officers, I am of the opinion that the applicant is not eligible to membership in the Grand Army.

In the matter of the court-martial of Comrade W. C. Whitted of Post 352, I have looked over the proceedings of the court-martial, which I enclose. I am inclined to think there ought to be something in the records to show that he was duly served with the notice. The Commander can insert on page two, after the words "Appeared," "having been duly notified."

I can not find anything to show that he was notified, and am inclined to think it would be a bad precedent to approve of the proceedings without the records affirmatively showing that he was duly notified, as he was not present at the hearing. Otherwise the record is sufficient, and I believe ought to be approved.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. W. CLARKE,

Judge Advocate, Dept. of Missouri.

## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R. }  
 OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, }  
 ST. LOUIS, May 1, 1902. }

COL. THOS. B. RODGERS, Asst. Adjt. Gen. Dept. of Missouri, G. A. R.

*Comrade*—I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the year ending December 31, 1901:

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants.....	125	
No. of deaths during year.....	187	
No. who presumably died of wounds received in the service .....	11	
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service .....	46	
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	...	
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge .....	59	
The reasonable money value of such service...		\$375.00
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines .....	36	
The reasonable money value of such service...		103.00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....		222.93
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies .....		\$700.93
No. of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions .....		(Can not be ascertained)

The following are names and location of the State or National Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes for the care of ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors:

State Federal Soldiers' Home, St. James, Mo.

No. of inmates in the Home.....	160
The above Home is supported by the State.	
No. of ex-soldiers or sailors in almshouses.....	1

It is an impossibility for your Medical Director to make a correct report to comply with the instructions and blank furnished by



National Headquarters, owing to the careless and incomplete reports made to me by the Post Surgeons. Some report the deaths for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1901, instead of for the year ending Dec. 31, 1901. 174 Posts have failed to make a report, hence my report does not accurately represent a summary of the items. Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, Asst. Adjt. General furnished me with a list of names of comrades who died during the year, reported to him by the Post Adjutants, and were not reported to me by the Post Surgeons, which makes the total number of deaths 298.

Thanking my comrades for the honor conferred on me, and to the Department Commander and Asst. Adjt. General for the courtesies extended to me.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. V. F. LUDWIG,  
Medical Director.

## DEATH ROLL, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R., 1901.

No. Post.	NAME.	RANK.	Co.	REGIMENT.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	Braggins, Emory	Private.	E	40th Wis. Inf.	53	
	Blanchard, J. G.	Corporal	D	40th Mo. Inf.	71	
	Moerschell, Chr.	Corporal	C	1st Mo. Mil.	65	
	Winter, Gottlieb	Private.	G	5th U. S. R. C.	66	
	Minch, Geo.	2d Lieut.	I	21st N. Y. Inf.	60	
	Burgess, Wm.	Private.	F	5th Ky. Inf.	60	
	Hasslinger, Wm.	Corporal		1nd. Bat. Sap. & M.	76	
	Hedegard, Chr. N.	Private.	B	145th N. Y. Inf.	64	
	Rinne, Wm.	Captain.	C	2d Mo. Lt. Art.	67	
	Deming, John.	Pilot.		U. S. Navy.	84	
	Schueddig, Ferd.	Private.	C	4th Mo. Inf.	63	
	Lambey, Paul.	2d Lieut.	I	32d Ind. Inf.	69	
	Rooney, Jno.	Corporal	G	26th Mo. Inf.	70	
	Hulbert, Henry.	Private.	I	148th N. Y. Inf.	55	
	Simmons, Sam'l.	Lieut Col.	and	C. S. U. S. Vol.	73	
	Deininger, M.	Sergeant.	K	27th Mo. Inf.	60	
	Blair, Marcus.	Private.	F	20th Pa. Cav.	63	
	Selbert, J. A.	Private.	G	3d U. S. R. C.	65	
	Boesewetter, R.	Hos. Ste.		2d U. S. R. C.	70	
	Speck, Jacob	Corporal	E	4th Mo. Cav.	60	
	Wiegand, Hy. W.	Private.	C	5th Mo. Inf.	64	
	Fish, B. E.	{ Capt. { A. Q. M.		{ U. S. Vol.	70	
2	Pohlman, Fred	Private.	F	11th E. M. M.	...	
	Lange, Ferd.	Private.	F	2d U. S. R. C.	...	Old Age.
	Schoenli, John.	Sergeant.		4th V. R. C.	...	Dropsy.
	Eckerle, Lawrence.	Private.	F	5th Mo. Inf.	...	Debility
	Schmid, Fred.	Private.	A	E. M. M.	...	
	Steinmeyer, Geo.	Private.	B	E. M. M.	...	
	Branahl, Chas.	Private.	E	51st Mo. Inf.	...	
	Ohme, Wm.	Private.	F	4th U. S. R. C.	...	
4	Anschultz, Aug.	Private.	C	3d Mo. Inf.	59	Accident.
	Shoemaker, Dav. A.	Private.			57	
	Reagan, Stephen	Private.	G	16th N. Y. Art.	56	Tuberculosis.
	De Groat, Geo. W.	Private.	E	7th Minn. Inf.	68	Paresis.
5	Sacket, Enos	Private.	K	65th Pa. Inf.	...	General Debility.
	Shedel, Geo. P.	Private.	D	10th Vt. Inf.	...	Heart Failure.
	Hank, Peter.	Private.			74	Heart Disease.
6	Pooler, Geo. W.	Private.	A	15th Ill. Inf.	78	
	Lutz, Ferd.	Private.	H	5th Mo. Cav.	68	
	Lee, Wm. G.	Private.	C	10th Ill. Inf.	67	
	Ritchie, Jas.	Private.	F	1st Mo. Lt. Art.	69	
8	Gunn, B. Otis	Maj'r.		4th Kas. Inf.	...	
	Duvall, Sylvester.	2d Lieut.	D	99th Ill. Inf.	...	
	Bowker, L. D.	Chaplain		124th Ohio Inf.	...	
	Peers, Leonard	Private.	D	30th Wis. Inf.	...	
	Howden, And.	1st Lieut.	and	Q. M. 62d Pa. Inf.	...	
	Marvin, H. L.	Captain.		37th U. S. C. T.	...	
	Stark, John.	Ast't Sur.		U. S. A.	...	
10	Chinn, H. J.	Private.	C	14th Ia. Inf.	...	
11	Benedick, Moses	Private.	G	1st Mo. S. M.	...	
13	Christman, Jac.	{ Private	G	{ 1st U. S. R. C.	60	{ Cirrhosis of Liver.
			L	{ 4th Mo. Inf.	...	
	Wunsch, Adolph.	Private.	B	2d & 3d U. S. R. C.	62	Ulcer of Stomach.
	Hauck, Chas.	Corporal.	H	1st U. S. R. C.	69	Paralysis.
	Haugen, F. W.	Private.	C	3d U. S. R. C.	73	General Debility.
	Bauer, Louis.	Private.	A	10th Mo. Cav.	52	Pneumonia.
	Volland, Henry.	Private.	B	3d Mo. Inf.	60	Morbus Bright.
	Grund, Louis.	Private.	L C	4th Mo. Cav.	55	Gunshot Wound.
	Harris, B. W.	Private.	H	139th Ind. Inf.	53	Bronchitis.
	Epstein, Hyman	{ Private	C	{ 2d U. S. R. C.	76	{ Heart Disease.
			E	{ 2d Heavy Art.	...	
	Andreas, Louis.	Private.	E	1st U. S. R. C.	77	Asthma.

## DEATH ROLL—Continued.

No. Post.	NAME.	RANK.	Co.	REGIMENT.	Age.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
13	Foerg, Hy.....	Private..	C	3d U. S. R. C.....	83	Senility.
	Ehrman, Chas.....	1st Sergt	G	17th Mo. Infnt.....	84	Diarrhea.
	Hoehl, John.....	Private..	B	2d U. S. R. C.....	73	Senility.
	Hoefele, Clem.....	Private..	C	3d U. S. R. C.....	78	Hernia and Cancer.
	Wenzel, John.....	Private..	F	4th Mo. Cav.....	61	Nephritis.
	Steltz, Wm.....	Private..	F	10th Ill. Infnt.....	76	Pneumonia.
14	Younger, Dar. Z.....	Private..	H	2d Mo. Lt. Art.....		
	Rtseling, Levl.....	Private..	K	23d Ill. Infnt.....		
	Beach, E. W.....	Captain..	G	27th Ill. Infnt.....		
	Cosgrove, A. P.....	Musician	D	44th Ind. Infnt.....		
16	Kerr, D. D.....	Sergeant.	D	3d Ind. Cav.....		
	Smith, Geo. P.....	Private..	B	7th Ind. Cav.....		
	Wallace, P. A.....	Private..	G	6th Vt. V. Infnt.....		
	Burlingame, W. L.....	2d Lieut.	D	2d Mich. Infnt.....		
17	Pedicard, Dawson.....	Private..	E	4th Ky. Infnt.....		
21	Gaunt, T. W.....	Captain..	G	36th E. M. M.....		
	Weiser, Adam.....	Private..	I	11th Kas. Infnt.....		
	Yarnall, Sam'l.....	Sergeant.	C	4th Mo. Cav.....	67	Org. Cardiac.
	Birdsell, Jno.....	Corporal.	I	101st Ill. Infnt.....		
	Wilhoit, B. A.....	Sergeant.	C	4th M. S. M. Cav.....		Pneumonia.
25	Nisdale, A. J.....	Captain..	F	4th Ia. Infnt.....		Bright's Disease.
	Hole, Wm.....	Private..	K	4th Ia. Infnt.....		Bright's Disease.
	Haynes, J. A.....	Corporal.	H	2d M. S. M.....		Heart Failure.
28	Burris, Edw.....	Private..	G	1st Va. Infnt.....		
32	Black, Sam'l.....	Private..	B	4th Prov. E. M.....	58	Blood Poisoning.
33	Sackman, R. D.....	Private..	B	37th Ill. Infnt.....	60	Laryngitis.
34	Thompson, W. A.....	Private..	H	24th Mo. Infnt.....	62	Lung Trouble.
	Lang, Wm. H.....	Private..	B	151st Ill. Infnt.....		Phthisis Pulmonalis.
38	Harland, J. G. R.....	Private..	B	43d Mo. Infnt.....		
41	Miller, H.....	Private..	F	12th Mo. Cav.....		
	Frodsborn, Sam'l.....	Private..	E	68th U. S. C. T.....		Heart Failure.
42	Coleman, Jas.....	Private..	C	1st Mo. Mil.....	60	Complications.
43	Hayward, J. T. K.....	Captain..	H	43d Ill. Infnt.....	56	
	Graber, Chr.....	Private..	H	39th Mo. Infnt.....	66	Malaria.
	Thias, Adam.....	Captain..	C	23d Mo. Infnt.....	75	Stomach Trouble.
	Rannenburg, Chr.....	Private..	D	21st Mo. Infnt.....	66	Complications.
	Mitchelree, J. B.....	Private..	I	29th Mo. Infnt.....		Grippe.
53	Greenstreet, R. L.....	Private..	B	40th E. M. M.....		
	Harney, A. J.....	Private..	E	72d N. Y. Infnt.....		Cancer.
	O'Connor, L.....	Sergeant.	E	8th Ill. Cav.....		Apoplexy.
	Crawford, S. K.....	Private..	E	E. M. M.....		
	Crandall, O. A.....	Private..	D	18th Mo. Infnt.....		
54	Pilfe, John H.....	Private..	E	36th Ia. Infnt.....		Droopy.
	Meredith, J. M.....	Private..	E	36th Ia. Infnt.....		Pneumonia.
58	Fenton, T. W.....	Private..	E	36th Ia. Infnt.....		
63	Huber, Jos.....	Private..	I	6th Mo. Cav.....	69	Paralysis.
64	Walker, Sam.....	Private..	C	M. S. M.....		
	Bromley, Wm.....	1st Lieut.	C	97th Ill. Infnt.....		
	Howell, Wm.....	Captain..	B	2d Kas. B.....		
	Pentzer, P. H.....	Private..	B	2d N. E. Mo.....	75	General Debility.
	Wade, Allen.....	Private..	B	2d N. E. Mo.....	68	
70	Sprinkle, Wm.....	2d Lieut	B	2d N. E. Mo.....	70	Cancer.
	Bertram, Henry.....	Private..	M	8th Mo. Cav.....		
72	Gass, Lycurgus.....	Private..	A	116th Ohio Infnt.....		
75	Dearing, Jas. B.....	Private..	C	6th M. S. M.....	83	Diarrhea.
	Ridgeaway, C. W.....	Captain..	B	1st M. S. M.....		Old Age.
76	McNarrie, Jas.....	Private..	C	81st Ill. Infnt.....		
	Caster, R. A.....	Private..	G	2d Ia. Infnt.....		
78	Rogers, A. W.....	Lt. Col.	H	83d Ohio Infnt.....	54	Cardiac Disease.
79	Knight, Arch.....	Private..	K	113th Ill. Infnt.....		
82	Neas, Sam'l M.....	Private..	E	18th Mo. Infnt.....	72	Cardiac Neuralgia.
	Darling, Simeon.....	Private..	B	2d Mo. Infnt.....	62	Cardiac Neuralgia.
	Childress, Sol. B.....	Private..	B	2d Mo. Infnt.....		
92	Sears, Henry.....	Private..	B	2d Mo. Infnt.....		

## DEATH ROLL—Continued.

No. Post.	NAME.	RANK.	Co.	REGIMENT.	Age.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
97	Huesgen, Jos. . . . .	Private..	M	55th Ill. Inf.	..	
	Behrens, Fritz. . . . .	Private..	II	4th Mo. Inf.	..	
	Tabuteau, Alex. . . . .	Private..	F	Mo. Home Gds	..	
107	Kleinberg, John. . . . .	Private..	D	4th Mo. Cav.	..	La Grippe.
	Lipps, Ant. . . . .	Private..	E	10th Mo. Cav.	..	Consumption.
	Bertram, Max . . . . .	Private..	E	12th Pa. R. V. C.	..	La Grippe.
	Rossmann, Chr. . . . .	Private..	C	2d Mo. Lt. Art.	..	Heat.
	McElroy, L. L. . . . .	Private..	C	24th Mo. Inf.	..	Consumption.
	Bierman, H. H. . . . .	Private..	C	4th Mo. Cav.	..	Operation.
	Niehaus, Wm. . . . .	Private..	H	4th Mo. Cav.	..	Disease of Kidney.
108	McCarty, H. H. . . . .	Sergeant.	I	12th Mo. Cav.	..	
110	Schee, John. . . . .	Private..			..	
111	Condra, Andy. . . . .	Sergeant.	B	5th M. S. M. Cav.	..	
119	Cooper, Oliver N. . . . .	Sergeant.	G	38th Ind. Inf.	..	
124	Rhay, John W. . . . .	Sergeant.	I	1st M. S. M. Cav.	..	
	Davis, Geo. . . . .	Private..	G	34th Ia. Inf.	..	
	Huffman, Jas. . . . .	Private..	G	19th Ia. Inf.	..	
	Price, J. T. . . . .	Private..	M	2d Mo. Cav.	..	Murdered.
	Brown, Geo. W. . . . .	Private..	F	117th Ind. Inf.	..	
128	Powelson, W. R. H. . . . .	Sergeant.	K	140th Pa. Inf.	..	
131	Huesman, H. . . . .	Private..	E	2d E. M. M.	..	
	Leighton, Geo. E. . . . .	Major. . .		3d M. S. M. Cav.	..	
	Drake, C. L. . . . .	Captain. .	A	20th Iowa Inf.	..	
	Goings, Edw. . . . .	Private..	C	4th Ill. Cav.	..	
	Guernsey, D. W. . . . .	Ass't Pay	ma	ster, U. S. Navy.	..	
	Holmes, D. S. . . . .	Private..	G	124th Pa. Inf.	..	
	Roberts, J. T. . . . .	1st Lieut.	B	102d Ohio Inf.	..	
	Myenberg, T. A. . . . .	Captain	and	A. A. G. U. S. Vol.	..	
	Watson, J. T. . . . .	Major. . .		5th U. S. Col. Cav.	..	
	Johnson, A. . . . .	1st Lieut.	A	24th Ind. Inf.	..	
	Doerner, C. A. . . . .	Lieut. . .	E	7th E. M. M.	..	
	Stevens, C. N. . . . .	Captain. .	H	111th U. S. C. T.	..	
134	Baldock, Geo. . . . .	Private..	E	1st M. S. M. Inf.	64	Paralysis.
141	Berry, W. K. . . . .	Corporal.	C. F.	24th Mo. Inf.	..	Pneumonia.
142	Grigg, Thos. E. . . . .	Private..	G	7th Mo. S. M.	..	
	Scott, Josh. . . . .	Private..	E	14th Kas. Inf.	..	
145	Allen, Dan. H. . . . .	Private..	C	42d E. M. M.	..	
	Crisp, W. R. . . . .	Private..	F	Mo. M. . . . .	..	
149	Wright, Jno. A. . . . .	Private..	L	15th Mo. S. M. Cav.	..	
	Stallings, D. R. . . . .	Corporal.	E	8th Mo. S. M.	..	
150	Rush, John . . . . .	Private..	H	111th Ill. Inf.	..	
	Ashbrook, Jacob . . . . .	Private..	C	30th Mo. Inf.	..	
152	Hartman, W. A. . . . .	Private..	D	Pac. Bat. . . . .	..	
155	Slye, Harrison . . . . .	Private..	A	59th Ohio . . . . .	62	Fever.
158	Morrow, C. C. . . . .	Lieut. . .		21st Mo. Inf.	..	Paralysis.
173	Hutman, Jacob. . . . .	Private..	I	1st Mo. Eng.	..	
	Schaefer, Michael. . . . .	Private..	B	4th Mo. Cav.	..	
175	Hannaford, H. . . . .	Private..	B	115th . . . . .	..	
177	Ream Jos . . . . .	Sergeant.	D	106th Ill. Inf.	65	Dropsy.
	Barkell, W. W. . . . .	Sergeant.	D	8th S. M. Cav.	54	Rheumatism.
179	Snyder S. K. . . . .	Private..	G	13th N. Y. Cav.	..	
	Edwards, W. D. . . . .	Private..	I	21st Mo. Inf.	..	Killed.
	Gundy, T. T. . . . .	Private..	I	21st Mo. Inf.	..	Infl. of Stomach.
180	Briggs, A. J. . . . .	Lt. Col. . .		14th Ks. Cav.	..	Consumption.
181	.. . . .	.. . . .			..	
187	Ford, Robt C. . . . .	Private..	D	6th Mo. Cav.	..	
197	Fant, Jos. L. . . . .	Captain. .	K	33d Mo. Inf.	..	
207	Morrison, Wm. . . . .	Private..		U. S. C. T.	..	
210	Neal, T. J. . . . .	Private..	D	Phelps Mo. Inf.	63	Pneumonia.
	White, John. . . . .	Private..	K	77th Ill. Inf.	72	Bright's Disease.
	Griffin, Thos. E. . . . .	Drum'r. .	A	3d Ia. Inf.	60	Cerebritis.
214	Waddell, J. W. . . . .	Private..	H	7th Mo. Cav.	..	
	Pevenhouse, W. W. . . . .	Private..	I	84th Ill. . . . .	..	
215	Merrit, John . . . . .	Private..	F	47th Mo. Inf.	..	

## DEATH ROLL—Continued.

No. Post.	NAME.	RANK.	Co.	REGIMENT.	Age.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
216	Bryant, W. D.	Sergeant.	H	12th Ind. Inf't.		Heart Failure.
218	Pierce, I.	Private.	F	136th Ohio Inf't.		
	Evans, Dav. R.	Private.	E	121st Ohio Inf't.		Paralysis.
235	Hunt, Jas. W.	Private.	H	7th M. S. M.	57	Pneumonia.
	Sparks, Sol. C.	Teamster	C	93d Ill. Inf't.	80	General Debility.
238	Harris, Geo. M.	Private.	F	9th Ind. Inf't.		Accident.
242	Gray, B. F.	Private.	H	11th Mo. Cav.		Wound.
247	McDaniel, Adam	Private.	F	56th Ill. Inf't.	82	Rheumatism, H't Failure
251	Blagg, F. M.	Private.	H	13th Mo. Inf't.		
	Crum, J. D.					
	Hutson, Martin.					
252	Cole, Nath.	Private.	A	14th Ind. Inf't.	59	Fever.
	Sartorius, Jno. A.	Private.	F	2d M. S. M. Cav.	82	Pneumonia.
257	Bennet, Louis.					
	Spitznagel, M.	Private.	G	2d Mo. Inf't.		
	Hinton, W.	Private.	A	49th Ill. Inf't.		
259	Shelton, G. W.	Corporal.	B	16th Mo. Cav.		Dropsy.
	Morrice, John.	Private.	B	1st Ia. Cav.		General Debility.
260	Irwin, John.	Private.	L	12th Ohio Cav.		R. R. Accident.
263	Broeg, Con	Private.	E	3d U. S. R. C.	72	Heart Failure.
264	Caylor, Jas. H.	Private.	C	8th Ill. Inf't.		
268	Hagen, Adolph.	Private.	H	18th Mo. Inf't.	64	Paralysis.
	Guizschebauch, Rich	Private.	E	9th M. S. M.	69	Heart Failure.
	Griffin, Albert.	Major.		35th E. M. M.	67	Dropsy and Complicat'ns.
	Brandt, W. H.	Private.	H	18th Mo. Inf't.	59	Pneumonia.
	Mitchell, J. X.	Sergeant.	H	9th M. S. M.	68	Dropsy and Complicat'ns.
269	Abbott, Geo. W.	Private.	I	Phelps Mo. Vol.	62	Dropsy.
273	Hoehn Geo.	Private.	I	5th M. S. M. Cav.	58	Consumption.
276	Garretson, R. H.	Private.	C	54th Ohio Inf't.	56	Heart Disease.
284	Queen, Harrison	Private.	D	190th Ohio Inf't.		
	Buckhart, Philip	Private.	G	11th Pa. Inf't.		
285	Waller, Phil.	Private.				
286	Collins, C.	Sergeant.	C	62d U. S. C. Inf't.		Heart Disease.
287	Hodestine, Jno	Private.	F	44th Ind. Inf't.		
	Robinson, Wm	Private.				Heart.
290	Stricker, Rud	Captain.	C	Pac. Bat.	75	Accident.
294	Arnold, Jno.	Private.	M	3d Ark. Cav.		Kidney Disease.
	Chastain, Jas. R.	Sergeant.	K	1st Ala. Cav.		Abscess of Lungs.
303	Prindl, Albert	Private.	B	33d E. M. M.		Pneumonia.
	Kyan, S. S.	Captain.	H	2d Tenn.		General Debility.
320	Heckman, H. L.	Lieut.	F	4th Mo. Inf't.		
	Schubert, Casp	Lieut.	K	4th Mo. Inf't.		
	Romeyer, R.	Private.	K	4th Mo. Inf't.		
	Lieschinger, Hy.	Private.	E	4th Mo. Inf't.		
323	Mills, J. W.	Private.	F	51st Mo. Inf't.	72	Pneumonia.
	Bauchman, Geo	Corporal.	C	24th Ind. Inf't.	78	Apoplexy.
324	McFarlin, D. C.	Corporal.	H	3d U. S. Art.	62	Asthma.
	Carter, Jno.	Corporal.	I	58th Ind. Inf't.		Accident.
327	Lefler, Wm. A.	Private.	H	47th Ill. Inf't.		
	Burns, Jas.	Private.	L	12th Ill. Cav.		
332	Reichard, Robt	Musician		17th Mo. Inf't.		
	Vogt, Richard	2d Lieut.	A	St. Chas. Co. H. G.		
339	Coats, F. H.	Private.	K	6th Pr. E. M. M.		
	Tweedle, E. J.	Lieut.	D	1st Tenn.		
343	Oakman, Jas	Private.	K	5th U. S. C. T.	52	Pneumonia.
	Lewis, Edmond.	Private.	H	3d U. S. C. T.	66	Asthma.
345	Farestone, Jno. A.	Private.	D	8th Cav.		Consumption.
348	Dean, Thomas.	Private.	D	32d Mo. Inf't.	65	Phtthisis.
350	Oehl, Fred.	Private.	G	1st E. M. M.	67	Flux.
354	Powers, P. L.	Chaplain	H	6th Mo. Inf't.		
359	Nedor, Martin.	Private.	B	76th E. M. M.		
	Elliff, O. C.	Private.				
374	Grant, H. W.	Private.	D	28th Ill. Inf't.	59	LaGrippe.
	Scott, Wm. B.	Sergeant.	B	23d Ohio Inf't.	65	Heart Failure.

## DEATH ROLL—Continued.

No. Pos.	NAME.	RANK.	Co.	REGIMENT.	Age.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
374	Moore, H. L. ....	Private	E	30th E. M. M. ....	73	General Debility.
	Huckley, J. B. ....	Private	I	39th Ohio Inf't. ....	70	General Debility.
379	Young, J. A. ....	Private	M	6th Tenn. Cav. ....		
382	Baumgarten, Fred. ....	Private	L	4th Mo. Cav. ....		
390	Edmonds, W. A. ....	Private	F	50th Mo. Inf't. ....		
391	Keith, Wm. M. ....	Private	E	Pike Co. H. Gds. ....		
	Craig, Jas. ....	Private	G	2d E. M. M. ....		
392	Curry, Mike. ....					Old Age.
	Wentworth, H. H. ....			15th Wis. ....		
405	Effeberg, Joseph ....		B	1st Neb. Cav. ....	64	Rheumatism.
420	Haight, C. B. ....	Private	B	111th Pa. Inf't. ....		
494	Anders, Henry. ....	Private	L	7th Mo. Cav. ....		
	Waters, Wm. ....	Corporal	H	44th Mo. ....		
439	Lewis, Thos. ....	Corporal	G	67th U. S. C. T. ....	53	
	Brint, Geo. ....	Private	D	62d U. S. C. T. ....		
434	Lawson, C. P. ....		H	6th Mo. Cav. ....	65	Pneumonia.
	Bay, F. M. ....	Private	G	13th Mo. Cav. ....	60	General Debility.
437	Plukstone, E. D. ....	Private	F	Osage H. Gds. ....	67	Bright's Disease.
447	Schaffner, Jas. ....	Private	E	4th Wis. Inf't. ....		Amputation.
447	Person, Ellis ....	Private	E	87th Ill. Inf't. ....		Prostration.
461	Wilson, Dan'l. ....	Private	E	1st Ark. ....	71	Pneumonia.
	Fey, Asher. ....	Private	G	15th Mo. Cav. ....	66	Brain Fever.
465	Kriege, Wm. E. ....	Private	K	41st Mo. Inf't. ....	69	Pneumonia.
479	Williams, Thos. ....	Private	I	144th Ill. Inf't. ....		
487	Varvel, Geo. W. ....	Private	A	35th Ind. Inf't. ....	59	Chronic Diarrhea.
484	Richardson, H. ....	Private	C	89th Ill. Inf't. ....		Winter Fever.
492	Wells, T. J. ....	Private	F	1st Ark. Cav. ....		
496	Welk, Seb. ....	Lieut.	I	1st U. S. R. C. ....	76	Old Age.
	De Kock, John ....	Private	A	1st U. S. R. C. ....	92	Old Age.
	Flentje, Fred. ....	Corporal	G	15th Mo. Inf't. ....	64	Septis.
	Henke, Fred. ....	Private	H	1st U. S. M. C. ....	82	Old Age.
	Frederich, Ant. ....	Private	D	47th Mo. Inf't. ....	62	Kidney.
	Grunderich, C. ....	Corporal	I	2d U. S. R. C. ....	66	Gastric.
507	Smith, Geo. ....	Private	H	15th Mo. Cav. ....	56	Accident.
512	Ferguson, J. S. ....	Private	H	1st U. S. R. C. ....	83	Old Age.
515	Wells, Ben. ....	Private		18th Mo. Inf't. ....	60	Sunstroke.
	Adams, I. R. B. ....	Private	B	97th Ill. Inf't. ....		
517	Judkins, Jas. ....	Private	D	4th Mo. Inf't. ....		
525	Brown, J. B. ....	Private		Ohio Inf't. ....		General Debility.
	Jacobs, M. ....	Private		Tenn. Cav. ....		La Grippe.
551	Dall, Henry ....	Private	B	21st Ky. Inf't. ....	68	General Debility.
554	Seoberger, Peter ....	Private	I	8th Ill. Inf't. ....		
561	Burchett, L. ....	Private				
563	Adamson, E. J. ....	Private	E	1st Mo. Cav. ....		
568	Snoddy, F. C. ....	Private	D	115th Ind. Inf't. ....		Consumption.
569	Travis, Thos. J. ....	Sergeant	H	2d Mo. Lt. Art. ....		Bright's Disease.

On motion all reports were referred to committees to be appointed.

The Senior Vice-Commander announced the following committee on the Department Commander's address:

Past Department Commanders Rassieur, Martin, Whitehead, Burton, Scott, Peterson.

The Department Commander resumed the chair and by his direction the following committees were announced by the Assistant Adjutant General:

On reports of Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commander:

N. H. Rogers, Post 53; James Clark, Post 150; William Lowe, Post 566.

On report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General:

Jno. W. Lisenby, Post 69; Martin Scherer, Post 13; James B. Wilde, Post 131.

On report of the Judge Advocate:

Smith P. Galt, Post 131; Jere T. Dew, Post 8; John T. Birdseye, Post 26.

On report of the Inspector and Chief Mustering Officer:

L. B. Ripley, Post 131; J. V. Martin, Post 57; John T. Clarke, Post 6.

On report of the Medical Director:

Edward Borek, Post 107; A. Van Meter, Post 34; J. T. Temple, Post 145.

On report of the Department Chaplain:

W. C. Calland, Post 69; E. H. Sawyer, Post 131; G. A. Douglas, Post 78.

On motion the following committees were also appointed:

To Visit the Women's Relief Corps:

Ira T. Bronson, Post 53; C. W. Barstow, Post 131; Thos. J. Dockery, Post 22.

To Visit the Sons of Veterans :

August Bierwirth, Post 173; Henry Fairback, Post 107;  
Walter Barron, Post 240.

On Resolutions :

Chas. G. Burton, Post 26; John M. Williams, Post 276;  
Chas. W. Clarke, Post 8; William C. Ayers, Post 47.

On motion, the following named comrades were appointed a committee to meet the Commander-in-Chief, and escort him to the Encampment :

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, and Past Department Commanders Burton and Whitehead.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock P.M. and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Commander Clarke, Post 6: Our Commander-in-Chief will be here within the course of fifteen or twenty minutes, and in the meantime I would move that we proceed with the nomination of delegates to the National Encampment.

The motion was seconded; put to vote, and carried.

The following nominations for representatives to the Thirty-sixth National Encampment were then made and placed in the following order in accordance with a resolution of a former Encampment :

CHAS. V. F. LUDWIG, Post 1, St. Louis.  
J. B. DAVIS, Post 4, Kansas City.  
NICH. MATHIAS, Post 5 Moberly,  
A. S. LONG, Post 7, St. Joseph.  
JERE T. DEW, Post 8, Kansas City.  
LOUIS C. HESSE, Post 13, St. Louis.  
O. C. SNYDER, Post 22, Kirksville.  
JOHN T. BIRDSEYE, Post 26, Nevada.  
F. D. W. ARNOLD, Post 34, Lamar.



J. V. MARTIN, Post 57, Brookfield.  
 CHAS. A. PAIGE, Post 68, Green Ridge.  
 W. W. LANGSTON, Post 69, Springfield.  
 HENRY FAIRBACK, Post 107, St. Louis.  
 AUSTIN E. COOK, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 J. W. TEMPLE, Post 145, Eldon.  
 J. E. JONES, Post 171, Victoria.  
 L. F. KLOSTERMANN, Post 173, Cape Girardeau.  
 L. DRUMMOND, Post 179, Memphis.  
 L. E. JAMES, Post 184, Zalma.  
 A. R. DIXON, Post 210, Springfield.  
 THOS. DALTON, Post 215, Farmington.  
 T. T. TURLEY, Post 239, Mexico.  
 F. L. WITHAUP, Post 243, Willow Springs.  
 JACOB FISHER, Post 314, Cedar Hill.  
 E. C. BAUGHER, Post 324, Sullivan.  
 W. A. BACON, Post 379, Leora.  
 R. H. McLANE, Post 457, Benton.  
 RUDOLPH ULRICH, Post 496, St. Louis.  
 J. G. C. DAMMER, Post 554, St. Charles.  
 WM. MAYNARD, Post 567, Moberly.

The committee escorting the Commander-in-Chief entered the hall while nominations were being made, and came to the platform, when the Commander-in-Chief was introduced and saluted.

The Department Commander: We will now be addressed by our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Ell Torrance. (Applause.)

Commander-in-Chief Torrance: Commander and Comrades: I had quite a time in reaching this objective. I left home on Wednesday evening and have traveled almost one thousand miles in order to reach this distant point. Some delays have attended my journey, and I was at one time almost fearful that I might not get here at all. I am very happy to be here, however, and to see so many gathered in this beautiful place. From Minneapolis to St. Louis I did not look upon the face of a single comrade. In traveling around over the country I find that the faces of the comrades are not so numerous as they used to be. My habit is to go through from one end of the train to the other with the hope of finding some

of my comrades. I am usually successful, but on my journey here I did not meet a comrade until I reached St. Louis, and from there I came down here on a railroad train with probably half a dozen comrades. I like to look upon a body of men like these. I would like to know where you all came from. I have been told that this is a small encampment, but, comrades, I am impressed with the worth and grandeur of the Union soldier, the soldier of liberty. I have reached that point where I look upon every soldier of the Union as a successful man; it makes no difference what his outward condition may be; when we speak of a successful man they usually show us a man who has been successful in business, one who has acquired a large fortune and who has reached a high position in the commercial or material affairs of the nation; in other words, a man who has done a great deal for himself. That is not the point of view from which I look upon a successful man. You all, each of you in your several places and relation in life have done something, not for yourself alone, but for your country, and for mankind; you have been important factors in the preservation of the greatest republic ever established on the face of the earth; you have been indispensable actors in the great drama—a great war such as the world had never seen before, and has not seen since, and you have succeeded in doing what no one else could do, in settling questions which otherwise were un settleable, irrepressible, questions that could not be adjusted by statesmen or by jurists or by philosophers, but such questions as had to be settled by the American soldier, and you did it; and we have been spared by a kind and indulgent Providence to enjoy the results of our labor in a measure beyond that which we had ever hoped for; we have lived to see our country reunited. The country never was united before, except in an intangible and unsubstantial manner, until the war closed, and even then it looked to many of us as if it would be impossible for the different sections of the country to be reconciled on account of the animosities engendered by the long Civil War; many of us viewed with little confidence the removal of this feeling of animosity, at least not in our life-time; and other nations predicted—the far-see-

ing wise statesmen of other nations predicted that we would not be a united people again; but my comrades, notwithstanding the predictions of these wise statesmen we have lived to see this country united in heart and in purpose; one people, under one flag. (Applause.) We have lived to see our country advance along every line of industry; and today it stands at the head of all the nations on the face of the earth; and our flag floats higher than all the flags of all the nations of the earth; all nations, should they want to see the stars and stripes today must look above their own flag. It ought to be a source of great felicitation and satisfaction to us that we were instrumental in the settlement of these great questions back in the sixties; the questions that we settled have been settled forever; there is not the slightest possibility of their ever being resurrected. The perpetuity of this nation is forever assured; slavery has been forever abolished; the indestructibility of the states is forever assured; the right of every American citizen is more sacred today than it ever has been before. When I first left my native state, I felt as though I had left my country; but I am more of an American today than I am a Pennsylvanian, a Minnesotian or a Missourian. (Applause.) Men grow out of their narrow surroundings; we are as broad today as liberty itself. It was a great school that we attended. I must not detain you with a speech this morning, I shall have an opportunity to speak to you again. I shall be glad to take you all by the hand. I have a tender affection for the man who wears the blue; it makes no difference what his nationality is, where his place of birth, what his beliefs or disbeliefs may be, or what his situation in life may be, he is my comrade, and that word "comrade" is purer and deeper and stronger and wider than any word I know of in the English language. (Applause.) What do you want me to say to you this afternoon? (Voice: Everything goes.) I want to say to you that some of you will be here for the next twenty or twenty-five years; there are men in this room who will vote for the six next presidents of the United States. We may be few in number but we are not back numbers. (Laughter.) The soldier of the Union is on the firing line somewhere. Don't drop your work or sus-

pend business. I look all over this country, and I find him everywhere occupying positions of honor and trust, and honest in the various interests in which he is placed. During my trip through Texas I saw more ex-Confederates than at any time since or during the war; and everywhere I went I found them very cordial; they were kindness itself; the relations between the Union and Confederate soldiers of the South is very pleasant and agreeable; they get along very well now. While at Beaumont, Texas, I was informed that the Confederates were waiting to pay their respects to me; they had one of their battle flags with the number of battles in which they were engaged inscribed upon it; when I had been told that the Confederates were waiting for me I went down to meet them and the Commander told me that he had understood that I had captured Beaumont during their absence and that they had come to surrender to me; I declined to take their flag. (Laughter.) There is now no question that what we contended for was right; it was so decided by the wager of battle and has been concurred in by mankind. We can never succeed unless we are of one mind, of one purpose; unless we adhere to one language and one flag; we must win these, our former enemies, by every proper means in our power; we can afford to be magnanimous, we can afford to be generous. The soldier of liberty is a broad-minded man, and we have no regrets and we have nothing to harass us. We fought in a cause that we believed to be eternally right; it was approved not only of man but was approved of God; it was a case of more than the life of the republic, it was for the preservation of all that had been acquired at so great a cost by our forefathers; and you men struck the shackles from eight millions of people that they might live under the stripes and stars as free men. Comrades, I thank you. I will not detain you further at this time.

The Department Commander: On behalf of the assembled comrades of the State of Missouri, we extend to you, our Commander-in-Chief, a hearty welcome.

The quartette then sang "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home."

The Department Commander: We can now settle the question as to where we shall hold our next Annual Encampment.

On motion the Encampment now proceeded to select the place of meeting for the next Department Encampment.

Comrade Clarke, Post 6: Commander and Comrades of the Department of Missouri, thirteen years ago when at the City of Sedalia, it devolved upon me to place in nomination the City of Jefferson for the holding of the 9th Annual Encampment. At the behest of James A. Garfield Post No. 6, and the citizens of Jefferson City, I am here today to place in nomination your State Capitol as a proper place for holding the Twenty-second Annual Encampment. I represent the united sentiment of the business interests of Jefferson City, in addition to that of Garfield Post in extending this invitation. We have in the City of Jefferson a Commercial Club which represents every class of business, and by a unanimous vote of that club they promised our Post all material assistance necessary to make the occasion of your visit there a pleasant and enjoyable one. Comrades, we feel in common with the loyal people of the State that we owe a debt of gratitude to the survivors of the Union army, we feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to the Grand Army of the Republic; and it shall be our pleasure to exert ourselves in the attempt to entertain you. In the language of that resplendent meteor of journalism, Henry Grady, "We have cause to be thankful that the omnipotent God held the balance of power in His Almighty hand and saved the American nation from the wreck of war." Animated by this spirit, and by the spirit of friendship which binds one comrade with another, by that feeling of fraternity that exists among you we would welcome you to the City of Jefferson. I have here an invitation from the Governor of our State, Mr. Dockery, which I will read to you.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, CITY OF JEFFERSON.

*To the Delegates of the State Encampment, G. A. R., Cape Girardeau, Mo.*

The citizens of Jefferson City desire that the next meeting of

your honorable body be held at the State Capitol. I cordially unite with them in urging acceptance of this invitation. I assure you a hearty welcome. Come to see us. The latch-string is out.

Very respectfully,

A. M. DOCKERY,

*Governor.*

(Applause.)

And, Comrades, we shall endeavor in case you honor us with the next Encampment, not only to make it a first-class representation of the Department of Missouri of the Grand Army of the Republic, but a reunion of all the old soldiers of the State of Missouri at your State Capitol. And it is fit and proper in their declining years that such a meeting should be held. Invitations will be sent out to all associations that are in the habit of holding re-unions to meet with us at the State Capitol in the beautiful month of May, 1903, and there we will talk over the days long gone by. I thank you for your attention.

Past Department Commander Martin: When I started from home to attend this Encampment it was with the intention of asking this Encampment to consider Brookfield for the next meeting place, but since coming here and finding that Jefferson City was coming forward with so many inducements, the Governor even invited us to the State House, I have changed my mind in regard to that matter. It is only occasionally that we old veterans get into the State House, and that is one of the reasons I have for postponing the invitation to Brookfield which I will press at another time. I now second the nomination of Jefferson City. (Applause).

Comrade Peterson, Post 131: I think I voice the sentiment of every comrade in this room when I say we should go to Jefferson City next year. I therefore move that nominations close on Jefferson City and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of this Encampment for Jefferson City.

The Department Commander: I will have to decline your motion as being out of order.

Comrade Barron, Post 240: I wish to place in nomination

a city located nearer the center of the State than Jefferson City; a city that, at the beginning of the Civil War was more loyal than any other city, according to its population, in the State of Missouri; a city that was largely represented at the battle of Wilson's Creek; a city that has never before asked for the honor. We have, to-day, one of the best opera houses that you will find in the state of Missouri outside of Kansas City, St. Joseph and St. Louis. Our railroad communication is good with the outside world and nothing is wanting necessary to insure you all the comforts and first class entertainment, and you will be cordially received.

Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers: I am requested by the comrade who nominated Boonville to read this resolution by the City council of Boonville:

*Be it Resolved* by the Council of the City of Boonville, Missouri, that said city extend to the G. A. R of the Department of Missouri, a cordial invitation to hold their next annual encampment at our said city, and we hereby guarantee to offer said encampment a most hearty and cordial welcome and to do every thing in our power to make their stay with us pleasant and agreeable.

*Resolved*, that a copy of this resolution be sent to said Department.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct and true copy as passed by the Council of the City of Boonville, Missouri, at its session held May 10th, 1902.

(Seal)

CHAS. G. MILLER, City Clerk.

Comrade Becker, Post 13, seconded the nomination of Boonville.

Comrade Birdseye, Post 26, seconded the nomination of Boonville.

Comrade Scott, Post 5, seconded the nomination of Boonville.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1: I want to say that the hour has arrived for us to take part in the parade. Therefore, I move that we now close the debate and take a vote upon these two places by a rising vote.

Seconded, put to vote and carried.

A rising vote was taken, first on Jefferson City and next on Boonville, after which the Department Commander announced that the vote was largely in favor of Boonville, and he so declared.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1, moved that the Encampment now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow, and that the delegates present proceed at once to form in twos and march out of the hall to take part in the parade.

Seconded, put to a vote and carried and the Encampment adjourned.

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### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 14TH.

The Encampment met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A.M., May 14th, 1902, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

The acting Chaplain, Comrade Sawyer, invoked the divine blessing.

The Department Commander: Comrades, we have with us a worthy comrade who at one time was the commander of this post and who was wounded in the defense of this city, Comrade Col. Shipman, now of Chicago, Ill. I will detail the Senior Vice-Department Commander and Junior Vice-Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General to conduct Col. Shipman to the platform.

Senior Vice-Commander Fairback: We have the honor to present to this Department Encampment, Col. Shipman, who was wounded in the defense of this part of the country.

The Department Commander: I have but one complaint to make against our worthy comrade and that is that he has been straggling around here in our city since Monday evening and has failed to report for duty. We will now give him an opportunity to defend himself. (Laughter.)

Comrade Shipman: Commander and Comrades: I feel great pleasure in meeting you here today, although my physi-



cal condition is such that I cannot make a speech; I can say but very little that I think would be of interest to you. On the 2d of May, 1862, our regiment landed here from Benton Barracks. Col. Daniels of the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry became Post Commander of the District here. Times were very lively here then. We were in constant fear of bushwhackers, and in town the sentiment was very much divided; there were some Union men and there were some that sympathized with the Southern cause; they were not so very active here, but had friends all around in the country that were very active and they received substantial aid from many of the citizens here. There was a considerable amount of contraband trade between the inhabitants of this town and the lower river country. Col. Daniels joined the army of Gen. Curtis at Helena, Arkansas; I was then placed in command of the Post by Gen. Schofield, and ordered to make enrollment of the citizens of Scott, Cape Girardeau, Stoddard and Perry counties; it was an almost impossible task; many of the enrolling officers that went down there were shot down without warning; some Union citizens were then engaged because of their better knowledge of the people here, to make that enrollment; two Union officers were sent to the adjoining town of Jackson to make a list of the able-bodied citizens there, and both were shot down, one being killed and the other seriously wounded; an address to the citizens of Jackson was issued from headquarters reciting the circumstances of the death of these soldiers and they were ordered to surrender the murderers, and in the event of failure to surrender them, or to bring to punishment the murderers, there were to be selected six of the prominent citizens of that locality to be held as hostages; among the six was one who was quite a prominent character here; his name was J. Madison Maguire; at the breaking out of the war Maguire was a Union man; he afterwards became a very strong sympathizer with the Confederacy; another very prominent character that I will mention was a Mr. Watkins, a brother-in-law of Henry Clay; these hostages were brought here and confined in the old Court House. The regular force, Col. Daniels' Regiment, being away, there was great activity among the Confederate

recruiting officers and bushwhackers, and there were Confederates within a few miles of us; they attempted to gather in all of the young men, and they made it almost impossible to send out any Union enrolling officers; these facts were reported to Gen. Schofield, and temporarily his order making the enrollment was suspended; the order also came from St. Louis that proceedings in the case of the hostages would be suspended until further investigation could be made at St. Louis. About that time I was wounded and left the command of the Post and I really have no knowledge of what became of those hostages.

In 1863, at the time of Gen. Marmaduke's raid on St. Louis, he also paid his compliments to Cape Girardeau; he did not come near St. Louis but turned off with the intention of capturing this place; at Fredericktown he encountered a small force of Federals and they were driven back of course. I was then stationed at White Water River by General McNeil. He then commanded this Post and I was under his orders; he had withdrawn the infantry that he had left with me for the defense of the crossing of White Water River in order to have sufficient force here to resist the attack by Marmaduke who was said to have 12,500 men. I told Gen. McNeil that I was in dread of being cut off, that there was but one road on which retreat could be effected in getting to the Cape; he seemed extremely anxious to have the crossing of the river held there, and ordered that I should defend that post at all hazards. In reply to my communications about the danger we were in I received a message from him that I would have reinforcements that afternoon of one regiment of cavalry, but the reinforcement never came. The Confederates came up on the opposite side of the river, had cannon run up to the front and commenced shelling us in the little fort that I had built on the east bank of the river; a force of four times the number that I had, crossed over the river three miles above and came down in our rear so that we were completely enveloped; Gen. Joe Shelby in person was in command of the force that came down in our rear; things began to look very serious; if Shelby's men had summoned me to surrender I am afraid I would have been

obliged to do it, because there was not the slightest prospect of escape, but instead of that he formed in two lines of battle and commenced moving up; I formed my command in columns by fours, determined, if necessary, that we would charge any force that came against us; they were then firing very briskly at us, and some of us had been hit before the charge was commenced; I, myself, had been hit, but when I saw that we were not to be given a chance to surrender, I determined to give them a counter-charge, and as they sounded the bugle to advance I gave the order to prepare for a charge, and when their bugle sounded a charge, my bugle sounded a charge, and with nothing but our sabers—it was a regular saber charge—we came together with a clash; many of them could not get out of the way and were sabered; the bridle reins of my horse were shot off and he became unmanageable and turned in among the Confederate troops; I will simply say that we had a very brisk fight; I was wounded in six places, receiving among others this serious wound, in my thigh; was made prisoner of war, but was treated very kindly by the Confederates, and not only my horse but side arms were surrendered to me on condition that I would accept a parole; I inquired of one of Gen. Marmaduke's staff officers what the condition of the parole would be, and he told me, after consulting with the General, that I could not take up arms against the Confederate States until regularly exchanged. I told him that if he would send all the wounded (there were 14 of us lying there on the ground) into the Union lines here at Cape Girardeau that I would accept the parole for myself and men; he very cheerfully consented to that and we were sent in here; I was a patient at the Post Hospital, I think that was where the River-view Hotel now stands, for four months during that hot summer of 1863. (Comrade Shipman's remarks were here interrupted by the arrival of the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps.)

The Department Commander: Comrades, I have the pleasure of introducing to you the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Encampment was addressed by Mrs. Hollen E. Day, who read the following report:

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
SEDALIA, MO, March 31, 1902.

*George Hall, Commander Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:*

My Dear Sir: I have the honor of submitting to you a consolidated report of the relief extended by the Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps, from March 31, 1901, to March 31, 1902:

Total Amount of Cash expended.....\$ 961.04

Estimated value of Relief other than Money..... 1301.82

Total Amount expended for Relief.....\$2301.86

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ORPHA BRONSON,

*Department President.*

The Encampment was also addressed by Mrs. Birdseye, also by Mrs. Hall, and replied to by Comrade Williams on behalf of the Encampment, when the ladies retired from the Encampment.

On retirement of the ladies, a visiting committee from the Sons of Veterans was announced.

The Department Commander introduced the Sons of Veterans, and the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic were addressed by E. E. Schoening and R. Thompson, and by request of the Department Commander, were replied to by Comrade Martin Scherer, of Post 13, on behalf of the Encampment, when the Sons of Veterans retired from the hall and the Encampment again resumed executive session.

Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers: I move that we now proceed to the election of representatives to the National Encampment, and that the fourteen receiving the highest vote shall be declared the representatives and the fifteen receiving the next highest votes, the alternates.

The motion was seconded, put to vote, and carried.

The following comrades were appointed as tellers to take up the ballots and count the votes for representatives and alternates to the National Encampment:

Benj. Warner, Post 4; C. P. Chesebro, Post 131; G. A. Douglas, Post 78; Chas. Koock, Post 53; J. R. Milner, Post 69; Chris. Fricke, Post 1; John O'Bannon, Post 161; Mat Herman, Post 107.

The ballot was then taken and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The Department Commander: The next thing in order is the election of representative-at-large.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1: Commander and Comrades: It is my purpose to place before you for the honorable position of representative at large, one who has served your Department well in many places, and who at all times has been willing to make personal sacrifices in order that the welfare of the comrades might be attained. Inasmuch as it is at all times proper to do two good things at one and the same time, I would ask Comrade Hagerty to come to the platform. (Comrade Hagerty came to the platform.) Comrade, you have for many, many years manifested your interest in the Order and its welfare, and among other services rendered by you, you have provided a gavel for almost every Commander, to enable and aid them in preserving order in the respective encampments presided over by them. Yes, in one case, you have even indulged in the "caning" of a Commander, by presenting him a cane which is highly prized by him. You have gone so far as to think of the needs of several of our Commanders-in-Chief, in the way of gavels. You have gone into historic woods to find the material for these gavels, and have made them mementoes to be treasured during life, and to be handed down with pride and pleasure to their descendants. They remind us of work done for the Grand Army of the Republic, the grandest civic organization in the world.

Now, my dear Comrade, while I have not been able to have prepared from historic woods a gavel for your use, I have been able to find a gavel which seems to have seen considerable service, but which still promises to furnish much more service, which I desire to present to you on this occasion. There is

about this gavel something that reminds us of the old comrade, whom you have served so faithfully as chaplain in the past, in this, that it looks as though it had been through the civil war. Knowing your appreciation of gavels, I am sure that you will deem this a treasure to be preserved with pride, as an indication of our appreciation of your great services for the organization. (A good-sized mallet, showing considerable wear and tear, was then presented to Chaplain Hagerty, amid general applause and laughter.) But, comrades, in order that the main object of my rising may not be lost sight of in this presentation, I desire again to call attention to Comrade Hagerty's valuable services in the past, and ask you to elect him unanimously as your representative at large.

The Department Commander: Comrade Smith P. Galt, of Ransom Post, No. 131, will now second the nomination of Comrade Hagerty.

Comrade Galt: Commander: I am a little dull of hearing this morning. Do you want me to second the nomination of Chaplain Hagerty for representative at large? How can I, for I am opposed to him and in favor of myself! However, with my usual unselfishness, I sacrifice myself for the twentieth time, and, of course, next to myself comes the Chaplain, for he and I are pards—I help him to office and he helps me to heaven, and with confidence and joy I second his nomination. But Comrade Rassieur is "killing two birds with one stone," or rather "making two blades of grass grow, where only one grew before," in presenting the Chaplain with a nomination and a gavel at the same time! And what a gavel! It looks like it had been used as a mallet for twenty years, in knocking out the bungs of beer barrels for Blair Post. (Laughter and Applause.) And Comrade Rassieur is going into the gavel business too. "Insatiate Archer, will not one suffice?" Don't. Remember the impending fate of Chaplain Hagerty. He began making his gavels from the timber on the bloody battlefield of Wilson's Creek, and having denuded that forest, he then hacked to pieces the old oak at Ironton, under which Grant received his commission of Brigadier General, now he

is ravaging the forests of Cuba and the swamps of the far-off Philippines, and stealing relics all over the world. (Laughter.) Indeed, he has become such a devastator that he is threatening the peace of the nations, and therefore the Peace Commission of the Hague passed the following preamble and resolution :

‘WHEREAS, It is now made definite and certain that a new disturber of the peace of nations has arisen, and that all the historical relics of the world are in danger of being destroyed, and its forests laid waste by one Chaplain Hagerty, the mallet-maker of Missouri, therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, That the President of the United States be petitioned, and he hereby is petitioned, to have said Chaplain Hagerty arrested, summarily tried by court-martial and shot, as it is the only way of stopping him, and may peace be to his ashes and the world.’” (Great laughter.)

On motion the nominations were closed and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Hagerty for Representative-at-large, which was done, and Comrade Hagerty was declared elected.

Comrade Hagerty, Post 131: Mr. Commander: I thank the comrades for the honor they have done me in my election and I accept gratefully this strange gavel. I have always held Comrade Rassieur as being one of my very best friends, and yet I hardly know how to take this unexpected presentation, whether in fun or earnest. If in fun I feel most like using it first over his head. For he has in his possession a gavel I gave him in National Encampment, in all earnestness. I am persuaded that in fifty years from this time these war mementoes will be held in greater value than now. As for Comrade Galt, he has a cane I gave him, which he still holds, and yet he is constantly accusing me of stealing wood. Why does he not give back the cane if he does not want to be a “*particeps criminis*.” As to Comrade Galt, he is always in fun and never lets an opportunity pass that he can get a joke on the old Chaplain. Well, however he gets ahead of me he is welcome to his fun. I will take this gavel home, and write out these speeches of Comrades Rassieur and Galt and hand them down to future generations. Again I thank the Comrades for

this great gavel, however it may have been intended in fun or dead earnest.

On motion it was voted that the Encampment proceed to the election of officers.

The Department Commander: Nominations for Department Commander are now in order.

On motion of Comrade Peterson, Post 131, the nominating speeches were limited to five minutes and the seconding speeches to three minutes.

Comrade Dew, Post 8: Department Commander: While assembled here we should not forget our absent comrades,—especially not the one whom I shall nominate for the office of Commander, who is today unwillingly and unavoidably absent, but who is usually in attendance at our meetings and at his post of duty, and is always so efficient and courteous a worker among us. One who has done so much to promote the interests of the Grand Army; who has worked so diligently and earnestly for good of the cause in every position assigned him. He is capable and of good executive ability, and his many years of service as member of the National Council of Administration, with his arduous duties so well performed as Adjutant General under Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, have made him acquainted with every detail of the business affairs and workings of the Order, in both National and Department organizations, and have fitted him specially for this office. Having a sufficient competency, he will be enabled to give attention to the affairs of the Grand Army as they may need attention. A loyal and exemplary citizen, a thorough Grand Army comrade, a genial companion and gentleman,—but his many virtues and qualifications are so well recognized by you all that I need not further discuss them here. He is worthy and well qualified, and is deserving of this promotion.

Kansas City, of the Western portion of our Department, reaches out her hand and extends greeting to St. Louis, and nominates for the office of Department Commander, one of their best known and respected citizens, Comrade Frank M. Sterrett, of Blair Post, No. 1.



Comrade Rassieur, Post 1: I am sure that Comrade Sterrett withdraws his name from this race, for he has expressed to me his preference for the nomination of one whom I am going to place before this Encampment. While Comrade Sterrett will be very glad to have the good will and suffrages of his Comrades, of this Department for Commander, next year, or some other time, he will not be a candidate here today.

I desire to place some one in nomination who will meet every requirement of this Department, as has been done by our Commanders heretofore, and I am fully aware of what our Department Commanders have been in the past, and the importance of the duties performed by them. I desire to make you a brief statement of the services and character of the man whom I shall place before you for this high office. The Comrade began his military career under very peculiar circumstances; he was unfortunately small in stature, light in weight, and exceedingly young when the war opened; he made an application for enlistment, and when the doctors came to examine him they said he was too light in weight, and they refused him; he went before another board of examiners and was examined again, and notwithstanding his appeal to be accepted, he was rejected again; then he went to the Colonel of the regiment which was being organized and said, "Colonel, I insist that you accept me; I may not be as heavy as the others but I am sound all through." (Applause.) The Colonel, pleased with the patriotic insistence of the boy, simply said to him, "I do not know but what you might possibly answer as a bugler; I will find out whether the bugler list is full." The result of an examination disclosed a vacancy and the adjutant told him to report to Company H, as a bugler. He served four years less three months, and his record was as good as the best. He was wounded at Antietam, taken to the hospital where he remained three months, then upon recovery returned to his command and served until the close of the war. Such a comrade I desire to place in nomination for Department Commander. His record as a Grand Army man is equally good. He entered his post as a charter member, I believe in 1883; has been three times Post Commander; has

been ready at all times to serve wherever and whenever called upon to serve; a comrade who always stands by his Post, and by his comrades. I place before you Comrade Ira T. Bronson. (Applause.)

Comrade Galt, Post 131: I will say that Ransom Post came here instructed to vote for Comrade Barstow, of Post 131; but on coming here and finding that there was a well-defined sentiment in favor of Comrade Bronson, and recognizing the fact that Sedalia has never had the honor of being the home of the Department Commander of Missouri, I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Bronson in behalf of Ransom Post. (Applause.)

Comrade Burton, Post 26, seconded the nomination of Comrade Bronson and moved that he be elected by acclamation.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1, offered as an amendment that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of this Department Encampment for Comrade Bronson, which amendment was accepted by Comrade Burton, and the motion was adopted. The Assistant Adjutant General then cast the ballot for Comrade Bronson, and he was declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Whereupon Comrades Barstow and Dockery were appointed a committee to escort Comrade Bronson to the rostrum.

Comrade Barstow, Post 131: Comrades, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Comrade Bronson whom we have unanimously chosen as our Department Commander for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Comrade Bronson: Department Commander and Comrades: Words fail me to express my heartfelt appreciation of the great honor you have conferred upon me today. I can only say—I thank you.

I cannot accept this place without feeling the great obligations and responsibilities that must necessarily fall upon the Department Commander of the Grand Army in Missouri. I would also remember in accepting this honor that, I follow such men as Rassieur, Burton, Henry, Hall and our lamented

Comrades, Cole and Kimball. (Applause.) I can never expect to rise to the height to which those men have risen in the estimation of this Department. I assure you, however, Comrades, that you have my best wishes and that my best efforts shall be yours.

I wish I had the tongue of a Galt, a Burton or a Hagerty, that I might express to you my true feelings today, but I shall not attempt a speech more than to say, our days are fast going by, and whatever we may do for the betterment of our comrades or our Association must be done quickly. Many of our Comrades are still unrewarded for their great services, and are looking to us for relief. What can we do? We can only stand by them, using our prestige to influence favorable legislation in their behalf; practicing Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty toward each other. (Applause.) You have read the Assistant Adjutant General's report and note the great depletion of our ranks during the past year. It fills us with sorrow! And we ask ourselves, what will it be in the year to come? We all know that many will be called to pitch their tents on the Eternal Camping Grounds. This we cannot help; but we can help in a measure, suspending and dropping members from our rolls. Let us see that as few as possible fall out in the coming year. Let us not suspend a member, much less drop them. Let us by united effort hold the lines intact. We have no fear that any who are in attendance on this Encampment will drop out, except by death. Because we have the inspiration of elbow touching. Our losses will come from those who do not attend Encampments. Therefore, my Comrades, it behoves us to make the home entertainments more attractive to those who are unable to travel, from financial or physical disabilities.

Again, I thank you for the great honor you have bestowed upon me and my Post. Should I do or neglect anything that would detract from a seeming just appreciation of the honor, remember it comes from a disability of the head and not from the heart. Thank you. (Applause.)

The Department Commander: Nominations for Senior Vice-Department Commander are now in order.

Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, nominated Comrade J. R. Milner of Post 69.

Comrade Peterson, Post 131, nominated Comrade Jere T. Dew, of Post 8.

By request of Comrade Milner his name was withdrawn by Comrade Dreifus.

Comrade Peterson, Post 131, moved that nominations close and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Dew, which was seconded, put to vote, and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed, and Comrade Dew was declared duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander appointed Comrades Dreifus and Peterson a committee to escort Comrade Dew to the rostrum.

Comrade Peterson, Post 131: It affords me great pleasure, comrades, to introduce to you Comrade Dew, of Post 8, Kansas City, whom you have just elected to the office of Senior Vice-Department Commander.

Comrade Dew, Post 8: Commander and Comrades, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me. We have now been sitting here for two days, and we have had more speaking than you care to listen to, so I will not consume any more of our time by making a speech at this time.

The Department Commander: Nominations for Junior Vice-Department Commander are next in order.

Comrade Rassieur, Post 1, placed in nomination for Junior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade August Bierwirth, of Post 173.

On motion the nominations were closed and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for August Bierwirth for Junior Vice-Department Commander, which was accordingly done, and Comrade Bier-

wirth, of Post 173, was declared duly elected Junior Vice-Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander: Nominations for Medical Director are now in order.

Comrade Fairback, Post 107, placed in nomination Comrade Dr. Edward Borck, of Post 107.

Comrade Scherer, of Post 13, seconded the nomination.

On motion the nominations were closed, and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Borck for Medical Director, which was done, and Comrade Borck was declared duly elected as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander: Nominations are now in order for Department Chaplain.

Comrade Becker, Post 13, placed in nomination W. C. Calland, of Post 69.

Comrade Martin, Post 57, placed in nomination Comrade J. J. Martin, of Post 215.

Comrade Calland's name was withdrawn, upon his personal, urgent solicitation, in favor of Comrade Martin.

On motion the nominations were closed and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Martin, as Department Chaplain.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed, and Comrade Martin was declared duly elected as Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander: The next in order is the election of five members of the Council of Administration.

The following comrades were placed in nomination as members of the Council of Administration:

Comrades Ernst Rotteck, Post 1; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; James B. Wilde, Post 131; Robt. W. Davis, Post 57; Henry Fairback, Post 107.

Comrade Peterson, Post 131, moved that nominations close and the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for the five comrades named as members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded, put to vote and carried, and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed.

Whereupon the five comrades named for the Council of Administration were declared duly elected.

The tellers on the election of representatives and alternates to the National Encampment, reported the result of the ballot and the following named comrades were declared elected:

## REPRESENTATIVES.

J. B. Davis, Post 8, Kansas City.....	135
Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly.....	135
L. F. Klostermann, Post 173, Cape Girardeau.....	135
Austin E. Cook, Post 131, St. Louis.....	132
Chas. V. F. Ludwig, Post 1, St. Louis.....	122
J. V. Martin, Post 57, Brookfield.....	122
Louis C. Hesse, Post 13, St. Louis.....	111
W. W. Langston, No. 69, Springfield.....	105
*A. R. Dixon, Post 210, Springfield.....	
John T. Birdseye, Post 26, Nevada.....	89
J. W. Temple, Post 145, Eldon.....	88
F. D. W. Arnold, Post 34, Lamar.....	86
E. C. Baugher, Post 324, Sullivan.....	76
H. G. C. Dammer, Post 554, St. Charles.....	66

## ALTERNATES.

Henry Fairback, Post 107, St. Louis.....	58
T. T. Turley, Post 239, Mexico.....	58
Chas. A. Palge, Post 68, Green Ridge.....	54
Jacob Fisher, Post 314, Hemker.....	48
O. C. Snyder, Post 22, Kirksville.....	47
Thos. Dalton, Post 215, Farmington.....	46
A. S. Long, Post 7, St. Joseph.....	44
F. L. Withaup, Post 243, Willow Springs.....	38
Rud. Ulrich, Post 496, St. Louis.....	38
J. E. Jones, Post 171, DeSoto.....	32
L. E. James, Post 184, Zalma.....	32
Wm. Maynard, Post 567, Moberly.....	24
W. A. Bacon, Post 379, Leora.....	21
L. Drummond, Post 179, Memphis.....	14
R. H. McLane, Post 457, Benton.....	14

\*NOTE—Jere T. Dew, Post 8, received 100 votes, but having been elected Senior Vice-Department Commander, he declined the election as Representative, and on motion of Comrade Rassieur, Comrade A. R. Dixon, Post 210, who was the highest alternate, was elected as representative.

On motion recess was taken until 1:30 o'clock P.M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY, MAY 14TH.

The Encampment met at 1:30 P.M. and was called to order by the Department Commander.

The Department Chaplain invoked the divine blessing.

The Department Commander: The next business in order is the report of committees.

Comrade Burton, Post 26: Department Commander, and Comrades, your committee on resolutions has formulated two declarations concerning which I apprehend there will be no difference of opinion; they are as follows:

*Be it Resolved*, That we heartily commend President Roosevelt for his order directing that the Veterans of the Civil War be given preference in Civil Service appointments, and we congratulate him and the country upon the appointment of Hon. Eugene F. Ware as Commissioner of Pensions.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

*Be it Resolved*, That we extend our sincere thanks to the Honorable Mayor of Cape Girardeau, for his royal welcome, and to the good people of said city for their generous and hospitable entertainment. We thank the press of the city; and the railroad companies for their special accommodations in the matter of transportation, and to the comrades of Justi Post, No. 173, we shall ever feel especially grateful.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The Chairman then stated that a Pension Bill had been prepared by the Grand Army Association of Allegheny County, Penn., and introduced in the Senate of the United States by Senator Quay and known as Senate Bill No. 722, and in the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham and known as House Bill No. 3067, which bill known as the Quay Bill was then read to the Encampment by the chairman of the committee. The chairman further stated that the bill had not been formally considered by the committee, but that for many reasons he favored its passage by Congress, and invited a discussion of its merits on the part of the Encampment. Thereupon the provisions of the proposed enactment were discussed by Comrades Rassieur, Martin, Williams and Burton, after which

on motion, it was unanimously voted that "Senate Bill No. 722, House Bill 3067 be submitted to the next National Encampment with the recommendation that it be considered favorably, but that the National Encampment at the same time be requested not to cease its best efforts to bring about a just and fair enforcement of the present pension laws."

Comrade Rassieur read the following report of the committee on Commander's address:

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 13, 1902.

*Senior Vice-Department Commander and Comrades:*

The undersigned members of the committee appointed on the address of the commander beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the matters therein set forth and take great pleasure in concurring in all the suggestions and recommendations presented by the commander, and cheerfully recommend that the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to him for excellent and faithful work done during the past year and for his painstaking and able address.

Complying with one of the recommendations of the Commander, we submit for adoption by the Encampment the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Commander and Assistant Adjutant General be authorized and empowered to sell and convey the following described real estate lying in Kansas City, Missouri, to wit: "All of the west ten feet Lot Four and east twenty feet Lot Five, Block Three, P. A. Frederick's Third Addition to the City of Kansas, now Kansas City, Mo., according to the recorded plat thereof," to such person or persons, on such terms, for such consideration and with such covenants as they may deem satisfactory and acceptable, the consideration to be either in cash or part cash and part on time, the deferred payments, if any, to be evidenced by note or notes of the purchaser, and to be secured by deed of trust on the said premises, and to be made payable inside of three years from the day of sale, and that the Council of Administration be directed to pass a similar resolution as it may be deemed necessary to comply with the law.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR,  
GEO. W. MARTIN,  
C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
J. W. SCOTT,  
A. G. PETERSON.

*Committee.*

On motion the report of the committee with its recommendations was adopted.



The committee on Judge Advocate's report, made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 14, 1902.

Your committee respectfully report that as the report of the Judge Advocate shows and states, he had very little to do, and it is evident that he did it well, and we commend his action on the matters before him, and recommend that his report be adopted.

SMITH P. GALT,  
JOHN T. BIRDSEYE,  
JERE. T. DEW,

*Committee.*

The committee on report of the Medical Director reported as follows, which was, on motion, adopted:

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 14, 1902.

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

We, your committee to whom was submitted the report of the Medical Director of this Department, have carefully examined the same and find it as complete as it could possibly be made, when the imperfect reports of the Post Surgeons are taken in consideration. Your committee would respectfully recommend that the Department Commander would impress upon the minds of the Post Commanders to instruct their Surgeons and teach them the importance of a carefully compiled report.

EDW. BORCK, M. D., Chairman,  
A. VAN METER, M. D.,  
J. W. TEMPLE, M. D.,

*Committee.*

The committee on Inspector's report made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 14, 1902.

*To George Hall, Department Commander:*

Comrade: The committee to whom was referred the report of Department Inspector beg to report that, in their opinion, it evinces diligence in gathering data, and clearness in statement; and its author is entitled to the thanks of the Encampment. We would suggest that the method of post inspection frequently adopted, by which a comrade is detailed to inspect the post of which he is a member, does not always secure the end designed; it is frequently superficial and the report of the inspector is sometimes unreliable. We believe better results would be secured if, throughout the Department, comrades possessing adaptation for this duty should be detailed to in-

spect groups of posts within a convenient distance of their homes. A visit from a representative of the Department, specially detailed for this purpose would in many instances cheer and encourage the posts and bring them into closer sympathy with the Department administration.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

L. B. RIPLEY,

J. V. MARTIN,

JNO. T. CLARKE,

*Committee.*

The committee on report of the Department Chaplain reported as follows:

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 14, 1902.

*Commander and Comrades:*

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Chaplain, beg to present the following report:

The special feature of the report that is worthy of note—is *the fact*, (1) *that a larger number of children joined in Memorial Day services than during any preceding year in the history of the Department—12,400 school children participating.* This fact, comrades, in its educational force can not be over estimated. (2) We find by the report that only one-half the posts in the Department attend any sort of Memorial services. Your committee confidently believes that the church or churches in the neighborhood of the individual post would be more than glad to devote a service to commemorate the patriotic services of our noble comrades who fell in the defense of the flag, if requested. Comrades, we owe it to our *fallen comrades* and the *community* in which our organization exists to urgently plan for such a service. Your committee sincerely regret the inability of Comrade Ferril to be present and join in these services on account of sickness.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CALLAND,

E. H. SAWYER,

G. A. DOUGLASS,

*Committee.*

On motion the report was adopted.

The report of the Council of Administration was read by the Assistant Adjutant General, as follows:

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 12, 1902.

*To the Twenty-first Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:*

The Council of Administration submit the following report:

The first meeting of the Council was held at Nevada, Mo., on

May 17, 1901, after the adjournment of the Encampment, at which no business was transacted except approving the arrangement made by the Assistant Adjutant General for headquarters at the National Encampment at Cleveland.

The date for the meeting of the 21st Department Encampment was originally fixed by correspondence with the members of the Council of Administration, all the members concurring in favor of Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14th and 15th, 1902, and subsequently changed in the same manner to Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13th and 14th, 1902.

Comrade H. W. Wiegand, of Post No. 1, a member of the Council of Administration, having died Dec. 16, 1901, Comrade Anthony Roeslein, Post No. 1, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

The next meeting of the Council of Administration was held at Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Monday, May 12th, at 4 o'clock, P.M., pursuant to call of the Department Commander. Members present: Geo. Hall, Department Commander; Henry Fairback, Senior Vice-Department Commander; Harry Mitchell, Junior Vice-Department Commander; Chas. V. F. Ludwig, M. D., Medical Director; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Thos. J. Dockery, Inspector; Chas. W. Clarke, Judge Advocate; Jas. B. Wilde, Jere T. Dew and Francis P. Becker, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to employ Comrade C. C. Cowen as stenographer to report the proceedings of the Encampment.

On motion the Council recommended to the Encampment the appropriation of \$200 for traveling expenses of the Department Commander, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and \$100 for burial of friendless soldiers, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to annul and revoke the charter of the following posts, for failing to make reports: Posts No. 49, 188, 249, 253, 258, 305, 342, 346, 426, 524, 539, 550, 560, 565.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following posts for failing to make reports: Posts 45, 51, 73, 99, 100, 104, 213, 237, 244, 409, 435, 471, 478, 493, 495, 504, 557.

On motion the Council recommends the sale of the real estate at Kansas City, Mo., owned by the Department, at such price as will reimburse the Department for the amount invested and expended, and that the Department Commander be authorized to make deed for the same when sold.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander, reported as follows:

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 13th, 1902.

*George Hall, Commander:*

We, the undersigned, committee of the Council of Administration, selected to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have examined and audited the same for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1902.

We found proper vouchers for all expenditures, with balances on hand as follows: Dec. 31, 1901, \$165.07; April 30, 1902, \$109.47. We commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and correct manner of keeping his accounts.

JAS. B. WILDE,  
FRANCIS P. BECKER,  
HENRY FAIRBACK,  
*Committee.*

On motion the report was adopted.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Asst. Adj. Gen'l and Recorder.*

On motion the report, with its recommendations, was adopted.

The committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 13, 1902.

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report: After having examined the same, we desire to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the correct and careful manner in which the report is made, showing that he has attended to his arduous duties as well as it is possible to do, and would recommend that the report be adopted.

JNO. W. LISENBY,  
JAS. B. WILDE,  
MARTIN SCHERER,  
*Committee.*

The committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior

Vice Department Commanders now made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted :

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 14, 1902.

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

Your committee on the reports of the Senior Vice Department Commander and Junior Vice Department Commander, would respectfully report that we have examined the said reports and find that the Senior Vice Commander has been a great help to the Commander in his work, and the report contains many valuable suggestions. Both reports are deserving of compliment, the Senior Vice's for its valuable suggestions and the Junior Vice's for its brevity.

N. H. ROGERS,

J. J. CLARK,

WM. LOWE,

*Committee.*

The Assistant Adjutant General read the following communication from Past Department Commander Platt :

CAMERON, Mo., May 12, 1902.

*Dear Commander and Adj. Gen., Mo. G. A. R., Cape Girardeau, Mo.:*

Dear Comrades: Nothing would have pleased me better than to have been with you and the old boys at this Encampment, but distance and health to a certain degree prevents. The journey is a long one and tedious, and *too* much for an old fellow on *crutches*. God bless you all. With kindest regards to all. I assure you my warmest fellowship.

Your Comrade in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JOHN P. PLATT,

*Past Department Commander.*

Comrade Bronson, Post 53: I notice in the report of the Inspector and the report of the committee thereon that there were recommendations in it that Inspectors be detailed for inspecting the Posts. I would like to ask if the recommendations of the report in this respect are in force?

Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers: It is stated more in the way of a suggestion. It is only given as an opinion that better results might be obtained.

Comrade Ripley, Post 131: The suggestion is this: That the department be divided into divisions, and comrades be detailed to inspect posts contiguous to their homes.

Comrade Scott, Post 5: I think the suggestion of the committee is a very good one so far as having a comrade from another post to make the inspection is concerned. But, at the same time, I do not see how this Department is in condition to meet the expenses incident to such inspection. You will remember that 15 or 16 years ago our inspection was done in that manner, and it was quite an expense to us. The suggestion would be all right if it can be done without expense to the Department. There may be posts that can meet the expense, but the most of them could not. I would recommend that the Commander have this inspection made by comrades throughout the department if he can do so without expense.

I will make it in the form of a motion, that the Department Commander appoint, wherever he can, comrades to make these inspections where it can be done without any expense to the Department.

Seconded, put to vote, and carried.

Comrade Travis, Post 173: In September, 1864, Gen. Price made an assault upon the fort at Pilot Knob; he was unsuccessful; he left 6 or 7 guns that he had taken there; one of these guns was given to one of our comrades, and he presented that gun to the City of Cape Girardeau. The same little gun has saluted you every day since you have been sojourning among us. For good and sufficient reasons we have kept it a secret from Comrade Hagerty that that gun carriage was still in Cape Girardeau. (Laughter.) I hold in my hand, Commander Bronson, a gavel made from the spokes of that gun. And since that gun has been in good company it never has fired a shot, never a report but what has been in a good cause. Justi Post, 173, had this gavel made from the spokes of that gun carriage. It is not a brass cannon as has been, through a mistake, reported; it is iron. And not through charity do we bind this gavel with 16 to 1 silver, (laughter), our charity is purer and better than pure silver; our charity will extend to you through any mistakes the head may make that will not be through a heart that beats as true as we know yours does, and in charity that always extends to a failing

brother. And our loyalty to you is such that when Justi Post can render you a service all you have to do is to call us. And we trust that when the last summons comes, this emblem of authority I now place in your hand may be transmitted to your posterity as a priceless heirloom. (Applause.)

Commander Bronson: Comrade: I accept this token as indeed a relic of rare excellence. One that shall be held among my most cherished treasures. One that shall ever be a reminder of the very pleasant days spent in your beautiful city. Justi Post, No. 173, will ever be held in high esteem by this Department on account of the good fellowship displayed during the sojourn of this Encampment in your midst. You will convey to your Commander and Comrades my most heartfelt thanks for this gift, that has fallen to me on account of the preferment given me by my comrades of this Department, assuring them as you have just intimated, that this gavel shall be transmitted without the taint of disloyalty to my posterity, as a priceless heirloom that shall ever teach, not only patriotism, but that the Grand Army of the Republic stood together in the bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, through all its vicissitudes, until the sound of the gavel was heard summoning its entire host to the great and everlasting encampment. Thank you. (Applause.)

The newly elected officers were then installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was duly installed.

The comrades all joined hands and sang, "Auld Lang Syne," after which the Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

A true record of the proceedings.

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

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REPORTED BY COMRADE ALEXANDER ROSS, OF JUSTI POST, No. 173.  
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The Executive Committee at Cape Girardeau had wisely prepared to extend a whole-souled, hearty welcome to those of the comrades who arrived in the city, Monday, the 12th, the day previous to the Encampment. To that end, the music-stand in the center of the Public Park had been tastefully dressed with bunting, colored lanterns and flags. These decorations were extended in a wide circle around the stand, enclosing seats for one thousand persons; while every tree bore its fruits of brilliant colored lights, which lent beauty and cheer to the scene.

The Sons of Veterans' band was early on the ground discoursing old-time army music that stirred up the pulses of the old veterans.

The citizens soon gathered, on Monday evening, until every available seat was filled, and a wide circle of persons standing. The Executive Committee took charge of the exercises, and first introduced Comrade T. H. Hagerty, Past Chaplain-in-Chief, who, in his happiest mood entertained the audience for a short time.

Then followed Comrade Henry Fairback, Senior Vice Department Commander, who delivered a very appropriate address, which was frequently cheered.

Comrade J. S. Ginger, of Ransom Post, St. Louis, was then introduced, and for half an hour he stirred up the risibles of the audience with his droll mimicry, keeping all in an uproar of laughter, which continued long after he left the stand.

The next speaker was Past Department Commander Judge C. G. Burton, of Nevada, Mo., who delivered an eloquent, patriotic address, which went home to the hearts of all who heard it.



This brought the exercises to nearly midnight; and when "Auld Lang Syne" was played by the band, the audience joined in the song, until the park rang with the soul-stirring anthem. The people were loth to leave, and lingered long, shaking hands with old comrades and friends. It was a grand welcome, and fully appreciated.

According to programme, at 3 P.M., May 13th, the Encampment adjourned, and formed in line for the parade. Commander-in-Chief Torrance, Department Commander Hall, Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, and their staff, entered their carriages; and the boys in blue fell into line as in days of old—it was a grand sight—and led by a splendid band they marched past the Headquarters of Justi Post, No. 173, where the Sons of Veterans were formed in double lines, uncovered, to welcome the old veterans who marched between their lines, when cheer after cheer made the welkin ring again. The Sons led by a fine band, wheeled into line in splendid style. It was a sight long to be remembered.

The line of march was made through a few of the principal streets, and loudly cheered by dense crowds at every corner.

The city in every quarter, from north to south, was dressed and decorated as it never was before. Every street, business house, factory, mill and residence, was laughing, and sparkling in their gayest colors. Arches spanned the principal streets, displaying "WELCOME" to the nation's defenders, while "Old Glory" nodded and dipped in proud recognition of the patriotism of her children.

The Camp-fire was held at the Opera House, on the evening of May the 13th. The large hall was one fluttering mass of flags, and national colors. Across the front of the stage was stretched a broad banner inscribed "WELCOME," in letters of light; and the pictures of our leading Generals, each surrounded by a wreath of laurels, were suspended from the walls.

The old comrades, W. R. Corps, and Ladies of the G. A. R.

soon assembled and filled the hall, which was by far too small to hold one-third of those who sought admittance.

Comrade Alexander Ross, Chaplain of Justi Post, No. 173, was chosen Chairman; and promptly at 8 P.M. he called the Camp-fire to order; and after a prelude by the orchestra, Comrade T. H. Hagerty was introduced and electrified the vast assembly by one of his soul-stirring, patriotic addresses, intermingled with "sage and solemn admonitions" that moved many to tears.

Then "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" was sung by the W. R. C. choir, which was well received.

The next speaker was Judge Leo Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief, who, by his matchless eloquence and deep-seated love of country and her defenders, fairly captured the audience. His fascinating logic flowed forth in brilliant periods, enthusing the souls of all who heard him. He was rewarded by frequent cheers.

Next a solo, "Golden Rod," (our National emblem), by Mrs. Ida Bartels, rendered in her sweetest manner and voice. She was rewarded by a storm of hearty, well-merited applause.

Comrade J. S. Ginger, of Ransom Post, was captured and led on the stage with a beautiful silk flag in his hand; and after scoring the chairman as a despot and cruel tyrant, he surveyed the audience in his comical way which brought cheer after cheer; he, following it up with a humorous recitation that kept the audience in an uproar; after which he was again and again encored. Returning to the stage he sang "Captain Jack Crawford's version of Marching through Georgia," waving aloft his silk banner while leading the chorus, which brought all to their feet, making the very rafters tremble from the volume of cheers that followed.

Then a solo, "The Star Spangled Banner," by Mrs. Ida Bartels. This was rendered in a spirited manner, all joining in the chorus. She was handsomely cheered.

As this was a different and entirely new gathering from

the one of the previous night, Judge C. G. Burton, Past Department Commander, was persuaded to speak a second time; but, strange to say there was no repetition. He had stored away in his mind a treasure-house full of historical and logical facts that he delivered with sledge-hammer force that sank deep in the minds of his attentive audience. By his inimitable style he injected into his speech chunks of mirth-provoking matter that brought down the house; and cheer after cheer rewarded him.

Commander-in-Chief, Ell Torrance, who was worn out by travel and loss of sleep, was the last speaker. He gave a brief history of his inspection travels throughout the states; and the kind, courteous and hospitable receptions accorded him by the old confederate veterans throughout the Southern states. He told a very pathetic circumstance that took place in Alabama. Shortly after his arrival at the hotel, he was notified that some visitors wished to see him on the street. Descending to the door he met a sight that surprised him. There stood before him a long line of old confederate veterans, dressed in their old gray uniforms, and in their center, the old color-sergeant holding their old, war-worn, battle-scarred flag. Stepping out to the curb, the officer presented himself, saluted, and stated that they had come to surrender to the chief of the Grand Army, and tendered his sword, which he declined to receive. Then the color-bearer stepped forward and tendered him the battle-scarred flag, which he also declined. He then said, "The deepest feelings of my soul were touched and tears streamed from my eyes; and when I grasped the hand of each man in that company of veterans, I had ample proof—if any was required—that the passions of the war were dead indeed." Which sentiment was echoed and re-echoed by all present.

Then "Hail Columbia" by the choir, at the close of which the Camp-fire was brought to a close. "Taps sounded" and the audience dismissed under the sweet strains of "Home Sweet Home" by the orchestra. This closed one of the happiest evenings ever enjoyed in this city.

After the Camp-fire the old veterans adjourned to the hall

of Justi Post, No. 173, where a sumptuous lunch was awaiting them. The hall was dressed in bright colors, and pictures of Presidents and Generals adorned the walls. A fine orchestra was in attendance, discoursing old, familiar airs, to which the boys used to keep time.

It was a cheering sight to witness these old soldiers with a tin cup of coffee in one hand and a sandwich in the other, gathered in groups, recounting the scenes through which they passed in the days that tried their manhood. Several stirring speeches were made by the visitors, army songs sung, and all kind of camp antics gone through; how happy the old boys were. The fun and frolic was kept up until the chickens began to crow, which brought a loud laugh from those old army roost-robbers. This closed the Camp-fire.

Wednesday evening was spent in social receptions, first of which was that tendered by the local W. R. C. at the St. Charles Hotel, to the President of the Department W. R. C., and the Department Commander and officers, where every visitor was met and welcomed by that spirit of hospitality so characteristic of the people of this city. After which the ladies went forth in scouting parties and captured the old vets, and brought them prisoners to the parlors, where they were treated to ices and cake. It was a jovial crowd, and fortunate were they who were taken prisoners. Mrs. Davis kept open house. The parties who met at the parlors of Mrs. Davis forgot that they were staid, old ladies and gentlemen, and for hours the house rang with side-splitting mirth and song, culminating in all joining hands in a circle and singing "Auld Lang Syne." The whistle of the locomotive stopped their boyish pranks, and all adjourned to the depot and bade their friends a fervent farewell, and a safe journey home.

## GENERAL ORDERS, 1901-1902.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 NEVADA, Mo., May 17th, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 1. }

I. Having been elected Department Commander of this Department, I hereby return my sincere thanks to the comrades for the honor so magnanimously conferred upon me. I accept the office and promise you that I will do all in my power to show my appreciation of the honor conferred, by a faithful discharge of the duties thereof.

II. The following named comrades have been appointed on the Staff of the Department Commander, and have been duly installed. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

THOS. B. RODGERS, Post 1, St. Louis, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

THOS. J. DOCKERY, Post 22, Kirksville, Inspector.

CHAS. W. CLARKE, Post 4, Kansas City, Judge Advocate.

ALEXANDER OLIVER, Post 172, Appleton City, Chief Mustering Officer.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander will be Powell Building, Trenton, Mo., where all personal communications to the Department Commander should be addressed.

IV. The Department Headquarters will remain as heretofore, at St. Louis, Mo., and all official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, THOS. B. RODGERS, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

GEORGE HALL,  
*Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.  
 ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 24th, 1901. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 2. }

I. The following comrades were elected to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed by the Commander-in-Chief:

*Department Commander*—GEORGE HALL, Post 72, Trenton.

*Senior Vice-Department Commander*—HENRY FAIRBACK, Post 107, St. Louis.

*Junior Vice-Department Commander*—HARRY MITCHELL, Post 26, Nevada.

*Medical Director*—DR. CHAS. V. F. LUDWIG, Post 1, St. Louis.

*Chaplain*—REV. T. J. FERRIL, Post 7. Address, Bowling Green, Mo.

*Council of Administration*—JAMES B. WILDE, Post 131, St. Louis; JERE T. DEW, Post 8, Kansas City; FRANCIS P. BECKER, Post 13, St. Louis; H. W. WIEGAND, Post 1, St. Louis; W. C. CALLAND, Post 69, Springfield.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-fifth National Encampment:

## REPRESENTATIVES.

John W. Noble (at large), St. Louis.  
 John T. Birdseye, Nevada.  
 Peter Bobe, St. Louis.  
 Thos. S. Maxwell, St. Louis.  
 H. M. Pollard, St. Louis.  
 Geo. H. Pountain, California.  
 Chas. W. Clarke, Kansas City.  
 Joann O'Bannon, Buffalo.  
 Joseph McAdoo, Springfield.  
 G. W. Edwards, St. Louis.  
 J. V. Martin, Brookfield.  
 H. S. Beery, Cameron.  
 Wm. Maynard, Moberly.  
 A. L. McBride, Butler.  
 John B. Cotty, Moberly.  
 R. A. Vance, Cross Timbers.

## ALTERNATES.

G. A. Douglass, Warrensburg.  
 Wm. J. Nelson, Kansas City.  
 James E. Decker, Republic.  
 M. G. Netherton, Gallatin.  
 A. McKinney, Peirce City.  
 James R. Milner, Springfield.  
 H. E. Robinson, Maryville.  
 O. C. Snyder, Kirksville.  
 James H. Woods, Joplin.  
 O. F. Carpenter, Rayville.  
 J. D. Earhart, Montrose.  
 F. D. W. Arnold, Lamar.  
 Wm. Greer, Macon.  
 Wm. Easson, Ozark.  
 Wick Morgan, Dadeville.  
 Jacob Matlick, Kahoka.

III. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

*Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff*—A. H. BURKEHOLDEB, Post 72, Trenton.

*Color Bearer and Aide-de-Camp*—JOHN B. COTTY, Post 5, Moberly. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. The Commander of each Post is requested to recommend a worthy and suitable comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

V. Upon recommendation of the Council of Administration, the Department Encampment fixed the Per Capita Tax at *twenty-five cents* per annum, payable semi-annually. Posts will therefore send twelve and one-half cents instead of ten cents, as formerly, for each member in good standing.

VI. The charters of the following Posts heretofore suspended,

were annulled and revoked by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration:

Post 85, Shelbina; 170, Fillmore; 277, Seymour; 280, Modena; 323, Galena; 338, Purdy; 373, Allendale; 455, Centertown; 480, Protem; 519, Tuscumbia; 527, Columbia; 534, Ponce de Leon; 536, Aldrich; 538, Theodosia; 558, Poplar Bluff.

VII. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 49, Edgerton; 61, Maitland; 188, Linneus; 249, Fordland; 253, Belton; 258, Gatewood; 305, Mandeville; 342, Stoutland; 346, Ironton; 426, Monroe City; 524, Drexel; 539, Moberly; 550, Seligman; 560, Hunter; 565, Queen City.

VIII. Blanks in duplicate for reports of Post Chaplains, as to the observance of Memorial Day and Memorial Services in Church on the preceding Sabbath, are enclosed herewith. One copy should be filed with the Post and the other forwarded to REV. T. J. FERRIL, Department Chaplain, Bowling Green, Mo., in the addressed envelope herewith enclosed. Post Commanders are urged to attend promptly to forwarding these reports.

IX. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the six months ending June 30th, 1901, with addressed envelope, are enclosed herewith. These reports should be made out, and with the Per Capita Tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member in good standing, sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the *last meeting in June*. They should not be held back until the end of the month.

The number of members in good standing on last report, the number remaining suspended and the cash balance in the hands of the Quartermaster, are set down in *red ink*, and should not be changed. Should there be an error it must be noted on the report. It is absolutely necessary that the *names*, with rank, company and regiment of all comrades gained or lost *during the term*, should be given under the proper headings.

X. The State of New Jersey has authorized the presentation of a medal to the survivors of the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th Regiments, N. J. Militia, mustered into service for three months, on May 1st, 1861. Those entitled are requested to be prompt in making application to R. A. DONNELLY, Quartermaster General, Trenton, N. J.

XI. Copies of the Journal of the last National Encampment were distributed at the Department Encampment. Posts not represented there can procure a copy from the Assistant Adjutant General by sending eleven cents for postage.

By Command of GEORGE HALL, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.  
 ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 20th, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS  
 No. 3.

I. The Thirty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, during the week beginning September 9th, next. Every comrade in this Department is directly interested in maintaining the splendid reputation of the Department at this Encampment, especially so in view of the fact that the Commander-in-Chief is from Missouri. The Department has always received great applause on the parades on account of the excellent appearance and soldierly bearing of the comrades.

Each comrade should make a personal effort to attend the Encampment and participate in the parade. Let us see to it that Missouri takes front rank and does "the showing" on this occasion. The regulation Grand Army hat, blouse and pants can be procured at from \$7.50 to \$10, and can be worn at any time. No comrade should be without them, especially on this occasion. Comrades let us begin to get ready to attend this National "hand-shaking" at once. Go meet our comrades, and rekindle the camp-fires of '61-'65. It won't be long until these gatherings will cease. We can't afford to let one of them go by unimproved.

II. The local committee will provide free quarters for those who desire same. We are informed that suitable buildings, with cots, will be provided. The comrades will provide themselves with blankets. Comrades should organize and attend as Posts and companies, as they will get better accommodations in this way. An effort will be made to get quarters for the comrades from Missouri as nearly together as possible. Posts and comrades desiring free quarters should apply at once to JAMES HAYR, Chairman of Committee on Free Quarters, Chamber of Commerce, Cleveland, Ohio, giving the probable number that will want to be provided for. Posts applying for free quarters should also notify the Assistant Adjutant-General.

The Department Headquarters will be in Room 201, in the Hollenden Hotel, which will be opened on Monday, September 9th, where the Commander and his Staff will be pleased to meet their comrades.

III. The Department Commander has accepted the invitation to accompany Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, from St. Louis to the National Encampment at Cleveland. The Post will leave St. Louis by special train on the "Big Four" Railroad, on Sunday evening, September 8th, and will arrive at Cleveland on Monday forenoon. This is one of the best equipped lines and the most direct route from St. Louis to Cleveland. Commander-in-Chief RASSIEUR will also accompany Blair Post. The Commander would be pleased to have as many of the com-



rades, as well as the Department officers and staff to accompany him on this train as can conveniently do so. The fare from Mississippi River points will be one cent per mile, and from points west of the river one fare for the round trip to the river, and one cent per mile east of the river. Comrades desiring to go on this train should see that their tickets read via the C., C., C. & St. L. R. R., or "Big Four" Route.

IV. The last Department Encampment, held at Nevada, May 16th and 17th, 1901, approved and adopted the provisions of Section 11, Article II, Chapter II, of the Rules and Regulations, and the Department Commander was requested to promulgate the action of the Encampment in General Orders. Said Section is as follows:

On account of the ever increasing inroads upon our ranks by the grim mustering officer "death," and the inability from age to travel any distance to the Post meetings, many of our Posts have already been disbanded, and the number will, no doubt, increase more rapidly in the future, depriving many of the comrades of the privileges and advantages of our Order at the time they need it most. The Department Commander therefore urges upon all comrades living at too great a distance from the Post to enable them to attend the same regularly, and especially comrades of disbanded Posts, to organize themselves into Out-Posts under the provisions of the above law. And he recommends that Posts at the County Seats take this matter up promptly, and by appointment of committees communicate with members of disbanded Posts in their respective Counties with this object in view.

The Department Commander would especially impress upon every officer and comrade the duty of seeing that every worthy suspended or dropped member is reinstated, and every worthy soldier that has never belonged is mustered. Let us close up our ranks, re-form our lines and meet the inevitable like we faced the enemy in the Sixties. Allow no one to remain out of ranks on account of inability to pay dues.

V. The following comrades having been recommended by the Post Commanders of their respective Posts, are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Alexander Jordan, Post 7, St. Joseph; M. M. Rice, Post 14, Joplin; Robert H. Gould, Post 44, Hannibal; Victor Aubry, Post 47, Green City; George Saunders, Post 76, Kidder; G. L. Davis, Post 161, Buffalo; W. H. H. Francis, Post 177, Moundville; J. W. Taylor, Post 185, Perry; I. D. Davis, Post 220, Jamesport; M. G. Netherton, Post 222, Gallatin; Edgar McLean, Post 243, Willow Springs; S. C. Shoemaker, Post 251, Eldorado Springs; Valentine Rottler, Post 326, Ste. Genevieve; Wm. C. Hickman, Post 437, Cross Timbers; W. F. Thomas, Post 461, Jenkins; A. W. Martin, Post 567, Moberly.

Additional appointments will be made as they are recommended by the Post Commanders.

The comrades so appointed will be expected to assist the Department Commander in advancing the interests of the Order and report to Headquarters, from time to time, anything they may deem beneficial. They will notify the Assistant Adjutant-General of the acceptance of their appointment, and procure from him the badge of their rank. Commissions will be sent only on the receipt of notice of such acceptance.

VI. Post Chaplains who have not already done so, will at once make a report of Memorial Day services to the Department Chaplain, REV. T. J. FERRIL, whose address is Bowling Green, Mo.

VII. Post Commanders who have not already sent their semi-annual reports and per capita tax to the Assistant Adjutant-General should see that it is done AT ONCE. Delay in making these reports is a great embarrassment to these Headquarters, as our reports must be made to National Headquarters at an early date. (Where this paragraph is blue-penciled *it means you.*)

VIII. The Department Encampment will meet next year at Cape Girardeau. This should have an invigorating effect and produce a renewed interest in the Posts in Southeast Missouri, and they should begin early to work for an increased membership.

IX. The following Posts deserve honorable mention for handsome gains in membership the last term:

Gen. Frank J. Herron Post, No. 161, Buffalo, John O'Bannon, P. C., gained 15 by muster, 2 by transfer and 28 by reinstatement; a gain of 45, and net gain of 45; number in good standing, 65.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin, O. W. Hight, P. C., gained 17 by muster, 1 by transfer and 13 by reinstatement; a gain of 31, and net gain of 26; number in good standing, 148.

Thos. G. Wade Post, No. 54, Unionville, A. J. Bennett, P. C., gained 7 by muster and 14 by reinstatement; a gain of 21, and net gain of 15; number in good standing, 53.

Andy Martin Post, No. 59, Ava, J. L. B. Harnden, P. C., gained 17 by muster and 2 by reinstatement; a gain of 19, and net gain of 17; number in good standing, 62.

King City Post, No. 86, King City, N. C. Schultz, P. C.; gained 11 by muster and 3 by reinstatement; a gain of 14, and net gain of 14; number in good standing, 53.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City, John H. Graham, P. C., gained 10 by muster, 2 by transfer and 4 by reinstatement; a gain of 16, and net gain of 14; number in good standing, 141.

Wm. F. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal, W. F. Chamberlain, P. C.; gained 3 by muster, 3 by transfer and 15 by reinstatement; a gain of 21, and net gain of 18; number in good standing, 53.

Col. Lennard Post, No. 251, Eldorado Springs, W. W. Crabtree, P. C.; gained 7 by muster, 5 by transfer and 8 by reinstatement; a gain of 20, and net gain of 15; number in good standing, 114.

This shows good work on the part of the comrades of these Posts. Let others "go and do likewise."

X. The dates of the following Soldiers' Reunions are published for information:

Seventh Annual Reunion at Spickards, Grundy County, August 13th to 17th.

Interstate Soldiers' Reunion, at Lake Park, Nevada, Mo., August 12th to 17th.

Ozark Battalion, at Salem, Mo., August 19th to 21st.

Annual Reunion Caldwell Co. Battalion, Kingston, Mo., August 15th, one day only.

Reunion at Newark, Mo., August 21st to 23d.

Eighteenth Annual Reunion of Third Congressional District and Livingston County, Princeton, Mo., August 20th to 23d.

Annual Reunion at Craig, Mo., August 21st to 23d.

Reunion at Mountain Grove, Mo., August 20th to 24th.

The Department Commander will attend as many of these reunions as he can, and Department officers and Aides are requested to attend as many of the meetings as they can conveniently.

XI. David Hewitt Post, No. 414, Louisburg, Dallas Co., heretofore suspended, has been reorganized and reinstated.

XII. The Proceedings of the last Department Encampment and Department Roster for 1901, are sent with this Order. They are sent to the Post Commanders, but are for the use of the Posts, and should be kept where they are accessible to the comrades. General Orders No. 6, National Headquarters, are also sent herewith.

By Command of GEORGE HALL, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., August 12th, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 4. }

I. The Thirty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet at Cleveland, Ohio, in the Euclid Avenue Opera House, on Thursday, September 12th, at 10 o'clock. A.M. The Grand Parade and Review will take place on Wednesday, the 11th. On Tuesday, the 10th, the Anniversary of Perry's Victory on Lake Erie, the Naval Parade will take place.

II. Headquarters of the Department will be at Room 201, Hollenden Hotel, corner of Bond and Superior streets. Comrades A. H. BURKEHOLDER, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, and J. B. CORTY, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer, will be in charge of the Headquarters.

III. The Committee on Free Quarters have assigned for the use of the Department of Missouri the Brownell School Building, corner of Brownell and Sumner streets. This is centrally located, and not far from Department Headquarters. Leaving railroad at Erie Depot it is a walk of about one mile, or street cars can be taken at Water and Superior streets, via Euclid, Wade Park or Cedar Ave lines. Get off at Brownell street and walk south two squares. All Posts and comrades who have already applied to the Committee at Cleveland for free quarters should notify the Assistant Adjutant General at once, stating numbers applied for, and all who have not yet made such application should apply at once to THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General, St. Louis, Mo., stating number desiring free quarters, and if possible, by what railroad route they will go. Free quarters can not be had for women. Cots will be furnished, but comrades will furnish their own blankets and towels. Meals can be had at the school.

The Department Register, for visiting comrades, will be kept at the Brownell School, corner Brownell and Sumner streets, and will be in charge of Aide-de-Camp W. R. ODER, of Post 107, with such assistants as he may call to his aid.

Senior Vice-Department Commander HENRY FAIRBACK, will have general charge of the free quarters at Brownell School, and will make assignment of rooms to the Missouri comrades.

IV. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, Room 201, Hollenden Hotel, on Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, for the transaction of business and the distribution of Encampment Badges.

V. The Posts and comrades will assemble for Parade at 9 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday, the 11th. The place of formation will be announced on Tuesday evening. Comrade A. H. BURKEHOLDER, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, will have charge of the formation, to whom all Post and battalion Commanders will report during the day or evening of Tuesday, September 10th, at the Headquarters, Hollenden Hotel. Detachments and unattached comrades will be formed in a separate battalion.

VI. The railroad rates for Missouri will be one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00, and one cent per mile in the territory of the Central Traffic Association. The fare from St. Louis and return is \$10.75. Tickets will be sold September 8th to 12th, good going on date of sale. Good to return not later than midnight of Sunday,

September 15th. By depositing tickets with the Joint Agent at Cleveland on or before Sunday, at 12 o'clock noon, and payment of a fee of fifty cents, they may be made good for return passage up to and including October 8th. To avoid any confusion as to rates, comrades are advised to confer with local railroad officials, so that they may be assured of just what they are to pay.

VII. As heretofore announced the Department Commander and his Staff will accompany Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, which will leave the Union Station, St. Louis, on a special train via the "Big Four" Railroad, on Sunday evening, September 8th, at 7 o'clock, and arrive at Cleveland next forenoon at 11 o'clock. He renews the invitation to the comrades, who can do so conveniently, to accompany him on this train. Comrades desiring to do so should see that their tickets read from St. Louis, via the C., C., & St. L. or "Big Four" Route. Comrades desiring sleeping car berths should apply to the Assistant Adjutant General on or before August 20th. The price of a berth accommodating two persons is \$3.00. Commander-in-Chief RASSIEUX will go under escort of Blair Post on this train.

VIII. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment will notify the Assistant Adjutant General, not later than August 25th, whether or not they will be able to attend, so that Alternates may be notified if necessary. Should anything occur later to prevent the attendance of a Representative, he should promptly notify the Assistant Adjutant General by mail or telegraph.

IX. The following named comrades having been recommended by the Commanders of their respective Posts are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Wm. Kuemmel, Post 1, St. Louis; John Mueller, Post 13, St. Louis; J. A. Tinsman, Post 22, Kirksville; Conrad Menz, Post 82, Wellsville; George Heintz, Post 107, St. Louis; Thos. Streiff, Post 172, Appleton City; Thos. T. Dalton, Post 215, Farmington.

They will signify their acceptance to the Assistant Adjutant General, who will then send their commissions. They should also procure from him the official badge of their rank, the cost of which is \$1.10.

X. The following additional Posts deserve honorable mention for gains in membership last term:

Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton, J. J. Stanley, P. C.; gained by muster 3, by reinstatement 10; a gain of 13, and net gain of 12; number in good standing, 50.

Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis, G. W. Edwards, P. C.; gained by muster 5, by transfer 1, by reinstatement 13; a gain of 19, and net gain of 17, number in good standing, 80. "The colored troops fought nobly."

XI. Post Commanders who will receive this paragraph blue-penciled will know that their Posts are delinquent, and will make their reports without further delay.

XII. General Orders No. 7, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of GEORGE HALL, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST. }  
ST. LOUIS, MO., October 9th, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 5.

I. The Thirty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Cleveland, September 12th and 13th, 1901, bid fair to be one of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of the Order. Every preparation was made for the comfort and enjoyment of the comrades. One of the commodious parlors in the Hollenden Hotel had been secured for the headquarters of the Department of Missouri, and the comrades were looking forward to the occasion with pleasing anticipation, when the news of the murderous assault upon the President was flashed over the country with paralyzing effect. Notwithstanding this sad occurrence there was a very respectable number in attendance.

While the number from Missouri that took part in the parade was not as great as some of the other Departments, there was not another Department that presented a more respectable appearance, or received more universal commendation for their soldierly bearing and orderly conduct.

After the close of the first day of the Encampment news came of the threatened death of the President, and as an indication of respect the Encampment, by resolution, referred all the business but the election of officers, to the Council of Administration, elected and installed its officers and adjourned.

II. The following officers were elected by the National Encampment:

*Commander-in-Chief*—ELL TORRANCE, Minneapolis, Minn.

*Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief*—JOHN MCELROY, Washington, D. C.

*Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief*—JAMES O'DONNELL, Chicago, Ills.

*Chaplain-in-Chief*—REV. THOS. N. BOYLE, D. D., Pittsburg, Pa.

*Surgeon General*—DR. W. R. THRALL, Cincinnati, Ohio.

F. M. STERRETT, Post 1, St. Louis, was elected member of the National Council of Administration for Missouri.

III. The following named comrades, having been recommended by the Commanders of their respective Posts, are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

R. M. Stewart, Post 4, Kansas City; E. R. Clough, Post 48, Lebanon; James Watson, Post 219, Republic; J. H. Moses, Post 241, Galt; H. R. Beachell, Post 352, Cabool.

They will signify their acceptance to the Assistant Adjutant General, who will then send their commissions. They should also procure from him the official badge of their rank, the cost of which is \$1.10.

IV. The proceedings, findings and sentence of the Post court-martial for the trial of Past Post Commander W. C. Whitted, of Pardee Post, No. 352, is hereby approved, and he is dishonorably discharged and dismissed from the Grand Army of the Republic.

V. George V. Pitts Post, No. 324, of Sullivan, Mo., having changed its name to William McKinley Post, the same is hereby approved.

VI. The following Posts have failed to make reports for the first term of 1901, ending June 30th:

Post 84, Sarcoxie; Post 130, Tina; Post 137, Neosho; Post 160, Wheeling; Post 162, Elmo; Post 167, Rosendale; Post 181, Powersville; Post 222, Gilman City; Post 231, Kansas City; Post 242, Pattonsburg; Post 262, Centralia; Post 283, Fair Play; Post 311, Ford City; Post 331, Higginsville; Post 354, Chaonia; Post 367, Roscoe; Post 383, Mountain View; Post 390, Younts; Post 402, Cape Girardeau; Post 432, Columbia; Post 440, Foster; Post 444, St. Louis; Post 454, Calhoun; Post 469, Ashland; Post 479, Montreal; Post 482, Norris; Post 489, Greentop; Post 540, Spring Bluff; Post 548, Boyler's Mills; Post 549, Windsor; Post 561, Collins.

The following Posts have failed to make reports for the 2d term of 1900 and the 1st term of 1901:

Post 103, Chilhowee; Post 117, Quitman; Post 206, Camden; Post 316, Clarksville; Post 385, Long Lane; Post 430, Craig.


Repeated efforts have been made to secure these reports. It is hoped and urged that the Commanders and comrades of these Posts will show more interest in this matter, and a higher appreciation of the good of the Order, for their own credit's sake.

VII. Sergt. Maj. McIntosh Post, No. 261, Hermitage, Hickory County, Mo., has been reinstated and reorganized, under Special Orders to R. A. Vance, Commander of Post 437, Cross Timbers, Mo.

By Command of GEORGE HALL, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

  
 HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
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 ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST. }  
 ST. LOUIS, Mo., October 9th, 1901. }

CIRCULAR LETTER }  
 No. 1. }

IN MEMORIAM.

Since the issue of our last General Orders the whole Nation has received a terrible shock in the assassination of our honored comrade, President WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

While the whole country was enjoying profound peace and unsurpassed prosperity, and a universal feeling of friendship and goodwill prevailing in every portion of the land, such as was never before known in the history of the country, and while the President and his administration had the confidence and loyal support of all parties and creeds, he was stricken down in the midst of his usefulness, in the guise of friendship, by a cowardly assassin.

In his life he gave to the world the highest type of patriotic statesmanship, the noblest christian manhood, and an unsurpassed devotion to wife, home and country. His memory will go down to posterity as one of the brightest, purest characters of the age in which he lived.

While we regard his untimely tragic death a great calamity to the whole country, and as a loss of one of our most illustrious comrades, we did not feel called upon to issue a Special Order to the comrades directing the proper observance of the occasion. We had confidence in the patriotism and loyalty of the comrades to believe they would do their whole duty in the premises without any orders or directions from us, and are gratified to know from their actions that our confidence was not misplaced. But we do feel called upon, in view of this great National outrage, to urge upon the comrades the necessity of an increased effort to discourage and discountenance, by all lawful means and in all lawful ways, the pernicious teachings and doctrines that incite the depraved to such hellish deeds.


GEORGE HALL,

*Department Commander.*

OFFICIAL:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*





HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.  
 ST. LOUIS, Mo., November 16th, 1901.

GENERAL ORDERS  
 No. 6.

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Wednesday and Thursday, May 14th and 15th, 1902, for the meeting of the Twenty-first Annual Encampment of this Department, to be held at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

II. The annual inspection of Posts will be made prior to December 31st, 1901. A blank of Form H, with addressed envelope for Department Inspector, is enclosed herewith. The Senior Past Post Commander present will make the inspection. If no Past Post Commander is present at the meeting when inspection is to take place, the Post Commander will detail a suitable comrade to make the inspection. The form of inspection will be found in the Service Book. Reports of inspection will be promptly forwarded to THOS. J. DOCKERY, Department Inspector, Kirksville, Mo.

III. In compliance with the Rules and Regulations, the annual election of officers of each Post will be held at the first regular meeting in December. At the same meeting Posts will elect Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment. Each Post is entitled to one representative and one alternate for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional representative and alternate for a final fraction or more than half that number, as shown by the Adjutant's report for the term ending June 30th, 1901. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one representative and one alternate. Posts in arrears for dues are not entitled to repre-

Blanks in duplicate for reports of Representatives and Alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed herewith. A blank for report of Post officers-elect and appointed is also enclosed, and should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the officers are installed.

IV. The officers-elect and appointed will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1902, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed as installing officer by the Department Commander upon request of the Post Commander.

Under the Rules and Regulations the officers of a Post cannot be installed until it has forwarded its reports and per capita tax, and has been inspected for the previous year. If it should appear, upon inquiry, that this has not been done, the installing officer will defer the installation until he has made the inspection and received the reports. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond before he is installed. A blank bond is enclosed herewith.

V. Blanks of Forms A and B, in duplicate, for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports, for the second term of 1901, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be made out, and with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the *last meeting in December*. Remittances should not be made by personal checks, which cannot be collected without expense to the Department.

The few Posts which have not reported for the term ending June 30th, 1901, should make report for that term with the present term ending December 31st. One report can be made for both terms, if desired.

The National Countersign, for 1902, will be sent to the Posts on receipt of their reports for December 31st, 1901.

VI. Post Surgeons will make report for the entire year, ending December 31st, to the Medical Director of the Department, Dr. CHAS. V. F. LUDWIG, 1515 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo. A blank and addressed envelope for that purpose is enclosed. Post Adjutants should assist the Post Surgeons in preparing this report, and where there is no Post Surgeon the Adjutant should make the report.

VII. The following named comrades have been appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

A. S. Baylie, Post 149, Buffalo; H. B. Putnam, Post 571, Balm.

VIII. General Orders No. 2 and Circular Letter No. 1, National Headquarters, are enclosed herewith.

The subject of Circular Letter No. 1, being contributions for erection of a Memorial at Canton, Ohio, to our late comrade, President William McKinley, is heartily commended to all comrades. Let each comrade contribute whatever amount he can afford, however small, to be sent through his Post, to the Assistant Adjutant General, who will forward all amounts so contributed to the Treasurer of the Memorial Committee.

By Command of GEORGE HALL, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ROOM 303 TEMPLE BLDG., BROADWAY AND WALNUT ST.  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 1st, 1902.

GENERAL ORDERS  
No 7. }

I. The Twenty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will assemble at the Opera House, in the city of Cape of Girardeau, on Tuesday, May 13th, 1902, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The dates previously announced, May 14th and 15th, in General Orders No. 6, have been changed to May 13th and 14th, to enable the Commander-in-Chief ELL TORRANCE, to attend the Encampment. He has promised to be with us on May 13th.

II. Department Headquarters will be established in Parlor A, at the Riverview Hotel, on Monday, May 12th, at which place the Department Council of Administration will meet at 4 o'clock P.M., same day.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: JAMES C. BROADWELL, Post 1; L. F. KLOSTERMAN, Post 173; JOHN M. BROWN, Post 431; J. B. HEUCHAN, Post 382; D. J. DOUGHTY, Post 215.

The committee will meet in a room on the lower floor of the Riverview Hotel, across the street from the Railroad Station, on Monday, May 12th, at 3 o'clock P.M. Representatives and members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival, and receive their Encampment badges and countersign. The Visitors' Register will be kept at the same place, where all comrades are requested to register on their arrival, or as soon thereafter as possible.

IV. On recommendation of the Commander of Post 173, the following named comrades of that Post are detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, HENRY A. ASTHOLZ; for Officer of the Guard, CHRISTIAN KLAGES.

The Officer of the Day will report for instructions to the Assistant Adjutant General on Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Commander of Post 173, will detail a sufficient number of sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty at the Encampment. The comrades so detailed will report, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the Opera House, on Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

V. The hotel accommodations and prices are as follows:

St. Charles Hotel, 200, at \$2.00 per day; Riverview Hotel, 75, at \$2.00 per day; Scott Hotel, 25, at \$2.00 per day; Prescott House, 60, at \$1.50 per day. The following charge \$1.00 per day: John Metz, 25; Miss Scheinde, 20; Drumm, 12. At private houses the rate will be \$1.00 per day and less. Those desiring quarters should address AUGUST BIERWIRTH, Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

VI. Ample arrangements are being made by the comrades and citizens of Cape Girardeau for the entertainment and comfort of all the visiting comrades. An interesting programme has been prepared for an entertainment at the Opera House on Tuesday evening, and a Camp-fire at the Court House on the same evening, where distinguished speakers will address the comrades.

The Department Commander urges upon all comrades the importance of a full attendance to greet our distinguished guest, the Commander-in-Chief, who will honor us with his presence.

Ample arrangements will also be made for the accommodation of the woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans and other patriotic organizations meeting at the same time in Cape Girardeau.

A parade will take place, probably on Tuesday afternoon.

VII. The Western Passenger Association and the South-Western Passenger Association, comprising most of the railroads in the State, have made the following reduced rates for this occasion:

"Rate of one-fare from points in Missouri to Cape Girardeau and return; tickets to be sold on May 11th and 12th, good to return, leaving Cape Girardeau, until and including May 15th, 1902. Limited to continuous passage in each direction, going trip to commence date of sale and return trip date of execution."

The St. Louis & Hannibal Railway has made a rate of fare of one and one-third from all stations to St. Louis and return.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway and the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Railroad have made a rate of one-fare for the round trip to Cape Girardeau and return.

VIII. The Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration has fixed the date for the Thirty-sixth National Encampment, at Washington, D. C., on the week beginning Monday, October 6th, 1902. It is hoped and expected that Missouri will be well represented on that occasion.

IX. The Department Commander announces with great regret the death of Comrade HENRY W. WIEGAND, a member of the Department Council of Administration, who died at St. Louis, Mo., December 16th, 1901. Comrade Wiegand was born at Werthen, in Westphalia, December 18th, 1836. He lived in St. Louis since December 1854. He served in Co. C., 1st Mo. Inf., and Co. C., 5th Mo. Inf. He was mustered in Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, in January, 1887, and was an honored and useful member of the Post.

For thirty years he was foreman in a large manufacturing establishment. He was a well-known citizen of North St. Louis, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of the whole community.

X. By unanimous vote of the Department Council of Administration, Comrade ANTHONY ROESLEIN, of Post No. 1, St. Louis, has been elected a member of the Council of Administration, vice HENRY W. WIEGAND, deceased.

XI. A circular from the Missouri Commission addressed to those who served in Missouri commands, at the siege of Vicksburg, is enclosed with this order. Post Commanders are requested to have it read to the Posts and published in the local papers.

XII. The following new Posts have been mustered:

Rincheval Post, No. 572, at Rhineland, Montgomery Co., December 21st, 1901, by W. L. Heckmann, P. P. C. Post 320, Special Mustering Officer, with 15 charter members; Henry W. Hagedorn, Post Commander.

H. M. Hiller Post, No. 573, at Alexandria, Clark Co., January 24th, 1902, by Joe Morgan, P. C. Post 110, Special Mustering Officer, with 18 charter members; James R. Smith, Post Commander.

XIII. The following Posts are delinquent for the term ending December 31st, 1901:

Posts 146, 209, 217, 224, 229, 250, 262, 279, 411, 416, 436, 479, 537.

The following are delinquent for both terms of 1901:

Posts 137, 167, 222, 231, 283, 367, 383, 440, 444, 454, 469, 482, 489.

Post Commanders are urged to make these reports at once, otherwise their Posts will not be entitled to representation in the Department Encampment.

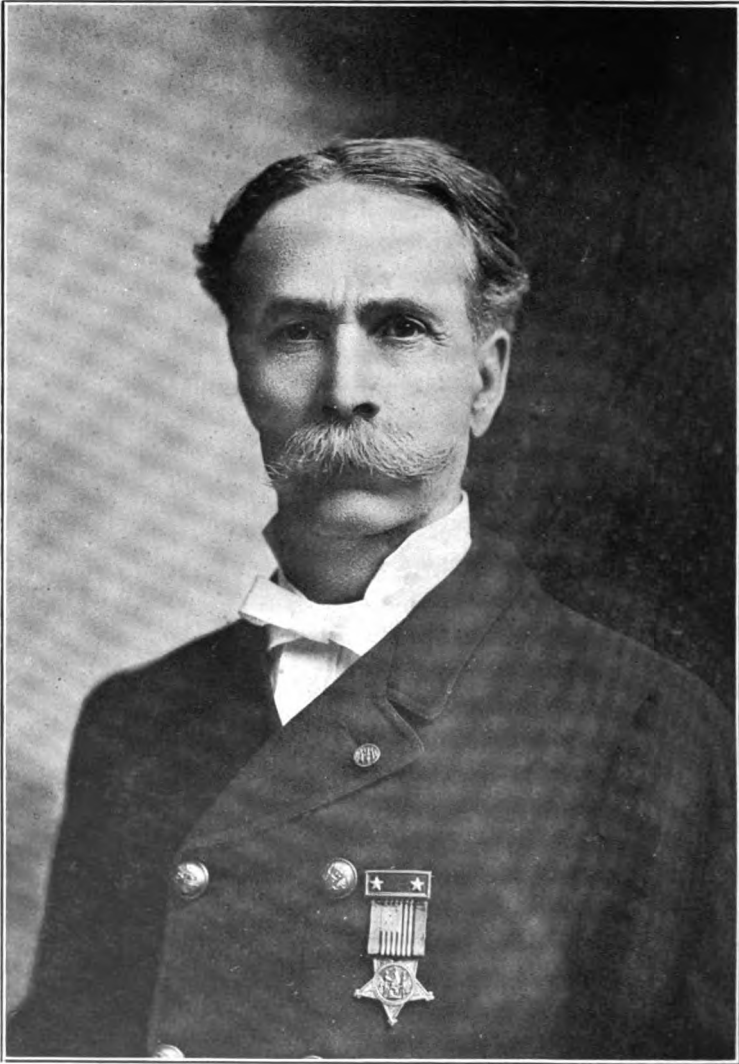
XIV. A number of Posts have failed to send report of inspection to the Department Inspector, THOS. J. DOCKERY, Kirksville, Mo., and also to these Headquarters report of delegates to the Department Encampment. Blanks for these reports are enclosed to such Posts with this Order.

XV. By request, announcement is made that the Missouri Ex-Union Prisoners of War Association will meet at Cape Girardeau during the session of the Encampment. The time and place will be announced at the Encampment.

XVI. The Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth National Encampment have been received, and will be distributed to the Posts represented at the Encampment.

By Command of GEORGE HALL, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*





**IRA T. BRONSON, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

PROCEEDINGS  
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The Third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri adopted the following *Order of Business* and the *Rules of Order* for the National Encampment, so far as the same may be applicable to a Department:

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of the Encampment.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling Roll of Members.
5. Reports of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committees on Reports of Officers, and such other Committees as may be necessary.
7. Reception and Reference of Communications.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Election of Officers and Delegates to National Encampment.
11. Installation of Officers.

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FIRST DAY— MORNING SESSION, MAY 13th.

The Twenty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Opera House, at 10 o'clock a. m., May 13th and was called to order by Department Commander, Ira T. Bronson.

The Department Commander: This is an open meeting of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, and I take great pleasure in introducing Mayor W. G. Pendleton, of the City of Boonville, whose hospitality we now enjoy, who will address you.

Mr. Department Commander, Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri: The agreeable duty has been assigned to me, as Mayor and official representative of the city, of greeting you as the city's guests and extending to you the welcome of the citizens of Boonville. A welcome that comes not from the lips only but one that comes from the hearts of all of our citizens, and when I say all I mean all. I mean those who were for and with the South as well as those who were for and with the North in the great war in which you fought; those who have been born since the war and those who have come to us from foreign lands since that event.

Nearly forty years have elapsed since the clash of arms in the great conflict ceased, and the angel of peace spread her wings over this bleeding land. The balm of time had nearly subdued the passions and hatred aroused by the bitter struggle, and it took but the nation's call to arms to face a foreign foe, to completely reunite our people into one harmonious whole. Since 1898, since Manila and

Santiago, Mason and Dixon's line can no longer be traced in the hearts of the people of this land, and to-day, as never before within this generation, our dear country is united, one and inseparable.

In many homes in this city to-day, those who wore the blue are guests of those who wore the gray, or whose loved ones marched under the stars and bars, and perhaps, sleep to-day on southern battle-fields where they fell fighting for the lost cause. And yet, veterans who wore the blue, no truer hosts than these, and none within whose portals will you meet a warmer, truer welcome, or a more genuine hospitality.

It has always been noticed that the prejudices engendered by the war affected the soldiers on either side less than it did their friends who had no actual participation in the conflict. And while this, if true, may at first thought seem strange, upon reflection I believe it can be readily explained. Hardships, dangers and privations endured by the soldier on the march and battlefield, in camp, hospital and prison, softened his heart toward the soldier on the other side who suffered the same hardships, dangers and privations. Hence each had a ready sympathy for the other, a sympathy that has ever drawn the old veterans upon either side closer and more closely together, until to-day they meet and mingle everywhere more as old friends than as foes. And the knightly and generous spirit of the old soldiers has led the way to general reconciliation, and to-day we can all as friends, kindred and countrymen shake hands across the bloody chasm that time and mutual forbearance has closed forever.

Veterans of the Grand Army, we feel highly honored by your selection of our city as the place of this encampment, and we shall collectively and individually, do everything in our power to render your visit to Boonville pleasant and agreeable.

As Mayor I tender you the freedom of the city and deliver its keys into your hands. Feel at liberty, make yourselves at home, enjoy yourselves, do as you please here.

Here and about, you will find some objects of war time interest. Here one of the earliest battles of the war was fought. More than once from '61 to '65 the rattle of musketry and the boom of cannon awoke the echoes of Boonville's vine-clad hills. Here the martyred John A. Hayn fell, an early sacrifice to his country's cause. Here, the gallant Lyon marched up College Hill not two blocks away, leading into Boonville his magnificent regulars and put to rout the undisciplined confederate recruits gathered to oppose him. Here Price's army in '64 invested and held the city for a short time until compelled to retire before the pursuing enemy.

Veterans, these and other historic scenes and incidents will interest you, together with the earnest and hospitable efforts of our citizens to entertain you will, I trust, pleasantly impress you and make you glad you came to Boonville.

Once more I greet you and bid you hearty, cordial welcome, and I hope that you may one and all live to enjoy many more encampments. Some of you, alas, may not; for,

“Not as you marched in days of yore,  
 When strong in war's array;  
 Not with the same swift eagerness  
 You press along the way.  
 For there is weariness of age,  
 In numbers you are few;  
 Instead of hosts there now is seen  
 A weak, thin line of blue,  
 But, although your heads are gray,  
 And slower is your tread,  
 The same old spirit animates  
 As when you boldly led.  
 And though you lack the old time dash,  
 Your hearts are just as true  
 As when you with your comrades marched  
 A mighty host of blue.”

Veterans, welcome to Boonville.

Comrade W. A. Fast, Post 53, being called upon by the Department Commander responded to the Mayor's address as follows:

Mr. Mayor, Department Commander and Comrades: In the presence of this large assembly and speaking for my comrades of the Grand Army of the Department of Missouri, whose representatives here in convention assembled, I feel that I have not at my command fitting language to adequately express the thanks of my comrades, for the hearty good will, the generous welcome and kindly courtesies that have been literally showered upon us since our advent into this city.

Mr. Mayor, while the earnest language of your address of welcome, warm and fervent as it flowed from your generous and patriotic heart, filled us with emotions of gratitude, yet it voiced only a portion of the generous welcome which the good people of Boonville has accorded us. The smiling faces of the men, women and children upon your streets, the foliage of flags bedecking the beautiful homes of your hospitable people, your public buildings waving out their glad acclaim, all these and more tell us in joyous unison that we of the Grand Army, in this, the centennial year, of this Imperial Domain, are one with you in heart, in sympathy and patriotic devotion. We assemble here on our annual errand of business, of pleasure, of social enjoyment among ourselves, and on your kindly invitation to commingle among comrades and fellow

citizens whom we love, honor and respect. Though clad in old-time army blue, we are on a mission of peace, pleasure and social enjoyment, conscious that we shall leave your homes, your fire-sides and your city, richer in our experience of the good that lies imbedded in the hearts of intelligent men and women. We wear the blue because we are old-fashioned fellows, because garbed in the blue our blood pulsates more quickly, because in the blue we are boys again. Like the Irishman's wearing of the green, the wearing of the blue makes us one again. It revives old memories, memories of hardships cheerfully endured, of sacrifices willingly made, of courage long sustained against odds, of devotion, of comradeship. It is our stimulant—I will not say our only stimulant, for we have here at hand the bounteous, the ever-flowing, often over-flowing Missouri to drink from. In the blue, we seem to renew our youth, our strength, our pride.

Mr. Mayor, take the old and apparently jaded horse from the plow, strip him of his plow, gears, rub him down briskly, put on the silver mounted harness and hitch him to your holiday rubber-tired buggy, crack your whip, and he is off like a colt. Take the old army veteran from the bench, from the furrow, take off his plow shoes and field garments, put on his army blue, brass buttons, a half dozen badges, a cord and tasseled hat—see him straighten up! tap the drum or sound a bugle call, and lo! you have the step and bearing of a boy of '61. Fix your attention and you will see that while time has furrowed his cheek and has silvered his hair, it has also broadened his humanity, deepened his sympathies, widened the scope of his charities, softened the asperities of his youth, and now, Mr. Mayor, in the fullness of his ripened experience he is gentle and he's kind, and you'll never, never find a better friend, than old Yank, "Jonathan." But, mark you! never have the fires of his patriotism glowed with steadier and intenser heat; never has his love for the American Union mounted to a higher altitude. With an exultation born of comradeship on many fated fields, he recalls that "Old Glory," never wore so many stars, her jewels, and that never have they blazed forth with so resplendent a light, that never have her bars enfolded within their magnificent sweep so many lands, and that never has her beneficent power gladdened the souls of so many of God's creatures, as now.

A few days ago, I, with many of your citizens, was engulfed in the vast crowds which came from the four corners of this broad land, and which included distinguished representatives of nearly every civilized nation upon the face of the earth, to witness and take part in the dedication of the spacious grounds and magnificent buildings in which is to be held an Exposition of the results and products of man's handiwork in the vast and varied fields of intelligent and peaceful industry, all commemorative of the acquisition of

that vast domain known as the Louisiana Purchase. How fittingly grand and imposing those ceremonies! Dead indeed to every elevating and ennobling sentiment born of the human soul, must have been the American who having witnessed that pageant, went away without having implanted within his breast a higher, a broader, a nobler conception of the possibilities of his native land in every field of righteous human endeavor. It almost seemed that a new heaven and earth was revealed unto the enraptured throng. It is our pride and our pleasure, Mr. Mayor, comrades and friends, to know and to realize that Missouri ranks first among the twelve great commonwealths already carved out of that magnificent domain by legal enactments, and that this beautiful city whose guests we are to-day was one of the earliest town sites laid within Missouri. Boonville, enthroned upon her seven hills like Rome of old, her Tiber, the broad, restless Missouri, whose waters mingling the sands of seven states, each an empire in extent, flow on towards the sea with a majestic sweep and resistless power, at once, emblematic and prophetic of destiny of the Imperial Domain in which she finds her source, through which she plows her sinuous course, and from which she pours her flood of water to be lost in the ocean. Boonville, vine-clad and flower embowered, the home of brave men and fair women whose commingling of intellectual pursuits and social graces lends a charm that at once impresses and pleases all who come within its circle. Boonville is good enough, is beautiful enough, is historical enough, is patriotic enough to be and become the host, the entertainer of presidents, to be the recipient of the smiles and favors of the best people of this cultured and Christian nation.

The record of the Grand Army is made up. Its place in history is well nigh determined. Its roster bears the names of presidents, and, too, it loves to boast that in all this broad land there are none so humble, but that their names may be found on its roll of honor.

One year ago, the Department of Missouri felt honored by the flattering invitation of the citizens of Boonville to be their guests on the occasion of their Encampment in this centennial year. And to-day we are delighted with the generous welcome and kindly reception accorded us by the people of Boonville. Mr. Mayor, in behalf of my comrades, I thank you and through you, all the good people of Boonville, for this broad and generous welcome.

Comrade J. F. Gmelich, Commander of John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, of Boonville, welcomed the comrades on behalf of the Post, in a few well chosen, eloquent and heartfelt words, and was responded to in a fitting and eloquent manner by Comrade Jno. M. Williams, the Judge Advocate.

The Department Commander announced the closing of the informal proceedings and after all present, who were

not members had retired, declared the Encampment opened in due form.

The Department Chaplain not being present Past Department Chaplain Ferril being called upon by the Commander, invoked the Divine blessing.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of officers as follows, those present being marked with an asterisk\* :

Department Commander,  
\*IRA T. BRONSON.

Senior Vice Department Commander,  
\*JERE T. DEW.

Junior Vice Department Commander,  
\*AUGUST BIERWIRTH.

Medical Director,  
\*DR. EDWARD BORCK.

Chaplain,  
\*REV. J. J. MARTIN.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant  
Quartermaster General,  
\*THOS. B. RODGERS.

Inspector,  
\*S. M. SPARKLIN.

Judge Advocate,  
\*JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

Chief Mustering Officer,  
HARRY MITCHELL.

Council of Administration,  
JAMES B. WILDE, \*FRANCIS P. BECKER, \*ERNST ROTTECK,  
ROBERT W. DAVIS, \*HENRY FAIRBACK,

Past Department Commanders,

*WM. WARNER,	*CHAS. G. BURTON,
W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,	LOUIS GRUND,
NELSON COLE,	*LOUIS BENECKE,
E. E. KIMBALL,	*THOS. B. RODGERS,
HIRAM SMITH, JR.,	*JOHN P. PLATT,
JOHN E. PHELPS,	*A. G. PETERSON,
LEO. RASSIEUR,	*JOHN W. SCOTT,
*GEO. W. MARTIN,	*W. F. HENRY,
*C. W. WHITEHEAD,	GEORGE HALL.

|| Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

**Roll of the Twenty-Second Annual Encampment,  
Department of Missouri G. A. R.**

**Held at Boonville, Mo., May 13th and 14th, 1903.**

**Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, St. Louis.**

P. C., Henry F. Kiel.

P. P. C., Thos. B. Rodgers, J. B. Gandolfo, James McClure, Sol. Boehm, F. M. Sterrett, Arthur Dreifus, Chas. F. Vogel, Adam Fischer, Chris. Fricke, Cord Ringen.

Rep., Louis Koop, John Lindecker, John Schmid, Chas. Steiner, Rudolph Blattner, W. F. Silverwood, Henry Helmich, Chas. V. F. Ludwig, Fred. Schoening, Daniel Hoesli.

**Gen. Lyon Post No. 2, St. Louis.**

P. P. C., Chas. Niedringhaus, Henry Evers, Chas. Human

**McPherson Post No. 4, Kansas City.**

P. P. C., Chas. W. Clarke, R. M. Stewart.

**A. Lincoln Post No. 5, Moberly.**

P. C., Nich. Mathias.

P. P. C., A. B. Thompson, J. B. Cotty, J. W. Scott, Alex. McCandless, R. T. McCaskey, W. S. Betts, August Last, Chas. Burkhardt, W. B. Stewart.

Rep., L. D. Guile.

**James A. Garfield Post No. 6, Jefferson City.**

P. C., Theo. E. Schultz.

P. P. C., H. T. Holmes.

Rep., L. V. Dix.

**Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph.**

Rep., Thos. J. Ferril.

**Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, Kansas City.**

P. C., Hiram Crampton.

P. P. C., Wm. Warner, C. W. Whitehead, Charles Carples, Jere T. Dew, Wm. E. Moll, W. H. Wormstead, Wilbur F. Henry.

Rep., Chas. N. Brooks, Wm. J. Nelson, George W. Clarke, August Bruenert.



**Gen. Canby Post, No. 10, Rich Hill.**

Rep., Amos. D. Pontious.

**James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Lexington.**

P. C., M. L. Studdard.

P. P. C., C. H. Schaefermeyer, Gustave Pirner, John Shinn, J. M. Crowder.

Rep., Henry H. Kenner.

**Col. Hassendeubel Post No. 13, St. Louis.**

P. C., Hubert Munchrath.

P. P. C., John A. Goeb, Ernst Kretschmar, Peter Bobe, Louis C. Hesse, Chas. Biehle, Martin Scherer, Chas. Hunnius, Louis Young, Chas. Totsch, O. Gaisler, W. R. Rohlfing, Chas. E. Koken, J. P. Mohrstedt.

Rep., Francis P. Becker, Max Fritz, Geo. F. Laemlein, Herman Angermueller, Henry Miller, Henry Mueller, John B. Schneider, Geo. P. Kaiser.

**O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.**

P. C., W. Jones.

P. P. C., J. L. Briggs, G. W. Hight.

Rep., Thomas Burg, C. S. Barry.

**Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.**

Rep., John A. Dell.

**Joe Hooker Post No. 17, Cameron.**

P. P. C., J. P. Platt.

**Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.**

P. P. C., H. E. Robinson.

**Corporal Dix Post No. 22, Kirksville.**

P. C., Thos. J. Dockery.

P. P. C., John Shaver, O. C. Snyder, Alfred N. Seaber, J. Cory Fish.

Rep., James C. Pluss, George Hays.

**F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.**

P. C., Wm. Greer.

P. P. C., T. H. McKay, J. N. Ketcham, C. W. Haynes, Adam Rodgers.

Rep., C. C. Birge.

**Gen. Joe Bailey Post No. 26, Nevada.**

P. C., John W. Jennings.

P. P. C., Chas. G. Burton, J. T. Birdseye.

Rep., C. N. Otten.

**Tindall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.**

P. C., Jno. w. Toppass.

P. P. C., J. R. Tisdale.

Rep., James Bench.

**McCook Post No. 34, Lamar.**

P. P. C., A. VanMeter.

**Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.**

P. P. C., W. J. Skinner, J. H. Crawford.

**Capt. J. L. Clark Post No. 47, Green City.**

P. P. C., Victor Aubrey.

**Gen. George R. Smith Post No. 53, Sedalia.**

P. P. C., W. A. Fast, Ira T. Bronson, W. B. Challicomb, John Rippey, John W. Trader, Chas. Kooch, G. P. Bennett.

Reps., George Williams, Noble H. Rogers, John Wickline, Frank White.

**O. H. Wood Post No. 57, Brookfield.**

P. P. C., Geo. W. Martin, J. M. Sheets, J. V. Martin, A. J. Lanning.

Rep., H. Hart.

**Bates County Post, No. 58, Butler.**

Rep., David Jennings.

**Gen. Wadsworth Post No. 60, Dawn.**

P. P. C., F. A. Snider.

**Col. Wm. Wilkinson Post, No. 65, Mound City.**

P. P. C., E. G. Smith, Joseph Parrish.

Rep., Roger McCoy.

**Tarkio Post, No. 67, Tarkio.**

P. C., O. M. Fuller.

**Gen. E. D. Baker Post No. 68, Green Ridge.**

P. P. C., Chas. E. Wadleigh, S. D. Haight, Robert Hastie, Geo. McLaughlin.

Rep., Mathias Sheble.

**Capt. John Mathews Post No. 69, Springfield.**

P. C., R. R. Witten.

P. P. C., J. R. Milner, J. W. Lisenby, A. Demuth, John P. Tracy, J. T. Walker, Joseph McAdoo, W. C. Calland.

Rep., J. J. Gideon, W. W. Langston, J. B. Glass.

**Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.**

P. P. C., W. B. Rogers

**Col. Grover Post No. 78, Warrensburg.**

P. C., Geo. S. Brinkerhoff.

Rep., G. A. Douglas, F. X. Wagner.

**Yaeger-Sharp Post, No. 82, Wellsville.**

P. C., John A. Blackwell.

P. P. C., James H. Stone, Seth Mapes.

Rep., Jesse B. McQuie.

**C. G. Harker Post, No. 88, Meadville.**

P. P. C., Lewis Young.

**Gen. G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.**

Rep., Herman Crede.

**Arthur Crockett Post, No. 106, Malta Bend.**

P. C., J. W. Blackburn.

P. P. C., J. G. Jones, W. W. Randolph, Wm. Nye.

**Harry P. Harding Post No. 107, St. Louis.**

P. P. C., Geo. Schubert, Fred. Post, Wm. R. Oder, Henry Fairback, Edward Borck.

Rep., Phillip Richers, Louis Schaeperkoetter, Peter Neifind.

**Jeff C. Davis Post, No. 108, Versailles.**

P. C., W. T. Bowen.

P. P. C., J. Barber.

Rep., John Halloway.

**Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.**

P. C., W. T. Munson.

P. P. C., M. G. Garner, John Parsley.

Rep., J. D. Parsley.

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Rep., J. A. Sudborough, A. J. Showers, D. R. Haynes, T. H. Hagerty, C. H. Davis, E. W. Duncan.

**Sergeant B. H. Porch Post, No. 135, Olean.**

Rep., J. C. Walker.

**Samuel McClure Post No. 145, Eldon.**

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**Avalon Post, No. 146, Avalon.**

P. P. C., J. C. Cook.  
Rep., Joseph T. McCleery.

**Keeler Post No. 152, Melrose.**

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**Gen. Frank J. Herron Post No. 161, Buffalo.**

P. C., David F. Olinger.  
Rep., R. A. Morrow.

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P. C., Henry A. Astholz.  
P. P. C., August Bierwirth, Louis F. Klosterman, John Wolter,  
Henry Henze.

**Stephen Estle Post, No. 178, DeWitt.**

P. P. C., F. F. Audsley, J. M. Null.  
Rep., Chas. Rahn.

**Major Hunt Post, No. 185, Center.**

P. P. C., T. G. McCune.

**Col. Morse Post, No. 197, Warrenton.**

P. P. C., Aug. Hollman, John H. Frick  
Rep., Henry Vogt.

**Sergeant Ryan Post, No. 214, Brashear.**

Rep., D. Y. Corkel.

**Picket Post No. 215, Farmington.**

P. P. C., E. D. Hopkins, J. J. Martin.

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Rep., C. W. Corkran.

**S. L. Turley Post, No. 222, Melbourne.**

P. P. C., M. G. Netherton

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P. P. C., J. B. Evans.

**T. J. Brouster Post No. 233, Clayton.**

P. C., Jacob Eschenbrenner.

**W. S. Hancock Post No. 239, Mexico.**

Rep., T. T. Turley.

**John A. Hayn Post No. 240, Boonville.**

P. C., J. F. Gmelich.

P. P. C., Chas. C. Bell, Nicholas Smith, R. W. Whitlow, Joseph Leiber, Ewing Roberts, H. L. McMellon.

Rep., Chas. Brandes.

**Andy Smith Post No. 243, Willow Springs.**

Rep., Geo. Hutchinson.

**Pinhart Post No. 268, Brunswick.**

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P. P. C., Louis Benecke, Joseph Gross, Benjamin Showers.

Rep., Wm. Bitter.

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P. P. C., Jacob Hott, Wm. H. Mengel, J. S. Roth, J. M. Williams, Wm. H. Sturgis, Jacob Neuiffer, Wm. Barnhill, G. W. Sappington, H. D. Graves, J. W. Yarnell, Fred. Bantrop.

Rep., John B. Stewart, G. H. Pountain.

**Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282, Carrollton.**

P. P. C., E. M. Mitchell.

**Chas. Sumner Post, No. 286, Boonville.**

P. C., Robert Umphries.

P. P. C., Ellis Smith.

Rep., Robert Proctor.

**Bob Ford Post No. 303, Coffeysburg.**

P. P. C. Cornelius Yost.

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Rep., E. R. Bates.

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P. C., H. Buddemeyer.

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Rep., J. W. French.

**Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.**

P. P. C., Geo. W. Edwards.

**Harwood Post No. 375, Harwood.**

Rep., Joseph Shute.

**Capt. Tom Walker Post No. 379, Leora.**

P. C., I. H. Crews.

**Durbin Ward Post No. 405, Pickering.**

P. C., N. B. Brown.

**Smithton Post, No. 417, Smithton.**

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P. P. C., J. D. Monsees.

**Sergeant Clay Shaw Ppst No. 418, Sedalia.**

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P. P. C., J. K. Rodgers, J. H. Peveler.

Rep., W. D. Goshorn.

**Florence Post, No. 423, Florence.**

P. C., Wm. F. Moon.

Rep., G. W. Fowler.

**Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.**

P. C., Talton Woods.

**E. E. Kimball Post, No. 453, Middletown.**

P. C., A. F. Butler.

**Vandalia Post No. 466, Vandalia.**

Rep., W. O. Barnett.

**Lieut. Brooks Post, No. 469, Ashland.**

P. C., W. O. Blanchard.

**Callaway Post No. 472, Fulton.**

P. P. C. J. L. Erwin.

**Col. Meumann Post No. 496, St. Louis.**

P. C., Edward Jansen.

Rep., John Stupp, Peter Kuehner.

**Harrison A. Gleim Post, No. 512, Tipton.**

P. C., J. B. Wolf.

P. P. C., David Shriak, J. S. Stinger, George Doelfelder, J. H. Simpson, A. Koechner, Thos. Williams.

Rep., F. M. Joslyn.

**Tecumseh Post, No. 537, Ridge Prairie.**

Rep., C. B. Hooper.

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Rep., Mat. Roberson.

**Capt. John A. Davis Post No. 549, Windsor.**

P. P. C., John Wesner, W. J. Colbow.

**Gatzweiler Post No. 554, St. Charles.**

P. C., Louis Ringe.  
Rep., Wm. Wiedey.

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P. P. C., Wm. Lowe.

**James F. How Post No. 567, Moberly.**

P. P. C., S. S. Rich, H. A. Jaco, Geo. H. Plowman, S. T. Mason,  
A. Ostman.  
Rep., B. J. Patrick.

**Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.**

P. C., H. W. Hagedorn.  
Rep., Henry Thomas.

**Capt. E. D. Johnson Post No. 574, Elmira.**

P. C., J. T. Roberts.  
P. P. C., W. N. Perkins.

**Albert Anderson Post No. 575, Winona.**

P. C., Alex. Teel.

MARTIN SCHERER, Post 13,  
W. JONES, Post 14,  
W. H. MENGEL, Post 276.  
R. W. WHITLOW, Post 240,  
JOHN T. BIRDSEYE, Post 26,  
Committee on Credentials.

On recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, the following named comrades were admitted as representatives: Thos. Burg and C. S. Barry, Post 14; G. P. Bennett, Post 53, and R. A. Morrow, Post 161.

On motion the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with.

Senior Vice-Commander Dew was called to the chair.

The officers' reports having been printed and distributed in the Encampment, on motion the reading of the reports, with the exception of the Department Commander's address, was dispensed with.

Department Commander Bronson then read his address as follows:

## ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: One year ago we were encamped upon the bank of the "Father of Waters," in that historic city, Cape Girardeau, where still remains much of the quaintness of the early French settlements, and where no less than on four different occasions, during the late rebellion, the contending forces met in deadly conflict. Again, to-day, we are encamped on historic ground, on the bank of the "Great Muddy," in one of the best located and most beautiful of the many cities that line the shores of the Missouri. Here, too, early in 1861, was heard the storm of battle; so early that its participants may lay claim to having been in one of the first engagements of the civil war. Near where we are sitting to-day in peace, enjoying the hospitality of this beautiful city, one of the links was welded into that great chain of battles that were fought during the years of your service for the maintenance of the integrity of this great Union of States. A chain of blood and suffering that girdled and swept over our southern country for four long years, until the would-be destroyer was encircled in the narrow fields of Appomatox. A chain of iron hail made necessary for the fulfillment of the promise, that this nation should become the teacher of the world in humanitarian upbuilding.

One more year with its trials, its tears and its smiles has passed us along toward that country from whose bourne no traveler returns. Many of our comrades have passed from our presence. Hundreds of them have been added to the Eternal camping ground and their "green tents" are now dotting the landscape. Many others are nearing the final bivouac, only waiting for the shadow limits, when for them will taps be sounded.

Yet we rejoice that, so few have gone, that so many of our comrades who passed through untold hardships and the fire of many battles are still in comparative health and vigor. Still able, as living monuments, to teach the great lesson of one country, one flag, and human liberty. We rejoice that so many of us are enjoying the fruition that has come as a result of the patriotism of the men of eighteen sixty-one and sixty-five that has come to this nation and the world because those men stood undaunted for the maintenance of the principles for which our fathers fought.

But the days have come when the gaps in our ranks are showing even more perceptibly than they did at Shiloh, Vicksburg, Antietam or Gettysburg—gaps that can not longer be filled by closing up, either from the right or the left.

This thought behooves us, comrades, to do all in our power to



hold on to that we have, to stay by the colors, and prove to be an encouragement one to the other as age comes creeping on taking one by one into the silent beyond.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

It has been impossible to stem the outgoing tide of suspensions, dropped members and losses by death. Suspensions is the great element of loss. You will learn from the Assistant Adjutant General's report that muster in during the year has exceeded the losses by death, which is most gratifying; yet the great number of suspensions is still depleting our ranks. True, our suspension list is not as large as in the preceding year, yet it is large enough to convince us of a rapid diminishing of our number. We must remember, comrades, over forty years have been added to our lives since we marched to the rescue of the flag; more than an average life time! Can we expect else than a rapid depletion? No; unless we are able to stand in the breach and stop the outflow of suspensions. There should be no suspensions. There should be no losses except by death, and we should be able for another decade to compensate the latter by reinstatements and new recruits. This can only be done by the eternal vigilance of every comrade now on the rolls.

We can only refill our ranks by two methods: First, by bringing back the stragglers; second, by bringing in new recruits.

It should be the aim of every comrade to bring in the straggler. He is easy of approach, and with little persuasion can be brought back to the ranks. I believe we should especially seek our suspended members. Make their return easy. Remit their dues and charge the smallest possible fee. I would recommend that the only expense of reinstatement to the comrade coming back to the Post, be six months' dues in advance, and for recruits six months' dues and the cost of the badge. Make the return and admission easy, comrades. It will pay in the long run.

#### FINANCE.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General, which you have in your hands, will inform you of our financial condition. Therefore, it is unnecessary for me to take valuable time in recapitulation. I would call you attention, however, to one fact. The expenses of the Department since 1893 have yearly exceeded the income, until the last year, which shows a small balance on the credit side. This balance has been achieved only by the strictest economy and the result of the increase of per capita tax voted in 1901. To have even a small balance on the credit side of the ledger is gratifying, but it should not lull us into the false notion that this will continue. The ever-decreasing membership will inevitably decrease our income.

We now pay a salary of \$1200 and furnish an office at \$15.00 a month or \$180 a year. We can not expect that our Assistant Adjutant General can devote his entire time to the department for much less than he is now receiving. But the question arises, do we need his entire time? I believe not. There was a time when his entire attention was needed; when the Department was large and new Posts were being continually organized. But that day has passed, and the work is not near as much at present. I believe there are many competent comrades to be found in the Department who would do the work of Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General for much less than is now paid, if the Encampment will leave the headquarters within the appointment of the Department Commander. I further believe it to be a mistake, financially, to compel the headquarters to remain in one place, notwithstanding the Department Commander's home and interests may be elsewhere. Experience has taught me now that our expenses are exceeding our income and no reserve to fall back upon, the Department Commander should have the location of the headquarters of the Department at his disposal. Thus could be saved to the Department much of the Assistant Adjutant General's salary as now paid. As long, however, as the headquarters is fixed in one place, so long must we pay a salary commensurate with a comrade of experience, and thus capable of running the Department. True, we have many valuable relics and archives that should have a place of safe deposit, which the comrades can visit. There is no place in the State better fitted for that purpose than where it now is. This could be easily controlled by giving the rooms to some worthy responsible comrade as an office free of rent, with the proviso that the relics and archives should be cared for and a due accounting made yearly to the Department Commander and council of administration.

This matter of location of headquarters may be premature but it should be considered with care. Our income will be less and less as the years go by. We make but little money on supplies, also by new organizations. Practically our sole dependence is in the per capita tax,—which can not well be increased—the sum of which will constantly grow less as the comrades drop from the ranks. We must remember that every one hundred reduction in membership leaves our exchequer \$25 short.

#### OUR KANSAS CITY PROPERTY.

The small property owned by the Department in Kansas City remains unsold. Efforts have been made by the Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General to dispose of it as directed by the encampment last year, but they have so far been unable to consummate a sale. We have invested in this property \$1200, with a paving bill against it of \$90 with interest. We offered the place

for \$1350—which includes the \$1,000 town improvements and commission for selling. The property is well worth the money and should not be sold for one dollar less. It rents at \$12 a month, and, now that the paving, sidewalk and sewer connections are complete, there should be a yearly income from it until disposed of. The place is well located and in fair condition. However, a few dollars' worth of paint and paper would improve its appearance and help to sell it.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This noble auxiliary is standing faithfully by the tenets and spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic; rendering aid and comfort to our poor distressed comrades, their families, and the widows and orphans of those who gave their last meed for the flag they loved. Woman's work commenced on the battlefields in 1861. To the sympathizing heart and the gentle hands of woman do many of the sick and wounded owe their lives. Not only on the battlefield but in the hospitals and in the lonely and desolate homes did the Woman's Relief Corps extend substantial encouragement in the days that tried men's souls.

The comrades of this Department undoubtedly owe to this auxiliary by its untiring zeal, the fact that we have a well regulated Union Soldiers' Home in our state; also that there is added yearly by these noble women to this home, comforts and good cheer, causing our destitute wards to feel that they are not forgotten.

#### THE UNION SOLDIERS' HOME.

I have made two visits to our Union Soldiers' Home at St. James; one just prior to my election as Department Commander, and one subsequently.

This Home is well appointed and well conducted. The superintendent, Comrade R. P. Goodall, is the right man in the right place, who, seconded by his most estimable wife, does all in his power to make a true home for our aged and helpless comrades and their worthy companions. The stigma of pauper is not allowed by word or act to humiliate, but the inmates are treated rather as boarders, causing them to realize they are receiving no more than their just dues, earned by sacrifices and hardships that can never be told, while standing in the fire of battle, helping to make possible this great and prosperous people. In the last year many improvements have been added to the home; conspicuously, the work done through the agency of the Woman's Relief Corps, in beautifying the cemetery. The grounds have been laid off in sections as was contemplated years ago; the roadways graded and graveled, the graves placed on a uniform level and the whole property sodded. Also a substantial and beautiful fence has been built around the ground the whole at a cost of \$400. I believe this home is managed according to the spirit intended by its founders—the Woman's Relief Corps of Missouri.

## THE SONS OF VETERANS.

I am unable to give you any report from the Sons of Veterans, because I have failed to receive any from the organization. The Colonel commanding has from time to time favored me with his general orders; otherwise I have no knowledge of the Missouri Camp. This organization should have our hearty support and endorsement in every way possible. To it we must look for the future perpetuation of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY AT MASON CITY, IOWA.

This university founded by the Sons of Veterans, has offered one free scholarship to each Department represented in the National Encampment. I have offered this scholarship to this Department in General Orders. Several have intimated a desire to accept the appointment but failed to avail themselves of it. This matter is yet in the hands of the Encampment to offer this scholarship.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

As the years flit by we are more and more impressed with the importance of the proper observance of this day of days in our history.

There is no day celebrated of greater significance to the American people and to the world than is this day we devote to the memory of our dead comrades. And as each succeeding Memorial Day dawns upon us, we are more and more convinced of the righteousness of its founding. It is a day that brings the entire American people under a patriotic influence that forces upon them the fact that our prosperity as a Nation is founded upon the patriotism of men who sacrificed all that the Republic might live, and that one flag should wave supreme over it.

In no year in our history since the founding of this day by our honored and lamented comrade, General John A. Logan, was it more universally observed than in 1902. Its observance should be one of the great elements in our organization and no comrade should permit himself to be deprived of adding his influence to its perpetual observance.

## DISCIPLINE.

There has been no misunderstanding during the year to disturb our harmony and comradeship, sufficient to need the interference of the judiciary of the Department.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The National Encampment was attended by a fair representation from this Department. Our entire delegation was present at the business session and no Department at the Encampment made a bet-

ter appearance on the parade than the comrades from Missouri. In short, Missouri held its old time reputation in uniform, discipline and alignment.

#### REUNIONS.

It has been my pleasure to attend a number of reunions in different parts of the State and I have always gone away from them with the feeling that there is no element in our work more adapted to our needs as a patriotic organization than these yearly meetings. Here the comrades meet on common ground. Here they greet each other and recall the old days when we were indeed soldiers. The surroundings, the camp, and the camp-kettle, bring them vividly to our memory.

These reunions should be encouraged and every comrade and old soldier in the State should have access to at least one every year. There should be more system, however, in their dates, so that several would not appear in the same week. If promoters of reunions in different parts of the State could communicate with each other and thus hold their encampments on separate dates, they would be able to secure speakers more easily and enable the Department officers to attend a greater number. If this plan had been pursued in the past year the Department Commander would have visited several more than he did. I will call your attention to another thing that can be utilized as a method of bringing the comrades together oftener. This has been called to your notice in two of the General Orders, viz.: the utilization of what is known among the pensioners as "Voucher Day," for a day of greeting and sociability. It appears that the Pension Department compels every pensioner to personally present himself to some notary public every three months to make oath, and sign what is known as a voucher, to enable him to draw his pension. There is a special day for this. This special day could be made by the comrades of great value in promoting the welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrades, we should take advantage of anything and everything that will help to hold our organization together.

#### PENSIONS.

There is but little to be said relative to this subject. It is generally believed that the work of the Pension Department is being conducted as fairly as possible, according to the spirit of the various enactments. There has been no complaint registered at Department headquarters during the past year.

Much has been said and written recently about a service pension, but the comrades are not yet agreed as to what they want. I believe the only way to succeed in securing a service pension enactment is for the comrades as a whole to get together on some feasible

plan by the appointment of a committee who shall have power to act for all. This committee should be appointed by the National Encampment.

### CONCLUSION.

As the days of my stewardship are about to close, I take this opportunity of again thanking the Department for the high honor bestowed upon me one year ago.

To be Commander of this Department, which is second to none, save in numbers, is an honor of which any man may be proud. Therefore, I shall again take my place in the ranks with a feeling of the deepest gratitude toward all my comrades.

I have tried to fill the high office to the best interests of the Department. Wherein failure has come it has been the result of a lack of judgment rather than of desire. In closing, I would most heartily thank the officers of the Department and my personal staff, who have so harmoniously labored with me during the year. I would especially mention the Assistant Adjutant General, whose experience and faithfulness has greatly lightened my labors.

To the comrades of this Department as a whole, I am indebted for the uniform kindness shown me in all things pertaining to my work, and as I say adieu as your Department Commander, I pledge myself to be always found standing faithfully by the tenets of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

IRA T. BRONSON,  
Department Commander.

## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Kansas City, Mo., April 30, 1903.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General Dep't of Mo., G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade: As the time draws near for the Encampment at Boonville, I submit herewith my report as Senior Vice-Commander, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

The office of Department Commander has been so ably filled by him who was elected to that honorable station at Cape Girardeau, that practically nothing remained for the Senior Vice to do.

However, I have heartily supported the administration, and aided in the work and for good of the order whenever and wherever opportunity was offered; and have diligently used my best endeavors for the interests, success and prosperity of the greatest patriotic organization in the world.

I attended myself, and assisted in securing a good representation from this city at the National Encampment at Washington City last fall, to swell the ranks of the Department in the great parade, and to participate in that immense and memorable gathering of patriotic heroes, at our National capital. Our delegation toured the South in their journey to and from that Encampment, visiting old battle fields and scenes of that great conflict of nearly forty years ago, which revived old memories and enabled the veterans to live over again, in a few days, some four years of the most strenuous times in the history of our country, and in which they took a very active and important part; and it served to increase their patriotism, and their interest in our Order, and to renew their faith and fealty to its tenets, fraternity, charity and loyalty.

Upon returning home from our Washington trip, I helped to arrange a reception and entertainment for our Department Commander, Ira T. Bronson, and his official staff, at our city on the evening of November 27th, 1902, where the Commander was given a hearty welcome, and we had an excellent camp-fire and an enjoyable and profitable time. It was regretted by all that others of his staff could not have been present.

I also participated in a movement which proved successful, to secure a visit to this Department of Commander-in-Chief Thos. J. Stewart and his staff, and party returning from San Francisco on March 5th, 1903, which, notwithstanding the very inclement weather at the time, and the consequently belated trains, and the short notice and time allowed us, proved quite gratifying to all. The Commander and party were met by us at the train and taken in carriages for a

drive through some of our principal streets and parks, and then they were conducted to G. A. R. headquarters where they were greeted and cordially received by a large audience who had assembled to do them honor, and two or three hours were spent to the delight of all, in speech-making and song service, after which the party, some twenty persons including the National officers of the G. A. R., the W. R. C. and the Circle, were escorted back to their car, and proceeded on their journey, with good impressions, we hope, of the comradeship and activity of the members in this Department.

In the interests of the old soldiers I have helped to inaugurate a plan for the proper recognition of the Veterans of the Blue and the Gray, and the part they shall take, on the occasion of the visit of President Roosevelt and party to our city on May 1st, prox., and have secured several hundred reserved seats for them in Convention hall, where the populace will assemble to receive the presidential party and be addressed by him, and we will have a place assigned to the Old Boys on the street to view the parade.

Thus you may know that I have not been idle, nor unmindful of our interests, but have been quietly and steadily working for the good and advancement of our cause.

Fraternally yours,

JERE. T. DEW,

Senior Vice-Commander, Dep't of Missouri, G. A. R.

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## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., April 15th, 1903.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General.

Comrade: I make this report more in accordance with an established custom than because I have anything of interest to report. Not having been called upon to perform any special duties in the line of my office, I have not been burdened with work.

Owing to a severe domestic affliction I was unable to attend the meeting of the National Encampment at Washington in October last.

I wish to return my thanks to the Comrades of the Department for the honor conferred upon me in my election to this position and to express my thorough appreciation of the same.

Hoping to meet you all in the Encampment at Boonville, I remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

AUGUST BIERWIRTH,

Junior Vice Department Commander.



## REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
St. Louis, Mo., May 5th, 1903. }

**IRA T. BRONSON, Department Commander.**

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1902.

The number of Posts December 31, 1901, was 332, which included fifteen Posts previously suspended, viz.: Posts Nos. 49, 61, 188, 249, 253, 258, 305, 342, 346, 426, 524, 539, 550, 560, 565. Of these, one Post, No. 61, was re-instated and the charters of the remaining fourteen Posts were annulled and revoked by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, at the last Department Encampment.

Eight Posts have surrendered their charters during the year 1902, viz.: Posts Nos. 216, 261, 444, 468, 489, 490, 520, 568. Three new Posts were mustered, Nos. 573, 574 and 575 making a net loss of 19 Posts, and leaving 313 Posts December 31, 1902, including 17 Posts which were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, at the last Department Encampment, viz.: Posts Nos. 45, 51, 73, 99, 100, 104, 213, 237, 244, 409, 435, 471, 478, 493, 504, 557, 495. Post No. 237 has since been reinstated.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1902:

### FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1902.

Number in good standing December 31, 1901.....	10,141
Gain by muster .....	197
Gain by transfer .....	71
Gain by re-instatement .....	225
Gain from delinquent reports .....	34
	527
Aggregate .....	10,668
Loss by death .....	155
Loss by honorable discharge .....	17
Loss by transfer .....	66
Loss by suspension .....	324
Loss by delinquent reports .....	136
Loss by surrender of charter .....	117
	815
Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1901.....	9,853

## SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Number in good standing June 30, 1902.....	9,853
Gain by muster .....	190
Gain by transfer .....	68
Gain by re-instatement .....	178
Gain from delinquent reports .....	20
	<u>456</u>
Aggregate .....	10,309
Loss by death .....	150
Loss by honorable discharge.....	6
Loss by transfer .....	59
Loss by suspension .....	461
Loss by delinquent reports .....	66
Loss by surrender of charter.....	31
	<u>773</u>
Number remaining in good standing December 31, 1902..	9,536

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing December 31, 1901.....	10,141
Gain during year by muster.....	387
Gain during year by transfer.....	139
Gain during year by re-instatement.....	403
Gain during year from delinquent reports.....	54
	<u>983</u>
Aggregate .....	11,124
Loss during year by death .....	305
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	23
Loss during year by transfer.....	125
Loss during year by suspension .....	785
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	202
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	148
	<u>1,588</u>
Number in good standing December 31, 1902.....	9,536
Number remaining suspended .....	5,230
	<u>14,766</u>
Total number on rolls December 31, 1902.....	14,766
Number of comrades dropped during year.....	615
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	274
Number of persons not members relieved during year....	146
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$ 1,236 17
Cash balance in Post funds December 31, 1902.....	11,898 89
Cash invested in collaterals.....	16,325 00
Cash balance in relief funds December 31, 1902.....	2,087 09
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	12,342 00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	16,380 40
	<u>\$59,033 69</u>
Total value of Post property.....	\$59,033 69

The number of representatives to which our department is entitled in the Thirty-seventh National Encampment is thirteen, in addition to the representative-at-large.

While the condition of the Department cannot be considered as good as we would like there are some encouraging features. Our net loss in 1902 of 605 is 425 less than that of the preceding year. Our losses by death, 305, are exceeded by gains from muster, which were 387. As before stated, we have mustered three new Posts, one more than in 1901. For the first time since 1893 our expenses have been less than our receipts. This has only been attained by the practice of the strictest economy consistent with the welfare of the Order, and in this I have had your earnest co-operation and support. In my report of last year I made the following statement: "I am satisfied that with the same economy as practiced in the past, the Department can meet its necessary expenses for the next and several following years without increasing the per capita tax." This I now repeat. It has been made good last year, and can be done in my opinion for several years to come.

We still hold our property at Kansas City, which is bringing us a rental of \$12 per month. There is a good prospect of disposing of it this Spring at a sum that will fully reimburse the Department.

I regret that more effort has not been made on the part of Posts at county seats and large towns to establish out-posts. Where a small Post after struggling for years against untoward circumstances is finally compelled to disband, a little effort might secure the small remnant as an out-post, and thereby give the Comrades an opportunity to maintain a home in the organization and still enjoy the privileges of membership.

The Department is indebted to the kindness of Hon. Chas. F. Joy, Representative in Congress from the 11th Congressional District, for Reports of the War Department and other interesting public documents.

The following Exhibits form part of this report:

Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "B," Statement of Supplies on hand.

Exhibit "C," Department Assets.

Exhibit "D," Membership of Posts.

In severing our official relations, which have been most pleasant, Commander, I desire to thank you for your confidence and trust, and express the hope that you may be spared for many years to meet with and enjoy the companionship of your comrades.

I return my sincere thanks to my fellow-members of the official staff and the Comrades generally and assure them that their uniform courtesy is fully appreciated.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS.

Asst. Adj't. Gen'l and Asst. Qr. Mr. Gen'l.

## EXHIBIT "A."

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1902.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance December 31, 1901.....	\$ 165 07
Received from per capita tax.....	2,415 29
Received from requisitions.....	255 18
Received from charter fees .....	42 00
Received from rents .....	32 87
Received from borrowed money.....	250 00
Total .....	<u>\$3,160 41</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies .....	\$ 148 79
Printing Encampment Journal.....	200 41
Printing and stationery .....	160 45
Rent o. office .....	180 00
Salary of Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	1,200 00
Postage .....	147 82
Relief (burial of friendless soldiers)....	62 20
Expenses National Encampment.....	54 90
Stenographer Dept. Encampment.....	48 90
Per capita tax .....	349 90
Insurance .....	20 00
Premium on bond of Asst. Adj. Gen'l...	15 00
Book case .....	12 50
Incidentals .....	62 30
Paid Loan .....	250 00
Traveling expenses:	
Department Commander Hall .....	\$ 40 00
Department Commander Bronson...	20 00
Asst. Adj. Gen'l Rodgers .....	6 05
	66 05
	<u>\$2,979 22</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1902....	\$ 181 19

## EXHIBIT "B."

## STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES OF HAND DECEMBER 31, 1902.

No.	Value.
19 Membership badges .....	\$ 9 50
1 Buttonier .....	10
105 Rank straps .....	36 75
98 Official ribbons .....	9 80
90 Rules and regulations .....	5 40
449 Applications .....	2 70
27 Cash books .....	27 00
12 Quartermaster's receipt books .....	6 00
15 Quartermaster's warrant books.....	11 25
7 Charters .....	1 75
87 Discharges .....	85
60-Transfers .....	3 00
14 Odes .....	28
7 Rituals .....	4 90
16 Service books .....	4 00
2 Blue books .....	2 00
200 Department Badges, plain .....	120 00
48 Department badges, silver top.....	48 00
2 Descriptive books .....	1 50
32 Leave of absence cards .....	1 28
117 Certificates of membership.....	11 70
1 Electrotpe .....	50
Total .....	<u>\$308 26</u>

## EXHIBIT "C."

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance December 31, 1902.....	\$ 181 19
House and lot in Kansas City, Mo.....	1,300 00
Office furniture, etc., estimated.....	800 00
Supplies .....	308 26
Ledger balances .....	99 05
	<u>\$2,688 50</u>
Liabilities:	
Borrowed money .....	\$250 00
Bills payable .....	47 00
	<u>\$ 297 00</u>
	<u>\$2,391 50</u>

## EXHIBIT "D."

STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING OF EACH POST,  
WITH GAINS AND LOSSES.

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1901	1902		
Frank P. Blair.....	1	St. Louis .....	504	502	....	2
Gen. Lyon.....	2	St. Louis .....	68	58	....	10
McPherson .....	4	Kansas City.....	144	146	2	....
A. Lincoln.....	5	Moberly .....	57	67	10	....
James A. Garfield.....	6	Jefferson City.....	20	28	8	....
Custer .....	7	St. Joseph.....	176	165	....	11
Farragut-Thomas .....	8	Kansas City.....	236	217	....	19
Gen. Canby.....	10	Rich Hill.....	27	33	6	....
James A. Mulligan.....	11	Lexington .....	26	42	16	....
Ellsworth .....	12	Grant City.....	41	36	....	5
Col. Hassendeubel.....	13	St. Louis.....	418	394	....	24
O. P. Morton.....	14	Joplin .....	97	110	13	....
Stanton .....	16	Carthage .....	82	84	2	....
Joe Hooker.....	17	Cameron .....	73	69	....	4
Phil. Kearney.....	19	Laclede .....	43	40	....	3
Maj. James Wilson.....	20	Louisiana .....	28	28	....	....
Sedgwick .....	21	Maryville .....	115	118	3	....
Corporal Dix.....	22	Kirksville .....	114	113	....	1
F. A. Jones.....	23	Macon .....	63	72	9	....
David A. Roberts.....	25	Glenwood .....	10	7	....	3
Gen. Joe Bailey.....	26	Nevada .....	71	66	....	5
Tindall .....	29	Chillicothe .....	47	47	....	....
S. A. Hurlburt.....	32	Hamilton .....	31	30	....	1
Ben. Loan.....	33	Kingston .....	32	30	....	2
McCook .....	34	Lamar .....	61	57	....	4
Paddy Shields.....	36	Clarence .....	18	23	5	....
Col. Forbes.....	38	La Plata.....	19	10	....	9
Roderick Rockwood.....	39	Xenia .....	25	20	....	5
Peabody .....	41	Savannah .....	20	20	....	....
Albert Chandler.....	42	Macon .....	25	20	....	5
W. T. Sherman.....	43	Hannibal .....	64	49	....	15
McCullough .....	44	Milan .....	31	27	....	4
Perry V. Fletcher.....	46	De Soto.....	6	6	....	....
Capt. J. L. Clark.....	47	Green City.....	21	22	1	....
Gen. Geo. G. Meade.....	48	Lebanon .....	43	40	....	3
Gen. Geo. R. Smith.....	53	Sedalia .....	150	128	....	22
Thos. G. Wade.....	54	Unionville .....	58	52	....	6
O. H. Wood.....	57	Brookfield .....	48	53	5	....
Bates County.....	58	Butler .....	48	49	1	....
Geo. H. Blunt.....	59	Pollock .....	20	20	....	....
Gen. Wadsworth.....	60	Dawn .....	19	18	....	1
Valentine Peters.....	61	Maitland .....	15	15	....	....
Winfield Scott.....	63	Holden .....	24	24	....	....
Golden City.....	64	Golden City.....	19	19	....	....
Capt. Wm. Wilkinson.....	65	Mound City.....	42	39	....	3

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			1901	1902		
Kilpatrick	66	Winston	12	11	1	1
Tarkio	67	Tarkio	27	27	0	0
Gen. E. D. Baker	68	Green Ridge	23	21	2	2
Capt. John Mathews	69	Springfield	123	136	13	0
B. B. King	70	Canton	20	20	0	0
Col. Jacob Smith	72	Trenton	73	71	2	2
Greenfield	75	Greenfield	64	64	0	0
Jno. A. Dix	76	Kidder	30	27	3	3
Col. Grover	78	Warrensburg	82	65	17	17
Capt. Stanley	79	Princeton	43	61	18	0
L. W. Cooper	81	Lathrop	33	29	4	4
Yaeger-Sharp	82	Wellsville	38	34	4	4
Curtis	84	Sarcoxie	6	28	22	0
King City	86	King City	56	53	3	3
C. G. Harker	88	Meadville	22	24	2	0
Capt. J. H. Paynter	90	Jericho	22	15	7	7
T. H. Richardson	92	Lancaster	12	12	0	0
Capt. C. C. Harvey	96	Maysville	28	39	11	0
Gen. G. B. Boomer	97	Linn	33	27	6	6
Shelbyville	102	Shelbyville	19	14	5	5
Arthur Crockett	106	Malta Bend	17	12	5	5
Harry P. Harding	107	St. Louis	127	126	1	1
Jeff. C. Davis	108	Versailles	31	25	6	6
B. K. Davis	109	Hopkins	11	10	1	1
Wm. McKee	110	Kahoka	62	49	13	13
Miles Carroll	111	Iberia	36	36	0	0
Cameron Garrett	115	Carl Junction	30	28	2	2
Jewell	118	Mount Vernon	14	12	2	2
Marion	119	Stanberry	43	37	6	6
Maple Grove	120	Maple Grove	8	11	3	0
Lieut. T. D. Neal	124	Bethany	85	89	4	0
Louis Fischer	128	Salem	37	45	8	0
Capt. J. H. Little	129	Denver	13	13	0	0
Fred. Miller	130	Tina	19	20	1	0
Ransom	131	St. Louis	433	389	44	44
Gentry	134	Albany	19	20	1	0
Sergt. B. H. Porch	135	Olean	22	18	4	4
Gen. J. G. Foster	137	Neosho	0	0	0	0
Marionville	141	Marionville	39	44	5	0
Stephen Decatur	142	Medoc	12	12	0	0
Samuel McClure	145	Eldon	46	47	1	0
Avalon	146	Avalon	13	17	4	0
J. J. Gravely	149	Bolivar	42	46	4	0
Liberty	150	Spickhard	31	31	0	0
D. N. Keeler	152	Melrose	34	32	2	2
Loyalty	155	Creighton	25	25	0	0
Geo. Miller	158	Bethel	39	30	9	9
Col. Henry C. Gilbert	160	Wheeling	16	22	6	0
Gen. Frank J. Herron	161	Buffalo	85	97	12	0
Marshall	162	Elmo	19	16	3	3
Col. Islam Keith	164	Breckenridge	20	28	8	0

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			1901	1902		
Menke	166	La Grange	13	13		
Rosendale	167	Rosendale	12			
Jesse H. Moore	168	Braymer	17	17		
J. N. Whitehead	171	Victoria	42	44	2	
J. B. Steadman	172	Appleton City	48	48		
Justi	173	Cape Girardeau	40	55	15	
Maj. Hiram Gavitt	174	Fredericktown	11	11		
Seneca	175	Seneca	20	17		3
Indian Springs	176	Indian Springs	14	14		
W. H. L. Wallace	177	Moundville	20	20		
Stephen Estle	178	De Witt	26	23		3
Murray	179	Memphis	68	67		1
Stambaugh	180	Austin	25	26	1	
Mansfield	181	Powersville	23			
Erich Pape	184	Zalma	12	13	1	
Maj. Hunt	185	Center	24	26	2	
John A. Rawlins	187	Peirce City	25	24		1
Gen. Henry Wilson	189	Rolla	20	20		
W. B. Goodrich	190	Webb City	29	28		1
Austin Hubbard	194	Caplinger's Mills	27	30	3	
Col. Morsey	197	Warrenton	44	40		4
Rogersville	200	Rogersville	19	15		4
Col. Brooks	207	Hannibal	16	10		6
Edward Wray	209	Linn Creek	17			
McCroskey	210	Springfield	103	102		1
Sergt. Ryan	214	Brashear	30	28		2
Picket	215	Farmington	30	30		
Cainsville	216	Cainsville	34			
Bennett Ford	217	Williamstown	9			
Jno. Williams	218	Fairport	13	13		
Republic	219	Republic	28	28		
Jamesport	220	Jamesport	13	12		1
Norcross	221	Novelty	33	31		2
S. L. Turley	222	Melbourne	24	17		7
Reuben Dale	223	Eagleville	31	31		
Guy Ward	224	Hale	14			
Union	229	Ladonia	12			
Hightower	231	Kansas City				
Lieut. S. A. M. George	232	Humansville	32	26		6
Thos. J. Brouster	233	Clayton	37	36		1
Ash Grove	234	Ash Grove	23	6		17
Gen. Fred. D. Steele	235	Montrose	24	24		
U. S. Grant	236	Lincoln	10	7		3
Farnsworth	237	Warsaw		20	20	
Lowry City	238	Lowry City	14	20	6	
W. S. Hancock	239	Mexico	41	39		2
John A. Hayn	240	Boonville	42	46	4	
Galt	241	Galt	12	16	4	
Fattonsburg	242	Pattonsburg	13			
Judy Smith	243	Willow Springs	24	15		9
Jack Grant	245	Knox City	18	17		1



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			1901	1902		
John W. Rawlins.....	247	West Plains.....	21	27	6	....
Ulysses .....	250	Mirabile .....	10	10	....	....
Col. Leonard.....	251	Eldorado Springs..	97	77	....	20
Mt. McGregor.....	252	Metz .....	20	19	....	1
J. N. Hilton.....	254	Forsyth .....	10	....	....	....
John Boon.....	257	Licking .....	45	41	....	4
Andy Martin.....	259	Ava .....	78	50	....	28
Blanchard .....	260	South Blanchard....	11	12	1	....
Johnson .....	262	Centralia .....	12	....	....	....
Cuba .....	263	Cuba .....	18	16	....	2
Morgan L. Smith.....	264	Deepwater .....	19	17	....	2
Pinhart .....	268	Brunswick .....	30	31	1	....
Sergt. Plummer.....	269	Sparta .....	16	12	....	4
Baker .....	271	Pineville .....	13	9	....	4
Difani .....	273	Perryville .....	29	24	....	5
Norwood .....	274	Norwood .....	18	12	....	6
Henry Brown.....	276	Clarksburg .....	99	86	....	13
Edinburg .....	278	Edinburg .....	12	....	....	....
Wakefield Standley .....	282	Carrollton .....	29	21	....	8
Wakefield .....	283	Fairplay .....	....	....	....	....
Geo. G. Bryan.....	284	Belgrade .....	33	17	....	16
Jim Carnes.....	285	Rockport .....	21	28	7	....
Chas. Sumner.....	286	Boonville .....	20	20	....	....
Warren .....	287	Rockville .....	13	20	7	....
Maj. Bartlett.....	289	Troy .....	22	20	....	2
Fred Hecker.....	290	Pacific .....	18	17	....	1
Geo. Gamble.....	293	Hemker .....	22	20	....	2
Col. Geiger.....	294	Highlandville .....	14	....	....	....
John S. Phelps.....	297	St. James.....	50	47	....	3
C. A. Arthur.....	299	Mansfield .....	28	28	....	....
Bob. Ford.....	303	Coffeysburg .....	22	24	2	....
Jno. A. Logan.....	304	St. Louis.....	43	39	....	4
Geo. W. Tyler.....	311	Ford City.....	15	16	1	....
Dan McCook.....	312	Leesville .....	18	16	....	2
Jno. D. Rohye.....	314	Cedar Hill.....	18	16	....	2
Jordan Wilson.....	320	Hermann .....	30	28	....	2
Capt. Manwaring.....	316	Clarksville .....	....	10	10	....
Capt. J. M. Baird.....	322	Verona .....	22	18	....	4
Wm. McKinley.....	324	Sullivan .....	33	31	....	2
Capt. J. Felix St. James.....	326	Ste. Genevieve.....	40	35	....	5
Adrian .....	327	Adrian .....	20	19	....	1
Gordon Granger.....	329	Clinton .....	18	14	....	4
Jonah W. Reser.....	330	Urbana .....	27	26	....	1
Jno. P. McCluney.....	331	Higginsville .....	14	14	....	....
James W. Owens.....	332	Washington .....	36	32	....	4
James Ward.....	337	Jasper .....	22	....	....	....
Houston .....	339	Houston .....	24	23	....	1
Evans .....	340	Economy .....	28	19	....	9
Col. Shaw.....	343	St. Louis.....	85	73	....	12
Jesse Owens.....	345	Bear Creek .....	26	24	....	2

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			1901	1902		
H. C. Beckett.....	348	Mineral Point.....	18	15	.....	3
Capt. Jas. Johnson.....	350	Freidheim .....	14	11	.....	3
Pardee .....	352	Cabool .....	18	15	.....	3
Sergt. P. P. Mabrey.....	354	Chaonia .....	7	7	.....	.....
Dixon .....	355	Dixon .....	12	13	1	.....
R. L. Ferguson.....	358	Sweet Springs.....	28	28	.....	.....
Splitlog .....	359	Anderson .....	10	10	.....	.....
Daniel Miles.....	360	Iantha .....	16	12	.....	4
Sac River.....	362	Dadeville .....	32	.....	.....	.....
Upton .....	366	Sheridan .....	21	18	.....	3
Roscoe .....	367	Roscoe .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stella .....	371	Stella .....	18	18	.....	.....
R. P. Carnes.....	374	Dunlap .....	32	31	.....	1
Harwood .....	375	Harwood .....	23	23	.....	.....
Capt. J. W. Robertson.....	377	Ozark .....	27	25	.....	2
Capt. Tom Walker.....	379	Leora .....	24	24	.....	.....
Commerce .....	382	Commerce .....	15	13	.....	2
Jas. A. Dollans.....	383	Mountain View.....	28	.....	.....	.....
Dawn .....	384	Osceola .....	22	.....	.....	.....
Albert Harrison.....	386	Climax Springs.....	24	17	.....	7
Marceline .....	387	Marceline .....	27	30	3	.....
Jacob Yount.....	390	Yount .....	12	12	.....	.....
Pike .....	391	Bowling Green.....	21	20	.....	1
Southwest City.....	392	Southwest City.....	19	15	.....	4
Brookline .....	397	Brookline .....	7	.....	.....	.....
Phil Sheridan.....	398	Gulf .....	14	14	.....	.....
Capt. L. F. Bierwirth.....	402	Cape Girardeau .....	7	7	.....	.....
Durbin A. Ward.....	405	Pickering .....	19	19	.....	.....
Corporal Doke.....	406	Garrison .....	13	10	.....	3
Conway .....	407	Conway .....	26	25	.....	1
Col. Krekel .....	408	St. Peters .....	21	19	.....	2
Capt. Kelsoe.....	411	Competition .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Downing .....	412	Newark .....	15	10	.....	5
David Hewitt.....	414	Louisburg .....	.....	16	16	.....
Tiff City .....	416	Tiff City.....	8	.....	.....	.....
Smithton .....	417	Smithton .....	14	12	.....	2
Sergt. Clay Shaw.....	418	Sedalia .....	14	14	.....	.....
Fred. Roether.....	420	Montgomery City.....	18	18	.....	.....
Florence .....	423	Florence .....	14	14	.....	.....
Col. A. J. Webber.....	424	Wakenda .....	22	22	.....	.....
Wm. Hawkins.....	425	Brumley .....	30	29	.....	1
John V. Hoover.....	429	Elkland .....	20	18	.....	2
Jos. S. Wray.....	431	Egypt Mills.....	13	.....	.....	.....
Columbia .....	432	Columbia .....	18	28	10	.....
David D. Porter.....	433	Mountain Grove.....	18	18	.....	.....
J. B. Wicker.....	434	Richland .....	21	22	1	.....
Jos. A. Mower.....	436	Hartville .....	17	.....	.....	.....
Gen. Simon Cameron.....	437	Cross Timbers.....	17	10	.....	7
Gen. Hazen.....	440	Foster .....	.....	5	5	.....
Hume .....	442	Hume .....	10	10	.....	.....
Capt. Bauer.....	447	Berger .....	16	14	.....	2

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			1901	1902		
E. E. Kimball.....	543	Middletown .....	22	26	4	.....
Calhoun .....	454	Calhoun .....				
Warren T. Stewart.....	457	Benton .....	16	14		2
Col. J. P. Brownlow.....	458	Plew .....	18	17		1
Capt. J. S. Robb.....	461	Jenkins .....	12	11		1
Louis Duemler.....	465	St. Clair.....	19	16		3
Vandalia .....	466	Vandalia .....	28	28		
Lieut. Brooks.....	469	Ashland .....				
Callaway .....	472	Fulton .....	10	12	2	
T. R. Lane.....	479	Montreal .....	9			
Goulding .....	481	Buckhart .....	15	11		4
Jno. C. Fremont.....	482	Norris .....				
Dillard Bell.....	487	Elmer .....	13	13		
L. Stevenson.....	488	Pocahontas .....	12	10		2
Eagle .....	492	Monett .....	20	17		3
Col. Meumann.....	496	St. Louis.....	94	83		11
Jno. Tietjens.....	506	Indian Grove.....	32	31		1
Maj. Worthington.....	507	Shell Knob.....	13			
Harrison A. Gleim.....	512	Tipton .....	40	34		6
Jesse Turnage.....	514	Rayville .....	21			
Liberal .....	515	Liberal .....	34	42	8	
J. H. Crenshaw.....	516	Carterville .....	25	23		2
Parnell City.....	517	Parnell City.....	14	18	4	
Geo. W. Murphy.....	525	Cowgill .....	32	30		2
Geo. W. Walker.....	526	Darlington .....	9	9		
Tecumseh .....	537	Ridge Prairie .....	22	15		7
Gen. Jere M. Rusk.....	544	St. Charles.....	20	11		9
Wm. A. Mills.....	548	Boyer's Mills.....	12	12		
Col. John A. Davis.....	549	Windsor .....	18	26	8	
Blythedale .....	551	Blythedale .....	25	20		5
Thos. Welch.....	523	Kirbyville .....	12	13	1	
Gatzweiler .....	554	St. Charles.....	23	24	1	
A. C. Marvin.....	561	Collins .....	19	12		7
Blue Springs.....	563	Blue Springs.....	19	19		
Burnside .....	566	Pleasant Hill.....	12	18	6	
Jas. F. How.....	567	Moberly .....	20	21	1	
Everton .....	568	Everton .....	24			
Mark T. Brown.....	569	Stockton .....	32	22		10
Col. Jas. Jackson.....	571	Balm .....	23	19		4
Rincheval .....	572	Rhineland .....	15	27	12	
H. M. Hiller.....	573	Alexandria .....		19	19	
Capt. E. D. Johnson.....	574	Elmira .....		18	18	
Albert Anderson.....	575	Winona .....		12	12	

## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 1st, 19 3.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Ass't Adj't Gen'l Dep't of Missouri, G. A. R.

Comrade—I have the honor to state that by the change in the rules and regulations adopted at the last National Encampment, Post Surgeons have been relieved of that part of their duties, making any medical report.

Accordingly I have no returns.

The number of deaths will be furnished by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Having no other suggestions for the welfare of the department to offer,

I remain in F., C. and L.,  
EDW. BORCK, M. D.,  
Medical Director.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

CALIFORNIA, MO., April 13, 1903.

THOS. B. RODGERS, A. A. G. Dep't of Missouri.

Comrade—The office of Judge Advocate of this department, to which I was appointed, has been for the past year purely ornamental. No complaints, of any moment, have arisen to break the charm of fraternity within our beloved order.

One case was repoted to the Department Commander and referred to me, by him, for advice:

A comrade of a certain Post preferred charges against another comrade of the same Post, charging that the offending comrade had been convicted of a felony in another State, just after the war. The local Post, after consideration of the charges, the length of time that had elapsed since the commission of the alleged offense, that the offending comrade had for some years led an upright life, refused to consider the charges. The complaining comrade then appealed to the Department Commander, who referred the matter to me. I examined the matter with care, and advised the Commander that, if the charge had been made, that the comrade had been guilty of a crime at the time he sought admission to the order, the matter should have been inquired into, and if guilty it would have been good grounds for his rejection; but having been admitted to the order, conducted himself as an exemplary citizen and as a faithful comrade, I thought it well to invoke the statute of limitations. These views met the approval of the Department Commander, who ap-

proved the action of the Post and dismissed the appeal of the comrade, with a kindly admonition to all the comrades to let the dead past bury its dead, and live together in peace and harmony for the short remainder of our term of enlistment. These remaining years will be very few for most of us; let us earnestly strive to make them as pleasant as possible.

Fraternally submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
**JOHN M. WILLIAMS,**  
 Judge Advocate.

### REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

NEVADA, MO., April 15, 1903.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

Comrade—I have the honor, as Chief Mustering Officer of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., to submit the following report of Posts mustered:

Capt. E. D. Johnston Post, No. 574, Elmira, Ray County, Mo., October 18, 1902, by Past Department Commander, John P. Platt, Special Mustering Officer, with ten charter members.

Albert Anderson Post, No. 575, Winona, Shannon County, Mo., January 7, 1903, by P. P. C., J. J. Bowen, Special Mustering Officer, with twelve charter members.

I take this opportunity to return my thanks to the comrades who so kindly assisted me in acting as Special Mustering Officers.

Fraternally yours,  
**H. MITCHELL,**  
 Chief Mustering Officer.

### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

St. Louis, Mo., April 6, 1903.

THOS. B. RODGERS, A. A. G. Dept. of Mo., Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade—Owing to the action of the last National Encampment, held in Washington, D. C., October, 1902, in abandoning inspection of Posts, my duties as Inspector have been entirely relieved, and therefore I have nothing to report in that direction. I wish, however, to thank the Department Commander, Ira T. Bronson, for the honor he conferred upon me when he appointed me Department Inspector. I wish him well, and likewise all other comrades.

Yours fraternally,  
**S. M. SPARKLIN,**  
 Department Inspector.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

INDEPENDENCE, MO., May 1, 1903.

Comrades: Through the good providence of God we are once more permitted to meet in our annual encampment, and to greet those to whom we are bound by the most sacred fraternal ties of brotherhood based upon the undying principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. At our last encampment you saw fit to honor me above measure by electing me your Department Chaplain. For this I devoutly thank you and I have done my best to "magnify mine office."

I have visited all Posts to which I have been invited, and have attended reunions, camp-fires, Memorial services and Memorial Day services throughout the southwest part of the State.

It is a great pleasure to me to be able to report that there is a growing tendency among the churches, schools and civic societies to honor this day set apart as a day for the honoring the Nation's dead defenders.

From the accompanying report it will be seen that memorial services and Memorial Day were more extensively observed throughout the Department; and that these services come to have a more sacred meaning to our old comrades as the years go by. And the people at large are coming to feel that they owe a debt of gratitude to the noble men who helped oy their lives in deeds of heroic patriotism, to perpetuate our National life, and emblazoned the pages of our National history with undying luster. And they come with their wives and children to cover the graves of our noble dead with flowers. It is also gratifying to know that these days are being utilized as occasions for the teaching of the young lessons of loyalty, national pride and love and reverence for our flag. We therefore advise, yea we beg that every old comrade who marched out of the smoke of '61-'65 shall honor these memorial occasions with his presence for

"How sleep the brave, who sink to rest,  
By all their country's wishes blessed;  
When Spring with dewy fingers cold,  
Returns to deck their hallowed mold  
She there shall dress a sweeter sod  
Than fancy's feet have ever trod.  
By fairy hands their knell is rung;  
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;  
There Honor comes, a pilgrim gray,  
To bless the turf that wraps their clay;  
And Freedom shall awhile repair,  
To dwell a weeping hermit there."

I have the honor to submit the following returns received from the various Post Chaplains:

Number of Posts in Department .....	283
Number of Posts reporting memorial services .....	159

**MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.**

Number of Posts attending services .....	94
Number of sermons preached to Posts .....	69
Number of sermons preached by veterans .....	32
Number of comrades present at such services.....	3760
Number of Woman's Relief Corps participating .....	21
Number of Woman's Relief Corps attending .....	80
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans attending services.....	3
Number of Sons of Veterans attending such services .....	160

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.**

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	160
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day services..	4169
Number of Woman's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day services .....	89
Number members of Woman's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day services .....	193
Number of Sons of Veterans participating in Memorial Day services .....	6
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans participating in Memorial Day services .....	6
Number of Sons of Veterans participating in Memorial Day services .....	136
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	303
Number of graves decorated .....	26,765
Number of graves unmarked by head-stones .....	243
Number of public schools engaged in Memorial Day .....	28
Number of pupils participating .....	378
Number of other organizations participating .....	42
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day.....	77
Number of addresses delivered by veterans .....	14
Number of Posts having burial plats .....	41

Yours in F., C. and L.,

**J. J. MARTIN,**  
Department Chaplain.

On motion all reports were referred to committees to be appointed.

The Senior Vice-Commander announced the following committee on the Department Commander's address:

Past Commander-in-Chief Warner and Past Department Commanders Benecke, Peterson, Martin and Scott

The Department Commander resumed the chair and by his direction the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees:

On reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, Chaplain and Medical Director:

J. L. Briggs, Post 14; N. H. Rogers, Post 53; J. V. Martin, Post 57.

On reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General:

Chas. F. Vogel, Post 1; Chas. Koock, Post 53; J. R. Milner, Post 69.

On reports of the Judge Advocate, Inspector and Chief Mustering Officer:

W. J. Nelson, Post 8; Chas. E. Wadleigh, Post 68; Wm. Lowe, Post 566.

On motion the following committees were also appointed:

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps:

T. H. Hagerty, Post 131; T. J. Ferril, Post 7; S. M. Sparklin, Post 131.

To visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.:

G. A. Douglas, Post 78; A. Van Meter, Post 34; T. J. Dockery, Post 22.

To visit the Sons of Veterans:

Louis C. Hesse, Post 13; Aug. Bierwirth, Post 173; J. T. McCaskey, Post 5.

Past Department Chaplain Hagerty having apparently exhausted his stock of gavels, presented to the Department Commander a wooden scalpel made from many woods from historic places. By request of the Commander, Comrade Warner made a suitable response.

An invitation was read from the John A. Hayn Womans' Relief Corps No. 157, to attend a reception at the Knights of Pythias Hall this evening.



On motion the nomination of Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment was made the special order at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Comrade Burton, the selection of the place for holding the Encampment next year was made the special order after the nomination of Representatives.

Announcement was made that on account of the weather the parade was postponed from this afternoon until to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 13th.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the Department Commander.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the National Encampment.

Comrade Dreifus, of Post 1, nominated Comrade T. J. Ferril, Post 7, for Representative-at-Large.

Comrade Peterson, Post 131, nominated Comrade D. P. Dyer, Post 131.

Comrade Ferril withdrew his name, and on motion, Comrade D. P. Dyer was elected by acclamation as Representative-at-Large.

The following nominations for Representatives to the Thirty-Seventh National Encampment were then made and placed in alphabetical order, in accordance with a resolution of a former Encampment:

WM. H. ALLEN, Post 65, Mound City.  
 AUGUST BIERWIRTH, Post 173, Cape Girardeau.  
 JOHN A. BLACKWELL, Post 82, Wellsville.  
 EDWARD BORCK, Post 107, St. Louis.  
 J. W. BLACKBURN, Post 106, Malta Bend.  
 CHAS. CARPLES, Post 8, Kansas City.  
 C. W. CORKRAN, Post 220, Novelty.  
 T. J. DOCKERY, Post 22, Kirksville.  
 G. A. DOUGLAS, Post 78, Warrensburg.  
 HENRY EVERS, Post 2, St. Louis.  
 T. J. FERRIL, Post 7, Bowling Green.  
 MAX FRITZ, Post 13, St. Louis.  
 W. R. HACKER, Post 14, Joplin.

**T. H. HAGERTY**, Post 131, St. Louis.  
**H. T. HOLMES**, Post 6, Jefferson City.  
**CHAS. E. KOKEN**, Post 13, St. Louis.  
**J. V. MARTIN**, Post 57, Brookfield.  
**W. B. MULLINS**, Post 178, Miami.  
**ALEX. MCCANDLESS**, Post 5, Moberly.  
**JOS. MCADOO**, Post 69, Springfield.  
**J. L. MCCREARY**, Post 214, Brashear.  
**M. G. NETHERTON**, Post 222, Gallatin.  
**CHAS. NEIDRINGHAUS**, Post 2, St. Louis.  
**JOHN O'BANNON**, Post 161, Buffalo.  
**JOHN PARSLEY**, Post 130, Tina.  
**JOHN STUPP**, Post 496, St. Louis.  
**A. VAN METER**, Post 34, Lamar.  
**JOSEPH VICKEY**, Post 572, Rhineland.  
**BERT WADDINGTON**, Post 239, Mexico.  
**CHAS. E. WADLEIGH**, Post 68, Green Ridge.  
**F. L. WITHAUP**, Post 243, Willow Springs.

The Department Commander announced that the next business in order was the selection of the place for meeting of the next Department Encampment.

Past Department Commander Peterson addressed the Encampment as follows:

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:** I do not rise for the purpose of placing in nomination the city from whence I come as a place of holding the next Department Encampment. I simply desire to make a statement relative to the conditions existing in St. Louis, so that all the Comrades may understand that, while all the Posts of St. Louis are extremely anxious to have the Department Encampment come to our city in 1904, we are not here to antagonize any city or place in the State. We are friends of both Brookfield and Lexington, which I understand are to be placed in nomination for the honor of entertaining us next year. Some time ago Blair Post passed a resolution asking that the Encampment come to St. Louis next year, and appointed a committee, of which Comrade Sterrett was Chairman, to confer with a like committee from each Post. In accordance with the resolution passed by Blair Post, and at their request, every Post took similar action. The full committee met and elected Comrade Sterrett Chairman. It was then unanimously agreed that an effort should be made to secure the Department Encampment in 1904 for St.

Louis, and with this idea in view the committee called upon the World's Fair Association to ascertain their views and find out exactly what that Association would do towards entertaining the Comrades during their visit, provided the Encampment was held in our city. The interview was entirely satisfactory. The World's Fair Association was enthusiastically in favor of the proposition, and offered to do all in their power to provide for the Comrades. They offered the free use of one of the large halls or auditoriums for our meetings, and free entrance to the grounds during the Encampment for each Comrade. This proposition was put in writing, and to show you Comrades that they are anxious to have you come to St. Louis during the World's Fair next year—and in my opinion the grandest World's Fair ever known in history—I will read you the letter of the officials of that organization to show you my authority for making that statement. (Reads the letter). And now, my Comrades, as I stated at the outset, the St. Louis delegates are not here to antagonize any place in the State which wants the Encampment, but I do know I express the unanimous sentiment of the citizens as well as the Comrades of our city when I say we want you to come to St. Louis next year, and if you do come, I pledge you your visit will be a most memorable one. All that human power can do to make your visit a most enjoyable one will be done.

Comrade Milner, Post 69, placed St. Louis in nomination.

Comrade Wagner, Post 78, nominated Lexington and sent up to the Assistant Adjutant General a letter from the Mayor of Lexington, which was read, as follows:

MAY 12th, 1903.

*To G. A. R. Encampment, Boonville, Mo.*

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Lexington, hereby extend to Department of Missouri G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, and Ladies of G. A. R., an invitation to meet in our city at your next Annual Encampment to be held in 1904, and trust you will meet in our city, as we will take pleasure in entertaining you.

Signed by the Mayor for himself and on behalf of the City Council.

OSWALD WINKLER,

*Mayor.*

Past Department Commander Martin, in behalf of North Missouri, placed Brookfield in nomination.

On motion nominations were closed and the following Comrades were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots: J. R. Milner, Post 69; A. J. Showers, Post 131; J. L. Briggs, Post 14; Arthur Dreifus, Post 1; J. B. Cotty, Post 5.

A ballot was had and resulted as follows: Lexington 102, St. Louis 98, Brookfield 78.

There being no choice, Comrade Martin withdrew Brookfield and Comrade Sterrett withdrew St. Louis, whereupon, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Lexington.

A delegation from the Sons of Veterans, consisting of Louis Spies, Fred Kohlman and R. J. Kraeke were admitted and escorted to the platform, when the Encampment was briefly addressed by Mr. Spies. Comrade Borck, by request of the Department Commander, responded. He said:

We are very much gratified to receive the greeting of the Sons of Veterans, and I will say that we are proud of you boys, you are ours. If you look at all these old gray heads present, you will observe that our days are counted; it will not be long, and there will only be one left, and he will hand our record over to you, you our descendants, our resurrection. You will teach your children, as we have taught you, to defend old glory, the flag that has never come down, to be ready to sacrifice their lives at any time for our country. Let the Sons of Veterans prosper and increase in numbers. Every son of an old veteran should be a member. I will send you all my boys. May you have God speed. We return your greeting.

The committee on reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, Medical Director and Chaplain made the following report:

BOONVILLE, MO., May 13th, 1903.

*To the Department Commander.*

Your committee to whom were referred the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, the Medical Director and Chaplain, beg leave to report that we have considered said reports and recommend their approval.

We commend the Senior Vice-Commander for his zeal in the interest of the Order, and sincerely sympathize with the Junior Vice-Commander in his great bereavement. The report of the Medical Director

is concise and to the point, and that of the Chaplain is indicative of the sincerity and earnestness of purpose characteristic of the man both as a Comrade and Christian.

J. L. BRIGGS,  
N. H. ROGERS,  
J. V. MARTIN,

*Committee.*

The committee on the reports of the Judge Advocate, Inspector and Chief Mustering Officer reported as follows:

BOONVILLE, Mo., May 13th, 1903.

*Department Commander and Comrades.*

Your committee appointed to examine the reports of the Judge Advocate, Inspector and Chief Mustering Officer, beg leave to report that they have examined the report and finding of the Judge Advocate and find the same in due form, and heartily approve the only finding he was called to pass upon as a legal, just and righteous finding, one to be commended.

The inspection of Posts being no longer required, by the action of the last National Encampment, the Inspector reported no duties performed. We approve the report and recommend its adoption.

We find the report of the Chief Mustering Officer correct and recommend its approval.

W. J. NELSON,  
WM. LOWE,  
CHAS. E. WADLEIGH,

*Committee.*

The election of officers being next in order, the Department Commander called for nominations for Department Commander.

Past Department Commander Burton:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: On behalf of many Comrades, hailing from every section of the Department, I name for Department Commander for the ensuing year, Comrade Frank M. Sterrett of Frank P. Blair Post, City of St. Louis. (Applause). I do not name him because he is a member of that Post or a resident of that city, for neither Post affiliations or locality should determine our action in the selection of Department Commander. The office is one of trust and responsibility, and qualification and comradeship are the criterions by which we should be influenced in the casting of our ballots. I shall indulge in no fulsome eulogy of Frank M. Sterrett. He is well known to you all, and "no one knows him but to love him, none names him but to praise."

When the war began he was not quite sixteen years of age. His elder brothers enlisted, but Frank, restrained by his years and the commands of his venerable father, remained at home. However, in 1864, when but eighteen, he enlisted in Co. D, 5th Independent Ohio Cavalry, and remained therewith until the expiration of its term of service. He again enlisted in the 147th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The records of both of those organizations testify to his gallant conduct and faithful discharge of every duty.

Frank M. Sterrett has been Adjutant and Commander of his Post. For eleven years he was your representative upon the National Council of Administration, and during most of that time a member of the Executive Committee. His services thereon have been of inestimable value to this Department and the Comrades. He was the Adjutant General during the brilliant administration of Comrade Rassieur as Commander-in-Chief, and contributed much to the success thereof. He is generous to a fault. His hand has ever been extended to relieve the needy Comrade and the destitute widow and orphan of him who has been mustered out. He is of sterling integrity and excellent habits. He possesses first-class executive ability. He is a master of details. He has the courage of his convictions and the ability to express and maintain them by voice and pen. Pin the badge of Commander upon his breast; place the baton of marshalship in his hands and the Department of Missouri will continue to hold its advanced position in our line of blue. (Applause).

The nomination of Comrade Sterrett was seconded by the following Comrades: A. J. Showers, Post 131; L. C. Hesse, Post 13; T. J. Ferril, Post 7; John P. Tracy, Post 69; J. V. Martin, Post 57; J. P. Platt, Post 17; G. W. Edwards, Post 343; W. Jones, Post 14.

Past Department Commander Henry:

COMMANDER AND COMRADES: At a largely attended meeting of the Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, at Kansas City, the representatives of that Post in this Encampment were requested to present the name of our present Senior Vice-Department Commander as a candidate for the high office of Department Commander, and to urge his election. This action of the Post was

taken without any suggestion on the part of Comrade Dew, and in fact against his advice and even against his protest. It gives me great pleasure to speak on behalf of my Comrades of Kansas City in favor of our esteemed Comrade, Jere T. Dew. He is the peer of any Comrade in this Department in all that goes to make up and qualify one for the high office of Department Commander. He is worthy of any honor that the Comrades may bestow upon him at this or at any future time. He is modest almost to a fault and will not personally seek office or official honors. If the Comrades of this Department shall see fit to make him their Commander they will not only honor a worthy Comrade but honor themselves by honoring him. If there is any trait in the character of Comrade Dew that stands out more prominently than another it is his loyalty to country and Comrades and his fidelity to his pledges. When the question of the presentation of the name of Comrade Dew at this time was before the Post, he objected to the action of the Post, and stated that he had promised his support to Comrade Sterrett and could not consent to have his name presented in opposition to our Comrade from St. Louis whom we all love and will delight to honor. All the good things that have been said so eloquently of Comrade Sterrett I most heartily indorse. They all may be well applied to our Comrade Dew. He is loved, honored and respected by all who know him.

And now, having in a measure complied with the request of my Post, I desire, on behalf of the Comrades of Kansas City, and at the urgent wish of that prince of Comrades and good fellows, our Senior Vice-Department Commander, Jere T. Dew, and following my own inclinations, to most heartily second the nomination of Comrade Frank M. Sterrett.

Comrade Borck, Post 107, by instruction of his Post, nominated Past Senior Vice-Department Commander, Henry Fairback of Post 107, St. Louis.

Comrade A. N. Seaber, Post 22:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES: It seems like leading a "forlorn hope" to attempt to break the almost solid line of battle that is in favor of that splendid candidate, Comrade Sterrett; but, Commander, we desire to present for the consideration of this Encampment the name of another Comrade for that

high honor. I appeal to our grand old Comrades of St. Louis in all seriousness, in all kindness and in all sincerity, do you not think that St. Louis has all that she can attend to in the next year or two? Think of it! In the next year all the world will knock at the doors of the great World's Fair. You will be required to entertain the people from every section of the planet. Is not that glory enough without this? Then you have the only "chum" of Kings and Emperors in the United States, the great David R. Francis, and the only Joe Folk in all Missouri. You have the only late Lieut.-Governor John A. Lee, and you have Ed. Butler. (Laughter). Is this not enough? Now, Comrades, we have nothing but the kindest feelings in this candidacy. Do you remember on the last day at Chicamaugua when we double-quickened across from the left, to stem the tide of defeat on the right, and we saw Steedman's guns jumping back ten feet with every discharge of triple-shotted canister, and we looked at the vortex of fire we were going into, how anxiously we looked in our Comrade's eyes and how gloriously shone the light of battle in them, filling our hearts with courage and giving us the nerve to pour into the enemy the volleys that helped to drive him back in defeat? Now, Comrades, we love to meet each other every year, for we are passing down the valley, each one of us to face the last great battle, and we love to read in our Comrade's eyes the light that shows that his heart still beats with the high courage of his battle days, and we are inspired with renewed courage to do our duty to the end. We love all our Comrades and so we ask you if it would not be a graceful act for us, here, at this Encampment—for the most of us consented after the war to shed the light of our countenances upon the Commonwealth of Missouri, coming, nearly all of us, from Ohio (laughter)—would it not be right, I say, to elect, for the first time I believe, a native-born Missourian to the high honor of Department Commander? Our candidate was born and raised in this grand old Commonwealth, enlisted when he was scarce sixteen years of age in the 7th Mo. Cav., and served until 1865 without a day lost from duty. Comrades, it was easy to be a Union man in Ohio in 1861, but it took high courage to stand up for Old Glory in Missouri in the years of the war. With neighbors and friends going the other way; with danger of fire and sword if he stood



by his colors, it took a tried and true man to stay with us, and this our Comrade did. Let us recognize the rank and file, for our candidate served as a private, "the man behind the gun," from Fort Sumpter to Appomattox. Comrades, I desire to nominate for Department Commander, Comrade Thomas J. Dockery, of Corporal Dix Post No. 22. (Applause).

Comrade Dockery, in a few eloquent words, in which he thanked his friends for their kind partiality, withdrew his name and seconded the nomination of Comrade Sterrett.

Comrade Fairback also withdrew his name and announced that his Post endorsed and seconded the nomination of Comrade Sterrett.

Past Commander-in-Chief Warner seconded the nomination of Comrade Sterrett, and moved that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Frank M. Sterrett for Department Commander, which was unanimously adopted. The Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot as directed, and Comrade Sterrett was declared unanimously elected as Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrades Dockery, Fairback and Dew were appointed to escort the Commander elect to the platform. On being presented to the Encampment, Comrade Sterrett addressed the Comrades as follows:

I accept the office of Commander for the Department of Missouri Grand Army, of the Republic, tendered me with such singular unanimity, and my heart is profoundly moved at this expression of your esteem and confidence.

I became a member of our great Order in 1867, in the State of Ohio, and have been on duty practically ever since that time. In 1887 Blair Post honored me by an election to the Department Encampment held in the City of Trenton, Mo., in that year, and I have, therefore, served under all of our Department Commanders except three.

The patriotic and eloquent address of Department Commander Kimball at Trenton in 1887 made me a better man and a better Comrade. I soon discovered that it cost more in Missouri than it did in Ohio to be an earnest member of our organization.

There, our poor were fed, clothed and buried at the cost of the State. Here, such duties are almost entirely performed at the expense of our comradeship. Some of our honest critics would be less prejudiced if they knew the extent of relief we extend to worthy Comrades, and would be more inclined to call ours a benevolent organization rather than one having a tendency to produce strife and recall unpleasant scenes and memories.

Having served under fifteen Department Commanders of Missouri and having known all of them quite well and some of them quite intimately, I feel certain they will average with the best men produced in any of the States of our great Union. Some of the dearest and most sacred friendships of my life are clustered around my association with the Comrades of this Department in the Encampment, at the reunion, around the fireside and under the roof-tree.

Cole, Kimball, Smith and Grund, with tens of thousands of our Comrades have answered the last roll call in this span of years. In a future span of the same length, only a small per cent will remain here for a few days or years. The great army will be encamped on the eternal plains of light, where "Christ ain't a'goin' to be hard on a man who has died for men." To take this banner from the hands of such a splendid line of predecessors by your unanimous request and be enabled to hand it to my successor untarnished at the close of my term, is an honor and a trust that cannot set lightly on the conscience of any honest man. I will do my best, but I must be a better and a more devoted man in the future than I have in the past if I am to merit this generous exhibition of your partiality. You are too brave and too true to place all of the responsibility on me. You intended from the beginning to help me and when I call for your counsel, advice and work, I feel certain you will respond like the glorious old boys that you have always been and that you now are. (Applause).

For Senior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade S. M. Sparklin, Post 131, nominated Comrade John T. Birdseye, Post 26, which was seconded by Comrade J. R. Milner, Post 69. There being no other nomination, on motion, nominations were closed. The rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for

Comrade Birdseye. The ballot was cast as directed, and Comrade John T. Birdseye was declared elected Senior Vice-Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade J. F. Gmelich, Post 240, nominated Comrade Joseph Leiber, Post 240, for Junior Vice-Department Commander. On motion, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Leiber, which was accordingly done, and Comrade Joseph Leiber was declared elected Junior Vice-Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, nominated Comrade R. M. Stewart, Post 4, for Medical Director, which was seconded by Comrade Borck, Post 107, who moved that nominations close and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Stewart. The motion was unanimously carried, and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot as directed, and Comrade Stewart was declared elected as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

For Chaplain, Comrade Jere T. Dew nominated Comrade J. J. Martin, Post 215, which was seconded by Comrade W. Jones, Post 14. There being no other nomination, on motion, nominations were closed, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Martin for Chaplain, which was accordingly done, and Comrade Martin was declared elected for the ensuing year.

For Council of Administration, the following nominations were made: Ernst Rotteck, Post 1; Henry Fairback, Post 107; S. M. Sparklin, Post 131; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; W. A. Fast, Post 53; John A. Blackwell, Post 82; A. N. Seaber, Post 22.

On motion it was ordered that the names be printed on the ballot below the names of Representatives and the election be held after the election of Representatives.

Comrade Williams, Post 276, introduced a resolution proposing a change in the Rules and Regulations whereby a Post having less than twenty-five members could meet but once in three months if desired. After some discussion, on motion of Comrade Sparklin, Post 131, it was laid upon the table.

The Kansas City Quartette being called upon, favored the Encampment with a few songs.

The Department Commander announced that a Camp-fire would be held at the Opera House this evening at 8 o'clock, whereupon a recess was taken until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 14th.

The Encampment met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M., May 14th, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Martin, the Department Chaplain, invoked the divine blessing.

The election of Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment being next in order, the Department Commander appointed the following Comrades as tellers:

Chas. Koock, Post 53; A. Dreifus, Post 1; Jno. M. Wherry, Post 131; H. Munchrath, Post 13; J. W. Lisenby, Post 69; W. F. Silverwood, Post 1; J. R. Milner, Post 69; J. W. Toppass, Post 29; John W. Jennings, Post 26.

On motion it was voted that the thirteen candidates receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Representatives, and the fourteen next highest be declared the Alternates.

A ballot was then had and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The following telegram was received from the Department of Nebraska:

U. P. DEPOT, FREMONT, NEB., May 13th, 1903.

*To Dept. Commander Dept. of Mo. G. A. R., Boonville, Mo.*

Greeting from the Department of Nebraska to you. We endorse Gen. Black for National Commander. What can Missouri do?

C. F. STEELE,

*Dept. Commander.*

On motion the Department Commander was instructed to return our greetings to the Department of Nebraska.

Past Department Commander Benecke, from the committee on the address of the Department Commander, made the following report:

BOONVILLE, MO., May 14th, 1903.

*Senior Vice-Department Commander and Comrades.*

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, beg leave to report that we have considered the same and find in it abundant evidence of the able and faithful service rendered during the past year by Comrade Bronson as our Department Commander, and without going into detail of the several points contained therein, bearing testimony of the great care and diligence taken and bestowed upon our Department, we approve the same, with the exception of the suggestion touching the future policy in regard to a change of maintaining our headquarters at St. Louis. We do not believe that the headquarters of the Department should be removed from the city of St. Louis, and are of the opinion that the suggestions regarding the reduction of the expenses of the Department should be referred to the incoming Department Commander and Council of Administration.

We further recommend that a vote of thanks of this Department be tendered to Comrade Bronson for the efficient and faithful services rendered as our Department Commander during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WARNER,  
LOUIS BENECKE,  
A. G. PETERSON,  
J. W. SCOTT,  
GEO. W. MARTIN,  
*Committee.*

On motion the report was adopted by a rising vote.

The committee on the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

BOONVILLE, MO., May 14th, 1903.

*To the Department Commander.*

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same and recommend that the same be approved.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

CHAS. F. VOGEL,  
CHAS. KOOCK,  
J. R. MILNER,  
*Committee.*

Past Department Commander Burton, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported the following with a favorable recommendation, and, on motion, they were adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The Department of the Grand Army of the Republic of Missouri and the Womans' Relief Corps of Missouri were instrumental in establishing the State Federal Soldiers' Home of Missouri, and secured as a free gift to the State, property worth \$40,000, and for the first four years of its existence the Board of Directors, composed of members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Womans' Relief Corps, served as such without compensation; and,

**WHEREAS**, By a re-organization of the Board under a recent act of the General Assembly and the Governor, the Womans' Relief Corps was deprived of all representation on the Board of Directors; and,

**WHEREAS**, We are interested in the welfare of the inmates of said Home, and ought to have information from time to time as to the same; therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, That the Department Commander shall appoint a committee of three to co-operate with a like committee of the Womans' Relief Corps—if one should be appointed by that noble organization—whose duty it shall be to visit said Home at convenient times, and ascertain the conditions there prevailing and report at each Annual Encampment the result of their action.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Womans' Relief Corps.

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Illinois will present to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief, the name of Comrade John C. Black of that Department; now then, remembering his gallant services in the war of the rebellion, and his untiring devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic and the interests of its Comrades, and recognizing his sterling integrity, his eminent abilities and his superior qualifications,

*Be it Resolved*, That the Representatives from the Department of Missouri to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be instructed, and the Past Commanders of the Department who may be present thereat be requested, to vote for Comrade John C. Black for Commander-in-Chief, and to use every effort to secure his election to that most high and honorable office.

*Be it Resolved*, That the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic does not deem it advisable to invite the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its National Encampment for the year 1904 in the City of St. Louis.

*Be it Resolved*, That Section 1 of Article II of Chapter IV, of the Rules and Regulations, be amended, by inserting in clause "First" of said Section, after the words "Past Vice-Commanders-in-Chief," the words "Past Adjutant Generals."

*Be it Resolved*, That the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to the people of the City of Boonville for their royal reception and mag-

nificent entertainment. They have promptly honored every draft upon their courtesy and kindness, and the Comrades one and all will ever remember the Encampment of 1903. Especially are the members of the Encampment mindful of the labors of the Comrades of John A. Hayn Post, and to them we shall ever be grateful.

We also thank the press of the city for their courtesies, and the various railroad companies for making reduced rates for the meeting of the Encampment.

A ballot was then had for the election of five members of the Council of Administration. The following Comrades were appointed as tellers:

D. R. Haynes, Post 131; Z. T. Barker, Post 82; G. P. Bennett, Post 53; E. R. Bates, Post 327; E. W. Duncan, Post 131; W. B. Stewart, Post 5.

The hour having arrived for the parade, the Encampment took a recess until 1 30 o'clock P. M.

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#### SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 14th.

The Encampment met at 1.30 P. M., and was called to order by the Department Commander.

The Department Chaplain invoked the Divine blessing.

The result of the ballot for Council of Administration was announced as follows:

Francis P. Becker, 154; W. A. Fast, 144; John A. Blackwell, 138. A. N. Seaber, 130; Ernst Rotteck, 125; Henry Fairback, 121; S. M. Sparklin, 102.

The five having the largest votes were declared elected for the ensuing year.

The tellers on the election of Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment reported the result of the ballot, and the following named Comrades were declared elected:

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

T. J. Ferril, Bowling Green .....	173
J. V. Martin, Brookfield .....	168
Joseph McAdoo, Springfield .....	160
Thos. J. Dockery, Kirksville .....	158
Alex. McCandless, Moberly .....	150
Max Fritz, St. Louis .....	145

Jno. A. Blackwell, Wellsville .....	136
August Bierwirth, Cape Girardeau .....	129
John O'Bannon, Buffalo .....	124
Charles Carples, Kansas City.....	122
J. W. Blackburn, Malta Bend .....	116
Henry Evers, St. Louis .....	112
H. T. Holmes, Jefferson City.....	99

## ALTERNATES.

M. G. Netherton, Gallatin .....	91
Edward Borek, St. Louis.....	90
C. W. Corkran, Novelty .....	83
Chas. Niedringhaus, St. Louis.....	76
G. A. Douglas, Warrensburg.....	75
W. R. Hacker, Joplin.....	75
Thos. H. Hagerty, St. Louis .....	74
Chas. E. Koken, St. Louis .....	74
Wm. H. Allen, Mound City .....	62
John Parsley, Tina .....	62
A. Van Meter, Lamar.....	54
John Stupp, St. Louis .....	52
Chas. E. Wadleigh, Green Ridge.....	51
B. Waddington, Mexico.....	42

The Assistant Adjutant General made the following report of the Council of Administration:

BOONVILLE, MO., May 12th, 1903.

*To the Twenty-first Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.*

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The first meeting of the Council was held at Cape Girardeau, Mo., on May 14th, 1902, after the adjournment of the Encampment, pursuant to the call of the Department Commander.

The members present were Ira T. Bronson, Department Commander; Jere T. Dew, Senior Vice-Department Commander; August Bierwirth, Junior Vice-Department Commander; Edward Borek, Medical Director; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Francis P. Becker, Ernst Rotteck and Henry Fairback, elected members.

On motion the following Resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General be authorized and empowered to sell and convey the following described real estate, lying in Kansas City, Mo., to-wit: "All of the west 10 feet lot 4, and east 20 feet lot 5, block 3, P. A. Frederick's third addition to the City of Kansas, now Kansas City, Mo., according to the recorded plat thereof," to such person or persons, on such terms, for such consideration and with such covenants as they may deem satisfac-



tory and acceptable, the consideration to be either in cash, or part cash and part on time, the deferred payments, if any, to be evidenced by note or notes of the purchaser, and to be secured by deed of trust on the said premises, and to be made payable inside of three years from the day of sale.

The Assistant Adjutant General made report of the engagement of headquarters for the Department at the Hotel Hamilton during the National Encampment at Washington, D. C., in October next, which was, on motion, approved. On motion the Council adjourned.

The date for the meeting of the Twenty-second Department Encampment at Boonville, Mo., was fixed by the Council of Administration by correspondence, all the members concurring in favor of the dates of Wednesday and Thursday, May 13th and 14th, 1903.

The next meeting of the Council of Administration was held at Boonville, Mo., on Tuesday, May 12th, at 4 o'clock P. M., pursuant to call of the Department Commander.

The members present were Ira T. Bronson, Department Commander; Jere T. Dew, Senior Vice-Department Commander; Edward Borck, Medical Director; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; John M. Williams, Judge Advocate; Francis P. Becker, Ernst Rotteck and Henry Fairback, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to annul and revoke the charters of the following Posts, heretofore suspended for failing to make reports: Posts Nos. 73, 99, 100, 213, 244, 409, 435, 471, 478, 493, 504, 557.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts for failing to make reports: Posts Nos. 103, 117, 137, 167, 206, 217, 231, 385, 430, 540, 570.

On motion the Council recommended to the Encampment the appropriation of \$200, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, for the traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander reported as follows:

ST. LOUIS, May 8th, 1903.

*Ira T. Bronson, Department Commander.*

*Dear Sir and Comrade:* We, the undersigned, Committee of the Council of Administration, selected to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have examined and audited the same for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1903.

We found proper vouchers for all expenditures, with balances on hand as follows:

December 31, 1902 .....	\$181.19
April 30, 1903 .....	92.04

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of keeping his accounts.

JAS. B. WILDE,  
HENRY FAIRBACK,  
ERNST ROTTECK,  
*Committee.*

On motion the report was adopted.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS.

On motion the report, with its recommendations, was adopted.

Committees were announced in waiting from the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander appointed Comrades J. F. Gmelich, James McClure and Jos. McAdoo to escort the former, and Comrades G. W. Martin and T. H. Hagerty to escort the latter to the platform, when they were introduced to the Encampment—Mrs. Sparklin, Mrs. Bronson and Mrs. Hall from the Womans' Relief Corps, and Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Fields from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Sparklin addressed the Encampment in a few well chosen and eloquent words, and presented the following report:

BOONVILLE, Mo., May 14th, 1903.

*To Ira T. Bronson, Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.*

*Dear Sir:* In conformity with a time-honored custom, I have the privilege of submitting to you, and through you to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the following report of its auxiliary, the Missouri Womans' Relief Corps:

Total cash expended for relief .....	\$ 630.50
Estimated value of relief .....	1,075.25
Total .....	<u>\$1,705.75</u>

Turned over to Posts .....	715.17
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Of the latter amount \$320 was raised towards a monument erected in Moberly by Howe Corps and Post.

Number of soldiers assisted .....	148
Number in soldiers' families assisted .....	461
Total .....	<u>609</u>

FEDERAL SOLDIERS' HOME.

We have also provided luxuries for the sick and invalids in this Home, the Annual Christmas Dinner, articles of necessary wearing ap-

parel, and furnishings to make the rooms more homelike and comfortable, at a cost of \$225. Of this amount the Department contributed from its Relief Fund \$56.

With kind wishes to you all for your future happiness and prosperity, I am loyally yours,

In F., C. and L.,

HOLLEN E. DAY,

*Department President.*

Mrs Stark extended the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in a suitable manner.

Past Department Commander Burton, by request of the Department Commander, responded to both in his usual felicitous manner.

The ladies then retired, the members of the Encampment rising at the call of the Department Commander.

The newly elected officers were then installed by Past Department Commander Martin.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was duly installed.

The Comrades all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," after which Past Department Chaplain Ferril pronounced the benediction, and the Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

A true record of the proceedings.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

NOTE.—Owing to the sudden illness of Comrade C. C. Cowen, who had been engaged as stenographer to report the proceedings of the Encampment, it became impracticable to have such a report. The Assistant Adjutant General is under obligations to Comrade Martin Scherer, of Post 13, for his assistance in keeping the minutes of the proceedings.

T. B. R.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

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The Comrades and citizens of Boonville have reason to congratulate themselves upon the successful manner in which they entertained the Encampment. All seemed to work to the one end of doing their best for the good name of the city, and their well-known hospitality was again exemplified. The arrangements were complete in every particular.

The business houses and residences were generally and beautifully decorated, a canopy suspended from the electric light at the intersection of Main and Morgan Streets being especially noticeable.

An entertainment or camp-fire was given at the Opera House on Wednesday evening. The house was crowded to its full capacity. J. F. Gmelich, Commander of the local Post, presided.

The meeting was addressed by Thos. H. Grisham, of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, who spoke entertainingly of his boyhood days in Boonville in the early days of the war.

A quartette from St. Louis and Kansas City sang two selections that were warmly applauded, and the Missouri State Band furnished excellent music at intervals.

Hon. Chas. G. Burton of Nevada, Mo., and Major Wm. Warner of Kansas City, followed in stirring addresses, such as they only can make, and held the attention of the vast audience until a late hour.

The parade which was postponed from the day before on account of the weather, took place on Thursday forenoon. It was formed at 10.30 A. M., in front of the Opera House, under Comrade C. C. Bell as chief marshal, with James Gault and Boone Taliaferro as assistants. The parade was led by the Missouri State Band, followed by the Department officers in carriages and the Grand Army Veterans more than four hundred strong. The full band of the Missouri Training School for Boys, led by Mr. Birch, followed, attracting much favorable comment by its bearing and excellent training. The Sons of Veterans brought up the rear.

The column moved north on Main, east on Morgan and south on Sixth to the Public School, where several hundred children with their teachers greeted the veterans with waving flags and patriotic songs. Charles Lieber, the thirteen year old son of Comrade Joseph Lieber, the Junior Vice-Department Commander elect, delivered the following address:

“Soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic! We welcome you as visitors to our Boonville Public Schools. We feel honored by your presence. We recognize the fact that as an army you have performed a service to our country and to the world more far reaching in its consequences, more glorious in its results than was ever performed by any army that ever trod the dusty road to glory. You struck the shackles from four million slaves and thus earned the everlasting gratitude, not of the slaves alone, but of all mankind, for you thereby caused the flag of freedom to float higher, and you have thus shed new light on the Declaration of Independence where it says that ‘All men are created free and equal, and have an unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.’

“You have preserved for us our nation so that we are now one government, one people; brave, united, happy, free. No words of tongue or pen can ever express the debt of gratitude we owe to you for this great service. And we ask you now to teach us a further lesson in patriotism so that we may preserve that which you have given to us. Teach us to love the right for right’s sake and to stand by it against whatever odds. Teach us to stick to it with bull-dog tenacity even when we stand one against the world. Teach us to be brave and patient and persevering even when we are foot-sore and hungry and wounded and ready to die. Thus shall we, the Army of the Republic’s school children, be able to perpetuate to others that which you, the Grand Army of the Republic, have preserved for us

“Again, in behalf of the pupils, teachers, patrons and school board, we bid you a hearty welcome to our midst. And while the hours of your day on earth with us are growing short, we pray that the setting sun may rest upon your venerable heads with the joy and glory of well-earned peace and rest.”

Master Charles received special mention from Maj. Warner

who responded in an eloquent manner to the address, and Commander Bronson pinned on his breast an Encampment badge.

The parade then moved to the Sumner School for colored children on Spruce Street, where the pupils were drawn up and saluted. Cora Smith, one of the pupils, recited "Sheridan's Ride" and the pupils sang a patriotic song. Col. John P. Tracy spoke briefly and eloquently to the children.

The parade moved from this place to the Kemper School, where it was halted and witnessed a skirmish drill and sham battle by the cadets. Their proficiency in this and the manual of arms was most excellent and reflected great credit on the boys and their instructors. Hon. Chas. G. Burton delivered a splendid address to the students, in which he urged self-respect, obedience and good citizenship as necessary to success on the part of young men.

The parade then continued to the Opera House where it disbanded.

After the adjournment of the Encampment in the afternoon large numbers of the visitors paid a visit to the Training School in response to an invitation from Supt. L. D. Drake, and were shown over the grounds and through the buildings, and witnessed a dress parade of the boys of the school. All were much pleased with the condition and management of the school.

The entertainment program was concluded by a concert given by the Choral Union, under the direction of Miss Scott, at the Opera House on Thursday evening, which was well attended and highly appreciated.

## GENERAL ORDERS, 1902-1903.

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### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1. ST. LOUIS, MO., May 15, 1902.

I. Having been elected by the Twenty-first Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to the office of Department Commander, and duly installed, I hereby assume command, thanking my comrades for the honor bestowed upon me, and accept it with due appreciation.

II. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

S. M. Sparklin, Post 131, St. Louis, Inspector. Address, Third and Olive streets.

John M. Williams, Post 276, California, Judge Advocate.

Harry Mitchell, Post 26, Nevada, Chief Mustering Officer.

John B. Cotty, Post 5, Moberly, Color Bearer and Aide-de-Camp.

John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander will be Royal Tribe Building, Sedalia, Mo.

IV. All official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Thos. B. Rodgers, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

**IRA T. BRONSON,**  
Department Commander.

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### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2. ST. LOUIS, MO., May 22, 1902.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Twenty-first Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur:

Department Commander—Ira T. Bronson, Post 53, Sedalia.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—Jere T. Dew, Post 8, Kansas City.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—August Bierwirth, Post 173, Cape Girardeau.

Medical Director—Dr. Edward Borck, Post 107, St. Louis.

Chaplain—Rev. J. J. Martin, Post 215. Address, Holden, Mo.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; James B. Wilde, Post 131, St. Louis; Ernst Rotteck, Post 1, St. Louis; Robert W. Davis, Post 57, Brookfield; Henry Fairback, Post 107, St. Louis.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-sixth National Encampment:

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Thos. H. Hagerty (at large), St. Louis.  
 J. B. Davis, Kansas City.  
 Nich. Mathias, Moberly.  
 L. F. Klostermann, Cape Girardeau.  
 Austin E. Cook, St. Louis.  
 Chas. V. F. Ludwig, St. Louis.  
 J. V. Martin, Brookfield.  
 Louis C. Hesse, St. Louis.  
 W. W. Langston, Springfield.  
 A. R. Dixon, Springfield.  
 John T. Birdseye, Nevada.  
 J. W. Temple, Eldon.  
 F. D. W. Arnold, Lamar.  
 E. C. Baugher, Sullivan.  
 H. G. C. Dammer, St. Charles.

## ALTERNATES.

Henry Fairback, St. Louis.  
 T. T. Turley, Mexico.  
 Chas. A. Paige, Green Ridge.  
 Jacob Fisher, Hemker.  
 O. C. Snyder, Kirksville.  
 Thos. Dalton, Farmington.  
 A. S. Long, St. Joseph.  
 F. L. Withaup, Willow Springs.  
 Rud. Ulrich, St. Louis.  
 J. E. Jones, DeSoto.  
 L. E. James, Zalma.  
 Wm. Maynard, Moberly.  
 W. A. Bacon, Leora.  
 L. Drummond, Memphis.  
 R. H. McLane, Benton.

III. The following additional appointment on the Staff of the Department Commander is hereby announced:

Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff—Dan. Y. Grow, Post 53, Sedalia.

IV. The Commander of each Post is requested to recommend a worthy and zealous comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

V. The charters of the following Posts, heretofore suspended, were annulled and revoked by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration:

Post 49, Edgerton; 188, Linneus; 249, Fordland; 253, Belton; 258, Gatewood, 305, Roads; 342, Stoutland; 346, Ironton; 426, Monroe City; 524, Drexel; 539, Moberly; 550, Seligman; 560, Elsinore; 565, Queen City.

VI. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 45, Oregon; 51, Concordia; 73, Sticklerville; 99, Richwoods; 100, Lutesville; 104, Gallatin; 213, Galt; 237, Warsaw; 244, Cole Camp; 409, Galloway; 435, Howland; 471, Ethel; 478, Gamburg; 493, Hardin; 495, Lead Mine; 504, Golden, 557, McElhaney.

VII. It is desirable that the Grand Army of the Republic should be first in doing honor to the Flag. Therefore it is hereby requested that all Posts and comrades of this Department shall duly observe June 14th by displaying "Old Glory" from Post rooms and residences as far as possible. Let this anniversary of the birth of the Flag be made most conspicuous throughout this Department. Let us so advertise the coming event that every man, woman and child in this great State shall have a lesson in patriotism. Encourage all citizens to display the Glorious Banner, and thus have this Commonwealth covered on that day with a halo of Red, White and Blue.

VIII. The Thirty-sixth National Encampment, G. A. R., will convene at the Capital of our Nation, in the first week of October next. It is desirable that this Department shall be well represented. Therefore the following information is thus early promulgated:

Applications and correspondence relating to quarters for organizations, parties or individuals, should be addressed to M. I.



Weller, Chairman of Committee on Public Comfort, Jenifer Building, 7th and D, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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Members of the Grand Army, whose circumstances or claims may induce them to desire free quarters out of the limited number to be provided, should make application through their Posts and Departments, to the headquarters of the G. A. R., at Minneapolis, Minn.

IX. Blanks in duplicate for the reports of Post Chaplains, as to the observance of Memorial Day and memorial Services in Church on the preceding Sabbath, are enclosed herewith. One copy should be filed with the Post and the other forwarded to Rev. J. J. Martin, Department Chaplain, Holden, Mo., in the addressed envelope herewith enclosed. They should be sent immediately after Memorial Day.

X. Blanks in duplicate, Forms A and B, for Post Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports, for the term of six months ending June 30th, 1902, with addressed envelope, are sent in separate envelope. These reports should be made out at the last meeting in June, when the Post Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster are together, and after having been signed by the Post Commander, should be enclosed with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member in good standing, and promptly forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General. The reports should not be held back until the end of the month.

The number of members in good standing on last report, the number remaining suspended and the cash balance in hands of the Quartermaster, are set down in red ink, and should not be changed. The names, with rank company and regiment of all comrades gained or lost during the term, should be given under the proper headings. Adjutants and Quartermasters should see that their reports agree as to the number "remaining in good standing."

Remittances must be made by drafts upon St. Louis, Postoffice or Express Order, or by registered letter. All checks on local banks are subject to a discount of fifteen cents.

XI. Boonville, Mo., was selected as the place of meeting of the next Department Encampment.

XII. Comrades, let us make the present Department year one to be long remembered, on account of hard work and faithful adherence to our motto—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Let us, by united effort, hold the association intact, and use every honorable method to increase our number.

By Command of IRA T. BRONSON, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

ST. LOUIS, MO, July 21, 1902.

I. The attention of the Department is again called to the Thirty-sixth National Encampment, to be held in the City of Washington, D. C., beginning October 6th, next. This coming Encampment should be largely attended by the comrades. An opportunity to again touch elbows in the Capital of the Nation we saved is given us, and we should avail ourselves of the privilege. Let us once more make Pennsylvania avenue resound with the tramp of a marching host.

Liberal concessions have been made by the Railroads, the usual rate of one cent per mile having been made East of the Mississippi River, thus making the traveling expenses comparatively light.

The committees having in charge the comfort of the visitors are doing everything to make the Encampment one of the most enjoyable in the history of National Encampments.

The Department of Missouri must be conspicuous once more by receiving the acclaim of the reviewing thousands that it has commanded in the past.

II. The following comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Louis Euler, Post 1, St. Louis.  
 W. C. Ayres, Post 47, Green City.  
 J. D. Hallman- Post 68, Green Ridge.  
 Francis A. Dwight, Post 107, St. Louis.  
 J. W. Taylor, Post 185, Perryville.  
 Geo. Hutchinson, Post 243, Willow Springs.  
 J. G. Hudson, Post 252, Met. 3.  
 Charles Spencer, Post 437, Cross Timbers.  
 Wm. S. Hinton, Post 563, Blue Springs.  
 A. W. Martin, Post, 567, Moberly.

The comrades above named are expected to assist the Department Commander in advancing the interests of the organization in their respective localities. They will notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance of the appointments, and should procure from him the badge of their rank, the price of which is \$1.10. Commissions will be sent only on receipt of notice of acceptance.

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IV. The many Posts that were so prompt in forwarding semi-annual reports deserve complimenting and have the thanks of these Headquarters.

More than a hundred reports are still due and should be forwarded at once. It is hoped that none will prove delinquent long. The reports should all be in by this time.

The following Posts deserve honorable mention for gains in membership the last term:

Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield, Wm. H. Wade, P. C., gained 17 by muster, 2 by transfer and 3 by reinstatement, a gain of 22 and net gain of 15; number in good standing, 138.

Justi Post, No. 173, Cape Girardeau, J. N. Hartzell, P. C., gained 4 by muster and 15 by reinstatement, a gain of 19 and net gain of 18; number in good standing, 58.

Curtis Post, No. 84, Sarcoxie, T. S. Fertig, P. C., gained 3 by muster and 20 by reinstatement, a net gain of 23; number in good standing, 29.

James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Lexington, M. L. Studdard, P. C., gained 7 by muster, 1 by transfer and 4 by reinstatement, a net gain of 12; number in good standing, 38.

Gen. F. J. Herron Post, No. 161, Buffalo, John O'Bannon, P. C., gained 4 by muster, 2 by transfer and 2 by reinstatement, a gain of 8 and net gain of 5; number in good standing, 90.

Col. Islam Keith Post, No. 164, Breckenridge, Thos. McPeek, P. C., gained 8 by reinstatement, a net gain of 8; number in good standing, 28.

Liberal Post, No. 515, Liberal, L. Nicholson, P. C., gained 2 by muster and 6 by reinstatement, a net gain of 8; number in good standing, 42.

F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon, Adam Rodgers, P. C., gained 4 by transfer and 3 by reinstatement, a gain of 7, and net gain of 6; number in good standing, 69.

Marionville Post, No. 141, Marionville, L. D. Barton, P. C., gained 6 by muster and 1 by transfer, a net gain of 7; number in good standing, 46.

Jim Carnes Post, No. 285, Rockport, Geo. Steck, P. C., gained 7 by reinstatement, a net gain of 7; number in good standing, 28.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 55, Moberly, Nich. Mathias, P. C., gained 5 by muster and 3 by reinstatement, a gain of 8, and net gain of 7; number in good standing, 64.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin, L. D. Middleton, P. C., gained 5 by muster, 1 by transfer and 11 by reinstatement, a gain of 19, and net gain of 11; number in good standing, 108.

Warren Post, No. 287, Rockville, E. H. Carter, P. C., gained 2 by transfer and 5 by reinstatement, a net gain of 7; number in good standing, 20.

John A. Davis Post, No. 549, Windsor, Nich. Mason, P. C., gained 3 by muster, 4 by transfer and 1 by reinstatement, a net gain of 8; number in good standing, 26.

The Journal of the proceedings of the last Department Encampment, with the Department Roster for 1902, are sent with this order. It is recommended that portions of these proceedings, as well as those of the National Encampment be read at the Post meetings for the benefit of those who were not present at the Encampments.

VII. Acknowledgment and thanks are hereby tendered to Congressmen Bartholdt and Joy for public documents received. One is a report of the Secretary of War, giving a complete list and history of all the military organizations in Missouri during the war, showing those in the U. S. service and those that were not. This information has never before been collated and will be of service in determining questions which often arise as to eligibility of applicants for membership.

VIII. The Medical Director requests that the Post Commanders instruct their Adjutant's to obtain the cause of death of any comrade in the Post, at the time of his death, so that it may be correctly stated in the Post Surgeon's report at the end of the year.

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By Command of IRA T. BRONSON, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Aug 23, 1902.

I. As heretofore announced, the Thirty-sixth National Encampment will be held at Washington, D. C., in the week beginning Monday, October 6th. The grand parade will take place on Wednesday, October 8th. The sessions of the Encampment will be on Thursday and Friday, October 9th and 10th.

II. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be at the Hamilton Hotel, corner 14th and K Streets, Rooms Nos. 27 and 28. The hotel is most pleasantly and centrally located on the corner

of Franklin Square. The rates per day are from \$2.50 up, including board. Accommodations for Missouri comrades can probably be secured there if applied for soon direct to the proprietor, Irving O. Ball.

The Headquarters will be opened on Monday afternoon, October 6th, and will be in charge of Dan. Y. Gross, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, and J. B. Cotty, Aide-de-Camp and color bearer. Department Officers, Representatives and Alternates will report there as soon as possible after their arrival. The register for visiting comrades will be kept at these Headquarters.

III. Posts and comrades desiring free quarters must send their names and numbers to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department to be forwarded by him to the Adjutant General before September 1st.

IV. The Posts and comrades will assemble for parade at 9 o'clock, on Wednesday morning, the 8th. The place of formation will be announced Tuesday evening. Comrade Dan. Y. Gross, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, will have charge of the formation. All Post and Battalion Commanders will report to him during the day or evening of Tuesday, the 7th, at Headquarters, Hamilton Hotel. Detachments and unattached comrades will be formed in a separate Battalion.

V. The railroad rates east of the Mississippi river are one cent per mile. The fare from St. Louis and return is \$17.90. The rates for Missouri, west of the river, will be one fare for the round trip, added to the above rate. Tickets will be on sale from October 2d to 6th going, good to return, leaving Washington up to midnight, October 14th. By depositing tickets with Joint Agent at Washington not later than 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, October 14th, and payment of a fee of 50 cents, they may be made good to return up to and including November 3d. Comrades are advised to confer with local railroad agents, so as to avoid any confusion in regard to rates.

VI. The Department Commander has accepted the invitation of Ransom Post, No. 131, for himself and staff, to accompany it from St. Louis to the National Encampment. The Post will leave St. Louis on Sunday morning, October 5th, at 8 o'clock, by special train, via Big Four route to Cincinnati, and from Cincinnati to Washington, via the Chesapeake and Ohio allway, arriving at Washington at 1 o'clock p. m., on Monday, October 6th. Supper at Cincinnati on Sunday evening, at the Grand Hotel, and breakfast at Clifton Forge, Va., on Monday morning, 50 cents each. Sleepers will be attached to train at Cincinnati; fare \$3.00 for double berth to Washington. Sleeping car berths should be secured from Quartermaster S. M. Sparklin before leaving St. Louis. The Department Commander would be pleased to have as many of the comrades, as well as the Department Officers and Staff, to accompany him on this train as can conveniently do so. Comrades from the interior of the State desiring to go on this train should procure tickets that read from St. Louis via the C. & St. L. R. R., and from Cincinnati via the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. The latter route through the mountains of West Virginia and Virginia is one of great scenic beauty, and the excellent equipment of the road will make the trip thoroughly enjoyable.

VII. But few Post Commanders have availed themselves of the request of the Department Commander to recommend a comrade

for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on his Staff. They are again urgently requested to do so. The more active and energetic comrades we have in the service in these positions, the better for our organization.

VIII. Salem Post, No. 128, Salem, Mo., having voted to change the name of the Post to Louis Fischer Post, the same has been approved by the Department Commander.

IX. The following Posts, which reported December 31st, 1901, are delinquent for the term ending June 30th, 1902:

Posts 46, 70, 181, 187, 209, 234, 236, 241, 242, 245, 250, 264, 279, 282, 294, 299, 311, 324, 340, 343, 359, 360, 362, 371, 382, 384, 397, 402, 406, 416, 431, 436, 479, 481, 487, 506, 525, 537, 548.

There is no good excuse for these Posts, most of them usually prompt, being so much behind. It is urged upon them all to report at once and relieve the embarrassment caused by their delinquency at these Headquarters.

X. General Orders No. 6, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of IRA T. BRONSON, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5. St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 10, 1902.**

I. The attention of comrades is again called to the meeting of the National Encampment at Washington and the Department Commander expects to see an old-time representation from Missouri. The Department Commander will leave Sedalia, via Missouri Pacific Railroad, Saturday night, October 4th, at 12 o'clock. Comrades along this line are cordially invited to accompany him. The train arrives in St. Louis at 6:10 Sunday morning, October 5th, in time to join the headquarters train on the Big Four, which leaves Union Station at 8 a. m., being special train of Ransom Post. Persons buying tickets at St. Louis and desiring to go on this train must procure their tickets from S. M. Sparklin, Quartermaster of Ransom Post, who will sell tickets at Room 803, Wainwright Building, corner Chestnut and Seventh Streets, October 1st, 2d and 3d, from 12 o'clock noon till 2 p. m., and on Saturday, October 1st, 2d and 3d, mbb V. Sunday morning at Union Station. Sleeping car berths should also be engaged from him.

The route from Cincinnati will be over the Chesapeake & Ohio, and passes through the beautiful mountain and river scenery of West Virginia, and near many of the historic battlefields of the war.

On the return trip, by paying \$3.00 additional, a Steamer ride can be taken down the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay to Fortress Monroe and Old Point Comfort, and by train thence homeward by way of Richmond.

II. Visiting comrades are cordially invited to call at Headquarters of the Department, at the Hamilton Hotel, where all will be made welcome and supplied with Missouri badges. Posts and unattached comrades will report in uniform for parade at 9 o'clock a. m., October 8th, at the point designated for Missouri, as may be learned from the Washington papers of that morning, or from Department Headquarters the day before. Detached comrades will be formed in a separate battalion. The formation will be in charge of Comrade Daniel Grow, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

whose name was erroneously printed "Gross" in last General Orders. The parade will be one and one-half miles in length on Pennsylvania Avenue.

III. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, Room 27, Hamilton Hotel, on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, for the transaction of business and distribution of Encampment badges.

IV. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment will notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than September 25, whether or not they will be able to attend, so that alternates may be notified. Should anything occur later to prevent their attendance, notice should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General by mail or telegraph.

V. The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

S. H. Corn, Post 17, Cameron.

J. E. Carter, Post 72, Trenton.

R. L. Hottel, Post 84, Sarcoxie.

Ed D. Hopkins, Post 215, Farmington.

James H. Reading, Post 238, Lowry City.

Thos. Daisey, Post 343, St. Louis.

Samuel S. Rich, Post 567, Moberly.

Commissions will be sent on receipt of their acceptance by the Assistant Adjutant General.

VI. General Orders Nos. 7 and 8, National Headquarters, and Circular Letter of the Commander-in-Chief, are transmitted herewith. Particular attention is invited to the Circular Letter.

By Command of IRA T. BRONSON, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

#### GENERAL ORDERS No 6.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Nov. 29, 1902.

I. Comrades, for the third time have the men comprising the Grand Army of the Republic passed in review along that historic Avenue that stretches from the Nation's Capitol to the home of our Presidents, "The White House."

First, in 1865, as a great conquering host, bronzed and hardened by four years of battlefield and bivouac, with their guns glistening in the sunlight, forming a great river of steel as it swung itself triumphantly and joyously through the great Avenue.

Again, after twenty-seven years of peace and prosperity have crowned our Nation, a remnant of that triumphant host once more tramped along the same thoroughfare between lines of admiring multitudes, not as an army of conquerors, but as an army of citizens clothed in the habiliments of peace.

And now, in nineteen hundred and two, once more a small remnant of that host of patriots that stood as a wall of fire between the Flag and its betrayers, marched along the same route and listened again to the acclaim of the multitudes who remembered that the marchers, although bowed under the burden of many years, were the men who made the Nation great.

II. The Department Commander congratulates the comrades upon the splendid record this Department made while attending the thirty-sixth National Encampment, and especially its unprecedented martial appearance while taking part in the grand parade.

He also takes this occasion to thank the officers and comrades for their uniform kindness and courtesy extended to himself and staff while attending the Encampment.

III. Comrade F. M. Sterrett, Post 1, St. Louis, was elected a member of the National Council of Administration by the National Encampment.

IV. Now that the "hurry-up" season has passed and the thirty-sixth National Encampment is numbered among the many such joyous occasions, it is hoped that the comrades of this Department will bestir themselves, take on renewed enthusiasm and make the remaining months of this Grand Army year, days to be remembered in the upbuilding of our organization. Let each comrade resolve that he will add at least one to the membership, either original or from the suspended list. This is an easy matter; it can and should be done. Comrades, I appeal to you to "stand by and give a hand."

V. The Department Commander has had brought to his attention a very commendable method of bringing the comrades of districts together for social intercourse once in three months. The plan is to arrange a dinner or lunch at some central place, upon what is known as "voucher day," and all comrades are invited to a hall or room to partake of lunch, either brought by themselves or furnished for a few cents by the local Woman's Relief Corps. One Notary Public or more to be in attendance. Thus the comrade gets a dinner and his papers fixed at the same time. This is believed to be an excellent way of bringing the comrades together. Try it.

VI. By a change in the Rules and Regulations made at the last National Encampment, Post inspections and Post Surgeon's reports are no longer required; therefore no blanks are sent out for that purpose.

VII. At the annual election of Post officers, which will be held at the first regular meeting in December, the Posts will also elect representatives and alternates to the Department Encampment. Each Post is entitled to one representative and one alternate for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional representative and alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number, based upon the number of members in good standing as shown by the Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1902. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one representative and one alternate.

Blanks in duplicate for reports of representatives and alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed herewith. A blank report for Post-officers-elect and appointed is also enclosed, and should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the officers are installed.

VIII. The officers-elect and appointed will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1903, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed as installing officer by the Department Commander.

The installing officer will see that the Post has forwarded its semi-annual reports and dues before proceeding with the installation. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond. A blank bond is enclosed herewith.

IX. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending December 31st, 1902, are sent herewith to the Post Commanders. These reports, with the Per Capita Tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member, should be forwarded to

the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month.

X. The following Posts which reported December 31st, 1901, and are delinquent for the term ending June 30th, 1902, should now report for the entire year, making reports for both terms on one blank:

Post 209, Linn Creek; 234, Ash Grove; 242, Pattonsburg; 279, Edinburgh; 297, Highlandville; 311, Ford City; 360, Iantha; 362, Dadeville; 397, Brookline; 416, Tiff City; 479, Montreal; 537, Ridge Prairie.

The following Posts are delinquent for the term ending December 31st, 1901, and terms ending June 30th, 1902.

Post 217, Williamstown; 224, Hale; 229, Laddonia; 262, Centralia; 283, Fair Play; 411, Competition.

The following Posts are delinquent for both terms of 1901 and first term of 1902:

Post 137, Neosho; 167, Rosendale; 231, Kansas City; 367, Roscoe; 383; Mountain View; 454, Calhoun; 469, Ashland; 482, Norris.

Comrades, the success and life of our Department depends upon the prompt attention to the semi-annual reports. Please send them at once and keep your Post in good standing.

XI. The following new Post has been mustered:

Capt. E. D. Johnson Post, No. 574, at Elmira, Ray Co., October 18th, 1902, by Past Commander John P. Platt, Special Mustering Officer, with 18 charter members; J. T. Roberts, Post Commander. Farnsworth Post, 237, Warsaw, Mo., heretofore suspended, having made reports and paid Per Capita Tax, has been reinstated.

XII. The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

James Crosson, Post 4, Kansas City.  
Wm. G. Campbell, Post 7, St. Joseph.  
John B. Burris, Post 11, Lexington.  
H. W. Davidson, Post 14, Joplin.  
Thos. Moore, Post 197, Warrenton.  
James E. Decker, Post 219, Republic.  
Lewis Blakely, Post 282, Carrollton.

Commissions will be sent by the Assistant Adjutant General on receipt of the comrades' acceptance.

XIII. The Department Commander has the appointment of some son or daughter of a veteran, to a free scholarship at the Memorial University, at Mason City, Iowa. He is desirous that some one of the sons or daughters from this Department should avail themselves of this free scholarship; therefore takes this method of calling attention of the comrades to the fact. The first application will receive the appointment.

XIV. General Orders, No. 1, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of IRA T. BRONSON, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 7.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 19, 1903.

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Wednesday and Thursday, May 13th and 14th, 1903, for the meeting of the Twenty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, at the City of Boonville, Mo.



The comrades and people generally of this beautiful city are making every effort for our proper accommodation, and it being the first time in many years that the place of meeting has been located in the central part of the State, there should be a large attendance.

II. The following additional appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

- George Tuthill, Post 358, Sweet Springs.
- C. W. Strong, Post 405, Pickering.
- Chas. McCoy, Post 573 Alexandria.

III. The following Posts are delinquent for the term ending December 31st, 1902:

Posts 70, 124, 178, 181, 209, 250, 254, 337, 343, 354, 384, 390, 418, 431, 436, 440, 481, 488, 507, 514, 525.

The following Posts are delinquent for both terms of 1902:

Posts 234, 242, 279, 294, 362, 397, 416, 479, 537.

The Commanders of these Posts are urged to make reports at once, otherwise they will not be entitled to the National Counter-sign, or representation in the Department Encampment.

IV. The following new Post has been mustered:

Albert Anderson Post, No. 575, at Winona, Shannon Co., Mo., January 7th, 1903, by Past Post Commander J. J. Bowen, Special Mustering Officer, with 10 charter members; Alexander Teel, Post Commander.

V. Our consolidated reports for the year ending December 31st, 1902, show a net loss of 605 comrades. The gains were, from muster, 384; from transfers, 139; from reinstatements, 457. The losses were, from death, 305; from honorable discharge, 23; from transfers, 125; from suspensions, 785; from delinquent reports, 350.

The comrades can make a better showing than this in the present year. Let each Post Commander at once appoint a committee dropped and suspended comrades, and the recruiting of those who of active and jealous comrades to look after the reinstatement of have lately come among you. When the days for executing pension vouchers bring the old soldiers together, make it a point to interview them and urge them to resume their membership, and make the terms for their return as easy as possible. Such systematic work properly pursued with result in gratifying gains and stop the drains that have been so rapidly depleting our ranks.

Comrades should not be discouraged because their Posts are small. So long as ten or a dozen comrades survive they should hold on to the Post and keep the colors flying. Expenses need be but small where the membership is small. Meet at last once a month at the home of office of some comrade when a hall is too expensive or not easily obtained. You can thus keep your Post in existence for many years to come.

VI. General Orders Nos. 2 and 3, National Headquarters, and the report to the President of the National Committee on Pensions, are transmitted herewith. Especial attention is invited to paragraph 1, in General Orders No 3.

By Command of IRA T. BRONSON, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**GENERAL ORDERS No. 8.                      St. Louis, Mo., April 10, 1903.**

I. The Twenty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at the Opera House, in the City of Boonville, Mo., on Wednesday, May 13th, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at the Million Hotel, on Tuesday, May 12th, at which place the Department of Administration will meet at 4 o'clock p. m., same day. All Department officers are expected to be present at this time.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: Martin Scherer, Post 13; R. W. Whitlow, Post 240; Daniel Y. Grow, Post 53; Wm. Mengel, Post 276.

The committee will meet in a room over the Post Office on Main Street, on Tuesday, May 12th, at 3 p. m. Representatives and members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival and receive their Encampment badges. They will be delivered to each one in person. Alternates will not receive badges unless the representative is absent.

The Visitors' Register will be kept at the office of the Sombart Milling Co., on Main near High Street, where all comrades are requested to register on their arrival, or as soon thereafter as possible.

IV. On recommendation of the Commander of Post 240, the following details are made from that Post for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, Peter Tresder; for Officer of the Guard, Henry Hoppe.

The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General on Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Commander of Post 240 will detail a sufficient number of sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty at the Encampment. The comrades so detailed will report for duty, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the Opera House, on Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

V. The hotel facilities of Boonville being limited, the committee have made a thorough canvass of the town, and are prepared to accommodate a thousand or more visitors at private houses and boarding houses, at a rate for board and lodging from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day.

Persons desiring quarters should communicate with C. C. Bell, Boonville, Chairman of Committee on Accommodations.

There will be an entertainment at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, the 13th.

The parade will take place, probably in the afternoon of the same day.

VI. Boonville very early in the war (June 17th, 1861), felt the shock of battle, thus making it peculiarly interesting as a place for our meeting. Comrades will be there who were participants in the strife. Shall we meet them? It is hoped the comrades throughout the Department will make a special effort to attend this annual reunion. It should be second to none in our history relative to numbers in attendance.

Boonville is centrally located, easy of access, and stands ready to give us a royal welcome.

Let us show the good people of that city that the Grand Army of the Republic fully appreciates the invitation they sent us, and the efforts they are putting forth to make our stay with them pleasant and profitable.

VII. The Western Passenger Association and the Southwestern Excursion Bureau, which include nearly all the railroads in the State, have made the following reduced rates for this occasion:

"Rate of one-fare from points in Missouri to Boonville and return; excursion tickets to be sold on May 12th and 13th, good to return, leaving Boonville, until and including May 16th, 1903. Tickets limited to going passage commencing date of sale and for continuous passage each direction."

The Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Railway Co. has made the same rate.

The St. Louis & Hannibal Railway Co. has made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip.

Station agents should be waited on early to make sure that they have received instructions for the reduced rate.

VIII. The officers recently elected are by this time well established in their respective positions, and it is hoped they have already entered upon an active campaign for the increase of numbers in their respective Posts. It is well to seek those more especially who have wandered from the ranks. They can be more easily approached and reached than those who have never been members of the Grand Army. A little persuasion and the remitting of dues will undoubtedly bring many of our old comrades back to their Posts. Let us see what number of Posts will make gains before the Encampment convenes.

Attention is especially called to last National General Orders relative to increasing the membership.

IX. The Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration has fixed the date for the Thirty-seventh National Encampment, at San Francisco, in the week beginning August 17th, 1903.

This early date makes it necessary for Posts and comrades desiring to attend to commence making arrangements. There ought to be a good attendance from Missouri.

X. The following Posts are delinquent for the term ending December 31st, 1902:

Posts, 70, 181, 209, 254, 337, 384, 418, 431, 436, 507, 514, 525.

The following are delinquent for both terms of 1902:

Posts, 234, 242, 279, 294, 362, 397, 416, 479, 537.

Post Commanders are urged to make these reports before the meeting of the Encampment; otherwise they will not be entitled to representation.

XI. By request announcement is made that the Missouri Ex-Union Prisoners of War Association will meet at Boonville during the Encampment. The time and place will be announced at the Encampment.

XII. General Orders Nos. 4, 5 and 6, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of IRA T. BRONSON, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 9.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 27, 1903.

**IN MEMORIAM.****THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.**

I. The expanding leaves, the singing birds and the softened winds proclaim the glad tidings that the ice chains of another winter have been rent asunder. All nature again rejoices in the gentle arms of spring. The dewdrop is sparkling in the sun's effulgent rays. That which seemed dead is again alive, risen as from the grave. hope is renewed and animation is quickened and warmed into a new vitality. These harbingers proclaim there is no death, speaking to our wondering minds truths that could be interpreted no other way.

Thus we hope on the "resurrection morn" to again grasp the hands of our comrades who fell by our sides in the bloody conflict, or whom after years of manly service as good citizens we followed with muffled drums to their graves.

We meet on Memorial Day to express our love and veneration for our dead comrades and our abiding faith in the sacrifices they made for our common country and the upbuilding of humanity. By strewing flowers upon their "green tents" we teach patriotism and love of country.

Our departed comrades little reck what we do. Their work is done. It is the living world that is looking on and taking notes. Therefore we should each year, with unabated fervor, celebrate Memorial Day. Let us lay aside on the coming 30th of May all other labor and amusement and devote the entire day to this labor of love.

II. Let us invite all the people, especially the school children, to participate in this noble act of remembrance, forgetting not to impress upon them that the day is only set apart to honor the soldier dead. Have some good reader, than can be heard, read or recite Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg.

III. Every Post is requested to attend, in a body, some sacred service on the Sunday immediately preceding the day we celebrate.

Let us not forget to invite those noble helpers—the Woman's Relief Corps, the ladies of the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans, to assist us in recognizing this sacred day.

IV. Post Chaplains will, immediately after Memorial Day, forward to the Department Chaplain the Memorial Day reports.

V. General Orders No. 7, National Headquarters, with President Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg, are herewith transmitted.

By Command of IRA T. BRONSON, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.













**FRANK M. STERRETT, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
HELD AT  
LEXINGTON, MISSOURI,  
May 18 and 19, 1904.

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GENERAL ORDERS, 1903-1904.

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ST. LOUIS:  
COMMERCIAL PRINTING CO., 300 N. THIRD ST.  
1904.

The Third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri adopted the following *Order of Business* and the *Rules of Order* for the National Encampment, so far as the same may be applicable to a Department:

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of the Encampment.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling Roll of Members.
5. Reports of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committees on Reports of Officers, and such other Committees as may be necessary.
7. Reception and Reference of Communications.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Election of Officers and Delegates to National Encampment.
11. Installation of Officers.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
Twenty-Third Annual Encampment  
OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
Grand Army of the Republic,  
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 18th.

The Twenty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Opera House at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, May 18th, and was called to order by Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett, who announced that it would be an open meeting until after the welcoming addresses.

The Department Chaplain being absent, Past Department Chaplain Hagerty was called upon by the Department Commander and invoked the Divine blessing.

The Kansas City Quartette, Comrades Whitehead, Henry, McWain and Guffin, was called upon and sang, "We Meet to Welcome Again."

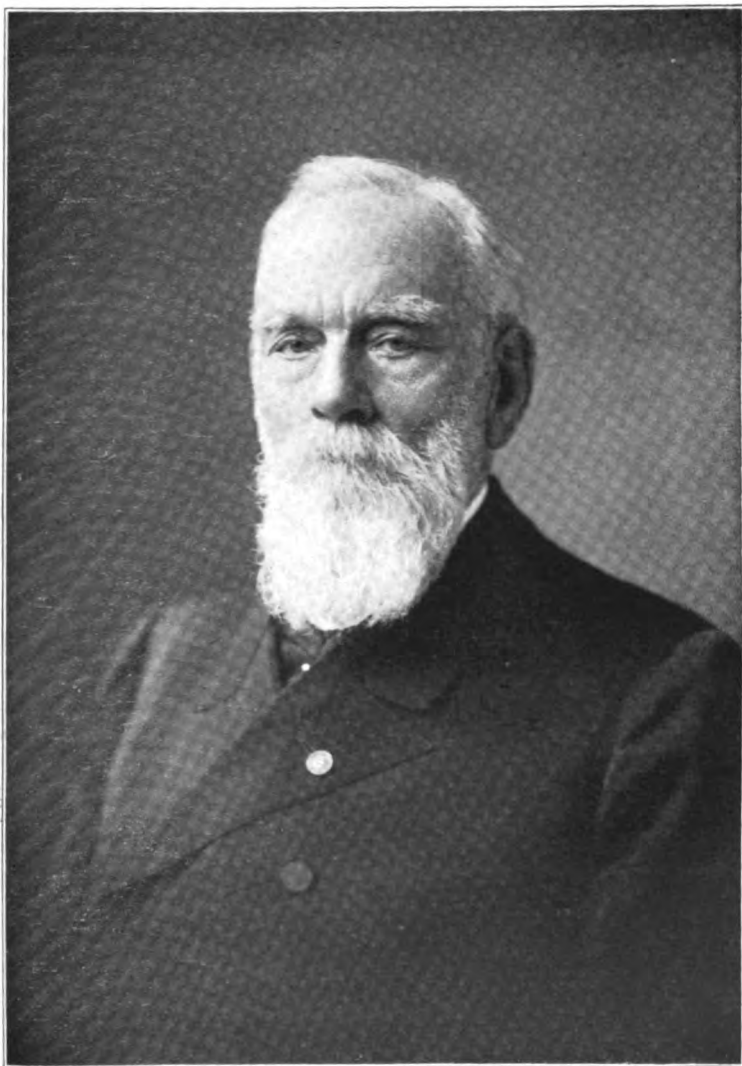
Past Commander-in Chief Rassieur was recognized by the Department Commander, and addressed the Encampment as follows:

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:** We have with us to-day as one of the representatives of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, a distinguished comrade who has never before had the opportunity and pleasure of attending a Grand Army Encampment. Although absent from this country for many years in the consular service, his heart has always been with us and he now sojourns with us in the city of St. Louis, in which he first enlisted in the U. S. volunteer service. His name is Peter Joseph Osterhaus. (Great applause.)

The military record of General Osterhaus, as is known to many of you, is absolutely without flaw or blemish. Entering the service as a private soldier in a three months' regiment in St. Louis in 1861, he was present at the capture of Camp Jackson. As Major in command of a battalion he participated with distinction in the battle of Wilson's Creek. As Colonel of the 12th Mo. Infantry he bore a gallant part in the battle of Pea Ridge. He was afterwards successively promoted to be Brigadier General and Major General of volunteers, commanding a division of the 15th army corps, and for a time commanding the corps. He participated in the siege and capture of Vicksburg and the battles preceding, being wounded at the battle of Big Black river; assisted in the capture of Lookout Mountain; was with General Sherman as he fought his way to Atlanta, and marched with him to the sea. In every campaign in which he took part he was specially commended by his commanding officers, and I might add he never was whipped. I move that Comrade Osterhaus be escorted to a seat on the platform.

The Department Commander appointed Past Commanders-in-Chief Warner and Rassieur and Past Department Commander Burton as a committee to escort Comrade Osterhaus to the platform, where he was introduced to the Encampment, amid great applause, by Comrade Rassieur.

Gen. Osterhaus: I have no words to express fully my thanks for the very great kindness and honor you have extended me. Among all that has been done by the comrades with me, the preservation of Missouri to the Union, was one of the greatest acts. From Camp Jackson to Wilson's Creek and Pea Ridge the Missouri troops were most conspicuous. Missouri was the foundation from which I rose. I enjoy being again, after so many years, among my old comrades. Age has not dulled my patriotic spirit. The sentiment in me is just as strong and enduring as it ever was, and I believe in my heart the same as I did over forty years ago.



**PETER JOSEPH OSTERHAUS,  
MAJOR GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**



Comrade Hagerty then presented a cane made from wood taken from the battlefield of Wilson's Creek to Gen. Osterhaus, who responded in a suitable manner, remarking that it required not a stick but another sort of weapon to drive out Gen. Marmaduke from Boonville in 1861 with two companies under his command.

Comrade M. L. Studdard, Commander of Jas. A. Mulligan Post No. 11, of Lexington, then on behalf of the comrades of that Post welcomed the comrades of the Encampment in a few well-chosen remarks which were full of feeling.

Hon. Oswald Winkler, Mayor of the city of Lexington, was then introduced and addressed the encampment as follows:

*Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri:*

In behalf of our citizens I extend to you a most sincere welcome for the honor conferred upon Lexington and her people by your twenty-third annual Encampment. For this your first Encampment with us we wish to show our appreciation in doing all in our power for your comfort and your pleasure. The call extended to our people by the Mulligan Post for your reception was answered alike by men who wore the blue and men who wore the gray in the memorable years from 1861 to 1865. Numerous citizens who are prominent in your entertainment are of Confederate fame, and they extend to you their respects in acknowledgment of their valor in living for our country and our destiny. Their houses are open to you with that true American spirit of gracious good will that you may accept their hospitality and realize a welcome. They believe you to be as loyal to friendship as you have been to your country, and for this opportunity to meet you they are sincerely thankful. The liberties of the city are extended to you, and the whole people place themselves at your command.

We extend to you an apology for the wrecked and ruined appearance of our streets, and we beg you to allow our intentions to forgive the deed in trying to repair the places caused by your instruments of war in 1861. The ruin wrought by your shot and shell are yet to be seen, and you should be proud of the glory of marching the same old streets and seeing the same old mud holes with here and there an old canteen to remind you of the past. These mud holes in our streets are cherished by a few of our people as mementoes of their pocketbooks and of their opposition to improvements, and but for the delay caused for the sake of that memorial you would have been given the opportunity of free passage on improved thoroughfares.

We sincerely regret the street conditions, Grand Army of the



Republic, for your sake, for we see you now wearing the gray of years as a crown of glory upon the throne of honor. For your memorable deeds in the past the bright pages that you have added to the history of our nation by your loyalty to your country and your grand example of American patriotism which has won for you glorious fame brings to you our every consideration. And we feel justly proud of this opportunity of extending to you our thanks for your presence.

We have the distinguished honor of the presence of Mrs. Belinda S. Bally, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, from San Francisco, for this honor we wish to show our sincere appreciation.

I now have the honor of introducing to you the silver-tongued orator of Lexington, the Honorable John Welborn whose splendid oratory cheers his every listener and will remind you of the glory won by you in defense of the flag of our nation.

Hon. John Welborn addressed the Encampment in a few eloquent remarks extending a welcome on the part of the citizens at large, the ex-Confederates, the "boys in blue" and the "foragers," saying the Confederate boys would give them a reception better than in 1861.

The several addresses of welcome were responded to by Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, by request of the Department Commander, who spoke as follows:

**MR. MAYOR AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:** By direction of the Department Commander, the pleasant duty of responding to your kind words of welcome has been assigned to me. The comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps who have been able to come to your beautiful city, appreciate the sentiments of warm welcome which your Mayor has so beautifully spoken in your behalf. We appreciate your hospitality all the more because it is evident that your entire population has heartily co-operated with commendable civic pride and patriotism in making us feel at home in your midst. The beautiful arches spanning your streets, and the many banners visible everywhere, indicate that the city of Lexington is now as loyal as any of its sister cities of the State, and fully appreciates the loyalty and valor of our comrades which preserved the Union intact and maintained Old Glory as the flag of an undivided nation. The battle which was fought here in Sept., 1861, proved to the world that heroic conduct was not confined to any one section of our Union. Precious blood was sacrificed here which will preserve the name of this city in the history of the war, but it will no less preserve the name of Col. Mulligan as the hero of the battle fought here, for all time to come. May his glorious conduct on this occasion never be lost sight of

as an inspiration to all of the young patriots of this land. May they emulate his example of bravery whenever their country calls.

We again sincerely thank you for your kind hospitality, and will take with us such a pleasant impression of this city as will never be effaced.

The informal proceedings having closed, the Department Commander asked all present who were not members of the Grand Army of the Republic to retire, after which he announced the Encampment open in due form.

In the absence of the Department Chaplain, Past Department Chaplain Hagerty was called upon by the Department Commander, and invoked the Divine blessing.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of officers and Past Department Commanders as follows, those present being marked by an asterisk\*:

Department Commander,

\*F. M. STERRETT.

Senior Vice Department Commander,

JOHN T. BIRDSEYE.

Junior Vice Department Commander,

\*JOSEPH LEIBER.

Medical Director.

\*DR. R. M. STEWART.

Chaplain,

REV. J. J. MARTIN.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant  
Quartermaster General,

\*THOMAS B. RODGERS.

Inspector,

J. J. STANLEY.

Judge Advocate,

\*JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

Chief Mustering Officer,

\*J. L. BRIGGS,

Council of Administration,

\*FRANCIS P. BECKER, W. A. FAST, JOHN A. BLACKWELL,  
A. N. SEABER, \*ERNST ROTTECK.

Past Department Commanders,

\*WM. WARNER,  
W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

†NELSON COLE,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

†HIRAM SMITH JR.,

JOHN E. PHELPS,

\*LEO RASSIEUR,

\*GEORGE W. MARTIN,

\*C. W. WHITEHEAD,

\*CHAS. G. BURTON,

†LOUIS GRUND,

\*LOUIS BENECKE,

\*THOS. B. RODGERS,

\*JOHN P. PLATT,

A. G. PETERSON,

\*JOHN W. SCOTT,

\*W. F. HENRY,

GEORGE HALL,

IRA T. BRONSON.

†Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

### Roll of the Twenty-Third Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri G. A. R.

Held at Lexington, Mo., May 18th and 19th, 1904.

#### Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, St. Louis.

P. P. C., Thos. B. Rodgers, J. B. Gandolfo, James McClure, Sol. Boehm, Thos. S. Maxwell, F. M. Sterrett, Arthur Dreifus, Adam Fischer, Chris. Fricke, Cord Ringen, H. F. Kiel.

Rep., John Lindecker, R. Blattner, B. Walter, W. F. Silverwood, Peter J. Osterhaus, Chas. Steiner, Nicholas Karr, J. H. Pohlman, Henry Helmich, M. J. Heltzell, John Schmid,

#### Gen. Lyon Post No. 2, St. Louis.

P. C., Archibald Carr.

P. P. C., Henry Evers, Chas. Humann, Henry Frein.

Rep., H. W. Plumer.

**McPherson Post No. 4, Kansas City.**

P. C., Albion P. Pease.

P. P. C., Benj. Warner, Chas W. Clarke, H. S. Tipton, R. M. Stewart, Thos. H. Brown, J. B. Davis, James Crosson, James A. Stewart, John H. Graham, J. C. Greenman.

Rep. E. Stine.

**A. Lincoln Post No. 5, Moberly.**

P. P. C., A. B. Thompson, R. T. McCaskey, J. W. Scott.

**Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph.**

P. P. C., F. Michel, Wm. Liebig, L. E. Carter.

Rep., Thos. J. Ferril, Henry N. Keener, Thos. Winn.

**Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, Kansas City.**

P. P. C., Wm. Warner, C. W. Whitehead, E. B. Howard, Chas. Carples, H. C. McDougal, O. P. Smith, W. F. Henry, Jere. T. Dew, O. H. Guffin, Wm. F. Cloud, Wm. F. Moll, Chas. T. Blackmar, Joseph H. Fink, Abram Clarke, D. C. Beach, Wm. H. Wormstead, Fred. B. Hamilton, Joseph E. Turner, Frank A. Becker, Hiram Crampton, E. D. Canan, W. J. Elliott.

Rep., Chas. N. Brooks, August Bruenert, Edwin J. McWain, Chas. Palmer, George W. Clark.

**Gen. Canby Post, No. 10, Rich Hill.**

Rep., Amos D. Pontius.

**James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Lexington.**

P. C., M. L. Studdard.

P. P. C., Chas. H. Schaefermeyer, Gustav Pirner, John Shinn, John B. Burris, Thos. Clark, James M. Crowder.

Rep., Wm. G. Duncan.

**Col. Hassendeubel Post No. 13, St. Louis.**

P. P. C., L. C. Hesse, Martin Scherer, Chas. E. Koken, J. C. Mohrstadt, Wm. C. Rohlfing, Chas. Totsch, Louis Young.

Rep., Francis P. Becker, Max Fritz, Hugo Witter, Henry Miller, George Ande, John B. Schneider, George F. Laemmlin, Phil W. Schneider.

**O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.**

P. C., M. M. Rice.

P. P. C., J. L. Briggs, H. W. Davison, W. Jones.

Rep., A. R. Anderson.

**Ellsworth Post, No. 12, Grant City.**

P. C., M. F. Smith.

**Joe Hooker Post No. 17, Cameron.**

P. P. C., J. P. Platt.

**Phil Kearney Post, No. 19, Laclede.**

Rep., E. A. Hawkins.

**Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.**

P. C., John M. Evans.

P. P. C. H. E. Robinson.

Rep., G. W. Null.

**Corporal Dix Post No. 22, Kirksville.**

Rep., George Hayes, G. B. Cunningham.

**F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.**

Rep., C. C. Burge.

**Gen. Joe Bailey Post No. 26, Nevada.**

P. C., J. J. Cox.

P. P. C., Chas. G. Burton .

**Tindall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.**

P. C., Martin Crill.

P. P. C., J. R. Tisdale, J. L. Thompson.

**Ben Loan Post, No. 33, Kingston.**

P. P. C., D. P. Stubblefield, Perry Tantlinger.

**Wm. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.**

Rep., Jacob Hollenburger.

**McCullough Post, No. 44, Milan.**

Rep., W. F. Calfee.

**Capt. J. L. Clark Post No. 47, Green City.**

P. P. C., Victor Aubry.

**Gen. George R. Smith Post No. 53, Sedalia.**

P. C., Chas. M. Niles.

P. P. C., John Rippey, Chas. Koock.

**O. H. Wood Post No. 57, Brookfield.**

P. C., George W. Martin, A. J. Lanning, Geo. R. Haven, J. V. **Martin.**

Rep., H. Hart.

**Bates County Post, No. 58, Butler.**

P. P. C., J. Eivlsizer, T. J. Wright, M. S. Clay.

**Gen. Wadsworth Post No. 60, Dawn.**

P. C., John Collar.

P. P. C., F. A. Snider.

**Col. Wm. Wilkinson Post, No. 65, Mound City.**

Rep., Jonas Slonaker.

**Gen. E. D. Baker Post No. 68, Green Ridge.**

P. P. C., C. E. Woodleigh.

Rep., R. M. Dunham.

**Capt. John Mathews Post No. 69, Springfield.**

P. C., H. J. Dutton.

P. P. C., J. R. Millner, J. P. Tracy.

**John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.**

P. C., Wm. Roney.

**Col. Grover Post No. 78, Warrensburg.**

P. C., A. W. Repp.

P. P. C., Wm. G. Smith, J. A. Drummond, Geo. S. Brinkerhoff.

Jehu N. Smith, Chas. E. Clark.

Rep., F. X. Wagner.

## TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

**L. W. Cooper Post, No. 81, Lathrop.**

Rep., M. H. King.

**C. G. Harker Post, No. 88, Meadville.**

Rep., F. M. James.

**Arthur Crockett Post, No. 106, Malta Bend.**

P. C., Henry German.

P. P. C., A. W. Kapp, J. G. Jones.

Rep., J. M. Houston.

**Harry P. Harding Post No. 107, St. Louis.**

P. C., Joseph Wasser.

P. P. C., George Heintz, Fred Post, Henry Fairback, Edward Borck.

Rep., Philip Richers, Math. Hermann.

**Wm. McKee Post, No. 110, Kahoka.**

P. P. C., Joseph Vandolah.

**Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.**

P. P. C., W. E. Evans.

**Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.**

P. P. C., D. A. Mason, M. G. Garner, J. N. Hayes, John Parsley.

Rep., M. G. Blakely.

**Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.**

P. C., T. D. Kimball:

Rep., E. D. Coe, C. H. Davis, P. H. Clarke, C. J. Collins, C. A. Holbert T. H. Hagerty.

**Liberty Post No. 150, Spickard.**

P. P. C., Wesley Keith.

Rep., J. J. Clark.

**Keeler Post No. 152, Melrose.**

Rep., Fred Recker.

**Gen. J. B. Steadman Post No. 172, Appleton City.**

Rep., W. W. Chapel.

**Justi Post No. 173, Cape Girardeau.**

P. C., Henry A. Astholz.

P. P. C., L. F. Klosterman.

**W. H. L. Wallace Post, No. 177, Moundville.**

P. C., E. E. Russel.

Rep., W. A. McAlister.

**Stephen Estle Post, No. 178, DeWitt.**

P. P. C., E. G. Grossman, F. E. Audsley.

**Col. Morse Post, No. 197, Warrenton.**

Rep., Henry Voigt.

**Sergeant Ryan Post, No. 214, Brashear.**

P. C., M. F. Strock.

**Picket Post No. 215, Farmington.**

P. P. C., E. D. Hopkins.

**Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.**

Rep., C. W. Corkran.

**Lowry City Post, No. 238, Lowry City.**

P. C., W. T. Noll.

**John A. Hayn Post No. 240, Boonville.**

P. P. C., Joseph Lieber.

Rep., James McMillan.

**Andy Smith Post No. 243, Willow Springs.**

P. P. C., F. L. Withaup.

Rep., George Hutchinson.



**TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,**

**Pinhart Post No. 268, Brunswick.**

P. C., Wm. Bitter.  
 P. P. C., Louis Benecke, Joseph Gross.  
 Rep., John Henning.

**Henry Brown Post No. 276, Clarksburg.**

P. C., Chas H. Morrow.  
 P. P. C., D. K. Steele, Jacob Hott, W. H. Mengel, J. M. Williams,  
 J. W. Moore, G. W. Sappington, N. D. Graves, C. M. Gordon, Fred  
 Bentrop.  
 Rep., August Seyfert, Adolph Dick.

**Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282, Carrollton.**

P. C., Thos. J. Whiteman.  
 P. P. C., John Creek, A. H. Cooley, E. M. Mitchell.

**Bob Ford Post No. 303, Coffeysburg.**

P. P. C., Cornelius Yost.

**Adrian Post, No. 327, Adrian.**

Rep., E. R. Bates.

**John P. McCluney Post No. 331, Higginsville.**

P. C., J. H. Heldbrink.  
 P. P. C., John B. Jones, John W. Endley, Joseph E. Rigg.  
 Rep., Henry Seigfreid.

**James W. Owens Post No. 332, Washington.**

P. C., H. Buddemeyer.

**Evans Post No. 340, Economy.**

Rep., Wm. Voight.

**Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.**

Rep., Thos. Dalsey.

**Harwood Post No. 375, Harwood.**

Rep., John F. Gooch.

**Durbin Ward Post No. 405, Pickering.**

P. P. C., N. B. Brown.

**Smithton Post, No. 417, Smithton.**

P. C., John Ringen.  
Rep., John D. Monsees.

**Florence Post, No. 423, Florence.**

P. C., Wm. F. Moon.  
Rep., G. W. Fowler.

**Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.**

Rep., Wm. Bradford.

**Gen. Simon Cameron Post, No. 437, Cross Timbers.**

P. C., Robert A. Vance.

**Vandalia Post No. 466, Vandalia.**

Rep., Frank Akrige.

**Col. Meumann Post No. 496, St. Louis.**

P. P. C., Edward Jansen .  
Rep., Joseph Grundrich, H. F. Gaertner.

**Harrison A. Gleim Post, No. 512, Tipton.**

P. C., W. Z. Petree.  
P. P. C., J. B. Wolf.  
Rep., Fred Lutz.

**J. H. Crenshaw Post, No. 516, Carterville.**

Rep., C. C. Leffingwell.

**Jerè M. Rusk Post No. 544, St. Charles.**

Rep., Matt. Robinson.

**Gatzweiler Post No. 554, St. Charles.**

P. C., Chas Nagel.  
P. P. C., H. G. C. Dammer.  
Rep., Henry Hachtmeyer.

**Blue Springs Post, No. 563, Blue Springs.**

Rep., J. H. Maxwell.

**Burnside Post No. 566, Pleasant Hill.**

P. C., H. C. McCullough.

P. P. C., Wm. Lowe.

**James F. How Post No. 567, Moberly.**

P. P. C., August Ostman.

Rep., B. J. Patrick.

**Capt. E. D. Johnson Post No. 574, Elmira.**

P. C., J. T. Roberts.

JNO. B. BURRIS, Post 11.

JNO. B. JONES, Post 331.

THOS. J. WHITEMAN, Post 282.

W. F. SILVERWOOD, Post 1.

G. A. DOUGLASS, Post 78.

Committee on Credentials.

On recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, the following named comrades were admitted as representatives: E. A. Hawkins, Post 19, and Wm. Voight, Post 340.

On motion the calling of roll of members was dispensed with.

Junior Vice-Department Commander Lieber was called to the chair.

On motion the reading of the reports, with the exception of the Department Commander's address, was dispensed with.

Department Commander Sterrett then read his address as follows:

## ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Last May we met in Department Encampment on the bluffs of the Missouri River on which the beautiful city of Boonville is situated.

The intrepid Nathaniel Lyon made that spot historical early in 1861, when the first few regiments of Missouri troops out of a total of about 108,000 afterward mustered in this State in defense of the Union, fresh from Camp Jackson and Jefferson City, met there in armed conflict, the first few regiments of about 108,000 men, mustered in the cause of creating another and separate Confederacy of States within the borders of the United States.

There our deliberations were characterized by unusual harmony. Patriotic public exercises were held, in which the school children of that city participated.

From thence we carried away with us the pleasing recollections of an unstinted hospitality received at the hands of that citizenship, tendered with equal warmth by those who, forty-two years before, had met us there in the hostile armament of bloody, internecine war.

This year we meet in the no less beautiful and historic city of Lexington. The interest displayed by comrades throughout the Department in the choice of our officers for the ensuing year; the prompt manner in which the Citizens committee have conducted correspondence with Department Headquarters; the excellent manner in which they have arranged details; the programme they have provided, testify that we are at the commencement of another profitable and enjoyable encampment.

Within view, on the hill, just across the intervening valley, there was, forty-three years ago, a frowning battlement, in the embrasures of which bristling cannon were planted. Behind them was a brigade of Union soldiers. In front of them were many regiments of Confederates in the full accoutrements of war, who for many days laid siege to that fort. Colonel Mulligan, who commanded on the inside was compelled to lower our flag and witness the hoisting of another in its place; to surrender his sword and his men with their arms to fellow Americans who sought to destroy the government of their birth and history. Now that hill-top is crowned with an institution of learning. The flag of the great Republic floats from its towers. Thank God it now floats on all the school houses and public buildings in this Department, and a reunited people honor it and the world honors it as no flag has ever been honored before.

We meet on the banks of the mighty river, which from its lofty mountain origin carries and deposits the fertility of the ages along its course with which to form lands richer in resources than the valley of the Nile. It flows to the distant sea, unvexed by the one-time terrible maelstrom of war. The inhabitants along its lengthy wanderings are now engaged in the avocations of peace. Thrift greets the eye. Plenty abounds. All of its people, unharrassed by a recognized national sin, are engaged in working out surely and certainly the great world problem of free government among men. Since those troublous days, we have more than doubled our population and many times quadrupled our wealth. Armed hostility has been supplanted by competition in the arts of peace. We have always discountenanced war, but when compelled by a high sense of exalted duty, in the cause of humanity to call out the fighting blood of the nation, the sons of the blue and the gray have responded with equal alacrity and banished forever from the western hemisphere the last foothold of monarchy; wiped out 400 years of tyranny; freed a people from oppression and guided their early life on the glorious road of freedom. American arms became the object of the highest respect in the capitals of the world. The directness of American diplomacy has astonished the cabinets of Kings. Through American energy the world is about to realize the dream of centuries in an interoceanic canal. The sun never sets on our possessions and we can also claim that our drum beats are heard around the globe.

The mighty deeds we have accomplished as a nation and the great influence we wield as a great world power are directly traceable to the battles you fought and the hardships you and your comrades endured in the greatest war, conducted from the highest motives, and the noblest principles which illumine the annals of all the history of the past.

#### THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

There were more than two million enlistments in the Union army. If accurate statistics could be obtained, they would no doubt show that one-half of all the names which appear on the muster rolls, have, in prison, in the hospital and on the battle field during the war and by death since the war, answered the last roll call and been finally mustered out.

Twelve years ago, the Grand Army of the Republic numbered nearly 500,000 men. Today it numbers about 350,000 men. From the high water mark of 1892, up to the present time, the authenticated deaths within the order for that period are about 100,000 men. This on account of negligence, in many cases, upon the part of the authorized Post returning officer, is a less number of deaths than have actually occurred. Outside of the deaths within the order, therefore, our numerical strength is but about 50,000 less than when we were in the zenith of our greatness.

Not one half of the soldiers of the war, have ever been mustered

into our organization. It would in all likelihood be a conservative estimate to say that 300,000 Union soldiers have died since the close of the war. When in history has such an army been marshalled? Where, in the annals of time, has such an organization been formed, who for forty years have stood so compactly together on the broad foundation stone of the three great jewels of our escutcheon—Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty, bound together near unto the ties of consanguinity, by their association in a righteous cause and a common danger? And where on the plains of eternal light and life is there such a host of warriors, who have fought for so just a cause?

### THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI.

The Department of Missouri had in good standing December 31, 1893, a membership of 18,811 and 453 Posts. The report of the Assistant Adjutant General shows a membership on December 31, 1903, of 2,250 and 295 Posts. In the ten years since 1893 we have had a net loss of 153 Posts, being an average loss of  $15\frac{1}{2}$  Posts per year. The number of members in good standing five years ago was 12,819. The average loss in membership since that time has been about 700 per year. This average loss seems to have been arrested in a degree. There was a loss of but 605 in 1902, and a loss of but 286 during the present administration. There were 281 deaths in the Department this year. Outside of deaths there was a net loss of but five in membership. There was a gain of 391 by muster during the past year.

### THE FUTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

If we lose Post organizations for the next ten years at an average of  $15\frac{1}{2}$  Posts per year, as we have during the past five years, the Department will then have but 140 Post organizations. Such a condition is likely to be realized, and the remaining Post organizations will then be confined very largely to the greater centers of population. Such Posts, if well managed, will approximately keep up their present numerical strength by the younger and more enthusiastic members of the order from the interior taking transfers from their disbanded Posts to those in the cities whose better means and facilities to the Post rooms will keep them alive.

The condition of the Posts in the city of St. Louis, which have come under the more direct observation of the Department Commander, illustrates the above analysis. The three larger Posts of that city—Blair, Ransom and Hassendeubel—have comparatively kept up their membership during the past five years. Indeed, Blair Post No. 1, under an efficient Quartermaster, has as large a membership now (within 20) as she had five years ago, notwithstanding more than 100 of its members have passed to the great beyond during that time, and 334 have answered the last roll call since 1885. That Post has buried 15 of

its members during the present year. It is safe to say that we will continue to exist as a Department and an organization for fifteen years to come, under trained and efficient management, but it will be with sadly depleted numbers as the years roll rapidly by.

Comrades, we are dying and will have no successors. Let our death be as dignified and courageous as the cause which created us was just and glorious. When the time comes, let our records be transmitted to some historical society which will appreciate and preserve them as a memory of the most unique and powerful semi-military organization ever established and maintained for the perpetuation of patriotism for freedom.

### RECRUITING.

The days for increasing our membership have long since passed, but much good can yet be accomplished, both for comrades and communities, by reviving practically dead Posts. The Assistant Adjutant General and the Department Commander made two visits to Fletcher Post, at De Soto, in Jefferson county. That Post had but six members, the per capita tax for whom had been paid, although it was discovered that but one meeting had been held in a year. We met many of the dropped members at an old settlers' picnic held in that county last fall, and urged on them the importance of reorganizing. We obtained a list of the dropped members and mailed a letter from Department Headquarters to these dropped members and other ex-soldiers of that community, calling on them to meet us at De Soto, at a stated time. There was a splendid response and we had a regular revival meeting. At the close of exhortations, a large number agreed to sign the roll. Since then they have reorganized, purchased new supplies and are in as healthy condition as any Post in south eastern Missouri. We congratulate ourselves that this was a good work and will redound to the advantage of the comrades of that community and the Department of Missouri. If the time of future Department Commanders will permit, much good work of this kind can be wrought out. There never has been a time in the history of the Department when competent officers were more needed than now. To keep in close touch with the 295 Posts of the Department now requires more care and thoughtfulness than when we had the maximum number of Posts.

### FINANCES.

The receipts of the Department for the past year were \$2,802.53, which is \$49.40 more than in the year 1900, \$82.77 less than in 1901, and \$192.83 less than in 1902. Although we traveled over 6,000 miles to the National encampment at San Francisco and return, the comparative ex-

pense to the Department was less than at any previous National encampment. The traveling expenses of the Department Commander have been the least in the history of the Department. During the past year we have lived within our income as appears from the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

The financial condition of the Department can best be shown by a comparative statement of the assets for the last five years, from which it appears that the amount is greater than in any year since 1899. In 1899 the assets were \$2,920.60; in 1900, \$2,531.34; in 1901, \$2,348.80; in 1902, \$2,391.50; in 1903, \$2,547.70.

The Department encampment held at Cape Girardeau authorized the sale of our Kansas City property. The address of Past Department Commander Bronson last year contained a recommendation that this property be sold at not less than \$1,350, which was concurred in by the Boonville encampment. Your Department officers have sold the property for \$1,500, on terms set forth in the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, to which I commend your careful perusal. In this connection the Department Commander desires to acknowledge the receipt of a donation of \$30 to the Department upon the part of Past Department Commander Whitehead, of Kansas City, for which the thanks of the Department are due.

It had been the intention of the Department Commander to create a fund by soliciting the promise of a yearly contribution upon the part of the well-to-do comrades of the Department, by which our financial situation should be made absolutely secure for a period of ten years to come, but other duties have crowded that contemplated action out. In any event, with a note of \$150 accruing every six months, with 6 per cent. interest thereon, for the next four and a half years, added to our per capita tax and sale of supplies, we are not likely to be in financial stress for some years to come.

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

On August 10, 1903, a special train, consisting of one Pullman and five tourist sleepers, pulled out of the Union Station at St. Louis bound for "The Golden Gate," a distance of nearly 3000 miles. The Department officers were the guests of Ransom Post, who acted as our escort and tendered us many courtesies. This Post was the only one from the Department which was accompanied by a band on the parade and went under Post formation. There were more than a hundred comrades from other Posts of St. Louis, and other portions of the Department who were with us in uniform, who with the others who had reached San Francisco by other routes, were formed into a temporary organization and commanded by Past Department Commander C. G. Burton, on the great parade. The un-uniformed comrades who reported to the Department headquarters before the parade, to the number of more than 50, were



organized under the command of Past Senior Vice Department Commander, Henry Fairback.

From an altitude of 412 feet at St. Louis, we climbed uphill to 8000 feet at Marshall's Pass, and then descended to 30 feet at Frisco. The general course of our train was close to the 39th parallel of latitude; that line in the temperate zone of the United States along which is strung the greatest and most valuable jewels of the grandest civilization of the world's mighty progress: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Denver, Salt Lake and San Francisco.

We frequently gave and received hearty greeting to and from comrades on trains that had been made up on the Atlantic coast, who came from the far north and from the sunny south. Our memories were resistlessly carried back to the stirring days in the sixties when all the land seemed covered with moving armies and the panoply of war covered and surrounded every activity of life. We were everywhere received with great respect and courtesy, which taught us that the hearts of the people of the new and mighty west fully sympathize with the old soldier, and that which he represents.

The number of comrades participating in the parade was unexpectedly large in view of the great distances to be travelled. The Department officers of Missouri on splendid mounts rode at the head of about 200 comrades from Missouri, who were received, as they have been for many years at these annual parades, with great enthusiasm by the tens of thousands of people who thickly lined the streets of the march. There is no corner of the United States in Grand Army circles where the Department of Missouri has not received the highest praise, and especially the St. Louis Posts, for their rare discipline, exact uniform, and soldierly bearing.

The full delegation from Missouri participated in the deliberations of the encampment. The Department Commander served on the committee on the Quartermaster General's report. Past Department Commander Burton made the report of the pension committee and Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers served as chairman of the committee on Credentials. The very most important work of the encampment was connected with these committees. Comrade Chas. G. Burton was appointed chairman of the pension committee by Commander-In-Chief Jno. C. Black. Our Department may be justly proud of the esteem in which the strong comrades of this Department are held in the National organization. When the time rolls round in a very few more years when it will be our turn to ask for the office of Commander-In-Chief again, we will find many friends to support our candidate on account of such excellent work performed for the cause.

## PENSIONS.

The following resolution was passed by the 37th National Encampment:

**RESOLVED**, That the Committee on Pensions to be appointed for the ensuing year, be and they are hereby directed to present to Congress, for passage, a bill which, while not disturbing the beneficent provisions of existing law, shall provide that every survivor of the war of 1861 to 1865, who served for a period of ninety days, and who was honorably discharged, and who has passed the age of sixty-two years, shall be pensioned at the rate of \$12.00 per month, and that a pension of the same amount be paid to the worthy widow of such soldier, when deceased, who was married to such soldier prior to the 27th day of June, A.D. 1890.

The following correspondence between Department headquarters and the Hon. Eugene F. Ware, Commissioner of Pensions, and the two paragraphs of his circular letter which most particularly refer to the recent age order of President Roosevelt, is herewith published:

“HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., April 21st, 1904. } ”

HON. EUGENE F. WARE, Commissioner of Pensions.

Dear Sir—I am directed by our Department Commander to write you and inquire if applicants for pensions under the ‘age’ order of your Department will be required to be examined by the Board of Medical Examiners. An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

THOS. B. RODGERS, A. A. G.”

“LAW DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30th, 1904. } ”

MR. THOMAS B. RODGERS, A. A. G. & Q. M. G.,  
Headquarters Dept. of Mo. G. A. R.,  
303 Temple Building,  
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Sir—In response to your attached communication your attention is invited to the accompanying circular letter for an answer to your inquiry and for such further information as you may desire in regard to Order No. 78, recently promulgated by this Bureau, which relates to age.

Very respectfully,

E. F. WARE,

Commissioner.”

“A declaration; stating that a claimant is 62, 65, 68, or 70 years of age, as the case may be, is a sufficient allegation, even if no other disabling cause is set forth, but the date of birth should be stated. \* \* \*

“The adoption of a general rule covering the question of medical examination is impracticable, and the procedure in this respect must be determined by the facts in each individual case, as while a claimant may be 62, 65, or 68 years of age, which in itself would entitle him to a rating of \$6, \$8, or \$10 per month, he may also be suffering from disabilities other than age, which, if properly shown, would entitle him to a rate greater than he could receive for age alone.”

### THE ST. JAMES HOME.

In compliance with a resolution passed by the Boonville Encampment last year, the following committee on visitation was appointed: Louis Benecke, Jno. P. Tracey and Henry Fairback. The report of this committee to this Encampment will contain a recommendation looking to representation on the board of trustees by a member of the Women's Relief Corps, to which organization, more than to any other cause, the establishment of that home is due. The recommendation of the committee is concurred in by the Department Commander.

### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The pages of past history have never ceased to chronicle the deeds of patriotism and devotion that women have given to the cause of their espousal. The nineteen matrons of the Mayflower made an impress on the formative character of the Republic, to which much of the strong and enduring character of our institutions is attributable. Our revolutionary mothers shotted and discharged the cannons amid the carnage of battle when the regular gunners had been disabled. Some of them performed the most daring exploits and endured the heaviest hardships during the Indian pioneer life. The highest degree of usefulness ever obtained by woman in time of war was no doubt reached in the humane work of the sanitary commission during the sixties. The fevered brow of the sick, the parched throat of the wounded, the death damp of the dying, the last fond message to the loved ones at home have had the kind and merciful attention of the noble women who did such humanitarian service in those days and years, when the great heart of Lincoln and the nation were groaning under an agonizing weight of responsibility. The objects of The Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R. and other kindred organizations is in line with that great work. The relief of the veteran when time or disease has disqualified him, and that of his family, is a true and tender work which should give those who practice it a warm place in our affections and the crown of the blessed for good deeds done on earth.

### THE SONS OF VETERANS.

This organization brought into existence for the perpetuation of the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic, deserves our best encouragement. There is no possible way in which this organization can accomplish as much good as by turning out as large numbers as possible on Memorial day, and lending every effort toward a

proper observance of that day. There is no way by which they will so thoroughly capture the full sympathy and confidence of the old veteran as by looking to it that the majority of them are in the line of march on that day, and by seeking positions on committees who have charge of that service to the end that it becomes one of the most solemn public obligations of their lives to observe the day and transmit the sacred obligation to their own children.

#### REUNIONS.

I attended several reunions, notably on account of large numbers, the one at Humansville, Mo. The greater number of these reunions were held during the period when the Department officers were on their trip to the National Encampment. It has occurred to me that if the various societies who control the date and programme of these reunions were to correspond with each other and make something like a circuit of reunions, and have the Department Commander thus enabled to reach many, where he can now, by any possibility, reach but a few, the arrangement so made, would conduce to the interest of such reunions. These reunions gather up the threads of war association, weave them once more into the fabric of a perfect memory, cement anew the ties of an old-time comradeship, exalt and hallow the days of glorious battle, and teach an object lesson of much value to the on-coming generations.

#### CONCLUSION.

To have been unanimously elected Commander of the great Department of Missouri; to have ridden at the head of its comrades in the great parade at the National Encampment at San Francisco, where none surpassed them in their martial bearing; to have spoken in their name at reunion, camp fire and reception; to have had such loyal support from the elective offices and from all of my personal staff; to have been the recognized representative and leader of such a body of men during the past year, has been an honor that the most ambitious and gifted of men might have coveted.

In the gallery of memory's hall, where the true, tender and beautiful pictures of early life and those of matured manhood have been hanged; painted on the white canvas of pure intentions and upright motives; in the oil of human kindness and framed in the fragrant wood of high endeavor, will be placed this last memory of a year's association with my comrades, who have been so good and true, and have so honored me.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

FRANK M. STERRETT,

Department Commander.

**REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

NEVADA, MO., April 15, 1904.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri G. A. R., St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Comrade—My duty as Senior Vice Commander to make a report of the past year's work, finds me without anything of importance to report. The office of Department Commander has been so ably filled by Frank M. Sterrett that it has left nothing undone for the Senior Vice Commander to do.

When the Department Encampment at Boonville conferred upon me, "unsolicited," the honor of my election, I resolved to do what I could to further our work. The past year seems to have been uneventful in Grand Army circles. I accompanied the Department Officers by special train across the continent to the National Encampment, where we were royally received and cared for. I appreciate all the Department of Missouri has done for me, and I only wish I might have been able to do more in return.

Yours in F. C. and L.,  
JOHN T. BIRDSEYE,  
Senior Vice Commander Department of Mo.

**REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

BOONVILLE, MO., April 13, 1904.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade—As is customary I submit you my report. The Department Commander told me when installed that the office of Junior Vice Department Commander had no special service to perform, which I have found about correct. I attended the meeting of the Council of Administration May 14 last; took part by letter fixing the dates for the present Encampment; took part in arranging for the reunion of the 9th Regiment M. S. M. here Sept. 16 and 17 last. Those noble comrades departed from here well pleased with their reception and treatment while here. I regret very much my inability to attend the National Encampment at San Francisco, which was caused by the serious sickness of one of my children.

I regret not having more to report. I thank my comrades for the honor conferred on me by electing me to the office and hereby express my appreciation of the same. Hoping to meet the comrades at Lexington Encampment,

Yours in F. C. and L.,  
JOSEPH LIEBER,  
Junior Vice Department Commander.

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
St. Louis, Mo., May 10th, 1904. }

**FRANK M. STERRETT**, Department Commander:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1903:

The number of Posts December 31, 1902, was 313. This included seventeen Posts which had been previously suspended, viz.: Posts 45, 51, 73, 99, 100, 104, 213, 237, 244, 409, 435, 471, 478, 493, 504, 557, 495. Two of these Posts have been reinstated, viz.: Posts 51 and 237, and the charters of twelve have been annulled at the last Department Encampment, leaving Posts 45, 104 and 495 remaining suspended.

Nine Posts have surrendered their charters during the year 1903, viz.: Posts 59, 201, 236, 263, 304, 329, 424, 431, 570. Three new Posts were mustered: Nos. 576, 577 and 578, making a net loss of eighteen Posts and leaving 295 Posts December 31, 1903, including ten Posts which were suspended at the last Department Encampment. viz.: Posts 103, 117, 137, 167, 206, 217, 231, 385, 430, 540, and three Posts previously suspended, viz.: Posts 45, 104 and 495. Post 137 has since been reinstated.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1903:

**FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1903.**

Number in good standing, December 31, 1902.....	9,536
Gain by muster.....	157
Gain by transfer.....	81
Gain by reinstatement.....	189
Gain by delinquent reports.....	20
	447
Aggregate.....	9,983
Loss by death.....	127
Loss by honorable discharge.....	10
Loss by transfer.....	59
Loss by suspension.....	253
Loss by surrender of charter.....	133
	582
Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1903.....	9,401

## SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1903.

Number in good standing June 30, 1903.....		9,401
Gain by muster.....	234	
Gain by transfer.....	103	
Gain by reinstatement.....	172	
Gain by delinquent reports.....	45	554
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Aggregate.....		9,955
Loss by death.....	154	
Loss by honorable discharge.....	15	
Loss by transfer.....	77	
Loss by suspension.....	389	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	70	705
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Number remaining in good standing December 31, 1903..		9,250

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing December 31, 1902.....		9,536
Gain during year by muster.....	391	
Gain during year by transfer.....	184	
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	361	
Gain during year by delinquent reports.....	65	1,001
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Aggregate.....		10,537
Loss during year by death.....	281	
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	25	
Loss during year by transfer.....	136	
Loss during year by suspension.....	642	
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	70	
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	133	1,287
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Number in good standing December 31, 1903.....		9,250
Number remaining suspended.....		4,994
Number dropped during year.....		272
Number of comrades relieved during year.....		158
Number not comrades relieved during year.....		92
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$ 1,909	32
Cash balance in Post funds December 31, 1903.....	13,156	03
Cash invested in collaterals.....	16,900	00
Cash balance in relief funds December 31, 1903.....	2,042	85
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	12,250	00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	14,600	00
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Total value of Post property.....	\$58,948	88

Our Department is entitled to twelve representatives in the Thirty-Eighth National Encampment, in addition to the representative-at-large.

Our reports show a net loss of 286, which is 319 less than that of 1902. Our gain by muster was 391, while our loss by death was 281. The total value of Post property, which includes Post Relief funds, is about the same as the year before, being but \$85 less.

The excess of expenditures over receipts, \$152 01, is more apparent than real, as \$253.20 was a repayment of money borrowed the year before, making the actual expense of the year \$101.19 less than the receipts. There was no borrowed money unpaid on January 1st, 1904, and there is none now.

The sale of our property at Kansas city last November releases the amount therein invested and the payments through the next four years will greatly relieve the stringency in our finances.

The original amount invested was \$1,035.47. This with accrued interest, special and other tax-bills and expenses ran up the investment to about \$1 300, after giving credit for the small amounts received from rents. The sale at \$1,500, payable in semi-annual payments of \$150 each, was a good one and fully reimbursed the Department. The first payment of \$150 was more than taken up in clearing the property of tax-bills and other expenses, so that the amount to be realized from the sale will net the Department \$1,326.

As reports are no longer made by Post Surgeons to the Medical Director, blanks were sent out to each Post for reports of deaths during the year. From these reports, so far as they were reported, and from the Adjutants' semi-annual reports I have prepared a list of the deaths which is as nearly complete as it was possible to make it from the data at hand. It will be found as Exhibit "E" to this report.

The following Exhibits form part of this report :

- Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "B," Statement of Supplies on Hand.
- Exhibit "C," Statement of Assets.
- Exhibit "D," Membership of Posts.
- Exhibit "E," List of Deaths, 1903.

At the close of our official year it is meet and proper that I should acknowledge my personal obligations to you. An acquaintance of many years, involving co-operation in all lines of Grand Army work, has made my association with you in the work of the Department the past year most pleasant and agreeable.

To my associates of the official staff and all the comrades of the Department, I return my sincere thanks for their cordial support, and uniform courtesy.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Asst. Adjt. General and Asst. Qr. Mr. General.



## EXHIBIT "A."

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1903.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on December 31, 1902.....	\$ 181 19
Received from per capita tax.....	2,371 68
Received from requisitions.....	261 88
Received from charter fees.....	50 00
Received from donation.....	8 97
Received from borrowed money.....	130 00
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	\$2,983 72

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies.....	\$ 171 22	
Printing Encampment Journal.....	164 06	
Printing and stationery.....	125 85	
Rent of office 10 months.....	150 00	
Salary of Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	1,200 00	
Postage.....	112 31	
Relief (burial of friendless soldiers).....	14 00	
Expenses National Encampment.....	121 50	
Per capita tax.....	331 39	
Insurance.....	21 00	
Premium on bond of Asst. Adj. Gen'l..	15 00	
Incidentals.....	38 51	
Paid Loans.....	383 20	
Blank Commissions.....	12 00	
Traveling expenses:		
Department Commander Bronson.....	\$ 80 00	
Asst. Adj. Gen'l Rodgers.....	14 50	94 50
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Balance on hand December 31, 1903.....		\$ 29 18

## EXHIBIT "B."

## STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1903.

No.		Value.
34	Membership badges.....	\$ 11 90
50	Buttoniers.....	5 00
104	Rank straps.....	41 60
176	Official ribbons.....	17 60
4	Rules and regulations.....	40
204	Applications.....	2 04

24 Cash books .....	28 80
43 Quartermaster's receipt books.....	25 80
13 Quartermaster's warrant books.....	11 05
5 Charters .....	1 25
87 Discharges.....	4 35
144 Transfers.....	7 20
44 Odes.....	1 32
9 Rituals.....	4 50
11 Service books .....	3 30
3 Blue books.....	3 60
198 Department Badges, plain.....	118 80
48 Department badges, silver top.....	48 00
13 Leave of absence cards.....	65
117 Certificates of membership.....	11 70
1 Electrotype .....	55
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$349 41</b>

## EXHIBIT "C."

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance December 31, 1903.....	\$ 29 18
Notes secured by deed of trust on house and lot in Kansas City.....	1,350 00
Office furniture, etc., estimated.....	800 00
Supplies.....	349 41
Ledger balances.....	91 45
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	\$2,620 04
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Bills payable .....	\$ 72 31
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	\$2,547 73

## EXHIBIT "D."

STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING OF EACH POST,  
WITH GAINS AND LOSSES.

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1902	1903		
Frank P. Blair.....	1	St. Louis .....	502	502	.....	.....
Gen. Lyon.....	2	St. Louis .....	58	55	.....	3
McPherson .....	4	Kansas City.....	146	118	.....	28
A. Lincoln.....	5	Moberly .....	67	77	10	.....
James A. Garfield.....	6	Jefferson City .....	28	37	9	.....
Custer .....	7	St. Joseph .....	165	169	4	.....
Farragut-Thomas .....	8	Kansas City .....	217	234	17	.....
Gen. Canby.....	10	Rich Hill .....	33	30	.....	3
James A. Mulligan.....	11	Lexington .....	42	44	2	.....
Ellsworth .....	12	Grant City .....	36	36	.....	.....
Col. Hassendeubel.....	13	St. Louis .....	394	375	.....	19
O. P. Morton.....	14	Joplin .....	110	111	1	.....
Stanton .....	16	Carthage .....	84	79	.....	5
Joe Hooker.....	17	Cameron .....	69	81	12	.....
Phil. Kearney.....	19	Laclede .....	40	40	.....	.....
Maj. James Wilson.....	20	Louisiana .....	28	28	.....	.....
Sedgwick .....	21	Maryville .....	118	103	.....	15
Corporal Dix.....	22	Kirksville .....	113	117	4	.....
F. A. Jones.....	23	Macon .....	72	77	5	.....
David A. Roberts.....	25	Glenwood .....	7	7	.....	.....
Gen. Joe Bailey.....	26	Nevada .....	66	71	5	.....
Tindall .....	29	Chillicothe .....	47	44	.....	3
S. A. Hurlburt.....	32	Hamilton .....	30	29	.....	1
Ben. Loan.....	33	Kingston .....	30	27	.....	3
McCook .....	34	Lamar .....	57	43	.....	14
Paddy Shields.....	36	Clarence .....	23	28	5	.....
Col. Forbes.....	38	La Plata .....	10	10	.....	.....
Roderick Rockwood.....	39	Lemonville .....	20	20	.....	.....
Peabody .....	41	Savannah .....	20	.....	.....	.....
Albert Chandler.....	42	Macon .....	20	20	.....	.....
W. T. Sherman.....	43	Hannibal .....	49	48	.....	1
McCullough .....	44	Milan .....	27	29	2	.....
Perry V. Fletcher.....	46	De Soto .....	6	13	7	.....
Capt. J. L. Clark.....	47	Green City .....	22	19	.....	3
Gen. Geo. G. Meade.....	48	Lebanon .....	40	20	.....	20
Col. F. Schaefer.....	51	Concordia .....	.....	25	25	.....
Gen. Geo. R. Smith.....	53	Sedalia .....	128	132	4	.....
Thos. G. Wade.....	54	Unionville .....	52	41	.....	11
O. H. Wood.....	57	Brookfield .....	53	56	3	.....
Bates County.....	58	Butler .....	49	39	.....	10
Gen. Wadsworth.....	60	Dawn .....	18	19	1	.....
Valentine Peters.....	61	Maitland .....	15	16	1	.....
Winfield Scott.....	63	Holden .....	24	26	2	.....
Golden City.....	64	Golden City .....	19	10	.....	9
Capt. Wm. Wilkinson.....	65	Mound City .....	39	44	5	.....

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	Loss.
			1902	1903		
Kilpatrick .....	66	Winston .....	11	11	.....	.....
Tarkio .....	67	Tarkio .....	27	23	.....	4
Gen. E. D. Baker.....	68	Green Ridge .....	21	22	1	.....
Capt. John Mathews.....	69	Springfield .....	136	134	.....	2
B. B. King.....	70	Canton .....	20	.....	.....	.....
Col. Jacob Smith.....	72	Trenton .....	71	72	1	.....
Greenfield .....	75	Greenfield .....	64	65	1	.....
Jno. A. Dix.....	76	Kidder .....	27	27	.....	.....
Col. Grover.....	78	Warrensburg .....	65	65	.....	.....
Capt. Stanley.....	79	Princeton .....	61	57	.....	4
L. W. Cooper.....	81	Lathrop .....	29	34	5	.....
Yaeger-Sharp .....	82	Wellsville .....	34	30	.....	4
Curtis .....	84	Sarcoxie .....	28	26	.....	2
King City.....	86	King City .....	53	53	.....	.....
C. G. Harker.....	88	Meadville .....	24	24	.....	.....
Capt. J. H. Paynter.....	90	Jericho .....	15	.....	.....	.....
T. H. Richardson.....	92	Lancaster .....	12	13	1	.....
Capt. C. C. Harvey.....	96	Maysville .....	39	32	.....	7
Gen. G. B. Boomer.....	97	Linn .....	27	29	2	.....
Shelbyville .....	102	Shelbyville .....	14	14	.....	.....
Arthur Crockett .....	106	Malta Bend .....	12	13	1	.....
Harry P. Harding.....	107	St. Louis .....	126	103	.....	23
Jeff. C. Davis.....	108	Versailles .....	25	.....	.....	.....
B. K. Davis.....	109	Hopkins .....	10	10	.....	.....
Wm. McKee.....	110	Kahokia .....	49	51	2	.....
Miles Carroll.....	111	Iberia .....	36	35	.....	1
Cameron Garrett.....	115	Carl Junction .....	28	32	4	.....
Jewell .....	118	Mount Vernon.....	12	12	.....	.....
Marion .....	119	Stanberry .....	37	35	.....	2
Maple Grove.....	120	Maple Grove .....	11	13	2	.....
Lieut. T. D. Neal.....	124	Bethany .....	89	70	.....	19
Louis Fischer .....	128	Salem .....	45	30	.....	15
Capt. J. H. Little.....	129	Denver .....	13	13	.....	.....
Fred. Miller.....	130	Tina .....	20	11	.....	9
Ransom .....	131	St. Louis .....	389	375	.....	14
Gentry .....	134	Albany .....	20	27	7	.....
Sergt. B. H. Porch.....	135	Olean .....	18	22	4	.....
Gen. J. G. Foster.....	137	Neosho .....	.....	20	20	.....
Marionville .....	141	Marionville .....	44	45	1	.....
Stephen Decatur.....	142	Medoc .....	12	14	2	.....
Samuel McClure.....	145	Eldon .....	47	50	3	.....
Avalon .....	146	Avalon .....	17	16	.....	1
J. J. Gravely.....	149	Bolivar .....	46	47	1	.....
Liberty .....	150	Spickard .....	31	34	3	.....
D. N. Keeler.....	152	Melrose .....	32	35	3	.....
Loyalty .....	155	Creighton .....	25	23	.....	2
Geo. Miller.....	158	Bethel .....	30	28	.....	2
Col. Henry C. Gilbert.....	160	Wheeling .....	22	22	.....	.....
Gen. Frank J. Herron .....	161	Buffalo .....	97	100	3	.....
Marshall .....	162	Elmo .....	16	10	.....	6
Col. Islam Keith.....	164	Breckenridge .....	28	28	.....	.....

NAME OF POST.	NO.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1902	1903		
Menke .....	166	La Grange .....	13	12	....	1
Jesse H. Moore .....	168	Braymer .....	17	16	....	1
J. N. Whitehead .....	171	Victoria .....	44	28	....	16
J. B. Steadman .....	172	Appleton City .....	48	45	....	3
Justi .....	173	Cape Girardeau .....	55	56	1	....
Maj. Hiram Gavitt .....	174	Fredericktown .....	11	11	....	....
Seneca .....	175	Seneca .....	17	19	2	....
Indian Springs .....	176	Indian Springs .....	14	14	....	....
W. H. L. Wallace .....	177	Moundville .....	20	19	....	1
Stephen Estle .....	178	De Witt .....	23	22	....	1
Murray .....	179	Memphis .....	67	64	....	3
Stambaugh .....	180	Austin .....	26	15	....	11
Mansfield .....	181	Powersville .....	17	....	....	....
Erich Pape .....	184	Zalma .....	13	22	9	....
Maj. Hunt .....	185	Center .....	26	33	7	....
John A. Rawlins .....	187	Peirce City .....	24	24	....	....
Gen. Henry Wilson .....	189	Rolla .....	20	20	....	....
W. E. Goodrich .....	190	Webb City .....	28	36	8	....
Austin Hubbard .....	194	Caplinger's Mills .....	30	31	1	....
Col. Morsey .....	197	Warrenton .....	40	36	....	4
Rogersville .....	200	Rogersville .....	15	9	....	6
Col. Brooks .....	207	Hannibal .....	10	10	....	....
Edward Wray .....	209	Linn Creek .....	18	16	....	2
McCroskey .....	210	Springfield .....	102	83	....	19
Sergt. Ryan .....	214	Brashear .....	28	28	....	....
Picket .....	215	Farmington .....	30	30	....	....
Jno. Williams .....	216	Fairport .....	13	13	....	....
Republic .....	219	Republic .....	28	17	....	11
Jamesport .....	220	Jamesport .....	12	11	....	1
Norcross .....	221	Novelty .....	31	31	....	....
S. L. Turley .....	222	Melbourne .....	17	....	....	....
Reuben Dale .....	223	Eagleville .....	31	25	....	6
Lieut. S. A. M. George .....	232	Humansville .....	26	56	30	....
Thos. J. Brouster .....	233	Clayton .....	36	37	1	....
Ash Grove .....	234	Ash Grove .....	6	....	....	....
Gen. Fred. D. Steele .....	235	Montrose .....	24	23	....	1
Farnsworth .....	237	Warsaw .....	20	20	....	....
Lowry City .....	238	Lowry City .....	20	25	5	....
W. S. Hancock .....	239	Mexico .....	39	35	....	4
John A. Hayn .....	240	Boonville .....	46	55	9	....
Galt .....	241	Galt .....	16	15	....	1
Fattonsburg .....	242	Pattonsburg .....	13	13	....	....
Andy Smith .....	243	Willow Springs .....	15	25	10	....
Jack Grant .....	245	Knox City .....	17	9	....	8
John W. Rawlins .....	247	West Plains .....	27	30	3	....
Ulysses .....	250	Mirabile .....	10	....	....	....
Col. Leonard .....	251	Eldorado Springs .....	77	54	....	23
Mt. McGregor .....	252	Metz .....	19	17	....	2
J. N. Hilton .....	254	Forsyth .....	....	....	....	....
John Boon .....	257	Licking .....	41	42	1	....
Andy Martin .....	259	Ava .....	50	27	....	23

NAME OF POST.	No.	LOCATION.	In Good Standing Dec. 31.		GAIN.	LOSS.
			1902	1903		
Blanchard .....	260	South Blanchard...	12	11	.....	1
Morgan L. Smith.....	264	Deepwater .....	17	.....	.....	.....
Pinhart .....	268	Brunswick .....	31	32	1	.....
Sergt. Plummer.....	269	Sparta .....	12	15	.....	3
Baker .....	271	Pineville .....	9	11	2	.....
Difani .....	273	Perryville .....	24	25	1	.....
Norwood .....	2.4	Norwood .....	12	18	6	.....
Henry Brown.....	276	Clarksburg .....	86	88	2	.....
Wakefield Standley .....	282	Carrollton .....	21	22	1	.....
Geo. G. Bryan.....	284	Belgrade .....	17	17	.....	.....
Jim Carnes.....	285	Rockport .....	28	18	.....	10
Chas. Sumner.....	286	Boonville .....	20	22	2	.....
Warren .....	287	Rockville .....	20	16	.....	4
Maj. Bartlett.....	289	Troy .....	20	17	.....	3
Fred Hecker.....	290	Pacific .....	17	16	.....	1
Geo. Gamble.....	293	Hemker .....	20	20	.....	.....
Col. Geiger.....	294	Highlandville .....	14	16	2	.....
John S. Phelps.....	297	St. James .....	47	50	3	.....
C. A. Arthur.....	299	Mansfield .....	28	22	.....	6
Bob. Ford.....	303	Coffeysburg .....	24	24	.....	.....
Geo. W. Tyler.....	311	Ford City.....	16	20	4	.....
Dan McCook.....	312	Leesville .....	16	15	.....	1
Jno. D. Rohye.....	314	Cedar Hill.....	16	16	.....	.....
Jordan Wilson .....	320	Hermann .....	28	26	.....	2
Capt. Manwaring.....	316	Clarksville .....	10	10	.....	.....
Capt. J. M. Baird.....	322	Verona .....	18	13	.....	5
Wm. McKinley.....	324	Sullivan .....	31	31	.....	.....
Capt. J. Felix St. James.....	326	Ste. Genevieve.....	35	35	.....	.....
Adrian .....	327	Adrian .....	19	23	4	.....
Jonah W. Reser.....	30	Urbana .....	26	28	2	.....
Jno. P. McCluney.....	331	Higginsville .....	14	14	.....	.....
James W. Owens.....	332	Washington .....	32	35	3	.....
James Ward.....	337	Jasper .....	17	22	5	.....
Houston .....	339	Houston .....	23	20	.....	3
Evans .....	340	Economy .....	19	19	.....	.....
Col. Shaw.....	343	St. Louis .....	73	65	.....	8
Jesse Owens.....	345	Bear Creek .....	24	24	.....	.....
H. C. Beckett.....	348	Mineral Point .....	15	18	3	.....
Capt. Jas. Johnson.....	350	Freidheim .....	11	11	.....	.....
Pardee .....	352	Cabool .....	15	15	.....	.....
Sergt. P. P. Mabrey.....	354	Chaonia .....	7	13	6	.....
Dixon .....	355	Dixon .....	13	10	.....	3
R. L. Ferguson.....	358	Sweet Springs .....	28	22	.....	6
Splitlog .....	359	Anderson .....	10	10	.....	.....
Daniel Miles.....	360	Iantha .....	12	.....	.....	.....
Upton .....	366	Sheridan .....	18	17	.....	1
Stella .....	371	Stella .....	18	.....	.....	.....
R. P. Carnes.....	374	Dunlap .....	31	30	.....	1
Harwood .....	375	Harwood .....	23	40	17	.....
Capt. J. W. Robertson.....	377	Ozark .....	25	21	.....	4

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			1902	1903		
Capt. Tom Walker.....	379	Leora .....	24	21	.....	3
Commerce .....	382	Commerce .....	13	.....	.....	.....
Dawn .....	384	Osceola .....	16	22	6	.....
Albert Harrison.....	386	Climax Springs ..	17	20	3	.....
Marceline .....	387	Marceline .....	30	34	4	.....
Jacob Yount.....	390	Yount .....	12	11	.....	1
Pike .....	391	Bowling Green ..	20	19	.....	1
Southwest City.....	392	Southwest City....	15	20	5	.....
Phil Sheridan.....	398	Gulf .....	14	.....	.....	.....
Capt. L. F. Bierwirth.....	402	Cape Girardeau ...	7	6	.....	1
Durbin A. Ward.....	405	Pickering .....	19	20	1	.....
Corporal Doke.....	406	Garrison .....	10	15	5	.....
Conway .....	407	Conway .....	25	24	.....	1
Col. Krekel .....	408	St. Peters .....	19	17	.....	2
Downing .....	412	Newark .....	10	10	.....	.....
David Hewitt.....	414	Louisburg .....	16	.....	.....	.....
Smithton .....	417	Smithton .....	12	12	.....	.....
Sergt. Clay Shaw.....	418	Sedalia .....	14	14	.....	.....
Fred. Roether.....	420	Montgomery City..	18	20	2	.....
Florence .....	423	Florence .....	14	10	.....	4
Wm. Hawkins.....	425	Brumley .....	29	25	.....	4
John V. Hoover.....	429	Elkland .....	18	17	.....	1
Columbia .....	432	Columbia .....	28	17	.....	11
David D. Porter.....	433	Mountain Grove ..	18	25	7	.....
J. B. Wicker.....	434	Richland .....	22	11	.....	11
Jos. A. Mower.....	436	Hartville .....	16	.....	.....	.....
Gen. Simon Cameron.....	437	Cross Timbers.....	10	15	5	.....
Gen. Hazen.....	440	Foster .....	5	5	.....	.....
Hume .....	442	Hume .....	10	10	.....	.....
Capt. Bauer.....	447	Berger .....	14	12	.....	2
E. E. Kimball.....	453	Middeltown .....	26	23	.....	3
Warren T. Stewart.....	457	Benton .....	14	.....	.....	.....
Col. J. P. Brownlow.....	458	Plew .....	17	23	6	.....
Capt. J. S. Robb.....	461	Jenkins .....	11	10	.....	1
Louis Duemler.....	465	St. Clair .....	16	16	.....	.....
Vandalia .....	466	Vandalia .....	28	28	.....	.....
Lieut. Brooks.....	469	Ashland .....	10	.....	.....	.....
Callaway .....	472	Fulton .....	12	12	.....	.....
T. R. Lane.....	479	Montreal .....	8	.....	.....	.....
Goulding .....	481	Buckhart .....	11	8	.....	3
Dillard Bell.....	487	Elmer .....	13	13	.....	.....
L. Stevenson.....	488	Pocahontas .....	10	8	.....	2
Eagle .....	492	Monett .....	17	15	.....	2
Col. Meumann.....	496	St. Louis .....	83	88	5	.....
Jno. Tietjens.....	506	Indian Grove .....	31	26	.....	5
Maj. Worthington.....	507	Shell Knob .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrison A. Gleim.....	512	Tipton .....	34	31	.....	3
Jesse Turnage.....	514	Rayville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberal .....	515	Liberal .....	42	43	1	.....
J. H. Crenshaw.....	516	Carterville .....	23	28	5	.....
Parnell City.....	517	Parnell City .....	18	17	.....	1

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			1902	1903		
Geo. W. Murphy.....	525	Cowgill .....	30	24	.....	6
Geo. W. Walker.....	526	Darlington .....	9	7	.....	2
Tecumseh .....	537	Ridge Prairie .....	15	15	.....	.....
Gen. Jere M. Rusk.....	544	St. Charles .....	11	13	2	.....
Wm. A. Mills.....	548	Boyle's Mills .....	12	10	.....	2
Col. John A. Davis.....	549	Windsor .....	26	26	.....	.....
Blythedale .....	551	Blythedale .....	20	17	.....	3
Thos. Welch.....	553	Kirbyville .....	13	14	1	.....
Gatzweiler .....	554	St. Charles.....	24	28	4	.....
A. C. Marvin.....	561	Collins .....	12	20	8	.....
Blue Springs.....	563	Blue Springs .....	19	14	.....	5
Burnside .....	566	Pleasant Hill .....	18	22	4	.....
Jas. F. How.....	567	Moberly .....	21	20	.....	1
Mark T. Brown.....	569	Stockton .....	22	23	1	.....
Col. Jas. Jackson.....	571	Balm .....	19	10	.....	9
Rincheval .....	572	Rhineland .....	27	27	.....	.....
Capt. E. D. Johnson.....	574	Elmira .....	18	18	.....	.....
Albert Anderson.....	575	Winona .....	12	18	6	.....
Col. Robt. Bailey .....	576	Augusta .....	.....	13	13	.....
J. J. Bruton.....	577	Bradleyville .....	.....	18	18	.....
Jas. K. P. Connor.....	578	Alton .....	.....	26	26	.....



## EXHIBIT "E."

## LIST OF DEATHS, 1903.

- 1 Wezler, Chas., age 64, 2d Lieut. Co. K, 10th Mo. Inf.  
 Knecht, Robt., age 62, Priv. F, 3d U. S. R. C. , Mo.  
 Guerin, F. W., age 58, Priv. Co. K, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Goersch, C. A., age 64, Corp. Co. C, 6th Conn. Inf.  
 Comstock, Frank, age 57, Co. C, 12th Ia. Inf.  
 Bodefeld, M., age 64, Priv. Co. D, 2d Mo. Inf.  
 Marburg, O. N., age 67, Priv. Co. F, 35th Wis. Inf.  
 Pesch, Jos., age 67, Priv. Co. A, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Findley, J. R., age 65, 1st Lieut. Co. F, 76th Pa. Inf.  
 Schwecke, F., age 69, Priv. Co. I, 4th Mo. Cav.  
 Hayte, W. B., age 74, Wagoner Co. L, 2d Ills. Cav.  
 Weber, Jacob, age 79, Priv. Co. G, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Koch, Jno., age 88, Mus. Co. B, 4th U. S. R. C.  
 Dorman, L., age 62, 2d Lieut. Co. F, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Suhl, Geo. H., age 65, 2d Lieut. Co. C, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Crum, Levi P., age 73, Priv. Co. D, 1st Mo. Cav.  
 Lucas, Louis C., age 82, 2d Lieut. Co. I, 3d Mo. Inf.  
 Euler, Louis, age 62, Priv. Co. C, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Schwaneck, Jno., age 64, Corp. Co. G, 4th Mo. Inf.
- 2 Shellhammer, Louis, age 67, Lieut. Co. G, 13th E. M. M.  
 Quirk, Jas., age 70, Priv. Co. C, 13th Mo. Cav.
- 4 Madison, Geo. W., Capt. Co. B, 5th Wis.  
 Zentner, Geo., Priv. Co. H, 1st Mo., Inf.  
 Taylor, H. J., Priv. Co. D, 73d Ohio Inf.  
 Kimmel, H., Mus. Co. F, 38th Ohio Inf.  
 Cleveland, J. S., Lieut. 2d Col. Cav.  
 Kreutzline, Jno. C., Priv. Co. B, 2d Mo. Cav.  
 Smith, C. J., Priv. Co. G, 97th N. Y. Inf.  
 Walden, G. M., Priv. Co. D, 84th Ind. Inf.
- 5 Meyers, Wm. F., age 59, Priv. Co. H, 9th Ohio Inf.  
 Barkeye, Anthony, age 72, Priv. Co. B, 49th Mo. Inf.
- 6 Wagner, Balthazer, Priv. Co. H, 48th Mo. Inf.
- 7 Gareth, Zachariah, Priv. Co. H, 195th Pa. Inf.  
 Kingsbury, Calvin P., Priv. Co. K, 11th N. H. Inf.  
 Quigley, Wm., Priv. Co. A, 41st Ohio Inf.  
 Court, Wm., Priv. Co. D, 32d Mo. Inf.  
 Hees, Jno. G., Priv. Co. H, 6th M. S. M. Cav.  
 Long, Aug. S., Sergt. Co. I, 128th Pa. Inf.
- 8 Hynicka, Jno. M., Sergt. Co. E, 1st Pa. Inf.  
 Jenny, Jacob J., Mus. 1st Kan. Inf.  
 Jenkins, Jeremiah W., Col. 31st Iowa Inf.  
 Baird, Wm. G., Priv. Co. B, 139th Ills. Inf.  
 Sweet, Abel K., Priv. Co. K, 88th Ohio Inf.

- Guffin, Ross, Capt. Co. G, 52d Ind. Inf.  
 Rosencrans, Henry J., Corp. Co. I, 22d Wis. Inf.  
 Everingham, Wm. G., 1st Lieut. Co. F, 15th N. Y. Hv. Art.
- 10 Gross, Jno. M., Priv. Co. C, 22d Ind. Inf.
- 12 Ridge, Howard.
- 13 Charbonier, John, age 72, Priv. Cos. A & C, 1st U. S. R. C.  
 Fisher, Raymond, age 68, Priv. Co. B, 12th Mo. Vol. Inf.  
 Koenig, C. E., age 63, Priv. Co. K, 4th Mo. Cav.  
 Hengel, Jacob, age 64, Priv. Co. D, 4th Mo. Cav.  
 Lorenz, Martin, age 79, Capt. Co. D, 2d Mo. Hv. Art.  
 Dammann, William, age 77, Priv. Co. F, 1st U. S. R. C.  
 Oehler, Moritz, age 65, Priv. Co. K, 64th N. Y. Inf.  
 Sebastian, Frank, age 63, Corp. Co. C, 2d Vt. Lt. Art.  
 Bennecke, Henry, age 70, Priv. Co. F, 12th Mo. Inf.  
 Hahn, William, age 78, Capt. Co. F, 1st U. S. R. C.  
 Schollmeyer, Louis, age 67, Priv. Co. F, 2d U. S. R. C.  
 Hammel, Fred, age 65, Priv. Co. G, 4th Mo. Cav.  
 Gahl, William, age 73, Sergt. Co. D, 2d U. S. R. C.  
 Bleitner, Henry, age 70, Priv. Co. E, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Wagner, Peter, age 61, Priv. Co. D, 2d Mo. Lt. Art..  
 Lebbing, Herman, age 62, Priv. Co. A, 2d Mo. Rifle Bat.  
 Young, Mathew, age 67, Priv. Co. M, 1st Mo. Cav.  
 and C, 1st Ills. Art.  
 Benecke, Robert, age 69, Priv. Co. H, 18th Mo. Inf.  
 Stenberg, John, age 68, Priv. Cos. D & C, 4th E. M. M.
- 14 Johnson, Green B., Priv. Co. K, 7th Ill.  
 Paxton, Samuel, Priv. Co. H, 7th M. S. M. Cav.
- 16 Fosdick, Geo. W., Priv. Co. D, 7th N. Y. Hv. Art.  
 Wetherell, Geo., Priv. Co. D, 13th Wis. Inf.
- 19 Brown, W. A., Priv. Co. A, 20th Ohio Inf.  
 Chenmic, Robert, Priv. Co. C, 7th Iowa Cav.
- 21 Byers, Andrew, age 73, Priv. Co. F, 6th Iowa Inf.  
 Avery, H. A., age 63, Priv. Co. H, 35th Mo. Inf.  
 Anderson, B. Franklin, age 54, Priv. Co. F, 170th O. V. Inf.  
 Messenger, Chas. W., age 60, Priv. Co. A, 12th O. V. C, and  
 Co. E, 26th O. V. I.
- 22 Heller, Frederick, age 43, Sergt. Co. H, 10th Mo. Inf.  
 Serits, Daniel, Priv. Co. D, 12th Iowa Inf.  
 Serits, Jacob, Corp. Co. B, 7th Mo. Cav.  
 Tudor, John T., age 51, Priv. Co. F, 9th Mo. S. M. Cav.  
 Coonfield, Isaac S., Corp. Co. B, 11th Mo. Cav.  
 Bruner, Jacob, Priv. Co. A, 27th Mo. Inf.  
 Davis, John A., Priv. 21st Mo. Inf.  
 Loeffler, Henry, Priv. Co. H, 2d M. S. M. Cav.  
 Shoop, George, Priv. Co. D, 27th Mo. Inf.
- 23 Cooper, Wm., Priv. Co. A, 162d N. Y. Inf.

- Sishbaugh, Lewis, Priv. Co. E, 78th Ohio Inf.
- 29 Hulderman, Isaiah, Priv. Co. H, 6th W. Va. Inf.  
Barney, Reuben, Surgeon U. S. Army.  
Walls, Elisha, Priv. Co. F, 136th Ohio Inf.
- 33 Fort, Thos. C.  
Miller, Robert R., Bugler, Co. L, 12th Mo. Cav.
- 34 McCook, Alex McD., Maj. Gen. U. S. A.
- 42 Dodd, Henry, Priv. Co. C, 18th U. S. C. T.
- 53 Berry, T. P., Priv. Co. I, 2d W. Va. Inf.  
Richardson, W. C., Priv. Co. D, 1st Tenn. Inf.
- 54 Gray, Robert L., Priv. Co. D, 42d Mo. Inf.  
Hill, Joel C., Lieut. Co. G, 2d M. S. M. Cav.
- 57 Doan, John F., Priv. Co. D, 12th Ills. Inf.
- 58 Wells, J. M., Priv. 107th Ills. Inf.  
Schantz, Fred, Priv. Co. E, 3d Ills. Cav.
- 64 Chamness, J. W.
- 67 Lewis, Jas J., age 71, Priv. Co. I, 43 Mo.  
Guthrie, Wm. B., age 59, Priv. Co. B, 33d O. V. I.
- 69 Cook, C. L., age 79, Priv. and Capt. Co. K, 3d Ohio Cav.  
Watson, L. T., age 79, Asst. Surg., 24th Mo. Inf.
- 75 Rodman, Lewis.
- 78 Mikel, Wm. S., age 74, Corp. Co. G, 7th Mo. S. M. Cav.  
Vigus, Edward E., age 68, Priv. Co. G, 7th Mo. M. S. M. Cav.
- 79 Alley, Hadley J., age 70, 2d Lieut. Co. B, 5th Kas. Cav.  
Hill, J. R., age 69, Priv. Co. D, 23d Mo. Inf.
- 82 Day, Allison J., Corp. Co. I, 7th Mo. Cav.  
Kempinsky, Abr., Capt. Co. F, 49th Mo. Inf.
- 84 Mottel, R. L., Sergt. Co. C, 15th Mo. Cav.  
Broderick, James, Priv. Co. A, 115th Ills. Inf.
- 86 Sealey, John, age 65, Priv. Co. I, 24th Iowa Inf.
- 96 Hill, Abraham.
- 97 Lefever, Edward, Priv. Co. F, Mo. H. G.  
Pinnet, Victor, Priv. Co. F, Mo. H. G.
- 107 Lanfersieck, Charles, age 62, Priv. Co. H, 5th U. S. R. C.  
Ruthmeyer, Herman, age 70, Priv. Co. F, 2d Mo. Art.  
Zelp, Frank, age 74, Priv. Co. G, 16th Ill.  
Marx, Fred, age 65, Priv. Co. A, 5th U. S. R. C.  
Wendler, Chas., age 62, Priv. Co. D, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
Mangerhans, August, age 65, Priv. Co. D, 23d Ky.  
Wirth, Anton, age 65, Priv. Co. C, 5th U. S. R. C.  
Ude, Geo., age 61, Priv. Co. L, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
Bergmann, Herman, age 68, Priv. Co. K, 5th U. S. R. C.
- 111 Lombar, Frank E., 1st Lieut. Co. E, 33d Mo. Inf.—Capt. Co. B,  
62d U. S. C. T.
- 119 Stinson, Samuel, Priv. Co. C, 1st M. M. Mo.  
Mastin, W. B., Sergt. Co. G, 56th Ohio Inf.

- Couch, Ferman, Priv. Co. E, 50th Ill. Inf.  
 Tierce, Benjamin, Priv. Co. A, 13th Mo. Cav.  
 Whitehead, Ralf, Sergt., Co. D, 49th Mo. Vol.  
 Pearson, Y. S., Priv. Co. E, 35th Iowa Inf.
- 124 Gunn, Marquis, age 70, Priv. Co. K, 16th Pa. Cav.  
 Selby, John F., age 58, Priv. Co. F, 43d Mo. Inf.  
 Willie, Asa M., age 62, Priv. Co. H, 85th Pa. Vol.
- 128 McCreal, W. H., age 63, Priv. Co. B, 68th Ind. Inf.  
 Clark, Hemlet, age 66, 2d Lieut. Co. L, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
- 131 Berky, Alfred, age 62, Sergt. Co. C, 117th Ills. Inf.  
 Bristol, Bennett J., age 70, Surg., 59th U. S. Col. Inf.  
 Cunningham, Michael, age 55, Priv. Co. I, 2d Mass. H. Art.  
 Emery, Jonathan, age 67, Priv. Co. A, 36th Ind. Inf.  
 Harlow, John B., age 59, Bvt. Capt. Co. D, 47th Ills. Inf.  
 Morgan, John B., age 63, Mus. Co. H, 4th Iowa Inf.  
 Norton, Albert, age 56, Priv. Co. H, 6th Mass. Inf.  
 O'Connor, Stephen, age 59, Corp. Co. K, 3d Mass. Cav.  
 Simpkins, Wm. H., age 60, Sergt. Co. F, 1st Mo. Art.
- 141 Coleman, J. S., age 73, Capt. Co. A, Phelps Mo. Inf.  
 James, age 58, Priv. Co. E, 63d Ind.
- 155 Gregg, Geo. W., Sergt. Co. G, 16th Kas.
- 158 Getzinger, Jacob, age 68, Priv. Co. A, Maj. Berry's Bat.
- 161 Anderson, W. H., Priv. 5th Tenn.  
 Blankenship, Henry, Priv. Co. I, 24th Mo. Inf.  
 Welch, Robert, Priv. M. S. M. Cav.
- 162 Cramer, Noah, age 77, Co. C, 1st Iowa Cav.  
 Huff, Milton, age 61, Priv.  
 Barke, D. L., age 67, Priv.
- 166 McLean, Geo. W., age 84, Capt. Co. A, 65th Ills. Inf.
- 168 Deam, W. S., age 64, Priv. Co. I, 22d Ind. Inf.
- 171 Tucker, D. W., Priv. Co. A, 31st Mo. Inf.  
 Porter, David A., Priv. Co. G, 9th Pa. Cav.  
 Porter, Henry A., Priv. Co. F, 12th Kas.
- 173 Nettles, John B., age 66, Corp. Co. C, 1st Ills. Art.  
 Boyle, Patrick, ge 79, Priv. Co. B, 2d Mo. Inf.
- 177 King, Augustin, age 71, Priv. Co. D, 34th Ind. Inf.
- 179 Justice, A. J., age 55, Priv. Co. I, 51st Mo. Inf.  
 Matlick, W. H., age 58, Priv. Co. D, 21st Mo. Inf.  
 Ridge, John, age 61, Priv. Co. B, 29th N. E. Mo.
- 180 Limpus, E. F., age 62, Sergt. Co. D, 78th Ills. Inf.
- 184 Deck, John, Priv. Ind. Co. Mo.
- 190 Taylor, J. S., Sergt. Co. C, 6th Tenn.
- 197 Ruwe, Henry, age 72, Priv. Co. H, 3rd M. S. M.  
 Schrader, Alex., age 77, Sergt. Co. I, 3d Mo. Inf.  
 Keller, Allen H., age 68, Corp. Co. F, 2d Ohio Art.
- 200 Jones, William.

- 210 Davis, Wm., age 85, Priv. Co. A, 8th M. S. M. Cav.  
 219 Criswell, T. F.  
 Kerr, James A., Priv. 12th Ind. Cav.  
 220 Wells, L. G., Corp. Co. B, 41st O. I.  
 221 Murray, Zeph., Priv. Co. G, 4th Iowa Cav.  
 223 Hunsecker, Joseph.  
 235 Martin, James M., Priv. Co. I, 77th and 130th Ill. Inf.  
 Kirsch, Mathias Priv. Co. I, indep. Batt'y N. Y. L. A.  
 239 Armstrong, Chas.  
 Nicholas, P. P.  
 240 Hirsch, George, age 69, Priv. Co. E, 4th Mo. Res. Corps.  
 247 Hill, John W., 1st Lieut. Co. D, 4th Ills. Cav.  
 251 Rimby, Thos.  
 257 Osborne, John, age 87, Sergt. Co. A, 4th Ind. Cav.  
 259 Price, John, Priv. Co. K, 105th Ohio Inf.  
 O'Donald, John S., 1st Lieut. Co. K, 85th Ind. Inf.  
 Sisney, Wm. J., Priv. Co. C, 6th Mo. Cav.  
 Spencer, Wm., Priv. Co. E, 8th Kansas.  
 264 Consalus, John L., Capt. Co. I, 29th and 45th Mo.  
 276 Sturgis, William H., Capt. Co. B, 52d Ohio.  
 286 Smith, Thornton, age 67, Priv. Co. C, 62d U. S. C. T.  
 Gunn, Speed, age 62, Priv. Co. C, U. S. C. T.  
 290 Schulz, Fritz, Priv. Co. C, Pacific Bat.  
 297 Kingsley, Herman, age 72, Priv. Co. H, 110th N. Y. Inf.  
 Johnson, Joseph A., age 67, Priv. Co. I, 6th Mo. Inf.  
 Hettler, Charles, age 80, Sergt. Co. B, 4th U. S. R. C.  
 Shinkle, John W., age 61, Priv. Co. C, 9th Ills. Vols.  
 299 Moad, J. C., age 58, Priv. Co. A, 14th M. S. M.  
 Crippen, N. A., age 61, Priv. Co. A, 2d Tenn.  
 Dennis, Gideon M., age 65, Priv. Co. A, 5th Tenn.  
 312 Kimball, Sylvester, age 76, Priv. Ills.  
 Rains, Jesse T., age 59, Priv. Co. D, 6th M. S. M.  
 320 Maumbrauer, Chas., age 75, Priv. Co. B, 4th Mo. Vols.  
 Cashel, Lewis, age 74, Priv. Co. F., 58th Ohio.  
 322 Johnson, B. F., age 82, Priv. Co. G, 10th Wis.  
 Tate, John D., Priv. Co. B, 6th Mo. Cav.  
 Turner, J. W., Priv. Co. E, 5th Tenn. Inf.  
 324 Borberg, Chas., age 67, Priv. Co. I, 1st Mo. Inf.—Capt. Co. K,  
 57th U. S. C. T.  
 326 Roseman, Henry, age 60, Priv. Co. E, 30th Ills.  
 330 Lindsey, Thos., Priv. Co. B, 8th M. S. M. Cav.  
 337 Houk, Jonathan, Priv. Co. H, 46th Ohio Inf.  
 Nett, Albert.  
 339 Laughlin, Arch, Sergt. Co. M, 3d Ills. Cav.  
 343 Hamlin, E. L., Priv. Co. C, 88th U. S. C. T.  
 Harris, Wm., Priv. Co. B, 55th U. S. C. T.  
 348 Puckett, James A., age 70, Priv. Co. E, 5th Mo. Inf.

- 355 Williams, M., Priv. Co. E, 6th Mo. Cav.  
358 Crowder, Henry U., age 80, Priv. Co. F, 10th Mo. Cav.  
Price, Moses, age 62, Priv. Co. H, 31st Ind. Inf.  
366 Clark, E. D., age 76, Priv. Co. B, 11th Mo. Cav.  
374 Brown, Asbury, age 61, Priv. Co. B, 16th Ills. Inf.  
377 Pierce, Jas. P., Priv. Co. G, 117th Ohio Inf.  
Reeves, J. J., Priv. Co. E, 1st Ark. Cav.  
379 Patterson, Alex, age 63, Priv. Co. C, 12th M. S. M.  
384 Brannon, Charles, age 58, Priv. Co. A, 54th Ills. Vol.  
386 Crocker, S. W., age 58, Priv. Co. B, 6th Penn.  
Clipson, W. H., age 63, Priv. Co. A, 21st Ills.  
390 Shaw, G. D. S., Priv. Co. K, 47th Mo. Inf.  
391 Springer, C. V., age 63, Priv. Co. H, 18th Ohio Inf.  
418 Martin, Moses.  
453 Olshausen, Andrew, Priv. 46th Ills. Inf.  
461 Bolin, Eden, age 78, Priv. Co. E, 1st Ark. Cav.  
488 Brown, Marcus, age 68, Priv. Co. I, 5th Mo. Cav.  
Walker, Henry L., age 65, Priv. Co. K, 2d Mo. Inf.  
512 Reider, Jacob, Priv. Co. I, 16th Ohio Inf.  
Springer, Joel, Priv. Co. D, 169th Ohio Inf.  
Doelfelder, Geo., Priv. Co. C, 1st Iowa Cav.  
517 Comer, Henry, Priv. Co. C, 117th Ohio Inf.  
526 Campbell, L., Priv. Co. E, 70th Ohio Inf.  
Alexander, John, Priv. Co. A, 51st Mo. Inf.  
537 Blakely, Wm. D., Priv. Co. A, 5th Mo. Prov.  
544 Powell, Allen, age 70, Sergt. Co. A, 56th U. S. C. T.  
551 Hicks, John, age 58, Priv. Co. A, 35th Mo. Inf.  
Baker, R. O., Priv. Co. E, 43d Mo. Inf.  
561 Powell, Joseph R., age 72, Priv. Co. A, 152d Ills. Inf.  
567 Hardcister, Thomas, age 70, Priv. Co. G, 1st E. M. Mo.  
569 Hulstone, Wm., age 76, Priv. Co. D, E. M. M.  
574 Crowley, W. T., age 60, Priv. Co. B, 44th Mo. Inf.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

CALIFORNIA, MO., April 15, 1904.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri G. A. R.

Comrade—I herewith submit my report as Judge Advocate of this Department for the past year, which will be very brief.

The Department Commander has submitted but one case to me for an opinion during the year.

Comrade ———, a member of Post ———, had been tried by court martial, found guilty and dismissed from the Order. The sentence had been forwarded to the Department Commander for approval before it could be carried into effect.

On examination of the very brief and imperfect record sent up, I gathered these facts: Comrade ——— had contracted an account with a firm of grocers, agreeing to pay for same when he received his next pension check. The pension was received in due time, but the comrade failed to pay the account contracted, according to his promise. Thereupon the grocers, who were members of the Post, preferred the charge of "conduct unbecoming a comrade and not conducive to good order." It was on this charge the trial was had, with the result stated. No defense appears to have been made, and doubtless the charge of failure to pay the debt incurred was true. But the fact remains that failure to pay a pecuniary liability, however bad the offense morally, is not a violation of our Rules and Regulations. The comrade charged with the offense, therefore, might have properly appeared at the trial and demurred to the charge.

I so advised the Commander, and recommended that the court martial proceedings be disapproved, the effect of which would be to leave Comrade ——— a member of the Order.

I am very glad that no other matter called for advice from this office.

On account of attendance at court, I was unable to attend the National Encampment at San Francisco, which I much regretted.

With best wishes for the continued success of our Order, I remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

Judge Advocate.

## REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

JOPLIN, MO., April 14, 1904.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to herewith submit my report as Chief Mustering Officer for this Department. In doing this I desire to extend my thanks to those who have assisted me in the work, and have relieved me by acting as Special Mustering Officers. I also desire to especially thank the Assistant Adjutant General for special favors. In acknowledging the honor conferred on me by the Department Commander in my appointment as Chief Mustering Officer, I also desire to congratulate him on the most excellent showing made by the new Posts mustered under his administration.

The following Posts were mustered:

Col. Robert Bailey Post, No. 576, at Augusta, St. Charles County, Mo., October 28, 1903, by Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, with thirteen charter members.

J. J. Bruton Post, No. 577, at Bradleyville, Taney County, Mo., November 28, 1903, by R. C. Martin, P. C., Post No. 406, Special Mustering Officer, with thirteen charter members.

James K. P. Conner Post, No. 578, at Alton, Oregon County, Mo., February 4, 1904, by Samuel D. Foster, Adjutant Post 247, Special Mustering Officer, with twenty-six charter members.

Fraternally yours,

J. L. BRIGGS,

Chief Mustering Officer.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., May 9, 1904.

F. M. STERRETT, Department Commander.

Comrade—The year has marked a more general observance of Memorial Day. A very large per cent of the Posts of the Department observed the services on Memorial Sabbath and Memorial Day. Almost every Post in the Department visited the graves of our fallen comrades and in loving memory of their noble service to their country, laid flowers on the graves. These tributes to the memory of the heroes of 1861-5 is doing more than any other one thing in disseminating the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.



I submit the following detailed statement:

Number of Posts in Department.....	275
Number of Posts reporting memorial services.....	164

#### MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES

Number of Posts attending services.....	193
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	123
Number of sermons preached by veterans.....	21
Number of sermons preached by sons of veterans.....	19
Number of comrades present at such services.....	3874
Number of Woman's Relief Corps participating.....	12
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans attending services.....	8
Number of sons of veterans attending such services.....	325

#### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	130
Number of comrades participating in Memorial Day services.....	4303
Number of Woman's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day services.....	13
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans participating in Memorial Day services.....	4
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	555
Number of graves decorated.....	23515
Number of graves unmarked by head-stones.....	647
Number of public schools engaged in Memorial Day.....	92
Number of pupils participating.....	8376
Number of other organizations participating.....	63
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day.....	135
Number of addresses delivered by veterans.....	32
Number of addresses delivered by sons of veterans.....	21
Number of Posts having burial plats.....	38

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. J. MARTIN,

Department Chaplain

On motion all reports were referred to committees to be appointed.

The Junior Vice-Commander announced the following committee on the Department Commander's address:

Past Commanders-in-Chief Warner and Rassieur, and Past Department Commanders Benecke, Whitehead and Scott.

The Department Commander then announced the following committees:

On reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, Chaplain and Chief Mustering Officer:

Past Department Commander John P. Platt, Arthur Driefus, Post 1; Henry A. Astholz, Post 173.

On report of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General:

Albion P. Pease, Post 4; J. R. Milner, Post 69; D. P. Stubblefield, Post 33.

On report of the Judge Advocate:

Past Commanders-in-Chief Warner and Rassieur and Lucien E. Carter, Post 7.

On motion the following committees were also appointed:

On resolutions:

Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton; J. W. Moore, Post 276; J. P. Tracy, Post 69; C. W. Corkran, Post 221.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps:

Past Department Commanders Martin and Henry and T. D. Kimball, Post 131.

To visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.:

T. J. Ferril, Post 7; Wm. Lowe, Post 566; W. Jones, Post 14.

Past Department Chaplain Hagerty presented a gavel to Department Commander Sterrett with the following remarks:

**COMMANDER STERRETT:** You stated in your eloquent address that in making your journey from St. Louis to San Francisco, California, to attend the National Encampment of the G. A. R. last September, that you arose from the elevation of 400 feet to that of 8000 above the sea level. That fact, I surmise, is but an outline of the journey of your life. In your childhood's hour you may be said to have been but a few feet above the level of the common mass of humanity, yet by diligence and patriotic effort you have during the last year arisen to the high and distinguished altitude of Commander of the Department of Mis-

souri G. A. R., the most illustrious semi-military organization in the world. To properly embody these facts in a material form, I have thought it proper to place it in the form of a gavel—emblem of the power of your high office. The head of this gavel is a part of a stair railing from an old home in the state of Ohio. In that home there was a mischievous little boy who dipped his open hand in a pot of black paint, and then to get it off he stamped his hand on the wall of his mother's home and left its mark in the black paint. His sister being grieved at this act of their brother wished him to be punished. The kind-hearted mother, seeing the print of the little hand, said, "No; let it remain there on the wall forever. Do not punish little Frank." Commander, do you know anything about this occurrence? [Commander being so full of emotion could not answer.] Now, Commander, I was fortunate in getting a piece out of the stairs of that old Ohio home and made the head of this gavel. The handle is hickory from Wilson's Creek battle ground. The star inlaid in the end is composed of a piece of the frame of old Liberty bell of Philadelphia. One quarter of the circle is from Gen. Grant's log cabin, one from Gen. Sherman's mansion, one from Lincoln's house, Springfield, Illinois, and the other from the house in which Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant. One point of the star is from Alaska, one from Lookout mountain, and the three others from the battle ground of Gettysburg. Now, Commander, I desire to present this gavel to you at the close of your term as Commander of G. A. R. Department of Missouri, with my compliments.

The Department Commander, visibly overcome by deep feeling, responded as follows:

COMRADE HAGERTY: The old red house, yet standing, in Clarke county, Ohio, in which I was born, where the newel post stood at the foot of the stairway, from which the wood was taken to make this gavel, is associated with every fond memory and incident of my childhood. On the farm where stands this house, in a more pretentious home, still lives the mother, now 85 years of age, who then guided my early footsteps. The denomination for which you are a chosen minister is the one with which she has affiliated for most of her life. She will thank you with the tears of a mother's gratitude, out of the wealth of only a mother's love, for thus remembering and honoring him, who, to her, is yet only her boy; and I thank you with a feeling in my heart that God has not gifted me with the speech to express.

A committee from the Womans' Relief Corps was announced as in waiting, and the Department Commander appointed Comrades G. W. Martin, W. F. Henry and T. D. Kimball to meet and escort them to the platform. Mrs. Henrietta Stiesmeier, Mrs. Lucinda Scott, Mrs. Hollen E. Day, Mrs. Carrie R. Spark-

lin and Mrs. Lizzie Mason were then introduced and each made brief and suitable remarks.

The following report was presented by Mrs. Stiesmeier:

*To Frank M. Sterrett, Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:*

*Dear Sir:* I herewith present to you and through you to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the following report of the Womans' Relief Corps:

Total cash expended for relief.....	\$ 906.50
Estimated value of relief.....	1,859.89
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Total.....	\$2,766.39
Turned over to Posts.....	208.44
Number of Corps in the Department.....	66
Gained during year.....	2
Membership.....	1,848

FEDERAL SOLDIERS' HOME.

We provided the annual Christmas dinner at the Home at a cost of \$40. To flood sufferers, \$39, and \$5 for invalid chair.

With kind wishes and prosperity I am fraternally yours,

FRANCES H. D. VAN SLYKE,

*Department President.*

Announcement was made that the parade would take place at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, upon the adjournment of the Encampment.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 17th.

The Encampment met at 1:30 P. M., and was called to order by the Department Commander.

On motion the selection of a place for the meeting of the Department Encampment next year was taken up.

On motion of Past Department Commander Burton, Brookfield, Mo., was selected as the place of meeting by a unanimous vote.

Past Department Commander Benecke, chairman of the Committee on the Soldier's Home at St. James, Mo., presented the following report:

*To Frank M. Sterrett, Department Commander, G. A. R. of Mo.:*

*Dear Sir and Comrade:* Your committee on the State Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James, Mo., beg leave to report:

We need not state that this Home is a child of the combined effort of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Womans' Relief Corps. If it had not been for the noble efforts of these organizations it would not have existed.

The liberal aid given to the Home by the citizens of St. James made it possible for us to realize our hopes to provide a home for aged Comrades, their wives and widows, and thus take away the care for support of the more unfortunate patriots, who in the time of the republic's peril contributed their mite to the maintenance of our nation.

The subsequent action of the State in accepting the Home as a gift at our hands (fully worth \$35,000.00 at that time) upon condition that the State would thereafter assume its financial support, was duly appreciated, and Governor Lon V. Stephens, as a matter of justice to the organizations who first established this noble institution, placed as its first managers active members of the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps.

Governor Stephens conceded that under the circumstances, those were best qualified to act who had devoted their time and talents to the creation of the Home without pay or reward other than that of having the conscious assurance of having done their duty as Comrades and members of the W. R. C.

At that time it was not considered necessary that provisions should be placed in the organic law for the Home, that as long as there were members of these two organizations in good standing, that the appointing power should confine himself to them, and this irrespective of political or religious affiliation.

However, Governor Stephen's successor did not take this view, and at his instance and under his direction the law was changed so as to reduce the number of its directors from nine to five, and resulting in the ousting of the entire old board. By this action of Governor Dockery and Senator Farris the W. R. C. was thus entirely eliminated.

In the opinion of our committee it would be well to induce the next legislature to amend the law confining eligibility of directors to members in good standing of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., and require at least one of the directors to be a member of the W. R. C.

We believe that this action would result favorably to the general interest of the Home and make it unnecessary for us at this time to dwell upon collateral points.

We are glad to say that the provisions made for the inmates of the Home are ample and of such a character as is proper for each individual member of the Home.

But the capacity of the institution is deficient, as will be seen from the fact that there are 77 applications for admission awaiting for

room; hence we would urge that our legislature make appropriation for additional dormitories.

There are now 219 inmates, of whom 159 are comrades, and 60 are widows of comrades and army nurses.

Mrs. Goodall, the Matron of the Home, deserves special mention for her indefatigable efforts for the comfort and welfare of the inmates.

We recommend that as many of our comrades as may find it convenient visit the Home.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

LOUIS BENECKE,  
HENRY FAIRBACK,  
J. P. TRACY,

Committee.

In the discussion which ensued, Comrade Rassieur urged that all comrades should see to it that members of the legislature be elected who will carry out the recommendations of the committee.

On motion of Comrade Henry Fairback the report of the committee, with its recommendations, was adopted.

The Assistant Adjutant General made the following report of the Council of Administration:

LEXINGTON, MO., May 17th, 1904.

*To the Twenty-third Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.*

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The first meeting of the Council was held at Boonville, Mo., on May 14th, 1903, after the adjournment of the Encampment, on call of the Department Commander.

The following members were present: F. M. Sterrett, Department Commander; John T. Birdseye, Senior Vice Department Commander; Jos. Lieber, Junior Vice Department Commander; J. J. Martin, Chaplain; R. M. Stewart, Medical Director; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Francis P. Becker, W. A. Fast, A. N. Seaber, Jno. A. Blackwell and Ernst Rotteck, elected members.

On motion of Comrade Becker the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to add the amount of postage to the price of supplies in the new requisition blanks to be printed.

The Department Commander announced that he would resign as a member of the National Council of Administration, and on motion the recommendation of his successor was postponed until the Department Commander should have completed the appointments on his staff, when it should be taken up by correspondence. After a general

discussion in regard to the affairs of the Department, the Council, on motion, adjourned.

A letter was addressed to each member of the Council on June 16th, 1903, asking for an expression of his choice of a comrade to be recommended for member of the National Council of Administration. All the members responded, and it appearing that a decided majority were in favor of Comrade Jere. T. Dew, of Post 8, Kansas City, he was accordingly recommended by the Department Commander to the Commander-in-Chief.

By direction of the Department Commander, the selection of the date for the meeting of the 23d Annual Encampment at Lexington, Mo., was submitted by letter, January 15th, 1904, to the members of the Council of Administration, and all concurring in favor of the dates of May 18th and 19th, 1904, it was so announced in General Orders No. 6.

The last meeting of the Council was held at Lexington, Mo., on Tuesday, May 17th, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., pursuant to call of the Department Commander.

The following members were present: F. M. Sterrett, Department Commander; Jos. Lieber, Junior Vice-Department Commander; R. M. Stewart, Medical Director; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adj. Gen'l. and Assistant Qr. Mr. Gen'l.; Jno. M. Williams, Judge Advocate; J. L. Briggs, Chief Mustering Officer; Francis P. Becker, Ernst Rotteck, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to annul the charters of the following Posts, heretofore suspended for failing to make reports: Posts No. 45, 103, 104, 117, 167, 206, 217, 231, 385, 430, 495.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts for failing to make reports: Posts No. 224, 229, 262, 279, 283, 362, 367, 383, 397, 411, 416, 454, 482.

On motion the Council recommended to the Encampment the appropriation of \$200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 7th, 1904.

*Frank M. Sterrett, Department Commander:*

*Dear Sir and Comrade:* We, the undersigned committee of the Council of Administration, selected to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have examined and audited the same for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1904.

We found proper vouchers for all expenditures, with balances on hand as follows:

December 31, 1903, \$29.15.  
April 30, 1904, 51.92.

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of keeping his accounts.

FRANCIS P. BECKER,  
ERNST ROTTECK,  
Committee.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adj't Gen'l and Recorder.

On motion the report, with its recommendations, was adopted.

The Department Commander appointed Comrade Rassieur to form and take charge of the parade.

The following telegram from the widow of Col. James A. Mulligan was read by the Assistant Adjutant General:

CHICAGO, ILL., May 17th, 1904.

*To C. H. Schaefermeyer, Headquarters James A. Mulligan Post No. 11,  
G. A. R., Lexington, Mo.*

Mrs. Mulligan and daughters send greetings to the gallant veterans of James A. Mulligan Post and their guests, and regret that they could not accept the invitation to visit historic Lexington.

MARION A. MULLIGAN.

Announcement was made that Past Commander-in-Chief Warner would speak at the Camp-Fire this evening at the Opera House, in place of Commander-in-Chief John C. Black, who will not arrive until to-morrow morning.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the National Encampment, in order that ballots might be printed.

On motion of Past Department Commander Burton, Comrade Peter Joseph Osterhaus, Post 1, St. Louis, was elected Representative at Large by acclamation.

The General thanked the Encampment for the honor conferred. He always tried to execute the orders of those who delegated him to perform any duty, and would do so at Boston.



The following nominations for Representatives were then made and placed in reverse alphabetical order, in pursuance of a former resolution of the Encampment:

BEN WARNER, Post No. 4, Kansas City.  
 W. H. WORMSTEAD, Post No. 8, Kansas City.  
 F. L. WITHAUP, Post No. 243, Willow Springs.  
 G. W. TRAVIS, Post No. 173, Cape Girardeau.  
 R. M. STEWART, Post No. 4, Kansas City.  
 M. M. RICE, Post No. 14, Joplin.  
 H. E. ROBINSON, Post No. 21, Maryville.  
 ALBION P. PEASE, Post No. 4, Kansas City.  
 HUBERT MUNCHRATH, Post No. 13, St. Louis.  
 J. W. MOORE, Post No. 276, California.  
 T. H. HAGERTY, Post No. 131, St. Louis.  
 GEORGE HAYES, Post No. 22, Kirksville.  
 EDWARD JANSEN, Post No. 496, St. Louis.  
 R. M. GRIGGS, Post No. 221, Novelty.  
 HENRY EVERS, Post No. 2, St. Louis.  
 J. E. DECKER, Post No. 219, Republic.  
 G. A. DOUGLASS, Post No. 78, Warrensburg.  
 H. G. C. DAMMER, Post No. 554, St. Charles.  
 L. E. CARTER, Post No. 7, St. Joseph.  
 PHILIP CHATTIN, Post No. 343, St. Louis.  
 C. C. BURGE, Post No. 23, Macon.  
 EDWARD BORCK, Post No. 107, St. Louis.  
 SOL. BOEHM, Post No. 1, St. Louis.  
 CHARLES W. BARSTOW, Post No. 131, St. Louis.  
 E. R. BATES, Post No. 327, Audrain.

The hour having arrived for the parade, on motion the Encampment took a recess until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 19th.

The Encampment met at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 19th, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Past Department Chaplain Ferril, in the absence of the Department Chaplain, was called upon and invoked the Divine blessing.

Past Commander-in-Chief Warner introduced Comrade R. T. Van Horn, of Kansas City, who came to see his old comrades and spend his 80th birthday with them at Lexington, where he was present at the surrender of Col. Mulligan in 1861. He

asked all who were with him on that occasion to stand up, and three comrades arose.

Past Department Commander Burton, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

*Commander and Comrades of the Department of Missouri:*

Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following:

An incident occurred on the line of march yesterday worthy of mention. A confederate flag was displayed from the porch of a residence. The boys in blue looked at it with curiosity and interest as they marched by, but not with any disposition to disturb it. With equal interest they gazed at the white haired old ladies who sat beside it, and thought of the care with which they had treasured that relic of an interesting period in the history of our country, so as to preserve it for exhibition forty years after its use had ceased; and they thought of the mother's love which may have been entwined with its preservation, but they thanked the God of Battles, measured by the warm hearted generosity of their reception, that every citizen of Lexington joined with them in loyalty to one flag and to one country, and holding themselves a little more erect they marched on with a little firmer step, and the incident closed.

*Be it Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the people of Lexington and the comrades of Mulligan Post for their loyal welcome and generous hospitality. Our visit to their historic city has been one of continuous pleasure. We congratulate them upon the spirit of enterprise manifest on every hand, and especially upon their public schools and institutions of learning, wherein their young manhood and womanhood are being trained and developed to the advancement of humanity, the perpetuity of the republic and the glory of God. With reverential devotion we stood upon College Hill, dedicated years ago by the gallant Mulligan and his brave comrades to Liberty, Freedom and the Union; and with full hearts thanked the God of our Fathers that while the armed sentinel no longer paces its beats, still from its summit is heard the call, "twelve o'clock and all is well."

C. G. BURTON,  
J. P. TRACY,  
JOHN W. MOORE,  
C. W. CORKRAN,

*Committee.*

The committee on reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, Chaplain and Chief Mustering Officer, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

LEXINGTON, Mo., May 19th, 1904.

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

Your committee on the reports of Senior and Junior Vice-Commander, Chief Mustering Officer and Chaplain, beg leave to report that the duties of these officers have been faithfully performed and they are entitled to the thanks of this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. PLATT,  
ARTHUR DREIFUS,  
H. A. ASTHOLZ,

*Committee.*

The committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General reported as follows, and on motion the report was adopted :

LEXINGTON, Mo., May 19th, 1904.

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

Your committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that they have read and considered the same and recommend its approval by the Twenty-third annual Encampment; we feel that no encomiums of praise are necessary to establish the fact that Comrade Rodgers is par excellence, the right man in the right place.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ALBION P. PEASE,  
JAS. R. MILNER,  
D. P. STUBBLEFIELD,

*Committee.*

The arrival of Commander-in-Chief John C. Black was announced and the Department Commander appointed Comrades Warner, Rassieur and Burton to escort him to the platform, where a rousing reception was given him.

He said it gave him much pleasure to meet with the comrades of Missouri. He was familiar with the men and soldiers of Missouri. The old Missouri, the "Big Muddy," flows by with its turbid current, the same as it did during the war. The occasional boats, the snags and the tow-heads and the sand-bars and the trees along the banks from behind which the "Johnnies" fired on us, are still to be seen, but now the locomotive passes along its peaceful shores, shrieks as it speeds its way, bearing

the commerce of the country, a reminder of the vast progress of the age. A commingling population, where the old lines are wiped out, now greets you. Those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray are now united under one flag, the glorious "Stars and Stripes," the emblem of the free. He was proud to stand among many of the men whose patriotic valor and determination made it possible for Missouri to remain in the Union. Here on a battlefield of the war, the men from Missouri and Illinois stood side by side and touched elbows together in 1861. All honor also to those from foreign shores who sought a home for themselves and families, the loyal Germans who did so much to save Missouri to the Union. The names of Sigel and Osterhaus, and Blair and Lyon are inseparably interwoven with the history of Missouri, now become one of the imperial states of the Union. The people of other lands when subjugated were made slaves or vassals, but when we subjugated secession, we brought progress to the South and all sections of the Union.

He continued at some length in an eloquent address, replete with patriotic sentiments, testifying to the high order of Christian citizenship for which the Grand Army of the Republic stood.

He urged all who could do so to make a pilgrimage this summer to historic Boston, where a loyal people would accord us a princely welcome.

Col. W. F. Cloud, of Kansas City, a veteran of both the Mexican war and the war for the Union, was called to the platform and addressed the Encampment briefly and forcibly.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the election of Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment. It was voted that the 12 receiving the highest votes be the Representatives and the 13 receiving the next highest votes be the Alternates elect.

The Department Commander appointed the following comrades as tellers to receive and count the ballots: C. W. Corkran, Post 221; Chas. Koock, Post 53; Archie Carr, Post 2; W. E. Evans, Post 115; Max Fritz, Post 13; Nich. Karr, Post 1; E. D. Coe, Post 131; G. H. Pountain, Post 276; Louis C. Hesse, Post 13.

The ballots were distributed and the tellers took up the same and retired to count the votes.

The Department Commander called for nominations for Department Commander.

On motion the nominating speeches were limited to two minutes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Warner placed in nomination Comrade Jere T. Dew, of Post 8, Kansas City, at present member of the National Council of Administration and Adjutant of his Post, which position he has held for nine years, rarely missing a Post meeting.

Past Department Commander Benecke:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES: The brief time of two minutes will not enable me to review the excellent record of a soldier, a citizen and member of the Grand Army whom I shall nominate for the office of Department Commander.

However, it will not be necessary to do this, as his personal history is well known to all of us, and needs no words of praise by me on this occasion. He has ever been loyal to our cause, and devoted to the interests of our comrades, giving much of his time, as Chairman of the G. A. R. Relief Committee of St. Louis, to the needs of comrades in distress, as every day, except Sundays, he could be found at our headquarters, to serve those who required our assistance. Besides this, he has rendered most valuable service in behalf of the Federal Soldiers' Home, and never failed to respond to any call made upon him when the interest of our comrades, their widows or orphans required it.

I fully endorse every word so eloquently spoken in behalf of Comrade Dew, and know that Comrade Briggs, whose name will also be mentioned in connection with this office, is also deserving. But I name Comrade Henry Fairback, of Harding Post No. 107, as the candidate of my Post, because I believe that it will be especially appropriate to have our Department Commander located in St. Louis during the World's Fair, as thousands of comrades will visit St. Louis, and if they call at our headquarters they will find in Comrade Fairback a most valuable friend and in every way qualified to render such service as will redound to the credit of our Department.

The nomination of Comrade Fairback was seconded by Com-

rades H. Munchrath, Post 13; L. E. Carter, Post 7, and J. P. Tracy, Post 69.

Comrade W. Jones, Post 14, nominated Comrade J. L. Briggs, Post 14, of Joplin, as a candidate from southwest Missouri, a section not lately honored by the selection of a Department Commander. Comrade Briggs had filled many positions of honor in the Order, including Senior Vice Department Commander, and his election would be not only gratifying to his many friends but also beneficial to the organization.

The nomination of Comrade Briggs was seconded by the following comrades: F. L. Withaup, Post 243, and Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin.

Past Department Commander Burton seconded the nomination of Comrade Dew.

On motion the nominations were closed.

The Department Commander appointed as tellers Comrades J. M. Williams, Post 276; Thos. S. Maxwell, Post 1; Henry Evers, Post 2; J. R. Milner, Post 69.

A ballot was then had and the tellers retired to count the votes.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 19th.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by the Department Commander.

The tellers announced the result of the ballot for Department Commander, as follows:

Comrade Dew received 84 votes; Comrade Fairback 80 votes and Comrade Briggs 54 votes.

The total number of votes cast was 218, making 110 votes necessary to a choice.

The Department Commander announced that as no candidate had received a majority of the votes cast, the Encampment would proceed to another ballot.

Comrade Fairback:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: Being the oldest of the candidates for Department Commandership, recognizing the fact that

we have had, and I hope always will have, the most unified, harmonious and agreeable Department Encampments.

While my vote is one any ambitious Comrade for Department Commander can be and should be proud of, yet I will withdraw my name and let the two younger candidates battle for the honor. I heartily, from the bottom of my heart, thank the comrades who have so faithfully and loyally stood by me as their choice for this honorable office. I have now for twenty-three years been an active laborer in the ranks of our splendid organization, and shall continue to do all I can for the upbuilding of the Grand Army of the Republic, for each and every comrade. I now, Department Commander, again wish to thank the delegates for their faithful support and ask that my name be withdrawn as a candidate for Department Commander.

The Encampment then proceeded to a second ballot, which resulted as follows:

Comrade Dew received 122 votes; Comrade Briggs, 64 votes and Comrade Fairback 15 votes.

Total number of votes cast 201. Necessary to a choice 101.

Comrade Jere T. Dew, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Jones moved that his election be made unanimous, which was seconded by Comrade Briggs, was put to a vote and carried.

Comrades Briggs and Fairback were appointed by the Department Commander to conduct the Commander-elect to the platform. Having performed this duty, Comrade Dew addressed the Encampment as follows:

COMMANDER AND COMRADES—In response to your call I come before you, but my purpose in coming is to return to you my sincere thanks, to acknowledge my obligations and express my gratitude to you for this manifestation of your good will and confidence. While I have never been a seeker after official honors, and had not run after this place, neither did I run away from it. I recognize it as an honor, to be coveted by any man, and I appreciate the compliment all the more, coming as it does, in the nature of a free will offering from your hands.

It is indeed honor enough for any man to possess the qualifications necessary for membership, and to be a member in good standing in the Grand Army of the Republic, the greatest and best patriotic organization, doubtless, that the world has ever known; but it is additional honor thus to be chosen by one's comrades and promoted to the highest station within their gift. In accepting this important trust, I am not unmindful that along with it go corresponding obligations and responsibilities, and the all-important consideration with me now is, how may I best meet the requirements of the office, and maintain, so far as lies within my power, the high standard of excellence of my predecessors. It may prove a task difficult for me at best, and it is becoming more difficult with each succeeding year, for reason that our ranks are rapidly growing thinner, and our comrades are growing older, and with their advancing age their strength fails, their enthusiasm wanes, their interest slackens, and they soon cease to be active and co-operate with us.

It is sad, indeed, to contemplate the passing from public view of the patriotic old heroes of an heroic age; but comrades, you have made your impress upon the world's history and you cannot be forgotten. You will have left foot prints in the sands of time to give encouragement, guidance and inspiration to future generations for ages and ages to come. You met heroically and intelligently all demands upon you in your day, whether of a civil or military character, and proved yourselves equal to every emergency. Promptly and loyally you rallied to the support of your country in its dire distress and fought valiantly and to victory the battles of that greatest of all wars, and preserved the Union intact, and maintained the old flag unsullied, and rebuilt and established more firmly, the corner stone of our republic—liberty and equal rights. And no less renowned in peace than in war, with wisdom, courage and fortitude, and with a patriotic magnanimity that challenged the respect, admiration and confidence of a brave and generous foe, you soon brought order out of chaos, and built up and established firmly this great and powerful, prosperous and progressive nation, and this benign government, the home of the brave and the free, the pride and protection of its citizens at home and abroad, the wonder and admiration of the world, the leader and arbiter among nations.



What a splendid record you have made for yourselves! and what a real heritage you will leave to posterity! Though you may not go down in history, each with individual distinction, yet it should be a source of gratification to you to feel and know that you proved yourselves to be good men and true, in peace and in war, and that you were important factors in the greatest history-making epoch of all time, and that your achievements shall be your honorable and enduring monuments. I am proud, indeed, to be "even the least of these."

But, comrades, our labors are not ended, nor will they be while we live. We should endeavor at all times to exemplify those cardinal principles of our Order, in their broadest sense and fullest meaning, and by precept and example to teach those invaluable lessons in social problems and progress that were learned from the mouths of cannon in the severest of schools.

Eternal vigilance is indeed the price of liberty. Have we not seen, even so soon after that deadly conflict, how cheaply our dearly bought rights and privileges are estimated? Do we not observe following in the very wake of the column of the old heroes as they go marching to their final camping ground, the "walking delegate," the business agent, the boycotter, rioter, and insurrectionist, the bribe taker and the hoodler, the assassin of presidents and officials in high station, and him also who trades and traffics in the suffrages of the people, depriving the people of their sacred rights and entailing upon them a condition of oppression, worse even, and far more dangerous, than was ever the bondage of the black races. It is more widely spread and farther reaching, affecting all classes and races, is subversive of all law and order, and jeopardizes the very life of the republic.

"Long live the Republic and its brave defenders!"

Now, comrades, with a continuance of your good will and confidence, as manifested here to-day, which I do invoke, and with your aid and co-operation, but not without it, we should have a reasonably successful year. And hoping for the best, and that we may all meet and greet each other at our next annual encampment, and many more, I again thank you most heartily for this distinguished honor.

Nominations being called for Senior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade Rassieur placed in nomination Comrade J. V. Martin, Post 57. There being no other nominations, on motion, the nominations were closed, the rules were suspended and Comrade Martin was elected by acclamation.

The Committee on the address of the Department Commander made the following report:

LEXINGTON, Mo., May 19th, 1904.

Your committee to whom was referred the address of our Department Commander, beg leave to report that we have considered the same and find that the various subjects of the address have received the most careful and exhaustive consideration by our Commander and are received in the true spirit of comradeship, carrying conviction with its perusal, so that we can find no cause that would require any addition thereto at our hands.

It is self evident that Comrade Sterrett has discharged all his duties faithfully and with more than ordinary ability and devotion to our organization. We therefore recommend that the address be approved by this Encampment and that a vote of thanks be extended to Comrade Sterrett for the valuable service which he has rendered to our organization.

WM. WARNER,  
LEO. RASSIEUR,  
C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
L. BENECKE,  
J. W. SCOTT,

*Committee.*

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The Committee on the report of the Judge Advocate reported as follows, and on motion, the report was adopted:

LEXINGTON, Mo., May 19th, 1904.

*Commander and Comrades of the 23d Dept. Encampment:*

Your committee on the report of the Judge Advocate beg leave to submit that they have carefully considered the contents of the same and unhesitatingly concur in the accuracy of the decision rendered as being in full accord with the decisions of the National Encampment and recommend the approval of the same.

Congratulating the Judge Advocate upon the fact that he had only one case to pass upon during his term of office, we recommend that the sincere thanks of this Encampment be tendered Judge Advocate Jno. M. Williams for his able services.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR,  
WM. WARNER,  
L. E. CARTER,

*Committee.*

The Department Commander called for nominations for Junior Vice-Department Commander.

F. L. Withaup, Post 243, nominated Comrade M. L. Studdard, Post 11.

Comrade Studdard withdrew his name and Comrade J. M. Crowley, Post 11, nominated John B. Burris, Post 11.

On motion the nominations were closed, the rules were suspended and Comrade John B. Burris was elected by acclamation.

Nominations for Chaplain being in order, Comrade L. E. Carter, Post 7, nominated Comrade T. J. Ferril, Post 7. Comrade Hagerty, Post 131, seconded the nomination.

On motion nominations were closed, the rules were suspended and Comrade Ferril was elected by acclamation.

For Medical Director Comrade Arthur Driefus, Post 1, nominated Comrade Edward Borck, Post 107.

On motion nominations were closed, the rules were suspended and Comrade Borck was elected by acclamation.

The following nominations were made for members of the Council of Administration: Ernst Rotteck, Post 1; Henry Fairback, Post 107; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; F. L. Withaup, Post 243; J. P. Tracy, Post 69.

On motion nominations were closed, and the five comrades above named were elected by acclamation.

The tellers on the election of Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-Eighth National Encampment reported the result of the ballot, and the following named comrades were declared elected:

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

J. W. Moore, California.....	162
M. M. Rice, Joplin .....	133
Hubert Munchrath, St. Louis.....	131
H. E. Robinson, Maryville.....	127
G. W. Travis, Cape Girardeau .....	126
G. A. Douglass, Warrensburg.....	121
Benj. Warner, Kansas City.....	117
Albion P. Pease, Kansas City .....	115
T. H. Hagerty, St. Louis.....	110
George Hayes, Kirksville .....	110
E. R. Bates, Adrian .....	107
Sol. Boehm, St. Louis .....	104

## ALTERNATES.

Henry Evers, St. Louis .....	102
H. G. C. Dammer, St. Charles .....	102
C. C. Burge, Bevier .....	94
F. L. Withaup, Willow Springs .....	88
L. E. Carter, St. Joseph .....	87
Edward Borck, St. Louis .....	81
R. M. Griggs, Novelty .....	75
R. M. Stewart, Kansas City .....	69
J. E. Decker, Republic .....	64
W. H. Wormstead, Kansas City .....	61
Edward Jan-en, St. Louis .....	56
Chas. W. Barstow, St. Louis .....	50
Phillip H. Chattin, St. Louis .....	39

Past Department Commander Henry offered the following resolution, which was on motion adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, there came by wire to our Comrade J. V. Martin, who came from his happy home as a member of this Encampment, the sad intelligence that his loving wife was suddenly stricken with death, and our comrade to-day mourns beside the silent form of his loved companion in his desolate home in Brookfield; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the sympathy of the comrades of this Department be, and hereby is, tendered to our Comrade J. V. Martin in his overwhelming sorrow and affliction, and that the Assistant Adjutant General forward a copy of this testimonial to him.

The following letter was presented from the Sons of Veterans:

LEXINGTON, MO., May 19, 1904.

*To the Officers and Members of the Department of Mo. G. A. R.*

Owing to circumstances over which I have no control, I am unable to be present this P. M. in person; therefore allow me to extend to you the *heartly greetings* of the Mo. Div. Sons of Veterans, also of Maj. Wm. Warner Camp No. 1.

Respectfully yours, in F. C. & L.,

FRED. J. KOHLMAN,

*Jr. Vice Com. Mo. Div. S of V.*

The newly elected officers, with the exception of Senior Vice Department Commander, were then duly installed by Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton.

The Department Commander then announced the appointment of Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was duly installed.

Past Commander in-Chief Rassieur was then called upon, and addressed the Encampment in his usual eloquent and impressive manner.

After the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the Department Commander declared the Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

A true record of the proceedings

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

NOTE.—The Assistant Adjutant General acknowledges his renewed obligations to Past Post Commander Martin Scherer, of Post 13, for his valuable assistance in keeping the minutes of the Encampment.

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The local arrangements for the Encampment were made by the following comrades as Executive Committee: John Shinn, Chairman; Gustav Pirner, Vice-Chairman; J. B. Burris, Secretary; C. H. Schaefermeyer, Treasurer; J. M. Crowder, I. G. Bliss, Andrew Ruppel. They were ably assisted by the various sub-committees, in which the leading business men were represented, including many ex-confederates.

The committee, the comrades and the citizens generally have reason to feel proud in the success they met with in entertaining their visitors. The city was handsomely decorated, and all devoted their best efforts to give the Union veterans a hearty and generous welcome.

The parade formed on Main Street at 3:30 on Wednesday afternoon, with John Shinn as Marshal, and J. M. Crowder and John Bedwell Assistant Marshals. The line of march was to the various educational institutions of the city. Day's Band and the Concordia Band furnished the music. The first stop was at the High School building where the boys and girls were formed in the school yard, into which the column marched. After the singing of America by the pupils they were addressed by Past Commander-in-Chief Warner in an appropriate and eloquent manner. Mrs. Maude Hays, of Kansas City, on behalf of the Women's Relief Corps, presented a large flag to the High School. Superintendent Phillips made a happy and patriotic response to Maj. Warner, and a graceful acknowledgment of the gift of the flag.

The column then proceeded to the Central Female College, situated on the spot where Col. Mulligan made his gallant defense. The young ladies and teachers all came out and greeted the visitors. President A. F. Smith gave a cordial welcome to the visitors, and spoke of the historic battle of which the College Hill was the center, and invited them to go over the grounds,

trace out the old rifle pits and breastworks, and if they wished, to go through the College buildings.

Response was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur in a few remarks replete with patriotic sentiment, after which the young ladies sang "America," all the comrades joining in. Comrade Rassieur then introduced Gen. Osterhaus, referring to his distinguished service in the war, in which he rose from a private soldier of Missouri to the rank of Major General of Volunteers, participating in all the campaigns of the western armies, commencing at Wilson's Creek.

Gen. Osterhaus responded briefly and feelingly, complimenting the young ladies on their advantages and opportunities.

From Central College the march proceeded to the Wentworth Military Academy near by, in charge of Col. Sanford Sellers, where Past Department Commander, Judge Chas. G. Burton, of Nevada, Mo., addressed the cadets in an eloquent and forceful speech. Superintendent Sellers responded in a brief and appropriate manner. The cadets then gave an exhibition drill, dress parade and sham battle for the entertainment of their visitors. The exercises were greatly enjoyed and highly praised.

The column was then marched to the court house where it was disbanded.

On Wednesday evening, the Eagle Club gave a dance at their hall, one of the largest in the city, to which all the comrades and ladies were invited. The Woman's Relief Corps held a reception at the Elk's Home, and Day's Band gave an open air concert in the Court House yard.

On the same evening a musical and literary entertainment was given at the Opera House, where a highly interesting and attractive programme was rendered to an audience that taxed even the standing room.

The following was the programme:

PART FIRST.

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| 1—Overture.....                            | Stark's Orchestra                   |
| 2—Selection .....                          | Kansas City Quartette               |
| 3—Vocal Solo: "A Little Boy in Blue."..... | Morse<br>Master Carleton Coon.      |
| 4—Reading: "Just Commonplace.".....        | Pauline Phelps<br>Miss Perle Shale. |

- 5—Vocal Solo.....Selected  
Miss Ethel Gibbs.
- 6—Reading. "The Little God and Dickey."..... Daskham  
Miss Elliott Todhunter.
- 7 Two Songs:  
a—"O Dry Those Tears"..... Del Riego  
(Violin obligato)  
b—"I'm Wearing awa' to the Land o' Leal"..... Foote  
Mrs. Alfred Franklin Smith.
- 7—Selection..... Kansas City Quartette

## PART SECOND.

Tableaux arranged by N. Haerle. 1—The Departure. 2—Dream of a  
Soldier. 3—Return Home. 4.—The Spice of Life. 5—America.  
The Dance.

On Thursday evening a camp fire was held at the Opera House where speeches and songs were the order of the day, the principal speaker being the Hon. Chas. G. Burton, of Nevada, Mo.

The boys all went home from Lexington with the feeling that it had been "good to be there."



## GENERAL ORDERS, 1903-1904.

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 1. BOONVILLE, Mo., May 14, 1903.

I. Having been elected and installed as Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, at the Department Encampment, held at Boonville, Mo., May 13th and 14th, 1903, I hereby assume the duties of the office and call upon every comrade of the Department for the faithful performance of their every obligation to the order.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Thomas B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

M. G. Netherton, Post 222, Melbourne, Inspector. Address Galatin, Mo.

John M. Williams, Post 276, California, Judge Advocate.

J. L. Briggs, Post 14, Joplin, Chief Mustering Officer.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Headquarters are continued at Room 303, Temple Building, northwest corner of Broadway and Walnut Street, St. Louis, Mo.

IV. All official communications will be addressed to Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

FRANK M. STERRETT,  
Department Commander.

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 2. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 21, 1903.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Twenty-second Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—Frank M. Sterrett, Post 1, St. Louis.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—John T. Birdseye, Post 26, Nevada.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—Joseph Lieber, Post 240, Boonville.

Medical Director—Dr. R. M. Stewart, Post 4, Kansas City.

Chaplain—Rev. J. J. Martin, Post 215; address, Independence, Mo.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; W. A. Fast, Post 53, Sedalia; John A. Blackwell, Post 82, Wellsville; A. N. Seaber, Post 22, Kirksville; Ernst Rotteck, Post 1, St. Louis.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment:

## REPRESENTATIVES.

David P. Dyer (at large), St. Louis.  
 T. J. Ferril, Bowling Green.  
 J. V. Martin, Brookfield.  
 Joseph McAdoo, Springfield.  
 Thos. J. Dockery, Kirksville.  
 Alex. McCandless, Moberly.  
 Max Fritz, St. Louis.  
 Jno. A. Blackwell, Wellsville.  
 August Bierwirth, Cape Girardeau.  
 John O'Bannon, Buffalo.  
 Charles Carples, Kansas City.  
 J. W. Blackburn, Malta Bend.  
 Henry Evers, St. Louis.  
 H. T. Holmes, Jefferson City.

## ALTERNATES.

M. G. Netherton, Gallatin.  
 Edward Borck, St. Louis.  
 C. W. Corkran, Novelty.  
 Chas. Niedringhaus, St. Louis.  
 G. A. Douglas, Warrensburg.  
 W. R. Hacker, Joplin.  
 Thos. H. Hagerty, St. Louis.  
 Chas. E. Koken, St. Louis.  
 Wm. H. Allen, Mound City.  
 John Parsley, Tina.  
 A. Van Meter, Lamar.  
 John Stupp, St. Louis.  
 Chas. E. Wadleigh, Green Ridge.  
 B. Waddington, Mexico.

III. Each Post Commander is requested to recommend a worthy comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, one who will take an active and intelligent interest in the affairs of the Order and the upbuilding of his Post.

IV. The charters of the following Posts heretofore suspended were annulled and revoked by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration:

Post 73, Sticklerville; 99, Richwoods; 100, Lutesville; 213, Galt; 244, Cole Camp; 409, Galloway; 435, Howland; 471, Ethel; 478, Gamburg; 493, Hardin; 504, Golden; 557, McElhaney.

V. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 103, Chilhowee; 117, Quitman; 137, Neosho; 167, Rosendale; 206, Camden; 217, Williamstown; 231, Kansas City; 385, Long Lane; 430, Craig; 540, Spring Bluff; 570, Richmond.

Posts remaining suspended from 1902 are No. 45, Oregon; 51, Concordia; 104, Gallatin, 495, Lead Mine.

Suspended Posts can be reinstated on payment of one year's per capita tax. It is hoped they may take advantage of this liberal provision.

VI. The Thirty-seventh National Encampment will be held at San Francisco, Cal., on the week beginning August 17th. This is a month earlier than is usual, and it becomes necessary for those who intend going to begin at once to make their arrangements. It will be a most enjoyable occasion and one long to be remembered by those so fortunate as to be able to go. It is the intention of the Department Commander to arrange for a Headquarters train from St. Louis in the near future. The pleasure of the trip will be much enhanced by having as many of the comrades as possible go together. Comrades desiring to go on this train will please notify the Assistant Adjutant General as soon as possible. The railroad fare from St. Louis is \$47.50, from Kansas City and St. Joseph \$45.00 for the round trip. The train will consist of sleepers and tourist cars. Double berth on sleeper will cost \$13.00 and on tourist car \$6.00 from St. Louis. Further particulars in regard to route, stop-overs, etc., will be published in next General Orders.

VII. A circular from the Trustees representing the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Ladies of the

G. A. R., soliciting contributions to the Temple of Fraternity to be erected at the World's Fair, St. Louis, is herewith enclosed. It is commended to your favorable consideration. Being located within our borders, the Missouri comrades have a particular interest in its success.

VIII. The celebration of the 14th day of June, as the birthday of the U. S. flag, has been recommended by the 34th and 35th National Encampments. As the 14th falls on Sunday, comrades are therefore requested to display the flag from their residences, places of business and Post rooms on Monday, the 15th. School authorities should also be requested to display the flag on the school buildings. Let this observance be as general as possible, an object lesson of patriotism to all the people, especially the young.

IX. Blanks for reports of Post Chaplains as to Memorial services in churches and on Memorial Day are herewith enclosed. Retain one copy and send the other to Rev. J. J. Martin, Department Chaplain, Independence, Mo., in the addressed envelope herewith enclosed. Post Commanders are specially enjoined to see that this report is promptly mailed immediately after Memorial Day.

X. Duplicate blanks, forms A and B, for Post Adjutants' and Quartermasters' reports for the term of six months ending June 30th, 1903, with addressed envelope, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be made out at the last meeting in June, when the Post Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster are together, and after having been signed by the Post Commander, should be enclosed with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member in good standing, and promptly forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General. As the National Encampment meets in August, more than usual promptness is necessary on the part of the Post officers in forwarding these reports. They should all be in by July 15th.

XI. The Encampment selected Lexington, Mo., as the place of meeting in 1904.

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By Command of FRANK M. STERRETT, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 8, 1903.

I. As heretofore announced, the Thirty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at San Francisco, Cal., in the week beginning Monday, August 17th. The parade will take place on Wednesday, the 19th. On Thursday and Friday, August 20th and 21st, the sessions of the Encampment will be held.

II. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be established at the Grand Hotel, Market Street, in Parlor 114, second floor, which has been tendered by the courtesy of Ransom Post for use as Department Headquarters during the Encampment. The Grand Hotel is the annex of the Palace Hotel, where National Headquarters are established.

The Headquarters will be opened on Monday, August 17th.

Department Officers, Representatives and Alternates will report there as soon as possible after their arrival. All Missouri comrades are cordially invited to call and register their names at these Headquarters and receive Missouri badges.

III. Arrangements for the parade will be made and announced by Special Orders at San Francisco. It is the desire of the Department Commander to have every Missouri comrade in the line who is able to march, and thus keep up our splendid reputation for soldierly appearance, which has given the Department of Missouri its National reputation.

IV. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, Grand Hotel, on Tuesday evening, August 18th, at 7:30 o'clock, for the transaction of business. Badges for members of the Encampment will be distributed at this meeting.

V. The Department Commander has accepted the invitation of Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis, for himself and staff to accompany that Post as his escort on their special train, which will also be the Headquarters train for the Department.

This train, composed of a Library Buffet Car and vestibuled Pullman standard and modern Tourist Cars, will leave Union Station, St. Louis, on Tuesday morning, August 11th, at 8:30 o'clock, and will go via the Wabash Railroad to Kansas City, thence via Chicago & Rock Island to Denver, and thence via the Colorado Midland and Rio Grande & Western through Salt Lake City to Ogden, thence via Southern Pacific to San Francisco, arriving on Sunday, August 16th. Stop-overs are arranged for Denver, Colorado Springs and Manitou, Glenwood Springs and Salt Lake City.

The Department Commander would be greatly pleased to have as many as possible of the Department Officers, Representatives, Past Department Commanders and other comrades accompany him on this train, as their company would add greatly to the pleasure of the trip.

As previously announced, the railroad fare for the round trip is \$47.50 from St. Louis and \$45.00 from Kansas City to San Francisco or Los Angeles and return. Double berth on Sleeper will cost \$15.00, and on Tourist car \$7.00, from St. Louis, and \$13.50 on Sleeper and \$6.00 on Tourist Car, from Kansas City. The return trip can be made by any route desired, but the route must be made known when ticket is purchased. An additional charge of \$11.00 is made for return through Portland, Oregon, via St. Paul and Minneapolis, and \$13.50 additional via Canadian Pacific. The final limit of tickets will be October 15th.

This will be a grand outing over a most picturesque route, and should be enjoyed by all comrades who can make it convenient to accompany us. The trip through the mountains of Colorado will be made in daylight. The entire distance traveled will be over 5,000 miles, and all of it through a section but little known to most of the comrades.

Comrades from outside of St. Louis can join this train at Kansas City, or St. Louis, or at Moberly. Sleeping Car or Tourist Car berths should be secured as soon as possible from S. M. Sparkin, Quartermaster of Ransom Post, whose address is P. O. Box 714, St. Louis, Mo. He will also give all information desired in regard to tickets, etc.

VI. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff—N. W. Taylor, Post 131, St. Louis.

Color-Bearer and Aide-de-Camp—John B. Cotty, Post 5, Moberly.  
Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp—John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis.

To be Aides-de-Camp on recommendation of Post Commanders:

Bernard Walter, Post 1, St. Louis.  
John Shinn, Post 11, Lexington.  
Chas. E. Koken, Post 13, St. Louis.  
Geo. C. Howenstein, Post 16, Carthage.  
J. S. Rogers, Post, 17, Cameron.  
J. E. Callaway, Post 29, Chillicothe.  
George W. Snyder, Post 32, Hamilton.  
Daniel P. Stubblefield, Post 33, Kinston.  
J. B. Ormsby, Post 79, Princeton.  
A. S. Groves, Post 219, Republic.  
Geo. Hutchinson, Post 243, Willow Springs.  
J. K. Bowen, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.  
Geo. Beckermann, Post 326, Ste. Genevieve.  
John D. Monsees, Post 417, Smithton.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Commissions will be sent by the Assistant Adjutant General on receipt of the acceptance of appointment. Aides-de-Camp badges can be obtained from the Assistant Adjutant General. The price is \$1.10.

VII. The Department Encampment at Boonville adopted a resolution authorizing the appointment by the Department Commander of a Committee of three to co-operate with a like Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, whose duty it shall be to visit the Federal State Soldiers' Home at St. James, Mo., and make a report of its condition to the Department Encampment. The following comrades are appointed in pursuance of this resolution: Louis Benecke, Post 268; Henry Fairback, Post 107; John P. Tracy, Post 69.

VIII. The Department Commander having resigned as a member of the National Council of Administration, the Department Council of Administration has recommended comrade Jere. T. Dew, Post 8, Kansas City, to fill the vacancy.

IX. The Journal of the Proceedings of the last Department Encampment, with the Department Roster for 1903, are sent with this order; also General Orders Nos. 8 and 9, National Headquarters.

The Journal of the 36th National Encampment has not yet been received.

X. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment will notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than August 1st, whether or not they will be able to attend, so that alternates may be notified. Should anything occur later to prevent their attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be advised by mail or telegraph.

XI. The early date for meeting of the National Encampment makes it necessary that all Posts should send in their reports for the June term just ended, at the earliest possible day. Our com-

solidated reports must be at National Headquarters by July 20th, or they will not appear in reports to the National Encampment. Do not delay, but send reports at once.

So far as received, the reports show gains in membership, which although not large, are quite general. It is hoped this may continue and that our consolidated reports may show a net gain.

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XIII. Department Headquarters at St. Louis will be closed from August 11th until about September 1st.

By Command of FRANK M. STERRETT, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4. St. LOUIS, Mo., October 15, 1903.

I. The Department Headquarters and Ransom Post Special Train left Union Station, St. Louis, August 11th, 1903, at 9 a. m., and arrived in San Francisco, August 16th, at 4 p. m. Delegates and comrades joined us at various stations on the route to and at Kansas City. At the latter place, where our train halted for awhile, a delegation of comrades and from the Woman's Relief Corps called on us, gave us the fraternal hand and bid us bon voyage.

Our passage over the plains of Kansas and Colorado; through deep sun-rayless canyons; over altitudes higher than ever climbed, except here, by uncoged tracks; our looped descent from the snow-clad mountains into and over the encircled valley of Salt Lake; the special organ recital for our benefit in the Mormon Tabernacle; the dry, dreary, dusty desert; the beauty and bounteousness looked upon on our way down the Sierras to the sea; the meetings and greetings and the friendships formed on the long trip, has left impressions on our brain and produced love in our hearts that will always remain.

II. The parade on August 19th was successfully organized and conducted. Grand Army banners from all parts of the country mingled with those of the Pacific States at the Golden Gate, and again the men from the country's battlefields of forty years ago, with silvered hair and less agile step, furnished a lesson in patriotism.

III. The Department of Missouri by a parade order, issued by the Department Officers, was divided into three commands. First—Ransom Post, No. 131, commanded by Senior Vice-Commander T. D. Kimball, headed by their band. Second—All comrades in uniform, commanded by Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton. Third—All comrades not in uniform, commanded by Past Senior Vice-Department Commander Henry Fairback. The line moved down the streets and past the reviewing stand, amid plaudits from every side, with that steady and soldierly appearance which has given us our National reputation on these great annual parades.

IV. The business sessions of the Encampment took action on many important matters, and was an unusually able and harmonious body. The most important legislation recommended, and by the unanimous voice of the Encampment, was in reference to a service

pension, which, in effect provides that all ex-Union soldiers of the war of the rebellion who served for a period of ninety days or more, who reach the age of sixty-two years, shall be pensioned at the rate of \$12 per month, and that this shall in nowise interfere with any existing pension laws.

V. The Department Commander desires to express his appreciation and the thanks of the Department to Ransom Post of St. Louis for its courtesy in placing its handsome parlor, at the Grand Hotel, at the disposal of the Department for headquarters during the Encampment.

VI. The enclosed circulars from the Headquarters of the Missouri Division of the Sons of Veterans, touching on the organization of new Camps for that order, has the approval of the Department Commander. He requests Post Commanders and comrades to lend their influence in that interest.

VII. When the pension legislation asked for by the 37th National Encampment shall have been passed by the Congress, it will at once settle many thousands of applications now on file, which by the present slow methods would never be settled this side of the last roll-call. It would at once place every ex-Union veteran of 1861-65 on the pension roll at not less than \$12.00 per month. Every ex-Union soldier ought to be, either personally or as a comrade, interested in that legislation. The bill under the able leadership of our National Officers and Pension Committee can be passed at an early date if each of us do our duty. The best influence for legislation is in honest, intelligent, numerical strength. The strength of the Department of Missouri in this interest alone should be doubled in the next six months, if we are to show proper earnestness in behalf of this measure. Every Post Commander in the Department is requested to write a letter to the Department Commander at an early date, briefly giving his views as to the bearing and effect of the pension law in this way of increasing our membership, and to also state how many new recruits he believes he will be able to muster in the next six months as an earnest that he believes that this effort shall be made before it shall be everlastingly too late to do anything for any old soldier.

VIII. With sincere sorrow the Department Commander announces the death of Department Inspector Moses G. Netherton, after a brief illness at his home in Gallatin, Mo., on August 6th, 1903.

Comrade Netherton was a charter member and Past Post Commander of S. L. Turley Post, No. 222, at Melbourne, Daviess County. Having been elected County Treasurer some years ago, he had since resided at Gallatin. He was born in Daviess County, February 27th, 1845, and served in Co. L., 12th Mo. Cavalry. He several times represented our Department at National Encampments, and was this year elected a representative and had arranged to attend its meeting at San Francisco. He was almost a regular attendant at our Encampments, both State and National, and his familiar face will be greatly missed by his comrades on these occasions.

He was a good comrade, a most estimable citizen and a christian gentleman, and his death will be a loss, not only to our organization, but to the whole community in which he passed his long and useful life.

**IX.** Comrade John J. Stanley, Past Post Commander of Post 79, Princeton, Mo., is hereby appointed Inspector, vice Moses G. Netherton, deceased.

As inspections are not now required by the Rules and Regulations, there will be no inspection of Posts.

**X.** The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Edward T. Mather, Post 57, Brookfield, Mo.

Ira C. Emery, Post 232, Humansville, Mo.

Wiley T. Huddleston, Post 282, Carrollton, Mo.

Commissions will be issued to them on receipt by the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance.

Commanders of Posts not having an Aide-de-Camp on the Department Commander's Staff, are requested to recommend a suitable comrade for appointment. But few recommendations have thus far been made.

**XI.** Comrade Jere T. Dew, Post 8, Kansas City, Mo., was elected a member of the National Council of Administration by the National Encampment.

**XII.** The Journal of Proceedings of the 36th National Encampment held at Washington, D. C., is received and a copy will be sent to Posts or comrades on receipt of 12 cents for postage.

**XIII.** General Orders Nos. 1 and 2 and Circular Letter No. 1, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of **FRANK M. STERRETT**, Department Commander:  
**THOS. B. RODGERS**,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5. ST. LOUIS, MO., November 21, 1903.**

**I.** The annual election of Post officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. At the same time the Posts will also elect the representatives and alternates to the Department Encampment, to be held next year at Lexington, Mo. Each Post is entitled to one representative and one alternate for each fifty members in good standing, and one additional representative and alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number, based upon the number of members in good standing as shown by the Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1903. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one representative and one alternate.

Blanks in duplicate for reports of representatives and alternates-elect, with names of Post Commanders in good standing, are herewith enclosed. A blank for report of officers-elect and appointed is also enclosed and should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General as soon as the officers are installed. Where the Postoffice address of the Post Commander is different from the location of the Post, his address should be stated.

The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1904, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade



has been detailed by the Department Commander upon request of the Post Commander.

The installing officer will see that the semi-annual reports and per capita tax have been forwarded before proceeding with the installation. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond. A Blank bond is enclosed herewith.

The meeting for installation is an important one and should be made as interesting as possible. It is therefore recommended that where practicable the installation be made public, with such additional exercises as may be thought best; and in this the Woman's Relief Corps should be asked to join and all veterans and their families invited to attend. At such meeting the Post will open and close informally.

II. Blanks in duplicate for semi-annual reports of Adjutant and Quartermaster, for the term ending December 31st, 1903, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be made out, and with the per capita tax of twelve and one half cents for each member, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month.

The national countersign for 1904 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

The new Posts which have not reported for the term ending June 30th, 1903, should make reports for both terms, using one blank.

Where this paragraph is blue-penciled, it means yours is one of the delinquent Posts.

III. Reports of Post Surgeons have been abolished, but we utilise the blanks on hand for the list of deaths during the year, which should be filled out by the Adjutant and sent to the Assistant Adjutant General. Post Surgeons should assist the Adjutant in preparing this list.

IV. The Department Commander desires to call attention to paragraph VII of General orders No. 4, October 15, 1903. The central idea of that paragraph was: "How many members do you think you can recruit this year in your Post on account of the proposed vigorous effort to secure the new service pension law?" About one dozen Post Commanders have answered that really specific question. There are about 300 active Posts in the great Department of Missouri who have paid no more attention to this vital question than if it had not been asked. We complain that our services are sometimes not appreciated. Are we not guilty of neglect ourselves, to our needy and sometimes destitute comrades? Will you aid this cause, your cause, our comrades' cause, by making the effort indicated?

The Department Commander does not expect to discipline Post Commanders or comrades in the Department. The day when we laid down our arms in '65, we did away with military commands and orders and took up the duties of peace; but in taking up the new duties, we obligated ourselves to do duty in that line as faithfully as in the days of war. You elect Department officers for the particular purpose of calling your attention to duty. In neglecting to act upon their call to duty, you place the whole responsibility upon them when a part of it belongs to each of us. Will you look over the General Orders of this year and see how many requests they contain which you have paid no attention to, and then come to "Attention?"

V. It would seem that there is renewed interest in the matter

of increasing our membership, shown in the organization of new Posts and revival of old ones, and the Commander urges upon all the Posts to push the good work and bring as many into the fold as possible during the coming month. He suggests that camp-fires and anniversary meetings be held, which would be of benefit in arousing and increasing an interest in the organization.

VI. The Department Commander has been asked to recommend the son or daughter of a comrade for a free scholarship in the Memorial University, established by the Sons of Veterans and now in successful operation at Mason City, Iowa. He would like to see the Department receive the benefit of this offer and will recommend the first applicant.

VII. The attention of Posts and comrades is again invited to the Temple of Fraternity, which is now under roof and fast nearing completion on the grounds of the World's Fair at St. Louis. This has been endorsed by the last two National Encampments and contributions asked for by the Commander-in-Chief in General Orders No. 2, October 9, 1903. This is a matter in which the Missouri comrades have a particular interest, which it is hoped they will manifest by more general contributions.

VIII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

H. W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis.  
 James M. Monroe, Post 26, Nevada.  
 Louis Schaperkoetter, Post 107, St. Louis.  
 Chas. H. Davis, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 Christ. Frederick, Post 496, St. Louis.

IX. General Orders No. 3, and Circular Letter No. 2, National Headquarters, are herewith transmitted. In compliance with General Order No. 3, Post Commanders will cause to be read the President's Proclamation of Thanksgiving at the meeting preceding Thanksgiving Day.

By Command of FRANK M. STERRETT, Department Commander:  
 THOS. B. RODGERS,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

**GENERAL ORDERS No. 6. St. Louis, Mo., February 15, 1904.**

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Wednesday and Thursday, May 18th and 19th, for the meeting of the Twenty-third Annual Encampment of this Department, to be held at the City of Lexington, Mo.

II. As announced in General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, the Thirty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Boston, Mass., during the week beginning August 15th.

III. The following named comrades, on recommendation of Post Commanders, are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Wm. Doble, Post 51, Concordia.  
 Chas. Kooock, Sr., Post 53, Sedalia.  
 A. S. Brown, Post 177, Moundville.

Commissions will be sent on receipt of acceptance of appointment by the Assistant Adjutant General.

IV. The attention of comrades is again called to Paragraph VII., General Orders No. 4, and Paragraph IV., General Orders No. 5; emanating from these headquarters on October 4th, and November 21st, respectively, in the year 1903.

Some of the Posts in the Department have passed resolutions favoring some other service pension legislation than that recommended in the resolution passed by the 37th National Encampment, held at San Francisco in August, 1903. This resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions to be appointed for the ensuing year, be and they are hereby directed to present to Congress, for passage, a bill which, while not disturbing the beneficent provisions of existing law, shall provide that every survivor of the war of 1861 to 1865, who served for a period of ninety days, and who was honorably discharged, and who has passed the age of sixty-two years, shall be pensioned at the rate of \$12.00 per month, and that a pension of the same amount be paid to the worthy widow of such soldier, when deceased, who was married to such soldier prior to the 27th day of June, A. D. 1890.

It was agreed at that time that our failure to accomplish desired legislation in some instances heretofore was because we had been divided in our councils, and that if we were ever to succeed we must talk and act on a single line, even at the sacrifice of some of our individual views.

The Department Commander hereby earnestly urges the Posts of the Department to pass the following resolution and forward the same to their respective members of Congress, and notify these headquarters when such action shall have been taken. The resolution to be signed officially by the Post Commander and attested by the Adjutant, with seal of the Post, if the Post has a seal.

Resolved, That this Post (naming said Post properly) hereby earnestly and respectfully requests the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President of the United States to approve, a law which will carry into effect the provisions of the resolution in regard to the Service Pension Bill adopted by the 37th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at San Francisco, California, on the 21st day of August, 1903.

V. The following new Posts have been mustered:

Col. Robert Bailey Post, No. 576, at Augusta, St. Charles, Mo., October 28th, 1903, by Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General; Henry Ruge, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 13

J. J. Bruton Post, No. 577, at Bradleyville, Taney Co., Mo., November 28th, 1903, by R. C. Martin, P. P. C. Post 406, Special Mustering Officer; John Johnson, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 13.

James K. P. Conner Post, No. 578, at Alton, Oregon Co., Mo., February 4th, 1904, by Samuel D. Foster, Adjutant Post 247, Special Mustering Officer; John A. Rice, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 26.

VI. Col. F. Schaefer Post, No. 51, Concordia, Lafayette Co., Mo., heretofore suspended, has been reorganized and reinstated. Uriah Farrell, Post Commander, Aullville, Mo.

VII. By authority of the Council of Administration the price list of supplies has been revised and prices increased on most articles to include amount of postage on same. New requisition blanks are enclosed herewith. All former requisition blanks should be destroyed.

VIII. It has been apparent for several years past that many of the Posts are not supplying the recruits with the membership badge, as required by Section 8, Article II., Chapter II., of the rules and regulations. In the year 1902, 387 recruits were reported as mustered, and the number of badges sold was but 155. In the first six months of 1903, 157 recruits were mustered and but 80 badges were sold.

The membership badge is a most honorable insignia, and one worthy to be handed down to one's descendants and every recruit should insist on being furnished with one on his muster-in to a Post. The buttonier, which is all right in its place, was never intended as a substitute for the badge.

IX. Twenty-three Posts that reported in June, 1903, have not yet made report for the term ending December 31st, 1903. The Commanders of these Posts are urged to send in reports at once. The Posts above referred to will receive this paragraph blue-penciled.

X. General Orders, Nos. 4 and 5, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

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By Command of FRANK M. STERRETT, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 7.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 20, 1904.

I. The Twenty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at the Opera House, in the City of Lexington, Mo., on Wednesday, May 18th, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., and continue in session until the necessary business is transacted.

II. The Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Hotel known as Mrs. Nickell's Home, on Tuesday, May 17th. The Council of Administration, which consists of the Department officers, will meet there on Tuesday evening, May 17th, at 7:30 o'clock.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: John B. Burris, Post 11; Daniel Grow, Post 53; John B. Jones, Post 331; G. A. Douglass, Post 78; Thos. J. White-man, Post 282.

The committee will be located at No. 821 Main Street, first floor, where they will meet at 3 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, May 17th. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival and receive their Encamp-

ment badges, which will be delivered to each one in person. Alternates will not receive badges unless the representative is absent.

The Visitors' Register will be kept at the Turner Hall, up stairs, on Main Street, where all comrades are requested to register as soon after their arrival as possible.

IV. The following details are made from J. A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, for duty during the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, John Heim; for Officer of the Guard, Thos. Clark.

The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions on Tuesday, May 17th, at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Commander of Post 11 will detail a sufficient number of sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty at the Encampment. The comrades so detailed will report for duty, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the Opera House, on Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

V. The comrades and citizens of Lexington have made ample preparations for our entertainment, and we shall receive a cordial and generous welcome to their hospitable city. Lexington is famous as the scene of one of the earliest important engagements of the War, in September, 1861, when Col. Mulligan was besieged for several days by Gen. Price and after a gallant resistance against a largely superior force was compelled to surrender. Many of the earthworks and rifle-pits are still visible, making it an interesting spot for the veterans to visit.

VI. The Encampment will be honored by the presence of our Commander-in-Chief, General John C. Black, who has promised to be with us on both days of the Encampment.

A distinguished comrade of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, Major-General Peter J. Osterhaus, residing in Germany, who will arrive in St. Louis, on a visit to his old friends early next month, is also expected to be present at the Encampment.

It is hoped there will be a large attendance to greet these distinguished comrades.

VII. The hotel accommodations and prices are as follows: Grand Central Hotel, 100, at \$1.50 per day; Mrs. Nickell's Home, 50, at \$2.00 per day; Commercial, 40, at \$1.50 per day, and Long's, 40, at \$1.50 per day.

Numerous private houses and boarding houses will entertain visitors at \$1.00 per day.

The chairman of the Committee of Accommodations is Geo. P. Venable, Sr., with whom those desiring to engage quarters should communicate. The chairman of the Executive Committee is John Shinn.

There will be an elegant Literary and Musical Entertainment at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, and a Camp-fire at the same place on Thursday evening. The parade will take place on the afternoon of the same day, unless otherwise ordered.

VIII. The Western Passenger Association and the Southwestern Excursion Bureau, which includes nearly all the railroads in the State, have made the following reduced rates for this occasion:

"Rate of one-fare plus fifty cents, except where open rate of fare and one-third makes less, from points in Missouri to Lexington and return; excursion tickets to be sold on May 17th and 18th, good to return, leaving Lexington, until and including May 21st.

1904. Tickets limited for going passage commencing date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction."

The Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Railroad, the St. Louis, Memphis & Southwestern Railroad Co., and the St. Louis & Gulf Railway Co. have made the same rates.

The St. Louis & Hannibal Railway Co. has made a rate of one and one-third for the round trip to junctional points on its road.

Station agents should be waited on early, to make sure that they have received instructions for the reduced rate.

IX. Circular No. 2, of the Executive Committee, Boston, Mass., concerning quarters and accommodations at the National Encampment, to be held on the week beginning August 15th, is herewith enclosed. As the time is short, Posts and comrades desiring to attend should commence making their arrangements. The National Encampment held in Boston in 1890 was one of the most enjoyable in our history, and comrades who may attend this year will be amply repaid.

X. Frank F. Snow and James Crosson, Post 4, Kansas City, are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XI. Gen. J. G. Foster Post, No. 137, Neosho, Mo., heretofore suspended has been reorganized and reinstated. J. W. Whitman, Post Commander.

XII. General Orders No. 6, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of FRANK M. STERRETT, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

#### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 8.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 5, 1904.

I. In accordance with General Orders No. 7, from National Headquarters, and in conformity with the custom created by that great volunteer soldier, John A. Logan, when Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Posts and comrades of the Department of Missouri are enjoined to observe May 30th, 1904, as Memorial Day for those who died in hospital, prison-pen and battlefield and were buried in National cemeteries; those who died during the war and since the war, and who lie in home cemeteries throughout all the area of a reunited Union, and those who died for the great cause and whose bodies have never been recovered from the rivers and the sea.

II. It is desirable to have the Posts of the Department attend divine worship on the Sabba<sup>t</sup>a preceding Memorial Day, and by a reverent spirit display the hallowed memory in which the comrades are held, whose deeds and death are consecrated by the duties of this day.

III. It is especially important that the children be induced to take as conspicuous a part as possible in these exercises, to the end that a lesson of undying patriotism may be planted in a soil which shall bring forth a fruitage in the years to come, which shall per-

petuate the sacred obligations assumed by the founders, and that they may preserve free the government among this people and serve as a beacon light of liberty for all the people of the world, even to generations yet unborn.

IV. The noble matrons and fair daughters of the Union, with their finer tenderness; their quicker sympathy and their deeper veneration—the character formers, the home builders of the Republic, are deeply interested in having this day appropriately observed. Let them bedew with tears and bestrew with the flowers of May, the consecration of the patriot's last earthly resting place, in the hope and belief that the spirits of our dead, purified by the necessary battles of this life, are resurrected and live again on the pure and beautiful plains of eternal light and life where wars and rumors of wars shall be forever unknown.

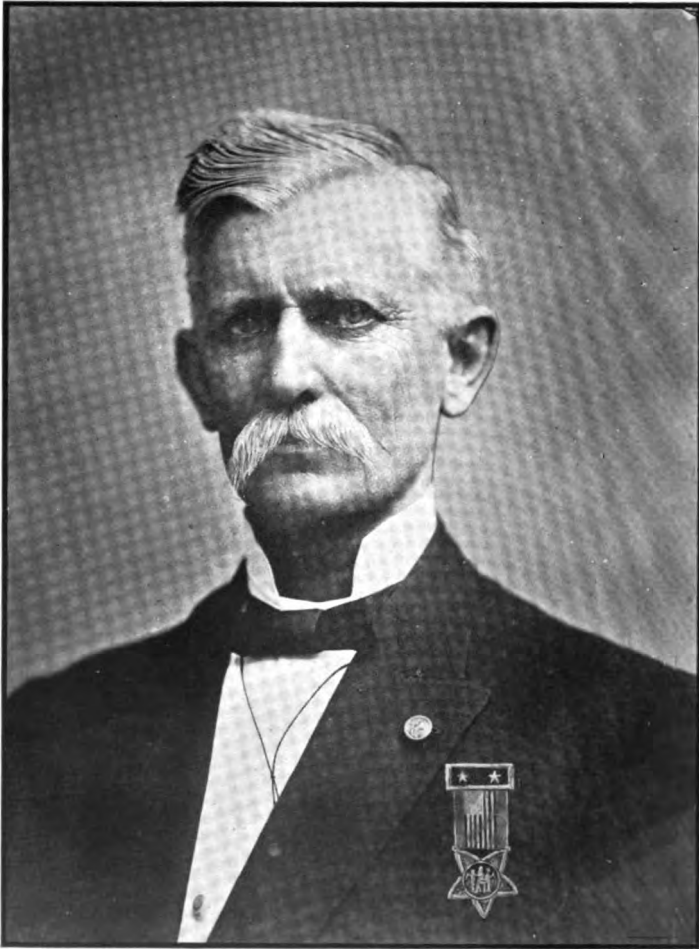
V. President Lincoln's address, "The matchless gem of concentrated speech," delivered at Gettysburg, Pa., Nov. 19th, 1863, which accompanies this order, will in pursuance with the action of the 30th National Encampment and the order of the Commander-in-Chief, be read in connection with the Memorial Day services.

VI. Comrades, in order that the great deeds performed by our brave dead may bear their full fruition; that what they and we did may reach every hearthstone and permeate to every fireside in all our broad land with a penetrating light, guided by the plan of God whose methods are inscrutable to finite wisdom; with silvered locks and less agile step, as we approach the sunset of this life, let us dedicate ourselves anew by the sacred observance of this day and to the three great jewels of our escutcheon, so that the lofty purpose for which we fought may be ever enshrined in the hearts of our patriotic countrymen.

By Command of FRANK M. STERRETT, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.







**JERE. T. DEW, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

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The Third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri adopted the following *Order of Business* and the *Rules of Order* for the National Encampment, so far as the same may be applicable to a Department:

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of the Encampment.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling Roll of Members.
5. Reports of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committees on Reports of Officers, and such other Committees as may be necessary.
7. Reception and Reference of Communications.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Election of Officers and Delegates to National Encampment.
11. Installation of Officers.

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**FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 17th.**

The Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, May 17th, and was called to order by Department Commander Jere. T. Dew, in open session. The Assembly was sounded by the Department bugler, Comrade J. B. Schneider.

The Department Chaplain, Rev. T. J. Ferril, being absent on account of the serious sickness of his wife, Rev. W. F. Burris, Presiding Elder of the M. E. Church, by request of the Department Commander, opened the meeting with prayer.

"America" was sung by all the comrades rising, followed by "Fraternity" by Comrades C. W. Whitehead and W. F. Henry.

Alpha L. Burns, Esq, was then introduced and delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Mayor and citizens of Brookfield, as follows :

Ladies and Gentlemen, and Members of the Department of Missouri of the Grand Army of the Republic: I have a sensitive realization of the honor bestowed upon me by the present occasion, and it is with superlative pride that on behalf of the citizens of Brookfield,

and personally representing our chief executive, I come to you at this time to bid you glad welcome.

I have been selected for this pleasant duty on account of my peculiar brand of bravery. I am brave, and you will be forced to agree before I have concluded that I have performed one of the greatest feats recorded from the time of Alexander to the present. When this day is past I will be the only man who, while clad in gray has stood within ten feet of the unbroken line of the Union Army for three hours. It would certainly be presumptuous for me to pretend to do justice to this occasion, and it is only when stimulated by your magnificent presence that I may even approach satisfaction to myself in bidding you welcome.

History affords me a picture of a soldier, a member of the Army of the Potomac, who now enfeebled in body, bears evidence of his service for his country, came out to Missouri after the war and opened a campaign with a Southern sympathizing belle, and I say to you in gladness that it was but a short time till she came to him, with the white flag waving an absolute and unconditional surrender. With pleasure I relate that compromise, as that soldier was my father, that belle my mother. I am a competent witness that the discipline of the Union Army was thorough. In that behalf I recall an incident of my youth when a certain member of the Grand Army delegated me to hoe potatoes upon a farm in the northern part of this county, and then, on that balmy afternoon went to town to attend some G. A. R. meeting, and after his departure I made known to my mother, that Southern sympathizer, that I preferred to go fishing, and easily secured her consent and chanced to disobey my superior in command by proceeding to a nearby creek, but when I returned I met the advance guard of the Army of the Potomac who turned me over a blue uniform, took a picket from the fence, and then it was that it was demonstrated to my satisfaction the meaning of picket duty. I say to you in confidence that it was but a short time thereafter until I wore the blue. [Laughter and applause]. I thought while receiving that most excellent training, of the wail of widows and orphans of the sunny South. Yes, it seemed to me I could see the blinding smoke and hear the deafening cannon of Gettysburg. Then it was there came to my mind that appropriate quotation, "O! death, I feel thy sting, but grave where is thy victory?"

I recall another incident from my childhood days upon the farm, when I was delegated the unusual pleasure of wading through dew-covered weeds in search of the horses to prepare them for the work of the day, and while in the effort to complete the round-up I discovered a patch of melons in a neighbor's field, and was seized with an impulse to borrow a melon, and when a realization had responded to that impulse I heard a voice say "Halt," and looking round I heard the voice of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic again say "Halt," and on account of my respect for an old soldier, and also the weight of the melon, I halted. He came near to me and burdened me with

vile epithets, when he suddenly ceased and gazing at a G. A. R. button upon the coat which I wore, and fortunately for me belonged to my father, said to me, "Is your father a Grand Army man?" And seeing how he was affected, I said, proudly, "Yes, sir." "A member of what army?" said he. I answered, "A member of the Army of the Potomac." "Well, young man, I believe you intended to steal that melon, but your admissions show that you come by that characteristic honestly;" and by that memorable utterance granted me a perpetual stay of execution. [Laughter]

The history of that war so nobly fought by that magnificent army of which you are a remnant invigorates me with a truer patriotism and a more fascinating love for my country. By the liberty which you have established I see a pure, sweet damsel of the land of the magnolia come northward and meet face to face a Northern son, and there with right hands grasped over Mason and Dixon's line and the ring placed upon that tender finger, it seems by the Grand Army of the Republic, the Southern belle becomes a Northern bride. By such an act I see the differences of former times obliterated. I see the Grand Army of the Republic blot forever the line of difference by the star spangled banner. By liberty to all that flag has been cleansed and now for a grateful people shines on forevermore.

Whether those who sang "The Star Spangled Banner, Oh long may it wave," and those whose lips trembled with the sweet melody of "Dixie Land," whose bodies have long since been at rest and whose souls now reign on high, can know each other as we do here to-day, we cannot tell. Whether they can reach a glad hand across those golden isles of heaven and recognize the irrevocable past, we cannot tell. But we can tell, that whether in the North or South, we side by side breathe the glad sentiment of patriotism and liberty. We look not to the sentiment of Alexander who, when asked to whom his kingdom would belong at his death, responded, "The strongest;" but to that noble and forgiving sentiment expressed by Grant at Appomattox when Lee surrendered to him, and that honored victor looked into the face of that vanquished hero and said, if not in words, then in substance, "Go your way and sin no more." [Applause].

I recall a time when a farmer boy I came to town, and court being in session at that time and being somewhat fascinating to me, I entered the court room to observe the working of our judiciary of which I had read somewhat in school in the country, and shortly before entering I heard the stern voice of the judge say "Hold up your right hand and be sworn," and to my utter astonishment the man addressed by the court held up his left hand; thus, as it appeared to me then, showing his contempt for the court, but when he turned and I recognized him I was ashamed of my first impulse, seeing him\* of whom I was proud then and of whom I am proud now, for his right hand lay withered on the

\*Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin.

field of Gettysburg. [Applause]. When I recall such an incident, and when I recall the lessons taught me by one who lay wounded and bleeding on the field of the seven days' battle, yes one who marched with the Army of the Potomac for four long years, it refreshes my memory with that little poem which I learned in childhood—

“My father was a soldier too,  
 And even when a child  
 My heart leaped forth to hear him tell  
 Of struggles fierce and wild.”

Stimulated by those patriotic sentiments gained from the teachings of the price of liberty, I remember that when the Spanish-American war was declared I, with a brother, stepped forward with a hopeful heart and a willing hand in defense of our country. I being too young, and having to secure the consent of a loving mother, failed to go, and I desire to impress you that it was a great fortune for the Spanish that I did not go. But my brother went and never returned. The grief caused by such untimely departure can be soothed only by tears yet unshed. And that is not all. When the struggle was on in the far distant Philippines for our country's perpetual honor in giving to those savages the blessings which they denied, another brother responded to the call of our country, and while upholding our glorious banner was stricken by the bolo of a savage native and thus was sacrificed another life dear to him, and dear to his kindred, upon the altar of his native land. Thus, my dear friends, I am prepared by my early teaching and by the sadness of later years to even yet and forever say, I love my country.

These times of grief lead me to consider the experience of those noble men whom you now represent, who in 1861 kissed the lips of a loving wife and pressed a last good-by to the brow of a tender child, and at the front fought for that liberty which is now our fondest pride. It seems I can hear an appropriate echo from those sad partings of, “I could not love thee, Dear, so much, loved I not honor more.”

But you, soldiers of former years and guests of to-day, I welcome you to our city, because you are the grandest army of all the world. We have only a modest little city, but you may take it, and as well our homes, while here Do as you may, for I have made arrangements to have a meeting of the city council to extend the limits of the city if you deem it necessary. My text in that behalf is, “Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee.” As a recognition of your worth, as a duty to my country, yes, for reasons beyond my power of expression, I welcome you. I welcome you because you have made it possible for me to say with pride, “My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.” [Applause]

By request of the Department Commander, response was made by Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton, who spoke as follows :

On behalf of these veterans of the Union armies assembled as representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Department Encampment, I thank you, and through you, the good people of Brookfield, for their royal welcome and generous hospitality.

It is our custom to hold our annual meetings in some city of this imperial commonwealth. A year ago we were invited to hold this Encampment in your city. We needed no assurances. Upon our rolls are the names of your citizens who are dear to the Grand Army of the Republic, and in your city of the dead sleep some who, as members of our auxillary, the Woman's Relief Corps, won imperishable honor and the love and affection of the boys in blue.

We are grateful for the opportunity of holding our meetings in this beautiful temple erected and dedicated to the worship of the one true and living God. Our boys may be short on dogma and doctrine, but they are long on the fulfillment of the law and the perseverance of the saints. Most of them when young read in their school books that "The groves were God's first temples," and by reason thereof I am afraid that many of them have since taken to the woods.

I assure you, Sir, that we are delighted in being welcomed by a "compromise," a son of a Union soldier and a Confederate maiden, emblematical of that reunion of hearts and hands which recognizes the stars and stripes as the symbol of the power and majesty of a nation.

We came here to have a good time. We are having it; and we shall ever remember Brookfield and the days so pleasantly spent 'mid its people.

Again, I thank you.

Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin, on behalf of the comrades of O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, of Brookfield, welcomed the comrades of the Encampment as follows :

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES: You have heard the eloquent welcome to Brookfield on the part of our loyal citizens which came from the heart of the speaker as well as from the hearts of our citizens. Owing to the unavoidable absence of our Post Commander it devolves upon me to welcome you on behalf of O. H. Wood Post, to extend to you a soldier's welcome; you know what that is, a welcome that carries with it a fraternity, the height and breadth and depth of which no man can fully know except he who has stood shoulder to shoulder with comrades on some red field of the civil war. The fraternity of other organizations is the fraternity learned in a lodge room—the fraternity of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic is a fraternity "welded in the fire of battle;" with this fraternal



feeling O. H. Wood Post greets you today, my comrades, and opens wide to you their hearts and homes.' You are as welcome as "flowers in May." [Applause].

The Department Commander requested Comrade John M. Williams to respond. He spoke as follows :

**COMMANDER, COMRADES AND FRIENDS:**—In response to the felicitous words of our genial comrade, Past Commander Martin, giving welcome to this Encampment on behalf of O. H. Wood Post of this beautiful city, I can only say that I voice the sentiment of every member of the Encampment when I say that we all recognize that this welcome is from the heart; that it is truly the welcome of comrades to visiting comrades—of soldiers to soldiers.

As we come together today in this Encampment we are only, as we appear to the outside world, a few score old men, grey haired even to our youthful Commander; some with tottering steps, all past the meridian of life. It is thus we appear to the outside world. But when thus assembled at these annual gatherings we veterans forget our years, our increasing years, our halting steps. With scarcely any effort we are boys again; the march, the battle and the camp become again familiar. Forgotten are the forty intervening years since the combined armies from the east and the west marched in grand review down Pennsylvania Avenue before its great Commander, the grandest army that ever was or ever will be seen on the western continent.

When these great armies, with many veterans not then present, were discharged a short time later and returned to their respective homes, there to take up again the active duties of civil life where they had laid them down a few years before when the country called them to action, the vast concourse seemed to disappear and to be swallowed up. But on their return to their old homes, or in finding new homes in the west, as so many old soldiers did, it was only natural that the friendship and associations formed in camp, in battle, or in prison should be perpetuated. The organization of the Grand Army was the natural outgrowth of this feeling of comradeship. The former soldiers, living in a community got together most naturally, and organized a Post. The homogeneous character of our people is shown in these organizations; it was not often that numerous members of the same company or even regiment are found in any one Post. This morning a comrade handed me a roster of Frank P. Blair Post of St. Louis, of which splendid organization the entire Encampment is so proud. In looking it over, I find persons from almost every loyal State, and from every arm of the service.

And notwithstanding the lapse of time and the encroachment of growing years, we meet in our respective Posts, and annually in our State and National Encampments to clasp the hands of comrades, who in

the passing years we have learned to love; to talk over again our common trials, sufferings and victories, and to rejoice in the growth and development of our grand united republic, saved by the valor of these veterans.

And so, to the comrades of O. H. Wood Post, we accept your warm greeting, knowing well the spirit of comradeship it represents. We believe our comrades attending this Encampment will carry to their homes the gratitude we feel for this splendid welcome.

In the name and on behalf of this Encampment and its Commander, I again thank you.

The Department Commander announced that the informal proceedings having closed, all present not members of the Grand Army of the Republic were requested to retire, after which he declared the Encampment open in due form.

The Commander called upon Comrade W. M. Sapp, Post 32, who invoked the Divine blessing.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of Officers and Past Department Commanders, as follows, those present being marked by an asterisk \*.

Department Commander,

\*JERE. T. DEW.

Senior Vice Department Commander.

\*J. V. MARTIN.

Junior Vice Department Commander.

\*JOHN B. BURRIS.

Medical Director.

\*DR. EDWARD BORCK.

Chaplain.

REV. T. J. FERRIL.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter Master General,

\*THOS. B. RODGERS.

Inspector.

W. T. MUNSON.

Judge Advocate.

\*C. A. MOSMAN.

Chief Mustering Officer.

\*C. W. RUBEY.

Council of Administration.

\*FRANCIS P. BECKER,

\*ERNST ROTTECK,

\*HENRY FAIRBACK.

F. L. WITHAUP,

J. P. TRACEY.

Past Department Commanders.

\*WM. WARNER,

W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

†NELSON COLE,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

†HIRAM SMITH,

JOHN E. PHELPS,

LEO RASSIEUR,

\*GEORGE W. MARTIN,

\*C. W. WHITEHEAD,

\*CHAS. G. BURTON,

†LOUIS GRUND,

\*LOUIS BENECKE,

\*THOS. B. RODGERS,

\*JOHN P. PLATT,

A. G. PETERSON,

\*JOHN W. SCOTT,

\*W. F. HENRY,

GEORGE HALL.

IRA T. BRONSON,

\*FRANK M. STERRETT.

† Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

### Roll of the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri G. A. R.

Held at Brookfield, Mo., May 17th and 18th, 1905.

Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C., John H. Pohlman.

P. P. C., Thos. B. Rodgers, J. B. Gandolfo, James McClure, F. M. Sterrett, Arthur Dreifus, Adam Fischer, Chris. Fricke, H. F. Kiel, Geo. D. Reynolds.

Rep. W. F. Silverwood, R. Blattner, Chas. Steiner, John Lindecker, Louis Koop, Henry Helmich, B. Walter, John Dinsbeer, John Schmid, F. T. Kuehne.

**Gen. Lyon Post No. 2, St. Louis.**

P. C., Archibald Carr.  
P. P. C., Henry Evers, Charles Humann.

**McPherson Post No. 4, Kansas City.**

P. C., P. J. McLaughlin.  
P. P. C., John H. Graham.

**A. Lincoln Post No. 5, Moberly.**

P. P. C., J. W. Scott, R. T. McCaskey, Nich. Mathias.

**James A. Garfield Post No. 6, Jefferson City.**

P. C., Theo. E. Schultz.  
P. P. C., John B. Brooks, H. T. Holmes.  
Rep. L. V. Dix.

**Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph.**

P. C., Louis L. Johnson.  
P. P. C., John Michel, C. A. Mosman, L. E. Carter, F. Wenz,  
J. W. Beach, H. Austray.  
Rep. J. A. Demuth.

**Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, Kansas City.**

P. C., George S. Peters.  
P. P. C., Wm. Warner, C. W. Whitehead, Chas. Carples, W. F. Henry, Jere. T. Dew, Jacob L. Walker, W. F. Moll, W. H. Wormstead, Jos. E. Turner, Hiram Crampton, Gilbert Van Zandt.  
Rep. August Bruenert, Chas. N. Brooks, James A. Hayes.

**Gen. Canby Post, No. 10, Rich Hill.**

Rep. Amos D. Pontius.

**James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Lexington.**

P. C., Gustav Pirner.  
P. P. C., Chas. H. Schaefermeyer, John B. Burris, James M. Crowder.  
Rep. A. Ruple.

**Ellsworth Post, No. 12, Grant City.**

Rep. Rob't N. Shipley.

**Col. Hassendeubel Post No. 13, St. Louis.**

P. C., H. Munchrath.

P. P. C., Ernest Kretschmar, Geo. Neubert, Louis C. Hesse,  
Martin Scherer.

Rep. Max Fritz, Francis P. Becker, John B. Schneider, Geo. F.  
Laemlein, Henry Miller, Geo. P. Kaiser.

**O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.**

Rep. James Love, L. A. Fillmore.

**Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.**

Rep. John A. Dell.

**Joe Hooker Post No. 17, Cameron.**

P. P. C., H. S. Beery, J. P. Platt.

Rep. J. P. Beryman, R. L. Hudson.

**Phil Kearney Post, No. 19, Laclede.**

P. C., J. L. Burke.

P. P. C., P. F. Felt, A. B. Brunamer, Wm. M. Lomax, Moses  
Jones, Charles Stewart.

Rep. E. A. Hawkins.

**Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.**

P. C., John M. Evans.

P. P. C., John G. Grems, H. E. Robinson, Nathaniel Sisson.

Rep. J. B. Gray, J. M. Trueblood.

**Corporal Dix Post No. 22, Kirksville.**

P. C., O. C. Snyder.

P. P. C., John Shaver, Thos. J. Dockery, Alfred N. Seaber, Sol-  
omon Conder.

Rep. G. B. Cunningham, Griffith Evans.

**F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.**

P. P. C., S. J. Wilson, C. P. Hess, Chas. W. Haynes, J. N.  
Ketchen, David R. Jones, Wm. Greer, C. R. Haverly.

Rep. C. C. Burge.

**Gen. Joe Bailey Post No. 26, Nevada:**

P. P. C., Chas. G. Burton.

**Tindall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.**

P. C., O. L. Sumner.

P. P. C., H. H. Spence, J. W. Toppass, J. R. Tisdale, Martin Crill, J. L. Thompson.

**S. A. Hurlburt Post No. 32, Hamilton.**

P. P. C., W. M. Sapp.

**Ben Loan Post, No. 33, Kingston.**

P. P. C., D. P. Stubblefield, J. G. Everett.

**Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.**

P. C., D. F. Pippinger.

P. P. C., H. F. Glahn, Miles Thompson, J. B. Martin.  
Rep. J. R. Jones.

**Roderick Rockwood Post No. 39, Lemonville.**

P. P. C., Peter Greggers, Charles Grabosch.  
Rep. Dade Johnson.

**Albert Chandler Post No. 42, Macon.**

P. C., Robert Powell.  
P. P. C., James Davis.  
Rep. Clark Brockins.

**Wm. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.**

P. P. C., J. F. Stewart, Delos McComas.

**McCullough Post, No. 44, Milan.**

P. C., D. E. Schultz.  
P. P. C., H. Fox, D. T. Ransom, Alexander Cochran.

**Capt. J. L. Clark Post No. 47, Green City.**

P. C., J. G. McCulley.  
P. P. C., W. C. Green, Victor Aubry, J. W. Peters.  
Rep. Benj. Hunsaker.

**TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.**

**Gen. Geo. G. Meade Post No. 48, Lebanon.**

P. C., C. W. Rubey.

**Thos. G. Wade Post No. 54, Unionville.**

P. P. C., A. J. Bennett, H. H. Earhart, D. L. Cook, James S. Harvey.

**O. H. Wood Post No. 57, Brookfield.**

P. P. C., E. C. Brott, Geo. W. Martin, R. W. Davis, J. G. Banning, A. J. Lanning, J. V. Martin, G. R. Haven, Geo. A. Harris, J. C. Gardner, J. M. Sheets.

Rep. George Miller.

**Gen. Wadsworth Post No. 60, Dawn.**

P. P. C., F. A. Snider, John H. Price.

Rep. Thos. J. Owens.

**Gen. E. D. Baker Post No. 68, Green Ridge.**

P. P. C., C. E. Wadleigh.

Rep. G. W. Bidwell.

**Capt. John Mathews Post No. 69, Springfield.**

P. P. C., J. R. Milner.

**John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.**

P. C., Wm. Roney.

P. P. C., F. M. Baldwin, A. McKee, James Wilson, James Dillard, George Sanders, P. Howell.

**Col. Grover Post No. 78, Warrensburg.**

Rep. G. A. Douglas.

**Capt. Stanley Post No. 79, Princeton.**

P. P. C., J. B. Ormsby, H. G. Orton.

**Yaeger-Sharp Post, No. 82, Wellsville.**

P. C., James A. Eichor.

P. P. C., John A. Blackwell, Jesse B. McQuie, Seth Mapes.

Rep. Thos. McElfresh.

**C. G. Harker Post, No. 88, Meadville.**

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A. K. Bailey, N. B. Brown.  
Rep. F. M. James.

**Harry P. Harding Post No. 107, St. Louis.**

P. P. C., Edward Borck, Geo. Schubert, Fred. Post, Henry  
Fairback.  
Rep. Louis Schaperkoetter, Phillip Richers.

**Wm. McKee Post, No. 110, Kahoka.**

P. P. C., Joseph Vandolah, Geo. W. Henry, Joseph Morgan, Geo.  
C. Murphy, Joseph Matlick.  
Rep. Isaac Creek.

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Rep. J. C. Stockton.

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P. C., D. N. Garner.

**Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.**

P. C., James D. Parsley.  
P. P. C., D. A. Mason, M. G. Garner, John Parsley.  
Rep. M. G. Blakely.

**Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.**

P. C., T. D. Kimball.  
P. P. C., David Murphy, A. A. Prall, J. B. Wilde.  
Rep. Henry S. Carroll, E. D. Coe, C. J. Collins, P. H. Clarke,  
Chas. E. Miller, J. K. Merrifield.

**Sergeant B. H. Porch Post, No. 135, Olean.**

Rep., D. B. Roark.

**Avalon Post, No. 146, Avalon.**

P. C., Isaac Leeper.  
P. P. C., J. H. Cook, Ira Hendricks, William Clute, Richard  
Meeks.  
Rep., Asa Reams



**Liberty Post No. 150, Spickard.**

P. P. C., Joshua Etherton, Wesley Keith.

Rep., J. J. Clark.

**Keeler Post No. 152, Melrose.**

Rep., Wm. Rettker.

**George Miller Post No. 158, Bethel.**

P. C., Geo. P. Nelson.

P. P. C., Francis Baltzer, G. W. Bowers, Henry Kraft, J. G. Burkhart.

**Col. H. G. Gilbert Post No. 160, Wheeling.**

P. C., B. F. Wolfe.

P. P. C., John Fort, E. D. Carpenter, C. P. Beckwith, S. W. Haynes, P. M. Russell, W. L. Edmunds.

**Col. Islam Keith Post No. 164, Breckenridge.**

Rep., Geo. Real.

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Rep., Joseph Waldo.

**Justi Post No. 173, Cape Girardeau.**

P. C., Henry A. Astholz.

P. P. C., L. F. Klosterman.

**Stephen Estle Post, No. 178, DeWitt.**

P. P. C., E. G. Grossman, F. F. Audsley.

**Major Hunt Post, No. 185, Center.**

P. P. C., T. G. McCune, F. C. Clayton, W. R. Sanford.

**W. B. Goodrich Post No. 190, Webb City.**

Rep., N. T. Moore.

**Col. Morse Post, No. 197, Warrenton.**

P. P. C., John H. Frick.

**Sergeant Ryan Post, No. 214, Brashear.**

P. P. C., W. H. Steel, M. F. Strock.

Rep., M. E. Lane.

**Picket Post No. 215, Farmington.**

P. C., Thos. Lang.  
P. P. C., T. T. Dalton.

**Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.**

P. C., R. M. Griggs.  
P. P. C., Henry R. Parson, Adam Conder.  
Rep., C. W. Corkran.

**T. J. Brouster Post No. 233, Clayton.**

P. P. C., Henry Seibel.  
Rep., Wm. Oberbeck.

**Farnsworth Post No. 237, Warsaw.**

P. P. C., N. B. Petts.

**John A. Hayn Post No. 240, Boonville.**

Rep., Walter Barron.

**Andy Smith Post No. 243, Willow Springs.**

P. C., W. H. Marshall.  
Rep., Geo. Hutchinson.

**Pinhart Post No. 268, Brunswick.**

P. P. C., Louis Benecke, Joseph Gross, Benjamin Showers.

**Henry Brown Post No. 276, Clarksburg.**

P. C., John B. Stewart.  
P. P. C., J. M. Williams, John W. Moore, G. W. Sappington,  
Fred. Bentreop.

**Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282, Carrollton.**

Rep., G. H. Rosemiller.  
P. P. C., John Creek, W. H. Booth, A. H. Cooley, E. M. Mitchell.  
Rep., A. F. B. Rose.

**C. A. Arthur Post No. 299, Mansfield.**

Rep., Ira Westbrook.

**Bob Ford Post No. 303, Coffeysburg.**

P. P. C., C. Yost.

**Adrian Post, No. 327, Adrian.**

P. C., W. S. Mahan.

**John P. McCluney Post No. 331, Higginsville.**

P. P. C., John B. Jones.

**Evans Post No. 340, Economy.**

P. C., R. M. Depew.

P. P. C., J. W. French, John McDaniel.

Rep., Wm. Voight.

**Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.**

Rep., Hezekiah Butler.

**R. L. Ferguson Post No. 358, Sweet Springs.**

P. C., Wm. M. Vickery.

**Robert P. Carnes Post No. 374, Dunlap.**

P. C., Wm. B. Sherrow.

P. P. C., S. A. Hartley, C. D. Hoskins, Isaac Elliott.

**Marceline Post No. 387, Marceline.**

P. C., J. T. Wallar.

P. P. C., J. D. Bush, D. D. Burch, W. E. Crane.

Rep., W. W. Willett.

**Fred Roether Post, No. 420, Montgomery City.**

P. P. C., G. T. Muns.

Rep., W. S. Goshorn.

**Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.**

Rep., Robert Bass.

**Gen. Simon Cameron Post, No. 437, Cross Timbers.**

P. C., R. A. Vance.

**E. E. Kimball Post, No. 453, Middletown.**

P. P. C., A. F. Butler, A. W. Nease.

**Vandalia Post No. 466, Vandalia.**

P. C., L. R. Long.  
Rep., Geo. C. Richards.

**Col. Meumann Post No. 496, St. Louis.**

Rep., John Stupp, Joseph Grundrich.

**John Tietjen Post No. 506, Indian Crove.**

P. C., D. Longsdorff.  
P. P. C., B. J. Edemann, Henry Nicholson, J. W. Howard.  
Rep., F. M. McNamara.

**J. H. Crenshaw Post, No. 516, Carterville.**

Rep., J. S. Wilson.

**Jere M. Rusk Post No. 544, St. Charles.**

Rep., Oscar Fola.

**Gatzweiler Post No. 554, St. Charles.**

P. C., J. W. Bruns.  
P. P. C., H. G. C. Dammer.  
Rep., H. Hachtmeyer.

**Burnside Post No. 566, Pleasant Hill.**

P. P. C., Wm. Lowe.

**James F. How Post No. 567, Moberly.**

P. P. C., H. A. Jaco, Wm. Maynard, Gus. Ostman.  
Rep., Henry Mossman.

JOHN W. TOPPASS, Post 29,

E C. BROTT, Post 57,

JOHN L. BURKE, Post 19.

ISAAC LEEPER, Post 146,

CHAS. P. HESS, Post 23.

*Committee on Credentials.*

On motion calling the roll of members and reading the reports of officers, except the Department Commander's address, was dispensed with, printed copies having been distributed in the Encampment.

Senior Vice Department Commander Martin was called to the chair and Department Commander Dew read his address as follows:

## ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades:

With thanksgiving to the Almighty for continued life and health, for national unity and peace, liberty and equal rights which we all enjoy, and with happy greetings to you, I come to render an account of my stewardship in this exalted station to which you so generously promoted me by unanimous vote, one year ago, at Lexington, that battle ground where the gallant Col. Mulligan and his brave band, defended so courageously against the Army of Gen. Price; where our last Encampment was held by invitation from the citizens, many of whom are Ex-Confederates who participated in that battle, and who with their friends vied with each other in giving the Grand Army of the Republic a cordial reception and hearty welcome.

A man must be without virtue who failed to appreciate the high compliment of being thus chosen by such distinguished heroic characters as composed that encampment, held upon such historic ground, to head one of the best Departments of this the noblest and greatest patriotic organization in the World.

To-day marks another mile stone in our life's march, and it is my privilege and great pleasure to call to order this assembly, at our Twenty-fourth annual encampment, in this delightful city of Brookfield, the home of our respected and worthy Senior-Vice Commander J. V. Martin, who, because of sickness and death in his family, was compelled to leave our last encampment before his election and installation could take place, but in his enforced absence was elected by his sympathizing comrades, and by my direction was subsequently duly installed in office by Past Department Commander George W. Martin.

When I assumed the obligations of this important trust, being sincerely desirous of discharging all of my duties worthily, but anticipating somewhat the responsibilities of the office, and being mindful of the signal ability and splendid records of the long list of Department Commanders who had preceded me, I should have been very apprehensive about proving myself worthy and able to meet the requirements and maintain the credit of the Department, had I not felt secure and strong in your friendship and sympathy, and in the invaluable aid and advice of the ever courteous and efficient Assistant Adjutant General, Thomas B. Rodgers, as well as the hearty co-operation of every other Department officer

and aide—to all of whom, and to the Comrades as well who have uniformly been courteous and indulgent to me, I wish here and now to make my grateful acknowledgments.

Within a few days after my election, by invitation I attended Memorial Day exercises at St. Louis. On the Sabbath, at the Government Barracks and National cemetery I witnessed the solemn ceremonies and the decoration with flowers, of the graves of our heroes who lie sleeping there in the camping ground of the dead. The Grand Army was assisted therein by United States Troops stationed there, and by the public generally, hundreds being in respectful attendance, notwithstanding the rain.

On the following Monday I participated with the Grand Army, and had the honor of marching at the head of their columns, in the great parade and celebration of the day, at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, held under the auspices of the Exposition management.

The time, place and the occasion, and the numbers and character of those engaged in the day's parade and exercises, regiments of United States Regular Army, companies of Cadets, Philippine Scouts and Constabulary from our new possessions, Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Veterans and National Guards, all in a long procession upon the territory of the great Louisiana Purchase, in observance of the day of the Nation's festival of the dead, passing in review before thousands of spectators gathered from all quarters of the Globe, attending the Exposition, the demonstrations terminating with a grand assembly and speaking at Festival Hall, all made it a very impressive occasion. It furnished food for thought and reflection. Every division in that parade was within itself a history, and their marching by was but the turning of the pages, so suggestive of the past, and somewhat prophetic of the future, and written in a living language that could be read and understood by all nationalities.

I received numerous invitations to attend re-unions throughout the Department, and regretted exceedingly that I could not accept, for reason that a few of these meetings occurred on the same day, most of them in the same week, and all of them during our absence attending National Encampment at Boston. Such conflicts it appears might be avoided by a little forethought, conference and cooperation by the various associations in making their arrangements. Our Department's finances would not warrant junketing tours over the State, and I had therefore contemplated making my official visits through these re-unions.

By invitation of the St. Louis Posts I attended a reception given by them at Blair Post Hall last December, to the Commander-in-chief, Wilmon W. Blackmar, who with his adjutant general, John

E. Gilman, and the members of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, were returning from Denver. The occasion was a most enjoyable one for all concerned.

The Department Commander and Staff acknowledge our obligations to Ransom Post No. 131, for an invitation extended by them and accepted by us, to travel with that Post as our escort, on their special train to the Boston Encampment. We were well provided and cared for, and had a pleasant and profitable journey, stopping one day enroute to see that wonder in nature Niagara Falls, and arriving at our destination in good time and without accident or disagreeable incident.

We were received, welcomed and royally entertained in Boston during our sojourn there. The people were hospitable, their arrangements for entertainment ample and complete, and faithfully carried out. Their facilities for entertaining a convention of Veterans are excellent; the ground is historic and of revolutionary fame, and the home or final resting place of so many celebrities from military, political and literary fields, and a visit there is essentially interesting and instructive.

Our Department's attendance there was reasonably good, and, we believe, sustained our reputation for soldierly bearing, good discipline and gentlemanly behavior at all times, whether on or off duty.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition being in progress within our Department, necessarily interfered with and kept away many of our Comrades who wished to attend, and otherwise would have attended, the Encampment. We must not overlook the fact, however, that from natural causes also, the numbers attending our annual re-unions are rapidly diminishing. Death and old age with its infirmities serve to deplete our ranks.

It was stated upon actual count, that there were about twenty-six thousand in line in the grand parade at Boston. Our reports show that almost half of this number within our Order alone died during the previous year, which means that a procession of our Comrades, equal in numbers to almost half of that great parade, is marching yearly into the open grave. It is appalling! In the year 1890 there were in the Order 409,489 members; June 30th, 1904, there were but 246,261 members, a loss of 163,228 in fourteen years; the loss for the previous year from within the Order alone was 10,249. Inevitably our membership is rapidly decreasing. Work as we may to recruit, the constant assaults of Time make such ravages in our ranks that we cannot long withstand them. "Yet a few days and the all beholding sun shall see them no more in all his course."

I would therefore recommend and urge that the Posts be not



too exacting, but very lenient, with their members in regard to payment of dues. Do not drop or suspend a Comrade who desires, or who can be persuaded even, to remain in the Order, but who is unable to pay dues, provided, that the post is able to pay his per capita assessments. Let us stand together and in the spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty born of long association and great personal sacrifice and hardships together, assist each other to the end. Then may our unfinished work, or rather never ending task, be taken up and carried along by those helpful and splendid auxiliary organizations, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans.

It was for them more than for yourselves that you made such sacrifices, endured such hardships and fought some of the World's greatest battles; it was for the future more than for the present. Posterity will be the greatest beneficiary, and shall soon succeed you, for posterity, we must admit, is already here, the Veterans are between here and the hereafter. To these willing and faithful organizations, our legitimate successors in this glorious work, we must soon entrust these great responsibilities, to the end that our dead patriots shall not be forgotten, nor the results of their patriotic services perish from the earth. They should be encouraged to take even a more active interest with us now, and co-operate with us in this work while we live, that they may be the better qualified to succeed us when we die.

#### THE SONS OF VETERANS

are fast succeeding their fathers. By their kinship they are the natural heirs and shall inherit honorable distinction from their patriotic services and glorious achievements. They should have and manifest a becoming pride in their fathers' patriotic heroism and heroic patriotism, and strive to preserve their fair names upon the scroll of honor, and keep their memories sacred. May they carry out faithfully the objects of our Order, and prove themselves worthy sons of most worthy fathers.

#### THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

is a band of splendid and willing workers, and has in it the elements of great good. It has in the past done excellent work. Kindly disposed and unselfish, and in sympathy with the worthy objects of the Grand Army of the Republic, strong in its influences for the right, and unremitting in its efforts as our auxiliary and aid, in it and its kindred organizations is the hope of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

are also deserving of great consideration and unstinted praise. Being closely related to the Grand Army, as members of our families, they are essentially loyal and in full accord and harmony with our Order, and have our best interests and welfare at heart.

Trusting that these Orders may all prosper and receive their proper recognition, I wish here to say, separate organizations among the ladies seems very like a divided house that cannot stand. In as much as they may conflict, or fail to co-operate, they certainly weaken their cause and lessen their efficiency. If the two could become consolidated into one organization, the Grand Army with them and the Sons of Veterans would constitute a trinity omnipotent.

I cannot refrain from making personal mention here of Division Commander Edward A. Hoberg, of the Sons of Veterans, Mrs. Julia S. Hengelsberg, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. M. D. Wood, Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, together with their respective Staffs, and to commend them for their fervency and zeal in their good work, for their honest, conscientious and diligent efforts in aid of the Grand Army, and for their uniform respect shown us.

It is the peculiar province of these auxiliaries, and their rightful field of work, to have an oversight of our Soldiers' Home, that the sick or needy may be cared for; teaching patriotism to the young, interesting and engaging the school children with them in observing with proper services and ceremonies Flag Day, Memorial Day, and decorating the graves of our dead Comrades in commemoration of them and their great services, their private worth and public heroism, for which the day was first set apart.

## MEMORIAL DAY

observance is but the payment of the annual installment of the great debt of gratitude which this Republic owes to its gallant defenders and benefactors, a debt which we can never wholly repay, and yet one which will not bankrupt the Nation. It is a peculiar obligation, in that the more we pay upon it the richer we become; richer in self respect, in the consciousness of duty performed; richer in the World's esteem; richer in the sentiment of patriotism which it begets, in devotion to country and the flag, and in the inspiration to future generations to emulate the worthy example of their fathers. It may not benefit the dead to strew flowers upon their graves; they may be oblivious to our demonstrations and services in their honor, but it is not for the dead alone that we

do these things, it is for the living also, who may be benefited thereby. It is more than a merited tribute to the dead; it is a valuable and practical object lesson to the living. Nevertheless, we are indebted to these fallen heroes for their distinguished services. For him who makes great personal sacrifices for the good of others there is admiration, gratitude and love. It is a Christian attribute. The Saviour of mankind was a martyr to the cause of humanity, and so were these, our noble dead. There is in the human heart an affection for the heroic, and it cannot find here a better expression than in the beautiful custom of assembling on this hallowed day, in the sacred precincts of their camping ground where heaves the turf, in honor of their memory, and enriching and ennobling our lives in meditation upon, and commemoration of, their public heroism and private worth that are immortal. We who have been left to do these things are fast disappearing, while their mounds are rapidly multiplying, but we trust the day and custom may ever be reverently observed with patriotic fervor and fitting ceremonies, not in levity or mirth, not as a holiday, but as a holy day. Lest we forget, let us proclaim the virtues of our dead heroes, and celebrate their glorious deeds and achievements with story and with song, and decorate their graves with flowers and with flags, and praise them "with the whole heart, and show forth their marvelous works."

#### FLAG DAY

the 14th day of June, the one hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary of "Old Glory," is near at hand. This anniversary is fast becoming recognized as a legitimate day for celebration and exultation. Liberty triumphant is represented by this banner of the free. It is the rallying standard of the brave and strong, the shield and protection of the weak. As the emblem of liberty and justice, for all that it is and represents, let this flag, the stars and stripes, be spread to the breezes and wave from every house-top, school house and steeple in the land. May the day be universally observed. It will serve as a reminder of the great blessings we enjoy, and their value. To the Patriot the flag is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

#### THE ST. JAMES FEDERAL SOLDIERS' HOME

is a grand institution for our Department. It is a place where the aged and infirm Veteran may go with his good wife, and together

there spend their last days in comparative comfort; and where the Veteran's widow, homeless and destitute, may find a haven of rest. In this respect it is an advantage over the National Home, where the Veteran, to avail himself of its benefits, must separate from and practically abandon his wife; where his widow has no rights whatever.

By a recent decision in an election contest it has been judicially declared that these Veterans do not become as paupers supported in an almshouse, and thereby lose their rights of citizenship in the Republic they defended successfully with their lives, merely because they, being disabled from wounds, sickness or infirmities of old age, avail themselves of the generous provisions made for them by a grateful people recognizing their obligations to them. But why should this question have arisen?

This Home we are informed, is being managed satisfactorily to the patrons and the public, but their facilities for caring for the worthy are inadequate. The rooms are all filled, and there are more than a hundred applicants awaiting admittance. The State should without delay make such appropriations as may be necessary to enlarge their quarters and accommodate the many who are entitled to and sadly in need of its privileges.

I re-appointed as our Committee of Visitation to this Home, Comrades Louis Benecke, John P. Tracy and Henry Fairback, who together with Past Department Commander W. F. Henry, who is one of the State Board of Trustees for this Home, appointed by the Governor, will doubtless accomplish much in the way of improvements and better facilities.

#### MISSOURI SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL BUILDING

The National Government having appropriated the sum of \$475,198.13 to reimburse the State of Missouri for certain money expended by the State in defense of the Union, it was suggested that no better use of this Civil War fund could be made than to apply it in construction of a much needed building upon the campus of the State University at Columbia, which shall be designated and known as the "Missouri Soldiers' Memorial Building," and shall be used as a Historical Museum and Gallery of Portraiture, and as a depository for the University library, now containing 75,000 volumes, scattered over the City, unprotected from fire, and also the library of the State Historical Society of Missouri, containing about 30,000 volumes and about 20,000 pamphlets and manuscripts.

The Grand Army of the Republic were asked to aid in this laudable enterprise, and the Department Commander issued a circular asking the several Posts to endorse the measure, and by resolutions request their representatives in the legislature to vote for the Bill pending for the purpose. Many, if not all asked, complied readily. We also appeared with a Committee before the Legislative Committee and presented our wishes and views in the matter, and asked them for a report thereon favorable. We were courteously received and listened to attentively by the Committee who subsequently reported favorably, and the Governor recommended the passage of the Bill.

### OUR MISSOURI DEPARTMENT

is one of the very best in the Grand Army of the Republic; fairly well equipped, free from debt and with money in its treasury; a good membership reasonably attentive and active for "Old Boys;" free from bickerings and petty jealousies, and from political methods in our elections; without scandal official or otherwise; a good understanding and a true comradeship prevailing; a splendid record and reputation at home and with other Departments, at all encampments and all times; its membership containing some of the best men of the Nation; they are ever ready to help or sympathize with a comrade in distress, or rejoice with him in his success. And here we may without political transgression, we trust, felicitate ourselves, and congratulate our Comrade, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief, William Warner, upon his election to the high and important office of United States Senator, to represent our imperial State of Missouri in the National Congress. He is ever the staunch friend of the Old Soldier and will be their friend in Court. With him and our capable and vigilant Comrade, Past Department Commander Charles G. Burton as Chairman of the G. A. R. Pension Committee, we feel that our Comrades' interests will be properly cared for.

We would also mention, and rejoice at, the good fortune and merited recognition of our distinguished friend and Comrade, Major General Peter J. Osterhaus, in being placed on the retired list, with rank and pay of a Brigadier General in the Regular Army. To Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, is due the credit more than to any one else for this recognition of this splendid comrade, brave soldier and able commander, for he was untiring in his efforts in this behalf.

## THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

as an organization has been and is a tower of strength to the nation; the bulwark of the Republic. It is a university for patriotic teaching, its curriculum fraternity, charity and loyalty. It is the Veterans' Altar, where they receive their inspiration, renew their obligations and strengthen their devotion to country and the flag, and revive old memories and friendships. It infuses a commendable pride in the Veterans and in those who shall succeed to their glorious achievements. Its membership orderly, law-abiding, liberty-loving citizens, the best in the land.

It established Memorial Day, with its beautiful custom of scattering flowers upon the graves of our heroic dead, with ceremonies commemorative of their immortal deeds, and caused the day to be set apart and observed as their festival day. It inaugurated Flag Day, and helped to make "Old Glory" respected the world over, for what it represents. It has challenged the admiration and respect of the World, and the World is better for its having existed. When we shall have ended our earthly career, the records and history of the Order will be an imperishable monument to our glory. No Comrade should die outside the Order.

The Order is among other things reminiscent in its character. The Veterans enjoy meeting each other and recounting their experiences, their hardships and sufferings, their failures and successes, their defeats and victories. The recollections of past sorrows or hardships are not always painful. We remember the past as it was, things as they appeared then, comrades in arms in the flush of their youth, our ideas of matters as we then entertained them. There is something rejuvenating in calling to mind the scenes of our early manhood, the dreadful experiences of our soldier life, in the greatest of wars, that attracted the world's attention and changed the world's political maps. And now, in our advanced age, as we turn back and call to memory those exciting times, we become as spectators or mourners standing at the tomb of what we once were.

For what this organization has done, is doing, and may yet accomplish it is entitled to the highest commendations and grateful recognition from the people of this nation, and it will surely live in history as the greatest and best patriotic organization of the world.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

to which I refer you will fully set forth all matters peculiarly within the official duties in their respective offices, and I will not undertake to detail them here.

## IN CONCLUSION

I would again assure you of my high regard for my comrades and our Order, and of my appreciation of the distinguished honor of being promoted to the head of this excellent Department of so great, noble and patriotic an organization and to make my grateful acknowledgments to you therefor.

Having performed my official duties to the best of my ability and opportunities, as I promised in the beginning, I trust that you may graciously overlook any failures or shortcomings, and that I may retain your respect, friendship, good will and confidence. With best wishes for the future of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for the success and prosperity of this Department, and for the welfare of each of our Comrades and invoking the choicest blessings of Heaven upon you all, I am, as ever,

Yours in F. C. & L.,

JERE. T. DEW,  
Department Commander.

## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

BROOKFIELD, MO., April 19, 1905.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade: In compliance with established custom I submit my report as Senior Vice Department Commander of this Department, which, owing to the fact that the duties of that office under the administration of a Commander who is at all times able for duty and ready to perform the duties of his office, are few and far between, must necessarily be brief. In short, all the duties performed by me during my incumbency in office should be classed under the head of pleasure and not under that of duty, as they have consisted entirely of my attendance at the National Encampment at Boston, my visits to Posts in this and other Departments, where I have been received with comradely courtesy due to an officer of the Department of Missouri, and in doing what I might to make the encampment at Brookfield a pleasant success.

With expressions of high regard and esteem for the Department Commander, yourself and other Department officers, who have been uniformly courteous, kind and obliging toward me during the year, and with best wishes for their future, I am, sir,

Very respectfully yours in F. C. and L.

J. V. MARTIN,  
Sen. Vice Com. Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—My report to you as Junior Vice Commander will be short as I have nothing to report, there being a good Department Commander who does all the work.

I visited the Department Commander twice during the year and found him full of enthusiasm and doing all that could be done for the good of the Order.

I find there is nothing for the Junior Vice to do; there is not even any boodle in the office.

I hope to be able to meet with the comrades at Brookfield, May 17th and 18th.

Yours in F. C. and L.

JOHN B. BURRIS,  
Junior Vice Department Commander.



**REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }  
ST. LOUIS, MO., May 15, 1905. }

**JERE. T. DEW, Department Commander:**

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1904:

The number of Posts December 31, 1903, was 295. Of this number twelve Posts had been previously suspended, viz: Posts 45, 103, 104, 117, 167, 203, 217, 231, 385, 430, 495, 540. The charters of these Posts, excepting Post 540, were annulled at the last Department Encampment.

Six Posts surrendered their charters during the year, viz: Posts 66, 245, 322, 408, 549, 573. One new Post, No. 579, was mustered. This makes a net loss of sixteen Posts and leaves 279 Posts, which includes thirteen that were suspended at the last Department Encampment, viz: Posts 224, 229, 262, 279, 283, 362, 367, 383, 397, 411, 416, 454, 482.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1904:

**FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1904.**

Number in good standing, December 31, 1903 .....	9,250
Gain by muster.....	121
Gain by transfer.....	89
Gain by reinstatement .....	162
	372
Aggregate.....	9,622
Loss by death.....	143
Loss by honorable discharge.....	2
Loss by transfer.....	64
Loss by suspension .....	301
Loss by delinquent reports.....	142
Loss by surrender of charter .....	28
	680
Number remaining in good standing, June 30, 1904.....	8,942

## SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER, 31, 1904.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1904 .....	8,942	
Gain by muster.....	121	
Gain by transfer.....	88	
Gain by reinstatement .....	114	323
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Aggregate.....		9,265
Loss by death .....	155	
Loss by honorable discharge.....	14	
Loss by transfer .....	72	
Loss by suspension .....	491	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	6	
Loss by surrender of charter.....	57	795
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Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1904.. ..		8,470

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1903.....	9,250	
Gain during year by muster.....	242	
Gain during year by transfer.....	177	
Gain during year by reinstatement .....	276	695
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Aggregate.....		9,945
Loss during year by death .....	298	
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	16	
Loss during year by transfer.....	136	
Loss during year by suspension.....	792	
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	148	
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	85	1,475
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Number in good standing, December 31, 1904.....	8,470	
Number remaining suspended .....	4,730	
Number dropped during year.....	270	
Number of comrades relieved during year .....	110	
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	39	
Amount expended for relief during year .....	\$ 1,007.03	
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1904.....	11,559 68	
Cash invested in collaterals .....	18,000 00	
Cash balance in relief funds December 31, 1904.....	2,295 45	
Value of real estate belonging to Posts .....	12,735 00	
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	14,877 45	
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Total value of Post property.....	\$59,467 58	

Our department is entitled to eleven representatives in the Thirty-ninth National Encampment, in addition to the representative-at-large. According to the methods adopted at a former Encampment, the names will be placed on the ballot this year, beginning with the highest, and ending with lowest numbered Post.

Our cash balance on hand April 30, 1905, was \$1,079.76. This is due to the fact that the purchaser of our Kansas City property resold the property and the new purchaser paid off the entire amount of indebtedness.

The list of deaths for the year was compiled by the Assistant Adjutant General from the lists sent by the Posts and the Adjutants' semi-annual reports, and is as full as could be made from the data at hand.

The following Exhibits are attached and form part of this report:

Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "B," Statement of Supplies on hand.

Exhibit "C," Statement of Assets.

Exhibit "D," List of Deaths.

Thanking you for your kind preference and courteous treatment during the year just closing, and appreciating and acknowledging the true comradeship of my official associates and all my comrades of the Department, I remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Ass't Adj't. General and Ass't Qr. Mr. General.

## EXHIBIT "A."

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1904.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on December 31, 1903.....	\$	29 18
Received from per capita tax.....		1,913 48
Received from requisitions.....		282 60
Received from charter fees.....		25 00
Received from donation by Whitehead Realty Co.....		30 00
Received from sale of real estate.....		1,030 30
Received from borrowed money.....		100 00
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		\$3,410 56

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies.....	\$	161 51	
Printing Encampment Journal.....		177 49	
Printing and Stationery.....		124 75	
Rent of office, 13 months.....		195 00	
Salary of Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....		1,200 00	
Postage.....		111 40	
Expenses National Encampment.....		61 05	
Expenses Department Encampment.....		8 78	
Per capita tax.....		318 36	
Insurance.....		21 00	
Premium on bond of Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....		15 00	
Incidentals.....		28 44	
Expenses, sale of real estate.....		54 06	
Carpet and window shades.....		35 33	
Paid loan.....		101 00	
Traveling expenses :			
Department Commander Sterrett.....	\$	57 00	
Department Commander Dew.....		25 00	
Asst. Adj. Gen'l Rodgers.....		12 85	
		94 85	\$2,708 02
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Balance on hand December 31, 1904.....			\$ 702 54

## EXHIBIT "B."

## SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1904.

No.		Value
15	Membership badges.....	\$ 7 50
76	Buttoniers.....	7 60
134	Rank Straps.....	46 90
46	Official ribbons.....	4 60
92	Rules and Regulations.....	9 20

100 Applications .....	1 00
21 Cash books.....	25 20
28 Quartermaster's receipt books.....	16 80
7 Quartermaster's warrant books.....	5 95
48 Discharges.....	2 40
18 Transfers .....	90
23 Odes.....	89
9 Rituals.....	4 50
11 Service books.....	3 30
6 Blue books.....	7 20
197 Department badges, plain.....	118 20
48 Department badges, silver top .....	48 00
12 Leave of absence cards.....	60
117 Certificates of Membership.....	11 70
1 Electrotype .....	55
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	\$ 322 79

## EXHIBIT "C."

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash Balance December 31, 1904 .....	\$ 702 54
Note secured by deed of trust on house and lot in Kansas City, balance.....	402 87
Office furniture, etc., estimated.....	80 00
Supplies.....	322 79
Ledger balances .....	89 65
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	\$2,317 85
Liabilities: None.	

## EXHIBIT "D."

## LIST OF DEATHS, 1904.

Post.

- 1 Marigney, F., age 68, Priv. Co. F, 40 Mo. Inf.  
 Brinkenkamp, H. J., age 68, Q. M. Sgt., 5 Mo. Inf.  
 Buckshorn, Geo., age 74, Priv. Co. D, 2 Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Mueller, Jno., age 61, Priv. Co. B, 40 Mo. Inf.  
 Goedde, C. C., age 70, 1st & 2d Lieut. Co. C, 1 Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Beatty, Jno., age 75, Priv. E and B, 5 Wis. Inf.  
 McCosh, Geo. E., age 62, 1st Lieut. & Adj., 16 Iowa Inf.  
 Bruce, Lawrence, age 68, Sergt. Co. D, 1 Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Arnold, Thos. A., age 59, Sergt. Co. F; 1 Mo. Cav.  
 Macklind, Thos. H., age 69, Capt. Co. A, 3 Mo. S. M. Cav.  
 Koperlick, Isaac, age 67, Priv. Co. M, 4 U. S. R. C.  
 Hamsburg, Jos., age 64, Corp. Co. E, 1st Mo. Light Art.  
 Staudinger, H. L., age 63, 2nd Lt., Co. E, 3 U. S. R. C.  
 Sharman, Jno., age 65, Priv. Co. E, 3 Mo. Inf.  
 Powe, Thos., age 63, Priv. Co. F, 129 Pa. Inf.  
 Thompson, J. F., age 65, 1 Lieut. Co. A, 53 Ky. Mt. Inf.  
 Knabe, Herm., age 61, Priv. Co. F, 8 Ills. Cav.  
 Schroyer, Jno., age 71, Priv. Co. A, 208 Pa. Inf.  
 Schenck, G. A., age 67, Priv. Co. K, 9 Ohio Inf.  
 Maxwell, Harry, age 65, Musician, 3 Ills. Cav.  
 Deltring, Jno., age 68, Priv. Co. C, 8 Mo. Inf.  
 Payton, Dan'l, age 59, Priv. Co. G, 1 Ohio Cav.  
 McDonough, Pat'k, age 68, Sergt. Co. I, 4 U. S. Cav.  
 Sexton, Thos., age 62, Priv. Co. I, 21 Mass. Inf.  
 Lovrien, Geo. W., age 60, Priv. Co. D, 6 Mass. Inf.  
 May, Hy., age 62, Priv. Co. K, 3 Mo. Inf.  
 Neff, Jos., age 59, Priv. Co. H, 149 Ills. Inf.  
 Funke, Jno., age 66, Priv. Co. E, 9 Ohio Inf.  
 Dierking, Wm., age 63, Priv. Co. B, Franklin Co. Batl.  
 Kuebler, Hy., age 69, Priv. Co. B, 1 Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Schmidt, Chas., age 78, Sergt. Co. E, 5 Mo. Inf.  
 Hyde, J. C., age 75, Priv. Co. F, 40 Mo. Inf.  
 Jacob, Robt., age 67, Sergt. Co. I, 3 U. S. R. C.; A, 4 Mo. Inf.;  
 G, 19 Pa. Inf.  
 Niedringhaus, Christ F., age 70, Priv. Co. G, 5 Inf. Mo. Vol.  
 Hayes, Harrison, Corp. Co. F, 34 O. V. I.  
 Tilton, Wm. A., Priv. Co. K, 11 Kan.  
 Aiken, J. O., Sergt. Co. I, 13 N. Y. Inf.  
 Buth, Hugo B., Sergt. Co. D, 176 N. Y. Inf.  
 Baer, Geo. J., Priv. Chicago Board of Trade Batty.  
 Brooks, James M., age 60, Priv. Co. G, 9 Mo. Cav.

- Conger, David N., age 77, Priv. Co. G, 20 O. H. Art.  
 Johnston, Wm. S., age 76, Priv. Co. K, 10 Mo.  
 Barkey, Anthony, Priv. Co. B, 49 Mo.
- 6 Hartman, John, age 63, Priv. Co. B, 1st U. S. R. C.  
 7 Emmelith, Wm., Priv. Co. E, 5th Mo. Cav.  
 Armstrong, Jno. M., Capt. Co. A, 2d Mo. Cav.  
 Lock, Julius E., Priv. Co. F, 1st Va. Cav.  
 Rau, Frederick, Priv. Co. A, 100 Pa. Vols.  
 Spear, Leopold, Priv. Co. E, 14 N. Y. Inf.  
 Enlich, John G., Priv. Co. B, 13 Mo. Inf.  
 Ross, Thos. K., Priv. Co. F, 19 Iowa Inf.  
 Parvin, D. A., Priv. Co. G, 14 Pa.
- 8 Goodman, John, Priv. Co. E, 83 Ills. Inf.  
 Young, Alpheus, Landsman U. S. S. Oriole.  
 Hazzard, Lemuel, Priv. Co. E, 12th Ind. Inf.  
 Wood, M. D., Priv. Co. H, 2d Kan. Inf.  
 Kollman, Chas. E., Priv. Co. K, 27th Ohio Inf.  
 Moon, John B., Priv. Co. I, 1st U. S. Vet. Eng.  
 Copeland, W. J., Priv. Co. C, 44th Mo. Inf.  
 Treadway, C. C., 1st Lieut. Co. F, 117th Ills. Inf.  
 Humphrey, B. P., Priv. Co. K, 2d N. Y. Cav.  
 Blair, Robt. H., Corp. Co. G, 4th Pa. Cav.  
 Woods, Theo. A. J., Priv. Co. G, 12th Wis. Inf.  
 Field, Chas. R., Hosp. Steward U. S. A.  
 Neff, Andrew J., Colonel 84th Ind. Inf.
- 11 Studdard, M. L., age 58, Priv. Co. I, 26th Mo. Inf.  
 Budemeyer, Chas., Corp. Co. D, 2d Mo. Res. Corps.
- 13 Bangert, Fred, age 64, Priv. Co. F, 12th Mo. Cav.  
 Pope, George, age 58, Priv. Co. E, 40th Mo. Inf.  
 Benjamin, Leopold, age 65, Priv. Co. K, 22d Ills. Inf.  
 Sievers, William, age 75, 1st Sergt. Co. B, 2d Mo. Art.  
 Lemp, William J., 1st Sergt. Co. C, 3d U. S. R. C.  
 Hinzpeter, Ferdinand, age 69, 1st Sergt. Co. F, 1st U. S. R. C.  
 Weinlein, Joseph, age 88, Priv. Co. C & H, 2d U. S. R. C.  
 Hesch, Phillip, age 79, Priv. Co. D & H, 1st U. S. R. C.  
 Todd, Andrew, age 59, Priv. Co. D & H, 13th E. M. M.  
 Beckerle, Valentine, age 71, Priv. Co. B, 5th Mo. Inf.  
 Gabler, Alexander, age 75, Sergt. Co. C, 12th Mo. Inf.  
 Schmeding, John H., age 65, Priv. Co. A, 41st Mo. Inf.  
 Berri, Robert, age 70, Corp. Co. A, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Schuchard, William, age 69, Priv. Co. H, 2d Mo. Inf.  
 Killinger, William, age 65, Priv. Co. I, 2d N. Y. Cav.  
 Schuetz, John G., age 60, Priv. Co. A, 3d U. S. R. C.

- Kuechler, G., age 78, Priv. Co. F, 2d U. S. R. C.  
 Lannerth, Henry, age 60, Corp. Co. D, 41st Mo. Inf.  
 Kick, Chas., age 72, Priv. Co. F, 1st U. S. R. C.  
 Andrew, John S., age 62, Priv. Co. D, 22d Ohio Inf.  
 Hannewinkel, Chas., age 61, Priv. Co. F, 1st U. S. R. C.  
 Mohrhardt, F., age 76, Maj. 15th Mo. Inf.  
 Dietzler, G., age 69, Priv. Co. I, 40th Mo. V. Inf.  
 Ballard, Thomas, age 76, Seaman U. S. S. Indicator.  
 Ost, Louis, age 71, 3d Sgt. Melters Cav.  
 Lenhorr, Edward, age 62, Priv. Co. B. 15th Mo. Inf.  
 14 Bryan, Taylor, age 58, Priv. 155th Pa. V. I.  
 McCulley, Richard N., age 61, Priv. Co. K, 7 Ills. V. I.  
 Spencer, Galen.  
 16 Lawrence, John H., Col. 13th Ind.  
 17 Rogers, Jarvis S., age 77, Capt. Co. E, 44th O. V. I.  
 19 Leavy, Wm., age 77, Priv. Co. A, 18th Mo. Vol. Inf.  
 20 Lonergan, P. F., Mus. Co. A, 5th M. S. M.  
 21 Pixler, B. F., age 60, Corp. Co. B, 43d Mo. Inf.  
 22 Johnson, Francis M., Priv. Co. I, 51st Mo. Vol.  
 Pierson, James, Priv. Co. B, 3 Iowa Cav.  
 Ketrow, Alfred H., Priv. Co. K, 33d O. V. I.  
 Albertson, Daniel C., Priv. Cos. B & H, 139th & 147th Ind. Inf.  
 23 Steiner, A., Priv. Co. D, 9th M. S. M.  
 Miller, Ellison, Priv. Co. F, 1st Mo. Cav.  
 Gillespie, W. B. C., Capt. Co. G, 41st Ills.  
 26 Cox, William, age 76, Priv. Co. C, 1st Tenn. Cav.  
 Requa, William, age 56, 2d Lieut. 2d Kan. Bat.  
 29 Raynard, Joshua L., age 61, Priv. 2d Mo. Cav.  
 Hughes, Harrison, age 68, Priv. Co. L, 7th M. S. M.  
 32 Naylor, I. F., age 71, Priv. Co. F, 187th Ohio Inf.  
 42 Kietley, Joseph, age 64, Priv. Co. D, 47th U. S. C. T.  
 43 Blair, Robert, age 74, Priv. Co. I, 35th Ohio.  
 Cameron, John, age 78, Priv. Co. B, U. S. R. C.  
 48 Wallace, J. C., Capt. Co. E, 12th Ohio Inf.  
 Thomas, J. C., Priv. Co. I, 188th Ohio Inf.  
 53 Leipfert, Fred, age 70, Priv. Co. C, 5th Mo. Vol. Cav.  
 Barrett, Martin L., age 69, Priv. Co. G, 110th Ills. Vol. Inf.  
 54 Sprigg, Zachariah, age 85, Priv. Co. I, 3d M. S. M.  
 57 Hatfield, Alfred, age 70, Priv. Co. I, 23d Mo. Inf.  
 60 Williams, John H., age 59, Priv. Co. E, 6 Wis. Inf.  
 68 Sheble, Mathias, age 75, Corp. Co. G, 176th Ohio Inf.  
 69 Robards, E. M., age 64, Priv. Co. E, 1st N. Y. Art.  
 Bennett, L. G., age 60, Major Co. E, 36th Ills. Inf.  
 Johnson, James, age 69, Capt. Co. K, 71st Ohio Inf.



- Adams, John, age 65, Capt. Co. E, Phelps Reg.
- 72 Carhart, F. N.  
Buren, F. F.  
Dyer, Thos.
- 78 Murphy, John, Sr., age 79, Priv. Co. E, 1st Mo. Cav.  
Loun, Conrad, age 63, Priv. Co. G, M. S. M. Cav.
- 79 Cisco, James, age 71, Priv. Co. L, 12th Mo. Cav.
- 81 Fagin, S. T., age 66, Corp. Co. E, 39th Ohio.  
Hahn, James, age 71, Priv. Co. E, 39th Ohio.
- 82 Lewis, Thomas G., age 71, Priv. Co. D, 9th M. S. M. Cav.
- 86 Stewart, A., age 70, Priv. Co. G, 3d Mo.  
Sibbald, W. H., age 62, Priv. Co. F, 1st N. Y. Dragoons.  
Cook, Joseph, Priv. Co. G, 38th Wis. Vol.
- 88 Siberts, James F., Sergt. Co. D, 180th Ohio.
- 90 Melcher, Casper, age 78, Priv. Co. L, 8th M. S. M.
- 92 Davis, John H., age 71, Priv. Co. A, 43d Ind. Inf.
- 96 Sutherland, John A., age 68, Priv. Co. I, 32d Ills. Inf.
- 97 Berhorst, Stephen, 10th Mo. Cav.
- 107 Grambs, Chas. B., Priv. Co. B, 56th N. Y.  
Schwidde, Wm., Priv. Co. B, 4th U. S. R. C.  
Horstbrink, Herman, Priv. Co. A, 4th Mo. Inf.  
Schuermann, Aug., Priv. Co. F, 5th U. S. R. C.  
Snyder, John, age 83, Priv. Co. F, 3d S. M.
- 109 Webb, Harry, age 68, Priv. Co. D, 38th Iowa.
- 124 Robinson, William P., age 75, Col. 23d Mo. Inf.  
Williams, Alpheus A., age 70, O. S. Co. G, 6th Mo. S. M. Cav.
- 131 McClellan, J. W., age 62, Act'g Ass't Paymaster U. S. N.  
Zener, Mat., age 68, Priv. Co. C, 18th Ind. Inf.  
Pollard, H. M., age 68, Major 8th Vt. Inf.  
Koniuszeski, L. E., age 69, Major 26th Mo. Inf.  
Swan, W. B., age 61, Priv. Co. F, Merrill's Horse.  
Colby, H. D., age 73, 1st Lieut. Co. A, 3d Ills. Lt. Art.  
McBride, A., age 64, Priv. Co. F, 11th Ills. Cav.  
Thompson, W. L., age 71, 1st Sergt. Co. A, 90th Pa. Inf.  
Kauffman, J. W., age 60, Sergt. Co. G, 11th Iowa Inf.  
Everist, A. M., age 59, Lieut. & Capt. Co. E & D, 18th Mo. Inf.  
Nash, Henry T., age 64, 2d Lieut. Co. E, 84th Ohio Inf.  
Boutell, Ira, age 68, Lt. Col. 6th Mo. Inf.  
Gerould, M. L., age 62, A. A. Surg. U. S. N.  
Thompson, S. D., age 61, Capt. Co. I, 3d U. S. C. H. Art.  
Mitchell, M. L., age 64, Sergt. Co. G, 40th Mo. Inf.
- 134 Moore, S. F., age 68, Priv. Co. D, 100 Pa.  
Smith, Alfred, Priv. Co. B, 22d Iowa Inf.
- 141 Halt, H. J. M., age 65, Priv. Co. M, 5th Tenn.  
Merritt, Joseph P., Priv. Co. G, 1 Ark. Cav.

- 145 Gaston, Wm.  
Blankenship, R.  
Adams, Wm.
- 152 Pile, Charles, age 64, Priv. Co. C, 144th Ills. Inf.  
Grauer, Louis, age 69, Priv. Co. D, Pacific Batl. Mo. H. G.
- 160 Carpenter, A. J., age 64, Priv. Co. C, 4th Mich. Inf.
- 161 Delaplaine, Geo. W., age 69, Priv. Co. I, 8th Mo. Cav.  
O'Bannon, John, age 59, Sgt. Co. I, 16th Mo. Cav.
- 162 Livingood, Samuel, age 60, Priv. Co. H, 51st Mo. Inf.
- 171 Bell, Wm. J., Priv. Co. K, 1st Mass.  
Ogle, Elbert, Sgt. Co. A, 31st Mo.  
Latier, Samuel W., Priv. Co. I, 11th Ills. Cav.
- 172 French, Chas., Priv. Co. K, 190th V. I.  
Chitwood, J. M., Priv. Co. A, 6th Ind.
- 173 Rabich, Henry, age 75, Sergt. Co. I, 1st Mo. Eng.  
Henze, Henry, age 74, Priv. Co. I, 1st Mo. Eng.  
Kopper, Henry, age 68, Priv. Co. I, 1st Mo. Eng.  
Brown, Jno. M., Priv. Co. F, 15th Ills. Cav.
- 179 Blanchard, H. M., Priv. Co. K, 2d Iowa Cav.
- 180 Bretz, Isaac, Priv. 112th Pa.  
Prine, F. N., Priv. Co. F, 14th Kan.
- 184 Crites, Conrad, age 63, Priv. Cos. A & K, 12th & 3d M. S. M. C.
- 189 Aldrich, Lyman, age 67, Priv. Co. C, 9th Vt. Inf.  
Vankirk, Wm., age 77, Priv. Co. D, 37th Ind. Vols.  
Damm, Wm., age 61, Priv. Co. K, 3d Ind. Cav.  
Richards, G. F., Sergt.  
Sears, Amos, age 85, Priv. Co. B, 101 O. V. I.
- 194 Mayer, W. R., Sergt. Co. H, 11th Ohio.
- 207 Combes, Henry, age 59, Priv. Co. I, 60th U. S. C. T.
- 210 Davis, William, age 81, Priv. Co. A, 6th M. S. M.  
Rippy, J. H., age 66, Priv. Co. H, 11th Iowa Inf.  
Brink, C. H., age 73, Priv. Co. H, 1st Cal. Vol. Cal.
- 215 Meyer, H. W., Priv. Co. K, 13th Mo. Inf.  
Marks, Wm., Priv. Co. F, 47th Mo. Inf.
- 221 Boring, Henry, age 60, Priv. Cos. B & K, 40th & 149th Ohio Inf.  
Kennada, Wm. B., age 70, Priv. Co. K, 48th Ohio Inf.
- 233 Voelker, Michael, age 71, Priv. Co. I, 1 Regt. Cav. Vol.
- 237 Settle, John M., age 63, Priv. Co. G, 18th Iowa Inf.
- 239 Kellerhols, J. A., age 68, Priv. Co. C, 32d Mo.  
Gildea, John, age 64, Priv. Co. G, 1st Minn. H. Art.  
Carberry, E., Priv. Co. B, 67th Ills. Inf.  
Quackenbush, P., Priv. Co. E, 7th Ind. Vols.
- 240 Zimmer, John, age 69, Priv. Co. B, 2d Mo. Cav.  
Fisher, John, age 72, Priv. Co. D, 92d O. Inf.
- 243 Dollins, John C., age 63, Priv. Co. F, 3d Ky. Vol.

- Lutes, William H., age 71, Priv. Co. E, 10th Iowa Inf.  
 Hadley, David W., age 64, Priv. Co. H, 39th Iowa Inf.
- 251 Hardy, George J., age 85, Priv. Co. H, 21st Ky.  
 Putnam, H. B., Corp. Co. K, 5 Ills. Inf.
- 257 Shipp, Robert, age 71, Priv. Co. E, 117th Ills.
- 259 Ritter, Richardson, age 55, Priv. Co. C, 6th Mo. Inf.
- 260 Fowler, James, age 65, Priv. Co. B, 9th Ills. Inf.  
 Andrews, M. A., age 67, Priv. Co. C, 118th Ills. Inf. Mt.
- 264 McFadden, James, age 69, Sergt. Co. K, 16th Ohio Inf.
- 268 Hartman, John T., age 80, Priv. Co. E, 9th Mo. S. M.  
 Keiser, George, age 74, Priv. Co. H, 18th Mo. Inf.  
 Foggin, John E., age 65, Sergt. Co. H, 9th Mo. S. M.
- 273 Caddenbach, Jas., age 76, Priv. Co. G, 2d Kan. Cav.
- 274 Kempt, T., Priv. Co. C, 6th Mo. Cav.
- 276 Moser, J. N. E., Capt. Co. E, 43d E. M. M.  
 Smadley, Robt., Priv. Co. D, 6th W. Va.  
 Nichles, Peter O., Sgt. Co. E, 43d E. M. M.
- 282 Whiteman, Thomas J., age 65, Capt. Co. K, 93d U. S. C. I. Vols.
- 286 Gibson, James, age 57, Priv. Co. E, 62d U. S. C. T.
- 287 Laughlin, James M., Priv. Co. B, 6th Iowa Inf.
- 289 Veigle, Charles, Priv. Co. F, 3d Mo.  
 Page, Joseph, Priv. Co. G, 3d Mo.
- 297 Jones, Lewis, Priv. Co. G, 132d Pa. Vols.
- 303 Harris, Warren, age 72, Priv. Co. F, 58th Ind. Inf.
- 314 Bohle, Wm., Priv. 1st Inf. M. H. G.  
 Lux, John, Priv. 22d Ohio.
- 324 Isom, James I., age 61, Priv. Co. I, 26th Mo.
- 326 Gegg, Wendell, age 74, Priv. Co. C, 8th M. M. S.  
 Kunkle, And., age 62, Priv. Co. K, 47th Mo.  
 Stockton, James A., age 66, Lieut. Co. I, 133d Ohio.
- 330 Vaughn, Edwin P., age 60, Priv. Co. I, 8th Mo. Cav.  
 Jones, W. B., Priv. Co. E, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
- 332 Krog, Albert, Priv. Co. A, Home Guard.
- 339 Brown, Wm. J., age 54, Priv. Co. K, 6th E. M. M.
- 343 Hamlin, E. L., Priv. Co. C, 88th U. S. C. T.  
 Harris, Wm., Priv. Co. B, 55th U. S. C. T.  
 Alexander, Wm., Priv. Co. A, 56th U. S. C. T.
- 348 Jarrett, Wm., Priv. Co. K, 27th Mo. Inf.  
 Govoro, Frank, Priv. Co. I, 1st Mo. L. A.  
 Kine, Chas. F., Sergt. Co. H, 47th Mo. Inf.
- 358 Mathes, James E., Priv. Co. E, 7th Mo. Cav.
- 374 Welty, Charles, age 61, Priv. Co. D, 161st O. V. Inf.
- 377 Roper, G. W., age 60, Priv. 15th Iowa.  
 Kessinger, Jacob, Priv. Co. K, 5th Kan.
- 384 Bugby, C. H., Priv. Co. A, 3d Vt. Inf.

- 387 McFall, J. W., age 73, Priv. Co. I, 41st Ills.  
Ranismer, Jake, age 68, Priv. Co. H, 1st Vet. R. C.  
Whiteman, Jackson, age 54, Priv. Co. F, 154th O. V. I.
- 407 Pender, Wm. H.
- 417 Caton, N. C., Priv. Co. D, E. M. M.
- 425 Sutliff, Henry, Priv. Co. K, Osage Co. H. Guards.  
Vaughan, Reuben, Priv. Co. B, 33d Mo.
- 429 Lusk, L. C., Priv. Co. B, 1st Tenn. Art.  
Miller, R., Priv. Co. H, 1st Ind. Art.  
Davis, Wm. G., Priv. Co. E, 49th Ills.
- 432 Smith, Jacob, age 76, U. S. C. T.
- 447 Winestverfer, Josef, age 65, Priv. Co. D, 4th R. Corps.
- 453 Hudson, James D., age 64, Priv. Co. H, Henderson Regt.
- 458 Stansberry, M. E., Corp. Co. C, 18th Mo.  
Lamb, A. J., Sergt. Co. B, 156th Ills. Inf.
- 466 Bland, D. L. S., age 66, Hospital Steward Co. H, 49th Mo. Inf.
- 472 Rogers, Jos. T. B., age 68, Priv. Co. G, 11th Ind. Inf.
- 481 Lloyd, Thos. E., age 83, Priv. Co. F, 111th O. V. I.
- 496 Keller, John G., age 76, Musician Fremont's Body Guard.  
Arp, Eggert, age 64, Teamster Arsenal Department.  
Boll, M., age 75, Priv. Co. E, 1st U. S. R. C.  
Laupp, C., age 78, Corp. Co. D, 2d U. S. R. C.  
Messmer, Florian, age 80, Priv. Co. I, 40th Mo. Inf.  
Vierheller, Adam, age 64, Priv. Co. H, 4th U. S. R. C.  
Wirth, J. F., age 62, Priv. Co. I, 2d Mo. Inf. Vol.  
Schroth, John, age 65, Priv. Co. B, Fremont's Body Guard.  
Enger, Geo., age 67, Priv. Co. H, 1st Mo. R. C.
- 512 Williams, J. L., Priv. Co. A, 45th Mo.
- 515 Evans, W. H., Priv. 126th Ills. Inf.
- 517 Huston, Thos. J., age 84, Corp. Co. D, 25th Iowa Inf.
- 525 Mohn, Henry, age 84, Priv. Co. I, 2d Pa. Cav.  
Glover, Aaron, age 62, Priv. 3d M. S. M.
- 551 Scott, Ebzumer, age 60, Priv. Co. D, 23d Mo. Inf.
- 566 Myers, Lambert, Priv. Co. C, 180th O. V. I.
- 567 Stidger, O. P., Priv. Co. A, 19th O. V. I.
- 575 Ross, W. F., age 69, Priv. Co. A, 3d W. Va. Cav.
- 576 Deus, Charles, age 81, Capt. Co. M, 1st N. M. Cav.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., April 20, 1905.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri G. A. R.

Comrade—I have the honor herewith to submit my report as Judge Advocate of the Department.

During the year no matters of controversy of any character have been referred to me for consideration.

Congratulating the fraternity on the harmony and good fellowship which pervades it, and renders the office of Judge Advocate an unnecessary and superfluous one, I remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

C. A. MOSMAN,

Judge Advocate.

## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

St. Louis, Mo., April 8, 1905.

JERE. T. DEW, Esq., Department Commander:

Comrade—The reports of the Surgeon General, Medical Directors of Departments and Surgeons of all Posts having been abolished, therefore I have none officially.

Permit me however to say that I feel confident, wherever the Post Surgeon is a physician he will voluntarily perform his duty as such; that is, he will especially take care of needy comrades and their families in time of sickness, to which I called their attention in General Orders No. 6.

Very respectfully in F. C. and L.

EDWARD BORCK,

Medical Director.

## REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

LEBANON, MO., April 20, 1905.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Comrade: I have the honor as Chief Mustering Officer of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., to submit my report, thanking the Department Commander for the honor conferred by my appointment. The duties of the position during the year have been very light, but one Post having been mustered, viz.:

U. S. Grant Post, No. 579, Pilot Knob, Iron county, Mo., September 17th, 1904, by Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, with thirteen charter members, Jehu Jones, Post Commander, Middlebrook, Mo.

Yours in F. C. and L.

C. W. RUBEY,  
Chief Mustering Officer.

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

BOWLING GREEN, MO., April 6, 1905.

Commander and Comrades: Again in the Providence of God we are permitted to assemble in our Annual Encampment and grasp each other by the hand and touch elbows as in other days. May we all rejoice that we are permitted to live to enjoy this grand heritage we helped to save.

Memorial Day was observed by thousands of our patriotic citizens, who with loving hearts and willing hands decorated the sacred mounds of those who gave their lives that this Nation might be one and inseparable forever. Comrades, let us always remember when the Emblem of Liberty is placed on the grave, that the hero in the narrow house beneath the flag carried it to victory. The boys who carried the star-spangled banner believed that native land embraced all—mother, wife, children, sisters and lovers, and if country was gone, then all was gone; if country and homes were safe, then all were safe.

First, the Cross—type of love and good will towards men. Next, the Stars and Stripes—flag of the free, symbol of hope to the down-trodden and life to the perishing.

“No matter how the strife befell,  
 To you, dear flag, the day was given;  
 And all again with rapture swell  
 To see it float supreme in heaven.”

I herewith submit a detailed report as follows:

#### MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts reporting services .....	145
Number of sermons preached .....	145
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	51
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans .....	40
Number of sermons preached by others.....	54
Number of comrades present at such services .....	3500
Number of Woman's Relief Corps participating with Posts at such services .....	50
Number of members of Woman's Relief Corps attending such services .....	1000
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans attending such services.....	25
Number of Sons of Veterans attending such services .....	250

#### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	160
Number of comrades participating in Memorial Day services.....	4500
Number of Woman's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day services .....	51
Number of members of Woman's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day services.....	1200
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans participating in Memorial Day services .....	25
Number of Sons of Veterans participating in such services .....	255
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated .....	324
Number of graves decorated .....	19000
Number of graves unmarked by head stone .....	300
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day services.....	100
Number of pupils participating in Memorial Day services.....	6500
Number of other organizations participating in Memorial Day services .....	60
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day.....	160
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	60
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	40
Number of addresses delivered by others .....	60
Number of Posts having burial plats .....	40

**My Comrades:** Old Time has removed the bloom of youth from the face, and our step is not so quick as in the morning of life; many of us move slowly with bent forms, dim eyes, hair streaked with gray, faces wrinkled, limbs trembling under the weight of years, telling us that very soon the last day's march will be made. May we spend the evening of life as true soldiers of Jesus Christ, having on the whole armor of God; may we fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life.

Yours in F. C. and L.

**T. J. FERRIL,**  
Department Chaplain.



On motion the Commander's address and Officers' reports were referred to committees.

The Senior Vice Department Commander announced the following committee on the address of the Department Commander:

Past Commander-in-Chief Warner, and Past Department Commanders Martin, Sterrett, Benecke and Whitehead.

The Department Commander announced the following committees:

On reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, Chaplain, Medical Director, Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering officer:

J. H. Frick, Post 197; J. G. Grems, Post 21; Past Department Commander Jno. W. Scott.

On report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General:

J. B. Wilde, Post 131; E. M. Mitchell, Post 282; J. W. Beach, Post 7.

On motion the following committees were also appointed:

On resolutions: Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton; H. R. Parsons, Post 221; Hiram Crampton, Post 8; J. W. Moore, Post 276; W. F. Silverwood, Post 1.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Department Commander John P. Platt, Archibald Carr, Post 2; Francis P. Becker, Post 13.

To visit Ladies' of the G. A. R.: Past Department Commander W. F. Henry; G. A. Douglas, Post 78; A. A. Prall, Post 131.

To visit Sons of Veterans: D. P. Stubblefield, Post 33; John B. Jones, Post 331; Wm. Greer, Post 23.

The Department Commander appointed Past Department Commanders Martin, Benecke and Whitehead to meet Past Commander-in-Chief Warner, who was soon to arrive, and escort him to the Encampment

The committee soon returned with their distinguished comrade and he was introduced by Comrade Martin as plain Comrade Warner, notwithstanding his new dignities and distinction as the "Mysterious Stranger" from Missouri.

Comrade Warner was received with great enthusiasm, and

addressed the Encampment briefly to the effect that he had not changed his colors with his title, (he was wearing a grey suit.) He was pleased to be with the comrades and thanked them for their warm and kindly greeting; for whatever of good fortune or distinction had come to him, he was indebted in large part to the friendship and devotion of his old comrades. Whether in prosperity or adversity, in health or in sickness his heart will ever go out to them in kindly sympathy.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the National Encampment, in order that time might be had for printing the ballots.

Past Department Commander Sterrett moved to proceed at this time to the nomination and election of a Representative-at large, which motion was carried, and he placed in nomination Comrade Geo. D. Reynolds, of Post No. 1, St. Louis. The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander Benecke and others, and on motion the rules were suspended and Comrade Reynolds was elected by acclamation.

The following nominations for Representatives were then made, and placed in the order beginning with the highest numbered Post, in accordance with a former resolution of the Encampment:

WM. LOWE, Post No. 566, Warrensburg  
 JOHN STUPP, Post No. 496, St. Louis  
 JNO. M. WILLIAMS, Post No. 276 California  
 WM. H. MARSHALL, Post No. 243, Willow Springs  
 H. R. PARSONS, Post No. 221, Novelty  
 R. M. GRIGGS, Post No. 221, Novelty  
 JNO. H. FRICK, Post No. 197, Warrenton  
 N. T. MOORE, Post No. 190, Webb City.  
 H. A. ASTHOLZ, Post No. 173 Cape Girardeau  
 FRANCIS BALTZER, Post No. 158 Bethel  
 JAMES B. WILDE, Post No. 131, St. Louis  
 G. F. HAND, Post No. 119, Stanberry  
 JOSEPH MORGAN, Post No. 110, Kahoka  
 H. G. ORTON, Post No. 79, Princeton  
 J. R. MILNER, Post No. 69, Springfield  
 J. V. MARTIN, Post No. 57, Brookfield  
 VICTOR AUBREY, Post No. 47, Green City  
 D. F. PIPPIER, Post No. 36, Clarence  
 D. P. STUBBLEFIELD, Post No. 33, Kingston

G. P. CUNNINGHAM, Post No. 22, Kirksville  
 S. S. RILEY, Post No. 16, Carthage  
 ERNEST KRETSCHMAR, Post No. 13, St. Louis  
 J. A. HAYES, Post No. 8, Kansas City  
 THOMAS W. EVANS, Post No. 7, St. Joseph  
 P. J. McLAUGHLIN, Post No. 4 Kansas City  
 W. P. SILVERWOOD, Post No. 1, St. Louis

The following cablegram was received from Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, and read to the Encampment, receiving great applause.

ROME, ITALY, 5—17, 1905.

GEO. W. MARTIN, Brookfield, Mo.: I send sincere greeting to all the members of the Encampment, and congratulate them upon meeting in Brookfield, and having in their midst for the first time as a member of their organization a U. S. Senator, who will grace the position and serve all the people in such a manner as will reflect credit upon him, upon the G. A. R., and the great state of Missouri. LEO. RASSIEUR.

Comrade Kimball, Post 131, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on resolutions:

“RESOLVED: That candidates for delegates to the National Encampment shall be placed in nomination and their names announced while the Encampment is in session, and no comrade whose Post is represented in the Department Encampment shall be nominated except by or with the approval of such delegates.”

On motion of Comrade Burton, the choosing a location for the next Department Encampment and the election of officers, was made the special order at the afternoon session.

Announcement was made that there would be a parade at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon upon the adjournment of the Encampment, also that there would be a camp-fire at the Church this evening at 8 o'clock.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock, p. m.

#### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 17th.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade George D. Reynolds, under instructions from Frank





**CHARLES G. BURTON,  
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

P. Blair Post No. 1, offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote of the Encampment with great enthusiasm:

*“Resolved, That this Encampment instructs its representatives to present to the 39th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Denver, Colorado, the name of our Comrade, Past Department Commander CHARLES G. BURTON, for Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

A brave and gallant soldier of the Union, a volunteer when but fifteen years of age, he served well and faithfully as a private in the 19th Ohio Infantry.

Coming to Missouri at the close of the war, he took up the duties of a citizen, by his brilliant work rapidly rising to a high place in his chosen profession, serving with great distinction and honor as Judge of the Circuit Court and later as member of Congress. He has the profound respect and unbounded confidence of all his fellow citizens.

As a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic he has been ever loyal and zealous in its cause. For four years a member of the National Committee on Pensions, now and for two years last past its chairman, he has done faithful service and through his work on that great committee has become known to all his comrades.

If called to the execution of this great trust we pledge that he will give our order an able, progressive and honorable administration.”

Comrade Burton being loudly called for, responded as follows:

COMMANDER AND COMRADES: For your resolution and your manifestation of confidence and esteem therein contained, I am profoundly grateful. Next to the Church of the Living God, the Grand Army of the Republic is the greatest organization known among men. It is exceedingly democratic. The commander of the Army of the Union and the private soldier therein are of equal rank in its councils and encampments.

A private in the Army of the Cumberland, I was too young, both in years and experience, to be entrusted with the command of others; but I am thankful that the records show that I did my duty faithfully and well.

As a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have been the recipient of many favors at your hands. Should the National Encampment bestow upon me the baton of marshalship, I can only promise you renewed efforts in behalf of my comrades and the widows and orphans of those who have been mustered out. Should it be placed in the hands of some other comrade, of whom thousands and thousands are worthy, you and I, my comrades of the Department of Missouri will render him loyal support.

The Department Commander announced that the Encampment was honored by the presence of another distinguished visitor, Past Commander-in-Chief Ell Torrance, of Minnesota, and appointed Comrades Warner and Burton to escort him to the platform where he was introduced in a few happy remarks by Comrade Warner, and welcomed to the Encampment by the Department Commander.

Comrade Torrance in response said: "I was formerly a resident of Brookfield, five of our children were born here and one lies buried in the near-by cemetery, whose grave myself and wife have not seen for twenty-four years. We had therefore decided this a fitting occasion to visit our old Missouri home, the scenes of our early married life. I am glad for a moment to commune with my comrades and friends, though many of your faces are not familiar; still I feel I am in a circle of friends and know I am a welcome guest.

More than forty years ago, from the Wilderness to Atlanta, with the Union armies you were engaged in a supreme effort to re-establish and maintain the integrity of the Republic. Not one regrets what he has done for his country. You and I may think we have done but little, but when each has done what he could, because of the love in his heart for our country, all these toils and trials and dangers have been turned into blessings.

I am greatly pleased at the action you have taken in regard to Comrade Burton. He is known far beyond the boundaries of Missouri, so well that if your department had waited longer some other department would have brought him forward. I had the honor to first appoint him as a member of the Committee on Pensions, of which he is now the chairman. I knew I was making no mistake. That committee has performed its work so well that there was nothing left to do but to endorse and adopt the reports. I will not detain you longer. I expect to remain until the end of the Encampment.

The Department Commander announced as the special order the selection of the place of meeting for the Encampment next year.

Comrade A. N. Seaber, of Post 22, now residing at Jefferson City, Mo., presented the claims of that city and an invitation

from the Post and Commercial Club, supplemented by an assurance that Governor Folk would do all in his power to make our meeting a pleasant one.

Comrade L. A. Filmore, Post 14, proposed the city of Joplin, in a few well-chosen remarks, and sent up to the Asst. Adjt. Genl. to be read, the invitation of O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, the Commercial Club and the Mayor and City Council of Joplin.

Jefferson City was seconded by Comrades Sterrett, Post 1; Kimball, Post 131; Munchrath, Post 13; Platt, Post 17; Henry, Post 8.

Joplin was seconded by Comrades Erdman, Post 506, and Love, Post 14.

The question being put by a rising vote, it was found that the Encampment was nearly unanimously in favor of Jefferson City, and the Department Commander declared that to be the place selected.

On motion the Encampment then took a recess until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 18th.

The Encampment met at 9 o'clock on Thursday Morning May 18th, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade T. D. Kimball, Post 131:

When a comrade, traveling for recreation in a foreign land, surrounded by the diversions and attractions of a beautiful and picturesque region, is thoughtful enough of his far away friends to remember them by a lengthy telegraphic message, he deserves special recognition at our hands. I therefore move the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the Department Commander is hereby instructed to convey to Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur the sincere thanks of this Encampment for his friendly remembrance, assure him of our fraternal regard, bid him 'God speed' in his journeying, and express our earnest hope for his safe return."

The motion was seconded by Comrade Benecke, and the resolution was adopted by the Encampment.



A committee from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps was announced and escorted to the platform. They were Past Department Presidents Stiesmeier, Bronson, Hollen E. Day, Russell, Scott, Dockery, Parker, Van Slyke, and Sparklin.

Mrs. Bronson presented the report which follows, preceded by suitable patriotic and feeling remarks.

BROOKFIELD, MO., May 18th, 1905

To *Jere. T. Dew, Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:*

I respectfully submit the following report of the work accomplished by the Womans' Relief Corps auxiliary to your grand and unexcelled organization.

Cash Relief expended for the year.....	\$613.19
Estimated value of relief.....	929 25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1542.44</b>
Soldiers and their families.....	422
Members " " ".....	161
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>583</b>
Sent to Soldier's Home on Christmas.....	\$40.00
Sent to Soldier's Home May 10th, 1905, Two lawn benches, Two rockers, value.....	10.50

We desire to impress on the Grand Army of the Republic our earnest desire to serve you to the best of our ability. Whatever may be our difference of opinion we beg you to never question our loyalty and our faithfulness to the beloved men who spent the best years of their life so that our nation might live.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JULIA S. HENGELSBERG,

*Dep't President.*

Mrs. Day read a report of a committee in regard to the St. James Soldiers' Home, made to the W. R. C. Convention, severely criticising the management of the Home, and adopted by that body and requested to be read to the Encampment. On motion the paper was referred to the Committee on Soldiers' Home, of which Past Department Commander Benecke is chairman.

Comrade Benecke, by request of the Department Commander, replied to the greetings of the W. R. C., giving them great credit for their patriotic services both during the war and since. He said there had been no complaint in regard to the management

of the St. James Home while he was president of the Board, that there was probably room for some reforms there, and he was satisfied that Comrade Henry, now a member of the Board, could be relied on to act for the best interests of the Home. He thanked the ladies for their kindly greeting and wished them abundant prosperity in the future.

The ladies were then escorted from the Encampment.

Comrade Burton, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following report:

The only resolution referred to the committee was that of Comrade Kimball in regard to the nomination of representatives to the National Encampment. The committee are unanimously of the opinion that under the Rules and Regulations, candidates for representative must be nominated and elected by the Department Encampment in open session, and therefore the first clause of the resolution merely reiterates the existing law. That the second clause of the resolution is in conflict with the Rules and Regulations in this, that any comrade in good standing is eligible to election as a representative to the National Encampment, whether endorsed by the delegation of his Post or not. The Committee therefore recommends that the resolution lie upon the table.

The committee report the following resolutions:

*Be it Resolved*, That the thanks of the Encampment and of the comrades in attendance are heartily tendered to the people of Brookfield for their royal welcome, generous hospitality and magnificent entertainment. They have made our reunion an exceedingly enjoyable one and each and every comrade will ever remember May 16th and 17th, 1905.

To the comrades of O. H. Wood Post No. 57, we are especially grateful. Time has not lessened, nor age diminished the fervor of their comradeship. We are doubly indebted to the First M. E. Church of Brookfield, for the use of their beautiful temple. Erected and dedicated to the worship of the one true and living God, around its altar, and within its sacred precincts we renew our devotion to the practice of those Christian virtues which are the cardinal principles of our order, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

CHAS. G. BURTON,  
J. W. MOORE,  
H. R. PARSONS,  
HIRAM CRAMPTON,  
W. F. SILVERWOOD,

*Committee.*

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

Comrade Benecke presented the following report upon the address of the Department Commander, which was, on motion, adopted:

BROOKFIELD, Mo., May 18th, 1905.

**COMRADES:** Your committee to whom was referred the address of our Department Commander, Jere. T. Dew, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the same, and were highly gratified in finding so eloquent a pen picture of the noble work performed by our Department Commander, his staff and the auxillary associations, during the past year.

We heartily endorse the recommendations of our Commander, especially those touching upon the exercise of charity whenever appropriate to retain members in good standing, irrespective of the payment or non-payment of annual dues.

Harmony, good fellowship and fraternal relations have existed in our Department, and under such eminent patriotic guidance as has been extended to our Department by the retiring Department Commander and his staff, is bound to continue to the day when the last one of us answers the final roll call.

Comrade Dew has ably and faithfully discharged all the duties devolving upon him as our Commander, and we recommend that a vote of thanks of this Encampment be extended to him.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WARNER,  
C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
LOUIS BENECKE,  
GEO. W. MARTIN,  
F. M. STERRETT,

*Committee.*

The Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General reported as follows:

BROOKFIELD, Mo., May 17, 1905.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:** We, the committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have carefully read the report.

We congratulate the Department upon its remarkably fine condition, and can but commend in the highest terms the work of our Assistant Adjutant General as shown by the report.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. B. WLIDE,  
E. M. MITCHELL,  
J. W. BEACH,

*Committee.*

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders and other officers, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

BROOKFIELD, MO., May, 18, 1905.

JERE. T. DEW, Department Commander: Your committee on the reports of the Senior Vice and Junior Vice Commanders, Judge Advocate, Medical Director, Chief Mustering Officer, and Department Chaplain, would respectfully report that we have examined their reports, and find them all correct and recommend their adoption.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JNO. H. FRICK,  
J. W. SCOTT,  
JOHN G. GREMS,

*Committee.*

The Department Commander announced that the Encampment would take up the election of Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment.

Comrade Henry moved that the eleven receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected as Representatives, and the twelve receiving the next highest number, as Alternates, which was put to vote and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General announced that his attention had been called to an unfortunate oversight by which the name of Comrade H. G. C. Dammer, Post 554, St. Charles, who had been placed in nomination, was omitted from the list of names on the printed ballot.

The following comrades were appointed tellers to distribute, take up and count the ballots:

Louis Koop, Post 1; E. D. Coe, Post 131; Louis C. Hesse, Post 13; H. T. Holmes, Post 6; J. W. Beach, Post 7; H. C.

Bargar, Post, 88; C. W. Corkran, Post 221; and S. Van Zandt, Post 8.

The ballots were then distributed and taken up, and the tellers retired to count the votes.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans presented themselves, consisting of Past Division Commander Ed. L. Gottschalk, Chas. C. Behnke and Louis Spies, and were escorted to the platform. Mr. Gottschalk extended the greetings of the Sons of Veterans to the Grand Army of the Republic, expressed his pride and pleasure in having the opportunity to do so, and said they held themselves in readiness at all times and in all ways to co-operate with and assist the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and the survivors of the Union Army.

The Department Commander announced that the election of officers was in order, and called for nominations for Department Commander.

Past Department Commander Benecke:

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

I am aware of the fact that our time is limited, hence I shall refrain from extolling the many virtues, and entering into detail of the excellent record as a comrade and active member of our organization, of the one whom I shall nominate for the high office of Department Commander.

Fortunately for my nominee he is no stranger to those of you who have ever attended a State or National Encampment, he requires no introduction to you—but if there are members present who never attend a State Encampment in Missouri, then I want to say to them that my candidate for Department Commander has ever been active and given much of his time for the benefit of our comrades, their wives and orphans. For years has been the Chairman of the G. A. R. Relief Committee of St. Louis, and you could find him day after day devoting his time to the discharge of his laborious duties.

He served with me on the first Board of Trustees of the State Federal Soldiers' Home and as such rendered most important service in bringing it to that degree of perfection which entitles it to the name of the best State Federal Soldiers' Home in this Union. He is a gentleman of leisure and can and will give his time to the advancement of our cause—comrades you know who I mean—it is Comrade Henry Fairback of Harding Post No. 107, St. Louis.

The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commanders Sterrett, Platt and Scott, and by Comrades Carter, Post 7;

Milner, Post 69; Burkhart, Post 158; Carr, Post 2; Munchrath, Post 13; Hess, Post 23; Powell, Post 42; Rubey, Post 48; Fillmore, Post 14; Haynes, Post 160; Butler, Post 343; and Barron, Post 240.

Comrade Nat. Sisson, Post 21:

*Commander and Comrades:*

It gives me pleasure to state, as doubtless it will be gratifying to many of you to learn, that the Western portion of the State has a candidate for the office of Commander of this Department in the person of Comrade H. E. Robinson of Sedgwick Post, No. 21, located at the Queen City of the prairies, Maryville.

We however wish it to be understood, we make no claim for preference by reason of locality. We hold that the comrade who is big enough to be Commander of this Department should have a heart such as Comrade Robinson, big enough to take in the whole map of Missouri without doubling at the corners.

The life history of Comrade Robinson is somewhat unique. He first saw the light of day in the State of Vermont. He was educated in the State of Massachusetts, and as a soldier he went from the State of Wisconsin, in the 16th Vol. Infantry, and for many, many years, so many that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, he has been an adopted son of the Imperial State of Missouri.

He has an enviable record as a soldier. He was not a general, he was not a captain, he was not a colonel, he was a *private soldier*.

Enlisting as a volunteer at the age of seventeen, he with musket in hand, received his baptism of fire at Shiloh.

He was with his command on the Atlanta campaign; he marched with Sherman from Atlanta to the Sea. He heard the darkies shout as they heard the joyful sound; saw the sweet potatoes as they popped from out the ground, ending at last his military career at the grand review in Washington City just forty years ago next Wednesday.

As a Grand Army comrade he may have equals, but no superiors in length of service and devotion to duty. The Civil War over, he returned to the State of Massachusetts, there he became a member of Abraham Lincoln Post No. 11, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic in the year 1866. Comrades, this antedates many if not all of us. Removing to Missouri he became a charter member of Sedgwick Post No. 21, Department of Missouri G. A. R. Since which date there has not been a meeting of Sedgwick Post, an Encampment of the Department of Missouri, nor yet a National Encampment held at which Comrade Robinson has not answered at roll call, either present or accounted for.

In private life, Comrade Robinson as editor and proprietor of one of the leading country newspapers of the State is known and read of all men, and as a long time neighbor and friend of his, I assure you

Comrade Robinson is in every way worthy of our support, and that when you vote for him your confidence will be most worthily bestowed. Therefore, Commander and Comrades, I have the honor for and on behalf of Sedgwick Post No. 21, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to place in nomination for the office of Commander of this Department, private H. E. Robinson, of Missouri.

The nomination of Comrade Robinson was seconded by Comrades Sumner, Post 29; Westbrook, Post 299; Stockton, Post 119; Crampton, Post 8; Shipley, Post 12; and Dockery, Post 22.

On motion, nominations were closed.

The following comrades were appointed tellers: J. R. Milner, Post 69; Thos. J. Dockery, Post 22; L. E. Carter, Post 7; and Arthur Dreifus, Post 1.

A ballot was then had and the tellers retired to count the votes.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander were then called for.

Past Department Commander Sterrett placed in nomination Comrade John M. Williams of Post 276. The nomination was seconded by Comrade Barron, Post 240.

There being no other nominations, Past Department Commander Henry moved that the rules be suspended, and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Williams. The motion was carried and the ballot was cast accordingly, and Comrade John M. Williams was declared duly elected.

Nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander being called for, Past Department Commander Martin nominated Comrade A. J. Lanning of Post 57.

There being no other nomination, on motion of Past Department Commander Burton, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Lanning, which was accordingly done, and Comrade Lanning was declared duly elected.

The tellers made report of the ballot for Department Commander as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 270; of which Comrade Fairback received 164, and Comrade Robinson 106.

Comrade Fairback having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Comrade Robinson, the election of Comrade Fairback was made unanimous.

For Medical Director, Comrade Mosman, Post 7, nominated Comrade Henry N. Keener, Post 7, which was seconded by Comrade Borck, Post 107.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Keener, and he was declared duly elected.

For Chaplain, Comrade Milner, Post 69, nominated Comrade T. J. Ferril. There being no other nomination, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Ferril, and he was declared duly elected.

The following nominations were made for members of the Council of Administration: Ernst Rotteck, Post 1; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; Fred. Wenz, Post 7; John A. Blackwell, Post 82; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8.

On motion the rules were suspended, and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for the five comrades above named and they were declared duly elected.

On motion of Comrade Wilde, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the janitor of the church, the amount reported being over \$12 00.

The Assistant Adjutant General made the following report of the Council of Administration:

BROOKFIELD, May 17th, 1905.

*To the 24th Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:*

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The first meeting of the Council was held at Lexington, Mo., on May 19th, after the adjournment of the Encampment, on call of the Department Commander.

The members present were: Jere. T. Dew, Department Commander; Jno. B. Burris, Junior Vice Department Commander; Dr. Edward Borck, Medical Director; Rev. T. J. Ferril, Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Francis P. Becker, Ernst Rotteck and Henry Fairback, elected members.



The Assistant Adjutant General reported the arrangements which had been made for headquarters at the Boston Encampment, which were on motion approved.

By direction of the Department Commander the selection of the date for the meeting of the 24th Annual Encampment was submitted by letter February 15th, 1905, to the members of the Council of Administration, and all concurring in favor of the dates of May 17th and 18th, 1905, it was so ordered and announced in General Orders No. 6, March 15th, 1905.

The next meeting of the Council was held at Brookfield, Mo., on Tuesday, May 16th, at 4 o'clock p. m., pursuant to call of the Department Commander.

The members present were: Jere. T. Dew, Department Commander; J. V. Martin, Senior Vice Department Commander; John B. Burris, Junior Vice Department Commander; Dr. Edward Borck, Medical Director; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; C. W. Rubey, Chief Mustering Officer; Francis P. Becker, Ernst Rotteck and Henry Fairback, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to annul the charters of the following Posts, heretofore suspended for failing to make reports: Posts 224, 229, 262, 279, 283, 362, 367, 383, 397, 411, 416, 454, 482 and 540.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts, for failing to make reports: Posts 41, 250, 254, 371, 382, 469, 507, 514.

On motion the Council recommended to the Encampment the appropriation of \$200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander made the following report, which was on motion adopted.

*Jere. T. Dew, Department Commander:*

We the undersigned, committee of the Council of Administration appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, have performed their duty for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1905, and report as follows:

Cash Balance, Dec. 31st, 1904.....	\$ 702.54
“ “ April 30th, 1905.....	1079.76

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of keeping his accounts.

FRANCIS P. BECKER,  
EDW. BORCK,  
*Committee.*

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General and Recorder.*

On motion the report with its recommendations was adopted.

The following letter was received from Comrade W. T. Munson, Department Inspector:

TINA, MO. MAY 15th, 1905.

*Department Commander, Jere. T. Dew and Comrades:*

It is my sincere regret that circumstances over which I have no control preclude my attendance at the Encampment. I am aware of the fact that the members of the G. A. R. are growing older and that the time is not far distant when we will not be able to meet in our Encampments. As each succeeding year we find that a good many of our comrades have been mustered out here below and have been entered on the muster rolls above, we should make every effort to attend our Encampments.

It would be a great pleasure to me to be able to attend the encampment at Brookfield and again meet the boys of '61 and '65 and to touch elbows with them again. I know that the good people of Brookfield will give you a royal welcome.

Wishing you a happy meeting and hoping that I may be permitted to assemble with you in future encampments, I am,

Yours Fraternally,

W. T. MUNSON,  
*Dep't Inspector.*

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 1 o'clock P. M.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 18th.

The Encampment met at 1 o'clock, p. m., and was called to order by the Department Commander.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-ninth National Encampment, and the following named comrades were declared elected:

### REPRESENTATIVES.

J. V. Martio, Brookfield.....	232
D. P. Stubblefield, Kingston.....	181
Thos. W. Evans, St. Joseph.....	167
James B. Wilde, St. Louis.....	162
Wm. Lowe, Warrensburg.....	154

J. R. Milner, Springfield.....	149
H. A. Astholz, Cape Girardeau.....	148
Ernest Kretschmar, St. Louis.....	144
W. F. Silverwood, St. Louis.....	128
G. P. Cunningham, Kirksville.....	118
P. J. McLaughlin, Kansas City.....	116

## ALTERNATES,

H. R. Parsons, Edina.....	114
H. G. Orton, Princeton.....	109
J. A. Hayes, Kansas City.....	108
Joseph Morgan, Kahoka.....	107
John H. Frick, Warrenton.....	95
N. T. Moore, Webb City.....	95
Wm. H. Marshall, Willow Springs.....	89
R. M. Griggs, Novelty.....	87
G. F. Hand, Stanberry.....	84
John Stupp, St. Louis.....	59
Victor Aubrey, Green City.....	58
D. F. Pippingier, Clarence.....	46

NOTE.—Comrade John M. Williams, Post 276, received 122 votes. but having been elected Senior Vice Department Commander, his election as representative was vacated and Comrade P. J. McLaughlin, the next highest, was declared elected in his stead.

A letter from Past Chaplain Hagerty and telegrams from Past Department Commanders Bronson and Peterson, expressing regret at being unable to attend the Encampment, with best wishes for a pleasant and successful meeting, were read by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Past Department Commander Henry:

*Department Commander:*

If there is nothing pending before the encampment I desire to say a few words with reference to the State Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James. I suppose that it is generally known that the Governor recently appointed me as one of the members of the Board of Trustees.

We have had two meetings of the Board since my appointment, both of which I have attended. The first one about the first of April and the second one about the first of May. One of the first things that impressed me in visiting the Home, was the general air of contentment that seemed to prevail. Of course, I have had a great many complaints about various things, but there is in the Home as in all institutions of that kind so many classes of people, that it would be impossible I apprehend to conduct the Home so that all would be satisfied.

The first time I visited the Home, as a member of the Board, I reached St. James on Sunday morning and took a good deal of pains in talking, not only with the citizens, but with the members of the Home, in a general way. I found the general expression was that there

were a few things that ought to be regulated, but on the whole it was in excellent condition. I went out to the Home at dinner time, reaching there while the inmates were taking their dinner, and at my own request sat down at the general table. I found that the table was well supplied with good food. Everything was clean and the food was well cooked and well served. The general expression among the inmates is that the Matron, Mrs. Goodall, is a most excellent lady for the place, that it would be very hard to replace her by another as good; that the Superintendent, Comrade Goodall, is inclined to be a little too easy going, but I think that in a place like that it is better to err on the side of leniency than to be too strict.

I understand that while I was absent from the Encampment attending to a duty assigned me upon a committee, that a report had been read to you by a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, in which the Hospital had been quite severely criticised. I did not hear the report, and therefore can not attempt to refer to it only in a general way, as it has been reported to me. Complaints came to me that the Hospital Steward was in the habit of getting intoxicated. I made inquiries in relation to that and I found that he was a most excellent man for the place when sober, but that it was true that he had periodical spells of getting drunk; that the Surgeon discharged him, or rather suspended him, for several months, and upon his showing that he had not drank any for a long time and upon his promise that he would not again, he took him back. I talked with him myself and told him what I had heard, and he told me he had quit and should not give occasion for criticism again. He and others said he had not been drinking for about six months. That was when I was down there about the first of April, but before I went the second time he had fallen again and had been finally discharged by the Surgeon. He is not now in the employ of the hospital.

As I have stated the general condition of the Home is very excellent. Where we find that changes should be made for the betterment of the Home, the Board are seeing that they are made. I believe every member of the Board of Trustees is trying to do the best he can for the old comrades and wives and widows who become inmates of the Institution.

I am told that General Curtis, who is the National Inspector for State Soldiers' Homes, said that this Home is one of the best that he inspected. We have an appropriation made by the last legislature of \$15,000 to build a new dormitory building and \$3,000 for a commissary building and sleeping apartments for the employees; both of these buildings are needed very much and plans are now being drawn for them and they will be built just as rapidly as circumstances will permit. There are some 75 to 100 applications approved but there is not room for them at the home and they have to wait until there is room.

Quite a number have rooms outside of the Home down town and

take their meals at the Home. When the new building is erected we will be able to take care of all present applicants and probably more. The last legislature would have appropriated a larger sum for the erection of a building if it had been asked for, but the trustees in making their estimates, made them as high as they thought would be approved, and when they found the temper of the legislature was more liberal, they could not then, very well, increase their estimate.

We are doing the best we can and rectifying any errors that may be pointed out to us. We can not expect to please everybody nor so conduct the institution that there will be no complaints made by any one, for some people are never so happy as when they are stirring up trouble for some one else.

The Superintendent seems to act upon the policy of giving to the inmates of the Home the largest liberties to every member so long as it does not infringe upon the proper rights and liberties of the others, and I think the course is a wise one.

The Board is contemplating the employment of one or more trained nurses as soon as it can be done—the present Surgeon recommends that to be done and the members of the Board of Trustees are in favor of it. If any one desires any further information that I can give in relation to the Home I shall be very glad to give it if requested.

Past Department Commander Benecke, Chairman of Committee on St. James Soldiers' Home made a verbal report stating that he had not yet had any opportunity to more than hastily run over the report which had been referred to his Committee, and asked leave to report as to that and file same with the Assistant Adjutant General after the Encampment. On motion leave was granted to file a supplemental report.

The following report was on motion adopted:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES: Your Committee on the Soldiers' Home at St. James, Mo., beg leave to report that we have without ostentation co-operated with the Board of Trustees to secure such appropriation at the hands of our State Legislature, as will enable them to make suitable provisions for taking care of all who may become entitled to the benevolent intentions under which the Home was established.

The Rules and Regulations which were prepared and adopted by the first Board of Trustees are comprehensive and animated by a spirit to make this establishment *a Home* in fact as well as in name, for all who are entitled to admission thereto, and as a result a spirit of content and happiness prevails throughout the Institution.

That occasionally some discordant element invades this Home,

is unavoidable, and in the very nature of things will require constant care to reduce it to a minimum.

We hope that the early completion of the new Dormitory will enable the Board of Trustees to admit all worthy comrades, their wives or widows who are entitled to be admitted and there find in it a place where their last declining days may be spent content and in solace till they answer the final roll-call.

That the character of the Home must assume more and more the nature of a hospital, is self evident. The Board of Trustees are anticipating this by making suitable provisions.

We regret that the policy of excluding members of the W. R. C.—first adopted by Governor Dockery—has been followed by Governor Folk. We do believe it essential that some member of the W. R. C. should be on the Board; it would have a great bearing upon the minds of the aged women who are inmates; though the admirable care as taken by Mrs. Goodall, the Matron, of this particular class, makes the loss of such estimable ladies as Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Briggs—who were original members of the Board—felt less than it would be the case without her.

For the maintenance of the Home, including subsistence, medicine, clothing, etc., there was expended during the past two years the sum of \$53,998.23, of which the Federal Government furnished the sum of \$25,023.23, leaving only \$28,975 00 as supplied by our State and individuals.

There were on January 1st, 1905, 240 inmates at the Home, of which one-fourth were women.

The appropriation made by the State Legislature for support during the next two years is as follows:

Appropriated for Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James, as follows:

For salaries of officers, employees, etc.....	\$10,000.00
For support and maintenance.....	20,000.00
For drugs and medicine.....	1,500.00
For general repairs.....	1,500.00
For refurnishing of buildings.....	1,000.00
For new bldg. comisary, Q.M., and sleeping aptmt.	3,000.00
For Dormitory No. 2.....	15,000.00
For furnishing Dormitory No. 2.....	1,500.00
For barns No. 2.....	500 00
For steel water tank.....	500.00

Total, \$54,500.00

Considering all the facts and circumstances from the inception of the establishment of the Home up to date, we can give our comrades the gratifying assurance that the Home has in the past, and undoubtedly will also in the future, prove a great blessing to many of our com-

rades, their wives or widows, without curtailing their self-respect or religious and political liberties as inmates of our Home.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

LOUIS BENECKE,  
J. P. TRACEY,  
HENRY FAIRBACK,  
*Committee.*

The following supplemental report was received by the Assistant Adjutant General and is here inserted as part of the record:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES: Your Committee to whom was referred the Special Report made by Mrs. Hollen E. Day to this Encampment, respectfully submit this supplemental report, touching the points raised thereby.

We submit:

1. The execution of the law and the appointment of members of the Board is left to the discretion of the governor, who may appoint members of the W. R. C. if he sees fit to do so. Your Committee has favored the appointment of members of the W. R. C. on the Board of Trustees for the Home. Governor Stephens appointed Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Briggs, who rendered most valuable service for the advancement of the Home. Governor Dockery preferred to appoint political friends, hence did not re-appoint these patriotic ladies. We unhesitatingly join the W. R. C. in recommending to Governor Folk a return to the original policy as authorized by the law as it still exists.

2. We have reasons to believe that the Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps were laboring under a misapprehension of the facts in regard to several other points presented in their report.

First—The objectionable subordinate in the Hospital had been removed from his position before the W. R. C. Committee made their report. The Board of Trustees had acted on the case upon their own motion immediately after his conduct had been made known.

Second—It would be destructive of discipline to allow each inmate to call for and receive from the Commissary anything that the inmate might decide for himself, and in many cases such privileges would prove harmful to the inmate himself. The Surgeon in charge has authority to prescribe special diet for inmates, and so far as known to your committee, his orders have been carried out by the Superintendent with scrupulous care; hence we disagree with the conclusions of the W.R.C. on that point.

Third—As to pensions. The good ladies of the W. R. C. evidently are not aware of the fact that there are many comrades who, in the early part of the war, responded to the call for three months volunteers, and who rendered most important service at a very critical period of the war, but were honorably discharged before serving as long as 90 days. Inasmuch as their present disabilities were not contracted while

in the service, and furthermore as they did not serve as long as 90 days, they are denied pension under existing laws; yet to deny them admission to the Home would be a great injustice and in contravention of the spirit which ought to control and guide the management of the Home.

There is another class with equal merits, namely certain members of the Missouri Militia who rendered valuable service yet are denied a pension.

Your committee approved the action of the Board of Trustees in admitting members belonging to either of these two classes as inmates of the Home provided they are otherwise entitled.

Fourth—The appointment of the Commissary—Mr. McMasterson—is entirely under the control of the Superintendent, Mr. Goodall. As the ladies of the W. R. C. highly commend the conduct of Mr. Goodall, it must be accepted as an implied endorsement of the Commissary, and hence requires no further comment on our part.

Fifth—Our information does not indicate that it is now or ever was the intention of the present Board of Trustees to establish a ward for the women inmates; all the buildings erected or planned to be erected since liberal appropriations have been made, are so arranged as to provide as many rooms as possible suitable for the occupation of two persons only. We have no doubt that the same policy will be pursued in the future.

Finally—Your Committee, while highly appreciating the seal of the ladies of the W. R. C., believe it to be to the interest of the inmates of the Home and its management, not to give publicity to complaints without first ascertaining the true condition connected with the supposed or real evil complained of, and then if found to justify further action, to first submit conclusions with such recommendations as may be proper to the Officers in charge of the Home, and only as a last resort make it subject to public report.

Respectfully submitted.

LOUIS BENECKE,  
J. P. TRACEY,  
HENRY FAIRBACK,  
*Committee.*

Comrade Milner offered the following resolution which was on motion adopted:

**RESOLVED**, That the Trustees of the St. James Soldiers' Home be requested to give preference in admission to soldiers with their wives over those who are alone and can go to our National Homes.

On motion of the Assistant Adjutant General the thanks of the Encampment were tendered to the Officer of the Day, Officer



of the Guard and Sentinels for their faithful services during the sessions of the Encampment.

The Department Commander, Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders were then installed by Past Department Commander George W. Martin. The Medical Director and Chaplain were absent.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was duly installed.

Department Commander Fairback thanked the installing officers and addressed the Encampment as follows:

I thank you, comrades, from the bottom of my heart for the honor you have conferred on me in electing me as your Department Commander. It is indeed a special privilege to be a successor of such splendid comrades who have filled the office from the time of Warner in 1882 to Dew in 1905. Many of these Past Department Commanders have been called by their fellow citizens to fill official places in civil life, which they have at all times done with honesty, ability and honor, not only to the citizens of the State, but in the halls of National Legislation.

There is no question but that we of Missouri have one of the very best, united and harmonious departments of our splendid organization. Let us keep along these lines and work unselfishly for the good of the Order. Let there be no cold reserve between comrades whether in the Post room or in our daily avocations of life. Let us see to it that every worthy veteran not in our ranks becomes a member of the Order.

If the prominent, leading comrades attend at each Post meeting and make such assembling interesting and cheerful, we will then see that all the comrades who can possibly attend will be present.

I should recommend to each Post to carefully preserve all of the papers and records, especially papers read at the meetings which are historic and of value, which we to-day do not appreciate, but which in the course of time will be priceless to our descendants and the country. Let us extend our loyalty, fraternity and charity not only to our own members, but the W. R. C. the Ladies of the G. A. R. and to our Sons of Veterans who will have to in time be our successors.

Again, comrades, my heartfelt thanks are extended to one and all and may you on your return home extend a patriotic message to the comrades and enjoy a long pleasant life and a prosperous one.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans reported that their Encampment had not been visited, whereupon the Department Commander appointed a new Committee, Comrades Henry, Milner and Whitehead, with instructions to go at once.

A committee from the ladies of the G. A. R., consisting of Mrs. A. A. Taylor, Mrs. J. O. Andrews, Mrs. Golden Kennedy and Miss Eugenia Filkins, appeared and were escorted to the platform. They extended the greetings of their Convention in brief and well chosen remarks and were received by the Department Commander who requested Past Department Commander Dew to respond, which he did in his usual happy style.

Comrade Henry was called on and sang "We have drank from the same canteen," followed by "God be with us 'till we meet again," all the comrades joining.

Rev. G. A. Robbins, of the 1st M. E. Church then invoked the Divine blessing.

The comrades all joining hands sang "Auld Lang Syne," and the Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

A true record of the proceedings:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Encampment at Brookfield was the largest that has been held for several years past, both in number of representatives present, and the attendance of comrades outside the Encampment. Many Posts in that vicinity were present in a body, with their colors, which added greatly to the interest of the occasion.

The arrangements on the part of the local comrades and citizens were complete for the entertainment of their visitors and both the parties of the first and second part have reason to be pleased and satisfied with the results. One feature of interest was the large number of people, men, women and children who thronged the streets during the entire period of the encampment.

The business houses and many of the private residences were handsomely decorated with flags and bunting in honor of the veteran visitors.

One of the most notable features was the parade with the accompanying exercises which took place on Wednesday afternoon. The comrades formed at 3:30 p. m., at the Church, the Encampment having adjourned for that purpose. Col. E. C. Brott, the splendid old veteran of Post 57, was the Grand Marshal and as he sat erect in his saddle, despite his advanced age, looked every inch the soldier.

The parade was led by about 600 school children, each carrying a flag. The music was furnished by the Marceline brass band and the Brookfield drum corps. The number of veterans in line was much larger than usual. The line of march was to the grounds of the High School in the northern part of the city, where the children sang patriotic songs and a beautiful flag was presented to the High School by Mrs. M. M. S. Gillson, of Appleton City, Mo., Department Patriotic Instructor, on behalf of the W. R. C.

The flag was accepted by J. U. White, Superintendent of the Public Schools, in a speech full of patriotic sentiment, and was run up to the top of the staff on the High School building, amid the hearty cheers of the assemblage.

Major Warner was called upon and delivered a fine address directing his remarks especially to the children, whose attention he called to the flag, what it signified and represented and what

it had cost to establish and maintain it. His remarks were timely and in his usual happy vien and elicited frequent applause.

Mrs. Etta Goode Heacock, Instructor in Music at the High School, superintended the singing by the children, in which the veterans generally joined.

On Wednesday night, the First M. E. Church was crowded to overflowing by comrades and citizens to attend the camp-fire, and although the church accommodates a larger audience than any building in the city, fully as many as were in attendance failed to secure even standing room.

The camp-fire was a grand success, the addresses of Past Commanders-in-Chief Warner and Torrance and Past Department Commander Burton being models of eloquence and diction and amply repaid the vast audience which gave an ovation to each of the speakers.

The hearts of the audience warmed to Mrs. Sarah Nichols, of Trenton, as it listened to her splended recitation, "The Flag." Mrs. Quincy's solo was fine and received with much applause.

Miss Dot Bidwell, a tot of a girl from Sedalia, a veteran's daughter, charmed her hearers with her solo. Comrades Whitehead and Henry, of Kansas City, entertained in a style that has always made them welcome visitors at many camp-fires in Missouri. Two of the most pleasant events of the evening were the quartet by Mrs. B. Z. Chivington and Misses Madge Riley, Alice Harris and Meda Alspach, and the organ solo by Prof. Kay.

Taken all in all, the Encampment with all its incidental features was a decided success, and all who were there felt that they had made no mistake in going to Brookfield.

The personnel of the committees in charge not being at hand, cannot be given, but C. S. Moore, chairman of the citizen's committee, and the two Martins, Past Department Commander, George W. and Senior Vice Department Commander, J. V., (*par nobile fratrum*) who have attended so many Encampments that they know what is to be done and how to do it, must have the credit for much of the success of the Encampment.

## GENERAL ORDERS, 1904-1905.

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

LEXINGTON, Mo., May, 19th, 1904.

I. Having been duly elected and installed Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, at its Twenty-third Annual Encampment, held at Lexington, Mo., May 18th and 19th, 1904, with gratitude to my comrades for the confidence reposed in me, I accept the trust, and with a realization of the responsibilities of the office, I hereby assume command and enter upon the duties thereof. Each department and Post officer is charged with the performance of his duties as such, and will be expected to attend to the same promptly and intelligently, and each comrade is requested to co-operate and render all assistance possible in the affairs of our organization during the ensuing year.

II. Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis, is hereby appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Other appointments will be announced in future orders.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander will be New York Life Building, Kansas City, Mo.

All official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Thos. B. Rodgers, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

JERE. T. DEW,  
*Department Commander.*

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 31st; 1904.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Twenty-third Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—Jere. T. Dew, Post 8, Kansas City.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—J. V. Martin, Post 57, Brookfield.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—John B. Burris, Post 11, Lexington.

Medical Director—Dr. Edward Borck, Post 107, St. Louis.

Chaplain—Rev. T. J. Ferril, Post 7, St. Joseph; address, Bowling Green, Mo.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; Ernst Rotteck, Post 1, St. Louis; Henry Fairback, Post 107, St. Louis; F. L. Withaup, Post 243, Willow Springs; J. P. Tracy, Post 69, Springfield.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-eighth National Encampment:

## REPRESENTATIVES.

P. J. Osterhaus (at large) St. Louis.  
 J. W. Moore, California.  
 M. M. Rice, Joplin.  
 Hubert Munchrath, St. Louis.  
 H. E. Robinson, Maryville.  
 G. W. Travis, Cape Girardeau.  
 G. A. Douglass, Warrensburg.  
 Benj. Warner, Kansas City.  
 Albion P. Pease, Kansas City.  
 T. H. Hagerty, St. Louis.  
 George Hayes, Kirksville.  
 E. R. Bates, Adrian.  
 Sol. Boehm, St. Louis.

## ALTERNATES.

Henry Evers, St. Louis.  
 H. G. C. Dammer, St. Charles.  
 C. C. Burge, Bevier.  
 F. L. Withaup, Willow Springs.  
 Lucien E. Carter, St. Joseph.  
 Edward Borck, St. Louis.  
 R. M. Griggs, Novelty.  
 R. M. Stewart, Kansas City.  
 J. E. Decker, Republic.  
 W. H. Wormstead, Kansas City.  
 Edward Jansen, St. Louis.  
 Chas. W. Barstow, St. Louis.  
 Philip H. Chattin, St. Louis.

III. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Thos. J. Whiteman, Post 282, Carrollton, Inspector.

C. A. Mosman, Post 7, St. Joseph, Judge Advocate.

C. W. Rubey, Post 48, Lebanon, Chief Mustering Officer.

W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

R. T. McCaskey, Post 5, Moberly, Color Bearer and Aide-de-Camp.

John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the six months ending June 30th, 1904, with addressed envelope, are enclosed herewith. These reports should be made out at the *last meeting in June*, when the Post Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster are together, and after having been properly signed, should be enclosed with the *per capita* tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member in good standing and promptly forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General. The reports should not be held back until the end of the month. As the meeting of the National Encampment in August is much earlier than usual, it is absolutely necessary that these reports should all be in by July 10th, in order that they may be consolidated and forwarded in time to National Headquarters. Post Officers are therefore enjoined to use more than usual diligence to this end.

V. A blank for report of the Post Chaplain as to the observance of Memorial Day is herewith enclosed. This should be sent to Rev. J. J. Ferril, Department Chaplain, Bowling Green, Mo., in the addressed envelope herewith enclosed. Post Commanders are urged to see that this report is promptly mailed immediately after Memorial Day.

VI. If an enlightened people may be said to have their idols we have one in the flag—"Old Glory." It is not a myth nor superstition, neither is its origin uncertain. It is not a graven image, but to us appears animated with an energetic force and spirit of liberty, personified by the strength and independence of the American character, and is the embodiment of manly virtue, the emblem of religious and political rights and justice. Let us worship at its shrine and religiously observe in a fitting manner the anniversary of its birth, Tuesday, the 14th day of June.

VII. The Thirty-eighth National Encampment, as heretofore an-

nounced, will be held at Boston, Mass., on the week beginning August 15th. There should be a good attendance from the comrades of Missouri. The Headquarters of the Department will be at Copley Square Hotel, corner of Huntington Avenue and Exeter Street, where all our comrades will be welcome.

General Orders Nos. 8 and 9, National Headquarters, enclosed herewith, give full and complete information in regard in the Encampment.

VIII. The charters of the following Posts heretofore suspended were annulled and revoked by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration:

Post 45, Oregon; 103, Chilhowee; 104, Gallatin; 117, Quitman; 167, Rosendale; 206, Camden; 217, Williamstown; 231, Kansas City; 385, Long Lane; 480, Craig; 495, Lead Mine.

IX. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 224, Hale; 229, Laddonia; 262, Centralia; 279, Edinburgh; 283, Fair Play; 362, Dadeville; 367, Roscoe; 383, Mountain View; 397, Brookline; 411, Competition; 416, Tiff City; 454, Calhoun; 482, Norris.

Suspended Posts may be reinstated on payment of *one year's* per capita tax. It is hoped they may take advantage of this liberal provision.

X. Each Post Commander is requested to recommend a worthy and active comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

XI. Brookfield, Mo., was selected by the Encampment as the place of meeting next year.

By command of JERE. T. DEW, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

St. LOUIS, Mo., July 25th, 1904.

I. The Thirty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Boston, Mass., in Symphony Hall, corner of Massachusetts and Huntington Avenues, on Wednesday, August 17th, 1904, at 9:30 a. m. The usual parade will take place on Tuesday, August 16th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. Department Headquarters will be located at The Copley Square Hotel, corner of Huntington Avenue and Exeter Street, in Suite 21, on the second floor. This hotel is located midway between the National Headquarters at Hotel Vendome on Commonwealth Avenue and the hall where the Encampment meets.

The Headquarters will be opened on Monday morning, August 15th, and will be in charge of Comrade W. H. Wormstead, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, and R. T. McCaskey, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer. All Department Officers, Representatives and Alternates will report there promptly after their arrival. All Missouri comrades are cordially invited to call and register and receive Missouri badges.

Missouri comrades can probably secure rooms at this hotel at reasonable rates, if applied for soon to A. R. Sturgis, manager.

III. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, on Monday evening, August 15th, at 7:30 o'clock, for transaction of business and distribution of Encampment badges.

IV. Arrangements for the parade will be made and announced by Special Order at Boston, on Monday, August 15th. Comrade W. H. Wormstead, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, will have charge of the formation of the parade, and all Post and Battalion Commanders will report to him at Department Headquarters on Monday during the day or evening. All comrades should appear in uniform. The line of march will not exceed two miles in length, and the Department Commander expects that every comrade from Missouri will respond to his call to turn out and march in the parade, if he is physically able to do so. All should take a just pride in maintaining the grand reputation of our Department.

V. This will be one of the grandest Encampments the Grand Army of the Republic has ever held. Let all attend who possibly can, let no trivial excuse keep you away. We owe it to ourselves, as well as to the good people of Boston, to avail ourselves of their unsurpassed hospitality. They promise to out-do all former efforts in our behalf.

Free quarters will be provided at Camp "Jack Adams," in Mechanics' Building on Huntington Avenue. Applications should be made to J. E. Gilman, Chairman Committee on Accommodations, 347 Old South Building, Boston. This camp will accommodate ten thousand comrades.

VI. The railroads have made a rate east of the Mississippi river of one cent per mile, being \$24.00 from St. Louis to Boston and return, except on tickets via New York City, on which the rate is \$26.15 by rail from New York, and \$25.40 by Sound steamers from New York.

Tickets to be sold August 12th, 13th and 14th, from Mississippi river points, and August 11th, 12th and 13th, from stations west of the river, good to return until August 20th, with the privilege of extension until September 30th, by depositing ticket with the joint agent in Boston not later than August 20th, and upon payment of 50 cents agency charges.

Stop-overs at New York City on tickets reading via New York, will be allowed not to exceed ten days, provided tickets have been validated by joint agents at Boston and are deposited with the joint agent at New York City immediately upon arrival, and payment of agency fee of \$1.00. In no case shall stop-over at New York extend beyond August 20th on tickets not extended at Boston; or later than September 30th on tickets which have been extended at Boston.

The rates from points in Missouri west of the Mississippi river will be one fare for the round trip added to the rates quoted above. On tickets from the interior of Missouri, stop-over of ten days at St. Louis on the return trip will be allowed, provided the ticket is personally deposited at any one of joint validating agencies in St. Louis within 24 hours after arrival in St. Louis and payment of fee of \$1.00. There being such a diversity of rates and stop-overs, etc. at other points than those above named, it is suggested that comrades making the trip should at once take the matter up with their local agents and obtain all necessary information.

VII. The Department Commander has accepted the very courteous invitation from Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis, for himself



and staff to accompany them on their "special" train, which will leave St. Louis on Friday, August 12th, at 12:30 p. m., going via the "Big Four" and Lake Shore railroads to Niagara Falls, arriving there Saturday morning about 7:00 o'clock. After spending the day sight-seeing at the "Falls" and vicinity, the train will leave there about 8:00 p. m., via New York Central and Boston & Albany railroads, arriving in Boston about noon, on Sunday, August 14th.

It is expected that one or more car loads of comrades and friends will go from Kansas City, leaving there the evening of August 11th, at 9:20 o'clock, via the Wabash railway, and will be attached to this "special" train at St. Louis.

The Department Commander would be pleased to have as many comrades accompany him on this train as can conveniently do so, thereby adding much to the pleasure of the journey. Persons desiring to go by this special train, should see that their tickets read from St. Louis via C. C. C. & St. L. (Big Four), Lake Shore, N. Y. Central and Boston & Albany railroads.

The fare by this route will be \$24.00 for the round trip from St. Louis. Through sleeping car rate from St. Louis to Boston for double berth is \$6.50. Sleeping car tickets on this train can be procured only from S. M. Sparklin, Quartermaster of Ransom Post, S. E. Corner of 3d and Olive Streets, St. Louis, Mo.

VIII. Recognizing the faithfulness and efficiency of the present committee on the St. James Home, the Department Commander with pleasure re-appoints Comrades Louis Benecke, Henry Fairback and John P. Tracy upon that committee.

IX. The Department Commander being present and participating in the Memorial exercises, wishes to express his admiration for their loyalty and commend for their zeal the comrades of St. Louis, who despite the inclement weather, attended and faithfully performed their duty in services of decoration of graves at the several cemeteries on Sabbath, and in joining in the parade and exercises at the World's Fair on Memorial day, on both occasions being exposed for hours to cold rain and marching through mud—both wearisome and dangerous to health of the Old Boys.

X. The following named comrades, on recommendation of Post Commanders, are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Frank Hill, Post 16, Carthage.  
 W. T. Hill, Post 26, Nevada.  
 J. T. Walker, Post 69, Springfield.  
 Seth Mapes, Post 82, Wellsville.  
 John C. Parker, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 W. H. Newton, Post 150, Spickard.  
 E. C. Baugher, Post 324, Sullivan.  
 S. G. Lewis, Post 554, St. Charles.

On receipt of acceptance of appointment, the Assistant Adjutant will issue commissions. Aides-de-Camp should procure from the Assistant Adjutant General the official badge. Price of badge entire, \$1.10; of rank strap and ribbon, 50 cents.

XI. Warren T. Stewart, Post No. 457, having voted to change its location from Benton, Scott county, to Morley, same county, the change has been approved by the Department Commander.

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XIII. General Orders Nos. 10, 11 and 12, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

The Journal of the Twenty-third Annual Encampment and the Department Roster for 1904 are sent herewith.

XIV. Headquarters at St. Louis will be closed from August 13th to August 27th.

By Command of JERE. T. DEW, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., October 10th, 1904.

I. On behalf of our Department, and personally as well, the Department Commander desires to express his gratitude to the loyal and hospitable people of the Old Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and of Boston especially, for the cordial reception and splendid entertainment given us during the 38th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The arrangements for the occasion were practically perfect and faithfully carried out; their program was elaborate and pleasing, their facilities great, their country historic and interesting, the people courteous and obliging, the weather favorable, entire harmony prevailed, and all conspired to make this one of the most enjoyable and profitable Encampments in the history of the Grand Army.

The Missouri Department may well be congratulated for the very respectable showing made by it at this Encampment, despite the fact that the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was in progress within our own borders to claim the time and attention, tax the strength and use up the surplus funds of our comrades, and furthermore, the long distance to travel was calculated to make the trip rather wearisome and somewhat expensive, and deterred many from going who did not feel equal to the task, especially among those who had attended the last Encampment at Boston years ago.

The Department Commander feels grateful to the comrades of our Department who attended the Encampment, and would particularly mention and commend the members of Ransom Post No. 131, Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, and Blair Post, No. 1, who by their attendance and fine appearance and soldierly bearing in parade, contributed so much in making this a successful and pleasant meeting, and a great object lesson in patriotism.

To the officers and members of Ransom Post, with whom he journeyed to Boston, he is especially indebted for many courtesies to himself and staff during that very pleasant and enjoyable trip.

II. Now that the summer is over and the harvest is ended, it is an opportune time for the comrades to take up the work of increasing the membership of their Posts. Many are falling out to answer the last roll-call, and the gaps thus made should be filled. Many who have fallen out of ranks by the wayside, could again be brought back to membership if active and systematic efforts are made to that end. Let each Post appoint a committee of active and zealous comrades who shall make a thorough canvass of the dropped and suspended members, and make an earnest effort to bring as many as possible back into our ranks. As we grow older the ties of comradeship should bind us closer together.

III. Several Posts have made no reports since June, 1903. The Commanders and other officers of these Posts are urged and

enjoined to forward the delinquent reports. We do not want to lose these Posts, and they should make every effort to put themselves in good standing.

IV. The following additional appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Gustave Pirner, Post 11, Lexington.

L. A. Fillmore, Post 14, Joplin.

John H. Frick, Post 197, Warrenton.

Henry Ludwig, Post 572, Rhineland.

But few Post Commanders have complied with the requests of the Department Commander to recommend the appointment of Aides-de-Camp. While these are honorary distinctions, they can be made useful to the organization, and should have greater attention.

V. The following new Post has been mustered:

U. S. Grant Post, No. 579, at Ironton, Mo., September 17th, 1904, by Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General. Jehu Jones, Post Commander, P. O., Middlebrook; number of charter members, 13.

VI. Comrade F. M. Sterrett, Post 1, St. Louis, was elected a member of the National Council of Administration by the 38th National Encampment.

VII. Denver, Colorado, was selected as the place of meeting for the 39th National Encampment.

VIII. General Orders Nos. 1 and 2, National Headquarters, are here with transmitted. \* \* \* \*

By Command of JERE. T. DEW, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., November 28th, 1904.

I. At the annual election of Post officers, which will be held at the first regular meeting in December, the Posts will also elect representatives and alternates to the Department Encampment, to be held next year at Brookfield, Mo. Each Post is entitled to one representative and one alternate for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional representative and alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number, based upon the number of members in good standing as shown by the Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1904. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one representative and one alternate.

Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders, being *ex officio* members of the Encampment, should not be elected as representatives.

Blanks in duplicate for reports of representatives and alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed herewith. A blank report for Post officers-elect and appointed is also enclosed, and should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General as soon as the officers are installed. Where the post-office address of the Post Commander is different from the location of the Post, his address should be stated.

The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in

January, 1905, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by the senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed as installing officer by the Department Commander upon request of the Post Commander.

The installing officer will see that the Post has forwarded its semi-annual reports and *per capita* tax before proceeding with the installation. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond. A blank bond is enclosed herewith.

The meeting for installation should be made as interesting as possible. It is therefore recommended that where practicable the installation be made a public one, with such additional exercises as may be thought best. The Woman's Relief Corps should be asked to join, and all veterans and their families invited to attend. At such meeting the Post will open and close informally.

II. Blanks in duplicate for the semi-annual reports of Adjutant and Quartermaster, for the term ending December 31st, 1904, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be made out and with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the *last meeting in December*. They should not be held back until the end of the month. The National countersign for 1905 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

The few Posts which have not reported for the term ending June 30th, 1904, should make reports for both terms, using one blank.

Where this paragraph is blue-penciled, it means yours is one of the delinquent Posts.

III. Reports of Post Surgeons having been abolished, the list of deaths during the year should be filled out by the Adjutant on the blank herewith enclosed, and sent to the Assistant Adjutant General. Post Surgeons should assist the Adjutant in preparing this list.

IV. The matter of establishing Outposts, or picket Posts, as they are sometimes called, and the advantages of such to our organization has been repeatedly called to the attention of the Posts of this Department, and action was had by our Department Encampment in 1901, approving and adopting the provisions of Section 11, Article II, Chapter II of the Rules and Regulations. The Department Commander then urged upon all comrades living at too great a distance from the Post, to enable them to attend regularly, and especially comrades of disbanded Posts, to organize themselves into Outposts under the provisions of the above law. He also recommended that Posts at the county-seats should take up the matter, and by appointment of committees communicate with members of disbanded Posts in their respective counties with this object in view.

The Commander-in-Chief, in his address at our last National Encampment, especially dwelt upon this subject, urging upon Departments and Posts to "take this matter up and discuss it, so that many not now aware of the easy conditions of membership may be added to the rolls, and in this way keep in touch with this grand fraternity so long as they are spared, and when the time comes in the providence of God, for passing away, be then, as now, part of the Grand Army of the Republic."

The Department Commander submits this matter to the com-

rades, and trusts the suggestions may meet with their active support and bear fruit in staying the decrease in our membership.

V. It is the sorrowful duty of the Department Commander to announce the death of Comrade Thos. J. Whiteman, of Carrollton, Mo., Department Inspector, who died at that place, after a few days' illness, on November 11th. He was also Commander of Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282. Comrade Whiteman was well known in North Missouri, having held several positions of honor and trust. He was an exemplary citizen and a loyal comrade, and will be greatly missed by our organization. His funeral was largely attended by comrades from all parts of the county, and the Grand Army service was impressively rendered at his burial.

VI. Comrade W. T. Munson, Post 130, of Tina, Carroll County, Mo., is hereby appointed Inspector, *vice* Thos. J. Whiteman, deceased.

VII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

John Bamberger, Post 1, St. Louis.

J. A. Mitchell, Post 433, Mountain Grove.

Frank J. Huck, Post 326, Ste. Genevieve.

August Ostman, Post 567, Moberly.

VIII. The location of U. S. Grant Post, No. 579, has been changed, with the approval of the Department Commander, from Ironton, Mo., to Pilot Knob, Mo. \* \* \* \*

X. General Orders Nos. 3 and 4, National Headquarters, and Circular of Surgeon General, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of JERE. T. DEW, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDER No. 6.

St. LOUIS, March 15th, 1905.

I. Wednesday and Thursday, May 17th and 18th, are the dates selected by the Council of Administration for the meeting of the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department, at Brookfield, Mo.

II. The comrades and citizens of Brookfield are making arrangements to give us a cordial reception and welcome, and it is hoped the Posts will show their appreciation by a general attendance. The Department Encampment is in many respects more enjoyable than a National Encampment. The comrades see more of each other and meet with the familiar faces of comrades from all parts of the State. It does a Post good to have a representation at the Encampment, and there ought to be more of them represented. Come and touch elbows with your comrades and refresh your memories of the camp and field.

III. As announced in General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, herewith transmitted, the Thirty-ninth National Encamp-

ment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Denver, Col., during the week beginning September 4th.

A rate of one cent per mile has been made by all railroads. The fare from St. Louis and return will be \$16.50, and from Kansas City and Missouri River points \$10.75. With these low rates and all the attractions of Colorado, there should be a large attendance from Missouri.

IV. Application has been made to the Passenger Associations representing all the railroads in Missouri for the usual rate of one fare for the round trip for our Department Encampment. This will no doubt be granted, and will be announced, with other matters pertaining to the Encampment in the next General Orders.

V. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Philip Moeser, Post 13, St. Louis.

W. E. Nesbitt, Post 90, Jerico.

Lewis E. Snow, Post 131, St. Louis.

VI. Dr. Edward Borck, Medical Director of the Department, asks that the attention of Post Surgeons be called to the circular letter of the Surgeon General, October 31st, 1904, especially that part relating to our needy comrades and their families, to visit them in time of sickness and give them your service, and be guided in all other respects by his advice therein contained.

VII. Twenty-one Posts that reported for June 30th, 1904, have not yet reported for December 31st, 1904. The Commanders of these Posts are urged to send in reports at once. The Posts referred to will receive this paragraph blue-pencilled. The National countersign for 1905, will be sent on receipt of the reports. \* \* \* \*

By Command of JERE. T. DEW, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 7.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 17th, 1905.

I. Attention of the Posts and comrades is called to General Orders No. 6, from National Headquarters, regarding the proper observance of May 30th. Memorial Day should be recognized and scrupulously observed, not merely as a holiday, but as a holy day, with services and ceremonies appropriate to the avowed purposes of the occasion; in praises to the Ruler of Nations for the blessings of liberty and good government, in patriotic devotion to the flag, and grateful remembrance of the Nation's heroic defenders who suffered and sacrificed so much in preservation of the unity of the Republic; services that may impress the younger generation and be to them an object lesson in patriotism, and inspire them to the highest citizenship.

Let us renew our obligations to Country and to each other, and garland the graves of our dead comrades with the choicest flowers of Springtime. To be ourselves derelict in this religious duty, to be oblivious to their services and sacred memories, would be not only ungrateful in us, but would invite ingratitude and

oblivion for us—living or dead. There is no lower sentiment than ingratitude, no meaner person than the ingrate.

To prepare ourselves the better for the occasion, to divert our minds from our ordinary cares and vocations and get in proper spirit, and to remind others and stimulate and inspire them with a due regard for the day and its holy observance, we should devoutly attend divine services on Memorial Sabbath, preceding Memorial Day.

II. Let all the people, especially the school children, and our willing helpers, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans, be invited to participate.

By Command of JERE. T. DEW, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 8.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 20th, 1905.

I. The Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at the First M. E. Church, in the city of Brookfield, Mo., at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, May 17th, 1905.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at the Elliott Hotel, on Tuesday, May 16th, at which place the Council of Administration, which consists of the Department officers, will meet at 4 o'clock p. m., same date.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: John W. Toppass, Post 29; E. C. Brott, Post 57; Isaac Leeper, Post 146; John L. Burke, Post 19; Charles P. Hess, Post 23.

The committee will meet at Father Mathew's Hall, on Tuesday, May 16th, at 3 o'clock p. m. Representatives and members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival, and receive their Encampment badges, which will be delivered to each one in person. The Visitor's Register will be kept at the same place, where all comrades are requested to register on their arrival.

IV. On recommendation of the Commander of O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, the following comrades of that Post are detailed for duty at the session of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, J. C. Gardner; for Officer of the Guard, J. G. Banning. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions, on Tuesday, May 16th, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The Commander of Post 57 will detail a sufficient number of sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty at the Encampment. The comrades so detailed will report for duty, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the place of meeting on Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

V. The following is a list of the hotels, with rates and capacity:

Elliott Hotel, 75, at \$2.00 per day, can feed 100; "Q" Hotel, 40, at \$1.00 per day, can feed 200; Allen Hotel, 35, at \$1.00 per day, can feed 100; La Pierre Hotel, 25, at \$1.00 per day, can feed 400. At boarding houses and private houses the rates will be from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day.

Persons desiring quarters should address Geo. W. Chapman, Chairman Committee on Accommodations. The Chairman of the General Committee is C. S. Moore.

The comrades and citizens of Brookfield are arranging to give us all a royal welcome and a good time. An Entertainment and Camp-fire will be provided; time and place of which we are not yet advised. A parade will take place on Wednesday afternoon, unless otherwise ordered. The Department Commander would again call attention of the Posts to the importance of being generally represented at the Encampment, and hopes to see an increased attendance.

VI. The Western Passenger Association and the Southwestern Excursion Bureau, which includes nearly all the railroads in the State, have made the following reduced rates for this occasion:

"Rate of *one fare* from points in Missouri to Brookfield and return, except open rate of fare and one-third for the round trip with maximum of \$1.00 to apply from points in Missouri from which the local one-way rate to Brookfield is \$1.00 or less; excursion tickets to be sold on May 16th and 17th, good to return leaving Brookfield until and including May 20th, 1905. Tickets limited for going passage commencing date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction."

The Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Railroad Co. and the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railway Co., have made the same rates.

The St. Louis & Hannibal Railway Co. has made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip from all stations to Hannibal. Station agents should be seen at an early date, to make sure that they have received instructions for the reduced rate.

VII. The Journal of the Thirty-eighth National Encampment held at Boston, will be distributed to the Posts represented at the Brookfield Encampment.

VIII. General Orders No. 6, National Headquarters, and Circular Letter No. 1, of National President Woman's Relief Corps, are transmitted herewith.

IX. James H. Reading, Post 238, Lowry City, is hereby appointed Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

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By Command of JERE. T. DEW, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*









**HENRY FAIRBACK,  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
OF THE  
**DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,**

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

HELD AT

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May 23rd and 24th, 1906.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1905-1906.

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The Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri adopted the following *Order of Business* and the *Rules of Order* for the National Encampment, so far as the same may be applicable to a Department.

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening of the Encampment.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling Roll of Members.
5. Report of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committees on Reports of Officers, and such other Committees as may be necessary.
7. Reception and Reference of Communications.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Election of Officers and Delegates to National Encampment.
11. Installation of Officers.

**PROCEEDINGS**  
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**FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 23rd.**

The Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, met in the Representatives' Hall in the State Capitol, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, May 23d, and was called to order by Department Commander, Henry Fairback, in open session.

Comrade Thos. H. Hagerty, Post No. 131, who had been elected by the Council of Administration as Department Chaplain, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. T. J. Ferril, was called on by the Department Commander and opened the meeting with prayer.

Governor Joseph W. Folk, escorted by a committee, entered the Encampment and took a seat on the platform, amid general applause.

Department Commander Fairback introduced the Governor as follows:

**Comrades:** We recognize no State line for the young, ambitious, industrious, honest men who come to our State for its development. Character of Missouri citizenship is the password.

"Honor and fame from no condition rise;  
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Tennessee, on March 10th, 1861, out of a total vote, whether they would remain true and loyal to the Union, cast 116,000 votes, of which 67,057 votes were cast in favor of remaining as a State in the Union.

One of the great leaders, statesmen and soldiers of Tennessee was Andrew Jackson, on the pedestal of whose statue in Jackson Place, New Orleans, are these words: "The Union, it must and shall be preserved." Andrew Jackson, an adopted son of Tennessee, was constrained to utter these patriotic words when John C. Calhoun of South Carolina was conceiving and planning secession in that State, and added that if he persisted in his treasonable course he would "hang him higher than Haman."

The great Union leaders of Tennessee, Andrew Johnson, Parson Brownlow, Horace Maynard and Emerson Etheridge, were the men who, by their patriotic services and addresses in favor of the Union and against secession, did all that strong, able leaders could do to keep their State true and loyal under the Stars and Stripes. Tennessee furnished 39,000 soldiers to the Union cause; how many to the Confederate side is not historically recorded.

Four years after the close of the Civil War, there was born in the State of Tennessee our present Governor, Joseph Wingate Folk. I take pleasure in introducing him to the Department Encampment as the Chief Executive of all the people of our Splendid State, who will, on behalf of the State, welcome the comrades to our capital.

Governor Folk on being introduced, was loudly applauded. He responded as follows:

Jefferson City is always hospitable, always glad to welcome the stranger within her gates, but her heart beats with an especial welcome to the old soldiers who are here today. These reunions are like home comings. They recall memories of the past that are sacred, and renew acquaintances that are dear. There are no friends so true as old friends, those you have known longest and best. You may meet good people wherever you go, but they cannot satisfy the heart yearnings like the communion and intercourse of old comrades in arms.

I have seen a number of reunions, both of the Blue and of the Gray. Each year the ranks seem thinner, the eyes seem dimmer, heads seem grayer, and the steps feebler than before. Most of those who were in their teens when they went into the war have already joined the army across the river, awaiting the grand reunion in the golden harvest time of the great hereafter. You were mere boys when you joined the army, and there are few if any of you now under sixty. Forty years is a long time in the span of the average life. "A little while longer and only a few tottering figures shall represent the marching files of the Grand Army. A year or two beyond that, and there shall flutter by the window the last empty sleeve." But the memory never grows old as long as reason remains on its throne. The events of childhood stand out in bolder relief as the years go by. The veteran remembers the incidents of his four years' service for his country with ever increasing distinctness. Sometimes he feels himself a soldier again, leaving the old homestead and weeping father and mother—weeping yet proud of the brave boy going out to fight for his country; sometimes he feels that he is again around the old camp fire with those that are gone; sometimes the years appear to roll backwards and he hears once more the bugle call to arms; sometimes he is again amid the din and clash of arms and roar of cannon and flash of saber; sometimes he sees the gory battlefield with the dead and dying stretched out like a panorama before him; sometimes he hears the song of triumph after a hard fought battle won. Who would begrudge to the veterans of either side the delight of the glory that is theirs well earned? Missouri is great in fields of waving grain and mountains of precious metals and in splendid cities, but one of the most priceless things Missouri has is her unequalled record in keeping her quota full in both the armies of the North and the South. She gave of the flower of her chivalry to the number of 150,000 to the armies of the North and the South to do battle in the war between the States, and in the glories won by both the Blue and the Gray she claims for her gallant sons their share.

Missouri is caring impartially for the survivors of those who wore the blue as well as those who wore the gray. The old Federal soldiers are taken care of at the State Home at St. James, and the old Confederate soldiers at a State Home at Higginsville. The State cannot do too much for these old heroes. If there is anything that I can do or anything that I can say at any time to make their lot happier and brighter, and their declining years easier, it will be my pleasure to do so. The question is now before the courts as to the right of the inmates of these soldiers' homes to vote. I have not examined the law on the subject, and would not



presume to say what the law is, but in the event the courts determine that under our present constitution those who live in the soldiers' homes are disqualified from voting, I would favor an amendment to the constitution giving them the right to vote. Those who fought to save the Republic should not be in their old age cast off and disfranchised from the privileges of citizenship in a country that owes them so much. [Applause.]

Forty-one years have passed since Appomattox. The bravery of the men on both sides has never been surpassed in the annals of the world, but as great as was this, the sublime courage with which they set about in civil life when the war was over to retrieve lost opportunities, has been the admiration of all mankind. It takes as much courage to face life as it does to face death, and the soldiers of both Grant and Lee showed both kinds of courage in the highest degree.

The evening bells of life are tolling for the survivors of that fierce conflict, and one by one they are being laid to rest in their last camping ground. In the soft twilight of time, in the gloaming of the years as it were, the animosities of other days have subsided. The fires of hatred kindled by the strife are dead, and from the ashes has arisen the red rose of patriotism to a united country. The deeds of those who wore the blue as well as those who wore the gray are now the common heritage of a great nation. My people were on the other side in that combat, but you would not think me true did I not enshrine in most precious memory their heroism and their sacrifices for the right as they saw it. Neither would they protest against the wreaths of laurel due to the brave and the true I would give each of you today. Some are ex-Federals now, some are ex-Confederates—all are Americans. There is now but one heart in all, North, East, South, West—and that is the heart of America.

Jefferson City is yours, old soldiers; yours to have and to hold and enjoy during your stay here. Her hospitable arms are held out to you in loving and cordial welcome. (Applause.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, by request of the Department Commander, responded to the welcoming address of the Governor.

He spoke extemporaneously upon a few minutes' notice, and in behalf of the comrades thanked the Governor for his words of welcome and called attention to the fact that the places upon the glorious battlefields of Shiloh, Vicksburg and Chickamauga, where so many of Missouri's best citizens gave

up their lives in defense of the causes which they respectively deemed just, have not yet been marked by anything which could be construed as a manifestation of gratitude on the part of the State and its people for the great and patriotic sacrifices these made; that the General Government had acquired these battlefields in order that they might be preserved as such and remind future generations of the cost of this Union and had requested the States to erect monuments indicating their appreciation of the work and sacrifices of their respective citizens; that our neighboring States had liberally availed themselves of this offer and grand and imposing structures costing many hundreds of thousands of dollars and reflecting credit upon them had been raised in honor of their citizen soldiery; that Missouri, our grand and imperial state, had thus far been unmindful of its duty in this matter and such of our citizens as had visited these fields of battle had been compelled to hang their heads in shame; that the time had come for the Blue and Gray in this State to make an effective appeal together for the recognition of the services of their fallen comrades by the General Assembly and thus remove the blemish of ingratitude which seemed, at present, to rest upon the people of this great State. The speaker closed with a request that the Governor should lend us his helping hand in this belated but much needed effort to place our State where it properly belonged, in the front rank of the patriotic States of the Union, and the Governor generously promised his powerful assistance.

Comrade John T. Clarke, Past Post Commander of Garfield Post, No. 6, of Jefferson City, welcomed the Encampment on behalf of the comrades of Jefferson City. He spoke as follows:

**Commander and Members of the Twenty-fifth Annual State Encampment of the Grand Army: On behalf of James A. Garfield Post No. 6, I extend to you fraternal greetings, and bid you welcome to the hospitalities of the Post and this city.**

**The name of that great man, teacher, soldier and statesman, for whom this Post is named, inspires us with loyal devotion to you, to those whom you represent, and to your comrades wherever they may be.**

In young manhood, when the bloom of youth was yet upon your cheeks, you bade farewell to home, kindred and friends, and went forth to battle that the Republic might live; that constitutional government should not perish from the earth; and that you and your descendants might enjoy, undisturbed, the blessings of free institutions.

The awful tragedy which followed appalled mankind. Armies confronted each other along lines a thousand miles in extent, and with unabating fury, the work of death and destruction went on and on for four dreary years.

During this terrible conflict four hundred thousand of your comrades went down to death; three hundred thousand were disabled for life; while more than a million devoted mothers, widows and orphans shed tears of bitter anguish for loved ones who did not return.

In mournful attestation of the dreadful ordeal through which you passed, our national cemeteries contain the bones of 140,000 Union soldiers and sailors, resting in unknown graves.

Even the rivers and the sea are not without their share of this holy sacrifice.

You are survivors of great achievements; of wonderful campaigns; of glorious victories; of crushing defeats; of hardships and privations unknown to this generation.

Friends of liberty and good government throughout the civilized world owe a debt of gratitude to the survivors of the Union army.

In the words of Henry W. Grady, that resplendent meteor of Southern journalism, every citizen of this great nation should be thankful, "That the omniscient God held the balance of battle in His almighty hand, and that the American Union was saved from the wreck of war."

Your presence in any community is an object lesson in patriotism and services to your country entitle you to a welcome wherever patriotism finds an abiding place.

The fearful sacrifices made to preserve this nation, should ever be an incentive for greater love of country among all the people.

No place is too sacred; no home too palatial; and none too lowly for lessons in patriotism.

Battleships of twenty thousand tons displacement may be necessary for the protection of American citizens and American interests in foreign lands, but universal love of country is a surer guarantee for the preservation of this Republic than all the battleships that float on the oceans.

If you are entitled to the gratitude of the American people for what you did in war, you are no less entitled to their gratitude for

your exalted patriotism and splendid citizenship in times of peace.

There was a time when you were a part of an army numbering a million of men—veteran soldiers they were—soldiers inured to all manner of hardships, who had marched thousands of miles, and who had fought hundreds of engagements.

To this great, invincible army, the vallant armies of the Southern Confederacy had surrendered as prisoners of war. All of their forts and arsenals, their military stores, their guns and other munitions of war were in its possession.

Throughout the South plantations had been laid waste; railroads and factories destroyed; towns and cities were in ashes; and ruin and desolation marked the places which once were happy homes.

In the North, the awful effusion of blood and the billions of money expended in prosecuting the war, staggered the human mind.

Habiliments of mourning were seen everywhere, and people shuddered as they contemplated the frightful loss of human life.

Under such conditions, the civil government of the United States was absolutely at the mercy of that mighty army; but, to the everlasting glory of these victorious legions, there was no thought of the empire and no designs to overthrow the constituted authorities of the Republic.

After that marvelous example of patriotism came the order for muster out, followed by citizenship which won for this disbanded army the admiration of their countrymen.

Men who have rendered such heroic service to their country should never be denied the right to participate in its elections, but it has transpired that one of the circuit courts of this State has denied that right to a portion of our comrades.

When the court of last resort shall come to pass upon this question, let us hope that, instead of a poorhouse or an asylum they will find at St. James a beautiful home, bought and paid for by patriotic men and women of Missouri.

Instead of paupers confined therein, may they not behold brave soldiers, whose patriotic service contributed to make this country great and glorious and whose military records, kings, emperors and presidents might envy.

The bitterness and animosities of that great struggle have long since passed away, and we rejoice that, in our declining years, we are citizens of a reunited country whose power and influence are felt in the remotest part of the earth.

Comrades, I again welcome you to this city, and bespeak for you a joyous reunion.

As your orderlies, I turn over to you Post No. 6, which will gladly do your bidding. We shall be pleased to meet with you at

our headquarters, and I am authorized to say that the "lid" shall not be nailed down upon any of our commissary stores.

By request of the Department Commander, response was made by Past Department Commander, Chas. G. Burton, who spoke as follows:

Department Commander: I return the heartfelt thanks of the members of this Encampment to Comrade Clarke for his royal welcome and to the comrades of James A. Garfield Post for their generous hospitality. It is a great pleasure to be able to meet in this legislative hall in the capital of our imperial commonwealth. Many come to Jefferson City. The lawyers come here to instruct the Supreme Court; the politicians to importune and worry the Governor; and many come here who are not permitted to return. As a matter of fact, there are quite a number who ought to come here for a stated term, but who for reasons, many and various, succeed in remaining away.

These comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic came here for a good time, and they are having it. They come clad in the old familiar uniform immortalized on many a field of battle, and crimsoned in the blood of patriots and heroes. They come bearing as their standard the flag of their country beneath whose protecting folds, whether on land or sea, the humblest of American citizens can stand erect and with none to molest nor make him afraid, proclaim his sovereignty, not only by divine, but in his own right. They come to inculcate fraternity—brotherly love—among the survivors of the war of the rebellion, and for the widows and orphans of those who have been mustered out; charity for all mankind and loyalty to the Republic of our fathers.

To promulgate these sentiments we are here assembled, and thus assembled we acknowledge our obligations to the comrades of Jefferson City for the grand old time we are having.

The Department Commander declared the open meeting now closed, and requested all present who were not members of the Grand Army of the Republic to retire. He then declared the Encampment open in due form. The Assembly was sounded by the Department Bugler, Comrade J. B. Schneider, of Post 13.

Department Chaplain, Rev. T. H. Hagerty, then invoked the Divine blessing.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of Officers and Past Department Commanders, as follows, those present being marked by an asterisk\*.

Department Commander,  
\*HENRY FAIRBACK,

Senior Vice Commander,  
\*JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

Junior Vice Commander,  
\*A. J. LANNING.

Medical Director,  
\*HENRY N. KEENER.

Chaplain,  
\*T. H. HAGERTY.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General,  
\*THOMAS. B. RODGERS.

Inspector.  
\*C. H. SCHAEFERMEYER.

Judge Advocate,  
GEORGE E. SMITH.

Chief Mustering Officer,  
R. A. VANCE.

Patriotic Instructor,  
W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,  
\*FRANCIS P. BECKER,  
ERNST ROTTECK,  
JOHN A. BLACKWELL,  
\*FRED WENZ,  
\*W. H. WORMSTEAD.

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W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,	*THOS. B. RODGERS,
†NELSON COLE,	*JOHN P. PLATT,
†E. E. KIMBALL,	A. G. PETERSON,
†HIRAM SMITH,	W. F. HENRY,
JOHN E. PHELPS,	*JOHN W. SCOTT,
*LEO RASSIEUR,	GEORGE HALL,
*GEORGE W. MARTIN,	*IRA T. BRONSON,
*C. W. WHITEHEAD,	*FRANK M. STERRETT,
*CHAS. G. BURTON,	*JERE T. DEW.
†LOUIS GRUND,	

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†Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

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Department of Missouri G. A. R.**

**Held at Jefferson City, Mo., May 23d and 24th, 1906.**

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Rep., J. D. Raikes.

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P. P. C., John T. Clark, H. T. Holmes.  
Rep., Thos. A. Thorne.

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P. P. C., Wm. G. Campbell, J. W. Beach, Fred Wenz.  
Rep., Joseph A. DeMuth, H. C. Carter.

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stadt.  
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Rep., Geo. Trescher.

**Harrison A. Gleim Post No. 512, Tipton.**

P. C., J. H. Simpson.

P. P. C., Adolph Koechner, Thos. Williams, W. Z. Petree, J. B. Wolf, F. S. Hickman.

Rep., Anton Lutz.

**J. H. Crenshaw Post No. 516, Carterville.**

Rep., F. Molesdale.

**Gen. Jere M. Rusk Post No. 544, St. Charles.**

P. P. C., W. Woods.

Rep., M. Robinson.

**Gatzweiler Post No. 554, St. Charles.**

Rep., Henry Hachtmeyer.

**A. C. Marvin Post No. 561, Collins.**

P. P. C., John R. Young.

**Burnside Post No. 566, Pleasant Hill.**

P. P. C., W. A. McArthur, W. C. McCullough, Wm. Lowe.

Rep., Geo. H. Fluhart.

**James F. How Post No. 567, Moberly.**

Rep., B. W. Holliday.

**Rincheval Post No. 572, Rhineland.**

P. C., Christian Peters.

P. P. C., John L. Erwin.

**Capt. E. D. Johnson Post No. 574, Elmira.**

S. V. C., D. J. Bisbee.

P. P. C., J. T. Roberts, W. N. Perkins, James L. Tucker.



**Windsor Post No. 580, Windsor.****P. P. C., W. J. Colbow.****Rep., J. A. Wesner.****John Whaling Post No. 583, St. Joseph.****P. C., Henry De Bell.****Respectfully submitted,****JAMES McCLURE, Post No. 1,****C. W. RUBEY, Post No. 48,****JOHN B. JONES, Post No. 331,****BENJ. WARNER, Post No. 4,****VICTOR ZUBER, Post No. 6,****Committee on Credentials.**

On recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, the following named comrades were admitted as representatives: M. R. Winch, Post 8; George Hayes, Post 22; Frank McGinnis, Post 17.

On motion of Past Department Commander Bronson, Comrades W. J. Colbow and J. A. Wesner, of Windsor Post No. 580, were restored to their rank as Past Post Commanders.

On motion the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with.

Senior Vice Department Commander Williams was called to the chair.

The officers' reports having been printed and distributed in the Encampment, on motion the reading of the reports, with the exception of the Department Commander's address, was dispensed with.

Department Commander Fairback then read his address. as follows:

## ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades:

On the ramparts, as the sentinel paces back and forth, when the Corporal of the guard makes his rounds, each veteran, when asked, can say: "All's well with the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic." There has seemed to be a general revival of new life and vigor all over the Department. The youthful enthusiasm which animated our minds and bodies forty-five years ago, when the old flag was fired upon at Fort Sumpter, again inspires all. We do not look backwards, but meet the issues of the present day and look to the future with satisfaction. "Forward!" is the password on the extreme picket line of our patriotic Order. We can be proud as American citizen volunteers that we did our duty, whether as general or private soldier, in preventing the destruction of the grandest most liberal, most just and progressive republic ever created.

We are fortunate in having mustered five new Posts during the year. Our loss of comrades from death was about the same as the previous year, which was 298 out of 8,470. The entire loss from all causes is only 612, leaving the total membership of 7,858, with 253 Posts, which shows a remarkably healthy, active membership. We follow Kansas, which had last year a membership of 9,958, while we had 8,470. We have the tenth largest Department of the Order, preceding Wisconsin.

Our financial condition is healthy. No Department of the Order as important as ours is more economically managed, in my belief, which redounds to the credit of our Assistant Adjutant General. I would especially recommend a careful reading of the reports of the Department officers, so that the members of the Encampment may thoroughly inform themselves as to our condition.

The saddest loss by death to the Department was that of our Department Chaplain, Rev. Thomas J. Ferril, who died in Kansas City, Mo., January 29, 1906, at the home of his daughter. Your Commander had a suitable floral wreath by Past Department Commander W. F. Henry, placed on his coffin. The G. A. R. Quartette of Kansas City provided music. Past Department Commander C. W. Whitehead, assisted by other comrades of Kansas City, conducted the G. A. R. funeral services. Of Chaplain Ferril it may well be said: "None knew him but to love him;" yea, to appreciate his

grand, brave, courageous, patriotic manhood, all of which he offered at the holy altar of his country. We will never again enjoy his rich, whole-souled laughter, his wit and humor, nor hear again his voice, which was inspired with the noblest thoughts given to man by his Maker.

[The Department Commander at this point called up the Encampment, and the comrades remained standing while the Department Bugler sounded "Taps," in memory of the departed comrade.]

Your Department Commander earnestly wishes to call your attention to what has seemed to him a serious mistake. That is the heretofore custom of having nearly all the G. A. R. reunions over the State to be held in August. This should not be, for one-half of them can take place in September, when the weather is more agreeable for such reunions. The Department Commander can then divide his time in making his rounds more satisfactory. To me there seemed a general revival of my youth when I by chance here and there attended Methodist camp meetings. These G. A. R. reunions surely have a beneficial effect in bringing together our veterans of one or more counties. They bring their families to these reunion camp grounds; they renew again the ties that bind comrades together.

At Kidder, Nevada, Buffalo and Pilot Knob, the comrades who formed the Committees of Arrangements extended to me a loyal welcome, for which my hearty thanks are due. If my feeble efforts added to their pleasures and enjoyments and brought forth renewed effort to awaken their affection and devotion to our Order, then my many tiresome journeys were not in vain. These visits under August's oppressive heat seemed to me, after looking backwards, a new inspiration; yea, a revelation to shake hands and speak with the best American manhood of the human race. I attended the twenty-fifth anniversary of McPherson Post, No. 4, of Kansas City, on the evening of August 3rd, 1905, and the evening's entertainment was most enjoyable. Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, of Kansas City, gave their annual camp fire on November 23rd, 1905. The chairman of their Committee of Arrangements, comrade H. Cramp-ton, invited all the Department Officers to be present on said occasion. Chaplain Ferril, whose saintly spirit has departed to the celestial home of ever-lasting bliss, was there; also Assistant Adjutant General Thomas B. Rodgers, Senior Vice Department Commander John M. Williams, and myself. The patriotic welcome which was extended to us was beyond our expectation, and our mind and heart yet feel glad of the very many courtesies received and the pleasures we enjoyed from our Kansas City visits.

Last but not least was my promised presence to be with Mathews and McCrosky Posts at Springfield, on February 21st and 22nd, 1906, on Washington's birthday. The glad hand and open hearts of the comrades of these Springfield Posts, especially comrades John P. Tracy and W. C. Calland, well repaid me for the trip.

I bid adieu, a long farewell, and a God's blessing to the true, noble, devoted comrades all over the State, who made my administration so agreeable, so pleasant, so enjoyable. May they one and all be happy, live long, enjoy life and be prosperous until we meet again.

#### STATE FEDERAL SOLDIERS' HOME.

The Committee composed of Past Department Commander Louis Benecke, Arthur Dreifus and John P. Tracy, will make an interesting report. On my way home from Springfield, February 22nd, 1906, I stopped off at St. James to visit the Home. I made a careful inspection of the new building, which has a dining-room to accommodate 250 persons at a meal, and the dormitory on the second floor, which is divided into wards and will contain 64 beds. The new, modern improvements made from year to year make our Home one of the most comfortable and home-like of any of the State Homes. There are now accommodations for 367 inmates.

#### DISFRANCHISEMENT OF INMATES OF THE STATE FEDERAL SOLDIERS' HOME.

The appeal made by circular letter of July 28th, 1905, to the Posts and comrades for contributions to assist in paying the expenses of an appeal to the Supreme Court, from Judge Evans' decision, that the inmates of the Home were disqualified as voters, met with a generous response, \$369.60 having been contributed, as reported in General Orders No. 7.

There is a pent-up feeling of wrath and indignation which prevails over the State, not only of our own comrades, but also of the veterans of the gray.

The case is still pending before the Supreme Court. The brief and argument filed by the appellant's attorneys present our view of the case ably and strongly, and we hope for a decision which will remove our comrades, who are inmates of a Soldiers' Home, from being placed on a parity with the inmates of a poorhouse or of a prison.

#### STATE MONUMENTS FOR MISSOURI REGIMENTS.

We cannot lay aside our life's labors until we have accomplished

the patriotic object of seeing to it that at the next session of the Legislature a bill is introduced to provide for sufficient funds to place monuments on the battlefields where Missouri's gallant sons fought. No soldiers ever displayed more gallantry or bravery than they. The time has come when our State Legislature should make ample appropriations to mark the battle lines of Missouri troops with monuments at Wilson Creek, Pilot Knob, Shiloh, Vicksburg and Chickamauga, that would redound with honor and credit to her sons.

Especially would I ask this encampment to authorize the appointment of a Committee who should recommend to this Encampment a feasible plan to carry forth this project so that at the next session of the Legislature every member of said body has been appealed to. We should before and after the November election interview the members, solicit them in our behalf to vote and work for a liberal appropriation out of the \$475,000 paid in the State Treasury from the general government, which moneys were allowed the State on account of equipment of Union troops furnished by the State during the Civil War.

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Thirty-ninth National Encampment at Denver, Colorado, last September was a success, especially so far as the Department of Missouri was concerned. Not for ten years were there so many comrades of our State in line on the day of the parade. The Department of Missouri and the comrades who formed its column may well feel proud of the enthusiastic reception and compliments paid them as they marched in the grand parade, by the loyal and patriotic people of Denver, who lined the streets, sidewalks and buildings of that splendid city in thousands, and with welcoming cheers cried out, "Here comes Grand Old Missouri."

With nearly a thousand comrades in line all wearing only the regulation G. A. R. uniform, marching to the patriotic airs of "Marching Through Georgia," "Star Spangled Banner," or "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again," the boys' rheumatic pains were forgotten and forty years of our existence were eliminated from our system.

Each Post—Blair, Hassendeubel, Harding, Ransom, McPherson, Farragut-Thomas and Custer—with details from many other Posts throughout the State, never appeared to better advantage. The Department Commander thanks all who were present who added additional honors to our splendid department. Missouri's delegation to the Thirty-ninth National Encampment supported comrade Charles

G. Burton as their candidate for Commander in Chief. Comrade Wm. Warner aroused the enthusiasm of the delegates when he placed comrade Burton in nomination with one of the most eloquent addresses he ever delivered in any National Encampment.

I am under many obligations to Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, for the generous, kind, and pleasant treatment they extended to me as my escort from St. Louis to Denver, Colo., in attendance at the Thirty-ninth National Encampment. Also to Hon. Thomas Conner of Joplin, Mo., for the generous loan of his fine blooded horse to ride on the day of the grand parade.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

The Sons of Veterans are doing well and should be encouraged. They are closest to our heart, they will be our successors, like the true, affectionate sons which they are; they will be our main support more and more as our eyes grow dimmer, our steps more feeble. They have generously offered to assist us at the funerals of our comrades, to lighten the burden from off of our shoulders; on them and their sons will devolve largely to carry forth with courage the work we leave, to keep public officials efficient, honest and capable.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Woman's Relief Corps, from their reports and aggressiveness are growing in influence and importance. Your Department Commander has attended as many of their official installations as possible. Their meetings were largely attended. They at all times extended to me the most courteous treatment.

Soon after becoming Department Commander my attention was called by John H. Crenshaw Post, No. 516, of Carterville, Mo., to the conditions existing between the Post and the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to the Post. It appeared that the Post, in accordance with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of the W. R. C., had made a formal request upon the Department President to disband the Corps. This was done by Mrs. Van Slyke, the Department President, in the early part of 1904, but for some reason the Department Convention of that year, by "waiving the Rules and Regulations," assumed to set aside her action.

The Post continued to protest and claimed that under the Rules and Regulations of the W. R. C. the Corps could only exist by the will of the Post, and called upon the Department Commander to see that their rights and wishes were respected. On this account I conferred with Mrs. Rich, the Department President of the W. R. C.

at Denver, Colorado, last September, and arranged with her to submit the case to our Judge Advocate, comrade George E. Smith, for his decision, by which we should abide. This was done, and after a patient and thorough investigation the Judge Advocate decided that the Corps had no legal existence, and a copy of his opinion was sent to the Department President. Repeated efforts were made by me to secure action by the Department President in accordance with this decision, but without success, and my last communication of December 16th, 1905, remains unanswered.

I respectfully submit that some action on this matter should be taken by this Encampment, and I recommend that a Committee of three be appointed which shall promptly report to this Encampment the necessary action to be taken in the premises.

#### LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This loyal patriotic organization is doing splendid work in harmony, charity and fraternity. None can join their ranks unless they are not only and have been loyal women, but that their fathers, brothers or husbands were Union soldiers. Their Circles, while not as numerous as they should be, are yet full of faithfulness and devotion to our Order, and should receive our hearty support.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

I had the honor to select that worthy comrade, W. C. Calland, as the Department Patriotic Instructor. His appeal to the Comrades in his circular letter plainly shows that comrade Calland is worthy of the office. The officers of each Post should impress upon the school officials, both public and private, the necessity of inculcating lessons of broad-minded patriotism for the benefit of our school children. There is no better way to secure this than for them to celebrate Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays; to have their teachers read to them of the unselfish struggle and sacrifices they made for the good of our country in the darkest hours of its trials and dangers; it can safely be said of these children that, when they arrive at manhood and womanhood, the Republic will never want for defenders.

Last January I called upon Prof. Louis F. Soldan, Superintendent of the St. Louis Public Schools, in regard to patriotic exercises in the schools. While in conversation with him, I was introduced to that noble, loyal daughter of an Ohio Union veteran, Miss Mary C. McCulloch, Superintendent of the St. Louis Kindergartens. A

circular letter was issued to the principal of each school for them to have on Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays patriotic exercises, including readings from the lives of the fathers of our Republic, their patriotic addresses and State papers, to sing the "Star Spangled Banner," "America," and "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." The schoolrooms were decorated with Old Glory and many of the kindergarten scholars wore caps and flags and made many attractive designs in the colors of the red, white and blue. It is my belief that today there is a more universal spirit of loyalty and love of our Republic, permeating all over our nation, than since the foundation of our government, and will continue to increase more and more as the years roll on long after we have passed to the life everlasting.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

This purely American patriotic day, sacred to the memory of our departed comrades, in its proper observance, impresses not only every comrade, but, as the days pass on, every citizen of our nation, as well as the youth, the future citizens and rulers of our Republic.

The General Orders from National and Department Headquarters call the especial attention of the Posts to attendance at divine services on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, May 30th. The pastors of the various churches, irrespective of creed, have been pleased to honor the Posts with special patriotic addresses, including patriotic music by the choirs. Many Posts co-operate with the pastors in these services, which render them doubly interesting, and inspire a deeper reverence and respect for our Order. A commendable part of their exercises is when a comrade reads off the army life and services of the comrades who died during the year.

The public exercises which are held by each Post from our ritual, including the reading of President Lincoln's memorable Gettysburg address, are most impressive on the minds and hearts of those in attendance. They serve to destroy all prejudices, eliminate all hatred and bitterness, purify the soul, make man more loyal and true to his country, a better father, husband and citizen.

My labors have been made pleasant and agreeable in having the advice and counsel of the faithful and devoted Assistant Adjutant General, comrade Thomas B. Rodgers, whose thorough knowledge of the rules and regulations, orders and proceedings of our Department and National organizations were of the greatest assistance to me.



## CONCLUSION.

After reviewing my year's services, dear comrades, as your Department Commander, I have tried to serve one and all faithfully without any special favors to any one, but have left no stone unturned wherever there was a chance to bring any Union veterans within our ranks, or establish a new Post. So, when the final call is made, whether I have conscientiously performed my duty to you as a soldier, citizen and man, I will have to let you answer in my behalf.

When our battles here are over, and our march through life is done,  
As we are mustered out of service slowly, surely, one by one,  
You brave old comrades who were foemen in the fray,  
Will assemble at the roll call on the coming Judgment Day,  
And when at last the bugle calls us to those mansions in the skies,  
We will meet in one grand Union at the Savior's sacrifice,  
And as we view those scenes of Heaven and see the golden shore,  
We are coming, Father Abraham, three hundred thousand more.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

HENRY FAIRBACK,

Department Commander.

**REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

CALIFORNIA, Mo., May 5, 1906.

**THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General:**

Dear Comrade: I am called upon for a Report as Senior Vice Department Commander for past year. I can only say that I have attended as many of the meetings of the Posts in central Missouri during the year as possible, and also attended, with Commander Fairback, a meeting of the Posts in Kansas City in December last, which was both pleasant and profitable. I shall ever remember this meeting, because of the presence of that dear old comrade, Rev. T. J. Ferril, Department Chaplain, who soon afterward, passed over to the silent majority. I also attended the meeting of the Thirty-ninth National Encampment at Denver last September and was gratified at the large attendance from Missouri.

With the pleasing prospect of soon meeting with a large number of our comrades at our annual Encampment at Jefferson City, I subscribe myself,

Yours in F. C. and L.

**JOHN M. WILLIAMS,**

Senior Vice Department Commander.

**REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

BROOKFIELD, Mo , April 30, 1906.

**THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General:**

Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Comrade: The report of a Junior Vice Department Commander, in a department that has always been commanded by zealous and vigorous comrades, is but a perfunctory affair, and might possibly be well omitted, but, in accordance with long established usage, I beg leave to report that the sole official duty that has devolved upon me during my term of office was to take part in the parade at Denver, and that was too great a pleasure to be designated by the colder term of duty.

In retiring from the office with which the comrades of this Department have honored me, I desire to return thanks to the Department Commander, yourself and others of the department staff, for the uniform courtesy shown me by all.

With best wishes for many years of useful service on your part in behalf of that grandest of all organizations, the Grand Army of the Republic, I remain, very respectfully,

Yours in F. C. and L.

**A. J. LANNING,**

Junior Vice Department Commander.

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
ST. LOUIS, MO., May 26, 1906. }

**HENRY FAIRBACK, Department Commander:**

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1905, as follows:

The number of Posts December 31, 1904, was 279. Of this number 14 Posts had been previously suspended, viz: Posts 224, 229, 262, 279, 283, 362, 367, 383, 397, 411, 416, 454, 482, 540. The charters of these Posts were annulled at the last Department Encampment.

Six Posts surrendered their charters during the year, viz: Posts 102, 155, 168, 194, 297, 414. Three new Posts were mustered, viz: Posts 580, 581, 582. This makes a net loss of 17 Posts during the year, and leaves 262 Posts, which includes eight that were suspended at the last Department Encampment, viz: Posts 41, 250, 254, 371, 382, 469, 507, 514.

Another Post, No. 583, consisting of colored comrades, was mustered at St. Joseph, Mo., March 23, 1906.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1905:

**FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1905.**

Number in good standing, December 31, 1904 .....	8470
Gain by muster-in .....	93
Gain by transfer .....	70
Gain by reinstatement .....	148
	311
Aggregate .....	8781
Loss by death .....	144
Loss by honorable discharge.....	12
Loss by transfer .....	76
Loss by suspension .....	250
Loss by delinquent reports.....	119
Loss by surrender of charter .....	49
	650
Number remaining in good standing, June 30, 1905.....	8131

## SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1905.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1905 .....	8131
Gain by muster-in .....	201
Gain by transfer .....	62
Gain by reinstatement.....	134     397
Aggregate .....	8528
Loss by death .....	133
Loss by honorable discharge .....	12
Loss by transfer .....	104
Loss by suspension.....	343
Loss by delinquent reports .....	42
Loss by surrender of charter .....	36     670
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1905 ...	7858

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing December 31, 1904 .....	8470
Gain during year by muster-in .....	294
Gain during year by transfer .....	132
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	282     708
Aggregate .....	9178
Loss during year by death .....	277
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	24
Loss during year by transfer.....	180
Loss during year by suspension .....	593
Loss during year by delinquent reports .....	161
Loss during year by surrender of charter .....	85     1320
Number in good standing, December 31, 1905.....	7858
Number remaining suspended.....	4512
Number dropped during year.....	558
Number of comrades relieved during year .....	124
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	59
Amount expended for relief during year .....	\$ 1,189 03
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1905.....	12,035 64
Cash invested in collaterals .....	16,470 55
Cash balance in relief funds, December 31, 1905.....	2,043 05
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	11,525 00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc. ....	13,093 40
Total value of Post property .....	\$55,167 64

The Rules and Regulations were changed at the last National Encampment allowing one representative to the National Encampment for each 500 members reported in good standing December 31st in each year. This entitles our Department to sixteen representatives in addition to the representative-at-large.

The names will be placed on the ballot, beginning with the lowest and ending with the highest numbered Post.

There are numerous Posts throughout the State with small membership, and that greatly scattered. The increasing age and consequent infirmities of the comrades make it difficult for them to attend meetings even when held but once a month. In consequence meetings are often passed for want of a quorum, interest lags, the Post languishes and the comrades become discouraged, with the result that the Post disbands. It seems to me that if the Rules and Regulations should be changed so as to allow Posts which so desired to meet quarterly instead of each month, it would have a good effect and save some Posts which would otherwise disband. If such Posts would meet on the days when pension vouchers are executed, when the comrades from quite a distance come together, more interest would be taken; they could arrange for a camp-fire or dinner on such occasions, and probably add new names to the roll.

For the information of comrades who attended the 39th National Encampment at Denver, I desire to make a statement or explanation in regard to the Simmons medals presented to the Encampment. It was stated by the parties who had charge of the matter at Denver that but half of the number ordered had been brought to Denver, that the others would be furnished as soon as they could be made after the Encampment. This would have enabled us to have given a medal to all who attended the Encampment from our Department. Accordingly we asked in General Orders for the names of all who attended from the different Posts, and the medals were sent to the Posts as they reported. After waiting a reasonable time, I wrote to the comrade in Wisconsin who had charge of the distribution to learn when the other medals would be sent, and was informed, much to my surprise, that no more would be furnished. I had by this time 83 Comrades reported and but 24 medals left to supply them. I see no other plan than to pro-rate them, unless otherwise instructed by the Encampment.

The following Exhibits are attached and form part of this report:

- Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "B," Statement of Supplies on hand.
- Exhibit "C," Statement of Assets.
- Exhibit "D," List of Deaths.

In conclusion, Commander, I desire to express my acknowledgments for your constant kindness. Your presence at headquarters for

an hour or more each day was of great advantage and assistance to me, and added to the pleasure of an acquaintance of many years.

To all my comrades, official and non-official, I return my sincere thanks for their uniform courtesy.

Yours, in F., C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Ass't Adj't General and Ass't Qr. Mr. General.

### EXHIBIT "A."

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1905.

##### RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on December 31, 1904.....	\$ 702 54
Received from per capita tax.....	2,010 74
Received from requisitions.....	238 99
Received from charter fees.....	45 00
Received from sale of real estate, balance.....	402 87
Received from interest on cert. of deposit.....	9 00
	<u>\$3,409 14</u>

##### EXPENDITURES.

Supplies.....	\$ 141 66	
Printing Encampment Journal.....	165 21	
Printing and Stationery.....	101 30	
Rent of office, 13 months.....	195 00	
Salary of Asst. Adj't. Gen'l.....	1,200 00	
Postage.....	110 70	
Expenses National Encampment.....	118 63	
Expenses Department Encampment.....	4 95	
Per capita tax.....	290 52	
Insurance.....	16 00	
Premium on bond of Asst. Adj't. Gen'l.....	15 00	
Incidentals.....	46 80	
Money refunded.....	3 40	
Traveling expenses:		
Department Commander Dew.....	\$ 36 50	
Department Commander Fairback.....	50 00	
Asst. Adj't. Gen'l Rodgers.....	4 85	91 35
		<u>\$2,500 52</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1905.....		\$908 62

## EXHIBIT "B."

## SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1905.

No.	Value
5 Membership badges .....	\$ 2 50
102 Buttoniers .....	10 20
97 Rank Straps .....	38 80
82 Official ribbons .....	8 20
117 Rules and Regulations .....	11 70
104 Applications .....	1 04
16 Cash books .....	19 20
9 Quartermaster's receipt books .....	5 40
2 Quartermaster's warrant books .....	1 70
112 Discharges .....	5 60
83 Transfers .....	4 15
38 Leave of absence cards .....	1 90
4 Adjutant's descriptive books .....	4 00
64 Odes .....	1 93
3 Rituals .....	1 50
15 Service books .....	4 50
4 Blue books .....	4 80
197 Department badges, plain .....	118 20
48 Department badges, silver top .....	48 00
117 Certificates of membership .....	11 70
2 Electrotypes .....	1 10
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	\$306 15

## EXHIBIT "C."

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash Balance December 31, 1905 .....	\$ 908 62
Office furniture, estimated .....	800 00
Supplies .....	306 15
Ledger balances .....	87 40
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	\$2,102 17

Liabilities: None.

## EXHIBIT "D."

## LIST OF DEATHS. 1905.

## Post.

- 1 Frommann, Henry, age 67, Priv. Co. B, 13 Mo. Inf.
- Menges, Jacob, age 60, Priv. Co. F. 5 Mo. Inf.
- Pirtle, J. F., age 70, Surg. 16 Mo. Inf.
- Bressler, Val., age 68, Priv. Co. E, 17 Mo. Inf.
- Parson, T. T., age 68, Priv. Co. H, 5 Mo. Inf.
- Ludwig, Chas. V. F., age 69, Surg. 1 U. S. R. C.
- Hassebrook, Geo. F., age 79, Priv. Co. B, 5 U. S. R. C.
- Kaepke, Wm., age 63, Priv. Co. H, 72 N. Y. Inf.
- Widdecomb, A. C., age 63, Capt. Co. B, 16 W. Va. Inf.
- Heitkamp, Fred, age 62, Priv. Co. E, 2 Mo. Inf.
- Weyh, Wm., age 62, Priv. Co. F, 1 Mo. Light Art.
- Radecke, Louis, age 79, Corp. Co. F, 1 Mo. S. M. Inf.
- Zoellner, Henry, age 62, Priv. Co. A, 2 Iowa Inf.
- Fahrenholz, Fred, age 69, Priv. Co. A, 14 N. Y. Cav.
- Callahan, Dennis, Priv. Co. E, 1 Mo. Eng.
- Gausman, Harry, age 59, Priv. Co. I, 10 Ill. Inf.
- Wycoff, Joseph, age 70, Priv. Co. H, 3 Iowa Cav.
- Fischer, John J., age 76, Lieut. Col. 5 Mo. Inf.
- Adelman, Chas., age 80, 1st Lieut. 6th Batty. Ind. Lt. Art.
- Graf, August, age 57, Priv. Co. G, 1 U. S. R. C.
- Meyer, John E., age 67, Priv. Co. B, 4 Mo. Inf.
- Kreyling, Conrad, age 67, Priv. Co. C, 1 Mo. Light Art.
- 4 Allen, E. C., age 61, Priv. Co. E, 117 Ill. V. Inf.
- Scott, Samuel F., age 56, Priv. Co. B, 153 Ill. V. Inf.
- Hahn, Franz, age 72, Priv. Co. M, 6th Kansas Cav.
- 5 Malleroy, I. N., age 79, Priv. Co. G, 149 Ill.
- Fox, Peter, age 77, Fireman U. S. S. Resolve.
- 6 Wyl, N. de, age 75 years 6 months, Capt. Co. D, 1st U. S. R. C.
- 7 Carter, Bernard, age 70, Priv. Co. E, 1 Kansas.
- Harl, Thomas W., age 60, Priv. Co. A, 4 Ohio Inf.
- Rollar, Jacob F., age 69, Priv. Co. E, 69 Ohio Inf.
- Oren, Isaiah E., age 65, Priv. Co. C, 9 Ind. Cav.
- Palmer, Thomas J., age 73, Priv. Co. H, 21 Kentucky.
- Brinson, Frank M., age 73, Priv. Co. H, 16 Ind Inf.
- Blades, George, age 57, Priv. Co. B, 7 Ill. Cav.
- McClurg, Austin, age 78, Major, 116 Ill. Inf.



## Post.

- 8 Poteet, Geo. A., age 67, 1st Sargt. Co. B, 14 Ill. Inf.; Lieut. Col.  
115 Ill. Inf.  
Cloud, William F., age 80, Col. 2 Kan. Cav.  
Moore, Herbert H., age 60, 1st Lieut. Co. C, 9 Vt. Inf.  
Reed, Albert, Priv. Co. F, 1 Minn. Mounted Rangers.
- 10 Cave, Frederick, age 76, Priv. Co. B, 2 Ill. Inf.
- 13 Aegerter, Peter, age 84, Priv. Co. G, 1 Mo. S. M.  
Buechel, Herman, Corp. Co. A, 2 Mo. V. I.  
Helmholtz, Henry, age 80, Priv. Co. H, 3 U. S. R. C.  
Herbst, Frederick, age 79, Priv. Co. B, 43 Ill. Inf.  
Evans, Jacob B., age 67, Priv. Co. M, 102 Penn. V. I.  
Klein, Nicolas, age 72, Priv. Co. B, 4 Mo. Inf.  
Siegmond, Louis, age 70, Priv. Co. C, 5 U. S. R. C.  
Stukenberg, John, age 57, Priv. Co. C, 2 Mo. Art.  
Hillerschatt, Charles, age 82, Priv. Co. F, 95 Ohio V. I.  
Henry, Elfen, age 78, 1st Lieut. Co. M, 2 Mo. Art.  
Kreher, Christopher, age 64, Priv. Co. B, 3 Mo. Inf.  
Lentz, Henry C., age 63, Priv. Co. B, 102 Pa. Vol.  
Schneider, Phillip W., age 77, Capt. & Q. M., 3 Mo. Vol.  
Schmidt, August, age 78, Priv. Co. D, 1 U. S. Inf.  
Weinreich, Jacob, age 72, Priv. Co. C, Vet. Vol.  
Maurer, Xavier, age 69, Priv. Co. K, 1 U. S. R. C.  
Niemeyer, Henry, age 88, Priv. Co. C, 1 U. S. R. C.  
Hoffmann, Jacob, age 67, Priv. Co. D, 2 Mo. Art.
- 14 Hall, G. P.  
Barner, N. L.  
Burlingame, E. G., Priv. Co. E, 24 Mo.  
Dixon, E. P., Priv. Co. C, Wis. Bat.  
Berry, Chas. S., Priv. Co. C, 2 Mo. Bat.  
Belles, Wm., Priv. Co. I, 85 Ill.
- 16 Black, J. F., Lieut. Col. 111 Ill.  
Hall, Bennett, Priv. Co. E, 129 Ill.
- 17 Eberly, D. H., age 66, Priv. Co. C & D, 25 and 3 M. M.  
Warner, Daniel, age 59, Priv. Co. A, 144 O. V. I.  
Harriman, Alvin, age 70, Sergt. Co. F, 15 Vt. I.
- 21 Baringer, Jacob, age 70, Cor. Co. H, 51 Mo.  
Whitewoch, John W., age 65, Cor. Co. I, 20 Iowa.  
Allen, Jno. H., Priv. Co. K, 43 Mo.
- 22 Bestmann, Henry, Priv. Co. C, 2 Mo. Inf.  
Ferrel, Henry, Priv. Co. E, 29 Ind. Inf.  
Hagans, Samuel, Priv. Co. M, 2 Prov. E. M. M.  
Bigsbey, Edgar, Priv. Co. E, 95 Ill. Inf.

## Post.

- Matthews, Wm. B., Priv. Co. E, 14 Pa. Cav.; Priv. Co. D, 137 Pa. Inf.
- Vaughn, John, Priv. Co. F, 199 Pa. Inf.
- Sigler, Wm. D., Corp. Co. G, 30 Iowa Inf.
- Foncanon, Wm. H., age 62, Priv. Co. D, 17 O. V. I.
- 23 Haverly, C. R., age 77, Capt. Co. B, 42 Mo. Inf.
- Moss, Ed., age 76, Corp. Co. G, 27 Mo.
- 26 Lloyd, J. H., age 63, Priv. Co. B, 52 Ill. Inf.
- Patterson, A. R., age 79, Capt. Co. E, 32 Ohio.
- Hunt, E. S., age 71, Priv. Co. B, 11 Wis. Inf.
- O'Connor, Ed., age 68, Capt. Co. I, 125 N. Y.
- Snyder, Wm., age 76, Priv. Co. L, 12 Mo. Cav.
- 29 Leach, William B., age 61, Priv. Co. A, Marion Co. Mo. Bat.
- 32 Plumb, William, age 85, Maj. 6 Mo. Cav.
- 34 Jones, John, age 73, Priv. Co. B, 62 Pa. Inf.
- Haller, George, age 77, Corp. Co. G, 11 Ind. Inf.
- Magin, Charles U., age 64, Priv. Co. D, 138 Ill. Inf.
- Benefiel, Theodore S., age 68, Farrier Co. C, 6 Kan. Cav.
- 36 Krone, George, Corp. Co. B, 3 Cal.
- Kendall, Geo., age 68, Priv. Co. A, 123 Ill. Inf.
- 38 Fry, A., age 83, Priv. 3 M. S. M.
- Halbert, M., age 78, Priv., 27 Mo. Vol.
- 42 Butler, Moses, age 65, Priv. Co. E, 65 U. S. C. T.
- 43 Fields, B. F., age 62, Priv. Co. B, 42 Mo.
- O'Hern, James, age 63, Priv. Co. E, 1 E. M. M.
- Johnson, Frederick, Priv. Co. F, 114 N. Y.
- Colyer, John.
- 44 Riggins, G. W., age 56, Priv. Co. E, 44 Mo.
- 47 Mitchell, J. C., age 80, Priv. Co. I, 92 Ohio Inf.
- 53 Morrow, Robert N., age 63, Priv. Co. H, 1 West Va.
- Gray, Geo. W., age 67, Priv. Co. D, 7 M. S. M. Cav.
- 57 Hinkle, William, Priv. Co. G, 19 Iowa Inf.
- Gordon, John H., Priv. Co. A, 3 Ill. Inf.
- 58 Deffenbaugh, J. K., Priv. Co. C, 88 Ohio Inf.
- Divers, K.
- 64 Mealon, William, Priv. Co. F, 18 Pa. Cav.
- 67 Morlin, T. P., age 62, Color Sergt. Co. K, 155 Pa. Inf.
- Holmes, John, age 78, Wagoner Co. L, 10 O. V. Cav.
- 68 Hall, E. H., age 73, Priv. Co. E, 5 Mo. P. E. M. M.
- Boulware, Cornelius, age 68, Priv. Co. K, 27 O. V. I.; Priv. Co. A, 36 O. V. I.
- 69 Drum, W. E., age 67, Priv. Co. H, 129 Pa. Inf.
- Galloway, Charles, age 79, Maj., 1st Ark. Cav.

## Post.

- Arnold, Geo., age 61, 2nd Lieut. Indpt. Co., Cape Gir.  
 Briley, Samuel, age 74, Corp. Co. F, 81 Ill. Inf.  
 White, J. M., age 61, Corp Co. I, 24 Mo. Inf.
- 72 Caywood, Nicholas, age 78, Priv. Co. A, 147 Ind.  
 Elwood, Nathan, age 72, Priv. Co. A, 84 Ind.
- 75 Culver, Emanuel, age 66, Priv. Co. B, 88 Ind. Inf.  
 Morris, J. M., age 68, Priv. Co. I, 15 Mo. Cav.
- 76 Plumb, Wm., Maj. 6 M. S. M.  
 Middaugh, Geo. W., Priv. Co. A, 6 M. S. M.
- 78 Smith, John H., Capt. Co. I, 1 M. S. M. Cav.  
 Peed, Henry A., Priv. Co. E, 132 Ind. Inf.
- 81 Burk, B. J., Priv. Co. B, 70 Ill.
- 82 Bunch, Thompson H., age 61, Priv. Co. D, 9 M. S. M.  
 Belden, Thomas S., age 68, Corp. Co. C, 18 Mich.
- 84 Scott, J. F., age 62, Priv. Co. F, 87 Ohio.
- 86 Dickens, Wm. T., Priv. Co. A, 7 Vt. Inf.
- 88 Thompson, P. M., Corp. Co. O, 2 Ind. Bat.
- 97 Bacon, Joseph T., Priv. Co. F, 48 Mo. Inf.
- 107 Wetzel, Barth, age 64, Priv. Co. D, 4 Mo. Inf.  
 Haumueller, Henry, age 70, Priv. Co. H, 4 Mo. Cav.  
 Kerls, Chas. T., age 60, Priv. Co. B, M. S. Mo.  
 Ruge, Julius, age 64, Surgeon, 31 Mo. Inf.  
 Sanberg, C. T., age 62, Priv. Co. B, 26 Mo. Inf.  
 Hergenroeder, Jno., Priv. Co. C, M. S. M.  
 Biermann, Gottlieb, Priv. Co. I, 5 U. S. R. C.
- 119 Stine, Adolphus, Sergt. Co. B, 8 N. Y. Art.  
 Weaver, L. M., Priv. Co. B, 28 Mo. Inf.
- 120 Hand, Matthew, age 68, Priv. Co. E, 93 Ind.
- 124 Plymel, Elcana, Priv. Co. A, 6 Bat. Mo. Mil.  
 Dalrymple, W. O., Priv. Co. F, 2 Mo. Cav.  
 Russell, C. G., Priv. Co. B, 12 Iowa Inf.
- 129 Harrison, B. F., Priv. Co. C, 17 Ill.
- 131 Toussaint, Charles, age 72, Priv. Co. E, 2 Mo. Art.  
 Pence, N. W., age 67, Priv. Co. C, 192 Ohio Inf.  
 Dean, Wm. B., age 71, 2d Lieut. Co. F, 127 N. Y. Inf.  
 Thayer, A. M., age 63, 1st Lieut. U. S. Signal Corps.  
 Green, Jas. W., age 65, Priv. Co. H, 1 Del. Lt. Art.  
 Galt, S. P., age 66, Capt. Co. C, 122 Pa. Inf.  
 Shuler, T. D., age 58, Sergt. Co. K, 9 Ind. Cav.  
 Simpson, Samuel P., age 71, Lieut. Col. 31 Mo. Inf.  
 Parsons, Charles, age 81, Bvt. Lt. Col. & A. 2 M., U. S. V.

## Post.

- Hyatt, Henry A., age 64, Q. M. Sergt., 1 N. Y., Ind. Sharp Shooters.
- Wood, H. D., age 63, Bvt. Maj. & Com. of Sub., U. S. V.
- Pretorius, Emil, age 77, Priv. Co. E, U. S. R. C. Mo.
- Hassett, P. W., age 68, Petty Officer, U. S. Receiving Ship "Vermont."
- 141 Hodges, Albert, Priv. Co. B, 16 Mo. Cav.  
Holt, H. J. M., Priv. Co. M, 5 Tenn. Cav.
- 146 Middaugh, Wm., Priv. Co. C, 5 Iowa Inf.
- 158 Shofstall, W. H., age 74, Lieut. Co. G, 70 E. M. M.
- 160 White, Thomas C., age 72, Priv. Co. F, 78 Ill.  
Preston, W. S., age 60, Priv. Co. A, 24 Mich. Inf.
- 161 Passmore, Thos., age 68, Priv. Co. E, 90 Ohio.  
Scaggs, Louis, age 65, Priv. Co. F, 1 Tenn. Cav.
- 164 May, Chas. A., age 73, 1st Lieut. Co. C, 6 Ind. Inf.  
Lambkin, W. P., age 85, Priv. Co. I, 12 Wis., Heavy Art.  
Stukenberg, John, age 57, Co. C, 2 Mo. Art.
- 172 Vogel, George, age 75, Priv. Co. E, 9 Ill. Inf.  
Streiff, Thomas, age 65, Priv. Co. A, 46 Wis. Inf.  
McKinney, Joseph E., age 63, Priv. Co. F, 78 Ohio Inf.
- 173 Simons, Hiram, age 68, Corp. Co. I, 9 N. Y. Cav.  
Curth, Michael, age 74, Priv. Co. K, 2 Mo. Cav.; Priv. Co. L, 10 Mo. Cav.
- 178 Fisher, Hugo, Priv., M. S. M. Cav.
- 179 Boise, William H., age 60, Priv. Co. F, 30 Iowa Inf.  
Shuler, John M., age 77, Priv. Co. I, 51 Mo. Inf.
- 180 Beaman, A. F., age 66, Priv. Co. H, 45 Mo.; Co. B, 48 Mo.
- 184 Virgin, Enoch, age 75, Sergt. Co. K, 3 M. S. M. C.
- 197 Moore, Thos., 1st Lieut. Co. L, 13 Mo. Cav.
- 210 Armstrong, William, Priv. Co. B, 5 M. S. M.  
Beal, William S., Priv. Co. M, 8 Mo. Cav.
- 215 Kollmeyer, Wm., age 61, Priv. Co. F, 47 Mo. Inf.
- 218 Smith, John R., age 82, Priv. Co. A, 29 Mo. Inf.
- 232 Proper, Phillip, Priv. Co. C, 42 Wis.  
Weir, J. N., Priv. Co. E, 12 Kan.  
Lyle, E. A., Priv. Co. I, 1 Tenn.
- 233 Brouster, E. B., Sergt. Co. K, 40 Mo. Inf.
- 235 Swackhammer, John, age 54, Priv. Co. D, 44 Ill. Inf.  
Miller, James M., age 83, Comm's'y Co. K, 60 E. Mo. Mil.;  
Sergt. Co. K, 5 Prov. Mo. Mil.
- 239 Hopkins, S. L., Corp. Co. H, 4 Iowa Cav.  
Dalham, John, Sergt. Co. F, 82 Ill. Inf.

## Post.

- 240 Haerle, Jacob, age 68, Priv. Co. A, Boonville Home Guards.  
 Lauer, Erhardt, age 69, Priv. Co. A, 5 M. S. M.  
 McMillan, James, age 62, Priv. Co. G, 77 Ohio Inf.  
 Kabel, Israel, age 63, Corp. Co. I, 5 Iowa Inf.
- 241 Christian, A., Priv. Co. D, 14 Iowa V.
- 243 Cline, Oliver G. B., age 78, Priv. Co. E, 19 Iowa Inf.
- 259 Love, R. P., age 60, Priv. Co. F, 153 O. V. I.
- 264 McFadden, James, Sergt. Co. K, 16 O. V. I.  
 Yentzer, J. H., age 62, Mus. Co. E, 101 Ohio.  
 Stow, I. N., age 69, Priv. Co. D, 151 Ohio.
- 268 Fleming, Squire H., age 74, 4th Sergt. Co. L, 9 M. S. M.  
 Laster, John T., age 57, Priv. Co. C, 14 Kan. Cav.  
 Waigner, William, age 79, Priv. Co. E, 9 M. S. M.  
 Bitter, William, age 66, Priv. Co. E, 9 M. S. M.
- 273 Sumpter, Carter, age 61, Priv. Co. C, 136 Ill. Inf.  
 Miller, Frank, age 63, Priv. Co. E, 2 Mo. Art.
- 276 Wigdon, E. D., Priv. Co. B, 6 Pa. H. Art.
- 282 Carey, Henry B., Sergt. Co. A, 65 E. M. M.
- 287 Jones, C. J., Priv. Co. C, 3 Iowa Cav.  
 Lowry, A. T., Priv. Co. B, 6 Iowa Inf.  
 Simmons, J. W., Priv. Co. F, 24 Ind. Inf.
- 293 Lewis, Wm., Priv. Co. C, 39 O. V. I.
- 294 Ellingsworth, Robert, age 65, Priv. Co. G, 11 Mo. Cav.
- 297 Roth, Wm., Priv. Co. C, 43 Ill. Inf.
- 303 Myers, Elijah, Priv. Co. D, 3 Ind.
- 312 Sell, Isaac N., age 65, Corp. Cos. E & H, 51 O. V. I.
- 314 Eggers, Christ, age 71, Priv. Co. I, 12 Mo. Inf.
- 320 Seems, C., age 72, Priv. Co. C, 4 Mo.  
 Rook, John, age 68, Priv. Co. C, 4 Mo.
- 324 Whitmore, Hiram, Priv. Co. C, 117 Ill. Inf.
- 327 Mead, George, age 61, Priv. Co. F, 2 Bat. Mo., H. G.
- 332 Bergner, Geo., 1st Lieut. Co. A, H. Guard.  
 Richter, Gottlieb, Priv. Co. C, 19 Wis. Inf.
- 340 Farmer, H. T., age 63, Priv. Co. H, 62 E. M. M.
- 343 Singleton, Harkley, Priv. Co. G, 50 U. S. C. T.
- 348 Simpson, Thomas L., age 67, Priv. Co. B, 6 Mo. Inf.
- 350 Berkbigler, Anton, age 62, Priv. Co. G, 8 Prov. E: M. M.
- 354 Otwell, Joseph C., age 74, Priv. Co. G, Elgin, Ill., Bat.
- 355 Shackelford, Joel R., Priv. Co. E, Osage Co. H. G.
- 358 Mayse, Wm. G., age 69, Priv. Co. G, 71 E. M. M.
- 359 Wimpay, James H., Priv. Co. H, 6 Kan. Cav.
- 374 Ellis, C. T., age 61, Priv. Co. B, 118 Ind. V. I.  
 Newland, Wm., Priv. Co. B, 23 Mo. Inf.

## Post.

- 377 Speer, J. B., Priv. Co. D, 85 Pa.  
Seymore, Wm., Priv. Co. A, 1 Ky. Inf.
- 379 Bolick, Geo., Priv. Co. D, 5 M. S. M. Cav.  
Thomas, O. T., Priv. Co. A, 1 Tenn.
- 387 Bowman, John K.  
Crane, W. E., age 62, Priv. Co. E, 94 N. Y.
- 392 Robinson, L. M., Priv., Ind. Scouts.
- 407 Waters, John, age 75, Priv. Co. B, 30 O. V. I.  
Austin, F. M., Priv. Co. D, 12
- 425 Pemberton, James, age 81, Priv. Co. G, Osage, Mo., H. G.
- 447 McCummings, Richard, age 78, Sergt. Co. H, 2 U. S. Art.
- 457 Clark, George E, age 61, Priv. Co. E and A, 58 and 114 Ill.  
Harris, Charles M, Co. B, 80 Ill.  
Akley, Peter, age 61, Co. F, 29 Mo.  
Sparks, William E., age 64, Priv. Co. I, 56 E. M. M.
- 458 Mize, Mart, Priv. Co. G, 4 Mo. Cav.
- 466 Pritchett, Wm. F., age 65, Sergt. Co. D, 3 Cav. M. S. M.
- 472 Rogers, Jos. T. B., age 70, Priv. Co. G, 11 Ind. Inf.
- 496 Rauschart, M., Priv. Co. C, 4 Mo. Cav.  
Otting, John, Priv. Co. G, 2 U. S. R. C.
- 517 Castor, G. W., Priv. Co. E, 1 Iowa Cav.
- 544 Fassett, Henry, U. S. C. T.
- 551 Shannon, David, Priv. Co. G, 18 Iowa Inf.
- 561 Marquess, A. C., Priv. Co. H, 5 Mo.
- 567 Martin, A. W., 1st Lieut. Co. D, 4 Pa. Cav.
- 572 Eisenraat, John H., age 63, Priv. Co. C, 9 M. S. M. Cav.
- 576 Mallinckrodt, Adolph, age 67, Corp. Co. I, 3 Mo. Vol.; 2nd  
Lieut. Co. E, Krekel's Battalion.
- 577 Wright, James C., age 66, Priv. Co. H, 6 Mo.
- 578 Burns, Joseph N., age 64, Priv. Co. A, 145 Ill.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 10, 1906.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General;

Commander: The unbroken quiet which has prevailed in my office during the entire year indicates that the Grand Army in this Department is living in peace and harmony.

There have been no violations of the Rules and Regulations reported during the entire year, no court martials, and no questions of Grand Army law have been referred to me for advice or decision.

The only question submitted to me was by agreement between yourself and the Department President of the W. R. C., and came over from prior administrations, and concerned our auxiliary, the W. R. C., rather than the Grand Army.

The question related to Crenshaw Corps No. 99, auxiliary of Crenshaw Post No. 516, both located at Cartersville, Mo., and involved the inquiry whether or not the charter of corps No. 99 had been revoked by the Department President. The question was purely one of law to be determined by the record of the case disclosed in the official proceedings of the Department Conventions of the W. R. C. in the years 1904 and 1905. As the opinion given embodied the entire record of the two Department Conventions in reference to the case, it is probably too long to publish entire, but an abstract of the opinion may be given as follows: On May 17, 1904, the day before the Department Convention met at Lexington, the Department President, Mrs. Van Slyke, reported to her Council that she had disbanded Corps No. 99 upon the request of Post 516, under Chapter II, Article I, Sec. 6, Rules and Regulations W. R. C., and the Council sustained her decision.

On the next day in her annual address to the Department Convention, the President stated that the Post had asked the disbandment of its auxiliary and that she, after being advised that she had no discretion in the matter, had called for the charter, and she suggested an amendment to the Rules and Regulations (as Resolution No. 1) so that it will not be compulsory for a Department President to revoke a charter on request of a Post. The address was referred to the usual committee, which reported to the Convention the same afternoon, recommending the address be accepted, excluding the proposed change in the Rules and Regulations, which the committee desired to be brought before the Convention for discussion and action.

This report was met by a motion to table the section (of the address) with Resolution No. 1, which was carried, and the committee report was then, on motion, accepted, and the committee discharged. A motion was then made, that, "We waive the Rules and Regulations and return the supplies to Crenshaw Post No. 99 and let them go on with the good work," which motion was adopted. This in substance was the action taken in the case by the Convention of 1904.

The Department Convention of 1905, held at Brookfield, took no direct action in this case, except that the Department President, Mrs. Hengelsburg, reported that the supplies had been returned to the Corps, but the money had not been received from the Post, and that she had visited the Post and had been treated with discourtesy, that they refused to recognize her authority, and that she had determined to uphold the Corps, and was sustained by her Council; and she further recommended the appointment of a committee of five to confer with the incoming Department Commander.

The foregoing is in substance the action taken by the two Department Conventions.

#### CONCLUSION.

Upon this record I was of opinion, and so advised you:

1. That the decision of the Department President in 1904, revoking the Charter of Corps 99 at the request of Post 516, was valid and effective under Chapter II, Art. I, Sec. 6 of the Rules and Regulations of the W. R. C., then and now in force, and that such decision was afterwards approved by the Department Council.

2. That Corps 99, although it had a right to do so, did not appeal from such decision to the Department Convention, and the same became final sixty days after such decision was made and published.

3. That the reported action of the Department Convention of 1904, at Lexington, and 1905 at Brookfield, was not upon an appeal by the Corps, and did not have the effect of reversing or modifying such original decision in any way, and the same still remains in full force.

4. That the Rules and Regulations of the W. R. C., Chapter II, Art. I, Sec. 1, provide: "No Corps shall be recognized by the members of the Woman's Relief Corps unless under a legal and unforfeited charter," which Corps No. 99 at Carterville no longer possesses.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. SMITH,

Judge Advocate, Department of Missouri.



**REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.****CROSS TIMBERS, Mo., May 10, 1906.****THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General:****Department of Missouri, G. A. R.**

Comrade: I have the honor to submit my report as Chief Mustering Officer of the Department. I thank the Department Commander for the honor conferred upon me and congratulate him upon the unusual number of new Posts mustered during his administration. They are as follows:

Windsor Post, No. 580, at Windsor, Henry County, Mo., September 15th, 1905, by Chas. E. Wadleigh, P. P. C., Post 68, Special Mustering Officer, with twenty-one charter members; F. A. Chrisman, Post Commander.

Dexter Post, No. 581, at Dexter, Stoddard County, Mo., September 9th, 1905, by F. A. Kage, Post 173, Special Mustering Officer, with fourteen charter members; J. H. Couchman, Post Commander.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, at Lee's Summit, Jackson County, Mo., November 24th, 1905, by Henry Fairback, Department Commander, and Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, with twenty-five members; W. E. Boyer, Post Commander.

John Whaling Post, No. 583, at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Mo., March 23d, 1906, by Thos. W. Evans, Past S. V. Department Commander, Special Mustering Officer, with ten charter members; Henry DeBell, Post Commander.

I desire to thank the comrades who have assisted me by acting as Special Mustering Officers.

Yours in F. C. and L.

**R. A. VANCE,**  
Chief Mustering Officer.

## REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 9th, 1906.

Department Commander Fairback:

I beg to submit the following report. Having been honored by the Department as Patriotic Instructor, it becomes my duty to present this department of our work.

1. I take it that the primary object of the existence of the Grand Army of the Republic is to preserve and keep alive the spirit and the warmth of that patriotism which was born on the picket line and in deadly battle. While there is much pleasure and keen delight in the annual greetings around our camp fires, and in the repeated accentuation of comradeship, yet the principal reason for our existence must ever be to send abroad the spirit of loyalty to our beloved government and its blood-bought institutions. If we fail of this grand object, then the perpetuation of our organization is little more than selfish enjoyment.

2. An important fact to be kept in mind: Only about one-tenth of our present population was present forty years ago to know personally something of the struggle and the costly sacrifice made to preserve the Union. They read about it now as history only, and little of the reality can be known by them. Thus we find the necessity of work and proper instruction. Comrades, we shall find ample need to tell the story of Gettysburg and Petersburg, of Grant in the Wilderness and at Appomattox, of Hooker at Lookout Mountain, and Sherman's march to the sea. Let us not become too modest.

3. Actual work done. The actual work accomplished in this department has been along the line of public addresses, placing the flag upon schoolhouses, concert exercises in public schools, and the inspiration of helpful columns in the newspapers. One hundred and four Posts have held celebrations of Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays. Many of these meetings have been notable. The public addresses of Commander Fairback on Washington's birthday were exceedingly able and inspiring, and were heard by many. Open sessions of Posts have assisted in the dissemination of patriotic instruction.

4. The Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans have

aided nobly in the general work of this department. Comrade Bake-well has furnished the department with many suggestions and helpful literature. Post Commanders have been fairly prompt in response to the requests of the Instructor. A mutual exchange between Department Instructors in literature and methods of work have added to the general efficiency of the work. An increased number of open sessions and the custom of invitation of neighboring Posts for union meetings have proven helpful, both to the Department and the individual Posts.

5. The Rules and Regulations provide that the Department Commander shall immediately after entering upon his official duties appoint a Patriotic Instructor, and as many assistant Instructors as he may deem necessary, upon the nomination of the Patriotic Instructor. Each Post Commander in the Department is called upon to nominate some capable Comrade who will agree to serve, and send his name and postoffice address to the Department for approval. Each Post should be glad to add something to this work, since unless they do, the influence of the Department cannot be felt in their quarter, for the Patriotic Instructor has no funds at his command to provide for a personal campaign in the State.

6. We most urgently request the Posts of the Department to observe our annual flag day, June 14th, by some public service or display of flags. Each Comrade should display a flag at his own house on that day. By calling to mind the day and its object in the public press many would display the flag in the store and shop. In England the observance of flag day has become so notable that few public or private places can be found where the national emblem is not honored. The citizens honor the flag by pinning it to the coat lapel. These small flags may be had for five cents per dozen. It certainly falls to the G. A. R. to bring about a public observance of this red letter day. See that the flag is on the schoolhouse and public halls, and in this way we shall impress many of the significance of the day.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all assistants and the Department Officers for all courtesies, and I bespeak for my successor the same helpful interest.

W. C. CALLAND,

Patriotic Instructor, Department of Missouri.

Past Department Commander Burton moved that a special committee of three be appointed to take up that portion of the Department Commander's address relating to the Carterville Woman's Relief Corps, No. 99, and report thereon as soon as possible what action should be taken by the Encampment. On being put to vote, it was so ordered and the Senior Vice Department Commander appointed as such committee, Past Department Commanders Burton, Benecke and Sterrett.

On motion the address of the Department Commander and the officers' reports were referred to the several committees to be appointed.

Senior Vice Department Williams announced the following committee on the address of the Department Commander:

Past Department Commanders Rassieur, Martin, Sterrett, Dew and Scott.

By direction of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees:

On the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, and the Chief Mustering Officer: Past Department Commander John P. Platt; W. F. Silverwood, Post 1; John W. Toppass, Post 29.

On the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: J. W. Beach, Post 7; L. B. Ripley, Post 131; Hubert Munchrath, Post 13.

On the report of the Judge Advocate: Past Department Commander Louis Benecke; J. W. Moore, Post 276; Elmer E. Graham, Post 145.

On motion the following committees were also appointed by the Department Commander:

On resolutions: Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton; Past Department Commander Ira T. Bronson; J. L. Erwin, Post 572; H. R. Parsons, Post 221; J. A. Demuth, Post 7.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Department Commander C. W. Whitehead; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; Sol. Boehm, Post 1.

To visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.: David Murphy, Post 131; W. H. Mengel, Post 276; Past Department Commander, J. W. Scott.

To visit the Sons of Veterans: Past Department Commander Ira T. Bronson, W. H. Wormstead, Post 8; E. S. Gurney, Post 76.

Chapain Hagerty advanced on the platform in a very threatening manner, faced the Commander and addressed him as follows:

Commander, I would not strike you with this cane, but present it to you. Before Senator Warner issued his edict that I should not cut any more wood from Wilson's Creek, I got this stick. I worked it into a nice cane which I present to you in the name of the encampment. In the head are inlaid five pieces of wood. One quadrant is from Andersonville Prison, one from the house in which Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. U. S. Grant, one from Abraham Lincoln's home in Springfield, Illinois, one from Gen. Grant's log cabin, and the center from the Old Liberty Bell, Philadelphia, all of which I give to you in the name of the encampment.

Commander Fairbanks responded briefly, expressing his thanks for the gift and hoping the Chaplain would be spared for many years to supply canes and gavels to the officers of the encampment.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 23rd.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Announcement was made by the Department Commander that there would be a parade at 4 o'clock p. m., immediately following the adjournment of the Encampment.

Past Department Commander Burton, Chairman of the special committee appointed to consider and report upon the matter of the Carterville Corps, W. R. C., submitted the following:

Department Commander and Comrades: Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Department Commander's address relating to the action of the Woman's Relief Corps, De-

partment of Missouri, in the matter of John H. Crenshaw Post, No. 516, at Carterville, Missouri, and the Relief Corps auxiliary thereto, would respectfully submit: That said Post duly notified the President of the W. R. C., Department of Missouri, that it desired the dissolution of said auxiliary Corps, and that thereupon said President, Mrs. Van Slyke, dissolved said Corps, and recalled its charter and supplies, and that from that time said Corps has not had nor does it now have any legal existence.

That at the Encampment at Lexington, Mo., in 1904, the said President reported to the W. R. C. convention her action in the premises, and in connection therewith recommended an amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the W. R. C., concerning the dissolution of Corps, which recommendation was by said convention laid upon the table.

That thereupon, as appears from the journal of the proceedings of said convention, a motion was made and carried "to waive the Rules and Regulations and return the supplies to said Corps and let them go on with the good work."

No doubt such action by the convention was prompted by what seemed most excellent reasons; nevertheless, it was absolutely null and void.

All subsequent recognition of said Corps and all communications therewith by the W. R. C. Department of Missouri, was revolutionary and in direct and open violation of its own Rules and Regulations.

Wherefore your committee recommends that this Department respectfully insist that the W. R. C. Department of Missouri shall proceed forthwith to take up the charter and supplies of said Relief Corps, and that it shall no longer recognize nor hold communication with it; and that a committee of three be appointed to visit the W. R. C. convention now in session and submit to it the action of this Encampment in the premises, and that said committee report to this Encampment at the earliest possible moment the action of said convention in relation to the matter.

C. G. BURTON,  
F. M. STERRETT,  
LOUIS BENECKE,  
Committee.

Comrade Jones, Post 14, and Sparklin, Post 131, spoke against the adoption of the report and Comrade Burton in its support. The discussion was participated in by a number of other comrades and became somewhat protracted. Upon mo-

tion and by a standing vote the report was laid upon the table.

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, the vote by which said report was laid upon the table was reconsidered.

Comrade Clarke, Post 4, then moved as a substitute for said report that a special committee of three be appointed to whom the whole matter should be referred, with instructions that a hearing be given to the representatives of said Carterville Corps and that said committee also confer with a like committee from the W. R. C. Convention, which substitute was adopted, and thereupon the Department Commander appointed as such special committee, Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur and Past Department Commanders Martin and Dew.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the 40th National Encampment, in order that time might be had for printing tickets.

The following comrades were placed in nomination, and the names were arranged in the order beginning with the lowest numbered Post, in accordance with the resolution of a former Encampment :

Chris. Fricke, Post 1, St. Louis.  
 C. W. Clarke, Post 4, Kansas City.  
 John B. Cotty, Post 5, Moberly.  
 B. F. Luttman, Post 6, Jefferson City.  
 Joseph A. Demuth, Post 7, St. Joseph.  
 J. A. Hayes, Post 8, Kansas City.  
 Wm. B. Sparks, Post 12, Grant City.  
 Geo. F. Laemlein, Post 13, St. Louis.  
 Edward Garland, Post 16, Carthage.  
 John G. Grems, Post 21, Maryville.  
 Griffith Evans, Post 22, Kirksville.  
 Geo. Hayes, Post 22, Kirksville.  
 David A. French, Post 29, Chillicothe.  
 H. F. Glahn, Post 36, Clarence.  
 J. W. French, Post 38, LaPlata.  
 Chas. W. Rubey, Post 48, Lebanon.  
 W. A. Fast, Post 53, Sedalia.  
 A. J. Lanning, Post 57, Brookfield.  
 Emmas McGary, Post 68, Green Ridge.  
 J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder.

Edward Borck, Post 107, St. Louis.  
 Giles F. Hand, Post 119, Stanberry.  
 D. W. Rexroad, Post 119, Stanberry.  
 W. W. Chapel, Post 172, Appleton City.  
 L. F. Klosterman, Post 173, Cape Girardeau.  
 W. B. Mullins, Post 178, DeWitt.  
 A. R. Dixon, Post 210, Springfield.  
 R. M. Griggs, Post 221, Novelty.  
 J. B. Pollard, Post 233, Clayton.  
 E. C. Baugher, Post 324, Sullivan.  
 J. K. Larimore, Post 386, Climax Springs.  
 Ed. Jansen, Post 496, St. Louis.  
 John R. Young, Post 565, Collins.

The Department Commander announced that Governor Folk would be pleased to receive the comrades in his office immediately after the adjournment and before the parade; that he would like to take each one by the hand.

The Encampment then took a recess until 9 o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, May 24th.

The Encampment met at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 24th, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade J. B. Wilde, Post 131, moved that the Encampment proceed to the election of Representatives to the National Encampment and that the sixteen comrades receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Representatives, and the sixteen receiving the next highest number of votes be declared the Alternates. And that following the election of Representatives and Alternates, the Encampment proceed to the nomination of Department Officers. The motion was duly seconded, put to vote and carried.

Past Department Commander Scott moved that Comrade Peter Joseph Osterhaus be elected by acclamation as Representative-at-large. The motion was seconded, put to vote and carried, and Comrade Osterhaus was declared elected.



The following comrades were appointed as tellers: H. T. Holmes, Post 6; H. T. Hesse, Post 13; S. W. Kniffin, Post 131; H. C. Carter, Post 7; R. W. Whitlow, Post 240; H. R. Parsons, Post 221; John W. Toppass, Post 29.

The tellers distributed the tickets and the members proceeded to prepare their ballots, after which the ballots were collected and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The Department Commander announced that next in order was the nomination and election of Department officers and called for nominations for Department Commander.

Comrade J. W. Moore, Post 276:

Department Commander and Comrades: On behalf of Henry Brown Post, No. 276, I rise to place in nomination a member of that Post, and in doing so will, as briefly as I can, give you a sketch of our candidate.

At the beginning of the Civil War there lived in Guernsey County, Ohio, a poor widow by the name of Williams. She had two boys and two girls; her husband had been accidentally killed when her children were quite young. He left a small farm with a mortgage against it. The widow, by rigid economy and hard work, with the help of her children, cultivated the farm, paid off the mortgage, and in the meantime the children went to the country schools and got a fair common school education.

When the oldest son reached 21 years, he went to seek his fortune in the far West; the youngest son, John Morrow Williams, remained at home, the chief reliance and support of his mother, in working the little farm. When the war began this boy was under 18 years; one of his sisters had just married. When our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, realizing the magnitude of the war and the need of more troops, issued his call for 300,000 more volunteers, and that stirring war anthem was heard in every hamlet of the North, "We are coming, Father Abraham, 300,000 more," the call came to this boy—this widow's son. It was the call of duty and patriotism which sent so many brave fellows to the front to fight for the Union.

John went to his mother and told her that duty called. Her reply was: "Go, my son, and may God bless you." He and his brother-in-law enlisted in the 122nd Ohio Infantry. The regiment was sent to Virginia and was in the various engagements in that Valley, including Winchester, when the gallant Sheridan rode that celebrated black horse, rallied a retreating army and turned defeat

into victory. That ride is celebrated in song and story. Subsequently this regiment was sent to New York City to assist in quelling the draft riots. It was then sent to the grand Army of the Potomac, of which it was a part until the close of the war. It was in every battle from the Wilderness to Cold Harbor, in which latter fight the brother-in-law of young Williams was killed by his side.

The regiment marched across the Peninsula and was in all the battles in front of, and around Petersburg. It was at Sailor's Creek, and in the closing scenes that led to the surrender of General Lee and his army at Appomattox, and the famous Apple Tree. It marched in the Grand Review up Pennsylvania avenue, and young Williams was mustered out in August, 1865, with his regiment.

He had been present in every battle, had never been in the hospital or a prisoner of war, and was never wounded. Enlisting as a private, for faithful and gallant service, without any political pull, he was promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, Orderly Sergeant of his company, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Adjutant, and then Captain in his regiment. He had never received a furlough, and when he went back to meet his old mother, who had been with the girls running the farm, he met her for the first time since his enlistment.

No more honorable record can be shown among our comrades. He taught school a term at his old home, and then, in 1866, came to Missouri a young man of 21. After teaching a term here, he read law, was admitted to the bar and has been practicing in the town of California ever since. He has filled various positions in civil life with credit to himself and honor to his constituents. He was a State senator, and during his term no suspicion of graft or boodle ever attached to Senator Williams.

He has been a faithful comrade of the Grand Army. Last year, without solicitation on his part, he was chosen Senior Vice Department Commander, and the members of his Post think his record and worth entitle him to promotion as Department Commander.

I therefore nominate John M. Williams as a candidate for Department Commander. He is duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified.

The nomination of Comrade Williams was seconded by Comrades A. N. Seaber, Post 22, and W. Jones, Post 14.

Comrade W. T. Munson, Post 130:

Department Commander and Comrades: I arise to place in nomination a comrade for Department Commander who commenced preparing himself at the age of fourteen, that being his age when he enlisted in the defence of his country. He is also in line

of promotion, as he has filled the office of Senior Vice Commander. It was through his efforts that the State Encampment at Brookfield, in 1905, was a success. He has always been found working for the best interest of the G. A. R. I would place in nomination J. V. Martin, of the O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, at Brookfield.

The nomination was seconded by Comrades J. G. Burkhardt, Post 158, and H. F. Glahn, Post 36.

Comrade Ira K. Aldeman, Post 21:

Department Commander and Comrades of the Department Encampment: I shall not detain you long. I have claimed your indulgence so rarely in recent years that I am vain enough to assume you will covet a little message from me of good counsel. I come before you to offer an opportunity to redeem the Department from a once grievous mistake, though I make no reflection on any comrade heretofore occupying the highest office in the gift of this Department.

I think it was eighteen years ago that a large number of comrades believed (I knew it), that I ought to have been elected Department Commander, and I would have been if—I had received enough votes. I am not going to allow this mistake repeated by again placing myself before you. It is my privilege and opportunity, however, to name a more worthy comrade for this exalted position, so that, if you take due heed, that mistake of eighteen years ago may be redeemed with interest, and the garden spot of Missouri, the Eden of this great country of ours, over which old glory so proudly waves, the greatest country in all the world, may partake with other portions of this great State in this greatest honor you can bestow.—We, up in this delightful country, have rejoiced with and helped you all without jealousy. Won't you take us into your confidence and strike back in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty? I dare not, however, and would not come before you with a candidate with claims only based on locality, even though he hail from Northwest Missouri, and that gem city—Maryville.

The office of Department Commander is too exalted to be trifled with thus. This office is greater than any comrade's locality or personal ambition. Not for one moment will I assume it possible you would purposely or from narrow considerations slight any portion of our State. Your motives cannot be so measured and I do not believe ever so influenced you.

My candidate, whom I most earnestly desire each of you to make your own, hailed, a lad, from the Badger State, going out from a loyal home, a mere boy, in 1862, in Company F, 16th Wis-

consin Volunteer Infantry, returning home in 1865, with the honors all of you bore with your home coming—a soldier's duty faithfully performed. I have known him personally and intimately thirty-six years, and assure you he can and will make good. Comrades, it is a pleasure to me here and now to present for your favorable consideration the unanimous choice and wish of my Post for Department Commander the ensuing year, Comrade Hamline E. Robinson of Sedgwick Post No. 21.

The nomination was seconded by Comrades Martin Scherer, Post 13, and W. H. Wormstead, Post 8.

Comrade L. B. Ripley, Post 131:

Department Commander: I have reluctantly consented as substitute for the one to whom this duty was assigned (who, for some reason, is belated in reaching this hall), to place in nomination for Department Commander in behalf of Ransom Post, No. 131, a comrade respected and beloved by all who know him, and who has received the unanimous call of his Post to stand as a candidate for that high office.

It is unnecessary to consume time in reciting in detail his military history. That is known to most of you through circulars issued by Ransom Post and distributed to the members of this Encampment. It is sufficient to say that Thomas D. Kimball won the respect and commendation of those who served under him, and of his superiors in command in the Civil War. Officers under whom he served testify that with zeal and ability he bravely discharged his duty wherever it led him, all through his three years of arduous military service. Twice Commander of his Post, he was nominated for that position a third time, but declined an election. He administered the affairs of the Post with remarkable tact and success, increasing its membership by personal effort by a much larger per cent than it has gained in many years. He has held responsible positions in civil life, having served for more than a score of years as member and Vice-President of the Board of Education in the city of Kirkwood, and was for four year its Mayor.

Our candidate possesses administrative ability in a marked degree, and other qualities essential for an acceptable and successful Department Commander. In choosing Comrade Kimball for our next Commander, this Encampment will honor a Post which, considering its standing in the State, has sought and received less honors at the hands of the Department than any other, and it will honor itself by entrusting the duties of that high office to one who proved himself worthy of the honor.

The nomination of Comrade Kimball was seconded by Comrade T. T. Dalton, Post 215.

On motion the nominations were closed and the following comrades were appointed tellers; E. S. Gurney, Post 76; Max Fritz, Post 13; A. Dreifus, Post 1; E. C. Baugher, Post 324; Wm. Greer, Post 23.

A ballot was then had and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The result of the ballot was reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 290; of which Comrade Williams received 110; Comrade Robinson, 94; Comrade Kimball, 50, and Comrade Martin, 35; scattering, 1. Necessary to a choice, 146. No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot was ordered.

Comrade Martin thanking the comrades who had voted for him, and pledging his loyal support to whichever comrade might be elected, withdrew his name.

A second ballot was had, the result of which the tellers reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 294; of which Comrade Williams received 158; Comrade Robinson, 97, and Comrade Kimball, 37; scattering 2. Necessary to a choice, 148.

Comrade John M. Williams having received a majority of the votes cast, the Department Commander declared him duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Commander elect being loudly called for, the Department Commander appointed Comrades Robinson, Kimball and Martin to escort him to the platform.

Comrade Williams expressed his grateful thanks and promised to do all in his power to justify the kind preference shown him by the Encampment. He bespoke the hearty cooperation and support of all the comrades.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander were then called for.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur placed in nomination, Comrade J. B. Davis, Post 4.

Past Department Commander Martin seconded the nomination of Comrade Davis.

Comrade Martin Scherer nominated Comrade Hubert Munchrath, Commander of Cpl. Hassendeubel Post No. 13. The nomination was seconded by Comrade Louis Young of Post 13. The nominations were then closed and a ballot was had.

The tellers reported the following as the result of the ballot:

Total number of votes cast, 255; of which Comrade Davis received 197, Comrade Munchrath 52, and scattering 6. Necessary to a choice, 128. Comrade J. B. Davis having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected as Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

For Junior Vice Department Commander, Comrade W. Jones, Post 14, nominated Comrade L. D. Middleton, Post 14.

Comrade A. N. Seaber, Post 22, nominated Comrade H. T. Holmes, Post 6, of Jefferson City, and said that Comrade Holmes had been chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the Encampment and had done faithful and effective work in that capacity and he hoped the Encampment would adhere to the custom of the past in giving the honor of Junior Vice Commander to the Post where the Encampment is held.

Past Department Commanders Scott and Martin seconded the nomination of Comrade Holmes.

Comrade Middleton withdrew his name and moved that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade H. T. Holmes, which was accordingly done, and Comrade Holmes was declared duly elected.

The Department Commander announced that a committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was in waiting and appointed Comrades Murphy, Post 131; Mengel, Post 276, and Past Department Commander Scott to escort them to the platform.

The ladies were received with due honor, the comrades all rising. The committee consisted of Mrs. Susan B. Appal,

Past Department President, Mrs. Catharine Mann, Senior Vice Department President, and Mrs. A. A. Taylor, Past Senior Vice Department President.

Mrs. Mann addressed the Encampment in a few well chosen and patriotic remarks, to which Comrade C. W. Barstow, Post, 131, by request of the Department Commander, responded in a very happy and effective manner. The ladies were then escorted from the Encampment.

The Encampment proceeded with the nomination and election of officers.

Comrade J. W. Beach, Post 7, nominated Comrade Henry W. Keener, Post 7, for Medical Director. On motion nominations were closed, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Keener. The ballot was so cast, and Comrade Keener was declared duly elected.

For Chaplain, Comrade D. A. French, Post 29, nominated Comrade O. L. Sumner, Post 29. The nomination was seconded by Comrade Hagerty, Post 131. There being no other nomination, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Sumner, and he was declared duly elected.

The following comrades were nominated for members of the Council of Administration: Louis Koop, Post 1; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8; Fred Wenz, Post 7; Louis F. Klostermann, Post 173.

On motion the rules were suspended, and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for the five comrades above named, and they were declared duly elected.

The committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 23rd, 1906.

Department Commander and Comrades: We, the committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have carefully read the report. We heartily endorse the recom-

mendations made by him. We congratulate the Department upon its remarkably fine condition in general, and can but commend in the highest terms the work of our Assistant Adjutant General, as shown by the report. Respectfully submitted, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

HUBERT MUNCHRATH,  
L. B. RIPLEY,  
J. W. BEACH,

Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The committee on the report of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders and Chief Mustering Officer made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 23rd, 1906.

Department Commander and Comrades: Your committee appointed on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders and your Chief Mustering Officer, beg leave to submit the following report:

That the officers herein named have performed their duties in an able and efficient manner, and are deserving of the thanks of the Department for duties well performed. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. PLATT.  
J. W. TOPPASS,  
W. F. SILVERWOOD,

Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, chairman of the committee on the Department Commander's address, made the following report, which was on motion, adopted:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 24th, 1906.

Commander and Comrades: The undersigned, your Committee on the Commander's address (excepting that part in which he refers to the W. R. C.), beg leave to report that they have duly considered the said report and recommend that the same receive the approval of this Encampment. With reference to that part of said report which refers to the erection of State monuments on battlefields where the gallant sons of Missouri fought during the Civil War, we respectfully submit that substantial and appropriate monuments bearing favorable comparison with the monuments heretofore erected by other States of the Union should be erected at Shiloh, Vicksburg and Chickamauga, which battlefields have been dignified



(if that be possible) by the creation of such battlefields by law into National Military Parks by the National Government, and which laws contain an invitation to the States whose troops participated in such battles respectively to erect monuments.

We submit, furthermore, that appropriate monuments should be erected on such State battlefields as admit of same, and regarding which the assurance can be obtained that such monuments will be properly cared for and preserved. We join in the recommendation that a committee of three be appointed by the Commander for this Department with power to draft and have introduced a proper bill to accomplish above purposes, and with authority to confer with and procure the co-operation of the Confederate organizations of this State in securing such legislation, at the next meeting of the General Assembly. That all Posts be solicited to co-operate in the passage of such legislation by all proper means in their power.

We cannot close this report without recommending to this Encampment that they extend to the retiring Commander a vote of sincere thanks for his able and arduous labors of the past year, and for his very able report. Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR,  
J. W. SCOTT,  
GEO. W. MARTIN,  
F. M. STERRETT,  
JERE T. DEW,

Committee.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, and Comrades David Murphy, Post 131, and Chas. W. Rubey, Post 48, as a committee on legislation in accordance with the recommendation in above report.

On motion a committee was appointed to prepare and submit a memorial in regard to our late Chaplain, Rev. T. J. Ferril.

The Commander named Past Chaplain Hagerty, and Chaplain-Elect Sumner as such committee.

On motion the Encampment took up the question of the selection of the location for the next Department Encampment.

Past Department Commander Scott addressed the Encampment and invited the comrades to come to Moberly next year. He asked that the following letters be read:

## MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Moberly, Mo., May 22nd, 1906.

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Sir: In behalf of the citizens of the city of Moberly, allow me to extend to your honorable body a most cordial invitation to hold your next annual convention in the hustling and progressive magic city of Missouri.

It is unnecessary for us to relate our advantages in every particular to make your visit most pleasant and agreeable, should you decide to test our good will and hospitality.

If Mr. J. W. Scott of this city is present at your meeting, the citizens of Moberly will back him and stand for any promise or agreement he may make.

Again we invite you to hold your next meeting in the best inland city in the Empire of Missouri. Yours truly,

A. C. DINGLE,

Mayor.

Moberly, Mo., May 22nd, 1906.

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, in session at Jefferson City, Mo.

Greeting: Fifteen years ago, your organization honored our city with your presence. You are aware of our ability then under limited conditions, and we are again anxious to show you what we have done and can do for your convenience and pleasure, in the many improvements and years of prosperity since then.

The Moberly Commercial Club, composed of the live, energetic and enterprising business interests of Moberly, bids a royal welcome to the old veterans, their families and friends, to break bread with us at your next annual meeting in 1907, when the flowers are in bloom and the chickens of our energetic club member, J. W. Scott, are roosting low. Very respectfully,

GEO. W. SPARKS,

President Moberly Commercial Club.

R. F. KEELEY,

Secretary Moberly Commercial Club.

Past Department Commander Bronson presented the claims of Sedalia and asked that the meeting be held in that flourishing young city.

Comrade Munchrath, Post 13, and Past Department Commanders Sterrett and Platt seconded Moberly, and Comrades Bell, Post 240, and Wagner, Post 78, seconded Sedalia.

The vote was taken by a rising vote, in which Moberly received 128 votes, and Sedalia received 88 votes, and the Department Commander declared Moberly to be the place selected.

The Encampment then took a recess until 2 o'clock, p. m.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, May 24th.

The Encampment met at 1 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Burton, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following report:

To the Department Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully submit the following:

"Be it resolved, that the thanks of this Encampment are extended to the citizens of Jefferson City, for their royal welcome and generous hospitality. To the comrades of James A. Garfield Post we are especially indebted, as also to Comrade A. N. Seaber, Commissioner of Public Buildings. They have done all things possible to make our stay in the city pleasant and memorable. We thank the railroad companies for reduced rates in coming to and returning herefrom. We thankfully acknowledge our indebtedness to Governor Folk for his hearty welcome and patriotic address. We urge the General Assembly of the State of Missouri to make an appropriation to enable the Adjutant General to properly arrange, codify and publish the records of the Missouri soldiers who served in the armies of the Union and Confederate States in the war of 1861-65.

Comrade Thomas J. Ferril, late Chaplain of this Department, has been mustered out. We miss the cordial grasp of his hand, the merry twinkle of his eye, and the words of comradeship he had for one and all. We close up the gap made by his fall, but cannot fill his place. Of a kindly and generous disposition, clean of hands and pure of heart, he was the embodiment of all those virtues and graces which the Savior of mankind recognized in the person of His beloved disciple. We shall meet him no more in earthly encampments. He has gone to his reward, and as his spirit passed through the gates of the Eternal City, methinks the warden was heard to say, "No purer soul has passed this way since I have been on guard."

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Representatives and Alternates to the Fortieth National Encampment, and the following named comrades were declared elected:

**Representatives.**

Joseph A. Demuth, St. Joseph.....	194
John B. Cotty, Moberly.....	184
David A. French, Chillicothe.....	181
Chas. W. Rubey, Lebanon.....	176
Griffith Evans, Kirksville.....	170
C. W. Clarke, Kansas City.....	169
B. F. Luttman, Jefferson City.....	168
Chris. Fricke, St. Louis.....	166
Edward Garland, Carthage.....	155
Wm. B. Sparks, Grant City.....	151
W. A. Fast, Sedalia.....	149
L. F. Klosterman, Cape Girardeau.....	140
A. R. Dixon, Springfield.....	136
Geo. F. Laemmlein, St. Louis.....	133
John G. Grems, Maryville.....	133
J. W. Lucas, Kidder.....	128

**Alternates.**

J. A. Hayes, Kansas City.....	122
A. J. Lanning, Brookfield.....	121
Edward Borek, St. Louis.....	114
J. W. French, La Plata.....	113
George Hayes, Kirksville.....	110
W. W. Chapel, Appleton City.....	109
W. B. Mullins, Miami.....	103
Giles F. Hand, Stanberry.....	100
H. F. Glahn, Clarence.....	99
J. B. Pollard, Clayton.....	94
E. C. Baugher, Sullivan.....	93
Emmas McGary, Green Ridge.....	83
R. M. Griggs, Novelty.....	74
J. K. Larimore, Climax Springs.....	64
John R. Young, Collins.....	62
D. W. Rexroad, Stanberry.....	51

Past Department Commander Sterrett, on behalf of the staff of Department Commander Fairback, presented him with

a handsome gold and jeweled rank strap, with suitable remarks, to which the Department Commander responded expressing his sincere thanks.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the following report of the Council of Administration:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 22nd, 1906.

To the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The Council held its first meeting at Brookfield, Mo., on May 18th, after the close of the Encampment, on call of the Department Commander.

The members present were: Henry Fairback, Department Commander; A. J. Lanning, Junior Vice Department Commander; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Francis P. Becker, Ernest Rotteck, W. Wormstead, and J. A. Blackwell, elected members.

No business was transacted except to hear a report in regard to the headquarters engaged for the Department at Denver, which was, on motion, approved.

By direction of the Department Commander, the date for holding the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment was submitted by letter to the members of the Council, who agreed upon the dates of May 23rd and 24th, and it was so announced in General Orders No. 6, January 29th, 1906.

The next meeting of the Council was held at Jefferson City, Mo., on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 3 o'clock p. m., pursuant to the call of the Department Commander.

The members present were: Henry Fairback, Department Commander; John M. Williams, Senior Vice Department Commander; A. J. Lanning, Junior Vice Department Commander; Dr. Henry W. Keener, Medical Director; Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Francis P. Becker, Fred Wenz, and W. H. Wormstead, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the Council recommends that the Encampment approve of a change in the Rules and Regulations whereby a Post which so desires, may meet quarterly instead of monthly, as at present required.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts, for failing to make reports: Posts 25.

Glenwood; 61, Maitland; 70, Canton; 200, Rogersville; 311, Ford City; 360, Iantha; 390, Spurty; 398, Gulf; 418, Sedalia; 436, Hartville; 487, Edina; 577, Balm.

There being a vacancy in the office of Department Chaplain, caused by the death of Comrade T. J. Ferril, on motion Comrade T. H. Hagerty was elected to that office.

On motion the Council recommended to the Encampment that \$200 be appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the travelling expenses of the Department Commander.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander, made the following report, which on motion was adopted:

St. Louis, Mo., May 12th, 1906.

Henry Fairback, Department Commander:

We, the undersigned, Committee of the Council of Administration, appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, have performed their duty for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1906, and report as follows:

Cash balance, December 31, 1905.....	\$908.62
Cash balance, April 30, 1906.....	851.40

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of keeping his accounts.

FRANCIS P. BECKER,  
ERNEST ROTTECK,

Committee.

There being no other business, on motion the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General and Recorder.

Comrade Murphy, Post 131, offered the following resolution, which was on his motion adopted:

Whereas, House Bill No. 12477 has been introduced in the House of Representatives of the United States by Congressman Rhodes, providing that the officers of the government of the United States shall take the proper steps to secure for the purposes of a National Military Park the ground on which is located Fort Davidson, and the surrounding grounds on which was fought the battle of Pilot Knob, Missouri, September 26th and 27th, 1864, between the little Union force commanded by Gen. Thos. Ewing and the formidable array of the Confederates under Gen. Sterling Price. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That our members of Congress be urged to use all lawful and proper means to secure the passage of said bill, in order that the State of Missouri shall have at least one National Military Park to be consecrated to the memory of the gallant sons of Missouri, who stood faithfully and patriotically to the flag of our Union, and thereby saved Missouri to the Union; and be it further

Resolved, That our Assistant Adjutant General forward a copy of these resolutions to the members of Congress from Missouri.

The Assistant Adjutant General offered the following resolution recommending a change in the Rules and Regulations:

Resolved, That this Encampment recommends for adoption by the National Encampment an amendment to the Rules and Regulations, by adding to Section 1, Art. V, Chapter II, the words "except that Posts having less than 25 members may meet once in three months, if desired."

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The following letter and telegram from Past Commander-in-Chief Warner, were read at the Encampment:

Washington, D. C., May 22nd, 1906.

Col. Henry Fairback, Department Commander, Jefferson City, Mo.

Permit me to extend to you and through you to my comrades in annual Encampment assembled a fraternal greeting.

WM. WARNER.

#### UNITED STATES SENATE.

Washington, D. C., May 19th, 1906.

My Dear Comrade Rassieur: I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 16th instant, and I assure you that it is a matter of deep regret to me that my official duties here will prevent me attending the Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. at Jefferson City next week.

I should be pleased if you would extend to the comrades my congratulations and at the same time my regrets at my enforced absence.

Trusting that the Encampment will be one of pleasure and profit, believe me, Fraternaly,

WM. WARNER.

Judge Leo Rassieur, Granite Block, St. Louis, Mo.

On motion of Comrade Rassieur, the following resolution endorsing and recommending Past Department Commander Burton as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Encampment instructs its representatives to present to the Fortieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., the name of our comrade, Past Department Commander Charles G. Burton, for Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A brave and gallant soldier of the Union, a volunteer when but fifteen years of age, he served well and faithfully as a private in the 19th Ohio Infantry.

Coming to Missouri at the close of the war, he took up the duties of a citizen, by his brilliant work rapidly rising to a high place in his chosen profession, serving with great distinction and honor as Judge of the Circuit Court and later as member of Congress. He has the profound respect and unbounded confidence of all his fellow citizens.

As a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic he has been ever loyal and zealous in its cause. For four years a member of the National Committee on Pensions, and for two years its chairman, he has done faithful service and through his work on that great committee has become known to all his comrades.

If called to the execution of this great trust we pledge that he will give our Order an able, progressive and honorable administration.

Comrade Burton being called upon responded as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades: For this manifestation of your continued confidence and esteem, I am profoundly grateful. I have received many honors at the hands of this Department and its comrades, honors far beyond my merits, and for which I can render no adequate compensation, no matter how loyal I may be to it or earnest in their behalf.

Should your choice be ratified by the National Encampment I pledge my best endeavors in behalf of our matchless organization; on the other hand, should the baton of authority be placed in the hands of any one of the many worthy and deserving comrades who hail from other Departments, you and I will render unto him most loyal assistance and support, to the end that his administration may be supremely successful, and the aims and objects of our Order royally maintained. Again I thank you.

Comrade Rassieur, chairman of the special committee on the case of the Carterville Relief Corps, made the following report and moved its adoption:



Jefferson City, Mo., May 24th, 1906.

Commander and Comrades: Your Special Committee on the Report of Comrades Burton, Sterrett and Benecke, beg leave to report that after a careful consideration of the report as made, after conferring with a committee of the late Crenshaw Corps, W. R. C. No. 99, composed of Mesdames Moss, Lett and Berry, after a full conference with a committee of the Department convention of the W. R. C., consisting of Mesdames Hengelberg, Bennett and Sweet, who manifested their loyalty to our organization in the most unmistakable terms, and who heartily concurred with us in the conclusions which we arrived at, and are hereafter expressed, we submit that under the Rules and Regulations of the W. R. C., adopted by them without any action on the part of the G. A. R., the right of a Post to terminate the existence of its auxiliary Corps is provided for in language that cannot be misunderstood, and which gives that power to each Post without requiring the statement of any reason or the submitting of the sufficiency of such reason to any authority whatsoever. It appearing from the official action of the 1904 convention of the W. R. C. that Crenshaw Post had duly requested the disbandment of its auxiliary Corps, and the Department president had duly complied with such request and disbanded such Corps, and inasmuch as the subsequent conventions of the W. R. C. had no power to review or reconsider such action with a view to restoring such corps to its former standing, we, therefore, submit that the report of your committee, composed of Comrades Burton, Sterrett and Benecke, is strictly in accord with the Rules and Regulations of the W. R. C., and should be adopted for the protection of the G. A. R., the same being in strict consonance with the purpose of the organization of the W. R. C., namely to aid, assist and support the loyal veterans of the G. A. R.

In order that our conclusions may not be misunderstood, we desire to add that our decision has nothing to do with the merits of the controversy between the comrades of Crenshaw Post and the members of the late Crenshaw Corps, and that such merits are in no way involved in the upholding of the right of Crenshaw Post to request that the charter of its auxiliary be withdrawn. Any Post has this power when exercised in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the W. R. C., which has been done in this case, and no organization has the power to pass upon the question of whether there was the slightest or any cause for such action. To accomplish the disbandment of the Corps, the Post was simply required to resolve to have it done without assigning any reason therefor, and thereupon the auxiliary was bound to go out of existence.

In view of our action in conferring with a committee of the

convention of the W. R. C., Department of Missouri, which has already communicated our action to such convention, we recommend the passage of the following resolution contained in the report of Comrades Burton, Sterrett and Benecke, to wit:

"Resolved, That the G. A. R., Department of Missouri, respectfully insists that the W. R. C., Department of Missouri, shall proceed forthwith to take up the charter and supplies of said alleged Corps and to no longer recognize its existence or to hold communication with it." Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR,  
GEORGE W. MARTIN,  
JERE T. DEW,

Committee.

Comrade Jones, Post 14, spoke against the adoption of the report and moved to defer further consideration until the meeting of the next Department Encampment.

Comrade Rassieur advocated the adoption of the report and urged that it should be acted upon now. The question was put upon the motion to defer action, by a rising vote, and it was lost by a large majority.

The motion to adopt the report was then put and was carried with but one dissenting vote.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans, consisting of E. E. Schoening, H. Iwig and F. W. Miller, was escorted to the platform by Comrades Bronson and Wormstead.

Mr. Schoening addressed the Encampment in an impressive manner, stating the objects and aims of their organization and asking for the moral support of the comrades.

He was responded to by request of the Department Commander, by Past Department Commander Martin, who speaking for the comrades assured the young men, as their sons, of the warm interest taken in their success and bade them go forward with their patriotic work.

The committee on the report of the Judge Advocate, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Department Commander: Your Committee on Report of the Judge Advocate, beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and congratulate the Department upon the fact that a strict compliance by our comrades with the Rules and Regulations of the

G. A. R. prevented the necessity of expressing his official duty as representative of the law department.

The only case which required his official action arose from the non-compliance with the law governing the W. R. C., by recognizing as valid the charter of the Crenshaw Corps, No. 99, auxiliary of Crenshaw Post, No. 516, located at Carterville, Mo., and in the case we find that his opinion is sustained by the law governing the case in every particular. Hence we recommend that his opinion be approved. Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS BENECKE,  
JOHN W. MOORE,  
ELMER M. GRAHAM,  
Committee.

Past Department Commander Benecke, Chairman of the Committee on Soldiers' Home, submitted the following report:

Department Commander: Your Committee on the Federal Soldiers' Home, take pleasure in reporting that the inmates of the Home have been provided with everything tending to make them comfortable and contented.

It is gratifying to know that this patriotic institution, brought to life by the combined energies of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. has provided a Home for comrades as well as their wives and widows where their last days may be spent without care for "tomorrow," and thus reap recognition for the sacrifices which they made to sustain our Government.

A liberal appropriation was made by our Legislature for necessary improvements among which we name:

1. A new dormitory building providing sufficient room for sixty-four single beds on the second floor, and a dining room on first floor large enough to seat 250 persons at one time.
2. A \$5,000 building for use of the Quartermasters' Department, and for sleeping apartments for female employes.
3. A pneumatic pressure steel water tank with a capacity of 8,000 gallons of water.
4. A sixty-horse power boiler for heating the various buildings.
5. The sewer system has also been improved, and is now considered as near perfect as it is possible to make.
6. A new barn at a cost of \$500 is also in course of construction especially useful for the dairy department.

Last April there were 182 men and 73 women, total 255, enrolled as inmates, and when the new buildings are completed and furnished, 367 inmates can be provided for without crowding.

Capt. R. P. Goodall, who for several years had charge of the Home as Superintendent, died on the 21st day of April. The Board elected Capt. G. D. Clark, of Springfield, Mo., as his successor.

Mrs. R. P. Goodall is still retained as Matron of the Home; her uniform kind treatment of the inmates and executive ability has endeared her to all inmates, especially the women.

It is proper to state that Captain Goodall was kind hearted and always ready to comfort the old boys—often yielding to their whims in order to make them contented. If he had any faults as Superintendent it was on the side of leniency towards the inmates.

From this you will observe that the objects of the original founders of the Home have been obtained to a greater degree than was anticipated by many who were aware of the difficulties which had to be overcome.

Of the appropriation made by the Legislature, and the money paid by the National Government, there remains a balance on hand (on this day) for salaries, \$3,371.24; for support, \$5,273.30. This with the additional payments yet to be made by the National Government, and honest application, should be sufficient to maintain the Home in its present satisfactory condition.

That the burden of the maintenance of the Home falls lightly upon our state is shown by the fact that since the 1st day of January, 1906, the Federal Government paid \$8,109.97 for the support of the comrades of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS BENECKE,  
ARTHUR DREIFUS,  
JOHN P. TRACEY,

Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The committee on memorial for Chaplain Ferril, reported the following which was adopted by a rising vote:

We bow in meek submission to that Supreme Providence which has called from our Department our venerable and highly esteemed Chaplain, Rev. T. J. Ferril.

We wish now to give this, our testimony, to his worth as a man, his unflinching bravery as a soldier, and purity and Christian devotion as a minister of the Gospel of Christ.

As we will no longer greet him in our Encampment, or Post rooms, we will cherish his memory, imitate his godly example, and hope to meet him in the great camping ground above, when the

march of life is over. Most respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

T. H. HAGERTY,  
O. L. SUMNER,

Committee.

On motion of Comrade Jones, Post 14, the following telegram was sent to our Past Commander-in-Chief, Senator Warner:

"Your comrades in Encampment assembled send fraternal greetings and congratulate you on the splendid record you are making."

On motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, the thanks of the Encampment were voted to the comrades who acted as Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard, and Sentinels, for their faithful services during the sessions of the Encampment.

The officers elect were then duly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and Comrade J. C. Kiskaddon, Post 1, as Judge Advocate, and they were duly installed.

A large delegation from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps appeared and were escorted to the platform where they were welcomed and introduced by name. They were Past Department Presidents, Mrs. Julia Dockery, Mrs. Rachel Hall, Mrs. Emily Parker, Mrs. Lucinda Scott, Mrs. Alma Day, Mrs. Orpha Bronson, Mrs. Frances Van Slyke, Mrs. Julia Hengelsburg, Mrs. Hannah Martin, Department Secretary, Mrs. Della A. Hotestine, and Mrs. Hester Jones.

Mrs. Martin read the report of the Department President, as follows:

Headquarters, Department of Missouri, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic,  
Office of the Department Secretary.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 24th, 1906.

Honorable Commander, and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Gentlemen: It is my pleasure to report to you the amount of relief expended, and work done during the past year, by the Woman's Relief Corps of Missouri.

Cash expended for relief during the year.....	\$778.27
Cash expended for inmates, St. James' Home.....	42.70
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	1,223.55

Total.....\$2,044.52

Soldiers and their families assisted during the year....422

Members and their families assisted during the year...334

Total.....756

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

MATTIE E. RICH.

Department President.

HANNAH MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

Mrs. Dockery addressed the Encampment in a most eloquent manner. Her remarks were replete with touching sentiment and pathos and her patriotic utterances touched a responsive chord in all her hearers.

Comrade Burton was requested to respond, which he did, briefly, but eloquently:

Ladies of the Women's Relief Corps: I am delegated by these bowed and bended veterans to return to you, and through you, to the Order which you represent, their heartfelt thanks.

Your Order is the lineal descendant of the Ladies' Aid Society, which, during the war of 1861-65, rendered to that grand old army in blue a service unparalleled in the history of war; unapproached in the annals of womenkind. What it did then you are now doing for the survivors of that old army, who in their manhood and maturity constitute the Grand Army of the Republic. As a charitable association, yours next to that of the Church of the Living God is the greatest on earth.

During the winter of 1862-63 it was my misfortune to be in one of the hospitals in the city of Nashville, nigh unto the valley of the

shadow of death. The good ladies of that city of the South did not regard us as kith or kin; conscientiously they looked upon us as aliens and foes. Prompted by a resentment for which, under the circumstances we did not and could not chide them, they remained away. But into that hospital and into others there came the black-robed and white-capped Sisters of Mercy of the Catholic Church. They came and moistened the lips of those burning with fever; they ministered unto the sick and the wounded, and they wiped the damp from the brows of those who passed over the way. Protestant though I am, I never meet one of those angels of mercy that I do not involuntarily remove my hat and stand uncovered in their presence. In the same spirit these old veterans doff their hats and say, "God bless you and your organization."

The ladies were then escorted from the Encampment, all the comrades rising to their feet.

Senior Vice Department Commander Davis was called upon and thanked the comrades for the honor they had conferred upon him and promised his best endeavors for the benefit of the organization.

The Encampment then adjourned *sine die*, all the comrades joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne," under the lead of Past Department Commander Whitehead.

A true record of the proceedings:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

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The Committee of Arrangements for the Encampment were Past Post Commander, H. T. Holmes, Chairman; Peter Vogel, Senior Vice Commander; F. A. Dwight, Junior Vice Commander; John T. Clarke, Past Post Commander, L. V. Dix and Victor Zuber, all of James A. Garfield Post No. 6; and A. N. Seaber, Past Post Commander Post 22, of Kirksville, the latter, Commissioner of Public Buildings at Jefferson City.

Much credit is due these comrades for their successful management of all matters connected with the Encampment and for the entertainment and enjoyment of the visiting comrades. The streets and houses were profusely decorated with the National colors in honor of the occasion.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, after adjournment of the Encampment, the comrades in large numbers were received by the Governor in his rooms at the Capitol and afterwards formed for parade at the east Capitol gate and marched through the principal streets, under Captain H. T. Holmes, as Grand Marshal, assisted by Ford Bacon and W. L. Hager, of the Sons of Veterans. The California, Mo., band furnished the music.

When the parade reached the postoffice, it halted while the children of the public schools marched up, most of them carrying small flags. Mrs. M. M. S. Gilson, of Appleton City, Patriotic Instructor for the W. R. C., made an address and presented a large United States flag to the school children in behalf of the W. R. C. Mrs. Gilson spoke as follows:

Comrades of the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Missouri, Citizens, Superintendent and Pupils of the High School of Jefferson City:

America is the youngest of all the great nations, yet this flag is the oldest, for on June 14th will be its 129th anniversary. And



In all these years, it has proudly floated over our beloved country, an emblem of freedom and protection, and led to victory the soldiers of the revolution, the war of 1812, the Mexican war, the great civil war and the last, the Spanish-American war.

It is a flag of triumph crowned with victory, carrying no spoils of war or other trophies of conquest, beyond an abiding and unblemished peace.

Who could witness this gathering and not have their hearts stirred with enthusiasm and not know that this occasion will long be remembered by these young students after these gray-haired veterans have answered to their last roll call. The presence of the old soldiers always inspires a feeling of confidence and protection, and to them and the Sons of Veterans and these distinguished visitors we come with words of fraternal greeting, and we trust in the hearts of these young students there will be a deeper and more sincere reverence for these old comrades, and "Old Glory."

And knowing the importance of inculcating in the minds of our children a spirit of patriotism and what it means to be a true American citizen, the Woman's Relief Corps Department of Missouri, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, esteem it a great honor and privilege, through their Patriotic Instructor, to present to the high school of Jefferson City this flag

Which shall float from the dome of the high school—  
 And swing out upon the breeze.  
 Tell the children of its triumphs,  
 On the land and on the seas;  
 Tell the children how these veterans,  
 Such a glorious victory won;  
 Raise it high from spire and steeple,  
 Let it glisten in the sun.  
 Tell the children of its story,  
 In days of peace and cruel strife;  
 Tell them it is theirs to cherish,  
 And defend it with their life.

Miss Adelaide Brandenberger, on behalf of the public schools, accepted the flag in a neat and appropriate address, elegantly delivered. She spoke as follows:

Ladies of the Relief Corps, Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We consider it an honor, a great honor, to have such a beautiful gift presented to us by the Woman's Relief Corps. Every time we stand at the foot or summit of high school hill and gaze above us to where will float this flag, we will think of you and reverence

your gift. For what American boy or girl does not delight at the sight of the stars and stripes?

A sweeter, nobler or grander gift could not have been presented us and we want you, we beg of you, to realize how we appreciate it.

You know it is a gift that reaches home, a gift that thrills us and one that will have a good influence over us.

From the time this flag, in its present perfect beauty, shall float above us, till tossed and tumbled by wind and storm, we will not only realize we are in free America, but in a place where Christ reigns supreme. We boys and girls will try to conduct ourselves so that "Old Glory" will be proud of us.

Now in behalf of the high school, faculty and pupils, I sincerely thank you for this beautiful gift.

"Long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free  
And home of the brave."

The children then sang "Red, White and Blue," and amid their cheers and the waving of flags, the parade was dismissed.

On Wednesday evening a camp-fire was held in the Hall of Representatives, which was packed to its utmost capacity. Department Commander, Henry Fairback, presided.

After an invocation by Rev. Widger, of Jefferson City, there was music by the California band, and "America" was sung by the public school children. Addresses were delivered by Hon. Chas. G. Burton, Past Department Commander, and Hon. Leo Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief, in their usual acceptable manner, followed by a song by the Jefferson City Quartette Club.

Eloquent addresses were also made by Attorney-General Herbert S. Hadley, and Secretary of State, Hon. John Swanger, after which was a song by the Lincoln Institute Glee Club, and a solo by Past Department Commander, C. W. Whitehead, of Kansas City. The entire audience then joined in singing "Marching through Georgia," and the meeting was dismissed. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and each one felt that it was good to be there.

Owing to the central location of the Encampment, the attendance was larger than for many years past.

## GENERAL ORDERS, 1906-1907.

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**GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.**

**ST. LOUIS, MO., MAY 22d. 1905.**

I. Having been elected as Department Commander by the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, at Brookfield, Mo., and duly installed as such, I hereby assume the duties of the office, with thanks to my comrades and a due appreciation of the honor conferred.

I shall during my term do all in my power to strengthen and invigorate every Post in the State. Let there be no cold reserve between one another, but let comradeship and cheerfulness prevail in the Post rooms, so that all the comrades will be anxious to attend the meetings.

Bring into the Order every veteran eligible, not only for his benefit, but the organization of which we are so proud, and which has accomplished so much, not only for our country but for the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced, and the comrades so appointed will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

C. H. Schaefermeyer, Post 11, Lexington, Inspector.

Geo. E. Smith, Post 131, St. Louis, Judge Advocate.

R. A. Vance, Post 437, Cross Timbers, Chief Mustering Officer.

III. Headquarters are continued at Room 303, Temple Building, southwest corner of Broadway and Walnut Street, St. Louis, Mo.

All official communications should be addressed to Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, at above address.

IV. The personal address of the Department Commander is 2550 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

**HENRY FAIRBACK,**

Department Commander.

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**GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.**

**ST. LOUIS, MO., MAY 31st. 1905.**

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—Henry Fairback, Post 107, St. Louis

Senior Vice-Department Commander—John M. Williams, Post 276, California.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—A. J. Lanning, Post 57, Brookfield.

Medical Director—Dr. Henry M. Keener, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Chaplain—Rev. T. J. Ferril, Post 7, St. Joseph; address, Bowling Green.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; Ernest Rotteck, Post 1, St. Louis; John A. Blackwell, Post 82, Wellsville; Fred Wenz, Post 7, St. Joseph; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Thirty-ninth National Encampment:

Representatives—	Alternates—
Geo. D. Reynolds (at large), St. Louis.	H. R. Parsons, Edina.
J. V. Martin, Brookfield.	H. G. Orton, Princeton.
D. P. Stubblefield, Kingston.	J. A. Hayes, Kansas City.
Thos. W. Evans, St. Joseph.	Joseph Morgan, Kahoka.
James B. Wilde, St. Louis.	John H. Frick, Warrenton.
Wm. Lowe, Warrensburg.	N. T. Moore, Webb City.
J. R. Milner, Springfield.	William H. Marshall, Willow Spring.
H. A. Astholz, Cape Girardeau.	R. M. Griggs, Novelty.
Ernest Kretschmar, St. Louis.	G. A. Hand, Stanberry.
W. F. Silverwood, St. Louis.	John Stupp, St. Louis.
G. P. Cunningham, Kirksville.	Victor Aubry, Green City.
P. J. McLaughlin, Kansas City.	D. F. Pippinger, Clarence.

III. Comrade James R. Milner, Post 69, is hereby appointed Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. The Commander of each Post is requested to recommend to the Department Commander a worthy and zealous comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on his staff. This is not alone an honorary distinction, but comrades so selected are expected to take an active interest in the welfare and upbuilding of our organization.

V. The charters of the following Posts heretofore suspended for failing to make reports were annulled and revoked by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration:

Post 224, Hale; 229, Laddonia; 262, Centralia; 279, Edinburgh; 283, Fair Play; 362, Dadeville; 367, Roscoe; 397, Brookline; 411, Competition; 416, Tiff City; 454, Calhoun; 482, Norris; 540, Spring Bluff.

VI. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 41, Savannah; 250, Mirabile; 254, Forsyth; 371, Stella; 382, Commerce; 469, Ashland; 507, Shell Knob; 514, Rayville.

VII. The following comrades are hereby appointed as committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home: Louis Benecke, Post 268; J. P. Tracey, Post, 69; Arthur Drefus, Past 1.

VIII. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the six months ending June 30, 1905, with addressed envelope, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be carefully made out, and with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member in good standing, sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in June. They should

not be held back until the end of the month. The names, with rank, company and regiment of all comrades gained or lost during the term should be given under the proper headings.

IX. A blank for report of Post Chaplain as to observance of Memorial Day is enclosed herewith, which should be forwarded to Rev. T. J. Ferril, Department Chaplain, Bowling Green, Mo., in the addressed envelope also enclosed. Post Commanders should attend promptly to forwarding these reports immediately after Memorial Day.

X. The Department Encampment unanimously and enthusiastically adopted a resolution endorsing our distinguished comrade, Judge Chas. G. Burton, for Commander-in-Chief, and instructed its delegation to present his name to the Thirty-ninth National Encampment as one in every way worthy and capable of acceptably filling that high office.

XI. Tuesday, June 14th, is the anniversary of the birthday of the United States flag. Its celebration by all comrades has been recommended by the Thirty-fourth and succeeding National Encampments. They are therefore requested to display the flag from their residences, places of business and Post rooms on that day. School authorities should also be requested to display the flag on school buildings, as an object lesson of patriotism to all the people, especially the young.

XII. Attention is again called to the meeting of the National Encampment at Denver, on the week beginning September 4th. From present indications there will be a large attendance from Missouri. The low rates, \$16.50, from St. Louis, and \$10.75 from Missouri River points, together with the unrivaled scenic beauties of the Rocky Mountain region of Colorado will make it a trip long to be remembered. The fact that we have a candidate for Commander-in-Chief should be an incentive for the Missouri comrades to make the best possible showing to maintain the prestige of the Department, so worthily earned at former Encampments.

The headquarters of the Department will be at the Hotel Metropole, across the street from the Brown Palace Hotel, where National Headquarters will be established.

XIII. Jefferson City, Mo., was selected for the place of meeting of the Department Encampment in 1906.

By command of HENRY FAIRBACK, Department Commander.  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

ST. LOUIS, MO., JUNE 10th, 1905.

I. As heretofore announced, the Thirty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Denver, Colorado, in the week beginning Monday, September 4th. The parade will take place on Wednesday, the 6th. The sessions of the Encampment will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 7th and 8th.

II. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be located at the Hotel Metropole, Rooms 202-204-206, on the second floor. The hotel is on Broadway, directly opposite the Brown-Palace Hotel, where National Headquarters will be located, and the National Encampment will meet in the same block. The Headquarters will be opened on Monday forenoon, September 4th, and will be in charge of Comrade James R. Milner, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff. Department Officers, Representatives and Alternates will report there as soon as possible after their arrival. All Missouri comrades are cordially invited to call and register their names at these Headquarters and receive Missouri badge.

III. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, Hotel Metropole, on Monday evening, September 4th, at 7:30 o'clock, for the transaction of business.

IV. Arrangements for the parade will be made and announced by Special Orders at Denver. James R. Milner, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, will have charge of formation of the parade, and all Posts and Battalion Commanders will report to him at Department Headquarters on Tuesday during the day and evening. The line of march will not exceed two miles and will be over asphalt streets the entire distance. It is the desire of the Department Commander to have every Missouri comrade in the line who is able to march, and thus maintain the reputation of our Department for soldierly bearing and appearance.

V. The Department Commander has accepted the invitation of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, of St. Louis, to accompany that Post as his escort on their special train, via the Missouri Pacific Railway, which will also be the Headquarters train for the Department.

This train, consisting of elegant Pullman Standard and Tourist Sleepers, Chair Cars and Dining Car, will leave Union Station on Saturday evening, September 2d, at 10 o'clock arriving at Kansas City at 6 o'clock next morning, and arriving at Denver via Pueblo and Colorado Springs, at 6 o'clock Monday morning.

The Department Commander would be pleased to have as many as possible of the Department Officers, Representatives, Past Department Commanders and other comrades accompany him on this train, and thus add greatly to the pleasure of what must be a most enjoyable trip. Comrades from outside of St. Louis can join this train at St. Louis or Kansas City.

As previously announced, the railroads have made a rate of one cent per mile, the fare from St. Louis to Denver and return being \$16.50, and Missouri River points (Kansas City, St. Joseph, etc.), \$10.75. Proportionate rates will be made from intermediate points in Missouri. Sleeping car rates for double berth, St. Louis to Denver, will be for Standard Pullman, \$5.50; Tourist, \$2.75. A double berth will accommodate two persons.

Tickets will be sold on August 30th to September 4th, inclusive. The return limit of tickets will be September 12th, but they may be extended by depositing with joint agent not later than September 12th, and payment of 50 cents at time of deposit, making them good to return up to October 7th. On the trip stop-overs will be

allowed at Colorado common points (Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo), by deposit of ticket with joint agent there on arrival. Persons returning on or before September 12th, must have their tickets validated by the joint agent, and pay a fee of 25 cents. Excursion tickets will be sold at Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo to interior points in Colorado and Utah at one fare for the round trip.

The low rate and attractiveness of a trip to Colorado should ensure a large attendance of our comrades and their friends. The indications are that we will have a larger number than at any recent Encampment.

VI. Free quarters will be provided for visiting comrades at Denver in new modern school buildings conveniently located in the business part of the city. Cots or mattresses will be furnished free, but comrades should take blanket or quilt and pillow. Posts or comrades desiring free quarters should notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than August 15th.

VII. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment will notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than August 15th, whether or not they will be able to attend, so that Alternates may be notified. Should anything occur later to prevent their attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be advised by mail or telegraph.

VIII. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Color-bearer and Aide-de-Camp, R. T. McCaskey, Post 5, Moberly.

Bugler and Aide-de-Camp, John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis.  
To be Aides-de-Camp on recommendation of Post Commanders:

Henry Freind, Post 2, St. Louis.  
Max Von Ermansdorff, Post 10, Rich Hill.  
H. G. Russell, Post 11, Lexington.  
Phillip Moeser, Post 13, St. Louis.  
W. C. Green, Post 47, Green City.  
P. W. Bahl, Post 69, Springfield.  
W. W. Anderson, Post 81, Lathrop.  
Frederick Post, Post 107, St. Louis.  
G. A. Wood, Post 129, Denver.  
S. W. Haynes, Post 160, Wheeling.  
B. B. Cahoon, Post 174, Fredericktown.  
R. Davis, Post 177, Moundville.  
A. R. Dixon, Post 210, Springfield.  
M. F. Strock, Post 214, Brashear.  
Geo. Hutchinson, Post 243, Willow Springs.  
J. H. Asher, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.  
John G. Hudson, Post 252, Metz.  
J. L. B. Harnden, Post 259, Ava.  
Ferreol Cretin, Post 273, Perryville.  
G. H. Walser, Post 515, Liberal.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Commissions will be sent by the Assistant Adjutant General on receipt of the acceptance of appointment. Aides-de-Camp should procure badges from the Assistant Adjutant General. Price of badge entire, \$1.50. Rank strap and ribbon, 50 cents.

IX. Post Commanders who have not already done so, are urged to send in their reports for the first term of 1905 without further delay. The consolidated reports must be sent to National Headquarters not later than July 30th.

X. The Journal of the Twenty-fourth Department Encampment and the Department Roster for 1905 are herewith enclosed. Also General Orders No. 7, National Headquarters.

XI. Headquarters at St. Louis will be closed from September 4th to September 20th.

By command of HENRY FAIRBACK, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4.

ST. LOUIS, MO., JULY 27th, 1905.

I. It becomes the sad duty of the Department Commander to transmit to the Posts, General Orders No. 9, National Headquarters, announcing the death of Wilmon W. Blackmar, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who died at Boise, Idaho, on July 16th, after a brief illness. He was buried, with appropriate ceremonies, by his comrades, at Boston, Mass., on Sunday, July 23d.

II. Comrade Blackmar was proud of the Grand Army of the Republic, and every comrade who personally enjoyed his acquaintance, loved, esteemed and honored him. His refined, cultured, manly character endeared him to all the comrades of the Nation.

As our leader he was anxious for not only the prosperity of the Republic, but for each Department which he visited and inspired with his patriotic and eloquent addresses. He died as a brave and gallant Union soldier and comrade in the midst of his work, looking forward to the time soon approaching when he would lead the grand parade at the National Encampment. Though dead, his memory will survive long in the hearts of his comrades.

III. Attention is called to the direction in General Orders No. 9, that Post Colors be draped for ten days after the receipt of this Order.

By command of HENRY FAIRBACK, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1.

ST. LOUIS, MO., JULY 28th, 1905.

Comrades:—In a contested election case tried at Rolla, Mo., it was held by Judge Evans before whom the case was tried, that members of the State Federal Soldiers' Home, at St. James, Mo., were disqualified as voters under the 8th Section of the 8th Article of the State Constitution, which provides that "No person while kept in any poorhouse or other asylum at public expense, nor while confined in any public prison, shall be entitled to vote at any election under the laws of this State." I do not believe that the framers of the Constitution in 1875, so many years before a Soldiers' Home was thought of, ever intended that under the provision above



quoted, old soldiers who were given a home by a grateful people should be placed on a par with the inmates of a poorhouse or of a public prison.

While we are not interested one way or another in the contested election case in which this ruling was made, we are vitally interested in securing all the rights of American citizens to our old comrades in arms. They are citizens of this State, entitled to their rights as such, which they have not forfeited because compelled by their infirmities in their old age to seek the refuge of a Soldiers' Home. They should not be classed with either paupers or felons.

In order to have this important question settled and these rights determined by our highest judicial tribunal, it is necessary that an appeal shall be taken, the cost of which is estimated at from four to five hundred dollars, and I therefore appeal to the Posts and comrades for contributions for that purpose, which should be sent as soon as possible to Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

HENRY FAIRBACK,

Department Commander.

Official:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5.

ST. LOUIS, MO., NOVEMBER 8th, 1905.

I. The Thirty-ninth National Encampment at Denver, Colorado, has passed away and left pleasant memories with all the comrades in attendance. The Department of Missouri and the comrades who formed its column can well feel proud of the enthusiastic reception and compliments paid them as they marched in the grand parade, by the loyal and patriotic people of Denver who lined the streets, sidewalks and buildings of that splendid city in thousands, and with welcoming cheers cried out "Here comes Grand Old Missouri."

The gray and grizzled veterans in our ranks as they stepped to the music of the Union under "Old Glory," were inspired with new life and were reminded of the days of yore when but mere boys they formed a part of the grandest armies and under the greatest commanders the world has ever seen.

The comrades and patriotic citizens of Denver are to be congratulated upon their great success in entertaining their visitors. All that was promised was more than fulfilled. The city was profusely and splendidly decorated with the National colors and patriotic emblems, while the general and hearty welcome on all sides made every one feel at home among friends. The grand mountain scenery so near at hand and easy of access, was enjoyed by all the visitors and made the trip one never to be forgotten.

The attendance from Missouri was unexpectedly large, being much greater than at any Encampment for many years past. Six hundred and seventy-five comrades registered at Missouri Headquarters, and more than six hundred were in line on the parade. Blair, Hassendeubel and Ransom Posts of St. Louis were present as Posts, while Harding, Lyon and Meumann Posts were well represented, as were McPherson and Farragut-Thomas Posts of Kansas

City, Custer Post of St. Joseph and Geo. R. Smith Post of Sedalia, besides many other Posts from all parts of the State.

The Department Commander feels proud of the showing made by Missouri and extends thanks to one and all who participated, with the hope that the magnificent display made by the Department may be repeated next year at Minneapolis.

The Department was represented by its entire delegation in the Encampment, with ten Past Department Commanders present and having twenty-six votes. The delegation was faithful and attentive to its duties and held frequent meetings at our Headquarters.

II. The Department Commander desires to express his thanks and appreciation of the courtesies extended to him and his staff by Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, of St. Louis, with whom he and his staff journeyed on their special train to Denver.

III. The Commander of each Post is requested to send to the Assistant Adjutant General, as soon as possible a list of the comrades in good standing of his Post who attended the Thirty-ninth National Encampment at Denver.

IV. The annual election of Post officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. At the same meeting Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment will be elected, based on the number of comrades in good standing as shown by the Adjutant's report for the term ending June 30th, 1905. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional Representative and Alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one Representative and one Alternate.

Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders, being ex-officio members of the Encampment, should not be elected as Representatives or Alternates.

Blanks in duplicate for report of Representatives and Alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed. A blank for report of Post officers elected and appointed is also enclosed, and should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the officers are installed.

V. The newly elected and appointed officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1906, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed as installing officer by the Department Commander, upon request of the Post Commander.

The installing officer will see that the Post has forwarded its semi-annual reports and per capita tax before proceeding with the installation. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond. A blank bond is enclosed herewith.

It is recommended that Posts where practicable, have public installation and invite the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans to attend. The general public and especially soldiers who are not members and their families should also be invited. On such occasions the Post will open and close informally.

VI. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending December 31st, 1905, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be made out and with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month. In the Adjutant's report the names, company and regiment of all comrades gained or lost during the term should be given under the proper headings. The National countersign for 1906 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

The list of deaths for the entire year should be filled out by the Adjutant on the blank herewith enclosed, and sent to the Assistant Adjutant General. The Post Surgeon should assist in this.

The few Posts which have not reported for the term ending June 30th, 1905, should make reports for both terms, using one blank. Where this paragraph is blue-penciled, it means that yours is one of the delinquent Posts.

VII. By a change in the Rules and Regulations at the last National Encampment, Posts are now required to drop all suspended members who shall be one year in arrears for dues, after two months' notice. Heretofore it was optional with the Post, now it is compulsory. Post Commanders will take notice of this in making their next reports and act accordingly, reporting the dropped members by name so far as possible.

VIII. Commissions have been sent to all comrades appointed as Department Aides-de-Camp who have responded with an acceptance of the same.

Such Post Commanders as have made no recommendations for such appointments, are earnestly requested to do so, as they can be of great service in keeping up a proper interest in our organization in many ways, and in recruiting and regaining dropped and suspended members.

In this connection the Department Commander earnestly urges upon the Post officers and comrades that special efforts be made for the reinstatement of dropped and suspended members from now on to the end of the year. Let this work begin at once. The December reports should show a large increase in membership from this source. Make the terms of reinstatement easy, a nominal charge. Attention is called to the fact that Posts can now reinstate comrades who have been dropped by another Post on payment of an account not exceeding one year's dues.

IX. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

To be Aides-de-Camp on recommendation of Post Commanders:

John Lindecker, Post 1, St. Louis.

R. M. Stewart, Post 4, Kansas City.

J. C. Stockton, Post 119, Stansberry.

Geo. W. Cunningham, Post 268, Brunswick.

X. The following new Posts have been mustered:

Windsor Post, No. 580, at Windsor, Henry Co., Mo., September 15th, 1905, by Chas. E. Wadleigh, P. P. C. Post 68, Special Mustering Officer; F. A. Chrisman, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 21.

Dexter Post, No. 581, at Dexter, Stoddard Co., Mo., September 9th, 1905, by F. A. Kage, Post 173, Special Mustering Officer; J. H. Couchman Post Commander. Number of charter members, 14.

General Orders Nos. 1 and 2, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of HENRY FAIRBACK, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6.

ST. LOUIS, MO., JANUARY 29th, 1906.

I. The National Council of Administration has fixed the date for the meeting of the National Encampment at Minneapolis, Minn., on the week beginning Monday, August 13th, 1906.

II. Wednesday and Thursday, May 23d and 24th, 1906, have been selected by the Department Council of Administration as the dates for the meeting of the Department Encampment, at Jefferson City, Mo. The central location of the Encampment, being almost equally distant from all parts of the State, should ensure a large attendance, and it is hoped that many more Posts than usual will be represented.

III. In accordance with an agreement between the Department Commander and Mrs. Mattie E. Rich, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, made at Denver, Colo., September 7th, 1905, the matters concerning the legal status of Jno. H. Crenshaw W. R. C., No. 99, of Carterville, Mo., were referred to the Judge Advocate of the Department, Comrade Geo. E. Smith, for his decision. After giving the matter a patient and thorough investigation, the Judge Advocate holds that the action taken by the Department President, Mrs. VanSlyke, in 1904, in revoking the charter of the Corps at the request of John H. Crenshaw Post, No. 516, was valid and effective, and remains in full force—that the said John H. Crenshaw Corps, No. 99, no longer possesses a legal and unforfeited charter and cannot be recognized as an auxiliary by the Grand Army of the Republic.

IV. The Rules and Regulations having been amended by the last National Encampment, authorizing the appointment on the official Staff of the Department Commander, of a Patriotic Instructor, the Department Commander has appointed Comrade W. C. Calland, of Post 69, Springfield, Mo., to fill that position.

Enclosed with this Order will be found a circular letter from the Patriotic Instructor, which is heartily approved and commended to the careful consideration of the comrades. There is no subject of more importance than patriotic education, and every means in our power should be exerted to that end.

In this connection it would be well for the officers of Posts to confer with the officials and teachers of schools, both public and private, and endeavor to have the singing of patriotic songs made part of their daily exercises.

It is desirable to have as many Assistant Patriotic Instructors as may be necessary to properly cover the field, and while it may not be necessary to have one for each Post the Department Commander will appoint such as may be recommended to the Department Patriotic Instructor, by the Post Commanders, who are requested to send the names to W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor, Springfield, Mo.

V. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, upon recommendation of Post Commanders:

John G. Grems, Post 21, Maryville.  
 John W. Toppass, Post 29, Chillicothe.  
 A. Klevar, Post 90, Jerico.  
 C. J. Collins, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 G. L. Davis, Post 161, Buffalo.  
 Anderson Counts, Post 215, Farmington.

VI. The following new Post has been mustered:

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, at Lee's Summit, Jackson County, Mo., November 24th, 1905, by Henry Fairback, Department Commander, and Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General. W. E. Boyer, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 25.

VII. Semi-annual reports for the second term of 1905 have been unusually prompt, but there are still a few delinquent Posts which will find this paragraph blue-penciled.

VIII. General Orders No. 3 and 4, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith. Especial attention is called to General Orders No. 3, which contains the changes in the Rules and Regulations made by the last National Encampment.

By command of HENRY FAIRBACK, Department Commander:  
 THOS. B. RODGERS,  
 Department Commander.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7.

ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH 15th, 1906.

I. In response to Circular Letter from these Headquarters, of July 28th, 1905, requesting contributions, towards defraying the expenses of appealing to the Supreme Court the decision of Judge Evans, denying the right to vote of the members of the Soldiers' Home at St. James, Mo., the following were the amounts contributed:

Post 1, St. Louis	.....\$25.00	Post 453, Middletown	..... 2.00
" 13, "	..... 10.00	" 21, Maryville	..... 5.00
" 107, "	..... 30.00	" 26, Nevada	..... 5.00
" 496, "	..... 5.00	" 29, Chillicothe	..... 2.00
" 5, Moberly	..... 5.00	" 32, Hamilton	..... 1.00
" 6, Jefferson City	... 2.00	" 43, Hannibal	..... 3.00
" 7, St. Joseph	..... 10.00	" 47, Green City	..... 2.50
" 14, Joplin	..... 5.00	" 48, Lebanon	..... 5.00
" 17, Cameron	..... 5.00	" 57, Brookfield	..... 10.00

Post 68, Green Ridge....	1.00	Post 19, Laclede .....	1.00
" 69, Springfield .....	5.00	" 465, St. Clair.....	1.00
" 81, Lathrop .....	1.00	" 492, Monett .....	2.00
" 88, Meadville .....	1.00	" 544, St. Charles.....	2.00
" 96, Maysville .....	2.50	" 566, Pleasant Hill....	2.00
" 110, Kahoka .....	2.00	" 572, Rhineland .....	2.00
" 119, Stanberry .....	2.00	Missouri Division, Sons of	
" 135, Olean .....	2.00	Veterans .....	35.00
" 141, Marionville .....	1.00	From Individuals:	
" 150, Spickard .....	5.00	J. W. Scott, Moberly, Mo..	\$10.00
" 152, Melrose .....	5.00	W. F. Bloebaum, St. Charles,	
" 173, Cape Girardeau..	5.00	Mo. ....	5.00
" 210, Springfield .....	3.00	Hon. James E. Withrow,	
" 214, Brashear .....	5.00	St. Louis.....	5.00
" 221, Novelty .....	1.00	Hon. Wm. Warner, for	
" 235, Montrose .....	\$ 1.00	Kansas City comrades..	15.00
" 251, Eldorado Springs	1.00	R. J. Ramsey, Puxico, Mo.,	
" 259, Ava .....	1.00	a confederate soldier...	1.00
" 268, Brunswick .....	5.00	Louis Meyer, Belleville, Ill.,	
" 314, Cedar Hill.....	3.00	member of Post 320, Her-	
" 330, Urbana .....	1.00	man, Mo.....	1.00
" 332, Washington ....	2.00	F. J. Evans, Post 141,	
" 339, Houston .....	1.00	Iowa Falls, Iowa.....	2.00
" 348, Mineral Point...	2.00	Jas. R. Milner, for Spring-	
" 350, Freidheim .....	2.00	field, Mo., comrades.....	3.60
" 379, Leora .....	3.00		
" 392, Southwest City..	1.00		
			\$284.60

Which amount, less \$2.00 collected since, has been paid over to Hon. A. P. Murphy, of Rolla, Mo.

In addition to above, Comrade Wm. Warner sent direct to Hon. A. P. Murphy for himself and other comrades at Kansas City, \$75.00, and Comrade Chas. G. Burton, of Nevada, Mo., contributed \$10.00 direct to Murphy, making the total amount of contributions, \$369.60.

II. It becomes the sad duty of the Department Commander to announce the death of our beloved Chaplain, Rev. Thos. J. Ferril, who departed this life at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. O. Coffin, at Kansas City, Mo., January 29th, 1906.

Comrade Ferril was born at Independence, Mo., December 24th, 1831, being a son of William Ferril, also a Methodist minister, and a grandson of John Ferril, who was one of the pioneers who came to Missouri about the time of Daniel Boone in the beginning of the last century. He was for more than fifty years a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Missouri and Kansas. He served as Chaplain of the 16th Kansas cavalry from October 8th, 1864 to November 28th, 1865. He was a member of Custer Post, No. 7, of St. Joseph, Mo., since 1883, and was nine times elected as Department Chaplain, which office he held at the time of his death.

Many distinguished ministers of his Church were present and took part in the funeral exercises. The Kansas City G. A. R. Quartette furnished the music, and Past Department Commander, C. W. Whitehead, conducted the Grand Army services at the cemetery. By order of the Department Commander a handsome floral offering was furnished through Past Department Commander W. F. Henry.

On William Ferril's tombstone in the country church-yard in Cass country are cut these words: "He was loyal to his Country

and to his God." The same words might truly be chiseled on the stone that will mark the last resting-place of his son.

The genial disposition, kindly face and musical voice, eloquent with patriotic fervor, which endeared Comrade Ferril to all his comrades, will long be missed by them at our annual gatherings and camp-fires. Peace to his ashes. "We ne'er shall look upon his like again."

III. The following named comrades, having been recommended by the Department Patriotic Instructor, are hereby appointed Assistant Patriotic Instructors:

O. F. Oerters, Post 13, St. Louis.  
 C. S. Bolton, Post 17, Cameron.  
 John B. Shepherd, Post 43, Hannibal.  
 T. A. Ireland, Post 134, Albany.  
 Thos. H. Henderson, Post 284, Belgrade.  
 G. Mottl, Post 375, Schell City.

Comrade H. A. Butler, Post 22, Kirksville, is hereby appointed an Alde-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander:

IV. The following Posts which reported for June 30th, 1905, have not reported for December 31st, 1905:

Post 20, Louisiana; Post 60, Dawn; Post 63, Holden; Post 129, Denver; Post 166, LaGrange; Post 278, DeWitt; Post 239, Mexico; Post 242, Pattonsburg; Post 264, Deepwater; Post 290, Pacific; Post 345, Bear Creek; Post 384, Osceola; Post 391, Bowling Green; Post 457, Morley; Post 553, Kirbyville.

The Commanders of these Posts are urged to send in these reports at once. We want them to be represented at our Department Encampment in May.

V. General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of HENRY FAIRBACK, Department Commander.  
 THOS. B. RODGERS,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

#### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 8.

ST LOUIS, MO., APRIL 27th, 1906.

I. The Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at Jefferson City, Mo., in the Hall of Representatives, State Capitol Building, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 23d and 24th, 1906, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at the Madison House, parlor floor, on Tuesday, May 23d. The Council of Administration, which consists of all the Department officers, will meet in the main parlor adjoining Parlor "A," at 3 o'clock p. m. same date.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: James McClure, Post 1; J. F. Gmelch, Post 240; W. H. Morlock, Post 6; Chas. W. Rubey, Post 48; John L. Erwin, Post 572.

This Committee will meet at the Madison House, Parlor "A," on Tuesday, May 22d, at 3 p. m. Representatives and members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival and receive their Encampment badges, which will be delivered to each one in person.

. VII. The following comrades having been recommended by Post Commanders are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander:

J. M. Monroe, Post 26, Nevada.

Seth. E. Cope, Post 440, Foster.

Comrade James M. Greenwood, Post 4, Kansas City, Mo., is hereby appointed Assistant Patriotic Instructor.

The Register for visitors will be kept on the first floor of the Madison House, opposite the main entrance, west of the cigar stand. All comrades are requested to register on their arrival.

IV. On recommendation of the Commander of James A. Garfield Post No. 6, the following comrades of that Post are hereby detained for duty at the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, Peter Vogel; for Officer of the Guard, James M. Jobe. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions, on Tuesday, May 22d, at 7:30 p. m.

The Commander of Post 6 will detail a sufficient number of comrades for sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty at the Encampment. The comrades so detailed will report for duty, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the place of meeting, on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock.

V. The hotel accommodations and rates are as follows: Madison House, 200, at \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day; Central Hotel, 150, at \$2.00 per day; Monroe House, 20, at \$2.00 per day; Jefferson Hotel, 20 at \$1.25 per day; Pacific House, 20, at \$1.00 per day; Elston House, 25, at \$1.50 per day; City Hotel, 60, lodging, 50 cents per day; Nichols House, 20, lodging, 25 cents per day.

Numerous private houses and boarding houses will furnish lodging for 50 cents and board and lodging for \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day.

The Bureau of Information will be located at the Madison House, in charge of Comrade T. E. Schultz, who is chairman of the Committee on Accommodations, and should be addressed by those wishing to engage quarters. The chairman of the Committee of Arrangements is Comrade H. T. Holmes.

Arrangements are being perfected to properly entertain the visiting comrades, and a good attendance is confidently expected, in view of the ample accommodations and the central location of the Encampment.

An Entertainment and Camp-fire will be provided, the times and places of which we are not yet advised. A parade will take place on Wednesday afternoon, unless otherwise ordered.

A circular of invitation to the comrades from James A. Garfield Post No. 6, of Jefferson City, is herewith enclosed.

VI. The Western Passenger Association and the Southwestern Excursion Bureau have made the following reduced rates for the Encampment:

"Rate of one fare plus 50 cents, except where fare and one-third makes less, from points in Missouri to Jefferson City and return; excursion tickets to be sold on May 21st to 24th, inclusive, good to return leaving Jefferson City until and including May 26th, 1906.

The St. Louis & Hannibal Railway Co. has made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip from all stations to St. Louis.

Station agents should be seen at an early date to make sure they have received instructions for the reduced rate.



VIII. The following new Post has been mustered:

John Whaling Post, No. 583, at St. Joseph, Mo., March 23d, 1906, by Past Senior Vice Department Commander Thos. W. Evans. Henry DeBelle, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 10.

IX. To correct a misunderstanding which seems to prevail to some extent, it is stated that five members constitute a quorum in Posts having less than fifty members.

X. A limited number of copies of the Journal of the 39th National Encampment held at Denver, have been received and will be sent to Posts or comrades desiring same on receipt of 12 cents for postage.

XI. Gen. Lyon Post No. 2, of St. Louis, has contributed \$5.00 to the fund for appeal of the Soldiers' Home case.

XII. General Orders No. 6, 7 and 8 and Circular Letter No. 1, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of HENRY FAIRBACK, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 9.

ST. LOUIS, MO., MAY 23d. 1906.

I. All is peace, and contentment reigns over our broad land. The permanency of our Republican Government, one Union of States, a united feeling of patriotic devotion to our Nation, is the result of our labors and sacrifices from 1861 to 1865. Then we were boys whose unwrinkled brows were fair, whose eyes were not dimmed in their visions. With a youthful enthusiasm we marched forth, sworn to preserve the Union at any and all sacrifices we were called upon to make. Here and there at times gloom and doubt seemed to prevail, yet we had faith in our cause, and after four long years of terrible hardships, on the march, in prison and on the battlefields, peace came to bless our Nation, and all is well within the confines of the greatest, best and most liberal Republic the world has ever known.

Our comrades who with us endured the hardships of the campaign—how few of them remain? We miss their kindly greetings and the warm clasp of their honest hands. They have preceded us beyond the golden shores of the waters of everlasting life. Let us cover their silent mounds on this Memorial Day, the 30th of May, with earth's choicest flowers, so that our children and the present generation shall be impressed with our sacred and holy offerings upon the graves of those whose bravery and endurance saved the Union and preserved to us a Nation.

II. The custom of attending public worship in a body on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day should be observed by the comrades, and ministers of the several churches should be invited to preach on that day a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

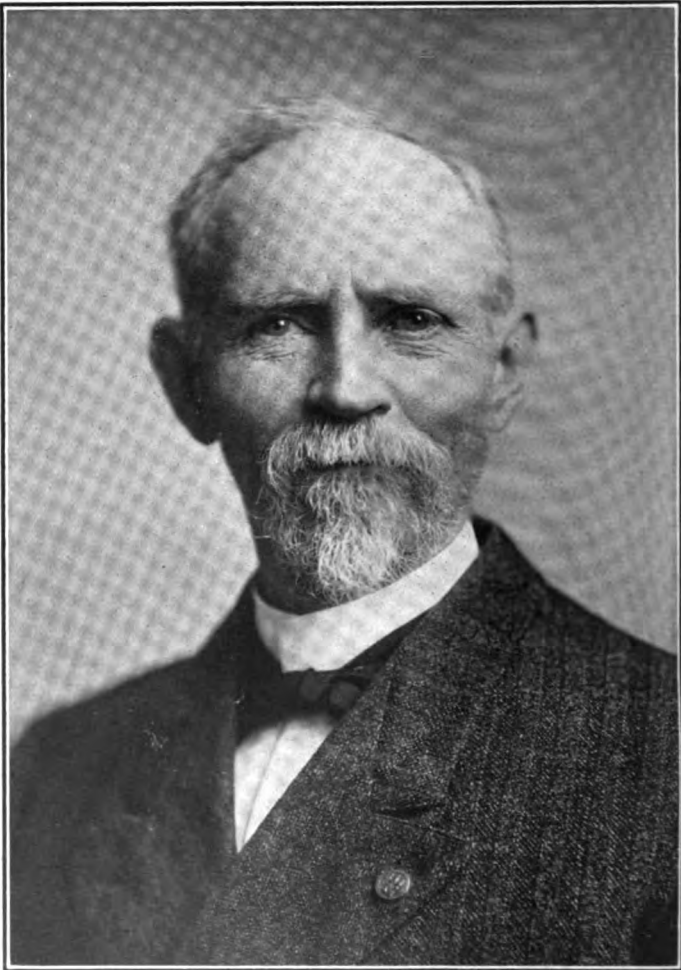
III. The members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans should be invited to participate in the exercises of the day, and especially should the school children and young people be encouraged to attend and take part.

By command of HENRY FAIRBACK, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.









**JOHN M. WILLIAMS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 22d.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, met at Halloran's Theatre, in the city of Moberly, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, May 22d, and was called to order by Department Commander John M. Williams, in open session.

Major Henry A. Newman, of Randolph county, was introduced and delivered the following address of welcome:  
Department Commander and Old Soldiers:

The distinguished honor has been assigned me to welcome you to this county, and the city of Moberly.

Speaking for the remnant of the ex-Confederate soldiers, I, on their behalf, and on behalf of the citizens of this city, extend to you a hearty welcome and tender you the hospitality of this great city, and consider that you have highly honored them by holding your Department Encampment here.

The city has no keys to tender you; you enter here from converging lines of railroad from each point of the compass; you have twenty-two miles of paved streets to drive or walk over. If you wear your shoes out, go to the great Brown Shoe Company in this city and you can have a pair made in five minutes. A branch house of this firm is located in St. Louis.

Looking at your faces and your gray hair, and the number of years passed since the battle years of '61 to '65, I am reminded of the days of marching and fighting, and it brings to mind the weary, broken-down "straggler," who, many of them half sick, would fall out of ranks and rest, and then would follow on, weary, dusty, with just enough life left in him to follow on. Just at dark he saw the light of the camp fires before him. Nearly exhausted, he at last reaches the ground. His captain or orderly has left a comrade on the side of the road to direct him where to find his company; his messmates have his rations ready; he sets his gun in the stack, and rest has come to him from the long march. He lays down to sleep, and as the sweet strains of music waft over him, and the "sentinel star sets the watch in the sky," he dreams of home, of mother, wife, children, or the "sweet girl he left behind him."

Old soldiers, you are the stragglers of the old armies of '61 to '65; you are approaching the last camp fires of your earthly campaigns; the camp is in sight; you will soon lie down to sleep; "taps" will be sounded for you and I. As a great soldier said, "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees," with Grant and Thomas, and Lee and Jackson, and thousands of others. That peace having come to the soldiers of both sides of the greatest war ever fought on earth, will come to us under our Heavenly Father.

I will read a short extract from a recent editorial in the Globe-Democrat of St. Louis, with the preliminary remark that the Civil War was fought on both sides with duty and bravery unsurpassed, endurance unparalleled, and the private soldier was the hero. "All the romance and poetry, if not all the valor, have been shot out of war. They went up in the smoke of the fields of the nineteenth century. The American Civil War was the last to show anything like the old picturesqueness, dash and daring. A soldier with all of Napoleon's genius could now arise, and if he should attempt to get men to follow him through a series of campaigns to be fought only for glory, and with the war machinery of these days, he would be laughed at. There is nothing left in the game for anybody below the rank of general. When civilized powers go to war hereafter it will be as to the performance of a duty, and duty is always avoided as long as possible."

Again I repeat, you are welcome, thrice welcome, to Moberly, to our hearts and our homes, and to none more than to the "Johnnies" you fought so long and well, so many years ago. May God bless you all.

The Department Commander requested Past Department



Commander Chas. G. Burton to respond. He spoke as follows:

Department Commander:

For my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank our ex-Confederate friend, Col. Newman, for his generous welcome, and bid him bear to his late comrades in arms our hearty appreciation of the sentiments which prompted his appearance in our midst.

The attempt of the states of the South to withdraw from the Union and establish a Southern Confederacy was not predicated upon the right of revolution, a right inherent in every people, but upon their so-called theory of the government, viz.: that it was a creation of the states, the result of a mere compact between independent and sovereign states from which any one of them was at liberty to withdraw at its own election.

We of the blue denied both their premises and conclusions. The defenders of the Union maintained that the Constitution was an "ordinance of national life," and that the Union was of, by and for the people, to be dissolved only by common consent or amid the throes of successful revolution.

The historian of the future will write that each side gave many reasons for its faith; that each had the courage of its convictions made manifest upon many a field of battle, and that since Appomattox there has never been doubt nor quibble that the United States of America is a nation, possessing every power and attribute of sovereignty.

That the boys in gray have accepted the result with unanimity and are now loyal to the Constitution and the flag has been amply demonstrated, and we accept the eloquent words of our friend as prompted by the feelings of his heart.

The Colonel's experience in the matter of taking the oath of allegiance demonstrates that the vicissitudes of war did not blunt his sense of humor nor dry up the genial current of his soul. May he live to renew the oath many times more ere he shall be mustered out, and I am sure you will not call in question either my judgment or authority in commanding Comrade John W. Scott to administer it to him whenever he comes to town.

For the good people of Moberly and Randolph County, whose spokesman, Colonel Newman, you also are, accept our thanks for their royal welcome and generous hospitality, and apropos thereof, let me suggest that there is present among us Comrade Cochran of the Department of Kansas, to whom the committee on reception should point out the places of public resort where intoxicants are sold in order that he may successfully avoid them.

The Department Commander declared the open meeting closed, and requested all present who were not members of the Grand Army to retire. He then declared the Encampment open in due form.

The Assembly was sounded by Department Bugler, Comrade J. B. Schneider, Post 13.

Rev. C. H. Chapman, Chaplain of Post No. 4, by request of the Department Commander, invoked the divine blessing.

The Kansas City Quartette, Whitehead, Guffin, McWain and Henry, sang their well-known song, "Fraternity."

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of Officers and Past Department Commanders as follows, those present being marked with an asterisk \*.

Department Commander,

\*JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

Senior Vice Department Commander,

\*J. B. DAVIS.

Junior Vice Department Commander,

H. T. HOLMES.

Medical Director,

\*HENRY N. KEENER.

Chaplain,

O. L. SUMNER.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter Master General,

\*THOS. B. RODGERS.

Inspector,

\*R. W. WHITLOW.

Judge Advocate,

J. C. KISKADDON.

Chief Mustering Officer,

\*WM. LOWE.

Patriotic Instructor,

W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

\*FRANCIS P. BECKER,

\*LOUIS KOOP,

W. H. WORMSTEAD,

\*FRED WENZ,

LOUIS F. KLOSTERMANN.

## Past Department Commanders,

WM. WARNER,	*LOUIS BENECKE,
W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,	*THOS. B. RODGERS,
†NELSON COLE,	*JOHN P. PLATT,
†E. E. KIMBALL,	A. G. PETERSON,
†HIRAM SMITH, JR.	*JOHN W. SCOTT,
JOHN E. PHELPS,	*W. F. HENRY,
*LEO RASSIEUR,	GEORGE HALL,
*GEO. W. MARTIN	*IRA T. BRONSON,
*C. W. WHITEHEAD,	*F. M. STERRETT,
*CHAS. G. BURTON,	*JERE T. DEW,
†LOUIS GRUND,	*HENRY FAIRBACK.

†Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

**Roll of the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment,  
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.**

Held at Moberly, Mo., May 22nd and 23rd, 1907.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C., A. Whipple.

P. P. C., Thos. B. Rodgers, James McClure, F. M. Sterrett, Arthur Dreifus, Chris Fricke, H. F. Kiel, J. H. Pohlman, Cord Ringen, A. J. Burlingame, W. F. Silverwood.

Rep., Henry Helmich, R. Blattner, John Dinsbeer, John Lindecker, B. Walter, J. B. Schissler, John Schmid.

Gen. Lyon Post No. 2, St. Louis.

P. C., James P. Hesser.

P. P. C., Archibald Carr.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C., Milton W. Halsey.

P. P. C., Benj. W. Warner, R. M. Stewart, J. B. Davis, Jas. Crosson.

Rep., C. H. Chapman.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. C., Alex. McCandless.

P. P. C., A. B. Thompson, J. W. Scott, W. B. Stewart, W. S. Betts, R. T. McCaskey, John Lloyd, J. B. Williams, L. Guile, E. G. Deskin, W. S. Jones, J. T. Frame, N. Mathias.

Rep., Joseph Jolley.

**Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.**

P. P. C., Fred Wenz, H. N. Keener.

Rep., John A. Demuth, H. C. Carter, George Pugh.

**Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.**

P. C., James A. Hays.

P. P. C., C. W. Whitehead, W. F. Henry, Jere T. Dew, O. H. Guffin, Wm. F. Moll.

Rep., August Brunert, C. N. Brooks, S. C. Fancher, M. R. Winch, E. J. McWain.

**James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Lexington.**

P. P. C., John B. Burris, A. Ruppel.

Rep., Henry Kemner.

**Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.**

P. C., Max Fritz.

P. P. C., Ernst Kretschmar, Peter Bobe, Louis C. Hesse, Martin Scherer, Chas. Hunnius, Hubert Munchrath, Chas. E. Koken, Louis Young, E. L. Dosenbach.

Rep., Francis P. Becker, Wm. Conroy, John B. Schneider, Herman Angermueller, Frank Huth, Henry Miller.

**O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.**

P. C., Henry Digby.

P. P. C., Henry Phelps, H. W. Davison, L. D. Middleton.

Rep., L. A. Filmore, Albert McCann.

**Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.**

P. C., L. V. Cupp.

Rep., John A. Dell, J. E. Twitchell.

**Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.**

P. P. C., C. N. Burnham, J. P. Platt.

Rep., R. L. Hudson.

**Phil. Kearney Post, No 19, Laclede.**

Rep., Asbury P. Welsh.

**Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.**

P. C., John G. Grems.

P. P. C., N. Sisson, John M. Evans, Aaron R. Sowers.

Rep., George W. W. Null, J. B. Gray.

**Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.**

P. C., Griffith Evans.

P. P. C., O. C. Snyder, Jacob Sands.

Rep., John C. Pierce, Green B. Cunningham.

**F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.**

P. C., E. Q. Blankenship.

P. P. C., Chas. P. Hess, Thos. McKay, Wm. Greer, Chris Maffrey, J. M. Randall, Samuel J. Wilson, Geo. Yuncker, Chas. Haynes.

Rep., C. C. Burge.

**Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.**

P. P. C., Chas. G. Burton.

**Tindall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.**

P. P. C., Henry H. Spence, James B. Tanner, John R. Tisdalem, Martin Crill, John L. Thompson.

Rep., David A. French.

**Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.**

P. C., D. F. Pippinger.

P. P. C., J. T. Hodgins, J. H. Crawford, H. F. Glahn, M. Thompson, J. H. Hodgins, Wm. Phipps, W. J. Skinner.

Rep., J. R. Jones.

**Col. Forbes Post, No. 38, LaPlata.**

P. P. C., W. J. Saltmarsh.

**Albert Chandler Post, No. 42, Macon.**

P. P. C., Willis Smith, Wm. Robinson, Robert Powell.

Rep., Wm. Pendleton.

**W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.**

P. P. C., Isaiah Mattison, Delos McComas.

**Capt. J. L. Clark Post No. 47, Green City.**

P. C., John Van Fossen.

P. P. C., J. G. McCulley, W. C. Green, Victor Aubry, J. W. Peters, Benj. Hunsaker.

Rep., Andrew Porter.

**Gen. Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 48, Lebanon.**

P. C., C. W. Rubey.

**Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.**

P. P. C., Wilson A. Fast, John Rippey, Noble H. Rogers, Ira T. Bronson, Chas. Kooch.

Rep., George Brill, John Wickline.

**Thos. G. Wade Post No. 54, Unionville.**

P. P. C., H. H. Earhart, C. C. Davis.

Rep., Alonzo McKay.

**O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.**

P. C., George B. Miller.

P. P. C., E. C. Brott, Geo W. Martin, J. M. Sheets, J V. Martin, A. J. Lanning, Geo. R Haven, J C. Gardner, H. H. Clark.  
Rep., Lyman Sturdevant.**Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 68, Green Ridge.**

P. P. C., Chas. E. Wadleigh, S. D. Haight.

Rep., Lewis Bucher.

**Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.**

P. C., A. V. Parmenter.

**Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.**

P. C., John Hack.

Rep., George Hubbel.

**Greenfield Post, No. 75, Greenfield.**

P. P. C., John J. Roberts.

**John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.**

P. C., J. W. Lucas.

P. P. C., W. W. Baldwin, James W. Dillard, Addison McKee, Chas. D. Inglehart, James Wilson, P. H. Honsell, Wm. Roney, Geo. W. Saunders, E. W. Thomas.

Rep., Irwin Bacon.

**Col Grover Post, No 78, Warrensburg.**

Rep., F. X. Wagner.

**Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton.**

P. P. C., H. G. Orton.

**Yeager-Sharp Post, No. 82, Wellsville.**

P. C., Thos. McElfresh.

P. P. C., Conrad Menz, John A. Blackwell.

Rep., Robert J. Gilliland.

**C. G. Harker Post, No. 88, Meadville.**

P. P. C., Lewis Young, T. A. Loomis.

Rep., H. Bolman.

**T. H. Richardson Post, No. 92 Lancaster.**

P. C., Henry W. Fulton.

Rep., W. P. Leedom.

**Capt. C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Maysville.**

P. C., C. Bennett.

Rep., Jacob Porr.

P. P. C., Henry Homberger.

**Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.**

P. P. C., Geo. Heintz, Henry Fairback, Edward Borck.  
Rep., Louis Schaeperkoetter, Henry Boss.

**Miles Carroll Post, No. 111, Iberia.**

P. C., John Ferguson.  
Rep., J. W. Waite.

**Marion Post, No. 119, Stanberry.**

Rep., W. C. Long.

**Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.**

P. P. C. W. H. Skinner, E. S. Miner.

**Fred. Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.**

P. C., B. A. Wilmot.

P. P. C., John Forsyth, W. T. Munson, M. G. Garner. John Parsley, J. N. Hayes, John Beans, M. G. Blakely.  
Rep., John Pennington.

**Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.**

P. C., Robert N. Denham.

P. P. C., L. B. Ripley, David Murphy, Thos. D. Kimball, J. B. Dobyne, B. Knoepfel, James B. Wilde, Ephraim Magoon.  
Rep., S. M. Sparklin, J. K. Merrifield, Edward D. Coe, Wm. Godfrey, C. K. Reifsnider, J. S. Ginger. George Boemler. S. D. Webster.

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Rep., John Norfleet.

**Gen. John G. Foster Post, No. 137, Neosho.**

Rep., S. Jobe.

**Samuel McClure Post, No. 145, Eldon.**

P. P. C., E. M. Graham.

**Avalon Post, No. 146, Avalon.**

P. C., Isaac Leeper.  
P. P. C., David Kerr.

**Liberty Post, No. 150, Spickard.**

Rep. Millard Bosworth.

**Keeler Post, No. 152, Melrose.**

P. P. C., Fred. Berthold.  
Rep., Wm. Rettker.

**George Miller Post, No. 158, Bethel.**

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Rep., O. P. Robison.

**Col. Islam Keith Post, No. 164, Breckenridge.**

P. C., R. C. Moorehouse.

P. P. C., T. McPeck.

**Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.**

Rep., W. W. Chapel.

**Mansfield Post, No. 181, Powersville.**

P. C., D. W. Pollock.

**Major Hunt Post, No. 185, New London.**

P. P. C., F. C. Clayton W. R. Sanford, T. G. McCune.

Rep., John Gilliam.

**Col. Morsey Post, No. 197, Warrenton.**

P. C., James McIntyre.

P. P. C., John H. Frick.

Rep., Henry Eversmeyer.

**McCroskey Post, No. 210, Springfield.**

P. C., R. L. Marcum.

**Sergeant Ryan Post, No. 214, Brashear.**

P. C., M. F. Strock.

Rep., T. J. Spencer.

**Picket Post, No. 215, Farmington.**

Rep., D. J. Doughty.

**John Williams Post, No. 218 Fairport.**

P. P. C., John Wolf.

Rep., W. Roleson.

**Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.**

P. P. C., H. R. Parsons, John S. Haley.

Rep., C. W. Corkran.

**Thos. J. Brouster Post, No. 233, Clayton.**

Rep., James Eschenbrenner.

**Gen. Fred. D. Steele Post, No. 235, Montrose.**

P. P. C., J. D. Earhart.

Rep., R. H. Dugan, J. H. Law.

**Lowry City Post, No. 238, Lowry City.**

Rep., W. M. Kennedy.

**John A. Hayn Post, No. 240 Boonville.**

P. C., Henry Hoppe.

P. P. C., R. W. Whitlow, Ewing Roberts, Joseph Lieber.

Rep., Chas. Brandes.



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P. C., Louis Benecke.

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**Difani Post, No. 273, Perryville.**

P. C., A. H. Cashion.

**Henry Brown Post, No. 276, Clarksburg.**

P. C., D. H. Hamlin.

P. P. C., Jacob Hott, W. H. Mengel, J. W. Moore, G. W. Sappington, J. B. Stewart, John M. Williams.

**Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282, Carrollton.**

P. C., Wm. M. Allen.

P. P. C., E. M. Mitchell, A. H. Cooley.

Rep., Joel Sanders.

**Chas. Sumner Post, No: 286, Boonville.**

P. C., A. L. Harris.

**C. A. Arthur Post, No. 299, Mansfield.**

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P. P. C., J. B. Jones.

**James W. Owens Post, No. 332, Washington.**

P. P. C., Ferd. Hausgen.

Rep., Wm. Foss.

**Evans Post, No. 340, Economy.**

P. C., R. M. Depew.

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Rep., Wm. Vogt.

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P. P. C., J. T. Walker, James D. Bush, J. S. Davis.

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P. C., Wm. A. Malone.

P. P. C. G. T. Muns, John C. Robinson.

**Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.**

Rep., Isaac Ellis.

**Gen. Simon Cameron Post, No. 437 Cross Timbers.**

P. C., R. A. Vance.

**Gen. Hazen Post, No. 440, Foster.**

P. C., W. R. Wilson.

**E. E. Kimball Post, No. 453, Middletown.**

P. P. C., E. W. Pritchett, A. F. Butler, A. M. Lafferty, J. T. Alward, A. W. Nease.

Rep., W. H. Graham.

**Vandalia Post, No. 466, Vandalia.**

P. C., Robert W. Campbell.

P. P. C., W. O. Barnett.

Rep., David Danjel.

**Col. Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.**

Rep., Henry Kolde.

**John Tietjen Post, No. 506, Indian Grove.**

P. P. C., B. J. Edeman, F. M. McNamare, S. S. Kelso, Henry Nicholson.

Rep., Thos. Kincade.

**Harrison A. Gleim Post, No. 512, Tipton.**

P. P. C., J. B. Wolf.

Rep., Adolph Dick.

**Gen. Jere M. Rusk Post, No. 544, St. Charles.**

P. C., Wm. Woods.

P. P. C., A. Wright.

**Gatzweiler Post, No. 554, St. Charles.**

Rep., Wm. Weidey.

**Burnside Post, No. 566, Pleasant Hill.**

P. P. C., Wm. Lowe.

**James F. How Post, No. 567, Moberly.**

P. C., B. W. Holliday.

P. P. C., E. H. Mix, H. A. Jaco, S. T. Mason, Wm. Maynard, Wm. Townsend, A. D. Vantreese, A. Ostman.

Rep., Henry Massman.

**Capt. E. D. Johnston Post, No. 574, Elmira.**

P. P. C., J. T. Roberts, W. N. Perkins, James L. Tucker.

Rep., Solomon Hall.

**Windsor Post, No. 580, Windsor.**

P. P. C., N. Mason, L. J. Ellis, J. A. Wesner.

Rep., W. J. Colbow.

**Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No 582, Lee's Summit.**

Rep., Michael Sechler.

**John Whaling Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.**

P. C., Henry DeBell.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. STEWART, Post 5.

B. W. HOLLIDAY, Post 567,

WM. GREER, Post 23,

J. E. LEWIS, Post 268,

JOHN A. BLACKWELL, Post 82.

Committee on Credentials.

On recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, the following named comrades were admitted as representatives and ordered placed on the roll of the Encampment: Solomon Hall, Post 574; W. M. Kennedy, Post 238; Isaac Ellis, Post 432.

Calling of the roll of members was, on motion, dispensed with. The reading of officers' reports was also, on motion, dispensed with, these reports being in print and distributed in the Encampment.

Senior Vice Department Commander J. B. Davis was called to the Chair and Department Commander Williams read his address, as follows:

**ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

Comrades:

Sixteen years have passed since you met in this beautiful "City of the Shops" to hold the Tenth annual Encampment of this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as our memories go back to those days we are led to make many comparisons; one of these is, that this city, which was then great in promise, has now become great in fulfillment. It has grown in population, in wealth, in educational facilities, in commercial importance, and in all those things which make for moral and material progress and advancement, so that those of us who have been absent during these eventful years would not now recognize the city in its greatness and splendor. But while it may have changed by growth and expansion, it has not changed in its regard to the old soldier. We find here now the same glad hand and fervent welcome that greeted us before. But if the city of Moberly has grown and increased, we regret to say that our membership has not kept pace with its steady increase. Then we carried upon our rolls a membership of about 20,000, while the marching column on its parade along your streets was double what it will be today. Perhaps that date marked high-tide in the history of our organization, and the decrease in our order has steadily continued. During the past year the falling off has been about 400, principally from suspensions. While this is regrettable, it is also most natural. With increasing years and on account of sickness, suffering from wounds and disease, it becomes more and more difficult and laborious for the comrades to attend the regular meetings of their Posts. This is especially true in the country where the membership is scattered and attendance means a long walk or drive. From such failure in attendance at Post meetings comes a waning interest in the organization, resulting in failure to contribute dues; and so, the old comrade, who still loves the organization, gradually and without any intention of losing place in the ranks, permits himself to be eventually suspended or even dropped from the roll.

It is sad, indeed, that this should be so, and it ought not to occur as frequently as it does. Our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Brown, in his first general order, after taking his office, made this matter the keynote of his address. He determined, if possible, that the membership of the organization should not be reduced, at least during his term. I have seconded his efforts to the best of my

ability and have urged upon the comrades of this Department to keep up their membership, both by retaining those who are already members and by bringing into the fold those who are not members, but who are eligible to become members. We have succeeded fairly well in holding our own in this Department; but, sorrowful as it is, it is useless to disguise the fact, even to ourselves, that in the course of nature, our numbers must continue to decrease. It is the inertia of age that is slowly and surely decimating our membership, and even those who in the great struggle were boys in fact as well as in name, have passed the summit and are now descending the declivity of life.

But we are not cast down even by the reflection that our beloved organization, as such, must in a few years cease to exist. The opportunity which came to us in our early manhood to battle for our country and our country's flag was a rare one and was seized upon, not for gain or glory, but as a patriotic duty. We think the duty was well performed, and as to how well, we are willing to leave to the future historian.

#### EXHIBIT "D."

The Death Roll of the Department, being an exhibit attached to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, shows, as is natural, a lengthening list, in which appear representatives from nearly every Post, and shows more eloquent than words, the ravages of time within our ranks. This list includes many who have been eminent in our organization and in the State, but from their great number it is impossible to single out individual members for special mention. These comrades will long be remembered in their several localities for their heroism as soldiers and their virtues as citizens, and it is a pleasure to know that all their names are recorded in the archives of their country, as its defenders in its hour of danger; and, while eventually their names may be forgotten, their heroic deeds will ever live in the hearts of their grateful countrymen. Of such the poet hath written in those deathless lines inscribed in our National cemeteries, where sleep our honored dead:

"On Fame's eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents are spread,  
And Glory guards with solemn round  
The bivouac of the dead."

#### NEW POSTS.

Five new Posts have been organized during the past year, as shown by the Report of the Assistant Adjutant General. Serious trouble had arisen in the Post at Carterville, resulting in the withdrawal of some of its members and the revocation of the charter of the Relief Corps. The troubles of this Post have been before the Encampment before, and I do not propose to refer to them further.

Some of the members who had withdrawn, with others, made application in due form for a charter for a new Post, and after considerable correspondence it was granted and a Post mustered. I hope this will end the trouble at this place, and as no complaint has since been made, I think it has done so. In September last, in company with Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers, I visited the Soldiers' Home at St. James, and found the Post, which had existed in that town, and which had been attended by the inmates of the Home, had disbanded. So, at the request of a large number of the inmates, most of whom were, or had been members of the Grand Army, steps were taken to organize a Post at the institution, which was afterwards mustered by the Assistant Adjutant General, and it is hoped it will be both a pleasure and benefit to these aged comrades. Another Post was organized at Oregon, and a colored Post at Troy and St. Joseph, Mo.

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION.

I am glad to report the Department in a healthy financial condition, and without giving details, invite your attention to the report of our Assistant Quarter Master General, in which the receipts and expenditures are fully set out.

#### REUNIONS.

The last Commander called the attention of the Department to the prevalent custom of holding all reunions during the month of August, and deprecating such custom, that being the time when the dog star rages most furiously, and when those who can afford to do so, flee towards the north pole. But the warning went unheeded, and invitations came to me from numerous places inviting my presence. Most of these I was compelled to decline for business reasons, being only a bread-winner, though I regretted that I could not attend them all and thus meet the comrades in their homes. These reunions have a most beneficial influence in keeping alive the spirit of patriotism and the best memories of the war. In all the meetings I have attended no word or sentiment has been uttered that would wound the sensibilities of the most ardent adherent of the "lost cause." I attended the reunion at Humansville, July 31, August 1. The Post there owns its own camp ground, covering a large acreage, and the annual meeting is the event of the neighborhood, and attended by thousands of the comrades and visitors. I was glad to greet so many comrades and their friends. In company with the Assistant Adjutant General, I attended the annual reunion at Richland September 12. There was a large attendance, but a cold rain, which lasted most of the day, had a depressing influence on the enthusiasm of those present. A good camp

fire at night, to which the public was invited, was much enjoyed by all present.

I have visited many of the Posts in the Department, which visits I greatly enjoyed. I confidently expected to make many other like visits during the latter part of my term, but a severe domestic affliction in January last prevented my doing so. The many letters of sympathy and condolence sent me after this calamity, by my comrades, were greatly appreciated by myself and family.

#### THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The great event in the Grand Army is the annual Encampment, which met last year at Minneapolis. An immense crowd was present, the arrangements were perfect and the citizens did everything in their power to make the visit pleasant; even the railway agents were polite and attentive. The beautiful city, with its enormous manufactories, its public buildings, parks, lakes, falls, above all its splendid homes, all decorated with the Stars and Stripes, was a revelation to the comrades, the memory of which will ever remain with them. The attendance from this Department was good, and the grand review, in which Missouri had about 400 in line, was very imposing. The day was ideal. A rain-storm the previous night had scoured the streets and lowered the temperature so the march was accomplished with little fatigue. The proceedings of the Encampment, while interesting and important, do not require special mention. This Department was not successful in electing its nominee Commander-in-Chief, but expects to be successful the next time.

#### THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

While our membership is decreasing, we come to rely more and more on our auxiliary organizations. As the oldest of these the Woman's Relief Corps has been more conspicuous in its good works for the relief of the old comrades. It has also been especially helpful at reunions, and other meetings of the Grand Army, which would have been incomplete without their presence and assistance. The amount of money, clothing, etc., contributed has been large, but the care, the attention, the work expended for our order far outweigh the material expended. Missouri was honored in the election of one of its fair daughters as President of the National organization at Minneapolis, which honor was much appreciated by the comrades of the Department.

#### LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This organization, like the Woman's Relief Corps, and working along similar lines, has rendered most effective aid and encouragement to the comrades, and too much praise cannot be given these noble women, the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of our

members, for their untiring labors in our behalf. God bless them all.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

I have no recent report concerning the increase of membership of this organization. As the comrades of the Grand Army lay aside the work in which they have engaged, it is expected that their sons will take it up and carry it forward. It has been stated that it is difficult to keep up this organization, at least outside the cities, and this is probably true. It has also been suggested that the reason for this is found in the fact that the events of the civil war in which we participated and which are so real to us, are but ancient history to our children, and of little more interest to them than the war of the Revolution, or the war with Mexico. I sincerely hope this organization may increase in numbers and influence and receive from the Department the encouragement its importance demands.

#### THE ST. JAMES SOLDIERS' HOME.

As stated, I visited the Home in company with Comrade Rodgers last September and was greatly interested in everything I saw. The farm is well located and the buildings large and comfortable. The inmates, most of them old and infirm, seemed to be well clothed and well fed. No serious complaint regarding their treatment was made to us by the inmates, though full opportunity was given them had they desired to do so. As the numbers continue to increase, additional buildings are needed for their use. A hall, or other large room, where public meetings can be held, is much needed.

While I have no disposition to criticise the manner in which this institution has been and is now being conducted, I cannot permit the opportunity to pass without entering a protest against the manner in which the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps have been eliminated from any voice in the management of the institution. These noble women, by their energy and zeal, were responsible for the establishment of this Home, to which, as one of them once said, in speaking of its establishment, "the old soldier and his old wife could retire when he had no other home." So, in 1897, when this Home was transferred to the State, it was provided that of the nine trustees to be appointed for its management, six were to be selected from the membership in the Grand Army and three from the Woman's Relief Corps. The first board was so appointed. In 1903 this act was amended and the number of trustees reduced to five members, of which three were to be former soldiers, while the remaining two might be members of Woman's Relief Corps. Since then, the Governors of Missouri have construed the law to mean that these two might not be ladies belonging to this order, and none have been appointed.



## PENSIONS.

The passage during the past year of the law known as "The McCumber Bill," giving all who served over ninety days a graded, liberal pension, is recognized as a somewhat tardy recognition of the services of the old soldier. The final passage of this act is largely due to the untiring efforts of the pension committee of the Grand Army. We also desire to record our grateful acknowledgment to our esteemed comrade, Senator Warner, for his work and vote in our behalf.

## MONUMENTS.

At the last Encampment resolutions were adopted asking the legislature of this State to appropriate a sufficient amount to erect monuments on those great battle-fields of the war in which the soldiers from Missouri took a conspicuous part. In pursuance of this plan I made a visit, in company with Gen. J. B. Stone, Commander of the Confederate Veterans of Missouri, to see Governor Folk, who promised us all the assistance in his power. After the meeting of the legislature a bill was introduced, which had been drawn by Comrade Leo Rassieur, who has been greatly interested in this matter, making appropriations to erect suitable monuments at Vicksburg, Shiloh and Chattanooga, these being the principal battles in which large numbers of Missouri troops had been engaged. The time seemed to be unusually propitious, as the general government had donated to the state nearly a half million dollars on some forgotten war claim.

At a joint meeting of the committee on appropriations of both Senate and House on Feb. 4, a public hearing was had and addresses in favor of such appropriations were made by Gen. S. D. Lee, Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate Veterans, and Gen. Stone, and others, spoke for the Confederates, and Comrades Rassieur, Burton and others for the Grand Army. After this I learned that Shiloh and Chattanooga had been eliminated from the bill, but an appropriation for a suitable monument at Vicksburg passed the Senate and was sent to the House for concurrence. A few days before the adjournment of the legislature I visited Jefferson City and urged members of the House to get the matter passed. The bill then seemed lodged with the committee on appropriations, the chairman of which was said to be opposed to the measure. My understanding is, it was reported adversely and consequently was not passed. The entire half million dollars, from which we hoped to get this appropriation, not one cent of which had been paid by this generation, was given to the road fund. The old soldier, his services and his sacrifices were forgotten. Years hence these monuments may be erected, but I have no hope of seeing them in this present life.

## CONCLUSION.

In closing my term of office I desire to return my sincere thanks to the comrades of the Department for the high honor conferred upon me. I have attempted to perform my duty with an eye single to the good of the order, and if mistakes have been made they were not intentional. To the members of my staff, especially to the efficient Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Thomas B. Rodgers, I ascribe credit for such measure of success as has attended my administration, and to them I give my heartfelt thanks.

And now to the comrades who have here assembled to hold this, the twenty-sixth annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, I bid you hearty greeting, and to you and the comrades of the Department whom you represent, I pray that your remaining years may be peaceful and happy, and that the consciousness of having performed your duty to your country as soldiers and citizens may be ever present with you—an abiding benediction.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

Department Commander.

Some time since I read some reminiscences written by a Confederate officer, in which were written the following beautiful lines which are so appropriate to our organization, that I ask to insert them here, so as to give them permanence. I do not know the name of the author.

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## DRIFTING.

1.

Life's shores are shifting,  
 Every year;  
 And we are seaward drifting,  
 Every year;  
 Old places changing fret us,  
 The living more forget us,  
 There are fewer to regret us  
 Every year.

2.

But the truer life draws nigher,  
 Every year;  
 And the morning star climbs higher  
 Every year;  
 Earth's hold on us grows slighter,  
 And the heavy burden lighter,  
 And the dawn immortal brighter,  
 Every year.

**REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

KANSAS CITY, MO., April 30, 1907.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade: Through you I submit this report to the Commander, and to the comrades of this Department.

We cannot veil the fact, comrades, that we are marching rapidly down the "western hillside, toward sunset"; but that does not prevent you leading the mind back to those younger yesterdays, when the red waves of war lashed the sides of our "Great ship of State," and you, comrades, brought out of that horrible "mix-up" the boon of Peace, the wand Liberty, the Union of States, the awakening of giant intellects, and the starting forward the hitherto lethean progress, which may aid peoples still unborn, and nations yet to be.

While we cannot and do not wish to do that stupendous work over again, yet I fondly hope that we will ever keep in touch with those great principles which lift up, instead of those which tear down.

I have not been overworked as Senior Vice Department Commander—possibly (?) more ornamental than useful. I have striven, as I promised you a year ago at Jefferson City, to do nothing that would cause you to regret delegating the honor to me.

I answered "here" at roll call at the National Encampment held at Minneapolis, Minn., last August, and did what I could to maintain the creditable renown attained by the Department whose home is in the superb commonwealth of Missouri.

I was invited, and afterward detailed, to install the present officers of McPherson Post No. 4, at their first meeting in January, which I did to the best of my ability. I performed a like service for Woman's Relief Corps No. 10. This was a joint public meeting, and one of the wildest nights of the entire year; yet there was a fair attendance—one Past Department Commander and a part of the Grand Army quartet in the persons of Comrades O. H. Guffin and C. W. Whitehead. I attended a public and patriotic meeting of Farragut-Thomas Relief Corps, No. 11, the hall being filled with interested, young and elderly people. The exercises were both pleasing and instructive. I also attended Farragut-Thomas Posts' celebration of Lincoln's birthday—a very interesting and patriotic meeting, held on the 14th of February. It was at this meeting that Post No. 4 had sent a committee to obtain the sentiment as to the propriety of asking the citizens of Kansas City to invite the National Encampment to hold its annual session in Kansas City in 1908.

On motion, Commander Hays of Post No. 8 was authorized to appoint a committee of seven, the same as in Post No. 4. This joint committee met three or four times in a room at the Baltimore Hotel, elected Commander Halsey of Post No. 4, Chairman, and Comrade Frank Titus of Post No. 8, temporary Secretary, he declining to act as permanent Secretary.

It soon became apparent that the committee was divided as to feasibility of asking the City Council to extend this invitation, by several expressed reasons; namely: of the city getting "too many irons in the fire." "The National Republican Convention"; "City not ready to take on so large a proposition," "The Steamboat Line on the Missouri River," and further, the Missouri delegation at the National Encampment at Saratoga would offer and urge the election to the office of Commander-in-Chief one of our most worthy and accomplished comrades, in the person of the Honorable Charles G. Burton.

In speaking to a motion "to ask the City Council to move in this matter," Past Department Commander W. F. Henry moved that the question lie on the table until after the Encampment meeting at Moberly. This carried.

While the joint committee was debating as to whether the two Kansas Cities wanted this representative organization to hold its annual meeting here in 1908, Comrade R. M. Stewart, upon his own volition, and unbeknown to the committee, took it upon himself to ascertain the sentiments of business men and commercial houses, outside of the Grand Army, and it is my duty to add, Comrades, in all fairness, that the unanimity developed by this Comrade's gratuitous canvass was, to say the least, surprising; he securing dozens of personal letters from prominent citizens of business houses, and a list (not measured by inches, but by yards), filled with the names of firms, all favoring the project. The proposition may come to you for consideration.

Before making my bow, I desire to leave some further expression of gratitude for the honor and confidence reposed in me, and to assure you of my constant esteem and ever increasing reverence of you as Comrades.

Loyally submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. O. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Senior Vice Department Commander.

**REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.****JEFFERSON CITY, MO., MAY 5, 1907.****THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.**

My Dear Sir and Comrade—Since the last State Encampment at Jefferson City, on May 23 and 24, 1906, when I was honored by our comrades in electing me Junior Vice Commander of this Department, I have been so situated as to be unable to do but little for the advancement of our organization. Yet I have encouraged our comrades on every occasion when I have come in contact with them, and urged all old soldiers to unite with our Order and impressed on the minds of the Commanders of quite a number of Posts to make a strong effort to increase their membership by reinstatement of those dropped from their rolls, by remitting, if possible, their dues, or making them so insignificant that this obstacle would not be in the way of becoming reinstated.

I was unable to attend the last National Encampment at Minneapolis, Minn., on account of the illness of my wife, as I wrote you a few days before the time for leaving for Minneapolis. I regretted very much at not being able to go with our Department. I regret that I cannot report that I have done more to advance the interest of our beloved organization. I trust we may have a pleasant and successful meeting at Moberly, Mo., this month.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the comrades of this Department for the compliment they paid me by electing me to the honorable position of Junior Vice Commander, Department of Missouri. It was unexpected to me, but greatly appreciated. Yours in F., C. and L.,

**H. T. HOLMES,****Junior Vice Commander, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.**

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
St, LOUIS, MO., May 20, 1906.**

**JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Department Commander:**

Comrade: I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1906:

The number of Posts December 31, 1905, was 262, which includes 8 Posts that had been previously suspended, viz: Posts 41, 250, 254, 371, 382, 469, 507, 514. The following Posts were suspended at the last Department Encampment: Posts 25, 61, 70, 200, 311, 360, 390, 398, 418, 436, 487, 577.

For the first time in many years, I have to report that no Posts surrendered their charters during the year. Five new Posts were mustered, viz.: Posts 45 at Oregon; 583, St. Joseph; 584, Carterville; 585, Troy; 586, Soldiers' Home, St. James. So that the number of Posts, including the 20 suspended, is 267, a gain of 5.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1906:

<b>FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1906.</b>	
Number in good standing December 31, 1905.....	7,858
Gain by muster in.....	220
Gain by transfer.....	72
Gain by reinstatement.....	162
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Aggregate .....	454
Loss by death.....	151
Loss by honorable discharge.....	8
Loss by transfer.....	60
Loss by suspension.....	207
Loss by delinquent reports.....	122
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Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1906..	7,764
<b>SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1906.</b>	
Number in good standing June 30, 1906.....	7,764
Gain by muster in.....	187
Gain by transfer.....	70
Gain by reinstatement.....	125
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Aggregate .....	8,146

Loss by death.....	146	
Loss by honorable discharge.....	9	
Loss by transfer.....	58	
Loss by suspension.....	305	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	169	687
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Number remaining in good standing December 31, 1906.		7,459

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing December 31, 1905.....		7,858
Gain during year by muster in.....	407	
Gain during year by transfer.....	142	
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	287	836
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Aggregate ..... 8,694

Loss during year by death.....	297	
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	17	
Loss during year by transfer.....	118	
Loss during year by suspension.....	512	
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	291	1,235
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Number remaining in good standing December 31, 1906..	7,459
Number remaining suspended.....	4,220
Number dropped during year.....	333
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	183
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	114
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$982.45
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1906.....	11,679.01
Cash invested in collaterals.....	17,518.00
Cash balance in Relief Funds, December 31, 1906.....	11,679.01
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	10,779.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	11,574.75
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Total value of Post property.....\$53,639.91

Our department is entitled this year to fourteen representatives in the National Encampment, in addition to the representative-at-large. In accordance with a rule previously adopted by the Encampment, the names will be placed on the printed ballots in alphabetical order, beginning with the letter A.

The condition of the Posts, considering the advancing age and infirmities of the comrades, is remarkably good. The organization of five new Posts, all at places where Posts had existed before but had been disbanded, and the fact that no Post surrendered its charter during the year, speaks well for the patriotic spirit of the comrades. The passage of the service pension law, known as the "Mc-

Cumber bill," making a substantial increase in many cases, will make it easier for many of the comrades to pay their dues, and will excite a general patriotic desire to stand by the organization and the government which has done so much for them.

The following exhibits are attached and form part of this report:

- Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "B," Statement of Supplies on Hand.
- Exhibit "C," Statement of Assets.
- Exhibit "D," List of Deaths.

Permit me, in conclusion, Commander, to express my grateful appreciation of the confidence you have placed in me. My association with you will always remain a pleasant memory.

To my official associates, and all my comrades with whom I have had official or personal communication, my thanks are due for their kindly courtesy. Yours in F., C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Asst. Adj. General and Asst. Q. M. General.

### EXHIBIT "A"

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1906.

##### RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on December 31, 1905.....	\$ 908.62	
Received from per capita tax.....	1,868.73	
Received from requisitions .....	246.51	
Received from charter fees.....	70.00	
Received from interest on certificate of deposit.....	15.30	
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		\$3,109.16

##### EXPENDITURES.

Supplies .....	\$ 162.56	
Printing Encampment Journal.....	187.25	
Printing and stationery.....	121.00	
Rent of office, 13 months.....	195.00	
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....	1,200.00	
Postage .....	105.16	
Expenses National Encampment.....	78.50	
Expenses Department Encampment.....	9.85	
Per capita tax .....	273.39	
Insurance .....	16.00	
Premium on bond of Asst. Adj. General....	15.00	
Incidentals .....	47.42	
Money refunded .....	4.00	
Traveling expenses—		
Dept. Com. Fairback.....	\$35.00	
Asst. Adj. Gen. Rodgers.....	10.60	45.60
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		\$2,460.73
Balance on hand December 31, 1906.....		\$ 648.43



## EXHIBIT "B"

## SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1906.

No.		Value.
28	Membership badges .....	\$ 14.00
81	Buttoniers .....	8.10
72	Rank straps .....	28.80
95	Official ribbons .....	9.50
114	Rules and Regulations.....	11.40
543	Applications .....	5.43
10	Cash books .....	12.00
42	Quartermaster's receipt books.....	25.20
5	Quartermaster's warrant books.....	4.25
66	Discharges .....	3.30
134	Transfers .....	6.70
48	Leave of absence cards.....	2.40
11	Odes .....	.33
3	Rituals .....	1.50
6	Service books .....	1.80
4	Blue books .....	4.80
197	Department badges, plain.....	118.20
48	Department badges, silver top.....	48.00
1	Electrotype .....	.55
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		\$306.26

## EXHIBIT "C"

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1906.....	\$ 648.43
Office furniture, estimated .....	800.00
Supplies .....	306.26
Ledger balances .....	85.65
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	\$1,841.34

Liabilities: None.

## EXHIBIT "D"

## LIST OF DEATHS, 1906.

Post.

- Abrell, Florian, age 69, Priv. Co. H, 82 Ill. Inf.  
 Rascher, Fred, age 79, Priv. Co. F, 4 U. S. R. C.  
 Behnke, Chas., age 67, Priv. Co. H, 178 N. Y. Inf.  
 Guhl, And., age 71, Priv. Co. E, 5 Mo. Inf.  
 Thumann, Henry, age 74, Sergt. Co. A, 22 Ohio Inf.  
 Arnold, Chas., age 69, Priv. Co. C, 4 U. S. R. C.  
 Hager, Frank, age 72, Corp. Co. A, 27 Mo. Inf.  
 Gast, Paulus, age 64, 2nd Lt., 1st Mo. Eng.  
 Schnell, Louis, age 71, 1st Lt., Adj. 2 U. S. R. C.  
 Nolker, W. F., age 65, Priv. Co. E, 137 Ohio N. G.  
 Heinrichshofen, Wm., age 81, Capt. Gen. Franz Sigel's Staff.

## Post.

- Biebinger, F. W., age 72, Priv. Co. A, 2 U. S. R. C.  
 Dolton, Geo. E., age 66, Corp. Co. M, 1 Ill. Lt. Art.  
 Schlachter, Chas., age 63, Priv. Co. A, 30 Mo. Inf.  
 Sand, Geo. J., age 62, Priv. Co. H, 2 Mo. Inf.  
 Greb, Wm., age 80, Priv. Co. H, 17 Mo. Inf.  
 Wiesner, Hy., age 68, Corp. Co. C, 3 Mo. Inf.  
 Walter, Albert, age 62, Priv. Co. B, 3 Pa. Res.  
 Fox, Horace, age 88, Capt. Co. E, 7 Mass. Inf.  
 Thompson, S. A., age 66, Corp. Co. E, 26 Ill. Inf.  
 Mathias, F. W., age 68, Priv. Co. A, 5 U. S. R. C.  
 Castle, Dan'l W., age 64, Priv. Co. G, 118 Ohio Inf.  
 Gotshal, D. H., age 62, Priv. Co. F, 4 Ohio Inf.  
 Hiertz, Theo., age 75, Priv. Co. D, 9 Ill. Inf.  
 Jacobs, Nich., age 81, Priv. Co. D, 1 U. S. R. C.  
 Spangler, Peter A., age 69, Priv. Co. E, 110 Ohio Inf.  
 2 Stolle, Casper, age 78, Priv. Co. K, 12 E. M. Mo.  
 Human, Chas., age 61, Priv. Co. D, 1 U. S. R. C.  
 Crist, John, age 59, Mus. Co. B, 13 U. S. Inf.  
 4 Rogers, E. F., Q. M. S., 2 Mo. S. M.  
 Casey, Phillip, Priv. Co. H, 11 Ia. V. I.  
 Smith, Geo. A., Priv. Co. B, 2 Mo. V. C.  
 Prosser, David A., Priv. Co. D, 35 Ia. V. I.  
 Flagler, Fred. P., Corp. Co. A, 77 Mo. E. M. M.  
 Whitmeyer, Cyrus, Corp. 16 Bat. Ind. L. A.  
 5 De Rigne, R. T., age 63, Priv. Co. C, M. S. M.  
 Bergen, Mark, Priv.  
 Jones, H. P., Priv. 72 Ill.  
 7 Woolf, Samuel, age 68, Priv. Co. F, 13 Ind. Inf.  
 Ferril, Thos. J., age 73, Chaplain 16 Kan. Inf.  
 Allen, Thos. W., age 66, Priv. Co. C, 25 Mo. Inf.  
 8 Walker, J. L., Mus. Co. B, 11 Ind. Inf.  
 Seymour, Herbert F., Priv. Co. H, 5 Mass. Inf.  
 Glass, W. C., 1st Sergt. Co. B, 17 Ill. Inf.  
 Weston, Wm., Capt. 7th Kan. Cav.  
 Magers, Geo., Priv. Co. A, 29 Ind. Inf.  
 Queal, Orin H., Priv. Chicago Merc. Bat.  
 11 Crowder, James M., age 61, Priv. Co. G, 1st M. S. M. Cav.  
 Kallschmidt, Edward, age 77, Priv. Co. E, 14 Mo. Inf.  
 12 White, Seth, age 70, Priv. Co. K, 68 Ind.  
 13 Schlickenberg, C. W., age 74, Priv. Co. F, 2 U. S. R. C.  
 Wenz, Louis, age 70, Mus. Co. F, 10 Ill. Cav.  
 Kaiser, Frank, age 61, Priv. Co. A, 4 Mo. Cav.  
 Gauss, Nick, age 68, Priv. Co. D, 2 Mo. Inf.  
 Dilger, Edward, age 71, Priv. Co. H, 18 Mo. Inf.  
 Rechtglaub, Herman, age 74, Priv. Co. C, 3 Mo. U. S. R. C.  
 Weisshaar, Joseph, age 65, Priv. Co. B, 3 U. S. R. C.  
 Winkler, John A., age 73, Lt. Co. K, 43 Ill. Inf.  
 Munchwieler, Joseph, age 72, Priv. Gasconade Co. Battl.  
 Seim, Chas., age 75, Priv. Co. I, 1 U. S. R. C.  
 Wetter, Herman, age 70, Mus. Co. D, 9 Ill. Inf.  
 Streit, George, age 64, Priv. E, 3 E. M. M.  
 Eyermann, August, age 77, Priv. Co. I & H, Mo. Art.  
 Renz, Fred. W., age 63, Priv. Co. A, 3 U. S. R. C.  
 14 Greer, Martin, Priv. Co. B, 30 Ill. Inf.  
 Carter, T. J., Priv. Co. H, 22 Ind. Inf.  
 Crow, John T., Priv. Co. A, 25 Ohio Inf.

## Post.

- Barley, James D., Priv. Co. E, 25 Wis. Inf.
- 17 Taylor, A. S., age 61, Priv. Co. D, 72 N. Y. Inf.  
Powell, T. J., age 77, Sergt. Co. A, 124 Ind. Inf.  
Gall, William F., age 66, Priv. Co. E, 1 Mo. Cav.
- 21 Guyn, F. M., Priv. Co. F, 59 Ind.  
Townsend, Edward E., Capt. Co. K, 96 Ill.
- 22 Madden, Andrew, age 68, Priv. Co. B, 11 Mo. S. M. Cav.  
Wood, David H., Priv. Co. C, 7 Mo. Cav.  
Otto, Henry J., Priv. Co. D, 11 Mo. Cav.
- 23 Still, E. C.  
Haupt, Henry.  
Koehler, Christian, age 67, Priv. Co. A, 10 U. S. Inf.  
Waddle, Patrick, age 70, Priv. Co. B, 42 Mo.
- 26 Ferguson, L. F., age 75, Co. B, 12 Ill. Inf.  
McDowell, C. W.  
Birdseye, John T., age 68, Lt. Co. I, 111 O. V. I.
- 29 Carmichael, James E., age 60, Priv. Co. H, 65 Ill. Inf.
- 32 Gray, David H., age 72, Priv. Co. A, 184 Ill. Inf.
- 34 Richardson, James, age 68, Priv. Co. B, 85 Ind.
- 36 Long, W. H., Priv. Co. H, 42 Mo. Vol.  
Ruffner, John, Priv. Co. C, 9 Wis. Vol.  
Morris, S. R., Priv. Co. E, 5 Ind. Cav.  
Combs, B. F., Priv. Co. C, 11 M. S. M.
- 38 Jones, Evan T.
- 43 George, John A., Priv. Co. K, 2 M. S. M.
- 44 McCullough, Warren, 2nd Lt. Co. I, 2 Mo. Prov. Mil.
- 45 Fletcher, Abraham, Priv. Co. E, 30 Mo. Inf.
- 53 Hillis, Joseph E., Sergt. Co. H, 3 Ind. Cav.  
Rhodes, John C., Priv. Co. G, 3 Pa. H. Art.  
Smith, J. L., Priv. Co. B, 2 O. V. I.
- 54 Niday, Cinton, age 59, 4 Ia. Cav.  
Monroe, Jackson, Priv. Co. F, 42 Mo. Inf.
- 57 Burns, John F., age 69, Priv. Co. B, 44 N. Y. Inf.
- 63 Chambers, J. R.
- 65 Potter, John P., age 63, Priv. Co. E, 19 Ia.
- 68 Dunfee, Aaron, age 60, Priv. Co. F, 138 Ind. Inf.
- 69 Laughlin, Adam, Corp. Co. I, 8 Pa. Res.  
McAdoo, Dr. Jas., Lt. Co. A, 164 O. V. I.  
Rountree, L. A., Lt. Co. A, 46 Mo. Inf.
- 72 Nichols, Eli, Priv. Co. I, 62 O. V. I.
- 75 Howard, John H., age 75, Capt. Co. I, 15 Mo. Cav.  
Hembree, A. J., age 72, Priv. Co. E, 14 Ill. Inf.  
Russell, C. Z., age 65, 2nd Lt. Co. I, 21 Mo. Inf.  
Mitchell, M. B., Priv. Co. M, 8 Mo. Cav.  
Ridgeway, C. W., Capt. Co. A, 116 O. V. I.
- 78 Malone, Samuel, Priv. Co. A, 144 O. V. I.
- 79 McClary, Thos. D., Priv. Co. E, 5 W. Va. Cav.
- 82 McQuite, Jesse B., age 61, Priv. Co. D, 32 Mo. Inf.  
Klarenbach, Gustave, age 66, Priv. Co. F, 13 M. S. M.  
Johnson, Wilford, age 70, Priv. Co. F, 3 Mo. Cav.  
Spencer, James L., Priv. Co. C, 9 M. S. M.
- 84 Block, Charles, age 74, Priv. Co. D, 2 Ill. Cav.  
Boyd, J. P., age 69, Lt. Co. C, 15 Mo.
- 86 Follett, Hiram, age 59, Priv. Co. A, 3 N. Y.  
Peters, Henry, age 83, Priv. Co. F, 129 Ill.  
Bonham, David, age 74, Lt. Co. D, 4 M. S. M.

## Post.

- Blivins, Josephus, age 61, Priv. Co. A, Minn. H. Art.  
 Dawes, James, age 75, Priv. Co. B, 18 Mo.  
 Johnson, Wm. B., age 62, Priv. Co. E, 4 Wis. Inf.
- 96 Eberle, Jacob, Priv. 25 Mo.  
 97 Peters, John, 78 Corp. Co. D, 33d Mo. Inf.
- 107 Siebke, Wm., age 82, Priv. Co. A, 4 Mo. Cav.  
 Meyer, Charles, age 70, Priv. Co. D, 4 Mo. R. C.  
 Gottlieb, Pfeiffer, age 65, Priv. Co. G, 4 Mo. Cav.  
 Gardner, Samuel, age 62, Priv. Co. F, 47 Mo. Inf.  
 Schubert, George, age 63, Priv. Co. B, 25 Ind. Inf.
- 110 Pollock, W. W., Corp. Co. K, 51 Mo. Inf.  
 111 Jones, Manassah, age 72, Corp. F, 98 Ill. V. I.  
 Goforth, D. I., age 65, 1st Sergt. Co. A, 1 Mo. Vol. Cav.  
 Thompson, John C., age 73, Priv. Co. D, 1 Ark. V. I.
- 115 McDowell, W. W., Sergt. Co. G, 26 Ind. Inf.  
 119 Anderson, James T., Priv. Co. D, 2 Mo. Cav.  
 128 Elvin, John, Priv. Co. I, 33 Mo.  
 Leonard, R. A., Priv. Co. A, 11 Mo. Cav.
- 131 Tribbe, W. L., age 62, Q. M. U. S. N. Ship "Hastings."  
 Stuyvesant, Moses S., age 66, Lt. Commander U. S. N.  
 Love, James E., age 76, Capt. Adj. 8 Kan. Inf.  
 Dunn, James, age 66, Priv. Co. A, 8th Mo. Inf.  
 Woodruff, Fred. C., age 68, Capt. I, 119 U. S. C. Inf.  
 Duncker, Henry, age 70, Capt. Co. F, 2 Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Hoffman, Sam'l H., age 60, Priv. Co. F, 36 O. Inf.  
 Bleeck, Oscar W., age 77, Priv. Co. A, 104th N. Y. Inf.  
 Cook, Austin E., age 63, Q. M. Sergt. 21 Ia. Inf.  
 Davis, Edw. I., age 60, Priv. Co. K, 4th U. S. Art.  
 Dana, George D., age 61, Priv. Co. E, N. G. E. M. M.  
 Walsh, William, age 71, Q. M. Sergt., 1 Del. Cav.  
 Stone, Charles H., age 66, Corp. Co. K, 3d Mo. Inf.  
 Carroll, Henry S., age 62 1st Lt. Co. F, 33 Mo. Inf.  
 Newcomb, George A., age 66, Admiral's Clerk U. S. N.
- 141 McCullah, S. C., age 74, Priv. Co. A, 8 Mo. Cav.  
 Walters, Mike, age 70, Priv. Co., 2 Wis. Cav.  
 McCormick, B. A., age 64, Priv. A, 51 Ind. Inf.
- 142 Lyngar, A. C., Priv. Co. A, 6 Mo. Inf.  
 Robertson, J. H., Priv. Co. K, 108 Ill. Inf.
- 145 Snyder, H. A., Priv. Co. B, 12 Ill. Cav.  
 Schlotte, Peter N., Corp. K, 76 O. V. I.
- 150 Barnes, Thos., Priv. Co. C, 23 Mo. Inf.  
 Vincent, A., Priv. Co. B, 36 O. V. I.
- 152 Wengler, Wm., Priv. B, Ink's Battalion, Mo.  
 158 Forman, Charles, age 67, Priv. Co. K, 3 Mo. Cav.  
 160 Roe, Joel R., age 75, Priv. Co. E, 27 Ia.  
 164 Shuman, Ernest, age 69, Priv. Co. I, 6 N. Y. Cav.  
 Hamilton, J. R., age 64, Priv. Co. G, 23 Mo. Inf.
- 171 Huskey, Allen W., Priv. Co. B, 47 Mo.  
 172 Luchsinger, Adam, age 62, Corp. Co. F, 45 Wis.  
 173 Cook, Henry, 68 Priv. Co. H, 1 Ill. Art.  
 Goetz, Ignatz, age 75, Corp. Co. A, 2 Mo. Art.  
 Post, Henry A., Art. Co. H, 1 Ill. Art.
- 174 Gower, Joseph M., age 75, Priv. Co. I, 47 Mo.  
 175 Griffith, C., age 69, Priv. Co. I, 2 Kan. Cav.  
 176 Stillins, John, age 65, Priv. Co. M, 4 Mo. Cav.  
 178 Grossman, Ben. C., Sergt. 103 Pa. Inf.

## Post.

- 179 Dimpsey, John, Priv. Co. B, 3 Ohio.  
Foster, David, Priv. Co. K, 30 Ohio.
- 185 Piper, Thomas W., age 77, Sergt. Co. E, 17 Ind. Inf.  
Taylor, John W., age 75, Lt. Co. D, 122 N. Y.  
Williams, Robert P
- 190 Wells, J. A., Priv. Co. H, 20 Ia.
- 210 Danley, A. H., age 86, Priv. Co. C, 1 Ark. Cav.  
Conwell, J. L., age 75, Priv. Co. F, 16 Ohio Inf.  
Hoskins, A. B., age 66, Priv. Co. A, 12 Ind. Inf.  
Kennedy, E. A., age 67, Priv. Co. I, 73 Ind. Inf.  
Messinger, H. M., age 77, Capt. Co. C, 13 Ill.
- 215 Dalton, Thos. T., age 68, Priv. Co. F, 47 Mo. Inf.
- 219 Mitchel, James, age 74, Priv. Co. D, 15 Ind. Inf.  
Criswell, H. G., Priv. Co. G, 120 Ohio N. G.
- 221 Sens, Lewis, age 71, Priv. Co. G, 4 Ia. Inf.
- 223 Anderson, James T.
- 233 Elgasser, Ed. L., Priv. Co. B, 2 Mo. Art.  
Grieb, Conrad, Com. Sergt., 1 Mo. E. M. M.
- 234 Smith, John, Priv. Co. B, 49 Ill. Inf.  
Sisk, Abner, Priv. Co. F, 2 Ark. Cav.
- 240 Diring, Michael, age 62, Priv. Co. A, 5 M. S. M.
- 242 Dilley, Willis.
- 243 Battis, Wilkin M., Priv. Co. C, 19 Ill.
- 251 Decker, Charles, Priv. Co. H, 10 Mo. Inf.  
Boynton, Guy, Priv. Co. A, 3 W. Va. Cav.  
Hawkins, N. M., Priv. Co. C, 5 Mo. Cav.  
Crabtree, W. W., Priv. 2 Mo. Art.
- 257 Landaw, John J., age 73, Priv. Co. B, 105 Ohio.
- 259 Knight, M. V. B., Priv. Co. G, 18 U. S. Inf.  
Dougherty, D. M., Sergt. Co. D, 9 O. V. Cav.
- 260 Wheeler, C. R., age 62, Priv. Co. D, 16 Vt. Inf.  
Fowler, James, age 63, Priv. Co. B, 9 Ill. Inf.
- 268 Snavely, Peter, age 87, Priv. Co. F, 44 Mo. Inf.
- 273 Perron, H. P., age 65, Priv. Co. G, 1 Mo. Art.  
Pannier, J. J., age 69, Bugler Co. L, 5 Mo. M. S. M. Cav.
- 276 Eberling, Wm., age 84, Priv. Independent Co. Home Gd.
- 286 Dixon, Andrew, Priv. 65 U. S. C. T.  
Umphries, R. M., Priv. Co. C, 62 U. S. C. T.
- 287 Wells, J. Milton, Com. Sergt. 17 Ill. Cav.
- 294 McGlochlin, J., Priv. Co. H, 2 Ark. Cav.  
Willhite, H., Priv. Co. D, 25 Mo.  
Chastine, M., Priv. Co. D, 25 Mo.
- 282 Johnson, George W., age 72, Priv. Co. H, 97 Ohio Vol. Inf.  
Creek, John, age 80, 1st Lt. Co. C, 1 M. S. M. Cav.  
Reynolds, George J., age 65, Priv. Co. D, 15 Ia. Inf. Vol.
- 312 Turner, Richard O., age 73, Priv. Co. C, 7 M. S. M.  
De Witt, William T., age 74, Priv. Co. I, 29 Mo. Inf.  
Kisner, Theophilus, age 68, Priv. Co. C, 7 M. S. M.
- 316 Thornton, Joseph, Corp. Co. D, 18 U. S. C. T.
- 320 Biebusch, G., Priv. Co. H, 4 Mo. Inf.  
Mathews, B. M., Priv. Co. C, 4 Mo. Inf.
- 326 Lalumandier, Albert, Priv. Co. B, 21 Mo. Inf.  
Baumgartner, John, Priv. Co. I, 1st Mo. Inf.  
Blanchard, Joseph, Priv. Co. D, 1 Ill. Art.
- 331 Habsahl, J., Priv. Co. F, 3 Ia. Cav.
- 332 Diener, Louis, Priv. Co. B, 54 E. M. M.

## Post.

- Thieman, Martin, Corp. Co. A, 54 E. M. M.  
 Fricke, A., Capt. Co. D, U. S. R. C.
- 343 Churchill, Thos., Priv. Co. E, 53 U. S. C. T.  
 Mitchell, Thos., Priv. Co. C, 54 U. S. C. T.
- 348 Wortham, Jas. K., age 70, Priv. Co. C, 31 Mo. Inf.  
 Rice, E. H., age 72, C. Co. E., 50 Mo. Inf.  
 Jolly, John, age 75, Priv. Co. B, 31 Mo. Inf.  
 Donahoe, Hugh, age 75, Priv. Co. G, 1 Mo. L. A.  
 Boyer, Elisha, age 73, Priv. Co. E, 50 Mo. I.
- 366 Graham, J. W., Priv. Co. I, 67 Pa. Inf.  
 Jenkins, J. W., Priv. Co. E, 9 Minn. Inf.
- 374 Lisby, Henry, age 74, Priv. Co. I, 3 M. S. M.
- 377 Cassaday, N., age 60, Priv. Co. E, 15 Pa. Cav.  
 Harrington, A., age 62, Priv. Co. D, 24 Mo. Inf.  
 Grissell, H. L., Priv. Co. G, 138 Ind. Vol. Inf.
- 386 Lewis, A., age 75, Priv. Co. I, 8 M. S. M.
- 387 Parke, Wm. H., Priv. Co. H, 12 Ill. Vol.
- 391 Ogden, George, Priv. Co. D, 33 Mo. Inf.  
 Butters, J. F., Priv. Co. C, 2 O. N. G.
- 432 Blackwood, Wm., Priv. Co. B, 68 U. S. C. T.
- 433 Williams, N B., age 77, Priv. Co. M, 3 Ia. Cav.  
 Northway, W. H.
- 437 Smith, Granville C., age 67, Priv. Co. E, 6 M. S. M. Cav.
- 453 Walpole, Robert V., age 68, Sergt. Co. D, 4 U. S.
- 466 Shoenthaler, Charles, age 72, Priv. Co. H, 8 Ill. Inf.  
 Hulett, Thos. D., Priv. Co. H, 49 Mo. Inf.
- 472 Stambaugh, W. P., age 59, Priv. Co. D, 100 Pa. Vol.
- 496 Schoppe, Geo., age 69, Priv. Co. B, U. S. R. C.  
 Wolf, Chas., age 62, Priv. Co. A, 24 Ill. Vol. Inf.  
 Best, Michael, age 74, Lt. Co. A, 41 Mo. Inf.  
 Kern, John, age 67, Priv. Co. C, 4 Mo. Cav.  
 Wilson, J., age 70, Engineer Gunboat "Winnebago."
- 515 Walker, David H., Priv. Co. I, 2 Pa. Cav.
- 516 Harland, J. A., Priv. Co. G, 121 Ind. Vol.
- 525 Clopper, Nephi, Priv. Co. G, 119 Ill. Inf.
- 544 Nelson, Tom, age 65, Priv. Co. K, 56 U. S. C. T.
- 548 Cockburn, Thomas F., age 86, Lt. Co. F, 45 Mo. Vol.
- 551 Touris, Julius, age 67, Priv. Co. B, 7 Ill. Inf.
- 561 Bard, Jerome, age 64, Sergt. Co. G, 25 Ill.
- 567 Rich, Samuel S., 1st Lt. Co. K, 4th Ky.
- 576 Rinderer, Justus, age 71, Priv. Co. A, 60 Ind. Inf.
- 579 Bringham, Levi, age 68, Priv. Co. B, 56 O. Inf.  
 Gillam, J. P., Priv. Co. A, 3 Mo. S. M.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

CLAYTON, Mo., May 7, 1907.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri G. A. R.

Comrade—Since my appointment as Judge Advocate at the last State Encampment at Jefferson City, I have had no duties to discharge. Either the Department Commander relieved me of the burden of deciding disputes and passing upon questions of law, or there have been no disputes or questions to settle. I think it probable that the peaceable and orderly conduct of all the comrades of the Department accounts for my office being a sinecure. If so, the comrades and the Department are to be congratulated. Where such abounding peace and harmony prevails this office is much more an honor and pleasure than a burden or responsibility,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. C. KISKADDON,

Judge Advocate.

## REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., April 30, 1907

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade: I herewith submit my report of the Posts mustered during my term of office, being four in number, as follows:

Christian Meyer Post, No. 45, at Oregon, Holt Co., Mo., July 4, 1906, by Past Senior Vice Department Commander Thomas W. Evans, special mustering officer, assisted by other comrades of Custer Post, No. 7. Number of charter members, 45. D. P. Dobyns, Post Commander.

John McNeil Post, No. 584, Carterville, Jasper Co., Mo., August 3, 1906, by Chief Mustering Officer Wm. Lowe, with 10 charter members. Chas. B. Berry, Post Commander.

John A. Logan Post, No. 585, at Troy, Lincoln Co., Mo., October 22, 1906, by Assistant Adjutant General Thomas B. Rodgers. Number of charter members 14. Thos. Perkins Post Commander.

Col. A. W. Maupin Post, No. 586, at the Soldiers' Home, St. James, Mo., November 15, 1906, by Assistant Adjutant General Thos. B. Rodgers. Number of charter members 20. A. J. Gilcrease, Post Commander.

I had the privilege and pleasure of mustering the Post at Carterville. I wish to thank the special mustering officers, who kindly assisted in organizing the other Posts.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. LOWE,

Chief Mustering Officer.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., April 23, 1907.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General:

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Department Chaplain, for the information of the State Encampment for 1907, to be held at Moberly, May 22 and 23.

Another year with its changes, and busy scenes of life has passed away. Roll call, tattoo and taps have been called three hundred and sixty-five times, and many of our former comrades have passed on to the general review. Some, no doubt, who met with us in our last Encampment, have answered their last roll call, and their cheering presence and kindly words will be felt and heard no more.

Greater responsibilities and more cumbersome duties have been laid upon us who remain, their names to honor, their virtues to imitate, their places to fill, their work to do, their graves to cover with nature's offerings, and monuments to rear.

"So that nations of men in passing by  
 May bow their heads low and softly say,  
 These be the men who in sixty-one  
 Sprang to the front with shouldered gun,  
 The imperiled flag of the land to save  
 And free the hand of the shackled slave.  
 These be the men who fought the fight,  
 These be the men who died for right,  
 And gray-haired sires as they pass that way  
 May muse of their playmates in boyhood's day,  
 And children's children as they pass along,  
 May read their names on the polished stone."

Thus teaching a lesson of patriotism that will endure as long as the eagle perches on high and the Stars and Stripes wave.

While many Posts in this Department have failed to send in full reports, I believe from those received that Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day services were generally held and much more done than reported by the Post Chaplains to honor and perpetuate the names of our fallen comrades. But I am impressed with the necessity of a more strenuous effort upon the part of Department officers and Post Commanders to instruct and impress upon Post Chaplains the necessity of a full report sent in early, for I fear many do not know their duties reach any farther than to read the prayers at Post meetings and at the burial of the dead and during decoration exercises.

Many suggestions have been received as to how to make our Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day exercises more general and



impressive, but circumstances and environments differ to such an extent that no general rule could be given that will meet the exigencies of each locality. The suggestion that seems to me to be most general comes from Custer Post, No. 7, as practiced by them of sending out a good speaker accompanied by a veteran (and I suggest the latter in uniform) to visit and make an address in each school in the vicinity, instructing and encouraging the children to attend and take part in these exercises. I also suggest an effort upon the part of each Post to enlist all social and secret organizations, especially the United Workmen, to unite with us and make this theirs as well as the National Annual Memorial Day.

I herewith submit copy of my annual report as sent to the Chaplain-in-Chief, which includes report of the W. R. C.; the Sons of Veterans failed to respond to my appeal to them for a report.

#### MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending services.....	103
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	19
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	26
Number of Comrades present at such services.....	3,048
Number of Women's Relief Corps participating with Posts at such services .....	38
Number of members of Women's Relief Corps attending such services .....	915

#### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services.....	129
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services .....	4,804
Number of Women's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day Services .....	38
Number of members of Women's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day Services.....	915
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	459
Number of graves decorated.....	45,595
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	397
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day Services	98
Number of pupils participating.....	5,595
Number of other organizations participating.....	64
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day....	79
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	42
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	37
Number of Posts having Burial Plots.....	34

Submitted in F., C. and L.

O. L. SUMNER,  
Department Chaplain.

**REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 10th, 1907.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Department Commander.

It is with pleasure that I present to you the humble but faithful work of the year in the Department of Patriotic Instruction. The work has been carried along the usual lines of operation, namely, the presentation and impartation of patriotic impulse through addresses at public gatherings and Post meetings. The observance of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, the patriotic life of William McKinley, have become an annual occurrence in most of the Posts in the Department. Comrades have come to feel it a duty as well as a pleasure to observe these occasions.

Quite a number of the Posts have held open sessions for the purpose of influencing the public as well as the comrades. Speakers from a distance, as well as local, have laid bare every worthy incident in the lives of these representative citizens. The young people are greatly aroused by the devotion and public services of these great men.

Flag day is coming to the front with rapid strides, and the Nation was never more enthusiastic over "Old Glory" than today. We more and more realize that our flag represents one of the greatest among nations, and it is with pride that we see its ample folds towering above us. In many parts of the State our last Flag day was observed by public gatherings and patriotic addresses. In Springfield the flag was displayed on 400 homes, as well as on public buildings, while an afternoon and an evening rally was largely attended.

We have found it more and more easy to gain access to the public schools than in any previous year. Teachers are glad to devote one or two hours in the afternoon to a flag exercise and an address. The children are wild with enthusiasm to see the flag and to hear of the triumphs of our arms and navy. We are just beginning to recognize the importance of instructing the youth along patriotic lines. One of the notable gatherings of the year was the visit of the Department Commander to Southwest Missouri, at which time he delivered some telling addresses along the line of the good of the order, and the gathering in of the old soldiers. It seems to me the Department Commander has special opportunity to inspire patriotic impulse by public visitation and addresses throughout the Department. The individual Posts must assume the lead in this work in their respective communities. Let them hold a few open sessions and a Sunday service at the church, at which

any minister will be glad to preach a special sermon for the comrades, simply for the asking. It is remarkable to me that the local Posts make so little use of public opportunities to set forth this precious and noble and patriotic work. The public are open to, and will welcome, any movement along these lines, if the right movement is made by the comrades. Governor Folk has informed me that he would gladly make public proclamation of Flag day, and would, if possible, deliver an address on the occasion. Comrades, let us make the 14th day of June a notable one. Wear a little flag on your coat lapel and give out a few to your less thoughtful neighbors. Let every private residence of comrades be decorated with flags. See that flags are on public buildings. Thanks for all courtesies from Commanders and Assistant Patriotic Instructors.

W. C. CALLAND,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

On motion the address of the Department Commander and the officers' reports were referred to the several committees to be appointed.

Senior Vice Department Commander Davis announced as committee on the address of the Department Commander: Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, and Past Department Commanders Dew, Martin, Bronson and Sterrett.

By direction of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees:

On reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering Officer: Geo. H. Pountain, Post 278; E. J. McWain, Post 8; John G. Grems, Post 21.

On report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: C. W. Rubey, Post 48; H. C. Carter, Post 7; D. J. Doughty, Post 215.

On motion, the Department Commander also appointed the following committees:

On resolutions, Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton; Past Department Commander C. W. Whitehead; J. W. Moore, Post 276; W. F. Silverwood, Post 1.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Department Commander Ira T. Bronson; S. M. Sparklin, Post 131; Max Fritz, Post 13.

To visit Ladies of the G. A. R.: Past Department Com-

mander Fairback; Benj. Warner, Post 4; H. Munchrath, Post 13.

To visit the Sons of Veterans: J. B. Dobyne, Post 131; H. R. Parsons, Post 221.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the Forty-first National Encampment, so that tickets might be printed.

For Representative at-large, Comrade J. B. Dobyne, Post 131, St. Louis, was placed in nomination by Comrade S. M. Sparklin, Post 131.

On motion nominations were closed, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Dobyne, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected.

The following nominations for Representatives were then made and placed in alphabetical order, according to a rule established by a former Encampment:

- A. H. Austin, Post No. 5, Moberly.
- W. W. Baldwin, Post No. 76, Kidder.
- A. J. Bennett, Post No. 54, Unionville.
- Edward Boreck, Post No. 107, St. Louis.
- Archibald Carr, Post No. 2, St. Louis.
- H. C. Carter, Post No. 7, St. Louis.
- J. B. Cashion, Post No. 273, Perryville.
- W. W. Chapel, Post No. 172, Appleton City.
- W. J. Colbow, Post No. 580, Windsor.
- James Crosson, Post No. 4, Kansas City.
- G. W. Edwards, Post No. 343, St. Louis.
- Elmer M. Graham, Post No. 145, Eldon.
- O. H. Guffin, Post No. 8, Kansas City.
- R. M. Griggs, Post No. 221, Novelty.
- Giles F. Hand, Post No. 119, Stanberry.
- James A. Hays, Post No. 8, Kansas City.
- J. B. Johnston, Post No. 210, Springfield.
- Chas. E. Koken, Post No. 13, St. Louis.
- Louis Koop, Post No. 1, St. Louis.
- A. J. Lanning, Post No. 57, Brookfield.
- Wm. Lowe, Post No. 566, Warrensburg.
- Wm. Maynard, Post No. 567, Moberly.
- W. B. Mullins, Post No. 268, Brunswick.
- A. V. Parmenter, Post No. 69, Springfield.

W. J. Saltmarsh, Post No. 38, La Plata.  
 W. C. Shattuck, Post No. 466, Vandalla.  
 Nathaniel Sisson, Post No. 21, Maryville.  
 R. M. Stewart, Post No. 4, Kansas City.  
 John Stupp, Post No. 496, St. Louis.

On motion, the Encampment voted that the fourteen receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Representatives, and the fourteen receiving the next highest number be declared the Alternates.

On motion, the Encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 22.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Department Commander, who announced that a parade would take place at 4 o'clock p. m., after adjournment this day.

The Committee on Credentials made their report, which was on motion approved and the committee discharged, all later arrivals to report to the Assistant Adjutant General.

A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps Convention, consisting of Mrs. Sparklin, the National President, Mrs. Bazal, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Bodkin and Mrs. Hengelsberg was admitted and introduced to the Encampment. Mrs. Sparklin was received with applause, and addressed the Encampment in a few well-chosen remarks, and was replied to by Department Commander Williams, expressing the appreciation of all the comrades of the noble work in which the women of the Relief Corps were engaged.

Mrs. Hengelsberg, Past Department President, presented the following report:

Moberly, Mo., May 22, 1907.

J. M. Williams, Department Commander, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to extend to you, and through you to the Department Encampment, the greetings of your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, together with a report of the year's work, as follows:

Number of corps, 53; number of members, 1,798. Relief has been extended by the Corps of this Department as follows: Cash expended for relief, \$733,36. Estimated value of relief other than money, \$1,102,14. Total amount of relief, \$1,835,50.

Soldiers and their families assisted, 377; members and their families assisted, 178; total number assisted, 555.

We have gained four Corps, with prospects in the near future of two more.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

NIRA G. BACHMAN,

Department President.

The ladies were then escorted from the Encampment, the comrades all rising.

Comrade T. D. Kimball, Post 131, moved that all applications for admission of Past Post Commanders from other Departments be referred to a special committee of three. The motion prevailed, and the Department Commander appointed as such committee, Past Department Commander W. F. Henry, Arthur Dreifus, Post 1, and C. W. Corkran, Post 221.

The report of the Council of Administration was read by the Assistant Adjutant General, as follows:

Moberly Mo., May 21, 1907.

To the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The Council held its first meeting at Jefferson City, Mo., on May 24, after the adjournment of the Encampment, at the call of the Department Commander, but no business was transacted except to approve the arrangements which had been made for headquarters for the Department at the National Encampment at Minneapolis.

By direction of the Department Commander the date for holding the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment at Moberly, Mo., was submitted by letter to the members of the Council, who agreed unanimously upon the dates of May 22d and 23d, and it was so announced in General Orders No. 6, March 13, 1907. The second meeting of the Council was held at Moberly, Mo., on Tuesday, May 21st, at 3 o'clock p. m., pursuant to the call of the Department Commander, and adjourned until 7:30 p. m., same date, for want of a quorum.

The members present were: John M. Williams, Department Commander; J. B. Davis, Senior Vice Department Commander; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Wm. Lowe, Chief Mustering Officer; R. W. Whitlow, Inspector; Henry N. Keener, Medical Director; Louis Koop, Fred, Wenz and Francis P. Becker, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts for failing to make reports: Posts 108, Versailles; 162, Elmo; 207, Hannibal; 209, Linn Creek; 337, Jasper; 417, Smithton; 423, Florence; 479, Montreal; 526, Darlington; 537, Ridge Prairie; 563, Blue Springs; 569, Stockton.

On motion, the Council recommended to the Encampment that \$100 be appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

The Auditing Committee, appointed by the Department Commander, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:  
St. Louis, Mo., May 18, 1907.

John M. Williams, Department Commander:

We, the undersigned Committee of the Council of Administration appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General have performed their duty for the fiscal year, ending April 30, 1907, and report as follows:

Cash balance December 31st, 1906.....	\$648.43
Cash balance April 30, 1907.....	555.67

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of keeping his accounts.

FRANCIS P. BECKER,  
LOUIS KOOP.

Committee.

There being no further business, on motion, the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General and Recorder.

On motion, the report with its recommendations was adopted.

Mrs. Elma B. Dalton, of Kansas, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Emma A. Wood, Past Department President, appeared as representatives of that body and were introduced to the Encampment. Mrs. Dalton addressed the Encampment in an eloquent manner and was responded to by the Department Commander in a suitable manner. After which, all rising, the ladies were escorted from the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur offered the following resolution endorsing Comrade Chas. G. Burton for Commander-in-Chief, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, with great applause.

Resolved, That this Encampment instructs its representatives to present to the Forty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., the name of our Comrade, Past Department Commander Charles G. Burton, for Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A brave and gallant soldier of the Union, a volunteer when but fifteen years of age, he served well and faithfully as a private in the Nineteenth Ohio Infantry.

Coming to Missouri at the close of the war, he took up the duties of a citizen, by his brilliant work rapidly rising to a high place in his chosen profession, serving with great distinction and honor as Judge of the Circuit Court and later as member of Congress. He has the profound respect and unbounded confidence of all his fellow citizens.

As a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic he has been ever loyal and zealous in its cause. For four years a member of the National Committee on Pensions, and for two years its chairman, he has done faithful service and through his work on that great committee has become known to all his comrades.

If called to the execution of this great trust we pledge that he will give our order an able, progressive and honorable administration."

Comrade Burton being called upon, responded as follows:  
Department Commander and Comrades:

I am far more grateful for this renewed manifestation of your confidence, esteem and affection than words can express. In my mind the Grand Army of the Republic is so indissolubly associated with the old Grand Army of 1861-5 that your resolution carries me back to the September day, when a boy, I went from the school room to wear the uniform of blue.

My age, judgment, discretion and knowledge would not have justified the placing me anywhere else than in the ranks, and in the ranks I served, doing my duty to the best of my strength and ability.

Since arriving at maturity, I have been more or less active in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, and if with the years have come some little of judgment and discernment, of knowledge and wisdom, by reason of which I have been of service to our organization and to our comrades, I assure you that those services have been prompted by my fraternal feelings and have been compensated more than a hundred fold by the honors you have bestowed upon me in the past.

Again thanking you, permit me to add that should your choice



for Commander-in-Chief be ratified by the National Encampment, I shall endeavor to so wield its baton of marshalship that neither discredit shall come to our Order nor dishonor to its flag.

A short recess was declared, during which Mr. Justin A. Runyan, representing the Mayor and City Council of Kansas City, Mo., addressed the Encampment asking its endorsement of their invitation to hold the next meeting of the National Encampment in that city.

Comrade R. M. Stewart, Post 4, after the recess, spoke in favor of the proposed action and offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The National Encampment of the Grand Army will at its meeting at Saratoga, New York, choose its next meeting place for 1908; and,

Whereas, Kansas City, Mo., by its Mayor and Common Council has extended its hospitality to the Grand Army of '61 to '65, who bared their breasts to preserve and maintain this glorious country; and,

Whereas, Time is fast passing that these men will be able to enjoy the hospitalities of this great and growing city; and,

Whereas, Said official action is heartily endorsed by 300,000 of her loyal, patriotic and generous-hearted people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Missouri do heartily endorse the action taken by Kansas City, Mo., for the purpose of securing the National Encampment; further be it

Resolved, That the delegates elected by this department to attend the National Encampment at Saratoga, be and they are hereby instructed to vote for and use all honorable means to secure the location of Kansas City, Mo., as the place to hold the next National Encampment in 1908.

Comrade Stewart moved the adoption of the resolution.

Past Department Commander Dew opposed its adoption, stating that a large majority of the comrades at Kansas City were not in favor of asking for the meeting of the National Encampment there next year, that his own Post, No. 8, the largest Post in Kansas City, was almost unanimously opposed to it.

Comrade Rassieur moved that the whole matter be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the Com-

mander, which motion was put and carried, and the Commander appointed Comrades Rassieur, Whitehead and Platt as such committee.

On motion of Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, the Encampment took up the question of location of next Department Encampment.

Past Department Commander Bronson proposed Sedalia on the part of Post 53, and read a cordial invitation from John A. Collins, Mayor, and the Business Men's Association of Sedalia.

Comrade H. W. Davison, Post 14, proposed the City of Joplin, supported by invitations from the Mayor and Council and the Commercial Club of Joplin.

Comrade John Hack, Post 72, proposed Trenton and read invitations from Mayor and Council and Trenton Industrial Club, assuring a cordial reception.

Comrade Henry Digby, Commander of Post 14, also spoke in favor of Joplin. Whereupon on motion, nominations were closed, and a standing vote was taken on each proposition, resulting in 108 votes for Sedalia, 18 votes for Joplin, and 127 votes for Trenton.

Having received a majority of the votes cast, the Department Commander declared that Trenton was selected for the meeting place of the Encampment next year.

Gen. Odon Guitar, of Columbia, an aged veteran of the Union Army, being present, was introduced and addressed the Encampment in an eloquent and vigorous manner, and his patriotic utterances were highly appreciated.

The Encampment then took a recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 23.

The Encampment met at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 24, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

The assembly was sounded by the Department Bugler.

after which Comrade Chapman invoked the divine blessing.

Commander Stewart, Post 4, asked leave to withdraw his resolution offered yesterday in favor of asking for the next meeting of the National Encampment at Kansas City.

Objection was made and Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, moved to postpone action until after report of committee was made, which was put to vote and carried.

Comrade Rassieur then made the following report:

Moberly, Mo., May 23, 1907.

Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution by which it is proposed to endorse an application of Kansas City for the location at that place of the National Encampment of 1908, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the resolution, and believe that if said application were the unanimous wish of the Posts of Kansas City it would give the Encampment great pleasure to observe such a disposition on the part of the comrades of that great and growing city of the Department, although it could not at present endorse or recommend the adoption of such a resolution for the holding of the National Encampment at Kansas City during the year 1908.

Your committee realizes, from the views presented in the Encampment by a prominent comrade of Kansas City, when the motion to refer this application was under consideration, that a large number, if not a large majority, of the comrades from that city are opposed to the resolution for various reasons, but particularly for the reason that to present this application at the Saratoga Encampment, in connection with the resolution already unanimously adopted regarding the election of Comrade Charles G. Burton of Kansas City, as Commander-in-Chief, would have the effect of stamping this Department, in the eyes of the National Encampment, as desiring all the honors of the Order, and hence as worthy of none.

This Department cannot afford to jeopardize the present good opinion which it believes it enjoys at the hands of the comrades of its sister Departments, and we firmly believe that no good citizen or comrade of Kansas City, nor any good comrade of this Department outside of Kansas City, will want this Department, for one moment, to assume such an ungenerous position, when he understands all the facts involved in this application. We believe that Kansas City will gladly change this application, so as to procure the National Encampment some other year, when its citizens understand the situation as we do, and hence we earnestly request

and urge such a course on their part, and unhesitatingly recommend that this Encampment order that the resolution be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR  
C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
JOHN P. PLATT.

Committee.

A motion that Comrade Stewart have leave to withdraw his resolution was then made, put to vote and lost.

Commander Rassieur spoke in favor of the report of the committee and moved its adoption, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

On motion, it was ordered that the Assistant Adjutant General send greetings of this Department to the Encampments of Illinois, Indiana and Oklahoma, now in session.

Past Department Chaplain Hagerty, detained at home by sickness, sent the following letter, which was read to the Encampment by Comrade Rassieur.

St. Louis, May 21, 1907.

Commander and Comrades of Missouri Encampment, G. A. R.:

Good cheer to you all in your meeting this morning in our State Encampment. Many battles have been fought, many victories have been gloriously gained, and while thousands of our comrades, who went hopefully with us, are now quietly sleeping in the patriot's grave, yet we, through the watch-care of a kind Providence, are here to enjoy the fruit of our heroic efforts on the battlefield.

Our flag has been vindicated in its right to wave over land and sea, and is respected and revered in all lands by all peoples.

Well therefore may we feel proud of our position today as comrades, and citizens of this happy nation, and thank God that we had the courage to take part in this world-renowned strife.

Comrades, having been detailed for slight hospital service, I will not be with you this time, being the first time I have been thus detained. I hope your march on Moberly will be a most successful one, and that the works will capitulate at once, without unnecessary bloodshed or strife, and that all the outer works will at once accept honorable terms, and capitulate to the great honor of Commander Williams and his corps Commanders, shared in by every private in the victorious lines. It is to be hoped that no camp follower may smirch our good name by any marauding parties in the rear, to disturb the peace of the innocent citizen!

In the midst of the festivities, please inform Comrade Scott

that he may not be afraid for the safety of his "old rooster," as Comrade Jacoby and Chaplain Hagerty are not along this time to forage the town.

If Comrade Warner is there, it is to be hoped he will have a new uniform and not perpetrate the "old chestnut" of the moths having eaten up his former one.

If Comrade Burton is there, you will have eloquence for all occasions, as he is just from the headquarters of that Department, and has authority to fill all requisitions upon him for that commodity.

Comrade Tom Rodgers will be able to give all needed information on all military matters, to any inquiring Comrade, as he is just from the headquarters of military intelligence.

Commander and Comrades, I am very sorry not to be with you, but you will not miss me, as much as I will regret being deprived of the meeting with you in the Encampment of Good "Old Missouri!" But go ahead, do up your work like good men, have a merry time, leave Moberly highly pleased with your visit, and come home, and we will take up the line of march for still further conquests! For, remember, Comrades, there are other battles to be fought, and other victories to be gained, before the end of human effort. Corruption in high places is to be overthrown, selfishness to be curbed, sobriety is to be enthroned, industry established, economy to be practiced, before we have a land and country just as it should be.

Let us all be heroic in this work, as we were in that of 1861 and '65, and when that campaign is accomplished, then, we may hang up the sword, and rest in peace.

Your Comrade in F., C. and L., most truly and faithfully,

Now and Ever,

T. H. HAGERTY,

Past Chaplain.

On motion of Comrade Burton, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to telegraph the sympathy of the Encampment to Comrade Hagerty.

Comrade Rassieur, Chairman of the Committee on the Address of the Department Commander, made the following report, which was on motion, adopted:

Moberly, Mo., May 22, 1907.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee on the Commander's Address beg leave to report that they have very carefully considered the report of the Department Commander and take great pleasure in commending the entire report and all of its recommendations. It is evident that the Commander has devoted his best efforts to the discharge

of every-duty connected with the office and that his stewardship has been successful to a marked degree, and deserves the hearty commendation of every comrade. We recommend that the sincere thanks of the Department be extended to the retiring Commander for his able and satisfactory administration.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR,  
IRA T. BRONSON,  
F. M. STERRETT,  
JERE T DEW,  
GEO. W. MARTIN.

Committee.

Comrade F. P. Cochran, of the department of Kansas, was introduced and addressed the Encampment. He expressed the fraternal greetings of the Department of Kansas, and announced that the action of the Department Encampment of Kansas in favor of holding the next National Encampment at Kansas City, Mo., was due to misinformation, and that Kansas would stand by the action of Missouri in regard to the meeting of the National Encampment next year.

Past Department Commander Sterrett, of Missouri, Executive Director in charge of the work of the local committee at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., addressed the Encampment briefly, giving a full and satisfactory statement of all matters connected with the National Encampment.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to the election of Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-first National Encampment.

The following comrades were appointed as tellers: W. F. Silverwood, Post 1; Louis C. Hesse, Post 13; C. K. Reifsnider, Post 131; E. M. Mitchell, Post 282; Ben Warner, Post 4; Geo. Pugh, Post 7; J. C. Gardner, Post 67; John Hack, Post 72.

The tickets were distributed by the tellers and after the ballots were prepared they were collected by the tellers, who retired to count the votes.

Past Department Commander Henry, Chairman of the committee to whom had been referred the cases of all Past Post Commanders of other Departments, who had been transferred to Posts in the Department of Missouri, made the following report:

Moberly, Mo., May 23, 1907.

Your committee, to whom was referred certain names of comrades reported as eligible to be placed on the roll of this Department Encampment by virtue of having been Post or Department Commanders in other Departments, respectfully report that they have considered all cases presented and are of opinion that the evidence presented tending to show eligibility in most cases is incomplete.

Your committee have not had the regulation in relation to the matter before them and may have given it too narrow a construction, but as it is advised, the comrade should have joined a Post of this Department by transfer from a Department in which he was entitled to the honors of a Past Commander at the time of such transfer. A comrade who has been dropped from the rolls or has been discharged from the order loses his right to honors. The evidence accompanying the names presented in most cases shows that the comrade was at one time a Past Commander, but fails to show that he had not lost his right to the honor before he joined his present Post.

In the case of Wesley C. Howe, of Post 8, two Past Commanders of that Post certify on honor that he joined that Post by a live transfer card from a Post at Franklin, Department of Pennsylvania, which shows that he was a Past Commander of that Post.

In the case of A. J. Burlingame, of Post 1, a transfer card is presented from Post 86, Department of Indiana, showing that he was at the time of transfer a Past Commander of that Post.

We therefore recommend that the names of Wesley C. Howe, Post 8, and A. J. Burlingame, Post 1, be enrolled as Past Post Commanders in this Department.

Your committee is of the opinion that Commanders of Provisional Departments are not entitled to the honors of Past Department Commanders.

Your committee recommend that the other names submitted be referred back to the Commanders of Posts of which they are members for completion of proof of eligibility.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. HENRY,  
C. W. CORKRAN,  
ARTHUR DREIFUS.

Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

The committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which was on motion adopted.

Moberly, Mo., May 22, 1907.

To the Department Commander:

We, the committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General beg leave to report that we have examined the same and find same correct. We commend him to the comrades for his faithful and efficient services and loyalty to the work of the order.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. RUBEY,  
H. C. CARTER,  
D. J. DOUGHTY.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander called for nominations for Department Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur:  
Commander and Comrades:

It gives me great pleasure to carry out the instructions of the representatives of Blair Post in this Encampment, in bringing to your attention for your kind consideration the name of a comrade as a candidate for the high office of Department Commander.

The comrade whom I desire to present to you has a record as a soldier without blot or blemish. He served as Captain of Company G, Fifty-first Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, from the summer of 1862, and in July, 1863, became the Captain of Company A of the Second Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, with which he served in all the operations of that command in the eastern army until the close of the war.

Upon being mustered out, he received a brevet commission as Major from the war Governor of his State—Governor Andrews—in recognition of his faithful services.

He has been an active and faithful member of the G. A. R. for many years; served as the Senior Vice Commander of his Post for one year and for two consecutive years was elected Commander without an opposing vote. That his services and faithfulness must have been exceptionally good will be evident to you when I mention the name of the Post that has honored him, namely, Ransom Post of the city of St. Louis, which is too well known in this department to need any words of commendation at my hands.

The comrade is a splendid business man, of fine education and good address, and is enthusiastic in the support of all measures tending towards civic righteousness. If elected, he will devote his time and best energies to the advancement of the interests of our organization and will endeavor to make a record second to none in this department. He has shown his excellent judgment



by coming to the State of Missouri and selecting a Missouri girl for a wife. That he made a wise selection I can testify to, as his wife was a schoolmate of mine.

In view of what I have said of the character and ability of the comrade whose name I am about to present, I take great pleasure in urging upon you the selection of Comrade Thomas D. Kimball, of Ransom Post, for the position of Department Commander.

The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commanders Fairback and Platt and by Comrade Murphy, Post 131; Hayes, Post 8; Stewart, Post 4; Carr, Post 2; Engelhart, Post 76; Wenz, Post 7; Edeman, Post 506; Kolde, Post 496; and Munchrath, Post 13.

Comrade J. V. Martin, Post 67, informed the comrades that he had intended being a candidate, but in view of the very decided preference for Comrade Kimball, this year, he had decided to wait a little longer and moved that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Kimball, which was accordingly done, and Comrade T. D. Kimball was declared duly elected as Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Kimball being called for, the Department Commander appointed Comrade Martin to escort him to the platform.

Comrade Kimball, being introduced, spoke as follows:  
Commander and Comrades:

To be chosen from the ranks by the free suffrage of his fellows, for the highest position of honor and responsibility in their gift, is an event of importance in the experience of any man.

Especially is it so, when the honor is given to one who is by no means a familiar figure in the counsels of the organization, and when it comes entirely through the efforts of his friends, beginning first with those who have had the best opportunity of judging of his fitness for administration and leadership.

With the highest appreciation of the distinction you have conferred upon me, reverently bearing in mind what it means to be placed at the head of twenty-five thousand patriots of the civil war of this imperial state—for the distinctive glory of our order is that our dead are not forgotten—I give you my grateful and heartfelt thanks.

With one accord you have by your vote expressed the opinion that I am worthy and qualified, and it shall be my constant en-

deavor to so perform the duties of this high office as to justify your confidence.

Bear in mind, my comrades, that officers, to whom, for the time being, are entrusted the duties of leadership, can accomplish little unless their efforts are heartily seconded by the rank and file.

In asking for your active and earnest co-operation, be assured that your commander will gladly welcome and carefully heed any and all suggestions looking to the welfare of this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thanking you again for the honor you have bestowed, and confidently relying upon your aid, I accept the responsibilities, trusting that when a year hence I shall step down and take my place behind my worthy predecessor in the column of the Past Commanders, I may be cheered by the glad refrain, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

A committee from the Sons of Veterans, consisting of Fred Uthoff, Henry Kesselring and Nicholas Iwlg, Jr., was introduced and addressed the Encampment and were responded to by the Department Commander.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander being next in order, Comrade Corkran, Post 221, nominated H. R. Parsons, Post 221.

The nomination was seconded by Comrades Hayes, Post 8; Sterrett, Post 1; Fairback, Post 107; Parmenter, Post 69.

Comrade Nathaniel Sisson, Post 21, nominated John G. Grems, Post 21. Seconded by Comrade Lanning, Post 57.

On motion, nominations were closed, and Comrades Andrew Porter, Post 47, Whipple, Post 1, Coe, Post 131, and Wenz, Post 7, were appointed tellers.

A ballot was had and the tellers reported the result of the ballot, as follows:

H. R. Parsons received 74 votes. John G. Grems received 136 votes. Total number of votes cast, 210. Necessary to a choice, 106.

John G. Grems having received a majority of the votes cast, the Department Commander declared him duly elected as Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Burton nominated for Junior Vice Department Commander, Comrade Alexander McCandless, Post 5, recommended by both Posts at Moberly. On motion, nominations

were closed, and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot for Comrade McCandless, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected.

For Medical Director, Comrade Henry N. Keener, Post 7, nominated Comrade Hugo Rothstein, Post 1.

The nomination was seconded by Comrades Rassieur, Post 1, and Scherer, Post 13. There being no other nomination, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Rothstein. The ballot was cast as directed, and Comrade Rothstein was declared duly elected.

Past Department Commander Whitehead nominated for Chaplain, Comrade C. H. Chapman, Post 4. The nomination was seconded by Comrades Davis, Post 4, and Hayes, Post 8.

There being no other candidates, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Chapman. The ballot was so cast and Comrade Chapman was declared duly elected.

Nominations were then made for members of the Council of Administration, as follows: Louis Koop, Post 1; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; Jos. A. Demuth, Post 7; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8; D. F. Pippinger, Post 36; J. A. Blackwell, Post 82.

Comrade Demuth withdrew his name, and the remaining five comrades were elected by acclamation.

The Encampment then took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

#### SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Rassieur offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which was carried unanimously:

Resolved, That this Encampment of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., realizing the uniform, steadfast and able efforts of Senator P. J. McCumber, of North Dakota, in behalf of the Union volunteer of the War of the Rebellion, which have finally resulted in the passage of the present liberal pension law at the last session of Congress, takes this, its first opportunity, to tender to him the heartfelt thanks of every comrade of this grand department for his great services in the preparation and passage of that law, and

to congratulate his State upon being represented by so able and loyal a Senator;

Resolved, further, that this department will deem itself honored by the retention of Senator McCumber in the great office he now holds for the rest of his life, as a reward for his work in behalf of the saviors of this country.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Senator McCumber, to advise him of our sentiments.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-first National Encampment, and the following named comrades were declared elected:

#### Representatives.

H. C. Carter, St. Joseph.....	231
A. H. Austin, Moberly.....	208
W. W. Baldwin, Kidder.....	194
Elmer H. Graham, Eldon.....	178
A. J. Bennett, Unionville.....	150
Edward Borck, St. Louis.....	149
Wm. Lowe, Warrensburg.....	144
J. B. Johnston, Springfield.....	138
James A. Hays, Kansas City.....	135
A. J. Lanning, Brookfield.....	135
James Crosson, Kansas City.....	131
Nathaniel Sisson, Maryville.....	129
Chas. E. Koken, St. Louis.....	127
Jackson Walker, Bethany.....	127

#### Alternates.

R. M. Griggs, Novelty.....	121
Louis Koop, St. Louis.....	121
W. B. Mullins, Miami.....	121
A. V. Parmenter, Springfield.....	116
Archibald Carr, St. Louis.....	115
W. J. Colbow, Windsor.....	114
O. H. Guffin, Kansas City.....	113
W. W. Chapel, Appleton City.....	109
Miles Thompson, Clarence.....	106
Wm. Maynard, Moberly.....	102
Giles F. Hand, Stanberry.....	100
W. J. Saltmarsh, La Plata.....	95
J. B. Cashion, Perryville.....	94
G. W. Edwards, St. Louis.....	85

Comrade Burton, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades:

Upon a resolution of Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, requesting Congress to amend the service pension act, known as the McCumber bill so that the widows of deceased soldiers may receive the same pensions as soldiers are now entitled to receive, the committee feel constrained to report adversely, and recommend that

the resolution lie upon the table. They recommend the adoption of the following:

"Whereas, Among all the heroes which America has produced, none affords a more striking and perfect example of what the humble citizen may do in the stress of his country's peril, as does the life of the late General Grant; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Department of Missouri of the G. A. R. hereby cordially endorses the plan for preserving the humble cabin built by General Grant in his day of adversity, and making of it a museum of war relics, for the purpose not only of maintaining a memorial to the "silent hero" of our great conflict, but of holding out a cheering inspiration to the struggling manhood of today;

Resolved, furthermore, that we commend to the Posts and auxiliary organizations of the G. A. R. their zealous support of the plan of the Grant Cabin Association for the endowment of the Grant Cabin with a permanent fund of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are tendered to the good people of Moberly for the royalty of their welcome, and the magnificence of their hospitality. May the city grow and its residents ever be prosperous and happy; may its shops continue to afford employment to the intelligent and industrious workman, and its schools and churches stand for all that is best in American civilization.

Our thanks are also expressly due to the comrades of A. Lincoln Post, No. 5 and J. F. How Post, No. 567, for their untiring efforts to make our Encampment an enjoyable and memorable one, and it is to be hoped that ere long they will be one in name and charter as they are now one in maintaining the standard of our organization.

We also tender our thanks to the railroad companies for courtesies extended in the matter of transportation.

C. G. BURTON,  
C. W. WHITEHEAD,  
J. W. MOORE,  
W. F. SILVERWOOD.  
Committee.

On motion the report of the committee with its recommendations, was adopted.

Commander Dreifus, Post 1, offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

"Resolved, That if the railroads going to Trenton do not make satisfactory rates for the Department Encampment, the Council of Administration be empowered to change the location for holding the Department Encampment in 1908."

The committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, Chaplain, Chief Mustering Officer and Judge Advocate, made the following report, which was on motion, adopted.

Moberly, Mo., May 23, 1907.

Department Commander and Comrades:

The committee to whom was referred the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, Chaplain, Chief Mustering Officer and Judge Advocate, beg leave to submit the following report:

That the officers herein named have performed their duties in an able and efficient manner, and are deserving of the thanks of the Department for duties well performed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. POUNTAIN,  
E. J. McWAIN,  
JNO. G. GREMS,  
Committee.

On motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, the thanks of the Encampment were tendered to the Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard, and Sentinels, who so faithfully served during the sessions of the Encampment.

Department Commander Williams before retiring from office thanked the comrades for the honor they had conferred on him and the loyal support he had received from one and all during his term. He wished them all health and prosperity.

The officers-elect, except the Medical Director, who was absent, were then duly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur.

Upon being asked to name his Assistant Adjutant General, the Department Commander asked Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, the present incumbent, if he would accept the appointment for the ensuing year. Upon being answered in the affirmative, his appointment was then announced and he was duly installed.

At the request of Commander Kimball the comrades joined hands, and under direction of Comrade Whitehead, sang "Auld Lang Syne," and the Encampment was declared adjourned *sine die*.

A true record of the proceedings:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

On Wednesday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, after a recess of the Encampment, the comrades formed for parade on West Reed street in front of the theatre, and headed by the Salisbury Brass Band, marched in the following order: Sons of Veterans, Grand Army comrades, and school children, the latter, each carrying a small United States flag. About five hundred veterans were in line. The line of march was not long, but extended through the principal business and residence streets, which were profusely and handsomely decorated with the National colors, and ended at the Central High School building, where the school children were in waiting on the campus, where a handsome flag was to be presented by the Woman's Relief Corps to the School. Mrs. M. M. S. Gillson, of Appleton City, Department Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps, made the presentation address, which was timely, patriotic and instructive.

At the close of Mrs. Gillson's address the big flag was hoisted to the top of the tall flag-staff, which had been erected by the school board in front of the school, the band playing the "Star Spangled Banner" amid the cheers of the large concourse of veterans, citizens and school children, who stood with uncovered heads out of respect and honor for the flag of their country.

The flag was unfolded by Miss Emma Hestler, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Hestler, President of the Lincoln Woman's Relief Corps of Moberly, and as it unfolded to the breeze, Past Department Commander John W. Scott pulled a cord which released a shower of small silk flags, which fell down over the audience and were eagerly seized as souvenirs of the occasion.

After the flag was raised, Miss Fay Brockman recited, "A

Night at Shiloh," in a pleasing manner and received hearty applause.

Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton responded to the presentation address, stating that owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding, as none of the Board of Education was present to receive the flag on behalf of the school, he would act in that capacity. He briefly reviewed the history of the "Stars and Stripes," from the time of its adoption to the present day, and told of our victories on land and sea from the days of the revolution.

Judge Burton admonished the boys and girls to live right, to apply themselves to their studies and learn so as to always be in a position to reverence and protect the flag of a great united country.

Judge Leo Rassieur, of St. Louis, Past Commander-in-Chief, followed Judge Burton in a short and appropriate talk, taking the viewpoint of the scholars, which made a deep impression upon the boys and girls, the coming men and women, who in a few short years will help to make this great country.

At the conclusion of the exercises, all joined in singing the "Star Spangled Banner," after which with cheers and the waving of many flags, the crowd dispersed.

On Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, an entertainment in the nature of a camp-fire was held at the theatre, which was filled to its utmost capacity. Music was furnished by the Salisbury Band. Department Commander Williams presided.

The members of the choir of the Coates Street Presbyterian Church of Moberly took a prominent and pleasing part in the program.

By request, Miss Fay Brockman, of St. Louis, recited "A Night at Shiloh," followed by a humorous selection, in response to an encore.

Miss Alma Dreifus, of St. Louis, sang two beautiful soprano solos in a style that seemed perfection to the enchanted listeners.

Miss Virginia Stewart, one of Moberly's sweetest singers, also contributed very much to the success of the entertainment.



Eloquent and patriotic addresses were made by Past Department Commander Chas. G. Burton, and Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, two comrades so well known that they are unusual favorites with the Grand Army comrades and are always welcomed as speakers.

The Kansas City G. A. R. quartette, composed of Comrades Whitehead, Guffin, McWain and Henry, sang several songs with their old-time enthusiasm.

Comrade J. S. Ginger, of Ransom Post, St. Louis, rendered several recitations, humorous and otherwise, to the great delectation of the audience. The exercises were thoroughly enjoyed by all present and the camp-fire was a great success.

The committees in charge of all the arrangements at Moberly were faithful and diligent and deserve great credit for their careful attention to the wants and comfort of the visitors. The names of the committees are not at hand, or they would be published entire, but it is not invidious to mention the names of a few who were conspicuous in their efforts, such as Past Department Commander Scott, Comrade Alex. McCandless, Commander of A. Lincoln Post No. 5, and Comrade B. W. Holliday, Commander of J. F. How Post, No. 567, of Moberly.

## GENERAL ORDERS, 1906-1907.

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 1. St. Louis, Mo., May 24th, 1906.

I. Having been elected by the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment at Jefferson City as Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, and duly installed, I hereby assume command.

II. I hereby appoint the following Staff Officers, who will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Comrade Thomas B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade J. C. Kiskaddon, Post 1, Postoffice, Clayton, Judge Advocate.

Comrade William Lowe, Post 566, Postoffice Warrensburg, Chief Mustering Officer.

Comrade R. W. Whitlow, Post 240, Boonville, Inspector.

Comrade W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.

III. My Postoffice address will be California, Mo., but all official communications will be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,  
Department Commander.

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 2. St. Louis, Mo., June 5th, 1906.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—John M. Williams, Post 276, California.

Senior Vice Department Commander—J. B. Davis Post 4, Kansas City.

Junior Vice Department Commander H. T. Holmes, Post 6, Jefferson City.

Medical Director—Dr. Henry N. Keener, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Chaplain—Rev. O. L. Sumner, Post 29, Chillicothe.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; Louis Koop, Post 1, St. Louis; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City; Fred. Wenz, Post 7, St. Joseph; Louis F. Klosterman, Post 73, Cape Girardeau.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Fortieth National Encampment:

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

P. J. Osterhause (at large) St. Louis. J. A. Hayes, Kansas City.

Joseph A. Demuth, St. Joseph. A. J. Lanning, Brookfield.

John B. Cotty, Moberly. Edward Borck, St. Louis.

David A. French, Chillicothe. J. W. French, La Plata.

Chas. W. Rubey, Lebanon. Geo. Hayes, Kirksville.

Griffith Evans, Kirksville. W. W. Chapel, Appleton City.

C. W. Clarke, Kansas City. W. B. Mullins, Miami.

B. F. Luttmann, Jefferson City. Giles F. Hand, Stanberry.

Chris. Fricke, St. Louis. H. F. Glahn, Clarence.

#### ALTERNATES.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Edward Garland, Carthage.  
 Wm. P. Sparks, Grant City.  
 W. A. Fast, Sedalla.  
 L. F. Klosterman, Cape Girardeau.  
 A. R. Dixon, Springfield.  
 Geo. F. Laemmlein, St. Louis.  
 John G. Grems, Maryville.  
 J. W. Lucas, Kidder.

## ALTERNATES.

J. B. Pollard, Clayton.  
 E. C. Baugher, Sullivan.  
 Emmas McGary, Green Ridge.  
 R. M. Griggs, Novelty.  
 J. K. Larimore, Climax Springs.  
 John R. Young, Collins.  
 D. W. Rexroad, Stanberry.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff—W. H. Mengel, Post 276, California.

Color-Bearer and Aide-de-Camp—John B. Cotty, Post 5, Moberly.

Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp—John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis.

Aide-de-Camp—J. W. Temple, Post 145, Eldon.

The comrades so named will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. Post Commanders are requested to recommend to the Department Commander a worthy and active comrade of their respective Posts, for appointment as an Aide-de-Camp on his Staff, not alone as an honorary distinction, but as a real aid in the work of our organization in their respective localities.

V. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 25, Glenwood; 61, Maitland; 70, Canton; 200, Rogersville; 311, Ford City; 360, Iantha; 390, Yount; 398, Gulf; 418, Sedalla; 436, Hartville; 487, Elmer; 571, Balm. These Posts may be reinstated on payment of one year's dues.

VI. The following comrades are hereby re-appointed as committee on St. James Soldiers' Home: Louis Benecke, Post 268; J. P. Tracey, Post 69; A. Dreifus, Post 1.

VII. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the first term of 1906, being the six months ending June 30th, are herewith enclosed, with addressed envelope. These reports should be made out with care, and after being approved by the Post Commander, should be sent with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member in good standing, to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in June. They should not be held back until the end of the month. The name, with rank, company and regiment of each comrade gained or lost during the term should be entered on the Adjutant's report under the proper headings.

VIII. A blank for report of Post Chaplain as to the observance of Memorial Day is also enclosed, which should be forwarded to Rev. O. L. Sumner, Department Chaplain, Chillicothe, Mo., in the addressed envelope enclosed herewith. Post Commanders should attend promptly to forwarding these reports as soon as possible after Memorial Day.

IX. June 14th is the anniversary of the date on which the Stars and Stripes were adopted as our National ensign, and the National Encampment has suggested and requested that on that

day the flag be exhibited on all public buildings, raised above our homes, and respect and honor shown to it in every possible way.

X. Our Department Encampment has for a second time unaniously endorsed our distinguished comrade, Judge Chas. G. Burton, for Commander-in-Chief, and instructed its delegation to present his name to the Fortieth National Encampment, and give him their earnest support for that high office which he is so well qualified to fill.

XI. The attention of Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are again called to the change in the Rules and Regulations whereby Posts are required to drop suspended members. Heretofore it was optional; now it is compulsory.

Section 4, Article IV, Chap. V, reads as follows:

"If a member of a Post shall be one year in arrears for dues, he shall be notified thereof in writing by a Post Quartermaster, and on failure for two months thereafter to pay such dues, he shall be dropped from the rolls, unless relieved from such payment; Provided, That he has been previously suspended and so reported in accordance with the preceding section. A comrade may be reinstated in the Post from which he has been dropped, by making a written statement to that effect, and on receiving a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, upon payment of not exceeding one year's dues. A comrade may be reinstated in a Post other than that from which he was dropped upon application duly made, referred and reported upon, and on payment of the muster-in fee to the Post to which he may make application. A dropped member on being reinstated shall not be reobligated."

There is a vast amount of dead wood on the rolls of the Posts, which will thus be got rid of. It will be seen from the above that it is easier to reinstate a dropped member than a suspended one.

XII. Attention of the comrades is called to the meeting of the National Encampment at Minneapolis on the week beginning August 13th. The railroad rates have not yet been officially promulgated, but the rate from St. Louis to Minneapolis and return will be \$11.50.

The Headquarters of this Department will be at the Hotel Brunswick, on Hennepin Avenue and Fourth Street, one block from the West Hotel, where National Headquarters will be located.

XIII. The Department Encampment selected Moberly, Mo., as the place for meeting of the Encampment next year.

XIV. Circular Letter No. 2, and General Orders No. 9, National Headquarters, are herewith enclosed.

By command of JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

### GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., July 23d, 1906.

I. The Fortieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet at Minneapolis, Minn., in the week beginning Monday, August 13th. The parade will be on Wednesday, the 15th. The sessions of the Encampment will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16th and 17th.

II. The headquarters of the Department will be at the Brunswick Hotel, corner of Fourth Street and Hennepin Avenue, Rooms 106, 108 and 110, on the second floor. This location is but one square

from the West Hotel, where National Headquarters will be established. Headquarters will be opened on Monday, August 13th. Department Officers, Representatives and Alternates will report there as soon as possible after their arrival. All Missouri comrades are cordially invited to call and register their names at these Headquarters and receive the Missouri badge.

III. Representatives and members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, Brunswick Hotel on Monday evening, August 13th, at 7:30 o'clock for the transaction of business.

IV. Arrangements for the parade will be announced by Special Orders at Minneapolis. Comrade W. H. Mengel, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, will have charge of formation of the parade, and all Post and Battalion Commanders will report to him at Department Headquarters on Tuesday, during the day or evening. The line of march will not exceed two miles and will be over well-paved streets the entire distance. It is the desire of the Department Commander that every Missouri comrade who is able to march should appear on the parade and in uniform if possible, and thus help to maintain the good name and reputation of the Department.

V. The Department Commander has accepted the invitation of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, of St. Louis, to accompany that Post as his escort on their special train, via the Burlington Route, which will leave Union Station, St. Louis, on Sunday morning, August 12th, at 8:16 o'clock, arriving at Minneapolis the next morning. The train will consist of elegant Pullman Standard and Tourist sleepers and Chair cars. Sleeping car rates for double berth, St. Louis to Minneapolis, will be \$3.00 for Standard Pullman and \$1.50 for Tourist car. The trip will be made on the east side of the Mississippi river, with privilege of returning via west side if desired. The Department Commander would be pleased to have such Department Officers, Representatives, Past Department Commanders and other comrades, as can conveniently do so, to accompany him on this train.

VI. As heretofore announced, the railroad rate for the round trip will be one cent per mile. The rate from St. Louis and return being \$11.50; from Kansas City, \$10.80; Joplin, \$13.90; Springfield, \$16.00; St. Joseph, \$9.50; Cameron, \$9.50; Hannibal, \$9.30; Macon, \$8.30; Mexico, \$9.50; Moberly, \$8.85; Brunswick, \$9.55; Chillicothe, \$8.45. The foregoing are given as samples. Proportionate rates will be made from all other points. Comrades should confer as early as possible with the local ticket agents as to details, and see that they have proper instructions to put these rates into effect.

Tickets will be sold August 11th, 12th and 13th.

All tickets to be validated by Joint Agent at Minneapolis or St. Paul, on payment of fee of 25 cents, and will be good leaving Minneapolis or St. Paul until August 31st, inclusive. An extension of the return limit to September 30th may be secured by deposit of ticket with Joint Agent not earlier than August 15th nor later than August 31st, and payment of a fee of 50 cents. Tickets to be for continuous passage in each direction.

The low rates and attractive features of a journey to the lake region of the North should induce a large attendance of the comrades and their friends. Our ranks are being rapidly depleted, so

let us assemble together while we may, again touch elbows as of yore, and revive the memories so sacred to us all.

VII. Free quarters will be provided for visiting comrades in the best school houses of the city, for whom cots and mattresses will be furnished free, but each one must furnish his own blanket and pillow. All communications for quarters or other matters relating to the Encampment should be addressed to W. G. Nye, Secretary G. A. R. Committees, Andrus Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

VIII. Representatives to the National Encampment will notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than August 1st whether or not they will be able to attend, so that Alternates may have timely notice. Should anything occur later to prevent their attendance the Assistant Adjutant General should be notified by mail or telegraph.

IX. The following appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

H. C. Carter, Post 7, St. Joseph.

John P. Benjamin, Post 17, Cameron.

Geo. F. Williams, Post 22, Kirksville.

A. Van Meter, Post 34, Lamar.

J. V. Martin, Post 57, Brookfield.

W. W. Anderson, Post 81, Lathrop.

John Ferguson, Post 111, Iberia.

W. T. Munson, Post 130, Tina.

Henry Kappe, Post 240, Boonville.

E. J. Tremain, Post 243, Willow Springs.

John J. Giddens, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.

J. G. Hudson, Post 252, Metz.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Commissions will be sent by the Assistant Adjutant General on receipt of acceptance of appointment. Aides-de-Camp should secure badges from the Assistant Adjutant General. Price of badge entire is \$1.10. Rank strap and ribbon only, 50 cents.

X. The Department Commander congratulates the comrades that the inmates of the Federal Home at St. James, Mo., by the recent decision of the Supreme Court, in the case of Hale vs. Stinson, are neither mendicants nor paupers; and that having acquired a residence at said Home they retain the highest boon of citizenship—the right to vote for persons of their choice for the various offices to be filled in the State and Nation.

XI. The following new Post has been mustered: Christian Meyer Post, No. 45, at Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, July 4th, 1906, by Past Senior Vice Department Commander Thos. W. Evans, assisted by other comrades of Post 7. D. P. Dobyms, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 45.

XII. Major Hunt Post, No. 135, at Center, Ralls County, Missouri, having voted to change its location to New London, Ralls County, Missouri, and having complied with all the requirements of the Rules and Regulations, their action has been approved by the Department Commander.

XIII. The Journal of the Twenty-fifth Annual Department Encampment and the Department Roster for 1906, are enclosed herewith; also General Orders No. 10, National Headquarters.

XIV. Headquarters at St. Louis will be closed from August 13th to August 31st.

XV. Attention of the comrades is invited to the regimental reunions to be held on the battlefield of Chickamauga, September 18th to 20th, inclusive, for which the railroads have made a rate of one cent per mile.

XVI. Albert Harrison Post, No. 386, will hold its Annual Reunion August 8th, 9th and 10th, at Climax Springs, Camden County, Missouri; J. J. Smith, Adjutant.

Splitlog Post, No. 359, will hold a Reunion at Anderson, McDonald County, Missouri, August 15th to 18th; B. S. Dunn, Adjutant.

By command of JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

#### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4.

ST. LOUIS, MO., October 1st, 1906.

I. Since the last General Orders were issued the Fortieth National Encampment has been held at Minneapolis, Minn., August 16th and 17th.

These Annual Encampments are the mile-stones marking the route of the Grand Army on its march to its final resting place. This was one of the most successful ever held. While it was not as large in numbers as many that preceded it, it was sufficiently large to show that the old soldiers are still numerous and possess the martial spirit which animated them in the old days from 1861 to 1865.

The splendid reception given by the patriotic citizens of Minneapolis will remain with us a beautiful memory so long as life shall last. Everything was done that could be done to make our visit pleasant and profitable. The decorations were costly and beautiful and the spirit of patriotism, as of welcome, seemed to permeate the very atmosphere.

The arrangements for the comfort of the comrades, both before and during the parade, were such as we have never had before, and the boys appreciated the long rows of seats provided for them where they could rest while waiting to fall in for the parade, and the free distribution of coffee and sandwiches by the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, from numerous booths in that part of the city where the parade was formed.

The Department of Missouri made a most creditable showing in the parade, having more than three hundred in line, and the Department Commander congratulates the comrades, especially the uniformed Posts from St. Louis and St. Joseph, on their soldierly appearance and behavior during the heated and somewhat tiresome march.

But while the march was accompanied with fatigue, there were, fortunately, no casualties among the comrades from Missouri resulting from it, and it seems to be the universal feeling of the comrades that this feature of the Encampment—the parade—should not be discontinued, as has been suggested. The time may come when this may be necessary, but—not yet.

The sincere thanks of the Commander are tendered to the several members of the staff, who assisted in making the parade a success and to Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, of St. Louis, for their courtesies and kindness extended to him and his staff while en route from St. Louis to Minneapolis.

II. While the delegates to the Encampment were not successful in electing our esteemed comrade, Charles G. Burton, Commander-in-Chief, in accordance with the instructions given at the meeting of the Department Encampment held at Jefferson City, a strong effort was made, and his triumphant election in the near future is predicted.

III. Frank M. Sterrett, Post No. 1, St. Louis, was elected by the National Encampment a member of the National Council of Administration, and has been appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as a member of the Executive Committee thereof.

IV. The Department Commander has been able to visit only two local reunions, those at Humansville and Richland, which visits were much enjoyed. These reunions are conducive of much good in keeping alive the spirit of comradeship and good feeling among the comrades, and should be generally encouraged.

V. On recommendation of the Post Commander, Solon B. Hale, Post 232, Humansville, Mo., is hereby appointed an Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander.

VI. The following new Post has been mustered:

John McNeil Post, No. 584, at Carterville, Mo., August 3d, 1906, by Chief Mustering Officer Wm. Lowe. Number of charter members, 10. Chas. B. Berry, Post Commander.

VII. Now that the heated term is over and the pleasant days of autumn are coming on, is a good time for the comrades to bestir themselves toward increasing the membership of their Posts. We ought to show a gain at the end of the year. To do this it will be necessary for the Posts to take up the matter seriously and methodically. Let committees be appointed in each Post whose duty shall be to look after the reinstatement of dropped and suspended comrades, and let each comrade be a committee of one to recruit. Many comrades have lately moved into the State. They should be sought out and induced to join our ranks.

In this connection attention is specially invited to that part of General Orders No. 3, which the Commander-in-Chief devotes to the subject of recruiting. The formation of out-posts has heretofore been strongly commended to the Post of this Department. There are many localities where Posts formerly existed, but are now disbanded, where out-posts could be established by Posts convenient thereto, and comrades could thus enjoy the privileges and honor of membership in the Grand Army at little trouble or expense.

VIII. The attention of Posts and comrades is called to Section 8, Article II, Chapter II, of the Rules and Regulations, which is in part as follows:

"A member-elect shall pay, before enlistment and muster, an admission fee of not less than one dollar; and receive from the Post a membership badge, the cost thereof being added to the muster-fee."

It is evident that all recruits are not being furnished with a membership badge, as the number mustered in the year 1905 was 294, while the number of badges furnished the Posts on requisition was but 140. Every comrade is entitled to a badge, and he should insist on having it. The buttonier is all right in its place, but was never intended to take the place of the badge.

IX. The Department Commander is informed by Comrade Stephen Dellacella, Mayor of St. James, Mo., that arrangements are



being perfected for an appropriate celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the dedication of the Soldiers' Home at that place, on Thursday, October 25th, 1906. The Frisco Railroad has agreed to make a reduced rate of one fare plus 50 cents for the round trip from points on that road for this occasion. This will give an opportunity for our comrades and all others interested to visit this beautiful Home, and see how well the State is providing for the comfort of the disabled Union Soldiers and their wives and widows.

X. The very few Posts which have not sent in their reports and per capita tax for the term ending June 30th, 1906, are earnestly urged to do so without further delay. Such Posts will find this paragraph blue-penciled.

XI. General Orders Nos. 1, 2 and 3, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5. ST. LOUIS, MO., November 13th, 1906.**

I. General Orders No. 4 and No. 5, National Headquarters, are enclosed herewith. The suggestions of the Commander-in-Chief should be carefully considered and acted upon without delay. The subject of recruiting and reinstatement of dropped and suspended members is made the key-note of his administration. Let Post officers and comrades use every effort to increase our numbers. Much can be done between now and the end of the year, and no efforts should be spared to accomplish this desirable result. Our December reports should show a substantial gain.

II. The annual election of Post officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. At the same meeting the Posts will also elect Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment to be held next year at Moberly, Mo. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members in good standing, and one additional Representative and Alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number, based upon the number of members in good standing as shown by the Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1906. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one Representative and one Alternate.

By a recent change in the Rules and Regulations, Post Commanders are now required to appoint a Patriotic Instructor, who will be installed with the other Post officers.

Blanks in duplicate for report of Representatives and Alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are herewith enclosed. A blank for report of Post officers elected and appointed is also enclosed, which should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General as soon as the officers are installed.

III. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1907, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander upon request of the Post Commander.

The installing officer will see that the semi-annual reports and per capita tax have been forwarded before proceeding with the installation. He shall also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond. A blank bond is enclosed herewith.

The meeting for installation is an important one and should be made as interesting as possible. It is therefore recommended that where practicable the installation be made public, with such additional exercises as may be thought best; and in this the Woman's Relief Corps should be asked to join and all veterans and their families invited to attend. At such meeting the Post will open and close informally.

IV. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending December 31st, 1906, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be made out and with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month. The names, company and regiment of all comrades gained or lost during the term should be entered under the proper headings. The National countersign for 1907 will be sent on the receipt of these reports.

The list of deaths for the entire year should be made by the Adjutant on the enclosed blank and sent to the Assistant Adjutant General with the term reports.

The few Posts which have not reported for the term ending June 30th, 1906, should make reports for both terms, using one blank.

V. As but few Posts have complied with the change made last year in the Rules and Regulations, which requires that all suspended members who are one year in arrears for dues, after two months' notice, shall be dropped, attention is again called to that matter. Posts should endeavor to reinstate such comrades where possible, by remitting the dues in whole or in part. Where this is not done, they must be dropped.

VI. Commissions have been sent to all comrades appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Department Commander's Staff. Such Post Commanders as have made no recommendation for such appointment are earnestly requested to do so, and thus honor a worthy comrade who may be of great service in keeping up a proper interest in our organization, and in recruiting and regaining dropped and suspended members.

VII. By reference to National Order No. 5, it will be seen that our Department has been honored by the appointment of Comrade Thos. W. Evans, Post 7, St. Joseph, as Inspector General on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

VIII. It becomes the painful duty of the Department Commander to announce the death of John T. Birdseye, which occurred at his home in Nevada, Mo., October 2d, 1906, after a long and tedious illness, he having been stricken with paralysis more than two years ago.

Comrade Birdseye was one of the most prominent and zealous members of our organization, having been a frequent attendant at our Department and National Encampments, to which he was often a delegate. In 1903 he was elected and served as Senior Vice Department Commander.

He was equally prominent and respected as a citizen, and was

identified largely with the growth and prosperity of the community in which he lived.

He served from 1862 to 1865 as Sergeant in the 85th and 111th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which last regiment he was First Lieutenant. He was born in Norfolk, Huron County, Ohio, July 5th, 1836. He was a good citizen and comrade and has gone to his reward.

IX. The following new Post has been mustered:

John A. Logan Post, No. 585, at Troy, Lincoln County, Missouri, October 22d, 1906, by Assistant Adjutant General Thos. B. Rodgers. Number of charter members, 14. Thos. Perkins, Post Commander. By command of JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

#### GENERAL ORDERS No. 6.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 13th, 1907.

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected the dates of Wednesday and Thursday, May 22d and 23d, for the meeting of the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department, at Moberly, Mo.

The comrades at that place, and the people generally, are preparing to give us a hearty welcome, and we are assured that no means will be spared to make our visit pleasant and profitable. It is hoped that there may be a good attendance, and that the Posts generally may be represented.

II. The date for the meeting of the Forty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Saratoga Springs, New York, has not yet been fixed, but it will be held in the month of September.

III. The following named comrades have been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

J. R. Lee, Post 8, Kansas City.

Farwell Walton, Post 131, St. Louis.

W. W. Chapel, Post 172, Appleton City.

M. T. Hill, Post 26, Nevada.

IV. The following new Post has been mustered:

Col. A. W. Maupin Post, No. 586, at the Soldiers' Home, St. James, Mo., November 15th, 1906, by Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General. A. J. Gilcrease, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 20.

V. The passage of the McCumber service pension bill by a unanimous vote in the Senate and an almost unanimous vote in the House, marks an epoch in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in the lives of its rapidly aging veterans. Being so much more liberal than the legislation asked for by the Grand Army, too much praise cannot be given to our friends in Congress, and especially to Senator P. J. McCumber of North Dakota, the author of the bill.

It is hoped that now, the comrades enjoying the increase, may show renewed interest in their Posts, and that many Posts now struggling for existence may be strengthened.

VI. In 1905 the farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born, in

Kentucky, was put up for sale for taxes, but was preserved by a patriotic citizen, who did not wish it to go into the hands of speculators. Since then an organization has been formed, with a board of directors, of which Gov. J. W. Folk is President, and of which a large number of eminent and patriotic citizens are members, with the intention of making this farm a National Park, in which a statue of the martyred President shall be erected. It is the desire of this board to interest every patriot in the scheme, especially the members of the Grand Army.

The plan is approved by R. B. Brown, Commander-in-Chief, and has the hearty approval of the Department Commander. No comrade need contribute unless disposed to do. The plan will be fully outlined by communications to each Post from Committee Headquarters in New York.

VII. The Posts and comrades are cautioned against a man who claims to have been a member of Co. D, Sixteenth Illinois Infantry, under different names. Was last heard from under name of John D. Lawson, who claimed to be from Hutchinson, Kansas, where John H. Lawson, of Company D, Sixteenth Illinois Infantry, resides. He seems to be well acquainted with Grand Army comrades in Illinois, and imposed upon the G. A. R. General Relief Committee of St. Louis.

VIII. General Orders Nos. 6 and 7, National Headquarters, are enclosed herewith.

IX. The address of James Barton, who served two years in Company K, Second Missouri Artillery, is desired by Henry N. Copp, 707 Eighth street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

By command of JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7.** ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 22d, 1907.

I. In obedience to General Orders No. 8, from National Headquarters, which have been duly published, and also in obedience to a time-honored custom, the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are enjoined to unite in observing the ceremonies of Memorial Day, on Thursday, May 30th. So far as practicable public exercises should be held in accordance with the provisions of the Service Book.

Let the grave of every dead comrade be marked with a flag and strewn with flowers.

II. Memorial Day is a legal holiday in this State, and fraternal organizations, churches, schools, and citizens generally, are urged to unite with our organization in the patriotic observance of the day. Wherever arrangements can be made, it is urged that the Posts in observance of the custom of our organization should attend divine service on the Sunday, May 26th, preceding Memorial Day, there to worship Almighty God, the Author of all the mercies and blessings vouchsafed to the comrades and their loved ones still living, and to invoke His continued favor to our Order, to our homes and to our beloved land.

By command of JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 8.**

St. LOUIS, MO., April 29th, 1907.

I. The Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at the city of Moberly, Mo., in Halloran's Theater, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 22d and 23d, 1907, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at the Merchants' Hotel, parlor floor, on Tuesday, May 21st. The Council of Administration, consisting of all the Department officers, will meet at the Headquarters at 3 p. m. same date.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: W. B. Stewart, Post 5; B. W. Holliday, Post 567; Wm. Greer, Post 23; J. E. Lewis, Post 268; John A. Blackwell, Post 82.

The Committee will meet at No. 121 Reed Street, diagonally across the street from the Merchants' Hotel, on Tuesday, May 21st, at 3 o'clock p. m. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will report to this Committee on their arrival and receive their Encampment badges, which will be delivered to each one in person.

The Register for visitors will be kept at the same place. All comrades are requested to register on their arrival.

IV. On recommendation of the Commanders of Lincoln Post, No. 5, and J. F. How Post, Uo. 567, the following comrades are hereby detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, Nich. Mathias, Post 5; for Officer of the Guard, August Ostman, Post 567. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions, on Tuesday, May 21st at 7:30 p. m.

The Commanders of Posts 5 and 567 will arrange for sufficient details of comrades, with proper reliefs for duty as sentinels at the Encampment. The comrades so detailed will report for duty, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the place of meeting, on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock.

V. The hotel accommodations and rates are as follows, on the American plan: Merchants', 300, at \$1.50 per day and up; Baltimore, 150, at \$2.00; Wabash, 50, at \$2.00; Binz, 50, at \$1.25; Reynolds, 50, at \$1.25; Richmond, 50, at \$1.25; Oliver, 50, at 50 cents, on European plan.

Private boarding may be had at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day. Private rooms, 50 cents to \$1.00 per day.

Those wishing to engage quarters should address Comrade A. McCandless, who is Chairman of Committee on Accommodations.

An Entertainment and Camp-fire will be held at Halloran's Theater, on Wednesday evening, May 22d. A parade will take place on Wednesday afternoon, unless otherwise ordered.

The comrades of the two Posts and the citizens generally are doing all in their power to make our visit with them both pleasant and profitable, and the indications are that there will be a good attendance.

VI. The Western Passenger Association and the Southwestern Excursion Bureau, which includes about all the railroads in the State, have made the following reduced rate for the Encampment:

Rate of one fare plus 50 cents, except where fare and one-third makes less on basis effective February 1st, 1907, from points in Missouri to Moberly and return; excursion tickets to be sold on

May 20th to 23d inclusive, good to return leaving Moberly until and including May 25th, 1907. Tickets to be limited for going passage commencing date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction.

Station agents should be seen at an early date to make sure they have received instructions for reduced rate.

VII. The Forty-first National Encampment will be held at Saratoga Springs, New York, on the week beginning September 9th, 1907. Further particulars will be published in future orders.

A circular from the Committee of Arrangements, setting forth the extent, character and prices of accommodations is enclosed herewith, showing that these will be ample in quantity and excellent in quality, and at rates suited to all. The many attractions of this historic locality should ensure a large attendance.

It will be noted that our comrade, Frank M. Sterrett, of the Department of Missouri, and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, is the Executive Director in charge of the work for the local Committee at Saratoga.

VIII. Splitlog Post, No. 359, of Anderson, Mo., having changed its name to Anderson Post, the same is hereby approved.

IX. Although attention has several times been called to the change in the Rules and Regulations in 1905, which requires all comrades on the suspended list, who are one year or more in arrears, to be dropped from the rolls, so far but few Posts have complied with the requirements. There is no valid excuse for this delinquency, and it is hoped that on their next reports, June 30th, Post officers will see to it that all such are reported as dropped. It is not optional with the Post, but obligatory.

Attention is called to the fact that a dropped member can be more easily reinstated than a suspended one.

X. General Orders No. 8, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.









*J. D. Kimball*

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 13TH.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, met at Hubbell's Opera House, in the City of Trenton, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, May 13th, in open session.

Hon. George Hall, Past Department Commander, and Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, of Trenton, took the chair and called the meeting to order, and made announcements as to arrangements and accommodations for the comrades. He then with suitable remarks introduced Hon. Oscar Williams, Mayor of the City, who delivered the following address of welcome, which was received with frequent applause:

Mr. Chairman, Department Commander, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The general committee put me down for an address of welcome, extending to you the courtesies of the city. I really do not see the necessity of it at this time, as you have slipped in on us and are now in full possession, and it don't make any difference to us whether you are welcome or not. You are already here and I suppose will stay until you get ready to leave, so we will just make the best we can out of a bad situation.

When this little city went to sleep last night, there were a few stragglers from among you old gray heads, who had arrived in the city, and we went to sleep in perfect security. When the booming of the cannon aroused us this morning, and later on, when I came up

in the city, I found that we had been surrounded and captured, boots and saddles, by you old fellows. I am reminded of a story that comes from the mountains of Virginia where I was born at the time when the war was in full swing—you boys know more about that than I do. A leader among the squirrel-shooters up in the mountains of that state, having heard the echoes of that awful conflict that shook the foundation of the heavens, decided it was time for him to leave his mountain home and join his fortunes with the Southland. So he organized his army with nineteen other squirrel-shooters, who, when they had met, elected him "General." They swung their squirrel rifles with their bullet pouch and powder horn, started out to join Lee's army, wherever it might be found—traveling for a few uneventful days, sleeping in mountaineer's style upon the bosom of their native hills, scorning the precaution of pickets and outposts. In the gray dawn of a southern day, a squad of Union scouts came upon the "General" and his sleeping army, surrounded and captured them. The "General," feeling greatly humiliated at his unfortunate condition, and, feeling that he must do something to maintain his standing with his army, said to the officer in command of the scouts: "I reckon you fellows are Yanks and you have us—Yes."

"Well, you are the slippenest-up set of fellers I ever seed." So I say you members of the Grand Army of the Republic, you are the slippenest-up lot of fellows I ever saw. You slipped in when we weren't looking and captured the best town on earth. But it's all yours, and everything in it; take what you want, it all belongs to you. If anyone dares to question your authority, just report to me and I will see that all who dare to question you are put in jail. We are proud of our town and don't propose to take a back seat for any of your suburbs like St. Joseph, Kansas City or St. Louis.

You have the town, but you may be like the fellow that went out hunting coons, you may want somebody to help you let go. When they were out hunting they treed a varmint of some kind, which they supposed was a big coon, but it was a wildcat, and one fellow went up the tree and captured it. The fellow below yelled to him to hold it. "Hold it, hell," he replied, "you had better come up here and help me let go."

Judge Hall told you in his introduction that he thought this was the best town in Missouri. I want to say to you, I don't think anything about it; I know it is the best town on the map for its size. We have the division point of the Rock Island Railroad, which pours a golden stream of from forty to sixty thousand dollars every thirty days into the hands of our merchants; we have a coal mine working nearly one hundred men; we have an ice plant, a brick and

tile factory. If any of you old sports have a sweetheart at home and you want to fix your standing with her for all time to come, go to our sun-bonnet factory and take home to her a head-piece that will cause her to rise up and call you blessed. The city owns its own water plant and has a reservoir that holds fifty million gallons of pure, crystal water. Yes, we have water here. Some of you may have not found it, but it's the fact just the same. Some of you may be like one of our citizens in town here, who absolutely refused to touch water for fear it would give him hydrophobia. We have the second best High School in the State, including in the competition, the great cities of the State. Our Central School building, with two ward schools and the High School building, represent the outlay of eighty thousand dollars, and are receiving the royal support of the whole people. We have a new sixty-thousand-dollar Court House, a ten-thousand-dollar jail and a jailer's residence. We have spent more money in the construction of churches in the last five or ten years than any city several times our size in this State. Last year we finished a thirty-thousand-dollar Baptist Church and a costly United Brethren Church, and the year before a Christian Church of nearly the same value, a Presbyterian Church of about half the cost, and a Mission Church costing something like two thousand dollars. All the business houses are occupied, the residences full and everyone is busy. We are essentially a laboring community; a large per cent of our people own their own homes. There is less individual wealth and fewer rich men or comparatively wealthy men than in any city of seven thousand people in this State. We labor, are happy and contented; no boom disturbs us, but we are taking on a natural steady growth from year to year.

The chairman told you in his introduction, and it is true, that I am a son of a Confederate soldier. My father was a Colonel under Stonewall Jackson, and surrendered the remnant of his ragged heroes at Appomattox. With all the gallantry of a son of the South, he followed the stars and bars through the four years of bloody nightmare that wrecked and tore the bosom of this country, until it faded as a dream from the Southern sky. When Appomattox came, he laid down his arms, surrendered his authority and stepped forth under the stars and stripes to help take up the broken thread of life's energies and rehabilitate the wreck and ruin of the South.

Later he came to Missouri and for twenty-five years practiced medicine in this county at the little town of Edinburg, just beyond the top of those western hills. The strongest friendships and the most enduring bonds of fellowship formed through that quarter of the century were with and among you old boys who wore the blue. The hearty fellowship between him and those who had formerly been his enemies in the bloody wage of war, left an impression upon

me that time will not efface. It was my sad misfortune on the day before yesterday to stand before the open grave of that aged father in the little cemetery near where he labored so long, and see him laid away to rest with his fathers. There beside his coffin stood the old Union Veterans mingling their tears with those of the neighbors, friends and relatives. The last tattoo had beaten for him. There let him rest. When that hour shall come to all of you, it is my hope that you will meet and clasp hands with him in that grand encampment where your tents shall be pitched side by side by the sparkling waters of the river of life, where the harsh sounds of war note will never be heard, and a never-ending reunion of the heroes of the old days, both blue and gray, where brothers fought brothers and fathers fought sons in the greatest war by the greatest soldiers the world ever knew, will take place in the shining light of the great white throne. .

Let us come back to the present. You are here and God bless your old gray heads, you are many times welcome.

Department Commander, I am not going to give you the keys to the city; your organization has no doubt received that courtesy from many cities before, and keys would do you no good. You already have possession, and being the best city you ever met in, we are going to go all of the others, one better. We are going to turn the whole thing over to you and here is a Quit Claim Deed, which I will now read to you:

"This Indenture, made and entered into this 13th day of May, 1908, witnesseth, that in consideration of your presence in this city for this and one other day as our guests and the good will you bear us when you are gone.

"We, the citizens of the City of Trenton, hereby remise, release and quit claim to the Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., S. of V., W. R. C., and Ladies of G. A. R., for the term of two days, the City of Trenton with all rights, privileges and appurtenances, together with our hearts and our homes, and all things in the said City, except the City Jail, which is hereby reserved from this grant.

"A more specific invoice of said City will be found in the plat hereto attached.

"In Witness Whereof, we have set our hands and seals this the 13th day of May, 1908.

"Attest:

"W. S. RYNEARSON,

"City Clerk.

OSCAR G. WILLIAMS,

Mayor."

This is sealed with the great seal of this City, and gives you an absolute title, except, as you will notice, to the City Jail. My reason for excepting that from the deed is that I want you to enjoy yourselves. Here is the City—take it; it is yours, and if any member

of the police force dares to molest or interfere with you in the full, complete and unfettered enjoyment of your rights as owners of this City, let me know of it and into the calaboose he goes, for that is the reason why it was reserved.

If by any chance or over-sight any of you old rascals should unfortunately get into the city jail, all you have to do is to "holler" and I will turn you out and put the policeman responsible for your incarceration in the city jail in your stead, and keep him there until you are all done with the City.

What more can we do? You are in full possession and if you don't have a good time it's your own fault.

Department Commander, here is your deed.

Department Commander Kimball responded to the Mayor's address as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Your Honor, Mayor Williams:

For a year the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic of this Department have looked forward with great pleasure to this, their Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment. The generous hospitality of your citizens twenty years ago had not been forgotten, and we confidently expected that the larger, the wealthier and the more beautiful Trenton of today would far surpass its former excellent record in the reception and entertainment of the guests whom it honored with a second invitation. Those of us who arrived first, as well as those who followed, found and felt an atmosphere of genuine cordiality throughout your community that assured each and all of the sincerity and warmth of your welcome.

In behalf of this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the auxiliary and allied societies, and visiting comrades of our Order in attendance, I express to you, and through you to all who have in any way aided you in your efforts to make this occasion enjoyable and a notable success, my grateful appreciation of your words of kindly greeting, and the abundant evidence on every hand of your good will and hearty sympathy with the principles and sentiments for which we stand.

Your Honor must pardon my confession of inability to suitably acknowledge your amazing generosity made manifest by this deed you have placed in my hands. History, so far as I know, gives no such example in the past, and therefore there was no precedent in any language for the fit acceptance of such a gift. The deed has every evidence of being genuine. It has not only the signature of His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Clerk, but it also bears the Great Seal of the City of Trenton, otherwise there would be occasion for suspicion that this ambitious city of our State had developed a novel and gigantic system of grafting, outdoing all rivals.



Believing it authentic and legally issued, the Quit Claim Deed to the City of Trenton for the term therein named for and in the name of the grantees specified, is thankfully received, and will henceforth be treasured in the archives at Department Headquarters as an enduring memento of the high regard of your citizens for the Grand Army of the Republic.

In these lavish preparations for the coming of your guests you have greatly honored us, and you have still more honored yourselves, for you have emphasized in a notable way your own loyalty and your faith in the cause for which we fought, and you have impressed upon the minds and hearts of the youth of your city the lesson of history that was written in the blood of their fathers and grandfathers.

We are glad to be welcomed to this thriving city, noted for its loyalty in the past, by a son of a Confederate Veteran. In that welcome is typified the spirit of our reunited people—one in heart and one in hand for the uplifting of city, state and nation—the enmity and ill-will of the past buried with the issues that were settled long ago. We extend to your Honor the same right hand of hearty greeting that you have found in this community, which, regardless of partisan differences and war-time sentiment, has honored you with the highest place in its gift.

We assure you that it is no part of the aims of the Grand Army of the Republic to keep alive the enmities of forty years ago, but rather to forget them and join hands with our fellow citizens of our own and a later generation, striving for civic virtue and good citizenship under our banner of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

Again I thank you, Mr. Chairman, and your Honor, for your words of kindly welcome, sincerely hoping that our brief stay in your city may be as agreeable to you in reality as it is to your guests in anticipation.

On motion the Encampment by a rising vote tendered its sympathy to Mayor Williams, whose father was buried this week.

Department Commander Kimball then took the chair and announced that the open meeting was closed and requested all present who were not members of the Grand Army of the Republic to retire. He then declared the Encampment open in due form.

Rev. C. H. Chapman, Department Chaplain, then invoked the Divine blessing.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of Officers and Past Department Commanders as follows, those present being marked with an asterisk (\*).

Department Commander,

\*T. D. KIMBALL.

Senior Vice Department Commander,

JOHN G. GREMS.

Junior Vice Department Commander,

\*ALEX. McCANDLESS.

Medical Director,

DR. HUGO ROTHSTEIN.

Chaplain,

\*REV. C. H. CHAPMAN.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Q. M. General,

\*THOS. B. RODGERS.

Judge Advocate,

\*W. W. CHAPEL.

Chief Mustering Officer,

JOHN W. TOPPASS.

Inspector,

J. B. CASHION.

Patriotic Instructor,

\*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

LOUIS KOOP,

\*FRANCIS P. BECKER,

\*W. H. WORMSTEAD,

\*D. F. PIPPIINGER,

J. A. BLACKWELL.

Past Department Commanders,

WM. WARNER,

W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

†NELSON COLE,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.,

JOHN E. PHELPS,

LEO RASSIEUR,

\*GEO. W. MARTIN,

C. W. WHITEHEAD,

\*CHAS. G. BURTON,

†LOUIS GRUND,

\*LOUIS BENECKE.

\*THOS. B. RODGERS,

\*JOHN P. PLATT,

A. G. PETERSON,

\*JOHN W. SCOTT,

\*W. F. HENRY,

\*GEORGE HALL,

IRA T. BRONSON,

F. M. STERRETT,

\*JERE. T. DEW,

\*HENRY FAIRBACK,

\*JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

† Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

**Roll of the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment,  
Department of Missouri G. A. R.**

**Held at Trenton, Mo., May 13th and 14th, 1908.**

**Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.**

P. C., P. F. Coghlan.

P. P. C., Thos. B. Rodgers, J. B. Pachall, Arthur Dreifus, Cord Ringen, W. F. Silverwood.

Rep., John Lindecker, John Dinsbeer, R. Blattner, Chas. Steiner, John Schmid.

**Gen. Lyon Post, No. 2, St. Louis.**

P. C., James P. Hesser.

Rep., H. W. Plumer.

**McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.**

P. C., C. H. Chapman.

P. P. C., Benj. Warner, J. B. Davis.

Rep., D. V. Kern.

**A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.**

P. P. C., J. W. Scott, A. McCandless, N. Mathias, John W. Floyd.

Rep., J. H. Roberts.

**James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.**

Rep., B. F. Lutman.

**Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.**

P. C., H. C. Carter.

P. P. C., Thos. W. Evans, E. T. Ellis, John T. Warburton, Henry N. Keener, J. W. Beach.

Rep., E. W. Flower, J. A. DeMuth, C. Herman, C. M. C. Lloyd.

**Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.**

P. C., E. J. McWain.

P. P. C., O. P. Smith, W. F. Henry, Jere. T. Dew, O. H. Guffin, W. H. Wormstead, James A. Hays.

Rep., C. N. Brooks, Marquis R. Winch, S. C. Fancher, W. H. Ward.

**James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Lexington.**

P. P. C., John B. Burris.

**Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.**

P. C., Geo. F. Laemmlein.

P. P. C., Louis C. Hesse, Chas. Hunnius, Hubert Munchrath, Martin Scherer, Max Fritz.

Rep., Francis P. Becker, Wm. Conroy, Herman Angermueller, John Stanger, George Bamberger.

**O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.**

P. C., Henry Digby.  
 P. P. C., L. D. Middleton.  
 Rep., L. A. Fillmore, P. L. Swartz.

**Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.**

P. C., L. V. Cupp  
 Rep., S. C. Heckathorn.

**Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.**

P. C., J. P. Benjamin.  
 P. P. C., H. Groves, W. W. Knoop, H. S. Beary, J. P. Platt, O.  
 B. Lingle, B. M. Clayton, Jos. Montgomery.  
 Rep., W. F. Thrush.

**Phil. Kearney Post, No. 19, Laclede.**

Rep., Asbury P. Welsh.

**Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.**

P. P. C., Jacob Sands.

**F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.**

P. C., J. N. Randall.  
 P. P. C., E. Q. Blankenship, Wm. Greer, J. N. Ketchem.  
 Rep., N. B. Warner.

**Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.**

P. P. C., C. G. Burton.  
 Rep., W. T. Rakestraw.

**Tindall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.**

P. C., D. A. French.  
 P. P. C., Martin Crill, H. H. Spence, Sol Umphalbaugh, O. L.  
 Sumner, Stephen Hawkins, J. L. Thompson, J. B. Tanner, J. E. Calla-  
 way, J. R. Tisdale, N. E. Kidder.  
 Rep., W. F. Marsh, S. W. Haynes.

**Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.**

P. P. C., H. F. Glahn, D. F. Pippinger, Miles Thompson, J. H.  
 Hodgln.  
 Rep., Silas Gerard.

**Roderick Rockwood Post, No. 39, Lemonville.**

P. P. C., L. Torrey, Geo. Mason.

**Albert Chandler Post, No. 42, Macon.**

P. C., Geo. Rutherford.

**W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.**

Rep., Kimball Avery.

**Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.**

P. C., P. P. Davis.

P. P. C., J. G. McCully, W. C. Green, Victor Aubry, John Van Fossen.

Rep., A. J. Crum.

**Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.**

Rep., N. H. Rogers.

**Thos. G. Wade Post, No. 54, Unionville.**

P. C., Chas. Grabosch.

P. P. C., A. J. Bennett, H. H. Earhart, N. H. Wyckoff, G. W. Porter, C. C. Davis.

**O. T. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.**

P. C., L. F. Hunt.

P. P. C., George W. Martin, J. V. Martin, A. J. Lanning, George R. Haven.

Rep., R. W. Davis, E. T. Maher.

**Bates County Post, No. 58, Butler.**

P. C., H. C. Wyatt.

**Golden City Post, No. 64, Golden City.**

Rep., W. Fisher.

**Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.**

P. P. C., W. C. Calland.

**Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.**

P. C., John Hack.

P. P. C., R. V. Young, A. H. Burkholder, J. L. Nichols, W. A. Murray, I. M. White, John E. Carter, Chancy Hall, G. G. McFarland, George Hall, Jeff. Rynearson, W. B. Rogers, M. Bollinger.

Rep., W. R. Spencer.

**Greenfield Post, No. 75, Greenfield.**

Rep., J. W. Scott.

**John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.**

P. C., C. W. Wright.

P. P. C., Addison McKee, W. W. Baldwin, James Wilson, E. S. Gurney, James Dillard, Wm. Roney, P. A. Housel, E. W. Thomas, G. J. Cherry, Charles D. Englehart, J. W. Lucas, G. W. Saunders.

Rep., Irwin Bacon.

**Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton.**

P. C., J. B. Ormsby.

P. P. C., H. G. Orton, W. J. Phillips, James Bloom, W. E. Swinney, C. T. Phillips.

Rep., Geo. W. Ray.

**L. W. Cooper Post, No. 81, Lathrop.**

P. P. C., W. Parks.

**Yeager-Sharp Post, No. 82, Wellsville.**

P. P. C., Lloyd Nutter.

**C. G. Harker Post, No. 88, Meadville.**

P. P. C., H. C. Bargar, Lewis Young.

Rep., F. M. James.

**T. H. Richardson Post, No. 92, Lancaster.**

P. C., W. H. Fulton.

**Capt. C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Maysville.**

P. C., Henry Homberger.

P. P. C., H. C. Nichols.

**Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.**

P. P. C., Henry Fairback, Edward Borck.

Rep., Phillip Reichers, Louis Schaepkoetter.

**Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.**

P. P. C., Henry Reeding.

**Marion Post, No. 119, Stanberry.**

Rep., W. P. Starrett.

**Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.**

P. P. C., W. H. Skinner, Jackson Walker, John W. Kenyon, J. W. Shroyer.

Rep., Elkana McClure.

**Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.**

P. C., Jacob Delay.

P. P. C., John Forsythe, John Parsley, M. G. Blakeley, B. A. Wilmot, M. G. Garner, W. T. Munson, J. N. Hays, J. T. Bean.

Rep., W. W. Thomas.

**Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.**

P. P. C., J. B. Wilde.

Rep., C. K. Reifsnider, E. D. Coe, S. M. Sparklin, S. D. Webster, C. P. Chesebro, C. H. Davis, E. R. Cone.

**Avalon Post, No. 146, Avalon.**

P. P. C., W. H. Clute.

**Liberty Post, No. 150, Spickard.**

P. C., W. H. Newton.

P. P. C., M. V. Ewing, J. C. Nichols, Wesley Keith, H. C. Montgomery, Joshua Etherton.

Rep., Millard Bosworth.

**Keeler Post, No. 152, Melrose.**

Rep., William Rettker.

**Col. Henry C. Gilbert Post, No. 160, Wheeling.**

P. P. C., B. F. Wolf, Chas. P. Beckwith.

**Col. Islam Keith Post, No. 164, Breckenridge.**

P. C., J. F. Gill.

P. P. C., John Moon.

Rep., R. T. Taylor.

**Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.**

P. P. C., W. W. Chapel.

Rep., W. G. Brown.

**Mansfield Post, No. 181, Powersville.**

P. C., D. W. Pollock.

P. P. C., S. S. Torrey.

Rep., N. J. Varner.

**Major Hunt Post, No. 185, New London.**

P. P. C., F. C. Clayton, T. G. McCune.

**W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.**

P. P. C., J. W. Williams.

**Sergeant Ryan Post, No. 214, Brashear.**

P. C., A. R. Zentz.

P. P. C., J. T. Reynolds.

Rep., N. E. Lane.

**Picket Post, No. 215, Farmington.**

Rep., Anderson Counts.

**John Williams Post, No. 218, Fairport.**

P. P. C., John Z. Henry, John W. Woolf.

**Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.**

P. C., R. M. Griggs.

P. P. C., Geo. P. Keith, John S. Haley.

Rep., Wm. P. Walker.

**S. L. Turley Post, No. 222, Melbourne.**

P. C., U. Z. Shepherd.

P. P. C., E. W. Davidson.

Rep., W. H. Corbin.

**Thos. J. Brouster Post, No. 233, Clayton.**

P. C., Henry Seibel.

**John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.**

P. P. C., Joseph Leiber.

Rep., Walter Barron.

**Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.**

P. C., I. W. Overman, G. W. Pollock, J. W. Root, James Lothian,  
W. D. Downing, J. N. Rusk, H. C. Crooks, J. F. M. Brassfield, D. M.  
Berry.

**Pattonsburg Post, No. 242, Pattonsburg.**

P. C., W. H. H. Schreckengaut.

P. P. C., J. E. Grantham.

**Andy Martin Post, No. 259, Ava.**

P. P. C., J. L. B. Harnden.

**Pinhart Post, No. 268, Brunswick.**

P. C., Louis Benecke.

Rep., W. B. Mullins.

**Henry Brown Post, No. 276, Clarksburg.**

P. P. C., Jacob Hott, J. M. Williams.

Rep., F. W. Heidbreder.

**Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282, Carrollton.**

P. P. C., A. H. Cooley.

Rep., E. G. Grossman.

**Bob Ford Post, No. 333, Coffeyburg.**

P. C., B. F. Poe.

P. P. C., C. Yost, W. G. Welden, J. D. Vandivert.

Rep., Jacob Ballard.

**John P. McCluney Post, No. 331, Higginsville.**

P. P. C., J. B. Jones.

**Evans Post, No. 340, Economy.**

P. C., R. M. Depew.

P. P. C., John McDaniel.

Rep., B. C. Atterbury.

**Robert P. Carnes Post, No. 374, Dunlap.**

P. C., John R. Williams.

P. P. C., Wm. Limes, S. A. Hartley, C. D. Hoskins, Isaac Elliott,  
T. L. Bolser, L. S. Fleshman, Samuel Cook, W. B. Sherrow.

Rep., P. S. Conger.

**Marceline Post, No. 387, Marceline.**

P. C., J. D. Bush.

P. P. C., M. G. Kendrick, J. T. Wallar.

Rep., Wm. Stein.



**Conway Post, No. 407, Conway.**

P. C., Joseph Cunningham.

**Col. Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.**

Rep., John Stupp.

**John Tietjen Post, No. 506, Indian Grove.**

P. P. C., D. Longsdorff, M. O. Stoner, J. W. Lance.

**Gen. Jere M. Rusk Post, No. 544, St. Charles.**

Rep., M. Robinson.

**Gatzweiler Post, No. 554, St. Charles.**

P. P. C., Chas. Nagel.

Rep., Henry Hachtmeyer.

**Burnside Post, No. 566, Pleasant Hill.**

P. P. C., Wm. Lowe.

**Capt. E. D. Johnson Post, No. 574, Elmira.**

P. P. C., James L. Tucker, David L. Green.

Rep., Solomon Hall.

**Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lee's Summit.**

Rep., M. Sechler.

**John Whaling Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.**

P. C., Henry DeBell.

**John McNeil Post, No. 584, Carterville.**

P. P. C., Chas. B. Berry.

Rep., W. B. Wolcott.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. CARTER, Post 7,

H. H. SPENCE, Post 29,

S. A. HARTLEY, Post 374,

HENRY HOMBERGER, Post 96,

D. W. POLLOCK, Post 181.

The calling of the roll of members and the reading of the officers' reports was, on motion, dispensed with. The officers' reports were in print and were subsequently distributed to the members of the Encampment.

Department Commander Kimball called Junior Vice Department Commander Alex. McCandless to the chair and read his address as follows:

## ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades:

Another year, full-freighted with the joys and sorrows of mortal life, has come and gone since we last met in Annual Encampment. Another year, with the fraternal greetings, the cherished fellowship, and the sad farewells, known only to the members of our beloved Order, has been added to the glorious history of the Grand Army of the Republic—a history which the lapse of time makes more resplendent in the golden glow of approaching sunset.

The Seventh annual Encampment was held here, and after twenty years we come again, upon invitation of comrades and their loyal friends, and are once more the guests of the hospitable city of Trenton.

On the threshold of the Twenty-seventh annual Encampment, "with backward look," "we stretch the hands of memory forth," and are thrilled by a flood of emotions. As we scan the roll of that Encampment of twenty years ago, we find scores of our noblest and best, then in the prime of their mature and vigorous manhood, holding high places in the councils of the Order.

We miss their cheery greetings today, and

"We sigh for the touch of a vanished hand,  
And the sound of a voice that is still."

It is a strange coincidence, not unworthy of note, that the presiding officer of this Encampment and of that of twenty years ago, were distant kinsmen of the same family name. A year after his service here, he answered the call that some day will come to each and all of us—one by one—and the Department of Missouri, for the first time, mourned the loss of a comrade who had held the office of Department Commander.

There is no organization which in principle and practice is more loyal to the memory and history of its dead than ours, and we should be untrue to our obligation if we shrunk from the tender and pathetic side of this fraternity. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should, upon suitable occasions, pause for a moment to pay affectionate tribute to the sacred memory of our departed, and thereby re-dedicate ourselves to the duties before us.

We have met to renew the friendships of the long ago, to strengthen the bonds of our fellowship, and to cultivate and rekindle that kind and fraternal sympathy which is the basis of our noble Order. We have met so that the comrades to whom a year ago you entrusted the interests of this Department may render an ac-

count of their stewardship. We have met to counsel with each other, and to legislate, as seems best, to fulfill the high purpose of our Association, and your Commander bespeaks for this Encampment that fidelity to our fundamental principles—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty—which finds its highest and noblest inspiration in a tender and reverent regard for the memory of our fallen heroes.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

A review of the important events of the year in consecutive order begins with Memorial Day, the most sacred in the Grand Army calendar. The observance of the day is each year becoming more general. More active interest is everywhere manifest in the communities throughout the Department, which is gratifying and helpful to the local Posts. The day is a legal holiday by our statutes, but so far our State legislators have not taken necessary action to prevent its desecration by frivolous and idle pastimes, as have those of other States. Such action seems necessary to make it essentially distinctive—a day for reverent observance—as intended, in grateful recognition of the services of the nation's defenders.

The survivors of the Union cause should use every opportunity to create and foster public sentiment in favor of a proper observance of the day, which in due time will find expression in the laws of the commonwealth.

The Commander noted with great satisfaction the thorough and systematic manner in which many Posts availed themselves of the opportunity on the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day to have suitable public exercises in schools and churches. These services are highly commended, and the benefits are far-reaching and abiding.

#### FLAG DAY.

The Thirty-ninth National Encampment, at Denver, by amendment to the Rules and Regulations, recognized the 14th day of June to be observed annually by all members of the Grand Army of the Republic in the display of the United States flag, to commemorate the birthday of the flag, that being the date of its adoption by the Congress in the year 1777. This new provision is as binding upon the comrades as any other part of our organic law. The marked increase in the display of our National emblem in recent years is noticeable, and while other patriotic societies have greatly helped, we may fairly claim a good share of credit for results. The celebration of this day in the public schools is becoming frequent, and is most laudable, for in our schools, above all other places, the lessons of loyalty are easiest taught, take deepest root, and bear most lasting fruit.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Forty-first National Encampment at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., was an event of unusual interest to the comrades of this Department. Our delegation included three Department officers, one Past Commander-in-Chief, eight Past Department Commanders, and, for the first time in many years at least, all duly-elected representatives, making a total voting strength of twenty-eight. Perfect harmony prevailed, and there was nothing to weaken the force of our honorable endeavors to accomplish the definite purpose for which we were sent, to secure the election of our Comrade Burton Commander-in-Chief. As stated in General Orders on our return: "The campaign from its beginning to its victorious ending was clean, open and manly, and without a word of disparagement for other aspirants."

The long and successful service of our candidate, in behalf of reasonable and just pensions for the Union Veterans of the Civil War, was so well known that his name met with friendly welcome and endorsement. The Department of Missouri may well take pride in having thrice received, in the last twenty years, the highest honors of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Encampment, and our stay at Saratoga Springs, was, in all respects, enjoyable and inspiring, excepting the afternoon of the grand review, when the marching column and thousands of spectators were exposed to a pitiless rain. But the heroes of a hundred battlefields did not flinch, and the reports showed that the casualties from the drenching were less than are usual from exposure to the sun. Two Missouri comrades, each over four score years in age, marched the entire distance, and suffered no ill effects. The Commander cannot too highly compliment the comrades of this Department for their unshrinking endurance and their soldierly bearing under the most trying conditions.

The next National Encampment, at Toledo, Ohio, will be nearer to this Department than any for the last eight years, and Missouri should avail herself of the favorable opportunity to honor her own Commander-in-Chief, and show by numbers as well as enthusiasm, that our Department is worthy of the favors she has received.

## REUNIONS AND OFFICIAL VISITS.

The attendance at reunions and official visits made from time to time in various directions throughout the Department during the year have been delightful to the Commander, and it is believed not without benefit to the comrades and the Posts.

A frequent suggestion of my predecessors is again necessary. Concert of action by Posts is greatly needed in fixing dates for reunions, so that conflict may be avoided. This would enable Department officers to attend many more reunions than has been possible in recent years.

The Commander acknowledges his indebtedness to members of his staff and other comrades, who, upon invitation, have accompanied him on his fraternal visits and materially aided in rekindling old-time interest and enthusiasm, and in cultivating harmony and good-fellowship. In many instances, to his knowledge, these visits have borne fruit in better attendance and increase of members.

The good resulting from official visits is so apparent that we regret that a more general visitation is not practicable.

#### SOLDIERS' HOME AT ST. JAMES.

The last official visit was recently made to the Soldiers' Home and the Post at St. James. Several comrades, including the chairman of the Committee on the Soldiers' Home, accompanied the Commander, upon his invitation, and added greatly to the interest and pleasure of the occasion. The report, which will be submitted by the chairman in behalf of the committee, will give you information as to conditions at the time of the visit. The inmates appeared contented and well cared for, and so expressed themselves to the visitors.

The Post is in good condition, but the membership should be 100 instead of 30. But for the Grand Army and its Auxiliary of this Department, there would be no Soldiers' Home at St. James, and it is the first duty of every eligible inmate to contribute his yearly mite to sustain some Grand Army Post, whether able to attend the meetings or not.

#### SPECIAL MENTION.

In friendly competition with sister Departments of our Order, Missouri has always secured a fair share of the honors, and that, too, without undue clamor or self-assertion, but today we confidently claim the distinction of leading all other Departments in four notable features of Grand Army membership, viz.:

1. The youngest boy at the time of enlistment in the United States' service. Comrade Gilbert Van Zant, of Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, of Kansas City; born December 20, 1851; enlisted as a drummer in Co. D, 79th Regiment Ohio Infantry, August 6, 1862, at the age of 10 years, 7 months and 17 days, and served until 1865.

2. The youngest boy at the time of enlistment who carried a musket. Comrade Elijah E. Harp, of F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, of Macon; born October 23, 1850; enlisted as a private, carrying a musket, in Co. B, 42nd Regiment Missouri Infantry, August, 1864, at the age of 13 years, 10 months.

3. The comrade having the record of the longest continuous service, regular and volunteer. Comrade Albert Bradford Kauffman, of Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis; enlisted as a private in Co. D, 11th Regiment U. S. Infantry, March 18, 1847; served also in other regiments and arms of service; Captain and Major, 11th Regiment

Missouri Volunteer Cavalry; returned to regular service at close of Civil War as commissioned officer of cavalry; retired as Major of 8th Regiment U. S. Cavalry, January 1, 1892, after a service of 44 years, 9 months and 14 days. Present rank, Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Army, retired.

4. The oldest survivor of the Civil War in the Grand Army of the Republic. Henry J. Dorman, of Liberal Post, No. 515, Liberal, Barton County; born January 10, 1799; enlisted as a private in Co. F, 7th Michigan Cavalry, on January 1, 1863; severely wounded in the battle of the Wilderness; honorably discharged June 26, 1865. His age today is 109 years, 4 months and 3 days. One year old when Washington died, ten years old when Lincoln was born, he still lives on.

"The mossy marbles rest  
On the lips that he has pressed  
In their bloom;  
And the names he loved to hear  
Have been carved for many a year  
On the tomb."

#### AUXILIARY AND ALLIED SOCIETIES.

For twenty-six years our Order has had the helpful aid of the Woman's Relief Corps, in behalf of the lofty principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Nobly have they wrought, and high up on the roll of those who have won renown for their devotion to worthy and unselfish ends, is the radiant name of our Auxilliary. As an organization it is separate and distinct, and herein we find a limitation to any tendency to suggestion as to its methods or practices. Were it properly within the scope of a Department Commander's prerogative, we might consider whether the aims of this society could not be better and more fully accomplished by the wives and daughters of the comrades of the local Posts, co-operating with them and amenable to them only, and whether the extensive and complicated machinery of the Department and National bodies is not too expensive in time, money and energy for a society which is merely auxilliary to another whose aims and objects are identical. This limitation being conceded, the right, and the duty as well, of suggestion or criticism must be confined to the relations between individual Posts and their respective auxiliaries. Bear in mind, that the Auxiliary exists only by and with the consent of the Post to which it is allied. Whether the Post approves or disapproves the acts of its Auxilliary, it stands sponsor for it so long as that relation exists. The Commander is glad to assure the Encampment that so far as opportunity offered, he found generally existing between Posts and Corps a degree of harmony and a spirit of helpfulness of great

benefit to the comrades; but any executive officer would be unfaithful to his trust who was lavish in commendation but was silent where criticism was deserved. That there have been occasional cases of serious trouble between Posts and Corps, the effects of which have been deadly to the interests both are pledged to serve, and most disastrous to the Posts involved, is well known.

This is a matter of serious concern, and it is the solemn duty of comrades to strive in every honorable way to avoid such unhappy conditions. Tolerate no interference or meddling, the one with the other, especially as to elections, a frequent fault and one sure to beget disturbance, remembering, as before said, the two orders are separate and distinct, except that the Corps should see to it that whatever it does is helpful to the Post, conceding always that the Post is entitled to consideration, and its wishes are to be consulted as to matters effecting its welfare. Let fidelity to principles professed be the watchword and there will be no family jars between Posts and Corps, and no fear lest our three-fold shibboleth shall become a by-word.

"The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic," akin in its aims to the Relief Corps, is an order whose work is equally praiseworthy. It is, however, a question of importance whether two organizations under different names, but having the same objects, are advisable, except in the larger towns or cities where there may be room for both. In social and commercial life, where there is no allegiance to fraternity or charity, rivalry and competition develop inherent evils, and would there be any less, think you, if the rivals acknowledged such obligations? Without the slightest bias toward either, but entirely from the viewpoint of the cause they espouse, and in view of possible results to our Order, it is my conviction that wherever the field is well covered by either one of these societies, it were far better that Posts should not encourage the entry of the other. Among others the Sons of Veterans are especially deserving of our support and approval. With judicious management along the lines that will appeal to lofty and patriotic sentiment, rather than to a taste for recreation and pastime, so that the Order will attract those eligible who can give it high place among the hereditary societies of the land, it will in time become a strong factor in cultivating the best ideals for good citizenship. The proverb, "In a multitude of counselors there is safety," was written too early to have reference to the allied societies of the Grand Army of the Republic, therefore it will be no impeachment of the truth of Holy Writ to add, in concluding this subject, that there seems to be no present need for further additions to the list.

## CONDITIONS AND REMEDIES.

The admirable reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, which are submitted herewith, set forth in detail usual facts and figures necessary to a full understanding of numerical and financial changes and conditions, and deserve careful consideration.

It will be apparent upon comparison with reports of past years that in the near future the question of ways and means will require your serious thought. At present the ratio of receipts to expenditures shows that the balance in the Department treasury is gradually but steadily lessening, so that it behooves this Encampment to seriously weigh any and all suggestions that lead to an increase of our revenue. We have reached a time in the life of our Order when we can no longer expect any considerable increase in membership, but on the other hand we must look for a gradually increasing loss, year by year, unless some effective method can be applied to arrest for a time at least that decline which we know will be later on inevitable. A brief glance at the reports for the past few years will give an insight to conditions that will aid us in our search for remedies.

The membership in good standing December 31, 1891, was 21,028, in 452 Posts. That was high-water mark of the Grand Army of the Republic in Missouri.

The membership December 31, 1907, was 7,309, in 226 Posts—a loss of 13,729, or about 65 per cent in membership, and of 226 or 50 per cent of the Posts in 16 years. Four thousand eight hundred and one, or approximately only one-third of the loss was by death, and 8,928 or nearly two-thirds from other causes. This fearful record of casualties, however, affords one hopeful sign. The average annual net loss for the past four years has been 485, ranging from 830 in 1904 down to 150 only in the year just closed, giving evidence, apparently, of more active effort to retain the old and bring in new members, and also, doubtless, evidence of greater interest and a higher appreciation of the value of Grand Army membership.

Our losses from suspension, transfer and dropping of members ought not to be double that from mortality, and would not be if comrades, still blessed with health and vigor, bestirred themselves. To such of our comrades we must look for active zeal in the affairs of the Posts, which, properly directed, will brighten the waning fires of the old-time ardor that brought us victory long ago, and is today the crowning glory of this fraternity. Let us put aside selfish aims and all else that will stand in the way of perfect fidelity to the principles we profess. Select with care the officers of the Post, honoring those who will best exemplify those principles and who will bring to their tasks that force and earnestness which will arouse



others, promote harmony and command success in spite of the drawbacks inherent in an Order whose members have all passed the zenith in life's journey. Make it the unwritten law of the Post that the office must seek the man. You will thus escape that fearful mistake, by no means uncommon, of electing inefficient officers because they sought the honors and the comrades could not bear to disappoint them.

You will also avoid that other evil, more fruitful of discord and disruption than all others—a soured and disgruntled self-seeker, who, perhaps without realizing it, allows self-interest to totally eclipse his fraternity and charity. If there is in the Post room an abiding spirit of harmony and good will it will be found influencing and controlling the actions and relations of the comrades, one with another, outside the Post room, and thus the bonds of fellowship will be strengthened, interest will be re-awakened, energy will take the place of lethargy, the strays will be brought back, recruits will be added to the ranks, and the Post funds and Department revenues will increase.

Comrades, this earnest appeal in behalf of a general and united effort to arrest the serious loss of members which foreshadows the too early extinction of our fraternity, is made in the firm belief that the remedy is feasible if those still physically and mentally fit for the work will fall to and "lend a hand."

#### RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS.

But the time will come when Posts must be consolidated, charters surrendered, and members transferred to other Posts, or lose the rights and honors pertaining to the Order. The Thirtieth National Encampment in 1896 made ample provision for meeting this condition, and the Twentieth annual Encampment of this Department, in 1901, accepted the authority thereby offered. The plan is fully set forth in Section 11, Article II., Chapter II., of the Rules and Regulations, which, briefly stated, is as follows: Posts may divide their members into two classes, "Resident" and "Non-Resident," fixing territorial limits within which each class shall reside; annual dues for "non-resident" members to be less than those of the resident members, and should be not much in excess of the per capita tax required by the Department, for the aim is to have the dues for that class merely nominal, and all above the per capita is clear gain to the Posts.

A careful study of the situation with the advantage of personal observation has convinced me of the necessity of immediate action in the matter. Although former Department Commanders have strongly advocated it, both in General Orders and annual addresses, until recently but few Posts have acted. It is gratifying to be able to say that considerable interest is now shown and inquiries made as to proper procedure. Every Post in the Department with twenty-

five or more members should at once amend their by-laws so as to be in a position to welcome all scattering, dropped members, and those having transfer cards from distant or disbanded Posts, also to welcome to membership all desirable eligibles who have never joined the Order, of whom there are scores and often hundreds in every County in the Department, at an annual cost so small that it would not deter anyone worthy the honor of comradeship. Comrades, if you will try this recruiting service in the interest of your Post you will find, as many have found, a willingness to join that did not exist ten or twenty years ago. There is today a higher regard and more profound respect for the Grand Army of the Republic, among all classes, than there ever was before.

#### OUTPOSTS.

Non-resident members could rarely attend Post meetings, but Section 11, referred to above, compensates for that loss in providing for "Outposts," which can be formed by non-residents living in the same neighborhood. "Outposts" can hold meetings whenever and wherever it is convenient, at the homes of the comrades in rotation, and at the bedside of the afflicted and infirm. From this time forth, all Post meetings will be less and less of a business character, and will be more and more of a social nature, and there is little need of expensive rooms, except for the largest Posts. So the "Outposts," in the matter of meetings, are only forerunners in a practice which will in a few years be the general rule. Attendance upon meetings, after all, is a secondary consideration. A comrade who would forfeit his membership because unable to attend meetings and be satisfied with that as a sufficient excuse, does not appreciate our Order, and lacks the noble impulses of mind and heart that are essential to Grand Army fellowship.

#### GAINS AND LOSSES.

Comparing the membership in good standing on December 31, 1907, with that of June 30, 1907, as shown by the reports of those dates, it appears that 60 Posts show a net gain of 199; 76 Posts a net loss of 254; and 73 Posts show that the losses were exactly offset by the gains; so that the 209 Posts reporting show a total net loss for the six months ending December 31, 1907, of only 55, and, it may be added, that more than three-fourths of that net loss was in the three largest Posts, where the mortality was heavy. This net loss is so far below the experience for the last ten years that it is well nigh equivalent to a gain. As proof that zeal and energy will still bear fruit in the recruiting service of our Order, without any desire to make indivious comparisons, but solely for the purpose of giving honor where honor is due, and to stimulate you to renewed effort, the examples of marked gains in Posts having 50 or more members is given, as follows:

Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, Kansas City, gained 20, or.....	7.8%
Ccl. Leonard Post, No. 251, Eldorado Springs, gained 8, or..	14.2%
Col. Jacob Smith Post No. 72, Trenton, gained 8, or.....	14.8%
O. P. Morton Post No. 14, Joplin, gained 18, or.....	19.0%
John A. Dix Post No. 76, Kidder, gained 13, or.....	20.0%

#### QUARTERLY POST MEETINGS.

A proposed amendment to the Rules and Regulations permitting Posts having 25 members or less to hold their meetings once in three months, if they so desired, was approved by the Twenty-fifth annual Department Encampment, held at Jefferson City, in 1906, but it failed of adoption by the National Encampment.

The importance of such an amendment is so manifest throughout the rural districts of this Department that it is again brought to your attention.

The membership of the 209 Posts reporting is distributed as follows:

One Post has over 400; one has between 300 and 400; two have between 200 and 300; four have between 100 and 200, the total number of Posts having over 100 members being but 8; twenty Posts have between 50 and 100; and fifty-eight have between 25 and 50; while one hundred and twenty-three Posts, or nearly sixty per cent of the whole number, have less than 25 members each. Twenty Posts not reporting, but still carried on the roster, had less than 25 members each by their last reports, and over one hundred, or about one-half of the whole number have 20 or less members each.

With your knowledge of the conditions, supplemented by these figures, surely it is needless to dwell at much length upon this subject. Outside the larger cities and towns the members are widely scattered. The roads are bad much of the time and often practically impassable, with no means of transportation other than private conveyance. These drawbacks might well cool the ardor of strong and vigorous youth, and for the aged and infirm they are hardly less than insurmountable. Even the smallest Posts are generally located at central points, where the comrades would naturally go to execute their pension vouchers, or where a notary would meet them by appointment—a convenient time for a Post meeting. This would insure a good attendance and promote good fellowship, and no doubt afford excellent opportunity for securing eligible recruits. It ought not to be, but it is no less a fact, that the convenience of Post meetings is a strong factor in holding the members together and continuing the organization, and herein lies the strength of the argument in favor of quarterly meetings for the small Posts in the farming districts. This additional clause to Sec. 1, Art. V., Chapter II., Rules and Regulations, is recommended to the Encampment for

approval and transmission through the proper channels for consideration and adoption by the next National Encampment, to wit:

"Provided, that any Post having less than twenty-five members in good standing, may hold the stated meetings quarterly."

#### RATIO OF REPRESENTATION.

The basis of representation of Posts in the Department Encampment is the same as that established soon after organization; that is, one representative for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional representative for a final fraction of more than one-half of that number. A careful analysis, the details of which it is not necessary to enter into, has led me to the conclusion that one representative for every twenty-five members in good standing, and one additional representative for a final fraction of more than one-half that number, would be a more desirable basis for the future. This would give a larger number of elected delegates, and would proportionally lessen the strength of ex-officio members of the Encampment, the desirability of which is obvious.

The increase in the membership of the Encampment, which the change suggested would produce, may be closely estimated. The attendance of ex-officio members will not greatly increase henceforward, chiefly because absence due to physical ills will offset additions from Past Post Commanders, in fact, a decrease is more likely. At Moberly last year there were present as follows:

Post Commanders and Past Commanders.....	252
Representatives.....	95
Total present.....	347

The attendance resulting from the proposed ratio would be approximately:

Post Commanders and Past Commanders.....	252
Two-thirds of the Representatives entitled to seats, which is a larger percentage than attended last year.....	193
Total.....	445

This is about 75 less than attended the Eleventh annual Encampment at Chillicothe in 1892, the high-water mark of membership, and a proper allowance for the changed conditions that sixteen years have wrought, compels the inference that the number attending under the proposed basis would be still less—probably not to exceed 400 when the location of the Encampment was most favorable for a large attendance. There need be no fear of too large an Encampment. Whatever the increase, it would be more than justified by the added interest it would bring to these annual reunions, and you may be sure it would restore something of that ardor, which in years gone by, filled us to overflowing. The change in the basis of representation above suggested is recommended.

## PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

Comrades, survivors of the triumphant Union Army! let us raise our voices in joyful thanksgiving that we have been spared to see this glad day. We behold everywhere a strong and vigorous national life, a happy, prosperous people, one flag and one country, not surpassed in stature by the mightiest empires of the world; an all-pervading consciousness of present strength, mutual confidence and an abiding faith in the future—the choicest fruits of an honorable and lasting peace so dearly bought. We rejoice that the rancor and bitterness born of the Civil War has long since passed away, and that the bonds of our Federal Union, though severely strained, were more firmly welded in the fires of battle, never again, we trust, to be imperiled.

We are glad that we have lived to see, between those who wore the Blue and those who wore the Gray, a feeling akin to comradeship, and to see the gallant sons of both marching shoulder to shoulder under the flag of the Union.

## STILL ON GUARD.

But, comrades, we are not yet relieved from duty, for our work is not done. As long as there are men who would dedicate public school buildings to the Commanding General of the Rebel Army, and as long as there are women who would erect monuments to the keeper of Andersonville, and as long as there are judges who declare that the inmates of our Soldiers' Home are disfranchised paupers within the meaning of the Constitution of the State they rescued from the hands of traitors, so long must we guard the picket line, halt all who approach and demand the Union countersign.

When you cross our northern border to the quaint old city of Quebec, they will take you beyond the gates to the Plains of Abraham, where, one hundred and forty-eight years ago, the French and English fought one of the bloodiest battles, which was the last, in that long struggle for supremacy on this continent. Both Commanding Generals, as you know, were killed in that battle. You will see upon the spot where he fell a noble shaft to the memory of Wolfe, the victorious commander of the British Army. Returning to the city, near the walls of the ancient citadel, they will show you another monument of imperishable granite and of heroic size. Upon its eastern face rests a bronze tablet, and upon that tablet the descendants of those who fought on the Plains of Abraham, as they pass and repass in their daily walks, read the legend: "In commemoration of the fearless courage of Wolfe and Montcalm."

As I stood before that majestic shaft, thrilled with emotions it awakened, I wondered if there was elsewhere a joint memorial to the Victor and the Vanquished. My thoughts then turned to my own fair land beyond the broad, beautiful river flowing at my feet.

It is yet too soon, I reasoned, but an hundred years hence, when those who wore the Blue and those who wore the Gray, their children and their children's children shall have passed beyond the vale, when all the trials and the sufferings, the losses and the bereavements of that awful time shall have become vague traditions, and all troublesome and vexatious questions, the outgrowth of sectional differences, shall have long been settled, then, somewhere in the great Republic there shall be reared a noble structure of suitable design, to commemorate the American soldiers and sailors who, in the War of 1861 to 1865, gave the finest example of dauntless courage and intrepid valor the world has ever seen.

#### CONCLUSION.

Comrades, when the time arrives to-morrow for me to lay aside the badge of authority, with which, with one accord, you honored me at the last Encampment, there will remain with me a delightful and a lasting memory of one of the most enjoyable of my mature years.

Whatever of good, if any, your Commander has accomplished in your service is due chiefly to the cheering and loyal support he has at all times received from the comrades at large, and especially from his associate officers and his personal staff, to whom he tenders sincere thanks. Words are inadequate to fittingly convey to you my grateful appreciation of the marked and unvarying courtesy that has welcomed me wherever I went throughout the Department. Your hearty and cordial greetings showed, as no other action could, the breadth and depth of that fraternal sympathy that draws us closer and closer. A glorious privilege is ours, to live upon the high plane of such a fellowship.

This fraternity is a benediction in these days of peace, which has come down to us as a legacy from the struggle and the carnage of the long ago.

Comrades, let us cling to it and live by it. It will smooth and brighten the pathway until—

"Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When we embark."

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*J. D. Kimball*

Department Commander.

**REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

MARYVILLE, Mo., April 3, 1908.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to herewith hand you my report as Senior Vice Department Commander. While I have done nothing worthy of reporting, yet it seems necessary that the Senior Vice should report; therefore, I will report "here" to avoid being placed on extra duty.

Being sick at the time of the National Encampment, I had to forego the honor of accepting Commander Kimball's kind invitation to accompany him and others on the trip, thereby losing out on what would have been a great pleasure to me. I have visited several Posts during the year and find the comrades just as patriotic as in the dark days of 1861-65, but nearly all in poor health, but cheerful, and I found much pleasure in the greetings of the old boys.

I wish to acknowledge the honor accorded Sedgwick Post by a visit from our honored Department Commander, who delivered the memorial address on the life and public service of our martyred war president, Abraham Lincoln, which was greatly appreciated by the comrades, ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, and our citizens.

I am, sir, very respectfully yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JOHN G. GREMS,

Senior Vice Department Commander.

**REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

MOBERLY, Mo., April 10, 1908.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrade: As the duties of the Junior Vice Department Commander have neither been arduous, nor exacting, I have nothing to report of special importance. The only duty I had to perform was to attend the National Encampment at Saratoga Springs. Thanking the Commander and yourself for the courtesy shown me,

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ALEX. McCANDLESS,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 11, 1908.

T. D. KIMBALL, Department Commander:

Comrade: I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1907.

The number of Posts December 31, 1906, was 267, which included 20 Posts which had been previously suspended, viz.: Posts 25, 41, 61, 70, 200, 250, 254, 311, 360, 371, 382, 390, 398, 418, 436, 469, 487, 507, 514, 577. The following Posts were suspended at the last Department Encampment: Posts 108, 162, 207, 209, 337, 417, 423, 479, 526, 537, 563, 569. Four of the suspended Posts having paid one year's dues, have been reinstated, viz.: Posts 254, 337, 417, 479, leaving the number of suspended Posts 28.

Four Posts surrendered their charters during the year, viz.: Posts 178, 220, 405, 481, and no new Posts were mustered. So that the number of Posts, including the 28 suspended, is 263, being a loss of four.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1907:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1907.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1906.....	7,459
Gain by muster in.....	171
Gain by transfer.....	63
Gain by reinstatement.....	186
Gain from delinquent reports.....	42 - 462
Aggregate.....	7,921
Loss by death.....	134
Loss by honorable discharge.....	9
Loss by transfer.....	67
Loss by suspension.....	207
Loss by delinquent reports.....	58
Loss by surrender of charter.....	33 - 508
Number remaining in good standing, June 30, 1907.....	7,413



## SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DEC. 31, 1907.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1907.....	7,413
Gain by muster in.....	163
Gain by transfer.....	68
Gain by reinstatement.....	157— 388
Aggregate.....	<u>7,801</u>
Loss by death.....	155
Loss by honorable discharge.....	9
Loss by transfer.....	78
Loss by suspensions.....	191
Loss by delinquent reports.....	59— 492
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1907.....	<u>7,309</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1906.....	7,459
Gain during year by muster in.....	334
Gain during year by transfer.....	131
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	343
Gain from delinquent reports.....	42— 850
Aggregate.....	<u>8,309</u>
Loss during year by death.....	289
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	18
Loss during year by transfer.....	145
Loss during year by suspension.....	396
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	117
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	33— 1,000
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1907.....	<u>7,309</u>
Number remaining suspended.....	3,626
Number dropped during year.....	94
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	192
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	94
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$1,306.72
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1907.....	10,491.01
Cash invested in collaterals.....	18,096.25
Cash balance in Relief Funds, December 31, 1907.....	2,236.80
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	10,375.70
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	10,491.01
Total value of Post property.....	<u>\$51,690.77</u>

The number of representatives to the National Encampment to which our Department is entitled this year is fifteen, in addition to the representative-at-large. In accordance with a rule adopted by a previous Encampment, the names of the comrades nominated will be placed on the printed ballot inversely in alphabetical order beginning with the letter Z.

With our decreasing membership it would seem that the present ratio of representation of Posts in the Department Encampment might well be reduced, thus giving a greater representation and a larger Encampment.

Whilst no new Posts have been organized in the past year, it must be a gratification to you as it is to me, that we have been instrumental by our active efforts in saving several Posts from dissolution, and in reinstating several Posts previously suspended.

Following your recent visit to Mexico, Mo., and as a result thereof, Post 239 at that place, has been revived and re-organized.

The following exhibits are attached to and made part of this report:

Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "B," Statement of Supplies on Hand.

Exhibit "C," Statement of Assets.

Exhibit "D," List of Deaths.

In thanking you for the confidence you have shown in me, and your uniform courtesy and kindness in our personal and official relations, I desire also to testify to the active interest you have shown in all the affairs of the Department. Your daily call at our Headquarters was helpful to me and of value to the Department.

To all our comrades whose fellowship I have enjoyed for so many years, I can only repeat that I wish them many more of health and prosperity. Yours in F. C. & L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Ass't. Adj't. General and Ass't. Qr. Mr. General.

## EXHIBIT "A"

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1907.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on December 31, 1906.....	\$ 648.43
Received from per capita tax.....	1,761.79
Received from requisitions .....	250.33
Received from interest on certificate of deposit.....	15.00
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	\$2,675.55

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies .....	\$ 138.20
Printing Encampment Journal.....	148.49
Printing and stationery.....	99.75
Rent .....	180.00
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....	1,200.00
Postage .....	96.38
Expenses National Encampment.....	109.45
Traveling Expenses National Encampment....	65.65
Per capita tax.....	260.25
Insurance .....	16.00
Premium on bond of Ass't. Adj't. Gen.....	15.00
Incidentals .....	44.35
Traveling expenses—	
Dept. Com. Willams.....	\$20.00
Dept. Com. Kimball.....	25.95
Ass't. Adj't. Gen. Rodgers.....	2.14
	48.09
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	\$2,421.61
Balance on hand December 31, 1907.....	\$ 253.94

## EXHIBIT "B"

## SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1907.

No.		Value.
28	Membership badges .....	\$ 14.00
16	Buttoniers .....	1.60
82	Rank straps .....	32.80
139	Official ribbons .....	13.90
97	Rules and Regulations.....	9.70
379	Applications .....	3.79
8	Cash books .....	9.60
17	Quartermaster's receipt books.....	10.20
4	Quartermaster's warrant books.....	3.40
51	Discharges .....	2.55
117	Transfers .....	5.85
100	Leave of absence cards.....	5.00
5	Odes .....	15
19	Rituals .....	9.50
12	Service books .....	3.60
4	Blue books .....	4.80
197	Department badges, plain.....	118.20
48	Department badges, silver top.....	48.00
1	Electrotype .....	55
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		\$297.19

## EXHIBIT "C"

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1907.....	\$ 253.94
Office furniture, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies .....	297.19
Ledger balances .....	87.35
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	\$1,438.48

Liabilities: None.

## EXHIBIT "D"

## LIST OF DEATHS, 1907.

Post.

- Henry Bremser, Pr. Co. I, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
- Herman Tuerk, 2d Lt. Co. E, 12th Mo. Inf.
- Adam Fischer, Sergt. Co. D, 27th Ill. Inf.
- R. L. Price, Pr. Co. A, 26th Mo. Inf.
- Chas. Schweickardt, Pr. Co. C, 50th Pa. Inf.
- Jacob Gruen, Corp. Co. B, 1st Mo. Inf.
- Robert Moll, Sergt. Co. A, 40th N. Y. Inf.
- Wm. Neukom, Pr. Co. K, 15th Mo. Inf.

## Post.

- Louis Merz, Corp. Co. A, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 J. Finck, Pr. Co. I, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Leonard Hoffman, Pr. Co. G, 41st Mo. Inf.  
 Edward Ehrlich, Capt. Co. F, 62d U. S. C. T.  
 Michael Faust, Pr. Co. F, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Peter Meyer, Pr. Co. F, 4th Mo. Inf.  
 Theo. Schoenlau, Bugler Co. G, 1st Ill. Lt. Art.  
 Wm. Scharpenburg, Pr. Cos. H. and G, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 L. A. Winn, 2d Lt. Co. F, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 F W. Plass, 2d Lt. Co. K, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Herman Fahein, Pr. Co. D, 27th Ill. Inf.  
 Chas. C. Keller, Pr. Co. G, 5th Mo. Inf.  
 Fred Wulfing, Pr. Co. A, 4th Mo. Inf.  
 Henry Miller, Corp. Co. A, 4th Mo. Inf.  
 Alex Gallion, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Inf.  
 Henry Helfers, Pr. Co. B, 4th U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 B. Walter, Pr. Co. B, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Henry Friedrich, Pr. Co. D, 9th O. V. I.
- 2 Jacob M. Gruen, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Cav.  
 4 Columbus Hixon, Surgeon Hosp. Service.  
 Orvis Y. Hart, Sergt. Co. C, 11th Kan. Inf.
- 5 A. Senecal, Pr. Co. D, 5th Ia. Cav.  
 6 John Merkel, Pr. Co. K, 2d Mo. Inf., and Pr. Co. G, 50th Mo. Inf.  
 7 John B. Shannon, Pr. Co. F, 16th Kan. Inf.  
 Sheldon Atkins, Pr. Co. D, 3d Wis. Inf.  
 Chas. Dorsel, Pr. Co. F, 18th Mo. Inf.  
 F. M. Dabney, 1st Lt. Co. D, 99th Ill. Inf.  
 Ebenezer Landers, Pr. Co. E, 103d Ill. Inf.  
 Samuel Hubbard, Pr. Co. F, 6th Ind. Cav.  
 Lewis Stroud, Pr. Co. H, 35th Mo. Inf.  
 Robert Essman, Pr. Co. K, 9th Mo. S. M.  
 L. C. Booth, Pr. Co. A, 1st Kan. Inf.
- 8 Harvey Garberson, Pr. Co. D, 4th O. V. I.  
 Samuel M. Hawk, Pr. Co. F, 70th O. V. I.  
 Nelson Brayton, Pr. Co. E, 3d Wis. Inf.  
 Loren G. Jeffers, 1st Lt. Elgin, Ill., Art.  
 Chas. E. Wheeler, Pr. Co. A, 19th Ill. Inf.  
 Jefferson Brumback, Lt. Col., 95th O. V. I.  
 Alonzo P. Benson, Sergt. Co. G, 11th Vt. Inf.  
 Joseph H. Fink, U. S. S. "Rebel."  
 C. A. Brockett, Sergt. Co. H, 15th Conn. Inf.  
 James S. Mathews, 1st Lt. 3d U. S. C. Cav.  
 Daniel H. Knappen, Sergt. Co. H, 23d Wis. Inf.
- 13 Florian Kunz, Pr. Co. I, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Ignatz Reich, Sergt. Co. F, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.

## Post.

- Jacob Platz, Corp. Co. C, 4th Mo. Inf.  
 Joseph Heier, Corp. Co. F, 41st Mo. Inf.  
 Chris. Haberoth, Pr. Co. D, 4th Mo. Cav.  
 James Dellmore, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Inf.  
 Adam Schmidt, Pr. Co. K, 54th O. V. I.  
 John Haering, Pr. Co. C, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 John C. Mohrstaedt, Capt. Co. K, 5th Mo. Cav.  
 George Neubert, Sert Co. D, 2d W. Va. Inf.  
 Wm. Volk, Pr. Co. B, 2d Mo. Inf.  
 Albrecht Laisse, Corp. Co. E, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Ernest Kretschmar, Pr. Co. B, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Tony Rotty, Pr. Co. A, 2d Mo. Inf.  
 Jacob Lederman, Pr. Co. A, 22d O. V. I.  
 Fred. Borgwald, Pr. Co. I, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Adam Raisz, Pr. Co. G, 43d Ill. Inf.  
 Nich. Winkelmann, Pr. Co. K, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
- 14 Jno. T. Hodsden—  
 L. O. Clayton, Pr. Co. B, 15th Mo. Cav.  
 Thos. C. Burge, Pr. Co. C, 21st Ia. Inf.
- 16 Erastus Fenner, Pr. Co. E, 168th O. N. G.  
 E. O. Brown, Pr. 1st N. Y. Ind. Batty.
- 17 A. A. Goff, Pr. Co. B, 6th M. S. Cav.
- 19 Jacob Shirey, Pr. Co. H, 46th O. V. I.  
 James M. Welsh, 1st Lt. Co. F, 15th O. V. I.  
 Wm. A. Cotter, Pr. Cos. F. and A, 23d Mo. Inf.  
 Albert McGrew, Pr. Co. E, 5th Ill. Inf.
- 21 S. V. Dooly, Capt. Co. C, 108th Ill. Inf.  
 Hugh McIntosh, Pr. Co. B, 2d Ia. Cav.  
 H. E. Robinson, Pr. Co. F, 16th Wis. Inf.  
 Joseph W. Trueblood, Pr. Co. B, 54th Ind. Inf.  
 Duress Nelson, Pr. Co. A, 198th Pa. Inf.
- 22 Godfrey Sprang, Pr. Co. M, 2d Mo. Cav.  
 Wm. A. Adams, 1st Lt. Co. C, 9th N. Y. Inf.  
 Michael King, Pr. Co. E, 2d Mo. S. M.  
 Joseph Pope, Pr. Co. B, 30th Ia. Inf.  
 Richey Hinds, Pr. Co. M, 2d Mo. S. M.  
 Jacob F. Mulford, Pr. Co. A, 28th Ill. Inf.  
 John Eggert, Pr. Co. C, 52d Ind. Inf.  
 Alpheus Townsend, Corp Co. G, 79th O. V. I.
- 23 F. W. Hyatt, Pr. Co. H, 31st Wis. Inf.  
 Geo. H. Bott, Pr. Co. F, 43d Ill. Inf.
- 29 W. H. Taylor, Sergt. Co. G, 24th N. Y. Inf.  
 Wm. Dale, Sergt. Co. E, 1st M. S. M. Cav.  
 J. B. Weaver, Pr. Co. G, 23d Mo. Inf.
- 32 Cyrus M. Pease, Pr. Co. I, 60th N. Y. Inf.

## Post.

- Geo. W. Dorety, Pr. Co. G, 17th O. V. I. and Capt. Co. K, 95th O. V. I.
- 33 Joseph G. Everett, 2d Lt. Co. I, 1st Mo. Cav.
- 34 Elias Schopf, Pr. Co. D, 154th Ind. Inf.
- 43 Patrick Gurry, Pr. Co. K, 16th Ill. Inf.  
Patrick Glenn, Pr. Co. F, 36th N. Y. Inf.  
David S. Scott, Pr. Co. H, 8th Ind. Inf.
- 45 James B. McDonald, Pr. Co. H, 106th Ill. Inf.
- 46 Nathan Bradley, Pr. Co. K, 8th Mo. Inf.  
Chas. J. Knapp.
- 53 Geo. E. Dugan, Pr. Co. K, 146th O. V. I.  
Chas. M. Niles, Capt. Co. L, 1st N. Y. H. Art.  
John W. Trader, Surgeon 1st M. S. M. Cav.  
John H. Kehn, 1st Lt. Co. I, 25th O. V. I.
- 54 James S. Smith, Fr. Co. H, 9th Ia. Inf.
- 57 Wm. R. McCraw, Mus. Co. A, 10th N. Y. Inf.  
W. H. Clifton, Pr. 1st N. J. Cav.
- 65 Mark B. Moore, Pr. Co. C, 9th Mo. Cav.
- 69 M. O. Bedell, Pr. Co. D, 8th Mo. Cav.  
E. H. Carter, Pr. Co. D, 67th Ill. Inf. and 1st Ill. Art.  
Alex Fowler, Capt. Co. B, 15th Ind. Inf., and Col. 99th Ind. Inf.  
A. J. Potter, Lt. Co. E, 16th Mo. Cav.  
H. M. Simcox, Pr. Co. K, 6th U. S. Cav.
- 72 Gottlieb Brennenstuhl, Pr. Co. G, 184th O. V. I.  
B. F. Harding, 2d Lt. Co. B, 23d Mo. Inf.  
Joseph Robertson, 2d Lt. Co. B, 26th Ind. Inf.
- 75 J. M. Travis, 1st Sergt. Co. H, 2d Mo. Art.
- 78 Edward Lytle, Pr. Co. D, 4th M. S. M.  
John W. Fields.  
Andrew Powell, Pr. Co. H, 116th O. V. I.  
A. B. Logan, 1st Lt. H, 23d O. V. I.
- 82 James Riddle, Pr. Co. A, 75th O. V. I.
- 84 L. R. Stickel, 1st Lt. Co. H, 62d Ill. Inf.
- 86 Henry O. Johnson, Pr. Co. E, 4th Mich. Cav.
- 97 Hermann Crede, 1st Sergt. Co. E, 28th E. M. M.
- 107 Wm. Drechsler, Surgeon 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.  
Wm. Schreiber, Pr. Co. I, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.  
Gottfried Bodercke, Pr. Co. C, 6th Mo. Inf.  
B. Kreinbaum, 1st Lt. Co. F, 2d Mo. Art.  
Ernst Eickhoff, Co. D, 10th Mo. Cav.  
Henry C. L. Koops, Sergt. Co. H, 26th Mo. Inf.  
Godfrey Gloor, Pr. Co. D, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.
- 110 Joseph Sorrell, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Inf.
- 111 B. F. Hensley, Pr. Co. I, 6th Mo. Cav.  
Dan. Meredith, Pr. Co. D, 9th Prov. Mo. M.

## Post.

- 115 Albert Camp, Pr. Co. A, 123d Ill. Inf.  
W. H. Temple, Sergt. Co. E, 18th Mo. Inf.
- 120 H. C. Martin, Pr. 16th. Ind Batt'y.  
A. Conrad, Corp. Co. C, 50th Ind. Inf.
- 124 James Barlow, Sergt. Co. I, 172d O. V. I.  
John M. James, Sergt. Co. H, 129th Ind. Inf.
- 128 J. C. Grosse, Corp. Co. D, 10th Mo. Cav.
- 131 F. A. Nagel, Corp. Co. D, Fremont Body Guard.  
Joseph Dunfee, 1st Lt. 3d U. S. Col. H. A.  
C. M. Keys, Pr. Co. G, 15th Pa. Cav.  
John S. Kirwan, Lt. Col. 12th Tenn. Cav.  
S. C. Merrill, Pr. Co. H, 6th Mass. Inf.  
J. F. Corrington, Capt. Co. H, 111th U. S. S. C. T.  
E. E. Clark, Sergt. Co. E, 73d O. V. I.  
John Laudlaw, Sergt. Co. E, 1st Mo. Eng.  
O. H. P. Applegate, Sergt. Co. C, 2d O. V. I.  
Alfred Farrar, Pr. Co. B, 2d Ill. Lt. Art.  
Andrew Deubler, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Art.
- 141 G. C. Sullivan, Pr. Co. F, 46th Mo. Inf.  
Fred. Schiermein, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
Josiah J. Lester, Pr. Co. B, 7th Mo. Prov.
- 150 N. J. Nuckels, Pr. L, 7th M. S. M. Cav.
- 152 Chas. Schneller, Pr. Co. E, Ink's Battalion.  
Wm. Walter, Pr. Co. D, Pacific Battalion.
- 158 Fred. Baltzer, Pr. Co. E, 84th Ill. Inf.
- 164 Robert Roath, Pr. Co. D, 36th Ill. Inf.  
J. W. Hull, Pr. Co. D, 127th Ill. Inf.
- 173 Julius Rabich, Corp. Co. C, 2d Mo. Inf.  
Thos. M. Huey, Sergt. Co. F, 2d Mo. Cav.
- 174 Jonathan Williams, Pr. Co. F, 50th Mo. Inf.
- 175 A. C. Clemens, Pr. Co. A, 9th Kan. Cav.  
Wm. Bilke, Pr. Co. H, 11th Wis. Inf.  
M. Dewees, Sergt. Co. C, 1st Tenn.
- 179 Geo. Sharr, Pr. Co. L, 1st Mo. Cav.  
Chas. B. Leach, Pr. Co. G, 3d Ia. Cav.  
Samuel Abbott, Pr. Co. D, 148th Ill. Inf.  
Jacob L. Darnall, Pr. Co. H, 116th O. V. I.
- 184 Joseph C. Hembree, Corp Co. F, 1st U. S. V.
- 185 Wm. Stapleton, Pr. Co. F, 1st Ky. Cav.
- 187 Henry Huber, Pr. Co. C, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
- 210 W. H. Dalton, Pr. Co. C, 6th Mo. Cav.  
John Vaught, Pr. Co. G, 8th M. S. M. Cav.  
A. S. Barker, Sergt. Co. A, 23d O. V. I.  
D. W. Sanborn, Sergt. Co. H, 17th Mass. Inf.  
M. H. Williams, Pr. Co. E, 8th M. S. M. Cav.



## Post.

- Samuel Lowry, Pr. Co. K, 194th O. V. I.
- 233 A. Mutzefeld, Pr. 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
- 238 James M. Silvers, Pr. Co. A, 34th Ia. Inf.  
 • Michael Sherman, Pr. Co. E, 40th O. V. I.
- 242 Emanuel Stitt, Pr. Co. H, 33d O. V. I.
- 243 W. B. Campbell, Pr. Co. I, 45th Ia. Inf.
- 247 Sherman Clyde, Pr. Co. B, 1st Battalion Dakota Cav.
- 251 A. Y. Duncan, Pr. Co. I, 122d Ill. Inf.  
 Randolph Mobley, Pr. Co. D, 10th Kan. Inf.
- 252 Elijah Stout, Corp. Co. A, 45th E. M. M.
- 257 Washington Sirla, Pr. Co. E, 5th Kan. Cav.
- 264 C. J. Rissling, Pr. Co. C, 75th N. Y. Inf.
- 271 Wesley Starley 6th Mo. Inf.
- 273 Albert King, Pr. Co. B, 19th O. V. I.
- 276 Henry Winichie, Sergt. Mo. Home Guards.  
 D. K. Steele, 1st Lt. Co. H, 45th Mo. Inf.
- 282 Chas. E. Shaw, Pr. Co. E, 12th Mo. Cav.  
 Lewis Blakely, Pr. Co. C, 134th Pa. Inf.
- 285 John Fox, Pr. Co. D, 12th Mo. Cav.
- 286 Samuel Davis, Pr. Co. D, 56th U. S. C. T.  
 James Shipley, Pr. Co. C, 62d U. S. C. T.
- 293 James N. Cardwell, Pr. Co. G, 5th M. S. M.
- 294 S. Tate, Pr. Co. A, 4th Ky. Inf.
- 316 Wm. Bates, Pr. Co. H, 60th U. S. C. T. Iowa.
- 320 Wm. L. Heckmann, Sergt.-Maj. 4th Mo. Inf.  
 Wm. Wehmiller, Pr. Co. H, 124th Ill. Inf.
- 330 C. Roadlander, Pr. Co. H, 47th Mo. Inf.  
 A. Gould, Sergt. Co. F, 19th O. V. I.  
 A. J. House, Pr. Co. C, 8th M. S. M. Cav.
- 332 Henry Beins, Pr. Co. C, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 W. G. Ruge, 1st Lt. Co. C, 3d Mo. Inf.
- 343 Samuel Allen, Pr. Co. A, 82d U. S. C. T.  
 Wm. Bryant, Pr. Co. B, 55th U. S. C. T.
- 348 Frank Bone, Pr. Co. C, 31st Mo. Inf.
- 366 Wm. Anderson, Pr. Co. E, 146th Ind. Inf.  
 F. M. West, Corp. Co. D, 43d Mo. Inf.
- 577 L. C. Faught, Pr. Co. D, Phelps's Regt.
- 384 James F. West, Pr. Co. G, 117th Ill. Inf.  
 Richard Davis, Pr. Co. C, 119th Ill. Inf.
- 387 C. W. Long, Pr. Co. K, 2d O. V. I.  
 Chris. Braggan, Pr. Co. A, 3d Mo. Inf.
- 391 W. H. Todd, Pr. Co. I, 1st Prov. E. M. M.  
 Thos. C. Johnson, Sergt. Co. C, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
- 392 Wm. Rays, Corp. Co. E, 7th Mo. Cav.  
 Britton Wallen, Pr. Co. C, 32d Ky. Inf.

## Post.

- 407 Geo. Parsell.  
Jabez H. Peveler, Pr. Co. B, 49th Ind. Inf.
- 420 Wm. S. Goshorn, Pr. B, 167th O. N. G.
- 429 John W. Elliott, Pr. Co. C, 111th Ill. Inf.
- 433 Lewis E. Musick, Pr. Co. G, 9th M. S. M.
- 434 G. B. Shubert, 1st Lt. Co. B, 14th Mo. Cav.
- 465 G. C. Chapman, Pr. Co. D, 12th Ill. Inf.
- 466 E. H. Schultz, Pr. Co. K, 10th Ill. Inf.  
A. L. Shattuck, Pr. Co. I, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
- 472 W. P. Stambaugh, Pr. Co. D, 100th Pa. Inf.
- 488 Peter Deimwood, Pr. Co. A, 56th E. M. M.
- 496 C. Zehnbauer, Pr. Co. K, 4th Mo. Cav.
- 512 J. W. Yonkey, 2d Lt. Co. K, 40th Ind. Inf.
- 515 W. J. Stacy, Pr. Co. H, 11th Mich. Inf.  
L. L. Coleman, Sergt. Co. F, 38th Mo. Mil.  
Reuben Smith, Pr. Co. I, 40th Mo. Inf.
- 516 J. Duncan, Pr. Co. A, 64th Ind. Inf.
- 525 R. M. Hughes, Sergt. Co. H, 118th O. V. I.
- 544 Oscar Fola, Pr. Co. C, 56th U. S. C. T.  
Robert Henderson, Pr. Co. C, 56th U. S. C. T.
- 554 A. E. Adams, Pr. Co. C, 5th Ind. Cav.  
John Mersch, Pr. Co. H, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
- 567 Geo. L. Scott, 1st Sergt. A, 2d E. M. M.
- 574 Andrew Elliott, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Prov.
- 575 Wm. Meshonert, Pr. Co. F, 36th O. V. I.
- 577 James T. Byrnes, Pr. Co. D, 15th Mo. Cav.  
John T. Schroyer, Pr. Co. C, 1st O. V. I.
- 578 S. P. Roach, Pr. Co. G, 56th O. V. I.
- 579 Jacob Wood, Pr. Co. H, 40th Mo. Inf.
- 582 Joseph H. Carter, Pr. Co. H, 89th O. V. I.
- 583 Abraham Edwards, Pr. Co. E, 49th U. S. C. T.  
Alex. Trausber, Pr. Co. A, 83d U. S. C. T.
- 584 E. M. Thornton, Pr. Co. E, Vt. Inf.
- 586 David Lee, Pr. Co. G, 48th Mo. Inf.  
F. L. Judd, Pr. Co. D, 13th Mich. Inf.  
John B. Holloway, Pr. Co. B, 48th Mo. Inf.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

APPLETON CITY, Mo., April 4, 1908.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to make the following report: While I have not been called upon officially to perform any duties as Judge Advocate, my relations as a member of the Department staff have been most pleasant. I fully appreciate the courtesies extended to me by the Department Commander. He has devoted much of his time and best energies to the advancement of our Order; by his wise administration, he has made a record second to none in this department.

By invitation I accompanied him to the Interstate Soldiers' Re-union at Nevada, Mo., August 14th. The Association holds an annual re-union at Lake View Park, where there is ample shade and an everlasting flow of mineral water; it was an ideal day for an outdoor gathering, and the attendance was large and enjoyed by all.

From Nevada, we went to Carthage and Joplin; the members of the G. A. R. of those two enterprising cities, with those of Webb City, Carterville and the surrounding country, assisted by the members of the W. R. C., had pre-arranged for a re-union and picnic at Lakeside Park, one of the most beautiful and well arranged camping grounds in southwest Missouri. The occasion was enjoyed by all, and the principal address was delivered by Commander Kimball, which was highly appreciated by the comrades and their families.

It is with much pride I recall the result of the National Encampment held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., September 9-14; all undertakings are best known by the result. At our late State Encampment held at Moberly, Comrade Chas. G. Burton was by resolution unanimously endorsed by a rising vote for Commander-in-Chief, and September 12th our resolution was ratified by the National Encampment at Saratoga Springs.

The Department Commander and Staff contributed in no small degree to accomplish this happy result.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

W. W. CHAPEL,

Judge Advocate G. A. R. Dept. Mo.

**REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.**

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., April 25, 1908.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant-General:

Comrade: I have the honor to report that as no new Posts were mustered during the year, I had no official duties to perform.

I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the Department Commander, and regret that officially I had nothing to do. If my health permits, I hope to meet you all at the Encampment.

Yours in F., C. & L.

JOHN W. TOPPASS,

Chief Mustering Officer, Department of Missouri.

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 5, 1908.

THOMAS B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Department Chaplain, for the information of the State Encampment for 1908, to be held at Trenton in May.

I believe that Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day services were generally held and much more done than reported, as there were many Posts in this department who failed to send in full reports.

I herewith submit copy of my annual report as sent to the Chaplain-in-Chief.

The W. R. C., The Sons of Veterans, and the Daughters of Veterans failed to send in their reports.

**MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.**

Number of Posts attending services.....	81
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	73
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	19
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	17
Number of Comrades present at such services.....	3,426

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services.....	86
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services	4,634
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	460
Number of graves decorated .....	9,013
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	1,432
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day Ser- vices .....	63
Number of pupils participating .....	5,332
Number of other organizations participating.....	45
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day...	60
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	14
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	16
Number of Posts having Burial Plots.....	22

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

C. H. CHAPMAN,

Department Chaplain.

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 REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

SPRINGFIELD. Mo., April 25, 1908.

Department Commander Kimball:

It is with pleasure that I present to the Department the humble but faithful work of the department of Patriotic Instruction for the year ending May 14, 1908.

Item 1. I have sought to introduce among the Posts, what I designated as "Post Memorials" on the last Sunday in December. The purpose of the service is to pay a tribute of respect to the loyal comrades of the Post who have pitched their tents in the eternal camping grounds during the year. Vacant chairs to the number of the comrades deceased are placed in front, facing the audience and properly decorated and some comrade is designated to speak for his friend, one speaker for each deceased comrade.

Item 2. There is a growing interest in Memorial Sunday, preceding annual decoration. The churches are vying with each other to entertain the Posts and the ladies are giving attention to the fitting decoration, and the comrades are appearing with proper badges to give point to the significance of the day.

Item 3. The Post Patriotic Instructors have sought to add every possible interest to the Annual Memorial services this year. New features are added; proper proclamation by the Mayors, thorough publication in the news journals and the securing able speakers for the occasion; in a word these local Instructors are becoming minute men for the occasion.

Item 4. In the introduction of additional public services the local Instructors have brought the local "Grand Army Men" more into the public thought of the community, and the real purposes of the Post are becoming better known. Grand Army Men do not magnify their character and worth as much as they ought; Posts ought to command an increasing respect in every community.

The country at large is coming into an increased knowledge of the history and significance of the flag, and as the communities know more of its history they become greater lovers of it and appreciate it more. Old Glory is cutting a wider swath among the Nations than ever before and this fact makes us appreciate it more.

Item 5. Public Schools are taking kindly to patriotic instruction in the schools. Teachers find the children are delighted to hear of the valor of our American chieftains and the American soldier. Quite a number of copies of the "declaration" have been framed and placed in the schools and the teachers wax eloquent and patriotic as they tell the children the causes which led to this wonderful declaration. The Grand Army Men of West Plains shook up the School Board mightily and elected new men on the "issue that the present Board were not giving sufficient instruction in the science of the Government which we so much love."

Item 6. Flag day is now generally observed by all the Posts and the public buildings and places of business display Old Glory in all its worth. Springfield, Missouri, Post pinned on the lapel of the coats of some 400 citizens a neat little flag and the citizens seemed to enjoy it and everybody that met them inquired what it meant—"Flag Day."

Item 7. The Woman's Relief Corps is doing a splendid work in the schools and thus a large proportion of our citizens, who know nothing of the great Civil struggle, except by reading history, are reminded that their highly enjoyed liberty was bought with a great price. There is a great work along these lines that the local Posts can and ought to accomplish.

I would like to furnish a more detailed report in accordance with the blanks sent out, but I have received reports from but 60 Posts, and many of them have not attempted to answer all the questions. The data at hand is not sufficient to enable one to answer or fill out the blanks in full. It strikes me that the requirements relative to Schools are difficult to comply with and few Instructors have attempted to answer. The average Instructor would find it difficult to answer all the questions required.

Thanking the Department officers for all courtesies and the local Post Instructors for their fidelity, I am sincerely yours.

W. C. CALLAND, Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

On motion the Department Commander's address and the officers' reports were referred to the several committees to be appointed.

Junior Vice-Department Commander McCandless announced as committee on the address of the Department Commander: Past Department Commanders Dew, Scott, Williams, Hall and Platt.

By direction of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees:

On reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders: J. B. Davis, Post 4; Jackson Walker, Post 124; L. F. Hunt, Post 57.

On report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: J. B. Wilde, Post 131; J. B. Pachall, Post 1; William Greer, Post 23.

On reports of Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Chief Mustering Officer and Patriotic Instructor: Past Department Commander John M. Williams; D. W. Pollock, Post 181; S. W. Haynes, Post 29.

On resolutions: Past Department Commander Louis Benecke; Thos. W. Evans, Post 7; Henry Digby, Post 14.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin; A. H. Burkholder, Post 72; Francis P. Becker, Post 13.

To visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.: Past Department Commander Henry Fairback; J. W. Lucas, Post 76; H. Munchrath, Post 13.

To visit the Sons of Veterans: Past Department Commander W. F. Henry; W. F. Silverwood, Post 1; L. V. Cupp, Post 16.

On motion of Past Department Commander Benecke, the Encampment instructed the Assistant Adjutant General to send the following telegram to Past Commander-in-Chief William Warner, at Old Point Comfort, Va.:

"Trenton, Mo., May 13th, 1908.

"All comrades of the 27th Annual Encampment send their hearty greetings and best wishes for your speedy recovery."

"By order of Encampment,

"THOS. B. RODGERS,

"Assistant Adjutant General."

To this a reply came from the telegraph office that Senator Warner could not be located at any of the hotels, and the message was undelivered. A letter setting forth the message was subsequently sent to the Senator, to which he responded that he appreciated this kind remembrance by his old comrades more than he had words to express.

On motion of Comrade Wilde, Post 131, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to write a letter to Henry J. Dorman, Post

515, Liberal, Mo., the oldest member of the Grand Army of the Republic, congratulating him upon his good health and long life.

Past Department Commander Fairback offered the following resolution, which was on motion adopted:

Resolved, That the sympathy of the comrades of this Encampment is hereby extended to Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, who is detained in the City of Mexico by the serious illness of his daughter.

Commander-in-Chief Burton was then introduced to the Encampment and was received with hearty applause. He spoke as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades: I bid you greeting and congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances under which you have assembled. It is a source of great pleasure to me to meet with my comrades in this Department. My Grand Army life has been inseparably connected with the Department of Missouri. All the honors that I have received from the organization have been due to the loyal support and royal comradeship of the Boys from Missouri."

My indebtedness to this Department can never be discharged, though I fully recognize and appreciate it.

I congratulate you upon the enactment into law of the "Widows' Increased Pension Bill." Under its beneficent provisions 180,000 of the widows of our dead comrades will immediately receive an increase of \$4.00 per month.

I assure you that the prospects are favorable for a great National Encampment at Toledo, Ohio. The place is centrally located; the city is exerting every effort to make it a grand success, and the only thing to mar the prospect is the failure of the railroad companies to grant us a one-cent-a-mile rate.

In order that you may understand that National Headquarters has been and is now doing everything possible to secure you the lowest possible rate, I will read for your information a letter recently addressed by the Commander-in-Chief to the Commissioners of the Central Trunk Line and the Western Passenger Associations.

#### HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Kansas City, Mo., May 8, 1908.

F. C. Donald, Commissioner, Central Passenger Ass'n,

L. P. Farmer, Commissioner, Trunk Line Ass'n,

Eben E. MacLeod, Chairman, Western Passenger Ass'n.

Dear Sirs—I have before me the letter of Commissioner Donald of April 29th, and the letter of Commissioner Farmer of May 2nd, stating in substance that their respective Associations have granted to the Forty-second Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Toledo, Ohio, August 31st-September 5th, 1908, a "one and one-half fare for round trip, good going August 28th to 31st, return limit September 15th, 1908," with no privilege of extension.

I have also before me a copy of a circular, showing that the 18th Annual Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held at Birmingham, Alabama, June 9th, 10th and 11th, 1908, and that the Southeastern Passenger Association has granted to the Confederate Veterans a rate of "one cent a mile plus twenty-five cents.



At the time of my informal call upon Commissioner Donald in December last, in discussing the matter of rates, he indulged in some reflection upon the railroad situation, by reason of which I feel justified in submitting the following:

The XIV amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides, among other things, "Nor shall any state deprive any person of property without due process of law," and it is under the provisions of this amendment that a railroad company appeals to the Court whenever, in the judgment of its officials, any state legislation is confiscatory of its property or otherwise in violation of said amendment.

I would respectfully suggest that it was the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who made it possible to write that amendment into the Constitution of the United States. I would further add that five of the Presidents of the United States were members of the G. A. R.; that several of the U. S. Senators and many members of the House of Representatives are now members of the Order; that in every locality Comrades of the G. A. R. occupy prominent position and command the respect of, and wield an influence among the people.

Directly and indirectly the Veterans of the Union and their dependants and immediate friends number several millions.

I would suggest that as a general proposition the Comrades of the G. A. R. are conservative, law abiding and in favor of justice to every individual and to every legitimate corporation.

You will pardon me in saying that the Comrades of the G. A. R. do not feel that they, or the organization, should be made to vicariously atone for the faults, either real or apparent, of others.

For many years we have been given a rate of one cent a mile with privilege of extension to October 31st.

The proposed rate, by reason of its amount and its limit as to time, is of but little value, as many of those who will attend the National Encampment would prefer to pay the full rate and thereby be enabled to return when they pleased and by whatever route they may select. The value of the difference between the full fare and a one and one-half rate, as to a great many, will be fully dissipated by the short limit granted for a return.

The discrimination against the Comrades of the G. A. R., and in favor of the members of the Confederate Association, is one which cannot be explained to the satisfaction of the public. If the Southeastern Association can afford to carry those attending the Birmingham Encampment for one cent a mile, certainly the great roads comprising the Central, Western and Trunk Line Associations can carry the Union Veterans to the Toledo Encampment at the same rate.

So far I have discussed the matter from the standpoint of sentiment and public policy, but I desire to submit the following as a business proposition:

With a rate of one cent a mile and the privilege of an extension of time, the railroads running into Toledo will carry 250,000 to 500,000 people. While under the rates which you offer, the Encampment will be practically reduced from the largest gathering of people upon this continent to substantially a delegated convention of a few thousands.

The Comrades of the G. A. R. congratulate the City of Birming-



**CHAS. G. BURTON.**  
**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.**



ham and the Confederate Veterans upon the action of the South-eastern Passenger Association, but they earnestly believe that the City of Toledo and the Veterans of the Union are entitled to the same consideration at the hands of the Central, Western and Trunk Line Railroads, within whose territory are now living eighty per cent of the boys who wore the blue.

Hoping that the Central and Trunk Line Associations will reconsider their action and give to the Comrades of the G. A. R. a one-cent-a-mile rate, and that the Western Passenger Association will do the same, I am,

Yours truly,

C. G. BURTON,

Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.

I have hopes that we shall yet secure greater concessions and I know that I voice your sentiments when I declare that the Grand Army of the Republic should not be held responsible for what may have been, or may appear to have been, the shortcomings of others.

Without further taxing your time or attention, and with best wishes for all, I bid you Godspeed.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 13th.

The Encampment met and was called to order by the Department Commander at 2 o'clock P. M.

The list of committees were again read by the Assistant Adjutant General, and announcements made for their time and place of meeting.

Communications were received relating to status of Past Post Commanders from other Departments, which were referred to the following committee: A. Drefus, Post 1; J. A. Hays, Post 8; L. D. Middleton, Post 14.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the Forty-second National Encampment.

For Representative-at-Large, Comrade H. G. Orton, Post 79, was placed in nomination, and there being no other nomination, he was elected by acclamation.

The following nominations were then made and placed inversely in alphabetical order, beginning with the letter Z, according to a rule adopted by a former Encampment:

Cornelius Yost, Post 303.....	Coffeyburg
S. D. Webster, Post 131.....	St. Louis
John Stupp, Post 496.....	St. Louis
H. H. Spence, Post 29.....	Chillicothe
W. F. Silverwood, Post 1.....	St. Louis
John W. Shroyer, Post 124.....	Bethany
C. W. Rubey, Post 48.....	Lebanon
Noble H. Rogers, Post 53.....	Sedalla
Ewing Roberts, Post 240.....	Boonville
Phillip Riechers, Post 107.....	St. Louis
D. W. Pollock, Post 181.....	St. John
D. F. Pippinger, Post 36.....	Clarence

Wm. B. Mullins, Post 268	Miami
Nich Mathias, Post 5	Moberly
Geo. W. Mason, Post 39	Lemonville
E. T. Maher, Post 57	Brookfield
L. D. Middleton, Post 14	Joplin
W. P. Leedom, Post 92	Lancaster
D. H. Hudson, Post 221	Novelty
Daniel V. Kern, Post 4	Kansas City
Eli D. Hopkins, Post 215	Farmington
S. C. Heckathorn, Post 16	Carthage
S. A. Hartley, Post 374	Dunlap
S. C. Fancher, Post 8	Kansas City
H. J. Dutton, Post 69	Springfield
R. B. Dodge, Post 190	Webb City
J. A. Demuth, Post 7	St. Joseph
Wm. Conroy, Post 13	St. Louis
A. H. Burkholder, Post 72	Trenton
A. J. Bennett, Post 54	Unionville
H. S. Beary, Post 17	Cameron

On motion the Encampment voted that the fifteen receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Representatives, and the sixteen receiving the next highest number be declared the Alternates.

Past Department Commander Benecke, chairman of the Committee on the St. James' Soldiers' Home, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Trenton, Mo., May 13th, 1908.

Comrade T. D. Kimball, Department Commander, and Comrades of Department of Missouri:

Your Committee on Federal Soldiers' Home take great pleasure to report that the affairs of the Home have apparently improved greatly since our last report, and we find no cause for complaint, with exception that the increasing demand for admission to the Home will require additional appropriation by the State in order to erect and supply additional facilities so that those who are entitled to the benefit of this institution may be accommodated.

Comrade J. P. Brinegar is the present Superintendent, and from information obtained by a personal inspection, as well as by conference with inmates, we believe that he is discharging the difficult duty involved in making the inmates feel at home, with conscientious care, fidelity and success.

On the day of our last visit to the Home, we found that there were 168 men and 79 women enrolled and making a total enrollment of 247.

It is our opinion that the State should appropriate sufficient funds to erect another dormitory; also there should be erected an office or Administration building.

After these two important additions have been made a chapel would be a very desirable addition but not of as urgent a necessity as the dormitory and the office or Administration building.

We respectfully recommend that this Department Encampment will, by suitable action, invite the attention of the incoming State

Legislature to these matters and urge a proper and sufficient appropriation for that purpose.

LOUIS BENECKE,  
ARTHUR DREIFUS.  
Committee.

The Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Trenton, Mo., May 13th, 1908.

Department Commander and Comrades:

We, the committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have carefully gone over the report and heartily endorse his recommendation for reduction of ratio of representation to the Department Encampment.

While we commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the clear and concise manner of his accounts, we are confronted by the serious conditions, as shown in his report of receipts and expenditures, showing the startling fact that the expenditures, while extremely low for the good work done, are \$394.49 more than the receipts, and would earnestly recommend that some action be taken by this Encampment in relation thereto. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. WILDE,  
WM. GREER,  
JNO. B. PACHALL.  
Committee.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans' Encampment, consisting of National Chaplain Rev. Dr. W. J. Patton, Mason City, Iowa; C. C. Behnke, Wm. Schneider, Division Commander; L. B. Philo; Chas. C. Wippo and Benj. F. Jones, was introduced, and Dr. Patton, addressed the Encampment, as follows:

Commander, Fathers and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

The distinguished honor has been conferred upon me of bearing to you the greetings of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, Dr. Ralph Sheldon, of Albany, N. Y.

In presuming to address you as a Son of a Veteran and as one identified with the great Order which is composed of the sons of your comrades, I do not presume to attempt to place our Order in anywise in equality with that of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are not veterans; we have not the privilege of bearing the honor of the nation's defenders and preservers. We may not be identified with your great body, nor do we seek affiliation with your organization. We make no overtures seeking admission into the Grand Army of the Republic, and should such attempts be made to obtain entrance to your great Order of your comrades' sons and descendants, it must come from within your Order, not from without. Therefore, while we may not be the proud wearers of that little bronze button, we may never hope to be members of, and big guns in, the Grand Army of the Republic, we are well content to be Sons of Guns in the Order of Sons of Veterans.

We do claim as an Order one distinctive peculiarity, nay two features wherein we differ from all other organizations. In the

first place the Sons of Veterans seek not personal honors nor selfish gain, but are banded together for the one peculiar and specific purpose of keeping green the memory of those both living and dead who sacrificed so much for the preservation of the Union.

Again, our Order is peculiar in that we live, move and have our being for the sole purpose of memorializing a preceding generation of men.

And why should we separate ourselves thus from the body civic, give ourselves a title, and separate ourselves by signs and passwords and thus launch an Order which is based solely upon the accident of birth and not upon any merit, worthiness or effort of its members? I answer, because the fathers of the men who compose the Order of Sons of Veterans did more as armies than ever was done before with a like lofty and patriotic purpose and by volunteer recruits, in all the history of the world.

We may only realize the full measure of what our ancestors have accomplished by comparing your motives and achievements with those of the armies of any given epoch or struggle.

If an apology is needed for the organization of Sons of Veterans, it will be found in that comparison. This is the reason why we believe that your fame, your memory, your name, your traditions and your principles should be handed down from father to son, from son to grandson, through all the coming generations, so long as the flag which you fought so valiantly to preserve shall float untarnished in the breeze and as the emblem of liberty with political equality under the law. Your own sons and the sons of your comrades can surely best teach the principles which you defended and inculcate the spirit of patriotism which you manifested and keep green your memory and the history of your heroic deeds.

We extend to you a strong right hand and a sturdy shoulder on which to lean, the need of which comes with the faltering step and waning strength of advancing years. Blood is thicker than water, and there is something which binds the hearts of the fathers to the sons and the sons to the fathers in ties which nothing this side the grave can sever. Our hope and prayer for you is that your days may be long in the land which the Lord, your God, has given you, and which you have protected so valiantly. If in coming days you will examine into the principles and aims of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, you will find therein contained an echo of your own desires and ambitions as to the permanency of the principles and the fulfillment of the objects of your association.

Department Commander Kimball, responded as follows:

Doctor Patton and Other Representatives of the Sons of Veterans:

We are glad to receive this fraternal visit and listen to your words of greeting. You can hardly realize our appreciation of your professions of filial regard and the evidence of your zealous patriotism so well expressed by your speaker. While the survivors of the Union army, ever since they laid down their arms, have had at all times and everywhere abundant proof of the gratitude and esteem of their fellow citizens, in these later days, now and then the thought will steal over us as we note the eager strife of the later generation in the all absorbing game of life, that we are of the past and that the rushing, battling throng pays little heed to the men or the deeds of forty odd years ago.

In your organization we see a spirit and an energy that will have a care that the lesson written in the blood of the noblest and best shall be rightly taught, and whatever else may demand the thought and attention of a busy and ambitious people, you will see to it that they remember the marvelous results that followed the triumph of the Union cause and that they do not forget to whom they are chiefly indebted for the high place the reunited Republic now holds among the great nations of the earth.

The Grand Army of the Republic is grateful for your encouragement and your helpful co-operation, which year by year is more welcome because the more needful.

The aims and purposes of your Order are sufficient answers to any who would question your right to an honored place among worthy fraternal and patriotic associations. We think of the possibilities awaiting you in the future rather than your activities in the present. But few now eligible to membership in your Order have attained middle life, but later on your locks will whiten and your conventions will be composed largely of men of mature years and among them will be many of venerable mien. Therefore build for the future. Strengthen the foundation of noble principles upon which you have started the structure. So conduct your Order that it will appeal to lofty sentiment and thus bring into your ranks men of influence who will give it high standing and make it a power in the perpetual strife for higher ideals and civic righteousness.

I thank you again for the courtesy of this fraternal visit and ask you to convey to your Commander-in-Chief and to the Missouri Division the cordial greetings of this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, with our best wishes for the welfare of the Sons of Veterans.

Past Department Commander Fairback moved the appointment of a committee of three to consider the financial condition of the Department, to report at the next Department Encampment.

It was moved to amend that the committee should report to this Encampment. The amendment was accepted by Comrade Fairback and the motion, as amended, was put to vote and adopted.

The Department Commander appointed as such committee, Past Department Commander George W. Martin and Comrades Thos. W. Evans, Post 7, and D. W. Pollock, Post 181.

On motion of C. B. Berry, Post 584, the Encampment voted to make the selection of the place for holding the next Encampment the special order for tomorrow morning.

The Committee on the reports of the Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Chief Mustering Officer and Patriotic Instructor made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Trenton, Mo., May 13th, 1908.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee to which was referred the reports of the Judge Advocate, Chief Mustering Officer, Department Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor, beg leave to report: It is pleasant to know that no occasion arose during the year requiring the services of the Judge



Advocate. It is an indication that the comrades are living in peace and harmony. Your committee regrets that no new Posts were mustered during the past year, as shown by the report of the Chief Mustering Officer, but it is not so much new Posts that are needed, as are new members of the old Posts.

The report of our worthy Department Chaplain shows an increased interest in Memorial Day and Memorial Sunday services, and it is hoped that such interest will continue to increase.

The excellent report of Comrade W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor, is so full of interesting matter that we cannot treat its various parts and suggestions in detail. It is all good, all instructive and should be unanimously endorsed and approved. All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,  
D. W. POLLOCK,  
S. W. HAYNES,  
Committee.

Comrade S. M. Sparklin moved that the Encampment proceed to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

The motion was carried and the Department Commander called for nominations for Department Commander.

Past Department Commander Benecke:

Commander: It is well that you called our attention to the rule limiting nominating speeches to ten minutes, because if I were permitted to present a reasonably accurate history of the patriotic services as a soldier boy rendered by the comrade whom I shall nominate as your successor, it would necessarily consume the greater part of the evening session.

But, comrades, it is not necessary to speak of the past honorable record of any comrade who rightfully wears the little bronze button in the lapel of his coat, as this insignia is equal to a patent issued by the government, and carries with it the highest recommendation that it is possible to bestow upon any man.

Besides, comrades, my candidate is too well known to require special mention to be made of his services as a member of our Order. I know that you will agree with me when I mention his name, which is J. V. Martin, of O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield, Mo.

The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander Henry and by Comrades J. B. Wilde, Post 131; H. F. Glahn, Post 36; J. B. Pachall, Post 1; and H. Munchrath, Post 13.

There being no other nomination, on motion, the rules were suspended, and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade J. V. Martin for Department Commander, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander being next in order, were called for by the Department Commander.

Commander W. H. Skinner, Post 124, nominated J. W. Lucas, Post 76, which was seconded by Comrades Thomas W. Evans, Post

7, Chas. D. Englehart, Post 76, and Past Department Commander Platt.

Comrade H. F. Glahn, Post 36, nominated Wm. Greer, Post 23, who withdrew his name.

Past Department Commander Scott nominated Hubert Munchrath, Post 13, which was seconded by Past Department Commander Fairback and Comrades Francis P. Becker, Post 13, and Daniel V. Kern, Post 4.

Comrade R. M. Griggs, Post 221, nominated H. R. Parsons, Post

On motion the nominations were closed, and the Encampment took a recess until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow, May 14th.

#### SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION, MAY 14th.

The Encampment met at 9 o'clock A. M. Thursday morning and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Chapman, Department Chaplain, repeated the Lord's Prayer, in which he was joined by the comrades.

The Kansas City quartette, Comrades Henry, McWain and Griffin (Comrade Whitehead being absent), being called, sang several patriotic songs in their usual effective style.

The Department Commander announced that the election of Senior Vice Department Commander was next in order. The name of J. W. Lucas as a candidate was withdrawn.

Comrades Cord. Ringen, Post 1, L. D. Middleton, Post 14, E. R. Cone, Post 131, and S. K. Avery, Post 43, were appointed tellers.

A ballot was had and the tellers reported the result of the ballot as follows:

Hubert Munchrath received 218 votes and H. R. Parsons received 5 votes.

Hubert Munchrath having received a majority of the votes cast, the Department Commander declared him duly elected as Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander appointed Comrades J. W. Lucas, Post 76, and P. F. Coghlan, Post 1, to escort the Senior Vice Department Commander-elect to the platform.

Comrade Munchrath addressed the Encampment briefly, expressing his thanks for the honor and promising his best efforts for the welfare of the Department.

The hour having arrived for selection of the place for the meeting of the Encampment next year, the Department Commander so announced, and Comrade J. W. Williams, Post 190, proposed the city of Joplin.

Comrades Henry Digby, L. A. Fillmore and H. H. Gregg of Post 14, advocated the claims of Joplin and presented invitations from the

Mayor and Council and Commercial Club of that city. No other location was presented, and on motion Joplin was selected by a unanimous vote.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to vote for Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-second National Encampment. The Department Commander appointed the following comrades as tellers: J. W. Beach, Post 7; J. P. Benjamin, Post 17; O. H. Guffin, Post 8; E. D. Coe, Post 131; John Lindecker, Post 1; James P. Hesser, Post 2; Benj. Warner, Post 4; R. W. Davis, Post 57.

The ballots were distributed and after being collected by the tellers, they retired to count the votes.

A committee from the convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was received and escorted to the platform. It consisted of Mrs. Mary Wanless and Sarah H. Haines, who made short and eloquent patriotic remarks and were responded to by Past Department Commander Benecke, by request of the Department Commander. The ladies then retired, all the comrades rising.

A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was then announced and received, consisting of Past Department Presidents Mrs. Rachel A. Hall, Julia E. Dockery, Orpha Bronson, Julia S. Hengelsberg, Past National President Carrie R. Sparklin, and Mrs. Hatie L. Beach, Mrs. Irene Young, and Mrs. Charlotte Dixon.

Mrs. Hall addressed the Encampment with words of greeting and presented the following official report, which was received and filed:

Trenton, Mo., May 13th, 1908.

T. D. Kimball, Department Commander, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to submit to you and through you to the Department Encampment a brief statement of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department for our year now closing.

Relief has been extended by the Corps of this Department as follows:

Number of Corps.....	52
Number of members.....	1,803
Cash expended for relief.....	\$1,124.75
Estimated value of relief other than money....	984.50
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Total amount of relief.....	\$2,109.25
Number of soldiers assisted.....	126
Number in soldiers' families.....	161
Number of members assisted.....	139
Number of members' families.....	152
Total number assisted.....	578

Thanking you for all courtesies extended, and trusting the bond of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty between the G. A. R. and W. R. C. may be strengthened as the years pass on, I am,

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

FRANCES ARNOLD.

Department President.

Comrade Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor, was requested by the Department Commander to respond. He spoke as follows:  
Ladies of the Relief Corps:

For the past twenty-five years this Department has honored itself in extending to you greeting and encouragement. Your report this year is full of courage and of things done. Your membership has maintained itself fully as well as that of the Grand Army. In money raised and help given and sick visited, you have shown a very commendable zeal. We confidently hope that the years of unwearying help and visitation may lessen as the years pass. The wards of the Grand Army of the Republic have now mostly grown up and settled in life and the generous hand of the Government has relieved the necessities of the unfortunate.

We hope the closing years of your noble organization may be given more to education and the inculcation of patriotic sentiment and that the children of the country may learn from you to value the inheritance left them by their fathers. That the sick and lonely mothers may feel the comfort of your visitation and letters. That all of them may come to know that the Government has made provision for their necessities. Carry with you the kindest sentiments of the Grand Army and may the Good Father never forget those who visited the sick and the fatherless.

The nomination and election of Department Officers was then resumed, and the Department Commander called for nomination of Junior Vice Department Commander.

John Hack, Commander of Post 72, of Trenton, was placed in nomination. There being no other nomination, on motion, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Hack for Junior Vice Department Commander, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected. He was escorted to the platform and returned thanks for the honor.

Comrade Fred Wenz, Post 7, nominated Comrade Henry N. Keener, Post 7, for Medical Director, and there being no other nominations, on motion, the rules were suspended, and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Keener for Medical Director, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected.

Comrade J. W. Beach, Post 7, nominated for Department Chaplain, Rev. E. W. Flower, Post 7.

Comrade D. V. Kern, Post 4, nominated Rev. C. H. Chapman, Post 4. Comrade Chapman withdrew his name, leaving but one candidate, whereupon on motion the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Flower for Department Chaplain, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected.

He was escorted to the platform by Comrade Chapman and returned his thanks to the comrades for the honor conferred.

The Department Commander called for nomination of members of the Council of Administration, and the following comrades were nominated: Louis Koop, Post 1; J. A. Hays, Post 8; J. W. Lucas, Post 76; Martin Crill, Post 29; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; H. F. Glahn, Post 36.

A ballot was had and the tellers retired to count the votes.

Comrade Benecke, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades:

Resolved, That this Encampment tenders to the patriotic citizens of the city of Trenton its heartfelt thanks for the hearty welcome extended to us from all sides. It was indeed a complete conveyance of their good will and love and affection of everything within the corporate limits of the city, as was so eloquently expressed by Hon. Oscar Williams, mayor of the city, and gratefully accepted by us.

The royalty of their welcome and magnificence of their hospitality and grandeur of patriotic decoration will ever remain a bright spot in the memory of the boys of '61.

We also acknowledge the soldier-like discharge of assumed duties by the officers and members of Col. Jacob Smith Post No. 72 in connection with our Encampment.

LOUIS BENECKE,  
THOS. W. EVANS,  
HENRY DIGBY,  
Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The committee, as a supplementary report, reported the following resolution, which was on motion adopted:

Resolved, That the National Encampment be requested to amend Sec. 1, Article V, Chap. II of the Rules and Regulations by adding the following: "Except that Posts having less than 25 members may hold their regular meetings once in three months if they by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Post shall so decide.

L. BENECKE,  
THOS. W. EVANS,  
HENRY DIGBY,  
Committee.

Past Department Commander Dew, chairman of the Committee on the Address of the Department Commander, presented the following report, which was on motion adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the 27th Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Trenton, Mo., May 13th, 1908.

We, the undersigned committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, respectfully report:

That we have carefully considered the matters contained in the well prepared and able address and find that it is a full and complete report of his administration and of the affairs of the Department, and evidences a great deal of earnest labor and thought in the interests of the Order, and shows that he has been diligent in business and fervent in spirit in the performance of his duties.

and we commend him for his ability, zeal and courage with which he has managed and disposed of the many perplexing problems as they confronted him, and we endorse and approve his recommendations therein, and agree with his comments concerning our allied organizations and congratulate him and the Department on the fact that peace and harmony prevail, and that he retires from his honored office with the entire good will and affectionate regard of all his comrades.

That portion of the address requiring an amendment to the Rules and Regulations in permitting Posts having twenty-five members or less to hold their meetings only once every three months, be referred to the National Encampment, whose province it is to make such change.

The Department is under lasting obligations to Commander T. D. Kimball for his able and most excellent administration.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

JERE T. DEW,  
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,  
GEO. P. HALL,  
JOHN P. PLATT,  
J. W. SCOTT,  
Committee.

On the presentation of this report Comrade W. C. Calland made the following remarks:

Department Commander and Comrades:

I have carefully listened to the reading of the Commander's address and have studied its contents, and I am deeply impressed with the report. To my mind the report is far above the average in that it carefully discriminates and deals with the actual. The Commander has carefully studied and carefully set forth the vital issues and conditions that pertain to us as a body. His exhaustive analysis, his wise and sagacious suggestions, his approach to the very impenetrabilia of our organization, has made us pause and reflect. Whether we heed his wise suggestions at the present time, I am sure the near future will bring us face to face with the propositions that his wise insight has anticipated for us.

This report ought to be read before the Posts and discussed. His report is but the exponent of his whole administration, which has been marked with so much care and painstaking.

Comrade Arthur Dreifus, Post 1, chairman of the Committee on Application to place on the roll Past Post Commanders from other Departments, made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

Trenton, Mo., May 14th, 1908.

To the Officers and Members of the 27th Encampment, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:

Comrades—Your committee, to whom was referred the applications from Posts No. 76, 124 and 131, for the restoration of certain comrades to the honors of Past Post Commanders, respectfully report that they have examined the certificates and requests of these Posts and find that Comrade John W. Shroyer of Post 124 was at the time of his transfer a Past Post Commander of the Department of Kansas; Comrades Wm. Griffin, Geo. Bardoll, Wesley Lee and P. L. Hoskins were P. P. Commanders of Post 66, Depart-

ment of Missouri, which Post surrendered its charter in November, 1904; that Comrades E. H. Sawyer, J. T. Sanders, John Henry, W. S. Jenkins, L. L. Mertz and Almond Worcester were Past Post Commanders in their respective Departments from which they held transfer cards.

Your committee is of the opinion that these comrades are entitled to the honors of P. P. Commanders and recommend that they be restored to the honors of P. P. Commanders.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR DREIFUS,  
J. A. HAYS,  
L. D. MIDDLETON,  
Committee.

Comrade J. B. Davis, Post 4, chairman of the Committee on the Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

Trenton, Mo., May 13th, 1908.

Department Commander, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:

The committee to whom was referred the stewardship of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders John G. Gremis and Alexander McCandless, respectively, would respectfully report that we have carefully read their reports to the Assistant Adjutant General, and while falling health prevented the attendance of Comrade Gremis at this Encampment, yet we find in both the Senior and Junior reports the same spirit of loyalty to the order, which pushed back the red waves of war in the early "sixties."

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. DAVIS,  
JACKSON WALKER,  
Committee.

Past Department Commander Martin, chairman of the Special Committee on Financial Condition of the Department, made the following report, and moved its adoption:

Trenton, Mo., May 14th, 1908.

Department Commander and Comrades:

We, your Special Committee appointed to report on the financial condition of the Department, would respectfully report that after a careful consideration of the matter and a careful examination of the expenditures during the past year for rent, salary of Assistant Adjutant General, printing journals, postage, expense of National Encampment and incidentals, we cannot see how like expenditures for the coming year can be reduced without at the same time reducing the efficiency of and detracting from the high standard of the Department of which we are justly proud.

This we do not believe this Encampment or the members of the several Posts of this Department are willing to do.

Estimating the expenditure of the coming year at the same amount or something less than those of the last year, on account of National Encampment, we estimate that the receipts from per capita tax at the present rate of 25 cents, the profit on supplies in addition to the amount on hand at the present time, will leave a deficit of not less than \$350.

Your committee knows of no way of increasing the revenues of the Department except by a slight increase in the per capita

tax and it recommends that this tax be increased from twenty-five to thirty cents.

Your committee hesitates in making any recommendation that will increase the burden that falls upon the Posts, but we believe that such increase is absolutely necessary if the Department of Missouri is to maintain its present efficiency and high standing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. MARTIN,  
D. W. POLLOCK,  
THOS. W. EVANS,  
Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to make the per capita tax forty cents, but was subsequently withdrawn.

The report of the committee was adopted by a practically unanimous vote, there being but one vote in the negative.

The report of the Council of Administration was made by the Assistant Adjutant General, as follows:

Trenton, Mo., May 12th, 1908.

To the 27th Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The Council met at Moberly, Mo., March 23, 1907, at the call of the Department Commander, immediately upon the adjournment of the Encampment. There was a general interchange of views on matters affecting the interest of the Department, but no business was transacted other than to approve the arrangements which had been made for the Headquarters of the Department of the National Department at Saratoga Springs.

The members present were T. D. Kimball, Department Commander; J. G. Grems, Senior Vice-Department Commander; Alex. McCandless, Junior Vice Department Commander; C. H. Chapman, Department Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Francis P. Becker, W. H. Wormstead, J. A. Blackwell, Louis Koop and D. F. Pippinger, elected members.

The selection of the date for the meeting of the 27th Annual Encampment was submitted to the members of the Council by letter, November 15th, 1907, and was fixed on Wednesday and Thursday, May 13th and 14th, and so announced in General Orders No. 6, November 25th, 1907.

The second meeting of the Council was held at Trenton, Mo., on Tuesday, May 12th, at 3 o'clock P. M., pursuant to the call of the Department Commander.

The members present were T. D. Kimball, Department Commander; Alex. McCandless, Junior Vice-Department Commander; C. H. Chapman, Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; W. W. Chapel, Judge Advocate; W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor; Francis P. Becker, W. H. Wormstead and D. F. Pippinger, elected members.

The following proceedings were had: The minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts, for failing to make reports: Posts 20, Louisiana; 60, Dawn; 106, Malta Bend; 166, La Grange; 237, Warsaw, 290, Pacific; 402, Cape Girardeau.



On motion the Council recommended to the Encampment that \$100 be appropriated or so much thereof as may be necessary for the traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

St. Louis, Mo., May 8th, 1908.

Thomas D. Kimball, Department Commander:

We the undersigned Committee of the Council of Administration, appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, have performed their duty for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1908, and report as follows:

Cash balance, December 31st, 1907.....	\$253.94
Cash balance, April 30th, 1908.....	212.99

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of keeping accounts.

FRANCIS P. BECKER,  
LOUIS KOOP,

Committee.

On motion Department Patriotic Instructor, W. C. Calland, was allowed compensation for printing circular letter to the posts and postage thereon, to an amount not exceeding \$8.00.

There being no further business, on motion, the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General and Recorder.

On motion the report with its recommendations was adopted.

A telegram from Past Department Commander F. M. Sterrett to Commander-in-Chief Burton was read to the Encampment, in which he sent his greetings to the comrades, and said he had met with the passenger associations of the railroads at Chicago, and expected some concessions.

Comrade S. D. Webster, Post 131, offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

"Resolved, that the basis of representation in the Department Encampment shall be one representative and one alternate for every twenty-five members in good standing, with one additional representative and alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number."

The motion was opposed by Comrades S. M. Sparklin, Post 131; A. Dreifus, Post 1, and Francis P. Becker, Post, 13, on the ground that the increase of representation would be burdensome to the large Posts which paid the railroad fares of their delegations. On being put to vote the resolution was adopted.

The tellers announced the result of the ballot for members of the Council of Administration, as follows: :

J. W. Lucas received 132 votes; James A. Hays, 118 votes; Francis P. Becker, 112 votes; Louis Koop, 110 votes; H. F. Glahn and Martin Crill, 84 votes each.

The four comrades first named were declared elected and a second ballot was ordered for the fifth member, which resulted in 33 votes for Martin Crill and 22 votes for H. F. Glahn; and Comrade Crill was declared elected.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-Second National Encampment, and the following named Comrades were declared elected, having received the number of votes set opposite their separate names:

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

H. H. Spence, Chillicothe.....	183
S. D. Webster, St. Louis.....	165
A. H. Burkholder, Trenton.....	158
Noble H. Rogers, Sedalia.....	144
J. A. Demuth, St. Joseph.....	143
John W. Shroyer, Bethany.....	140
E. T. Maher, Brookfield.....	138
H. S. Beary, Cameron.....	131
W. F. Silverwood, St. Louis.....	116
Daniel V. Kern, Kansas City.....	114
D. W. Pollock, St. Louis.....	108
Ewing Roberts, Boonville.....	107
D. F. Pippinger, Clarence.....	106
W. B. Mullins, Miami.....	103
C. W. Rubey, Lebanon.....	100

#### ALTERNATES.

L. D. Middleton, Joplin.....	99
S. C. Fancher, Kansas City.....	97
Nich. Mathias, Moberly.....	98
D. H. Hudson, Novelty.....	94
S. C. Heckathorn, Carthage.....	89
Philip Riechers, St. Louis.....	86
Cornelius Yost, Coffeyburg.....	85
H. J. Dutton, Springfield.....	84
S. A. Hartley, Dunlap.....	78
Eli D. Hopkins, Farmington.....	72
Geo. W. Mason, Lemonville.....	71
A. J. Bennett, Unionville.....	64
John Stupp, St. Louis.....	63
Wm. Conroy, St. Louis.....	61
W. P. Leedom, Lancaster.....	59
R. B. Dodge, Webb City.....	58

On motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, the thanks of the Encampment were tendered to the Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard and Sentinels for their faithful service during the Encampment. •

The Assistant Adjutant General read a letter from Past Department Chaplain Thomas H. Hagerty, expressing his disappointment at not being able to attend the Encampment, although with them in spirit, and exhorting the comrades to stand by the Old Flag and the interests of all old and helpless comrades.

Department Commander Kimball, before turning over the gavel, addressed the comrades as follows:

Comrades: Our work is now completed and your Commander congratulates you upon the uniform courtesy you have shown each other and your presiding officer and for the orderly procedure that has, to an unusual degree, marked your deliberations.

By close attention to the business in hand and strict observance of parliamentary usage, you have saved time and so expedited your work that we shall reach an early adjournment.

The Commander is personally grateful to you because, while it would have been an honor in any event to preside over the 27th Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, your conduct and your courtesy have made the duty a pleasure for which he tenders you his sincere thanks.

The installation of the Department officers for the ensuing year is now in order.

The officers-elect were then installed by Past Department Commander Jere T. Dew. The Department Commander announced the appointment of Thomas B. Rodgers, Post 1, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was duly installed.

Department Commander Martin then thanked the installing officers and addressed the Encampment as follows:

Comrades: In assuming command of this Department, I do so with a full appreciation of the honor you have so generously conferred upon me, and also appreciate the duties and responsibilities of the position. What ability I may possess will this year be given to maintain, and, if possible, increase the membership of this Department. I ask the hearty co-operation of members of the Grand Army in this State. When you go to your homes look up some comrade who has dropped from the rolls, and by some means induce him to resume his connection with the Grand Army. There are hundreds of such to work on in our Department. Every old soldier should be in the ranks of the Grand Army and the old soldiers ought to stand together now, shoulder to shoulder, as they did in the days of '61-'65. Comrades, words fail me at this time to express to you how grateful I am for the great honor you have conferred upon me by unanimously electing me Commander of this Department, and I thank you again and again, and if in some degree I shall measure up to the distinguished comrades who have preceded me, I shall be satisfied and something will have been accomplished for the Grand Army.

Past Department Commander Henry led in singing "God Be With You 'till We Meet Again," all the comrades joining.

Department Chaplain Flower pronounced the benediction, after which the Encampment was declared adjourned sine die.

A true record of the proceedings:

*Thos. B. Rodgers*  
*Asst. Adj. Gen.*

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

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The Comrades and patriotic people of the City of Trenton must feel gratified at the success of their efforts to welcome and entertain their honored guests on the occasion of the meeting of the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment and the other patriotic organizations. Patriotism was in the air, and all visitors were made to feel that they were among friends who appreciated their patriotic services.

The faithful and untiring work of the committees having charge of the arrangements was made manifest in every way. The public buildings and business houses were handsomely and elaborately decorated with the National colors and patriotic emblems and the private residences and homes to the outermost borders of the city displayed the "Stars and Stripes."

Three beautiful arches spanned the principal streets, illuminated at night with colored electric lights. One, bearing the word "WELCOME," opposite the railroad station; another, a forty-foot arch across the junction of Elm and Water streets, dedicated to the G. A. R., W. R. C., S. of V., and Ladies of the G. A. R., and bearing the insignias in colors; the third, opposite the postoffice, dedicated to the heroes of the great war, bearing the names of Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Thomas, McClellan, Rosecrans, Logan, Garfield, Blair, Lyon, and many others.

Upon the adjournment of the afternoon session of the Encampment on Wednesday at 4 o'clock a parade of the Comrades was formed in front of the Opera House, under the direction of Comrade C. K. Reifsnider, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff. The Trenton K. of P. Band headed the column, and was followed by about 500 school children, with their teachers, each carrying a flag, in charge of Prof. C. A. Greene, Superintendent of Schools. Commander-in-Chief Burton and Department Commander Kimball occupied a carriage and were followed by the Comrades of the various Posts. The famous Markee Band, consisting of Comrade Markee and eight of his eleven sons, headed the Comrades of Tindall Post of Chillicothe, Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, of Trenton, with full ranks, and the local Camp of the Sons of Veterans, brought up the rear. More than one thousand were in line.

It had been arranged for the flag presentation to the High School to take place outdoors on the Court House Square, but a

storm which broke just as the parade closed, prevented, and as many as could get in, repaired to the Circuit Court room in the Court House.

The arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Rachel A. Hall, who presided and took charge of the program, where the exercises took place. The presentation was made by Mrs. Gillson, Department Patriotic Instructor, in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, in an eloquent address, and was accepted on the part of the High School by Price Combs, one of the pupils, with most appropriate and patriotic remarks. "The Star Spangled Banner" was then sung by the High School chorus. Willa Spler gave a reading and Martin Stout and Miss Kenna Van Aiken read the essays which had won for them the two gold medals given to scholars of the eighth grade for the best essays on patriotism. Department Commander Kimball read the beautiful tribute to the flag, "Hats Off! the Flag Goes By." Short addresses were made by the Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders Williams and Henry, and by Superintendent C. A. Greene. Comrade S. D. Webster of Ransom Post amused the children by sounding the various army bugle calls, which were explained to them by Commander-in-Chief Burton.

On Wednesday evening the Opera House was filled to its utmost capacity by the Comrades and citizens to attend the camp-fire, which was presided over by Past Department Commander George Hall. The Markee family band rendered several musical numbers preceding the regular order of events.

Commander-in-Chief Burton was the principal speaker of the evening. His address abounded in humor and thoughts looking to the promotion of good citizenship. Comradeship was his theme, and he explained the essential features of the Grand Army of the Republic as different from those of other organizations, it having the memories of sharing in a common cause and sacrifice on which to base its brotherhood. Being of limited membership and limited life, it strengthens the ties of comradeship.

The Trenton High School chorus sang several appreciated songs, and young Ralph Markee gave an interesting recitation. Rev. W. J. Patton, the National Chaplain of the Sons of Veterans, and President of the Memorial University at Mason, Iowa, spoke briefly and entertainingly of the aims and purposes of that order. Mrs. Katherine Fairback, National Chaplain of the Ladies of the G. A. R., recited in a very effective manner "The Drummer Boy of Chickamauga." Mrs. Julia E. Dockery of Kirksville, Past Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, made an extemporaneous but charming talk. The bugle then sounded taps and the audience was dismissed, well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

## GENERAL ORDERS, 1906-1907.

General Orders No. 1. St. Louis, Mo., May 25th, 1907.

I. The Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Moberly on the 22d and 23d inst., elected me Commander, and having accepted the office and been duly installed, I hereby take command, bespeaking the earnest and loyal co-operation of every Comrade in active efforts for the welfare of our beloved Order.

II. The following Staff Officers have been appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Comrade Thomas B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade J. B. Cashion, Post 373, Perryville, Inspector.

Comrade W. W. Chapel, Post 172, Appleton City, Judge Advocate.

Comrade John W. Toppass, Post 29, Chillicothe, Chief Muster-ing Officer.

Comrade W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.

Comrade Calvin K. Reifsnider, Post 131, St. Louis, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

III. All official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, S. W. Corner Broadway and Walnut Street, St. Louis, Mo.

IV. The personal address of the Department Commander is Room 305, Commonwealth Trust Building, No. 421 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo., where, during usual business hours, he will be pleased to meet Comrades who are residents or visitors in the city.

T. D. KIMBALL,  
Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2. St. Louis, Mo., June 1st, 1907.

I. The following named Comrades were elected by the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment to the offices named, for the ensuing year, and were publicly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur:

Department Commander—T. D. Kimball, Post 131, St. Louis.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—John G. Grems, Post 21, Maryville.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—Alex. McCandless, Post 5, Moberly.

Medical Director—Dr. Hugo Rothstein, Post 1, St. Louis.

Chaplain—Rev. C. H. Chapman, Post 4, Kansas City.

Council of Administration—Louis Koop, Post 1, St. Louis; Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City; D. F. Pippingier, Post 36, Clarence; J. A. Blackwell, Post 82, Wellsville.

II. The following named Comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-first National Encampment:

**Representatives.**

Jas. B. Dobyne (at large) St. Louis.  
 H. C. Carter, St. Joseph.  
 A. H. Austin, Moberly.  
 W. W. Baldwin, Kidder.  
 Elmer M. Graham, Eldon.  
 A. J. Bennett, Unionville.  
 Edward Borck, St. Louis.  
 Wm. Lowe, Warrensburg.  
 J. B. Johnston, Springfield.  
 James A. Hays, Kansas City.  
 A. J. Lanning, Brookfield.  
 James Crosson, Kansas City.  
 Nathaniel Sisson, Maryville.  
 Chas. E. Koken, St. Louis.  
 Jackson Walker, Bethany.

**Alternates.**

R. M. Griggs, Novelty.  
 Louis Koop, St. Louis.  
 W. B. Mullins, Miami.  
 A. V. Parmenter, Springfield.  
 Archibald Carr, St. Louis.  
 W. J. Colbow, Windsor.  
 O. H. Guffin, Kansas City.  
 W. W. Chapel, Appleton City.  
 Miles Thompson, Clarence.  
 Wm. Maynard, Moberly.  
 Giles F. Hand, Stanberry.  
 W. J. Saltmarsh, La Plata.  
 J. B. Cashion, Perryville.  
 G. W. Edwards, St. Louis.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Color-Bearer and Aide-de-Camp—Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly.

Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp—John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis.

IV. The Commander of each Post is requested to recommend an active and worthy Comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

V. The following Posts were suspended by Department Commander Williams at Moberly, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 108, Versailles; 162, Elmo; 207, Hannibal; 209, Linv Creek; 337, Jasper; 417, Smithton; 423, Florence; 479, Montreal; 526, Darlington; 537, Ridge Prairie; 563, Blue Springs; 569, Stockton.

Suspended Posts may be reinstated on payment of one year's per capita tax. It is hoped they will take advantage of this liberal provision.

VI. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the six months ending June 30th, 1907, are herewith enclosed, with addressed envelope. The reports should be made out with care, reference being had to the retained copy of the preceding report, and after being approved by the Post Commander, should be sent with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member in good standing, to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in June. They should not be held back until the end of the month. All members are in good standing who have not been suspended. The name, with rank, company and regiment of each Comrade gained or lost during the term, should be entered on the Adjutant's report, under the proper headings. A full descriptive list should be given for each Comrade mustered or joined by transfer.

Post Commanders are again reminded that it is obligatory to drop all suspended Comrades who are one year or more in arrears, after due notice as required by the Rules and Regulations.

VII. A blank for report of the Post Chaplain, as to the observance of Memorial Day, is herewith enclosed, which should be carefully filled out and sent to Rev. C. H. Chapman, Department Chap-

lain, No. 514 Oak Street, Kansas City, Mo., in the addressed envelope herewith enclosed. Post Commanders should see that this report is promptly mailed after Memorial Day.

VIII. The Commander requests each Post to give on a separate sheet, to be forwarded to Department Headquarters with the Semi-Annual Report, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the following items, to-wit:

First. The full name, place and exact date of birth, and a record of service, of the oldest comrade now in good standing in the Post; also the same items in regard to the youngest member now in good standing.

Second. The full name, place and exact date of birth, and record of service, of the comrade now in good standing, showing by the record the longest continuous service, giving dates of first enlistment and final discharge.

IX. J. N. Hilton Post, No. 254, Forsyth, Mo., heretofore suspended having been reorganized and reinstated, has requested that the location of the Post be changed to Taneyville, Mo., and the same has been approved by the Department Commander.

X. Comrades are requested to inform these Headquarters of the dates for holding Reunions, so that the same may be published for information of Comrades in future orders.

XI. Trenton, Grundy County, Mo., was selected by the Department Encampment as the place of meeting for the Encampment next year.

XII. The following Comrades are hereby reappointed as committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home: Louis Benecke, Post 268; J. P. Tracey, Post 69; Arthur Dreifus, Post 1.

XIII. The Forty-first National Encampment will be held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., during the week beginning September 9th, and Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be established at the United States Hotel, which has been selected also for National Headquarters.

Further and more definite information with regard to rates and routes will be given in later General Orders.

XIV. The recent Encampment of this Department unanimously endorsed Past Department Commander Charles G. Burton for the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and instructed its representatives to present his name to the National Encampment at Saratoga Springs. This fact should appeal strongly to the local pride of every Comrade in the Department, so that he will make a special effort to attend this year. The candidacy of our worthy and deserving Comrade will be greatly helped by a large delegation from our Department.

XV. On the 14th of June will occur the one hundred and thirtieth anniversary of the adoption by the Congress of the "Stars and Stripes." The loyalty of a people is best judged from the enthusiasm shown for its flag, and the increased observance of "flag day" in recent years is a sure evidence of National unity—of a people one in thought and one in aim. Your Commander urges a general observance of the day throughout the Department. In no way can you so easily and effectively emphasize the principles which you defended, and teach the lesson of patriotism.

Fling "Old Glory" to the breeze from your homes, your factories and your shops, from your churches, school houses and pub-



lic buildings, and let it tell, with its resplendant beauty, the story of your loyalty in the past and your abiding faith and confidence in the future of our reunited country.

By the command of T. D. KIMBALL, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., July 27, 1907.

I. As heretofore announced, the Forty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Saratoga Springs, New York, in the week beginning September 9th. The parade will take place on Wednesday, the 11th. On Thursday and Friday, September 12th and 13th, the sessions of the Encampment will be held.

II. The headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be located at the United States Hotel, Cottage Suites Nos. 41 and 42, first floor up. The headquarters will be opened on Monday, September 9th. Department and Staff Officers, Representatives and Alternates will report there immediately upon their arrival. All Missouri Comrades are cordially invited to call and register their names at these headquarters and receive Missouri badges.

III. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, on Tuesday evening, September 10th, at 7:30 o'clock, for the transaction of business. Badges for members of the Encampment will be distributed at this meeting.

IV. Arrangements for the parade will be made and announced by Special Orders, at Saratoga. The line of march will not exceed one and one-half miles, and will be on wide and well shaded streets. The march will be an easy one. The Department Commander desires to have in line every Missouri Comrade who is present and able to march. Comrade C. K. Reifsnider, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, will have charge of formation of the parade, and all Post and Battalion Commanders will report to him at Department Headquarters, on Tuesday, September 10th.

V. Circular Letter No. 2, National Headquarters, is enclosed herewith. It relates almost entirely to railroad rates as made by the various Passenger Associations, and much of it is technical and does not apply to our Department. Our Department Circular Letter, No. 1, herewith enclosed, contains the rates so far as they apply to this Department.

VI. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment will notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than August 20th, whether or not they will be able to attend, so that alternates may be notified. Should anything occur later to prevent their attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be notified by mail or telegraph.

VII. The Commander directs attention to the common use of official titles that are not authorized and are in violation of the spirit of our Order, which recognizes no rank of former service.

The titles established by the Rules and Regulations are as follows: "Comrade" is applicable in all cases; "Shipmate" may be used when deemed appropriate in Posts composed of members who served in the naval or marine service. Members holding office shall be addressed by the title of the office they hold, and usage permits the title with the prefix "Past" in addressing former officeholders. These are the only titles to be used in addressing mem-

bers of the Grand Army of the Republic as such, in fraternal greeting as well as in official intercourse.

Customs that are contrary to both the letter and spirit of our Association, though in general use are best honored in the breach, and the Commander would be glad to see the reform begin in the Department of Missouri.

VIII. The reports of Posts for the first half of the current year, thus far received, are gratifying as regards membership, notwithstanding expected decrease by reason of death and the infirmities of age which lessen attendance at meetings, and in the end reduce membership. A comparison, however, of recent reports with those of a few years ago, shows plainly that there is urgent need for strong and united effort to maintain that vigor in our Department which is necessary to an existence worthy of the name.

Comrades, those of us who are still blessed with health and strength, have a duty we ought not to neglect. The camp-fires along our depleted lines must be rekindled. Interest in what our beloved Order stands for needs to be revived, and we must awaken something of that enthusiasm which nerved us for the duties and hardships of long ago.

What a fellowship is ours and how it should be cherished! What fond memories cling to us as a benediction in these later days of peace!

The Grand Army of the Republic is the organized form of a brotherhood born in the time of a common peril and sacrifice, when with hearts filled with patriotic ardor, we followed where stern duty led and accepted whatever fate befell. We, the living, are but the remnant of a mighty host, but on us, the survivors, has fallen the mantle of those who gave their all, even life, for the same cause; also upon us has fallen the mantle of the thousands who, since that great conflict, have been laid to rest in honored graves. In the specified objects of our organization our duty is stated thus: "——— and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead."

We have a duty to maintain this glorious order, the like of which the world has never seen, till taps are sounded over the lowly mound that covers the last Union veteran of the civil war. It is our duty to sustain this organization for the aid and comfort of the many living who have little else, and for the honor of our fallen brothers who stood shoulder to shoulder with us in life, and whom we should, until our latest breath, teach the later generation to likewise honor. It is our duty to uphold and strengthen this Association, that it may continue to teach patriotism and loyalty and the cost of a reunited Nation and an unsullied flag, in grateful recognition of its generous provision for us in our declining years.

Therefore, look closely after the membership of the Posts. Follow after and bring back the dropped members and all desirable eligibles, who from any cause are outside the lines. Frown upon and suppress whatever tends to produce ill-will or dissension among Comrades. Be charitable at all times and in all things as to the opinions of other Comrades, in or out of the Post room. If the Post becomes too weak to continue as a separate organization, rather than dissolve and lose your membership, take transfers and join nearby Posts, even though you cannot attend meetings. The Commander especially commends weak Posts to consider the formation of "Outposts," as provided in Chapter II, Article II, Section

11, of the Rules and Regulations, and he also commends this section to stronger Posts, in the neighborhood of weaker ones with small and widely scattered membership, with the recommendation that they encourage the formation of "Outposts" by reducing the dues of such members as low as practicable. Members of "Outposts" can meet at the homes of the Comrades and thus enable each in turn to attend, no matter how infirm.

The Commander urges, in all earnestness, that membership should not be allowed to lapse, and the above suggestions are to that end.

What member of the Grand Army of the Republic is not proud of the button and the badge he wears? Thousands of ineligible would pay liberally if money could buy the privilege. Can it be that any who won the right on fields of honor prize it less? The right to wear these trophies of honor is forbidden to all except those in good standing in the Grand Army of the Republic (see Rules and Regulations, Chapter V, Article IX, Section 5). Comrades, stay with us and wear the tokens of your loyalty and fidelity to the end.

IX. The dates of the following Soldiers' Reunions are published for information:

Twentieth Annual Reunion, Pomme de Terre, District Association, Veterans 1861-1865, at Camp Lyon, Humansville, Mo., August 20th to 24th.

Annual Encampment, Ozark Battalion, at Rolla, Mo., August 28th to 31st.

Interstate Soldiers' Reunion, at Elk Springs Park, Nevada, Mo., August 12th to 16th.

Twentieth Annual Reunion, at Camp Lyon, Southwest City, Mo., August 20th to 23d.

Annual Reunion, Buffalo, Mo., August 15th to 17th.

X. The following Posts heretofore suspended have been reorganized and reinstated:

James Ward Post, No. 337, Jasper, Jasper County.

Smithton Post, No. 417, Smithton, Pettis County.

T. R. Lane Post, No. 479, Montreal, Camden County.

XI. The Journal of the Twenty-sixth Annual Department Encampment and Department Roster for 1907, are enclosed herewith.

A limited supply of the Journal of the Fortieth National Encampment has been received and will be sent to Posts and Comrades on receipt of 15 cents for postage.

By command of T. D. KIMBALL, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4. St. Louis, Mo., August 26th, 1907.

I. It was hoped, as announced in our Circular Letter No. 1, that the Western Passenger Association and the Southwestern Excursion Bureau would make a rate of one fare for the round trip to Saratoga from points west of the Mississippi river. This they have not done, but have made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip from points in Association territory, on basis of fares tendered therefrom by Central Passenger Association lines. This is substantially a rate of 2 cents per mile each way in the territory of these two Associations. The late date at which the rate was made, and the confusion resulting therefrom, makes it more necessary than usual for those Comrades wishing to make

the trip to see their local railroad agents and obtain information as to rates, routes and stop-over privileges, scanty though the latter may be.

As samples the following through rates for the round trip made from the points named, are published for information:

St. Louis, \$23.20; Kansas City, St. Joseph and Maryville, \$33.10; Hannibal and Quincy, \$23.65; Moberly, Macon and Kirksville, \$28.65; Chillicothe, \$31.00; Nevada, 34.30; Carthage and Joplin, \$35.50; Springfield, \$32.75; Lebanon, \$30.45; Sedalia, \$30.65; Boonville, \$29.95; Jefferson City, \$28.15.

II. The Department Commander and Staff will leave St. Louis on Saturday, September 7th, at one o'clock p. m., via the Big Four route, having engaged a private sleeping car attached to the Knickerbocker Special, which will go through direct, arriving at Saratoga Springs on Sunday evening.

The Department Commander cordially invites officers of his staff, representatives and Past Department Commanders to accompany him on this car. The price of double berth, accommodating two persons, will be \$5.50. Applications for reservations should be made to the Assistant Adjutant General, without delay.

Tickets for this train should read from St. Louis via C., C., C. & St. L. to Cleveland, Lake Shore & M. S. to Buffalo, N. Y. Central to Albany, and Delaware & Hudson to Saratoga Springs.

III. Official Directory No. 1, and list of Hotels, Boarding Houses and Lodgings, issued by the Committee of Arrangements at Saratoga Springs, are enclosed herewith.

IV. The following named Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, on recommendation of the Post Commanders:

John Dinsbeer, Post 1, St. Louis.  
 Henry Frein, Post 2, St. Louis.  
 James Crosson, Post 4, Kansas City.  
 Herman Angermueller, Post 13, St. Louis.  
 John M. Evans, Post 21, Maryville.  
 W. L. Griffin, Post 34, Lamar.  
 Wm. Brown, Post 42, Macon.  
 J. V. Martin, Post 57, Brookfield.  
 R. V. Young, Post 72, Trenton.  
 W. W. Anderson, Post 81, Lathrop.  
 Loyd Nutter, Post 82, Wellsville.  
 Edward Borck, Post 107, St. Louis. •  
 Henry Borngesser, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 Frank C. Clayton, Post 185, New London.  
 James H. Reading, Post 238, Lowry City.  
 E. G. Grossman, Post 282, Carrollton.  
 B. J. Edemann, Post 506, Indian Grove.  
 Jos. S. Wilson, Post 516, Carterville.  
 Charles Nagel, Post 554, St. Charles.

V. The responses to the queries contained in paragraph VII, General Orders No. 2, current series, have been general and gratifying, as they give evidence of a friendly rivalry among the Posts as regards the longevity and length of service of Comrades. The oldest member now in good standing, so far reported, was born early in the year 1817, and the youngest so far reported, was born in

1850. It follows that Comrades born between those dates cannot compete for the record of either "oldest" or youngest."

As to length of service, it should be understood that the record desired is of continuous service, including both regular and volunteer. The longest continuous service so far reported, shows a record of 44 years, 8 months and 14 days. Posts that have not yet reported are requested to do so.

VI. General Orders, No. 10, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of T. D. KIMBALL, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.

St. Louis, Mo., October 30, 1907.

I. The Forty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at Saratoga Springs, New York, during the week beginning the 9th of September last.

It was a notable event, and especially so from the view point of the Department of Missouri. For the first time, in many years at least, all the Missouri Representatives were present for duty, and the delegation included also three Department officers, one Past Commander-in-Chief and eight Past Department Commanders—a total voting strength of twenty-eight. We were there for a definite purpose, and there was no breath of dissension to mar the unity of our efforts or to weaken the force of our honorable endeavors to secure the election of our Comrade Burton as Commander-in-Chief.

The campaign, from the beginning to the victorious ending, was clean, open and manly, and without a word of disparagement of other aspirants. The long and conspicuous service of our candidate, in behalf of reasonable and just pensions for the Union veterans of the civil war, was so well known that his name met with friendly welcome and endorsement. The Commander takes this occasion to thank the delegation for their energetic and intelligent efforts to carry out in letter and spirit the instructions of the Department Encampment in reference to its candidate for Commander-in-Chief.

II. Saratoga Springs was found to be a village of much natural beauty, and its smooth, clean streets, well shaded by elms of magnificent height, with arching boughs, gave a vista of stately grandeur rarely seen. The decorations were superb, our welcome most cordial, and there were no complaints of overcharge or extortion. In all respects the place was admirably adapted for our Encampment, the attractions offered by way of natural scenery and points of historical interest, nearby and within a day's ride, were fully equal to the promises of the literature prepared for our information.

III. The attendance was large and the mellow autumn weather was ideal, except for the half day set apart for the parade, when a drenching rain fell, as if to test to the limit, the mettle of the surviving veterans. This was as disappointing to the spectators as it was discomforting to the Comrades, who, without flinching, braved the storm.

There was no lack of appreciation of our hardihood, for the multitude that lined the sidewalks and crowded the windows and porches in the residence section, as well as the business part of that broad beautiful street, applauded to the echo as the column passed with martial stride, unmindful of the pitiless rains. So far

as known there were no more casualties resulting from the exposure than are usual in fair weather, and there were none reported in our Department, though our Comrades were unprotected by umbrellas, save one, who by reason of his four score and seven years, was, by special dispensation of his Post Commander, allowed that shelter.

IV. Special mention of the untiring and sufficient work, looking to the pleasure and comfort of the veterans during the Encampment, is due our Past Department Commander, Sterrett, member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, who was also, by appointment of the Citizens' Committee of Saratoga Springs, Executive Director, and had full charge and oversight of all arrangements.

The results of his labor, before and after our arrival, were everywhere apparent. The beautiful decorations within and without the Headquarters of the Missouri Department, which called forth much favorable comment, and which were without cost to the general fund, due to his thoughtful consideration. The Commander avails himself of this opportunity to make grateful acknowledgment of this courtesy, and many others rendered by the Executive Director, not only to Department officers but to the Missouri Comrades generally, whenever occasion offered. The Commander feels especially grateful and expresses his sincere thanks for the willing and loyal service rendered whenever possible by the members of his Staff who accompanied him on the special car and were with him at Department Headquarters during the Encampment.

V. The replies, so far received at Department Headquarters, to the queries made in Paragraph VIII, General Orders No. 2, current series, indicate as follows:

(1) The oldest Comrade now in good standing, in the Department of Missouri, was born on January 24th, 1817.

(2) The youngest Comrade now in good standing was born December 21st, 1850.

(3) The Comrade now in good standing, showing the longest continuous active service, either regular or volunteer, has a record of forty-four years nine months and fourteen days.

Any Comrade in this Department, whose record surpasses either of the above named, is requested to report the same to the Assistant Adjutant General, giving dates and details of enlistment, service and discharge.

VI. Comrade F. M. Sterrett was elected by the National Encampment, on recommendation of the delegation of our Department, as a member of the National Council of Administration, and has been appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as a member of the Executive Committee thereof.

The city of Toledo, Ohio, was selected by the National Encampment as the place for its meeting next year.

VII. Aides-de-Camp, whose appointments were announced in General Orders No. 4, are requested to notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance of the appointment, when commissions will be forwarded. They should procure the badge of their rank from the Assistant Adjutant General. The price of the badge complete is \$1.10. Where the rank strap and ribbon only are required the price is fifty cents.

VIII. The Legislature of New Jersey has made an appropria-

tion to defray the expense of a medal, authorized by a resolution approved March 28th, 1904, to be presented to the surviving officers and men who served in New Jersey organizations during the War of the Rebellion, except those who have or are entitled to receive the "First Defender's Medal" by virtue of service under the President's call of April 15th, 1861.

The Adjutant General of New Jersey, address, Trenton, N. J., requests that all former officers or enlisted men entitled to this medal, apply to him at once for the necessary blank on which to make formal application for the medal.

Post Commanders, on receipt of these General Orders, will at once communicate this request of the Adjutant General of New Jersey to the members of their respective Posts.

IX. Comrades, thrice in the last twenty years the Department of Missouri has received the highest honors of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is trite but true that great honors go hand in hand with great responsibilities, and while the Department of this imperial State has won for itself deservedly, we believe, a high place in our peerless organization, it devolves upon us to live up to the reputation it has achieved. With the Commander-in-Chief within our own borders, who will always be found willing and anxious to help, and whose presence we know to be an inspiration, and with Department officers whose sole ambition is to serve you as best they may and "lend a hand," our duty is apparent. Let us show by the reports to the next National Encampment that we are worthy of our honors, and that as the youth and young manhood of our State forty years ago were fearless and aggressive for the Union, so today the surviving veterans are alive and actively and earnestly loyal to the Grand Army of the Republic; that our campfires are ablaze, and that we bear testimony to our faith by our works in reinstating dropped and suspended members; in bringing back, if still worthy, all who from any cause have strayed, and in gathering into the fold all entitled and fit to wear the insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades, the next two months are most favorable for the work, and your Commander appeals to you in all earnestness, each and all, to engage at once and continuously until the close of the year in recruiting service for your respective Posts.

Do it, and interest will take the place of indifference; activity will displace lassitude; the Posts will have a new growth, and you will give a new lease of life to our noble Order in this Department, where it has been for years, and will be for many years to come, a refuge and a benediction to many whose ties of friendship, one by one, are broken and whose pleasures lessen with advancing years.

By command of T. D. KIMBALL, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6 St. Louis, Mo., November 25th, 1907.

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected the dates of Wednesday and Thursday, May 13th and 14th, for the meeting of the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment next year, at Trenton, Mo.

The Commander recently visited Trenton, accompanied by the Assistant Adjutant General, and he is glad to report that his im-

pressions as to the ability of that thriving city to properly and comfortably care for us on that occasion are entirely favorable. The hotel accommodations have been greatly improved in recent years, the Opera House is large and commodious, and well lighted by day as well as by night. Other halls suitable for auxiliary and other societies are numerous, convenient and attractive, and we shall find the entire community patriotic and hospitable. There will be no lack of accommodations in private residences for all who desire. The Comrades of Post No. 72 are zealously in earnest in preparing for the Encampment, and their efforts are heartily supplemented by the other citizens who are determined to neglect nothing in reason that will add to the success of the Encampment.

II. The annual election of Post officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. Representatives and Alternates will also be elected at the same meeting, based on the number of Comrades in good standing as shown by the Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1907. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional Representative and Alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one Representative and one Alternate. Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders being ex-officio members of the Encampment, should not be elected as Representatives or Alternates.

Blanks in duplicate for report of Representatives and Alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed. A blank for report of Post officers is also enclosed and should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the officers are installed. Post Commanders will appoint a Patriotic Instructor, who will be installed with the other officers.

III. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1908, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The Senior Past Post Commander present will act as installing officer, unless some other Comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander, upon request of the Post Commander. The installing officer will see that the Post has forwarded its semi-annual reports and per capita tax before proceeding with the installation. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond. A blank bond is enclosed herewith.

The meeting for installation is one of more than usual importance, and should be made as interesting as possible. It is therefore recommended that where practicable the installation be made public, with such additional exercises as may be thought best, and that the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans be invited to attend. The general public, and especially soldiers who are not members, and their families, should also be invited. At said meeting the Post will open and close informally.

IV. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the six months ending December 31st, 1907, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be made out with care, reference being had to the retained copy of the preceding report, and after being approved by the Post Commander should be sent with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents for each member in good standing, to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until



the end of the month. All members are in good standing who have not been suspended. The name, with company and regiment of each Comrade gained or lost during the term, should be entered on the Adjutant's report under the proper heading. A full descriptive list should be given for each Comrade mustered or joined by transfer. The National Countersign for 1908 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

A blank for report of the Patriotic Instructor is also enclosed, which should be sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor, W. C. Calland, Springfield, Mo. Addressed envelope for this purpose is enclosed.

V. Inasmuch as the lists of deceased Comrades heretofore reported have been imperfect, and the Adjutants' reports contain the list of same, the separate blank for such list has been discontinued, and Adjutants are requested to be particular to state the rank, company and regiment of each deceased Comrade.

VI. The few Posts which have not reported for the term ending June 30th, 1907, should make report for both terms, using one blank.

VII. The Department Commander earnestly urges upon Post officers and Comrades the importance of making special efforts for recruiting and for reinstatement of dropped and suspended members from now on to the end of the year. He especially advises that as few suspensions be made as possible. Reinstatement should be made on easy terms. The December reports should show a decided increase in membership from this source. Our losses from death are increasing and the gaps thus made should be filled.

VIII. By a change in the Rules and Regulations made by the National Encampment this year, three members will constitute a quorum in all Posts with less than 25 members.

IX. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, are enclosed herewith.

By command of T. D. KIMBALL, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7.

St. Louis, Mo., February 3d, 1908.

I. The semi-annual reports, so far to hand, are gratifying, in that they show the membership in good standing throughout the Department is well maintained. The gains in many Posts have almost kept pace with the total losses from all causes, although the death rate has been heavy. The Commander again urges especial effort to hold the Comrades in membership, and strongly advises, wherever the maintenance of a Post seems to be no longer practicable, that transfers be taken to other nearby Posts, and that the stronger Posts throughout the Department, in rural districts especially, divide their membership into "resident" and "non-resident" classes, with mere nominal dues for the latter class, thereby offering a financial inducement to the Comrades of disbanded Posts, as set forth in Chapter II, Article II, Section 11, Rules and Regulations.

II. The Commander again calls attention to the misuse of titles, quite too common in official intercourse throughout our Order. There are no Grand Army Generals, Colonels nor other military officers. The only titles permissible other than "Comrade" and "Shipmate," are the names of the several offices specified in the Rules and Regulations. The use of other titles, to designate Grand

Army positions, is in plain violation of that fundamental principle of our Order, which ignores rank.

III. The following named Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Geo. M. Maus, Post 6, Jefferson City.  
 Harrison Groves, Post 17, Cameron.  
 Henry H. Spence, Post 29, Chillicothe.  
 H. F. Glahn, Post 36, Clarence.  
 Richard Boyce, Post 145, Eldon.  
 F. W. Steines, Post 152, Melrose.  
 J. H. Zelch, Post 233, Clayton.  
 Frank J. Huck, Post 326, Ste. Genevieve.  
 H. Kolde, Post 496, St. Louis.

The Comrades so appointed will signify their acceptance, and on receipt thereof the Assistant Adjutant General will issue the commissions.

IV. Post Commanders are reminded that the birth day anniversaries of the Nation's two most illustrious men are close at hand. "The fame of noble men," it has been truly said, "is at once the most enduring and most valuable public possession." Fortunate, indeed, is the Nation which in the first century of its history has given to the world two names, which through all coming time will hold unchallenged title to immortality. The world really cherishes only the memory of those who were good as well as great, and this test may be applied without fear to the memory of Washington and Lincoln, for nowhere in recorded history will you find two characters who, in their social and domestic lives, as well as in their public careers, are more worthy of emulation. Their history is a precious heritage, which should be studied anew with each recurring anniversary of their birth, that the people, young and old, may gather fresh inspiration for the duties of good citizenship.

Arrange then for memorial exercises in your Post rooms, your school houses, churches and your public halls. See to it that general interest is awakened throughout your community, and thereby you will cultivate among the people higher ideals and nobler aims, in all that makes for civic rightepusness and the welfare of our free institutions.

V. General Orders No. 3, National Headquarters, are enclosed herewith.

By command of T. D. KIMBALL, Department Commandr:  
 THOS. B. RODGERS,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 8. St. Lous, Mo., April 11th, 1908.

I. The return of springtime and the flowers brings again our

#### MEMORIAL DAY,

which is now near at hand.

This day is the birthright of the Grand Army of the Republic, and around it cluster our tenderest associations and our most sacred duties. The statutes of the State recognize it as a holiday, but it was set apart by our National Encampment, not for recreation and pleasure, but for the sole purpose of doing honor to those who offered their lives that the Nation might live.

II. It is the duty of all Comrades to put the seal of their dis-

approval on forms of celebration wholly out of keeping with the spirit and purpose of the occasion. No unnecessary labor should be performed on this day of hallowed memories. We should strive as best we may, by precept and example, to create and roster in our communities a sentiment favorable to its proper observance, so that when it dawns, all hearts and minds may be attuned to the solemn, yet beautiful, ceremony of laying reverently upon the lowly mounds where rest all that is mortal of our fallen heroes, the tributes of honor and affection.

III. The Commander requests all Posts throughout the Department to make timely preparation for the 30th of May, and also for special services appropriate to the occasion in Churches and Sunday Schools on Memorial Sunday, which the Comrades should attend, and to which the general public should be invited. Secure the aid and co-operation of school officers and teachers, and arrange suitable exercises for the entertainment and instruction of the pupils on Friday or other convenient time before Memorial Day. In the larger cities and towns Post Commanders should detail Comrades to attend to the arrangement of programs for different schools, with the aid and approval of teachers, and especially should Comrades have a part in the exercises, for a few words from a veteran wearing a Grand Army uniform or badge, will make an impression that will long be remembered. There is no opportunity equal to that of the school for sowing on fertile ground the seeds of patriotism and loyalty.

IV. All exercises of a memorial character with which our Order has to do, should be with approval and under the supervision of the local Posts, inviting and accepting the aid of our auxiliaries and other allied and patriotic societies, whose harmonious and helpful assistance is always welcome and always appreciated.

By command of T. D. KIMBALL, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 9.

St. Louis, April 13th, 1908.

I. The Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at the city of Trenton, Mo., in the Opera House, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 13th and 14th, 1908, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at the Peery House on Tuesday, May 12th. The Council of Administration, consisting of all the Department officers, will meet in the parlor of the Peery House at 3 o'clock p. m., same date.

III. The following named Comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: H. C. Carter, Post 7; H. H. Spence, Post 29; Columbus Gass, Post 72; D. W. Pollock, Post 181; Cortland Bennett, Post 96.

The committee will meet in a room in the front part of the Opera House, on Tuesday, May 12th, at 3 o'clock p. m. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival and receive their Encampment badges, which will be delivered to each one in person.

The Register for Visitors will be kept in a room at the same place, in charge of a local committee. All Comrades are requested to register on their arrival.

IV. Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander

will report immediately on their arrival to the Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, Comrade C. K. Reifsnider, at the Peery House.

V. On recommendation of the Commander of Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, of Trenton, the following Comrades are hereby detailed for duty at the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, R. V. Young, Post 72; for Officer of the Guard, Samuel A. Hartley, Post 374. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions, on Tuesday, May 12th, at 7:30 p. m.

The Commander of Post 72 will detail a sufficient number of Comrades for sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty, at the Encampment. The Comrades so detailed will report for duty, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the place of meeting, on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

VI. The hotel accommodations and rates are as follows: Peery House, 80, at \$2.00 per day; Commercial Hotel, 44, at \$1.50 per day; Trenton Hotel, 40, at \$1.50 per day; Wilson House, 20, at \$1.00 per day; all on the American plan. On the European plan, the Elks' Hotel, 75, at 50 cents per day, and Proctor House, 54, at 50 cents per day. Many private homes will entertain at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day. Private rooms, without board, 50 cents to \$1.00 per day.

Comrade R. V. Young is Chairman of the Committee on Accommodations, and should be addressed by those wishing to engage quarters.

VII. An entertainment and camp-fire will be held at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, May 13th. A parade will take place on Wednesday afternoon (unless otherwise ordered), and will be formed by Comrade C. K. Reifsnider, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

VIII. The Western Passenger Association was applied to for a reduced rate for the Encampment, but declined to make a rate less than that now in force, which is two cents per mile each way.

The present two-cent per mile rate throughout the State will make railroad fares but little more than our former rate for Department Encampments, except for long distances.

For example, for different distances the increase will be as follows: 300 miles, \$2.50; 250 miles, \$2.00; 200 miles, \$1.50; 150 miles, \$1.00; 100 miles, 50 cents, and for 50 miles or less there is no increase.

IX. The Commander calls attention of Comrades and Posts to the Lincoln Memorial Tablet, officially adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic, executed in bronze, which is the complete text of the immortal Gettysburg Address. It is needless to characterize the address itself, and of the tablet it is only necessary to say that its workmanship gives it first rank as a work of art. The tablet gives an opportunity to perpetuate in imperishable bronze the name of a Post, a Comrade, or a patriotic citizen, and teach the lesson of loyalty and the true issues settled by our Civil War, long after the Grand Army of the Republic shall have become only a cherished memory.

The Quartermaster General, Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J., will be pleased to answer all inquiries as to details, including dimensions, price, etc., both of the tablet and a beautiful photographic reproduction, which is also available.

X. The Journal of the Forty-first National Encampment will

not be distributed through the various Departments as heretofore. Posts or Comrades desiring a copy should address J. Henry Holcomb, Custodian of Records, Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., and send amount of postage, which is twelve cents.

XI. A brazen impostor, claiming to be Joseph S. Reynolds, who was Captain of Co. F, Major and Lieutenant-Colonel of the 64th Ills. Inf. Vols., was lately in St. Louis. His proper name is Samuel Barrows, who is borne on the rolls of that company as a deserter. Joseph S. Reynolds was a Brevet Brigadier-General, and is a Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, now living at Santa Barbara, California. Barrows says his home is St. Joseph, Mich.

XII. General Orders Nos. 4 and 5, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

XIII. With sincere sorrow the Commander announces the recent death of Comrade John Henry Zelch, Past Commander of Thos. J. Brouster Post, No. 233, of Clayton, Aide-de-Camp on his Staff, and a long time personal friend.

Comrade Zelch was of that type of German-American volunteer to whom this State owed its rescue from the hands of traitors in 1861. He was a citizen of excellent repute in the county where he resided for many years; was repeatedly honored with public offices of great responsibility, he was faithful to every public trust, and his private and domestic life was above reproach; he was loyal to his adopted country, a consistent and zealous Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a pillar of strength in his Post. The Commander extends heartfelt sympathy to his Comrades and to the bereaved family.

By command of T. D. KIMBALL, Department Commander:  
**THOS. B. RODGERS,**  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

Circular Letter No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., July 29th, 1907.

Comrades—"On to Saratoga" should be the watchword throughout our Department until the meeting of the 41st National Encampment. For obvious reasons Missouri will be conspicuous this year. The prospects for the election of our candidate for Commander-in-Chief are brightening daily, and loyalty to Comrade Burton and pride in our State demand that this Department should have a large and enthusiastic representation.

The citizens of Saratoga are showing in many ways a disposition to treat the old soldiers with fairness and consideration. For instance, hotels are not attempting to double their capacity, a common practice; saddle horses and equipments will be furnished for \$3.00 per day, \$2.00 less than the usual price; the Departments will form en masse for the first time, and the line of parade will be the shortest in the history of the Order.

The Executive Committee, and especially its Executive Director, our Past Department Commander Sterrett, deserve great credit for results so far accomplished, notably in providing free quarters for 11,000, particularly mentioned in the circular letter from the Commander-in-Chief herewith.

#### Railroad Rates.

The following are the rates made by the Central and Trunk Line Passenger Associations from St. Louis and Mississippi river

points in Missouri. One first-class limited fare for round trip. Tickets requiring validation by special agent to be sold September 6th, 7th and 8th, return limit leaving Saratoga Springs September 9th to 17th inclusive, except that by deposit of ticket in person by original purchaser with special agent not later than September 17th, and payment of fee of \$1.00 at time of deposit, an extension of return limit may be obtained to leave Saratoga Springs not later than October 6th.

Side-trip fare from Saratoga Springs to New York and return to Saratoga Springs will be \$6.00, or return to Albany or Rotterdam Junction \$5.00. Tickets to be validated by special agent at Saratoga Springs and to be deposited with agent of terminal line at New York immediately upon arrival. Tickets will then be good leaving New York to September 17th inclusive, except that if ticket has been extended by the special agent at Saratoga Springs, passenger may leave New York to October 6th, inclusive.

Similar side-trip arrangement to apply to Boston as to New York. The side-trip fare from Saratoga Springs to Boston and return will be \$6.00, and from Saratoga Springs to Boston and return to Albany or Troy \$5.00.

The fare from St. Louis and Mississippi river points in Missouri will be \$23.20 for the round trip. The Western Passenger Association and Southwestern Excursion Bureau have not yet acted, but it is supposed they will make the same rates from points in Missouri as prevail East of the Mississippi river, that is one fare for the round trip added to the rate East of the river.

When rates for Missouri are definitely ascertained they will be promulgated. Meantime Comrades are referred to their local railroad agents.

Comrades can purchase round trip tickets, so as to return via Washington, Norfolk, Va., and the Jamestown Exposition, at a cost of \$35.20, tickets good for 60 days to return, with liberal stop-overs. Particulars can be had from the railroad agents.

#### **Attractions and Side Trips.**

The trip will be most delightful. The direct routes are over railways that offer everything that the comfort and convenience of the traveler can suggest; through sections of country picturesque in natural beauty, famous for the abundance and variety of their manufacturing industries, and greatly beautified by the highest development of their agricultural resources.

#### **Natural Scenery.**

Saratoga Springs, the "Queen of the Spas," and undoubtedly the most famous summer resort in the United States, needs no praise beyond the statement that five hundred thousand people go there each summer, and few regions in the entire country offer more attractive scenery than its environs.

Nearby is the Hudson river, the fame of whose beauty is world-wide; a little to the north, the Adirondacks, with their placid lakes, tumbling rivers and majestic forests, where wild and ferocious game still tempt the ambitious sportsman, yet offering the tourist at frequent intervals the comforts and even luxuries of modern inns; Lake George, delightful and without a peer among the smaller lakes, with its hundred miles of shore line indented with bays and inlets, and crowned with countless headlands and promon-

ories, only an hour's ride from the Springs; Lake Champlain, a monster mirror at the foot of the Adirondacks on the one side and the Green Mountains on the other, almost a continuation of Lake George; all these attractions are easily accessible and would satisfy the most ardent and exacting admirer of natural scenery.

#### Old Battle Grounds.

The points of historical interest are equally numerous and within easy reach. Some of the most famous battlefields of Colonial days and the American Revolution are near at hand. Crown Point, Saratoga, where Burgoyne surrendered, and Fort Ticonderoga, famous for its surrender to Ethan Allen "In the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress," are familiar names to every reader of American history.

#### Mount McGregor.

And there is Mt. McGregor, towards which the veteran of the Union Army turns with uncovered head as he recalls the pathetic picture of our great Commander-in-Chief who, with prolonged suffering patiently borne, there surrendered to the King of Terrors. A day's ride brings one to Montreal, the commercial metropolis of the Dominion of Canada, on the St. Lawrence river, the Thousand Islands and Lachine Rapids above, and the most unique city of North America, Quebec, a night's ride by boat, below.

These are a few of the many side trips available at moderate expense, and to many will afford the opportunity of a life-time. But above all, Comrades, attend once more the grand reunion of the fast-fading remnant of the "Boys of '61." March again to the triumphal music of the annual jubilee, and enjoy once more the inspiration of the fellowship and enthusiasm that belongs exclusively to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours fraternally,

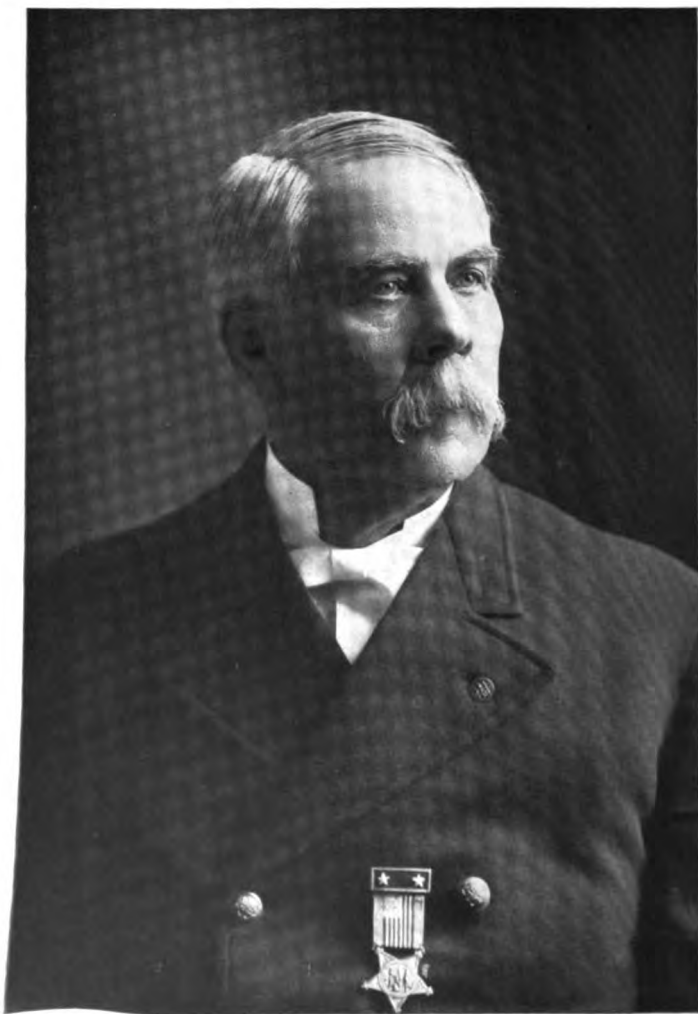
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Department Commander.

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THOS. B. RODGERS,  
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**J. V. MARTIN, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 12TH.

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, met at the Club Theatre in the City of Joplin, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, May 12th, in open session.

Department Commander J. V. Martin took the chair and called the meeting to order. By request, Past Department Commander Henry leading, all joined in singing "America."

Rev. George Williamson, of Joplin, being called upon, invoked the divine blessing. The Commander then introduced Hon. Guy F. Humes, Mayor of the City of Joplin, who addressed the encampment in words of welcome, as follows:

Mr. Commander and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic:

On behalf of the citizens of Joplin I extend you a hearty welcome to our city. There is no organization in all this broad land whom we would rather welcome than the Grand Army of the Republic. Our city is yours—everything we possess is subject to your requisition—the latch strings on ten thousand homes hang on the outside, and we bid you enter and partake of the hospitality of our people.

I would not infringe upon your valuable time by extended remarks. Your noble organization teaches patriotism and loyalty which are the safeguards of our free institutions. Generations yet

unborn will rise up to call you blessed; your heroic deeds will ever remain a sacred memory with the people of our beloved land.

I again bid you welcome and trust your stay in our city will be pleasant; that your camp fire here will brighten your pathway; that you may all answer annual roll call for years to come, and on that final roll call may you meet a universal brotherhood, both the blue and the gray. I thank you.

Past Commander in Chief Chas. G. Burton, by request of the Department Commander, responded to the Mayor's welcome as follows:

Mr. Mayor: On behalf of the Commander and my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you for your royal welcome to your city. I also thank, through you, the good people of Joplin for their generous reception and hospitable entertainment. We are here assembled in annual Encampment for the transaction of business and we are, one and all, having a good time. It has been sixteen years since our last official visit to your city. During those years your city has made a remarkable growth and development, and that growth and development we sincerely hope will continue in all the years that are to come.

The Grand Army of the Republic stands for certain principles of human government, the absolute rights of the individual citizen and the protection of all. Those principles are gradually, yet constantly permeating the world. Sixteen years ago absolute despotism prevailed in Russia, Turkey and Persia. Today, the Douma is in session in the palaces of St. Petersburg; the "sick man" of Turkey is a prisoner at Salonika, and the Shah of Persia has granted to his people a constitutional form of government. Sixteen years ago the yellow symbol of imperialism floated over the Isle of Cuba, but the sons of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the sons of the men who wore the gray, under the Stars and Stripes, and wearing the uniforms of the Union, drove the standard of imperialism from the western continent and the islands of the sea. We congratulate ourselves, we congratulate the world.

Mr. Mayor, we are here for a good time and we are having it. Again I thank you and your people for your and their efforts to make our visit so pleasant and profitable.

J. W. Waite, Esq., President of the Commercial Club, exteaded a welcome on behalf of that body—He said:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the President of the Commercial Club, who extended to you an invitation to hold your meeting at this time and at this place, representing as I do the business interests of this city, we

extend to you a very cordial and a hearty welcome. I wish at this time I could find words that would convey to you the degree in which we would have this welcome extended to you, but as we meet you each day during this meeting, it will in a way convey to you our appreciation of the very great courtesy that you have extended to us at this time, and I want you to know that not only do the business interests of this city extend to you this welcome, but there are fifty thousand people here, the doors of whose homes are open to you, and the gates of the city stand ajar and extend the same welcome to you. I thank you very much.

Comrade Henry Digby, Commander of O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, of Joplin, also welcomed the Encampment on behalf of the comrades—He said:

Comrades of the Department of Missouri:

You have come to hold the Twenty-eighth Department Encampment in Joplin, Missouri's fourth city. We are glad to look into your faces. We know when we do so that we see men who went from nearly every State which furnished Union soldiers and sailors in the Civil War. We know, too, that in the course of human events it is unlikely that we shall ever have this pleasure again. Other cities will claim you until there shall be no more Department meetings. We wish that for the two days of the Encampment, and as much longer as you can remain, you enjoy your visit here to the very utmost. Comrades, in behalf of O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, in behalf of the ten Posts of Jasper county, and, I venture to add, in behalf of the thirty-eight Posts of Southwest Missouri, I bid you a sincere, heartfelt welcome.

Responses were made respectively by Past Department Commander W. F. Henry and Past Department Commander John M. Williams.

The Department Commander then announced that the open meeting was closed, and all who were not members of the Grand Army of the Republic were requested to retire. He then declared the Encampment open in due form.

Rev. E. W. Flower, Department Chaplain, then invoked the divine blessing.

The roll of Officers and Past Department Commanders, as follows, was called by the Assistant Adjutant General, those present being marked by an asterisk (\*):

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

Department Commander,  
\*J. V. MARTIN.

Senior Vice Department Commander,  
\*HUBERT MUNCHRATH.

Junior Vice Department Commander,  
\*JOHN HACK.

Medical Director,  
DR. HENRY N. KEENER.

Chaplain,  
\*REV. E. P. FLOWER.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General,  
\*THOS. B. RODGERS.

Judge Advocate,  
\*J. W. MOORE.

Chief Mustering Officer,  
\*EDWARD D. COE.

Inspector,  
\*W. T. MUNSON.

Patriotic Instructor,  
\*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,  
\*LOUIS KOJP,  
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\*J. W. LUCAS,  
\*JAMES A. HAYS,  
\*MARTIN CRILL,

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W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,	*JOHN P. PLATT,
†NELSON COLE,	*A. G. PETERSON,
†E. E. KIMBALL,	JOHN W. SCOTT,
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JOHN E. PHELPS,	*GEORGE HALL,
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*CHAS. G. BURTON,	*HENRY FAIRBACK,
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LOUIS BENECKE,	T. D. KIMBALL.

Past Junior Vice Department Commander,  
\*F. E. WETZEL.

† Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted :

**Roll of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Encampment  
of the Department of Missouri,  
Grand Army of the Republic,**

**Held at Joplin, Mo., May 12th and 13th, 1909.**

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P. P. C., Thos. B. Rodgers, Arthur Dreffus, Cord Ringen, W. F. Silverwood, A. Whipple, P. F. Coghlan.

Rep., John Lindecker, John Dinsbeer, Louis Koop, John Schmid, Thos. Moore, J. T. Atkinson, Chas. Steiner.

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P. P. C., Henry Frein.

Rep., H. W. Plumer.

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P. C., M. O. Coddling.

P. P. C., Benj. Warner, R. M. Stewart, J. B. Davis, James Crosson, C. H. Chapman.

**A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.**

P. P. C., Nich. Mathias, J. W. Floyd.

**James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.**

P. C., B. F. Luttman.

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Rep., Robert Harvey.

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P. P. C., O. P. Smith, W. F. Henry, Jere. T. Dew, W. Jutt Phillips, Wm. H. Wormstead, James A. Hays.

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**Gen. Canby Post, No. 10, Rich Hill.**

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Rep., Geo. W. Poulter.

**James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Lexington.**

P. P. C., John B. Burris.

Rep., John Abbott.



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P. P. C., A. F. McCray.

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**F. C. Corbett Post, No. 588, Marshfield.**

P. P. C., J. M. Terry, J. L. Neff.

Rep., Austin Martin.

**Col. Wm. H. McLane Post, No. 589, Clinton.**

Rep., J. N. Pierce, L. Vanderpool.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. SUTTER, Post 14.

W. E. EVANS, Post 115.

L. C. CUPP, Post 16.

E. N. MORTON, Post 190.

Committee on Credentials.

On recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, the following named comrades were admitted as representatives and ordered placed on the roll of the Encampment: Henry Mills, Post 574; A. Woodward, Post 141.

On motion the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with. The reading of officers' reports was also, on motion, dispensed with, the reports being in print and distributed in the Encampment.

Senior Vice Department Commander Hubert Munchrath was called to the chair and Department Commander Martin read his address, as follows:

## ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades:

After the passing of another year, during which many of our comrades, "weary with the march of life, have fallen by the way-side," and are sleeping the last long sleep in that "low green tent whose curtain never outward swings," we are again gathered together—not for the purpose of strengthening the fraternal bond that binds comrade to comrade, for that bond forged in the white heat of the furnace of war is strong as iron bands.

The fraternity of the Grand Army of the Republic was not learned in the lodge room, it sprang into existence, it found its way deep down into men's hearts when the men of the sixties stood shoulder to shoulder on red fields of the Civil War; when they looked through the smoke of battle, when they toiled side by side through the mud or the dust of the long, weary march; when they bivouacked under the stars; in the prison pen; in the camp and on the field; when they shared their rations together; when they "drank from the same canteen."

"There are bonds of all sorts in this world of ours,  
Fetters of friendship and ties of flowers,  
And true lovers' knots I ween.  
The girl and the boy are bound by a kiss,  
But never a tie, old friend, like this:  
We have drunk from the same canteen.  
Sometimes it was water and sometimes milk;  
Sometimes it was applejack, fine as silk;  
But whatever the tippie has been,  
We shared it together in bane or in bliss,  
And I warm to you, friend, when I think of this,  
We have drunk from the same canteen."

Neither are we met for the purpose of recalling memories of the Civil War. It needs no effort to recall or revive the memories of those days; they are painted in such vivid colors by the magic brush of memory on the canvas of the mind that death alone can banish the glory of their presence; and even then, my comrades, I doubt if the immortal spirit will forget that the body which it inspired did what it might that a nation might live; did what it might to the end that not a single star should be torn from the blue field of the old flag, and to the end that "A government of the



people, by the people, and for the people should not perish from the earth."

Those old-time memories are part of our lives, and are with us always, whether at our homes or gathered together in encampment, as we are today, to consider the work of the past and to plan for the work of the future.

#### THE YEAR'S WORK.

While three new posts have been organized, and while there have been gains in membership by muster-in, by transfer, and by reinstatement, all of which are fully shown in detail in the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, the losses through death, discharge, suspensions and delinquent reports, I regret to say, exceed the gains. We mourn the loss of a large number of our comrades, who have been touched by the chill hand of death, but that is a loss we cannot guard against. "To every man upon this earth death cometh soon or late." The large and continuous diminishing of our ranks from suspension, which no effort so far has succeeded in checking, is a matter of deep concern to me, and must be to my successors. I am not without hope, though, that there is yet to be a Grand Army revival that will bring many of the erring and seemingly thoughtless comrades back into the ranks where they belong.

#### FINANCES.

While the finances of the Department are in fair condition, and likely to remain so during some years to come, the necessity of some plan for the future is a pressing one. I know of no way in which a fund can be obtained except through voluntary contributions by comrades who have been blessed with a fair amount of this world's goods. Such fund to be safely invested, neither capital nor interest to be used for a certain number of years. Had other pressing duties permitted I would have inaugurated a movement of this kind.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

By reference to the Chaplain's report it appears that only 124 Posts publicly observed Memorial Day. As the Chaplains of more than one-half of the Posts failed to make any report to the Department Chaplain, a considerably larger number of Posts probably observed the day set apart in memory of the dead, but it is evident that many, entirely too many Posts, neglected this important duty. No Post, however weak, should neglect the observance of that day, no village or hamlet in which there is a handful of veterans of the Civil War should allow the thirtieth day of May, the day first set apart by that typical volunteer soldier, John A. Logan, upon which to strew flowers on the graves of the dead soldiers of the Republic.

to pass unheeded. As an object lesson, I call the attention of every Post to the example of a little village in another state that has come under my observation, in which there is no Grand Army Post, and in which less than a dozen veterans of the Civil War make their homes, and yet Memorial Day is observed, patriotic drills are given by the children, patriotic addresses are delivered, and people come from miles around to attend the exercises. It is a custom that will not die out in that village of less than 300 population, even after the last veteran of the Civil War shall have gone to his reward.

#### FLAG DAY.

The observance of Flag Day (June 14), though growing in interest, is not as general as it ought to be. The Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army are doing much toward making the observance of the day general, and Grand Army Posts ought to do more.

#### KINDRED SOCIETIES.

I am not advised as to the growth and prosperity of kindred organizations, our Auxillary, the Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army, and of the Sons of Veterans during the past year, but know of individual instances where they have each done good work and show their unselfish devotion to our order, a help and devotion that entitle them to our best wishes for future success. I have no means of knowing how many Posts in this Department took the lead or took part as Posts in the celebration of the Lincoln Centennial. Many I hope, some I know, did so. As Commander of the Department I requested Gov. Herbert S. Hadley to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of the day, which request was loyally and promptly complied with.

So far as I have learned the Posts that have established Out-Posts have found that the system works to their advantage in gaining and retaining members, and the practice of other Posts in sending details to neighboring towns where no Posts existed, for the purpose of mustering members, has worked well, and I think is to be commended.

#### HARMONY IN THE DEPARTMENT.

As will be seen by the report of the Judge Advocate, no questions have arisen of sufficient importance to refer to that officer for consideration. Peace and quiet have reigned among the comrades within the boundaries of this Department.

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

At the National Encampment at Toledo, ably and brilliantly presided over by a distinguished member of this Department, the

Department of Missouri maintained the high reputation gained at past encampments. Whether on parade or in encampment there is nothing whatever the matter with Missouri.

#### VISITS.

During the past year I have visited many Posts and attended as many reunions as possible, and in each have found the grand spirit of patriotism that upheld the boys of '61-'65 still existing in the hearts of the gray-headed men of 1909.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

It is not merely in the way of compliment, not merely in accordance with custom that I return thanks to the Department officers, both elective and appointed, for their loyal support. They have been loyal and effective workers, true helpers, and I will ever hold them in grateful remembrance.

#### CONCLUSION.

And now my comrades, men of the Sixties, citizen soldiers, defenders of the flag, as the time draws near when the honor you so generously bestowed upon me one year ago shall pass into abler hands, I again thank you. While life lasts I shall hold you in grateful remembrance. My heart warms to you, and "cold as death can make it will it be when it does not warm" to the men who wore the blue, and on a hundred stricken fields periled life and limb for their country and their flag.

I would that my voice today might reach to the uttermost confines of this Department, might penetrate to every nook and corner of this great state in which a veteran of the Civil War makes his home. I would that I might thus be able to quicken the blood in the sluggish veins of those who, once members of the Grand Army of the Republic, have permitted their names to be dropped from its rolls, that I might remind them that the grand privilege of wearing the little bronze button and the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, badges more honorable than the glittering stars and orders conferred by king, prince or potentate, never has, and never will, belong to any but the veterans of the Civil War. I would remind them that the Grand Army of the Republic is the representative and the fit successor of the grandest armies the world ever saw—armies that they, a part and parcel of, made it possible that the free institutions of this great republic shall be perpetuated through the centuries to come. I would remind them that their proper place is now in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, shoulder to shoulder with their brother veterans, as surely as was their proper place in the armies that fought under the battle flags of the great

Union, leaders of the Civil War. I cannot, I will not, believe that even with the burden of years, even with the struggle that they may have to gain a subsistence, that they are unmindful of those days that tried men's souls; of the days when they answered the call of the great President, and marched to the front in defense of the flag. I will not believe that indifference or old age or anything but death itself can continue to decimate the ranks of an organization that is founded on the eternal principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty; whose qualification for membership is honorable service in an army that challenged the admiration of the world; whose members are of the volunteer soldiery, the citizen soldiers of America, the bulwark of American freedom, the unfailing support of a republican form of government.

My comrades, shall we, the handful that has gathered together here today, highly resolve that no effort shall be spared on our part to the end that the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic in the Department of Missouri shall increase rather than decrease, until the nearer approach of that time when the broad banner of our order shall be folded forever. When the Grand Army of the Republic, like the Grand Armies of which it is the successor, shall become only a memory of a glorious past, when the thinned and broken ranks in this world shall become a solid phalanx in the land, not of shadows, but of eternal sunshine; until the coming of that time when "On fame's eternal camping ground our silent tents are spread, and glory guards with solemn rounds the bivouac of the dead." And to this end shall we display that fiery zeal that carried the flag of stars to victory and lasting peace at Appomattox.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

J. V. MARTIN,  
Department Commander.

**REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

St. Louis, Mo., April 13, 1909.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrade: In making my report as Senior Vice Department Commander, I desire at the outset to make grateful acknowledgement of the honor conferred on me by the comrades of the Twenty-seventh Department Encampment, at Trenton.

I promised then to give my best efforts to advance the interests of this Department of the G. A. R. in the limited opportunities that might be presented. The exceptional honor conferred by the Encampment of 1908 in selecting Col. Hassendeubel Post to furnish the comrade to fill the second highest office, was a compliment to that Post, and was, as such, appreciated. That action had a tendency to quicken the spirit and awaken renewed interest in the comrades of its membership.

Although the duties incumbent upon the office are light, especially so under the administration of a Commander who was at all times able and ready to perform his duties, I am thankful to him for the confidence he placed in me in assigning to me work which should be classed under the head of pleasure. I have harvested the fruits thereof.

On account of sickness I had to forego the pleasure and honor of attending the National Encampment at Toledo, and thus lost out on what would have been a great benefit to me. It was my privilege to accompany the Department Commander to Blair, Ransom and Lyon Posts. Those visits were much appreciated and beneficial to all. I have visited several Posts outside of the seven Posts of St. Louis and found the comrades as patriotic as of old, but feeling the effect of the passing years; the most of them in a prosperous condition.

I had the honor to preside at the presentation and raising of "Old Glory" at the Rose Fanning School in St. Louis. The exercises were under the auspices of William McKinley Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R. The same ladies honored themselves by presenting a handsome portrait of the great Emancipator and martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, to the McKinley High School. I had the honor assigned to me to deliver the presentation address.

In conclusion, with a feeling of high regard for the Depart-

ment Commander, yourself and others, and the best wishes for your future welfare, I have the honor to remain, sincerely yours in  
F., C. & L.

HUBERT MUNCHRATH,  
Senior Vice Department Commander.

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## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Trenton, Mo., April 16, 1909.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Comrade: As my duties as Junior Vice Department Commander have not been a very hard tax, on me during the year, still I have labored faithfully in North Missouri for the good of our noble order to keep the comrades in good spirits as well as in good standing. Have visited four Posts and gave short talks to them for the good of the order; also had the pleasure of attending the National Encampment at Toledo, Ohio, with the Department officers and delegates, and if my health is spared until August 8, 1909, I will be with the Missouri Department at Salt Lake City, Utah. I want to thank our Commander as well as yourself for courtesies extended me at Toledo, Ohio, as well as at home, and my best wishes for our grand order, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

JOHN HACK,  
Junior Vice Department Commander.

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI.  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 10, 1909.

J. V. Martin, Department Commander.

Comrade: I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1908.

The number of Posts, December 31, 1907, was 263, which included 28 Posts which had been previously suspended, viz.: Posts 25, 41, 61, 70, 108, 162, 200, 207, 209, 250, 311, 360, 371, 382, 390, 398, 418, 423, 436, 469, 487, 507, 514, 526, 537, 563, 569, 577. Seven Posts were suspended at the Department Encampment in 1908, viz.: Posts 20, 60, 106, 166, 237, 290 and 402, making the total number of suspended Posts 35.

Two Posts surrendered their charters during the year, viz.: Post 314 at Cedar Hill, Jefferson county, and Post 384 at Osceola, St. Clair county.

Two new Posts were mustered, viz.: Post 587, at Burlington Junction, Nodaway county, and Post 588, at Marshfield, Webster county. The number of Posts, including the 35 suspended, remains at 263.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports made to National Headquarters for the year 1908:

### FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1908.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1907.....	7,309
Gain by muster in.....	183
Gain by transfer.....	83
Gain by reinstatement.....	146— 412
Aggregate.....	7,721
Loss by death.....	130
Loss by honorable discharge.....	10
Loss by transfer.....	69
Loss by suspension.....	176
Loss by delinquent reports.....	66
Loss by surrender of charter.....	18— 469
Number remaining in good standing, June 30, 1908	7,252

## SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1908.....	7,252
Gain by muster in.....	166
Gain by transfer.....	44
Gain by reinstatement.....	83— 293
Aggregate.....	7,545
Loss by death.....	144
Loss by honorable discharge.....	6
Loss by transfer.....	55
Loss by suspension.....	276
Loss by delinquent reports.....	10— 491
Number remaining in good standing, Dec. 31, 1908.	7,054

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1907.....	7,309
Gain during year by muster in.....	349
Gain during year by transfer.....	127
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	229— 705
Aggregate.....	8,004
Loss during year by death.....	274
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	16
Loss by transfer.....	124
Loss by suspension.....	452
Loss by delinquent reports.....	76
Loss by surrender of charter.....	18— 960
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1908.	7,054
Number remaining suspended.....	709
Number dropped during year.....	2,857
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	217
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	61
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$1,136.74
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1908.....	13,601.31
Cash invested in collaterals.....	18,059.70
Cash balance in Relief funds, December 31, 1908.....	2,179.05
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	11,656.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	10,431.95
Total value of Post property.....	\$55,958.01



Our Department is entitled to fourteen representatives in the National Encampment, in addition to the representative-at-large. In accordance with a rule of our Encampment, the names of the comrades nominated will be placed this year on the printed ballot in the numerical order of their Posts, beginning with the highest and ending with the lowest number.

By an amendment to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the last National Encampment, it is provided that Posts having less than twenty-five members may hold their stated meetings quarterly, if by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a stated meeting of the Post it shall so decide. This change was made at the suggestion and recommendation of the Department of Missouri.

While I do not wish to particularly encourage quarterly meetings, I desire to quote an extract from my report to the Encampment of 1906, on this subject:

"There are numerous Posts throughout the State with small membership, and that greatly scattered. The increasing age and consequent infirmities of the comrades make it difficult for them to attend meetings even when held but once a month. In consequence meetings are often passed for want of a quorum, interest lags, the Post languishes and the comrades become discouraged, with the result that the Post disbands. It seems to me that if the Rules and Regulations should be changed so as to allow Posts which so desired to meet quarterly instead of each month, it would have a good effect and save some Posts which would otherwise disband. If such Posts would meet on the days when pension vouchers are executed, when the comrades from quite a distance come together, more interest would be taken; they could arrange for a camp-fire or dinner on such occasions, and probably add new names to the roll."

A reference to the report of the Chief Mustering Officer will show that a new Post was mustered since January 1, which makes three during your term of office.

The following exhibits are attached to and made part of this report:

- Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "B," Statement of Supplies on Hand.
- Exhibit "C," Statement of Assets.
- Exhibit "D," List of Deaths.

In conclusion, I desire to thank you for the evidence of your good will and confidence expressed in my appointment. Our most cordial and pleasant relations, both official and personal, are terminated with regret.

I desire also to express my appreciation of the courtesy and

kindness of the other Department officers and staff, and all my comrades. Yours in F. C. & L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Ass't. Adj't. General and Ass't. Qr. Mr. General.

## EXHIBIT "A"

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1908.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on December 31, 1907.....	\$ 253.94
Received from per capita tax.....	2,015.27
Received from requisitions.....	253.94
Received from charter fees.....	30.00

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\$2,531.06

## EXPENDITURES.

Supplies.....	\$ 131.97
Printing and stationery.....	168.85
Rent of office.....	180.00
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....	1,200.00
Postage.....	78.67
Expenses National Encampment.....	86.15
Per capita tax.....	254.81
Insurance.....	16.00
Premium on bond of Asst. Adj't. Gen.....	15.00
Incidentals.....	33.11
Traveling expenses—	
Dept. Commander Kimball.....	\$52.95
Dept. Commander Martin.....	18.50—
	71.45—
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Balance on hand December 31, 1908.....	\$ 295.05

## EXHIBIT "B"

## SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1908.

No.	Value.
7 Buttoniers.....	\$ 0.70
116 Rank straps .....	46.40
179 Official ribbons .....	17.90
113 Rules and Regulations.....	11.30
321 Applications .....	3.21
1 Cash book .....	1.20
117 Discharges.....	5.85
135 Transfers.....	6.75
25 Leave of absence cards.....	1.25
61 Odes.....	1.83
2 Rituals.....	1.00
12 Service books .....	3.60
3 Blue books .....	3.60
197 Department badges, plain.....	118.20
48 Department badges, silver top.....	48.00
1 Electrotype .....	.55
	\$271.34

## EXHIBIT "C"

## DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1908.....	\$ 295.05
Office furniture, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies.....	271.34
Ledger balances .....	78.85
	\$1,445.24

Liabilities: None.

## EXHIBIT "D"

## LIST OF DEATHS, 1908.

Post.

- 1 H. F. Kiel, Pr. Co. G, 16th Iowa Inf.  
 John Thoenes, Pr. Co. E, 40th Mo. Inf.  
 Wm. Burmeister, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Cav.  
 G. A. Finkelnburg, 2d. Lieut. 1st Mo. Inf.  
 A. Krukenkamp, Pr. Co. L, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 A. O. Engelman, Capt. Co. G, 12th Mo. Inf.  
 M. D. Heltzell, Sergt. 4th U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 J. M. Tracy, Pr. Co. H, 10th Mo. Cav.  
 Herman Dorste, Pr. Co. B, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 John Lang, Lt. Col. 187th O. V. Inf.  
 Philip Florreich, Sergt. 5th Mo. Cav.

## Post.

- C. C. Gardiner, Major 27th N. Y. Inf.  
 Fred. Medart, Corp. Co. D, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Robert Hanna, Sergt. Co. D, 2d Del. Inf.  
 Ed. Pellerin, Pr. Co. B, 30th Mo. Inf.  
 Peter Leiner, Pr. Co. D, 43rd Ill. Inf.  
 J. K. Cummings, 1st Lt. and Adjt. 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Chr. Kahrs, Pr. Co. H, 4th Mo. Cav.
- 2 Chas. Otto, Pr. Co. C, 46th N. Y. Inf.  
 James Cunningham, Pr. Co. A, 8th Maine Inf.
- 4 Patrick Kerwin, Pr. Co. C, 54th O. V. I.  
 Wm. J. Smith, Pr. Co. L, 1st Wisc. H. Art.  
 Henry Hopkins, Chaplain, 120th N. Y. Inf.  
 James Cluster, Pr. 16th Kan. Cav.
- 5 J. A. Dunham, Pr. 9th Mo. Cav.  
 Martin Mack, Pr. Co. C, 4th Wisc. Cav.
- 6 John Tweedle, Pr. Co. C, 2d Conn. Inf.  
 Geo. R. Brunk, Pr. Co. E, 132d O. V. I.  
 Ernest Kieselbach, Pr. Co. E, 5th M. S. M. Cav.  
 Sanders Luttrell, Pr. Co. B, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
- 7 Peter Young, Sergt. Co. B, 13th Mo. Inf.  
 Levy S. Hays, Pr. Co. I, 11th Ill. Cav.  
 Chas. A. Clark, Maj. 105th N. Y. Inf.  
 A. E. Hinchellwood, Pr. Co. A, 11th O. V. I.  
 Samuel Cross, Pr. Co. G, 43rd Mo. Inf.  
 James Byrd, Pr. Co. I, 5th Kan. Cav.  
 Thos. Joiner, Pr. Co. I, 1st Ind. Inf.
- 8 Henry C. Morrison, Pr. Co. A, 26th Pa. Mil.  
 Robert H. Hunt, Maj. 2d Kan. Cav.  
 E. J. Sanford, Pr. Co. B, 129th Ill. Inf.  
 Francis M. Sharp, Pr. Co. D, 14th Ill. Inf.  
 John Coon, Maj. and Paymaster U. S. Army.  
 Henry Minturn, Musician, 1st Iowa Cav.  
 Jesse N. Mapes, Pr. Co. E, 27th Mich. Inf.  
 C. W. Whitehead, Pr. Co. C, 124th N. Y. Inf.
- 10 David Conley, Pr. Co. C, 148th Ill. Inf.  
 Boon McDaniel, Pr. Co. G, 18th Ind. Inf.  
 Geo. O. Circle, Pr. Co. C, 118th O. V. I.
- 11 Henry Kemner, Pr. Co. E, 27th Mo. Vol. Res. Corps.
- 13 John Eschle, Pr. Co. H, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Fred. Lautermilch, Pr. Co. C, 15th Mo. Inf.  
 Wm. Eckhardt, Mus., 2d Mo. Inf.  
 Mathias Canaris, O. S. Co. G, 3rd U. S. Inf.  
 Bernhard Overman, Pr. 4th Mo. Cav.  
 Jacob Miller, Corp. Co. A, 132nd N. Y. Inf.

## Post.

- Nicholas Iwig, Pr. Co. F, 40th Mo. Inf.  
 John Stanger, Pr. Co. E, 17th Mo. Inf.  
 Valentine Barth, Pr. Co. E, 41st Mo. Inf.  
 Louis Ebenhoh, Pr. Co. B, 40th Mo. Inf.  
 Chas. F. Walther, Capt. Co. B, 10th E. M. M. and 8th Mo. Cav.  
 Moritz Elle, Pr. Co. A, 49th Ill. Inf.  
 Eugene Amour Pr. Co. A, 13th Mo. Inf., and Lt. Co. K, 22d O.  
 V. I.
- Theo. Baumgartner, Pr. Co. C, 3rd Mo. Inf.  
 Gustave Krafft, Pr. Co. G, 12th Mo. Inf.  
 Mathias Soussieux, Pr. Co. M, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Frederick Frasch, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Inf.  
 G. Gebhardt, Pr. Co. D, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 August Raymond, Sergt. Co. L, Fremont Hussars.  
 Val. Hammenstedt, Pr. Co. A, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Jacob Zimmerly, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Inf.  
 Fred. Seebach, Corp. Co. H, 2d Mo. Art.  
 Geo. Becke, Pr. Co. C, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Adolph Holtman, Pr. Co. F, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Fred. Buerkel, Pr. Co. C, 22d Conn. Inf.  
 John Schmidt, Pr. Co. B, 3d Mo. Inf.
- 14 August Pauk, Pr. Co. A, 114th Ill. Inf.  
 B. F. Joslin, Lieut. Co. H, 6th Kan. Cav.  
 J. R. B. Roe, Sergt. Co. I, 82d Pa. Inf.  
 Curtis Markham, Pr. Co. A, 35th Ind. Inf.  
 Adam C. Post, 1st Sergt. Co. A, 81st O. V. I.  
 James Badgely, Pr. Co. D, 99th Ill. Inf.  
 Amos H. Coffee, Asst. Surg. 1st Ark. Cav.  
 J. W. Garlock, Pr. Co. B, 46th Ill. Inf.
- 16 David Potter, Pr. Co. H, 3d Wisc. Inf.
- 17 J. J. Longstreth, Pr. Co. A, 62d O. V. I.  
 C. P. Lint, Pr. Co. E, 133d Pa. Inf.
- 21 S. R. Rowley, Pr. Co. D, 22d Wisc. Inf.
- 22 Godfrey Sprang, Pr. Co. M, 2d Mo. Cav.  
 Wm. A. Adams, 1st Lt. Co. C, 9th N. Y. Inf.
- 29 James Tarr, Pr. Co. C, 2d M. S. M. Cav.
- 32 Hiram Tilley, Pr. Co. E, 8th Mass. Inf.  
 Chas. W. Feltch, Pr. Co. E, 23d Maine Inf.  
 Geo. W. Snyder, Pr. Co. G, 18th Mo. Inf.
- 34 D. B. Dean, Col., 26th Mo. Inf.  
 Peter Lahman, Pr. Co. F, 119th Ill. Inf.
- 39 Michael Daly, Pr. Mo. Mil.
- 44 John Wood, Pr. 42d Wisc. Inf.  
 E. W. Slack, Pr. 80th Ind. Inf.

## Post.

- 45 Adolph Gee, Pr. Co. F, 33d Mo. Inf.  
 46 Peter Berg, Pr. Co. H, 8th N. Y. Inf.  
 47 John McLaughlin, Pr. Co. G, 11th M. S. M. Cav.  
 48 Geo. W. Hays, Sergt. Co. H, 1st Inf. Corps.  
 53 E. M. Dolph, Pr. 3d Iowa Battery.  
     Morris Harter, Sergt. Co. H, 3d Ind. Cav.  
     A. W. Winzenburg, Sergt. Co. F, 9th Ill. Inf.  
 57 John M. Howe, Pr. Co. K, 23d Mo. Inf.  
 58 S. C. Lynn, Pr. Co. B, 9th Kan. Cav.  
 67 Daniel Hitt, Sergt. Co. A, 13th Tenn.  
 68 Thos. Dunell, Pr. Co. E, 5th M. S. M. Cav.  
 69 S. H. Epley, Pr. Co. K, 4th O. V. I.  
     Ephraim Chalfant, 1st Lt. Co. D, 1st W. Va. Lt. Art.  
     J. B. Ketchum, Pr. Co. I, 20th Ind. Inf.  
 72 J. S. McGrew, Pr. Co. H, 136th Pa. Inf.  
 75 M. S. Tuttle, 1st Lt. Co. A, 1st Neb. Cav.  
     D. Bailey, Capt. Co. H, 76th E. M. M.  
 76 Patrick Dooley, Pr. Co. I, 3d Mo. Cav.  
     H. O. Brown, Corp. 15th Ohio Art.  
     C. H. Howenstein, Corp. Co. I, 164th O. V. I.  
     Wm. Bunch, Pr. Co. D, 14th Ky. Cav.  
 79 Wilson Azbell, Pr. Co. I, 43d O. V. I.  
 82 Jonas Shankweiler, Pr. Co. K, 13th Pa. Cav.  
 86 E. W. Salsbury, Pr. Co. F, 136th O. V. I.  
 88 F. M. James, Sergt. Co. G, 44th Mo. Inf.  
     G. W. Calvin, 1st Lt. Co. I, 7th M. S. M. Cav.  
 92 Hamilton Rainbolt, Pr. Co. C, 2d M. S. M. Cav.  
 96 John Swearerger.  
 107 Louis Flaskamper, Pr. Co. B, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
     Joseph T. Tourville, Pr. Co. A, 2d Mo. Cav.  
     James C. Gerichten, Pr. Co. F, 15th Mo. Inf.  
     Wm. Baumann, Pr. Co. F, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.  
     Mathias Hermann, Corp. Co. B, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 109 S. L. Fleming, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Cav.  
 110 T. A. Bull, Co. G, 12th Ill. Cav.  
 111 Henry W. Carroll, Pr. Co. H, 6th Mo. Cav.  
 130 L. Miller, Pr. Co. H, 37th N. Y. Inf.  
 131 Geo. T. Cram, Capt. Co. C, 1st N. H. Cav.  
     Benj. T. Smith, Pr. Co. C, 51st Ill. Inf.  
     S. W. Kniffin, Adj. 44th U. S. C. T.  
     Geo. W. Wines, Pr. Co. K, 143d O. N. G.  
     Michel Ravold, 1st Lt. 10th Mo. Cav.  
     Lewis E. Snow, Pr. Co. A, 23d Conn. Inf.  
     Chas. H. Blanchard, Pr. Co. H, 153d O. V. I.

## Post.

- Francis T. Wheeler, 1st class Bugler, Kensington U. S. N.  
 Emil Boulanger, Mus., 1st Mo. Cav.  
 August Bock, Pr. Co. D, 40th Mo. Inf.  
 Wm. Winkle, 1st Sergt. Co. F, 155th Pa. Inf.  
 Freeman Wright, Pr. Co. E, 2d Kan. Cav.
- 135 J. Q. Farris, Pr. Co. D, 5th M. S. M. Cav.  
 141 J. W. Cryderman, Pr. Co. B, 16th Mich. Inf.  
 J. C. Buttrick, Pr. Co. H, 43d Mo. Inf.
- 150 Richard B. Cash, Corp. Co. K, 1st M. S. M.  
 152 Thos. F. Ackerman, Eng. Miss. Squadron  
 Wm. Conway, Pr. U. S. V. Vols.
- 172 John Brown, Pr. Co. G, 122d Ill. Inf.  
 Samuel Judy, Pr. Co. K, 20th Ind. Inf.  
 Andrew Zebold, Pr. Co. A, 1st O. V. I.
- 174 Wm. Stone, Pr. Co. F, 5th Tenn. Cav.  
 179 Philip Helmick, Pr. Co. I, 30th Iowa Inf.  
 A. P. Harbor, Pr. Co. C, 21st Mo. Inf.  
 Chas. F. Oliver, Pr. Co. I, 21st Mo. Inf.  
 Martin Steffan, Pr. Co. G, 16th Ill. Cav.  
 Simeon Martin, Sergt. Co. L, 2d Mo. Prov.  
 F. M. Cowell, 1st Lt. Co. H, 29th N. E. Mo. Mil.  
 Thos. B. Rule, Pr. Co. D, 38th Wisc. Inf.
- 181 J. W. Boweh, Corp. Co. H, 13th O. V. Cav.  
 214 Timothy Cusick, Pr. Co. C, 7th Mo. Inf.  
 215 Thos. J. Hendrix, Pr. Co. H, 5th Ill. Cav.  
 210 Josiah Hull, Pr. Co. A, 24th Mo. Inf.  
 Russell Stokes, Pr., Tenn. Inf.  
 Aaron T. Estabrock, Pr. Co. D, 6th Mich. Inf.  
 Eph. C. Smith, Pr. Co. E, 23d Ind. Inf.
- 218 Michael Waters, Pr. Co. A, 102d O. V. I.  
 Wm. Platz, Pr. Co. I, 166th O. V. I.
- 221 Allen G. Wilson, Pr. Co. F, 36th Ill. Inf.  
 233 J. H. Zelch, Lt. Co. C, 2d E. M. M.  
 238 Cyrus L. Hanna, Pr. Co. G, 5th E. M. M. Prov.  
 240 T. W. McFarland, Sergt. Shoemaker's Co., Prov.  
 251 Columbus Heagland, Pr. Co. I, 115th Ill. Inf.  
 John Shaw, Pr. Co. M, 7th Mo. Cav.
- 252 J. G. Hudson, Capt. Co. B, 33d Mo. Inf.  
 257 S. L. Mitchell, Corp. Co. C, 32d Mo. Inf.  
 268 J. J. Abrigg, 1st Lt. Co. H, 18th Mo. Inf.  
 John Kuechler, 1st Sergt. Co. H, 18th Mo. Inf.
- 269 James H. Raines, Pr. Co. B, 6th Mo.  
 Samuel Preston, Pr. Co. I, 1st E. Tenn.  
 Isaac Garrison, Pr. Co. C, 24th Mo. Inf.

## Post.

- 274 D. Harbison.
- 276 Aug. Zuchholdt, Pr. Co. B, 33d Mo. Inf.
- 282 E. M. Mitchell, Pr. Co. B, 43d Mo. Inf.
- 287 James M. Boreing, 1st Lt. Co. B, 18th Iowa Inf.
- 294 Samuel B. Tate, Pr. Co. A, Ky. Inf.
- 299 W. E. Lile, Pr. Co. K, 5th Tenn. Inf.
- 312 C. G. Fisher, Pr. Ill. Art.
- 326 Henry Lenz, Pr. Co. G, 50th Mo. Inf.
- 330 M. Smith, Pr. Co. L, 2d Kan. Cav.
- 332 Fred. Wilke, Pr. Co. D, 41st Mo. Inf.
- 340 John B. Grady, Sergt. Co. K, 13th Mo. Cav.  
Joseph H. Grady, Pr. Co. L, 62d E. M. M.
- 343 Isaac Henderson, Pr.  
John Benoist, Pr. Co. G, 56th U. S. C. T.  
Alex. Gibson, Pr. Co. H, 5th C. H. A.  
James Pendergrass, Pr. Co. F, 29th U. S. C. T.
- 348 Wm. N. Rogers, Sergt. Co. C, 31st Mo. Inf.
- 354 Henry C. Wilkinson, 1st Sergt. Co. H, 47th Mo. Inf.  
Wallace Kirkpatrick, Pr. Co. H, 31st Mo. Inf.
- 359 James W. Cullen, Pr. Co. I, 14th O. Cav.  
Nathan Roark, Pr. Co. G, 15th Mo. Cav.
- 366 James Boyle, Pr. Co. C, 3d Iowa Cav.
- 374 David R. Shelton, Pr. Co. K, 11th Ill. Cav.
- 375 L. Goss, Corp. Co. H, 21st Ind. Inf.  
H. H. Thompson, Pr. Co. A, 27th Mo. Inf.
- 387 Geo. L. Kost, Pr. Co. F, 25th Mo. Inf.
- 391 C. E. Foley, Pr. Co. D, 93d Pa. Inf.
- 392 Eli B. Dotson, Corp. Co. G, 14th W. Va.
- 407 W. H. Taggard, Corp. Co. F, 16th Mo. Cav.  
Samuel C. Barnes.  
Wesley Baker, Pr. 6th Mo. Cav.
- 420 Chas. Fricker, Pr. Co. D, 1st Mo. Cav.  
Wm. Roberts, Pr. Ohio Regt.
- 425 R. H. Robinett, Pr. Co. M, 3d Mo. Cav.
- 433 W. C. Fields, Pr. Co. A, 1st Bat.
- 492 Thos. E. Adams, Pr. Co. E, 17th Ky. Inf.
- 496 Edward Jansen, Pr. Co. M, 13th Mo. Cav.  
Val. Schmidt, Pr. Co. D, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.  
Phil. Sauerwein, Corp. Co. A, 1st M. S. M.  
H. Dierker, Pr. Co. G, 1st N. Y. Cav.  
Wm. Braun, 1st Sergt. Co. A, 5th Mo. Cav.  
John Schneider, Sergt. 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
- 512 S. M. Tilton, Pr. Co. F, 63d O. V. I.
- 544 Louis Reed, Pr. Co. E, 67th U. S. C. T.



## Post.

- 554 Wm. C. Ford, Pr. Co. H, 28th Ill. Inf.  
Elijah Randolph, Pr. Co. F, 91st Ind Inf.  
Edward Buschmann, Pr. Co. D, 1st Batt. M. S. M. Cav.
- 566 Samuel Templeman, Pr. Co. G, 2d Mo. Inf.  
Jacob Riner, Pr. Co. L, 2d O. H. Art.  
J. W. Brocaw, Pr. Co. K, 17th Wisc. Inf.
- 567 Wm. Maynard, Sergt. Co. C, 56th N. Y. Inf.
- 572 Frederick Grube, Pr. Co. L, 10th Mo. Cav.
- 574 W. N. Perkins, Lieut. Co. K, 6th M. S. M. Cav.
- 575 August Faulk, Pr. Co. C, 35th Iowa Inf.
- 579 John Crowley, Pr. Co. E, 29th Mo. Inf.
- 580 Wm. Harvey, Capt. Co. C, 20th O. V. I.
- 583 Wilson Turner, Pr. Co. K, 82d U. S. C. T.
- 585 Chas. Wheeler, Pr. Co. B, 62d U. S. C. T.
- 586 A. J. Gilcrease, 2d Lt. Co. D, 47th Mo. Inf.  
Nathan Miller, Pr. Co. K, 36th O. V. I.  
C. A. Van Borcke, Lt. Co. D, 16th Ill. Cav.  
Stillman Clark, Pr. Co. D, 136th O. V. I.  
A. Stevens, Pr. Co. E, 39th Iowa Inf.  
John Zimmerly, Pr. Co. H, 41st Mo. Inf.  
Thos. B. Rule, Pr. Co. B, 38th Wis. Inf.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

California, Mo., May 3, 1909.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Comrade: Our Order has been peaceful and harmonious in this State during the present Administration. No controversy or dispute has been referred to me to pass on. This condition of harmony is commendable, and I trust it may continue while the Order lasts. Yours in F., C. & I.

JOHN W. MOORE,  
Judge Advocate, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 16, 1909.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to submit my report as Department Chaplain for the year ending May, 1909.

My report is necessarily imperfect from the fact that more than half of the Post Chaplains in the Department failed to send in any report. If this negligence could be corrected, our statistics might be correct, which is not possible now.

## MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

Number of Posts attending church.....	95
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	95
Number of sermons preached by veterans.....	13
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	18
Number of Comrades present at such services.....	3,997

## MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

Number of Posts publicly observing day.....	124
Number of Comrades attending.....	4,136
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	148
Number of graves decorated.....	24,896
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	698
Number of public schools represented at Memorial Day Exercises.....	76
Number of pupils participating.....	5,091

Number of kindred organizations participating.....	45
Number of addresses delivered.....	66
Number of addresses delivered by veterans.....	40
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	14
Number of Posts having burial plots.....	40

Yours in F., C. & L.,

**E. W. FLOWER,**  
Department Chaplain.

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### REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20, 1909.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrade: I have the honor and pleasure as Chief Mustering Officer of this Department to submit my report, thanking the Department Commander for the honor conferred by my appointment and to the special mustering officers who mustered in the following new Posts:

Nodaway Post, No. 587, at Burlington Junction, Nodaway County, May 28, 1908, by Nathaniel Sisson, Past Post Commander. Post 21. Austin F. Stitt, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 13.

F. C. Corbit Post, No. 588, at Marshfield, Webster County, July 7, 1908, by W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor. Post Commander, J. L. Neff. Number of charter members, 33.

Col. William H. McLean Post, No. 589, at Clinton, Henry County, February 27, 1909, by R. H. Brittell, Past Post Commander. Post 264. John R. Young, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 47.

It was also my pleasure to accompany yourself in making your official visit to several Posts in St. Louis and vicinity, and on February 12, Lincoln's birthday celebrations, when we attended four of the Public School exercises in this city.

Sincerely yours in F., C. & L.,

**EDWARD D. COE,**  
Chief Mustering Officer.

**REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.**

Springfield, Mo., May 4, 1909.

J. V. Martin, Department Commander.

I present herewith a report of the humble, but faithful work of the Department of Patriotic Instruction, during your administration. First of all allow me to express my appreciation for the help and encouragement rendered me by the Department, by the Governor of the State, and many loyal Post Commanders. The work of Patriotic Instruction depends greatly upon co-operation, not only of the Department Commander and Adjutant General, but also of the Grand Army Posts throughout the State. I am glad to report that there has been more successful work done this year than in any previous year. And the work has touched the heart of the people more vitally than ever before. The fact is the more people think about the Government the more they appreciate and love it. The State and Nation love the flag more than ever before and citizens seem prouder to be called Americans. The special force and interest of the department gathered about the Lincoln Centennial, which was observed practically all over the State. The Centennial was thoroughly advertised by General Orders, and the Press of the State was full of it, the proclamation of the governor, the action of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the special interest of the Grand Army of the Republic, all these led the people back to the dark days of the Civil War, and their thought gathered naturally about the central figure of those days—Abraham Lincoln.

The department was especially successful in getting its work in the public schools and colleges of the State. In every town and city, as well as the country schools, the Lincoln Centennial was observed. We can only realize the magnitude of the work when we think of the number of exercises and the number of addresses made. Forty addresses were made by public speakers in St. Louis, twenty in Kansas City, and twenty-five in Springfield. Moreover, civic societies caught up the spirit. The Masonic fraternity, the churches, literary societies and labor organizations; and, a fact worthy of note, four Confederate associations.

I regret I have not received the reports of a greater number of Post Patriotic Inspectors, having received only fifty reports. From the fifty reports I find that only thirty-nine had appointed Patriotic Instructors. In the locality of the reports forty-seven of the one hundred and nine schoolhouses had flags, which were in use. At fifteen schoolhouses the flag is raised and lowered daily. In twenty-

eight schools the flag is saluted on public occasions. In the fifty reports received twenty-nine Posts observed one or more of the following public days: Birthday of Washington, of Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, and Flag Day.

Memorial Day was observed by all the Posts reported. A large majority of the schools participated more or less in Memorial Day observance. Lincoln's Gettysburg address has been placed in twenty-three schools. No prize has been offered for patriotic essays. Seven large flags have been presented to schools. Three hundred small flags were presented to school children. The cost of carrying on the work for the year was about \$3.00 to each post, on an average. Histories taught in our schools are McMaster's United States History, Myers' Mediaeval History, also Fisk's United States History. Grims' History has disappeared. In only four schools has objection been made to patriotic exercises. A few partisans, under the cover of conscience or public trust, object to these exercises. In the membership of 1500 in the fifty Posts reported, I find that only about 300 own a flag. Surely "Old Glory" suffers in the house of its friends.

Posts are beginning to find out that a live Patriotic Instructor can draw much interest to the Post. The promise for a large observance of Flag Day is good. The work of the department is growing easier and more popular each year, and a glorious work is possible and promising.

Without seeming to be invidious, I wish to express my high appreciation of the work of Allan J. Showers, Patriotic Instructor of Ransom Post.

WILLIAM C. CALLAND,  
Department Patriotic Instructor.

On motion the Department Commander's address and the Officers' reports were referred to the several committees to be appointed.

Senior Vice-Department Commander Munchrath announced the following Committee on the Address of the Department Commander: Past Department Commanders Hall, Dew, Peterson, Williams and Platt.

By direction of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees:

On Reports of the Senior and Junlor Vice-Department Commanders: C. W. Barstow, Post 131; A. J. Lanning, Post 57; J. L. Nichols, Post 72.

On Report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: Arthur Dreifus, Post 1; C. N. Brooks, Post 8; John Harnois, Post 7.

On Reports of the Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Chief Mustering Officer and Judge Advocate: Past Department Commander Henry, W. M. Lomax, Post 19; James Crosson, Post 4.

On Resolutions: Past Commander-in-Chief Burton; C. W. Rubey, Post 48; P. F. Coghlan, Post 1; Past Department Commander Fairback.

To Visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Department Commander Martin; Max Fritz, Post 13; E. S. Miner, Post 124.

To Visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.: Senior Vice-Department Commander Munchrath; G. A. Douglas, Post 78; F. Walton, Post 131.

Past National Chaplain Hagerty not being entirely cured of the habit, took occasion, during a short lull, to present a gavel to Past Adjutant General Dew, with the following remarks:

"Are you not surprised at being called to this platform? I have been thus surprised often, all along life's journey. One of my first surprises was in looking up, and seeing the smiles of a godly mother! I was surprised on being asked by a regiment of patriotic men to accompany them to the front as their chaplain. After coming home, I was surprised in being asked by 'Uncle Billy Sherman' to come and join the Grand Army of the Republic, and be their Post Chaplain.

"Were you not surprised, being born in Illinois, that you went into the army? Were you not surprised that Comrade Burton, as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, asked you to become his Adjutant General? I was not! I knew Comrade Burton was a good judge of men, and wanted a trusted and capable officer. Were you not surprised that you have made such an honorable record in that office? I was not! Now, I want to surprise you again. Do you remember getting me a piece of walnut knot from the old Ohio home of Commander Burton, out of which I made a gavel, which I presented to him at Toledo, at the close of his term of office? Off of that same piece of walnut knot I

saved a short piece, not knowing what I would do with it. A happy thought came to me one night. Why not make a gavel out of it and give it to his Adjutant? I now have that gavel and desire to surprise you by giving it to you, so you can stand by the side of your old Commander and say, 'I have a gavel also.' Please receive this, Comrade Dew, with the best wishes of your old friend and Chaplain-in-Chief Hagerty, and remember we 'old boys' may not be greatly surprised at anything that happens to us in these days. And be assured that I will be surprised, and greatly grieved, if I do not meet you and Comrade Burton in Heaven at last. So receive your gavel, as the late surprise of your life."

After recovering from his great surprise that Comrade Hagerty had another gavel left, Comrade Dew managed to express his thanks in a suitable manner, although evidently much overcome.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to make nominations for Representatives to the Forty-third National Encampment, the Commander announcing that fourteen were to be elected in addition to the Representative-at-Large.

Past Commander-in-Chief Burton placed in nomination for Representative-at-Large, Comrade Robert N. Denham, of Post 131, St. Louis. The nomination was seconded by the Assistant Adjutant General, and there being no other nominations, on motion Comrade Denham was elected by acclamation.

The following nominations were then made and placed in the order of their Posts, beginning with the highest number, in accordance with a rule of the Encampment:

W. V. Mullins, Post 268.....	Miami
Joseph Montgomery, Post 251....	Eldorado Springs
Chas. Brandes, Post 240.....	Boonville
J. E. Decker, Post 219.....	Republic
R. B. Dodge, Post 190.....	Webb City
J. A. Vance, Post 187.....	Pierce City
A. A. Barrett, Post 142.....	Medoc
A. J. Ragsdale, Post 141.....	Marionville
C. K. Reifsnider, Post 131.....	St. Louis
Phillip Riechers, Post 107.....	St. Louis
Wm. Roney, Post 76.....	Kidder
John Hack, Post 72.....	Trenton
P. W. Bahl, Post 69.....	Springfield
H. C. Wyatt, Post 58.....	Butler
A. J. Lanning, Post 57.....	Brookfield
W. A. Fast, Post 53.....	Sedalia
C. W. Rubey, Post 48.....	Lebanon
H. F. Glahn, Post 36.....	Clarence
J. H. Stoner, Post 17.....	Cameron
Frank Hill, Post 16.....	Carthage
P. L. Swartz, Post 14.....	Joplin
Max Fritz, Post 13.....	St. Louis
W. H. Wormstead, Post 8.....	Kansas City
Fred Wenz, Post 7.....	St. Joseph

John Harnois, Post 7.....St. Joseph  
 H. T. Holmes, Post 6.....Jefferson City  
 Nick Mathias, Post 5.....Moberly  
 J. B. Davis, Post 4.....Kansas City  
 Henry Frein, Post 2.....St. Louis  
 A. Whipple, Post 1.....St. Louis

On motion, the Encampment voted that the fourteen receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Representatives, and the fifteen receiving the next highest number be declared the Alternates.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 1:30 o'clock.

#### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 12th.

The Encampment met and was called to order by the Department Commander at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

The following telegrams and letter were read to the Encampment and were received with applause:

"Glasgow, Scotland, May 11, 1909.

"J. V. Martin, Department Commander, Joplin, Mo.

"Am indeed sorry that I can not be with you in person, as I am with you in spirit. I also regret that I can not be with you to vote for such a faithful comrade as Comrade Skinner, for Commander next year. Accept sincere greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment. From your comrade,

"LEO RASSIEUR."

"Redbank, N. J., May 12th, 1909.

"J. V. Martin, Commander Department of Mo., G. A. R., Encampment Headquarters, Joplin, Mo.

"The Grand Army of the Republic sends greetings to the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., the W. R. C., the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Daughters.

HENRY M. NEVIUS,

"Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R."

"Salt Lake City, Utah, May 11th, 1909.

"Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Joplin, Mo.

"The greeting of this Committee is cordially extended to the Department Encampment of Missouri. May your Encampment be harmonious and profitable. Come to the Inter-Mountain country in August, where the Segoly grows and where the sweet and tender hospitality of a grateful, patriotic people awaits you.

"F. M. STERRETT,

"Executive Director, G. A. R."

House of Representatives, U. S.

Washington, D. C., May 1, 1909.

Col. Henry Digby, Commander O. P. Morton Post, G. A. R., Joplin, Missouri.

My Dear Comrade—Will you please say to the Delegates attending the State Encampment at Joplin, on the 12th, that I wish them all a pleasant time, and regret that it is impossible for me to be with them? I had looked forward to the meeting as one of the happy events of my life as a Grand Army man. It will be a



great enjoyment to the members of our Post to meet their old comrades, who stood shoulder to shoulder with them upon many a hard-fought battlefield, and finally won a victory which will preserve the Union for all time to come. No one not engaged in that great struggle for the Union of the States and the preservation of human liberty, can appreciate the hardships, suffering and heroism of the boys in blue, who fought with such gallantry and valor for their country.

In all the history of the world there never was organized such a body of men. They endured untold sufferings without a murmur of complaint, and their fortitude in camp was only equaled by their splendid courage on the firing line. No taint of immorality, no acts of excess, no cowardly shirking of duty, stains their proud record. Patriotic devotion to duty and country, ability to fight to a finish, and a love of the flag were the chief characteristics. Surely the present generation and all future generations of Americans should glory in their achievements and emulate their example.

Joplin will welcome their presence with pride and make their stay an enjoyable one. I wish I could be with you and meet the old boys. God bless them all. Very truly yours in F., C. and L.,  
CHARLES H. MORGAN.

The Committee on the Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Joplin, Mo., May 12, 1909.

Department Commander, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

We, the undersigned committee, to whom has been referred the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, respectfully report we have read with care and much interest their respective reports to the Assistant Adjutant General, which are the exponents of their administration faithfully and loyally performed in the interest of our Order.

CHAS. W. BARSTOW,  
J. L. NICHOLS,  
A. J. LANNING, Committee.

On motion of Comrade Arthur Dreifus, Post 1, the Encampment proceeded to select the place for the meeting of the Department Encampment next year.

Comrade G. A. Douglas, of Post 78, Warrensburg, named that place, and was strongly seconded by Comrade Wm. Lowe, of Post 566, a resident of Warrensburg.

Comrade Dreifus proposed Jefferson City, which was seconded by Senior Vice-Department Commander Munchrath and Comrade J. K. Merrifield, Post 131.

Comrade J. H. Asher, Post 251, asked the Encampment to come to Eldorado Springs.

On motion a standing vote was taken on each proposition, which resulted in 189 votes for Warrensburg, 65 votes for Jefferson City, and 10 votes for Eldorado Springs.

Having received a majority of the votes cast, the Department

Commander declared that Warrensburg was selected for the meeting of the Department Encampment next year.

Junior Vice-Department Commander Hack moved to proceed with the election of officers.

Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, moved, as a substitute, to make the election of officers a special order for 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, which, being duly seconded, was put to vote and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General read a communication from Warren T. Stewart Camp, Sons of Veterans, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., condemning the action of their Division Council in changing the place of their meeting from Joplin to St. Louis.

The hour having arrived which was set for the parade, on motion the Encampment took a recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 13th.

The Encampment met at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 13th, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Flower, Department Chaplain, invoked the Divine blessing.

The reports of committees being called for, the Committee on Credentials presented their report, which appears elsewhere, showing the number present entitled to seats to be 305. On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Joplin, Mo., May 13th, 1909.

Department Commander and Comrades: Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the reports and heartily approve the recommendations contained therein.

We take great pleasure in commending the good work done by the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR DREIFUS, Post 1,  
C. N. BROOKS, Post 8,  
JOHN HARNOIS, Post 7,  
Committee.

The Committee on the Address of the Department Commander presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Joplin, Mo., May 13th, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

We, your committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, report that we have considered the same

and find it is in strict accord with the rules, regulations and principles of the Order. We fully approve of it, and commend him for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office. Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE HALL,  
A. G. PETERSON,  
JERE T. DEW,  
J. P. PLATT,  
J. M. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

The Committee on the Reports of the Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Chief Mustering Officer and Patriotic Instructor, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Joplin, Mo., May 13th, 1909.

To the Department Encampment.

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Judge Advocate, the Department Chaplain, the Chief Mustering Officer and the Department Patriotic Instructor, respectfully report that they have given the reports referred to them due consideration and present the following in relation thereto:

All of the above-named officers have shown a commendable zeal and fidelity in performing their duties.

It is gratifying that the fraternal spirit so abounds among the comrades of our Department that the only official duty which the Judge Advocate was required to perform was the writing of his brief report.

The faithfulness of our Department Chaplain in the performance of his duties is commendable. It is to be regretted that many Post Chaplains do not seem to appreciate the importance of making full reports to the Department Chaplain upon the blanks furnished them, so that the statistics may be made a perpetual record in the Journals of our Encampment. It is hoped that Post Commanders will see that this duty is promptly and accurately performed.

It is a pleasure to note that there has been work for the Chief Mustering Officer to do, and that he has caused to be mustered three new Posts, with a total charter membership of 93. He has been active, faithful and efficient.

The office of Department Patriotic Instructor is most important and is unique in that it requires especial thought and peculiar fitness of the incumbent. It is doubtful if another comrade of this Department can be found who can better, if so well, perform the duties of that office, than the present Department Patriotic Instructor. By nature and profession and education of a high order, he has brought to his office an inspiration, knowledge and zeal that few possess. His admirable report is worthy of careful perusal and patient reflection. It should be an incentive to more earnest effort on the part of Post Patriotic Instructors, as well as comrades all. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. HENRY,  
JAS. CROSSON, Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Burton, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported as follows:

In lieu of resolutions from Posts 210 and 219, in favor of ex-

tending the limitation of the date of widows' marriage in the pension laws, the committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Department Encampment of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Joplin, Mo., May 12th and 13th, 1909, that the Act of Congress, approved April 19th, 1908, should be amended, extending the limitation of marriage therein contained, from June 27th, 1890, until the date of the approval of said Act, to-wit., April 19th, 1908, and that a copy hereof be sent to the National Pension Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Department Encampment, G. A. R., Department of Missouri, be and they are hereby tendered to Hon. Herbert S. Hadley, Governor of Missouri, for his most excellent proclamation in the matter of the observance of the Centennial Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be and they are hereby tendered to the Honorable Mayor of Joplin, the President of the Commercial Club, and to the Commander of O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, for their royal welcomes, and to the people of Joplin, the comrades of said Post, and to the members of the Women's Relief Corps, for the generous entertainment which the members of the Encampment and visiting comrades have received. We shall carry with us pleasant recollections of our second official visit to Joplin. May its growth and prosperity go on forever.

Whereas, Comrade Charles W. Whitehead, Past Department Commander of this Department, departed this life at Kansas City, Mo., on December 8th, 1908. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a suitable number of the pages of the Journal of the Proceedings of this Encampment be set apart and dedicated to his memory. That Comrades W. F. Henry, Jere T. Dew and W. H. Wormstead be and they are hereby appointed a committee to prepare a memorial of his life and service, which memorial with his picture shall be published upon the pages of said Journal so dedicated as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the representation of the respective Posts of this Department, in the Department Encampments hereafter to be held, shall be upon the basis existing prior to the holding of the Twenty-seventh Encampment thereof at Trenton, Missouri, in 1908.

C. G. BURTON,  
C. W. RUBEY,  
P. F. COGHLAN,  
HENRY FAIRHACK,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Resolutions, with its recommendations, was adopted, the several resolutions being voted upon separately and unanimously adopted, with the exception of the last resolution, which was discussed at some length by Comrades Digby, Post 14, J. J. Gideon, Post 69, and J. B. Johnston, Post 210, in opposition, and Comrades Burton, Dew, Munchrath and Martin in favor. On a division, the vote was, Ayes, 211 and Noes 62.

Comrade Digby, Post 14, offered the following resolution, which

received the endorsement of the Committee on Resolutions, and was, on motion, adopted:

"Resolved, That the Assistant Adjutant General, in preparing the Roster of the Encampment, insert in a column opposite the name of each Post the number of its members."

A committee from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, consisting of Mrs. Botkin, Department President, Past Presidents Mrs. Dockery, Mrs. Birdseye, Mrs. Rich and Mrs. Hewitt, was admitted and introduced to the Encampment. Mrs. Dockery addressed the Encampment in a pleasing manner and was responded to by Past Department Commander Hall, at request of the Department Commander. Before leaving, Mrs. Botkin presented Commander Martin with an elegant gold-headed cane, for which he returned suitable thanks. The ladies were then escorted from the Encampment, the comrades all rising.

The following official report of the Women's Relief Corps was received and filed:

Joplin, Mo., May 12th, 1909.

J. V. Martin, Department Commander, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to submit to you and through you to the Department Encampment a brief statement of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department for our year now closing.

Relief has been extended by the Corps of this Department as follows:

Number of Corps.....	48
Number of members.....	1,715
Cash expended for relief.....	\$566.67
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	918.00
Total amount of relief.....	1,584.67
Number of soldiers assisted.....	74
Number in soldiers' families.....	248
Number of members assisted.....	156
Number in members' families.....	210
Total number assisted.....	688

My relations with the Department Commander and all comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic during the past year have been exceedingly pleasant, and I trust the bond of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty may never wane, but grow stronger as the years pass on. Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

MARY M. BOTKIN,  
Department President.

A committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was then announced and escorted to the platform. The committee consisted of Mrs. Wanless, Mrs. Albeitz and Mrs. Smith, the two former of whom addressed the Encampment in eloquent words of greeting. By request of the Commander, Comrade W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor, replied in a suitable manner. The ladies were then escorted from the Encampment, the comrades all rising.

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-third National Encampment.

The following comrades were appointed as tellers: J. J. Gideon, Post 69; A. F. McCray, Post 525; A. J. Showers, Post 131; A. G. Minges, Post 13; Cord Ringen, Post 1; W. W. Baldwin, Post 76; James Crosson, Post 4; J. A. Hays, Post 8.

The tellers distributed the ballots and afterwards took up the votes and retired to count the same.

National Chaplain Benj. F. Jones of the Sons of Veterans was introduced and addressed the Encampment as follows:

Commander Martin and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I am not insensible of the honor conferred upon me by Commander-in-Chief Allan and Division Commander Schneider of the Sons of Veterans, in delegating to me the duty of bearing to your body their greetings and assurances of hearty sympathy. In the splendid work of teaching the lessons of patriotism and loyalty to country, your aim is our aim and your work our work.

They bade me say to you that the Sons of Veterans would not wrest one single laurel from you, to whom they rightly belong. We seek not to supplant you in the affections of a grateful nation, but to help you in any way that you may suggest. We beg of you, our noble sires, to lean upon our rugged strength in the eventide of life, and to permit us to cherish your memory when you are gone.

In our attitude toward the Nation, we feel that there is nothing in its gift that is too good for you to have, and we propose for you to have it, if it is in any way within our power to get it for you. You are pressed for time, and I have no intention of trespassing upon the few hours left of this Encampment, but I wish to say that personally this thing gets into my blood; the shrill note of that fife that led our grandsires in 1812, the roll of the drum and the waving of Old Glory stirs all the latent fires of patriotism within my heart. It makes me feel much like the good old deacon who had been a strict temperance man all his life, but who through mistake one day drank a tumbler full of white whiskey, thinking it was water. The result was that he was made tremendously drunk. When he sobered up some of his fellow church members asked him how he felt when he was under its influence. He replied: "Well, brethren, I felt like I was settin' a-straddle of the meetin' house, and every shingle was a Jew's harp."

It was a disappointment to all of us that we could not meet at the same place with you for our Division Encampment this year, but for good and sufficient reasons that it is not necessary for us to mention here, it became necessary to change to St. Louis one week from today. I assure you that it was with no disrespect to you that this action was taken, and we earnestly request that you will send a committee of greeting to us and that many of you will visit our Encampment. I thank you for the privilege you have granted me of addressing you, and say to you that we are building an enduring monument to your memory in the great school which we have established at Mason City, Iowa—Memorial University—

in which we are teaching the splendid facts of patriotism and history as you made it during the sixties.

I understand that your elections are due just at this moment and know that you are all anxious to hear the results. You cannot all be elected Department Commander, but I hope that at least a goodly number of you will be permitted to go to Salt Lake City, and trust that you may each take one wife with you and bring back as many as the law allows you. I thank you.

Nominations for Department Commander were called for. On motion, nominating speeches were limited to five minutes, and seconding speeches to three minutes.

Past Department Commander Hall was recognized and placed Comrade W. H. Skinner, of Post 124, in nomination, with the following remarks:

Department Commander and Comrades:

Owing to the absence of the Past Commander-in-Chief, whose telegram was read to you yesterday, by unanimous request of the comrades of his Post, and a large number of the comrades throughout Northwest Missouri, I am instructed to place in nomination for the office of Department Commander, Comrade W. H. Skinner, a member of Lieutenant T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, of Bethany, Mo.

When our country was in the throes of civil war, Comrade Harry Skinner, a beardless boy at the age of sixteen years, with the parting kiss of a loving mother upon his cheek, and the blessing of a devoted father upon his head, severed the ties of home and bid adieu to home and friends, and answered the call, "We are coming, Father Abraham, three hundred thousand more," and enlisted as a private in the ranks, joined his comrades, and marched away to the seat of war, where he discharged every duty and fulfilled every trust, on the march, in camp, by the bivouac or on the firing line in the heat of battle, where shot and shell mowed down his comrades on right and left, to its fullest measure, until the close of the war.

When his country no longer needed his service, and after his discharge, he returned to his home and gathered up the broken threads of civil life, studied law, and after being admitted to the bar, he located at Bethany, Mo., and has ever since shown his loyal devotion to his country's welfare and interest in civil life, and has faithfully discharged every duty as an honored, upright, useful citizen. He was twice elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of his county, which he filled to the entire satisfaction of his constituents; was then twice elected to the office of probate judge of his county, and has faithfully discharged every trust of civil life. From its organization, he has been a zealous, faithful worker as a member of his post. He has held various honorable positions in the Department, has served as Judge Advocate, and as Senior Vice-Department Commander.

While we would not, under any circumstances, wish to be understood as appealing to sectional feeling or prejudice, the comrades of northwest Missouri have for years been supporting for this office comrades in Kansas City, St. Louis, the South, Central and Eastern parts of the State, and they have never been honored with a Department Commander from the Northwestern part of the State.

We therefore earnestly appeal to the comrades to recognize and grant the request of the comrades from the Northwestern part of the State by electing Comrade Harry Skinner as your Department Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief Burton nominated Ben Warner, of Post 4, Kansas City. He said:

Department Commander: For the two years last past the duties of my office as Collector of Internal taxes has required the spending of most of my time in Kansas City, and by reason thereof I have been the more intimately associated with the comrades in that city. At their request, and in obedience to the dictates of my own judgment, I arise to place in nomination for Department Commander, a comrade of McPherson Post, No. 4. Kansas City has given to this Department four most excellent Commanders, but each and every one of them belongs to Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8. Old McPherson desires and merits the honor of having upon its roster the name of a Department Commander.

Its candidate was but a boy when the rebellion began. Twice he enlisted in the army of the Union, to be taken therefrom by his father, who, no doubt, wisely thought that his boy was not sufficiently mature to undergo the hardships incident to army service. Patriotic and persistent, the boy was subsequently enrolled as a member of the Eighteenth Michigan Infantry, and as such rendered gallant and efficient service in the great conflict for the preservation of the Union.

As a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, his record merits your consideration. He joined Hampson Post, No. 8, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1868. In 1880 he was one of the charter members of McPherson Post, No. 4, of this Department, and from that day unto this has been active, earnest and untiring in his devotion to our Order.

Companionable, genial, wholesouled, broad-minded, rugged in body and possessed of ample time, if elected Department Commander, he will give us an administration creditable to himself and honorable and profitable to us all.

In supporting him I would in no wise detract from the qualifications and merits of Comrade Harry Skinner. He, too, if elected, will make a most excellent Commander, and if you shall place in his hands the symbol of authority, he will receive no more hearty support than that rendered by the comrade whom I shall name and by the comrades who shall vote for him.

With full confidence in your judgment and animated by a desire to maintain the superb standing and magnificent record of this Department, I nominate for Department Commander for the ensuing year Comrade Ben Warner, of Kansas City.

A third nomination was made by Comrade W. C. Calland, Post 69, who spoke as follows:

Comrades: In presenting a candidate for Department Commander I am not unmindful of the worthiness and true merit of the candidates already named—Comrades Skinner and Warner. These are soldiers tried and true, but I simply present the name of another whose true worth is admirably demonstrated by his work in the local Post, having raised its membership from 50 to 150 within two



years. His soldierly bearing, his ability as a man and his standing as a citizen—his ability to do things and his adaptation as a presiding officer and parliamentarian—all these acquirements render him a valuable man to the Department. His election will be appreciated by the Southwest. I name Comrade Henry Digby, of Joplin, as a candidate for Department Commander.

The nomination of Comrade Skinner was seconded by Past Department Commanders Platt, Williams and Martin, and Comrades Arthur Dreifus, Post 1, and Francis P. Becker, Post 13.

The nomination of Comrade Warner was seconded by Past Department Commander Fairback, and Comrades J. B. Davis, Post 4, J. P. Tracey, Post 69, and C. H. Chapman, Post 4.

The nomination of Comrade Digby was seconded by Comrade S. E. Wetzel, Post 16.

The nominations were closed and the following comrades were appointed as tellers: Past Department Commander Henry, J. B. Wilde, Post 131; E. S. Miner, Post 124; W. F. Silverwood, Post 1.

Comrade Digby announced his withdrawal, saying he had at no time been an active candidate, and asking the comrades to choose Comrade Skinner or Comrade Warner.

A ballot was had, and the tellers reported the result of the ballot, as follows:

W. H. Skinner received 193 votes; Benj. Warner received 74 votes.

W. H. Skinner, having received a majority of the votes cast, the Department Commander declared him duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

On motion of Comrade Warner, the election of Comrade Skinner was made unanimous. Comrade Skinner was called to the platform and thanked his comrades for the high honor he had received at their hands, and promised his best efforts to promote the welfare of the Department.

Nominations for Senior Vice-Department Commander being next in order, Past Department Commander Fairback nominated Comrade J. W. Lucas, Post 76. The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander Platt and Comrade H. C. Carter, Post 7.

There being no other nominations, on motion, the nominations were closed, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Lucas for Senior Vice-Department Commander, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected.

For Junior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade Digby, Commander of Post 14, nominated Comrade L. A. Fillmore, Post 14. On motion, nominations were closed, the rules were suspended, and Comrade Fillmore was elected by acclamation.

For Medical Director, Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, nominated Comrade W. F. Silverwood, Post 1. There being no other nominations, on motion the nominations were closed, the rules were suspended, and Comrade Silverwood was elected by acclamation.

For Chaplain, Comrade John Harnois, Post 7, nominated Comrade E. W. Flower, Post 7, the present incumbent.

Comrade C. H. Chapman, Post 4, nominated Chas. E. Gabelman, Post. 8.

Comrade J. N. Pierce, Post 589, nominated Comrade R. R. Witten, Post 69.

On motion, the nominations were closed. Comrade Flower declined the nomination. The nomination of Comrade Gabelman was also withdrawn. Comrade Witten being the only candidate remaining, on motion the rules were suspended and he was elected by acclamation.

The following nominations were made for members of the Council of Administration: Comrade J. L. Briggs, Post 14, nominated Comrade M. M. Rice, Post 14; Past Department Commander Fairback nominated Comrade Edward Borck, Post 107; Past Commander-in-Chief Burton nominated Comrade Francis P. Becker, Post 13; Comrade J. B. Davis, Post 4, nominated Comrade H. C. Carter, Post 7; Comrade S. D. Webster, Post 131, nominated Comrade Chas. P. Chesebro, Post 131.

On motion nominations were closed, and the five comrades above named were elected by acclamation.

The Assistant Adjutant General made the following report of the Council of Administration:

Joplin, Mo., May 11th, 1909.

To the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The Council held an informal meeting at Trenton, Mo., at the call of the Department Commander, immediately after the adjournment of the Encampment, for the purpose of becoming better acquainted. No business was transacted except to approve of the arrangements which had been made for the Headquarters of the Department at Toledo, Ohio.

The selection of the date for the meeting of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment at Joplin, Mo., was, by direction of the Department Commander, submitted to the members of the Council by letter, and resulted in the choice of Wednesday and Thursday, May 12th and 13th, 1909, and it was so announced in General Orders No. 5, January 9th, 1909.

The Council also held a meeting at Joplin, Mo., pursuant to the call of the Department Commander.

The members present were J. V. Martin, Department Com-

mander; John Hack, Junior Vice-Department Commander; Rev. E. W. Flower, Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Edward D. Coe, Chief Mustering Officer; W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor; J. W. Lucas and James A. Hays, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

The Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts for failing to make reports: Post 234, Ash Grove; 345, Bear Creek; 457, Morley; 517, Parnell.

On Motion the Council recommended to the Encampment that \$100 be appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1909.

J. V. Martin, Department Commander.

We, the undersigned Committee of the Council of Administration, appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, have performed our duty for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1909, and report as follows:

Cash balance, December 31st, 1908, \$295.05.

Cash balance April 30th, 1909, \$113.10.

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of keeping accounts.

FRANCIS P. BECKER,

LOUIS KOOP, Committee.

There being no further business, on motion the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General and Recorder.

On motion, the report with its recommendations was adopted.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-third National Encampment as follows, the candidates having received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

John Hack, Trenton.....	174
P. L. Swartz, Joplin.....	151
C. K. Reifsnider, St. Louis.....	147
C. W. Rubey, Lebanon.....	146
J. B. Davis, Kansas City.....	128
W. H. Wormstead, Kansas City.....	125
A. Whipple, St. Louis.....	123
J. Philip Riechers, St. Louis.....	122
Wm. Roney, Kidder.....	122
W. A. Frost, Sedalla.....	119
Frank Hill, Carthage.....	118
A. J. Lanning, Brookfield.....	117
P. W. Bahl, Springfield.....	114
J. E. Decker, Republic.....	112

## ALTERNATES.

J. A. Vance, Pierce City.....	108
Fred. Wenz, St. Joseph.....	106
Max Fritz, St. Louis.....	105
Chas. Brandes, Boonville.....	90
H. C. Wyatt, Butler.....	87
A. J. Ragsdale, Marionville.....	86
H. T. Holmes, Jefferson City.....	86
J. H. Stoner, Cameron.....	83
R. B. Dodge, Webb City.....	82
Joseph Montgomery, Eldorado Springs.....	80
W. B. Mullins, Miami.....	74
Henry Frein, St. Louis.....	71
A. A. Barrett, Medoc.....	70
Nich. Mathias, Moberly.....	67
John Harnois, St. Joseph.....	62

On motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, the thanks of the Encampment were tendered to the Officer of the Day, Comrade A. W. Harrington, the Officer of the Guard, Comrade John M. Theurer, and the Sentinels for their faithful service during the Encampment.

The officers-elect were then installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Burton, except the Senior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade Lucas, who was not present, but was subsequently installed by Department Commander Skinner.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was duly installed.

Comrade Skinner, on assuming the gavel, after again returning thanks to the Encampment, declared that he knew he should receive the cordial support and co-operation of all the comrades, and he should use his best endeavors to merit it.

The comrades present, under the lead of Past Department Commander Henry, then joined in singing "God Be With Us 'Till We Meet Again," after which the Commander declared the Encampment adjourned sine die.

A true record of the proceedings:

*Thos. B. Rodgers*  
*Asst Adjt Genl*



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**In Memoriam**

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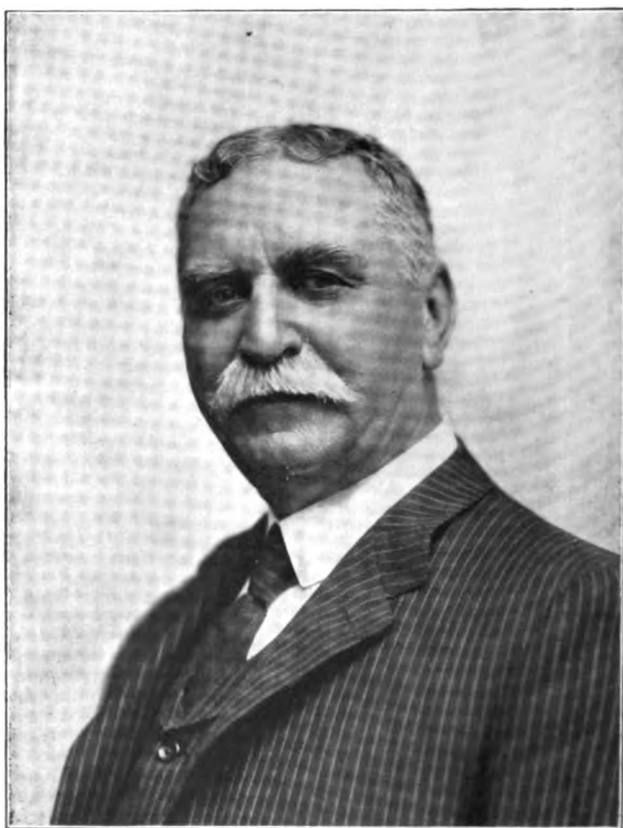
**Charles W. Whitehead**

*Past Department Commander*  
1892

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**Died December 8, 1908**

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**CHARLES W. WHITEHEAD.**  
**PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

# In Memoriam

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**Col. Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.**

**Comrade:**

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the twenty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to prepare a testimonial to the memory of our late Comrade, Past Department Commander Charles W. Whitehead, to be entered of record in the journal of the Encampment, respectfully present the following:

## **MEMORIAL TO CHARLES W. WHITEHEAD.**

Comrade Charles W. Whitehead was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 20th day of November, 1842, and died in Kansas City, Missouri, on the 8th day of December, 1908.

These two dates mark the beginning and ending of the life of one of nature's noblemen. He came to the United States with his parents when he was about six years of age, and settled in Orange County, N. Y., where he grew to manhood. He enlisted at Goshen on the 5th day of September, 1862, as a private in Company H, 124th New York Infantry, a regiment that served with distinction in the Army of the Potomac and was known as the "Orange Blossoms," from the name of the county in which it was recruited. The record and history of that regiment is the military record and history of Comrade Whitehead. He was honorably discharged June 16, 1865. He was at Appomattox on the 9th day of April, 1865, when General Lee and his army furled the Stars and Bars, stacked arms and saluted the flag of an undivided country, and the great struggle was closed. Three years later he celebrated the anniversary of that memorable event by uniting in marriage, on April 9, 1868, at Newburg, N. Y., with Mary Eaton Drake.

In 1871 he came to Missouri and located in Kansas City, and has been identified with all the enterprises that have contributed to its growth and progress. While his principal business was real estate, yet he was connected with many other enterprises, and was for many years an active director of the Union National Bank at Kansas City, and when that bank was consolidated with the Bank of Commerce, he became a director of the consolidated bank, which position he held at the time of his death.

Comrade Whitehead ever took a commendable pride in his service for the Union in the War of the Rebellion, and when George H. Thomas, Thomas Post No. 8, was organized in Kansas City, in January, 1882, he became a charter member, and to the day of his death was an active comrade, giving of his time, his counsel, his ability and his voice to the prosperity and entertainment of the Post.



No Grand Army gathering in Kansas City or the Department Encampment was complete without his presence and aid. At the third annual election of officers of Post 8, in 1884, he was chosen Post Commander. At the Department Encampment in 1885, he was elected Senior Vice Department Commander, and in 1892 he was elected Department Commander. This Department was then at its high tide, having more than 25,000 on the rolls of the several Posts.

Gifted with a bass voice of rare quality and compass, he was a lover of music and took great interest and pleasure in singing. In the church in his old home in Waiden, N. Y., in which his father was an honored leader and member, Comrade Whitehead was the choir leader, and when he came to Kansas City his services were in great demand in the choirs and choral societies. He was delighted to conduct the singing of the children in the Sunday School. In all the open meetings and entertainments of the Grand Army in his home city, he was a part of the musical numbers and in charge of the musical part of the program. In 1890 Comrade Whitehead and three other comrades came together as a quartette to aid in a Post entertainment, and the result was so satisfactory that the association was continued with the closest fraternity and comradeship until he was suddenly called to join the great chorus of the redeemed beyond the shadow of this life. Even at the time of his untimely death he was one of a committee to arrange for the entertainment to the Commander-in-Chief and party, who visited Kansas City on December 9th, and the quartette (known as the Grand Army Quartette) was to have sung at the Camp-fire, but his voice was stilled and the quartette was silent.

Comrade Whitehead was a Christian gentleman, and took great interest in all matters pertaining to his church and to the Y. M. C. A. He was a member of the Westminster Congregational Church and chairman of its building committee in the erection of their magnificent edifice, which will remain a monument to his good judgment, fidelity and zeal.

No comrade was more loved and respected in his Post or in the Department, and a great wave of sadness swept over us and saddened the hearts of all comrades when it was announced that Comrade Whitehead had, with scarcely a moment's warning, died at the Court House while attending to a matter of business.

A widow, who had for more than forty years walked by his side along the journey of life, the bonds of love and affection which first drew them together growing stronger and more tender as the years went by, survives him. One son, Charles Hallock Whitehead, the only survivor of four children, is living, and has been elected his father's successor as director of the National Bank of Commerce.

He left to the widow and son a fortune accumulated in business, but he left to them what is of far greater value than stocks and bonds and real estate—the heritage of a good name and the memory of one who, by his high ideals of business integrity, by his noble example, and by the life of a Christian gentleman, won the love and esteem of all who knew him. He was a good citizen, a true comrade, a kind and loving husband and father, and a gentleman always.

W. F. HENRY.

JERE T. DEW.

WM. H. WORMSTEAD.

Committee.

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

One of the most enjoyable features of the Encampment was the reception tendered the comrades by Mrs. Botkin, of Joplin, the Department President, and the other Department officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, at the Elks' Hall on Tuesday evening. In the receiving line were also many of the Past Department Presidents.

The Elks' ball room was a beautiful scene with its appropriate and elaborate decorations. The entire ball room, hall, rest room and lunch room were attractively hung with red, white and blue and a profusion of flags, large and small. The rooms were crowded and all the early part of the evening was spent in a social manner. During the evening, punch, cakes and ices were served. At 10 o'clock the grand march was led by Major Guy T. Humes and Mrs. Mary M. Botkin, the Department President, soon after which the assemblage dispersed.

On Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after a recess of the Encampment, the comrades were formed for parade by J. W. Lucas, Senior Aide-de-camp and Chief of Staff, under the direction of the Assistant Adjutant General. The parade was formed at the corner of Third and Joplin streets, and was preceded by a detail of mounted policemen, under the Assistant Chief of Police Kier.

A drum and fife corps, composed of veterans of the Civil War, led the parade. Commander Henry Digby of the Joplin Post acted as grand marshal in charge of the parade, which was led by the Department officers and the Mayor in carriages. Next came the members of Blair, Hassendeubel and Ransom Posts of St. Louis, after which were delegates from all parts of the State. Nearly five hundred comrades were in line. The parade moved east on Joplin to Main, south to Eighth, west to Pearl, south to Fifth, west to Byers, and north to the High School building.

Arriving at the school, where several hundred students had gathered on the lawn, the veterans were lined up on the street and sidewalk, while Mrs. Gillson of Appleton City, the Department Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps, presented a handsome United States flag to the school.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Prof. Buchanan, responded to the speech of presentation, thanking the Relief Corps for the flag.

Mercer Arnold, a graduate of the High School, and City Counselor, made an address to the veterans.

During the flag presentation exercises a chorus, composed of High School students, rendered patriotic music. All heads were bared when the band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner."

At the close of the exercises a demonstration was made by the four automobiles in the Fire Department, after which the comrades disbanded and proceeded to the City Hall, where the firemen gave an interesting demonstration with the aerial truck.

On Wednesday evening three entertainments were provided. The Woman's Relief Corps of Joplin had a reception at the Commercial Club from 7 to 8 o'clock; the Grand Army had a camp-fire at the Club Theater and at the Germania Hall, the Joplin Germania Society entertained with a genuine "Dutch lunch," with trimmings. Many of the comrades took in a part of all three.

The Club Theater was crowded to the limit when the exercises began at 8 o'clock. Post Commander Digby of Joplin presided. Several musical selections were rendered by the High School Glee Club, by the fife and drum corps and by the orchestra.

The principal address was made by Hon. Chas. G. Burton, Past Commander-in-Chief. He dwelt at some length on the principles and reasons for the existence of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, declaring it was not to encourage sectional feeling, but to keep alive the remembrances of the struggle that preserved the Union in its entirety, and to assist the needy comrades and their widows and orphans. Judge Burton told a number of war-time reminiscences, many of them extremely humorous. He also spoke of the ties of comradeship as the strongest and most enduring of any known.

Recitations by little Miss Bessie Fletcher and Mr. Al. B. Morris were heartily applauded and encored, as was a song by Miss Belva Lawson.

Short and eloquent patriotic addresses were made by Mrs. Esther Walser of Liberal, Mo., and Mrs. Julia Dockery of Kirksville, Mo., Past Department Presidents, and Mrs. Mary M. Stark of St. Louis, Mo., Department Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Germania gathering was conducted in true German style and was enjoyed exceedingly by all, whether or not of German birth. Among the speakers were Chris. Guengerich of Joplin, Francis P. Becker, Quartermaster of Col. Hassendeubel Post, and George Hoffman, Commander of Frank P. Blair Post of St. Louis.

At intervals during the recesses of the Encampment many of the citizens of Joplin, with their automobiles, made it pleasant for the visiting comrades by showing them the objects of interest in and about the city.

Taken altogether, the Encampment was a success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The comrades of the O. P. Morton Post acquitted themselves well, and they may well feel proud of their city and their strong, vigorous Post.

## GENERAL ORDERS, 1908-1909.

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General Orders No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., May 23d, 1908.

I. At the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Trenton, Mo., May 13th and 14th, 1908, I was duly elected and installed as Department Commander. With sincere thanks to the comrades and with full appreciation of the honor and duties of the position, I hereby assume command.

The Department and Post officers are expected to discharge their duties faithfully and promptly. Every member of this Department is urged to co-operate with the Department and Post officers, to the end that many of the comrades who have been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues may be reinstated, so that the membership of the Grand Army in Missouri may this year show an increase.

II. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and the comrades so appointed will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Thomas B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

W. T. Munson, Post 130, Tina, Inspector.

J. W. Moore, Post 276, California, Judge Advocate.

Edward D. Coe, Post 131, St. Louis, Chief Mustering Officer.

W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander will be Brookfield, Linn County, Missouri.

All official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Thomas B. Rodgers, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

J. V. MARTIN,

Department Commander.

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General Orders No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., May 28th, 1908.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment to the offices designated, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—J. V. Martin, Post 57, Brookfield.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—Hubert Munchrath, Post 13, St. Louis.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—John Hack, Post 72, Trenton

Medical Director—Dr. Henry N. Keener, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Chaplain—Rev. E. W. Flower, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Council of Administration—J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder; James A. Hays, Post 8, Kansas City; Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; Louis Koop, Post 1, St. Louis; Martin Crill, Post 29, Chillicothe.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives to the Forty-second National Encampment:

**Representatives.**

H. G. Orton (at large), Princeton.  
 H. H. Spencer, Chillicothe.  
 S. D. Webster, St. Louis.  
 A. H. Burkholder, Trenton.  
 Noble H. Rogers, Sedalia.  
 J. A. Demuth, St. Joseph.  
 John W. Shroyer, Bethany.  
 E. T. Maher, Brookfield.  
 H. S. Beary, Cameron.  
 W. F. Silverwood, St. Louis.  
 Daniel V. Kern, Kansas City.  
 D. W. Pollock, St. John.  
 Ewing Roberts, Boonville.  
 D. F. Pippinger, Clarence.  
 W. B. Mullins, Miami.  
 C. W. Rubey, Lebanon.

**Alternates.**

L. D. Middleton, Joplin.  
 Nich. Mathias, Moberly.  
 S. C. Fancher, Kansas City.  
 D. H. Hudson, Novelty.  
 S. C. Hackathorn, Carthage.  
 Philip Riechers, St. Louis.  
 Cornelius Yost, Coffeyburg.  
 H. J. Dutton, Springfield.  
 S. A. Hartley, Dunlap.  
 Eli D. Hopkins, Farmington.  
 Geo. W. Mason, Lemonville.  
 A. J. Bennett, Unionville.  
 John Stupp, St. Louis.  
 Wm. Conroy, St. Louis.  
 W. P. Leedom, Lancaster.  
 R. B. Dodge, Webb City.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff—J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder.

Color Bearer and Aide-de-Camp—Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly.

Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp—John Schellhammer, Post 13, St. Louis.

IV. The Post Commanders are requested to recommend to the Department Commander a worthy and zealous comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on his Staff. These appointments are of more importance than is generally supposed, and may be made of great benefit to our organization, and it is hoped that Post Commanders will avail themselves of this opportunity to honor a faithful comrade.

V. The following Posts were suspended by Department Commander Kimball, at Trenton, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 20, Louisiana; 60, Dawn; 106, Malta Bend; 166, La Grange; 237, Warsaw; 290, Pacific; 402, Crpe Girardeau.

Suspended Posts may be reinstated on payment of one year's per capita tax.

VI. The Department Encampment at its late meeting voted to increase the per capita tax from twenty-five to thirty cents per annum, or fifteen cents for each term of six months. This will take effect with the reports for June 30th, 1908.

VII. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the six months ending June 30th, 1908, are herewith enclosed. These reports should be carefully made out, reference being had to the retained copy of the preceding reports, and after approval by the Post Commander, should be sent with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member in good standing to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in June. They should not be held back until the end of the month. The names, with rank, company and regiment of all comrades gained or lost during the term, should be entered under the proper headings. A full descriptive list should be given for each comrade mustered or joined by transfer.

Post Commanders are again reminded that it is obligatory to drop all suspended comrades who are one year or more in arrears, after due notice as required by the Rules and Regulations. They should be so reported, whether all the names can be given or not, as it is necessary to get this dead wood out of the way.

VIII. A blank for report of Post Chaplain, as to observance of Memorial Day, is enclosed herewith, which should be filled out and forwarded to Rev. E. W. Flower, Department Chaplain, 221 North Thirteenth street, St. Joseph, Mo., in the addressed envelope enclosed. Post Commanders should attend promptly to forwarding these reports immediately after Memorial Day.

IX. The Department Encampment voted to change the ratio of representation of Posts in the Department Encampment, from one representative and alternate for each fifty members in good standing and one additional for a final fraction of more than half that number, to one representative and alternate for each twenty-five members in good standing, with one additional for a final fraction of more than half that number.

X. The City of Joplin, Jasper County, Mo., was selected by the Department Encampment as the place of meeting next year.

XI. The Forty-second National Encampment will be held at Toledo, Ohio, on the week beginning August 31st, 1908. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be established at the Secor Hotel. The railroad rates have not yet been promulgated. Further and more definite information as to rates and routes will be given in later General Orders.

XII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home: Louis Benecke, Post 268, Brunswick; Henry Fairback, Post 107, St. Louis; Arthur Drefus, Post 1, St. Louis.

XIII. The general observance of Flag Day, which occurs on Sunday, June 14th, is commended to the Posts and comrades. In General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, the Commander-in-Chief requests that Saturday, June 13th, be observed instead of Sunday the 14th. Let the flag be displayed from our residences, places of business and Post rooms, and from school buildings, as an object lesson of patriotism to all the people, and especially the young.

XIV. General Orders No. 6, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of J. V. Martin, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., August 3d, 1908.

I. As heretofore announced, the Forty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Toledo, Ohio, in the week beginning Monday, August 31st, 1908. The parade will take place on Wednesday, September 2d. The sessions of the Encampment will be held at the Valentine Theatre, on Thursday and Friday, September 3d and 4th.

I. The headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be opened at the Secor Hotel, Room "G" 36, fourth floor, on Monday, August 31st. Department and Staff Officers, Representatives and

Alternates will report immediately upon their arrival. All Missouri comrades are cordially invited to call and register and receive the Missouri badge.

III. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, Secor Hotel, on Tuesday evening, September 1st, at 7:30 o'clock. Badges for members of the Encampment will be distributed at this meeting.

IV. Arrangements for the parade will be made and announced by Special Orders at Toledo. The line of march will be less than two miles in length, all over smooth streets and largely shaded. Seats will be provided for comrades while waiting for their division to fall into line. Coffee and sandwiches will be served at every place of formation. The Department Commander desires to have in line every Missouri comrade who is present and able to march. J. W. Lucas, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, will have charge of the formation of the parade, and all Post and Battalion Commanders will report to him at Department Headquarters on Tuesday, September 1st, during the day or evening.

V. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment will notify the Assistant Adjutant General, not later than August 15th, whether or not they will be able to attend, so that Alternates may be notified. Should anything occur later to prevent attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be notified by mail or telegraph. Rooms have been secured at the Secor Hotel for a limited number at \$3.00 per day, on the American plan, two comrades to each room, with toilet. Representatives and Past Department Commanders, who desire these accommodations, should notify the Assistant Adjutant General without delay.

VI. Free quarters will be provided for visiting comrades in the best schoolhouses of the city, for whom cots and mattresses will be furnished free, but each one must furnish his own blanket and pillow. Applications for free quarters should be made at once to F. M. Sterrett, Executive Director, 109 Madison Court, Toledo, Ohio.

VII. The railroad rates to the Forty-second National Encampment are by far the highest we have ever been called upon to pay.

As announced in General Orders, No. 7, National Headquarters, which accompanies this Order, the railroad rates from St. Louis and Mississippi river points to Toledo will be one and one-half fare for the round trip, good returning until September 15th, with privilege of extension to October 15th, by joint validating agent not later than September 15th, on payment of \$1.00.

In the territory of the Western Passenger Association, which includes all of Missouri a rate of two cents per mile each way to be added to the rates east of the Mississippi river, has been announced, but this rate has been broken and new schedules have been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, reducing the rate to one and one-half fare, which awaits the approval of the Commission. Tickets to be sold August 27th to 30th.

Owing to the uncertainty and complicated conditions, it will be absolutely necessary for the comrades who are going to the Encampment to make inquiry of the railroad agents in their respective localities and keep posted as to developments. The fare from St. Louis via the Clover Leaf Line is \$14.60 and via Wabash \$16.50, for the round trip.

The Department Comander will leave St. Louis on Sunday

evening, August 30th, via Toledo, St. Louis & Western (Clover Leaf Route). He would be glad to have as many of his Staff and Representatives accompany him as possible.

VIII. The following named comrades have been appointed **Aides-de-Camp** on the Staff of the Department Commander, on recommendation of the Post Commanders, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Adolph Dehner, Post 1, St. Louis.  
 Henry Frein, Post 2, St. Louis.  
 Hiram Crampton, Post 8, Kansas City.  
 Louis C. Hesse, Post 13, St. Louis.  
 D. F. Pippingier, Post 36, Clarence  
 Jas. A. Branaman, Post 47, Green City.  
 Jacob Snyder, Post 76, Kidder.  
 W. Y. Broughall, Post 82, Wellsville.  
 Edward Borck, Post 107, St. Louis.

The following named comrades are hereby appointed **Aides-de-Camp** by the Department Commander, of his own motion:

M. O. Coddling, Post 4, Kansas City.  
 J. W. Hughes, Post 5, Moberly.  
 C. M. C. Lloyd, Post 7, St. Joseph.  
 J. R. Youngman, Post 17, Cameron.  
 P. F. Felt, Post 19, Laclede.  
 D. M. Walker, Post 22, Kirksville.  
 W. H. Taft, Post 26, Nevada.  
 H. H. Spence, Post 29, Chillicothe.  
 J. J. Hackney, Post 39, Lemonville.  
 Kimball Avery, Post 43, Hannibal.  
 D. P. Dobyms, Post 45, Oregon.  
 N. H. Rogers, Post 53, Sedalia.  
 J. B. Harper, Post 54, Unionville.  
 D. P. Hubbard, Post 57, Brookfield.  
 A. R. McDonald, Post 69, Springfield.  
 Wm. Brantner, Post 72, Trenton.  
 J. W. Scott, Post 75, Greenfield.  
 W. E. Sweeney, Post 79, Princeton.  
 W. Parks, Post 81, Lathrop.  
 H. C. Barger, Post 88, Meadville.  
 W. P. Leedom, Post 92, Lancaster.  
 H. C. Nichols, Post 96, Maysville.  
 J. W. Waite, Post 111, Iberia.  
 Henry Reeding, Post 115, Carl Junction.  
 J. N. Hays, Post 130, Tina.  
 A. J. Ragsdale, Post 141, Marionville.  
 F. M. Stickney, Post 145, Eldon.  
 W. H. Clute, Post 146, Avalon.  
 M. Bosworth, Post 150, Spickard.  
 R. F. Wolf, Post 160, Wheeling.  
 W. W. Chapel, Post 172, Appleton City.  
 L. Drummond, Post 179, Memphis.  
 T. G. McCune, Post 185, New London.  
 R. C. Grove, Post 210, Springfield.  
 J. T. Reynolds, Post 214, Brashear.  
 Anderson Counts, Post 215, Farmington.  
 John Wolf, Post 218, Fairport.



Wm. E. Pond, Post 221, Novelty.  
 W. H. Corbin, Post 222, Melbourne.  
 J. B. Pollard, Post 233, Clayton.  
 Peter Trester, Post 240, Boonville.  
 J. F. M. Brasfield, Post 241, Galt.  
 S. C. Shoemaker, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.  
 J. L. B. Harnden, Post 259, Ava.  
 G. W. Cunningham, Post 268, Brunswick.  
 Jacob Hott, Post 276, California.  
 A. H. Cooley, Post 282, Carrollton.  
 Cornelius Yost, Post 303, Coffeyburg.  
 S. A. Hartley, Post 374, Dunlop.  
 Wm. Stein, Post 387, Marceline.  
 J. P. Helfenstine, Post 433, Mt. Grove.  
 M. O. Stoner, Post 505, Indian Grove.  
 G. C. Wilcox, Post 515, Liberal.  
 B. Zick, Post 566, Pleasant Hill.  
 M. Sechler, Post 582, Lee's Summit.

The Department Commander expects each Aide-de-Camp to use his best efforts for the advancement of the Order, and especially to constitute himself a recruiting officer for his Post. Commissions will be issued to all who report their acceptance to the Assistant Adjutant General. The price of the official badge is \$1.10; where the rank strap and ribbon only are required, the price is 50 cents.

IX. The following new Posts have been mustered:

Nodaway Post, No. 587, at Burlington Junction, Nodaway Co., May 28th, 1908, by Nathaniel Sisson, Past Post Commander, Post 21. Austin F. Stitt, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 13.

F. C. Corbit Post, No. 588, Marshfield, Webster Co., July 7th, 1908, by W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor. Post Commander, J. L. Neff. Number of charter members, 33.

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XI. The Journal of the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment and Department Roster for 1908, together with General Orders, No. 7, National Headquarters, are enclosed herewith.

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By command of J. V. Martin, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4. St. Louis, Mo., November 17th, 1908.

I. The Forty-second National Encampment, which was held at Toledo, Ohio, on the first week in September, will be ever held in pleasant memory by all who were so fortunate as to attend. The weather was delightful, and the parade on smooth and shaded streets, one of the most enjoyable in which the comrades have ever participated. The decorations were magnificent and profuse along the line of the parade and extended to the outskirts of the city. All the arrangements seemed perfect for the comfort of the veterans, hot coffee and sandwiches being served before and during the parade. The enthusiastic reception by all classes of the population of this loyal city made all feel welcome, and will long be pleasantly remembered.

The greatest credit for the success of the Encampment in all

details is due to our comrade, Frank M. Sterrett, who, as the Executive Director, had charge of all the arrangements, and to whom our Department is indebted as in the past for many courtesies, which are hereby acknowledged.

The Department of Missouri was represented on the parade by more than two hundred comrades, all in uniform, which was a distinctive feature. Other Departments had a greater number in line, but none of them all in uniform. The Commander felt proud of their soldierly bearing and appearance, and desires to thank every comrade who took part in the parade, especially the St. Louis Posts, which made it possible for the Department to make the splendid showing it did.

In the Encampment Missouri was represented by two Past Commanders-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief, nine Past Department Commanders, three Department Officers and sixteen Representatives, being entitled to 31 votes. All were active and attentive to their duties. Senior Vice-Department Commander Munchrath was unable to be present on account of serious illness. Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, Comrade J. W. Lucas, was present and rendered efficient service at Headquarters.

II. The annual election of Post Officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. At the same meeting Representatives and Alternates will be elected, based on the number in good standing, as shown by the Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1908. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate for every twenty-five members in good standing, with one additional Representative and Alternate for final fraction of more than half that number. This is a change in the ratio of representation adopted by the last Department Encampment. Posts having less than twenty-five members are entitled to one Representative and one Alternate.

Blanks in duplicate for report of Representatives and Alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing are enclosed. A blank for report of Post officers elected and appointed, is also enclosed and should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General after the officers are installed. Post Commanders will appoint a Patriotic Instructor, who will be installed with other officers.

III. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1909, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless another comrade has been detailed as installing officer by the Department Commander, upon request of the Post Commander. If preferred, installation may take place at a special meeting called for that purpose. The installing officer will see that the Post has forwarded its semi-annual reports and per capita tax before proceeding with the installation. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond. A blank bond is enclosed herewith.

When practicable, it is recommended that Posts have public installations, to which the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans should be invited, as well as the public generally. Soldiers, not members, and their families, should also be invited. On such occasions the Post will open and close informally.

IV. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending December 31st, 1908, are herewith enclosed. These reports, with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for

each member, should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month. The National Counter-sign for 1909 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

Post Adjutants are requested, in reporting deceased comrades, to state the rank, company and regiment, that it may appear properly in the list prepared for our Journal.

V. The Department Commander earnestly urges upon Post officers and comrades the importance of making special efforts for recruiting and for reinstatement of dropped and suspended members from now on to the end of the year. Much may be done in this direction. He especially advises that as few suspensions be made as possible, and that in the case of reinstatements they should be made on easy terms. Let this work begin at once. December reports should show a decided increase in membership from this source.

VI. Posts are reminded that they are required to drop all suspended members who are one year or more in arrears. It is not optional with the Post, but obligatory. Posts should, however, endeavor to reinstate such comrades, where possible, by remitting the dues in whole or in part.

Attention is called to the fact that a dropped member can be more easily reinstated than a suspended one.

VII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

J. G. Burckhardt, Post 158, Bethel.

Chas. D. Engelhart, Post 76, Kidder.

VIII. Comrade Frank M. Sterrett was elected by the National Encampment as a member of the National Council of Administration, and has been appointed as a member of the Executive Committee thereof.

IX. The National Encampment selected Salt Lake City as the place for the meeting of the Forty-third National Encampment.

X. General Orders, Nos. 1 and 2, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

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By command of J. V. Martin, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.

St. Louis, Mo., January 9th, 1909.

I. The near approach of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birthday of that greatest American, the Savior of our Republic, Abraham Lincoln, makes it necessary that the Posts should take immediate steps to arrange for its proper celebration, in accordance with a resolution of the Forty-second National Encampment. The report of the committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief is enclosed herewith. It submits a programme suggested for the occasion, which may be followed so far as may be practicable or acceptable. The Department Commander urges each Post to take action and in some suitable manner observe the 12th day of February, or some day near that time, if impracticable to do so on the 12th, and

if thought best, to unite with citizens in such celebration. The members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and all other patriotic organizations, should be invited to participate.

The anniversary will be observed throughout the country in many ways and by many organizations—social, patriotic, religious and political—and the Grand Army of the Republic, so closely identified with the history of this great man during his term as President of the United States, should be foremost in recognizing in a dignified and commemorative manner the approaching Centennial.

II. Post Commanders are requested to see that the report of the committee above referred to is promulgated through the Press.

III. The Department Council of Administration has selected the dates of Wednesday and Thursday, May 12th and 13th, 1909, for the meeting of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department at the city of Joplin, Mo.

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IV. The death of Past Department Commander, C. W. Whitehead, which occurred at his home in Kansas City, Wednesday, December 9th, deprives the Grand Army of the Republic of an able, faithful and efficient worker and of a wise counselor; takes from our ranks a comrade tried and true. A soldier of the Union, whose every duty was faithfully and bravely performed. A citizen, who by his honesty, strict integrity and general worth, stood high in the esteem of the community in which he lived. To his family the entire membership of the Department of Missouri extends heartfelt sympathy.

In honor of the memory of our departed comrade, it is directed by the Department Commander that the Department Charter and the Charters of all Posts be draped in mourning for thirty days.

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V. Reports from Posts for the second term of 1908 show that we are holding our own, but we should do better than this, and all Post officers, Aides-de-Camp and comrades are urged to not relax their efforts, but to use their best endeavor to add to our numbers. This may be done largely by securing the reinstatement of dropped and suspended comrades, and the admission of comrades who in large numbers have removed to Missouri from other Departments. Let the good work go on.

VI. The following additional appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced:

N. W. Flaisig, Post 7, St. Joseph.

G. W. Saunders, Post 76, Kidder.

VII. General Orders No. 3, and Circular No. 1, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of J. V. Martin, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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General Orders No. 6.

St. Louis, Mo., April 10th, 1909.

I. As the years pass swiftly by, mound after mound arises in the cities of the dead, beneath which rests all that is mortal of the

men who, when young and strong and vigorous, gave some of the best years of their lives to the end that "a government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth." Year after year comrade after comrade has passed from the life that now is, to join the phantom ranks of those who have crossed over the rolling flood of the river of death, to pitch their tents in the land beyond.

The memory of their brave deeds, of the battles they fought, of the long, weary marches they made, of their valor on stricken fields, of their love and devotion for the union of States and for its banner of stars, these cherished memories and their graves are all that is left to us of hundreds of thousands of soldiers of the Union—defenders of the flag—men who by their valor helped twine the fadeless wreath of fame about the brows of Grant and Sherman and Sheridan and Hancock and Farragut and Porter and other great leaders of the Civil War.

To perpetuate their memories, to do honor to these dead heroes, to teach the lessons of their sacrifices and sufferings, the lessons of their lives and deaths to coming generations, into whose hands the futuro destiny of the Nation must fall, upon whom the perpetuation of the free institutions of this country must depend, the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic enjoin upon us, their old time comrades, that one day in the year be devoted to them, that flowers be strewn upon their graves, and in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, and in compliance with General Order from the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is ordered and directed by the Department Commander that Monday, May 31st, 1909, be observed by all Posts in this Department as Memorial Day, with the proper ceremonies as prescribed by the ritual of our great Order.

II. Let every comrade attend these ceremonies and take part in the touching and beautiful custom of strewing flowers on the graves of our dead. Let every Post call to its aid the Woman's Relief Corps, our auxiliary, and those other patriotic organizations, the Ladies of the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, and other kindred organizations. Municipal authorities, citizens, schools and civic societies, should be invited to take part.

III. The custom of holding a patriotic Church service on the Sunday preceding, attended by the Posts in a body in uniform, as far as possible, has happily become a feature of this remembrance of the dead, and all Posts are earnestly requested to comply with the custom.

By command of J. V. Martin, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7.

St. Louis, Mo., April 13th, 1909.

I. The Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held in the City of Joplin, Mo., on Wednesday, May 12th, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., and continue in session until the necessary business is transacted.

II. The Headquarters of the Department will be established in the Reception Room of the Connor Hotel on Tuesday, May 11th.

The Council of Administration, which consists of all the Department officers, will meet there on Tuesday, May 11th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: Samuel G. Sutter, Post 14; L. V. Cupp, Post 16; A. Van Meter, Post 34; W. E. Evans, Post 115; E. N. Morton, Post 190.

The committee will be located at No. 417 Joplin street, where they will meet at 2 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, May 11th. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival and receive their Encampment badges and countersign. The Register for visitors will be kept at the same place, where all comrades are requested to register on their arrival, or as soon thereafter as possible.

IV. On recommendation of the Commander of O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, the following named comrades of that Post are hereby detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, A. W. Harrington; for Officer of the Guard, James A. Strange. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions on Tuesday evening, May 11th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Commander of Post 14 will detail a sufficient number of sentinels, with proper reliefs, for duty at the Encampment. The comrades so detailed will report, uniformed and equipped, to the Officer of the Day, at the place of meeting, on Wednesday morning, May 12th, at 8 o'clock.

V. The hotel rates are as follows: Connor, European plan, \$1.00 to \$3.50, rooms \$1.50 and up have bath; American plan, \$2.50 to \$5.00, rooms \$3.00 and up have bath; Keystone, European plan, 75 cents, two persons \$1.25; with bath \$1.00, two persons \$1.75. Clarkton, American plan, \$1.75, two persons \$3.00; with bath \$2.25, two persons \$4.00. Jersey (Yates), American plan, single \$1.50, two persons \$2.50; several bathrooms in building. Forney, American plan, single \$1.50, two persons \$2.50; several baths in building. Turner, American plan, single \$1.00, two persons \$2.00; baths in hotel, meals 25 cents. Private residences, rooms 50 cents, meals 25 cents.

Persons desiring quarters should address D. H. Rhodes, No. 213 West Fourth street.

VI. Ample arrangements are being made by the comrades and citizens of Joplin to ensure all their visitors a pleasant and enjoyable time. A cordial welcome awaits us in this enterprising and populous city of the Southwest, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

VII. An entertainment and camp fire will be held on Wednesday evening, May 12th. A parade will take place on Wednesday afternoon, unless otherwise ordered.

VIII. Application for a reduced railroad rate was made to the Southwestern Excursion Bureau and Western Passenger Association early in February, and renewed a short time ago, after the decision of the United States Court on the two-cent rate, but owing to the numerous complications affecting the question, no action has yet been taken by the railroads. Should any reduced rate be made later on, the Posts will be promptly advised of the same.

IX. A blank for report of Post Patriotic Instructor is enclosed, with an addressed envelope. This should be sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor, whose circular letter is also enclosed, and to which attention is invited.

X. The Forty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, on the week beginning August 9th, 1909.

The railroads have made a rate of \$34.90 from St. Louis to Salt Lake City and return, and to Yellowstone Park, via Salt Lake City and return, of \$42.00. Further particulars in regard thereto will be published in General Orders.

It will be noted that our comrade, Frank M. Sterrett, of the Department of Missouri, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, has been employed by the local committee at Salt Lake City as Executive Director, to take charge of the arrangements for the Encampment.

XI. Attention is directed to the circular enclosed relative to the "Lincoln Centennial Medal." Posts desiring same should notify the Assistant Adjutant General of the number required at once, so that the requisite number may be ordered. The price of the same, 75 cents each, need not accompany the order. When ready for delivery, those who have sent requisitions will be duly notified to forward the amount due for the number ordered.

XII. The following new Post has been mustered:

Col. Wm. H. McLean Post, No. 589, at Clinton, Henry County, February 27th, 1909, by R. H. Brittell, Post Post Commander. Post 264. John R. Young, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 47.

XIII. General Orders, Nos. 4, 5 and 6, National Headquarters, are herewith transmitted.

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By command of J. V. Martin, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.







W. H. SKINNER. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 11TH.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Court House, in the City of Warrensburg, at 10 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, May 11th, in open session.

By request of the Department Commander, Comrade W. L. Hedges of Post 78, Warrensburg, took the chair and called the assemblage to order. He then introduced Rev. Perry E. Pierce of Warrensburg, as representing the Mayor of the City, who delivered the following address of welcome:

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Fellow Citizens: For the first time in my life I am to represent a big man—the Mayor of Warrensburg, a man who stands on the right side of every moral question. And I am to welcome you to the best town in the State, except the one you came from.

I am not to represent the Commercial Club. I think I may say something about its president. He is a modest young man, but in him dwells the "Warrensburg spirit." Being a Methodist preacher I do not vouch for the truthfulness of this story, but only say that the story is now being told: Mr. Thrailkill not long since went to the city to purchase goods. Saturday was a busy day for him and he was late in retiring. On Sunday morning, as his custom was, he went to church. Then he did just what many of you do when you have confidence in the preacher and know things will go off right, he went to sleep. The preacher's subject was "The Kingdom

of Heaven." Just as he announced, his last division—"The kingdom of heaven to be established on earth"—John roused up enough to get the idea that something was to be established somewhere. He at once jumped to his feet and said: "Mr. President, I move that it be established at Warrensburg." This, gentlemen, is the "Warrensburg spirit." If you stay here two days, you will catch it. We want everything that is good. That is why we wanted you. Our motto is "Grab what is in reach, and hustle for more." You have given us a great school, and we do our best to mother your boys and girls while they are here, and to make our town one in which it is the hardest possible to do wrong and the easiest possible to do right. That, we believe, is good government.

I desire to welcome you because my grandfather, Moses Pierce, wore the "blue" and sleeps in an early grave because of injuries received in our country's service. And because my father, Charles Pierce, who is here today, wore the "blue," and I am proud of the record he made.

Then I want to welcome you because the church stands for the principles you fought for—Freedom without a shackle—a golden rule that knows no color line, but gives every man a man's chance to make good.

I welcome you because of what you have done. You had a stupendous undertaking. It was no coon hunt you "boys" engaged in. You had a matchless leader, one whom Bishop Fowler said had the faith of Abraham, the leadership of Moses, the intellect of St. Paul, the statesmanship of Cromwell, and the patriotism of Washington—Abraham Lincoln. He had a navy of ninety wooden vessels. Half of them had been sent into foreign waters and the rest would not float. Many of the officers of the army went to the South. But we can say to their honor that not a common soldier turned his back on the flag. You found, too, that there was brains and backbone on both sides; that Anglo-Saxon blood is the best fighting blood on earth. When Beecher was speaking in Exeter Hall, England, a voice from the gallery called out, "Why didn't you put down the rebellion in sixty days as you said you would?" Quick as a flash came back the answer, "Because we were fighting Americans and not British."

I welcome you because you stand for a united country. We cannot sever our Union without becoming a reproach to the world. We cannot multiply flags without shame and humiliation. To divide our country meant the ultimate rending on any line of cleavage dictated by personal greed or sectional interest. We are a united people. Our heroes are common property. We have Dewey, Funston and Roosevelt from the North, and Schley, Hobson and Wheeler from the South. Dashing Phil Sheridan and Fighting Old Joe Wheeler lie sleeping in the same National Cemetery at Wash-

ington. We differ occasionally as to our policies. And when, a few years ago, we devoured Cuba for breakfast, Hawaii for dinner, and the Philippines for supper, some people thought we were going to have an attack of Asiatic cholera, but cramp colic was all we ever had. When some people are sick they read the Bible. So when the colic came on, some people began to read the Constitution, probably for the first time in their lives. But they found that the "Constitution follows the Flag."

I welcome you because you do not come to "wave the bloody shirt." You come to teach patriotism and loyalty. You are brothers now with the "boys in gray," and I hope the time will soon come when we will have a common Memorial Day. You do not stand for war. You have had enough of that. War costs boys and dollars. Not one of you wants your boy to have to go through with what you have gone through. A battleship the size of the North Dakota costs \$12,000,000, and to keep her afloat for twenty years—her probable life—costs \$16,000,000 more. That amount of money would build 1,400 churches at \$20,000 each. It would buy 7,000 farms at \$4,000 a piece. It would educate 1,400 boys and girls at \$500 a year for four years. It would build and equip fifty manual training schools where 75,000 boys could be taught the rudiments of a trade each year. The United States Library Building—the finest in the world—cost only one-half as much as a battleship, and is maintained for three-fourths the cost of keeping a battleship afloat. The irrigation works just completed at Salt River, Arizona, cost only three-fourths as much as a battleship, yet they reclaimed 240,000 acres of land, provided homes for 8,000 families, and increased taxable property by \$24,000,000.

We welcome you because of the flag you bring. From the day when the first stars and stripes were sewed together by loving hands it has commanded the respect of the nations. Beautiful as the sun-kissed clouds of the morning sky it has stood for liberty and righteousness throughout all the world. Wherever the Star Spangled Banner has been flung to the breeze, the weak have been protected, the ignorant have been instructed, and the Church of God has triumphed.

Mr. John Thrailkill, President of the Commercial Club, was then introduced and spoke as follows:

In behalf of the G. A. R. and all old soldiers, in behalf of the old southern soldiers I greet you. I extend to you a hearty welcome to our city, to our homes and to our hearts. We are yours and you are ours. All we have you are welcome to.

Warrensburg is unlike Rome. Rome was built on seven hills on the Tiber. Warrensburg on one hill on Blackwater. Rome resorted to intrigue to entice the Sabines to a celebration of Neptune

and then Roman youths stole their women and made them their wives. Warrensburg did not have to entice their women by intrigue; they are already here. You can not run fast enough to steal them, but they may steal you—but from pleasantries to seriousness.

Forty-five years ago the war ended. Now as we look back to Wilson Creek, Ft. Henry, Donelson, Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Vicksburg, Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Atlanta, Antietam, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Petersburg, Richmond and Appomattox we call to mind one of the bloodiest and most desperate wars in all the history of the world. You settled forever the doctrine of state's rights. No state is larger than the whole. Nation is now spelled with a capital "N," the U. S. is larger than any state. You made this an indissoluble union of indestructible states. Perhaps the greatest miracle in all this war was the return of more than two millions of soldiers of the North and the South to peaceable pursuits of their home life without the slightest friction North or South.

Then we were a nation of thirty millions of people and less than a billion of wealth. Now ninety millions of people and more than 120 billions of wealth. We have bullded nearly 200,000 miles of railroads, added new states to the Union, built up our cities and schools. We now have the telephone, wireless telegraphy, autos, flying machines, etc. Reforms in municipal, state and national governments. We have developed a higher civilization, higher standards of living in the individual and in the government of the country. We fought the war with Spain on humanitarian grounds. Gave Cuba back to her people after the conquest, educated and elevated the Porto Ricans and Philippines. Gave back to China millions of dollars of Boxer rebellion money. Aided in restoring peace to Russia and Japan—our own late chief executive being the chief agent in bringing this about. We are now courted by all the nations of the earth. Great Britain, Germany, France, Japan and China all want our friendship. You old G. A. R. men laid deep and broad the foundations of this republic that make it the great world power that it is. Whoever heard of altruism in the governments of earth. such as was in our war with Spain and the dealings with the possessions we obtained.

We are justly proud of country. Righteousness does exalt a nation.

Let us not forget the sacrifice we made for all this. Let us ever remember our dead in the national cemeteries, both known and unknown dead. Let us as our hearts swell with emotion and the tears come to our eyes ever keep in grateful remembrance their death for their country's good and perpetuation.

Again do we welcome you to our city and our homes. We wish you may have a visit of peace, joy, happiness and even blessedness, and that your last days may be the most joyous and happy of all your life. Welcome, thrice welcome.

The Chairman, Comrade Hedges, then extended a welcome on behalf of the comrades, in the following remarks:

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies and Fellow Townsmen: You have seen the old saying, "History repeats itself" demonstrated here this morning. For you boys who wore the blue remember that when a draft was made in 1862 to 1864, if a man with money was drafted who did not have the love of his country at heart, or as some put it any "sand in his craw," he would hire a substitute. Only for the very high regard I have for my friend, the Rev. Mr. Pierce, who has so ably represented the Mayor, I would openly charge our Mayor with hiring a substitute, but it's with shame-facedness that I admit that I am as big a coward as our Mayor, for I too tried to get a substitute.

On behalf of the Commercial Club of Warrensburg I take pleasure in bidding you a cordial welcome to what we claim to be the fairest and best little city in Missouri. Warrensburg is the home of between 7,000 and 8,000 happy, healthy, prosperous and patriotic people, who love their country, their homes and their God. Warrensburg is the county seat of one of the very best counties in the state; it's the home of the third largest State Normal School in the United States. We are justly proud of our Normal School, and our board of regents, faculty and people are working hand in hand to make it the largest in the world. Warrensburg has one of the best public school systems in the state. God in his infinite wisdom has done much to make this a beautiful place on which to build a town, for here we have a beautiful plot of land 883 feet above sea level, with plenty of native shade trees and two great springs of ever living and life-giving water,—the famous Pertle Springs on the south with its 75 acres of beautiful lake water, a convention hall that will seat 2,500, and a good hotel that will accommodate 400 to 500 guests; on the north we have the celebrated Electric Springs. We have good water works, electric light plant, five banks and trust companies, flour mills, elevator, packing house, cold storage, canning factory, overall factory, ice plants, blue sandstone quarries, a splendid court house, fourteen churches, six public school buildings, a wholesale grocery house, and every line of business is well represented; our merchants are honest, honorable gentlemen, who are always alive to the best interest of Warrensburg. We have good permanent sidewalks throughout the town; some paved and some macadam streets, and we are planning to add very largely to our paved streets before this summer is ended.



And to you, gentlemen, who for four long, weary years wore the blue in defense of this Union, we give the golden key that unlocks our business houses, our school houses, our churches and our homes. And we bid you welcome, thrice welcome, welcome as Missourians, welcome as citizens, welcome as soldiers. This we claim, Missouri citizens make good soldiers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton, by request of the Department Commander, responded to the several addresses as follows:

Mr. Chairman, President of the Commercial Club, and Representative of the Mayor: For my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic I thank you for your words of welcome and good cheer. The Annual Encampments of this Department have never been held at a stated place, but in the various cities of the state. This year we have come to your thriving city. We have certain business to transact. But we are also among you for a good time, and we are having it. I am glad that your sidewalks are in good order. Some of the boys are less active than formerly and we should much regret should one of them sustain an injury by reason of a defective walk. Having informed us that you have but one saloon, we earnestly solicit your Honorable Mayor to appoint a special committee who shall point it out to the comrades, in order that they may avoid it. We congratulate you upon your schools—Normal and Public. We are pleased to learn of your many churches and ministers. They are not altogether a necessary evil. The old boys remember our ministers in the army—our Chaplains, and we bless them, not only for their efforts in our spiritual behalf, but for their services along the firing line, administering to the wounded and the dying, and attending to the disposition of the dead.

The Grand Army of the Republic stands for the school and the church. The perpetuity of the Republic depends upon the virtue and intelligence of the people and the church, and the schools are the forums of virtue and intelligence. We acknowledge your welcome, we appreciate the generous hospitality of your people. Again I thank you.

Department Commander, W. H. Skinner, took the chair and announced that the open meeting was closed and requested all who were not members of the Grand Army of the Republic to retire. He then declared the Encampment open in due form.

Rev. R. R. Witten, Department Chaplain, then invoked the divine blessing.

The roll of officers and Past Department Commanders, as follows, was called by the Assistant Adjutant General, those present being marked by an asterisk (\*):

Department Commander,

\*W. H. SKINNER.

Senior Vice-Commander,

\*J. W. LUCAS.

Junior Vice-Commander,

\*L. A. FILLMORE.

Medical Director,

\*DR. W. A. SILVERWOOD.

Chaplain,

\*REV. ROBERT R. WITTEN.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General,

\*THOS. B. RODGERS.

Inspector,

\*W. T. RAKESTRAW.

Judge Advocate,

\*NOBLE H. ROGERS.

Chief Mustering Officer,

\*HENRY F. GLAHN.

Patriotic Instructor,

\*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

M. M. RICE,

\*EDWARD BORCK,

\*FRANCIS P. BECKER,

\*H. C. CARTER,

CHAS. P. CHESEBRO.

Past Department Commanders,

WM. WARNER,

W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

†NELSON COLE,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.,

JOHN E. PHELPS,

\*LEO RASSIEUR,

\*GEO. W. MARTIN,

†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

\*CHAS. G. BURTON,

†LOUIS GRUND,

\*LOUIS BENECKE,

\*THOS. B. RODGERS,

\*JOHN P. PLATT,

\*A. G. PETERSON,

\*JOHN W. SCOTT,

W. F. HENRY,

GEORGE HALL,

\*IRA T. BRONSON,

\*F. M. STERRETT,

\*JERE T. DEW,

\*HENRY FAIRBACK,

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

T. D. KIMBALL,

\*J. V. MARTIN.

Past Junior Vice-Department Commander,

\*F. E. WETZEL.

†Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was on motion adopted:

**Roll of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment,  
Department of Missouri G. A. R.**

**Held at Warrsburg, Mo., May 11th and 12th, 1910.**

**Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.**

P. C., Anton Huebler.

P. P. C., Thos. B. Rodgers, F. M. Sterrett, Arthur Dreifus, W. F. Silverwood, A. Whipple.

Rep., Louis Koop, John Lindecker, Wm. C. Pfeffer, Chas. Steiner, Thos. Moore, John Dinsbeer, Wm. Kuemmel, R. Blattner.

**Gen. Lyon Post, No. 2, St. Louis.**

P. C., James P. Hesser.

P. P. C., Henry Evers, Chas. Niedringhaus, Henry W. Plumer, Henry Frein.

Rep., John A. Lant.

**McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.**

P. C., J. C. Greenman.

P. P. C., Benj. Warner, J. B. Davis, James Crosson.

**A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.**

P. P. C., J. W. Scott, Nich. Mathias, John W. Floyd.

**James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.**

P. C., Frank A. Dwight.

P. P. C., H. T. Holmes, S. V. Dix, B. F. Lutman.

Rep., Victor Zuber.

**Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.**

P. C., C. M. C. Loyd.

P. P. C., J. T. Warburton, H. C. Carter, H. Austry, F. Wenz, J. W. Beach, E. W. Flower, C. Disbrow.

Rep., Elias Chute.

**Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.**

P. P. C., Jere T. Dew, Wm. F. Moll, Chas. E. Blackmar, Wm. H. Wormstead, Joseph E. Turner.

Rep., August Bruenert, Ben Bolt, Chas. E. Gabelman, Thos. Toohey.

**Gen. Canby Post, No. 10, Rich Hill.**

Rep., Amos D. Pontius.

**James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Lexington.**

P. C., John Shinn.

P. P. C., John B. Burris.

Rep., John Abbott.

**Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.**

P. C., John H. Holsten.

P. P. C., Peter Bobe, L. C. Hesse, Martin Scherer, Chas. Hunnius, Hubert Munchrath, Max Fritz, Geo. F. Laemmlein, Louis Young.

Rep., Francis P. Becker, Wm. Conroy, Adam G. Minges, Herman Angermueller.

**O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.**

P. C., Albert McCann.

P. P. C., Henry Digby.

Rep., J. M. Theurer.

**Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.**

P. C., Geo. C. Howenstein.

Rep., J. F. Hampton, Tim Connell.

**Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.**

P. P. C., Joseph Montgomery, John P. Platt.

**Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.**

P. P. C., John M. Evans.

Rep., J. B. Gray, Geo. S. Heck.

**Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.**

Rep., G. B. Cunningham.

**F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.**

P. P. C., J. M. Randall.

**Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.**

P. C., I. L. Hunt.

P. P. C., C. G. Burton.

Rep., W. T. Rakestraw, G. W. Sullivan.

**Tindall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.**

P. P. C., J. R. Tisdale, Martin Crill, N. E. Kidder.

Rep., Geo. L. Williams.

**Ben. Loan Post, No. 33, Kingston.**

P. C., D. P. Stubblefield.

Rep., George Armstrong.

**Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.**

P. P. C., H. F. Glahn.

Rep., J. P. Naylor.

**Roderick Rockwood Post, No. 39, Lemonville.**

Rep. George W. Mason.

**Perry V. Fletcher Post, No. 46, De Soto.**

P. P. C., J. E. Jones.

**Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.**

P. P. C., John Van Fossen.  
Rep., A. J. Crum.

**Gen. Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 48, Lebanon.**

P. C., C. W. Rubey.

**Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.**

P. C., Ira T. Bronson.  
P. P. C., W. A. Fast, John Rippey, W. J. Colbow, Noble H. Rogers, Geo. Hofferbert.

**O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.**

P. C., E. T. Maher.  
P. P. C., Geo. W. Martin, J. V. Martin, J. C. Gardner.  
Rep., Lyman Sturdevant.

**Golden City Post, No. 64, Golden City.**

Rep., G. W. Holliday.

**Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 68, Green Ridge.**

P. P. C., C. E. Wadleigh, S. D. Haight, Geo. McLaughlin.  
Rep., Louis Bucher.

**Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.**

P. P. C., W. C. Calland, R. R. Witten, H. J. Dutton.

**Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.**

P. C., George Boekler.  
P. P. C., W. B. Rogers, M. Bollinger, John Hack.  
Rep., Columbus Cass.

**Greenfield Post, No. 75, Greenfield.**

Rep. C. D. Boisseau.

**John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.**

P. C., Wm. Roney.  
P. P. C., Addison McKee, W. W. Baldwin, C. D. Inglehart,  
J. W. Lucas, Geo. H. Gaines.  
Rep., Henry Poor.

**Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.**

P. P. C., W. L. Hedges, A. W. Repp, Geo. S. Brinkerhoff, W. G. Smith, A. M. Geer.  
Rep., F. X. Wagner.

**C. G. Harker Post, No. 88, Meadville.**

P. P. C., H. C. Barger.

**Gen. G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.**

P. P. C., Theo. Dubrouillet, G. W. Talnter.

**Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.**

P. C., Fred. Lueke.

P. P. C., Geo. Heintz, Edward Borck, Henry Fairback.  
Rep., Louis Schaeperkoetter, Ernst Klockenbrinck.

**Marion Post, No. 119, Stanberry.**

P. C., W. C. Long.

**Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.**

P. P. C., W. H. Skinner, E. S. Miner.

**Fred. Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.**

P. P. C., W. W. Thomas, J. N. Hays, M. G. Garner, W. T. Munson, B. A. Wilmot, J. D. Parsley.

Rep., F. E. Owens

**Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.**

P. C. C., A. G. Peterson, J. B. Dobyne, R. N. Denham, E. Magoon, J. B. Wilde.

Rep., E. D. Coe, C. W. Fitch, P. H. Callahan, P. H. Clarke, Geo. Boemier, S. D. Webster, J. K. Merrifield, T. H. Hagerty.

**Serg't B. H. Porch Post, No. 135, Olean.**

P. C., J. C. Walker.

Rep., John Norfleet.

**Gen. John G. Foster Post, No. 137, Neosho.**

P. C., J. H. Smith.

**Samuel McClure Post, No. 145, Eldon.**

P. C., John C. Driver.

P. P. C., Elmer M. Graham.

**Avalon Post, No. 146, Avalon.**

P. P. C., D. Kerr, W. H. Clute.

**Liberty Post, No. 150, Spickard.**

P. C., H. C. Montgomery.

P. P. C., Wesley Keith.

Rep., Millard Bosworth.

**Col. Henry C. Gilbert Post, No. 160, Wheeling.**

P. P. C., C. P. Beckwith.

**Gen. Frank J. Herron Post, No. 161, Buffalo.**

P. C., L. T. Harrison.

P. P. C., J. W. Means, David Olinger, J. A. Ramsay.

Rep., S. M. Clayton.

**Col. Islam Keith Post, No. 164, Breckenridge.**

P. P. C., F. A. Snider.

**Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.**

P. P. C., W. W. Chapel, T. C. Brown.

**John A. Rawlins Post, No. 187, Pierce City.**

P. C., Wm. Buchner.

P. P. C., H. C. Shoemaker.

**W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.**

P. P. C., N. T. Moore.

**Picket Post, No. 215, Farmington.**

P. P. C., E. D. Hopkins.

**Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.**

Rep., C. W. Corkran.

**John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.**

P. C., Patrick Darby.

P. P. C., Walter Barron.

Rep., Chas. Brandes.

**Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.**

Rep., J. W. Root.

**Pinhart Post, No. 268, Brunswick.**

P. C., Louis Benecke.

P. P. C., Wm. B. Mullins, J. M. Null.

**Henry Brown Post, No. 276, Clarkeburg.**P. P. C., Jacob Hott, J. W. Moore, W. H. Mengel, J. S. Roth,  
C. S. Rohrbach, Fred. Bentrop, J. B. Stewart, G. W. Sappington,  
August Seyffert.

Rep., H. B. Sappington.

**Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282, Carrollton.**

P. P. C., E. G. Grosman,

Rep., Allen Henry.

**Bob Ford Post, No. 303, Coffeyburg.**

P. P. C., C. Yost.

Rep., J. J. McCoy.

**Wm. McKinley Post, No. 324, Sullivan.**

P. P. C., E. C. Baugher.

**John P. McCluney Post, No. 331, Higginsville.**

P. P. C., John B. Jones, J. W. Endley.

**Houston Post, No. 339, Houston.**

P. C., M. V. Trapp.

**Robert P. Carnes Post, No. 374, Dunlap.**

P. C., Isaac Elliott.

**Corporal Duke Post, No. 406, Garrison.**

Rep., Giles Andrews.

**Smithton Post, No. 417, Smithton.**

P. C., John Ringen.

Rep., John D. Monsees.

**Vandalia Post, No. 466, Vandalia.**

Rep., John Amos.

**John Tietjen Post, No. 506, Indian Grove.**

P. P. C., D. Longsdorf, F. M. McNamore.

**Harrison A. Gleim Post, No. 512, Tipton.**

P. C., H. J. Koechner.

P. P. C., J. S. Stinger, Adolph Koechner, J. B. Wolf, H. M. Poe.

**Geo. W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.**

P. C., J. N. Michael.

P. P. C., A. F. McCray.

**Gatzweiler Post, No. 554, St. Charles.**

P. P. C., William Wiedy.

Rep., Henry Hachtmeyer.

**Burnside Post, No. 566, Pleasant Hill.**

P. C., H. C. McCullough.

P. P. C., W. A. McArthur, Wm. Lowe.

Rep., C. S. Baldwin.

**Capt. E. D. Johnson Post, No. 574, Elmira.**

P. P. C., James L. Tucker.

Rep., A. C. Whitten.

**Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lee's Summit.**

P. C., W. K. Collins. Rep., M. Sechler.

**John Whalen Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.**

P. C., Henry DeBell.

**Col. A. W. Maupin Post, No. 586, St. James.**

P. C., Stephen Dellacella.

**F. C. Corbitt Post, No. 588, Marshfield.**

Rep., Austin Martin.

**Col. Wm. H. McLane Post, No. 589, Clinton.**

Rep., J. N. Pierce.

Respectfully, submitted,

W. H. WORMSTEAD, Post 8.

W. A. FAST, Post 53.

W. G. SMITH, Post 78.

J. B. BURRIS, Post 11.

Committee on Credentials.



On motion the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with. The reading of officers' reports was also, on motion, dispensed with, the reports being printed and distributed in the Encampment.

Senior Vice Department Commander J. W. Lucas was called to the chair, and Department Commander Skinner read his address, as follows:

### ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: One year ago, when we met in Encampment in the city of Joplin, and you honored me by electing me Commander of this Department, I promised you that I would give my best energies and earnest work for the good of the order during the year, I hoped to be able to make a better showing at the end of my term than I have been able to do. The many losses, both natural by death, and unnecessary by desertion, to which our order is subject, has made, as has been the case for years past, a loss of membership which has been impossible to overcome by recruiting; although the increase in some localities is such as to show that if it had been maintained throughout the entire Department, we would have been able to show a substantial gain.

Your attention is especially called to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General for the condition of the Department, and particularly to the fact that the report for December 31, 1909, shows that if it were not for suspensions there would have been a small gain during the period covered by that report. This loss by suspension ought not to occur, and is largely due to the carelessness and indifference of Post Quartermasters, in not calling on the comrades and collecting their dues at the beginning of the year. Their dues are carelessly allowed to accumulate from year to year until the amount seems burdensome to the comrade, and he prefers being suspended and dropped rather than pay up.

For the financial condition of the Department, your attention is called to the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, and while this shows that the finances are in fair condition, yet this report, taken in connection with the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, shows that at the present rate of decrease in membership, the time is not far distant when some plan must be devised to increase the income of the Department. This action should be taken and preparation made to meet and prevent this deficiency before it comes. I would recommend that this Encampment take action, either by appointing a committee to inquire as to the best means to replenish our treasury and report to the next Encampment, or by such other, and perhaps better, action as this Encampment may deem best.

In connection with the finances of the Department, it seems to me appropriate and proper that I call its attention to the fact that a comrade, Henry Berger, who died in September, 1908, in St.

Louis, left a last will by which he bequeathed eight thousand dollars to the Grand Army of the Republic. At first it was supposed that the National organization was meant by the testator, and hence it employed counsel to protect its rights. An attack was made upon the will by legatees under a former will of the testator, in which the Grand Army of the Republic was not mentioned. From this suit it appeared that the testator left a brother and a sister, for whom no provision had been made in the will in which the Grand Army of the Republic was mentioned. Our Department, being a corporation, was made a party to the suit, and believing that the upholding of the last will, in which the Grand Army of the Republic legacy is contained, would be best accomplished by working harmoniously with the National organization, my predecessor employed Comrade Leo Rastieur, who had theretofore been employed by the Commander-in-Chief, to also represent the Department in the contest. Before agreeing to appear as attorney for both bodies, the consent of the Commander-in-Chief was obtained, and upon suggestion of Commander J. V. Martin, the decision of the ownership or division of the legacy, when collected, was to be left to arbitration. The suit to contest the will has now been amicably settled, and the legacy of the Grand Army of the Republic has been fixed at \$4,000, by agreement with the brother and sister and the other legatees. This legacy could be made payable at once by the giving of bond, and will be due and payable, without bond, next September. A contest has arisen between the Public Administrator of St. Louis and the executor as to whether the Public Administrator, who wrongfully took charge of the estate and has the funds in his hands, should be permitted to charge a fee, and this suit has been appealed to the Court of Appeals, and is now pending there, with no prospect of a final decision before the October term. Hence, while the legacy in the amount agreed upon is sure to be collected at no very distant day, it is still to be determined how it shall be divided, when collected. Your Commander believes that the division will be such that the Department will realize at least one-half of the net proceeds, viz., \$1,800.

I had hopes that during my administration this Department would realize on what I believe to be its share of this legacy, which would materially assist, by making a small permanent fund, the income from which, if properly cared for, will be a great help.

That the past year has been one of peace and harmony throughout the Department, is best evidenced by the fact that it has not been necessary to submit a single case to the Judge Advocate for his opinion.

During the past year it has been my privilege to visit with

many Posts, and to attend a few reunions. These visits to Posts have been a great pleasure to me, and I hope not unprofitable to the Posts. I should have been much pleased had I been able to accept the many invitations and meet with more Posts. I believe in reunions, and that they are productive of much good; and would have attended more of them, but unfortunately, some were held at the time of the National Encampment, and in other cases two would be held at the same time, making it impossible to attend all. Attention has frequently been called to this matter by my predecessors, and Posts should be careful in fixing their time in the future.

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Forty-third National Encampment, held at Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 13 and 14, 1909, although not as largely attended as former Encampments, was a most enjoyable occasion, was well managed locally, and the people of that mountain city vied with each other in their attention to the wants of their visitors.

The Department of Missouri, as usual, showed up its proportion of numbers, and what was most gratifying, almost every one took part in the parade, stayed with their colors in spite of the oppressive heat, and helped to make as good a showing as possible for "Grand Old Missouri." The cheers of the crowd along the line of march attested that our efforts were well appreciated.

The thanks of this Department are due to Comrade Frank M. Sterrett, Executive Director, for his services in procuring rooms for Department Headquarters, and for other favors and courtesies extended during the Encampment.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

With each recurring year the observance of May 30th, the day set apart as the one day of the year sacred to the memory of our departed comrades, seems to increase. It becomes more hallowed as the years go by. It should be kept and observed as sacred to the memory of the virtues and noble sacrifices of those who gave or offered their lives that a Nation might live. It should not be allowed to degenerate into a day for sports, races, ball games and the like, or to noisy celebrations, as has the fourth day of July.

#### FLAG DAY.

The 14th day of June, the one hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the adoption of our Flag as the emblem of "liberty, equal rights and national unity," is near at hand. Let its celebration be fittingly observed throughout this department; fling "Old

Glory" to the breeze, let it be shown in every public place, and every niche and corner should be decorated with its glowing colors.

"Flag of the free heart's hope and home,  
By Angels' hands to valor given,  
Thy Stars have lit the welkin dome,  
And all thy hues were born in Heaven."

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

It has always been the province of woman to aid the suffering and bring cheer and help to the needy and destitute, and this organization in the past years of its existence has nobly maintained its place among charitable and helpful societies. Its work in the past being fully recognized, its future should be encouraged. As an aid to the Post its work has been helpful and inspiring. As an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic it must of necessity expire with it, and in the future history of this country it will be given its just place as a civilizing influence and a teacher of loyalty and patriotism.

#### LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

This estimable organization of women, while restricting their membership more closely to relationship with the soldier of '61 to '65, is coming forward as one of our assistants in the help of the "needy and destitute wards of the nation;" and while the ranks from which they can recruit their membership is limited, yet their increase in membership shows that their zeal in the cause is bringing forth its fruits. As from its organization it is destined to outlive the Grand Army of the Republic, we can, at least, bid these noble women "God speed" in their work to build up an order that will teach patriotism and loyalty long after the last member of our order has received his final discharge.

#### SONS OF VETERANS AND DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

These two organizations, comprising as they do, only the direct descendants of the soldiers and sailors of the war for the Union, should receive every encouragement at our hands. While now comparatively weak in numbers, they are destined to build up and carry on our work after we have passed off the stage of action. The Posts and individual members should encourage the organization of new camps and tents, and where they have an organization, should diligently encourage and assist them to build up their respective orders.

To the Department officers and the members of my official staff, I deem it a pleasure to give my sincere thanks for their uniform courtesy, loyal support and prompt attention to all duties

required of them, and without disparagement to any other, I must render especial thanks to Col. Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, for his prompt attention to duty, uniform courtesy and for the valuable assistance which his long experience has enabled him to render.

I cannot close this without again thanking you, my comrades, for the trust and confidence you have reposed in making me the Commander of this great Department, and for the loyal and fraternal support and encouragement you have so cheerfully given during the past year; and so long as memory lasts, will cherish with fond recollection the many reminders of your friendship and confidence; and my year as Commander of this Department will always be kept in memory as one of the most pleasant years of my life.

And now in conclusion, comrades, I will not say good-bye, but when my successor is elected and I lay down the gavel, which you have entrusted to my keeping during the past year, and I shall return to the ranks, I expect to take up again the work as I have for the past twenty-five years, in the Post room, in the Encampment, and among the comrades, for the increase and betterment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

W. H. SKINNER, Department Commander.

**REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

Kidder, Mo., April 11, 1910.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I am reminded that a report is expected from the Senior Vice Department Commander, of the operations of his office during the year. To you, and through you to the Department Commander, and to the comrades of the department, I submit a report, that but for the reminder, I would deem it unnecessary to make, for I have performed no duties pertaining to that office. I have, however, been ready at all times, to assist the Department Commander, by counsel or otherwise, and feel sure that if he needed assistance he would have requested it. I accepted Commander Skinner's kind invitation to attend him and others to the National Encampment at Salt Lake City, and did what I could to maintain the good name and reputation of the Department.

I was invited and afterwards authorized by special dispensation of the Department President to install the officers of John A. Dix Circle No. 20, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, which duty I performed to the best of my ability, the occasion being a joint public meeting of Post and Circle.

I want to acknowledge the honor accorded John A. Dix Post by a visit from our honored Department Commander, who delivered an address on the occasion of our annual Thanksgiving festival, which was greatly appreciated by the comrades, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and our citizens.

I desire to make grateful acknowledgement of the great honor conferred upon me at the Joplin Encampment, an honor doubly appreciated because of the unanimity with which it came to me. For forty-one years I have been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, have served our noble order in the Post and in the Department in various capacities and have striven to the best of my abilities to keep my obligation, and when I realize the great honor which was conferred on me by my comrades I feel that all my efforts and all my work of those years is appreciated, for there is no grander or more grateful body than the Grand Army of the Republic. I am proud of my membership and express the hope that I may continue to merit the esteem of my comrades.

Thanking the Department Commander and yourself for many courtesies, and my comrades for the honor conferred on me, I have the honor to be,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. W. LUCAS,

Senior Vice Department Commander.

**REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

Joplin, Mo., April 11, 1910.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Comrade: My duties as Junior Vice Department Commander has been a very difficult work for me to perform, as sickness in my family has required a great deal of my time, and I have had other business to do which required my attention when I could get away from the sick chamber of my aged mother, now deceased. Under these circumstances I have not been able to do the cause justice, or give the position the attention it should have had at my hands. However, I have spent considerable time in trying to form an organization for a reunion of the Grand Army Veterans of our county, and those adjoining in Missouri. I have not had time to visit but two or three Posts in our vicinity, but have succeeded in adding several new members to our Post. I hope to be with the Department at Warrensburg in May.

I thank the Department Officers and members for courtesies extended to me, and trust my successor may be able to do much more for the noble cause that I have done, which the order is entitled to through its subordinate officers.

Very sincerely yours in F., C. &amp; L.,

L. A. FILLMORE,

Junior Vice Department Commander.



**REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND  
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., May 2, 1910.**

W. H. Skinner, Department Commander:

Comrade: I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1909.

The number of Posts December 31, 1908, was 263, including 35 Posts which had been previously suspended, viz.: Posts 25, 41, 60, 61, 70, 106, 108, 162, 166, 200, 207, 209, 237, 250, 290, 311, 360, 371, 382, 390, 398, 402, 418, 423, 436, 469, 487, 507, 514, 526, 537, 563, 569, 577. Four Posts were suspended at the Department Encampment in 1909, viz.: Posts 234, 345, 457, 517, making the total number of suspended Posts 39.

No Post surrendered its charter during the year.

One new Post was mustered, Post 589, at Clinton, Henry County, with 47 charter members, making the number of Posts, including the 39 suspended, 264.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the year 1909:

**FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1909.**

Number in good standing, December 31, 1908.....	7,054
Gain by muster in.....	140
Gain by transfer.....	69
Gain by reinstatement.....	147— 356
Aggregate .....	7,410
Loss by death.....	170
Loss by honorable discharge.....	11
Loss by transfer.....	49
Loss by suspension.....	148
Loss by delinquent reports.....	49— 427
Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1909.....	6,983

## SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1909.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1909.....	6,983
Gain by muster in.....	101
Gain by transfer.....	47
Gain by reinstatement.....	161— 309
Aggregate .....	7,292
Loss by death.....	150
Loss by honorable discharge.....	11
Loss by transfer.....	81
Loss by suspension.....	246
Loss by delinquent reports.....	43— 531
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1909....	6 761

## RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1908.....	7,054
Gain during year by muster in.....	241
Gain during year by transfer.....	116
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	308— 665
Aggregate .....	7,719
Loss during year by death.....	320
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	22
Loss during year by transfer.....	130
Loss during year by suspension.....	394
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	92— 958
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1909....	6,761
Number remaining suspended.....	711
Number dropped during year.....	341
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	182
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	130
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$ 1,081.89
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1909.....	11,289.81
Cash invested in collaterals.....	20,389.00
Cash balance in relief funds, December 31, 1909.....	2,006.10
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	11,919.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	10,336.25
Total value of Post property.....	\$55,940.16

The number of representatives to which our Department is entitled in the Forty-fourth National Encampment is fourteen, in addition to the representative-at-large. In accordance with a rule of the Encampment, the names of the comrades nominated will be placed this year on the printed ballot in the numerical order of their Posts, beginning with the lowest number.

The following exhibits are attached hereto and made part of this report:

- Exhibit "A," Receipts and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "B," Statement of Supplies on Hand.
- Exhibit "C," Statement of Assets.
- Exhibit "D," List of Deaths.

In closing our official relations for the past year, which have formed a most pleasant part of a long personal acquaintance, I desire to say that I appreciate the confidence you have reposed in me and thank you for the honor of my appointment.

To all my comrades, both official and non-official, I desire to express my appreciation of their unfailing courtesy and kindness.

THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Ass't Adj't General and Ass't Qr. Mr. General.

### EXHIBIT "A"

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1909.

##### RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on December 31, 1908.....	\$ 295.05
Received from per capita tax.....	2,110.05
Received from requisitions.....	244.42
Received from charter fee.....	15.00
	\$2,664.52

##### EXPENDITURES.

Supplies .....	\$ 155.12
Printing and stationery.....	369.55
Rent of office.....	180.00
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....	1,200.00
Postage .....	84.83
Expenses National Encampment.....	127.65
Per capita tax.....	245.65
Insurance .....	12.60
Premium on bond of Ass't. Adj't. Gen.....	7.50
Incidentals .....	36.13
Traveling expenses—	
Dept. Com. Martin.....	\$51.10
Dept. Com. Skinner.....	53.20
Ass't. Adj't. Gen. Rodgers.....	18.45
	122.75
	\$2,541.78
Balance on hand December 31, 1909.....	\$ 122.74

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1909.**

No.	Value.
12 Membership badges .....	\$ 6.00
6 Buttoniers .....	.60
83 Rank straps .....	33.20
119 Official ribbons .....	11.90
110 Rules and Regulation.....	11.00
730 Applications .....	7.30
23 Cash books .....	27.60
65 Discharges .....	3.25
120 Transfers .....	6.00
4 Leave of absence cards.....	.20
39 Odes .....	1.17
2 Service books .....	.60
4 Blue books .....	4.80
197 Department badges, plain.....	118.20
48 Department badges, silver top.....	48.00
1 Electrotype .....	.55
	<b>\$280.37</b>

**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**DEPARTMENT ASSETS.**

Cash balance December 31, 1909.....	\$ 122.74
Office furniture, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies .....	280.57
Ledger balances .....	81.10
	<b>\$1,284.21</b>

**EXHIBIT "D"**  
**LIST OF DEATHS, 1909.**

Post

- 1 J. E. Abel, Pr. Co. C, 97th Pa. Inf.
- Chas. Bremser, Pr. Co. L, 5th U. S. Art.
- A. Schaefer, Corp: Co. K, 178th N. Y. Inf.
- L. Seigfried, Pr. Co. A, 30th Mo. Inf.
- Emil Bogasch, Sergt. Co. F, 17th Mo. Inf.
- Herman Paubel, Corp. Co. B, 41st Mo. Inf.
- J. B. McKown, Pr. Co. L, 1st Mo. Cav.
- J. D. Droste, Capt. Co. F, 15th Mo. Inf.
- H. Sommers, Sergt. Co. E, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
- Jos. Spiegelhalter, Surg. 12th Mo. Inf.
- Herman Gawens, Capt. and Qr. Mo. U. S. Vols.
- Joseph H. Peters, Sergt. Co. E, 22d Ohio Vols.
- Fred Wesch, Pr. Co. I, 17th Mo. Inf.

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- H. C. Homan, Pr. Co. C, 180th Pa. Inf.  
 Henry Moll, Sergt. C6. A, 40th Mo. Inf.  
 H. W. Woerman, Sergt. Co. C, 4th Mo. Cav.  
 Geo. Saxton, Pr. Co. K, 11th Mass. Inf.  
 Henry Donnerberg, Pr. Co. F, 3d Mo. U. S. R. C.  
 Wm. Cowan, Pr. Co. F, 3d M. S. M. Cav.  
 Ernest Schierenberg, 1st Lt. Co. D, 12th Mo. Inf.  
 S. B. Marks, Lt. Col. 18th Ill. Inf.  
 Thos. Leonard, Pr. U. S. Marine Corps.
- 2 Gottlieb Neumeister, Pr. Co. D, 4th Mo. Vols.  
 Martin Keller, Pr. Co. F, 3d E. M. M.  
 Gottlieb Wagner, Pr. Co. A, 4th Mo. Vols.  
 George Pink, Pr. Co. B, 18th Mo. Vols.  
 Chas. Hunter, Sergt. Co. C, 4th Ky. Cav.  
 Ben. Ettlting, Pr. Co. H, 2d Mo. Inf.
- 4 David Silversmith, Pr. Co. I, 6th Iowa Vols.  
 T. K. Larrabee, Capt. Co. B, 23d O. V. I.  
 Johnson Hazel, Pr. Co. G, 7th M. S. M.  
 Henry Nagle, Sergt. Co. D, 1st La. V. C.  
 Fred. Gehring, Corp. Co. A, 8th Ind. Vols.
- 5 F. W. Suppe, Pr. Co. E, 9th Mo. Cav.  
 J. M. Greener, Pr. Co. C, 12th Mo. M.  
 J. B. Cotty, Corp. Co. E, 25th Mass Inf.
- 7 Alexander Jordan, Pr. 5th Ind. Batty.  
 G. B. Atterbury, 1st Lt. and Adj. 1st Mo. Cav.  
 Christian Stucker, Pr. Co. B, 3d Mo. Cav.  
 Michael Smith, Pr. Co. A, 5th M. S. M. Cav.  
 Joseph A. Demuth, Pr. Co. D, 85th Pa. Inf.  
 Alwin S. Charles, Pr. Co. I, 48th Mo. Inf.  
 John Lewis, Pr. Co. D, 4th Ill. Inf.  
 Absalom W. Stoner, Pr. Co. C, 1st Mich. Sharp Shooters.
- 8 J. H. Lloyd, Capt. Co. I, 115th Ill. Inf.  
 David H. Porter, 1st Lt. Co. E, 2d Ill. Cav.  
 Albert Steadman, Pr. Co. E, 2d Wisc. Cav.  
 Chas. B. Palmer, 2d Lt. Co. B, 1st Wisc. H. A.  
 Austin H. Tuttle, 2d Lt. Co. B, 9th U. S. V. V. I.  
 Isaac T. Gowan, Pr. Co. K, 5th Mo. Cav.  
 W. L. Wheeler, Pr. Co. F., 26th Mo. Inf.  
 Adam Smith, Pr. Co. B, 111th Ill. Inf.  
 Edward B. Howard, Pr. Co. E, 89th Ill. Inf.  
 David C. Beach, Pr. Co. I, 83d Ill. Inf.  
 James A. Avery, Pr. Co. G, 4th Va. Inf.  
 David J. Cook, Pr. Co. I, 17th O. V. I.  
 Flavius Smith, Pr. Co. L, 9th M. S. M. Cav.  
 James E. Gregg, Capt. Co. E, 8th O. V. I.

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- Henry L. Uncles, Pr. Co. A, 66th O. V. I.  
 Henry Altman, Pr. Co. B, 12th Ind. Inf. and C. 48th Ind. Inf.  
 Daniel F. Beegle, 1st Lt. Co. D, 101st Pa. Inf.  
 Aaron P. Ashbrook, 1st Lt. Co. B, 17th O. V. I.  
 Joseph L. Norman, Pr. Co. B, 12th Kan. Inf.  
 Wm. C. Price, Pr. Co. H, 5th Ill. Cav.  
 Oscar Tiffany, Sergt. Co. E, 9th N. Y. Inf.  
 James A. Hays, Pr. Co. H, 85th Ind.
- 11 Gustav Pirner, Sergt. Co. F, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Chas. H. Schaefermeyer, Pr. Co. G, 28th Pa. Inf.
- 13 John C. Mann, Sergt. Co. I, 45th Wis. Inf.  
 F. W. Koenig, Mus. Co. F, 17th Mo. Inf.  
 Christ. Jacobs, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Henry A. Elcholz, Sergt. Co. F, 5th Mo. Cav.  
 Carl Bertram, Pr. Co. B, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Wm. Schroeder, Pr. Co. E, 2d Mo. Inf.  
 John Keim, Lieut. Co. H, 4th Mo. Inf.  
 Henry Schmidt, Pr. Co. B, 3d Mo. Inf.  
 Lorenz Moskop, Pr. Co. B, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Henry Falkenhainer, Pr. Co. H, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 Chas. Schneiderer, Pr. Co. D, 4th Mo. Cav.  
 Henry Schultz, Pr. Co. F, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 Wm. Wienefeld, Pr. Co. G, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
- 14 Joshua L. Hainey, Pr. Co. C, 33d Ind. Inf.  
 S. B. J. Fugate, Pr. Co. G, 39th Mo. Inf.  
 S. F. Hedgecock, U. S. S. Montgomery.  
 I. N. Vaughn, Sergt. Co. G, 9th Ky. Cav.  
 Elijah Orem, Pr. Co. E, 6th M. S. M.
- 16 D. Morrison Rose, Pr. Co. C, 7th Pa. Cav.  
 George D. Stone, Pr. Co. K, 39th O. V. I.  
 Thos. Buckbee, 2d Lt. Co. B, 13th Mo. Cav.  
 J. W. Havens, Pr. Co. F, 1st M. S. M.  
 A. B. Parkell, Maj. 4th Iowa Cav.  
 A. Fausler, Pr. Co. E, 118th O. V. I.  
 O. H. S. Kennedy, 1st Lt. Co. B, 23d Iowa Inf.
- 17 John W. Rolf, Pr. Co. H, 57th Pa. Vol.  
 John Mow, Pr. Co. K, 7th Ill. Inf.  
 Noah McGuyer, Pr. Co. B, 44th Mo. Inf.
- 19 Thos. Gardner, Pr. Co. D, 19th Iowa Inf.
- 21 H. G. Harmon, Pr. Co. D, 6th E. M. M.  
 Daniel H. Fairchild, Pr. Co. F, 36th Ill. Inf.
- 22 J. C. Ferrel, Sergt. Co. B, 40th O. V. I.  
 Abr. Vanice, Pr. Co. K, 14th Iowa Inf.  
 Wm. M. Ranson, Sergt. Co. M, 2d Mo. P. E. M.
- 26 John A. Harrison, Sergt. Co. C, 16th Iowa Inf.

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- 32 L. M. Masters, Pr. Co. G, 106th Ill. Inf.  
 34 John Vancil, Pr. Co. B, 2d Ill. Art.  
 36 P. Hopper, Pr. Co. I, 119th Ill. Inf.  
 42 Raphael Garth, Sergt. Co. G, 62d U. S. C. T.  
 43 John F. Stewart, Capt. Co. D, 9th N. Y. H. A.  
 44 Lee Talbert, Pr. Co. D, 46th Iowa Inf.  
 45 J. J. Inghram, Pr. Co. E, 33d Mo. Inf.  
 48 A. Fayant, Corp. Co. C, 2d Mich. Cav.  
 53 George Brill, 1st Lt. Co. G, 12th Mo. Cav.  
     Edward Donnelly, Sergt. Co. K, 60th N. Y. Inf.  
 54 Claib. B. Smith, Pr. Co. D, 1st M. S. M.  
 57 C. H. Terwilliger, Pr. Co. G, 9th N. Y. H. A.  
 58 Peter Randall, Pr. Co. A, 27th Mo. Inf.  
 65 Philip Bender, Pr. Co. H, 1st Mo. Eng.  
 67 Samuel Rainey, Sergt. Co. B, 11th O. V. Cav.  
 69 J. B. Quick, Pr. Co. C, 29th Wis. Inf.  
     Solomon W. Reed, Pr. Co. C, 3d Pa. Cav.  
     J. B. Glass, Pr. Co. G, 162d O. N. G.  
 72 A. B. Brooks, Teamster Co. F, 102d Ill. Inf.  
     John McReynolds, Pr. Co. H, U. S. Lt. Art.  
     Jesse C. Ward, Pr. Co. K, 145th Ind. Inf.  
     B. W. Shotwell, 1st Lt. Co. C, 26th O. V. I.  
 75 J. J. Shaw, Pr. Co. D, 6th Mo. Cav.  
     J. S. Tapley, Sergt. Co. B, 6th Ill. Cav.  
     G. W. Wells, Capt. Co. F, 57th Ill. Inf.  
     Enos F. Scroggs, Farrier Co. A, Phelps' Regt. Cav.  
 76 Joseph Thomas, Pr. Co. A, 18th Mo. Inf.  
     Richard Jackson, Pr. Co. C, 43d Mo. Inf.  
     Ebenezer West, Capt. Co. H, 23d Mo. Inf.  
     John N. Oaks, Pr. Co. H, 208th Pa. Inf.  
 78 J. E. L. Taylor, Pr. Co. E, 1st Mo. Cav.  
 81 W. M. Holland, Pr. Co. F, 23d Mo. Inf.  
 82 Philip Bowers, Pr. Co. M, 1st O. V. Cav.  
     Louis Doebler, Pr. Co. A, 3d Mo. Inf.  
 84 J. G. Neal, Pr. Co. A, 119th Ill. Inf.  
 96 Levi Wood, Pr. Co. C, 12th Mo. Cav.  
 107 C. H. Surkamp, Pr. Co. K, 4th U. S. R. C. Mo.  
     John Gorg, Pr. Co. D, 47th Mo. Inf.  
 110 Conrad Wastear, Pr. Co. I, 1st N. E. Mo.  
     Geo. Habeck, Pr. Co. I, 39th Mo. Inf.  
     Ed. Caufield, Pr. Co. K, 21st Mo. Inf.  
 124 W. H. Wilcox, Pr. Co. M, 2d Mo. Cav.  
     David Goucher, 2d Lt. Co. G, 6th M. S. M. Cav.  
     Wm. Stinson, Pr. Co. G, 6th M. S. M. Cav.  
     Wm. C. Shumard, Pr. Co. E, 23d Mo. Inf.

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- 130 James M. Shields, Sergt. Co. L, 10th Ky. Cav.
- 131 W. E. Hively, Corp. Co. G, 131st O. V. I.  
 Perry C. Clayberg, Pr. Co. G, 11th Ill. Cav.  
 H. O. Pope, Capt. 8th N. Y. Cav.  
 Edward Conner, Sergt. Co. I, 1st Mo. Cav.  
 James J. Boland, 2d Lt. Co. D, 1st Ill Art.  
 Andrew Wigglin, 1st Lt. Co. D, 94th O. V. I.  
 John F. Randall, 1st Lt. Co. D, 21st Conn. Inf.  
 James Cox, 1st Sergt. Co. H, 35th Ill. Inf.  
 J. W. Kennedy, Carpenter U. S. Navy.  
 J. U. Griffith, Pr. Co. H, 55th O. V. I.  
 C. S. Charlot, Lt. Col. and A. A. G., U. S. Vol.  
 D. C. Coleman, Col. 8th Mo. Inf. and Brig. Gen. E. M. M.  
 Thos. W. Wood, Pr. Co. A, 39th Wis. Inf.  
 Enoch Muller, Pr Co. C, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.  
 C. W. Barrett, Pr. Co. E, 1st W. Va. Cav  
 C. C. Hulsart, Pr. Co. C, 8th Mich. Cav.  
 D. B. Martin, Corp. Co. H, 8th O. V. Cav.  
 Wm. Godfrey, Pr. Co. B, 47th Ill. Inf.  
 J. S. Ginger, Pr. Co. B, 135th Ind. Inf.  
 C. F. Opfenring, Sergt. Co. A, 1st Mo. Cav.
- 135 J. N. Scott, Pr. Co. E, 6th Mo. Cav.
- 141 Geo. Wright, Pr. Co. H, 3d W. Va.  
 S. L. Wiles, Lt. Co. H, 14th Mo. Cav.  
 John J. Chastain, Pr. Co. D, 24th Mo. Inf.
- 145 Richard Boyce, Sergt. Co. C, 193d Pa. Inf.  
 Joseph Barker, Pr. Co. C, 65th Mo. Mil.
- 146 W. M. Frame, Pr. Co. D, 148th Pa. Inf.  
 Jesse Phipps, Sergt. Co. F, 11th Ill. Inf.
- 152 Chas. Mueller, Pr. Ink's Battalion Mo.
- 158 J. G. Burckhardt, Pr. Co. G, 4th N. Y. Inf.
- 160 James A. Walker, Pr. Co. K, 44th Mo. Inf.
- 161 C. Brundredge, Pr. Co. I, 8th Mo. Cav.  
 Wm. Osburn, Pr. Co. B, 8th M. S. M. Cav.
- 172 Alonzo E. Smith, Pr. Co. C, 17th Ind. Inf.  
 Alex. Oliver, Capt. Co. D, 2d W. Va. Cav.
- 173 Chas. F. Hunze, Pr. Co. A, 15th Ill. Cav.  
 Louis F. Klostermann, Lt. Co. F, 29th Mo. Inf.  
 F. L. Withaup, Sergt. Co. K, 5th Mo. Cav. and Capt. Co. B,  
 14th Mo. Cav.
- 175 H. C. Kille, Corp. Co. D, 26th Ind. Inf.  
 J. Q. Adams, Pr. Co. D, 53d Mass. Inf.
- 179 Geo. R. Smith, Pr. Cos. B. and A, 33d and 11th Mo. Inf.  
 J. B. Stine, Pr. Co. K, 1st O. Lt. Art.  
 Albert Deen, Pr. Co. K, 2d Iowa Cav.



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- 181 Aaron Reynolds, Pr.  
John Green, Pr. Co. F, 140th Ill. Inf.
- 184 J. M. Hindman, Pr. Co. B, 11th Ind. Cav.
- 187 T. Thomas, Pr. Co. K, E. M. M.  
Ed. Grissom, Pr. Co. D, 46th Mo. Inf.
- 190 L. L. Gates, Sergt. Co. A, 60th N. Y. Inf.
- 197 Herman Schaper, Lt. Co. E, 49th Mo. Inf.  
Fritz Schroeder, Pr. Co. F, 3d M. S. M.
- 210 M. R. Atchley, Pr. Co. F, 9th Tenn. Cav.  
Sam. Watkins, Sergt. Co. I, 16th Mo. Cav.  
Geo. Holden, Sergt. Co. D, 47th Mo. Inf.  
W. Bailey, Pr. Co. D, 2d O. V. Cav.  
Fred'k Bear, Pr. Co. H, 167th O. V. I.
- 219 Caleb Thurman, Sergt. Co. H, 1st Ark. Inf.  
J. G. Brackins, Sergt. Co. F, 8th Mo. Cav.
- 221 D. L. Hunsaker, Pr. Co. F, 39th Mo. Inf.
- 232 Thos. Jackson, Pr. Co. E, 29th Wis. Inf.
- 238 W. W. Scott, Pr. Co. D, 34th Iowa Inf.
- 240 Lee Bohannon, Pr. Co. B, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
- 247 C. R. Russell, Pr. Co. M, 2d Wis. Cav.
- 251 John Mishey, Pr. Co. E, 26th O. V. I.  
J. B. Bowen, Pr. Co. F, 44th Mo. Inf.  
Joseph Evans, Pr. Co. D, 73d Ind. Inf.  
Wm. Cooper, Pr. Co. C, 7th Ind. Cav.  
Rufus Smith, Sergt. 1st Ohio Sharp Shooters.
- 259 J. E. Sullivan, Pr. Co. H, 46th Mo. Inf.
- 260 R. D. Perigo, Corp. Co. K, 156th Ill. Inf.
- 273 Simon Moore, 1st Lt. Co. F, 8th Mo. Prov. Cav.  
Anson Collier, Pr. Co. L, 5th M. S. M. Cav.  
Adolph D. Pecant, Pr. Co. K, 8th Mo. Prov. Cav.
- 274 B. M. Bradshaw, Corp. Co. H, 63d E. M. M.
- 282 A. F. B. Rose, Pr. Co. H, 118th O. V. I.
- 286 Alex. Benson, Pr. Co. C, 62d U. S. C. T.
- 294 F. Davis, Pr. Co. C, 16th Mo. Inf.
- 299 Wm. S. Dennis, Pr. Co. K, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
M. G. Hensley, Pr. Co. C, 7th Tenn. Inf.
- 303 Allen Scott, Corp. Co. I, 1st M. S. M.
- 316 Joseph Hill, Pr. Co. F, 18th U. S. C. T.
- 324 W. S. Stewart, Pr. Co. C, 77th Ind. Inf.  
John Q. A. Cave, Pr. Co. K, 187th O. Inf.
- 326 L. Seibert, Pr. Co. K, 47th Mo. Inf.
- 330 J. M. Depew, Pr. Co. E, 22d Iowa Inf.
- 332 G. Benner, Pr. Co. B, 15th Mo. Inf.
- 340 Wm. Voit, Pr. Co. A, 27th Mo. Inf.
- 343 Hezekiah Butler, Pr. Co. E, 50th U. S. C. T.

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- 348 Michael Smith, Pr Co. C, 31st Mo. Inf.  
 350 Adolf Tacke, Capt. Co. B, 2d M. S. M.  
 366 J. K. Jones, Capt. Co. B, 90th O. V. I.  
     S. C. Hoxworth, Pr. Co. H, 47th Ill. Inf.  
 374 L. S. Fleshman, Pr. Co. G, 18th Mo. Inf.  
     C. Flagg, Pr. Co. C, 86th O. V. I.  
 375 J. Bailey, Sergt. Co. M, 3d Mo. Cav.  
     R. S. Mount, Pr. Co. C, 2d Tenn. Inf., Pr. Co. F, 100th Ind. Inf.  
 386 W. W. Hockman, Sergt. Co. A, 51st Ind. Vet. Vols.  
 387 J. D. Bush, Mus. Co. K, 131st Pa. Inf.  
     Erastus H. Warner, Pr. Co. A, 57th Pa. Inf.  
 407 Wesley Barker, Pr. Co. D, 6th Mo. Cav.  
 420 S. C. Cope, Pr Co. K, 32d Mo. Inf.  
 425 Obed Schooley, Pr. 72d Ind. Inf.  
 429 J. K. Whitson, 2d Lt. Co. F, 34th Ind. Inf.  
 433 Wm. H. Schofield, Pr. Co. B, 31st Mo. Inf.  
 457 Wm. H. Moore, Pr. Co. B, 8th Mo. Cav.  
 447 L. Passman, Sergt. Co. K, 27th Mo. Inf.  
 461 J. W. Gooding, Pr. Capt. Bevens' H. G. Co. Mo.  
 466 Frank Akridge, Pr. Co. E, 2d M. S. M. Cav.  
     Reese Evans, Pr. Co. H, 3d Mo. Inf.  
     Benj. F. Barrett, Pr. Co. I, 3d M. S. M. Cav.  
 473 Jacob Frank, Pr. Co. D, 9th M. S. M. Cav.  
 488 Chas. Tuschaff, Pr. Co. E, 4th Mo. Vols.  
 496 Peter Kuehner, Pr. Co. C, 1st Mo. Cav.  
     Martin Henry, Pr. Co. J, 3d Mo. Inf.  
     Henry Stark, Pr. Co. B, 2d Mo. Inf.  
     Joseph Rieth, Pr. Co. B, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.  
     Geo. Grapen, Pr. Co. F, 13th Mo. Cav.  
     A. Heck, Pr. Co. G, 3d M. S. M.  
     A. Diefenbach, Pr. Co. C, Battalion Art.  
     L. Heim, Pr. Co. B, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.  
 506 B. J. Edemon, Pr. Co. I, 53d Mass. Inf. and Co. M, 2d Mass.  
     Art.  
 512 F. M. Joslin, Pr. Co. G, 2d Calif. Cav.  
     W. R. Millis, Pr. Co. H, 14th Wis. Inf.  
     Thos. Yarnell, Corp. Co. E, 20th O. V. I.  
 525 A. C. Henkins, Pr. Co. H, 44th Mo. Inf.  
 544 S. Hutchinson, Pr. Co. I, 68th U. S. C. T.  
 554 Adam Stein, Pr. Co. A, 11th Mo. Cav.  
     H. G. C. Dammer, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Art.  
     H. H. Wallenbroch, Pr. Co. H, 1st M. S. M. Inf.  
 561 S. P. Perry, Pr. Co. B, 122d Ill. Inf.  
 574 Isaac Guinn, Pr. Co. S, 4th Ky. Inf.  
     Thos. H. Belt, Pr. Co. C, 4th Prov. Mo.

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- 575 Martain Tasher, Pr. Co. G, 4th N. Y. Inf.  
577 Reuben Garrett, Pr. Co. G, 6th Mo. Cav.  
583 Harrison Bundy, Pr. Co. B, 67th U. S. C. T.  
586 Fenton E. Becroft, Pr. Co. I, 30th Iowa Inf.  
Richard M. Cheaney, Pr. Co. H, 123d Ill. Inf.  
O. Bradford, Pr. Co. H, 145th Ind. Inf.  
J. Hoadley, Pr. Co. C, 25th Mich. Inf.  
J. R. Anderson, Pr. Co. A, 81st Ind. Inf.  
R. A. Russell, Master's Mate U. S. S. Sumpster.  
Wm. A. Stinger, Sergt. Co. K, U. S. R. C. Mo.  
Loda Kitchell, Pr. Co. K, 159th N. Y. Inf.  
580 Wm. Harvey, Capt. Co. F, 52d Ind. Inf.  
Alex. Sands, Pr. Co. K, 144th Ill. Inf.  
588 Reuben Williams, Pr. Co. B, 24th Mo. Inf.  
589 Peter Parker, Pr. Co. E, 149th Ill. Inf.  
W. L. Winsor, Corp. Co. G, 12th Iowa Inf.  
Thos. H. Brown, Corp. Co. I, 84th Ill. Inf.  
S. E. Griggs, Pr. Co. E, 53d Ill. Inf.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Sedalia, Mo., April 9, 1910.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrade: The office of Judge Advocate of this Department, to which I was appointed by our Department Commander, has been purely ornamental. No complaints of any kind have arisen to break the harmony or fraternity of our beloved order.

I have not been called on by the Commander to visit any of the Posts with him, and feel sure peace and harmony prevail throughout the whole of the Department.

I thank God that I have lived to see the day when all jealousies between the Federals and the Confederates have been entirely obliterated, and the surviving comrades of both armies are united in upholding Old Glory, the flag of our country, and protecting our mutual interests. I pray the remaining days of the Grand Army may continue as serene as the past.

Fraternally submitted, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
**NOBLE H. ROGERS,**  
 Judge Advocate.

## REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

Hager's Grove, Mo., April 24, 1910.

Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrade: As no Posts have been mustered during my term of office, I have really no report to make; but will say that I thank the Department Commander for the honor of the appointment and only regret with him that I have had nothing to do.

I have made but one visit, which was to John A. Dix Post No. 76, at Kidder, Mo., on Thanksgiving evening, where I had the pleasure of meeting also the Department Commander.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

**H. F. GLAHN,**  
 Chief Mustering Officer.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Springfield, Mo., April 18, 1910.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Chaplain:

Number of Posts in Department.....	219
Number of Posts reporting Memorial Services.....	135

### MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending services.....	108
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	108
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	55
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	34
Number of Comrades present at such services.....	4,286
Number of members of Women's Relief Corps attending such services .....	46

### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services.....	110
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services.	5,236
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	156
Number of graves decorated.....	26,396
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	685
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day Services.	87
Number of pupils participating.....	5,376
Number of other organizations participating.....	42
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day....	110
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	65
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	10
Number of Posts having Burial Plots.....	46

I would recommend that we redouble our diligence in our efforts to secure the hearty co-operation of all churches, schools and fraternal organizations to make our glorious government more efficient as God's chosen instrument to make this entire world what it should be.

R. R. WITTEN,  
Department Chaplain.

## REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Mo., April 20, 1910.

W. H. Skinner, Department Commander and Comrades:

It is with pleasure and something of pride that the Department of Patriotic Instruction brings to you the results of their patient labor for the year. This report covers gleanings from sixty local Posts. We find from these reports that only forty installed their Patriotic Instructor. The following data is collated from the reports in hand:

Sixty public schools secured flags during the year from several sources.

Five schools regularly raise the flag daily.

Seventy-five schools raise the flag on special occasions.

Forty-five schools were taught how to salute the flag.

Birthdays of Lincoln, Washington, Grant and McKinley were celebrated.

Patriotic days observed by forty-three Posts—Memorial Sunday—Memorial day.

Flag day by twenty-seven Posts. All Posts observe Memorial day.

Two hundred schools held at least one patriotic service.

Woman's Relief Corps, Grand Army Circles, Spanish War Veterans have helped nobly in our work.

In thirty localities the children marched with the Veterans on Memorial day.

In twenty public schools the Gettysburg address of Lincoln was placed.

Eleven large flags were presented to public schools during the year.

One hundred and ninety patriotic addresses reported during the year.

Six thousand small flags were presented to the public schools by the G. A. R. tradesmen and teachers. Many of our merchants are presenting a small lapel flag to all traders on Flag day.

Cost of Patriotic Instruction reported \$52.00.

Through the active work of Instructors many more addresses have been made in Post meetings and open sessions than usual.

Comrades from sister Posts are frequently invited to address open sessions. Many addresses have been given which were not specially patriotic, but instructive.

Ten United States Postmasters were asked to speak of the work of Uncle Sam in the Postal Department.

Five addresses by Weather Bureau men were very enjoyable.

At twelve Posts Regular Army Officers delivered addresses.

These addresses were largely secured by active Patriotic Instructors.

We desire to make a plea for the more careful appointment of Patriotic Instructors. The custom in many Posts seems to be to fill all the other offices and if anyone is left he is appointed P. I. Many of these never make a report. This officer must be an active, energetic, efficient and resourceful man with lots of good horse sense. No other will succeed. Let us get away from the idea that "Anybody can fill this office." In many localities Patriotic Instruction has given prominence to the Grand Army of the Republic. We are showing the public we have a mission. The advancing years of the Blue and the Gray are bringing about a kinder feeling between the North and South. The war is over and the State is growing impatient with those who would still cherish the bitterness of the war. The United States Government is soon to place the care of the Federal and Confederate Cemeteries under Governmental care and soon the last vestige of the Rebellion will be gone and "One Country and One Flag" will become the patriotic sentiment of the whole country.

W. C. CALLAND,  
Department Patriotic Instructor.

Senior Vice-Department Commander Lucas announced the following committee on the address of the Department Commander: Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, and Past Department Commanders J. V. Martin, Peterson, Bronson and Platt.

Commander Rassieur moved that a special committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon that portion of the Commander's address relating to the finances of the Department, with instructions to report at this encampment. The motion was carried and the committee was appointed, consisting of Past Commanders-in-Chief Rassieur and Burton, and Past Department Commander Benecke.

By direction of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees:

On Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders—Arthur Dreifus, Post 1; C. W. Rubey, Post 48; J. W. Beach, Post. 7.

On Report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General—Past Department Commander, Jere T. Dew; J. B. Wilde, Post 131; Geo. B. Howenstein, Post 16.

On Reports of the Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Chief Mustering Officer and Judge Advocate—Past Department Commander Benecke; D. P. Stubblefield; Post 33; Chas. Niedringhaus, Post 2.

On Resolutions—Past Commander-in-Chief Burton; Past Department Commanders G. W. Martin and Henry Fairback; J. B. Dobyne, Post 131; J. W. Moore, Post 276.

To Visit the Woman's Relief Corps—Past Department Commander Scott; Max Fritz, Post 13; J. E. Turner, Post 8; S. Dellacella, Post 586.

To Visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.—Benj. Warner, Post 4; E. S. Miner, Post 124; Henry Digby, Post 14.

To Visit the Sons of Veterans—Geo. Heintz, Post 107; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; James P. Hesser, Post 2.

On motion of Comrade Burton, all resolutions offered, shall be referred to the committees without reading and without debate.

On motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the National Encampment.

Comrade Rassieur nominated Arthur Dreifus, Post 1, for Representative-at-large. The nomination was seconded by Comrades Dobyne, Post 131, and Past Department Commander Fairback.

There being no other nominations, on motion the nominations were closed, and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Dreifus, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected.

The following nominations were then made, to be placed on



the printed ballot, in the order of their Posts, beginning with the lowest number, in accordance with a rule of the Encampment.:

W. F. Silverwood, Post 1, St. Louis.  
 H. W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis.  
 J. B. Davis, Post 4, Kansas City.  
 Benj. Warner, Post 4, Kansas City.  
 Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly.  
 H. T. Holmes, Post 6, Jefferson City.  
 Fred. Wenz, Post 7, St. Joseph.  
 H. P. Russell, Post 11, Lexington.  
 Peter Boobe, Post 13, St. Louis.  
 Chas. H. Morgan, Post 14, Joplin.  
 J. H. Stoner, Post 17, Cameron.  
 G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville.  
 H. T. Glahn, Post 36, Clarence.  
 Henry Lepp, Post 46, De Soto.  
 C. W. Rubey, Post 48, Lebanon.  
 L. Sturtevant, Post 57, Brookfield.  
 Chas. E. Wadleigh, Post 68, Green Ridge.  
 W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield.  
 Jos. L. Nichols, Post 72, Trenton.  
 Louis Schaeperkoetter, Post 107, St. Louis.  
 C. W. Fitch, Post 131, St. Louis.  
 F. M. Clayton, Post 161, Buffalo.  
 J. E. Decker, Post 219, Republic.  
 W. B. Mullins, Post 268, Miami.  
 W. H. Mengel, Post 276, California.  
 P. H. Chattin, Post 343, St. Louis.  
 Wm. Lowe, Post 566, Warrensburg.  
 J. L. Tucker, Post 574, Elmira.  
 Henry DeBell, Post 583, St. Joseph.  
 M. T. Wood, Post 589, Clinton.

On motion, the Encampment voted that the fourteen receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Representatives, and the fifteen receiving the next highest number be declared the alternates.

Comrade Hagerty, of Post 131, following his usual custom, presented to the Department Commander a gavel made by himself from wood cut on the battlefield of Wilson Creek, from the mast-head of the Spanish man of war Viscaya, and from the field where Gen. Custer fell. The Department Commander accepted the same with suitable thanks.

The Encampment took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

#### FIRST DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 11.

The Encampment met and was called to order by the Department Commander at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Announcement was made that a Camp Fire would be held at the Court House this evening, at which Commander-in-Chief Van Sant, Governor Hadley and others would speak; that a reception would be held at the residence of Comrade Wm. Lowe, after 9

o'clock this evening, and that a parade would take place immediately after this afternoon's session, about 3:30 p. m.

Commander-in-Chief S. R. Van Sant was introduced and addressed the Encampment in a most eloquent and effective manner, and was frequently applauded. At its conclusion, Comrade Burton, saying that the boys had learned that this was the sixty-sixth birthday of the Commander-in-Chief, presented him with a handsome bouquet on behalf of the local committee.

The following telegrams were received and read to the Encampment:

Washington, D. C., May 11, 1910.

W. H. Skinner, Department Commander G. A. R., Warrensburg, Missouri.

I send greetings to my comrades in annual Encampment assembled. It is a matter of sincere regret with me that official duties here prevent me again touching elbows with them. Among the positions that have come to me, those which I prize the highest are Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

WM. WARNER.

Boston, Mass., May 10, 1910.

W. H. Skinner, Department Commander, Warrensburg, Mo.

Massachusetts sends greetings to Missouri, and earnestly requests her support of Past Adjutant General Gilman, our unanimous choice for Commander-in-Chief. With best wishes, yours faithfully in F., C. and L.

J. WILLARD BROWN, Department Commander.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 10, 1910.

Department Encampment, Warrensburg, Mo.

The Executive Committee for the Forty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Atlantic City, N. J., congratulates the veterans of Missouri, in Department Encampment assembled, on their attainment of an average age of sixty-nine years, and the accomplishment of such mighty object lessons for American patriotism.

F. M. STERRETT.

The Committee on Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Warrensburg, Mo., May 11, 1910.

We, the undersigned committee, to whom was referred the report of the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, respectfully report that we have examined the same carefully, and from their reports we find that they have faithfully performed the duties of their respective offices.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR DREIFUS,

J. W. BEACH,

C. W. RUBEY,

Committee.

The hour set apart for the parade having arrived, on motion the Encampment took a recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 12.

The Encampment met at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 12th, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Witten, the Department Chaplain, invoked the Divine blessing.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report, which appears elsewhere, showing the comrades present as checked by them on the roll of the Encampment. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion of Comrade Wilde, Post 131, the Assistant Adjutant-General was directed to send to Past Commander-in-Chief Warner the greetings of the Encampment, with best wishes for his health and prosperity.

The Committee on the Reports of the Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Chief Mustering Officer, and Judge Advocate, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted.

Warrensburg, Mo., May 11, 1910.

Department Commander and Comrades.

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Chief Mustering Officer, and Judge Advocate, beg leave to report that we have considered each of said reports, and found that the report of the Judge Advocate showed that a most gratifying condition of perfect harmony existed in our Department, hence no disputes or contention required his official action.

We find from the report of the Chief Mustering Officer that he had no occasion to muster in any Post; while the Assistant Adjutant General's report disclosed a rapidly increasing, silent muster-out process—of three hundred and seven Comrades—who responded to the final or last roll-call during the year.

We find from the report of the Chaplain that the observance of Memorial Day is not as extensive as it should be; and we recommend that the incoming officers make a special effort to stimulate the local Post officers and comrades of small Posts to greater activity in this sacred duty, so as to perpetuate the observance by the future generation after the last one of us has responded to the last "roll-call."

The report of the Patriotic Instructor shows that he has stimulated the study of patriotic lessons—and achieved gratifying results—yet it seems that the partisan school history, which is a part of the public school text books of Missouri, has not received any consideration at his hands, at least no mention is made by him in his report. We believe that his successor ought to give that subject a careful study and furnish result of his investigation, with a view that the many erroneous statements contained therein may be pointed out and avoided in future publications of that character.

As a whole, we find that each one of the officers whose reports were referred to us, have performed their duty and deserve the

thanks of the Department, and we recommend that this be done by acceptance of this report.

LOUIS BENECKE,  
D. P. STUBBLEFIELD,  
CHARLES NIEDRINGHAUS,  
Committee.

Comrade Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor, made the following explanation:

Relative to the committee's report on the annual report of the Patriotic Instructor, I wish to say the Patriotic Instructor and his assistants have not been idle in relation to the Fowler text-book referred to, and are aware of its general use in Missouri. This book has met with criticism from this Department, and our protests are now filed with the State Book Commission. Perhaps this committee is not aware of the method of introduction of these histories into the public schools in this State. The Legislature appoints a Commission on text books for the State, and after investigation this Commission enters into a contract with various publishers for the supply of the various text-books for the public schools. When this book is once introduced by the Commission, it has its run for a period of five years. Nothing can be done except file a protest with the Commission, and wait till a new deal is made, which occurs every five years. This Department has caused to be removed Grimm's History, which was very objectionable. It requires great effort to displace a book of a strong publishing company; for in the first place you have to show the Commission that the matters of history complained of are incorrect. This means you must present a preponderance of testimony that the historical statements are incorrect. This is no easy matter. Possibly the strictly correct history has not yet been written. I wish to say, however, that Fowler's History is such an improvement over Grimm's that there is comparatively little objectionable in it.

The Committee on the Report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Warrensburg, Mo., May 11, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-ninth Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

We, the undersigned committee, respectfully report that we have duly performed the duties assigned to us, and have carefully examined the accounts and reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, Thos. B. Rodgers, and find them not only full, and complete, and correct in every detail, but, as in the past, giving evidence of the careful and conscientious manner in which the duties of those offices have been performed.

JERE T. DEW,  
JAMES B. WILDE,  
GEO. B. HOWENSTEIN,  
Committee.

The Assistant Adjutant General made the following report of the Council of Administration, and moved that the report with its recommendations be adopted:

Warrensburg, Mo., May 10, 1910.

To the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The Council held an informal meeting at Joplin, Mo., immediately after the adjournment of the Encampment at which Senior Vice-Department Commander Lucas was duly installed by Department Commander Skinner. No business was transacted except to approve of the arrangements which had been made for the Headquarters of the Department at the National Encampment in Salt Lake City.

The selection of the date for the meeting of the Department Encampment at Warrensburg, Mo., was, by direction of the Department Commander, submitted to the members of the Council by letter, and resulted in the choice of Wednesday and Thursday, May 11th and 12th, 1910, and it was so announced in General Orders.

The Council also voted on a proposition submitted by direction of the Department Commander December 18th, 1909, authorizing him to appoint a committee of five comrades to co-operate with a like committee of Confederate Veterans to procure legislation by the Legislature of Missouri for the erection of a State monument and markers for the Missouri regiments, both Union and Confederate, engaged in the siege of Vicksburg.

The vote was in favor of the proposition and the committee was appointed.

At the same time, by direction of the Department Commander, a vote was taken on the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Commander and Assistant Adjutant General of the Department be authorized and empowered to agree to an even division of the net proceeds of the collection of the legacy of Henry Berger, on the compromise authorized to be made."

The Council also met at Warrensburg, Mo., May 10th, 1910, pursuant to the call of the Department Commander.

The members present were: W. H. Skinner, Department Commander; J. W. Lucas, Senior Vice-Department Commander; L. A. Fillmore, Junior Vice-Department Commander; Dr. W. F. Silverwood, Medical Director; Rev. R. R. Witten, Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; H. F. Glahn, Chief Mustering Officer; W. T. Rakestraw, Inspector; Edward Borck, Francis P. Becker and H. C. Carter, elected members.

The following proceeds were had:

The minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts for failing to make reports: Post 38, La Plata; 63, Holden; 176, Indian Springs; 254, Taneyville; 337, Jasper; 434, Richland; 578, Alton.

On motion the Council recommended to the Encampment that \$100 be appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

On account of the decreasing revenue of the Department, on motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, it was recommended that the salary of his office be reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:  
St. Louis, Mo., May 2d, 1910.

W. H. Skinner, Department Commander.

The undersigned Committee of the Council of Administration, appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that we have performed that duty for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1910, and find the accounts as stated to be correct and cash balance on hand December 31st, 1909, to be \$122.74. Cash balance on April 30th, 1910, \$53.32.

We beg to leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of keeping his accounts.

In F., C. and L.,

FRANCIS P. BECKER,

EDW. BORCK,

Committee.

There being no further business, on motion, the Council adjourned.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General and Recorder.

Comrade Burton moved that the consideration of the report of the Council of Administration be postponed until after the report of the Special Committee on Finance, which was ready to report, as he thought the report of the latter committee might have some bearing on the action of the Encampment. The motion was seconded, put to vote, and carried.

Comrade Rassieur then presented the report of the Special Committee on Finances, as follows, and moved its adoption:

Warrensburg, Mo., May 11, 1910.

Commander and Comrades:

The special committee to whom that part of the annual address of the Commander which calls attention to the financial condition of the Department was referred, begs leave to report that after a careful consideration of this very important subject, and after mature deliberation and reflection upon the future financial requirements of the Department, when its ranks shall be depleted by the Grim Reaper, as must, under the laws of nature in the near future, soon occur, we submit that the timely suggestion of the Department Commander, that provision of some sort be made, at an early date, to meet the difficulties which are sure to confront us, should be highly commended, and our appreciation shown by taking action of some sort at this Encampment.

Your committee fully realizes the following facts, viz.:

1st. That under no circumstances should the present per capita tax of 30 cents per comrade be increased hereafter, inasmuch as the earning capacity of our comrades, on account of their advanced age, cannot possibly increase, and for the same reason a decrease in the number of its membership is absolutely certain, and that the maintenance of our Post organizations will fully tax the individual comrades as far as they should be taxed.

2nd. That the preservation of that feature of our organization which requires the election and retention in office of an Adjutant General and Quartermaster General, and paying him for his ser-

VICES, IS AND WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO THE WELFARE AND SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF OUR DEPARTMENT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, AND PROBABLY TO THE END OF ITS EXISTENCE.

3rd. That whatever funds may be necessary to support the organization during the rest of its life, in addition to such funds as will come from the decreasing per capita tax, must come from voluntary contributions which, in the very nature of things, can much more easily be secured at the present time than later on.

4th. That a permanent fund, pure and simple, the interest of which only would be at our disposal, would scarcely meet our requirements, and

5th. That whatever fund may be created, should be so guarded and limited, that it might from time to time furnish the limited assistance which the Department with economical management might properly need, but retain a sufficient amount of principal to extend its limited aid each year to the end of the expected life of the Department.

In view of the foregoing undoubted facts and conclusions, your committee begs leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That a separate fund be created to be composed of all legacies which may have been or may hereafter be bequeathed to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, and of all voluntary gifts from comrades and Posts who can afford to give, and from patriotic citizens who may wish to contribute to such a good purpose, such fund to be known and kept as the "Safety Fund" in the books of the Department, and to be kept at interest while not invested, and to be invested and checked against only in the manner and when thereto authorized as hereinafter set forth.

2nd. That the moneys in said "Safety Fund" shall only be invested on first deeds of trust or prime real estate in the State of Missouri, as security, and no check shall be drawn against the moneys in said fund for investment until ten (10) comrades of the Council of Administration have in writing approved such investment, and which written approval must accompany the check of the Assistant Quartermaster General as evidence of such authority, and remain on file with the papers bearing on such fund until the auditing of his accounts, and no member of the Council shall sign such authority until the evidence be furnished him that the title is perfect and clear, and that such deed of trust is the first lien on property having a cash value at least double the amount of the loan, and when improvements are part of the security, evidence of the insurance of such improvements against fire and cyclone damage in solvent insurance companies, for the full amount of the loan for the full period such loan is to run.

3rd. That the interest of such "Safety Fund" shall go into the general funds of the Department, when earned and paid, without further action, but that no part of the principal shall be so used or diverted into the general funds of the Department without the recommendation of the Council of Administration by a two-thirds vote and the action of the Department Encampment in which two-thirds of that body vote for the same as being necessary, and no more than ten per cent of the principal of such fund shall be voted for expenditure in any one year.

Your committee further recommends that it be agreed by the Department, with such as may hereafter subscribe to such fund,

that the above provisions and rules for the guidance and control of the Department in the disposition, management and investment of such funds be not rescinded or modified by any Encampment hereafter without the affirmative vote of three-fourths of all the comrades having a vote at such Encampment, and which vote shall be taken by ballot and recorded in the minutes thereof.

Your committee, in conclusion, recommends that as soon as possible a circular be prepared, printed and transmitted to each Post, together with a copy of these resolutions as adopted, and with a subscription list for the signatures of such comrades as may be willing and able to join in this grand work of providing for the time when the Department will need help, by making a contribution to such "Safety Fund."

Respectfully submitted,  
LEO RASSIEUR,  
C. G. BURTON,  
LOUIS BENECKE,

Committee.

The adoption of the report was advocated by Comrades Rassieur, Burton and Sterrett, and on being put to vote it was carried unanimously.

Comrade Burton moved to divide the report of the Council of Administration and to adopt the same, except that part recommending a reduction of the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General, which he moved should not be approved. The motion was seconded by Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin, and was advocated by him, and also by Comrades Burton and Sterrett. On being put to vote, it was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Comrade Geo. W. Martin, Comrades Rassieur, Burton and Benecke were authorized and instructed to prepare circulars and subscription lists to be sent to the Posts to carry into effect the action of the Encampment in regard to raising a "Safety Fund."

The Committee on the Address of the Department Commander made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Warrensburg, Mo., May 12, 1910.

Commander and Comrades:

Your committee on the address of the Department Commander beg leave to report that they have carefully considered said report and take great pleasure in commending every feature therein contained as indicative of the painstaking and able administration of the Commander, giving credit to every organization which has labored to advance the patriotic work in which our organization is engaged. We gladly recommend that the thanks of this Encampment be extended to the Commander for his faithful work and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEO RASSIEUR,  
J. V. MARTIN,  
A. G. PETERSON,  
JOHN P. PLATT,  
IRA T. BRONSON.

Committee.



On motion the Encampment proceeded to the election of Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-fourth National Encampment.

The following comrades were appointed as tellers: J. B. Wilde, Post 131; A. Whipple, Post 1; E. S. Miner, Post 124; G. W. Corkran, Post 221; J. P. Hesser, Post 2; Henry Digby, Post 14; Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97; Adam G. Minges, Post 13.

The tellers distributed the ballots, and afterwards took up the votes and retired to count the same.

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of officers, and nominations for Department Commander were called for.

Comrade Robert N. Denham of Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis, was placed in nomination by Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, who spoke as follows:

Commander and Comrades: Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, has directed me to place in nomination for the high, honorable and responsible office of Commander of this great Department, a comrade whom they deem exceptionally able to grace the position. He has an army record of which he may well be proud. Born on October 26th, 1847, he enlisted as a private in Co. H. of the 124th Ohio Infantry Volunteers October 7th, 1862, before he had completed his fifteenth year, and he had the "metal" in him which enabled him to answer at roll-call in every engagement in which his regiment participated until the close of the war. What the character of the service of his regiment was, every old soldier will know when I inform him that it included those hard fought battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Resaca, the Atlanta Campaign, Franklin and Nashville. Our comrade served nearly three years, and still was mustered out with his regiment before he had arrived at the age of eighteen years, the lowest age at which a man was deemed eligible to be drafted. I doubt whether a better record can be found anywhere, and the position of Corporal, to which he was advanced in March, 1865, indicated the possession of those exceptional qualities which have been manifested by him ever since.

In civic life after the war he disclosed where he would have stood in the army if he had not been handicapped by his youthfulness. He has been a leader in business affairs, a judge upon the bench, and possesses the qualities which endear him to all who come in touch with him.

As a member of the Grand Army of the Republic he has so conducted himself that his Post, one of the best in the Department, has twice called upon him to command it. He was not satisfied with the mere record of a good and faithful Commander, but added to his services the strengthening of the fraternal ties between the comrades of his own Post and those of neighboring Posts. He made splendid use of his position to advance the best interests of his comrades, and thus proved to us his undoubted fitness for the responsible position of Commander of this Department. No effort will be spared by him to draw closer to him the humblest comrade in our ranks and no service will remain unperformed that he can render to benefit our organization. His election will mean a prosperous and successful year of activity in the Department and hence

I take great pleasure in presenting the name of Comrade Robert N. Denham of Ransom Post, No. 131, for your favorable consideration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Burton nominated Comrade Ben Warner of McPherson Post, No. 4, of Kansas City, with the following remarks:

Department Commander and Comrades: A year ago at Joplin I named for Department Commander, Comrade Ben Warner of McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City, Missouri. He was not elected, not because you loved Harry Skinner more, nor Ben Warner less, but because in your judgment the interests of the Department would be best conserved by the election of the former.

I again nominate Ben Warner for Department Commander. I name him, not only in response to the wishes of his Post, but of all the comrades of Kansas City, and of hundreds of others throughout the Department, who know him best and love him well. He was a boy when he donned the uniform of blue, but the boy recruit was every inch a soldier. He has been a Grand Army man from the beginning. He has ever been active, earnest and zealous in upholding our organization and advancing its standard. While four Department Commanders have been selected from Kansas City, neither of the four was a member of McPherson Post. McPherson Post merits the distinction of his election. Ben Warner deserves the honor. If elected he will make a faithful, competent and excellent Department Commander. I ask your support of him.

The nomination of Comrade Denham was seconded by Past Department Commander Fairback and by Comrades H. F. Glahn, Post 36; L. C. Hesse, Post 13; J. B. Dobyne, Post 131; C. D. Inglehart, Post 76, and L. T. Harrison, Post 161.

The nomination of Comrade Warner was seconded by Past Department Commanders Geo. W. Martin and Dew.

Comrade Warner was recognized and thanked the comrades for their kind words and good opinion, but said that his business was such that he would not be able to serve this year if elected. He therefore withdrew.

On motion of Comrade Dew, the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade R. N. Denham, which was accordingly done and he was declared elected Department Commander for the ensuing year. Comrade Denham being called upon came to the platform and was received with applause, and he then spoke as follows:

Commander and Comrades: The honor you have conferred upon me today by unanimously electing me your Department Commander, I assure you is highly appreciated. I had received so many complimentary and assuring letters from comrades in all parts of our Department that I was almost certain the result would be just what you have made it by directing the Assistant Adjutant General to cast the ballot of the Department. And now in return for this great compliment I promise to do all in my power during the next year for our Department. I will make you as good a Commander

as I know how. Again thanking you all I will not take up more time, but allow the Encampment to proceed with its business.

For Senior Vice-Department Commander, Past Department Commander Fairback nominated Comrade John Hack, of Post 72, Trenton. The nomination was seconded by Comrade H. F. Glahn, Post 36.

Past Commander C. M. C. Loyd, Post 7, nominated Comrade J. W. Beach, Post 7, St. Joseph. The nomination was seconded by Arthur Dreflus, Post 1; Thos. H. Hagerty, Post 131; L. C. Hesse, Post 13; H. T. Holmes, Post 6, and Past Department Commander Scott.

There being several visiting committees in waiting, in order to save time, Comrade Rassleur moved that a standing vote be taken on the two candidates and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment accordingly. The motion prevailed and the count resulted in 40 votes for Comrade Hack and 160 votes for Comrade Beach. Whereupon Comrade Hack moved that the election of Comrade Beach be made unanimous, which was accordingly done, and Comrade Beach was declared elected as Senior Vice-Department Commander for the ensuing year.

A committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, consisting of Mrs. Katharine Fairback, Mrs. Mary A. Wanless, Mrs. Emma Schultz and Mrs. Amy Clark, were admitted and presented to the Encampment. Mrs. Fairback said she had the honor and pleasure of bringing the greetings of 50,000 ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic whose husbands, fathers and brothers wore the blue. She congratulated the comrades on their annual meeting and hoped it would be both pleasant and profitable.

Department Commander Skinner responded to the greetings of the ladies and returned the loyal greetings and well-wishes of the Grand Army of the Republic. The ladies were then escorted from the Encampment, the comrades all rising.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans was introduced, consisting of John M. Hutchinson, Division Commander-elect, Chas. Wagner and Fred G. Uthoff, Jr. The former delivered a brief, but eloquent and patriotic address, which was responded to in a suitable manner by Department Commander Skinner. The young gentlemen were then escorted from the Encampment, the comrades all rising.

A committee was introduced from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, consisting of Past Department Presidents Mrs. Frances D. Van Slyke, Mrs. Julia Dockery, Mrs. Lucinda Scott, Mrs. Julia S. Hengelsberg, Mrs. Nora G. Backmann, Mrs. Mary M. Botkin, and Mrs. Jane Showley and Mrs. Rose Ellidge.

Mrs. Dockery addressed the Encampment in her usual eloquent manner and Mrs. Van Slyke presented the following official report of the Woman's Relief Corps for the year 1909-1910:

Brookfield, Mo., May 7th, 1910.

W. H. Skinner, Commander of Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir: As Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps of Missouri, I beg leave to make the following report of our condition for the year 1909-1910:

Number of Corps.....	46
Number of members.....	1,834
Cash paid out by Corps for relief.....	\$ 306.30
Value of relief other than cash.....	1,207.03
Total value of relief.....	1,513.33
Soldiers and their families assisted.....	459
Cash turned to Posts.....	349.43
Expended for patriotic work.....	128.38
Cash on hand in general fund.....	160.15

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

MARY E. METTLER,

Department President.

By request of the Department Commander, Comrade W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor, responded to the greetings of the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, saying that their good work was known to the comrades and was highly appreciated, after which the committee was escorted from the Encampment with due honor.

The election of officers being resumed, Comrade Wm. Lowe, of Warrensburg, nominated Comrade G. A. Douglas of Post 78, Warrensburg, for Junior Vice-Department Commander. The nomination was seconded by Comrades John W. Amos, Post 466, and Benoa Scott, Post 78.

There being no other nomination, on motion the votes were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Douglas, which was accordingly done and he was declared elected Junior Vice-Department Commander for the ensuing year.

For Medical Director, Past Department Commander J. V. Martin nominated Comrade J. E. Jones, of Post 46. There being no other nomination, on motion, the votes were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade J. E. Jones for Medical Director, which was accordingly done and he was declared elected.

For Chaplain, Past Department Commander Platt nominated Comrade T. H. Hagerty, Post 131, and there being no other nomination, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Hagerty for Chaplain, which was accordingly done and he was declared elected.

The following comrades were nominated for members of the Council of Administration: Francis P. Becker, Post 13; E. S. Miner, Post 124; John T. Warburton, Post 7; Edward Borck, Post 107; R. W. Davis, Post 57. There being no other nominations, on motion, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for the five comrades above-named and they were declared duly elected.

Comrade Jas. B. Wilde, for the tellers, reported the result of the ballot for Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-fourth National Encampment as follows, the candidates having received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

Nich. Mathias, Moberly.....	166
W. F. Silverwood, St. Louis.....	153
H. T. Holmes, Jefferson City.....	152
J. B. Davis, Kansas City.....	145
Peter Bobe, St. Louis.....	144
Fred. Wenz, St. Joseph.....	142
C. W. Fitch, St. Louis.....	142
H. W. Plumer, St. Louis.....	137
W. C. Calland, Springfield.....	134
G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville.....	128
Chas. H. Morgan, Joplin.....	126
Chas. W. Rubey, Lebanon.....	122
L. Sturtevant, Brookfield.....	111
Joseph L. Nichols, Trenton.....	110

#### ALTERNATES.

W. H. Mengel, California.....	110
J. H. Stoner, Cameron.....	99
H. P. Russell, Lexington.....	97
Wm. Lowe, Warrensburg.....	97
Louis Schaeperkoetter, St. Louis.....	73
W. B. Mullins, Miami.....	68
F. M. Clayton, Buffalo.....	63
Benj. Warner, Kansas City.....	62
Henry De Bell, St. Joseph.....	61
Henry Zepp, De Soto.....	60
H. F. Glahn, Hager's Grove.....	59
Chas. E. Wadleigh, Green River.....	59
M. T. Wood, Clinton.....	52
J. E. Decker, Republic.....	50
P. H. Chattin, St. Louis.....	48

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 1 o'clock p. m.

#### SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 12.

Encampment met at 1 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Department Commander.

On motion of Past Department Commander Fairback, the se-

lection of a place for meeting of the Department Encampment next year was referred to the Council of Administration with power to act.

Comrade Rassieur asked leave to make a statement in regard to the failure of the movement to secure the meeting of the National Encampment in St. Louis, in 1911, which was granted. The following is the statement:

Commander and Comrades: Since some one in ignorance of the facts or with improper motive is spreading the report that the failure of the Business Men's League convention organization of St. Louis to agree to collect the funds needed to entertain the Grand Army of the Republic in St. Louis on the occasion of its 1911 Encampment was due to the fact that it declined to pay an amount asked by the Grand Army of the Republic Executive Committee to defray the salary and expenses of an Executive Director for the management of said Encampment, it is but proper that our comrades should be fully advised in that matter, and the undersigned, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, positively asserts that the matter of the employment of such an officer or the amount to be paid for such services was never under discussion between the Grand Army of the Republic Committee and the representatives of the Business Men's League, and the sole reason assigned by the latter representatives for failing to do what was promised for 1910 was that they deemed it unwise to collect such funds. Under whose circumstances it would have been foolhardy for the St. Louis Posts to have attempted to secure the 1911 Encampment, and it is highly improper to charge the failure to act to a cause which does not exist.

Comrade Stephen Dellacella, Post 586, spoke on conditions at the Soldiers' Home at St. James, to which Comrade Fairback, one of the Trustees, replied, explaining the action of the Board.

Comrade Burton, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted.

Department Commander and Comrades: Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully submit that but one resolution was referred to it. That resolution recited that during the administration of the Commander of one of the Posts of this Department the increase of membership in his Post had exceeded that of all other Posts during the same length of time, and thereupon commended him for his zeal and activity.

The Post Commander named is known to every member of your committee and to most of the comrades as an earnest, active, and loyal Grand Army comrade, and that his administration has been of practical results, but your committee are unanimously of the opinion that it would be injudicious to select any particular Post Commander for special commendation; and it therefore recommends that said resolution be laid upon the table.

Your committee further submits that this Encampment has been one of the most pleasant and enjoyable ever held by this Department and we offer the following:

Be it Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are tendered to the railroad companies for reduction of fare; to the people

of Warrensburg for their royal welcome and generous hospitality; to the Commercial Club for "the smoker" and other courtesies; to the President, Faculty and Students of the Normal School for the entertainment afforded the comrades. That the special thanks of the Encampment are due to the comrades of the Committee of Arrangement, whose efforts were commensurate with the result, and to Comrade William Lowe and his good wife for the magnificent reception which added a climax to our pleasure and enjoyment.

Submitted in F., C. & L.,

C. G. BURTON, Chairman,  
G. W. MARTIN,  
HENRY FAIRBACK,  
J. B. DOBYNE,  
J. W. MOORE,

Committee.

On motion of the Assistant Adjutant General the thanks of the Encampment were tendered to Comrade G. A. Douglas, the Officer of the Day, Comrade F. X. Wagner, Officer of the Guard, and to the Sentinels for their faithful services during the Encampment.

The officers-elect were duly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Burton.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and he was duly installed.

Commander Denham, upon taking the chair, again expressed his thanks to the comrades for the honor of his election, but as it was near time for the trains to leave, and he knew all were anxious to return to their homes, he would not take up any further time than to say he hoped to visit many of them during the next year—that he expected to visit as many Posts as possible and undertake to talk and show them how to get closer together.

The comrades then all joining hands sang "Auld Lang Syne," after which the Commander declared the Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

A true record of the proceedings:

*Thos. B. Rodgers  
Asst. Adj. Genl.*

**UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.**

The meeting of the Department Encampment at Warrensburg was held under exceptional conditions. The arrangements were in charge of a committee of comrades without the sanction of the Post, but representing a majority of the members who felt they should sustain the action of their representatives at the Joplin Encampment on whose invitation and motion the Encampment had voted by a large majority to meet at Warrensburg. Of this committee Comrade Wm. Lowe was Chairman; Dr. Wm. L. Hedges, Treasurer; and John W. Brown, Secretary. The usual sub-committees were appointed.

The committee had the active support and co-operation of the Commercial Club, which gave an informal reception and smoker at the Court House on Tuesday evening which was largely attended. President John Thrailkill of the Club presided, and after welcoming the visitors, introduced Past Department Commander Fairback of St. Louis, Past Commanders-in-Chief Burton and Rassieur and Commander-in-Chief S. R. Van Sant, all of whom made interesting addresses. After the speaking, cigars and a luncheon of sandwiches, cakes and punch were served. The entertainment committee, composed of Col. C. H. Thornton, Wm. Lowe and Harry Black made every one feel welcome.

Upon the recess of the Encampment at 3:30 on Wednesday afternoon, a parade was formed in front of the Court House. Governor Hadley, who had arrived about this time from Jefferson City, was escorted to an automobile, with Commander-in-Chief Van Sant, accompanied by Hon. O. L. Houts and Adjutant General F. M. Rumbold, and placed at the head of the column, followed by Department Commander Skinner, Past Commanders-in-Chief Burton and Rassieur and Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers. Other automobiles with disabled comrades followed, after which came the long line of marching comrades, of whom more than five hundred were in line. The Joplin Drum Corps, composed of veterans of the Civil War, led the parade. The line of march led to the beautiful campus of the State Normal School, where they assembled under the great elms at the north entrance of the main building. Here thousands of people were gathered when Hon. O. L. Houts ascended the steps and introduced former Governor S. R. Van Sant of Minnesota, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who delivered a very able and patriotic address well suited to the occasion and to the great educational institution in whose shadow he stood. He was followed by Governor Hadley, who after highly complimenting Governor Van Sant, and the assembled veterans, and the people of Warrensburg for their hospitality, outlined briefly some of the merits of the State Normal School and other educational institu-



tions of Missouri. Both of the speeches were on patriotic lines and met hearty response from the audience.

From the Normal the march was taken up to the High School where hundreds of school children were in waiting. Mrs. M. M. S. Gillson, Department Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps, on behalf of that organization presented the school with a handsome United States flag, which was raised to the top of the 60-foot steel flag pole which had been provided amid the cheers of the children and veterans. Superintendent E. W. Beatty responded to the presentation on behalf of the school in an appropriate manner. After this interesting ceremony was over the parade moved down Maguire street to Gay, thence west to Holden, and broke ranks at the Court House square, whence many of the visitors were taken in automobiles by citizens and shown through the residence and outlying portions of the city.

The camp fire on Wednesday evening at the Court House was presided over by Dr. Hedges. The court room and corridors were not sufficient to accommodate half the crowd that sought entrance, and hundreds were unable to get farther than the lawn. Governor Van Sant was again a speaker; it was a camp-fire talk this time and entertaining to a high degree. Governor Hadley spoke eloquently and entertainingly for nearly a half hour. He told the veterans that the Missouri enlistments had been carefully compiled and that any man's record of service could be found in a moment. After his speech Judge Burton of Kansas City and Judge Rassieur of St. Louis entertained the audience with short and appropriate addresses, and the audience dispersed after singing "America," led by a Johnson county soldier, Comrade Hite of Knob Noster, who had before aroused the enthusiasm of those present by his masterly singing of "Marching Through Georgia." The war-time tunes by the Joplin Drum Corps, which furnished music for the occasion, were also greatly appreciated.

After the camp-fire at the Court House the veterans and their friends repaired to the home of Wm. Lowe, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, where an informal reception was given in honor of the comrades by Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and daughter. Nearly 1,000 people were present. The spacious house and grounds were brilliantly lighted and decorated and an electric arch of "Welcome" spanned the street. An orchestra furnished sweet music and vocalists rendered a number of beautiful selections. An elaborate luncheon was served. It was close to midnight when this crowning event of the occasion broke up, each one who was present feeling that it was good to be there.

The public buildings and business houses of the city, as well as the private residences throughout the city, were handsomely decorated with the National colors. A mammoth arch spanned Holden street opposite the Court House, lighted by electric bulbs which read "Welcome G. A. R." in letters that could be read across the town.

The Encampment was in all respects a most enjoyable one, and too much praise cannot be accorded to the faithful comrades and patriotic public-spirited citizens whose unselfish labors were crowned by success.

## GENERAL ORDERS, 1909-1910.

General Orders No. 1. Bethany, Mo., May 20th, 1909.

I. The Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Joplin, Mo., May 12th and 13th, 1909, having elected me as Department Commander for the ensuing year, and having accepted the office and been duly installed, I hereby assume command, and take this first public opportunity to express to the comrades of this Department my heartfelt thanks for the honors they have given me.

Comrades, during the coming year let us again unite in a determined effort to bring every worthy comrade in this Department under the folds of the banner of the Grand Army of the Republic. By a united and persistent effort we can greatly increase our membership.

II. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Thomas B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

N. H. Rogers, Post 53, Sedalia, Judge Advocate.

W. T. Rakestraw, Post 26, Nevada, Inspector.

Henry F. Glahn, Post 36, Clarence, Chief Mustering Officer.

W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander is Bethany, Mo., where he will be pleased to meet any comrade visiting the city.

All official communications should be addressed to Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

W. H. SKINNER.  
Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2. St. Louis, Mo., June 1st, 1909.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—W. H. Skinner, Post 124, Bethany.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—L. A. Fillmore, Post 14, Joplin.

Medical Director—Dr. W. F. Silverwood, Post 1, St. Louis.

Chaplain—Rev. Robert R. Witten, Post 69, Springfield.

Council of Administration—M. M. Rice, Post 14, Joplin; Edward Borck, Post 107, St. Louis; Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; H. C. Carter, Post 7, St. Joseph; Chas. P. Chesebro, Post 131, St. Louis.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-third National Encampment:

**Representatives.**

R. N. Denham (at large), St. Louis.  
 John Hack, Trenton.  
 P. L. Swartz, Joplin.  
 C. K. Reifsnider, St. Louis.  
 C. W. Rubey, Lebanon.  
 J. B. Davis, Kansas City.  
 W. H. Wormstead, Kansas City.  
 A. Whipple, St. Louis.  
 J. Philip Reichers, St. Louis.  
 Wm. Roney, Kidder.  
 W. A. Fast, Sedalia.  
 Frank Hill, Carthage.  
 A. J. Lanning, Brookfield.  
 P. W. Bahl, Springfield.  
 J. E. Decker, Republic.

**Alternates.**

J. A. Vance, Pierce City.  
 Fred. Wenz, St. Joseph.  
 Max Fritz, St. Louis.  
 Chas. Brandes, Boonville.  
 H. C. Wyatt, Butler.  
 A. J. Ragsdale, Marionville.  
 H. T. Holmes, Jefferson City.  
 J. H. Stoner, Cameron.  
 R. B. Dodge, Webb City.  
 Jos. Montgomery, Eldorado Springs.  
 W. B. Mullins, Miami.  
 Henry Frein, St. Louis.  
 A. A. Barrett, Medoc.  
 Nich. Mathias, Moberly.  
 John Harnois, St. Joseph.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

John Harnois, Post 7, St. Joseph, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Color-Bearer and Aide-de-Camp.

John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp. And the following named comrades as Aides-de-Camp:

T. B. Tuttle, Post 16, Carthage.

C. D. Englehart, Post 76, Kidder.

John W. Shroyer, Post 124, Bethany.

E. J. Tipton, Post 134, Albany.

John H. Smith, Post 137, Neosho.

J. E. Decker, Post 219, Republic.

J. H. Asher, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.

Cornelius Yost, Post 303, Coffeyburg.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The Commander of each Post is requested to recommend to the Department Commander, for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on his Staff, a worthy and active member of his Post. This should not be considered as merely an honorary distinction, but comrades so selected are expected to take an active interest in the welfare of our organization in their respective localities.

IV. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 234, Ash Grove; 345, Bear Creek; 457, Morley; 517, Parnell.

V. Duplicate blanks for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports, for the six months ending June 30th, 1909, with addressed envelope, are herewith enclosed. When these reports are made out, reference should be had to the retained copy of the preceding report, and after approval by the Post Commander, they should be sent with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member in good standing, to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in June. They should not be held back until the end of the month. The names, with rank, company and regiment of all comrades gained or lost during the term, should be

entered under the proper headings. A full descriptive list should be given for each comrade mustered or joined by transfer.

The early date this year for the National Encampment makes it necessary that these reports be sent in with more than usual promptness.

VI. A blank for report of Post Chaplain, as to observance of Memorial Day, is enclosed herewith, which should be forwarded to Rev. Robert R. Witten, Department Chaplain, Springfield, Mo., in the addressed envelope also enclosed. Post Commanders should promptly attend to sending these reports immediately after Memorial Day, so that the Department Chaplain may have time to tabulate them for transmission to the Chaplain-in-Chief.

VII. On June 14th will occur the One Hundred and Thirty-second Anniversary of the adoption by Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the then new Republic. Your loyalty to your Country and the principles represented by its flag can well be shown by its frequent display. Your Commander requests that every comrade in this Department use his best endeavors to have "Old Glory" flying in the breeze from every housetop on that day as a lesson in patriotism to old and young alike.

VIII. The Department Encampment voted to change the ratio of representation of Posts in the Department Encampment, back to the ratio of one representative and alternate for each fifty members, and one additional for a final fraction of more than half that number.

IX. The Encampment selected the city of Warrensburg, Mo., as the place of meeting next year.

X. The Forty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at St. Lake City, Utah, in the week beginning August 9th, 1909. This being somewhat earlier than usual, it is necessary for those who intend going to begin at once making their arrangements. This will be a fine trip over river, plain and mountain through the new West. The Department Commander earnestly requests that all officers, delegates and comrades in this Department who possibly can will attend this Encampment, and where they can do so take with them the wife or daughter. The pleasure of this trip will be greatly enhanced by a large delegation, and the reputation of the Department maintained by having a large representation in the parade.

As heretofore announced, the railroad rates are exceedingly low, being \$34.90 from St. Louis to Salt Lake City and return, and \$29.40 from Kansas City and Missouri River points and return, with \$7 added for trip to Yellowstone Park and return. Further particulars will be announced in future Orders.

XI. Posts and comrades are informed that the "Lincoln Centennial" medals are now ready for distribution. Orders for same should be sent at once to these Headquarters, with remittance of amount, 75 cents each. They are said to be a beautiful work of art.

XII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home: Louis Benecke, Post 268; Arthur Dreifus, Post 1; John M. Williams, Post 276.

XIII. Comrades are requested to inform these Headquarters of the dates for holding Reunions, so that the same may be published for information of comrades in future Orders.

XIV. The Annual Reunion at Albany, Mo., under the manage-

ment of Gentry Post, No. 134, will be held August 4th, 5th and 6th, 1909.

By command of W. H. SKINNER, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.

St. Louis Mo., July 9th, 1909.

I. As heretofore announced, the Forty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, in the week beginning August 9th, 1909. The parade will take place on Wednesday, August 11th. The sessions of the Encampment will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 12th and 13th.

opened at the St. Cecile Hotel, rooms "C" and "D," on Monday, August 9th. All Department and Staff Officers, Representatives and Alternates, will report there immediately upon their arrival. All Missouri comrades are cordially invited to call and register and receive the Missouri badge.

III. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department headquarters, St. Cecile Hotel, on Tuesday evening, August 10th, at 7:30 o'clock for the transaction of business. Badges for members of the Encampment will be distributed at this meeting.

IV. Arrangements for the parade will be announced by Special Orders at Salt Lake City. The Department Commander desires to have every Missouri comrade in the line who is able to march, in order to keep up the fine reputation for numbers and soldierly appearance now held by the Department of Missouri.

V. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment will notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than July 20th, whether or not they will be able to attend, so that alternates may be notified. Should anything occur later to prevent attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be promptly notified by mail or telegraph. Rooms have been secured at the St. Cecile Hotel for a limited number, on the European plan, at the following rates: For two persons in a room, \$1.50 per day each; for three persons in a room, \$1 per day each, without bath; with bath, for two persons, \$2 per day each; three persons, \$1.33 each. The St. Cecile is a new hotel, just finished, and is on same block as the Knutsford Hotel, where National Headquarters will be located. Representatives and Past Department Commanders who desire these accommodations, should notify the Assistant Adjutant General without delay.

VI. The railroad rate from St. Louis to Salt Lake City and return will be \$34.90; from Hannibal, \$33.90; from Kansas City and Missouri River points, \$29.40, with \$7 added for trip to Yellowstone Park and return. Rates from intermediate points in Missouri will be in proportion to above. Tickets will be sold August 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, good for thirty days from date of sale. No validation will be required. Stop-overs will be allowed on the going trip at points west of and including Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Cheyenne, within going transit limit of September 1st. On return trip stop-overs will be allowed at any point west of St. Louis within final return limit. Tickets can be purchased to return by any diverse route, if made known at time of purchase.

VII. A special Headquarters train will leave Union Station.

St. Louis, via the Burlington route, on Friday, August 6th, at 9 o'clock p. m., leaving St. Joseph, Mo., next morning, and leaving Denver at 2 o'clock a. m., Sunday, the 8th, via the Denver & Rio Grande R. R., arriving at Salt Lake City on Monday, at 7 o'clock a. m. By this schedule the grand mountain scenery of Colorado will be passed in daylight. Sleeping car rates for double berth from St. Louis to Salt Lake City will be \$9 for Standard Pullman, and \$4.50 for Tourist car. Rates from St. Joseph will be \$7 and \$3.50. There will also be free reclining chair cars.

The Department Commander, with many other comrades from North Missouri, will join this train at St. Joseph, Mo.

The Department Commander would be pleased to have as many as possible of the Department Officers, Representatives, Past Department Commanders and other comrades to accompany Headquarters on this train.

VIII. Free quarters will be provided for such visiting comrades as may desire them, in the school houses of the city, for whom cots and mattresses will be furnished, but each one must furnish his own blanket and pillow.

IX. The following appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Joseph H. Stoner, Post 17, Cameron.  
 A. J. Crum, Post 47, Green City.  
 J. C. Gardner, Post 57, Brookfield.  
 Joseph L. Nichols, Post 72, Trenton.  
 Wm. R. Flambers, Post 76, Kidder.  
 W. W. Anderson, Post 81, Lathrop.  
 Isaac Leeper, Post 146, Avalon.  
 Willard Bosworth, Post 150, Spickard.  
 David Olinger, Post 161, Buffalo.  
 W. T. Noll, Post 238, Lowry City.  
 Mortimer Neely, Post 260, Blanchard.  
 E. G. Grossman, Post 282, Carrollton.  
 E. C. Baugher, Post 324, Sullivan.  
 George Gilbert, Post 588, Marshfield.

X. The Journal of the Twenty-eighth Annual Department Encampment and the Department Roster for 1909, are enclosed herewith; also, General Orders Nos. 7 and 8, National Headquarters.

XI. The early date of the National Encampment makes it necessary that the reports for June 30th, including Post Chaplains' reports, be sent in at the earliest possible day. Post Commanders are enjoined to give this their immediate attention.

By command of W. H. SKINNER, Department Commander:  
 THOS. B. RODGERS,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4. St. Louis, Mo., October 8th, 1909.

I. The Department Commander desires to return his sincere thanks to the comrades who attended the Forty-third National Encampment at Salt Lake City in August last, and to Custer Post, No. 7, of St. Joseph, and Ransom Post, No. 131, of St. Louis, which attended in a body with their colors, and contributed so much to sustain the good reputation of the Department. Especial thanks are also due Comrade C. K. Reifsnider, Commander of Post 131,

who made the arrangements for the special train and for his care in having everything for the comfort of the comrades provided for.

The number attending this Encampment, though comparatively small, was larger than expected, considering the distance and cost. The trip was most enjoyable and one long to be remembered by those participating. More than one hundred were in line from Missouri in the parade, and we were represented in the Encampment by a full delegation of fifteen representatives (three vacancies being filled by alternates), three Department officers and eight Past Department Commanders, being entitled to 26 votes. Junior Vice Department Commander Fillmore was unable to be present on account of sickness in his family.

The patriotic people of Salt Lake City made a record for themselves in the beauty and profuseness of their decorations and in their generous hospitality, of which they have just cause to be proud.

Atlantic City, New Jersey, was selected as the place for holding the next National Encampment.

II. Comrade Frank M. Sterrett was elected by the National Encampment as a member of the National Council of Administration from Missouri, and has been appointed a member of the Executive Committee thereof.

III. The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

E. T. Maher, Post 57, Brookfield.

Benjamin Warner, Post 4, Kansas City.

W. P. Sparks, Post 12, Grant City.

S. J. Bair, Post 158, Bethel.

John H. Poynter, Post 551, Blythedale.

IV. Now that the heat and the labors of the summer are over, the Department Commander would urge upon the officers and comrades of the Posts that the season is opportune for filling up the vacancies in our ranks by recruiting. Many comrades have come among us from other localities, who should be looked after, as well as many who have allowed their membership to lapse. In this connection, attention is called to the fact that any Post can reinstate a dropped member of any other Post. Between now and the end of the year our membership can be largely increased if the Posts will take hold of this matter in a systematic and energetic manner.

V. General Orders, Nos. 1 and 2, National Headquarters, are forwarded herewith.

By command of W. H. SKINNER, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5. St. Louis, Mo., November 25th, 1909.

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Wednesday and Thursday, May 11th and 12th, 1910, for the meeting of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of this Department at Warrensburg, Missouri.

II. The annual election of Post officers and Representatives and Alternates to the next Department Encampment will be held as required by the rules and regulations, at the first meeting in December. The basis of representation has been changed back to

the old ratio by the Department Encampment at its last meeting. Posts will elect one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members, and one additional Representative and Alternate for a final fraction of more than half that number. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one Representative and one Alternate.

Blanks in duplicate for report of Representatives and Alternates-elect, with names of all past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed. A blank for report of Post officers elected and appointed is also enclosed, and should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General as soon as the officers are installed.

III. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1910, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless another comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander upon request of the Post Commander. The installing officer will see that the Post has forwarded its semi-annual reports and per capita tax before proceeding with the installation. He shall also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond. A blank bond is enclosed herewith.

The meeting for installation is an important one and should be made as interesting as possible. It is therefore recommended, that where practicable, the installation be made public, with such additional exercises as may be thought best. The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans, as well as the public generally, should be invited to attend. All soldiers not members, and their families, should be specially invited. On such occasions the Post will open and close informally.

IV. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending December 31st, 1909, are herewith enclosed. They should be sent with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month. The National Countersign for 1910 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

Post Adjutants in reporting deceased comrades will be particular to state the rank, company and regiment, so that it may appear properly in the list published in our Journal.

V. Post Commanders are reminded that it is their duty to appoint a Patriotic Instructor. A blank, with addressed envelope, for the report of this officer, is enclosed, which should be sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor, W. C. Calland, Springfield, Mo.

VI. The Department Commander desires at this time to call the attention of Post Commanders and comrades to the necessity of fostering and encouraging the other patriotic organizations connected with or auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. The Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Veterans, are each and all doing splendid work in their respective lines, either in assisting our Order or in promoting and encouraging patriotism. Some or all of these organizations are destined to keep alive the fires of patriotism when the Grand Army of the Republic shall have ceased to exist, and during our time we should give them such encouragement and assistance as will enable them to survive on a firm basis when taps shall have sounded for the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and our noble organization, of



which we are so proud, shall have ceased to exist for want of membership.

VII. Our representation in the next National Encampment is based on the reports for December 31st, 1909, and it is hoped that a strong effort will be made to increase the membership, in order to make the showing for the Department of Missouri as large as possible. Many dropped comrades are only waiting for an invitation from the Post to apply for restoration, and a small amount of work will show large results in the increase of membership. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and we can largely increase our membership.

VIII. The Department Commander has the appointment of one free scholarship in the Sons of Veterans' Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa. The only conditions being that the scholar so appointed shall be a direct descendant of a soldier of the Union Army during the War of the Rebellion. This appointment has not yet been made. Post Commanders are requested to recommend worthy boys for this appointment, from which a careful selection will be made.

IX. Attention is called to the fact that under the rules and regulations Posts may reinstate a dropped member of any other Post on payment of the muster-in fee of the Post to which he may make application.

X. General Orders No. 3, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of W. H. SKINNER, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.

St. Louis, Mo., April 7th, 1910.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

I. Another turn of the season brings back the glad Spring-time; the hills and valleys are carpeted in green, and flowers bloom in meadow, field and woodlands; the silent mounds in our cemeteries remind us of our comrades who have answered their last call and await the resurrection morn.

Our noble Order has dedicated the 30th of May of each recurring year as the fitting time to pay homage to our dead heroes. Let every comrade of this Department show his full appreciation of the sacredness of this occasion by attendance at Memorial services. Allow no grave of a Union soldier to go unmarked, however humble his rank or social position may have been. It is earnestly recommended that every Post in this Department dedicate Memorial Day, which this year comes on Monday, to sacred observance, and that the services rendered their country by our honored dead be observed in accordance with the rules of our Order, and in such a manner that it may be a lesson in patriotism to the rising generation; and each and every comrade should use his influence in preventing all frivolous amusements on that day that have heretofore so strongly tended to mar the sacredness of the occasion.

The beautiful custom of strewing flowers on the water, in memory of our deceased sailors, should be observed wherever practicable.

II. The Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army

of the Republic, the Daughters of Veterans, the Sons of Veterans, the Spanish and Philippine War Soldiers, the school children and the public generally should be invited to assist in the arrangements and participate in the services with us.

The tender hands of woman can best prepare the laurel wreath; the children carrying flags and strewing the graves with flowers will learn lessons in patriotism that will never be forgotten.

III. The custom of observing Memorial Sunday by holding Memorial services in some church on the Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day should be strictly observed. Posts should attend church in a body and in uniform, and the services can be such as is suited and preferable to each locality.

By command of W. H. SKINNER, Department Commander:  
THOS. B. RODGERS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7. St. Louis, Mo., April 9th, 1910.

I. The Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at the Magnolia Opera House in the city of Warrensburg, Mo., on Wednesday and Thursday, May 11th and 12th, 1910, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. The Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Estes Hotel on Tuesday, May 10th. The Council of Administration, which consists of all the Department officers, will meet at the Headquarters at 3 o'clock p. m., May 10th.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: W. H. Wormstead, Post 8; W. A. Fast, Post 53; W. G. Smith, Post 78; Bernard Zick, Post 566; John B. Burris, Post 11. The Committee will meet at No. 217 Holden St., on Tuesday, May 10th, at 3 o'clock p. m. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival and receive their Encampment badges and countersign, which will be delivered to each one in person.

The Visitors' Register will be kept at the same place, where all comrades are requested to register on their arrival.

IV. The following named comrades of Post 78 are hereby detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, G. A. Douglas; for Officer of the Guard, F. X. Wagner. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions on Tuesday, May 10th, at 7:30 p. m.

V. The hotel accommodations and rates are as follows: Hotel Estes, 150 at \$2 per day; Madison House, 35 at \$1 per day; Planters' Hotel, 30 at \$1 per day; Eyres Hotel, 25 at \$1 per day; Moody House, 25 at \$1 per day; Priest Boarding House, 50 at \$1 per day. All on the American plan. Minnehaha Hotel, at Pertle Springs, lodging only, at 50 cents per day. Capacity, 400. Dummy train runs every hour.

Board and lodging can be had at private boarding houses at \$1 to \$1.25 per day; or lodging in private houses at 50 cents, and meals in restaurants at 25 cents.

All communications should be addressed to Wm. Lowe, Chairman of G. A. R. Entertainment Committee, Warrensburg, Mo.

VI. Our Encampment will be doubly honored by the presence of Governor Hadley and Commander-in-Chief S. R. Van Sant, who have promised to be with us on Wednesday, May 11th. An Entertainment and Camp-Fire will be held at the Magnolia Opera House,

on Wednesday evening, at which the Commander-in-Chief and Gov. Hadley will speak.

A parade will take place on Wednesday afternoon, unless otherwise ordered.

The Commercial Club will entertain the Governor and Department Commander and his Staff on Tuesday evening, May 10th.

Comrade Wm. Lowe, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, will entertain at his home in honor of the Commander-in-Chief on Wednesday evening, the 11th, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

VII. The Western Passenger Association and the Southwestern Excursion Bureau have made the following reduced rate for the Encampment:

"Open rate of two cents per mile in each direction for the round trip from points in Missouri to Warrensburg and return; tickets to be sold May 9th to 11th inclusive, with final return limit to reach original starting point prior to midnight of May 14th, 1910."

-VIII. The Forty-third National Encampment will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 19th to 24th, 1910. Further particulars when received will be published in future orders. We are assured by the Committee of Arrangements that the accommodations will be ample in quantity and excellent in quality, and at prices suited to all. The many attractions of this noted locality should, with reasonable railroad rates, assure a large attendance.

Our comrade, Frank M. Sterrett, of the Department of Missouri, and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, has been appointed by the local committee at Atlantic City as Executive Director to take charge of the arrangements for the Encampment.

IX. The Department Council of Administration having voted directing the Department Commander to appoint a committee of five comrades to co-operate with a like committee of the Confederate Veterans' Association to assist in procuring legislation by the Legislature of Missouri for the erection of a State Monument, and to mark the lines of the Missouri commands, both Union and Confederate, engaged in the siege of Vicksburg, the following named comrades are hereby appointed: Leo Rassieur, Post 1, St. Louis; Robert Buchanan, Post 131, St. Louis; Henry Digby, Post 14, Joplin; B. F. Buzard, Post 7, St. Joseph; Cornelius Yost, Post 3, Coffeyburg.

X. Enclosed is a copy of an address delivered by Comrade Jasper T. Darling, at Memorial Hall, Chicago, January 1st, 1910, entitled "Lee in the Hall of Fame." A supply of them has been sent to these Headquarters by courtesy of the Department Commander of Illinois, Philip C. Hayes, with the request to send a copy to each Post.

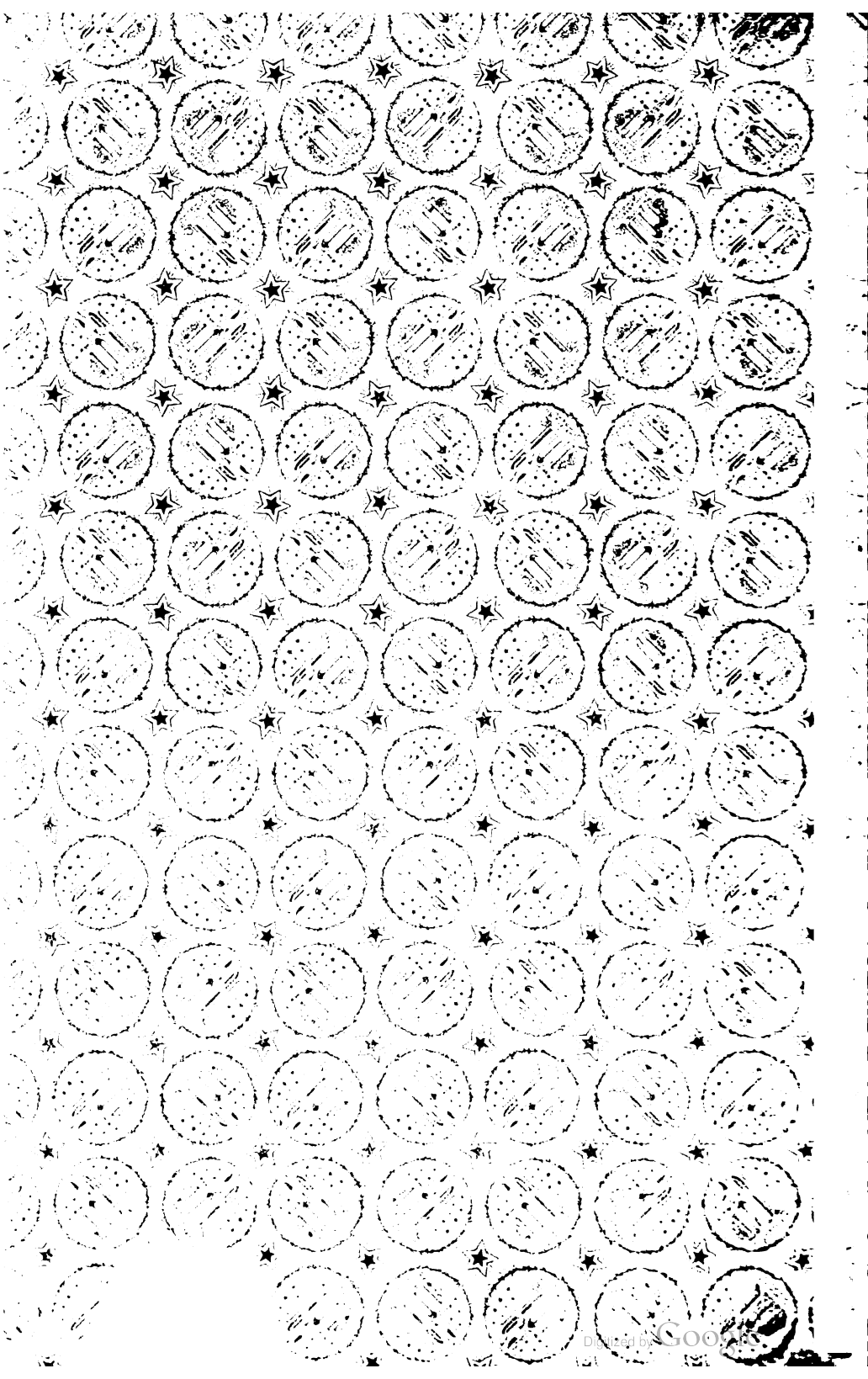
Its patriotic utterances are commended to the careful perusal of all who believe a line should be drawn between treason and patriotism. Posts can secure additional copies on application to the Headquarters.

By command of W. H. SKINNER, Department Commander:  
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