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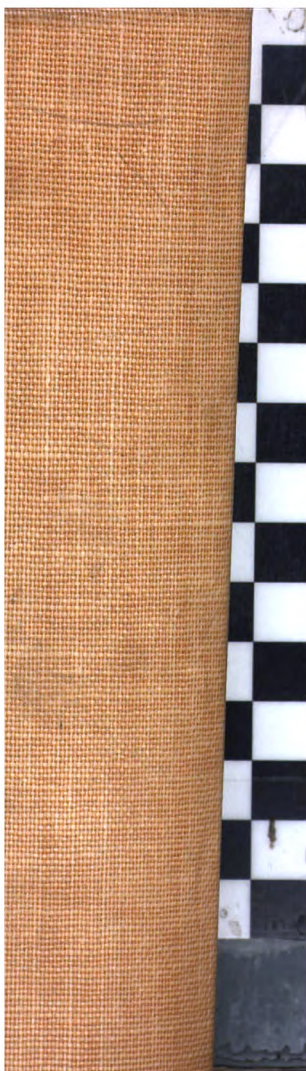
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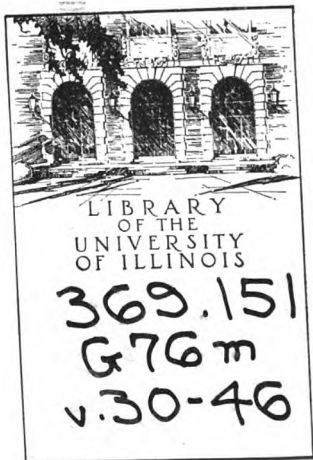


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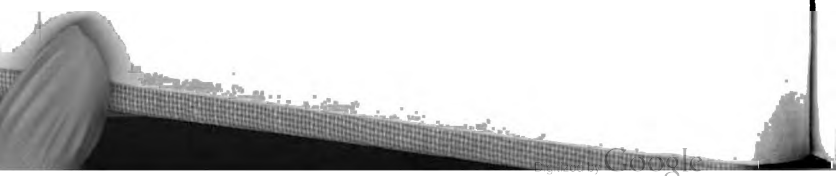
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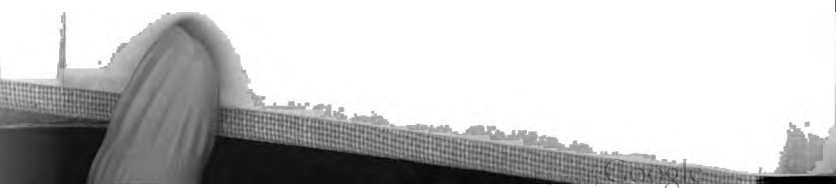
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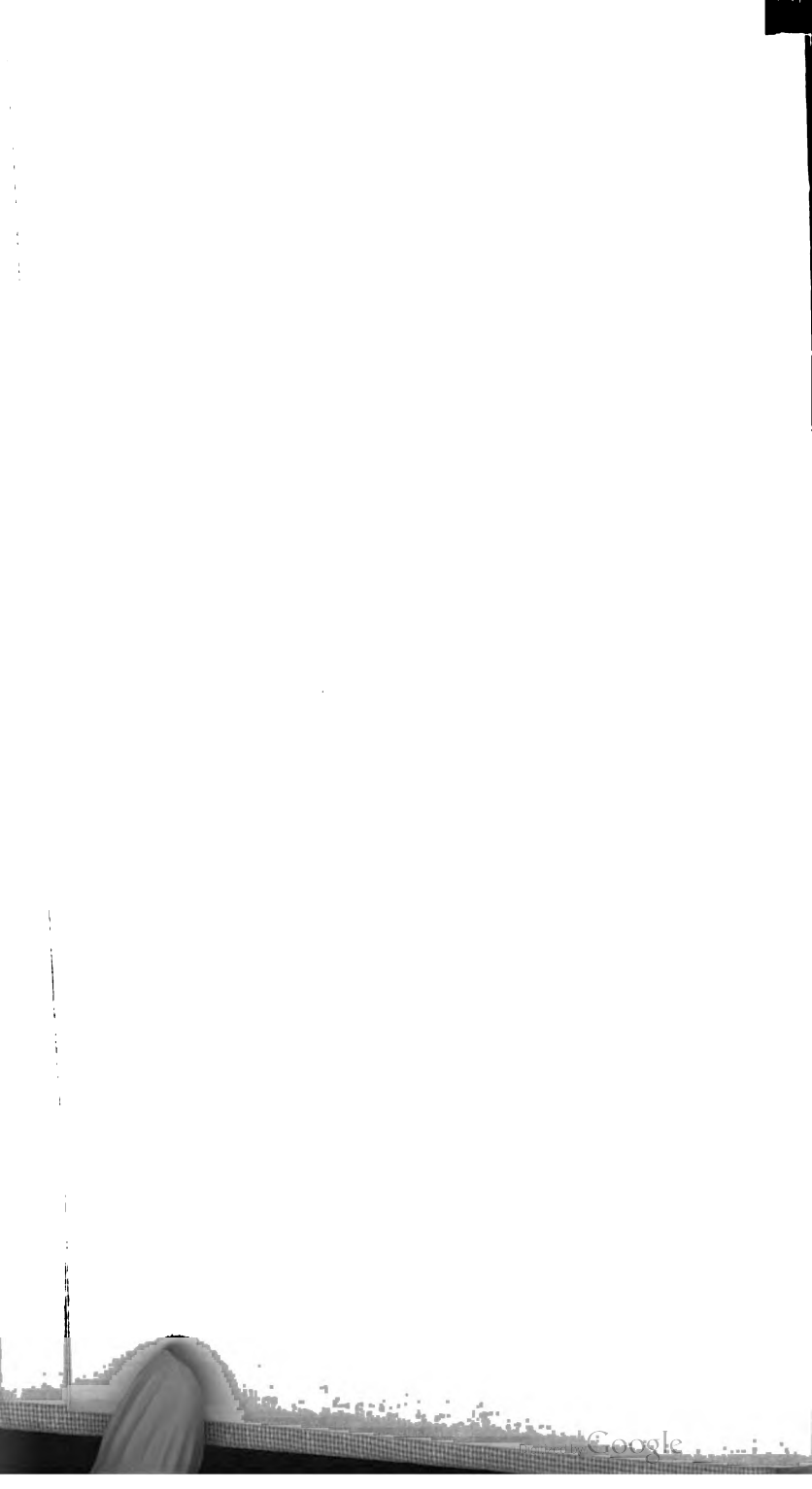
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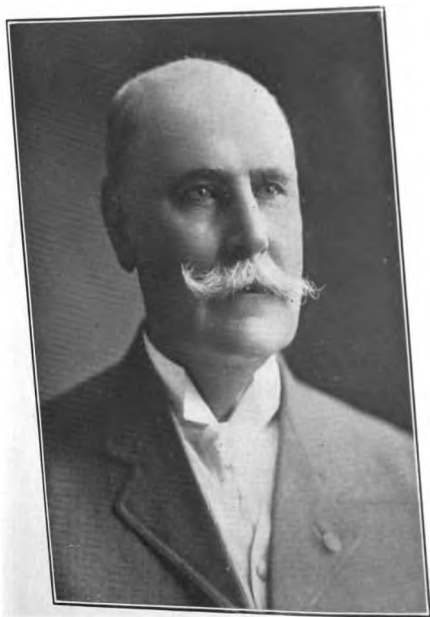
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ROBERT N. DENHAM, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

STAND TOGETHER.

While our ranks are growing thinner
Comrades falling one by one,
Let us closer stand together
'Till life's battle shall be done.

Stand together, touching elbows
As we stood in days of yore,
When we braved the hail of battle,
Heard the cannon's awful roar.

Comrades, we have glorious mem'ries
By no other understood,
Mem'ries of a mighty struggle,
A nation saved by loyal blood.

Keep those memories ever sacred
In the heart as days go by ;
Let them be as rays of sunshine
When the shadows heavy lie.

Let us keep the fires fraternal
Burning brightly in each breast,
'Till for us the taps are sounded
And we take our final rest.

When our last discharge is given,
And our service here is o'er,
May we be prepared for muster,
Over on the other shore.

WILBUR F. HENRY

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GEN'L. & A. Q. M. G.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 24TH.

The Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Jefferson Opera House, Jefferson City, Mo., at 10 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, May 24th, 1911, in open session.

Department Commander Robert N. Denham presided and called the assemblage to order. He then introduced Comrade Jacob F. Gmelich, the Lieut. Governor of Missouri, who was received with applause and delivered the following address of welcome on behalf of the State:

Department Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Many of you, no doubt, will feel disappointed that I have been designated by Governor Hadley to bid you welcome to the Capital City of our State, as he is unavoidably absent from the city. I am most happy to assure you that he will be present to-morrow and will take great pleasure in addressing you. And when he does, you will be agreeably entertained, as in my honest opinion he is not only a good speaker but the best all around Governor that has ever occupied the Executive Mansion.

It affords me great pleasure to bid you one and all a most hearty welcome to the Capital City, and may you enjoy every minute

during your stay. The citizens have shown you by their decorations that you are thrice welcome, and that you may take only pleasant recollections with you when you return to your respective homes.

You are enabled to celebrate the 50th anniversary of your deeds. It was 50 years ago on the 10th day of May that Camp Jackson was taken by many of you under the leadership of General Lyon, and it is just 50 years ago that you paid the Capital City your first visit. But you failed then also to meet the then Governor—Claib. Jackson, who during that time paid a visit to my beloved home—Boonville. But you were determined to see Governor Jackson, and followed him up the river, and there it was that the first real battle of the war took place. You were victorious, as you were in many battles afterwards. And you were instrumental in preserving this great country of ours undivided. Thank God for that! Every loyal citizen must acknowledge that united it is the greatest and best country on the face of God's green earth. It is seldom that we meet even a Confederate soldier but what he will admit he is glad the war terminated as it did. But I was pained a few days ago when I read in the St. Louis Globe a speech which had been delivered at the Confederate reunion at Little Rock a few days prior. The speaker blamed our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, for the War. Those of you who can recollect that great and good man know that he tried his utmost to prevent the war, but our Southern friends would have it, and the questions involved are settled right for all time to come.

But I must not tire you. Many of you know more and could say it much better than I can. You came to this annual reunion to talk about olden times and to have a good time, and I trust you will have it. If there is anything you want that you cannot see, ask for it, and the good citizens of Jefferson City will see that you get it. If a calamity—the burning of the State House—had not befallen us, you would have a splendid meeting place. As it is, I hope you will be satisfied with the substitute we offer. But every one will notice the necessity of building a new and better Capitol building; one that is commensurate with our great state. Help us to get it.

Again wishing the Grand Army of the Republic God speed and you all a splendid time, I thank you.

Hon. Cecil W. Thomas, Mayor of the City, was then introduced and welcomed the old soldiers on behalf of the City. He spoke as follows:

Mr. Commander and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Grand Army of the Republic:

It is with sincere pleasure that I bid you on behalf of Jefferson City and myself a welcome to the Capital City of Missouri. Personally I feel very close to the members of your order; my father

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was a member of the organization, being a captain in the 22d Massachusetts. Jefferson City is always glad to welcome the stranger within her gates, in fact no Missourian is a stranger. This town is yours, yours to criticize, yours to compliment. We have had much to contend with in the past, and we who live here feel that we have made the most of our opportunities. If the State of Missouri will on August 1st, give to us greater opportunity, as Mayor of the town I promise you that we will build a city that every inhabitant of the State can point to with pride. Referring again to the order of the Grand Army of the Republic, we younger citizens of our Union realize more as time goes by just what we have to thank you for, and we do thank you from the bottom of our hearts. A mayor's presence at a gathering of this kind is largely ornamental. This is also a warm day and I am sure I will confer a favor on you by making these remarks brief. The one thought I wish you to carry away is, that this welcome is sincere and heartfelt from the 12,000 inhabitants of this town. The city is yours. If you do not see what you want, ask for it; and I feel assured that when you leave you will go with the good will of our people and a hope that you will again soon select your State Capital as a meeting place for your Encampment. Ladies and gentlemen I thank you.

Hon. A. N. Seaber, Commander of James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, of Jefferson City, was next introduced, who extended a welcome to the comrades on behalf of that Post. He spoke as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades:

The Lieutenant Governor of this great Commonwealth has welcomed you because it is an honor to the State for you to meet anywhere within its borders and particularly in its Capital City. And it seems to me that we are particularly fortunate in having for Governor one to whom it is a grief personally that he could not have been young when you were young and still be young now. That he could not serve his country as you served it and still serve it as he is now serving it, and because he holds as one of his most cherished memories that of his revered father—grand old Major Hadley, who was one of us.

The Lieutenant Governor, that splendid old soldier—Jacob F. Gmelich is one of us and the Mayor of our city—Mr Cecil W. Thomas—is the son of one of the soldiers of the Grand Army.

The Mayor has gladly welcomed you because he knows that every Grand Army man is a friend, tried and true, of Jefferson City, and will gladly aid her in voice and vote when she is in need of his loyal service.

But we, your comrades, welcome you because we know you. With you we have slept under the same "dog tent," eaten the same "hard tack" and "drank from the same canteen." We know that you come from every part of that "far flung" line that reaching from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, swept southward, slowly at first, bent back at times, checked here and there, but irresistibly forward until after four years it stood upon the Gulf, leaving behind it its dead, but also leaving behind over every foot of its pathway that freedom in fact that had been but a name, and making it in truth "the land of the free," as well as the "home of the brave." We know there are men enough amongst you that fought, aye, and fell, though not to die, on the field where Lyon fell, men that grasped the old rifle and guarded the doors of their homes, and thus made Missouri true to the Union. Men who shot from the Hornet's Nest" at Shiloh, and went down with Prentiss that an army might be saved; men who followed Grant in that matchless campaign around Vicksburg, that made him one of the foremost soldiers of the world, the Commander-in-Chief, and the President of the United States. There are men here who were with "Old Rosy" at Stone River and at Corinth, that stood around the "Rock of Chickamauga," that climbed the rugged sides of Lookout Mountain and stormed, without orders, the frowning works of Missionary Ridge; who blazed Sherman's path to Atlanta and the sea, or stood as a stone wall at Franklin, or charged as a raging sea, at Nashville, and there are men here from the East who saw the bloody lane at Antietam, the thick lying dead at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville; men who saw Reynolds fall, and doubtless heard poor Davidson, when he was fighting his guns to a frazzle in the railroad cut at Gettysburg, and was leaning faintly against a wheel of his limber, for he had been shot in one leg and in the shoulder, when all at once he saw Scales' brigade show its flank in point blank range, thus giving that joy to an artilleryman, an enflading fire. He straightened up, ordered double canister, and then, yelling at the top of his voice, "feed it to 'em boys blank—blank—'em; feed it to 'em;" and Scales brigade was torn to pieces; yes, and men who helped to beat back the "high tide" of secession at Cemetery Ridge, and with the repulse of Pickett's splendid charge, made the victory secure, and men that went through the slaughters of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, and generous fellows who gave the Johnnies all of your lead and lots of your steel at Five Forks and Sailor's Creek and half of your rations at Appomattox. For this that you have seen, for the splendid pages of history that you have helped to write, for the country with all its splendid present and its magnificent future that you have helped to save, we your comrades with full hearts, welcome you to your own.

By request of the Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton responded to the several addresses of welcome, as follows:

Department Commander:

It gives me great pleasure to return the thanks of this Encampment to our most excellent comrade, Lieut. Governor Jacob F. Gmelich, to Hon. A. N. Seaber, Commander of Garfield Post of Jefferson City, and to his Honor, Cecil W. Thomas, the Mayor of this city, for their generous and cordial words of welcome to the Capital City 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.

We sympathize with you in the loss of your Capitol building, and hope to see a finer and greater one rise from its ashes. Our comrades have come for a good time, and they are having it. They come clad in the old familiar uniform of blue 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 our country beneath whose protecting folds on both land and sea, the humblest of American citizens can stand erect with none to harm him nor make him afraid. They come to inculcate fraternity among the survivors of the war of the rebellion, loving care for the widows and orphans of the fallen, 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 and good people of Jefferson City for the grand old time we are having.

Comrade J. J. Martin, Chaplain of the Penitentiary, on behalf of the Warden, extended an invitation to the comrades to partake of supper at that institution, at 6:30 P.M., that evening.

A committee from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps was announced to be in waiting, and the Commander appointed Comrades J. B. Dobyne and E. D. Coe to meet and escort them to the platform, which was done, the comrades all rising.

The Committee consisted of the following ladies: Mrs. Belle C. Harris, National President; Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball and Mrs. John McElroy, of the Department of the Potomac; Past Depart-

ment Presidents, Mrs. Julia Dockery, Mrs. Julia Hengelsberg, Mrs. Mattie E. Rich, Mrs. Emily S. Parker, Mrs. Frances D. Van Slyke, Mrs. Mary Botkin, and Color Bearers, Mrs. Burch, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Byram, and Mrs. Runnell.

Mrs. Dockery, in conveying the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, addressed the Encampment in her usual eloquent manner, as follows:

Honorable Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

With apologies to William Shakspeare I shall say, "Some are born honored, some achieve honor, and some have honor thrust upon them." This third and last clause is applicable to me today in being thus delegated to extend to this distinguished assembly the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Missouri. I use the word "distinguished" with both its Webster and New Century Dictionary definitions, for gathered here from all parts of the State are the representatives of almost every profession or line of business that tends toward the improvement of home and its environments and the upbuilding of the Nation. Here are those, who by their strictest integrity and devotion to duty, have won the confidence of the people and gained responsible official positions; others have given a life's service to the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom and following in the footsteps of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." Here are the editors whose editorials are copied in many exchanges, and those who have been successful along commercial and other business lines. Here, too, are leading lights in the legal profession; but greater than all these, they are Grand Army men. I say greater, because a man can be elected to an office, if he happens to belong to the political party that can control the most votes; or, a man may, by living up to the tenets of faith and rules of discipline of some religious denomination, be ordained a minister; or, given a commodity of brains, a pair of scissors and a lead pencil, he can be an editor. "That is easy," I have heard some say who never saw inside an editor's den and did not know the difference between a printer's devil and the Prince of Darkness.

One may, by industry and good judgment, succeed as a merchant or in other business. By hard study and closely watching all legal technicalities, a man may become eminent in our high courts of justice, but he may take Blackstone, Greenleaf on Evidence, Story's Equity Jurisprudence and all the legal digests and recent authorities on law, and study them until his raven locks become white as the driven snow; or succeed in business until he counts his coin by the millions; or, in the mercantile world, become a second

Marshall Field; write editorials that will sway the masses and turn the tide of political events; or preach the Gospel with all the eloquence of a Beecher, a Thomas H. Stockton or Bishop Bristow, yet none of these will make him eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. Neither can any political party so gerrymander things as to elect a man to be a member of this battle-blood organization, if he were not one of those who, when Lincoln called for volunteers, responded, "We are coming Father Abraham, three hundred thousand strong."

Looking back through a long vista of years to those who dwell where Fame's grand temple proudly stands, we can see one who rose from the depths of poverty and obscurity to the highest eminence of fame and, "With malice toward none and charity for all" expunged from the Nation the crime of slavery.

Still gazing into the dim mists of the past, we can yet see some of the agony and anguish of an irrepressible conflict. The whole land is draped in mourning and there are many, many new-made graves, and amidst this seething, surging tide of cruel war, there is one standing as firm as the Rock of Gibraltar and we hear him say, "We will fight it out on this line, if it takes all summer."

Then there is Thomas, "Rock of Chicamauga," and Farragut, "Master of the Waves," while toward the south is Sherman making a thoroughfare to the sea, "sixty miles in latitude, three hundred to the main." Turning, we see Sheridan coming down the Shenandoah to Winchester, "while the dust from the swift hoofs, thundering south, rise like the smoke from the cannon's mouth."

Then there is the invincible Logan, and listening, you can almost hear his rallying cry to his men, as he led a victorious charge at Fort Donelson: "Don't fear Death, men; fear only Dishonor." And there is Prentiss, the hero of Shiloh, whose ringing words of command, as he contested every inch of ground on that hard fought field, will reverberate down through the coming ages.

What a group of heroes! And there are others I might name; while surrounding them and sustaining them, with hearts equally inspired and with deeds none the less heroic because unrecorded, there is seemingly an innumerable company, and the lustre of brightness encircling the leaders is only equaled by the halo of glory hovering over the volunteer soldiers of the War of the Sixties, faithful followers of these noble commanders, keeping step to the music of the Union. Then when the war drums throbbed no longer and the battle flags were furled, the remnant of that grand army returned home and again assumed the duties of citizens, and for 35 or 40 years of unparalled prosperity and advancement, the affairs of this Nation were controlled largely by the men who fought the battles and brought that war to a successful termination.

Some one said to me: "Now, if you make a talk to the Encampment, don't say anything about anyone growing old," so I am not going to mention it, for we are only nearing the Land of Eternal Youth. and

"The True Life draws nigher every year.
Its morning star gets higher every year.
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
Its burdens getting lighter
And the Dawn Immortal brighter every year."

National President Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Ball were then introduced, both of whom entertained the comrades with timely and patriotic remarks. Mrs. Ball by request recited "Your Flag and My Flag" in a most admirable manner, which elicited generous applause.

Department Commander Denham responded to the greetings of the ladies, and assured them that the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic fully appreciated their patriotic work and services, and felt honored in receiving their distinguished representatives. He wished them God-speed in their noble work and the greatest measure of prosperity.

The ladies then retired with their escort, the comrades all rising.

The Department Commander then 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.

Department Chaplain, Rev. Thos. H. Hagerty, being called upon, invoked the Divine blessing.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief John McElroy, and Past Department Commanders A. W. Smith and P. F. Coney of Kansas being present were invited to seats on the platform.

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,

*ROBERT N. DENHAM.

Senior Vice Department Commander,

*J. W. BEACH.

Junior Vice Department Commander,

*G. A. DOUGLASS.

Medical Director,

*J. E. JONES.

Chaplain,

*REV. T. H. HAGERTY.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General,

*THOS. B. RODGERS.

Judge Advocate,

*W. W. CHAPEL.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*WM. F. MOLL.

Inspector.

JOHN R. YOUNG.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

*FRANCIS P. BECKER,

*E. S. MINER,

*J. T. WARURTON,

*EDWARD BORCK,

R. W. DAVIS.

Past Department Commanders,

WM. WARNER,

- JOHN E. PHELPS,

- †HIRAM SMITH, JR.,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

†NELSON COLE,

W. F. CHMBERLAIN,

- *LEO RASSIEUR,

- *GEO. W. MARTIN,

†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

- *CHAS. G. BURTON,

†LOUIS GRUND,

*LOUIS BENECKE,

*THOS. B. RODGERS,

*JOHN F. 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.

W. H. SKINNER.

†Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was on motion adopted:

**Roll of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment,
Department of Missouri G. A. R.,
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Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C., B. F. Park.

P. P. C., Thos. B. Rodgers, J. B. Pachall, Arthur Dreifus, Chris. Fricke, Cord Ringen, W. F. Silverwood.

Rep., John Dinsbeer, R. Blattner, Louis Koop, J. T. Atkinson, Thos. Moore, John Lindecker, Chas. Steiner.

Gen. Lyon Post, No. 2, St. Louis.

P. C., James P. Hesser.

P. P. C., Henry Evers, Henry Frein, W. Ruweler, Henry W. Plumer.

Rep., F. W. Teuteberg.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C., Rudolph Wolfson.

P. P. C., Benj. Warner, James Clossen.

Rep., James G. Young, Louis Klein.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. P. C., Nich. Mathias, Alex McCandless, J. W. Floyd.

James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.

P. C., A. N. Seaber.

P. P. C., John T. Clarke, Peter Vogel, H. T. Holmes, B. F. Latman, F. A. Dwight.

Rep., S. L. McCormick.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

P. C., Elias Chute.

P. P. C., E. T. Ellis, J. T. Warburton, H. C. Carter, C. M. C. Loyd, J. W. Beach.

Rep., Patrick Martin, John Boose, Samuel Zancker, Chris. Balsiger, Alex Harper.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

P. C., Wm. Davis.

P. P. C., O. P. Smith, W. F. Henry, Jere. T. Dew, Wm. F. Moll, W. H. Wormstead.

Rep., Ben. Bolt.

Gen. Canby Post, No. 10, Rich Hill.

Rep., M. L. Fry.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

P. C., John H. Holsten.
 P. P. C., John A. Goeb, Louis C. Hesse, Chas. Hunnius, H. Munchrath, Max Fritz, Chas. E. Koken.
 Rep., Francis P. Becker, Herman Angermueller, Wm. Conroy, Frank Huth.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

P. C., J. M. Thuerer.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

P. C., S. E. Wetzel.

Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.

P. C., Harrison Groves.

P. P. C., J. P. Platt.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

Rep., G. B. Cunningham, L. J. Wiley.

F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.

P. C., Alexander Kale.

P. P. C., C. P. Hess, J. M. Randall.

Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

P. P. C., C. G. Burton.

Rep., W. T. Rakestraw.

McCook Post, No. 34, Lamar.

P. P. C., W. L. Griffin.

Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.

P. P. C., H. F. Glahn.

Rep., Silas Garrard.

Albert Chandler Post, No. 42, Macon.

P. P. C., Robert Powell.

W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.

P. P. C., Jacob Hallenberger.

Perry V. Fletcher Post, No. 46, DeSoto.

P. P. C., J. E. Jones, Henry Lepp.

Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.

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. P. C., John Rippey,

Rep., Geo. Hoffenbert.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

Thos. G. Wade Post, No. 54, Unionville.

P. C., Alonzo McKay.

P. P. C., N. S. Wyckoff, Chas. Grabosch.

O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.

P. P. C., Geo. W. Martin, A. J. Lanning.

Rep., Lyman Sturtevant.

Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 68, Green Ridge.

P. P. C., Chas. E. Wadleigh, S. D. Haight.

Rep., Wm. Baker.

Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.

P. C., W. C. Calland.

Greenfield Post, No. 75, Greenfield.

P. P. C., John J. Roberts.

John A. Dix Post No. 76, Kidder.P. P. C., James W. Dillard, Wm. Roney P. A. Honsel C. D
Inglehart, J. W. Lucas.**Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.**

Rep., F. X. Wagner.

Yeager-Sharp Post, No. 82, Wellsville.

P. P. C., A. W. Nease.

Rep., Robert J. Gilliland.

Gen. G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.

P. C., John Feuers.

P. P. C., Theo. Dubrouillet, G. W. Tainter, Louis Verdot.

Rep., Max Vache.

Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.

P. C., Fred. Lueke.

P. P. C., Edward Borck.

Rep., Louis Schaeperkoetter, Ernst Klockenbrink.

Miles Carroll Post, No. 111, Iberia.

P. C., John Ferguson.

P. P. C., Absalom Bear.

Rep., Chas. P. Meyers.

Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.

Rep., Scott Stiers.

Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.

P. P. C., E. S. Miner.

Louis Fischer Post, No. 128, Salem.

P. C., D. N. Garner.

Fred. Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

P. P. C., J. N. Hayes, M. G. Garner.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

P. C., S. D. Webster.

P. P. C., J. B. Dobyne, R. N. Denham, A. A. Prall, J. M. Wherry,
J. B. Wilde.Rep., Chas. E. Miller, Jas. E. Merrifield, A. J. Showers, E. D.
Coe, P. H. Clarke, S. P. Jacoby, E. B. Scutt, E. R. Cone.**Serg't B. H. Porch Post, No. 135, Olean.**

S. V. C., Jno. W. Norfleet.

P. P. C., J. C. Walker, D. B. Taylor, B. D. Roark, D. Kneisly.

Samuel McClure Post, No. 145, Eldon.

P. P. C., Thos. W. Shelton, E. M. Graham.

Rep., F. M. Stickney.

Avalon Post, No. 146, Avalon.

P. P. C., W. Clutes, R. Meeks.

Rep., Walter Hall.

Keeler Post, No. 152, Melrose.

Rep., Wm. Rettker.

Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.P. P. C., E. S. Chapin, E. B. Smith, W. W. Chapel, P. H. Sulliv-
van, Jos. D. Earhart.

Rep., J. M. Mock.

Mansfield Post, No. 181, Powersville.

P. C., S. S. Torrey.

Maj. Hunt Post, No. 185, New London.

P. C., T. G. McCune.

P. P. C., F. C. Clayton, W. R. Sanford.

W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

Rep., E. Wolf.

Col. Morsey Post, No. 197, Warrenton.

Rep., Louis Schlanker.

McCroskey Post, No. 210, Springfield.

P. P. C., R. L. Marcum.

Picket Post, No. 215, Farmington.

P. P. C., Eli D. Hopkins.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.

Rep., C. W. Corkran.

THITRIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Thos. H. Brouster Post, No. 233, Clayton.

P. C., C. W. Dueser.

P. P. C., Henry Seibel, Jacob Eschenbrenner.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.

P. C., Joseph Lieber.

P. P. C., J. F. Gmelich, R. W. Whitlow, Walter Barron, Patrick Darby.

Rep., Chas. Brandes.

Pinhart Post, No. 268, Brunswick.

P. C., Louis Benecke.

P. P. C., Geo. Hechler, W. B. Mullins.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, Clarksburg.

P. C., J. S. Roth.

P. P. C., W. H. Mengel, J. M. Williams, F. Gentzsch, August Seyffert, H. D. Graves.

Rep., Michael Minster.

Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282, Carrollton.

P. P. C., Chas. Rahn.

Bob Ford Post, No. 303, Coffeyburg.

P. P. C., C. Yost.

Rep., J. J. McCoy.

Manwaring Post, No. 320, Hermann.

P. P. C., Christ Daneuser, Chas. J. Burge.

Wm. McKinley Post, No. 324, Sullivan.

P. C., E. C. Baugher.

Evans Post, No. 340, Economy.

P. C., R. M. Depew.

P. P. C., John McDaniel.

Henry C. Beckett Post, No. 348, Mineral Point.

P. C., W. H. Evens.

Robert P. Carnes Post, No. 374, Dunlap.

P. C., Isaae Elliott.

P. P. C., W. B. Sherrow.

Smithton Post, No. 417, Smithton.

P. C., John Ringen.

Rep., John D. Monsees.

Lieut. Wm. Hawkins Post, No. 425, Brumley.

P. P. C., Hiram Robinett,

Rep., W. R. Houser.

Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.

P. C., Wallace Lilley.

Vandalia Post, No. 466, Vandalia.

P. P. C., L. R. Long.

Col. Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.

Rep., John H. Stupp.

Harrison A. Gleim Post, No. 512, Tipton.

P. P. C., J. B. Wolf.

Rep., Adolph Dick.

Gatzweiler Post, No. 554, St. Charles.

P. P. C., Wm. H. Meyer, Max Wiedey.

Rep., Henry Hachtmeyer.

Burnside Post, No. 566, Pleasant Hill.

P. C., H. C. McCullough.

P. P. C., Wm. Lowe.

Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.

P. P. C., H. W. Hagedorn.

Rep., Ben Pottebaum.

Capt. E. D. Johnson Post, No. 574, Elmira.

P. C., David L. Green.

P. P. C., J. T. Roberts, James L. Tucker,

Rep., Wm. Hall.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lee's Summit.

P. P. C., W. K. Collins.

Rep., M. Sechler.

John Whalen Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.

P. C., Henry De Bell.

Col. A. W. Maupin Post, No. 586, St. James.

P. C., Stephen Dellacella.

Rep., E. Atkinson.

James E. Black Post, No. 591, Richmond.

Rep., John P. Bedwell.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. CLARKE, Post 6.

ELMER M. GRAHAM, Post 145.

R. W. WHITLOW, Post 240.

W. H. MENGEL, Post 276.

THEO. DUBROUILLET, Post 97.

Committee on Credentials.

On motion the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with. 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.

Senior Vice Department Commander J. W. Beach was called to the chair, and Department Commander Denham read his Address as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: At our Department Encampment held at Warrensburg in May, last year, you conferred upon me the highest compliment within the gift of this great Department by electing me your Commander for the year just now past.

In accepting this honorable office, I assured you the Department of Missouri would have all my time necessary to advancing any interest of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that my earnest efforts would be put forth in search of anything that could be done to put our Department in the front rank of the Order.

It was my intention to have visited Posts in every part of the State, but conditions, over which I had no control, prevented me from making as many visits as I intended. I, however, have visited quite a number of Posts, attended several camp-fires and re-unions in different parts of the State with much satisfaction to myself and I hope to the various organizations as well.

MEMBERSHIP.

The question of membership has been given much consideration by your Commander. Our ranks will, as a natural consequence, be materially diminished each year by the Grim Reaper. We must, therefore, discourage, as far as practical, the suspension of comrades for non-payment of dues. The Commander and Quartermaster of each Post should look carefully into every individual case before recommending suspension, and if there can be found any excuse for remitting dues, do it and keep the comrade in the Order.

I charge you to see that no comrade unable to pay his dues is suspended.

RECRUITING.

There are several thousand veterans in the State of Missouri who are desirable and eligible to membership in our organization. Many, no doubt, have never been asked to become a member. There is no better way to recruit and fill up our ranks than by

personal visits by comrades to those eligible who have never identified themselves with the Order. Explain to them the advantages of being a member and tell them as well of all the good things the Grand Army of the Republic has done, is doing, and will continue to do for every old soldier. If every comrade in this Department will make just a little effort in this direction, the result will show a considerable gain in membership during the coming year, instead of a loss.

FINANCES.

For the financial condition of the Department, I refer you to the report of our Assistant Quartermaster General.

THE SAFETY FUND.

It pleases me to say to you that the recommendation of my immediate predecessor, that provision be made now for future necessities of the Department by accumulating a fund to be drawn upon as occasion requires, has been taken care of by the excellent committee appointed at our last Department Encampment. They have succeeded in gathering into that fund \$2,360.00, which should be increased during the coming year to at least double that amount.

Every comrade in the Department should get his name on the roll of contributors. It is, however, the intention of this Department, as well as of this committee, to accept only such amounts as can be spared by any comrade without any inconvenience to himself or family.

I know this committee to have devoted much time and effort in this behalf, and trust the same comrades will be again named and be made a permanent committee.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

I visited the Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James, made a careful and thorough inspection of every Department, and was pleased to find the buildings in excellent condition. I ate dinner and supper with the comrades and other inmates, and was much pleased with the food and the manner of placing it before them. There was plenty of good, wholesome food, well cooked, and placed on the tables in an inviting manner.

I talked with many of the comrades about the Home, as to their treatment, the food, and the manner in which the Home was managed, and found, without a single exception, they were all happy, well pleased, and each had something complimentary to say of Comrade Henry, the Superintendent of the Home.

I also wish to make mention of the present Board of Trustees. They are all thoroughly in earnest in their work and will look carefully after the welfare of those who make their home at St. James.

MEMORIAL DAY.

By the National Encampment, May 30th has been designated as Memorial Day. It is generally observed in a reverent spirit throughout our land by holding memorial services and strewing the graves of our dead comrades with garlands of flowers in testimony of our appreciation of their worth and services rendered in preserving our Nation. It is also an object lesson in patriotism to our rising generation, upon whom we must soon rely for the safety and protection of our country.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Our Forty-fourth National Encampment could not have been held at a more delightful spot than at Atlantic City, New Jersey. It is an ideal city for such an occasion; not only that it is located on the seashore, but that it has means of entertaining an unlimited number, and gave us an entertainment that could hardly have been found at any other place. Elaborate arrangements were made by the Citizens' Committee. The decorations were profuse. Hotel accommodations, at moderate prices, were ample. Nothing was left undone that could add to the comfort or pleasure of those in attendance. For much of which we are under lasting obligations to our own comrade, Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett. He was in charge of all arrangements, directed the Citizens' Committee, and, as he has always done, took special care of the Department of Missouri.

Our Department was well represented in the parade, and made a display of uniformed men that would have done credit to many of the Departments of the East.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

We are growing more and more in need of the services of this patriotic organization of women. Their excellent work has brought relief to many needy comrades and their families. These faithful women, by their efficient services, have carried sunshine into many desolate homes. Let us give them our fullest support in their faithful, self-sacrificing work.

THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

This organization of women confine their membership strictly to blood relatives of the soldiers of 1861 to 1865; hence is made up of the best womanhood of the Nation.

Their work is patriotic and charitable and worthy of our best considerations. We should give them every encouragement in their holy work of distributing relief and sunshine among our comrades.

SONS OF VETERANS.

The Sons of Veterans are confined to the direct descendants of soldiers and sailors of the army of the Union forces. They are fast increasing in membership and intent upon carrying out our work where we lay it down. They are worthy of any assistance we can render them and should have our fullest endorsement and encouragement.

Now, in conclusion, I here publicly thank all members of my Official Staff for the loyal support given me during the administration. I am under more than ordinary obligations to my Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Thomas B. Rodgers, for his faithful attention to his duties as well as my own. But for his valuable assistance I would have found much difficulty in carrying out the work of the Department.

I want to again thank every member of the Department for the confidence expressed in electing me to the high and honorable office of Commander of this, one of the leading Departments in the Order.

I shall lay down the emblem of authority with not a little regret, as the past year has been the most pleasant of all my experience. I will again take up my position in the Post room among old comrades, and stand ready to do my full duty as a private in any manner that will advance the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic.

ROBERT N. DENHAM,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1911.

Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade: On account of a seeming succession of unfortunate events, I have been unable, during the year just closing, to do my share in sustaining and helping to build up the Grand Army in our Department.

The members of our Order in this State are to be congratulated that by your untiring energy and zeal, ably assisted by Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers, the year has passed without any friction or discord in our ranks.

The attendance at the National Encampment was smaller than we had hoped; but Missouri—the "Show me boys"—had a full representation of delegates, and the number in line in the parade compared favorably with that of larger Departments.

The present managers of the railways seem to have entirely forgotten who it was that makes it possible for them to run their roads, both north and south, and east and west, in one country. This is shown by the fact that the Grand Army rate to Atlantic City was greater than the rate charged the general public for nearly similar tickets.

I consider it unfortunate that the National Encampment is ever held at a pleasure resort, such as Saratoga or Atlantic City, or at the extreme eastern or western part of the country.

Permit me to thank you for the many courtesies that I have received at your hands the past year, and to express the hope that our Department may prosper and that each member of it may have, in the few years that remain for us, more than his share of the blessings and enjoyments of this life.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEACH,

Senior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Warrensburg, Mo., April 28, 1911.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Comrade: My duties as Junior Vice Department Commander have been a very difficult work for me to perform, under existing circumstances, of which I have had no control, although it was my wish to have done more. I had the pleasure of making two visits to Post No. 4 at Kansas City, where all things seemingly were working harmoniously. I was received and treated with all due respect. I had the pleasure of meeting with the Department Commander and other Department officers at Atlantic City. I hope to be with the Department at Jefferson City, May 24th and 25th.

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 than I have done, which the Order is entitled to through its subordinate officers.

Very sincerely yours in E., C. and L.,

G. A. DOUGLASS,

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, 1911.

Robert N. Denham, Department Commander:

Comrade: I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1910.

The number of Posts December 31, 1909, was 264, which included 39 Posts, which had been previously suspended. As these suspended Posts were enumerated in my report for last year, they are not here repeated. Seven Posts were suspended at the Department Encampment in 1910, viz.: Posts 38, 63, 176, 254, 337, 434, 578, making the total number of suspended Posts 46..

Five Posts surrendered their charters during the year, viz.: Post 177, at Moundville, Vernon County; Post 235, at Montrose, Henry County; Post 274, at Norwood, Wright County; Post 285, at Rockport, Atchison County; Post 515, at Liberal, Vernon County.

Two new Posts were mustered, Post 590, at Poplar Bluff, Butler County, and Post 591, at Richmond, Ray County, making the number of Posts 261, including the 46 suspended, being a net loss of three.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the year 1910:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1910.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1909.....	6,761
Gain by muster in.....	73
Gain by transfer.....	45
Gain by reinstatement.....	142— 260
Aggregate.....	7,021
Loss by death.....	164
Loss by honorable discharge.....	3
Loss by transfer.....	50
Loss by suspension.....	188
Loss by delinquent reports.....	150— 555
Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1910.....	6,466

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1910.	
Number in good standing June 30, 1910.....	6,466
Gain by muster in.....	114
Gain by transfer.....	47
Gain by reinstatement.....	88— 249
Aggregate.....	6,715
Loss by death.....	145
Loss by honorable discharge.....	4
Loss by transfer.....	54
Loss by suspension.....	162
Loss by delinquent reports.....	67— 432
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1910.....	6,283

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1909.....	6,761
Gain during year by muster in.....	187
Gain during year by transfer.....	92
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	230— 509
Aggregate.....	7,270
Loss during year by death.....	309
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	7
Loss during year by transfer.....	104
Loss during year by suspension.....	350
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	217— 982
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1910.....	6,283
Number remaining suspended.....	657
Number dropped during year.....	126
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	127
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	81
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$ 1,005.99
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1910.....	12,413.50
Cash invested in collaterals.....	19,989.40
Cash balance in relief funds, December 31, 1910.....	2,061.13
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	11,209.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	10,912.50
Total value of Post property.....	\$56,585.53

Our Department is entitled to thirteen representatives in the Forty-fifth National Encampment, 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 alphabetical order, beginning with the letter A.

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.

My association with you the past year, Commander, will always remain a pleasant memory. I desire to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me, and to express the hope that prosperity may attend you, and that your days may be long in the land. To all my comrades, official and unofficial, I return thanks for their uniform courtesy and kindness.

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 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on December 31, 1909.....	\$ 122.74
Received from per capita tax.....	1,729.04
Received from requisitions.....	164.93
Received from charter fees.....	25.00
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	\$2,041.71

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies	\$ 80.18
Printing and stationery.....	116.05
Rent of office.....	180.00
Salary of Assistant Adjutant Gen'l, 11 months....	1,100.00
Postage	84.43
Expenses National Encampment.....	112.31
Per capita tax.....	231.45
Money refunded	1.40
Insurance	12.60
Premium on bond of Asst. Adj. Gen.....	7.50
Dyer's Compendium War of Rebellion.....	10.00
Incidentals	41.70
Traveling expenses—	
Dept. Commander Skinner.....	\$ 8.50
Dept. Commander Denham.....	10.85
Asst. Adj. Gen. Rodgers.....	11.90
	31.25—\$2,008.87
Balance on hand, December 31, 1910.....	\$ 32.84

EXHIBIT "B"

SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1910.

No.	Value.
11 Official badges	\$ 5.50
11 Buttoniers	1.10
63 Rank Straps	25.20
73 Official ribbons.....	7.30
111 Rules and Regulations.....	11.10
459 Applications	4.59
22 Cash books.....	26.40
16 Quartermaster's receipt books.....	9.60
17 do warrant books.....	14.45
2 Blue books.....	2.40
3 Rituals	1.50
56 Discharges	2.80
37 Leave of absence cards.....	1.85
64 Transfers	3.20
19 Odes .....	.57
197 Department badges, plain.....	118.20
48 Department badges, silver top.....	48.00
1 Electrotpe.....	.55
	\$284.31

EXHIBIT "C"

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash Balance December 31, 1910.....	\$ 32.84
Office Furniture, Books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies	284.31
Ledger balances	76.25
	\$1,193.40

Liabilities:

Balance Salary due Ass't Adj't General and Ass't Qr. Mr. General	\$100.00
Balance due for Printing and Stationery.....	128.08—\$ 228.08
	\$ 965.32

EXHIBIT "D"

LIST OF DEATHS, 1910.

Post	
1	Henry Helmich, Pr. Co. A, 25th Ind. Inf.
	A. H. Rowland, Act. Eng. U. S. Navy
	Jos. Greenwald, Pr. Co. G, 13th Mo. Cav.
	Fred. Roedner, Pr. Co. D, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
	L. Browning, Pr. Co. F, 4th Wis. Inf.
	Chas. Liner, Capt. Co. H, 20th Ind. Inf.
	Isaac Russack, Corp. Co. K, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.
	Thos. S. Maxwell, Q. M. Sergt. 51st O. V. I.
	C. Kommendera, Corp. Co. H, 9th O. V. I.
	Fred Kruse, Pr. Co. D, 80th Ill. Inf.
	Jas. Clarkson, Corp. Co. C, 69th O. V. I.
	August Gehner, Pr. Co. L, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
	Chris. Geis, Pr. Co. C, 4th U. S. R. C. Mo.
	Chas. Lehman, Pr. Co. B, 2d N. J. Cav.
	Casper Koehler, 1st Lt. Co. H, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
	Pat Flynn, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
	R. Mollencott, 1st Lt. M. 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
	John Kuemmerle, Pr. Co. B, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
	H. J. Lyda, Seaman U. S. Navy
	D. W. Kidwell, Pr. Co. D, 77th O. V. I.
	O. P. Gooding, Brig. Gen. U. S. Vol.
	B. Christman, Pr. Co. A, 4th U. S. R. C. Mo.
	Phillip Medart, Capt. Co. K, 3d Mo. Inf.
	F. Donnerberg, Pr. Co. A, 5th Mo. Inf.
	John Kershderfer, Pr. Co. C, 15th Mo. Inf.
2	Anton Lutz, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Cav.
	Edmond Schreiber, Ord. Sergt. U. S. A.
	Lucas Schwank, 2d Lt. Co. K, 28th O. V. I.
	Christoph Schmidt, Pr. Co. G, 4th Mo. Inf.
	John Rollberg, Pr. Co. H, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
	Louis Heyl, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Cav.
4	Edward Trickett, Corp. Co. F, 3d Ill. Cav.
	Daniel E. Bierly, Corp. Co. I, 79th Pa. Vol.
	J. B. Davis, Pr. Co. K, 57th O. V. I.
	Ebenezer Cheeney, Pr. Co. F, 57th Mass. I.
5	John H. Duvall, Pr State Militia Mo.
7	Washington Bennett, 1st Lt. 44th Mo. Inf.
	Philotus Stone, Pr. Co. E, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
	Wm. V. Scull, Pr. Co. F, 19th Iowa Inf.
	David Munch, Sergt. Co. G, 54th O. V. I.
	Wm. B. Fenderson, 1st Lt. 5th Maine Inf.
	Frank L. Schreiber, Pr. Co. A, 15th O. V. I.

Post

- Wm. Hammett, Jr., Asst. Mast. Mate U. S. Navy
 A. A. Bradford, Q. M. 55th U. S. C. T.
 Frank Englerth, Pr. Co. H, 18th Mo. Inf.
- 8 Edward Moyer, Corp. Co. F, 46th O. V. I.
 Payton C. Smith, Major 119th Ill. Inf.
 Chas. N. Brooks, Pr. Co. H, 17th Ill. Inf.
 Henry Franke, Pr. Co. I, 1st Kans. Inf.
 Wm. Gano, Pr. Co. C, 74th O. V. I.
 D. R. Stevens, Lieut. Co. H, 15th Conn. Vol.
 Abraham Clark, Pr. Co. E, 62d O. V. I.
- 10 Leonard Gee, Sergt. Co. K, 24th Iowa Vols.
- 13 Henry Guese, Pr. Co. E, 5th Mo. Inf.
 Fred Popenhagen, Pr. Co. C, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Anton Demuth, Q. M. Sergt. 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 F. W. Kunst, Lieut. Co. E, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Isidor Kossman Corp. Co. A, 4th Mo. Cav.
 August Neddermeyer, Pr. Co. K, 1st Mich. Cav.
 J. G. Zimmerer, Pr. Co. B, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo. and Pr. Co. H, 2d
 Mo. Lt. Art.
 Arnold Meyer, Pr. Co. C, 15th Mo. Vols.
 Cuno Werner, Pr. Co. H, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo. and Pr. Co. C, 2d
 Mo. Lt. Art.
 Chris. F. Zeiner, Pr. Co. B, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Henry Ziegenhein, Pr. Co. D, 1st Mo. S. M.
 Wm. Gerstenberg, Artf. Co. G, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 Fred Mais, Pr. Co. B, 5th Mo. Cav.
 Jul. Goetz, Pr. Co. E, 23d Vet. R. C.
 Fred Landmann, Pr. Co. H, 4th Mo. Cav. and Pr. Co. G, 5th Mo.
 Cav.
 John Rothenbucher, Pr. Co. D, 41st Mo. Vols.
 August W. Busche, Lieut. Co. F, 3d Mo. Inf. and Capt. Co. A,
 17th Mo. Vols. and Capt. Co. F, 16th Ill. Cav.
 John J. Bircher, Sergt. Co. D, 4th Mo. Cav.
 Wm. Schumacher, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Inf.
 John Stock, Pr. Co. B, 17th Mo. Vols.
- 14 W. H. Crane, Lieut. Co. A, 5th Mo. Inf.
 H. H. Hathaway, Sergt. Co. K, 2d Ill. Cav.
 W. M. Priest, Pr. Co. C, 14th Iowa Inf.
 C. C. Clover, Capt. Co. K, 18th Iowa Inf.
 A. A. Herrington, Pr. Co. H, 25th Ohio Batty.
- 16 E. C. Stevenson, Pr. Co. D, 36th Wis. Vols.
 E. J. Montague, Pr. Co. B, 9th Ill. Inf.
 Henry Pensinger, Pr. Co. C, 9th Ind. Inf.
 Thos. E. Gray, 1st Lieut. Co. G, 8th Mo. Cav.
- 17 J. F. Hendrick, Pr. Co. K, 1st Neb. Vols.

- Post
- Jacob Ulrich, Corp. Co. L, 6th M. S. M. Cav.
 J. J. Tipton, Corp. Co. D, 2d Iowa Cav.
- 19 Wm. E. Cotter, Pr. Co. F, 23d Mo. Vols.
 Peter Z. White, Sergt. Co. D, 35th Iowa Vols.
- 21 John S. Schenk, Pr. Co. A, 86th O. V. I.
 James J. Onstott, 1st Lt. Co. H, 35th Mo. Vol.
- 22 John Martin Pr. Co. A, 15th Iowa Inf.
 L. Bartholomew, Pr. 1st Wis. Battery.
 James A. Gates, Pr. Co. B, 39th Mo. Vols.
 James W. Post, Mus. Co. B, 14th Ills.
- 23 Joseph H. Bradley Corp. Co. C, 27th Mo. Vols.
 John W. Erwin, Pr. Co. F, 8th O. V. Cav.
 Peter Shavo, Pr. Co. A, 9th M. S. M. Cav.
 O. S. Vickery, Pr. Co. D, 25th Maine Inf.
- 26 Joseph Karhof, Pr. 9th Kansas
 G. L. Kirk, Pr. Co. A, 9th Ind.
 M. A. Martin, Pr. Co. G, 9th Ohio
 T. J. Thompson, Pr. Co. E, 56th Ill.
- 29 Wm. McIlrath, 1st Lt. Co. D, 9th M. S. M. Cav.
- 32 Jacob Snyder, Pr. Co. A, 33d Mo. Vols.
 Henry H. Brown, Pr. Co. F, 184th O. V. I.
- 34 O. F. Sinclair, Pr. Co. D, 107th O. V. I.
- 36 Geo. Rank, Pr. Co. B, 2d E. M. M.
 Miles Thompson, Pr. Co. K, 122d N. Y. Vols.
 Ambrose Edwards, Pr. Co. H, 30th Mo.
- 42 James Biggs, Sergt. Co. K, 18th U. S. C. T.
- 43 G. R. Haltsman, Pr. Co. H, 39th Mo. Vols.
- 44 John T. Wright, Pr. Co. H, 4th Iowa Inf.
- 45 Peter Baker Pr. Co. E, 136th Ind. Inf.
 Peter Sipes, Pr. Co. B, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
 Alfred Gentry, Pr. Co. G, 43d Mo. Inf.
 James T. Howell, Capt. Co. G. 18th Ind. Inf.
- 46 C. C. Waldo, Pr. Co. F, N. Y. Cav.
- 47 Simon Sallida, Pr. Co. L. 7th Mo. Cav.
 H. L. Paulson, Pr. Co. C, 25th Iowa Inf.
 Asal Jones, Capt. Co. G, 2d M. S. M. Cav.
- 48 J. A. Pond, Lieut. Co. H, 8th Mo. Cav.
 Levi Keen Pr. Co. G, 6th Mo. Cav.
 Nathan Davis, Pr. Co. H, 3d Mo. Cav.
- 53 Wilson A. Fast, Corp. Co. K, 102d O. V. I.
 J. W. Truxell, Corp. Co. G, 66th Ill. Inf.
 Z. F. Bailey, Lieut. Co. A, 144th Ill. Inf.
- 54 J. L. Roberts, Pr. Co. K, 10th Mo. Inf.
 John W. Ledford, Pr. Co. B, 2d M. S. M. Cav.
- 57 Chas. E. Brott, Pr. Co. A, 36th Ill. Inf.

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- Calvin Moore, Pr. Co. A, 62d Prov. Mo.
 Anthony Questa, Pr. Co. I, 23d Wis. Inf.
 A. J. Hubbard, Pr. Co. C, 1st Col. Cav.
- 68 Robert Breeden, Pr. Co. I, 6th Mo. Cav.
- 69 J. E. Tefft, Pr. Co. A, Fremont's Body Guard.
 Geo. W. Taylor, Corp. Co. M, 16th Mo. Cav.
 S. J. Bartlett, Corp. Co. K, 18th Ill. Inf.
 Wilson West, Sergt. Co. D, 8th Mo. Cav.
 James Baker, Capt. Co. C, 13th Iowa Inf.
 J. W. Lisenby, Lt. Col. 8th Mo. Cav.
 C. R. Pickering, Pr. Co. M, 1st Tenn. Cav.
 T. M. Pentzer, Pr. Co. A, 97th Ill. Inf.
 John P. Tracy, 1st Lt. Co. D, 8th M. S. M. Cav.
- 75 H. W. Skinker, Pr. Co. I, 14th Kan. Cav.
- 76 James Wilson, Pr. Co. C, 1st Wis. Inf.
 Geo. M. Purvis, Pr. Co. F, 3d Mo. Cav.
 Josiah Parks, Pr. Co. A, 11th Kan. Cav.
- 78 Fred. Bauer, Pr. Co. D, 2d Ill. Lt. Art.
 James M. Hood, Pr. Co. H, 27th M. S. M.
 Daniel J. Beck, Pr. Co. H, 84th Ind. Inf.
 W. C. Marlatt, Capt. Co. E, 70th O. V. I.
 M. B. Carpenter, Pr. Co. A, 69th Ind. Inf.
- 81 M. V. Jones, Pr. Co. B, 5th Ky. Cav.
- 82 E. Moser, Pr. Co. L, 1st Mich. Eng.
 C. H. Weltner, Pr. Co. E, 58th O. V. I.
 Theo. Berwanger, Pr. Co. B, 27th Ind. Inf.
- 84 T. S. Fertig, Pr. Co. C, 45th Pa. Vols.
 Sol. Shaffer, Pr. Co. H, 2d Ill. Art.
- 86 Varnum Hadley, Pr. Co. F, 9th Minn. Inf.
- 96 Daniel Perry, Corp. Co. F, 1st U. S. Sharp shooters.
 Henry C. Nichols, Pr. Co. B, 49th Mass. Inf.
- 107 Fred. Linsin, Pr. Co. I, 117th Ill. Inf.
 Ebmeier Herman Pr. Co. F, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Chr. J. Meyer, Pr. Co. E, 10th Ill. Inf.
 Herman Lehde, Pr. Co. B, 10th Ill. Inf.
 Clemens Petschel, Pr. Co. A, 1st W. Va. Lt. Art.
 H. W. Schlingman, Pr. Co. A, 4th U. S. R. C. Mo.
- 110 Wm. Cameron, Lieut. Co. H, 51st Mo. Mil.
- 111 Richard J. Atwell, Pr. Co. H, 32d and Co. C, 48th Mo. Inf.
- 115 John Bailey, Pr. Co. D, 6th Kan. Cav.
 Adam Grim, Pr. Co. A, 148th Pa. Vols.
 R. C. Charles, Pr. Co. L, 2d Neb. Cav.
- 118 Henry Teisel, Pr. Co. E, 55th Ill. Inf.
- 119 Patrick Kennedy, Pr. Co. E, 16th Ill. Inf.
- 124 J. W. Cornelison, Pr. Co. E, 3d Prov. E. M. M.

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- Samuel Foster, Pr. Co. K, 2d Ark. Cav.
 L. P. Riley, Q. M. Gunboat Ft. Hudson.
 Jacob Noll, Pr. Co. A, 27th Mo. Inf.
 128 A. H. Leonard, Pr. Co. D. 32d Mo. Inf.
 130 Elias Farabee Hosp. Steward Co. I, 99th O. V. I.
 131 J. B. Brandt, Pr. Co. F, 20th O. V. I. and Capt. Co., H, 114th
 O. V. I.
 L. Van Steenberg, Capt. Co. B, 57th Ill. Inf.
 J. C. Miller, Pr. Co. A, 2d O. H. A.
 B. W. Cooper, Sergt. Co. K, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
 John Cramer, Fireman U. S. Navy.
 W. H. Williamson, Sergt. Co. C. 7th W. Va.
 Ben Card, Pr. Co. H, 12th Mo. Inf.
 S. M. Sparklin, Pr. Co. E, 2d Md. and Co. E, 11th Md. Inf.
 Ernest Peugnet, Capt. and A. Q. M. U. S. Vols.
 Chas. L. Moss, Corp. Co. C, 12th O. V. I.
 John F. Cluley, Sergt. Co. F, 2d Ill. Lt. Art. and 2d Lt. Co. H,
 12th U.S. Inf. and 1st Lt. Co. H, 21st U. S. Inf.
 E. A. Smith, Capt. Co. A, 89th Ill. Inf.
 J. H. Steger, Major and A. A. G. M. S. M. and Capt and A. A.
 G. U. S. Vols.
 G. W. Gilson, Capt. Co. B, 40th Mo. Vols.
 Bernard Burger, 1st Sergt. Co. B, 2d Mo. Res. Inf.
 James O. Churchill, Capt. Co. A, 11th Ill. Inf. and Capt. and
 A. Q. M., U. S. Vols.
 C. H. Pellett, Pr. Co. K, 40th Wis. Vols.
 Wm. Berry, Pr. Co. A, 3d Mo. Cav.
 L. D. Hopkins, Pr. Co. K, 93d Ill. Inf.
 M. C. Wetmore, Pr. Co. F, 126th Ill. Inf.
 Eugene Carr, Col. 3d Ill. Cav. and Brig. Gen. U. S. A.
 F. W. Schaurte, Capt. Co. F, 6th Kan. Inf. Lt. Col. 2d Indian
 Brigade Cav. Capt. Co. H, 2d U. S. Cav.
 R. E. Lyon, Pr. Co. K, 50th N. Y. Eng. and Pr. Co. A, 13th Mo.
 Inf.
 E. Bindschadler, Hosp. Steward 22d O. V. I.
 T. D. Price, Pr. Co. A, Marion Co. Battalion H. G.
 James C. Dodds, Capt. Co. D, 177th N. Y. Inf.
 H. C. Chase, 1st Lt. Co. I, 83d U. S. C. T].
 H. A. Pratt, Pr. Co. E, 18th Iowa Inf.
 141 Samuel Edwards Pr. Co. I, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 145 Geo. R. Weeks, Pr. Co. D, 6th Vt. Inf.
 152 Wm. Remmert, Pr. Co. E, 4th Mo. Res. Corps.
 161 Samuel Thatcher, Pr. Co. K, 16th Wis. Vols.
 164 W. H. Motsinger, Pr. Co. B, 13th Ind. Cav.
 174 Julius Betzoll, Pr. Co. F, 12th M. S. M. Cav.

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- 181 D. W. Pollock, Capt. Co. A, 18th Mo. Inf.
 185 John B. Bale, Pr. Co. E, 3d Mo. Cav.
 187 A. Forsythe, Pr. Co. C, 15th Mo. Cav.
 190 E. Littler, Corp. Co. I, 118th Ind. Inf.
 197 Chas. Timmerberg, Pr. Co. F, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
 Henry Vogt, Pr. Co. F, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
 W. S. Shaw, Sergt. Co. G, 22d Mo. Vols
 John Brandt, Capt. Co. H, 59th E. M. M.
 210 Fred. Walters, Pr. Co. A, 2d Mo. Inf.
 Jos. H. Hamer, Pr. Co. C, 48th Mo. Inf.
 John A. Davis, Pr. Co. E, 8th M. S. M. Cav.
 B. F. Carter, Pr. Co. A, 24th Mo. Inf.
 B. A. Fay, Pr. Co. K, 1st Iowa Cav.
 John Stubbs, Pr. Co. K, 8th Ill. Inf.
 214 J. T. Reynolds, Pr. Co. A, 39th Mo. Inf.
 215 C. B. Parsons, Capt. Co. C, 4th Mich. Inf.
 Geo. Douglas, Pr. Co. F, 121st Pa. Vol.
 219 J. M. Beal, Pr. Co. A, 2d Ark. Cav.
 221 J. H. Mozingo, Corp. Co. A, 3d Iowa Cav.
 223 Jud Rowland, Pr. Co. K, 36th Iowa Inf.
 233 Jacob Bair, Mus. Co. E, 32d Mo. Inf.
 James Williams, Pr. Co. E, 11th O. V. I.
 238 H. L. Gordon, Landsman, Miss. Squadron, U. S. N.
 Wm. M. Kennedy, Co. D, 6th U. S. Inf.
 240 L. Bohannon, Pr. Co. B, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
 James Taylor, Corp. Co. G, 52d O. V. I.
 243 Abr. Mullinix, Pr. Co. B, 8th Ill. and 99th Ill. Vols.
 Wm. H. Marshall, Pr. Co. C, 7th Iowa and 39th Iowa.
 Isalah Brown, Pr. Co. B, 74th Ill. Vols.
 Wm. C. Smith, Pr. Co. H, 3d Ky. Vols.
 David Bollinger, Pr. Co. B, 30th Mo.
 251 Henry H. Reed, 2d Lt. 35th Ill. Inf.
 Wm. M. Parker, Pr. Co. A, 8th Ind. Inf.
 J. W. Newell, 1st Lt. Co. E, 21st Wis. Inf.
 O. B. Nichols, Pr. Co. I, 111th Ill. Inf.
 257 Wm. Mayhan, Pr. Co. B, 1st Tenn. Battery.
 259 Geo. W. Walker, Pr. Co. C, 16th Mo. Cav.
 264 James B. Martin, Sergt. Co. C, 10th Ky. Inf.
 276 Geo. F. Stevenson, Pr. Co. B, 8th Ill.
 284 Wm. Sutton, Pr. Co. I, 8th Mo. Inf.
 Thos. Fortune, Pr. Co. E, 50th Mo. Inf.
 286 Robert Proctor, Corp. Co. A, 12th Ky. H. A. Colored.
 289 J. J. Miller, Pr. Co. G, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
 293 Wesley Hawkins, Pr. Co. K, 36th O. V. I.
 294 J. T. Bynum, Pr. Co. M, 4th Ark. Cav.

- Post
- 299 H. C. Hall, service not stated.
- 312 M. G. Condon, Pr. Co. C, Berdan Sharpshooters.
- 320 Fritz Eng, Pr. Co. E, 4th Mo. Inf.
C. Weber, Pr. Co. D, 4th Mo. Inf.
- 332 John Motz, Pr. Co. A. Franklin Co. H. G.
- 343 Harrison Brooks, U. S. Navy.
- 348 Wm. Richardson, Corp. Co. B, 31st Mo. Inf.
Evan Armstrong, Pr. Co. G. 3d N. J. Cav.
- 352 C. T. Sampson, service not stated.
- 386 R. L. Parker, Pr. Co. G, 39th O. V. I.
- 387 Thos. Wallcott, Pr. Co. D, 6th O. V.
- 392 Aaron Turner, Pr. Co. I, 114th O. V. I.
Geo Grabe, Pr. Co. C, 3d Ill.
Wm. J. Studie, Pr. Co. H, 2d Indian H. G.
- 407 W. A. Deckard, Pr. Co. G, 46th Mo. Vol.
A. S. Taggard, Pr. Co. G, 46th Mo. Vol.
- 420 John Crew, Sergt. Co. F, 114th O. V. I.
- 437 John Cosgrove, Maj. 8th M. S. M. Cav.
- 447 Peter Albist, Pr. Co. E, 4th U. S. R. C. Mo.
- 492 Perry C. Watson, Corp. Co. A, 62d Ill. Inf.
- 496 Lorenz Warde, Pr. Co. D, 12th Mo. Inf.
F. Pommer, Sergt. Co. I, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
C. Breidenbach, Sergt. Co. F, 1st Mo. Inf. 3 mos.
- 548 Rufus Andress, Pr. Co. B, 9th Mo.
- 551 Alex. Craig, Pr. Co. E, 23d Iowa Inf.
- 554 Clinton A. Dewey, Pr. Co. C, 7th Ill. Cav.
- 556 Geo. E. Damon, Pr. Co. H, 47th Wis. Inf.
- 567 C. M. Hayes, Pr. Co. D, 49th Mo. Inf.
- 579 Jacob Ivester, Corp. Co. D, 68th E. M. M.
- 583 E. W. Hughes, Pr. Co. A, 62d U. S. C. T.
- 584 W. B. Walcott, Corp. Co. C, 8th Iowa Inf.
Levi W. Moss, Pr. Co. H, 6th Kan. Cav.
- 588 James Barclay, Pr. Co. G, 2d Pa.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Appleton City, Mo., April 15, 1911.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,

Dear Sir and Comrade: I hereby submit my report as Judge Advocate of this Department.

Since my appointment no question relating to infraction of rules or regulations or laws of our Order have been submitted to me by our Department Commander.

If any complaints have been filed, our Department Commander has wisely disposed of them without calling upon me for assistance, and it is a pleasure to be Judge Advocate in a Department where harmony prevails.

Both in war and peace, for the past fifty years, the comrades of this Department, by their valor and good citizenship, have given an excellent example to the rising generation, and it is their worthy example that has made Missouri a model Department in the Grand Army of the Republic and made the office of Judge Advocate one of honor, with little or no responsibility.

I wish to thank the Department Commander and all Department officers for courtesies extended to me.

Yours in F. L. and C.,

W. W. CHAPEL,

Judge Advocate, Dept. Mo., G. A. R.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

Kansas City, Mo., April 24, 1911.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the Posts mustered during my term of office, being two in number, as follows:

Captain Hendricks Post No. 590, at Poplar Bluff, Butler County, September 6th, 1910, by Comrade H. Y. Mabrey, P. P. Commander Post 354, Special Mustering Officer. Ira B. Timmons, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 11.

Col. James E. Black Post No. 591, at Richmond, Ray County, November 12th, by Chief Mustering Officer, Wm. F. Moll, assisted by Comrades Ben Warner of Post 4, Jere T. Dew, W. H. Wormstead, Geo. S. Peters, A. A. Kennedy and W. W. Pope, of Post 8, of Kansas City. Abraham B. Powell, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 16.

To encourage the comrades of Col. James E. Black Post, I visited them on December 12th, this being their first regular meeting

following muster. There were 10 comrades who responded to roll-call; mustered in one recruit.

Thanking the Department Commander and yourself for the honor conferred on me, I remain,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. F. MOLL,

Chief Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20, 1911.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,

Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to make to you the following report as Department Chaplain:

Number of Posts in the Department.....	226
Number of Posts reporting services.....	130
Number of sermons preached in Posts.....	100
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	26
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	20
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Confederates.....	1
Number of comrades at such services.....	4,200
Number of Women's Relief Corps attending.....	30

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	109
Number of comrades participating in Memorial Day services..	3,625
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	160
Number of graves decorated.....	27,390
Number of public schools participating.....	67
Number of organizations participating.....	82
Number of pupils participating.....	6,476
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day....	160
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	24
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	19
Number of Posts having burial grounds.....	48

The past year has made heavy demands upon our ranks. Age, and other causes, have lessened the activity of our comrades in attending Posts, and other duties near their hearts. Yet, with a heroism seldom equaled, they are among the active men of our Republic, ready for any good acts and work. We pray for the kindly care of a Providence that shielded them amid shot and shell of the bitter past, until they shall peacefully wake upon the Eternal Camping Ground.

T. H. HAGERTY,

Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Mo., May 1, 1911.

Robert N. Denham, Department Commander,
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

It is with a good degree of pleasure that I present to the Department the humble but faithful work of the Patriotic Instructor.

I have gleaned the following data from the reports of 65 Post Patriotic Instructors for the year ending May 23, 1911.

Number of Instructors appointed in these 65 Posts.....	55
Number of public schools visited.....	310
Number schools owning a flag.....	185
Number of schools taught to salute flag.....	41
Number schools observing patriotic days.....	150
Number observing Flag Day.....	38
Number teachers showing genuine interest in patriotism.....	215
Number G. A. R. Circle and Relief Corps aiding in work.....	78
Number schools to join in a flag parade.....	18
Number schools in which Lincoln's Address is placed.....	25
Number schools offering prize essays on patriotism.....	19
Number of schools receiving sizable flags.....	27
Number small flags distributed to schools.....	3,010
Total cost of patriotic instruction.....	\$20.15
Number joint installations—G. A. R. Posts, Ladies' G. A. R. Circle, Relief Corps, and Sons of Veterans.....	38
Number of Posts in which special public addresses were made	39
Number special flag-raising services.....	11
Number of Posts visited by some Department officer outside the City of St. Louis.....	15

FORMAL PROGRAM RENDERED BY A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

- 1 Drill by 12 boys and salutation of flag.
- 2 Song, "Red, White and Blue."
- 3 Recitation, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address."
- 4 Song, "Star Spangled Banner," by school.
- 5 Address by some visitor.
- 6 Story, "How the Flag Was Designed and Adopted."
- 7 "Who Are the True Heroes?" by five girls.
- 8 Presentation of each scholar with a small flag.
- 9 Salutation of flag by school.

School children have been invited quite generally to gather flowers and help decorate graves.

Many open sessions have been held and public speakers asked to address the comrades and visitors.

No histories adopted by the State Book Commission are in use in the schools which have objectionable matter in them; Grim's histories have been discontinued.

The first Catholic school to carry out a patriotic program is the Parochial School at St. Joseph, Mo.

Much effort has been put forth to convince people and school boards that honoring the flag does not smack of politics or partisanship.

I wish to impress upon the Department and individual Posts, that the office of Patriotic Instructor is one of the most important in the Grand Army family. Upon these men devolve the duty of promulgating patriotic instruction to the boys and girls who in the near future will take our places in the affairs of the Government.

Place your most available men in these places and cease to fill this office with "left-overs."

We wish to express our appreciation to the public press for the readiness afforded for every commendable appeal. To mayors of our cities for proclamations and to Department officers for uniform courtesy.

W. C. CALLAND,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

Senior Vice-Department Commander Beach announced the following committee on the Address of the Department Commander: Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, Past Department Commanders Geo. W. Martin, W. F. Henry, Jere T. Dew, and Comrade J. F. Gmelich, Post 240.

By direction of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees:

On Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders: Past Department Commander J. P. Platt, Chas. P. Hess, Post 23; J. W. Lucas, Post 76.

On Report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: S. D. Webster, Post 131; C. W. Rubey, Post 48; C. W. Corkran, Post 221.

On Reports of the Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Chief Mustering Officer, and Judge Advocate: E. S. Miner, Post 124; H. C. Carter, Post 7; W. H. Evens, Post 348.

On Resolutions: Past Commander-in-Chief Chas G. Burton; Past Department Commanders Louis Benecke and John M. Williams, J. B. Dobyne, Post 131; J. B. Pachall, Post 1.

To Visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Senior Vice-Department Commander J. W. Beach; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; Henry Evers, Post 2.

To Visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Benj. Warner, Post 4; E. D. Coe, Post 131.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

To Visit the Sons of Veterans: Past Department Commander Fairback, James P. Hesser, Post 2.

On motion of Comrade Burton it was voted that all resolutions and communications should be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without debate.

On motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the National Encampment.

Comrade Fairback nominated Allan J. Showers, Post 131, for Representative-at-Large. The nomination was seconded by Comrade J. B. Dobyne, Post 131. 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 vote of the Encampment for Comrade Showers, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected.

The following nominations were then made, to be placed on the printed ballot, in alphabetical order, beginning with the letter "A." in accordance with a rule of the Encampment:

P. W. Bahl, Post 69.....	Springfield
Ben Bolt, Post 8.....	Kansas City
H. C. Carter, Post 7.....	St. Joseph
P. H. Clarke, Post 131.....	St. Louis
G. B. Cunningham, Post 22.....	Kirksville
Henry Frein, Post 2.....	St. Louis
Christ. Fricke, Post 1.....	St. Louis
Max Fritz, Post 13.....	St. Louis
H. F. Glahn, Post 36.....	Clarence
J. C. Greenman, Post 4.....	Kansas City
Jacob Hallenberger, Post 43.....	Hannibal
George Hechler, Post 268.....	Brunswick
A. J. Lanning, Post 57.....	Brookfield
E. S. Miner, Post 124.....	Bethany
T. G. McCune, Post 185.....	New London
W. F. Moll, Post 8.....	Kansas City
Wm. B. Mullins, Post 268.....	Miami
C. W. Rubey, Post 48.....	Lebanon
W. R. Sanford, Post 185.....	New London
O. P. Smith, Post 8.....	Kansas City
Chas W. Wright, Post 76.....	Kidder
N. S. Wycoff, Post 54.....	Unionville
James G. Young, Post 4.....	Kansas City

On motion the Encampment voted that the thirteen receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Representatives, and the fourteen receiving the next highest number be declared the Alternates.

Department Chaplain Hagerty then presented Department Commander Denham with a gavel made by himself from wood from several historic places, which the Commander accepted with suitable thanks.

The Encampment then took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 24th.

The Encampment met and was called to order by the Commander at 2 o'clock p. m.

Comrade John McElroy, Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and Editor of the National Tribune, was introduced by the Commander and addressed the Encampment in a most entertaining manner, giving, with considerable detail, the points of difference in the several pension bills before Congress, and the condition and prospects of pension legislation. He urged that the comrades should not scatter their energies in behalf of different bills, but should unite in support of the one best suited to their needs and best supported by public sentiment, which, in his opinion, was that known as the "Sulloway bill." He was most attentively listened to and received frequent applause.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the election of officers.

Nominations for Department Commander being called for, Past Commander-in-Chief Burton placed in nomination Comrade Ben. Warner of McPherson Post No. 4, of Kansas City. In doing so he said he need not repeat what he had said when he placed him in nomination last year, except to say that his record as a soldier and a comrade of the Grand Army had been such that the Encampment would honor itself in honoring him, and that while four Department Commanders had been chosen from Kansas City, neither of the four was a member of McPherson Post. He therefore asked that this distinction be awarded to Comrade Warner and McPherson Post.

The nomination was seconded by several comrades, and no other nomination being made, on motion the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Ben. Warner, which was accordingly done and he was declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year. Comrade Warner, being called upon, came to the platform amid general applause and returned thanks to the Encampment for the honor of his election and promised to discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

For Senior Vice-Department Commander, Past Department Commander Benecke nominated Comrade Edward Borck, of Post 107, St. Louis. There being no other nominations, by unanimous consent the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Borck, which was accordingly done and he was declared duly elected Senior Vice-Department Commander for the ensuing year.

For Junior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade A. N. Seaber, Commander of Garfield Post, No. 6, nominated Comrade John T. Clarke of Post 6, Jefferson City. There being no other nomination,

by unanimous consent the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Clarke, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected Junior Vice-Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Dr. J. E. Jones of Post 46, DeSoto, was nominated by Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers to succeed himself as Medical Director. 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. E. Jones, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Rev. Thos. H. Hagerty, of Post 131, St. Louis, was re-nominated for Chaplain by Comrade J. B. Pachall of Post 1. There being no other nomination, on motion the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Hagerty, who was declared duly elected as Chaplain for the ensuing year.

The following comrades were nominated for members of the Council of Administration: Francis P. Becker, Post 13; J. B. Wilde, Post 131; A. Whipple, Post 1; J. W. Lucas, Post 76; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8. 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.

A committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, consisting of Past Department President Mrs. Katherine Fairback, Mrs. Mary A. Wanless and Mrs. Fannie Dodsworth, was received and presented to the Encampment. Mrs. Fairback, in conveying the greetings of their organization, addressed the Encampment as follows:

Commander and Comrades:

Once more the honor has been conferred upon me to bring to you the greetings of fifty-seven thousand members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, grand daughters and neices of the noble men who, fifty years ago, went forth in defense of their country and our flag; and for what did they fight? The soldiers of the Republic were not seekers after vulgar glory; they were not animated by the hope of plunder or the love of conquest; they fought to preserve the homestead of liberty, and that their children might have peace; they were the defenders of humanity, the destroyers of prejudices, the breakers of chains, and in the name of the future they slew the monster of their time. They finished what the soldiers of the Revolution commenced; they relighted the torch that fell from

their august hands, and filled the world again with light. They blotted from the statute books laws that had been passed by hypocrites, at the instigation of robbers, and tore with indignant hands from the Constitution the infamous clause that made men the catchers of their fellow men. They made it possible for judges to be just, for statesmen to be humane, and for politicians to be honest. They broke the shackles from the limbs of slaves and the souls of masters, and from the Northern brain. They kept our country upon the map of the world and our flag in heaven. They rolled the stone from the sepulchre of progress, and found therein two angels clad in shining garments, Nationality and Liberty. The soldiers were the saviors of the nation. They were the liberators of men.

In writing the Proclamation of Emancipation, Lincoln, the greatest of our mighty dead, whose memory is as gentle as the summer breeze when the reapers sing amid the gathered sheaves copied with the pen what Grant and his brave comrades wrote with their swords. Grander than Greek, nobler than Romans, the soldiers of the Republic, with patriotism as shoreless as the air, battled for the rights of others, for the nobility of labor, fought that mothers might own their babes, that arrogant idleness should not scar the back of patient toil, and that our country should not be a many-headed monster of warring states, but a nation, sovereign, great and free. Blood was water, money was leaves, and life was only common air until one flag floated over a Republic without a master and without a slave.

And now all honor to Grant, to Sherman, to Sheridan, the laureled soldiers of the world, whose memory, like a bow of peace, spans and arches all the clouds of war. And we are proud to be the descendants of the men who could write such a history as this. Once more I extend to you our hearty greeting. I thank you.

Past-Department Commander Henry, being called upon by the Department Commander, responded to the ladies as follows:

Ladies of the Committee:

The Department Commander has assigned to me the very pleasing duty of responding to your cheering greetings, and on behalf of my comrades I most heartily thank you for your kind words. I am aware that none are eligible to membership in the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic except those who are bound by the ties of blood or marriage to those who followed the Stars and Stripes and fought for the preservation of the Union in the dark days of 1861 to 1865. It is not at all strange, then, that your Order should appeal to our hearts and our sympathies with more force than any other. I know much of the work of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the debt of gratitude which the

comrades owe them. I counsel my comrades to lend them their fraternal aid in extending the membership and sphere of usefulness of this splendid Order. The time is not far distant when loyal women will be searching the records to establish eligibility to membership in the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, as today many are searching records to establish eligibility to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Again, I thank you for my comrades, and on their behalf tender your sisterhood our sympathy and fraternal co-operation.

The ladies were then escorted from the room, the comrades all rising.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to select the place for meeting next year. Three places were placed in nomination: Kirksville, by Comrade G. B. Cunningham, of Post 22; St. Joseph, by Senior Vice-Department Commander J. W. Beach; and Macon by Comrade Chas. P. Hess, of Post 23.

Comrade Burton moved that the vote be taken by a rising vote, and that after the first vote, that the place receiving the lowest number of votes be dropped, which motion was carried. The result of the vote, as reported by the Assistant Adjutant General, was as follows: Kirksville, 39; St. Joseph, 67; and Macon 52. A second vote resulted as follows: St. Joseph received 74 and Macon received 78 votes. Whereupon it was declared that Macon was selected.

The hour having arrived for the parade, on motion the Encampment took a recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION, MAY 25th.

The Encampment met at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 25th, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Hagerty, Department Chaplain, invoked the Divine blessing.

On motion of Comrade Benecke a committee was appointed to wait upon Governor Hadley and escort him to the Encampment. The committee, consisting of Past Commanders-in-Chief Rassieur and Burton, and Past Department Commander Benecke, soon returned with the Governor, who was escorted to the platform amid the cheers of the comrades, and was introduced to the Encampment by Department Commander Denham.

A recess was declared by the Commander, during which time the Governor addressed the Encampment, explaining the cause of his absence on the day before when he was called upon to attend a meeting of the Governors of adjoining States at Kansas City, Mo. He expressed his great pleasure at being permitted to attend a meeting of the gray-haired veterans of the War for the Union, and to

add to the generous welcome heretofore extended to them on behalf of the great State of Missouri. His timely and patriotic utterances showed that he, himself, the son of a Union soldier, was heartily in accord with the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty which bound together the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. His remarks were greatly enjoyed and applauded.

At the close of the Governor's address, he was presented with a gavel by Chaplain Hagerty, with the following remarks:

Gov. Hadley, you have greatly honored the Encampment this morning not only by your presence but by the patriotic words with which you have addressed us. We are proud of the fact that the Governor of the great State of Missouri, in whose veins runs the blood of one of our honored comrades, honors us with his presence and assures us of his sympathy in our devotion to the memory of our country's devotion and to her interest in the days of its peril, but now is with us in our effort to build up the institutions of our fathers, over all this broad land. Comrades we were in the bitter past, and comrades we will be in the brightest future. And now Governor, in order that you may not forget this visit to our Encampment, I desire to present to you a small testimonial of my appreciation of your inspiring presence. You have honored yourself by buying a farm, and showing that a statesman is not ashamed of the cultivation of the soil, the basis of all our wealth and prosperity. I secured from that farm a piece of oak, which I turned with my own hands into the head of this gavel. Last spring I got a piece of wood in Chickamauga Park, Ga., and made out of it the handle. In the end is inlaid an Iron G. A. R. Star, made from iron taken from a railroad train, said to have been dumped into the Gasconade River by Gen. Marmaduke, a former Governor of Missouri, who was trying to destroy the commerce of the State you are now so heroically trying to build up! In the center of that iron star, you may see a small speck of wood taken from the frame of Old Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, inserted. This combination was conceived in my mind, and wrought out by my own hands, which I now take great pleasure in presenting to you, hoping it may be of some slight pleasure as you remember your visit to our Encampment. Please accept it, Governor, with my best wishes for your life, happiness and the most popular administration of the Governorship of the Great State of Missouri.

The Governor responded, thanking the venerable Chaplain and promising to preserve the gavel as a memento of this pleasant occasion.

Upon the departure of the Governor, Department Commander Denham called up the Encampment, the comrades all rising and cheering as he passed out.

The Encampment being again in closed session, proceeded to the election of representatives and alternates to the National Encampment.

The following comrades were appointed as tellers: W. F. Silverwood, Post 1; S. D. Webster, Post 131; L. J. Wylie, Post 22; W. H. Mengel, Post 276; W. H. Evens, Post 348; Louis C. Hesse, Post 13; James P. Hesser, Post 2; J. P. Bedwell, Post 591.

The tellers distributed the ballots and afterwards took up the votes and retired to count the same.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, Chairman of the Vicksburg Monument Committee, made the following report which was on motion adopted and the Committee discharged:

Commander and Comrades of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your committee appointed by Commander Skinner by Section IX, of G. O. 7, 1910, to act with a like committee of the Confederate Veterans' Association, to assist in procuring from the State Legislature the passage of a bill for the erection of a monument and markers on the Vicksburg battlefield, begs leave to report that they procured the introduction of such a bill by Representative Jones of Pike County and Representative Oliver T. Remmers of St. Louis City, creating a Commission and appropriating \$50,000 for such a purpose.

The same were referred to the Appropriation Committee of the House, which gave our committee a hearing on Thursday, February 23d, last. The limited time of the committee enabled them only to hear from three of the joint committee, and hence General J. W. Towson and Gen. Frank Gatennie of the Confederate Committee and the chairman of your committee only were heard.

The matter was fairly and fully urged, and the patient hearing accorded us seemed to promise fair results.

The chairman of your committee addressed a letter to every member of the Legislature, of which a copy is hereto attached. We hoped that good results might be the outcome, and we now have the pleasure of reporting that the bill of which a copy is hereto attached, passed both Houses and received the signature of the Governor.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR,
ROBT. BUCHANAN,
HENRY DIGBY,
B. F. BUZARD,
C. YOST.

Committee.

AN ACT

To provide for the erection in the Vicksburg National Park, near Vicksburg, Mississippi, of a Missouri State Memorial, and of regimental and battery monuments and markers; to appoint a commission to carry out the provisions of this act; and to appropriate money therefor.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. In order to commemorate and perpetuate the heroic services, the unselfish devotion to duty, and the exalted patriotism of the Missouri soldiers, Union and Confederate, who were engaged in the campaign, siege and defense of Vicksburg, and in pursuance of the invitation issued by the United States Government upon the establishment and creation by said government of the Vicksburg National Military Park, there shall be erected in said military park, a Missouri State memorial, Missouri regimental and battery monuments and Missouri regimental and battery markers, to indicate the position of the forty-two Missouri organizations which fought at Vicksburg.

Sec. 2. The governor shall appoint a commission consisting of five members, two of whom shall be Union veterans and two shall be Confederate veterans, to be known as the Missouri-Vicksburg national military park commission, which is hereby charged with the duty of carrying out the provisions of this act. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation other than for their actual expenses while in the discharge of their actual duties. The members of the commission shall organize by electing one of its members president, another vice-president, who shall also act as treasurer, The adjutant general shall be ex-officio secretary of the commission. In the event of a vacancy, the Governor shall fill same by appointment.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of erecting, in said Vicksburg National Military Park of said Missouri State Memorial, Missouri regimental and battery monuments and markers and the payments of the actual expenses of said "Missouri-Vicksburg national military park commission," there is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). And of this amount \$40,000.00 is to be expended for a monument and the balance to be expended for regimental and battery markers and the necessary expenses of the commission. All expenditures from the appropriation made by this act shall be paid only upon warrants drawn upon the State treasury by the president, vice-president and secretary of said commission, each warrant indicating for what specific purpose the same is drawn. Said commission shall make report of its work hereunder to the general assembly, upon the termination of its duties under this act.

St. Louis, Mo., March 1, 1911.

To the Honorable Members of the 46th General Assembly.
Gentlemen:—House Bill No. 135 is pending, which undertakes to create a commission and appropriate \$50,000 for the erection of Memorial Monuments and Markers to the 42 organizations (Union and Confederate) which your State put into the siege and defense of Vicksburg, to uphold what each deemed right. History says they acquitted themselves nobly and Missouri has reason to be proud thereof. There were 435 additional organizations from other States in that awful struggle. To preserve the object lesson of these battles for the study of future generations, and thus make impossible a recurrence thereof, and to enable the States contending there to manifest their appreciation of, and gratitude for, the great sacrifices of their respective sons, the Federal Government has purchased the ground for a National Military Park, has beautified the same at an expense exceeding \$1,000,000, and invited the respective States to erect monuments and markers. Our neighbor to the East,

Illinois, has expended \$260,000 to do honor to its 79 organizations that were engaged there; our neighbor on the North, Iowa, although represented by only 38 organizations, has expended \$150,000 to manifest its sincere gratitude to its sons. The financially weak State of Mississippi has deemed it a duty and a pleasure to expend \$50,000 in glorification of its 40 organizations which upheld its standard. The following named States, to commemorate the great services of their respective sons, have spent the amounts set opposite their names, to-wit:

Wisconsin, represented by only 17 organizations.....	\$130,000
Ohio, represented by 39 organizations.....	56,000
Minnesota, represented by only 4 organizations.....	25,500
Indiana, represented by 28 organizations.....	38,000
Alabama, represented by 19 organizations.....	25,000
Michigan, represented by only 9 organizations.....	20,000
New York, represented by only 4 organizations.....	12,500
Pennsylvania, represented by only 5 organizations.....	15,000
Massachusetts and New Hampshire, each represented by only 3 organizations, each.....	5,000

and little Rhode Island, with only one organization, \$5,000. The above named States, with but few exceptions, do not possess the wealth of our State. They each have the same wants and requirements for the expenditure of public moneys in other directions; and still their legislatures, great in their realization of the necessity of manifesting their appreciation of and gratitude to their heroes, have found and appropriated the funds above set forth, and their constituencies have heartily approved their work. The noble action of these States has emphasized the absence of Missouri from the list. The unfortunate failure of past legislatures in this regard will be no excuse for your body. The great State of Missouri, the fifth State in population and wealth, cannot afford to remain inactive any longer in a matter of so much moment. Nor will you, as the legislative body of our State, postpone action when such postponement will constantly expose our State to a comparison with other States which will reflect upon the good name and patriotism of our State, which was represented by the second largest number of organizations in that siege. The present generation will gladly bear this small burden and have the great satisfaction of erecting a monument which will be unique, inasmuch as it will manifest equal gratitude for the courage and valor displayed by those who wore the Gray as well as those who wore the Blue, and thus still further heal the wounds wrought by the Civil War.

Yours respectfully,

LEO RASSIEUR.

The following report of the Committee on Safety Fund was made by Comrade Rassieur, its Chairman, which was, on motion, adopted and the committee continued:

Commander and Comrades of the Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:
Herewith the undersigned Committee on Safety Fund, appointed at the Warrensburg Encampment, beg leave to report that immediately upon the adjournment of said Encampment they prepared, pursuant to the directions given them a printed circular letter and

copies of the resolutions creating the Safety Fund and the rules for its investment and management, and one or more copies were sent to every Post in the Department. On July 30, 1910, in General Orders No. 3, a report was made of subscriptions made to that date, amounting to\$ 775.00

On Nov. 23, 1910, in General Orders No. 5, a report was made of subscriptions made to that date amounting to 380.75

On March 7, 1911, in General Orders No. 6, a report was made of additional subscriptions made to that date amounting to 495.50

On April 25, 1911, in General Orders No. 8, a report was made of additional subscriptions up to that date amounting to 626.00

In addition to the above there has been collected interest from the Bank 9.30

There has been subscribed and paid since the above date... \$2,286.55

Making a total of\$2591.30

The names of subscribers with amounts subscribed, making the last amount of \$304.75, will be published in future General Orders.

Crediting the above amounts which have been paid to the respective Posts, we find that only 36 Posts have contributed, and that they are the following, with the respective amounts set opposite their names, viz:

Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, St. Louis	\$ 645.00
Ransom Post No. 131, St. Louis	387.50
Harry P. Harding Post No. 107, St. Louis	333.50
Col. Hassendeubel Post No. 13, St. Louis	247.00
Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, Kansas City	111.00
Henry Brown Post No. 276, Clarksburg	79.25
Pinhart Post No. 268, Brunswick	80.00
Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph	60.00
McPherson Post No. 4, Kansas City	59.00
General Lyon Post No. 2, St. Louis	57.00
Gen. Joe Bailey Post No. 26, Nevada	50.00
Col. Jacob Smith Post No. 72, Trenton	50.00
T. D. Neal Post No. 124, Bethany	46.75
O. H. Wood Post No. 57, Brookfield	30.00
Capt. Jno. Mathews Post No. 69, Springfield	29.00
Stanton Post No. 16, Carthage	26.50
Harrison A. Gleim Post No. 512, Tipton	26.00
Gatzweiler Post No. 554, St. Charles	26.00
Burnside Post No. 566, Pleasant Hill	25.00
O. P. Morton Post No. 14, Joplin	25.00
Gen. Geo. G. Meade Post No. 48, Lebanon,	25.00
Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post No. 53, Sedalia	25.00
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Wakefield Standley Post No. 282, Carrollton	18.00
Gen. J. B. Steadman Post No. 172, Appleton City	16.00
Gen Joe Hooker Post No. 17, Cameron	10.00
Henry C. Beckett Post No. 348, Mineral Point	10.00
A. Lincoln Post No. 5, Moberly	7.50
W. T. Sherman Post No. 43, Hannibal	5.00
Paddy Shields Post No. 36, Clarence	5.00
Col. Grover Post No. 78, Warrensburg	5.00
T. J. Brouster Post No. 233, Clayton	1.00
Curtis Post No. 84, Sarcoxie	5.00
Perry V. Fletcher Post No. 46, DeSoto	1.00
Norcross Post No. 221, Novelty	5.00
Last but not least, E. A. Stevens of Chapin Post, Buff- alo, New York	5.00
Total amount subscribed and paid	\$2,582.00
Interest from above amounts from Bank	9.30
Total	\$2,591.30

Out of which there was invested, March 6, 1911, for 5 years with the approval of the entire Council of Administration, \$2000.00 on first deed of trust, on real estate worth double the amount of the loan, with interest at 6 per cent, payable annually.

The balance on hand being \$591.30, has been turned over to the Assistant Quarter Master General.

Your Committee feels it would be untrue to its duty if it did not call attention to the fact that 178 Posts have altogether failed to contribute anything to this Fund, and that nearly two-thirds of the amount subscribed has been contributed by the St. Louis Posts. Let each comrade draw his own conclusion as to what his duty requires him to do in this matter now and hereafter.

LEO. RASSIEUR,
C. G. BURTON,
LOUIS BENECKE.
Committee.

The Committee on the Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 25, 1911.
Commander and Comrades:—

We, your Committee on the Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, have examined the same and find that the officers have faithfully performed their duties, and should be commended for their zeal and activity in the cause of the advancement of our noble order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. PLATT,
J. W. LUCAS,
C. P. HESS.

Committee

The Committee on Reports of the Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Chief Mustering Officer, and Judge Advocate, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 25, 1911.

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 from the report of the Chaplain find that the past year has made heavy demands upon our ranks; age and other causes have lessened the activity of our comrades, yet, with a heroism seldom equaled, they are ever ready for any good acts and work. Memorial Sabbath services and Memorial Day services are quite generally observed, but many of the small and weak Posts should have more encouragement to religiously observe these days.

We find from the report of the Patriotic Instructor that the seed continually sown from year to year is showing good results. The general report is that very much more interest is being taken in public schools in the way of patriotic instruction, but there is yet much more room for the work in the schools and should be encouraged by all comrades.

We find that the report of the Chief Mustering Officer shows that two new Posts were mustered during the year, with twenty-seven members.

The report of the Judge Advocate shows a most gratifying condition of affairs in this Department, as not a single complaint was referred to him for consideration. This speaks well for the loyalty and harmony with which the comrades transact their business.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. MINER,
H. C. CARTER,
W. H. EVENS,

Committee.

The Committee on the Address of the Department Commander made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 25, 1911.

Commander and Comrades:—

We, your committee, to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, commend the patriotic, earnest, zealous and efficient work of that officer during the past year.

We ask especial attention to the recommendation in reference to suspended comrades, and earnestly appeal to the Posts to see to it that no deserving comrade shall be dropped from the ranks on account of actual inability to meet even that expense.

LEO RASSIEUR,
GEO. W. MARTIN,
W. F. HENRY,
JERE. T. DEW,
J. F. GMELICH,

Committee.

The Committee on the Report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General reported as follows, and the report was, on motion, adopted:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 25, 1911.

Commander and Comrades:—

Your committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that they have read and examined carefully the report and exhibits submitted, and find the accounts and records of the Department accurately and satisfactorily kept, and they take pleasure in commending Comrade Thomas B. Rodgers therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. WEBSTER.
C. W. RUBEY,
C. W. CORKRAN.
Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions, through its Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Burton, submitted the following report:

The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas: Comrade A. W. Smith, Past Department Commander of Kansas, was appointed by the President, to the position of United States Pension Agent, at Topeka, Kansas, on or about the 27th day of June, 1910, and sent his name to the United States Senate for confirmation; and,

Whereas, the Senate delayed action thereon until the final adjournment of Congress; and,

Whereas, the President exhibited his confidence in the ability and fidelity of Comrade Smith by again appointing him to the same office, and again sent his name to the new Senate for confirmation; and,

Whereas, a very large proportion of the Pensioners of this Department are on the roll of the Topeka Agency, and it is important that our comrades and their widows shall have the business of said Pension Agency transacted promptly and with as little delay and friction as possible; therefore,

Resolved, by the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment assembled, that we have full confidence in the ability and integrity of Comrade A. W. Smith; and the Senate of the United States is respectfully requested to confirm the appointment of Comrade Smith without delay; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing to each of the United States Senators from the States of Missouri and Kansas, and to the Vice-President, and to the National Tribune.

Be it resolved that the thanks of this Encampment are due to F. M. Rumbold, Adjutant General of this State, and his assistants for their efficient efforts in securing and collecting the missing records of Missouri soldiers, both Union and Confederate, and that the future General Assemblies be urged to make such further appropriations as will enable the Adjutant General or his successors to fully complete such work.

Be it resolved by the comrades of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment Assembled, that the Congress of the United States be earnestly petitioned to enact additional pension legislation along the lines of the Sulloway Bill

and that the Widows' Pension Act be amended by striking therefrom the limitations of marriage, viz., June 27, 1890, and by inserting in lieu thereof a provision that the widow shall have been married to and shall have constantly lived with the deceased soldier at least 3 years immediately preceding his death. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Assistant Adjutant General to Senator McCumber, Chairman of Senate Committee, and to Congressmen Sherwood and Sulloway, members of the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, through the National Committee on Pensions of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Be it resolved that the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to the railroad companies for their reduced rates of transportation, to Lieut. Governor Gmelch, Mayor Thomas and Commander A. N. Seaber for their cordial words of welcome, to the citizens of Jefferson City for their generous hospitality, to the comrades of James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, for their efforts to make the Encampment a great success, to the Warden of the Penitentiary for his invitation to the comrades to partake of a supper at that institution, and to the Automobile Club of Jefferson City for transporting the comrades and ladies to the same, and last but not least, to Governor and Mrs. Hadley for their handsome reception, courtesies and kindness, with the assurance that the Governor, the son of a comrade, will so continue in the administration of the duties of his office as to win honor for himself, credit for his friends, and beneficent results to the Commonwealth.

C. G. BURTON,
LOUIS BENECKE,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
J. B. DOBYNE,
J. B. PACHALL,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee, with its recommendations, was unanimously adopted, the several resolutions being voted upon separately.

The following official report of the Woman's Relief Corps was received and filed:

St. Louis, Mo., May 22, 1911.

Robert N. Denham, Department Commander G. A. R.,
Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor to submit to you and through you to the Thirtieth Annual Encampment G. A. R., Department of Missouri, assembled at Jefferson City, May 24-25, 1911, a brief report of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps for the year just closing.

Number of Corps	47
Number of Members	1,763
Cash expended by Corps for relief.....	\$458.25
Relief extended other than money.....	\$727.49
Number of soldiers assisted	92
Number in soldiers' families assisted.....	306
Number of members assisted	97
Number in members' families assisted.....	197
Total number of persons assisted	692
Cash turned over to Posts.....	\$217.66

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

I have the pleasure to announce two Corps have been instituted this year: Reynolds Corps, No. 159, at Graham, and U. S. Grant Corps, No. 160, at Pilot Knob.

In closing, I wish to return my thanks to you and to Col. Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, for your many acts of courtesy extended to me during the year, and also to the Grand Army of the Republic generally. My year has been fraught with so many pleasant occurrences, it will ever remain as a bright spot in my memory.

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

MARY M. STARK,

Department President.

Comrade Hess, Post 23, moved that the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General be continued at \$1,200 per year, and the motion was seconded by several comrades. The Assistant Adjutant General asked that the motion be withdrawn or postponed until after the report of the Council of Administration was made, on which he wished to make some remarks. He then presented the following report of the Council of Administration:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 23, 1911.

To the Thirtieth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The selection of the place for the meeting of the Thirtieth Department Encampment having been referred by the Encampment at Warrensburg to the Council of Administration, the question was submitted to the members thereof by letter July 21 to 23, three Posts having made application, Post No. 6, at Jefferson City, Post No. 57, at Brookfield, and Post No. 119, at Stansbury. Jefferson City was selected, the vote being as follows: Jefferson City received ten votes and Brookfield two. Three members not heard from.

The date for holding the Encampment was also, by direction of the Department Commander, submitted to the members by letter, and resulted in the selection of the dates of Wednesday and Thursday, May 24 and 25, 1911, and it was so announced in General Orders, No. 6, March 7, 1911.

The Council met at Jefferson City, Mo., May 23, 1911, pursuant to the call of the Department Commander.

The following members were present: R. N. Denham, Department Commander; J. W. Beach, Senior Vice Department Commander; G. A. Douglass, Junior Vice Department Commander; J. E. Jones, Medical Director; Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General; W. W. Chapel, Judge Advocate; Wm. F. Moll, Chief Mustering Officer; W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor; Edward Borck, elected member.

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: Post 90, Jerico Springs; 242, Pattonsburg; 377, Ozark; 440, Foster.

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 motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, it was recommended that the salary of his office be reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000.

Comrade Leo Rassieur, Chairman of the Committee in charge of the Safety Fund, authorized by the action of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, presented for the approval of the Council of Administration, a loan secured by deed of trust on 80 acres of land in Chariton County, Mo., for \$2,000, made to Arthur R. Gross, of Brunswick, Mo., for five years from March 1, 1911, at 6 per cent. The written approval in writing signed by thirteen members of the Council (all who were present) is hereto attached and made part of this report as follows:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 23, 1911.

The undersigned members of the Council of Administration herewith approve an investment of two thousand dollars in a loan of that amount made to Arthur R. Gross, evidenced by his note for that amount, dated Brunswick, Mo., March 1, 1911, payable March 6, 1916, to the order of and endorsed without recourse by Leo Rassieur and bearing interest from March 6, 1911, at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable annually, and secured by first deed of trust of same date as said note on the east half of the northeast quarter of Section thirty (30), Township fifty-four (54), Range nineteen (19), containing eighty (80) acres more or less, in Chariton County, Missouri, made by Arthur R. Gross and Etta, his wife, to Otto K. Benecke as trustee, recorded in the Recorder's office of said Chariton County, in book 37, page 591; the said property, without improvements, being certified to be over double the value of said loan by Louis Benecke and George Rucker.

R. N. DENHAM,
Department Commander,

J. W. BEACH,

Senior Vice Department Commander.

G. A. DOUGLASS,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

J. E. JONES, M. D.,

Medical Director,

T. H. HAGERTY,

Chaplain,

THOS. B. RODGERS,

A.A.G. & A.Q.M.G.

W. W. CHAPEL,

Judge Advocate,

WM. F. MOLL,

Chief Mustering Officer,

W. C. CALLAND,

Patriotic Instructor,

EDW. BORCK,

E. S. MINER,

JOHN T. WARBURTON,

FRANCIS P. BECKER,

Elected Members.

On motion of Comrade Hagerty the thanks of the Council was extended to the committee for their faithful and unselfish work in the interest of the Department.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

St. Louis, Mo., May 20, 1911.

Robert N. Denham, 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 30, 1911, and find the accounts as stated to be correct and cash balance on hand December 31, 1910, to be \$32.54; cash balance on April 30, 1911, \$4.71.

Permit us to say that we have been very much pleased to find the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General's books and accounts in the same neat and careful order as heretofore.

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.

The Assistant Adjutant General moved that the report of the Council, with its recommendations, be adopted, which was seconded. In doing so he stated that the Council of Administration had recommended the reduction of his salary upon his urgent request. That he considered that it was as necessary now as it was when he made the same request last year, and which the Encampment at that time refused to adopt. That while he felt complimented by the action of the Encampment last year, he would have been better pleased if it had acceded to his request, and he must urge and insist that his friends could show him no greater favor now than by adopting the report. There was considerable discussion participated in by Comrades Burton, Rassieur, G. W. Martin, Jno. M. Williams and others, ending with the withdrawal of the motion of Comrade Hess, and the report of the Council was adopted.

On motion of Comrade Rassieur the Encampment voted unanimously that 10 per cent of the Safety Fund be transferred to the general fund of the Department, subject to the approval of the Council of Administration.

An invitation was received from B. F. Allen, President of the Lincoln Institute, the State Normal and Industrial School for Negroes, of Jefferson City, to visit that institution, which was accepted with thanks, but as it would not be practicable for the comrades to go in a body it was urged that as many as could do so would go individually.

The following telegrams were received:

Boston, Mass., May 23, 1911.

Comrade R. N. Denham, Department Commander G. A. R.,
Jefferson City, Mo.

I send my fraternal love to my Comrades of the Missouri Encampment. May your annual meeting be a credit to yourself

and a lesson in patriotism to the people of your State. God bless you and reward you.

JOHN E. GILMAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Washington, D. C., May 24, 1911.
Col. Thos. B. Rodgers, Asst. A. G. Dept. of Missouri G. A. R.,
Jefferson City, Mo.

I send greetings to my comrades in annual Encampment assembled.

WM. WARNER.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-Fifth National Encampment, as follows, the candidates having received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

REPRESENTATIVES.

H. C. Carter	95
P. H. Clarke	92
Jacob Hallenberger	81
E. S. Miner	79
Christ. Fricke	78
A. J. Lanning	76
Henry Frein	73
P. W. Bahl	72
Ben. Bolt	68
W. R. Sanford	67
Max Fritz	61
J. C. Greenman	59
George Hechler	57

ALTERNATES.

G. B. Cunningham	56
T. G. McCune	56
James G. Young	56
H. F. Glahn	55
Wm. B. Mullins	51
N. S. Wycoff	49
C. W. Rubey	46
Wm. F. Moll	42
C. W. Wright	33
O. P. Smth	24

On motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, the thanks of the Encampment were extended to Comrade S. L. McCormick, the Officer of the Day, Comrade Peter Vogel, Officer of the Guard, and to the Sentinels for their faithful service during the Encampment.

The officers-elect were then duly 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.

Commander Denham in introducing his successor, spoke as follows:

Comrades:—Before handing over to my successor the emblem of authority and surrendering the command of this great Department, I wish to thank not only my official staff but every comrade in the Department for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me during the year. Your assistance has been invaluable and has had the effect of making my year as your Commander most pleasant. And now in introducing my successor, my best wish is that he may have the same support from all the comrades that has been given me, and that he may close his year as your Commander feeling that he has had just the same good time that has been accorded me. It gives me great pleasure in introducing Comrade Ben Warner as your unanimous choice as Commander for the coming year.

Commander Warner, on assuming the gavel, again returned thanks to the comrades for the honor of his election and promised, with the assistance and co-operation of all the comrades, that he would use his best endeavors to merit it. He wished them all God-speed and a safe return to their homes.

The comrades, under the lead of Past Department Commander Henry, all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," and "God be with us 'till we meet again."

The Commander then declared the Encampment adjourned sine die.

A true record of the proceedings:

Thos. B. Rodgers
Apit Adjt. Sec. L.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The principal features of the Unofficial Proceedings were the parade on Wednesday afternoon, the supper at the Penitentiary and the Camp-fire on the same evening, and the reception at the Executive Mansion by Governor and Mrs. Hadley on Thursday evening, after the adjournment of the Encampment.

The parade was formed about 4 o'clock, upon recess of the Encampment, on High street, in front of the Opera House, by Comrade J. B. Dobyne, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, assisted by Comrade Tom L. Johnson, Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander. F. M. Rumbold, Adjutant General of the State of Missouri, was the Grand Marshal in charge of the parade. Besides the comrades the parade was participated in by Company L of the Missouri National Guard, which made a fine appearance under command of Captain Paul C. Hunt of the Adjutant General's office, the Sons of Veterans under command of Division Commander John N. Hutchinson, and a Company of "Boy Scouts," who made a creditable appearance and added to the interest of the occasion. Nearly 500 were in line. The line of march was through the principal streets, and halted in front of the Post Office building where a handsome United States Flag was presented to the High School by Mrs. M. M. S. Gillson of Appleton City, Department Patriotic Instructor, on behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps. The flag was received with suitable remarks by the Principal of the School. In the evening, by invitation of Warden Andrae of the Penitentiary, the comrades and ladies were invited to partake of the hospitality of the institution in a supper which was largely attended and heartily enjoyed. The Automobile Club of Jefferson City kindly furnished transportation going and coming.

Later in the evening the Opera House was packed to its utmost capacity where a Camp-fire was held, over which Department Commander Denham presided. The programme was about as follows. Invocation by Rev. J. J. Martin, followed by tableau and song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," by a quartette of mixed voices. Past Department Commander Hon. John M. Williams of California, Mo., made an interesting address, and was followed by Mrs. Henry Fairback of St. Louis, who recited "The Veteran" in an impressive manner. Mrs. Belle Harris, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, charmed the audience with several vocal selections. Hon. Chas. G. Burton, Past Commander-in-Chief, addressed this meeting in his usual felicitous vein which always holds the attention of the general public as well as the "old boys"

who have heard him so often. The audience was then favored with an eloquent address by Hon. John E. Swanger, former Secretary of State, which, as was the case with the preceding speaker, was received with frequent applause. The closing feature of the Campfire was the presentation of a flag to James A. Garfield Post of Jefferson City by Mrs. Mary M. Stark of St. Louis, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, which was received on behalf of the Post by Comrade A. N. Seaber, the Post Commander, with the thanks of the Post. The entire audience then joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner," and the meeting was dismissed.

The reception by the Governor and Mrs. Hadley, in honor of the visitors, on Thursday evening, at the Mansion, was largely attended from 8 o'clock until a late hour. The house not being large enough to accommodate all, after the reception large numbers occupied seats on the lawn, which was brightly illuminated. An orchestra furnished music during the evening, and refreshments were served to all. It was a most enjoyable occasion and all were made to feel at home by the Governor and his estimable wife.

The streets and buildings of the city were very handsomely decorated, and great credit is due to the Commercial Club and the citizens generally for their efforts to make the Encampment a success. The comrades of Garfield Post can feel that they have fully redeemed their promises, and great praise is due Comrade H. T. Holmes, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for his untiring efforts, although a great part of the time suffering from severe illness, and to Hon. A. N. Seaber, Commander of the Post, who so ably assisted him. During the meeting of the Encampment they were always on hand when wanted, and no detail of the many necessary for the successful handling of the Encampment was neglected.

The Encampment was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, and all returned to their homes with pleasant recollections of Jefferson City, and their cordial reception therein.

GENERAL ORDERS. 1910-1911.

General Orders No. 1: St. Louis, Mo., May 14th, 1910.

I. At the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Warrensburg, Missouri, May 11th and 12th, 1910, I was duly elected and installed as Department Commander, and now assume command, and take this opportunity to express to all the comrades of this Department my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me.

It is my sincere desire that every comrade in this Department will use his best efforts to bring into the Grand Army of the Republic every old soldier holding an honorable discharge who may be found deserving and worthy.

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.

John R. Young, Post 589, Clinton, Inspector.

W. W. Chapel, Post 172, Appleton City, Judge Advocate.

Wm. F. Moll, Post 8, Kansas City, Chief Mustering Officer.

W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.

James B. Dobyne, Post 131, St. Louis, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The personal address of the Department Commander is St. Louis, Mo.

All official communications should be addressed to Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

R. N. DENHAM,
Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2. St. Louis, Mo., May 24th, 1910.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—Robert N. Denham, Post 131, St. Louis.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—J. W. Beach, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—G. A. Douglas, Post 78, Warrensburg.

Medical Director—Dr. J. E. Jones, Post 46, DeSoto.

Chaplain—Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; E. S. Miner, Post 124, Bethany; J. T. Warburton, Post 7, St. Joseph;

Edward Borck, Post 107, St. Louis; R. W. Davis, Post 57, Brookfield.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-fourth National Encampment:

Representatives.

Arthur Dreifus (at large), St. Louis.
 Nich. Mathias, Moberly.
 W. F. Silverwood, St. Louis.
 H. T. Holmes, Jefferson City.
 J. B. Davis, Kansas City.
 Peter Bobe, St. Louis.
 Fred. Wenz, St. Joseph.
 C. W. Fitch, St. Louis.
 H. W. Plumer, St. Louis.
 W. C. Calland, Springfield.
 G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville.
 Chas. H. Morgan, Joplin.
 Chas. W. Rubey, Lebanon.
 L. Sturtevant, Brookfield.
 Joseph L. Nichols, Trenton.

Alternates.

W. H. Mengel, California.
 J. H. Stoner, Cameron.
 H. P. Russell, Lexington.
 Wm. Lowe, Warrensburg.
 Louis Schaeperkoetter, St. Louis.
 W. B. Mullins, Miami.
 F. M. Clayton, Buffalo.
 Benj. Warner, Kansas City.
 Henry DeBell, St. Joseph.
 Henry Lepp, DeSoto.
 H. F. Glahn, Hager's Grove.
 Chas. E. Wadleigh, Green Ridge.
 M. T. Wood, Clinton.
 J. E. Decker, Republic.
 F. H. Chattin, St. Louis.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Nich Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Color-Bearer and Aide-de-Camp.

John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp.

IV. Each Post Commander 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 the Department Commander at the late Encampment, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 38, La Plata; 63, Holden; 176, Indian Springs; 254, Taneyville; 337, Jasper; 434, Richland; 578, Alton.

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, 1910, 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 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. All members are in good standing who have not been reported 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 on the muster-roll 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 the report of the Post Chaplain, as to the observance of Memorial Day, is herewith enclosed, which should be carefully filled out and sent in the enclosed envelope to Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Department Chaplain, No. 1909 North Grand Avenue, St.

Louis, Mo. Post Commanders should see that the report is promptly made after Memorial Day.

VII. Comrades are requested to inform these Headquarters of the dates for holding Reunions, so that the same may be published in future orders.

IX. The selection of the place of meeting for the Department Encampment next year was referred by the Encampment at Warrensburg to the Council of Administration, with power to act.

X. The following comrades are hereby reappointed as Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home: Louis Benecke, Post 268; Arthur Dreifus, Post 1; John M. Williams, Post 276.

XI. The Forty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on the week of September 19th to 24th, 1910. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be established at the New Dunlop Hotel. Further and more definite information, with regard to rates and routes, will be given in later General Orders.

XII. The one hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the adoption of the United States Flag will occur on Tuesday, June 14th, 1910, and its general observance is specially commended to the Posts and comrades. Let the flag be displayed from our residences, places of business, Post rooms and from school buildings, as an object lesson of patriotism to all the people, especially the youth of the country.

XIII. General Orders Nos. 4 and 5, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of ROBERT N. DENHAM, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., July 30th, 1910.

I. The selection of the place of meeting of the Department Encampment next year, having been referred by the Encampment at Warrensburg to the Council of Administration, the question was submitted to the members thereof by letter July 21st to 23rd. Three Posts had made application, Post No. 6, at Jefferson City, June 11th; Post No. 57, at Brookfield, June 11th, and Post No. 119, at Stanberry, June 29th. An application from Post No. 22, at Kirksville, was received after the question was submitted. Jefferson City was selected, the vote being as follows:

Jefferson City received 10 votes, Brookfield 2 votes. Three members not heard from.

II. The Committee having charge of the subscriptions to the "Safety Fund," authorized by the unanimous vote of the Department Encampment, report the following list of subscribers so far as received:

Leo Rasselur, Post No. 1.....	\$50.00	E. M. Meier, Post No. 4.....	10.00
F. M. Sterrett, Post No. 1....	50.00	F. Josephson, Post No. 4.....	5.00
Chas. F. Vogel, Post No. 1....	50.00	W. Huttig, Post No. 4.....	5.00
A. Whipple, Post No. 1.....	50.00	Commerce Trust Company,	
Thos. B. Rodgers, Post No. 1.	25.00	Post No. 4.....	5.00
Adolph Dehner, Post No. 1....	25.00	Sol. Bloch, Post No. 4.....	2.00
Gustav Cramer, Post No. 1..	10.00	Shilschler, Post No. 4.....	2.00
W. F. Silverwood, Post No. 1.	10.00	Leon Bloch, Post No. 4.....	2.00
Arnold Bower, Post No. 1....	5.00	M. Loewen, Post No. 4.....	2.00
Fred Flammger, Post No. 1..	5.00	W. C. Hoch, Post No. 4.....	1.00
Sam Babcock, Post No. 4....	10.00	Nich. Mathias, Post No. 5....	5.00

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Wm. Warner, Post No. 8....	25.00	J. S. Stinger, Post No. 512....	.50
G. L. Zimmerman, Admr. Est.		C. Geisler, Post No. 512.....	.50
of J. G. Zimmerman, Post No.		Thos. H. Williams, Post No.	.50
13	25.00	512	
Chas. G. Burton, Post No. 26.	50.00	And the following from pa-	
Chas. W. Rubey, Post No. 48	25.00	triotic citizens of Tipton	
Henry Fairback, Post No. 107	50.00	through Post No. 512:	
R. N. Denham, Post No. 131....	50.00	J. M. Boyd.....	1.00
J. B. Doyne, Post No. 131....	50.00	Gustav Dueber	1.00
C. K. Reifsnider, Post No. 131	50.00	John Kuttenueler	1.00
Tom L. Johnson, Post No. 131	10.00	Peter J. Knipp.....	1.00
Louis Benecke, Post No. 268.	50.00	Adolph Dick	1.00
John B. Jones, Post No. 331....	25.00	Peter Franken	1.00
W. H. Evens, Post No. 348....	5.00	Joseph Wolf	1.00
S. R. Maclay, Post No. 348. \$	4.00	P. J. Koechner.....	1.00
J. S. Wilkinson, Post No. 348.	1.00	Jacob Helnen	1.00
Adolph Koechner, Post No.		P. J. Claas.....	1.00
512	1.00	Schwkrath & Klein.....	1.00
Andrew Wolf, Post No. 512..	1.00	W. P. Kuttenueler.....	1.00
Peter Dick, Post No. 512.....	1.00	Jos. Dueber	1.00
Isaac Williams, Post No. 512.	1.00	Wm. Schmidt & Co.....	1.00
H. J. Koechner, Post No. 512.	1.00	W. F. Oulgley.....	1.00
H. H. Clark, Post No. 512....	1.00	P. C. Flood.....	.50
J. B. Wolf, Post No. 512.....	1.00	W. J. Baker .....	.50
H. M. Campbell, Post No. 512	.50	D. D. Quinnin.....	

The importance and value to the Department of this fund can hardly be overestimated. It seems to the Commander, as it did to the Encampment, that it is the duty of the comrades who are able, now when they are able, to provide for the future needs of the Department when its ranks shall have necessarily become depleted. While the subscriptions are generous so far as they go, there should be a more general response to this call. Our advices are that a number of Posts which have been active in the matter have not yet sent in their lists. As some Posts have asked for additional subscription papers, one or more are sent with this order.

III. The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, on recommendation of the Post Commanders.

Henry Evers, Post 2, St. Louis.
 E. T. Ellis, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 O. P. Smith, Post 8, Kansas City.
 Daniel W. Austin, Post 57, Brookfield.
 Chas. E. Clark, Post 78, Warrensburg.
 W. R. Herrell, Post 232, Humansville.
 August Ostman, Post 567, Moberly.

The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp by the Department Commander, of his own motion:

W. B. Stewart, Post 5, Moberly.
 Victor Zuber, Post 6, Jefferson City.
 John M. Thuerer, Post 14, Joplin.
 Frank Hill, Post 16, Carthage.
 J. P. Benjamin, Post 17, Cameron.
 Wm. M. Lomax, Post 19, Laclede.
 Geo. W. Null, Post 21, Maryville.
 Griffith Evans, Post 22, Kirksville.
 S. J. Wilson, Post 23, Macon.
 J. B. Crubaugh, Post 34, Lamar.
 John Van Fossen, Post 47, Green City.
 John Rippey, Post 53, Sedalia.
 A. J. Bennett, Post 54, Unionville.

H. C. Wyatt, Post 58, Butler.
J. B. Ormsby, Post 79, Princeton.
Lloyd Nutter, Post 82, Wellsville.
John Turner, Post 86, King City.
Geo. Lloyd, Post 96, Marysville.
Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97, Linn.
John Ferguson, Post 111, Iberia.
W. E. Evans, Post 115, Carl Junction.
E. Boucher, Post 118, Mt. Vernon.
D. N. Gardner, Post 123, Salem.
Tom. L. Johnson, Post 131, St. Louis.
John Norfleet, Post 135, Olean.
Wesley Keith, Post 150, Spickard.
P. M. Russell, Post 160, Wheeling.
D. F. Olinger, Post 161, Buffalo.
Thos. McPeek, Post 164, Beckenridge.
E. S. Chapin, Post 172, Appleton City.
W. R. Sanford, Post 185, New London.
R. B. Dodge, Post 190, Webb City.
W. H. Morse, Post 197, Warrenton.
Marion Hartwell, Post 218, Fairport.
James Watson, Post 219, Republic.
R. H. Parsons, Post 221, Edina.
C. C. Rubottom, Post 238, Lowry City.
Geo. Hutchinson, Post 243, Willow Springs.
J. H. Asher, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.
T. J. Baggs, Post 260, Blanchard, Iowa.
E. M. E. B. Shaw, Post 274, Norwood.
Wm. Blakely, Post 282, Carrollton.
Geo. Templeton, Post 316, Louisiana.
J. W. Ingram, Post 320, Hermann.
I. N. Reser, Post 330, Urbana.
Robt. Hoffman, Post 332, Washington.
W. H. Evens, Post 348, Hopewell.
E. T. Doty, Post 359, Anderson.
C. D. Hoskins, Post 374, Galt, R. R. 2.
L. A. Thompson, Post 420, Montgomery City.
J. M. Hawkins, Post 425, Brumley.
J. A. Hawley, Post 429, Elkland.
R. A. Vance, Post 437, Cross Timbers.
J. T. Alward, Post 453, Middletown.
H. O. Cornman, Post 461, Jenkins.
S. U. Branstetter, Post 466, Vandalia.
S. F. Luken, Post 472, Fulton.
J. L. Winfrey, Post 479, Montreal.
E. S. Templeton, Post 488, Pocahontas.
A. F. McCray, Post 525, Cowgill.
Uriah Pontius, Post 548, Stover.
H. N. Stump, Post 551, Blythedale.
Geo. Wentz, Post 554, St. Charles.
H. W. Hagedorn, Post 572, Rhineland.
J. T. Roberts, Post 574, Elmira.
John S. Luthy, Post 579, Pilot Knob.
David McGhee, Post 580, Windsor.
H. C. Williamson, Post 582, Lee's Summit.

IV. As the time approaches for the meeting of the National Encampment at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in the week beginning September 19th, 1910, it is well that those who intend going should begin to make their arrangements.

The railroad rates, being one and one-half fare for the round trip, are the highest that have yet been inflicted on the comrades, the rate from St. Louis and return being \$33.40, and one dollar additional for an extension after September 28th to October 28th.

The regular excursion rates offered to the public by all roads, good for 30 days from date of purchase, are from three to five dollars less than the Grand Army rate, and the comrades should avail themselves of these rates in preference to the Grand Army rate. The regular excursion rate from St. Louis is \$29.10.

VI. Department Chaplain, Comrade T. H. Hagerty, requests that such Post Chaplains as have not forwarded their reports should do so at once, or that the Adjutant or Post Commander will make the report.

VII. The Journal of the Twenty-ninth Annual Department Encampment and Department Roster for 1910, are enclosed herewith; also General Orders, No. 6, National Headquarters.

VIII. The Department Commander regrets to announce the death at Kansas City, Mo., of Comrade J. B. Davis, Adjutant of McPherson Post, No. 4, who died suddenly on the evening of July 25th. Comrade Davis was elected Senior-Vice Department Commander in 1906, and was one of the Representatives-elect to the 44th National Encampment. He was a true and faithful comrade and a frequent attendant at Department and National Encampments, and will be greatly missed and sincerely mourned by all his comrades.

By command of ROBERT N. DENHAM, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4.

St. Louis, Mo., August 30th, 1910.

I. As heretofore announced the Forty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, during the week beginning Monday, September 19th, 1910. The parade will be on Wednesday, September 21st. The business sessions of the Encampment will be held on the Steel Pier at the foot of Virginia Avenue, commencing on Thursday, September 22d, at 10 o'clock A. M.

II. The headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be established at the New Dunlop Hotel, in parlor on first floor up, on Monday, September 19th. The hotel is located on Pacific and Mt. Vernon Avenues. 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, New Dunlop Hotel, on Tuesday evening, September 20th, 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 Atlantic City. The line of march will not exceed two miles over good streets. The Department Commander desires to have in line every Missouri comrade who is present and able to march. Comrade J. B. Dobyne, Senior Aide-de-Camp of Staff, will have charge of the formation of the parade.

V. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment, who have not already done so, will notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than September 7th 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 New Dunlop Hotel for a limited number at \$2.50 per day, on the American plan, four comrades to each room, on first floor up. Smaller rooms on upper floors may be had for \$3.00 per day, two in a room. Representatives and Past Department Commanders, who desire these accommodations, and who have not already notified the Assistant Adjutant General, should do so without delay.

VI. As heretofore stated, there are two rates available to Atlantic City; the Grand Army rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip, and the regular summer excursion rate, tickets on sale daily until September 30th, good for thirty days. The latter are from \$3.00 to \$5.00 cheaper than the Grand Army rate from most points. It would be well, however, for comrades to make particular inquiry from railroad agents as to rates and stop-over privileges, and ascertain which ticket is most advantageous. The Grand Army tickets will be on sale from September 15th to 19th, inclusive, from St. Louis, and from 14th to 18th from interior of the State, and will be good returning so as to reach original starting point by September 29th inclusive. They may be extended, however, so as to reach original starting point to and including October 28th, by depositing ticket with Special Agent at Atlantic City, not later than September 29th, and paying a fee of \$1.00. The Grand Army rate from St. Louis to Atlantic City and return is \$33.40. The thirty-day summer excursion rate is \$29.70. The G. A. R. rates from Kansas City and St. Joseph are \$43.40; excursion rate \$38.70. G. A. R. rate from Joplin \$44.36; excursion rate \$42.50. G. A. R. rate from Sedalia \$40.90; excursion rate \$37.20. G. A. R. rate from Jefferson City \$38.40; excursion rate \$34.70. These samples will give a fair idea of rates from other points.

The thirty-day excursion tickets, which are recommended where one intends to return with the limit of thirty days, must be validated at Atlantic City on leaving there, no fee being charged, but can be deposited with the Agent at Philadelphia, from which point side trips can be made within limits of ten days, when ticket can be taken up on return.

VII. The Department Commander and Staff will accompany Ransom Post on a special train, which will leave Union Station, St. Louis, on Saturday, September 17th, at 9 o'clock P. M. via Big Four route, through Indianapolis to Cincinnati, thence via the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway to Washington thence by Pennsylvania Railroad through Baltimore and Philadelphia to Atlantic City. This Missouri-Ransom special train will go through to Atlantic City without change, will arrive at Cincinnati at 7 o'clock A. M., for breakfast, on September 18th, and arrive at Atlantic City at 8 o'clock A. M., on September 19th. There will be a dining car from

Cincinnati. Stop-overs on return trip not to exceed ten days will be allowed at Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, White Sulphur, Clifton Forge, Cincinnati and Indianapolis. ticket to be deposited with agent at place where stop is made. The rate to Atlantic City for double berth, which will accommodate two persons, in Standard sleeper, is \$6.00. A day coach will accommodate those who do not wish a sleeper. Comrades wishing to engage berths should address C. W. Fitch, Quartermaster of Ransom Post, 317 Washington Avenue, St. Louis.

VIII. The Department Commander would be pleased to have as many as possible of the Department Officers and Representatives to accompany him on this train, thereby adding much to the pleasure of the trip. The route passes through the beautiful mountain and river scenery of West Virginia and near many of the historic battlefields of the war. Comrades from outside of St. Louis should see that their tickets are routed via C. C. C. & St. L. (Big Four) St. Louis to Cincinnati, Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, Cincinnati to Washington, Pennsylvania Railroad, Washington to Atlantic City.

IX. Posts requiring supplies should make requisition before September 17th, from which date until October 1st the Headquarters at St. Louis will be closed.

X. General Orders, No. 7, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of ROBERT N. DENHAM, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5. St. Louis, Mo., November 23rd, 1910.

I. The Department Commander hereby returns thanks to each of the comrades who attended the Forty-fourth National Encampment held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, during the week beginning September 19th, last. The number attending the Encampment was much larger than we had reason to expect, owing to the unusually high rate made by the railroad companies. In the Grand Army parade the Missouri Department made a very creditable showing and was cheered on all sides. In the National Encampment we appeared with a full delegation, with the exception of C. W. Fitch, of Post 131, who was confined to his hotel in Atlantic City by illness. Atlantic City is an ideal spot for a gathering of this character. The patriotic people of not only the city of Atlantic City, but the State of New Jersey, demonstrated their patriotism to the Grand Army of the Republic by the profuse decorations and by the hospitality extended by the citizens to the members of the Grand Army. The Encampment selected Rochester, New York, as the place of meeting next year.

We were successful in the election of Comrade Frank M. Sterrett, as member of the National Council of Administration from Missouri, and he has since been appointed a member of the Executive Committee thereof. The Department is under renewed obligations to Comrade Sterrett for many courtesies extended at the Encampment.

The Commander also wishes to urge upon all of the Posts of this Department that a vigilant canvass be made of their respective

territories in the search for recruits to the Grand Army, hoping that at the end of his administration there will be a considerable increase in the membership.

II. As provided by the Rules and Regulations, the annual election of Post officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment will also be elected at the same meeting. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members in good standing as per Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1910 and one additional 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 already 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 the officers elected and appointed is also enclosed, and should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General after the officers are installed.

III. The officers will be installed at the first meeting in January, 1911, 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.

It is for many reasons desirable that Posts where practicable should have public installations. In such cases the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans should be invited, as well as the general public. Soldiers, not members and their families should also be specially invited. Posts should be opened and closed informally.

IV. The attention of Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters is especially called to the importance of promptly making out and forwarding the semi-annual reports, blanks in duplicate for which are enclosed herewith. These reports with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month. Remittances should not be made by personal check, on which blanks make a charge for collection.

Post Adjutants in reporting deceased comrades should be particular to state the rank, company and regiment in which they served.

V. A blank with addressed envelope of the Patriotic Instructor is enclosed, which should be sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor, Comrade W. C. Calland, Springfield, Mo. Post Patriotic Instructors are to be appointed by the Post Commanders and installed with the other officers.

VI. The Department Chaplain requests that such Post Chaplains as have not already sent their reports which were due after Memorial Day, shall do so at once. His address is Rev. Thos. H. Hagerty, 1909 N. Grand Ave., St. Louis.

VII. The following new Posts have been mustered:

Capt. Hendricks Post, No. 590, at Poplar Bluff, Butler County, September 6th, 1910, by Comrade H. Y. Mabrey, P. P. C. Post 354, Special Mustering Officer. Ira B. Timmons, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 11.

James E. Black Post, No. 591, at Richmond, Ray County, November 12th 1910, by Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade Wm. F. Moll, assisted by comrades of Post 4 and Post 8, of Kansas City. Abraham B. Powell, Post Commander. Number of charter members, 16

VIII. The following additional subscriptions to the "Safety Fund," are reported by the Committee having charge of the same:

Christopher Glesler, Post No. 1	J. McEwan, Post No. 172	50
10.00	W. F. McColly, Post No. 172	50
John A. Tomhagen, Post No. 1	T. C. Brown, Post No. 172	50
10.00	B. Estes, Post No. 172	50
Jacob Lambert, through Post No. 1	E. B. Smith, Post No. 172	50
25.00	Jno. R. Pickrell, Post No. 172	50
Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8	Henry Brown Post No. 276	25.00
50.00	Jno. M. Williams, Post No. 276	10.00
Jere. T. Dew, Post No. 8	Jno. W. Moore, Post No. 276	10.00
10.00	Fred. Bentrup, Post No. 276	10.00
W. F. Moll, Post No. 8	W. H. Mengel, Post No. 276	5.00
10.00	Michael Minster, Post No. 276	2.50
W. H. Wormstead, Post No. 8	Jacob Hott, Post No. 276	2.00
5.00	James S. Roth, Post No. 276	2.00
A. A. Kennedy, Post No. 8	Jacob Neuffer, Post No. 276	1.00
2.00	D. H. Hamlin, Post No. 276	1.00
M. R. Winch, Post No. 8	C. S. Rohrbach, Post, No. 276	1.00
2.00	H. B. Sappington, Post No. 276	1.00
W. H. Slawson, Post No. 8	Aug. Seyfert, Post No. 276	1.00
1.00	Gray Steele, Post No. 276	1.00
W. J. Collins, Post No. 8	J. W. Yarnell, Post No. 276	1.00
1.00	H. D. Graves, Post No. 276	1.00
Joe Hooker Post No 17	W. H. Welsh, Post No. 276	1.00
10.00	C. H. Marrow, Post No. 276	.50
T. J. Gideon, Post No. 69	Frank Gentsch, Post No. 276	.25
10.00	H. A. Weatherby, Post No. 276	.25
W. C. Calland, Post No. 69	W. R. Bishop, Post No. 276	.25
5.00	E. G. Grossman, Post No. 282	5.00
H. J. Dutton, Post No. 69	B. Henivan, Post No. 282	5.00
5.00	Allen Henry, Post No. 282	2.00
P. W. Bahl, Post No. 69	Howard Gliddus, Post No. 282	1.00
5.00	M. Bryant, Post No. 282	1.00
A. R. McDonald, Post No. 69	R. Jones, Post No. 282	1.00
2.00	Mrs. St. Clair	1.00
Wm. M. Smith, Post No. 69	Wm. Lowe, Post No. 566	25.00
2.00		
W. A. Zukoski, Post No. 131		
5.00		
Jno. A. Ockerson, Post No. 131		
10.00		
W. R. Mays, Post No. 131		
10.00		
E. S. Cronk, Post No. 131		
5.00		
T. W. Purcell, Post No. 131		
5.00		
F. C. Pauley, Post No. 131		
5.00		
Jno. B. Lee, Post No. 131		
2.00		
F. J. Alcorn, Post No. 131		
2.00		
Ira Moore, Post No. 131		
2.00		
F. H. Karnatz, Post No. 131		
2.00		
T. J. Kinsman, Post No. 131		
2.00		
F. Evans, Post No. 131		
1.00		
Chas. Pool, Post No. 131		
1.00		
Ransom Relief Corps		
10.00		
W. W. Chapel, Post No. 172		
10.00		
W. G. Brown, Post No. 172		
1.00		
T. D. Thayer, Post No. 172		
1.00		
T. D. Day, Post No. 172		
1.00		

Quite a number of Posts have collections under way for this Fund. It is hoped they may make as prompt returns as possible, in order that the funds may be invested. Further subscriptions will be announced as received, in future Orders.

IX. Comrade Chas. W. Rubey, Post 48, Lebanon, Mo., is hereby appointed a member of the Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home, to succeed Past Department Commander Louis Benecke, who has been appointed by the Governor as a Trustee of the Home.

X. General Orders, Nos. 1 and 2, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of ROBERT N. DENHAM, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS.

Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.

St. Louis, Mo., March 7th, 1911.

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Wednesday and Thursday, May 24th and 25th, 1911, for the meeting of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment of this Department at Jefferson City, Mo.

We are assured by the comrades at Jefferson City that the destruction by the fire of the State Capitol will in nowise interfere with their arrangements for the successful meeting of the Encampment, but that both comrades and citizens will do their utmost to suitably entertain their guests upon that occasion. The central location should ensure a large attendance.

II. The Forty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Rochester, New York, in the week beginning August 21st, 1911.

III. The following additional amounts have been reported as received by the Committee having charge of the subscriptions to the Department "Safety Fund."

Geo. H. Shields, Post No. 1..	\$25.00	E. G. Davis.....	\$ 1.00
Dr. James McClure, Post No. 1	5.00	C. Hilke	2.00
Dr. John Dinsbeer, Post No. 1	5.00	W. Brandt	1.00
Benj. Warner, Post No. 4....	15.00	Stock-Peterman Co. ....	.50
Custer Post No. 7.....	50.00	Frank Huelsemann	2.00
J. W. Beach, Post No. 7.....	10.00	F. Esselbruegge	1.00
O. P. Smith, Post No. 8.....	2.00	Lothman Cypress Co.....	5.00
Chas. E. Gableman, Post No. 8	2.00	J. Mogler	5.00
Curtis Post No. 84.....	1.00	B. C. Hermann	2.00
J. B. Stewart, Post No. 276..	2.50	Kayser Raw Hide Co.....	1.00
Julius Pitzman, Post No. 131	10.00	Jacob Bernser .....	.50
Dr. Geo. Boemler, Post No. 131	10.00	W. J. A. Kohrumel.....	.50
H. Borngesser, Post No. 131..	5.00	Fred. Schingel	1.00
J. C. MacGinnitie, Post No. 131	2.00	Math. Herman & Son.....	2.00
J. Baumgartner, Post No. 131	1.00	J. F. O. Reller	2.00
S. W. Fordyce, Post No. 131..	10.00	Strodtman & Strodtman....	2.00
John Pugh, Post No. 131....	1.00	R. H. Myers Hardware Co...	1.00
V. Melbeck, Post No. 131....	5.00	J. H. Gundlach.....	2.00
A. J. Showers, Post No. 131..	2.00		
S. T. McEay, Post No. 131....	1.50	Collected through Comrade	
D. C. Dix, Post No. 131.....	1.00	Louis Schaeperkoetter, Post	
Anonymous comrade, Post No. 131	10.00	No. 107:	
Wm. F. Tufts, Post No. 131..	5.00	Dr. Edward Borck.....	5.00
Jas. E. Withrow, Post No. 131	20.00	Louis Schaeperkoetter	5.00
Silas A. Kay, Post No. 131....	10.00	G. C. Roetger	5.00
Wm. McMasters, Post No. 131	1.00	Chas. H. Pueser.....	5.00
Collections by Harding		Pfasterer Bros.	5.00
Post No. 107, through Comrade Wm. F. Klanke:		Chas. A. Warner	1.00
J. H. Wottebroh.....	1.00	Ferd. Schneider .....	.50
Fred. Broser	2.00	Chas. Luther	5.00
Joseph Wangler	5.00	Henry W. Kuhlman & Son..	5.00
Jos. Maccalun	1.00	Peter Luther	5.00
Wm. F. Klanke.....	2.00	Wm. Grond	3.00
Chris. Puls	2.00	Chas. O. A. Brunk.....	5.00
Henry Gerke	1.00	J. P. Riechers.....	5.00
E. B. Bowman .....	.50	Wm. H. Redemeyer.....	5.00
Wm. Mantz .....	.50	Mechanics' Planing Mill Co..	5.00
Collected through Comrade Peter Neifind, Post No. 107:		Chas. Naber's Sons.....	5.00
J. H. Wottebroh.....	1.00	John C. Steeg.....	1.00
Fred. Broser	2.00	Henry Boss .....	.50
Joseph Wangler	5.00	Anton Edler	5.00
Jos. Maccalun	1.00	L. Loeffel	1.00
Wm. F. Klanke.....	2.00	H. W. Kolschneider.....	10.00
Chris. Puls	2.00	Frank J. Forster.....	50.00
Henry Gerke	1.00	Otto F. Stifel.....	100.00
E. B. Bowman .....	.50		
Wm. Mantz .....	.50		

The Committee requests that Posts having subscriptions under way, but not completed, should report same at an early date, as the Committee desires to make as full report as possible to the Department Encampment.

IV. Allan C. Bakewell, Chairman of the Lincoln Centennial Committee announces that the Committee has prepared and published a handsomely illustrated souvenir volume of 164 pages, containing the expressed opinions of the world favorable to the Great President through orations, poems and anecdotes brought forth at the Centennial observance. The book has been copyrighted by Commander-in-Chief Gilman, and the net proceeds of its sale will be paid into the permanent fund of the G. A. R. The price is \$1.50 each. If ordered singly, 14 cents should be added for postage, and ten cents for registration, if desired. If more than one to one address, they will be sent by express, charges forward. Orders may be addressed to Wilbur F. Brown, 149 Broadway, N. Y.

The Committee also has on hand a few Lincoln Medals, which may be obtained from same address, at \$1.00 each.

V. General Orders, Nos. 3, 4 and 5, National Headquarters, are herewith transmitted.

By command of ROBERT N. DENHAM, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders N. 7.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20th, 1911.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I. With the coming of spring and awakening of flowers from their long sleep, we are again reminded of our duties on Memorial Day. An appreciative Nation has declared May 30th of each year a holiday, and the Grand Army of the Republic has set it apart as the one day of the year, we, the survivors of the Civil War, shall devote to the memory of those who touched elbows with us in the heat of battle and gave up their lives that the Nation might live, as well as those who were permitted to return but have since been called to join the Great Army above.

II. It is the wish of your Commander that every Post in this Department meet on Sunday, May 28th, at some place of religious worship and there in a reverent spirit hold our service in memory of those of our comrades who have crossed the River Jordan before us. Let us invite to this Holy service all the Auxiliaries, including the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Veterans, the Spanish War Veterans and other patriotic organizations in our midst to participate in this service.

III. Let each Post assemble on Memorial Day at a place designated by its officers and proceed in a body to the place of holding this Memorial service, then to the graves of our dead comrades and there express our love and affection by strewing each grave with flowers in sacred memory of their service in perpetuating this, the best Government known to men, and to teach patriotism and love of country to those who follow us.

IV. The attention of Post Chaplains is called to the importance of forwarding reports to the Department Chaplain immediately after Memorial Day.

By command of ROBERT N. DENHAM, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 8.

St. Louis, Mo., April 25th, 1911.

I. The Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held in the Jefferson Opera House, corner of High and Jefferson Streets, Jefferson City, Mo., on Wednesday and Thursday, May 24th and 25th, 1911 commencing at 10 o'clock. A. M.

II. The Headquarters of the Department will be located at the Madison Hotel on Tuesday May 23d. The Council of Administration, which consists of all the Department officers, will meet in the Parlor adjoining Headquarters, on the second floor, at 3 o'clock P. M., May 23d.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: John T. Clarke, Post 6; Elmer M. Graham, Post 145; R. W. Whitlow, Post 240; W. H. Mengel, Post 276; Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97.

The Committee will meet on the first floor of the Madison Hotel on Tuesday, May 23d, 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 Register for visitors and Bureau of Information will also be kept on the first floor of the Madison Hotel, in charge of Comrades Victor Zuber and D. M. Thompson, of Post 6. All comrades are requested to register upon their arrival.

IV. On recommendation of the Commander of James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, the following comrades of that Post are hereby detailed for duty at the Encampment. For Officer of the Day, L. V. Dix; for Officer of the Guard, Peter Vogel. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions on Tuesday, May 23d, at 7:30 P. M.

The Commander of Post 6 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 24th, at 8 o'clock.

The hotel accommodations and rates per day, including meals are as follows: Madison Hotel, 100 at \$2.25 and upwards; Central Hotel, 150 at \$2.00; Monroe House, 35 at \$1.50; Riverside Hotel, 30 at \$1.25; Pacific House, 60 at \$1.25; South Side Hotel, 50 at \$1.00.

The Jefferson House can furnish meals for two or three hundred at 25 cents per meal. Several restaurants will furnish meals at same price. Private residences will take from two to ten each at about \$1.00 per day, with meals.

Comrade S. L. McCormick, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, should be addressed by those wishing to engage quarters.

VI. The comrades of Jefferson City, with the assistance of the Commercial Club, have matters well in hand and are making every arrangement to assure a successful and pleasant Encampment. An Entertainment and Camp-fire will be held at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, which will be addressed by Governor Hadley and other eminent speakers. A parade will take place at 4 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, unless otherwise ordered, and will be formed by Comrade J. B. Dobyne, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

On Thursday afternoon after the adjournment of the Encampment, the Automobile Club of Jefferson City has kindly offered to turn out and take the comrades through and around the city.

Governor and Mrs. Hadley will receive the Grand Army comrades and auxiliary organizations at the Mansion on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

VII. The Western Passenger Association and the Southwestern Passenger Association have made the following reduced rate for the Encampment:

"Open rate of fare and one-third, with minimum of two cents per mile in each direction (minimum selling fare to be fifty cents) from points in Missouri to Jefferson City and return; excursion tickets to be sold May 22d, 23d and 24th inclusive, with final return limit to reach original starting point prior to midnight of May 27th, 1911. Tickets to be good going commencing date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction."

VIII. The Missouri Pacific has arranged for a special train, which will leave Union Station, St. Louis, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, May 23d, stopping at Tower Grove, Pacific, Washington and Hermann enroute and arriving at Jefferson City at 5:30 P. M. The fare for the round trip will be \$5.00.

IX. Comrade Tom L. Johnson Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, is hereby detailed for duty at Headquarters during the Encampment.

X. The following additional amounts have been reported as received by the Committee in charge of the subscriptions to the Department "Safety Fund.":

Adolphus Busch, Post No. 1.	\$150.00	Louis Kohlbry, Post No. 13.	\$ 5.00
Anton Roeslein, Post No. 1.	25.00	E. L. Dosenbach, Post No. 13	5.00
Thos. Wright, Post No. 1.	25.00	Phillip Moeser, Post No. 13.	5.00
Christ. Fricke, Post No. 1.	10.00	Fred. Suessdorf, Post No. 13.	3.00
Mrs. Augusta Spiegelhalter,		Lorenz Roos, Post No. 13.	2.50
in memory of her deceased		Louis C. Hesse, Post No. 13.	2.00
husband, Jos. Spiegelhal-		Henry Mueller, Post No. 13.	2.00
ter, Post No. 1.	25.00	Wm. Conroy, Post No. 13.	2.00
Walter Medart, in memory of		Wm. Kohlmeyer, Post No. 13	2.00
his deceased father, Philip		George Aude, Post No. 13.	2.00
Medart, Post No. 1.	25.00	F. P. Becker, Post No. 13.	1.00
Mrs. Josephine Koehler, in		Barth. Husson, Post No. 13.	1.00
memory of her deceased		Jno. H. Holsten, Post No. 13.	1.00
husband, Casper Koehler,		August Brauns, Post No. 13.	1.00
Post No. 1.	25.00	Chas. Kolb, Post No. 13.	1.00
Henry W. Plumer, Post No. 2	10.00	Geo. Bauer, Post No. 13.	1.00
Chas. Niedringhaus, Post		H'n Angermueller, Post No.	
No. 2	10.00	13	1.00
James P. Hesser, Post No. 2.	5.00	Frank Huth, Post No. 13.	1.00
Wm. Rueder, Post No. 2.	5.00	Alex. Kafka, Post No. 13.	1.00
T. A. Moore, Post No. 2.	5.00	H. Munchrath, Post No. 13.	.50
Henry Evers, Post No. 2.	5.00	Joseph J. Roth, Post No. 13.	.50
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Adolph Kieintopf, Post No. 2	5.00	Chas. Karhoff, Post No. 13.	.50
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H. A. Boedecker, Post No. 2.	1.00	Henry Lorenz, Post No. 13.	.50
Louis Berresheim, Post No. 2	1.00	Wm. J. Lemp, in memory of	
J. D. Snediker, Post No. 8.	1.00	his deceased father, Wm.	
August Nasse, Post No. 13	20.00	J. Lemp, Post No. 13.	100.00
G. H. Ossing, Post No. 13.	20.00	O. P. Morton, Post No. 14.	25.00
Henry Miller, Post No. 13.	10.00	James G. Butler, Post No. 131	50.00
Wm. Henkel, Post No. 13.	5.00	T. H. Hagerty.	1.00
Chas. E. Koken, Post No. 13.	5.00		

XI. General Orders, No. 6, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

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 Assistant Adjutant General.



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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 16TH.

The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Logan Theatre, Macon, Mo., at 10 o'clock a. m., on May 16th, 1912, in open session.

Department Commander Benj. Warner called the assemblage to order.

A committee from the Convention of the Women's Relief Corps was announced as in waiting, and were introduced and escorted to the platform, the comrades all rising. The committee consisted of Mrs. Julia T. Dockery, National Vice-President; Mrs. Carrie R. Sparklin, Past National President; Mrs. Mary E. Mettler, Past Department President; Mrs. Hattie A. Cummings, Mrs. Lettie Leech, Mrs. Emily Sibille, and Mrs. Mattie Rich, Department Secretary.

Commander Warner presented the ladies to the audience, and said:

Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps:—We have but now come into the hall. Our meeting has hardly started, but we do not

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recognize any time when the ladies are not welcome. We are ready to hear whatever you may have to say.

Mrs. Mattie E. Rich, Department Secretary of the Women's Relief Corps, presented a report of that organization, which will appear later in the proceedings. Mrs. Dockery, the National Vice-President of the Women's Relief Corps, was then introduced by Commander Warner. She was greeted with enthusiastic applause. She said:
Department Commander and Comrades:

I am glad to meet again the representatives of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic. I bring to you the fraternal greetings of our Department Convention, and renew our pledges of continued loyalty to and support of your order.

I also have the high honor and very great pleasure of representing the National Organization of the Woman's Relief Corps, and extend to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the greetings and well-wishes of almost 165,000 loyal and true American women, who are banded together to aid the Union Veterans of the War of the Sixties, and to perpetuate the principles for which they fought. We do this because we partly remember, or have learned from true histories of that great conflict, something of the hardships and privations the soldiers endured and how valiantly they fought for the land they loved and the standard of government that appealed to them as right. It was not financial considerations that influenced them to enlist. A great crisis was to be met, and they met it splendidly, for ninety-nine out of every one hundred men of that vast army left business interests that were yielding large profits or contracts affording good living wages, and for \$13.00 a month, paid in a depreciated currency, you, here in our own state, captured Camp Jackson and kept Missouri in the Union; fought the bloody battle of Wilson's Creek with the lamented Lyon; were with Selgel on his famous retreat from Brier Fork to Carthage; with Mulligan at Lexington; were at Blue Mills, Athens, Kirksville, Boonville, Springfield, Lone Jack and on down south to Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Little Rock and Moro Bottom; were in the trenches around Fort Donelson and Vicksburg, captured Island Number 10; in the battles of Shiloh, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Kennesaw Mountain, Antietam, Stone River, Cold Harbor, Bermuda Hundred, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, the Wilderness and all around Richmond, where the fields were covered with winrows of the dead from the Rapidan to the James; formed the solid human wall that met the shock of Bickett's gallant charge at Gettysburg; fought above the clouds with Hooker on Lookout

Mountain; marched with Sherman to the Sea, and through the dark and gloomy nights tread the sentinel's lonely beat around the smouldering camp-fires, all the way from Fort Sumter to Appomattox. Now, how much money would a man, prompted by no sense of duty, want for standing as a target for the rain of shot and shell of even one of those battles, and how much of a pension would he have justly earned, if he came out alive? But you veterans waded through field after field of carnage, prompted by no other motive than just to save the Union. You gained the victory and made it possible for this nation to be what it is to-day—one of the wealthiest and strongest among the Powers of the World. Such service cannot be paid for in dollars and cents, but the people in their gratitude should see that every soldier of that war has enough to keep him in comfort, and while this last Service Pension Bill is fairly just, still it is lacking in one very essential point, which I wish might have been referred to a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, who would have planned to cut down some other expenses, doubled every soldier's allowance; added more to the pension appropriation for a few years, for 'tis a sad fact that the honor roll of soldiers is growing pitifully shorter every year. The vallant Army of the Sixties is fast passing to the Great Beyond. But what a blaze of glory illuminates their pathway! They will leave to us a memorial immortal, a monument more enduring than Grecian marble, symbolized by a nation, whose people, united by the bonds of universal brotherhood, acknowledge but one law, pledge loyalty to but one land, hail but one flag.

Mrs. Carrie Sparklin, Past National President of the W. R. C., was introduced and delivered a greeting to the comrades of Missouri.

The ladies then retired, the comrades all rising.

Commander Warner then called upon Comrade Chas. P. Hess, Commander of Post 23 of Macon, to preside, who called upon the Macon Glee Club, who sang the song "Missouri" most admirably, and upon recall sang "America," the comrades all joining.

The Rev. S. Carothers then delivered an impressive invocation. In feeling tones, he prayed for blessings upon the old soldiers; referred to their deeds and of their devotion to their country. He prayed that they might all be ultimately marshalled upon the plains set apart for those who have fought the good fight.

Comrade Hess next introduced Hon. Chas. Payson, Mayor of the city of Macon, who delivered the following address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Macon:

Gentlemen of the Grand Army of the Republic: I have just come from the Methodist church, where I saw a much better looking crowd than is before me now. (Laughter and applause.) After viewing that nice looking audience there I can well understand why you men look so sleek and well-kept. They presented me with this badge, which I am proud to have upon my coat. Much as I honor this badge, it could not possibly mean to me as much as the red badge that you wear upon the lapel of your blue coats means to you. (Applause.)

I see scarcely a man before me whose hair is not gray. We young men, as much as we may love our country—as much as we may honor the Stars and Stripes—cannot possibly realize what that old flag means like you men do.

The best that we can do is to endeavor to make the declining years of your life the most honorable, the most peaceful and the most happy. I wish it were in my power to say something that would measure up to the sacrifices that you men have made for your country and its flag, but it is not within my power to do so. I am neither a lawyer nor a preacher, nor am I used to making public speeches, but I feel honored to be here this morning as the representative of Macon and to have the privilege of saying to you these few words of welcome.

You are welcome to our city. We trust that when you leave here you will feel in your hearts that you have been made welcome. We trust that your meeting this year will be one of the best and one of the most successful meetings that you have ever had.

I trust that we of the younger generation will so conduct our lives that there will be no shadow ever cast upon the flag which you fought so heroically to preserve for this nation. It is to us that its honor is to be left, and we accept it as a solemn trust, a mighty responsibility, basing our confidence in carrying out that trust upon the faith we have in Him who guides the destinies of men and nations.

That the United States is one of the world's greatest nations is due to you and to men like you, and it is to us younger men to support you and to continue the onward march of the mighty work you have so well begun.—(Cheers and applause.)

Department Commander Warner called upon Past Commander-in-Chief Burton to respond to the address of the Mayor. Comrade Burton spoke as follows:

I thank you, Mr. Mayor, for your cordial welcome and through you the good people of Macon for their generous hospitality. Permit me, sir, to congratulate you on the fact that you have just come from the Methodist church. (Laughter and applause.) It is to be hoped that the visit which you have just paid to that church will not be the last one during your official administration. (Laughter and applause.)

We congratulate you, sir, on being what you say you are, a boy. We are boys, too. It is true that the hair on our heads—I speak now of those who do have some hair on them—is gray, but we have learned long ago that while a woman may be old as she looks, a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic is always as young as he feels. (Cheers and applause.)

Mr. Mayor, we have come to your town to hold our annual encampment. We have several objects in view: First, we are an organization. The local body is the unit. Then we have a Department, which ordinarily is co-extensive with the state, and then we have our National encampment. We are here to-day in Department encampment, and assembled to do and perform certain matters of business that pertain to our organization; to select our officers for the ensuing year; to elect our representatives to the next annual encampment. Then we are here, sir, to inculcate and promulgate the cardinal principles of our Order, fraternity, charity and loyalty. I speak of charity not in its limited sense, but in that broad sense that recognizes the infirmity of human nature, the surrounding circumstances and environments. We come, to use language of old Father Abraham, "with charity for all and with malice towards none." We are here to inculcate loyalty and love and veneration for that flag there.

To the artistic it may mean nothing more than the most beautiful combination of colors that floats in the breeze. To you people of a younger generation it may mean nothing but a symbol of the majesty and beauty and glory of the nation. But to these old boys it is something far more. Beneath its folds they marched. They carried it above them in skirmishes, in battle, and frequently it was wrapped around them as a shroud. It has been placed as a winding sheet around the form of some dear comrade who went to his death upon the field of battle or who terminated his days on a hospital cot.

We are here above all things, however, to promote that comradeship and fraternal love which was germinated more than 50 years ago in camp, upon the march and which was welded by the white hot and red fire of the battle field.

We are here to grasp each other by the hand; to welcome each other, to cheer each other on with ringing voice and to bid

each other God-speed during the remaining days that shall be ours to enjoy the glory and the greatness in the grandeur of the nation that we preserved. (Cheers and applause.)

We are here not to forget those who were wont to be with us, who are now sleeping the sleep that knows no waking, who are in the villages and cities of the silent. We shall miss them. We shall not hear the voice we love to hear, nor grasp the warm hands that we love to shake. But God knows their names and their virtues are engraved upon the tablets of our hearts. It is for this purpose, Mr. Mayor, that these young boys are in your beautiful city of Macon today. We thank you again for your kind welcome. We thank you for your cordial hospitality, and I assure you, sir, that there is not one of this vast concourse who will violate a single ordinance of your city. (Cheers and applause.)

Captain John M. London was then called upon by Comrade Hess to make an address of welcome on behalf of F. A. Jones Post No. 23, of Macon. After Captain London's speech, which was frequently interrupted by applause, the Department Commander 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.

Department Chaplain, Rev. Thos. H. Hagerty, being called upon, 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 OF MISSOURI G. A. R.

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Senior Vice Department Commander,

*JOHN T. CLARKE.

Junior Vice Department Commander,

*WM. H. EVENS.

Medical Director,

DR. J. E. JONES.

Chaplain,

*REV. T. H. HAGERTY.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General,

*THOS. B. RODGERS.

Inspector,

*ELI D. HOPKINS.

Judge Advocate,

*JERE. T. DEW.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*JOHN H. FRICK.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

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*W. H. WORMSTEAD,

*A. WHIPPLE,

*J. W. LUCAS,

*JAMES B. WILDE.

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†E. E. KIMBALL,

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.

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†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

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*J. V. MARTIN,

*W. H. SKINNER,

*R. N. DENHAM.

†Deceased.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

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 Macon, Missouri, May 16th and 17th, 1912.

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Rep., W. C. Pfeffer, Wm. Kuemmel, Chas. Steiner, Henry Vonder Ahe, R. Turton.

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P. P. C., Henry Frein, W. Rueweler, Henry W. Plumer.

Rep., F. W. Teuteberg.

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P. P. C., Ches. Stewart.

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Rep., Henry Hachtmeyer.

Burnside Post, No. 566, Pleasant Hill.

P. P. C., Wm. Lowe.

Rep., G. A. Douglass.

James F. How Post, No. 567, Moberly.

P. P. C., H. A. Jaco, Wm. Waddell.

Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.

Rep., G. C. Moffitt.

Capt. E. D. Johnson Post, No. 574, Elmira.

P. C., David L. Green.

P. P. C., James L. Tucker.

Rep., Henry Mills.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lee's Summit.

P. P. C., W. K. Collins.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

John Whaling Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.

P. C., Henry DeBell.

Col. A. W. Maupin Post, No. 586, St. James.

P. C., Stephen Dellacella.

Rep., Eugene Atkinson.

James E. Black Post, No. 591, Richmond.

Rep., John P. Bedwell.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. McCANDLESS, Post 5.

R. W. DAVIS, Post 57.

J. L. BURKE, Post 19.

WM. GREER, Post 23.

Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with. The officers' reports having been printed and distributed in the Encampment, on motion, the reading of the reports, with the exception of the Address of the Department Commander, was dispensed with.

Comrade S. D. Webster, Post 131, was appointed to act as Officer of the Day in the absence of that officer.

Senior Vice Department Commander John T. Clark was called to preside by Department Commander Warner who then read his address as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: At the Thirtieth Annual Encampment held in Jefferson City one year ago you saw fit to confer on me the honor, together with the duties, of serving the comrades of this Department as their Commander until such time as a successor should be elected and installed; and the manner in which those duties have been performed now becomes a part of the deliberations of this Encampment.

We have assembled in this beautiful city of Macon for the purpose of receiving the reports of the various officers and committees, to the end that we may ascertain the status of the Department, close up the affairs of the present, and elect a corps of officers who will conduct the business of the succeeding administration.

In my report as to the condition of the Department, I take pleasure in writing the word "good," and will add there has not been so much as a whisper of complaint from any Post or comrade to Headquarters for adjudication by the Judge Advocate.

MEMBERSHIP.

On assuming command of this Department, the inclination to see a fair increase in the number of names on the various Post rosters appealed to me as being worthy of an earnest effort; but in this I am disappointed; and, after having viewed the conditions from various standpoints, and especially from a period of some thirty years after the organization of the Department, and nearly forty-five years after the muster of the first Grand Army Post, and with the youngest of our comrades rapidly reducing the number of the months of his last decade of the allotted "three score and ten years," it is the opinion of your Commander that we may look with some pardonable pride on the fact that the Grand Army of the Republic, with an average of seventy years as the age of its members, is yet a healthy and strong organization.

In view of the arrival of the time when, in the nature of our organization, we must necessarily grow less in numbers, Post Commanders are especially cautioned to be careful that no comrade be suspended for failure to pay dues if there be a question of doubt as to his ability to pay; and it is the opinion of your Commander that when a comrade's pension constitutes his only in-

come and means of subsistence, his case should be recommended by the Council of Administration for remission of dues.

FINANCES.

It is my earnest desire to call attention to the fact that the matter of finances with which to meet the obligations necessary to the proper conduct of the affairs of the Department is becoming a serious problem, and requires the immediate attention of the Department, that some system of obtaining revenues be adopted whereby the organization may continue to the latest possible moment.

I am here reminded to call attention to the Safety Fund, hoping that our comrades will take new interest in perpetuating our organization; and, to that end, comrades of this Department are most earnestly urged to bear in mind this Safety Fund in their last wills. There is no contribution that a comrade can make that will be so productive of good, providing that he can do so without neglecting his first duty to his family, than to make a contribution by will or otherwise, as he may prefer, to the Safety Fund for the preservation of the organization that has done so much for him with the Government, in protecting the rights of the individual comrade.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

At the Forty-fifth National Encampment held in Rochester, New York, August 24th and 25th, 1911, the Department was represented by a full delegation, fourteen delegates being present.

There were also present two Past Commanders-in-Chief, and five Past Department Commanders, to the credit of the Department of Missouri.

At a meeting held at Department Headquarters in Rochester, our delegation unanimously agreed to the presentation of the name of Past Department Commander F. M. Sterrett for election as a member of the National Council of Administration, and he was accordingly elected, and afterwards appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as a member of the Executive Committee thereof.

On the day of the grand parade, the Department of Missouri, was, as on previous occasions, in line with a creditable number of nicely uniformed comrades, whose soldierly bearing was a source of some little pride to your Commander, and was surely a credit to the Grand Army of the Republic in Missouri.

Los Angeles, California, was selected as the place of holding the Forty-sixth National Encampment, and all comrades who can afford to spare the time and money to make the trip will be amply repaid in the pleasure of meeting comrades of other days.

MEMORIAL DAY.

As the Thirtieth day of May approaches, we are reminded that our comrades who have responded to the last roll-call are resting in the cemeteries all over this broad land and in the waters of the seas, gulfs and rivers, and that the comrades of this Department may be fully impressed with the importance of a due observance of Memorial Day, I will suggest that each comrade, at the first meeting of his Post, after returning from this Encampment, ask that the first five sections of General Orders No. 5 (Current Series), National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, be read to the Post.

Filed with the General Orders No. 5 before referred to, your Adjutant has also General Orders No. 11, Series of 1868, issued by Commander-in-Chief, Comrade John A. Logan, which should also be read.

On the morning of May Thirtieth, let every comrade of this Department, and so far as possible, wearing the uniform of the Grand Army of the Republic, join with those who assemble at the cemeteries and see to it that no grave of a soldier be neglected; for in no way can loyalty to country be better taught than by undying loyalty to our comrades whose "ties with us were welded in the fires of battle," in maintaining the integrity of the principles upheld and established by the men of 1776.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

"Our Elder Sister," the Woman's Relief Corps, is a band, I should say an army, of women, whose influence will be realized by this nation at some time in the future, through the patriotism instilled into the minds of the children of today through incidents related by these noble women. In this manner are the seeds of patriotism unconsciously sown; and through lessons of loyalty to Country and Flag, the germ is nourished to maturity; and when in need of soldiers, the Nation's call will be as readily responded to as in times that you so well remember, and by giving young men who have learned their lessons through the example you have given them, and they will do as you have done in the past.

Let us do all in our power to encourage them in their noble work.

THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

"Our Younger Sister," the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, is an organization of the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters and all female lineal descendants of soldiers, sailors and marines who served and were honorably discharged from the

service in maintaining the supremacy of the National Government, as against the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865; and all I have said before in relation to "Our Elder Sister" is equally applicable to these noble women; and all the encouragement we can give them will be in line with the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic—Loyalty to Country and to Flag.

THE SONS OF VETERANS U. S. A.

The Sons of Veterans is an organization whose membership is composed of male descendants, not less than eighteen years of age, of soldiers, sailors and marines, who were regularly enlisted, mustered and honorably discharged from either the army, navy or marine corps in the service of the United States between the years 1861 and 1865.

The objects of this association, in addition to the worthy one of holding in sacred remembrance the sacrifices their fathers made in maintaining the integrity of the Union, are, in part, the inculcation of patriotism and loyalty to the principles underlying the foundation of this Republic.

They will, in the near future, inherit from the Grand Army of the Republic the important work of maintaining the principle that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

These young men have, during the last year, shown that they have taken hold with the determination to accomplish an organization worthy of the recognition of their fathers, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

THE SOLDIER'S HOME.

I have not had an opportunity of visiting the Federal Soldier's Home at St. James, but from the reports of various officers it is evident that there is much good being done by the State in the interest of our comrades and their wives and widows.

The personnel of the Board of Trustees is sufficient to secure to those who apply for admission at the Home, all that the State has so generously provided, three of the members and Capt. Henry, the Superintendent, being Past Department Commanders.

MUSTERED OUT.

It seems strange that with so many comrades being mustered out of the ranks of the Grand Army here on earth that there has never been a summons issued by hand of death for any officer of this Department until this year. But, comrades, "the silver cord is loosed and the golden bowl is broken," and our Department Senior Vice Commander, Comrade Edward Borck, "has gone to his long home and the mourners go about the streets."

Comrade Borck died January 20th, 1912, at his home in St. Louis, having served faithfully the country of his adoption, both as citizen and soldier. His services in the Grand Army of the Republic were of a high order, and as a comrade all who knew him loved and respected him.

CONCLUSION.

Comrades, again I thank you for the honor you conferred on me at our Department Encampment in Jefferson City one year ago; and as I glance back over the happenings of that year, there is naught but the best of comradeship that greets me from all sections of this Department, for which my heart goes out to the comrades in gratitude and thankfulness.

And here I desire to express my thanks to the officers of the Department for their uniform kindness and consideration.

And lastly, comrades, permit your Commander to unite your thanks with his to our efficient and ever-willing Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Thomas B. Rodgers.

BENJ. WARNER,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 18th, 1912.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade:—The Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Jefferson City, Mo., May 24th and 25th, 1911, conferred upon me the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. At the same time, the Encampment elected Comrade Edward Borck of St. Louis, Senior Vice Department Commander. On the 20th day of January, 1912, this beloved comrade and distinguished surgeon and physician passed away.

By virtue of the Rules and Regulations governing the Grand Army of the Republic, I succeeded to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander upon the death of Comrade Borck, and thereby a vacancy occurred in the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. To fill said vacancy, Comrade Benjamin Warner, Department Commander, convened the Council of Administration, which met at Department Headquarters in St. Louis, February 20th, 1912. At this meeting of the Council of Administration, which I had the pleasure to attend, Comrade William H. Evens of Hopewell, Missouri, Commander of Post No. 348, was unanimously

elected Junior Vice Department Commander. The election of Comrade Evens was a most pleasing event to me. Having been friends since our boyhood days, and having served in the same regiment with him, I am warranted in saying that, in all the relations of life, he is one of the best men on earth.

The Council of Administration also selected Thursday and Friday, May 16th and 17th, 1912, as the time for holding the Thirty-first Annual Encampment at Macon, Missouri.

In addition, a committee was appointed to prepare and forward to the family of Comrade Edward Borck resolutions of sympathy and condolence.

I deeply regret that circumstances beyond my control have prevented me from being more active and useful in sustaining our organization.

Trusting that this Department may continue to be blessed with your faithful services as Assistant Adjutant General, and sincerely thanking you for many kindnesses and tokens of friendship,

I am sincerely your friend in F. C. and L.,

JOHN T. CLARKE,

Senior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Hopewell, Mo., April 8, 1912.

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

Comrade: I came on the field late in the day, consequently have performed no service, I want through you to return my thanks to the comrades for the honor conferred in electing me to the office of Junior Vice Commander, to succeed my comrade John T. Clarke, who was promoted to Senior Vice Commander. He and I came from the same county and enlisted in the same Regiment, Thirty-first Missouri Infantry Volunteers.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

WM. H. EVENS,

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, 1912.

Benj. Warner, Department Commander:

Comrade:—I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1911.

Including 46 Posts which have been previously suspended, there were 261 Posts December 31, 1910. Four Posts were suspended at the Department Encampment in 1911, viz.: Posts 90, 242, 377, 440, making the total number of suspended Posts 50.

One Post, No. 366, at Sheridan, Worth County, surrendered its charter. No new Post was mustered. A net loss of one Post, leaving the number of Posts 260, including the 50 Posts remaining suspended.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the year 1911:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1911.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1910.....	6,283
Gain by muster in	96
Gain by transfer	59
Gain by reinstatement	89— 244
Aggregate	6,527
Loss by death	180
Loss by honorable discharge	3
Loss by transfer	44
Loss by suspension	154
Loss by delinquent reports	42— 423
Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1911.....	6,104

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1911.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1911.....	6,104
Gain by muster in	53
Gain by transfer	48
Gain by reinstatement	83— 184
Aggregate	6,288

Loss by death	117
Loss by honorable discharge	13
Loss by transfer	30
Loss by suspension	191
Loss by delinquent reports	24— 375
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1911	5,913

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1910	6,283
Gain during year by muster in	149
Gain during year by transfer	107
Gain during year by reinstatement	172— 428
Aggregate	6,711
Loss during year by death	297
Loss during year by honorable discharge	16
Loss during year by transfer	74
Loss during year by suspension	345
Loss during year by delinquent reports	66— 798
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1911	5,913
Number remaining suspended	480
Number dropped during year	228
Number of comrades relieved during year	90
Number not comrades relieved during year	81
Amount expended for relief during year	\$ 921.08
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1911	12,411.30
Cash invested in collaterals	20,112.20
Cash balance in relief funds, December 31, 1911	1,798.95
Value of real estate belonging to Posts	12,104.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc	9,388.75
Total value of Post property	\$56,736.28

Our Department is entitled to twelve representatives in the Forty-sixth National Encampment, 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 alphabetical order, beginning with the letter Z.

Another loan of \$2,000 has been made from the Safety Fund last month, for five years at six per cent, on real estate of Elmer Newcomer, in Chariton County, Missouri. This leaves a small balance of the fund on hand as a "nest egg" for further additions.

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

Exhibit "A"—Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "B"—Statement of Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Statement of Supplies on hand.

Exhibit "D"—Statement of Assets.

Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths.

I desire, Commander, to place on record my grateful appreciation of your very great kindness and consideration shown me during my very serious illness at the Rochester Encampment, and also of the faithful services of our lamented Senior Vice Department Commander, Dr. Edward Borck, whose kind attention could not have been surpassed.

I desire, also, to return my heartfelt thanks to Comrades Jere. T. Dew, C. W. Rubey and Theo. Dubrouillet for their kindly offices and valuable services at our headquarters during the week of the Encampment.

I am under additional obligations to Past Department Commander Dew, who, at my request, acted for me and performed my duties on the Committee on Credentials and during the sessions of the Encampment.

I thank you, Commander, for the honor of my appointment and the confidence thereby placed in me. Our personal and official relations have been so pleasant that they are terminated with regret, and will be a cherished memory in the future.

To all my comrades and official associates I return my sincere thanks for their cordial support and sympathy.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

THOMAS B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adj't. General and Asst. Quartermaster General.

EXHIBIT "A"

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1911.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on December 31, 1910.....	\$	32.84
Received from per capita tax.....		1,690.68
Received from Requisitions		127.43
Received from "Safety Fund".....		359.13
Received from advanced by Ass't Adj't Gen'l.....		15.00
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		\$2,225.08

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies	\$ 80.06		
Printing and stationery	245.73		
Printing Encampment Journal	148.39		
Rent of office	180.00		
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General Dec. 1910, to May, 1911, inclusive, 6 months at \$100	600.00		
June, 1911, to October 6th, 1911, inclusive, 5 months at \$83.33 1/3	416.67		
Postage	71.10		
Expenses National Encampment	129.91		
Per capita tax	216.77		
Money refunded	15.00		
Insurance	14.15		
Premium on bond of Asst. Adj't. Gen'l.	7.50		
Incidentals	37.55		
Traveling expenses—			
Dep't. Commander Denham	\$ 4.90		
Asst. Adj't Gen'l Rodgers	6.20	11.10	— 2,173.93
Balance on hand, December 31, 1911			\$ 51.15

EXHIBIT "B"

SAFETY FUND.

Received from donations from Posts and comrades		\$2,613.30	
Received from Berger Legacy		1,784.30	
Received from interest on deposits to Dec. 11, 1911		11.70	
Total receipts		\$4,409.40	
Am't. invested in 6 per cent loan upon real estate of Arthur R. Gross, Chariton Co., Mo.	\$ 2,000.00		
Am't paid to general fund by vote of C. of A. & Department Encampment	359.13	2,359.	
Balance on hand for investment			\$2,050

EXHIBIT "C"

SUPPLIES ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1911.

No.		Value.
15	Official badges	\$ 7.50
9	Membership badges	4.50
8	Buttoniers .....	.80
97	Rank straps	38.80
166	Official ribbons	16.60
143	Rules and Regulations	14.30
181	Applications	1.81
21	Cash books	25.20
13	Quartermaster's warrant books.....	11.05
3	Blue books	3.60
2	Rituals	1.00
5	Service books	1.50
45	Discharges	2.25
120	Transfers	6.00
197	Department badges, plain.....	118.20
48	Department badges, silver top.....	48.00
1	Electrotype55
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		\$301.66

EXHIBIT "D"

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance December 31, 1911.....	\$ 46.15
Office furniture, books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies	301.66
Ledger balances	61.15
Loan on real estate (Safety Fund).....	2,000.00
Balance on hand for investment (Safety Fund).....	2,050.27
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	\$5,259.23
Liabilities:	
Salary for November and December, 1911, due Ass't Adj't General	\$ 166.67
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	\$5,092.56

EXHIBIT "E"

LIST OF DEATHS, 1911.

Post

- 1 Louis Anslyn, Bugler, Co. C, 3d Iowa Cav.
Louis Reichhold, 1st Lt. Co. B, 5th Mo. Inf.
H. W. Harris, Pr. Co. A, 13th U. S. Inf.
Theo. Eagle, Pr. Co. C, 11th Ills. Inf.
A. G. Hequembourg, Lt. Col. 40th Mo. Inf.
Wm. Stark, Corp. Co. H, 48th Ill. Inf.
C. A. Carpenter, Pr. Co. G, 66th Ill. Inf.
Peter H. Meyer, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Inf.
Joseph L. Stedelin, 2d Lt. Co. D, 136th Ill. Inf.
E. H. Vordtriede, Pr. Co. B, 2d U. S. Inf.
Julius Bongner, Pr. Co. G, 41st Mo. Inf.
Henry Goldstein, Pr. Co. E, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.
John Lindecker, Pr. Co. C, 3d U. S. R. C. and Co. F, 10th Ill. Inf.
- 2 Henry Vautman, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
James B. Frazer, Pr. Co. K, 1st Mass. Cav.
- 4 Daniel C. Vermilyea, Corp. Co. F, 81st N. Y. Vols.
Wm. E. Chandler, Capt. Co. D, 33d Ind. Vols.
- 5 Silas Cave, Pr. Co. K, 7th Mo. Cav.
Robert Street, Pr. Co. G, 10th Mo. Cav.
Aug. Last, Pr. Co. B, 38th Ind. Vols.
Wm. Ross, Pr. Co. G, 7th Ind. Inf.
- 6 John Kieselback, Pr. Co. E, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
- 7 Louis Thomas, Pr. Co. G, 43d Mo. Inf.
Henry S. Downs, Lieut. Co. F, 5th Iowa Inf.
Louis C. Stiles, Pr. Co. M, 9th Mo. Cav.
Henry Austr, Pr. Co. H, 122d N. Y. Inf.
Joseph Hansen, Sergt. Co. H, 17th N. Y. Inf.
Richard Ballard, Pr. Co. B, 5th Mich. Inf.
E. W. Flower, Pr. Co. E, 8th Mich. Inf.
Park Knudson, Pr. Co. B, 14th Minn. Inf.
Wm. Robinson, Pr. Co. A, 27th Mich. Inf.
Benj. F. Buzard, Capt. Cos. D and H, 1st Mo. Engs.
- 8 Chas. E. Gableman, Pr. Co. A, 45th Iowa Vol. Cav.
John R. Lee, Musician 6th Mich. H. Art.
Wm. A. Thuman, Musician 77th Pa. Vols.
Chas. Carples, Adj. Co. C, 103d N. Y. Vols. and Maj. 17 N. Y. Vols.
Henry Morris, Pr. Co. I, 106th Ills. Inf.
Jos. W. Caldwell, Pr. Co. F, 10th Ill. Inf.

- W. H. H. Whitney, Pr. Co. I, 13th Vt. Inf.
 Horace L. Burham, Maj. 50th Ill. Inf.
 Geo. R. Barse, 2d Lt. Co. A, 1st Mich. Inf.
 11 Wm. Pauling, Pr. Co. B, 7th M. S. M. Cav.
 13 Fred. Spies, Pr. Co. K, 3d U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Jacob Danner, Pr. Co. B, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
 Geo. Benninger, Pr. Co. A, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 Fred Evertz, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Inf.
 Thos. H. Wells, Pr. Co. H, 93d N. Y. Inf. Vols.
 Wm. Dahm, Pr. Co. F, 4th Mo. Cav. and 5th Mo. Inf.
 Martin Scherer, Pr. Co. G, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Sam J. Ruaf, Pr. Co. I, 5th O. V. I.
 Geo. Leich, Pr. Co. F, 4th Mo. Inf.
 Theo. Schober, Pr. Co. E, 7th Mo. Cav.
 Xavier Kern, Pr. Co. A, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 John Herget, Pr. Co. D, 3d M. S. M.
 Peter A. Schroth, Pr. Co. C, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Henry Brinkman, Pr. Co. H, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 John Diren, Pr. Co. I, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Chas. Kolb, Musician, Co. B, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Francis Guerdan, Pr. Co. H, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Emil Raymond, Pr. Co. A, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Geo. F. Laemlein, Pr. Co. A, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Chas. Brenhardt, Pr. Cos. H and I, 17th Mo. Vols.
 Fred Varrellmann, Sergt. Co. F, 15th Mo. Vols.
 Fred Gottschalk, Capt. Co. H, 1st Iowa Inf.
 14 Henry Clear, Pr. Co. C, 9th Tenn. Cav.
 Jas. L. Corey, Pr. Co. C, 7th Ill. Inf.
 I. M. Dennis, Pr. Co. A, 3d Ind. Cav.
 W. H. Nunamaker, Pr. Co. A, 25th Ill. Inf.
 16 Frank Hills, Co. H, 5th Mass. Inf.
 M. H. Clark.
 19 Robert A. David, Sergt. Co. G, 78th O. V. I.
 James Kully, Pr. Co. F, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 21 Henry Ross, Pr. Co. F, 12th Mo. Cav.
 J. A. Bennett, Pr. Co. C, 62d O. V. I.
 Christopher Nelson, Pr. Co. H, 11th Ill. Cav.
 Samuel B. Arnold, Pr. Co. H, 159th O. V. I.
 E. S. Gibbs, Pr. Co. C, 2d Tenn. Inf.
 22 Thos. Howard, Pr. Co. F, 124th O. V. I.
 Geo. J. Eittle, Pr. Co. M, 2d M. S. M. Cav.
 S. M. Johnson, Pr. Co. K, 13th Mo. Cav.
 Wm. H. Chadeayne, Corp. Co. A, 8th U. S. Inf.
 Rufus J. Richey, Pr. Co. H, 7th Mo. Cav.
 23 Wm. Voltingham, Pr. Co. D, 55th Pa. Vols.

- 26 C. C. Jargo, Corp. Co. K, 26th Ind. Vol.
Geo. Williams, Corp. Co. G, 86th N. Y. Vols.
- 29 Sol. Umphalbaugh, Sergt. Co. A, 10th U. S. Inf.
- 34 Geo. Griffith, Pr. Co. C, 98th Ill. Inf.
Wm. Young, Pr. Co. A, 31st Ill. Inf.
- 42 Henry Enix, Pr. Co. C, 18th U. S. C. T.
- 43 Joseph M. Johnson, Pr. Co. H, 16th Iowa Inf.
Peter F. Meyer, Pr. Co. F, 1st Mo. Inf.
Andrew Batterson, Pr. Co. D, 45th Ill. Inf.
- 44 John Auspach.
- 45 M. D. Walker, Pr. Co. C, 2d Ill. Cav.
Alex. Real, Pr. Co. K, 35th Ind. Inf.
Albert Rocker, Capt. Co. B, 4th M. S. M. Cav.
- 47 J. G. McCully, Pr. Co. I, 33d Mo. Inf.
- 48 R. C. Barrows, Lieut. Co. D, 2d Wis. Cav.
- 53 J. W. Truxel, Corp. Co. G, 66th Ill. Inf.
Wm. Beck, Major.
Z. F. Bailey, Lieut. Co. A, 144th Ill. Inf.
- 54 Leonidas Collins, Sergt. Co. I, 85th Ill. Inf.
- 57 James McClintock, Corp. Co. K, 7th Mo. Cav.
- 58 C. W. Rogers, Capt. Co. F, 9th Ky. Cav.
Elijah Haynes, Pr. Co. L, 1st Ark. Inf.
Geo. N. Requa, Pr. Co. D, 15th Kans. Inf.
Jackson Waddell, Pr. Co., D, 134th Ind. Vols.
- 65 David Little, Pr. Co. E, 8th Iowa Inf.
- 68 Jere. Baber, Artificer Co. B, 1st Mo. Eng.
- 69 W. H. Wade, Lt. Col. 40th U. S. C. T.
David Stauffer, Pr. Co. B, 134th O. V. I.
R. R. Witten, Pr. Co. F, 1st Mo. H. G.
A. Demuth, Capt. Co. C, 8th Mo. Cav.
W. K. Whittaker, Pr. Co. D, 48th Mo. Inf.
- 72 Geo. Blew, Pr. Co. K, 23d Mo. Inf.
- 75 R. P. Underwood, Pr. Co. H, 2nd Mo. Art.
J. T. Sloan, Pr. Co. L, 6th Mo. Cav.
- 76 Elias Brown, Pr. Co. G, 165th O. V. I.
James Foster, Pr. Co. L, 12th Ind. Cav.
Arnold Pfister, Pr. Co. C, 1st Ky. Inf.
Jacob Snyder, Pr. Co. B, 6th Kans. Cav.
- 78 T. W. Houts, Major 7th M. S. M. Cav.
G. L. Savage, Pr. Co. A, 1st N. Y. Art.
Elias Stillwell, Pr.
- 82 I. N. Oakes, Pr. Co. G, 91st Ill. Inf.
- 84 C. R. Allen, Pr. Co. A, 2d Ill. Cav.
- 92 John C. Cawood, Pr. Co. G, 21st Mo. Inf.
- 96 Wm. Sherard, Corp. Co. C, 43d Mo. Vols.

- David Lytle, Pr. Co. E, 161st O. V. I.
 Samuel Bray, Corp. Co. B, 35th Mo. Inf.
 107 Chas. Herman, Pr. Co. I, 4th U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Commodore Kelly, Pr. Co. E, 68th Ind. Vols.
 Anton Weiss, Pr. Co. E, 4th Mo. Cav.
 Conrad Huelsman, Pr. Co. C, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Casper Schultheiss, Pr. Co. H, 27th Mo. Inf.
 110 Geo. M. Easton, Pr. Co. I, 192d O. V. I.
 111 Almond C. Keys, Pr. Co. G, 13th Iowa Inf.
 115 H. P. Reading, Pr. Co. E, 2d Mo. Cav.
 124 James S. Smith, Pr. Co. F, 114th Ill. Inf.
 Oscar Green, Pr. Co. F, 101st Ind. Vols.
 128 F. M. Bennett, Pr. Co. A, 10th Mo. Cav.
 W. F. Hinch, Pr. Co. G, 15th Mo. Inf.
 Wisner Norris, Co. D, 32d Mo. Inf.
 129 Isaac Dunfee, Sergt. Co. D, 53d O. V. I.
 130 W. H. Bassett, Pr. Co. C, 116th O. V. I.
 131 Geo. B. Sheridan, Farrier 4th Ky. Cav.
 Thos. Tomkins, Pr. Co. D, 7th Mo. M.
 Lafayette Parker, Pr. Co. F, 30th Wis. Inf.
 Daniel E. McAllister, Sergt. Co. D, 33d Mo. Inf.
 Elisha G. Scudder, Corp. Co. G, 44th Mass.
 Geo. W. Weyer, Surgeon, 52d Ky. Mtd. Inf.
 Joseph R. Berktold, Qr. Mr. Sergt. Co. L, 9th Mich. Cav.
 Noah M. Glatfelter, Surgeon U. S. Vols.
 Henry Runge, Pr. Co. D, 144th Ill. Inf.
 Chas. G. Warner, Capt. Co. F, 32d Mo. Inf.
 C. R. Hopkins, Sergt. Co. L, 3d Ohio Cav.
 John Boyer, U. S. S. Michigan.
 John Keersmaker, Pr. Co. C, 72d Ill. Inf.
 David Carruthers, Sergt. Co. I, 13th Ill. Cav.
 W. H. Atkinson, Lieut. Co. G, 72d Ill. Inf.
 L. M. Howell, Corp. Co. I, 51st Mass. Inf.
 F. A. Durgin, Capt. Co. B, 6th E. M. M.
 G. H. Horgan, Capt. Co. B, 7th E. M. M.
 John F. Nixon, Pr. Co. G, 11th Iowa Inf.
 A. J. Bromwell, Pr. Co. K, 5th O. V. I.
 W. H. Beck, Brig. Gen. U. S. A. Retired.
 Edward Heyman, Corp. Co. E, 30th Mass. Inf.
 135 Peter Shackles, Pr. Co. K, 10th Mo. Cav.
 141 L. G. Hillhouse, Corp. Co. I, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 J. F. Ray, Pr. Co. H, 10th Ill. Cav.
 Stephen Green, Pr. Co. H, 14th Iowa Inf.
 142 J. W. Baker, Pr. Co. A, 33d Ill. Inf.

- 150 H. Batson, Pr. Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav.
 152 Gottlieb Grauer, Pr. Co. H, 4th Mo. Cav.
 Chas. Schueddig, Pr. Co. E, Pacific Battalion.
 164 Wm. Voorhees, Pr. Co. D, 89th Ill. Inf.
 172 Chas. Pierce, Sergt. Co. K, 1st Mo. Cav.
 179 James Gillespie, Pr. Co. C, 2d Mo. Provisional.
 James Hasle, Sergt. Co. I, 21st Mo. Inf.
 Joseph A. Walker, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. H. G.
 Joseph H. Bartine, Musician, Co. H, 21st N. J. Vols.
 Wm. R. Hays, Pr. Co. E, 4th Tenn. Inf.
 181 John Hamlin, Co. I, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
 Geo. W. Bates, Pr. Co. M. 3d Iowa Cav.
 184 Smiley Sumner, Pr. Co. I, 130th Ill. Inf.
 Lewis Storz, Pr. Co. A, 12th M. S. M. Cav. and 2d Lieut.
 Co. K, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
 185 Lewis May, Pr. Co. B, 23d Iowa Inf.
 James P. Tanner, Pr. Co. E, 39th Mo. Inf.
 190 Joseph Milligan, Pr. Co. L, 2d O. H. Art.
 James H. Post, Pr. Co. A, 7th Ill. Cav.
 John B. Keller, Pr. Co. C, 21st Ill. Inf.
 W. A. Todd, Pr. Co. C, 1st Ark. Inf.
 197 Henry C. Witt, Pr. Co. I, 8th Ill. Inf.
 Wm. J. Cahill, Corp. Co. G, 3d M. S. M.
 200 J. B. Drown, Pr. Co. K, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 Joseph E. Gustin, Sergt. Co. F, 146th O. V. I.
 T. H. Jones, Pr. Co. A, 6th Mo. Cav.
 Rufus Gosnell, Pr. Co. F, 4th Tenn. Inf.
 Wm. Kidwell, Pr. Co. D, 38th Ill. Inf.
 219 W. H. Rovenstine, Pr. Co. K, 88th Ind. Inf.
 232 E. F. Eaton, Pr. Co. E, 151st Ill. Inf.
 233 A. L. Brouster, Pr. Co. A, 1st M. S. M.
 M. Zimmermann, Pr. Co. D, K Battalion H. G.
 F. Walters, Pr. Co. K, 4th Mo. Cav.
 Chas. Schroeder, Pr. Co. A, 85th E. M. M.
 243 John Henry, Pr. Co. A, 10th Tenn. Inf.
 247 J. Bowsman, Pr. (Co. and Regt. not given).
 251 Edwin Wright, Pr. Co. D, 22d O. V. I.
 Wm. Smith, Pr. Co. M, 15th Kans. Cav.
 Jesse N. King, Pr. Co. C, 35th Mo. Inf.
 J. W. Glover, Co. D, Mo. H. G.
 257 F. H. Wall, Pr. Co. H, 4th Kans. Inf.
 D. T. M. Crow, Pr. Co. B, 10th Mo. Cav.
 Josiah Bradford, Pr. Co. C, 32d Mo. Inf.
 Robert Tuft, Pr. Co. A, Loomis' Battery.

- 259 James M. Gray, Pr. Co. F, 8th Mo. Cav.
260 Wm. J. McMillen, Pr. Co. D, 9th Ill. Cav.
L. D. Hoag, Pr. Co. D, 1st Ill. Cav.
268 J. M. Null, Pr. Co. K, O. H. Art.
276 John B. Steward, Pr. Co. B, 1st O. V. Cav.
Geo. H. Pountain, Musician, Cole Co. H. G.
A. D. Hill, Pr. Co. I, 9th Mo. Cav.
John W. Moore, Major 27th Mass Vols.
282 J. W. Matney, 1st Class Fireman, U. S. S. Benton.
A. J. Barr, Pr. Co. F, 48th Ill. Inf.
284 James Mosier, Pr. Co. A, 10th Tenn. Inf.
293 Wm. Hudson, Pr. Co. E, 53d O. V. I.
Edward A. Jessup, Pr. Co. G, 48th N. Y. Vols.
299 J. W. Gully, Corp. Co. C, 24th Mo. Inf.
320 John Smith, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Inf.
Chas. Schwartz, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
Chas. Klosner, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Inf.
324 Chas. H. Brodhun, Corp. Co. C, 49th Ill. Inf.
326 Bernard Klein, Pr. Co. C, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
332 Chris. Ehlers, Pr. Co. G, 17th Mo. Inf.
Henry Strattmann, Pr. Maj. Callender's Ord. Co.
340 M. E. Buster, Pr. Co. K, 10th Mo. Inf.
John Brooks, Pr. Co. E, 108th O. V. I.
343 Andrew White Corp. Co. F, 18th U. S. C. T.
Wm. McKenzie, Pr. Co. E, 79th U. S. C. T.
354 John L. Shearer, Pr. Co. A, 47th Mo. Vols.
359 Edwin H. Sage, Pr. Co. L, 66th O. V. I.
James K. Lawhorn, Pr. Co. H, 8th Mo. Cav.
386 R. L. Parker, Pr. Co. G, 39th O. V. I.
A. G. Clymer, Co. and Regt. not reported.
420 G. T. Muns, Lieut. Co. I, 49th N. Y. Vols.
S. A. Elkins, Pr. Co. A, 14th Ky. Cav.
429 J. A. Nimmo, Pr. Co. F, 14th Mo. Cav.
425 Samuel Graham, Pr. Co. E, 33d Mo. Inf.
433 Andrew Foster, Pr. Co. I, 49th Ill. Inf.
437 Geo. N. Adams, Pr. Co. B, 11th Ind. Vols.
442 S. L. Standish, Lieut. Co. C, 12th Ill. Cav.
453 Richard Shadwell, Pr. Co. B, 49th Mo. Inf.
458 A. Arnold, Pr. Co. G, 4th Mo. Cav.
S. L. Evert, Pr. Co. F, 8th Wis. Vols.
461 A. D. Withers, Sergt. Co. L, 1st Mo. Cav.
465 Thos. Thurmond, Pr. Co. K, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
466 Geo. Leist, Pr. Co. K, 114th O. V. I.
488 Jacob Loos, Pr. Co. F., 29th Mo. Inf.

- Andrew Litzenfelder, Pr. Co. G, 4th Mo. Inf.
- 488 Christian Koehler, Pr. Co. F, 2d Ill. Art.
- 492 Albert H. Waite, Corp. Co. C, 123d O. V. I.
- 496 C. V. Bisser, Pr. Co. B, 4th Mo. Inf.
 Geo. Tresher, Sergt. Co. E, 4th U. S. R. C. Mo.
 J. Johnson, Pr. Co. A, 2d Mo Lt. Art.
 L. Luth, Pr. Co. E, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Andrew Walter, Pr. Co. L, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 J. H. Gebken, Sergt. Co. E, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
- 506 M. O. Stoner, Pr. Co. G, 133d O. V. I.
 John Hunton, Pr. Co. B, 35th E. M. M.
- 512 G. C. Stiffler, Pr. Co. F, 129th O. V. I.
 Thos. Williams, Corp. Co. G, O. H. Guards.
- 525 Jacob Switzer, Pr. Co. D, 6th M. S. M. Cav.
 John Harmon, Pr. Co. C, 14th E. M. M.
- 551 R. P. Jones, 1st Sergt. Co. A, 35th Mo. Inf.
 Wm. Kreamer, Pr. Co. K, 5th Wis. Inf.
- 554 Henry Nottlebaum, alias Schmidt, Pr. Co. I, 190th O. V. I.
- 567 E. H. Mix, Capt. Co. H, 11th Wis. Inf.
- 574 Levi A. Holman, Pr. Co. F, 10th Mo. Cav.
 Eli Sharp, Pr. Co. B, 44th Mo.
 John A. Cooper, Corp. Co. B, 44th Mo.
- 576 Theo. Vosberg, 1st Sergt. Co. B, 3d Mo. Vols.
 Henry Gerleman, Pr. Co. G, 4th Mo. Cav.
- 579 Henry Rencehausen, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Cav.
- 582 Wm. H. Wood, Pr. Co. C, 31st Mo. Inf.
 P. W. Paul, Pr. Co. B, 5th Provisional Mo.
- 586 Isaac Hurd, Pr. Co. A, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
- 588 G. F. Gilbert.
 W. Z. Haynes, Pr. Co. F, 74th E. M. M.
- 590 Jesse West, Pr. Co. F, 49th Ill. Inf.
- 591 Chas. B. Segó, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Cav.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

Warrenton, Mo., April 18, 1912.

Thos. B. Rodgers, Ass't Adjutant Gen'l.

Dear Sir and Comrade:—I herewith submit my report. The soldiers of 1861 to '65 are growing old, and fast passing over the river to join the encampment above. There have, therefore, I regret to say, been no new Posts to muster in during the past year.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

JNO. H. FRICK,
 Chief Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Kansas City, Mo., April 18th, 1912.

Thomas B. Rodgers,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor, as Judge Advocate, to report to you, and through you to the Department, that our Department continues to be and is, distressingly peaceful and harmonious.

I have not, during my term now drawing to a close, been called upon to perform any duties whatsoever, incumbent upon the Judge Advocate, more than to make a suggestion now and then, possibly, if asked on some matter of policy.

With admiration for the good will, and the temerity of the Commander in appointing me, and with kindest regards for the official staff for their uniform courtesy, and with a most fraternal feeling for all of the comrades for their good and never-failing comradeship, and the very choicest and best blessings for all, I remain,

Yours in F., C. & L.,

JERE. T. DEW.

Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

St. Louis, Mo., Apr. 15, 1912.

Thomas B. Rodgers,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor of submitting this, my report as Department Chaplain, for the information of the Department Encampment for 1912, to be held in Macon, May 16th and 17th, 1912.

It is with great sorrow that I have to report the untimely death of our comrade, Senior Vice-Commander, Dr. Edward Borck.

This is the first time in the history of this Department that death has broken the ranks of the Department officers. Comrade Borck was a very ardent and faithful member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a prompt and accurate officer. Peace to his memory, and sympathy to his family!

In a very remarkable manner I think our comrades have been preserved in good health and activity, for men who have gone through such hardships as have fallen to the lot of but few men. Most of them have been able to care for themselves and families in a very creditable manner.

We should all be proud of the record of the past, and careful to make a good history in the closing up of the campaign of life.

I think the world's history will show but few equals, and no superior in its records of the doings of men and soldiers.

I herewith submit a copy of my annual report, as sent to the Chaplain-in-Chief:

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending services.....	102
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	87
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	30
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	30
Number of Comrades present at such services.....	2,412

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services.....	106
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services..	3,887
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	122
Number of graves decorated.....	27,075
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	668
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day Services	69
Number of pupils participating.....	2,228
Number of other organizations participating.....	30
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day.....	30
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	44
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	34
Number of Posts having Burial Plots.....	25

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

T. H. HAGERTY,

Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Mo., April 20, 1912.

Thos. B. Rodgers,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Comrade: The Department of Patriotic Instruction presents a brief survey of their activities for the year:

We are glad to report that Lincoln's Memorial Address has been handsomely framed and hung in 20 ward schools during the year.

Nearly all Posts of the Department have observed some public day in which to inspire patriotic sentiment.

Many of our Posts have made energetic efforts to secure children to aid in strewing flowers on the graves of our fallen comrades.

The influence of our sacred "Memorial Day" has so impressed the public with its eternal fitness that many civic organizations have adopted it and are now observing their memorial days. But our Memorial Day shall suffer no diminution with passing years.

We truly believe that reverence for the flag is growing in this state and nation. We discover that most families now possess a flag to display on all public occasions. Flag Day is becoming more popular, and shall soon become as popular in America as it is in England, where almost universal recognition is given to the national emblem by every household. Our school children think they can not march unless "Old Glory" leads the advance.

Ten presentations of a beautiful flag to public schools are reported. Three prizes were awarded for the best essay on the flag by eighth grades in ward schools.

Patriotic instructors have been giving more and more attention to the comrades "shut in," and those who are unable longer to attend Post.

The Patriotic Department has been self-sustaining, refusing to draw any sum from our depleted treasury. Forty-one dollars has met our urgent needs.

While we have found it more difficult to get active work from old comrades, and while their reports come in more tardily, yet there seems no diminution of patriotic fire.

Number of schools visited by comrades reported.....	245
Number of schools observing Flag Day.....	150
Number of addresses made in schools by G. A. R. comrades...	41
Number of schools observing some patriotic day.....	225
Number of addresses made in colleges, high schools and normals	20
Number of entertainments engineered by Patriotic Instructors	35
Number of entertainments given by Posts at which patriotism was emphasized	78

Respectfully submitted,

W. 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 Clarke announced the following committee on the address of the Department Commander: Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur and Past Department Commanders Jere T. Dew, R. N. Denham, F. M. Sterrett, and John M. Williams.

Department Commander Warner 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: Past Department Commander W. H. Skinner; W. F. Silverwood, Post 1; W. B. Mullins, Post 268.

On report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: Past Department Commander Louis Benecke; J. W. Beach, Post 7; A. J. Showers, Post 131.

On reports of the Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Chief Mustering Officer and Inspector: Past Department Commander W. F. Henry; W. W. Chapel, Post 172; D. J. Doughty, Post 215.

On resolutions: Past Commanders-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton and Wm. Warner; Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin; W. F. Moll, Post 8; John H. Frick, Post 197.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Thos. J. Dockery, Post 22; Stephen Dellacella, Post 586; D. L. Elder, Post 4.

To visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Past Department Commander J. V. Martin; W. C. Callan, Post 69; J. B. Dobyne, Post 131.

To visit the Sons of Veterans: Past Department Commander John P. Platt; J. W. Lucas, Post 76; H. Munnath, Post 13.

On motion, it was voted that all resolutions should be referred to the committee on resolutions without debate.

Chaplain Hagerty, with appropriate remarks, presented the Department Commander Warner with a gavel of his own handiwork.

made of wood from the Commander's birthplace and other notable places, for which he returned thanks.

On motion of Comrade Burton, the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives, and the election of a Representative-at-large.

Comrade Denham nominated Comrade Farwell Walton, Post 131, for Representative-at-large. The nomination was seconded by several comrades, and 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 Walton, which was accordingly done, and he was declared elected.

The following nominations were then made, to be placed upon the printed ballot, in alphabetical order, beginning at the end of the alphabet, in accordance with a rule of the Encampment:

Louis Young, Post 13, St. Louis.
 W. P. Walker, Post 221, Novelty.
 S. D. Webster, Post 131, St. Louis.
 A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis.
 J. W. Temple, Post 145, Eldon.
 Louis Schaeperkoetter, Post 107, St. Louis.
 J. W. Stoner, Post 17, Cameron.
 H. W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis.
 John N. Michael, Post 525, Cowgill.
 Thos. Moore, Post 1, St. Louis.
 Wm. Liebig, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder.
 T. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis.
 Jacob Hallenberger, Post 43, Hannibal.
 Martin L. Ham, Post 4, Kansas City.
 Thos. S. Hawley, Post 131, St. Louis.
 L. F. Hunt, Post 57, Brookfield.
 E. T. Ellis, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 S. Dellacella, Post 586, St. James.
 R. B. Dodge, Post 190, Webb City.
 D. J. Doughty, Post 215, Farmington.
 E. L. Dosenbach, Post 13, St. Louis.
 Wm. K. Collins, Post 582, Lee's Summit.
 G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville.
 J. P. Bedwell, Post 591, Richmond.

On motion, the Encampment voted that the twelve

comrades receiving the highest number of votes be the Representatives, and the thirteen receiving the next highest number be the Alternates.

On motion, the Department Commander appointed a committee to meet and receive Commander-in-Chief Trimble, soon to arrive by train. The committee consisted of three Past Commanders-in-Chief, Warner, Rassieur and Burton, Past Department Commander Sterrett and Department Chaplain Hagerty, who was Chaplain of the 93rd Illinois Infantry, in which the Commander-in-Chief served.

The Encampment then took a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, May 16th.

The Encampment met and was called to order by the Department Commander, at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to select the place for meeting next year.

Comrade Cunningham, Post 22, nominated Kirksville.

Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, placed Farmington in nomination, followed by Comrade Doughty, Post 215, who presented an invitation from the Farmington Commercial Club. The nomination was seconded by Comrade Munchath, Post 13, Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin and Chaplain Hagerty.

Comrade Inglehart, Post 76, nominated St. Joseph, seconded by Past Department Commander Skinner, and by Post Commander Martin and Comrades Beach, Ellis and Liebig of Custer Post No. 7.

Comrades Cunningham and Doughty withdrew their nominations of Kirksville and Farmington, respectively, and on motion of Past Department Commander Denham, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for St. Joseph as the place of meeting next year, which was accordingly done.

The following telegrams were received and read to the Encampment, and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to acknowledge receipt of the same with thanks:

Johnson City, Tenn., May 16.

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Asst. Adj. Genl. G. A. R.,
Macon, Mo.

Tennessee extends loyal greetings. May your encampment be to you one of joy and love; shake.

SILAS FLOURNOY,
Asst. Adj. Genl.

BENJ. WARNER, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER G. A. R.,
Macon, Mo.

The Department Commander and Comrades of The United Spanish War Veterans of Missouri, send Greetings and best wishes for the success of your encampment, and the continued blessing of the Almighty Father on your membership.

Fraternally yours,

E. H. HOEBER,
Dept. Commander U. S. W. V.

Washington, D. C., May 16.

COL. THOS. B. RODGERS, ASST. ADJT. GENL. GRAND ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC,
Macon, Mo.

Please extend my Greetings to the Veterans in their encampment.

L. C. DYER.

The committee on reports of the Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Chief Mustering Officer and Judge Advocate, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Macon, Mo., May 16, 1912.

TO THE DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Chief Mustering Officer, the Judge Advocate, the Department Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the several reports of these officers, and they find in them nothing to criticize, and much to commend in each of them. All of these officers have shown a commendable interest and zeal in the performance of their duties, although the Chief Mustering Officer and Judge Advocate have not been called upon to perform any official duties for the reason that no new posts have been organized during the past year, and that there has been the best of harmony between posts and comrades.

The report of the Department Chaplain shows that he has in the past year shown that fidelity to duty that has always been exhibited by him in every position he has been called upon to fill.

The Patriotic Instructor cannot be too highly commended for the intelligent and faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his office, as shown by his report. The work of his department is perhaps more important to the citizenship of our country than any other work the Grand Army of the Republic may perform. It has to do directly with teaching the youth to reverence the institutions we fought to maintain, and the flag we followed.

Comrade Calland, by education and training, and by his high ideals of citizenship, seems to be especially fitted for the position he has so ably filled, of Patriotic Instructor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. HENRY,
D. J. DOUGHTY,
W. W. CHAPEL,
Committee.

The committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, reported as follows, and the report was, on motion, adopted:

Macon, Mo., May 16, 1912.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, Department of Missouri, G. A. R., for the year 1912, beg leave to say that after carefully examining the report, we have the honor to say that it is a concise, able and business-like report.

The untiring energy, the constant watchfulness to keep the expenditures within the receipts, which are not adequate in justice to his labors, deserve the highest commendation of this Department.

ALLAN J. SHOWERS,
J. W. BEACH,
LOUIS BENECKE,
Committee.

A committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, consisting of Mrs. Hattie M. Warner, Mrs. Eliza Hubert and Mrs. Sarah Morris, was received, and presented to the Encampment. Mrs. Warner addressed the Encampment as follows:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

It is with pleasure we bring to you greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This Order was not heralded in with a flourish of trumpet or roll of drum; but, like much of nature's best handiwork

was evolved; unfolding gradually; gaining strength with each effort, proving by its survival, its fitness to be.

Like the sands on the seashore, carried out by each succeeding wave, the great veteran band of "'61 to '65" is hourly passing into eternity. Only too soon, the last one will have gone from earthly vision; taps will have sounded, the camp-fires will be out and the post-room locked; for there will be no Grand Army of the Republic, save in memory.

To perpetuate that memory is the work of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. But, you ask, who will carry on this work? True it is, that nearly all the Mothers of "'61 to '65" who spent those years in an agony of hope and grief, now lie with folded hands, and hearts stilled—their labors ended, their rest attained.

The Wives, many of whom were the light and inspiration of those war-time days, are nearing the road that leads "down the valley," but there remain the Daughters, and the Daughters' Daughters who will continue to carry on this work; for it is the future work of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department Commander Warner responded as follows:

MRS. WARNER AND LADIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

Permit me, in the name of the Comrades of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to thank you for the love, encouragement and true patriotic devotion expressed in the words of greeting you bring with you today.

On returning to your convention, you will convey to your Department President and the members of your organization the love and esteem of all the comrades of this Department; to which I will add their best wishes for the success of your worthy undertakings.

The following is the official report of the Woman's Relief Corps for the past year:

BENJAMIN WARNER,

Moberly, Mo., May 17, 1912.

Department Commander, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to submit to you and through you to the thirty-first Annual Encampment, G. A. R., Department of Missouri, assembled in the beautiful city of Macon, May 16 and 17, 1912, a brief report of the work of the W. R. C. of this Department during the past year.

Number of Corps, 47. Number of members, 1,759. Cash expended for Relief, \$514.10. Relief other than money, \$873.82. Number of Soldiers assisted, 91. Number of Soldiers' families assisted, 186. Number of members assisted, 108. Number in members' families assisted, 163. Total number assisted, 548.

Cash turned over to Posts, \$250. In closing, I desire to return my sincere thanks to you, also to Col. Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Missouri, G. A. R., and all comrades for assistance and kindness extended to me. The year has been extremely pleasant, perfect unity and harmony has prevailed, and ever will be cherished in loving remembrance.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

HANNAH MARTIN,

Department President.

Comrade Hess read a communication from Comrade John McElroy, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, who had been invited to attend the Encampment, regretting that the illness of his wife precluded his paying a visit, from which he had anticipated much pleasure.

The committee appointed to receive the Commander-in-Chief, Harvey M. Trimble, and escort him to the Encampment, having announced their presence, the Department Commander called up the Encampment, as the distinguished visitor was conducted to the platform, and introduced by Past Commander-in-Chief Burton, by request of the Department Commander.

The Commander-in-Chief addressed the Encampment briefly, expressing his pleasure at being present with his Missouri comrades, and not desiring to interfere with the progress of the business would be heard later on at great length.

On motion of Comrade Rassieur, the Encampment proceeded to the election of officers, and the Commander called for nominations for Department Commander.

Comrade Chas. W. Rubey, Post 48, of Lebanon, was placed in nomination by Comrade Burton, who spoke as follows:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

I shall make a short nominating speech; one, however, I have been desirous of making for several years, but have prevented from so doing because of the modesty of the comrade whom I shall name. He is a native of this great Commonwealth, the first one, if elected, as he will be, to wear upon his badge the badge of the Commander of this Department. He was a gallant soldier, rendering service in Missouri organizations.

Since the war he has been an exemplary citizen, and in s

west Missouri his name is a household word for honesty and integrity.

His word is as good as a government bond. He has been and is a zealous, active, whole-souled comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. For many years he has been an attendant at our Department Encampments, participating in its councils, and ever upholding its standard. For many years, also, has he been present at our National Encampments, frequently as a Representative, but whether as such or in his individual capacity, his genial face and military figure were recognized in the Missouri column as he marched in parade.

His modesty bespeaks his merit. Well qualified for the position, pin upon his breast the badge of Department Commander, and his administration will reflect credit upon our Order and honor upon himself.

For myself, and at the request of comrades from every section of the Department, I name for Department Commander for the ensuing year, Comrade Charles W. Rubey, of George G. Meade Post No. 48, Lebanon, Missouri.

Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin nominated Comrade William Lowe, of Post 566. Comrade D. P. Dobyms, Post 45, nominated Comrade Chas. P. Hess, Post 23, of Macon. He spoke as follows:

COMMANDER:

In behalf of F. A. Jones Post No. 23, of Macon, it gives me great pleasure to present the name of Comrade Charles P. Hess, for the position of Department Commander. For four years he wore the blue honorably and well in the defense of Old Glory, in the Army of the Potomac. The badge of this great organization, which he wears, constitutes his credentials as being in every way worthy of the honor. As a citizen and lawyer of Macon, he is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens and professional associates. Among them he has abided for nearly forty years, and as a charter member of F. A. Jones Post, he has ever been loyal and true, and in behalf of this Post, I trust this Encampment will give him its generous support for Department Commander.

The nomination of Comrade Rubey was seconded by Comrades Inglehart, Post 76; Ferguson, Post III, and Past Department Commander J. V. Martin.

Comrade Robert Powell, Post 42, seconded the nomination of Comrade Hess.

Comrade Hæsser, Post 2, seconded the nomination of Comrade Lowe.

Comrade Lowe withdrew as a candidate, saying his business would not permit him to be a candidate this year.

The Commander appointed the following comrades as tellers: D. J. Doughty, Post 215; W. F. Silverwood, Post 1; W. F. Moll, Post 8; J. W. Beach, Post 7.

On motion of Chaplain Hagerty, the nominations were closed, and the tellers proceeded to take up the ballots. The report of the tellers showed that Comrade Rubey had received 174 votes and Comrade Hess 63 votes. Whereupon the Department Commander declared Comrade Rubey duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year. On motion of Comrade Hess, the election of Comrade Rubey was made unanimous.

Comrade Rubey being called for, was escorted to the platform by Comrade Hess, and introduced to the Encampment. In a few words, not wishing to take up the time of the Encampment, he thanked the comrades for the honor, and promised his best efforts, with their help, to promote the welfare of the Department during the ensuing year.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander being next in order, Past Department Commander Dew nominated Comrade Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97, of Linn. Mo.

Past Department Commander Skinner nominated Alexander McCandless, Post 5, of Moberly.

The nomination of Comrade Dubrouillet was seconded by Past Department Commander Williams and Comrades Showers, Post 131, and Moore, Post 1. Past Department Commander Platt seconded the nomination of Comrade McCandless.

Comrades H. C. Carter, Post 7; H. Munchrath, Post 13; J. W. Roney, Post 76; J. B. Wilde, Post 131, were appointed as tellers.

A ballot being had, resulted as follows: Comrade McCandless received 127 votes, and Comrade Dubrouillet 107 votes. Whereupon the Commander declared Comrade Alex. McCandless duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Rassieur moved that Comrade Chas. P. Hess, of Post 23, Macon, be elected Junior Vice Department Commander by acclamation. Comrade Hess objected, saying that he had been elected Junior Vice Department Commander seventeen years ago, and would prefer that some other comrade of Post 23 be chosen. A number of comrades seconded Comrade Rassieur's motion, and there being no other nomination, the motion prevailed, and Comrade Hess was declared duly elected as Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Medical Director being next in order, Past Department Commander Skinner nominated Comrade Jackson Walker, Post 124, of Bethany, seconded by Past Department Commander Platt.

There being no other nomination, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Walker, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

For Department Chaplain, Comrade T. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis, was placed in nomination by Comrade Stephen Dellacella, Post 586. The nominations were closed, the rules suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Hagerty, and he was declared duly elected as Chaplain for the ensuing year.

The hour set for the automobile parade having arrived, on motion, the Encampment took a recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, May 17th.

The Encampment met at 9 o'clock on Friday morning, May 17th, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Department Chaplain Hagerty 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.

The Encampment next proceeded to the election of Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment. Comrades Hagerty and Webster withdrew as candidates.

The following comrades were appointed as tellers: Past Department Commander Sterrett; Ezra B. Walters, Post 4; J. W. Beach, Post 7; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8; B. C. Nichols, Post 72; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; G. A. Douglass, Post 566; P. H. Clarke, Post 131; A. F. McCray, Post 525; W. H. Evens, Post 348.

The tellers distributed the ballots, and afterwards took up the votes and retired to count the same.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans was received and escorted to the platform, and were welcomed by the Department Commander. They were W. H. Uhter, St. Louis; E. H. Loyd, St. Joseph; W. H. Portmer, Melrose; Geo. W. Reddon, Farmington, and T. S. Hardinger, Green City. Loyd and Reddon addressed the Encampment in a few well-chosen and patriotic remarks.

On motion of Comrade Dreifus, Post 1, the Encampment proceeded to the election of five members of the Council of Administration.

The Department Commander called for nominations, and the following comrades were nominated: A. Whipple, Post 1; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; Patrick Martin, Post 7; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8; C. W. C. Corkran, Post 221.

On motion of Past Department Commander Denham the nominations were closed, the rules suspended, and the Assistant Adjutant General directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for the five comrades nominated, and they were declared duly elected.

Comrade Rassieur, chairman of the committee on "Safety Fund," presented the following report:

Macon, Mo., May 17, 1912.

COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee on Safety Fund begs leave to report that since our former report, made to the last Encampment held in Jeffers

City, there have been collected from the comrades and sources hereinafter set forth, the amounts respectively set opposite thereto, to-wit:

July 12, 1911, Legacy under the will of Comrade Henry Berger, deceased	\$1,784.36	
July 26, Post 145, Eldon, Mo.....	20.00	
July 26, Fred Bonnet, Post 13.....	1.00	
July 26, A. G. Menges, Post 13.....	1.00	
Dec., Chas. H. Davis, Post 131.....	5.00	
April 15, 1912, Thos. Moore, Post 1.....	5.00	
May 17, 1912, W. F. Chamberlain, Post 43.....	5.00	
	<u>\$1,821.36</u>	
Amount heretofore reported.....	\$2,591.30	
Total	\$4,412.66	
Out of above there was invested, as per last report.	\$2,000.00	
On April 15 last, a further investment was made in accordance with the action of the Council of Administration	2,000.00	
Total invested	\$4,000.00	4,000.00
Balance		412.66
Turned over to the General Fund.....		<u>359.13</u>
Balance cash in bank.....	\$	53.53

Your committee believes that there should be transferred to the General Fund for the year 1912 the sum of \$375.00, in view of the extra expense involved in the attending of the Commander and A. A. G., at the Los Angeles National Encampment, and to pay all bills to date, and hence recommend the adoption of a resolution to that effect, subject to the approval of the Council of Administration. Your committee also recommends, in justice to those who by will have heretofore given or may hereafter give to this fund, that a space in every journal of this Encampment be devoted to a statement to be headed "Roll of Honor," and which shall set forth each year all those who have given and bequeathed by will any amount to this fund, the amount of each contribution to be duly stated. We append hereto a form, which comrades may use in making bequests. In view of the fact that the purpose of the appointment of this committee has been accomplished, your committee requests to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR,

C. G. BURTON,

LOUIS BENECKE,

Committee.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., for its Safety Fund, the sum of dollars.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

Comrade Rassieur read the following resolution adopted by Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, of St. Louis, and moved that our Representatives to the forty-sixth National Encampment be instructed to vote as requested therein :

"Resolved by the unanimous action of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, Department of Missouri, that we recommend to the Department Encampment to be held at Macon, Mo, May 16 and 17, 1912, the passage of a resolution favoring the adoption by the National Encampment to be held at Los Angeles in September, 1912, of the form of incorporation submitted by the committee on incorporation at Rochester, N Y., in August, 1911, and that such incorporation be asked to be made by the Congress of the United States, and instructing the representatives of the Department of Missouri to vote for such incorporation in order that the substance of our Rules and Regulations may be preserved for use by the future historians of this country, and by any similar organizations that the exigencies of this government may hereafter call into existence and further, in order that future gifts by will to the Grand Army of the Republic may be collectable under the laws of the land."

The resolution was carried unanimously by a rising vote.

The Committee on Resolutions, through its chairman Past Commander-in-Chief Burton, submitted the following report :

The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions :

Be it resolved by the comrades of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic, in Annual Encampment assembled that the thanks of our comrades, one and all, be tendered to Congress of the United States for its enactment of the Pension Act of May 11, 1912, and to the President for his prompt approval thereof.

The provisions of said act are both just and generous, the administration thereof will bring substantial relief to many very many deserving survivors of the Civil War, who by reason of misfortune, accident or disease have become destitute or near

Whatever history may recount of other republics, it cannot

said that the United States of America has been ungrateful, but has remembered and ever will remember and recognize the patriotic services of the volunteer soldiers and sailors who preserved it a nation.

Whereas recently in New York and Seattle, anarchists have torn down and trampled upon the flag, the symbol of the sovereignty of the nation, therefore be it resolved that it is the sense of this encampment that Congress and the Legislatures of the respective states should enact laws making such treasonable acts a crime, and provide adequate punishment therefor.

Resolved:

That we most heartily endorse the united action of the Missouri members of Congress in their efforts to secure for the members of the Enrolled Missouri Militia who rendered active service, a pensionable status, and we request our friends and comrades from other states to co-operate with the Missouri delegation in securing this long delayed recognition of valuable service for the Union.

Be it resolved that we tender to Comrade Dr. J. E. Jones, Medical Director, our fraternal sympathy and regret at his inability to be with us at this Encampment. We earnestly hope for his speedy recovery.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on yesterday, we have had a most enjoyable Encampment, and we tender our sincere thanks to the Mayor and citizens of Macon for the royal welcome and generous hospitality we have received.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to the comrades of Post No. 23, and we salute Comrade Chas. P. Hess, whose untiring labors have made our visit to Macon ever to be remembered.

And we recommend that resolutions asking the State Legislature to pass laws granting pensions to the Confederate soldiers of Missouri, and making the birthday of Abraham Lincoln a national holiday, be laid upon the table.

CHAS. G. BURTON,
GEO. W. MARTIN,
W. F. MOLL,
J. H. FRICK,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee, with its recommendations, was adopted.

The committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Macon, Mo., May 17, 1912.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders having carefully considered their reports, find that these reports are full and complete, and that these officers have faithfully discharged their duties, and are entitled to the commendation of the Department. For the first time in the history of this Department, death has entered its official ranks, and this report would not be complete without noticing that our worthy comrade Dr. Edward Borck, who was elected by this Encampment at its last session as Senior Vice Department Commander, was called during the year to answer the last summons, and is now numbered with those who have gone before. Your committee would respectfully suggest that a page of the record of this Encampment be devoted to his memory. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. SILVERWOOD,

W. H. SKINNER,

Committee.

The committee on the address of the Department Commander, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Macon, Mo., June 17, 1912.

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

The undersigned committee on the Commander's address, beg leave to submit for your action that they have carefully considered the able report referred to them, and after mature thought, deem it a matter of great congratulation to say that it covers a year of painstaking, peaceful and successful work. It is evident that the Department's affairs have never been in more capable or willing hands, and that the work of the Department has never been more ably or zealously managed. We take special pleasure in calling to the attention of the Encampment his recommendation regarding the Safety Fund of this Department, an institution which is the first of its kind established by any Department of our Order and which will result in preserving this Department for many years to come, as a bright example of the remnant of that grand army which not only preserved this country through its greatest and most perilous trial, but which has set an example of good citizenship which has not only received the plaudits of those who favored the cause, but has also received the high encomium of all thoughtful men throughout the world.

The suggestion and recommendation that those of our comrades who prepare their wills, should bear in mind the future need of this Department, and place their names on a Roll of Honor containing the names and gifts of those who, as a last tribute of res

In Memoriam.



DR. EDWARD BORCK, SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

DIED JANUARY 20, 1912.

and thoughtfulness for this great Department, have set apart as a gift to the Safety Fund so much of their means as can be spared for that purpose without injury to their other obligations.

In view of the foregoing we heartily recommend that the report of Commander Ben. Warner be in all things approved and that the sincere thanks of the Encampment be extended to him with its best wishes for his future welfare, and that he may be preserved to us with his ability for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR,
JERE T. DEW,
R. N. DENHAM,
F. M. STERRETT,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

Comrade Showers, Post 131, offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption, which was unanimously carried by a rising vote:

Macon, Mo., May 17, 1912.

TO THE DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT ASSEMBLED:

Whereas, the orders have been obeyed, the last roll call has been answered by our late comrade, Dr. Edward Borck, who departed this life while Senior Vice Department Commander, of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Department has lost a most efficient officer, his Post a loyal, generous member, and his wife a kind and indulgent husband.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to the wife of the deceased, with the sympathy and condolence of this Encampment, and that a page of the Journal be set apart as sacred to his memory.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the following report of the Council of Administration, which, with its recommendations, was adopted:

Macon, Mo., May 15, 1912.

TO THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

St. Louis, Mo., July 15, 1911.

The action of the Department Encampment in voting unanimously to transfer ten per cent of the Safety Fund to the General Fund of the Department was approved by the following members of the Council of Administration, in writing: Francis P. Becker, C. of A.; James B. Wilde, C. of A.; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant

Adj. General; T. H. Hagerty, Chaplain; Benjamin Warner, Dept. Commander; Jere T. Dew, Judge Advocate; Wm. H. Wormstead, C. of A.; John T. Clarke, Junior Vice Dept. Commander; Edward Borck, Senior Vice Dept. Commander; J. E. Jones, Med. Director; A. Whipple, C. of A.; W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor; John H. Frick, Chief Mustering Officer.

By the votes of the same members of the Council of Administration, the following named comrades were elected to fill the four vacancies existing in the list of alternates to the Forty-fifth National Encampment: Henry Lepp, De Soto; Nich. Mathias, Moberly; E. C. Baugher, Sullivan; G. W. Edwards, St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 20, 1912.

In pursuance of Special Orders No. 9, dated February 14, 1912, a meeting of the Council of Administration was held at Department Headquarters in the City of St. Louis, on Tuesday, February 20, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a Junior Vice Department Commander in place of John T. Clarke, who succeeded to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander made vacant by the death of Comrade Edward Borck, who died on the 20th day of January, 1912, and also for fixing the date for the meeting of the Department Encampment at Macon, Mo.

The members present were Benj. Warner, Dept. Commander; John T. Clarke, Senior Vice Dept. Commander; Dr. J. E. Jones, Medical Director; Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Asst. Adj. Genl. and Asst. Qr. M. Genl.; Eli D. Hopkins, Inspector; John H. Frick, Chief Mustering Officer; Francis P. Becker and James B. Wilde, elected members.

The Department Commander presided.

On motion of Comrade Hagerty, Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17, 1912, were agreed upon as the date for the meeting of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief, who had been invited by the Department Commander to visit our Encampment, having informed the Assistant Adjutant General that he could not do so until May 17.

The Department Commander having asked for nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander to fill the unexpired term of Comrade John T. Clarke, Comrade Clarke suggested Comrade Wm. H. Evens, Commander of Post 348, Mineral Point, Mo., whose post office is Hopewell, Mo. Comrades Jones, Wilde, Hopkins and Rodgers spoke favorably of Comrade Evens, and there being no other nomination, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Council for Comrade Evens, and he was declared unanimously elected. Comrade Jones, Medical Director was authorized by the Department Commander to install Comrade Evens.

The Department Commander then installed Comrade Clarke as Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Hagerty moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sympathy and condolence of the Council to be sent to the widow of our late comrade and Senior Vice Department Commander, Dr. Edward Borck, and the Commander appointed Comrades Rodgers, Frick and Clarke such committee.

The Council met at Macon, Mo., May 15, 1912, pursuant to the call of the Department Commander.

The following members were present: Benj. Warner, Department Commander; John T. Clarke, Senior Vice Department Commander; Wm. H. Evens, Junior Vice Department Commander; T. H. Hagerty, Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General; Eli D. Hopkins, Inspector; Jere T. Dew, Judge Advocate; John H. Frick, Chief Mustering Officer; W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor; Francis P. Becker, W. H. Wormstead, A. Whipple, J. W. Lucas, and James B. Wilde, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

On motion, the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts for failing to make reports: Post 180, Austin; 271, Pineville; 287, Rockville; 358, Sweet Springs; 472, Fulton, 553, Kirbyville.

On motion, the Council recommended to the Encampment that \$100 be appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

On motion, the Council unanimously approved the action of the ten members in recommending the loan of \$2,000 to Elmer Newcomer, of Chariton County, Mo.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

St. Louis, Mo., May 11, 1912.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, BENJ. WARNER:

Dear Comrade: Your committee of the Council of Administration appointed to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find that on the 31st day of December, 1911, there was on hand the sum of \$51.15, that entries are carefully made, that in accordance with your special order No. 10, we carried the auditing to April 30, 1912, and are pleased to report all accounts carefully and accurately kept, showing balance, April 30, 1912, of \$69.80.

JAS. B. WILDE,
FRANCIS P. BECKER,
A. WHIPPLE,

Committee.

There being no further business, on motion, the Council adjourned.

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

Comrade Rassieur moved that \$375 be transferred from the Safety Fund to the General Fund of the Department, subject to the approval of the Council of Administration, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment therefor, which was accordingly done.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Representatives and Alternates to the forty-sixth National Encampment, as follows, the candidates having received the number of votes set opposite their respective names, and they were declared duly elected:

REPRESENTATIVES

J. W. Lucas.....	151
A. Whipple	111
Jacob Hallenberger	111
Thos. Moore	109
Thos. S. Hawley.....	109
Wm. Liebig	108
L. F. Hunt.....	108
J. W. Stoner.....	98
Martin L. Ham.....	95
G. B. Cunningham.....	89
J. W. Temple.....	84
E. T. Ellis.....	83

ALTERNATES

W. P. Walker.....	83
John N. Michael.....	83
E. L. Dosenbach.....	82
D. J. Doughty.....	81
Louis Schaeperkoetter	79
R. B. Dodge.....	73
H. W. Plumer.....	71
S. Dellacella	63
Louis Young.....	44
S. D. Webster.....	42
Wm. K. Collins.....	39
J. P. Bedwell.....	38
T. H. Hagerty.....	24

The officers-elect were then duly 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.

Commander Rubey, on taking the chair, again thanked the comrades for the honor conferred on him by his election, and assured his comrades that he expected to give most of his time the coming year to the work of the Department, and would use his best endeavors to promote its interests. He hoped for and expected the assistance and co-operation of all the comrades.

Under the lead of Past Department Commander Henry, the comrades all joined hands and sang "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

GENERAL ORDERS, 1911-1912.

General Orders No. 1. St. Louis, Mo., May 27th, 1911.
 I. Having been elected and installed as Department Commander at the Thirtieth Annual Encampment, held at Jefferson City, May 24th and 25th, 1911, I assume command, with Headquarters at St. Louis, Missouri.

I desire to thank the comrades of this Department for their confidence in my ability to perform the duties that devolve upon me through their action, and I also desire to say that I will perform those duties to the best of my ability.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced:

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

Eli D. Hopkins, Post 215, Farmington, Inspector.

Jere. T. Dew, Post 8, Kansas City, Judge Advocate.

John H. Frick, Post 197, Warrenton, Chief Mustering Officer.

W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.

J. C. Greenman, Post 4, Kansas City, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The personal address of the Department Commander is 1527 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

All official communications should be addressed to Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

BENJ. WARNER,
 Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2. St. Louis, Mo., June 9th, 1911.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Thirtieth Annual Encampment to the offices designated, and were duly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rasseur, for the ensuing year:

Department Commander—Benjamin Warner, Post 4, Kansas City.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—Edward Borck, Post 107, St. Louis.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—John T. Clarke, Post 6, Jefferson City.

Medical Director—Dr. J. E. Jones, Post 46, Desoto. P. O. address, Hillsboro, Mo.

Chaplain—Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; James B. Wilde, Post 131, St. Louis; A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-fifth National Encampment:

Representatives:

Allan J. Showers (at large) St. Louis.
 H. C. Carter, St. Joseph.
 P. H. Clarke, St. Louis.
 Jacob Hallenberger, Hannibal.
 E. S. Miner, Bethany.
 Christ. Fricke, St. Louis.
 A. J. Lanning, Brookfield.
 Henry Frein, St. Louis.
 P. W. Bahl, Springfield.
 Ben. Bolt, Kansas City.
 W. R. Sanford, New London.
 Max Fritz, St. Louis.
 J. C. Greenman, Kansas City.
 George Hechler, Brunswick.

Alternates:

G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville.
 T. G. McCune, New London.
 James G. Young, Kansas City.
 Henry F. Glahn, Clarence.
 Wm. B. Mullins, Miami.
 N. S. Wycoff, Unionville.
 C. W. Rubey, Lebanon.
 Wm. F. Moll, Kansas City.
 Chas. W. Wright, Kidder.
 O. P. Smith, Kansas City.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Color-Bearer and Aide-de-Camp.
 John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Chief Bugler and Aide-de-Camp.

IV. Post Commanders are requested to recommend an active and worthy comrade of their Post for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

V. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander at the late Encampment, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration: Post 90, Jerico Springs; 242, Pattonsburg; 377, Ozark; 440, Foster.

Suspended Posts may be reinstated on payment of one year's per capita tax, and 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, 1911, are enclosed herewith, with addressed envelope. 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 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. All members are in good standing who have not been reported 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 heading. A full descriptive list should be given on the muster-roll 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.

Remittances should be made by St. Louis drafts or Post Office money orders, and not by personal checks, on which there is a charge for collection.

VII. A blank for the report of the Post Chaplain in regard to the observance of Memorial Day is herewith enclosed, which, after being carefully filled out, should be sent in the enclosed envelope to Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Department Chaplain, No. 1909 North

Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Post Commanders should see that the report is promptly made after Memorial Day.

VIII. The city of Macon, Mo., was selected as the place for the meeting of the Department Encampment next year.

IX. The following comrades are hereby reappointed as Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home: Chas. W. Rubey, Post 48; Arthur Dreifus, Post 1; John M. Williams, Post 276.

X. As heretofore announced the Forty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Rochester, New York, on the week of August 21st to 26th, 1911. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be at the Hotel Bristol, where rooms have been reserved for a limited number, at rates of from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day, on the American plan, which includes meals. As it is desirable to have our delegation as much together as possible, representatives and other members of the Encampment are requested to notify the Assistant Adjutant General at an early date, in order that he may assign quarters for them.

Information in regard to railroad rates and routes will be given in later General Orders.

XI. The One hundred and thirty-fifth Anniversary of the adoption by Congress of the United States Flag will occur on Wednesday, June 14th, and its general observance is commended to the Posts and comrades. Let the flag be displayed from our residences, places of business, Post rooms and school buildings, as an object lesson of patriotism to old and young alike. In no better manner can we show our love and regard for the flag which we defended, and the principles which it represents.

XII. The following additional amounts have been contributed to the Department Safety Fund since the publication of the last General Orders:

Max Fritz, Post No. 13....	\$15.00	Robt. Biggs, Post No. 72...	5.00
Stanton Post, No. 16.....	10.00	George Hall, Post No. 72..	5.00
S. E. Wetzel, Post No. 16.	5.00	Geo Beckler, Post No. 72..	2.00
Geo. C. Howenstein, Post		Isaac Blantner, Post No. 72	1.00
No. 16	5.00	R. V. Young, Post No. 72..	1.00
Geo. W. Fugitt, Post No.16	1.00	J. E. Carter, Post No. 72..	1.00
J. A. Mitchell, Post No. 16.	1.00	G. A. Douglass, Post No.	
Jas. H. Ralston, Post No.		78	5.00
16	1.00	Lieut. T. D. Neal Post,	
Thos. B. Tuttle, Post No.		No. 124.....	10.00
16.....	1.00	W. H. Skinner, Post No.	
Ten-cent Contributions		124	11.00
Post No. 16.....	2.50	E. S. Miner, Post No. 124..	10.00
H. F. Glahn, Post No. 36..	5.00	J. W. Shroyer, Post No. 124	5.00
Jacob Hallenberger, Post		J. L. Cole, Post No. 124....	5.00
No. 43.....	5.00	A. J. Fuller, Post No. 124..	1.00
Henry Lepp, Post No. 46..	5.00	J. W. Kenyon, Post No. 124.	1.00
Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post		F. T. Harvey, Post No. 124	1.00
No. 53	25.00	J. T. Rupe, Post No. 124...	1.00
Lyman Sturtevant, Post		W. C. Heaston, Post No. 124	1.00
No. 57	10.00	J M Nevill, Post No 124..	.50
Col. Jacob Smith Post,		Harvey Weddle, Post No.	
No. 72.....	25.00	124 .....	.25
John Hack, Post No. 72...	5.00	C. W. Corkran, Post No.	
B. C. Nichols, Post No. 72.	5.00	221	1.00

Jos. Lieber, Post No. 24...	10.00	Geo. Hechler, Post No. 268	20.00
J. F. Gmelich, Post No. 240	10.00	John M. Hull, Post No. 268	5.00
Wm. B. Mullins, Post No. 268	5.00	E. A. Stevens, Chapin Post, Buffalo, N. Y.	5.00
By command of BENJ. WARNER,		Gatzweiler Post, No. 554...	26.00
		Department Commander: THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General.	

General Orders No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., July 15th, 1911.

I. The Forty-fifth National Encampment, as heretofore announced, will meet at the City of Rochester, New York, in the week beginning August 21st, 1911. The parade will take place on Wednesday, August 23d. The sessions of the Encampment will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 24th and 25th.

II. The headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be established at room 201, on the second floor of the Bristol Hotel, corner of Central Avenue and Mill Street, on Monday, August 21st. Department and Staff officers, Representatives and Alternates will report there immediately upon their arrival. All Missouri comrades are cordially invited to call at these headquarters and register and receive the Missouri badge.

III. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters in the Bristol Hotel, on Tuesday evening, August 22d, at 7:30 o'clock, for the transaction of business. Badges for members of the Encampment will be distributed at this meeting.

IV. 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 later occur to prevent attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be promptly notified by mail or telegraph. Rooms have been engaged at the Bristol Hotel for a limited number, on the American plan, which includes meals, at \$2.50 per day, for two persons in each room. Representatives and Past Department Commanders who desire these accommodations should notify the Assistant Adjutant General without delay.

V. The railroad rates, as made by the trunk line Passenger Associations, will be one and one-half fares for the round trip. Dates of sale from August 18th to August 21st. Final limit on tickets to reach original starting points August 30th. Extension of final limit to September 30th may be secured by deposit of ticket with Joint Agent at Rochester not later than August 29th, on payment of a fee of one dollar.

The rates as above, from St. Louis to Rochester and return, will be \$27.20; but a cheaper rate can be taken advantage of by buying an excursion ticket to Buffalo or Niagara Falls and return for \$21.40, good for thirty days, and then buying ticket from Buffalo to Rochester and return for \$2.76, making a saving of \$3.04 over the regular Grand Army rates. Comrades desiring to go farther east after the Encampment can take advantage of the thirty-day excursion rates, which is \$32.00 from St. Louis to New York, with privilege of a stop-over at Rochester. The thirty-day excursion tickets are recommended in all cases where one intends to return within the limit of thirty days. Rates from the interior

of the State will be in proportion to the rates from St. Louis, according to the distance; but comrades at such points should make inquiry from the local railroad agents in regard to details.

VI. The Department Commander is unable at this time to indicate by what route he will go with his Staff, but will do so in a later order, when such arrangements shall have been made. He is especially desirous that there should be a good attendance of the comrades from Missouri, as our standing in the organization depends, to some extent, on the interest we show at the National Encampment.

VII. 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:

Chas. E. Clark, Post 78, Warrensburg.

Theophile Dabrouillel, Post 97, Linn.

C. F. Harbaugh, Post 145, Eldon.

These appointments are of more importance than is generally supposed, and may be made of great benefit to our organization, and Post Commanders should avail themselves of this opportunity to honor an active and faithful comrade. Send in the names.

VIII. The early date for the meeting of the National Encampment makes it absolutely necessary that the semi-annual reports, due June 30th, should be made without further delay. Not a day should be lost. Quite a number of Posts have not yet reported, and those receiving this paragraph blue penciled will take notice that it means them.

IX. The Journal of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment and the Department Roster, for 1911, together with General Orders, No. 9, National Headquarters, are enclosed herewith.

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By Command of BENJ. WARNER, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4.

St. Louis, Mo., August 8th, 1911.

I. The Department Commander has accepted the invitation of Ransom Post for himself and staff to accompany that Post to the National Encampment. The Post will leave St. Louis on the Knickerbocker Express of the Big Four Route, leaving Union Station at 12 o'clock, noon, on Sunday, August 20th, arriving at Buffalo at 6:55 o'clock next morning, and at Rochester in the forenoon or afternoon as may be preferred. Excursion tickets, good for thirty days, from St. Louis to Buffalo or Niagara Falls and return, \$21.40; fare from Buffalo to Rochester and return is \$2.76. Sleeping car berths are \$4.00 for lower and \$3.20 for upper berths. All thirty-day round-trip tickets on return home may be exchanged, without extra charge, at Buffalo Union Depot, to return via Detroit and Chicago, or Toledo and Chicago, with stop-overs at both points if desired, thence to St. Louis; also with privilege of using steamers between Buffalo and Detroit.

II. The summer-tourist rates, known as excursion rates, are in most cases considerably lower than the rates made by the Trunk lines, known as the Grand Army rate. The excursion rates are recommended where one intends to return within the limit of thirty days or sixty days, as the case may be.

The Grand Army rates to Rochester and return are good only to August 31st, but may be extended to September 30th, on payment of a fee of \$1.00 to the Validating Agent at Rochester.

Comrades are advised to make inquiry of their local railroad agents as to rates, limits and stop-over privileges of the different kinds of tickets before purchase.

III. The following Excursion rates, additional to those published in General Orders No. 3, are given as samples for the information of comrades living west of St. Louis: From Kansas City and St. Joseph to Buffalo and return, the rate is \$29.60, and from Joplin, \$34.20. These are good for 60 days. The rate from Springfield, also for 60 days, is \$30.95; from Jefferson City, \$26.40, and Sedalia, \$28.70, the two latter being good for thirty days. The fare from Buffalo to Rochester and return, \$2.76, should be added to above rates.

The Excursion rates to New York City and return from points west of St. Louis, which are good for thirty days, with privilege of stop-over at Rochester, are as follows: From Kansas City and St. Joseph, \$44.00; Jefferson City, \$40.00; Sedalia, \$42.00; Springfield, \$44.55; Joplin, \$47.80.

IV. The following appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

O. P. Smith, Post 8, Kansas City, Mo., to be Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, vice J. C. Greenman, resigned.

To be Aides-de-Camp:

Henry W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis.

Elias Chute, Post 7, St. Joseph.

G. F. Bram, Post 129, Denver.

E. B. Smth, Post 172, Appleton City.

V. The following corrections in names of Aides-de-Camp, already published, are hereby announced: Theophile Dabrouillet, Post 97, should be Theophile Dubrouillet, and C. F. Harbaugh, Post 145, Eldon, should be C. F. Lawbaugh.

Post Commanders are again reminded that there are many comrades who would feel honored with a staff appointment, and that it is a matter of duty to recognize worthy comrades in that way, and that such recommendations should be sent to Department Headquarters.

VI. The certificate of discharge of Joseph McNeal, Corporal of Co. C, 62d Ohio Inf. Vol., transferred from Co. K, 116th O. Vol., is at Department Headquarters, having been found among some old papers at Kansas City, Mo., and turned over to the Department Commander by Comrade John S. DeWolf of Post 8.

VII. General Orders, No. 10, National Headquarters, are herewith transmitted.

By Command of BENJ. WARNER, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.

St. Louis, Mo., October 19th, 1911.

I. The Department Commander desires to thank those comrades who attended the Forty-fifth National Encampment at Rochester, New York, during the week of August 21st to 26th.

He also desires to express his thanks to the comrades of

Ransom Post, No. 131, for their courteous invitation given to him and his official staff to accompany them to the National Encampment, and for their kind treatment during the trip.

The number of comrades present from this Department presented a creditable showing, notwithstanding the long distance they had to travel and the high rate charged by the railways for transportation. And as in the past, in the Grand Parade, the Missouri Division, with their neat uniforms, good order in ranks and their soldierly bearing throughout the march, received the applause of throngs of people along the streets through which it marched.

In the Encampment the Department was represented by a full delegation, thus showing that interest in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic is still alive in this Department.

II. The Department Commander desires to express his sympathy to the Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, who, in consequence of serious illness during nearly the entire week was unable to take any part in the Encampment. After five weeks in hospital at Rochester and St. Louis, he is happy to announce that he has so far recovered as to be able to resume his duties at Headquarters. The business of the office was not interrupted while he was in the hospital in St. Louis.

III. The thanks of the Commander are also due to Past Department Commander Jere. T. Dew, who acted in place of the Assistant Adjutant General at the latter's request, and to Senior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade Edward Borck, and Comrade Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97, Aide-de-Camp, for their efficient services at Headquarters, especially in behalf of Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers.

IV. Los Angeles, California, was selected as the place for the meeting of the next National Encampment.

V. Our esteemed comrade, Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett, was again elected a member of the National Council of Administration, and has since been appointed by the Commander-in-Chief a member of the Executive Committee thereof, thus giving that body the experience of many years of active work in the higher councils of our organization.

VI. The following named comrades have been appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Chrs. H. Grote, Post 1, St. Louis.

Tom. L. Johnson, Post 131, St. Louis.

August Nasse, Post 13, St. Louis.

John W. Delventhal, Post 197, Warrenton.

D. J. Doughty, Post 215, Farmington.

J. B. Stewart, Post 591, Richmond.

Post Commanders are again earnestly requested by the Department Commander to recommend a suitable comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on his staff. Many comrades appreciate this honor, and can be of use in maintaining our organization.

VII. Post Commanders are especially cautioned to see that comrades in arrears for dues are not suspended until satisfied that the delinquent comrade is able to pay, and if unable to pay, the comrade's dues should be remitted.

VIII. General Orders, Nos. 1 and 2, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of BENJ. WARNER, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6. St. Louis, Mo., November 27th, 1911.

I. In pursuance of a request of the Commander-in-Chief that each Department Commander recommend three comrades for appointment as a "Committee to co-operate with the Standing Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, to arrange and carry out plans for proper participation in said celebration by members of the Grand Army of the Republic throughout the United States," the following named comrades of this Department have been recommended: Stephen S. Brown, 60th N. Y. Vols., Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph; W. H. Wormstead, 32d Mass. Inf., Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City; James B. Wilde, 13th New Jersey Vols., Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

II. The annual election of Post officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment will be elected at the same meeting. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members in good standing, as per Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1911, and one additional 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 herewith. 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.

III. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1912, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander. If preferred, installation may take place at a special meeting called for that purpose. 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 Posts should be opened and closed informally.

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.

IV. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending December 31st, 1911, are herewith enclosed. These reports, with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member, should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month. Remittances should not be made by personal check, on which banks make a charge for collection. The National countersign for 1912 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

Post Adjutants in reporting deceased comrades should be particular to state their rank, company and regiment, in order that the list of deaths published in the Department Journal may be complete.

A very few Posts have failed to report for the term ending June 30th. Such Posts can make their reports for both terms of 1911 on one blank.

V. A blank, with addressed envelope, for report of the Patriotic Instructor, is enclosed, which should be sent to the Department

Patriotic Instructor, Comrade W. C. Calland, Springfield, Mo. The form for installation of the Patriotic Instructor is sent with this Order, and should be placed in the Service Book.

VI. The Department Commander cannot too strongly urge upon Post officers and comrades the importance of making special efforts for recruiting and for reinstatement of dropped and suspended members between now and the end of the year. As few suspensions should be made as possible, and reinstatements should be made on easy terms. Committees of active comrades should be appointed to take up this matter at once. The next reports should show a decided increase in membership from this source.

VII. The Department Commander very much regrets that through an inadvertence a paragraph did not appear in the last General Orders, expressing his appreciation of the efficient services of his Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, Comrade O. P. Smith, through whose watchful care the arrangement of the Department for the Grand Parade at Rochester was so well and successfully carried out; and to Comrade Smith due credit is here, at this late date, accorded.

VIII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

James Crosson, Post 4, Kansas City.

J. C. Greenman, Post 4, Kansas City.

Ezra B. Walters, Post 4, Kansas City.

W. O. Adams, Post 64, Golden City.

Theophile Dubrouillet, Post 97, Linn.

John W. Delventhal, Post 197, Warrenton.

James H. Reading, Post 258, Lowry City.

IX. Posts are again reminded that they are required to drop all suspended members who are one year or more in arrears. It is not optional but obligatory. Posts should, however, endeavor to reinstate such comrades by remitting the dues, in whole or in part, where comrades are unable to pay.

Attention is called to the fact that a dropped member can be more easily reinstated than a suspended one.

X. General Orders, No. 3, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of BENJ. WARNER, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7. St. Louis, Mo., March 1st, 1912.

I. A meeting of the Council of Administration was convened by the Department Commander to meet at Department Headquarters in St. Louis, on February 20th, 1912, to elect a Junior Vice-Department Commander for the unexpired term of Comrade John T. Clarke, who succeeded to the office of Senior Vice-Department Commander upon the death of Comrade Edward Borner on January 20th, 1912.

More than a quorum being present, Comrade Wm. H. Eves of Hopewell, Mo., Commander of Post No. 348, Mineral Point, Mo., was unanimously elected Junior Vice-Department Commander.

A committee was appointed to prepare and forward resolutions extending the sympathy and condolence of the Council to the

Henrietta Borck, widow of our late Comrade Dr. Edward Borck.

II. The Council also selected Thursday and Friday, May 16th and 17th, 1912, as the date for the meeting of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, at Macon, Mo. The Commander-in-Chief, Harvey M. Trimble, has promised to be with us on that occasion.

III. The Forty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Los Angeles, California, in the week beginning on Monday, September 9th, 1912.

IV. The following named comrades have been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander:

Peter Neifind, Post 107, St. Louis.

E. D. Coe, Post 131, St. Louis.

V. General Orders, Nos. 4 and 5, National Headquarters, with slip containing Amendments to the Rules and Regulations, are transmitted herewith.

IN MEMORIAM.

VI. For the first time in the history of our Department we are called upon to mourn the loss of a Department officer whose death occurred during his term of office.

Dr. Edward Borck, our Senior Vice-Department Commander, departed this life on January 20th, 1912, after a brief illness.

He was born April 18th, 1834, in Hamburg, Germany, and came to this country in 1852, locating in Baltimore, where he graduated as a physician in 1862. He served as Assistant Surgeon in the 10th Maryland Infantry and the 3d Maryland Cavalry Volunteers from 1863 until the close of the war. He located in St. Louis in 1872. He stood very high in his profession as a surgeon, and in 1884 was a delegate to the 8th International Medical Congress in Copenhagen and to the 10th Congress in Berlin.

He was a charter member of Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, of St. Louis, and an active and zealous member of our organization, having been elected Medical Director of the Department in 1902 and 1904, and a member of the Department Council of Administration in 1909 and 1910, and several times a Representative to the National Encampment.

After a long and useful life he has gone to his reward, having left his impress for good upon our organization. His memory will long be held in affectionate regard by his comrades.

The funeral services at the residence were attended by many prominent members of the Posts of the city, and he was buried at Red Bud, Ills., on the Tuesday following his death.

By Command of BENJ. WARNER, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 8.

St. Louis, Mo., April 13th, 1912.

I. The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Logan's Theatre, in the city of Macon, Mo., on Thursday and Friday, May 16th and 17th, 1912, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. The Department Headquarters will be located at the Reileigh Hotel, on Wednesday, May 15th. The Council of Administration, consisting of all the Department Officers, will meet there on Wednesday, May 15th, at 3 o'clock p. m.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: J. L. Burke, Post 19; Geo. E. Simmons, Post 23; R. W. Davis, Post 57; Thos. J. Dockery, Post 22; Alex. McCandless, Post 5.

The Committee will meet at the Reileigh Hotel on Wednesday, May 15th, 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 Register for visitors will be kept at the same place, where all comrades are requested to register upon their arrival.

IV. The following named comrades of Post 23, upon recommendation of the Post Commander, are hereby detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, Geo. Yunker; for Officer of the Guard, Anderson Jourdan. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions on Wednesday evening, May 15th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Commander of Post 23 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 Thursday morning, May 16th, at 8 o'clock.

V. The hotel accommodations and rates per day, including meals, are as follows: Jefferson Hotel, 100 at \$2.00; Miller Hotel, 75 at \$2.00; Reileigh Hotel, 50 at \$2.00. These rates are without baths. With baths the rates will be from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day, according to size and location of room. Tremont Hotel, 50 at \$1.25, and Holmes Hotel, 50 at \$1.25.

Board and lodging at private houses, \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day. Applications for quarters should be addressed to Alexander Barton, Chairman of Committee on Accommodations.

VI. Our Encampment will be honored by a visit of the Commander-in-Chief, Harvey M. Trimble, who has promised to be with us on May 17th. We are assured that arrangements are in progress to give visiting comrades a grand reception. There will be an Entertainment and Camp-Fire at the Logan Theatre on Thursday evening, the 16th, and it is proposed to have a parade in Automobiles instead of a march on foot. This will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, the 16th, unless otherwise ordered.

The Department Commander has extended an invitation to the Sons of Veterans through their Division Commander, C. C. Behnke to act as an escort to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, at Macon, Mo.

VII. The Western Passenger Association and the Southwestern Passenger Association have made the following reduced rate for the Encampment:

"Open rate of fare and one-third with minimum of two cents per mile each direction (minimum selling fare to be fifty cents from points in Missouri to Macon and return; excursion tickets to be sold on May 14th, 15th and 16th inclusive, with final return limit to reach original starting point prior to midnight of May 18th, 1912. Tickets to be limited for going passage commencing date of sale and for continuous passage in each direction."

VIII. General Orders, No. 6, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By Command of BENJ. WARNER, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 9.

St. Louis, Mo., April 15th, 1912.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I. The Forty-fifth National Encampment held at Rochester in August, 1911, ordered that in addition to the reading of President Lincoln's Gettysburg address, General Order No. 11, issued by Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan, May 5th, 1868, designating May 30th as Memorial Day, should be read as a part of the public exercises. A copy of this General Order has been sent to all the Posts, with Department General Orders No. 7, March 1st, 1912.

We are reminded as each Memorial Day arrives of the rapid increase in the number of graves that require the attention of loyal hands and hearts.

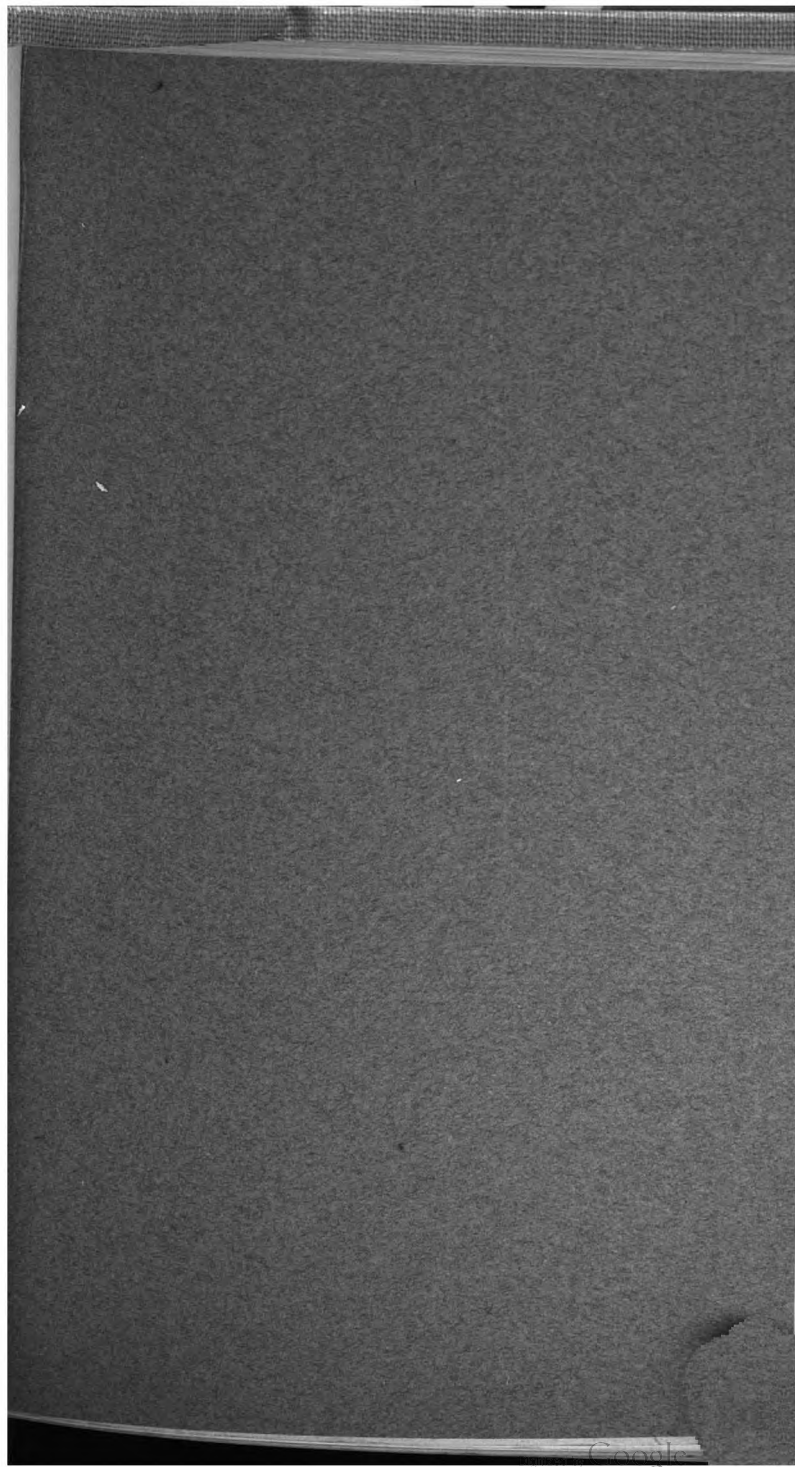
It is the duty of all loyal citizens, and especially of comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, to use every means within their power to make this occasion one dedicated to the memory of the dead, who in life became a part of the bulwark raised for defense between the Nation and those who would destroy it.

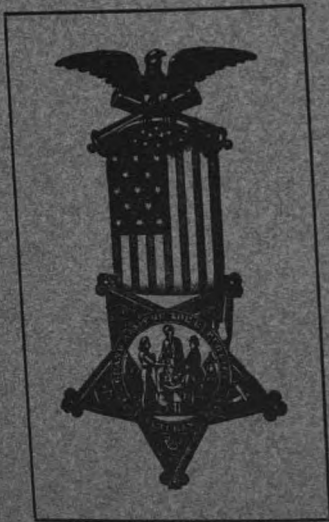
II. The Commanders of Posts are especially requested to assemble their members on Sunday, May 26th, 1912, for the purpose of attending divine service in a body, either morning or evening, as may be most convenient.

III. On Thursday, May 30th, the day dedicated to the holy work of strewing the graves of the Defenders of the Nation's honor with beautiful flowers, you will be particularly careful to take with you into this work as many of the children of your vicinity as possible. Also, permit the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and Phillipine War Veterans, to take part in the ceremonies and services of the day. They are all willing and desire to take part in the work.

IV. Finally, comrades, permit no grave to be forgotten, but see to it that, even though flowers may be scarce, there floats at the head of each soldier's grave the flag he fought to save from dishonor—"The Emblem of Equal Rights and National Unity."

By Command of BENJ. WARNER, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.





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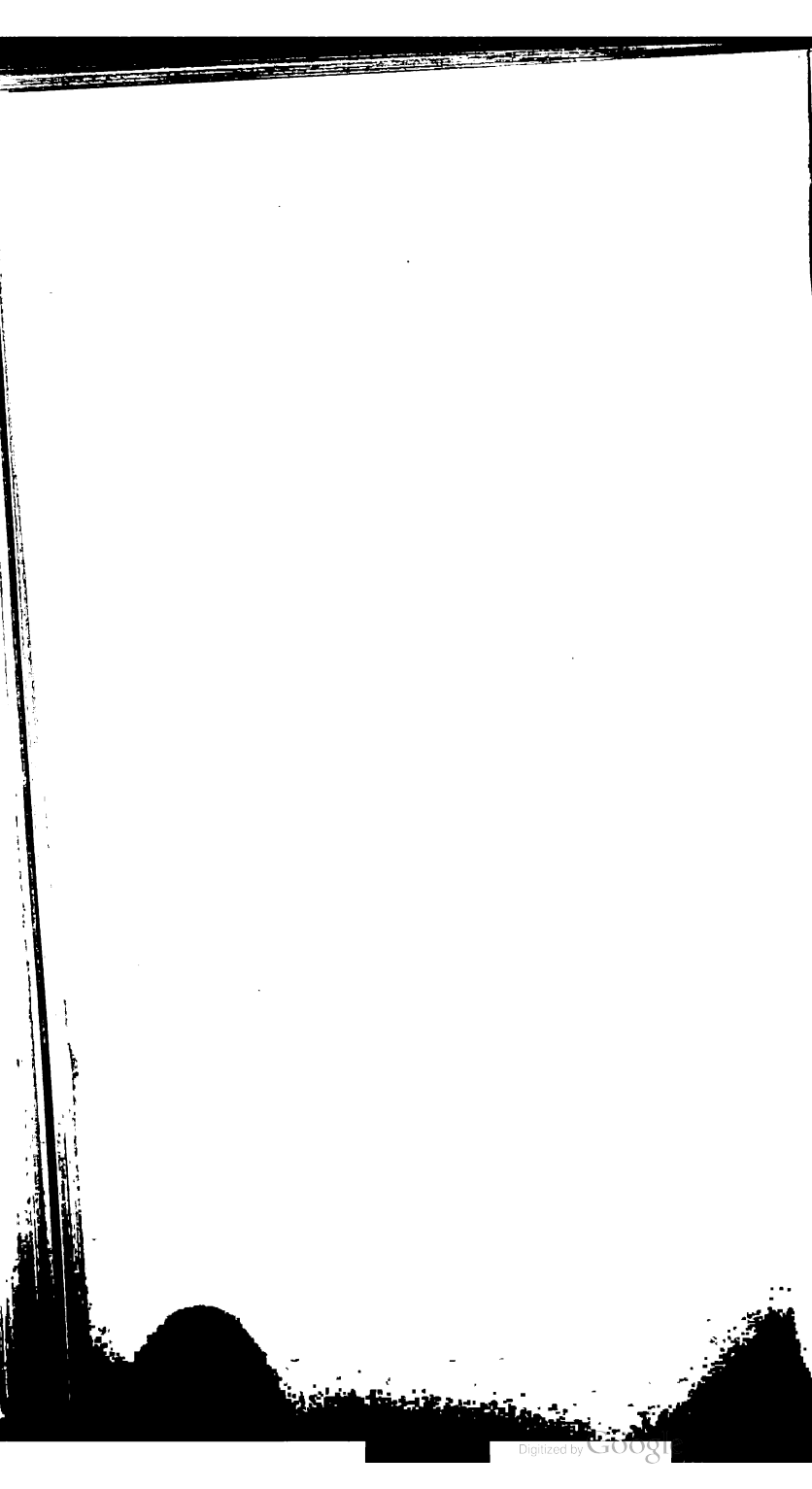
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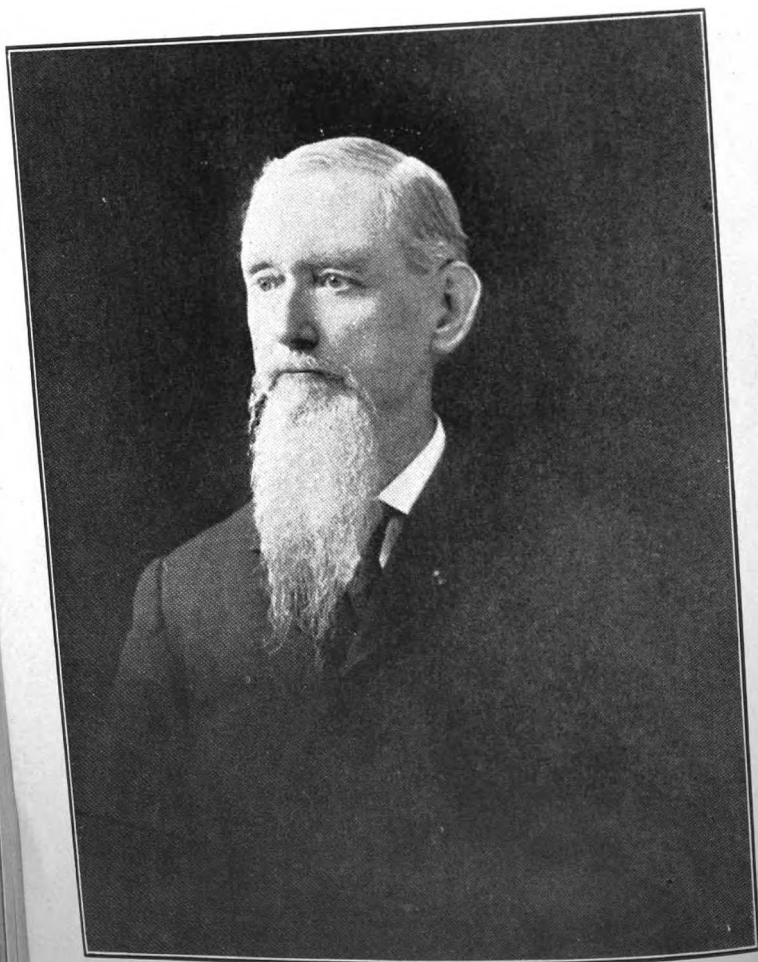
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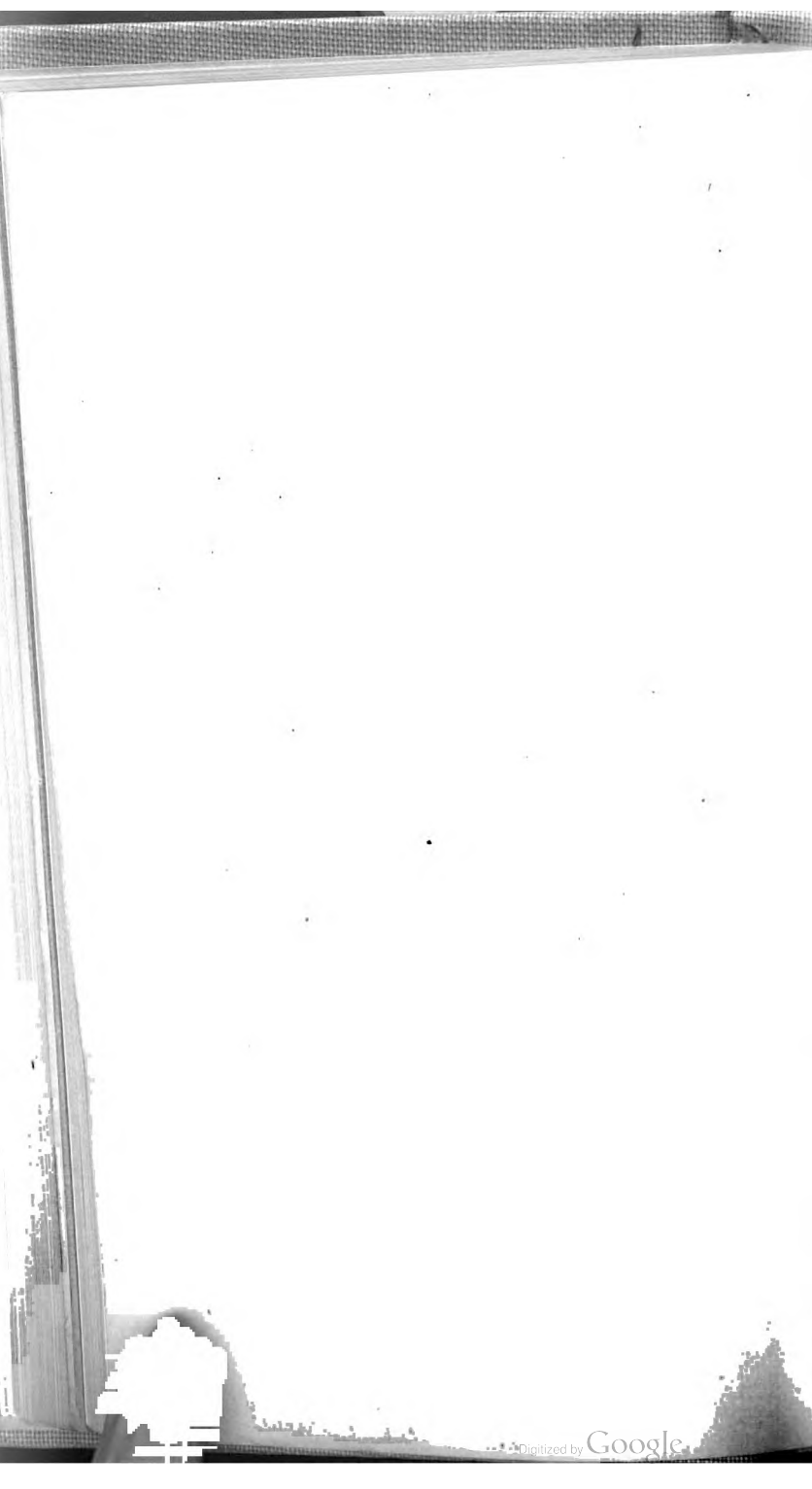
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HELD AT
ST. JOSEPH, MO., MAY 14th and 15th, 1913.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 14th.

The Thirty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Lyceum Theatre, St. Joseph, Mo., at 10 o'clock a. m., on May 14th, in open session.

Comrade Thos. W. Evans, Post 7, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, called the assemblage to order and called upon Comrade C. A. Mosman, Past Post Commander of Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph, to preside at the informal meeting. The Rev. Dr. F. E. Day, pastor of the White Temple, invoked the Divine blessing, after which Mayor C. A. Pfeiffer delivered an appropriate and impressive address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of St. Joseph, and Comrade Mosman welcomed the comrades on behalf of Custer Post. Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur being called upon, responded on behalf of the Encampment in his usual eloquent manner, after which it was announced that the open meeting was closed, and the Department Commander requested all present who were not members of the Grand Army of the Republic to retire. This being done, he then declared the Encampment open in due form.

Department Chaplain Thos. H. Hagerty being called upon, then invoked the divine blessing.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

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,

*CHAS. W. RUBEY.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

*ALEX. McCANDLESS.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,

*CHAS. P. HESS.

Medical Director,

*DR. JACKSON WALKER.

Chaplain,

*REV. THOS. H. HAGERTY.

Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General,

*THOS. B. RODGERS.

Judge Advocate,

*JERE T. DEW.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*C. D. INGLEHART.

Inspector,

*THEO. DUBROUILLET.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

*FRANCIS P. BECKER,

A. WHIPPLE,

*PATRICK MARTIN,

*W. H. WORMSTEAD,

*C. W. CORKRAN.

Past Department Commanders,

*WM. WARNER

A. G. PETERSON,

W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

JOHN W. SCOTT,

†NELSON COLE,

W. F. HENRY.

†E. E. KIMBALL,

*GEORGE HALL,

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.,

IRA T. BRONSON,

JOHN E. PHELPS,

F. M. STERRETT,

*LEO RASSIEUR,

*JERE T. DEW,

*GEO. W. MARTIN,

HENRY FAIRBACK,

†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

*JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

*CHAS. G. BURTON,

T. D. KIMBALL,

†LOUIS GRUND,

*J. V. MARTIN,

LOUIS BENECKE,

*W. H. SKINNER,

*THOS. B. RODGERS.

*R. N. DENHAM.

JOHN P. PLATT,

*BENJAMIN WARNER.

†Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

**Roll of the Thirty-Second Annual Encampment,
Department of Missouri G. A. R.**

Held at St. Joseph, Missouri, May 14th and 15th, 1913.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C., Charles Steiner.

P. P. C., Thos. B. Rodgers, Sol. Boehm, J. C. Broadwell, Arthur Dreifus, Christ Fricke, Cord. Ringen, Louis Meyer, A. J. Burlingame, W. F. Silverwood, P. F. Coghlan, Anton Huebler, B. F. Park, Thos. Moore.

Rep., Chr. H. Grote, Jno. Dinsbeer, Wm. Kuemmel, Danl. Hoeshl, Peter Schmidt, Hy. Von der Ahe.

Gen. Lyon Post, No. 2, St. Louis.

P. P. C., Henry Frein, Henry W. Plumer.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C., E. B. Walters.

P. P. C., Benj. Warner, O. S. Richards, James Crosson, Martin L. Ham.

Rep., D. L. Elder, E. W. Morgan.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. P. C., W. S. Jones, Alex. McCandless, Nick Mathias.

Rep., A. H. Austin.

James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.

P. C., A. N. Seaber.

P. P. C., L. V. Dix, B. F. Lutman.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

P. C., Fred Wenz.

P. P. C., T. R. Dumont, T. W. Evans, John Michel, C. M. C. Loyd, C. A. Mosman, E. T. Ellis, R. Horigan, L. L. Johnson, C. Disbrow, Patrick Martin, J. T. Warburton, C. J. Borden, E. C. A. Hildebrandt, C. C. Tibbets, J. Guider, G. C. Hull, H. C. Carter, Fred Wenz, J. W. Beach, Lucian E. Carter, W. G. Campbell, E. Chute, J. Harnois, M. D. Bealls.

Rep., Samuel Sharp, J. P. Emmert, Christ Balsiger, Jerome B. Reed.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

P. C., F. C. Dorsey.

P. P. C., Wm. Warner, O. P. Smith, Jere T. Dew, O. H. Guffin, Wm. F. Moll, Wm. H. Wormstead, J. E. Turner, Frank A. Becker, M. R. Winch, Benjamin Bolt, A. L. McBride.

Rep., E. H. Fenton, Chas. F. Foster, Wm. W. Pope, Henry B. Kelly.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

P. C., A. G. Minges.

P. P. C., Louis C. Hesse, H. Munchrath, Max Fritz.

Rep., Francis P. Becker, Wm. E. Shubert, Herman Angermueller, Geo. Bauer.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

Rep., R. B. Tyler.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

Rep., John C. Thomas, John A. Dell.

Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.

P. C., J. H. Stoner.

P. P. C., W. W. Knoop, H. Groves, J. P. Benjamin, O. B. Lingle, Jos. Montgomery, H. S. Beery, R. L. Hudson.

Rep., O. S. Stucker.

Phil. Kearney Post, No. 19, Laclede.

Rep., Chas. C. Haight.

Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.

P. C., Noah Sipes.

P. P. C., Ira K. Alderman, Nathaniel Sisson, John M. Evans

Rep., J. L. Charles, J. E. O'Neal.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

Rep., G. B. Cunningham.

F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.

P. C., Chas. P. Hess.

P. P. C., Christian Maffrey, Alex. S. Kale, J. M. Randall.

Rep., Jacob T. Browning.

Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

P. P. C., C. G. Burton, I. L. Hunt.

Tindall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.

P. C., A. D. Sturgis.

P. P. C., W. F. Marsh.

Rep., Wm. A. Brant.

S. A. Hurlbut Post, No. 32, Hamilton.

P. C., W. M. Pickel.
Rep., Chas. Streeter.

Ben Loan Post, No. 33, Kingston.

P. C., Geo. Armstrong.
Rep., John Legg.

Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.

P. P. C., H. F. Glahn.

Roderick Rockwood Post, No. 39, Lemonville.

Rep., Geo. Mason.

Albert Chandler Post, No. 42, Macon.

P. P. C., Robert Powell.

Wm. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.

P. C., Robt. H. Gould.
P. P. C., Jacob Hallenberger.
Rep., Kimball Avery.

Christian Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

P. C., B. F. Morgan.
P. P. C., D. P. Dobyms, W. H. Hardman, F. S. Morgan, T. C. Fuller.
Rep., Robert Montgomery.

Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.

P. P. C., John Vanfossen.
Rep., E. F. Lane.

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

P. P. C., C. W. Rubey.

Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

P. P. C., Chas. Koock.

Thos. G. Wade Post, No. 54, Unionville.

P. P. C., D. L. Cook.

O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.

P. P. C., G. W. Martin, J. V. Martin, Geo. R. Haven, L. T. Hunt,
H. C. Barger.
Rep., B. F. Terpin.

Tarkio Post, No. 67, Tarkio.

P. C., J. C. Filbert.
P. P. C., J. W. Hoover.
Rep., Thos. Weir.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 68, Green Ridge.

P. P. C., Chas. E. Wadleigh.

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

P. P. C., W. C. Calland.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. C., B. C. Nichols.

P. P. C., R. V. Young, J. L. Nichols, Geo. Hall, J. M. White,
W. A. Murray, Geo. Beekler, John Carter, W. B. Rogers, C. D. Gass,
G. G. McFarland.

Rep., John W. Thomas.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

P. C., John Klepper.

P. P. C., Addison McKee, W. W. Baldwin, E. S. Gurney, J. W.
Dillard, Wm. Roney, G. W. Saunders, A. P. Housel, E. W. Thomas,
G. J. Cherry, C. D. Inglehart, J. W. Lucas, Simon Grove, Irvin Bacon,
C. W. Wright, D. C. Brown.

Rep., David H. Elliott.

Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.

P. C., J. G. Orsborn.

Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton.

P. P. C., Jas. Phillips.

L. W. Cooper Post, No. 81, Lathrop.

P. C., James F. Moore.

P. P. C., W. W. Anderson, S. Shaffner, J. Stevens, Y. M. Burnett,
W. D. Parks.

Rep., James Seaton.

King City Post, No. 86, King City.

P. C., W. P. Graves.

P. P. C., A. S. Martin, F. A. Gerber, M. E. Pickard, John Turner.
Rep., D. C. Campbell.**Gen. G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.**

P. P. C., Theophile Dubrouillet.

Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.

P. P. C., Frederick W. Post, Peter Neifind.

Rep., Ernst Klockenbrink, Louis Schaeperkoetter.

Miles Carroll Post, No. 111, Iberia.

P. C., John Ferguson.

P. P. C., Hiram Haines.

Rep., Chas. P. Myers.

Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.

Rep., Daniel Wise.

Marion Post, No. 119, Stanberry.

P. P. C., Chas. L. Ferry, W. C. Long.

Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.

P. P. C., W. H. Skinner, F. T. Harvey, E. S. Miner, Jackson Walker, E. B. Ward, W. J. Taylor, J. W. Shroyer, A. J. Dodd, A. J. Fuller.

Rep., Harvey Weddle.

Capt. J. H. Little Post, No. 129, Denver.

Rep., Mike Combs.

Fred. Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

P. P. C., John Parsley, J. N. Hayes, B. A. Wilmot, J. D. Parsley, M. G. Garner.

Rep., F. E. Owens.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

P. C., P. H. Clarke.

P. P. C., J. B. Dobyne, R. N. Denham, S. D. Webster, A. J. Showers, J. B. Knoepfel, J. M. Wherry, J. T. Sanders.

Rep., A. E. Rosine, M. R. H. Witter, C. C. Owen, G. M. D. Merwin, Chas. H. Davis, J. K. Merrifield, Edw. R. Cone, T. H. Hagerty.

Sergt. B. H. Porch Post, No. 135, Olean.

Rep., R. H. Aquart.

Liberty Post, No. 150, Spickard.

P. C., H. Montgomery.

P. P. C., J. C. Nichols, M. V. Ewing.

Rep., John P. Tharp.

Col. H. C. Gilbert Post, No. 160, Wheeling.

P. C., B. F. Wolfe.

Col. Islam Keith Post, No. 164, Breckenridge.

P. C., C. E. Riddell.

P. P. C., Joseph Greenwood.

Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

P. P. C., W. W. Chapel, Joseph D. Earhart, E. S. Chapin, Robert H. Dugan.

Rep., Joseph D. Earhart.

Mansfield Post, No. 181, Powersville.

P. C., S. S. Torrey.

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Major Hunt Post, No. 185, New London.

P. P. C., T. G. McCune, W. R. Sanford.

W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

Rep., J. A. Lane.

McCroskey Post, No. 210, Springfield.

P. C., R. L. Marcum.

Sergt. Ryan Post, No. 214, Brashear.

P. P. C., G. W. Silver.

Picket Post, No. 215, Farmington.

P. P. C., D. J. Doughty.

John Williams Post, No. 218, Fairport.

P. P. C., Newton Rollison.

Rep., Sylvester Fielder.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.

P. P. C., Adam Conder.

Rep., W. P. Walker.

Reuben Dale Post, No. 223, Eagleville.

P. C., Wm. Carnaga.

P. P. C., T. S. McCandles, James Miranda, W. H. Eckerson.

Rep., James Stuart.

T. J. Brouster Post, No. 233, Clayton.

Rep., Jacob Eschenbrenner.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonsville.

P. P. C., Peter Trester, Walter Barron.

Rep., Frederick J. Boller.

Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.

P. P. C., J. W. Root.

Pinhart Post, No. 268, Brunswick.

P. P. C., W. B. Mullins.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, Clarksburg.

P. C., Chas. G. Wegener.

P. P. C., W. H. Mengel, Jas. S. Roth, John M. Williams, H. B. Sappington.

Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282, Carrollton.

Rep., Harrison Bryant.

Bob Ford Post, No. 303, Coffey.

P. P. C., C. Yost, J. J. McCoy.

Manwaring Post, No. 320, Hermann.

Rep., Chas. F. Kluck.

Evans Post, No. 340, Economy.

P. P. C., R. M. Depew, John McDaniel.

Rep., Chas. Anderson.

Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.

P. P. C., G. W. Edwards.

Robert P. Carnes Post, No. 374, Dunlap.

P. P. C., Isaac Elliott, W. B. Sherrow.

Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.

P. C., Wallace Lilley.

Col. Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.

Rep., Dan Holzwarth.

Harrison A. Gleim Post, No. 512, Tipton.

P. P. C., J. B. Wolf.

Geo. W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

P. C., J. N. Michael.

P. P. C., A. F. McCray.

Blythedale Post, No. 551, Blythedale.

P. C., E. T. Leach.

Gatzweiler Post, No. 554, St. Charles.

P. P. C., William Meyer, William Wiedey.

Rep., Henry Hachtmeier.

Burnside Post, No. 566, Pleasant Hill.

P. P. C., Wm. Lowe.

Rep., G. A. Douglass.

Capt. E. D. Johnson Post, No. 574, Elmira.

P. C., David L. Green.

P. P. C., J. T. Roberts, James L. Tucker.

Rep., Jacob Seigel.

John Whalen Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.

P. C., Henry De Bell.

Rep., Wm. Washington.

Col. A. W. Maupin Post, No. 586, St. James.

P. C., E. Atkinson.

Rep., Stephen Dellacella.

James E. Black Post, No. 591, Richmond.

P. C., Abram B. Powell.

Rep., William Shank.

To the Department Commander:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report: Present, Past Commanders-in-Chief, 3; Past Department Commanders, 9; all Department Officers, 10; Council of Administration, 4; Past Post Commanders, 187; Post Commanders, 36; Representatives, 81; total, 330.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. WARBURTON, Post 7,

WM. F. MOLL, Post 8,

J. H. STONER, Post 17,

Committee.

On motion, the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with and the reading of the reports, which had been printed and were distributed in the Encampment, were also on motion dispensed with, excepting the address of the Department Commander.

Senior Vice Department Commander Alexander McCandless was called to preside by Department Commander Rubey, while his address was read by Comrade James C. Broadwell, by request of the Assistant Adjutant General, as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

My Comrades: Again we are called to meet in this great commercial metropolis of northwest Missouri, after a lapse of thirty years, during which we have experienced many changes, ascending to the high-water mark of our organization, and now descending more rapidly with the advancing years.

We meet with many of the old comrades with whom we have touched elbows so often at our State and National Encampments; but we miss, alas! the faces of many more once so familiar, "the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still."

When we met in this city on March 22nd, 1883, there were present 89 comrades in the Encampment. Comrade Wm. Warner, our first Department Commander, presided. There were then 66 Posts, with 2400 members—a very good showing for the third year of our existence. Now we have 222 Posts, with a membership of 5364. The number of Posts keeps up well, but their membership has become sadly diminished through death and the usual infirmities of age, with the consequent loss of energy and activity. Indeed, it is pathetic in many cases, to see with what grim tenacity, a little handful of comrades, scarcely enough to form a quorum, seem determined to hold on to their Posts, saying they will do so as long as they live, reminding one of the "Old Guard" of Napoleon, who would die but never surrender.

The condition of our Department as to membership, under present conditions, and as compared to other Departments, may be considered as fairly good, and financially has been considerably improved by the income derived from our "Safety Fund," originated in 1910, and continued in 1911, amounting to \$3850. Of this amount \$100 has been lately received from the estate of Comrade George Hoffmann, deceased, a Past Post Commander of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, of St. Louis, who by his last will made a bequest to the "Safety Fund" of that amount. I take pleasure in making this acknowledgment, and commend his example to all comrades who may be in a position to take similar action.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Our Department was well represented at the Forty-sixth National Encampment, held at Los Angeles, California, September 12th and 13th, 1912. There was present a full delegation of thirteen

representatives (three vacancies being filled by alternates), the Department Commander and Senior Vice Department Commander, and six Past Department Commanders, two of whom had been Commanders-in-Chief. Nearly one hundred comrades were in line on the parade, and in every respect, except in numbers, fully sustained the good reputation of the Department. The enforced absence on account of illness of our efficient Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, was the cause of general regret to all of us, and to his many friends in the Encampment. His duties, however, were well and faithfully discharged by Comrade A. Whipple, my Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, one of our representatives in the Encampment, who was fully instructed in the duties of the position by Comrade Rodgers before leaving St. Louis. He was detailed by me as Acting Assistant Adjutant General. In this connection I wish also to return my thanks for their assistance in various ways about our Headquarters, of Comrades Nich. Mathias, of Post No. 5, our Color-bearer, and Chris. Fricke, and Louis Koop, of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the efforts of the comrades and patriotic people of Los Angeles to entertain their visitors. It seemed to give them the greatest pleasure personally to minister to our enjoyment in every way. There were numerous excursions for which the visitors were furnished free tickets, while books of street car tickets were freely distributed.

It was my misfortune, about the close of the Encampment, to suffer a slight attack of paralysis, affecting my right arm and side, and making locomotion somewhat difficult. This necessitated my remaining at Los Angeles more than a week after the Encampment. My great regret is that I have had to give up the very general series of visits I had planned through the western and northern portions of the State. I am glad to say that so far my general health is fairly good, and by a careful abstinence from anything like work, I am not increasing my disability.

On August 22nd I attended a reunion at Buffalo, in Dallas County, Mo., which was largely attended, and I was with them a part of two days. I also was able to visit Posts 69 and 210 in Springfield, Mo., in January last, and installed the officers of both Posts. So many reunions occurring on the same dates last summer made it impossible to visit but a limited number of those to which I had been invited. I would recommend that comrades should endeavor to arrange the dates of their reunions so as to conflict as little as possible with each other.

It is needless to add much in addition to what has already been said in General Orders in regard to Memorial Day. The duty of its sacred observance continues to grow in the hearts of a

our comrades, who will never permit its memories to fade. As so eloquently expressed by Past Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan, in his General Order recommending and establishing the observance of the day: "If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us."

The patriotic Orders with which we are affiliated and which have our hearty sympathy and support—the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Sons of Veterans, according to information received from their General Orders, seem to be prospering and increasing in influence in their respective communities. We bid them God-speed in their unselfish and patriotic work.

I would advise that the Post Commanders would instruct their Patriotic Instructors to invite all teachers and Superintendents of Schools in their respective localities to arrange for a patriotic program for Friday, May 23rd, and make a detail of comrades to attend the patriotic exercises by the school children.

In conclusion, comrades, allow me to return my hearty thanks for the honor you conferred upon me one year ago, and to again express my great regret that my physical condition has prevented me from serving you as you deserved, and as I had planned to do.

My thanks are also due to all the Department Officers who have been so kind and considerate and who have been so loyal in my support, and especially to the Assistant Adjutant General, Thos. B. Rodgers, for his valuable assistance and support.

CHARLES W. RUBEY,

Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Moberly, Mo., April 22, 1913.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor of handing you my report as Senior Vice Department Commander for the past year. I have not found the duties of the office very exacting. The chief event was the pleasure of attending the National Encampment at Los Angeles last September. It proved to be one of the best and most enjoyable encampments that I have ever attended. The comrades were most cordially received. Every courtesy was shown them by the people of that beautiful city, and their stay made as pleasant as possible. The Department made a good showing, considering the distance the comrades had to travel. Trusting to meet a goodly number of the comrades at St. Joseph in May, I remain,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ALEX McCANDLESS,

Senior Vice Commander.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Macon, Mo., April 30th, 1913.

Thomas B. Rodgers,

Assistant Adjutant General, Dept. of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade: The 31st Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri G. A. R. held for the second time in my own home town, in Macon, Mo., on May 16th and 17th, 1912, for the second time conferred upon me the high and distinguished position of Junior Vice Department Commander. Whether my second election to this office was on account of the strenuous and valuable services I rendered to the Department during my first term of office, or whether it was on account of neglecting to provide for the comfort of some of my comrades while attending the 31st Annual Encampment at Macon last year, is problematical.

If my second election was caused for meritorious services rendered during my first term of office, I bow to my comrades in a true soldier's spirit and salute them. If, on the other hand, my second election to this office was as punishment for neglecting the comforts of some of my comrades, and particularly the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Women's Relief Corps, then I plead guilty, and the punishment was well deserved.

Comrades, Women of the Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R.: I have at all times given the best within my power to further the interests of my comrades and promote the claims of the widows and the orphans of our departed comrades. If I have been derelict in smaller matters, please don't inflict any further punishment upon me.

I sincerely regret that I could not attend the National Encampment held at Los Angeles, California, last year, on account of professional duties devolving upon me. It would certainly have been a pleasure to me to assist our Commander, Charles W. Ruben and other Department Officers and representatives in the discharge of their duties, which, however, they nobly and very creditably performed without me.

Comrades, our shadows are lengthening towards the East. I stand together as true and brave soldiers, doing our duty to each other and to the widows and orphans of our departed comrades.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. P. HESS,
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 8th, 1913.

Chas. W. Rubey, Department Commander:

Comrade: I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1912:

There were 260 Posts at the end of 1911, which included 50 Posts remaining suspended. The following Posts were suspended at the Department Encampment in 1912: Posts 180, 271, 287, 358, 472, 555.

Four Posts surrendered their charters, viz.: Post 158, at Bethel, Shelby county; Post 332, at Washington, Franklin county; Post 447, at Berger, Franklin county; Post 506, at Indian Grove, Chariton county.

One new Post was mustered, No. 592, at Fair Play, Polk county, making the number of Posts 257, including the 56 Posts remaining suspended.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the year 1912:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1912.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1911.....	5,913
Gain by muster-in.....	60
Gain by transfer.....	38
Gain by reinstatement.....	84— 182
Aggregate.....	6,095
Loss by death.....	164
Loss by honorable discharge.....	6
Loss by transfer.....	33
Loss by suspension.....	198
Loss by delinquent reports.....	54— 455
Number remaining in good standing, June 30, 1912.....	5,640

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1912.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1912.....	5,640
Gain by muster-in.....	34
Gain by transfer.....	30
Gain by reinstatement.....	96— 160
Aggregate	5,800
Loss by death.....	115
Loss by honorable discharge.....	5
Loss by transfer.....	68
Loss by suspension.....	186
Loss by delinquent reports.....	19
Loss by surrender of charter.....	43— 436
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1912.....	5,364

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1911.....	5,913
Gain during year by muster-in.....	94
Gain during year by transfer.....	68
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	180— 342
Aggregate	6,255
Loss during year by death.....	279
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	11
Loss during year by transfer.....	101
Loss during year by suspension.....	384
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	73
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	43— 891
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1912.....	5,364
Number remaining suspended.....	543
Number dropped during year.....	325
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	12
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	7
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$ 897.5
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1912.....	\$11,699.0
Cash invested in collaterals.....	20,263.3
Cash balance in relief funds.....	1,635.7
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	10,223.3
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	8,020.0
Total value of Post property.....	\$51,842.3

The Forty-sixth National Encampment at Los Angeles last year changed the basis of representation to the National Encampment, allowing one representative for each three hundred members in good standing, and one additional for a final fraction of more than half that number. This entitles our Department to eighteen representatives in addition to the one at-large.

In accordance with a standing 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 highest number.

The following exhibits accompany and are made part of this report:

Exhibit "A"—Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "B"—Statement of Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Statement of Supplies on hand.

Exhibit "D"—Statement of Assets.

Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths.

I am pleased to inform you that the Department has received, since the close of the fiscal year, from the estate of our late comrade George Hoffmann, deceased, of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, the sum of \$100, being the amount bequeathed by him in his last will, for the "Safety Fund." It would be gratifying if his laudable example were followed by more of his comrades.

I need hardly say, as you already know, that it was the greatest disappointment to me that I was debarred by the advice of my physician from accompanying you and the other comrades to the National Encampment last year. It was the first Encampment I have missed since 1887, and you can well imagine with what a lonesome feeling I saw you all depart on your long journey. I appreciate very highly the services of Comrade A. Whipple, of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, who was one of our representatives, and a member of our Council of Administration, who acted in my place and performed the duties in such a satisfactory manner. It was fortunate we had the benefit of his services.

I regret with all the comrades, the disability under which you have labored, and hope you may soon be restored to health and strength. It has been a pleasure for me to serve you, and I hope to enjoy your friendship and good will for many years to come.

With many thanks to you for your many acts of courtesy and kindness, and a full appreciation of the good will and comradeship of my fellow officers and comrades, I wish you all health and prosperity.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS.

Assistant Adj't General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

EXHIBIT "A"

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1912.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1911.....	\$ 51.15
Received from per capita tax.....	1,490.72
Received from requisitions	124.65
Received from "Safety Fund".....	336.93
Received from interest on loans.....	120.00
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	\$2,123.45

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies	\$ 90.46
Printing and stationery.....	93.64
Rent of Office	180.00
Salary of Assistant Adj't Gen'l for Nov. and Dec., 1911, and 12 months 1912.....	1,166.66
Postage	65.04
Expenses National Encampment	167.75
Per capita tax	202.18
Insurance	14.15
Premium on bond of Ass't Adj't Gen'l.....	7.50
Incidentals	38.57
Traveling expenses, Dept. Commander Warner..	42.00—
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	2,067.95
Balance on hand, December 31, 1912.....	\$ 55.50

EXHIBIT "B"

SAFETY FUND—CASH ACCOUNT.

1912. Dr.	
To balance on hand, December 31, 1911.....	\$2,050.27
May 8 To amount received from interest on deposits.....	16.66
May 24 To amount received from contributions.....	15.00
Aug. 15 To amount received from sale of interest note No. 2 and accrued interest, Newcomer loan.....	255.00
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	\$2,336.93
1912. Cr.	
April 15 By amount invested in loan to Elmer Newcomer...	\$2,000.00
Aug. 15 By amount paid to General Fund of Department by resolution of Encampment	336.93
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	\$2,336.93

SAFETY FUND—INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

1911.	Dr.		
May 25	To loan to Arthur Gross.....	\$2,000.00	
1912.			
April 15	To loan to Elmer Newcomer.....	2,000.00	
			<u>2,000.00</u>
			\$4,000.00
1912.	Cr.		
Aug. 15	By sale of interest note No. 2, Newcomer loan.....	250.00	
	Balance of notes held by Department.....	\$3,750.00	

EXHIBIT "C"

SUPPLIES ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1911.

No.		Value.
35	Official badges	\$ 12.50
26	Membership badges	13.00
163	Buttoniers	16.30
89	Rank straps	35.60
123	Official ribbons	12.30
127	Rules and Regulations	12.70
711	Applications	7.11
20	Cash Books	24.00
40	Quartermaster's receipt books	24.00
13	Quartermaster's warrant books	11.05
5	Blue books	6.00
9	Rituals	4.50
12	Service books	3.60
36	Discharges	1.80
146	Transfers	7.30
41	Leave of absence cards.....	2.05
197	Department badges, plain	118.20
48	Department badges, silver top.....	48.00
1	Electrotype .....	.55
		<u>\$369.56</u>

EXHIBIT "D"

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1912.....	\$ 55 50
Office furniture, books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies	360.56
Ledger balances	48.25
Loans on real estate.....	3,750.00
Balance on hand in Safety Fund.....	100.00
	<u>\$5,114.31</u>
Liabilities: balance printing bills, price paid.....	142.13
	<u>\$4,972.18</u>

EXHIBIT "E"

LIST OF DEATHS.

Post

- 1 G. A. Rubelman, Sergt. Co. A, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Rudolph Blattner, Pr. Co. E, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 J. W. Ries, Corp. Co. G, 49th Mo. Inf.
 M. Mulcahey, Mus. Co. I, 6th Minn. Inf.
 J. B. Schissler, 1st Lieut. Co. F, 124th Ind. Inf.
 T. D. Griffin, 1st Lieut. Chicago Board of Trade Battery.
 Julius Most, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. Inf.
 John W. Noble, Brvt. Brig. Gen. and Col. 3d Iowa Cav.
 Joseph Wondracheck, Pr. Co. K, 27th Mo. Inf.
 John Coakley, Pr. Co. C, 3d U. S. Art.
 John Neun, Pr. Co. B, 1st Mo. Inf.
 Conrad Diehl, Pr. Co. A, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Geo. Schmid, Pr. Co. I, 5th Mo. Cav.
 Robt. Vernell, Mus. Co. I, 24th Mo. Inf.
 M. E. Fox, Pr. Co. A, 8th Mo. Inf.
 J. G. Priegel, Sergt. Maj. 74th Pa. Inf.
 John Bruenn, Pr. Co. F, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Robert Turton, Pr. Co. K, 4th Mo. Cav.
 Isaac Gibson, Maj. 6th Ill. Cav.
 F. W. Klemme, Pr. Cos. C and D, 1st Mo. Inf.
 B. F. Wilbourne, Pr. Co. D, 50th Mo. Inf.
 R. B. Young, 2d Lieut. Co. C, 5th Pa. H. Art.
 Chas. A. Durant, Pr. Co. F, 52d Ill. Inf.
 Geo. Hoffmann, Maj. 40th Mo. Inf.
- 2 C. H. Moeller, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Cav.
 August Geb, Pr. Co. B, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Henry Evers, Pr. Co. C, 12th Mo. Inf.
- 4 S. W. Midlam, Engineer U. S. Navy.
 N. H. Phipps, Pr. Co. E, 45th Ill. Inf.
 J. M. Thompson, 1st Lieut. Co. B, 146th O. V. I.
 J. H. Comer, Sergt. Co. C, 26th Ill. Inf.
- 5 J. M. Forman, Sergt. Co. F, 40th Mo. Inf.
 S. T. Goff, Pr. Co. G, 2d Iowa Inf.
 W. Russ, Pr. Co. E, 89th Ill. Inf.
 J. W. Floyd, Pr. Co. K, 7th Ill. Cav.
- 6 Wm. Goetz, Pr. Co. K, 44th N. Y. Indept. Battalion.
 Peter Vogel, Corp. Co. G, 10th Mo. Cav.
 Chas. Lindsay, Pr. Co. E, 10th Mo. Cav.
 Geo. M. Maus, Pr. Co. E, 13th Mo. Cav.
- 7 Philip Arnholdt, Pr. Co. B, 2d Mo. Inf.
 Henry Schurderer, Pr. Co. E, 5th M. S. M.

- Geo. W. Welty, Pr. Co. A, 43d Mo. Inf.
 C. H. Schultz, Capt. Co. H, 1st O. V. Cav.
 Geo. Eberhardt, Pr. Co. G, 1st Ill. Lt. Art.
 W. H. Chattle, Pr. Co. A, 89th Ill. Inf.
 Robert Harvey, Pr. Co. E, 6th U. S. Col. Inf.
 8 Wm. Kelly, Pr. Co. I, 91st Ill. Inf.
 Geo. W. Fitzpatrick, Pr. Thompson's M. M.
 C. H. Pennock, Landsman U. S. Navy.
 Frank Eversol, Pr. Co. F, 75th O. V. I.
 Wm. H. Royer, U. S. Signal, Co. H, 11th Mass.
 Hiram F. Devol, Col. 36th O. V. I. and Brvt. Brig. Gen.
 10 M. von Erdsmandorff, Pr. Co. A, 112th N. Y. Inf.
 Daniel Cooper, Pr. Co. C, 1st Eng.
 13 Jacob Dreibus, Pr. Co. A, 3d Mo. Rifle Battalion.
 Aug. Brauns, Pr. Co. D, 5th Mo. Inf.
 Lorenz Helgoth, Pr. Co. A, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Wm. Kollmeyer, Pr. Cos. B and F, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Ernst Vogeler, Pr. Co. M, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Valentine Jost, Pr. Co. G, 9th Mo. Cav.
 Herman Stamm, Pr. Co. E, 3rd U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Aug. Martini, Pr. Co. C, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Wm. C. Heldman, Pr. Co. B, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Geo. H. Ossing, Pr. Co. E, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Jacob Bischoff, Pr. Co. C, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 John Mueller, Pr. Co. B, 40th Mo. Inf.
 John Rauk, Pr. Co. F, 9th Ill. Inf.
 Frank Stutz, Sergt. Co. H, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Joseph Bauman, Pr. Cos. I and C, 12th Conn. Inf.
 Wm. Nelson, Mus. Co. F, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo. and Mus. Co. C,
 17th Mo. Inf., and Co. H, 29th U. S. Inf.
 Alex. Kauffka, Pr. Co. I, 10th Md. Inf.
 Louis Hunt, Pr. Co. C, 4th E. M. M.
 Peter Bobe, Co. G, 1st Mo. Inf.
 Andrew Steger, Co. I, 39th Mo. Inf.
 August Marks, Pr. Co. F, 2d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 14 Chas. H. Morgan, Capt. Co. H, 21st Wis. Inf.
 James Broadley, Pr. Co. F, 152d Ind. Inf.
 Wesley Stone, Sergt. Co. D, 5th Kans. Cav.
 Lewis E. Gillette, Sergt. Co. E, 9th Kans. Inf.
 Lorin A. Fillmore, Corp. Co. F, 71st Ill. Inf.
 Henry Digby, Pr. Co. I, 13th Mo. Inf.
 Josiah Wooten, Corp. Co. K, 81st Ill. Inf.
 Durle Hires, Ord. Sergt. Co. G, 27th Ill. Inf.
 James W. Chambers, Pr. Co. H, M. S. M.
 Geo. W. Hight, Pr. Co. B, 87th Ind. Inf.

- 16 David M. Stafford, Sergt. Co. E, 26th Ind. Inf.
 Alfred S. Smith, Pr. Co. G, 22d N. Y. Inf.
 Edward Garland, Pr. Co. E, 10th Iowa Inf.
 A. C. Carson, Pr. Co. E, 9th Iowa Inf.
 Albert Hates, Pr. Co. A, 186th O. V. I.
 Wm. H. Crugan, Pr. Co. K, 138th Ind. Inf.
- 17 J. K. Ely, Pr. Co. B, N. G. O.
 E. Cooper, Sergt. Co. A, 33d Iowa Inf.
- 21 Wm. Lett, Pr. Co. C, 1st Tenn. Inf.
 Cornelius Hull, 1st Lieut. Co. C, 145th O. V. I.
 John C. Curfman, Pr. Co. A, 45th Iowa Inf.
- 22 J. B. Newmyer, Corp. Co. K, 10th Mo. Inf.
 Peter Helwig, Pr. Co. I, 10th Mo. Inf.
 Early Corbin, 1st Lieut. Co. M, 11th Mo. Cav.
- 23 Thos. Graves, Pr. Co. B, 42d Mo. Inf.
 J. N. Ketcham, Pr. Co. K, 62d O. V. I.
 Maurice Drew, Pr. Co. I, 49th Mo. Inf.
- 26 Jonah Lovell, Pr. Co. E, 53d Ill. Inf.
 J. A. Ormsby, Corp. Co. B, 8th Mich. Inf.
 John Richardson, Pr. Co. A, 3d Mo. Cav.
 M. Robards, Pr. Co. C, 9th Kans. Cav.
- 29 James H. Toppass, Pr. Co. F, 62d E. M. M.
 J. H. Rutherford, Pr. Co. A, 2d Col. Cav.
- 32 James C. White, Pr. Co. H, 16th O. V. I.
 Crossley Johnson, Sergt. Co. G, 76th O. V. I.
- 34 J. K. Anderson, Ord. Sergt. Co. D, 135th Pa. Inf.
- 39 Peter Greggers, Capt. Co. B, 79th Ill. Inf.
- 42 Willis Smith, Pr. Co. C, 18th U. S. C. T.
- 43 Alex. Smithers, 2d Lieut. 11th Mo. Inf.
- 44 Dennis Ryan, Corp. Co. E, 44th Mo. Inf.
 J. N. Baldrige, Pr. Co. F, 12th Mo. Inf.
- 47 J. J. Warren, Pr. Co. C, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 E. L. Fish, Pr. Co. A, 39th Wis. Inf.
- 53 Joseph Adams, Pr. Co. D, 24th Ky. Inf.
- 54 J. W. McClellan, Pr. Co. D, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 J. B. Harper, Sergt. Co. I, 33d Mo. Inf.
- 57 Lyman Sturtevant, Pr. Co. B, 169th O. V. I.
 A. J. Lanning, Pr. Co. A, 117th N. Y. Inf.
 E. E. Ward, Pr. Co. K, 24th N. Y. Cav.
 John M. Cook, Pr. Co. H, 20th Ill. Inf.
 J. J. Whittier, Pr. Co. A, 6th Vt. Inf.
 R. W. Davis, Pr. Co. B, 146th N. Y. Inf.
- 69 A. B. Avery, Mus. Co. K, 57th Ill. Inf.
 R. T. Russell, Qr. M. Sergt. 8th Mo. Cav.
 Wm. Wadkins, Pr. Co. D, 6th Mo. Cav.

- C. D. Bruton, Capt. Co. D, 8th Ky. Inf.
- 72 David Patterson, Pr. Co. C, 162d O. V. I.
- 76 F. D. H. Brow, Pr. Co. C, 2d Minn. Cav.
W. A. McCaskey, Corp. Co. F, 4th Prov. E. M. M.
Samuel Stockhill, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mich. Cav.
- 82 Allen W. Neace, Pr. Co. G, 83d O. V. I.
- 86 M. M. Brown, Pr. Co. F, 1st Mo. Eng.
- 92 Wm. H. Starrett, Pr. Co. D, 107th Ill. Inf.
- 96 Samuel Bray, Corp. Co. D, 35th Mo. Inf.
James S. McCartney, Sergt. Co. H, 4th M. S. M. Cav.
- 107 Nicholas W. Wallace, Pr. Co. F, 40th Mo. Inf.
Edward Borck, Surg. 3d Md. Cav.
Ernst Holser, Pr. Co. A, 10th Mo. Inf.
Jacob Haemmerle, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Art.
John Goebel, Pr. Co. K, 214th Pa. Inf.
Jacob Diesing, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. Inf.
Wm. Mertz, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Inf.
- Henry Hock, Pr. Co. H, 5th U. S. R. C. Mo.
- 110 Isaac Creek, Lieut. Co. K, 40th Ill. Inf.
Joseph Vandolah, Pr. Co. F, 37th Ind. Inf.
- 111 Wm. A. Thompson, Pr. Co. M, 3d Mo. Cav.
John M. Carroll, Pr. Co. K, 12th Mo. Cav.
- 119 Samuel C. Ross, Pr. Co. F, 35th Mo. Inf.
- 124 E. Y. Lingle, Pr. Co. E, 68th O. V. I.
R. K. Nickerson, Pr. Co. H, 147th N. Y. Inf.
F. B. Young, Pr. Co. E, 43d Mo. Inf.
- 130 M. G. Blakely, Pr. Co. H, 2d Iowa Cav.
Wm. T. Munson, Pr. Co. H, 2d Ill. Cav.
- 131 Wm. Gottwald, Pr. Co. E, 2d Mo. Inf.
Eugene S. Cronk, Pr. Co. D, 40th Mo. Inf.
Moses S. Forbes, Pr. Co. H, 25th Mass. Inf.
Geo. W. Miller, Sergt. Co. C, 15th Kans. Cav.
Thos. Card, Mus. Co. B, 40th Mo. Inf.
John B. Lee, Capt. Co. D, 4th Ky. Cav.
Isaac D. Kelley, Sergt. 136th Ill. Inf.
Wm. G. Hills, Pr. Co. E, 9th N. Y. Cav.
Henry Bcrngesser, Pr. Co. C, 56th N. Y. Militia.
Wm. Bouton, Pr. Co. H, 2d Mo. Cav.
C. H. Albers, 1st Lieut. and Q. M. 1st Iowa Cav.
Clarence A. Monroe, Pr. Co. C, 44th Iowa Inf.
Jonah Carr, Pr. Co. K, 23d Mo. Inf.
Chas. A. Holbert, Pr. Co. B, 165th, N. Y. Inf.
Wm. E. Ware, Capt. Co. C, 27th Mo. Inf.
Gustavus St. Geni, Capt. Co. K, 47th Mo. Inf.
Joseph Billings, Pr. Co. K, 25th Mass. Inf.

- O. G. Richey, A. A. 1st Eng. U. S. Navy.
 A. H. Ward, Pr. Co. D, 1st Maine Cav.
 Albert H. Fuller, Qr. M. Sergt. 118th Ill. Inf.
 L. D. Immell, 1st Lieut. Co. G, 1st Mo. Art.
 J. S. Rudolph, Pr. Co. D, 7th Mo. Militia.
 P. S. Marquis, Corp. Co. E, 56th Pa. Inf.
 Ozias H. Pike, Pr. Co. H, 2d N. Y. Cav.
 Aaron H. Miller, Pr. Co. I, 5th Pa. Hy. Art.
 Henry Barber, Pr. Co. F, 36th O. V. I.
 John W. Lister, Warrant Carpenter, U. S. Navy.
 John E. Hanchette, Mus. Co. D, 140th Ind. Inf.
 141 F. M. Wise, Pr. Co. G, 1st Ark. Cav.
 G. W. Moore, Capt. Co. M, 2d Ark. Cav.
 Wesley Henry, Pr. Co. F, Phelps' Regt. Mo.
 J. C. Yoachum, Pr. Co. C, 16th Mo. Cav.
 145 John Vetter, Chaplain, 5th U. S. Cav.
 146 L. A. Hook.
 150 L. D. Boatman, Pr. Co. H, 4th Prov. E. M. M.
 152 Chas. Schueddig, Pr. Co. E, Pacific Battalion, Mo.
 John Paffrath, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Inf.
 172 G. W. Pilant, Pr. Co. F, 15th Ky. Inf.
 174 E. H. Day, Pr. Co. B, 2d Ohio Art.
 179 James K. P. Dawson, Pr. Co. I, 51st Mo. Inf.
 James Kight, Pr. Co. B, 29th Mo. Inf.
 185 Geo. W. Ford, Sergt. Co. E, 3d M. S. M.
 189 Thos. D. Smith, Lieut. Co. I, 142d N. Y. Inf.
 197 Herman Zigler, Pr. Co. F, 94th Ill. Inf.
 August Fischer, Pr. Co. F, 3d M. S. M.
 210 Chas. F. Bollman, Pr. Co. A, 4th Mo. Inf.
 Frank Blacklidge, Pr. Co. H, 21st Mo. Inf.
 E. N. Cobb, Pr. Co. D, 18th U. S. Inf.
 M. Lightwine, Pr. Co. D, 47th Mo. Inf.
 R. Spelman, Pr. Co. H, 3d O. V. I.
 David B. Wood, Mus. Co. B, 125th O. V. I.
 Wm. J. York, Pr. Co. H, 1st Ark. Cav.
 Ed McNamara, Pr. Co. F, 24th Ind. Inf.
 214 John J. Pinkson, Pr. 2d M. S. M.
 J. N. McCreery, Pr. Co. G, 119th Ill. Inf.
 215 Peter Krimminger, Pr. Co. H, 47th Mo. Inf.
 Henry E. Baker, Pr. Co. H, 47th Mo. Inf.
 Thos. Lang, Pr. Co. F, 47th Mo. Inf.
 218 John G. Henry, Pr. Co. E, 6th M. S. M.
 219 Martin V. Ingram, Pr. Co. G, 6th Mo. Cav.
 B. C. Smith, Sergt. Co. C, 4th M. S. M.

- 223 R. J. Sturdevant, Pr. Co. A, 35th
Wm. Cassidy, Pr.
- 233 Wm. Yaeger, Corp. Co. F, 10th Ill. Inf.
John R. English, Sergt. Co. L, 11th O. V. Cav.
- 238 ——— McGathey.
A. J. Thompson.
- 240 Chas. Brandes, Pr. Co. A, 29th Mo. Inf.
Philip J. Meisenheimer, Pr. Co. A, 2d Ill. Art.
Henry Stockman, Pr. Co. A, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
- 243 Wm. Loyd, Pr. Co. I, 21st Wis. Inf.
Byron M. Allen, Pr. Co. K, 27th Iowa Inf.
Nathan Lindley, Pr. Co. G, 68th O. V. I.
- 251 Thos. Throgmorton, Pr. Co. E, 5th Kans.
W. M. Plank, Pr. Co. E, 4th Vet. Ill. Inf.
S. Graham, Pr. Co. C, 39th O. V. I.
- 257 Wm. Wheeler, Pr. Co. D, 6th Tenn. Mtd. Inf.
- 264 R. H. Brittell, Pr. Band, 3d Ill. Cav.
- 273 Joseph B. Wood, Pr. Co. I, 47th Mo. Inf.
- 276 Jacob Neuiffer, Lt. Co. K, 8th Kans, Inf.
M. M. Minsterer, Pr. Co. A, 62d Pa. Inf.
- 299 M. M. Tafstellar, Pr. Co. B, 1st Tenn. Inf.
- 303 B. F. Poe, Pr. Co. A, 1st M. S. M.
- 320 F. Bear, Pr. Co. E, 4th Mo. Vols.
J. J. Hoecklin, Pr. Co. C, 4th Mo. Vols.
- 324 Henry Daniels, Pr. Co. C, 116th N. Y. Inf.
Geo. E. Armstead, Pr. Co. C, 26th Mo. Inf.
- 343 James Davis, Pr. L. Battery U. S. C. T.
Sam Meeks, Pr. Co. B, 60th U. S. C. T.
Walker Lewis, Pr. Co. K, 115th U. S. C. T.
- 354 Thos. R. Davis, Pr. Co. H, 31st Mo. Inf.
A. J. Hicks, Pr. Co. B, 49th Ill. Inf.
- 374 Warren Harris, Ord. Sergt. Co. H, 30th E. M. M.
- 375 L. R. Parker, Pr. Co. B, 7th Tenn. Cav.
- 387 J. S. Davis, Sergt. Co. G, 98th O. V. I.
Andrew Somerville, Pr. Co. D, 7th Iowa Inf.
- 392 John Harper, Pr. Co. C, 1st Ark. Cav.
- 406 P. Devereaux, Pr. Co. F, 3d Wis.
- 412 G. W. Sloan, Pr. Co. H, 53d Ill. Inf.
- 420 M. Kilgelhofer.
John Still, Pr. Co. H, 53d Ill. Inf.
- 425 Benj. Meredith, Pr. Co. G, 45th Mo. Inf.
- 429 P. E. Johnson, Pr. Co. I, 16th Mo. Cav.
- 433 Geo. L. Lipscome, Pr. Co. G, 8th Ind. Inf.
- 437 W. C. Hickman, 8th Mo. Cav.
- 453 A. F. Butler, Pr. Co. I, 3d M. S. M.

- 465 J. W. Evenden, Capt. Co. D, 31st Mo. Inf.
James Webster.
- 466 W. D. Parker, Pr. Co. K, 52d Ind. Inf.
- 488 R. T. Reed, 1st Sergt. Co. E, 4th Mo. Inf.
- 548 E. G. Buster, Pr. Co. I, 2d M. S. M.
- 566 Louis Moy, Pr. Co. K, 34th Ind. Inf.
- 567 A. Ostman, Pr. Co. A, Mo. N. G.
- 572 John A. Pottebaum, Pr. Co. H, 9th Mo. Cav.
Henry Koch, Sergt. Co. H, 12th Mo. Inf.
- 576 Gustav Muhm, Corp. Co. E, Krekel's Battalion Mo.
Rudolph Mueller, Pr. Co. E, Krekel's Battalion Mo.
- 582 Michael Sechler, Pr. Co. L, 3d Pa. H. Art.
- 584 John Wheeler, Pr. 49th Mo.
Henry Harmon, Pr. 9th O. V. Cav.
- 591 Geo. W. Graham, Pr. Co. A, 44th Mo. Inf.
James Graham, Pr. Co. I, 26th Ill. Inf.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

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

Comrade: I have to report but one Post mustered during my term of office—Warham Easley Post, No. 592, at Fairplay, Polk County, Mo., mustered July 6th, 1912, by J. W. Hapgood, Past Post Commander of Post 232, with eleven charter members, E. C. Barke Post Commander.

In submitting this report, I desire to thank the Department Commander for the honor conferred by my appointment.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

C. D. INGLEHART,
Chief Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Kansas City, Mo., May 7th, 1913.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

As Judge Advocate I have the honor, and it is my pleasure, to report that all is serene in the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic. My services as such officer have not been called for nor needed during this term. With congratulations and highest regards and best wishes for all, I subscribe myself,

Yours fraternally,

JERE T. DEW,
Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

St. Louis, Mo., April 15, 1913.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor of submitting this report as Department Chaplain.

Considering the age and terrible experiences through which our comrades have gone in the past, we have unmistakable evidence of the good care of the Great Commander of the Universe, that such good health has been enjoyed so generally. Our worthy Commander has been slightly disabled during the year, but like a brave soldier, as he is, he has "stood by his guns" and comes up with us to greet his comrades, make report of his campaign, turn over his command to his successor, and retire into private life, with well-earned laurels, to rest.

Many of our Posts have not reported, but I have been able to gather the following items of interest. It is to be hoped a more general report will be made in the future.

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending services.....	88
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	88
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	62
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	18
Number of Comrades present at such services.....	1,310

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services.....	115
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services.....	2,360
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	423
Number of graves decorated.....	27,657
Number of graves within jurisdiction undecorated.....	257
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day Services	80
Number of pupils participating.....	5,227
Number of other organizations participating.....	20
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day.....	75
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	40
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	30
Number of Posts having Burial Plots.....	45

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
 T. H. HAGERTY,
 Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Missouri, May 1st, 1913.

Thos. B. Rodgers, Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

The reports from sixty-one Posts indicate a reasonable degree of activity in the Department. While the schools have not been neglected, a greater effort has been made this year in the churches. The Department has been surprised how easy it is to induce the pastors of the various denominations to devote one or two public services along the line of patriotism and civic interests.

As a class, educated men are among our most patriotic citizens. Men of broad culture quickly see the value in public utterance of patriotic sentiment. Our ministers are of this class. The churches are quite pleased to have the pastors devote a public service now and then to special interests. The reports from the Post Instructors show that many churches responded to their requests.

Lincoln Day was observed by 26 of the St. Louis churches, 18 churches in Kansas City, 12 churches in Springfield, 9 churches in St. Joe, 7 churches in Sedalia.

All the Sunday schools of the Congregational churches of the State observed Lincoln's anniversary with a program with picture of Lincoln and the flag on the title pages.

A special effort has been made to have the children plant the flags and the flowers upon the graves on Memorial Day. We have found that this duty laid upon the children is a great

inducement to bring them to the cemetery, and they feel proud to join with the comrades in this sacred responsibility.

The Department has made a special effort to secure the complete attendance of the Post at the Sunday Memorial Services. We are seeking to make this a rally day when we can get the whole membership of the Post together. Many of the comrades rarely attend Post meetings, and we seek to make this the one time when we may easily get them together.

Further to enforce social and patriotic influence we have urged annual picnics among the Posts at the home of some comrade easy of access, and we have met with much encouragement along this line. A pleasant afternoon appeals to many of the old comrades who do not go out very much.

Special Data.

Large flags presented to public schools.....	15
Prizes offered for essays on the Flag.....	8
Number of Schools visited by comrades.....	210
Number of addresses made by comrades in the schools.....	32
Number Schools observing patriotic days.....	210
Number addresses made in Colleges and Normal schools.....	12
Number entertainments under the direction of Post P. I.....	28
Number gatherings held by Posts for patriotic purposes.....	50

Twenty-eight dollars has been expended for postage, printing and transportation during the year.
Increased pension is reported as encouraging comrades to bear their declining years with a happier frame of mind.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CALLAND,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

On motion, the Commander's address and the Officers' reports were referred to the several committees, as follows: Senior Vice Department Commander McCandless announced the following committee on the address of the Department Commander: Past Commanders-in-Chief Wm. Warner and Leo Rassieur, and Past Department Commanders Jere T. Dew, Geo. Hall, and W. H. Skinner.

Department Commander Rubey 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: Past Department Commander, Robert N. Denham; P. F. Coghlan, Post 1; Ben. Bolt, Post 8.

On report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: Thos. W. Evans, Post 7; Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97; A. J. Showers, Post 131.

On reports of the Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor: Past Department Commander Benj. Warner; Fred Wenz, Post 7; R. H. Gould, Post 43.

On reports of Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering Officer: W. W. Chapel, Post 172; E. S. Miner, Post 124; Arthur Dreifus, Post 1.

On resolutions: Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton; Past Department Commander J. V. Martin; C. A. Mosman, Post 7; B. C. Nichols, Post 72.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin; Max Fritz, Post 13; Stephen Dellacella, Post 586.

To visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Chaplain T. H. Hagerty; J. N. Michael, Post 525; H. Munchrath, Post 13.

To visit the Sons of Veterans: Past Department Commander John M. Williams; J. B. Dobyne, Post 131; John Ferguson, Post 111.

On motion, it was voted to refer all resolutions to the committee, without debate.

Chaplain Hagerty presented a gavel to the Department Commander, with the following remarks:

MR. COMMANDER:

Permit me to congratulate you upon the completion of your term of service as Commander of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic, and now ready to turn over to your successor in such fine condition.

True, during the performance of your official duty you were slightly disabled from the vigorous and continued service you had proposed in your own mind to do, yet we are glad to greet you here at the Encampment so active in body, and smiling in spirit. May your days of sunshine be many!

Commander, do you remember when a boy, you planted a walnut in your father's yard, which grew into a stately tree, with

has since borne fruit, which is good to eat and furnishes lumber which is at this day very valuable? Some boys plant thorns, which in after years wound them to the quick and are a grief to all their friends and people at large. Not so with your planting.

By honest means I have procured a piece of that walnut tree of your planting, out of which I have turned with my own hand, the head of this Gavel, and from famous Lookout Battle Mountain I procured a natural stick, out of which I made this handle, so Commander, I desire to present to you this Gavel at the close of the term of your command of this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, as a slight token of our regard for you as a faithful and efficient Commander. Please accept it with my best wishes for your long life and happiness.

The Department Commander accepted the gift with thanks, and stated that he appreciated the kind wishes expressed by the donor, and should always hold them in grateful remembrance.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of candidates for Representatives to the Forty-seventh National Encampment.

Past Department Commander Denham nominated Comrade J. K. Merrifield, of Post 131, for Representative at large. There being no other nomination, on motion, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Merrifield, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected.

The following nominations were then made, to be placed on the printed ballot in the numerical order of their Posts, beginning with the highest number, in accordance with a rule of the Encampment:

- J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder.
- E. R. Cone, Post 131, St. Louis.
- Lucian E. Carter, Post 7, St. Joseph.
- Chas. P. Myers, Post 111, Iberia.
- John Hack, Post 72, Trenton.
- G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville.
- Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis.
- Henry Frein, Post 2, St. Louis.
- Louis Meyer, Post 1, St. Louis.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

J. M. Evans, Post 21, Maryville.
 Wm. Lowe, Post 566, Warrensburg.
 J. H. Stoner, Post 17, Cameron.
 Jacob Hallenberger, Post 43, Hannibal.
 Wm. F. Moll, Post 8, Kansas City.
 Chas. Streeter, Post 32, Hamilton.
 A. B. Powell, Post 591, Richmond.
 E. S. Miner, Post 124, Bethany.
 A. J. Roof, Post 29, Chillicothe.
 H. Montgomery, Post 150, Spickard.
 H. J. Dutton, Post 69, Springfield.
 W. H. Mengel, Post 276, California.
 B. F. Morgan, Post 45, Oregon.
 Chas. E. Clark, Post 78, Warrensburg.
 W. H. Harrison, Post 26, Nevada.
 W. P. Walker, Post 221, Novelty.
 Martin L. Ham, Post 4, Kansas City.
 John W. Root, Post 241, Galt.
 Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly.
 James Meranda, Post 223, Eagleville.
 Eli D. Hopkins, Post 215, Farmington.
 J. B. Johnston, Post 210, Springfield.
 A. J. Conder, Post 221, Novelty.
 Wm. Baker, Post 68, Green Ridge.
 H. W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis.
 H. C. Wyatt, Post 58, Butler.

The Encampment then took a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 14th.

The Encampment met and was called to order by the Department Commander at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

The following telegrams and letters were received and read to the Encampment:

Cameron, Mo., May 14th, 1913.

COMMANDER RUBEY AND THOS. B. RODGERS, A. A. GEN. MO., G. A. R.
 My Dear Comrades and Comrades of the Encampment:

My condition is such physically that I more than regret to say that it is impossible for me to be with you on this occasion. But yet my heart is there, hoping the Encampment may be a grand success in the promotion of our cause and for that for which

is intended. It is the first one I have missed in 17 years. No doubt the St. Joe Comrades will give you a royal good time—that is their way of doing things, as I know by experience. Please extend to all my best wishes and greetings in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and may God bless you all is the wish of

Your affectionate comrade,

JOHN P. PLATT,

Past Department Commander.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 14, 1913.

COMRADE CHARLES W. RUBEX,

Dept. Commander G. A. R., St. Joseph, Mo.

Please present to your Department Encampment my regrets at being unable to be present and my best wishes for the continued welfare of your Department, and for the health and prosperity of each of its comrades.

ALFRED B. BEERS,

Commander-in-Chief.

Troy, O., May 14, 1913.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Ass't Adj't Gen'l, G. A. R., St. Joseph, Mo.

Every thought of my mind and impulse of my heart is with you today. I am wounded on the outpost. I will sing at exactly 12, tonight.

F. M. STERRETT,

Past Department Commander.

The following resolutions were offered and referred to the Committee on Resolutions: By Comrade Loyd, Post 7, recommending that the meeting of the National Encampment in 1915 be held at Washington, D. C., on May 23d and 24th, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the "Grand Review."

By Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, the following:

Whereas, information has reached us that the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, is about to plan some celebration of the siege of Vicksburg; and the Missouri Vicksburg National Military Park Commissioners will, in the course of a year, be ready to dedicate the Monument which they are erecting at the Park for the State of Missouri; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Commander, together with the Council of Administration, be authorized and empowered to co-operate with said Commission and said Department of Illinois in any celebra-

tion or dedication which may be proposed, providing no expense be occasioned thereby to this Department.

Resolved, that a page of the Journals of our Encampments be devoted to the naming of those deceased comrades who, in their last wills, make a bequest to the Safety Fund of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic, such page to contain this resolution, and be headed as follows, viz: "Roll of Honor," and be followed by the names and rank of the testators, and the names of the Post to which they belong at the time of their decease.

Comrade Munchrath, Post 13, moved to proceed with the election of officers for the ensuing year. Comrade Kinney, Post 8, moved to amend by postponing election until tomorrow. The amendment was put to vote and lost, and the original motion prevailed.

Nominations for Department Commander being called for, Comrade Rassieur placed in nomination Comrade Arthur Dreifus, of Post 1, with the following remarks:

Commander and Comrades:

It is ordinarily a great pleasure to present the name of a worthy comrade for consideration, in the selection of the occupant to fill an important office in this Department. In the present case, however, it is an exceptional pleasure to be able to present the name of one who has, for many years, been active in the work of the Department, and who has always labored for the advancement of others, and modestly requested nothing in return for his work. Of all the comrades who have faithfully labored for the advancement of the Department of Missouri, the candidate whom I shall name stands in the foremost rank of the intelligent and efficient workers. He is known to you all, and I am confident that all will concur in what I am about to say.

He has attended almost every Encampment; he has labored with his Post to make its attendance potent; and he has never failed to add to the pleasures of an Encampment.

No one understands the wants and needs of the Department better than he; no one will be more just in his treatment of every comrade than he. In his hands the Department will make the best progress of which it admits.

Nor is the soldierly record of my candidate any less praiseworthy than his Grand Army of the Republic record. He was among the first to enlist, in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the three year service, in a regiment whose record is second to none—the Nin-

Ohio. In all of the many engagements in which this regiment participated, my candidate bore an honorable part. He doubtless helped to make the regiment what it was—the pet regiment of "Pap" Thomas. When he was hard pressed at Chickamauga, and needed a regiment upon which he could rely under any and all circumstances, it was the Ninth Ohio that he threw into the breach to hold the victorious enemy. The same modesty which has marked the course of my candidate in the Grand Army of the Republic is visible in the fact that no promotion came to him while in the army; but that he was worthy of all praise, because of his faithful conduct at all times, has come to me from numerous comrades who were with him throughout the entire service.

I beg to present to you now, for election to the high office of Commander of this Department, Comrade Arthur Dreifus, Past Post Commander of Blair Post No. 1, and a charter member of that Post, and hope that this Department will honor itself by honoring him with an election.

The nomination of Comrade Dreifus was seconded by the following comrades: Chaplain T. H. Hagerty; J. G. Orsborne, Post 78; Jere T. Dew, Post 8; C. D. Inglehart, Post 76; P. H. Clarke, Post 131; W. H. Skinner, Post 124; R. N. Denham, Post 131; Geo. W. Martin, Post 57; Benj. Warner, Post 4; J. V. Martin, Post 57.

Comrade Burton placed in nomination Comrade Chas. P. Hess, Post 23, with the following remarks:

Department Commander:

Agreeable to a promise made at Macon one year ago and at the request of many comrades from all sections of the State, I name for Department Commander, Comrade Chas. P. Hess of F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon, Mo.

Comrade Hess came to this country from Germany, and when the rebellion broke out manifested his devotion to his adopted country by enlisting in the Sixth U. S. cavalry and participated with his regiment in its various campaigns. He was a gallant soldier and is an earnest, zealous and active comrade and well qualified for the position of Department Commander.

Whatever may be the result of this election, there will be no bitterness, for if Comrade Dreifus, than whom there is no better comrade, is elected, he will receive the hearty support of Comrade Hess, just as Comrade Dreifus will earnestly and zealously aid and

assist Comrade Hess should the election result in favor of Comrade Hess.

With great pleasure I name Comrade Hess for Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The nomination of Comrade Hess was seconded by the following comrades: D. P. Dobyms, Post 45; J. T. Browning, Post 23.

On motion, the nominations were closed, and Comrades A. F. McCray, Post 525; Nich. Mathias, Post 5; A. J. Showers, Post 131; H. F. Glahn, Post 36, were appointed tellers. The Encampment proceeded to vote, and the tellers retired to count the ballots. The result of the ballot was as follows:

Comrade Dreifus received 142 votes, and Comrade Hess received 78 votes, whereupon the Department Commander declared Comrade Arthur Dreifus duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year. On motion of Comrade Hess, the election of Comrade Dreifus was made unanimous.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander, being next in order, Comrade Theophile Dubrouillet, Post 97, was nominated by Comrade Rassieur. There being no other nomination, 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 Dubrouillet, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

For Junior Vice Department Commander, Comrade Lucian E. Carter, Post 7, nominated Comrade Charles A. Mosman, of Post 7. 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 Mosman, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

For Medical Director Comrade Thos. S. Hawley, Po

131, was nominated by Comrade J. B. Dobyne, Post 131. There being no other nomination, on motion, the rules were suspended, and Comrade Hawley was elected by acclamation.

Comrade T. H. Hagerty, Post 131, was nominated for chaplain by Comrade P. F. Coghlan, Post 1. There being no other nominations, the rules were suspended and Comrade Hagerty was elected by acclamation.

Comrade Showers, Post 131, offered the following resolution which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at St. Joseph, Missouri, this fifteenth day of May, 1913, do heartily endorse the movement of the patriotic citizens of St. Louis, Missouri, to make the Sunday preceding Memorial Day (May 30), one of general observance by a combined gathering of all military, semi-military, schools, churches and all kindred organizations as an object lesson to those to come after us of the patriotism, loyalty and all the principles for which we answered the call to duty from '61 to '65.

The hour appointed for the automobile parade having arrived, on motion, the Encampment took a recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 15th.

The Encampment met at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 15th, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Chaplain Hagerty being called upon, invoked the Divine blessing.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report which appears elsewhere, showing the comrades present as checked by them to be 330.

The Assistant Adjutant General offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

"Considering the fact that there were no Missouri commands, either Union or Confederate, at the battle of Gettysburg, we wish to show our appreciation of the great liberality of our State Legis-

lature in appropriating \$15,000 for the transportation from their homes to Gettysburg and return, of the veterans residing in this state who were engaged in that great battle. Therefore,

Resolved, that the thanks of this Encampment are due and are hereby tendered to the Legislature of Missouri for passing the bill with such great unanimity, and to Governor Major for his prompt approval of the same, whereby it became a law."

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of five members of the Council of Administration.

The following nominations were made: Comrades W. H. Wormstead, Post 8; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; W. W. Baldwin, Post 76; A. Whipple, Post 1; L. L. Johnson, Post 7; J. B. Dobyne, Post 131; C. W. Corkran, Post 221. Comrades P. F. Coghlan, Post 1; Max Fritz, Post 13; Benj. Bolt, Post 8; Benj. Warner, Post 4, were appointed tellers.

A ballot being taken resulted as follows: Francis P. Becker received 153 votes; W. H. Wormstead, 135 votes; W. W. Baldwin, 130 votes; A. Whipple, 125 votes, L. L. Johnson, 124 votes; J. B. Dobyne, 88 votes; C. W. Corkran, 45 votes. The five receiving the highest number of votes were declared elected.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to the election of Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment, the eighteen receiving the highest number of votes to be the Representatives, and the nineteen receiving the next highest number to be the Alternates. Comrades W. C. Calland, Post 69; A. D. Sturges, Post 29; A. J. Showers, Post 131; O. H. Guffin, Post 8; W. F. Silverwood, Post 13; Adam G. Minges, Post 13; H. C. Carter, Post 7; Wm. Lowe, Post 566; Stephen Dellacella, Post 586, were appointed as tellers.

The tellers distributed the ballots and afterwards took up the votes and retired to count the same.

A delegation from the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, consisting of Past Division Commander C. C. Behnke, of St. Louis; Ex-Mayor Brown, of Kansas City; O. M. Shanklin, of Trenton; L. Johnson, of St. Joseph, and

Jacob J. Curch, of King City, was received and presented to the Encampment. The members of the committee addressed the Encampment briefly in an eloquent and appropriate manner. Junior Vice Department Commander Chas. P. Hess being called upon by the Department Commander, responded in his usually eloquent and impressive manner, on behalf of the Encampment.

A delegation conveying the greetings of the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, was next presented and introduced to the Encampment. It consisted of Past Department Presidents Agnes R. Russell, Rachel A. Hall, Julia S. Hengelsburg, Frances Arnold, Mary M. Botkin and Hannah Martin. Mrs. Russell presented the following official report of the Woman's Relief Corps for the past year:

Office of Department President, St. Louis, Mo., May 14, 1913.
Mr. C. W. RUBEY,

Department Commander G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the Thirty-second Annual Encampment Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, assembled at St. Joseph, May 14-15, a brief statement of the work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps for the year ending May 14, 1913:

Number of Corps	45
Number of members	1714
Cash expended by Corps for relief.....	\$439.80
Relief extended, other than money.....	982.65
Number of soldiers assisted.....	83
Number of soldiers' families assisted.....	178
Number of members assisted.....	80
Number in members' families assisted.....	142
Total number of persons assisted.....	482
Cash turned over to Posts.....	\$157.58

I desire to thank you, also, Col. Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, and the Grand Army of the Republic for courtesies extended to me. My year has been very pleasant and will always be a bright spot in my memory.

Respectfully submitted,

In F., C. and L.,

MINNIE GAMMETER,

Department President.

The ladies entertained the Encampment briefly with timely and patriotic addresses, and were responded to by Past Department Commander John M. Williams.

The following named committee from the Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic next appeared, bearing the greetings of that body: Mrs. Benj. Warner, Mrs. Sadie Haines, Mrs. Della Evans, and Mrs. E. L. Hubert. They were responded to by Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton.

Past Department Commander Skinner presented the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

"Whereas, our comrade, Past Department Commander John P. Platt, on account of his prolonged sickness, is unable to attend this Encampment, therefore,

Resolved, that we extend to him the sympathy of this Encampment, with our hopes that he may soon recover his health and meet with us in many future Encampments, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to mail him a copy of this resolution.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The Encampment then took up the selection of the place of the meeting for next year.

The city of Sedalia was proposed by Comrade Chas. Koock, of Post 53, of that city, who presented the formal invitation of the Mayor, F. L. Lydemann, supplemented by that of the Conventions Committee of the Sedalia Booster Club, which were read by the Assistant Adjutant General.

The city of Hannibal was presented by Junior Vice Department Commander Chas. P. Hess.

There being but two places in nomination, the vote was taken by rising. Sedalia was selected, receiving 106 votes and Hannibal 78 votes.

Comrade Levi Longfellow, Past Department Commander of Minnesota, and National Patriotic Instructor representing the Commander-in-Chief, was introduced to the Encampment, and delivered a highly interesting, patriotic and instructive address, for which he received thanks of the Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the following report of the Council of Administration, which, with its recommendations, was, on motion, adopted.

TO THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

St. Louis, Mo., February 21, 1913.

The selection of the date for the meeting of the Thirty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri at St. Joseph, was, by direction of the Department Commander, submitted to the members of the Council of Administration by letter and resulted in the unanimous choice of the dates of Wednesday and Thursday, May 14th and 15th, 1913, and it was so announced in General Orders, No. 5, February 21st, 1913.

The Council met at St. Joseph, Mo., May 13th, 1913, at 3 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to the call of the Department Commander.

The following members were present: Chas. W. Rubey, Department Commander; Alex. McCandless, Senior Vice Department Commander; Chas. P. Hess, Junior Vice Department Commander; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Francis P. Becker, Patrick Martin, W. H. Wormstead and C. W. Corkran, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

On motion the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts for failing to make reports: Post 120, Maple Grove; 134, Albany; 180, Austin; 271, Pineville; 287, Rockville; 294, Highlandville; 587, Burlington Junction.

On motion the Council recommended to the Encampment that \$100, or as much thereof as might be necessary, be appropriated to defray 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 6, 1913.

CHAS. W. RUBEY, DEPT. 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 30, 1913, and found proper vouchers for all expenditures, with balances on hand as follows: December 31, 1912, Fifty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$55.50), and on April 30th, 1913, Sixty-four dollars and eighty-four

cents (\$64.84). We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of his keeping the accounts.

FRANCIS P. BECKER,
A. WHIPPLE,

Committee.

The Council approved the action of the Department Encampment in voting to transfer the sum of \$375 from the Safety Fund to the General Fund for the year 1912.

There being no further business, on motion, the Council adjourned.

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

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report through its chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Burton:

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions referred to us:

That in regard to the more general observance of the Sunday before Memorial Day, offered by Comrade Showers.

That thanking the Legislature of Missouri and Governor Major for the appropriation of \$15,000 for the railroad fare of the Gettysburg Veterans, offered by Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers.

The two resolutions offered by Comrade Rassieur, the one favoring the celebration of the siege of Vicksburg, and the other providing for a page in our journals as a "Roll of Honor."

We also recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution offered by Comrade Rassieur:

Whereas, the Adjutant General's reports of 1863 and 1864 containing the most complete historical data regarding the Union forces raised by the State during the Civil War, are out of print and whereas, such information and the data regarding the furnishing of men by Missouri to the Confederate service ought to be placed within reach of our citizens and the many State libraries now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Assembly and the Governor be requested to authorize the editing and printing of a historical roster or record of the Civil War for the State of Missouri.

In regard to holding the National Encampment in Washington, D. C. in 1915, we recommend that it lie upon the table.

On motion, the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

The committee, of its own motion, also recommends the adoption of the following:

Be It Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to the Railroad Companies (steam and electric) for favors granted in the matter of transportation.

That we are profoundly grateful to the Mayor of St. Joseph for his hearty welcome; to the good people thereof for their loyal hospitality and magnificent entertainment; and to our Comrades of Custer Post for their untiring and successful efforts in making this Encampment most enjoyable and gratifying.

That the thanks of this Encampment are tendered to Mrs. Anna Brosius Korn and the quartet of Trenton, Mo., for the production and magnificent rendition of "Missouri" and "Protect Our Flag," both during recess on yesterday and at the camp-fire last night.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on the Address of the Department Commander made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 14, 1913.

TO THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

Comrades: Your committee appointed on the address of the Department Commander report that it has carefully considered the same, and commend the recommendations therein contained, and especially its patriotic sentiment.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WARNER, Chairman.

LEO, RASSIEUR,

JERE T. DEW,

GEO. HALL,

W. H. SKINNER.

The Committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 15, 1913.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee on reports of Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders have given the reports referred to us our special attention and we recommend to this Encampment that these reports be accepted, and that a vote of thanks be extended to these

officers for the efficient service rendered to the Department during their term of office.

R. N. DENHAM,
P. F. COGHLAN,
BENJ. BOLT,
Committee.

The committee on the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 14, 1913.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, begs leave to report as follows: That we have carefully examined said reports and find they are kept in a business-like manner, thoroughly in accordance with the laws and usages of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we take pride and pleasure in recommending his report as worthy of your fullest endorsement.

ALLAN J. SHOWERS,
THEOPHILE DUBROUILLET,
THOS. W. EVANS,
Committee.

The committee on the reports of the Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering Officer made the following report which was, on motion, adopted:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 15th, 1913.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering Officer, respectfully report that our examination of their reports shows that the Judge Advocate had nothing to do, on account of the great harmony prevailing in our Department, and the Chief Mustering Officer has been able to report the muster of one Post. The Department is to be congratulated upon the fact that the services of a Judge Advocate have not been called upon and that in these latter days we are able to muster even one Post.

Respectfully submitted,
E. S. MINER,
ARTHUR DREIFUS,
Committee.

The committee on the reports of the Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor, reported as follows:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 14, 1913.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor, begs leave to report that it takes pleasure in recommending approval thereof. The Chaplain's report shows that he is interested in the line of duty to which he was assigned one year ago, and that he has faithfully performed these duties.

On examination of the report of the Patriotic Instructor, we find that officer has done the work well. The report in its details of the various lines of patriotic work throughout the Department shows that much thought has been given to it, and that the Department Commander made no mistake in his appointment of Comrade Calland to the office. We recommend the approval of his report.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. WARNER,

FRED. WENZ,

R. H. GOULD,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

On motion, the Encampment took a recess, until 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 15th.

The Encampment met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the newly elected Commander, whose duty it shall be to petition the Interstate Commerce Commission to procure an order which shall make it the duty of all railroads in the country to give as favorable rates to the members of the G. A. R. in attending their Encampments as may be given to the most favored organization for such purposes, and thereby prevent any further discrimination against those who served in the armies of the Union during the Civil War, and thereby preserve the unity of this nation for the enjoyment and exploitation of the companies owning the railroads.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for election of Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-seventh

National Encampment, as follows, the candidates having received the number of votes set opposite their respective names, and they were declared duly elected:

REPRESENTATIVES.

Wm. Lowe	178
John Hack	176
J. W. Lucas.....	165
Lucian E. Carter	158
E. S. Miner	149
E. R. Cone	144
James H. Stoner	136
Wm. F. Moll	131
John A. Root	125
J. B. Johnston	125
W. H. Mengel	123
Nich. Mathias	123
Jacob Hallenberger	117
Louis Meyer	115
J. M. Evans	105
Martin L. Ham	102
A. J. Roof	95
Max Fritz	94

ALTERNATES.

W. P. Walker	93
Chas. P. Meyers	90
Chas. E. Clark	90
A. B. Powell	87
G. B. Cunningham	87
B. F. Morgan	79
H. J. Dutton	78
Wm. Baker	76
H. Montgomery	74
Chas. Streeter	73
Eli D. Hopkins	72
W. H. Harrison	72
Henry W. Plumer.....	64
H. C. Wyatt.....	60
James Meranda	52
Henry Frein	51
A. J. Conder	49

The officers-elect were then duly installed by Past
Commander-in-Chief Leo 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.

Commander Dreifus made the following remarks on taking the chair:

Comrades: In the many years I have attended our Department Encampments, you never heard me make a speech; I will not make one now, because I cannot. I wish I had the gift of tongue of Past-Commanders-in-Chief, Comrades Rasseur and Burton, so I could express my true feeling and gratitude for the honor you have conferred on me by electing me as your Department Commander. Comrades, I thank you for the great honor you have bestowed upon me, and I promise you that I will attend to my duties as Department Commander to the best of my ability.

The comrades all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," after which the Commander declared the Encampment adjourned sine die.

A true record of the proceedings:

Thos. B. Rodgers
Asst Adjt Genl.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, which met at St. Joseph, on the 14th and 15th days of May, 1913, was one of the largest in point of attendance and one of the most enjoyable of any in recent years.

The Committee of Arrangements, of which the well-known Comrades Thos. W. Evans and J. Waldo Beach were, respectively, chairman and secretary, backed up by one of the strongest and best Posts in the Department—Custer Post No. 7—had with great care and thoughtfulness looked after all the details necessary for the comfort and enjoyment of their visiting comrades. They are to be congratulated upon the success which crowned their efforts.

By courtesy of the Commerce Club, a large number of veterans partook of their hospitality at a noon-day luncheon at the Hotel Robidoux on Wednesday, where addresses were made by Past Commanders-in-Chief Rasseur and Burton.

At four o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, after the Encampment took a recess until next morning, a parade was formed at Fifth and Jule streets in the following order: Platoon of police, followed by Prof. Hugh McNutt's Military Band; Chief Marshal J. P. Emmert, with the following Aides: Wm. Liebig, Harry C. Carter, John Booze, C. Balziger, G. M. D. Cox, L. L. Johnson, John Michel, James Bat-terby, E. T. Ellis, D. A. Turner, J. W. Melton, W. T. Alders, Elias Shute, D. H. Hatfield.

The first division was composed of the Delegates from Missouri and visiting comrades from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska.

The second division consisted of the Missouri Division Sons of Veterans, under Division Commander Chas. C. Wippo, with the following Aides: E. E. Ernst, W. A. Petrie, E. H. Floyd and Johnson; Lincoln Camp Sons of Veterans; Drum and Fife Corps, Custer Post No. 7, G. A. R., commanded by Fred. Wenz; John Whalen Post No. 583, G. A. R., commanded by Henry DeBell; many cars for veterans unable to march.

The line of march was south to Francis street, west to Thirteenth, south to Felix, east to Eighth, south to Edmond, west to Fourth, north to Francis, east to Fifth, north to Jule, where the column was disbanded. Nearly one thousand comrades were in line.

On Wednesday evening an interesting Camp-fire and entertainment was held at the Lyceum Theater, which was packed to the limit. The veterans were given the choice seats and the banquet was presided over by Judge C. A. Mosman, the Junior Vice Department Commander. A most enjoyable program was given. The open-

number delighted the audience with a concert by the Trenton, Mo., Quartet, comprising Misses Jessie Bayne McReynolds, Hattie May Lewis, Mr. Joseph Cook and Rev. C. P. Henry. Mrs. Fred Wallace was pianist. A flag drill by thirty-six girls from the McKinley school, South St. Joseph, directed by A. T. Heibel, was a most interesting feature. Ralph Parland sang the "Star Spangled Banner," and responded to an encore with "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

Past Commander-in-Chief Burton was the principal speaker. He recalled many interesting incidents of the Civil War, but said that now both the North and South have joined forces and are working together for the upbuilding of the Nation. He was followed by the St. Joseph Men's Choral Society, who rendered two numbers, "Paul Revere's Ride" and "A Soldier's Life for Me," most acceptably. The program was concluded with a brief but eloquent speech by Past Commander-in-Chief Rasselour.

A handsome United States flag was presented to the Musser School, on Wednesday, by the Woman's Relief Corps, the presentation being made by Mrs. M. M. S. Gillson, of Appleton City, Department Patriotic Instructor of that organization.

After the adjournment of the Encampment on Thursday afternoon, under direction of Comrade Thos. W. Evans, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, the delegates were treated to a most enjoyable automobile ride through the beautiful residence portion of the city and its environs, extending some miles into the country, which was most refreshing and a delightful ending of the week's labors. It was noticed that the beautiful decorations were not limited to the business portions of the city; although not so profuse, the "Stars and Stripes" were in evidence in all parts of the city.

An open meeting of Custer Post at the Lyceum Theater, on Thursday evening, was well attended by those of the comrades who remained in the city.

The fife and drum corps from the National Military Home at Leavenworth, which contributed so much to the interest and enjoyment of the occasion, was made up of Capt. J. R. Goheen, Oscar Sloan, James Stevens, George Hawkins, L. F. Pratt, John Fuinester, John Kendricks and John Gates.

..Roll of Honor..

Provided for by the following resolution, adopted by the
Thirty-second Department Encampment, May 15th,
1913:

"Resolved, That a page of the Journals of our Encampments be devoted to the naming of those deceased comrades who, in their last Wills, make a bequest to the Safety Fund of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, such page to contain this resolution, and be headed as follows, viz.: 'Roll of Honor,' and be followed by the names of the testators, and the names of the Post to which they belong at the time of their decease."

GEORGE HOFFMAN, Major, 40th Missouri Volunteers, member of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, St. Louis, Mo., died December 22, 1912, leaving a bequest for the Safety Fund of \$100.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1912-1913.

Generals Orders No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., May 18th, 1912.

I. Having been elected Department Commander of this Department by the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, and duly installed therein, I hereby assume the duties of the office, with thanks for the high honor conferred, and a due appreciation of its responsibilities.

II. The following appointments are announced:

Thomas B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.
 Theophile Dubrouillet, Post 97, Linn, Inspector.
 Jere. T. Dew, Post 8, Kansas City, Judge Advocate.
 C. D. Inglehart, Post 76, Kidder, Chief Mustering Officer.
 W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.
 A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The personal address of the Department Commander is Lebanon, Mo.

All official communications should be addressed to Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

CHAS. W. RUBEY, Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., May 23rd, 1912.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Thirty-first Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—Chas. W. Rubey, Post 48, Lebanon, Mo.
 Senior Vice-Department Commander—Alex. McCandless, Post 5, Moberly.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—Chas. P. Hess, Post 23, Macon.

Medical Director—Dr. Jackson Walker, Post 124, Bethany.

Chaplain—Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; Patrick Martin, Post 7, St. Joseph; A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis.

Louis; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City; C. W. Corkran, Post 221, Novelty.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-sixth National Encampment.

Representatives:

F. Walton (at large) St. Louis.
 J. W. Lucas, Kidder.
 A. Whipple, St. Louis.
 Jacob Hallenberger, Hannibal.
 Thos. Moore, St. Louis.
 Thos. S. Hawley, St. Louis.
 Wm. Liebig, St. Joseph.
 L. F. Hunt, Brookfield.
 J. W. Stoner, Cameron.
 Martin L. Ham, Kansas City.
 G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville.
 J. W. Temple, Eldon.
 E. T. Ellis, St. Joseph.

Alternates:

W. P. Walker, Novelty.
 John N. Michael, Cowgill.
 E. L. Dosenbach, St. Louis.
 D. J. Doughty, Farmington.
 Louis Schaeperkoetter, St. Louis.
 R. B. Dodge, Webb City.
 H. W. Plumer, St. Louis.
 Stephen Dellacella, St. James.
 Louis Young, St. James.
 S. D. Webster, St. Louis.
 Wm. K. Collins, Lee's Summit.
 J. P. Bedwell, Richmond.
 T. H. Hagerty, St. Louis.

It is proper to state that Comrades S. D. Webster and T. H. Hagerty of Post 131, had withdrawn their names before the ballot.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer.

John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Aide-de-Camp and Chief Bugler.

IV. Each Post Commander is requested to recommend a worthy comrade of his Post 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.

V. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander at the late Encampment, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 180, Austin; 271, Pineville; 287, Rockville; 358, Sweet Springs; 472, Fulton; 553, Kirbyville.

By a rule of the Encampment, 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, 1912, are herewith enclosed, with addressed envelope. These reports should be carefully made out, reference being had to the preceding report, and

after being approved by the Post Commander, should be sent with the per capita tax 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 per capita tax is fifteen cents for each member in good standing. All members are in good standing who have not been reported suspended, no matter how much they may be in arrears for dues. 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 on the muster-roll for each comrade mustered or joined by transfer.

Post Commanders are again reminded that all suspended comrades who are one year or more in arrears, must be dropped after due notice, as required by the Rules and Regulations. This is obligatory.

VII. A blank for report of Post Chaplain is herewith enclosed, and should be carefully made out and sent to Rev. T. H. Hagerty, No. 1909 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, in the addressed envelope herein. Post Commanders should see that this report is promptly made and mailed immediately after Memorial Day.

VIII. The Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home is hereby re-appointed, with the exception that Comrade L. D. Gleason, Post 48, is substituted for C. W. Rubey. The Committee consists of Arthur Dreifus, Post 1; John M. Williams, Post 276; L. D. Gleason, Post 48.

IX. The City of St. Joseph, Mo., was selected as the place for the meeting of the Department Encampment next year.

X. The general observance of Flag Day, which occurs on Friday, June 14th, is commended to the Posts and comrades. Let the flag be displayed from our residences, place of business, Post rooms and from school buildings as an object of patriotism to all the people, and especially the young on whom the future destinies of the Republic must rest.

XI. As heretofore announced, the Forty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Los Angeles, California, in the week beginning Monday, September 9th, 1912. Railroad rates have not yet been promulgated. Further and more definite information as to rates and routes and also as to Headquarters will be published in later General Orders.

XII. The Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment at Macon, Mo., was well attended, more than the usual number of comrades being present. All the Department Officers but one, our Medical Director, Dr. J. E. Jones, who was detained by serious illness, were present.

Three Past Commanders-in-Chief and twelve Past Department Commanders were present. We were honored with the presence of the Commander-in-Chief, Harvey M. Trimble, who was in attendance on both days of the Encampment and delivered the principal address at the Camp-fire at night.

By Command of CHAS. W. RUBEY, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3. St. Louis, Mo., August 5th, 1912.

I. As heretofore announced, the Forty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Los Angeles, California, in the week beginning September 9th, 1912. The parade will be on Wednesday, the 11th. The sessions of the Encampment will be held at the Temple Auditorium, Fifth and Olive Streets, on Thursday and Friday, September 12 and 13th.

II. The Headquarters of the Department will be located at the Hotel Hayward, Sixth and Spring Streets, rooms 210 and 211, on the second floor. This location is but one square from the Alexandria Hotel, where National Headquarters will be established. Department Headquarters will be opened on Monday, September 9th. Department Officers, Representatives and Alternates and Past Commanders 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 other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, Hotel Hayward, on Tuesday evening, September 10th, 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 Los Angeles. Comrade A. Whipple, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, will have charge of the formation of the parade. It is the desire of the Department Commander that every Missouri comrade who is present and able to march should be in line and in uniform if possible.

V. 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 attendance the Assistant Adjutant General should be promptly notified by mail or telegraph.

VI. Rooms have been engaged at the Hotel Hayward for a limited number, on the European plan, at the following rates

For two persons, with bath, \$3.00, or \$1.50 each, without bath, \$2.50, or \$1.25 each. Representatives and Past Department Commanders who desire these accommodations, and who have not already notified the Assistant Adjutant General, should do so without delay.

VII. The railroad fare for the round trip is \$62.50 from St. Louis to Los Angeles and San Francisco by all regular direct routes. Tickets on sale from August 29th to September 5th, inclusive, good to return to October 31st, 1912, with privilege of going one way and returning another, except that it will cost \$15.00 additional to return by the northern routes through Portland, Oregon. Stop-overs will be allowed on going trip at all points west of Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., and returning at all points west of St. Louis within final return limit of ticket, October 31st. The rates from some other Missouri points are as follows: Kansas City and St. Joseph, \$55.00; Joplin, \$55.90; Sedalia, \$58.80; Moberly, \$61.50; Kirksville, \$61.80; Hannibal, \$62.50.

Return passage must begin on date stamped on validation certificate, for which a fee of fifty cents will be charged. Tickets to be validated at destination, whether at San Francisco or Los Angeles.

VIII. In order to accommodate as many comrades of the Department as possible who may wish to accompany the Department Commander and Staff to the National Encampment, it has been arranged to leave St. Louis on Thursday morning, September 5th, at 9 o'clock, in a special Headquarters car, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, to Kansas City, arriving at 5:15 p. m., and leaving there by the Santa Fe route on the California Fast Mail train at 9:35, same evening. This train, which is first-class in every respect, will arrive at Los Angeles at 7:10 a. m., Sunday morning, September 8th. Our special car will be a first-class Standard Pullman sleeper and will go through to Los Angeles without change.

The Santa Fe is a great Trans-continental line, and runs solid trains through from Chicago to San Francisco on its own tracks, passing diagonally through North Missouri. The train, in addition to Standard sleepers, will have two through Tourist sleepers in its regular equipment, and more if found necessary. Reservations for berths from Kansas City, on either Standard or Tourist sleepers on this train, can be made by writing G. W. Hagenbuch, General Agent of the Santa Fe, 905 Main street, Kansas City. Application for berths on the Headquarters sleeper from St. Louis should be made to the Assistant Adjutant General at as early a date as possible.

The sleeping car rates are as follows: From St. Louis to Los Angeles, Standard, lower berth, \$12.50; upper berth, \$10.00. From

Kansas City, upper berth, \$11.00; lower berth, \$8.80. Tourist car rates from St. Louis to Los Angeles, lower berth, \$6.50, upper berth, \$5.20. From Kansas City to Los Angeles, lower berth, \$5.75, upper berth, \$4.60. These rates are for double berths, accommodating two persons.

IX. The Department Commander would be much pleased to have as many as possible of the Representatives, Department Officers and Past Department Commanders accompany him on this train, and comrades from the interior and Western part of the State are cordially invited to do so, at Kansas City, where it is expected to add another special sleeper. Tickets should be bought to San Francisco as destination, and stop-over made at Los Angeles. Meals en route will be had at the Harvey dining stations at a uniform price of 75 cents each, or may be obtained at less expense at lunch counters operated in connection with dining stations.

X. 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:

Arnold Bowers, Post 1, St. Louis.

Samuel Zancker, Post 7, St. Joseph.

E. L. Dosenbach, Post 13, St. Louis.

C. C. Haight, Post 19, Laclede.

W. H. Taft, Post 26, Nevada.

Jacob Hallenberger, Post 43, Hannibal.

John Ferguson, Post 111, Iberia.

L. B. James, Post 184, Zalma.

Stephen Dellacella, Post 586, St. James.

XI. The Journal of the Thirty-first Annual Department Encampment and the Department Roster for 1912 are enclosed herewith; also General Orders, Nos. 7 and 8, National Headquarters.

By command of CHAS. W. RUBEY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4.

St. Louis, Mo., November 20, 1912.

I. Since the issue of our last General Orders, the Forty-fifth National Encampment has been held at Los Angeles, Cal., during the week ending September 15th. The patriotic citizens of that city are entitled to great credit for their successful efforts to properly entertain their visitors and make their stay with them most enjoyable. The decorations of the city were very general and beautiful, showing a spirit of patriotism as well as of generous welcome.

The attendance from our Department was very creditable, considering the distance and expense of the trip. Nearly a hundred comrades were in line on the parade, and the Department was represented in the Encampment by a full delegation of thirteen representatives (three vacancies being filled by alternates), the Department Commander and Senior Vice-Department Commander and six Past Department Commanders. The Assistant Adjutant General was unable to attend the Encampment on account of sickness, and Comrade A. Whipple, of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, a representative, who was detailed to act as Assistant Adjutant General, performed the duties of that position very creditably and to the entire satisfaction of the Department Commander.

II. The selection of a place for meeting of the National Encampment next year was referred by the Encampment to the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration.

III. Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett was re-elected 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. At the time of the election of Post Officers at the first meeting in December, Representatives and Alternates to the next Department Encampment at St. Joseph, Mo., will also be elected. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members in good standing, as shown by the Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1912, and one additional for a final fraction of more than half that number. Posts with less than fifty members are entitled to one Representative and one Alternate.

Blanks in duplicate for report of Representative and Alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed herewith. A blank for report of officers elected and appointed is also enclosed, and should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General after the officers are installed.

V. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1913, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed 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.

It is recommended that where practicable, Posts should have public installation, to which members of the Woman's Relief Corps,

Ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans should be invited, as well as the general public and soldiers not members and their families.

VI. The attention of Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters is especially called to the importance of promptly making out and forwarding the semi-annual reports, blanks for which in duplicate are herewith enclosed. These reports, with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member, should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month. There is no reason why these reports should not be received at Department Headquarters from all the Posts before the 10th of January. Remit by bank draft or postal order. Do not send personal checks, on which there is a charge for collection. The National Counter-sign for 1913 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

Post Adjutants in reporting deceased comrades should be particular to state the rank, company and regiment in which they served, so that they may be properly reported in the Department Journal.

VII. A blank with addressed envelope for report of the Patriotic Instructor is enclosed, which should be sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor, Comrade W. C. Calland, Springfield, Mo. Post Patriotic Instructors are to be appointed by the Post Commanders and installed with the other officers.

VIII.—The very few Posts which have not sent in their reports and per capita tax for the term ending June 30, 1912, should do so without further delay. Reports for both terms can be made on one blank. Such Posts will find this paragraph blue-penciled.

IX. Now that the heat of the summer and the excitement of politics are over, the Department Commander urges that the comrades bestir themselves to take up the work of recruiting to the ranks so fast being depleted by death and other causes. He recommends that a recruiting committee of active comrades be appointed in each Post for this purpose, who shall make it their business to see such comrades as may have dropped out from various causes, and also such others as may have come among them from other localities. We ought to add largely to our members before the end of the year if proper interest is taken in this matter. The liberal increase of pensions should result in many former comrades being brought back into our ranks.

X. But few Post Commanders have made recommendations for the appointment of Aides-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Department Commander. He hopes many more may be recommended before the end of the year.

XI. General Orders Nos. 1 and 2, National Headquarters, are enclosed herewith.

By command of CHAS. W. RUBEY, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.

St. Louis, Mo., February 21st, 1913.

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Wednesday and Thursday, May 14th and 15th, 1913, for the meeting of the Thirty-second Annual Encampment of this Department, at the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

II. Particular attention is called to that part of General Orders No. 3, National Headquarters, enclosed herewith, relating to the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, on the days of July 1st to 4th, 1913. In compliance with the request of the Commander-in-Chief, it is announced that Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin, of Brookfield, Mo., is a member of the Standing Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which Past Commander-in-Chief Ell Torrance is Chairman, and that Commanders Stephen S. Brown, Jefferson City, Mo., W. H. Wormstead, Kansas City, Mo., and James B. Wilde, Kirkwood, Mo., constitute the Department Committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief on recommendation of the Department Commander in 1911, to cooperate with the Standing Committee.

III. The Pennsylvania Commission, which in conjunction with the War Department, will have charge of the celebration, having requested the Governor of each State to appoint an accredited representative to represent the State with that Commission, the Department of Missouri has been honored by the appointment by Gov. Hadley of Assistant Adjutant General Thos. B. Rodgers as such representative.

IV. As it is desired to learn at as early a date as possible how many veterans are living in Missouri who participated in the battle of Gettysburg, the Commander of each Post is earnestly requested to take this up with the Adjutant and Quartermaster at once and report to these Headquarters the names of all such in their Posts, or in their respective communities outside the Posts, so far as known, with company, regiment and Post Office address. They need not wait for a meeting of the Post where the information can be otherwise procured, and should send in names as fast as they can be obtained.

The object of this is two-fold; first, that the U. S. Government officers may have some idea how many to provide for, and second,

that the comrades may be in a position to avail themselves of the benefit of an appropriation by the State, if such should be made, for the payment of their transportation from their homes to Gettysburg and return, and for which a bill has been introduced in the Missouri Legislature.

The legislatures of many of the States have made such appropriations, and it is hoped that Missouri may do the same.

The number of Confederate veterans who would be entitled to the benefits of such an appropriation is being ascertained through the officers of their organization, who are taking great interest in the work.

It is proper here to quote the following extract from a circular of Hon. J. Wm. Towson, who was last year the Commander of the Missouri Division of the United Confederate Veterans, and who has been appointed by their Commander-in-Chief to represent them in this celebration:

"Fifty years will have elapsed in 1913, and it is proposed on these anniversary July days to hold a 'Peace Jubilee' upon the very spot this sanguinary contest took place, when its survivors will hold a great fraternal gathering of peace, patriotism and good will; recognizing that we are today all of us loyal citizens of a great and glorious country, whose progress and advancement is in the heart of every one, comes he from Gulf States of the Southland or the Lakes of the Northland."

V. The following named comrades have been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Thos. H. Brown, Post 4, Kansas City.

Chas. E. Clark, Post 78, Warrensburg.

G. W. Harvey, Post 110, Kahoka.

Isaac Washburn, Post 150, Spickard.

A. D. Vantreese, Post 567, Moberly.

By command of CHAS. W. RUBEY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.

St. Louis, Mo., April 16th, 1913.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I. The attention of the Posts and comrades is hereby called to the near approach of Memorial Day, Friday, May 30th, the day set apart by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic is commemoration of the deeds of our fallen comrades, by strewing over their graves the beautiful flowers of Spring.

II. In the performance of this sacred duty to the memory of our noble dead, who died that the Nation might live, as well as those who from year to year have passed out of our ranks to the great beyond, let us so act that this holiday so different in its character from all others, this festival of our dead, shall be so marked by due solemnity that it will not be given over by others to vain and frivolous amusements. By its proper observance all the people become better citizens, and the youth of our country, its hope and strength in the future, become suitably impressed with its patriotic lessons. Let there be not a single grave of a defender of the Republic, however humble or obscure, that shall fail to receive its baptism of flowers.

III. The Thirtieth National Encampment, in 1896, directed that President Lincoln's Gettysburg address shall be read at all Memorial Day exercises held under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

IV. The established custom of attending divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, is enjoined upon every Post.

Let an invitation be extended to the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, Spanish War and Philippine War Veterans to take part with us in the observance of the day.

By command of CHAS. W. RUBEY, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7.

St. Louis, Mo., April 18th, 1913.

I. The Thirty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at the Lyceum Theatre in the city of St. Joseph, Mo., on Wednesday and Thursday, May 14th and 15th, 1913, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. The Department Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Robidoux, on Tuesday, May 13th. The Council of Administration will meet at the Headquarters at 3 o'clock p. m., May 13th.

By a change in the Rules and Regulations adopted by the National Encampment last year, the Council of Administration has been limited to nine members, consisting of the Department Commander, Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and five members by election.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: J. R. Warburton, Post 7; W. F. Moll, Post 8; J. H. Stoner, Post 17; John Stratton, Post 96; Chas. Hyslop; Post 21. The Committee will meet in the lobby of the Woodland Hotel, on Third and Jule Streets, on Tuesday, May 13th, 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 on 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 Custer Post, No. 7, upon recommendation of the Post Commander, are hereby detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, Samuel Zancker; for Officer of the Guard, John Boose. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions on Tuesday Evening, May 13th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Commander of Post 7 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 14th, at 8 o'clock.

V. The hotel accommodations and rates per day are as follows:

On European plan: The Robidoux will accommodate 100. Single room \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day; double rooms, two and four in each room, \$1.00 each; single room with private bath, \$2.50 per day. Metropole, 100 guests, single room without bath, \$1.50; with bath, \$2.00; double rooms, two and four in each room, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 each. Ryan Hotel, 40 guests, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

On American plan, with meals: St. Charles, 50 guests, \$2.00 and \$2.50 per day. Central, 75 guests, at \$2.00 per day. Woodland, 100 guests, at \$1.50 per day.

Boarding houses, \$1.50 per day; with breakfast and without luncheon or dinner, \$1.00. Meals at restaurants from 25c up.

Comrade J. W. Beach, No. 1209 Sylvania Street, is chairman of the Committee on Accommodations, to whom all application for rooms should be made.

VI. The comrades of St. Joseph have made ample arrangements for our pleasure and accommodation, through an efficient Committee of Arrangements, and they expect a large attendance.

There will be an entertainment and camp-fire at the Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday Evening, May 14th. A parade will take place on Wednesday Afternoon, at 4 o'clock, unless otherwise ordered.

The Commander-in-Chief, Alfred B. Beers, has been invited to attend our Encampment and it is hoped he will be able to honor with his presence.

VII. The Western Passenger Association and the Southern Passenger Association have made the following reduced rates for the Encampment:

"Open rate of two cents per mile in each direction from point in Missouri to St. Joseph and return; tickets to be sold on May 12-14 inclusive, with final return limit to reach original starting point, not later than May 17th, 1913. Tickets from St. Louis

quiring stamp execution by Agent of terminal line at St. Joseph, and open excursion forms from other points. Tickets to be limited for going passage commencing date of sale, and for continuous passage in each direction."

VIII. The Legislature of Missouri, with great unanimity and liberality, has passed an Act, which has been approved by the Governor, appropriating \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the transportation of those Union and Confederate soldiers who were engaged in the battle of Gettysburg, and who are now residents and citizens of this State, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of that battle, July 1—4, 1913. The Act provides that the Adjutant General of Missouri shall select a Board of Advisers, to act with him as President, one at least being from the Army of the Potomac and now a member of the G. A. R., and one from the Army of Northern Virginia and now a member of the U. C. V. In pursuance of this Act, Adjutant General John B. O'Meara has appointed Gen. J. Wm. Towson, of the U. C. V., and Thos. B. Rodgers, of the G. A. R., as members of this Board. Blanks will soon be prepared and furnished all applicants, on which to set forth their claims to the benefit of this appropriation.

IX. The Commander of each post is again earnestly requested and urged to forward the names, company and regiment of all comrades not already sent in, who were engaged in the battle, with their P. O. address, and to do this without delay.

X. All honorably discharged soldiers, both Union and Confederate, who were not engaged in the battle, are also invited by the State of Pennsylvania, which, in conjunction with the National Government, is the host on the occasion of this celebration, and will be furnished quarters in camp and subsistence.

It is important that the number who may go from Missouri at their own expense may be ascertained, so that the Gettysburg Commission may be informed and learn how many to provide for. All such, therefore, are requested to send their names to the Assistant Adjutant General.

XI. The Department Commander is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of \$100.00 from the estate of Geo. Hoffman, of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, being the amount bequeathed by him to the "Safety Fund" of the Department.

XII. The following named comrades of Post 26, on recommendation of the Post Commander, are hereby appointed as Aides-Camp upon the Staff of the Department Commander:

J. M. Monroe, Nevada, Mo.

H. W. Harrison, Nevada, Mo.

XIII. General Orders No. 4, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of CHAS. W. RUBEY, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.



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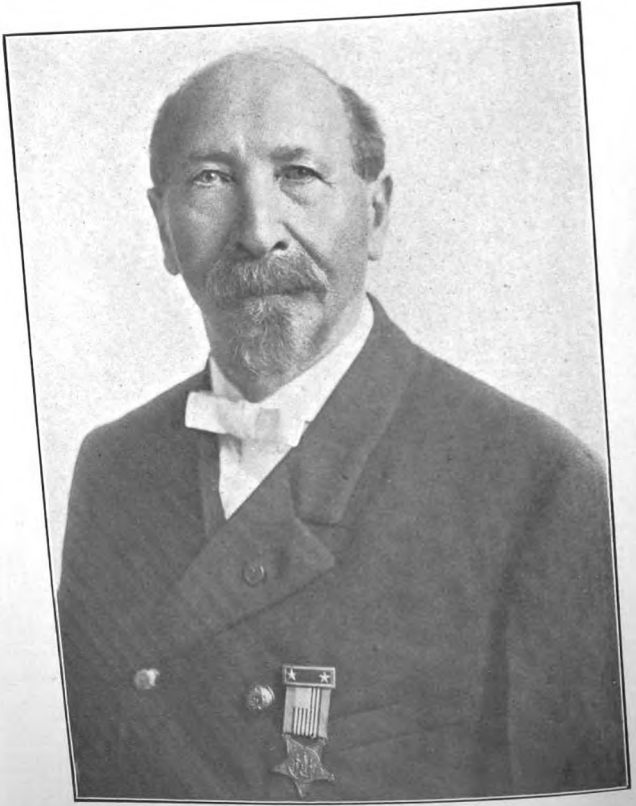
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 12TH.

The Thirty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Courthouse, in the City of Sedalia, at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, May 12th, in open session.

Department Commander Arthur Dreifus called the assemblage to order, whereupon Comrade Ira T. Bronson, Commander of Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia, introduced Mayor J. L. Babcock, who delivered an appropriate and impressive address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Sedalia. He said that they all joined him in saying that there was nothing too good for the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic; that Sedalia stood ready to assist in every way possible to make their stay in Sedalia a pleasant one; that their homes were open to their visitors; that Sedalia felt highly honored in having been selected as the meeting place of the Missouri comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and appreciated the fact that they were entertaining men of the highest character and standing in their respective communities—men whom any city in the Nation might be proud to entertain. That it was hard to realize that the well-preserved men with the G. A. R. badges were the "Boys in Blue" that marched to the front over fifty years ago; that if Huerta could be present and look upon this gathering of young old men, he would change his views in regard to the fighting qualities of the Americans and salute the flag at once, or send in his subscription to the "Commoner" at once. That as Mayor he had no keys of the city to turn over, as there was nothing locked during

our stay in Sedalia, and the best was none too good for the old soldiers who were invited to help themselves, and they need have no fear of the guardhouse.

Mr. M. V. Carroll, secretary of Sedalia Boosters' Club, was then introduced and spoke as follows:

On behalf of the Sedalia Boosters' Club I desire to supplement the cordial welcome extended to you by our distinguished Mayor, Mr. Babcock, and as he has so nearly completely covered the ground by saying about all that it is permissible to say on this occasion, little remains for me, and I will make my remarks brief.

While sitting in this room, as you were assembling, and looking over this large audience composed of the members of your organization, the thought was forcibly impressed upon me of how remarkable it is that all of the men I see before me went through the many conflicts and battle engagements of the Civil War and are here to tell the story. It is difficult to understand how a body of men arrayed in battle as the living targets for the marksmen of the opposing lines and any of them survive the conflict, and that you are alive and well and have survived all of the intervening years, is not only a subject of comment, but you are to be congratulated not only upon your escape but upon your life and health to be here on this occasion.

I recall having heard a statement credited to an Irishman on an occasion similar to this, when those present were telling their harrowing experiences.

"Pat, were you ever shot?" one of them asked him.

"Yis, begob, Oi was shot right through here," indicating the location of the heart.

"Aw, you fool, that can't be so, or you'd be dead now; that's where your heart is."

"Aw, but ye don't understand," said Pat. "Oi was scairt so bad me heart was in me mouth!"

You are not to take that yarn as in any sense a reflection or an explanation of how you men managed to live to tell the story, however. We, of Sedalia, are glad to have you here. We entertain many and various kinds of conventions, but none within my recollection ever surpassed this one in the distinguished character or the kindly welcome we feel for you, and we hope that your stay in Sedalia will be so pleasant and you will carry away with you so many kindly recollections of your experience and treatment here that you will be anxious to come back and will do so at the first opportunity.

a Post Department Commander John M. Williams was called upon to respond to the welcoming addresses. He spoke as follows:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the City of Sedalia:—

At the request and on behalf of the Department Command and comrades of the Grand Army, I gladly respond to the words welcome from the good people of the Queen City of the Prairie whom you represent. A year ago, when we accepted your hearty invitation to meet with you we expected a generous welcome and are not disappointed.

We hope and believe that our stay among you will be agreeable to you as well as pleasant to us. But, we hope, Mr. Mayor, that,

case any of our members should forget that they are no longer "boys" and should get or act "gay" while in your city, that you will remember the old adage that "boys will be boys," and will look with averted eyes at their attempts to enact the scenes of their youth.

And in this connection, I might well ask the old question of you citizens, asked by one of old, "What came ye out to see?" From your standpoint, you might well answer that what you do see, is a lingering procession of old, decrepit, gray-haired men, and from a natural view that would be a reasonable answer. But, Mr. Mayor, that would not be an answer from our standpoint. For our vision extends back to a time, more than half a century past, when this line extended half way across the continent and was composed of "boys" in fact as well as in name; for it is a fact that a majority of our forces was composed of young men under 21 years old. By closing our eyes we can go back to scenes enacted just fifty years ago when the long lines were drawn out from the cantonments around Chattanooga, under the invincible Sherman, starting on its march towards Atlanta, then to Savannah—thence to Washington. A smaller number, perhaps, can look back to the time when the long lines from Fairfax to Culpepper, under Grant and Meade and composing the Army of the Potomac, 130,000 strong, started across the Rapidan and plunged into the awful Wilderness, under its old order of "On to Richmond." I was a unit in that grand army and while watching the lines on the morning of May 4, 1864, I recalled the words of the Scotch poet—

"Twere worth ten years of peaceful life,
One glance at their array."

We meet today, Mr. Mayor, in your fair city, the representatives of those hosts who went forth to battle and to victory so long ago, and while the great majority of those armies have passed away and no longer meet with us in the flesh, yet we feel that they are with us in spirit and rejoice with us on this occasion.

We cordially endorse and approve your statement "that, although age may have somewhat dimmed the fire of the eye and clogged the mobility of our limbs, that the fire of patriotism which burned in our breasts, inducing fearless action in behalf of our flag and our country in the dark days of the rebellion, had in no wise abated and that we would again be ready, if the demand were to arise, to again go forth to battle."

But, Mr. Mayor, the demand for our services in the field will never arise again. The younger generation, inspired, as we believe by our example in the past, will be able and willing to do such work in the future.

But, as full proof of our willingness and ability to answer any demand that might be made for our services in the field, I will cite as proof positive of our position, that a short time ago, when the signs of war with our neighboring Republic seemed most probable, one of our Posts (which I will not designate by name) at a regular meeting, unanimously resolved to offer its services to the President, by telegram, only asking that each member receive a commission as Brigadier-General, a Roster of the Post being forwarded to the Secretary of War, postage prepaid. And I may add, that a like spirit of patriotism burns in the breast of every comrade in the Department.

Again thanking you for the kind words of welcome, I will close.

The Commander-in-Chief, Washington Gardner, was received and escorted to the platform by Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton and Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett, a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration. He was properly saluted and introduced to the Encampment, when he delivered a brief and most interesting address.

The Department Commander then announced that the open meeting was closed, and requested all present who were not members of the Grand Army of the Republic to retire. The Officer of the Day was directed to take up the countersign, and this being done, the Commander declared the Encampment to be open in due form.

Department Chaplain Hagerty, being called upon, then invoked the Divine blessing.

A committee from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps was announced as in waiting, and the Commander appointed Comrades Francis P. Becker, J. W. Beach and D. L. Elder to receive and escort them to the platform, which was accordingly done, the comrades all rising. The committee consisted of Mrs. Carrie R. Sparklin, Past National President; Mrs. Julia E. Dockery, Past National Vice-President; Mary M. Botkin, Orpha Bronson, Hannah Martin, Frances D. Van Slyke, Mary E. Mettler, Mary M. Stark, Minnie Gammeter, and Julia Hengelsberg, Past Department Presidents, and Mrs. Stevens.

Mrs. Sparklin presented the annual report of the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, which will appear later in the proceedings, and addressed the Encampment in a few well-chosen and eloquent remarks.

Mrs. Julia E. Dockery, Past National Vice-President, then addressed the Encampment as follows, being frequently interrupted by applause:

Department Commander and Comrades:

We bring to you the personal good wishes of our Department President, and the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, in convention assembled. We do this, not because it is a long-established custom, but for the reason that we desire to pay homage to the Union Veterans of the War of the Sixties. We are proud to be known as the Auxillary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and have tried to prove worthy of this great honor.

Since we were organized, we have expended over three and one-half million dollars for relief of needy soldiers or their dependent ones, and have endeavored to advance the interests and principles for which the two organizations stand pledged. I say this not in a spirit of boasting, but that all may know that the Woman's Relief Corps is indeed an auxillary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Looking over this vast assembly, I note that the passing years of time are leaving their imprints on you boys of the sixties; you

laugh has lost some of its joyous ring, and your step has not the buoyancy of youth. Now, age is a word that has become entirely obsolete in woman's vocabulary, but you know that, try hard as we may to remain young and handsome, we too are growing old; yes, growing old:

"How the thought will rise,
When a glance is backward cast
On some long remembered spot that lies
In the silence of the past.
It may be the shrine of our early vows,
Or the tomb of our early tears,
But it seems like a far-off isle to us
In the stormy sea of years;"

and it looks like a wild, wide road back to the scenes of our early youth. All along the way are strewn the graves of those we have loved and lost, and how vivid before our minds comes the time when the morning's bright sunlight looked dark to us as blackest night in the agony of our first great sorrow!

Soldiers, more than a half century has passed since, in the morning of your youth and in the strength of your young manhood, you went forth at your country's call in defense of her honor and the flag. Now Time's mark is on each face. One by one your comrades are dropping from the ranks. After while one of you will be the sole remaining member of this Department of Missouri. All the rest will have joined the Grand Army on the other shore, and you will be the last living relic of that Great Conflict and of this honorable organization. You will be treated with much veneration, brought forward and given a seat of honor on all public occasions, and strong men will say as you totter feebly by: "He was a Union soldier in the War of the Sixties." Then, as life's evening shadows lengthen into night, you will hear in the distance some sentinel call: "Nine o'clock and all is well." The bugle will sound taps and the pale Boatman glide silently in to bear that last soldier across the deep, dark waters, and as he nears the farther shore he will again hear the lilting voice of a sentinel, "Eternal morning and all is well." And the ringing notes of the bugle will sound the assembly call, bringing his comrades together to welcome him, and the Woman's Relief Corps will also gather to greet him.

Past Department Commander Geo. W. Martin, by request of the Department Commander, responded to the ladies, as follows:

Ladies of the Relief Corps:

The story of the volunteer soldiers of the Civil War, the life under the white tents, the long, weary marches, the bivouac under the stars, the old flag rocking to and fro, marking where the battle wave dashed highest, the lasting peace that came with the final victory, one of the most interesting stories that has ever been written into the pages of history, is not complete without reference to the record of the loyal women of the land during those long, weary years. All the heroism was not on the part of the men who marched to the front. All the suffering was not on the battlefield or in the prison pen. True heroism, the purest and most self-sacrificing patriotism was shown by the loyal women who forced back bitter tears while bidding husbands, sons and sweethearts go

forth in defense of their country and their country's flag. No greater suffering there was than in watching and waiting in the little cabin on the hillside, in the mansion in the valley, for news from loved ones at the front, after a great battle had been fought. How many mothers there were who would have given all they possessed in this world, who would have almost bartered all their hopes of life in the world to come for one look at the living face of a loved son whose last resting place was in an unknown grave on some red field of the Civil War!

Ladies of the Relief Corps, we greet you as representatives of the Auxiliary and the only Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, the grandest organization the world ever saw. In the due course of nature the Grand Army of the Republic will have passed away. It will be but a memory. Its banners will be folded and laid away forever. The names of its members will be written upon tombs, its mission ended. Your organization will abide so long as this great republic abides. It will continue through the centuries. Your mission, a grand one, that of teaching patriotism, that of teaching love and respect for the flag, that of preserving the memories of the men who, by deeds of valor on land and on sea, made it possible that a "government of the people, for the people, by the people shall not perish from the earth," will be taken up by generation after generation while time endures.

Ladies, we bid you God speed in your grand work.

The ladies then retired, the comrades all rising.

The roll of Officers and Past Department Commanders was called by the Assistant Adjutant General as follows, those present being marked by an asterisk (*):

Department Commander,

*ARTHUR DREIFUS.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

*THEO. DUBROUILLET.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,

*FRED WENZ.

Medical Director,

*DR. THOS. S. HAWLEY.

Chaplain,

*REV. THOS. H. HAGERTY.

Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General,

*THOS. B. RODGERS,

Judge Advocate

GEORGE HALL.

Chief Mustering Officer,

IRA G. KINNEY.

Inspector,

*E. C. BAUGHER.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

*FRANCIS P. BECKER,

A. WHIPPLE,

*W. W. BALDWIN,

*W. H. WORMSTEAD,

L. L. JOHNSON.

Past Department Commanders,

WM. WARNER,

*A. G. PETERSON,

W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

JOHN W. SCOTT,

†NELSON COLE,

*W. F. HENRY,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

GEORGE HALL,

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.,

*IRA T. BRONSON,

JOHN E. PHELPS,

*F. M. STERRETT,

LEO RASSIEUR,

*JERE T. DEW,

*GEO. W. MARTIN,

†HENRY FAIRBACK,

†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

*JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

*CHAS. G. BURTON,

T. D. KIMBALL,

†LOUIS GRUND,

*J. V. MARTIN,

LOUIS BENECKE,

†W. H. SKINNER,

*THOS. B. RODGERS,

*R. N. DENHAM,

†JOHN P. PLATT,

*BENJAMIN WARNER,

*CHAS. W. RUBEY.

† Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

**Roll of the Thirty-Third Annual Encampment,
Department of Missouri G. A. R.**

Held at Sedalia, Mo., May 12th and 13th, 1914.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C.—Cord Ringen.

P. P. C.—Thos. B. Rodgers, F. M. Sterrett, J. C. Broadwell, Arthur Dreifus, Christ Fricke, Louis Meyer, W. F. Silverwood, P. F. Coghlan, B. F. Park, Thos. Moore, Chas Steiner.

Rep.—Wm. Kuemmel, Wm. C. Pfeffer, Peter Schmidt, Hy. Von der Ahe, C. H. Grote, Danl. Hoesli, Fred Schoening.

Gen. Lyon Post, No. 2, St. Louis.

P. C.—Jas. P. Hesser.

P. P. C.—Henry Frein, Chas. Niedringhaus, H. W. Plumer.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C.—D. L. Elder.

P. P. C.—S. W. Serl, Alfred Zartman, Benj. Warner, C. W. Clark, Ezra B. Walter.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. P. C.—Alex. McCandless, Nick Mathias, B. T. Tobias, R. T. McCaskey.

James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.

P. C.—A. N. Seaber.

P. P. C.—John T. Clarke, L. V. Dix, B. F. Lutman, F. A. Dwight.

Rep.—J. R. Warburton.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

P. P. C.—C. M. C. Loyd, Fred Wenz, J. W. Beach.

Rep.—Samuel Zancker, John Boose, Peter C. Conroy.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

P. C.—F. C. Dorsey.

P. P. C.—W. F. Henry, Jere T. Dew, O. H. Guffin, Chas. E. Blackmar, Wm. H. Wormstead, R. J. Edwards.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

P. C.—Geo. Bauer.

P. P. C.—Louis C. Hesse, Max Fritz, Adam G. Minges.

Rep.—Wm. E. Schubert, Herman Angermueller, Wm. Conroy.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

P. P. C.—F. M. Redburn, Albert McCann, D. H. Rhodes, J. M. Theurer.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

P. P. C.—G. F. Williams, J. C. Pearce.

Rep.—G. B. Cunningham.

F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.

Rep.—Solomon Moore.

Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

P. C.—H. W. Harrison.

P. P. C.—Chas. G. Burton, I. L. Hunt.

Rep.—Barney Myers.

S. A. Hurlbut Post, No. 32, Hamilton.

P. C.—Chas. Streeter.

Rep.—Wm. Pickell.

Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.

P. P. C.—H. F. Glahn.

Rep.—Silas Gerard.

Roderick Rockwood Post, No. 39, Lemonville.

P. P. C.—Geo. Mason.

Albert Chandler Post, No. 42, Macon.

P. C.—James Enoch.

P. P. C.—Robert Powell, Wm. Robinson.

Wm. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.

P. C.—Kimball Avery.

P. P. C.—Jacob Hallenberger, Delos McComas.

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.—Geo. F. Williams, Chas. Kooock, S. A. Easterly, Wm. B. Challacombe, Milton Barde.

Rep.—Rush G. Leaming.

Thos. G. Wade Post, No. 54, Unionville.

Rep.—Norman Wycoff.

O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.

P. C.—Geo. W. Martin.

P. P. C.—J. V. Martin, L. F. Hunt, W. T. Kimber.

Rep.—E. A. Hawkins.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

Butler Post, No. 58, Butler.

Rep.—Wellington Riter.

Tarkio Post, No. 67, Tarkio.

Rep.—W. S. Wood.

Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 68, Green Ridge.

P. C.—J. D. Helman.

P. P. C.—Levi Overmeier, S. D. Haight, T. J. Heffner, J. M. C. Campbell.

Rep.—Francis A. Low.

Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.

P. P. C.—W. C. Calland.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. C.—James Bagley.

P. P. C.—John Hack, G. G. McFarland.

Rep.—B. H. Tripp.

Greenfield Post, No. 75, Greenfield.

P. C.—C. D. Boisseau.

Rep.—W. H. Greer.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

P. P. C.—C. D. Inglehart, William Griffin, John Klepper, W. Baldwin, J. W. Lucas, G. H. Haines, G. W. Saunders.

Rep.—Jason Bacon.

Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.

P. C.—J. G. Orsborn.

Rep.—F. X. Wagner.

Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton.

Rep.—Wm. J. Phillips.

Gen. G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.

P. C.—John Sting.

P. P. C.—Theophile Dubrouillet, Louis Verdot, G. W. Tainter.

Rep.—Joseph B. Sieg.

Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.

P. P. C.—Fred Lueke.

Miles Carroll Post, No. 111, Iberia.

P. C.—John Ferguson.

P. P. C.—Absalom Bear, Hiram Haines.

Rep.—Charles P. Myers.

Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.

P. P. C.—A. J. Bobb.

Marion Post, No. 119, Stanberry.

P. P. C.—W. C. Long.

Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.

Rep.—Harvey Weddle.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

P. C.—M. G. Garner.

P. P. C.—J. D. Parsley, A. W. Walker.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

P. C.—M. R. H. Witter.

P. P. C.—J. B. Dobyne, S. D. Webster, Allan J. Showers, B. Knoepfel, A. A. Prall, John T. Sanders.

Rep.—Edw. D. Coe, P. H. Callahan, Chas. E. Miller, E. W. Duncan, Edw. R. Cone, C. C. Owen, Chas. H. Davis.

Gentry Post, No. 134, Albany.

P. C.—James Kinney.

Rep.—James Consadine.

Sergt. B. H. Porch Post, No. 135, Olean.

P. P. C.—B. D. Roark.

Samuel McClure Post, No. 145, Eldon.

P. C.—J. W. Temple.

P. P. C.—T. W. Shelton, J. C. Driver.

Rep.—Jacob Stephens.

Liberty Post, No. 150, Spickard.

Rep.—Millard Bosworth.

Col. Henry C. Gilbert Post, No. 160, Wheeling.

P. P. C.—H. C. Barger.

J. B. Steedman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

P. C.—W. F. McColley.

P. P. C.—T. C. Brown, W. W. Chapel, Tyler D. Thayer, Joseph D. Earhart, P. H. Sullivan, Daniel Gillson.

Rep.—W. H. Klinker.

Mansfield Post, No. 181, Powersville.

P. C.—S. S. Torrey.

Rep.—John A. Morgan.

Major Hunt Post, No. 185, New London.

P. P. C.—W. R. Sanford, T. G. McCune.

W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

P. P. C.—Joe Williams, J. A. Lane.

Rep.—S. B. Stephens.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

Col. Morsey Post, No. 197, Warrenton.

P. C.—W. H. Morse.
 P. P. C.—Aug. Holmann.
 Rep.—Louis Schlanker.

McCroskey Post, No. 210, Springfield.

P. C.—Warren Mason.
 P. P. C.—R. L. Marcum.

Republic Post, No. 219, Republic.

P. P. C.—T. M. Jackson.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.

Rep.—C. W. Corkran.

T. J. Brouster Post, No. 223, Clayton.

P. P. C.—Jacob Eschenbrenner.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.

P. C.—Henry Hoppe.
 P. P. C.—R. W. Whitlow, Joseph Lieber, Peter Trester, Patrick
 Darby.
 Rep.—F. J. Boller.

Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.

Rep.—J. W. Root.

John W. Rollins Post, No. 247, West Plains.

Rep.—Geo. F. Clark.

Pinhart Post, No. 268, Brunswick.

P. P. C.—W. B. Mullins.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, Clarksburg.

P. P. C.—Jacob Hott, Jas. S. Roth, John M. Williams, H. B.
 Sappington, C. H. Morrow, G. W. Sappington, D. H. Hamlin, Chas.
 G. Wegener, Aug. Seyffert, W. J. Gold.
 Rep.—D. D. Sprague.

Charles Sumner Post, No. 286, Boonville.

P. C.—A. L. Harris.

Manwaring Post, No. 320, Hermann.

Rep.—Chas. F. Kluck.

John P. McCluney Post, No. 331, Higginsville.

P. P. C.—John W. Endley.
 Rep.—John B. Jones.

Evans Post, No. 340, Economy.

P. C.—John McDaniel.

P. P. C.—Joseph Ward, H. F. Stuard.

Rep.—Chas. Anderson.

Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.

P. P. C.—Geo. W. Edwards.

R. P. Carnes Post, No. 374, Dunlap.

P. C.—Isaac Elliott.

P. P. C.—W. B. Sherrow.

Albert Harrison Post, No. 386, Climax Springs.

P. C.—James Fidler.

P. P. C.—J. K. Larimore, J. J. Smith.

Rep.—John S. Russell.

Pike Post, No. 391, Bowling Green.

P. P. C.—Geo. W. Bell.

Smithton Post, No. 417, Smithton.

P. C.—John Ringen.

Rep.—John D. Monsees.

Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.

P. C.—Wallace Lilley.

Gen. Simon Cameron Post, No. 437, Cross Timbers.

P. C.—R. A. Vance.

Rep.—D. P. Taylor.

Col. Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.

Rep.—Dan Holzwarth.

H. A. Gleim Post, No. 512, Tipton.

P. P. C.—Adolph Koechner, J. E. Wolf.

Gatzweiler Post, No. 554, St. Charles.

P. P. C.—Wm. H. Wiedey.

Rep.—Henry Hachtmeyer.

Burnside Post, No. 566, Pleasant Hill.

P. P. C.—W. A. McArthur, Wm. Lowe, G. A. Douglass.

Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.

P. P. C.—Christian Peters.

Rep.—Henry Ludwig.

Capt. E. D. Johnson Post, No. 574, Elmira.

P. C.—D. L. Green.

P. P. C.—J. T. Roberts, James L. Tucker.

Rep.—Jacob Seigel.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

Windsor Post, No. 580, Windsor.

P. C.—W. J. McGhee.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lee's Summit.

P. C.—John Nichols.

Rep.—H. C. Williamson.

John Whalen Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.

Rep.—Wm. Washington.

James E. Black Post, No. 591, Richmond.

Rep.—J. P. Bedwell.

Department Commander:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully reports the foregoing list of comrades present and entitled to seats, being Post Commanders, 37; Past Post Commanders, 127; Representatives, 72; Department Officers, 11; Past Department Commanders, 13; total, 260.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. CHALLACOMBE, Post 53.

W. W. CHAPEL, Post 172.

AUG. SEYFFERT, Post 276.

H. C. WILLIAMSON, Post 582.

R. W. WHITLOW, Post 240.

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 having been printed and distributed in the Encampment.

Senior Vice-Department Commander Theophile Dubrouillet was called to preside by Department Commander Dreifus, who then read his address as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: In the 25 years that have passed since we last met in this beautiful city many changes have taken place. Of course, the city has largely increased its population, and become a busy, bustling hive of industry. The changes in our organization are of a very different character, sad to say—they chronicle the loss of many of our good comrades whom we were wont to meet at our Annual Encampments, and who have passed to the great beyond. "How are they blotted from the things that be!" but not from our memories of the olden days, when it was a common remark that comrades enjoyed the meetings of the Department Encampments better than the National, because they saw more of the comrades whom they knew.

When the Eighth Annual Encampment met at Sedalia, in 1889, Hiram Smith, Jr., of Cameron, Mo., presided as Department Commander. It may not be out of place to note his associates in office. They were: John E. Phelps, Senior Vice-Department Commander; Leo Rassieur, Junior Vice-Department Commander; Dr. A. Van Meter, Medical Director; Rev. T. J. Ferril, Chaplain; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General; Wm. J. Terrell, Judge Advocate; Chas. L. Pixley, Inspector; Thos. W. Evans, Chief Mustering Officer; J. W. Jenkins, B. F. Heiny, A. Helphenstine, M. Wetzler, J. S. Rogers, Council of Administration; Wm. Warner, W. F. Chamberlain, Nelson Cole, and E. E. Kimball, Past Department Commanders, all of whom were present except Comrade Chamberlain. The membership in good standing was 16,346. Our Encampment then was well attended, and very much enjoyed, and the present one no doubt will be equally so, thanks to the good comrades and patriotic citizens of Sedalia.

By reference to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, it will be seen that the Department holds up very well financially, and fairly well as to its membership, as much so as most of the Departments in these latter days.

The amount on hand, December 31, 1913, as shown by the report of the Auditing Committee, is \$67.37, as against \$55.50 on same date last year. And the balance on hand, April 30, 1914, is \$129.23, as against \$64.84 on same date last year.

The Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Sons of Veterans have a strong claim for

the support of the Grand Army of the Republic. They have been our willing helpers for these many years, in patriotic work, and we wish them the greatest success in their organizations. The Sons of Veterans have been especially active in recruiting and adding to the number of camps in the last few years, and it is the duty of the comrades to give their active assistance in extending and increasing their organization, for it will not be many years before the sons will be called upon to take up more and more of the patriotic work which we have begun.

During the latter part of my administration we have been called upon to mourn the loss by death of an unusual number of our prominent comrades.

Until last year our Department was to be congratulated on having lost by death but five Past Department Commanders, out of 29, but this year we lost three in quick succession, beginning with John P. Platt, of Cameron, Mo., who died October 14, 1913; Henry Fairback, of St. Louis, Mo., who died December 4, 1913, and W. H. Skinner, of Bethany, Mo., who died February 2, 1914. Comrade Skinner was also Judge Advocate of the Department. As if this were not enough to satisfy the "Insatiate Archer," on January 31, two days before the death of Comrade Skinner, Chesley A. Mosman, our Junior Vice-Department Commander, died at St. Joseph, Mo.

In the death of these distinguished comrades the Department has sustained a great loss. They will be greatly missed at all our encampments and I know the hearts of all the comrades will go out in profound sympathy with the families of the deceased.

As neither I nor the Assistant Adjutant General were able to attend the funerals of the two Department officers, arrangements were made by which the Department was represented by Department officers who were instructed to provide suitable floral offerings on behalf of the Department.

I have appointed Past Department Commander George Hall, of Trenton, Mo., as Judge Advocate for the unexpired term of Comrade Skinner.

The National Encampment at Chattanooga, Tennessee, was attended by our full delegation, there being but two vacancies which were filled by alternates. Three Department officers were present, the Junior Vice-Department Commander being unable to attend on account of illness. Nine Past Department Commanders were present. Over 100 comrades were in line in the parade which was formed by Comrade J. B. Dobyne, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, and to whom I desire to express my thanks for the manner in which he discharged his duties.

Great credit is due the patriotic citizens of Chattanooga for their efforts to make our visit so pleasant and agreeable. T

battlefields of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain were thronged with visitors during the week of the Encampment.

In the election of Representatives to the National Encampment those only should be elected who will pledge themselves to attend if elected, and it might be well to pledge them also to attend the sessions of the Encampment after they got there.

It will be noted from the report of the Assistant Adjutant General that no subscription has been made to the "Safety Fund" nor has any name been added since our last Encampment to the "Roll of Honor" provided to be set forth on a page of our Journal for the names of such comrades as may make bequests to the "Safety Fund." This ought not so to be. Surely there are comrades who can well afford to make such a bequest, and I respectfully but urgently submit this matter to their kind consideration.

The duties and services in the celebration of Memorial Day are so familiar to all the comrades that it is unnecessary to dwell upon them, but I would strongly urge that no Post, however small in numbers, should fail to properly celebrate the day. Patriotic citizens and the children of the public schools will gladly assist in these exercises if invited to do so.

I would suggest that where patriotic exercises are held in the public schools before Memorial Day, that a suitable detail of comrades should be made to attend these exercises.

When I assumed the duties of the office of Department Commander last year, it was my hope and intention to visit many parts of the State, including the Soldiers' Home, but a short time after attending the National Encampment at Chattanooga, my health became so much impaired that I was forbidden by my physician to make any more trips, particularly in the winter and spring, and so I was debarred from what would have been otherwise a great pleasure for me. I greatly regret this, and can assure you that the loss has been mine rather than yours.

I desire to herewith return my heartfelt thanks to the Encampment for the great honor conferred upon me, and to all the Department officers for their kindness and consideration, and especially to my faithful helper, the Assistant Adjutant General.

With best wishes to all,

ARTHUR DREIFUS,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Linn, Mo., April 18, 1914.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

My Dear Sir and Comrade:

The thirty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 14th and 15th of May, 1913, conferred upon me the important position of Senior Vice Department Commander, for which I feel highly honored, and I am very thankful to my comrades for their unanimous support.

Under our able and efficient Commander, Arthur Dreifus, my services were very light, although I was ready at any time to aid him in the discharge of his duties. The main features of my office were the pleasure of attending the forty-seventh National Encampment at Chattanooga, Tenn., last September, and not the least pleasant part of same was being admitted to its deliberations, which I enjoyed very much. The sights on the way, and while in Chattanooga, are ever to be remembered. Some are sad old memories of fifty years ago, when we left so many comrades behind us when we were mustered out.

The pleasures that I enjoyed while there by being entertained so royally by its kind people, the most of whom had not seen so many bluecoats before, but perhaps had seen as many gray, and I hope we will ever mingle in friendship hereafter.

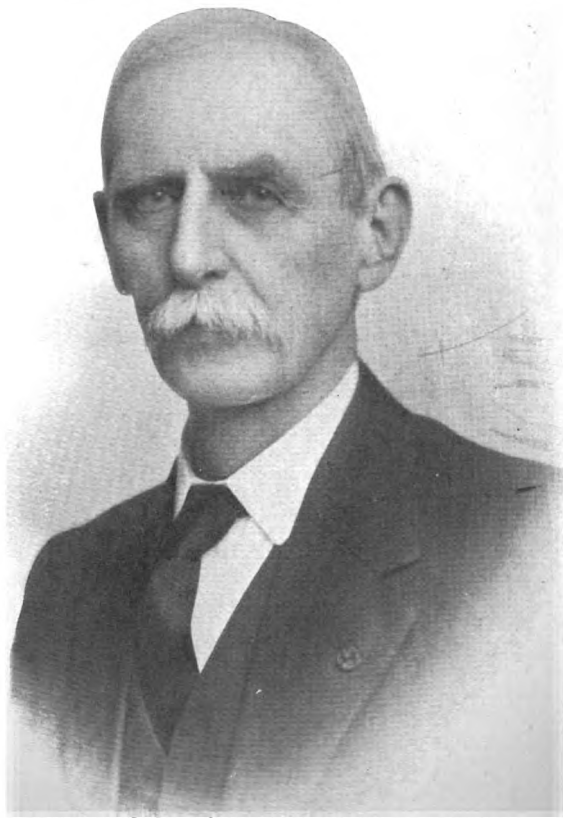
I must not forget to report to you that there were two camps of Sons of Veterans organized in Osage County this last year, one at Linn that did me the honor of naming same after me, Theophile Dubrouillet Camp No. 22, with thirty-two charter members, and another at Byron named M. D. L. Francis Camp, with about twenty charter members.

In conclusion I will again thank the comrades for the great honor conferred on me, and sincerely hope to meet all of you at Sedalia on the 12th and 13th of May, 1914.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

THEOPHILE DUBROUILLET,
Senior Vice Department Commander.

In Memoriam



**HON. CHESLEY A. MOSMAN, JUNIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
DIED JANUARY 31, 1914.**

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 21, 1914.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

A. A. G. Dept. of Missouri, G. A. R.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir: Having been elected Junior Vice Department Commander by the Council of Administration late in February, to fill out the term of our lamented comrade and friend, Judge Chesley A. Mosman, I have nothing of interest to report other than this:

That the Order in this part of the State in which I reside, and for that matter all parts of the Department, is doing well and is endeavoring to keep up its membership, despite the great mortality among the comrades on account of the infirmities of age.

Permit me to thank the Council that gave me this great honor, and to all for the courtesies that I have received at their hands.

Yours in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

FRED WENZ,

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 9, 1914.

ARTHUR DREIFUS, Department Commander:

Comrade: I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1913:

The number of Posts, December 31, 1912, was 257, which included 53 Posts remaining suspended. The following Posts were suspended in 1913: Posts 120, 134, 294, 587. Post 134 has since been reinstated.

Three Posts have surrendered their charters, viz.: Post 142, Medoc, Jasper county; Post 252, Metz, Vernon county; Post 282, Carrollton, Carroll county, making the number of Posts, December 31, 1913, 254, including the 56 Posts remaining suspended.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the year 1913:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1913.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1912.....	5,364
Gain by muster-in.....	66
Gain by transfer.....	41
Gain by reinstatement.....	81
Gain by reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	10— 198
Aggregate	5,562
Loss by death.....	142
Loss by honorable discharge.....	7
Loss by transfer.....	22
Loss by suspension.....	71
Loss by delinquent reports.....	65
Loss by surrender of charter.....	16— 323
Number remaining in good standing, June 30, 1913.....	5,239

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1913.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1913.....	5,239
Gain by muster-in.....	43
Gain by transfer.....	53
Gain by reinstatement.....	71— 167
Aggregate.....	5,406
Loss by death.....	145
Loss by honorable discharge.....	9
Loss by transfer.....	43
Loss by suspension.....	137
Loss by delinquent reports.....	10
Loss by surrender of charter.....	16— 360
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1913..	5,046

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1912.....	5,364
Gain during year by muster-in.....	109
Gain during year by transfer.....	94
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	162— 365
Aggregate.....	5,729
Loss during year by death.....	287
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	16
Loss during year by transfer.....	65
Loss during year by suspension.....	208
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	75
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	32— 683
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1913..	5,046
Number remaining suspended.....	476
Number dropped during year.....	80
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	113
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	87
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$ 740.53
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1913.....	\$ 12,500.90
Cash invested in collaterals.....	19,044.60
Cash balance in relief funds.....	1,289.70
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	10,976.20
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	7,995.65
Total value of Post property.....	\$ 51,807.05

The basis of representation to the National Encampment allows one representative for each three hundred members in good standing, and one additional for a final fraction of more than half that number. This entitles our Department to seventeen representatives, in addition to the one at large.

In accordance with a standing 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 accompany and are made part of this report:

Exhibit "A"—Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "B"—Statement of Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Statement of Supplies on Hand.

Exhibit "D"—Statement of Assets.

Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths.

I desire to call your attention to the fact that there has been no subscription to the "Safety Fund" of the Department during the last year nor the year before, nor any bequest received since that of Comrade George Hoffman, whose name appears upon the "Roll of Honor" in last year's Journal. It might be well for you to call the attention of the comrades to this fact, and urge that the "Safety Fund" be not forgotten. The \$100 we have remaining in bank is beginning to look rather lonesome.

In the 35 years that I have known you, Commander Dreifus, since we became charter members of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, there is no comrade with whom I have had greater intimacy through all those years, and I can truly say that I know no comrade more devoted to the best interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. It has been indeed a great pleasure for me to have been able to serve you. I trust the condition of your health may continue to improve and that you may be with us for many years to come. To you and all the Department officers, I return my thanks for their great kindness and courtesies, and to all my comrades, my very best wishes.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjt. Genl. and Assistant Qr. Mr. Genl.

EXHIBIT "A"

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand, December 31, 1912.....	\$	55.50
Received from per capita tax.....		1,552.40
Received from requisitions.....		129.55
Received from interest on loans.....		225.00
	\$	<u>1,962.45</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies	\$	48.88
Printing and stationery.....		189.38
Rent of offices.....		180.00
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....	1,000.00	
Postage		71.92
Expenses National Encampment.....		83.15
Expenses Department Encampment.....		19.35
Per capita tax to National Headquarters.....		185.55
Insurance		14.15
Premium on bond of Ass't Adj't Gen'l.....		7.50
Incidentals		37.10
Traveling Exp. Dept. Commander C. W. Rubey.....	58.10—	1,895.08
Balance on hand, December 31, 1913.....	\$	<u>67.37</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

SAFETY FUND—CASH ACCOUNT.

1913. Dr.		
March 21. To amount received from estate of George Hoffman—bequest	\$	100.00
Dec. 31. To interest on same.....		1.56
	\$	<u>101.56</u>

SAFETY FUND—INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

1913. Dr.		
Dec. 31. To amt. of investment on Real Estate security..	\$	3,750.00

EXHIBIT "C"

No.	Value.
16 Official badges	\$ 8.00
27 Membership badges	13.50
60 Buttoniers	6.00
84 Rank straps	33.60
84 Official ribbons	8.40
16 Rules and Regulations.....	1.60
641 Applications	6.41
18 Cash books	21.60
29 Quartermaster's receipt books.....	17.40
11 Quartermaster's warrant books.....	8.80
5 Blue books	6.00
5 Rituals	2.50
6 Service books	1.80
24 Discharges	1.20
10 Leave of absence cards.....	.50
120 Transfers	6.00
197 Department badges, plain	118.20
48 Department badges, silver top.....	48.00
1 Electrotype50
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	\$ 310.01

EXHIBIT "D"

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1913.....	\$ 67.37
Office furniture, books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies	310.01
Ledger balances	41.10
Loans on real estate	3,750.00
Balance on hand in Safety Fund.....	101.56
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	\$ 5,070.04
Liabilities: Balance printing bills since paid.....	188.6
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	\$ 4,881.3

EXHIBIT "E"

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1913.

- 1 Louis Billmeyer, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 John G. Butterfuss, Pr. Co. D, 1st N. Y. Mtd. Rifles.
 Jas. Kay, Lieut. Co. H, 10th Mo. Inf.
 W. Setchfield, Corp. Co. K, 5th Iowa Cav.
 J. T. Chambers, Pr. Co. A, 19th Iowa Inf. and Pr. Co. E, 16th O. V. I.
 James McClure, Corp. Co. H, 17th Ind. Mtd. Inf.
 Daniel Dillon, Pr. Co. A, 30th Mo. Inf. and Capt. Co. E, 6th Hvy. Art. U. S. C. T.
 John Link, Artificer, 1st Mo. Eng.
 J. E. Behne, Pr. Co. C, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 C. H. Cain, Pr. Co. H, 20th Ind. Inf.
 Henry Bauer, Pr. Co. F, 3d Mo. Inf.
 C. H. Poertner, Pr. Co. D, 27th Ills. Inf.
 Ernst Zschocke, Sergt. Co. A, 6th Mo. Inf. and Lieut. Co. K, 52d U. S. C. T.
 John Schenk, Capt. and A. Q. M., U. S. Vols.
 Albert M. Rowe, Acting Ass't Engineer, U. S. Navy.
 Albert Trask, Pr. Co. K, 24th Mo. Inf.
 Adolphus Busch, Sergt. Co. C, 3d U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Thos. Dunn, Pr. Co. G, 3d U. S. Cav.
 Joseph M. Layat, Landsman, U. S. Navy.
 Thos. D. Witt, 1st Lieut. Co. K, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
 Theo. C. Albright, Corp. Co. C, 4th U. S. Cav.
 Geo. F. Croft, Pr. Co. I, 3d Vermont Inf.
 Chas. Stiesmeier, Capt. Co. D, 3d Mo. Inf.
- 2 Fred Bicker, Sergt. Co. A, 4th U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Archibald Carr, Pr. Co. A, 17th E. M. M.
- 4 Geo. L. Hays, 1st Lieut. Co. H, 43d Ills. Inf.
- 5 Bennett Williams, Pr. Co. A, 7th O. V. Cav.
 W. B. Stewart, Pr. Co. G, 140th Pa. Vols.
- 6 David Edwards, Pr. Co. H, 8th Mo. Inf.
 Conrad Hager.
 John Upschutte, Bugler, Co. E, 10th Mo. Cav.
 J. L. Gouge.
- 7 John G. Light, Pr. Co. D, 3d Mo. Prov. E. M. M.
 Wm. Sage, Pr. Co. L, 2d Col. Cav.
 Wright Roberts, Pr. Co. B, 43d O. V. I.
 Wm. J. Farren, Pr. Co. K, 5th U. S. Art.
 Thos. Winn, Sergt. Co. K, 5th Pa. Cav.
 H. D. Hickok, Capt. Co. D, 4th M. S. M. Cav.
 H. N. Keener, Hosp. Steward, 8th Ills. Vet. Inf.
 Fabian Herrman, Pr. Co. B, 1st Neb. Cav.

- John M. Stauber, Pr. Co. G, 205th Pa. Vols.
 Wm. J. King, Lieut. Co. B, 12th Mo. Cav.
 Frank Hubbard, Pr. Co. F, 28th Iowa Inf.
 Lucian Powell, Pr. Co. G, 132d Ills. Inf.
 Philip Lehr, Pr. Co. E, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
 Aaron E. Etzweiler, Sergt. Co. E, 18th Pa. Cav.
 Emmet M. Crandall, Pr. Co. C, 15th O. V. I.
 8 Geo. A. Hosmer, Pr. U. S. S. Tristram Shandy.
 Thos. Davidson, Pr. Co. C, 14th Wis. Inf. and Co. B. 21st Mo.
 Inf.
 Albert G. Abdelell, Pr. Co. K, 5th Mich. Inf.
 Thos. A. Loomis, Pr. Co. C, 18th Conn. Inf.
 Thos. H. Riddle, Pr. Co. F, 87th O. V. I.
 Geo. W. Bonney, Pr. Co. D, 74th O. V. I.
 John K. Landis, Pr. Co. C, 197th Pa. Vols.
 Adriance Van Brunt, Pr. Co. I, 22d N. J. Inf.
 Geo. W. Perkins, Pr. Co. I, 3d Mass. Hvy. Art.
 10 J. H. Ashby, Pr. Co. K, 21st K. M. C.
 T. S. Burns, Pr. Co. H, 36th Iowa Inf.
 Henry Lenkens, Pr. Co. B, 13th Ills. Cav.
 13 Jacob Miehleheim, Pr. Co. D, 37th O. V. I.
 Chas. Hunnius, Corp. Co. G, 2d U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Herm. Gelzheuer, Corp. Co. D, 2d U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Robert Ziegler, Pr. Co. C, 1st U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Wm. Stoetzle, Corp. Co. C, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 Wm. Sicher, Pr. Co. C, 2d U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Thos. C. Lewis, Pr. Co. H, 111th Ills. Inf.
 Jacob Kaiser, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 John E. Hecksteden, Pr. Co. L, 3d O. V. Cav.
 Eugene Hoehn, Pr. Co. D, 1st Mo. Inf.
 C. H. L. Groffman, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Inf.
 G. P. Kaiser, Lieut. Co. E, 2d U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Chas. Neun, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mo. Inf.
 Philip Deuser, Pr. Co. H, 7th Mo. Inf.
 Adam Friedrich, Pr. Co. D, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Robert Schiller, Pr. Co. D, 13th Ills. Cav.
 14 M. L. Downing, Sergt. Co. B, 7th Kans. Cav.
 A. J. Gardner, Pr. Co. K, 97th O. V. I.
 Chas. Greiser, Pr. Co. A, 119th Ills. Inf.
 Jacob H. Leng, Pr. Co. E, 122d Penn. Vols.
 16 John C. Crawford, Pr. Co. B, 141st O. V. I.
 J. B. Evans, Pr. Co. D, 64th Ills. Inf.
 Francis Cullom, Pr. Co. I, 3d Ills. Cav.
 17 Daniel Dunlap, Corp. Co. D, 100th O. V. I.
 John P. Platt, Corp. Co. H, 44th Mo. Inf.
 21 John Moore, Pr. Co. F, 3d Ills. Cav.

- Simon P. Joy, 2d Lieut. Co. D, 78th O. V. I.
 John Kime, Pr. Co. H, 176th O. V. I.
 Richard Vardie, Pr. Co. B, 13th N. Y. Vols.
 22 R. G. Bielby, 1st Lieut. Co. C, 21st Mo. Inf.
 Jacob Sands, Lieut. Co. C, 36th Ills. Inf.
 23 Richard Finder, Pr. Co. E, 16th Kans.
 26 John Hockstetter, Sergt. Co. G, 88th Ills. Inf.
 John T. Goodwin, Pr. Co. C, 26th Iowa Inf.
 29 Henry H. Spence, Pr. Co. H, 31st O. V. I.
 33 Thos. Parker, Pr. Co. B, 3d Iowa Cav.
 Andrew Seeley, Pr. Co. C, 6th M. S. M. Cav.
 34 James T. Norris, Mus. Co. B, 30th Iowa Inf.
 43 Thos. E. Lippencott, Pr. Co. I, 15th Iowa Inf.
 Isalah Matteson, Pr. Co. G, 123d N. Y. Vols.
 47 Thos. Bledsoe, Pr. Co. K, 115th Ind. Inf.
 P. P. Davis, Corp. Co. C, 7th M. S. M. Cav.
 E. K. Irwin, Corp. Co. H, 39th Mo. Inf.
 53 John Rippey, Pr. Co. K, 16th Ills. Inf.
 R. W. Barnett, Pr. Co. D, 154th Ills. Inf.
 54 Jacob Garver, Pr. Co. D, 19th Iowa Inf.
 A. C. Thornburg, Pr. Co. I, 36th Iowa Inf.
 57 Dwight P. Hubbard, Pr. Co. K, 24th N. Y. Vols.
 Geo. A. Harris, Pr. Co. C, 118th Ills. Inf.
 C. M. Brott, Pr. Co. C, 83d Ills. Inf.
 58 L. H. Showalter, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mich. Inf.
 67 A. C. Downer, Pr. Co. H, 148th O. V. I. and Co. I, 69th Ills. Inf.
 68 R. M. Dunham, Sergt. Co. F, 79th Ind. Inf.
 Robert Hastie, Fife Major, 11th Wis. Inf.
 Chas. E. Wadleigh, Corp. Co. B, 33d Ills. Inf.
 69 W. T. Olmstead, Pr. Co. I, 3d N. Y. Inf. and Sergt. Co. L, N. Y.
 H. Art.
 John Mack, Pr. Co. K, 46th Mo. Inf.
 Thos. J. Gideon, 1st Lieut. 14th Mo. Cav.
 72 Henry Packer, Pr. Co. B, 6th Mich. Art.
 J. M. White, Corp. Co. A, 1st U. S. Eng.
 75 S. M. Shaw, Corp. Co. D, 6th Mo. Cav.
 S. W. Baker, 1st Lieut. Co. I, 59th Ind. Inf.
 I. D. Combs, Pr. Co. D, 6th Mo. Cav.
 76 Ebenezer Porter, Pr. Co. B, 15th O. V. I.
 Wm. A. Drain, Pr. Co. I, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 A. Sornberger, Pr. Co. K, 83d Ills. Inf.
 John Dodd, Pr. Co. A, 6th W. Va. Inf.
 Henry Boor, Pr. Co. G, 86th O. V. I.
 S. P. Cox, Major 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 Geo. W. Sweeney, Pr. Co. A, 1st M. S. M. Inf.
 C. W. Wright, Corp. Co. E, 1st N. Y. Lt. Art.

- 78 Franklin Pharris, 1st Lieut. 7th M. S. M. Cav.
 81 J. F. Spencer, Pr. Co. H, 44th Mo. Inf.
 107 Fred Krehmeyer, Pr. Co. E., 10th Mo. Inf.
 110 Elkanah Scott.
 Nicholas Young, Pr. Co. I, 39th Mo. Inf.
 Z. W. Dowell, Pr. Co. D, 78th O. V. I.
 111 Zadoc Casey, Pr. Co. B, 110th Ills. Inf.
 115 J. A. Loop, Pr. Co. F, 75th O. V. I.
 124 Martin L. Green, Pr. Co. B, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 128 Wm. Corcoran, Landsman, U. S. S. Minnesota.
 James Thurman, Pr. Co. H, 31st Mo. Inf.
 129 Michael Combs, Sergt. Co. F, 10th Kans. Vols.
 130 Jacob Delay, Pr. Co. A, 64th Ills. Inf.
 John Parsley, Pr. Co. G, 2d Mo. Cav.
 131 James E. Flynn, Sergt. Co. G, 6th Mo. Inf.
 Chas. Pool, Corp. Co. B, 24th Ind. Inf.
 Austin Potter, Pr. Co. G, 16th N. Y. Cav.
 John A. Lant, Pr. Co. H, 23d Pa. Vols.
 James H. Case, Pr. Co. K, 75th Ind. Inf.
 James M. Allen, Sergt. Co. A, 9th Iowa Cav.
 Cornelius Cadle, Jr., Lt. Col. and A. A. G. U. S. Vols.
 Abner L. Monroe, Pr. Co. B, 52d O. V. I.
 Joseph F. Andrews, Pr. Co. E., 32d Ind. Inf.
 John F. Craigo, Pr. Co. D, 9th M. S. M. Cav.
 Sardius S. Gould, Pr. Co. A, 28th N. J. Inf.
 John H. Cookson, Sergt. Major 12th U. S. Inf.
 John B. Henderson, Brig. Gen. Mo. Mil.
 Lewis W. Manning, Sergt. Co. D, 74th N. Y. Inf.
 Wm. F. Tufts, Corp. Co. K, 32d Mass. Inf.
 Chas. A. Wilson, Surgeon's Steward, U. S. Navy.
 John A. Gill, Pr. Co. A, 45th Ills. Inf.
 Wm. A. Stickney, Pr. Co. A, 6th Mass. Inf.
 Chas. I. Johnson, Artificer Co. M, 1st U. S. Eng.
 Wm. H. Current, Major 134th Ind. Inf.
 Alfred L. Bancroft, 1st Lieut. Co. E, 1st N. Y. Cav.
 Thos. B. Chapman, Pr. Co. A, 16th Ind. Inf.
 John M. Wherry, Sergt. Co. A, 3d U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Geo. W. J. Knight, 1st Lieut. and Adj. 50th Mo. Inf.
 David G. Duffy, Capt. 90th Ills. Inf.
 John Pugh, Pr. Co. C, 11th Ills. Inf.
 Robert Richards, Pr. Co. B, 9th Ind. Inf.
 Wm. H. H. Miller, Capt. Co. E and Major 48th Ind. Inf and 1st
 Lieut. 9th U. S. Inf., Retired.
 Frank E. Vickery, Qr. M. Sergt. 133d Ills. Inf.
 Byron E. Chollar, Pr. Co. H, 15th N. Y. Eng.
 Chas. Valier, Lieut. Co. M, 7th Ills. Cav.

- Henry Fairback, Artificer Co. A, 1st Mo. Eng.
 Ephriam Magoon, Pr. Battery A, 1st Maine Art.
 Andrew J. Child, Lieut. Co. E, 14th Vt. Inf.
- 141 A. J. Ragsdale, Corp. Co. H, 3d Mo. Cav.
 146 W. W. White, Pr. Co. D, 6th Pa. Hy. Art.
 150 J. J. Clark, Pr. Co. B, 5th Kans. Cav.
 152 John Bates.
 Justus Koerle, Pr. Co. C, Pacific Battalion.
 Henry Alt, Pr. Co. F, 26th Mo. Inf.
 Julius Pohlrig, Pr. Co. C, 15th Mo. Inf.
- 160 John Grant, Pr. Co. K, 123d O. V. I.
 171 D. F. McKee, 1st Sergt. Co. I, 22d O. V. I.
 Louis Gerber, Pr. Co. E, 45th N. Y. Inf.
 173 Henry Bachre, Pr. Co. C, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 173 Henry Baehre, Pr. Co. C, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 August Heuer, Pr. Co. E, 8th Prov. E. M. M.
 174 E. H. Day, Pr. Co. B, 2d Ohio Art.
 Wm. Cravatt, Pr. Co. I, 47th Mo. Inf.
 John O. Smith, Pr. Co. I, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
- 175 B. F. Holmes, Pr. Co. I, 47th Mo. Inf.
 185 W. C. Bartrom, Pr. Co. A, 2d M. S. M. Cav.
 Geo. Scott, Pr. Co. A, 53d Mo. Inf.
- 197 H. G. Northrop, Pr. Co. D, Mo. Inf. Battalion.
 John Senti, Pr. Co. C, 1st Mo. Inf.
 210 J. W. Cantwell, Pr. Co. E, 63d Ills. Inf.
 Leroy Brownlow, Pr. Co. M, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 J. H. Sterling, Pr. Co. L, 14th Ills. Cav.
- 214 R. D. Ellison, Pr. Co. F, 2d U. S. Cav.
 215 Anderson Counts, Pr. Co. K, 10th Mo. Cav.
 218 James J. Mason, Pr. Co. K, 151st Ills. Inf.
 233 G. W. Letterman, Pr. Co. D, Emergency Battalion.
 243 Wm. E. Conner, Pr. Co. G, 2d Iowa Inf.
 Wm. G. Martin, Pr. Co. D, 1st Conn. Cav.
- 257 Henry Deusel, Pr. Co. K, 20th N. Y. Vols.
 Wm. Maguire, Pr. Co. D, 2d Tenn. Inf.
 269 Orrin Gray, Qr. M. Sergt. 1st Wis. Cav. and Co. K, 16th Wis. Inf.
 R. E. Lewis, Pr. Co. F, 1st U. S. Cav.
- 273 Wm. N. Hayden, Pr. Co. D, 80th Ills. Inf.
 286 Saml. Rubey, Pr. Co. C, 62d U. S. C. T.
 303 Benj. F. Poe, Pr. Co. A, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 Jonathan Poe, Pr. Co. A, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 J. C. Poe, Pr. Co. F, 43d Mo. Inf.
 Wm. H. Benson, Pr. Co. I, 15th Iowa Inf.
- 312 Richard Jones, Pr. Co. C, 7th M. S. M. Cav.
 John M. Surrent, Pr. Co. H, 5th Prov. E. M. M.

- 324 Jerome H. Stanton.
 J. F. Ellison, Pr. Co. D, 18th and 20th O. V. I.
 James Saucier, Pr. Co. K, 35th Mo. Inf.
- 340 Thornton J. Alexander, Pr. Co. A, 82d O. V. I.
- 343 Vintlow Washington, Pr. Co. G, 118th U. S. C. T.
 Geo. Watts, Pr. Co. B, 4th U. S. C. T.
- 348 John S. Middleton, Corp. Co. E, 74th Pa. Vols.
- 355 John I. Watson, Pr. Co. A, 28th Ills. Inf.
 John N. Benton, Gt. Western Seaman.
- 386 G. Ash Pinckney, Sergt. Co. G, 8th M. S. M. Cav.
- 387 Thos. White, Pr. Co. D, 123d Ills. Inf.
 James Tomlinson, Pr. Co. G, 2d Mo. Cav.
- 391 John C. Mix, Pr. Co. C, 135th O. V. I.
- 420 J. M. Oliver, Pr. Co. E, 67th Provisional.
 Fred Farmer, Pr. Co. L, 15th Kans. Cav.
 M. L. Shackelford, Pr. Co. B, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
- 425 W. F. Karr, Corp. Co. K, Osage Regt. Mo.
- 429 A. M. Wheeler, Pr. Co. D, 16th Mo. Cav.
 J. F. Williams, Pr. Co. I, 74th E. M. M.
- 432 Wm. Bradford, Sergt. Co. D, 67th U. S. C. T.
- 433 Andrew Foster, Pr. Co. G, 49th Ills. Inf.
 Arthur Mouser, Lieut. Co. E, 58th Ind. Inf.
 J. W. Dunn, Pr. Co. D, 4th Mo. Cav.
 Irvin M. Jones, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mich. Inf.
- 458 Fletcher Ingram, Pr. Co. I, 33d Ills. Cav.
- 466 W. O. Barnett, Pr. Co. C, 5th Mo. Inf.
- 492 Wm. J. Curtis, Pr. Co. I, 10th Mo. Cav.
 O. P. Schafer, Pr. Co. C, 151st Ills. Inf.
- 496 J. Haller, Pr. Co. F, 4th Mo. Cav.
 C. Schulz, Pr. Co. A, 41st Mo. Inf.
 J. Doerner, Pr. Co. B, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 L. Ulrich, Pr. Co. F, 3d Mo. Inf.
 P. Lamp, Sergt. Co. L, 4th Mo. Cav.
- 544 Daniel Frost, Pr. U. S. C. T.
- 554 Fredk. Tuepker, Pr. Co. E, Krekel's Batt. U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Edward Brown, Co. G, 15th Pa. Vols.
 Fritz Niederhelmann, Pr. Co. C, 1st M. S. M. Inf.
- 559 Chas. Fosdick, Corp. Co. K, 5th Iowa Inf.
- 567 Larkin Lane, Pr. Co. K, 79th Ills. Inf.
 Thos. Frazier, Pr. Co. G, 6th Mo. Inf.
- 574 John H. Watson, Pr. Co. H, 145th Ills. Inf.
- 576 Henry Beimdick, Pr. Co. E, Krekel's Batt. U. S. R. C., Mo.
 F. W. Joerling, Pr. Co. E, 49th Mo. Inf.
- 577 Joseph Dennis, Pr. Co. E, 148th Ind. Inf.
- 579 John S. Luthy, Pr. Co. F, 83d Ind. Inf.
- 582 D. M. Foust, Pr. Co. G, 187th O. V. I.
- 583 Whit. Gassaway, Pr. Co. H, 115th U. S. C. T.
- 588 J. E. Shannon, Pr. Co. C, 2d Ark. Cav.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

St. Louis, Mo., April 29, 1914.

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to submit this, my report as Department Chaplain, for the information of the Encampment:

- In a very remarkable manner I think our comrades have been preserved in good health and activity, for men who have gone through such hardships as have fallen to the lot of but few men. Most of them have been able to care for themselves and families in a very creditable manner.

We should all be proud of the record of the past, and careful to make a good history in the closing up of the campaign of life.

I think the world's history will show but few equals, and no superior in its records of the doings of men and soldiers.

I herewith submit a copy of my annual report, as sent to the Chaplain-in-Chief:

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending services.....	163
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	160
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	10
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	15
Number of comrades present at such services.....	1162

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services.....	159
Number of comrades participating in Memorial Day Services.....	2274
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	475
Number of graves decorated.....	22520
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day Services.....	80
Number of pupils participating.....	5000
Number of other organizations participating.....	25
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day....	50
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	10
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	15
Number of Posts having Burial Plots.....	30

I hope the Posts should report promptly and fully, much more so than they have done in the past.

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

T. H. HAGERTY,
Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Trenton, Mo., May 1, 1914.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade: Having been honored with the appointment of Judge Advocate of the Department of Missouri, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Advocate Wm. H. Skinner, who answered the final roll call at his home in Bethany, Mo., on February 2, 1914, as shown by General Orders No. 6, I have the honor of reporting to you and through you to the Department of Missouri, that the comrades of the Department so far as has come to my knowledge and information, have been at peace with themselves and all mankind to such an extent that I have not been called upon or had occasion to perform any duties whatever, as Judge Advocate, and so far as I have been informed my deceased predecessor was in like manner favored.

Trusting that the blessings of the Supreme Commander of the Grand Army will continue to rest upon all the comrades and their loved ones until they receive their orders to join the Grand Army on the Eternal Camping Ground, I am,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEO. HALL,
Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Mo., May 4, 1914.

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Missouri.

It is with pleasure and something of pride that I present to you the results of patient labor for the past year. This report is based upon reports of 62 Posts. Forty of these Posts had installed a Patriotic Instructor; 68 sizeable flags were placed upon public school buildings; 22 schools had public flag raisings; 40 schools were taught how to salute the flag; 169 schools and 31 Posts celebrated the birthday of Lincoln, or Washington, or McKinley.

Flag Day was observed by 24 Posts and 47 schools; 6,400 children were presented to school children. Woman's Relief Corps presented 28 large flags for public school buildings. The Pa

Instructor distributed 2,000 lapel flags. The motto of the Department is "A flag for each home."

School children marched in 42 different processions with flags. The children assisted in decorating the graves in 25 cemeteries.

Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read in 80 schools.

St. Joseph Relief Corps has presented 16 large flags for public buildings; 150 patriotic addresses were reported; 42 sermons were presented at public gatherings; 6,000 small flags were presented by tradesmen on Flag Day.

Old Glory invaded many homes during the year.

Increasing numbers of flags are put out on Flag Day.

Cost for maintenance of the Department, \$35.00. The Department is self-supporting, though our treasury is dry most of the time.

Some Posts have made the Instructor chairman of the social committee.

During the year addresses have been delivered in the Posts by Post Masters, Weather Bureau superintendent, ministers, lawyers, doctors and officers of the regular army. A wider range of work is being done each year.

Increasing dependence is being put upon this Department for leadership in patriotic work in the State.

The public ministry is beginning to realize that patriotism and patriotic sentiment belong in part to the work of the ministry. The churches are glad to give a service to emphasize patriotism, because the people like it and believe in it. The thoughtful minister rises above partisanship and shows the people that a love of one's country is a noble and Divine sentiment. Such services lift men far above politics and partisan sentiment. If the Posts will give us better men for the position of Patriotic Instructors, we can still do better work.

The recent insult to Old Glory in Mexico roused up a resentment throughout the whole country.

Eight flags were presented to the churches where Sunday memorial services were held. The churches appreciated the gift. Memorial service has awakened a like spirit among many civic societies, so that they also have a memorial day, and its significance is coming into the minds of the people more and more.

We strongly urge every Post in the Department to couple a Flag Day feature with a Post picnic or other gathering; such a feature adds interest to the occasion. Thanking local Posts and the Department for all courtesies, I am, yours truly,

WILLIAM C. CALLAND,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

On motion, the Commander's address and the Officers' reports were referred to the several committees to be appointed. Senior Vice-Department Commander Dubrouillet announced the following committee on the address of the Department Commander: Past Department Commanders John M. Williams, Geo. W. Martin, Chas. W. Rubey, Jere. T. Dew and Benj. Warner.

Department Commander Dreifus 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: Past Department Commander W. F. Henry; J. W. Lucas, Post 76; John Hack, Post 72.

On report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: Past Department Commander J. V. Martin; Max Fritz, Post 13; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8.

On reports of Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor and Judge Advocate: Past Department Commander Ira T. Bronson; M. R. H. Witter, Post 131; P. F. Coghlan, Post 1.

On resolutions: Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton; Past Department Commanders R. N. Denham, F. M. Sterrett; J. W. Beach, Post 7.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Francis P. Becker, Post 13; J. W. Beach, Post 7; D. L. Elder, Post 4.

To visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Past Department Commander Benj. Warner; Thos. Moore, Post 1; J. F. Dobyne, Post 131.

To visit the Sons of Veterans: Senior Vice-Department Commander Theo. Dubrouillet; G. W. Tainter, Post 97; L. V. Dix, Post 131.

The Department Commander read the following cable message received from Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur:

"Naples, May 11, 1914.

"Dear Comrades: All hail to you from Sunny Italy! May good cheer and the best of health attend you all at the Encampment. May your deliberations be harmonious and produce best results for our grand department. May the Safety Fund, which is the anchor to preserve our organization, receive your kind consideration and generosity. Kindest greetings to all and particularly to your Commander.
RASSIEUR."

On motion, three cheers were given for Comrade Rassieur.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the forty-eighth National Encampment.

Past Department Commander Denham nominated Comrade Francis P. Becker, of Post 13, for Representative-at-Large.

His nomination was seconded by several comrades and there being no other nomination, on motion, the rules were suspended and

Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Becker, which was accordingly done.

He was declared duly elected.

The following nominations were then made, to be placed upon the printed ballot in the numerical order of their Posts, beginning with the lowest number, in accordance with a rule of the Encampment:

Chris Fricke, Post 1, St. Louis.
 W. F. Silverwood, Post 1, St. Louis.
 Chas. Niedringhaus, Post 2, St. Louis.
 S. W. Serl, Post 4, Kansas City.
 Nich Mathias, Post 5, Moberly.
 Fred Wenz, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 J. W. Beach, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 F. C. Dorsey, Post 8, Kansas City.
 O. H. Guffin, Post 8, Kansas City.
 Wm. E. Schubert, Post 13, St. Louis.
 G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville.
 I. L. Hunt, Post 26, Nevada.
 Wm. Pickell, Post 32, Hamilton.
 Jacob Hallenberger, Post 43, Hannibal.
 Rush G. Leaming, Post 53, Sedalia.
 L. F. Hunt, Post 57, Brookfield.
 M. T. Kimber, Post 57, Brookfield.
 John Hack, Post 72, Trenton.
 J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder.
 W. W. Baldwin, Post 76, Kidder.
 J. A. Drummond, Post 78, Warrensburg.
 Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97, Linn.
 Fred Lueke, Post 107, St. Louis.
 E. W. Duncan, Post 131, St. Louis.
 J. T. Sanders, Post 131, St. Louis.
 J. C. Driver, Post 145, Eldon.
 Jacob Stephens, Post 145, Eldon.
 C. W. Raymond, Post 190, Webb City.
 C. C. Bell, Post 240, Boonville.
 J. W. Root, Post 241, Galt.
 D. W. Reese, Post 247, West Plains.
 E. C. Baugher, Post 324, Sullivan.
 G. W. Edwards, Post 343, St. Louis.
 G. A. Wetherell, Post 391, Bowling Green.
 G. A. Douglass, Post 566, Pleasant Hill.
 J. L. Tucker, Post 574, Elmira.
 J. P. Bedwell, Post 591, Richmond.

Announcement was made by Comrade Bronson that their committee had arranged for the parade at 3 o'clock p. m., to start from the Court House.

On motion, the Encampment took a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

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.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to select the place for meeting next year.

Comrade Alex. McCandless, of Post 5, proposed the City of Hannibal and presented cordial invitations from the Mayor, John Dreyer, and the Hannibal Commercial Club.

Comrade L. K. Avery, Commander of Post 43, of Hannibal, strongly urged the selection of Hannibal, and presented a telegram from Harry A. Scheidker, secretary of the Hannibal Commercial Club, saying the citizens of Hannibal would consider it a great honor to entertain the comrades. There being no other nomination, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for the City of Hannibal as the place of meeting next year, which was accordingly done.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Department Commander stated that nominations for Department Commander were in order.

Comrade William Lowe, of Warrensburg, was placed in nomination by Past Department Commander George W. Martin, with the following remarks:

Department Commander, Comrades, Men of the Sixties, Brothers of the Battle Line:

It is my pleasant duty today to place in nomination for the office of Department Commander Comrade William Lowe of Warrensburg.

Looking into the faces of the men who today in this hall represent the Department of Missouri, I recognize to the fullest extent the fact that the man chosen as Commander of this Department must have a stainless record as a soldier and as a citizen.

My candidate measures up to this high standard in every particular.

It is not necessary for me to give his record as a soldier. It is sufficient to say that he entered the service of his country at the age of 17, and wore the blue until the veterans under the Department Commander finally stacked arms at Appomattox.

His record as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic is equal to that of his record as a soldier. He has been present at every Encampment, ready and willing to perform any duty that the advancement of our order that might be imposed upon him. The princely manner in which he entertained the comrades at Pertle Springs and at Warrensburg is a part of the pleasant history of this Department not to be forgotten.

He has asked for no office. He is asking for no office. The comrades are asking that this great honor be conferred upon him.

Elect my candidate, comrades, and I assure you that in diligent, energetic and unremitting work this department will only have Lowe, but "high, jack and the game" during the coming year.

The nomination was seconded by Comrades James P. Hesser, Post 2; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; J. W. Beach, Post 7, and others. There being no other nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Lowe, which was done, and he was declared duly elected as Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Lowe, being called upon, came to the platform and thanked the comrades for the high compliment paid him by a unanimous election. He said he knew his shortcomings in many ways, but would endeavor with the assistance of the comrades to serve them to the best of his ability.

For Senior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade Wm. H. Wormstead, of Post 8, Kansas City, was nominated by Past Commander-in-Chief Burton, who spoke as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades:

I congratulate you upon the unanimous election of Comrade Lowe as Department Commander. In his words of acceptance he somewhat depreciates his qualifications as a parliamentarian and a presiding officer. He need not worry. We selected him because of his loyal devotion and in recognition of his services as an active, earnest and faithful comrade. He will discharge the duties of his office with credit and honor and to the satisfaction of his comrades.

On behalf of the comrades of Kansas City and vicinity I name for Senior Vice-Department Commander a comrade who is an excellent parliamentarian and a superb presiding officer; unassuming, his modesty bespeaks his worth. A gallant soldier; a comrade who in his every day walk and life is the embodiment of fraternity, charity and loyalty, he has won and wears the love of those who know him best, and for them I name for Senior Vice-Commander Comrade William H. Wormstead, of Post No. 8, of Kansas City.

Comrade John Hack, of Post 72, Trenton, was nominated by Past Department Commander J. V. Martin. The nomination was seconded by Comrade Beach of Post 7.

Comrade Hack withdrew as a candidate and moved that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Wormstead, which motion was adopted and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed and he was declared duly elected.

Past Department Commander Ira T. Bronson, Commander of Post 53, nominated Comrade Charles Kooch, of Post 53, Sedalia, for Junior Vice-Department Commander. The nomination was seconded by Comrade H. F. Glahn, Post 36, who served in same regiment with Comrade Kooch. There being no other nomination, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Kooch, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected.

Comrade M. R. H. Witter, Post 131, nominated Comrade Thos. H. Hawley, Post 131, for Medical Director, and there being no

other nomination, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Hawley, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected.

Comrade J. B. Dobyne, Post 131, nominated for Chaplain Comrade Thos. H. Hagerty, Post 131, and there being no other nomination, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Hagerty, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected.

For members of the Council of Administration, Comrades Francis P. Becker, Post 13; A. Whipple, Post 1; C. M. C. Loyd, Post 7; Alfred Zartman, Post 48, and John T. Clark, Post 6, were placed in nomination. There being no other nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for the comrades above named, which was accordingly done, and they were declared duly elected.

On motion of Past Department Commander Henry, the Commander appointed a committee to prepare and report a testimonial to the memory of the three Past Department Commanders who have died since our last meeting, and of Junior Vice-Department Commander Chesley A. Mosman. The committee consisted of Past Department Commanders Henry and Peterson and Junior Vice-Department Commander Wenz.

The Encampment next proceeded to the election of Representatives and Alternates to the forty-eighth National Encampment. The following comrades were appointed as tellers: Past Department Commander Benj. Warner; Chas. Steiner, Post 1; D. Webster, Post 131; Alex McCandless, Post 5; W. H. Wormstedt, Post 8; Jacob Hott, Post 276; A. J. Showers, Post 131; G. Tainter, Post 97.

On motion it was voted that the eighteen comrades receiving the highest number of votes be the Representatives and the next eighteen receiving the next highest number be the Alternates.

The tellers distributed the ballots and afterwards took up their votes and retired to count the same.

Past Commander-in-Chief Burton, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported that no resolutions or communications had been referred to the committee, but the committee of its own motion reported the two following resolutions and recommended their adoption:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered to the citizens of Sedalia for their royal and generous hospitality. To the comrades of Gen. Geo. R. Smith, No. 53, for their untiring but successful efforts to make this of the most pleasant and gratifying of all our annual reunions to the Apollo Club and all others who have contributed to our enjoyment, both individually and collectively.

Resolved, That the comrades, one and all, hereby express their sincere appreciation of the visit and presence of our Commander-in-Chief, Washington Gardner, during our entire session. His coming and his words of good cheer and wisdom have been not only a commendation but an inspiration. We congratulate him and our Order upon the success of his administration. Going from us he bears with him our hopes for his safety, his happiness and his prosperity.

The resolutions were voted upon separately and adopted, the latter by a rising vote. The Commander-in-Chief, in response to the resolution, thanked the Encampment for its kindly words and declared that it was an inspiration for him to be present and witness the proceedings of such a body, to look into the faces of the men, many of whom had helped to keep the State of Missouri in the Union. He could not but admire the businesslike manner in which their deliberations had been conducted and the harmony which characterized all the proceedings. He wished the comrades and the Department the greatest prosperity.

Past Commander-in-Chief Burton responded to the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Commander-in-Chief Gardner:

The resolution passed by this Department expresses its sincere sentiments. Ours is a peculiar Department. You are from a Department where the sentiment for the Union was universal, and within whose borders nothing was seen of the ravages and horrors of the war. The people of Missouri were divided. Eighty thousand of her sons wore the gray and fought for the Confederacy.

Battles not a few, and lesser conflicts innumerable, were fought upon her soil. Guerilla warfare was waged, and many acts of robbery, rapine and murder were committed, ostensibly in the name of patriotism and in support of the Union or the Confederacy, but really to promote private gain and gratify revenge, leaving in their wake feelings of discord and hate not to be eliminated during this or a succeeding generation. Amid such an environment was organized and has been maintained the Department of Missouri. It includes the survivors of those Missourians, who, rallying around Blair and Lyon, captured Camp Jackson, fought Wilson Creek and saved Missouri to the Union.

It also numbers upon its Roster comrades from every State; from every army, corps, division, and from almost every brigade.

"When asked from whence we hail

.Our sole reply shall be,

We fought with Grant, Sherman or Thomas,

The great immortal three."

We have Posts all over the State, yet recognizing St. Louis as a great center of Grand Army Comradeship, we have, notwithstanding it is on the extreme eastern border, selected and maintained it as our headquarters, and we ever shall.

There has never been a factional fight in our Department. We do not invoke the unit rule. We permit every comrade to vote for candidates or policies as his judgment and conscience may dictate, and yet we almost invariably vote as a unit.

We are delighted to have had you continuously with us during our Encampment. Your presence has been an encouragement; your words of good cheer and wisdom have been and will remain an inspiration.

Going from us you bear the well wishes of every comrade for your safety, prosperity and happiness. May God be with you till we meet again.

Department Chaplain Hagerty presented one of his historic gavels, in the making of which he is quite proficient, to the Commander-in-Chief, with the following appropriate remarks:

Commander-in-Chief:

The Department of Missouri is greatly honored by your presence. To our vision, your coming has been a benediction, your voice is eloquent in our ears, and your comradeship is most encouraging.

We are proud to believe you are pleased to be with us in our Encampment, and thus our joy is complete.

I desire, however, that our mutual joy shall not be simply in thought, and eloquent utterances, but have a more material form, that may last as coming days, when leagues of mountain and plain may separate us in our journeys of future lives. I have, with my own hands, prepared this gavel, which I desire to have the great pleasure of presenting to you, that you may carry it home with you as a tangible evidence of your presence among us, and of our high appreciation of your stay in our Department Encampment.

The head of this gavel is of oak wood taken from an oak tree under which General Grant happened to be standing when his commission was handed him as Brigadier General of the United States Army. The handle is of hickory from the battle ground of Wilson Creek, one of the decisive battles of the war, and probably saved the State of Missouri to the Union, and in which Gen. Lyon fell nobly leading his men to the dreadful conflict, in which he lost his life. Commander, will you please to receive this at my hands as a slight testimonial of our great regard for you as our Commander-in-Chief and your presence among us at this time?

The Commander-in-Chief accepted the gavel with thanks and said he would appreciate it most highly on account of the donor whom he held in the highest esteem.

A detachment of the Boy Scouts who were so much in evidence in making themselves useful and adding to the comfort of the veterans, appeared under escort of the Officer of the Day, H. Bolen, with their handsome U. S. flag festooned with flowers, which was received with cheers and saluted by the comrades, after which they retired.

A delegation from the convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was reported to be in waiting and was escorted to the platform by Past Department Commander B. Warner, and Comrades Thos. Moore, Post 1, and J. B. Dobyne, Post 131. The delegation consisted of Mrs. Hattie M. Warner, of Kansas City; Mrs. Sarah Moore, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Christine Albeitz, of St. Louis.

Mrs. Albeitz addressed the Encampment as follows:

COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

It gives me great pleasure to visit you today, and to bring to you the loving greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Missouri. For the benefit of those comrades who do not know exactly who the Ladies of the Grand Army are, I will give a short sketch of our Order:

The Ladies of the Grand Army restricts its membership to those women who belong to the families of the honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War, mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and blood kin nieces. Army nurses are honored members, veterans of the Civil War and Sons of Veterans are admitted as honorary members, thus making the family circle complete.

This organization will be perpetuated by lineal descendants; it is founded upon similar lines as the Daughters of American Revolution, and will hold in the future as high and honorable a place as the D. A. R. does today and is destined to hold in the future.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic is the only organization of women in the world today that represents in its entirety the Union soldier and sailor of the Civil War—and the only order of women who can, in the full sense of the word, ever perpetuate the Grand Army of the Republic.

Its cardinal principles are patriotism, love of country and the flag, and veneration for the men who preserved the Union when armed treason raised its parricidal hands against the nation's life. Patriotism is incarnated in the flag. When its bright folds are caught by the passing breeze, every stripe of red seems colored by the blood of men who had fought for it and the principles for which it stands—every stripe of white, the symbol of forgiveness for those who fought against it. You can tear it down, but you can't tear down what it stands for. To us it is the emblem of liberty, justice and right. When we gaze upon the bright stars and beautiful stripes of our country's banner, we behold, as in a vision, the whole history of the Republic emblazoned upon its precious folds, down from the sublime heroism of our Revolutionary fathers to the magnificent record of the men who suppressed the great rebellion from '61 to '65.

All hail to our beautiful flag!—the banner of the free, known and honored in all lands. "The star spangled banner, Oh! long may it wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

I thank you, comrades, and "May God be with you till we meet again."

Comrade W. C. Calland, by request of the Department Commander, responded to the Ladies of the G. A. R. as follows:

It affords me pleasure to extend greetings in behalf of the Department. Your annual visits and methodical reports leave no doubt in our minds that you are a factor in the department work. The success of the department administration depends in no small way on the fidelity of the various departments which are allowed large liberty in their methods and work. We have come to expect that your contribution to the grand total in the department aggregate shall prove a constant factor; and each year's report clearly shows that your department machinery runs smoothly and with little friction. The Department congratulates you that the Good

Father has dealt gently with you during the past year, and has enabled you to add an element of serenity and consolation because of work well done. Your special interest in patriotic work has helped to bring the State and the Home into closer relations and enabled "Old Glory" to become one of our "Household Gods." Your past is secured; the future is hopeful.

The committee on the Address of the Department Commander made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Sedalia, Mo., May 13th, 1914.

TO THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

Comrades: Your committee to which was referred the address of the Department Commander, begs leave to report that, after careful examination of said address it recommends that it be fully approved. It especially approves those portions of said address in regard to the "Safety Fund" of the Encampment, and of patriotic instruction in our public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. MARTIN,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
BENJ. WARNER,
JERE. T. DEW,

Committee.

The committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Sedalia, Mo., May 12, 1914.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders respectfully report that they have duly examined and considered reports and find that both of said officers have shown a commendable zeal in the discharge of their several duties. They have been faithful and efficient officers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. HENRY,
JOHN HACK,
J. W. LUCAS,
Committee.

The committee on the reports of the Judge Advocate, Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor submitted the following report, which on motion, adopted:

Sedalia, Mo., May 13, 1914

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee on the reports of the Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Patriotic Instructor begs leave to report as follows:

We compliment the Judge Advocate that his office has an honorary one—perfect harmony existing among the command during the year.

We commend the work of the Patriotic Instructor in patriotic and recommend that the various recommendations be approved.

We especially commend the report of the Chaplain, and

recommend the careful perusal of same by the Posts and the comrades.

IRA T. BRONSON,
M. R. H. WITTER,
P. F. COGHLAN,
Committee.

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

Sedalia, Mo., May 13th, 1914.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General has attended to its duty with a careful examination of the report in its several parts, and are unanimous in our commendation of the report, both as to its concise and practical nature and as an evidence of faithful service rendered to this Department.

We are, in F., C. and L.,
J. V. MARTIN,
W. H. WORMSTEAD,
MAX FRITZ,
Committee.

The Assistant Adjutant General made the following report of the Council of Administration, and on his motion the report, with its recommendations, was adopted:

TO THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

St. Louis, Mo., February 17, 1914.

The selection of the date for the meeting of the Thirty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, at Sedalia, Mo., was, by direction of the Department Commander, submitted to the members of the Council of Administration by letter, and resulted in the unanimous choice of the dates of Tuesday and Wednesday, May 12th and 13th, 1914, and it was so announced in General Orders No. 6, February 27th, 1914.

The Council met at Sedalia, Mo., May 11th, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m., pursuant to the call of the Department Commander for a united country.

The following members were present: Arthur Dreifus, Department Commander; Theo. Dubrouillet, Senior Vice-Department Commander; Fred Wenz, Junior Vice-Department Commander; Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Francis P. Becker, W. H. Wormstead and W. W. Baldwin, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

On motion, the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts for failing to make reports: Post 88, Meadville; Post 589, Clinton; Post 590, Poplar Bluff; Post 392, Southwest City.

On motion, the Council recommended to the Encampment that \$100, or so much thereof as might be necessary, be appropriated to defray the traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander to audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1914.

ARTHUR DREIFUS, 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 30, 1914, and found proper vouchers for all expenditures, with balances on hand as follows: December 31, 1913, sixty-seven dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$67.37), and on April 30, 1914, one hundred and twenty-nine dollars and twenty-three cents (\$129.23).

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of his keeping the accounts.

FRANCIS P. BECKER,
A. WHIPPLE, Committee.

There being no further business, on motion, the Council adjourned.

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

The following is the official report of the Woman's Relief Corps for the past year:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 9, 1914.

ARTHUR DREIFUS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the pleasure of submitting you, and through you to the Thirty-third Annual Encampment G. A. R., a brief summary of the work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, the year ending May 12-13, 1914:

Number of Corps.....	1
Number of Members.....	1
Delinquent	0
Total	1
Cash expended for relief.....	\$62
Turned over to Posts.....	12
For relief other than money.....	92
Number of soldiers assisted.....	1
Number of soldiers' families assisted.....	1
Number members assisted	1
Number members' families assisted.....	1

Permit me to thank you and your esteemed Assistant Adjutant General, Thomas B. Rodgers, for courtesies extended me, express my highest appreciation of the services your Order for a united country.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,
HATTIE M. BEACH,
Department President

The special committee appointed to prepare and report memorial in testimony of the deceased Past Department Commanders and the Junior Vice-Department Commander, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted by a rising

Sedalia, Mo., May 12, 1914.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee on a testimonial to the memory of our comrades, Past Department Commander John P. Platt, Past Department Commander Henry Fairback, Past Department Commander William H. Skinner and Junior Vice-Department Commander Chesley A. Mosman, respectfully report that they have performed the duty assigned them and respectfully submit the following for adoption as the expression of this Encampment:

This Encampment recognizes in the life of each of these comrades the true exemplification of the principles of our Order. Their presence and counsel will be sadly missed in all our gatherings. Their genial comradeship has been an inspiration to many, and their memory will be cherished in the hearts of all true comrades of this Department. The service of each as a soldier and as a citizen having been made a matter of record in Department General Orders, it is therefore omitted from this testimonial.

In order that the high esteem in which these are held by the comrades of this Department may be and remain a perpetual record, your committee recommends that this report be entered at large in the Journal of this Encampment. They served their country well in war and in peace. May they rest in peace.

W. F. HENRY,
A. G. PETERSON,
FRED WENZ,

Committee.

Comrade Bronson introduced Col. Demuth, superintendent of the street railways, who extended a cordial invitation to all the comrades to take a street car ride to the railroad shops and other objects of interest in the city and vicinity.

The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-eighth National Encampment, as follows, the candidates having received the number of votes set opposite their respective names, and they were declared duly elected:

REPRESENTATIVES.

John Hack, Trenton.....	114
Nich. Mathias, Moberly.....	97
Theophile Dubrouillet, Linn.....	92
Rush G. Leaming, Sedalia.....	89
L. F. Hunt, Brookfield.....	89
Chas. Niedringhaus, St. Louis.....	88
J. W. Beach, St. Joseph.....	88
Jacob Hallenberger, Hannibal.....	85
W. F. Silverwood, St. Louis.....	84
E. W. Duncan, St. Louis.....	84
John T. Sanders, St. Louis.....	84
Chris. Fricke, St. Louis.....	81
J. W. Lucas, Kidder.....	79
S. W. Serl, Kansas City.....	77
O. H. Guffin, Kansas City.....	75
I. L. Hunt, Nevada.....	75
Fred. Wenz, St. Joseph.....	74

ALTERNATES.

Wm. E. Schubert, St. Louis.....	74
M. T. Kimber, Brookfield.....	69
F. C. Dorsey, Kansas City.....	62
G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville.....	62
G. A. Douglass, Warrensburg.....	56
J. A. Drummond, Warrensburg.....	53
Fred. Lueke, St. Louis.....	53
J. W. Root, Galt.....	51
W. W. Baldwin, Kidder.....	51
Wm. Pickell, Hamilton.....	41
C. C. Bell, Boonville.....	39
G. W. Edwards, St. Louis.....	39
J. C. Driver, Eldon.....	38
Jacob Stephens, Eldon.....	36
D. W. Reese, West Plains.....	33
C. W. Raymond, Webb City.....	32
G. A. Wetherell, Bowling Green.....	30
J. P. Bedwell, Richmond.....	30

Past Department Commander Benecke, chairman of the committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home, who was unable to be present at the Encampment, sends the following statement for publication in the Journal, which he would have offered, if present

"Average daily attendance.....	224
Number of deaths during year.....	33
Average number enrolled.....	290
Average number absent.....	66
Number of men enrolled.....	182
Number of women enrolled.....	104

Of the number enrolled, 168 are eligible to the National Home 14 were militia men. Of the number of women enrolled, 41 are soldiers' widows; the remaining are wives of inmates.

A delegation from the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans was introduced to the Encampment. It consisted of Chas. Behnke, St. Louis, member of Council-in-Chief; Elbert H. Loyd, Joseph, and Winthrop Frazer, Kansas City.

The committee addressed the Encampment briefly, and presented resolutions adopted by their body, in favor of legislation making the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, February 12th, a legal holiday, and protesting against any change being made in the United States flag, and asking the co-operation of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Department Commander Jere. T. Dew, by request of Department Commander, responded with words of encouragement in their patriotic work, and impressing upon them the danger menacing our national welfare through the increasing development of the anarchistic sentiment throughout the country, and that depended largely upon the young men of the country, its future rulers, to combat it wherever it showed itself.

The committee then retired, after which 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 Lowe, upon taking the chair, made the following remarks:

Comrades: I desire to again thank you for the great honor you have done me. I want to give the Grand Army of the Republic in Missouri the best service of which I am capable. We are all declining in years, are in the evening of our lives. It will take more effort and more patience to get our comrades out to Post meetings, as well as to go ourselves. The need for patience with each other grows greater. The reason for showing true comradeship is stronger. Let us see if it won't be possible to get every man who has an honorable discharge from the service, to wear the bronze button of our patriotic Order. I, at best, can do but little, but if we all work together, to this end, it ought not to be too much to hope that, even allowing for the harvest of the Grim Reaper, we can largely increase our numbers by the end of another year. Let us all work to this end.

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
Adj't Adj't Gen'l

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, at Sedalia, Mo., May 12th and 13th, 1914, was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all who were present. The names of the committees in charge of the arrangements are not at hand but to Comrade Chas. Koock who was chairman and Past Department Commander, Dr. Ira T. Bronson, is greatly due the credit for the success of the Encampment. For a long time prior to the Encampment, Commander Bronson was confined to his bed by severe illness, yet he continued to supervise and direct the work of the committees. Leaving a sick bed at the time of the Encampment, he took an active part in all the proceedings.

The parade on the afternoon of Tuesday, after the Encampment had taken a recess until next morning, was one of the most notable events of the occasion. About eight hundred comrades were in line, which was formed by Comrade J. B. Dobyne, Senior Aide-Camp and Chief of Staff. A local company of the National Guard acting as escort, headed the column, which, in files of four, covered two blocks. The streets were handsomely decorated, and thousands along the line of march loudly applauded the veterans.

One of the most impressive features of the parade was the appearance of about 3,000 school children, with their teachers who welcomed the veterans, each waving a small flag, cheering them as they marched through their open ranks. Upon reaching the High School, a handsome United States flag was presented by the Woman's Relief Corps, amid the deafening cheers of little ones. Great credit is due to the Sedalia Board of Education and to the Superintendent, John P. Gass, and the various teachers of the public schools for this beautiful demonstration, which evidently touched the hearts of all who beheld it.

The Camp-fire Tuesday evening, at the Sedalia Theatre, presented over by Dr. Ira T. Bronson, Past Department Commander, present Commander of Gen. George R. Smith Post, No. 53 Sedalia, was a decided success. The attendance was immense there not being a vacant seat, and all standing room occupied. Hundreds could not obtain admission. The stage and theatre elaborately decorated with the National colors, and the band played patriotic airs that sent a thrill of "Our Country" through the vast audience. The songs of the Apollo Club were uproariously applauded and encored.

The program was as follows:

"America"	Orchestra
Chorus—"Over the Fields".....	Apollo Club
Address—Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett, member of Executive Committee, National Council of Administration.	
"Tenting on the Old Camp Ground".....	Mr. Werner and Club
Selection	Orchestra
Address.....	Commander-in-Chief Washington Gardner
Chorus—"A Warrior Bold".....	Apollo Club
Address.....	Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton
Solo—"Battle Hymn of the Republic".....	Mrs. W. D. Steele
Chorus—"Sweet Genevieve".....	Apollo Club
Solo.....	Mrs. C. H. Bond
Chorus—"Swing Along".....	Apollo Club
Solo—"Marching Through Georgia".....	Mrs. W. D. Steele
Drill.....	Ladies of the Maccabees

The musical selections of the Apollo Club and others were unusually fine, were beautifully rendered and enthusiastically received.

The addresses of Comrades Sterrett and Burton, always good, were of unusual excellence, while the address of the Commander-in-Chief was one of the finest to which our Missouri comrades have ever listened. It was well worth a trip to Sedalia to hear his magnificent address.

The large audience who were fortunate enough to secure seats departed satisfied with a well-spent evening.

It is proper to say that the Sedalia Boosters' Club is entitled to great credit for the assistance they rendered the comrades in making the Encampment a success.

Roll of Honor.

Provided for by the following resolution, adopted by the Thirty-second Department Encampment, May 15th, 1913:

"Resolved, That a page of the Journals of our Encampments be devoted to the naming of those deceased comrades who, in their last Wills, make a bequest to the Safety Fund of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, such page to contain this resolution, and be headed as follows, viz.: 'Roll of Honor,' and be followed by the names of the testators, and the names of the Post to which they belong at the time of their decease."

GEORGE HOFFMAN, Major, 40th Missouri Volunteers, member of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, St. Louis, Mo., died December 22, 1912, leaving a bequest for the Safety Fund of \$100.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1913-1914.

General Orders No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., May 20th, 1913.

I. Having been elected and installed as Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, at the Thirty-second Annual Department Encampment, held at St. Joseph, Mo., May 14th and 15th, 1913, I hereby assume the duties of the office, with sincere thanks to the comrades and full appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced:

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

E. C. Baugher, Post 324, Sullivan, Inspector.

W. H. Skinner, Post 124, Bethany, Judge Advocate.

I. G. Kinney, Post 8, Kansas City, Chief Mustering Officer.

W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.

J. B. Dobyne, Post 131, St. Louis, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The personal address of the Department Commander is No. 1708 Market Street, St. Louis, Mo.

All official communications should be addressed to Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

ARTHUR DREIFUS,
Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., June 3d, 1913.

I. The following named comrades were elected at the Thirty-second Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—Arthur Dreifus, Post 1, St. Louis.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—Theophile Dubrouillet, Post 97, Linn.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—Chesley A. Mosman, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Medical Director—Dr. Thos. H. Hawley, Post 131, St. Louis.

Chaplain—Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City; W. W. Baldwin, Post 76, Kidder; A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; L. L. Johnson, Post 7, St. Joseph.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-seventh National Encampment:

Representatives:

James K. Merrifield (at large),
St. Louis.
Wm. Lowe, Warrensburg.
John Hack, Trenton.
J. W. Lucas, Kidder.
Lucian E. Carter, St. Joseph.
E. S. Miner, Bethany.
E. R. Cone, St. Louis.
James H. Stoner, Cameron.
Wm. F. Moll, Kansas City.
Jno. W. Root, Galt.
J. B. Johnston, Springfield.
W. H. Mengel, California.
Nich. Mathias, Moberly.
Jacob Hallenberger, Hannibal.
Louis Meyer, St. Louis.
J. M. Evans, Maryville.
Martin L. Ham, Kansas City.
A. J. Roof, Chillicothe.
Max Fritz, St. Louis.

Alternates:

W. P. Walker, Novelty.
Chas. P. Myers, Iberia.
Chas. E. Clark, Warrensburg.
A. B. Powell, Richmond.
G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville.
B. F. Morgan, Oregon.
H. J. Dutton, Springfield.
Wm. Baker, Green Ridge.
H. Montgomery, Spickard.
Chas. Streeter, Hamilton.
Eli D. Hopkins, Farmington.
W. H. Harrison, Nevada.
Henry W. Plumer, St. Louis.
H. C. Wyatt, Butler.
James Meranda, Eagleville.
Henry Frein, St. Louis.
A. J. Conder, Novelty.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer.
John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Aide-de-Camp and Chief Bugler.

IV. Each Post Commander is requested to recommend an active comrade of his Post for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

V. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander at the late Encampment, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 120, Maple Grove; 134, Albany; 180, Austin; 271, Piney 287, Rockville; 294, Highlandville; 587, Burlington Junction.

It is hoped these Posts may take advantage of the liberal provision made by a rule of the Encampment whereby they may be reinstated on payment of one year's per capita tax.

VI. Duplicate blanks of Forms A and B for Adjutant's Quartermaster's reports for the first term of six months ending June 30th, 1913, are herewith enclosed, with addressed envelopes, one copy to be retained by the Post. These reports should be sent out with care, reference being had to the preceding report, and being approved by the Post Commander should be sent, with per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member in good standing, to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in June. All members are in good standing who have not

reported suspended, no matter how much they may be in arrears for dues. 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 on the muster-roll for each comrade mustered or joined by transfer.

Post Commanders are again reminded that it is made obligatory by the Rules and Regulations to drop, after due notice, all suspended comrades who are one year or more in arrears.

VII. A blank for report of Post Chaplain is enclosed herewith and should be made out immediately after Memorial Day, and promptly mailed in the addressed envelope herein, to Department Chaplain Rev. T. H. Hagerty, No. 1909 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis.

VIII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home:

Past Department Commanders Louis Benecke, John M. Williams and Chas. W. Rubey.

IX. The City of Sedalia, Mo., was selected by the Department Encampment for the meeting of the Encampment next year.

X. The Forty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., in the month of September next. The exact date is not yet determined. The railroad companies have promised a low rate, which will enable comrades to make an enjoyable trip on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga.

XI. The attention of comrades is called to the fact that all applications for State transportation to the Gettysburg celebration must be in the hands of the committee on or before June 10th, and on the part of the Union soldiers who were engaged in that battle should be sent to Assistant Adjutant General Thos. B. Rodgers, who is a member of the State Board in charge of transportation.

All honorably discharged soldiers, who were not engaged in the battle, are invited and will be admitted to camp and subsisted there free of charge, but must pay their own transportation. All such should notify Comrade Rodgers of their intention, in order that as the representative of the State of Missouri he may be able to notify the Pennsylvania Commission of the number to be provided for from the State of Missouri. In regard to credentials, it will be required that each individual veteran on presenting himself for admission to the camp must present an authentic credential, which must be either his Honorable Discharge, his Pension Certificate or a Certificate of Service from either the Governor or Adjutant General of the State from which he served, or if he was a Regular Soldier or Sailor from the U. S. War or Navy Department, or a Certificate of Identification

from a Commander of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, or from the Commander of a Camp of the United Confederate Veterans.

XII. The Department Commander has received several communications addressed to him as "General." As he was only a private he is not entitled to be addressed as "General." Article VIII, Chapter V, of the Rules and Regulations, provides that "Election or appointment to office in the Grand Army of the Republic does not confer any purely military title by reason of such election or appointment, and the use thereof, except as to titles earned in the service of the United States, or of the State, is in conflict with the principles of our Order and is hereby prohibited."

XIII. The observance of Flag Day, Saturday, June 14th, is especially commended to the Posts and comrades. From our dwellings, Post rooms, public school buildings and other public buildings the Flag should fly to the breeze, as the emblem of liberty, equal rights and National unity—an object lesson of patriotism to all our people, and especially the youth of our land.

XIV. General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of ARTHUR DREIFUS, Department Commander

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., August 15th, 1913

I. The Forty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Chattanooga, Tennessee, the week beginning Monday, September 15th, 1913. The parade will be on Wednesday, the 17th. The sessions of the Encampment will be held at the Auditorium, East Ninth Street and Georgia Avenue on Thursday and Friday, September 18th and 19th.

II. The Headquarters of the Department will be located in rooms 24 and 25, of the Grand Hotel, on Market Street, near Market Street, and opposite Southern R. R. Station, and will be opened Monday afternoon. Department Officers, Representatives and Alternates and Past Department Commanders 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 to receive the Missouri badge.

III. There will be a meeting of the Representatives and members of the Encampment at Department Headquarters, Grand Hotel, on Tuesday evening, September 16th, at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the Encampment will receive their badges at this meeting.

IV. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment should notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than August 20th, whether or not they will be able to attend, so that Alternates

be notified in case of vacancies. Should anything occur later to prevent attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be promptly notified by mail or telegraph.

V. Rooms have been engaged at the Grand Hotel for a limited number, on the European plan, at the following rates: For three persons, with bath, \$4.50, or \$1.50 each per day; without bath, \$3.00, or \$1.00 per day each. There are telephones, electric fans and running water in every room. Representatives and Past Department Commanders who desire these accommodations, and who have not already notified the Assistant Adjutant General, should do so without delay.

VI. The railroad fare for the round trip from St. Louis to Chattanooga is \$14.20, tickets to be sold on September 11th to 18th, inclusive. From all other points in Missouri, in the territory of the Western Passenger Association, the rate will be two cents per mile each way added to the \$14.20 from St. Louis, and tickets to be sold September 10th to 17th, inclusive. In the territory of the Southwestern Passenger Association, which includes all of Missouri south of the Missouri River, the same rate of two cents per mile each way also applies, the selling dates being September 11th to 19th. All tickets good to return until and including September 28th, but may be extended until October 17th by depositing ticket not later than September 28th, with special agent at Chattanooga, Tenn., and payment of 50 cents fee at time of deposit.

The following rates from points in the interior of the State are published as samples for information of comrades. They are advised to consult with the railroad agents as to routes and rates, but other things being equal, it is desirable they should come through St. Louis and go with the Headquarters train. The rate from Kansas City is \$24.30; from St. Joseph, \$26.78; Trenton, \$25.80; Moberly, \$20.16; Chillicothe, \$23.24; Carthage and Joplin, via St. Louis, \$22.90, via Memphis, \$21.10, and \$21.60; Springfield, via St. Louis, \$22.90, via Memphis, \$18.30; Lebanon, \$21.50; West Plains, \$13.90; Sedalia, \$22.90.

VII. The Department Commander has accepted the offer of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, to accompany him as escort on the trip to Chattanooga, and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, in connection with the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad (the Battlefields Route), has been selected as the official route.

Their special train will leave Union Station, St. Louis, on Sunday, September 14th, at 9 o'clock p. m., and arrive at Chattanooga at 2:50 o'clock p. m., on Monday, September 15th. Breakfast will be taken at Nashville, at 8 o'clock Monday morning, at dining room, Union Station.

The special train will consist of a baggage car, first-class coaches, Pullman Standard and Pullman Tourist sleepers. The rates

for berths, accommodating two persons if desired, will be as follows: Standard sleeper, lower berth, \$3.00; upper berth, \$2.40; Tourist sleeper, lower berth, \$1.50; upper berth, \$1.20. Those desiring sleeping car reservations will enclose the money to R. C. Wallis, Division Passenger Agent, L. & N. R. R., St. Louis, Mo. Stop-overs will be allowed on notice to conductor at all points on both the Louisville & Nashville R. R. and the N., C. & St. L. Railway, within the final limit of ticket.

VIII. The Department Commander would be pleased to have as many as possible of the Representatives, Department officers, Past Department Commanders and other comrades to accompany him on this special train. They should see that their tickets read over the Louisville & Nashville Railroad from St. Louis to Nashville, Tenn., and the N., C. & St. L. Railway to Chattanooga.

Leaving Nashville, the trip will be by daylight through the historic battlefields and the beautiful blue grass region of Tennessee and over the picturesque Cumberland Mountains to the city of Chattanooga, nestled at the foot of Lookout Mountain, and for many miles before reaching that city the scenery everywhere is magnificent.

The second largest National Cemetery in the country is located a few miles north of Nashville, on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and Nashville, the Athens of the south, where two of the greatest battles were fought during the Civil War, extends to offer people a hearty welcome to stop over when making the trip. There are many points of interest in and around that city, and the time spent there will be delightfully enjoyed.

IX. The Department Commander desires to place on record his protest against the unseemly haste with which the roads comprising the Southwestern Passenger Association put in effect the rates of two cents per mile each way from all points west of the Mississippi River, when they had given the Confederates a rate of one cent per mile in the same territory for their meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn., in May. It seems to him they might rather have strained a point to give the Union veterans the same generous treatment accorded the Confederates. By such a marked discrimination they have subjected themselves to the condemnation of all right thinking members of the community.

X. The Assistant Adjutant General has on hand a limited number of the Missouri Gettysburg badges, which he desires to furnish to those Gettysburg veterans who qualified for the trip at the expense of the State, but who for some reason were unable to attend. Provided they will send him their P. O. address.

XI. The following appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the part of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they are to be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Henry W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis.
 Wm. M. Lomax, Post 19, Laclede.
 W. H. Taft, Post 26, Nevada.
 Chas. Streeter, Post 32, Hamilton.
 G. F. Bram, Post 129, Denver.
 F. W. Steines, Post 152, Melrose.
 J. P. Bedwell, Post 591, Richmond.

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XIII. General Orders, Nos. 6 and 7, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of ARTHUR DREIFUS, Department Commander:
 THOS. B. RODGERS,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4.

St. Louis, Mo., October 3d, 1913.

I. The meeting of the Forty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, last month, was one long to be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to attend. Being the first meeting held in the extreme South, and in the midst of the historic scenes of some of the most noted battlefields of the war, gave it an added interest.

Great credit should be given to the patriotic citizens of Chattanooga, who did so much to make our visit to their hospitable city so pleasant. The decorations of the city were magnificent, and the "stars and stripes" were in evidence in the remotest parts of the city and its suburbs.

II. The Department Commander desires to express his thanks to those comrades who attended the Encampment, and particularly to the comrades of Blair and Ransom Posts, who were present in uniform with their Post colors, and in such numbers as to reflect credit upon the Department in the parade. Over one hundred comrades were in line.

III. In the Encampment our Department was represented by a full delegation of Representatives, there being but two vacancies which were filled by Alternates. Three Department Officers were present, the Junior Vice-Department Commander having been unable to attend on account of illness, much to the regret of the delegation. Nine Past Department Commanders were also present, two of whom were past Commanders-in-Chief. Our voting strength was thirty votes.

IV. Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett was re-elected as a member of the National Council of Administration from Missouri.

V. The City of Detroit, Michigan, was selected as the place of meeting next year.

VI. The following named comrades have been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Peter Schmidt, Post 1, St. Louis	D. C. Campbell, Post 86, King City
Jacob Block, Post 1, St. Louis	E. Klockenbrink, Post 107, St. Louis
S. Goldstein, Post 1, St. Louis	L. Schaeperkoetter, Post 107, St. Louis
Jno. Myerscough, Post 1, St. Louis	Chas. P. Myers, Post 111, Iberia
Ernst Rotteck, Post 1, St. Louis	Harvey Weddle, Post 124, Bethany
Hy. W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis	Michael Combs, Post 129, Denver
D. L. Elder, Post 4, Kansas City	F. E. Owens, Post 130, Tina
E. W. Morgan, Post 4, Kan. City	A. E. Rosine, Post 131, St. Louis
Christ Balsiger, Post 7, St. Joseph	M. R. H. Witter, Post 131, St. Louis
Patrick Martin, Post 7, St. Joseph	C. C. Owen, Post 131, St. Louis
J. P. Emmert, Post 7, St. Joseph	Charles H. Davis, Post 131, St. Louis
E. H. Fenton, Post 8, Kan. City	Edward R. Cone, Post 131, St. Louis
Chas. F. Foster, Post 8, Kan. City	Jno. P. Tharp, Post 150, Spicard
Herm. Angermueller, Post 13, St. Louis	Joseph D. Earhart, Post 172, Appleton City.
H. W. Davison, Post 14, Joplin	J. A. Lane, Post 190, Webb City
Jno. C. Thomas, Post 16, Carthage	Sylvester Fielder, Post 218, Fairport
O. S. Stucker, Post 17, Cameron	W. P. Walker, Post 221, Novelton.
J. L. Charles, Post 21, Maryville	J. Eschenbrenner, Post 233, Clanton.
Wm. A. Brant, Post 29, Chillicothe	Chas. F. Kluck, Post 320, Herma
Chas. Streeter, Post 32, Hamilton	Henry Hachtmeier, Post 554, Charles
Jno. Legg, Post 33, Kingston	G. A. Douglass, Post 566, Pleasant Hill
Kimball Avery, Post 43, Hannibal	
Robt. Montgomery, Post 45, Oregon	
E. F. Lane, Post 47, Green City	
B. F. Terpin, Post 57, Brookfield	
Thos. Weir, Post 67, Tarkio	
John W. Thomas, Post 72, Trenton	
David H. Elliott, Post 76, Kidder	
James Seaton, Post 81, Lathrop	

Commissions will be sent by the Assistant Adjutant General receipt of the acceptance of the appointment.

VII. It is hoped that now as the heat of the summer is over that the officers and comrades of the various Posts will canvass their respective neighborhoods and look up comrades who may have lately come among them, so that they may be induced to join Post.

A fruitful field for recruiting may also be found amongst those who may have, for one cause or another, allowed themselves to be dropped from membership, but who can be reinstated by a majority vote on payment of not exceeding one year's dues. It may be recalled that a comrade may be reinstated in a Post other than that from which he was dropped, upon application duly made, referred and reported upon, on payment of the muster-in fee to the Post to which he may make application.

We ought to be able to add largely to our numbers before the end of the year from these two sources alone if the comrades bestir themselves.

VIII. The Journal of the Thirty-second Annual Department Encampment and the Department Roster for 1913 are enclosed herewith.

By command of ARTHUR DREIFUS, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.

St. Louis, Mo., November 13th, 1913.

I. As required by the Rules and Regulations, the annual election of Post officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment will also be elected at the same meeting—one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members in good standing, as per Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1913, and one additional of each for a final fraction of more than half that number. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one Representative and one Alternate.

Credential blanks, in duplicate, for report of Representatives and Alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed herewith. These reports should be signed by the outgoing Commander and Adjutant. 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.

II. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1914, by the senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander. If preferred, the installation may take place at a special meeting called for that purpose. 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. To this meeting the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters and Sons of Veterans, as well as the public generally should be invited. All soldiers not members, and their families should be specially invited. At such meeting the Post will open and close informally.

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.

III. Blanks, in duplicate, for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending June 30th, 1913, are enclosed herewith. These reports, with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member, should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month. Remittances should be

made by bank drafts or P. O. money orders, and not by personal checks on which the banks make a charge for collection. The National countersign for 1914 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

Post Adjutants in reporting deceased comrades should be particular to state their rank, company and regiment, so that the list of deaths in the Department Journal may be correct and complete.

IV. The very few Posts which are delinquent will find this paragraph blue-penciled. Those which have not reported for June 30th can make reports for both terms on one blank.

V. A blank, with addressed envelope, for report of the Patriotic Instructor, is enclosed, which should be sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor, Comrade W. C. Calland, Springfield, Mo.

The office of Patriotic Instructor is an important one and should be filled by comrades who will take an interest in the work. The Department Commander recommends that Posts should take steps in advance for the proper observance of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12th and of George Washington on February 22d, 1914, and that the school authorities and teachers in the public schools should be conferred with and requested to arrange for appropriate patriotic exercises by the school children upon these occasions.

VI. Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett, who was re-elected as a member of the National Council of Administration has again been appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as a member of the Executive Committee thereof—a fitting recognition of his long and faithful service in that capacity.

VII. Following up the suggestions of the Department Commander in the last General Orders in regard to recruiting between now and the end of the year, he would add that it would be well for each Post Commander to appoint a committee of active and energetic comrades to look after this matter in their respective localities, having special reference to the reinstatement of comrades who have allowed themselves to be suspended or dropped.

VIII. It becomes the sad duty of the Department Commander to announce the death of Past Department Commander John Platt, which occurred at his home in Cameron, Mo., October 1, 1913.

Comrade Platt was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, June 1844, and removed to Caldwell County, Mo., in 1858. His military service was in Caldwell County Home Guards in 1861, and in Co. H, 44th Mo. Vols., participating in the battles at Columbus, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, Tenn., and Spanish Fort, Fort Blakely, Mobile, Ala.

He became a member of Ben Loan Post, No. 33, at Kingston, Mo., in 1882, and afterwards a charter member of Post 250, at Mirabile, Mo., his residence for many years, until elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Caldwell County in 1886, when he removed to Kingston, the county seat. He served two terms as clerk, and moved, in 1900, to Cameron, Mo., where he joined Joe Hooker Post, No. 17. He served as Commander and Adjutant of Post 250, and Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster of Post 33 for several consecutive years. He was elected Junior Vice-Department Commander in 1892, Senior Vice-Department Commander in 1893, and Department Commander in 1897.

He was an active and earnest comrade, and his presence at a campfire or reunion put life and enthusiasm in the proceedings. While his health permitted he was a regular attendant at Department and National Encampments. For many years he was afflicted with rheumatism, and later with lung troubles. He died from hemorrhage of the lungs.

He was a good citizen and faithful in the discharge of his duties in the many positions of honor and trust he was called upon to fill. His genial presence and good fellowship will be greatly missed by his comrades of the Department of Missouri.

IX. The appointment of H. J. McGrew, Post 26, Nevada, Mo., as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, is hereby announced, and he will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

X. Gentry Post, No. 134, at Albany, Gentry County, suspended at the last Encampment for failing to make reports, has been reinstated on payment of arrearages.

XI. General Orders, No. 3, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of ARTHUR DREIFUS, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.

St. Louis, Mo., February 27th, 1913.

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Tuesday and Wednesday, May 12th and 13th, as the date for the meeting of the Thirty-third Annual Encampment at Sedalia, Mo. The Commander-in-Chief has promised to be with us on the 12th.

II. Past Post Commander Fred. Wenz, of Custer Post, No. 7, of St. Joseph, Mo., has been elected by unanimous vote of the Council of Administration, as Junior Vice-Department Commander, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Junior Vice-Department Commander Chesley A. Mosman, of St. Joseph, Mo.

III. The Forty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Detroit, Michigan, in the week beginning August 31st, 1914.

IV. The appointment of Cad. J. Collins, Post 131, St. Louis, Mo., as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, is hereby announced, and he will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. The following appointment on the Staff of the Department Commander is hereby announced:

To be Judge Advocate in place of W. H. Skinner, deceased, Past Department Commander George Hall, Post 72, Trenton, Mo. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VI. The Grim Reaper has taken a heavy toll from our ranks since the issuance of our last General Orders. It is our sad duty to announce the loss of three of our most prominent comrades, who have gone to join the ranks of the silent majority on the other side.

To the families of the deceased comrades, the entire membership of the Department extends heartfelt sympathy.

In honor of their memory it is directed by the Department Commander that the Department charter and the charters of all the Posts be draped in mourning for thirty days from receipt of the Orders.

VII. Past Department Commander Henry Fairback departed this life on December 4th, 1913, at his home in St. Louis, and was buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery, with the Grand Army service by his comrades of Ransom Post.

He was born November 25th, 1839, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and came with his parents to this country, arriving in St. Louis, May 1st, 1849, where he has since resided.

He enlisted August 2d, 1861, as Artificer in Co. E, 1st Regiment of Engineers, Missouri Volunteers, and was discharged August 1864, having participated in the campaigns of siege of New Market and Island No. 10, Corinth, Mississippi, and the siege of Vicksburg. While in pursuit of the enemy after the evacuation of Corinth, May, 1862, he was captured and taken to Macon, Ga., and escaped from prison with two comrades, and the party descended the Ocmulgee and Altamaha Rivers in a small boat to the mouth of the latter on the coast of Georgia, a distance of over 300 miles, where they were picked up by a Union vessel of the blockading fleet and returned to our lines.

Comrade Fairback joined the Grand Army of the Republic as a charter member of Ransom Post, No. 131, December 19th, 1884, and was Quartermaster of the Post in 1884. He was elected Vice-Department Commander in 1901, and a member of the D

ment Council of Administration in 1902 and 1904, and Department Commander in 1905. He was Chairman of the General Relief Committee of the Posts of the City of St. Louis from 1901, with the exception of two years, until the date of his death, and devoted much of his time to the work of the committee. He took much interest in the establishment of the Woman's Relief Corps Soldiers' Home at St. James, Mo., in 1896, and was President of the Board of Directors before it was taken over by the State as the Federal Soldiers' Home. He afterwards served two terms as Trustee by appointment of the Governor, his last term expiring in February, 1913.

He was, at the time of his death, a member of the commission of five appointed by Governor Hadley, for the erection of a State Monument in the National Park at Vicksburg.

He was a successful business man, having acquired a competency as a contracting plasterer, retiring from business almost twenty years ago. He took an active interest in all matters of public concern, and the Department had no more zealous, energetic and patriotic comrade than he. He was a frequent attendant at Department and National Encampments, and he will be greatly missed by all his comrades in the councils of our organization.

VIII. Chesley A. Mosman, Junior Vice-Department Commander of the Department of Missouri, died at his home in St. Joseph, Mo., on January 31st, 1914, after a prolonged illness. He was born at Chester, Illinois, and at an early age removed with his parents to St. Louis, where he resided until July 30th, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in Co. D, 59th Illinois Vols., and served with this distinguished regiment until it was mustered out at New Brantfels, Texas, December 8th, 1865. He was twice wounded and was promoted to Second Lieutenant November 3d, 1862, and to First Lieutenant February 25th, 1863. This regiment served in the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the Tennessee, and participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Atlanta, Franklin and Nashville, and at the close of the war was sent to Texas on the Mexican frontier.

Comrade Mosman joined Custer Post, No. 7, of St. Joseph, Mo., in 1883, was Commander of the Post in 1895, member of the Council of Administration in 1896, and Judge Advocate of the Department in 1904. He was the unanimous choice of the Department Encampment at St. Joseph, Mo., last May, for Junior Vice-Department Commander. He took an active interest in the organization, and was frequently elected as representative in State and National Encampments.

His record in civil life equaled his military record. He was admitted to the bar at St. Joseph in 1868, and was elected Prosecuting attorney of Buchanan County in 1870. From 1875 to 1891, in company with Judge Strong, was General Solicitor for the Burlington System, and afterwards in the same capacity with Judge O. M. Spencer until 1900, when he retired and resumed private practice. He was elected Judge of the Circuit Court in 1904, and served six years. He was a member of the Sons of the Revolution, Missouri Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and of the Masonic fraternity, in which latter organization he was elected last year as Deputy Grand Master, and would have been elected Grand Master this year if he had lived.

The Grand Lodge of Masons had charge of his funeral, the Hugh de Payens Commandery of the Knights Templar furnishing an escort to Mount Mora cemetery, where he was buried on February 1st, 1914. The active pallbearers were from Custer Post, No. 7 Comrade Thos. W. Evans, of Custer Post, Past Senior Vice-Department Commander, was detailed by the Department Commander to represent the Department at the funeral in conjunction with Comrade L. L. Johnson, of Custer Post, member of the Department Council of Administration.

Judge Mosman was a man of high character and principle and strict integrity. He was one of the leaders of the bar in Northwest Missouri, and was universally popular with the members of the profession, with whom he had a wide acquaintance throughout the State.

IX. William Harrison Skinner, Past Department Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, and Judge Advocate on the Staff of the Department Commander, died at his home in Bethany, Missouri, on February 2d, 1914. He was born near New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, November 2d, 1844. He lived until manhood on a farm near Somerset, Ohio.

He served in the Union Army as Corporal in Co. G, 10th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. At the close of the war he removed to Clinton, Illinois, where he began the study of law in May, 1867, and removed in 1867 to Emporia, Kansas, where he was admitted to the bar. He removed to Bethany, Mo., in 1877, where he has since resided.

On November 22d, 1883, he became a charter member of the Neal Post, No. 124, at Bethany, Mo. He was Commander of the Post in 1886 and 1899, and served as Post Adjutant and Quartermaster for many years. He always took a leading part in the work of the Post, and assisted in the organization of many of the Posts in that part of the country. He was elected a member

of the Council of Administration in 1894, and served as Judge Advocate of the Department in 1899, was elected Senior Vice-Department Commander in 1900 and Department Commander in 1909. Was serving again as Judge Advocate at the time of his decease.

He was elected Mayor of Bethany in 1883 and Prosecuting Attorney of Harrison County in 1886. He was Probate Judge in 1890, serving two terms.

The burial was in Pythian Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 3d inst., with the Grand Army service, his funeral being largely attended by his comrades and citizens. Comrade L. L. Johnson, member of the Council of Administration, of St. Joseph, Mo., attended the funeral by request of the Department Commander, as a representative of the Department. He was accompanied by Past Senior Vice-Department Commander J. W. Beach, Past Post Commander Elias Chute and Post Commander J. P. Emmert, all of Custer Post, No. 7, of St. Joseph, Mo.

No one stood higher in the esteem and confidence of the community than "Harry" Skinner, as he was familiarly known to all his comrades and the people of Harrison County. Gentle by nature, he was yet firm in his convictions of duty. His personal traits endeared him to all who knew him. As was well expressed by a local paper: "He was a lawyer by profession, a gentleman by birth, and a four-square, upright citizen by nature."

X. General Orders, No. 3, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of ARTHUR DREIFUS, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7.

St. Louis, Mo., April 15th, 1914.

I. The Thirty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at the Court House, in the city of Sedalia, Mo., on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 12th and 13th, 1914, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. The Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Hotel Terry, on Monday afternoon, May 11th. The Council of Administration, which consists of the Department Commander, Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, the Assistant Adjutant General and five elected members, will meet at the Headquarters at 3 o'clock p. m., on Monday, May 11th.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: W. B. Challacomb, Post 53; R. W. Whitlow, Post 240; W. W. Chapel, Post 172; August Seyffert, Post 276; H. C. Williamson, Post 582.

The committee will meet at the Hotel Terry, Second and Lamine streets, on Monday, May 11th, 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 Geo. R. Smith Post No. 53, upon recommendation of the Post Commander, are hereby detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, George F. Williams; for Officer of the Guard, D. T. Turley. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions, on Monday evening, May 11th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Commander of Post 53 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 Tuesday morning, May 12th, at 8 o'clock.

V. The hotel accommodations and rates per day are as follows: On American plan, with meals: Hotel Terry, \$2.00 per day. Nearly every room in this hotel has already been engaged. Kimbrough Hotel, capacity 30, at \$1.50 per day. Hotel McDaniel, capacity 20, at \$1.50 per day.

On European plan: Walsh Hotel, capacity 50, two in a room, 50 cents each; dinner, 25 cents; breakfast and supper, short order. LaMore Hotel, capacity 40. Price of rooms not stated.

Elk's Hotel, capacity 50, rooms only, two in a room, 75 cents. McDonald Hotel, capacity 50, rooms only, bed, 50 cents. Hildebrand Cafe, capacity 25, meals European plan.

Numerous boarding houses, at \$1.00 per day. Private hotels at \$1.00 and \$1.50 per day. Meals at restaurants, 25 to 35 cents.

All applications for rooms or board should be addressed to S. W. James, Second and Ohio streets, Chairman of Committee on Accommodations.

VI. The Committee of Arrangements, of which Comrade Kooch is chairman, are busily engaged in perfecting arrangements for the pleasure and accommodation of the visiting comrades and anticipate a large attendance. The Commander-in-Chief, Watson Gardner, has promised to be with us on the 12th.

There will be an Entertainment and Camp-fire at the State Theatre on Tuesday evening, May 12th, at which there will be addresses by the Commander-in-Chief and other prominent comrades. There will be a parade on Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, unless otherwise ordered.

VII. The railroad rates will be two cents per mile in each direction. Arrangements are being made whereby comrades can purchase roundtrip tickets to Sedalla and return. Station agents should be seen in regard to this, about ten days before meeting of the Encampment.

VIII. It is worthy of note that the oldest survivor of the Union Army in the war of the rebellion, Henry J. Dorman, died at his home in Liberal, Barton County, Mo., March 15th, 1914. His exact age, as established by documents in possession of his daughter-in-law, with whom he lived, was 115 years, two months and five days; he having been born, as these records show, in Steuben County, N. Y., January 10th, 1799. He enlisted as a private in Co. F, 7th Michigan Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He was severely wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, and was honorably discharged June 26th, 1865. He was a member of Post 515, Department of Missouri.

IX. The Department Commander desires to impress upon the comrades the importance and desirability of aiding the Sons of Veterans in extending and increasing their organization. They are doing good work, and are worthy of our support.

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XI. General Orders, No. 4, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of ARTHUR DREIFUS, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 8.

St. Louis, Mo., April 30th, 1914.

I. Posts and comrades are reminded of the near approach of Memorial Day, which occurs on Saturday, May 30th. For forty-five years, since Past Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan, by General Orders, No. 11, May 5th, 1868, established the beautiful custom of honoring our fallen comrades by decorating their graves with flowers, this has been a labor of love as well as a sacred duty performed by their surviving comrades. In this they are joined by the great body of our patriotic people.

II. Memorial Day is a legal holiday in this State, and fraternal organizations, churches, schools and citizens generally are invited to unite with us in the observance of the day. The members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans, all our willing helpers, should especially be invited to participate. Arrangements should also be made with the teachers and officers of our public schools for patriotic exercises in the schools on the Friday before Memorial Day, or some other suitable day.

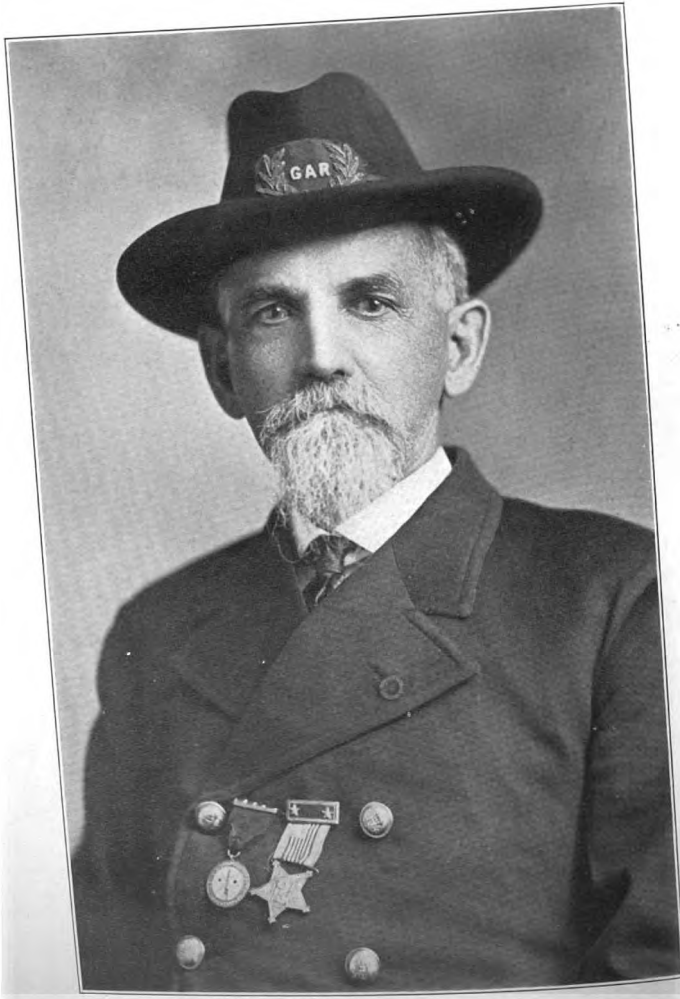
III. The established custom of the Posts attending Div service in a body on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day is recommended to all the Posts.

IV. The reading of General Logan's General Orders, No. 1, as well as President Lincoln's Gettysburg address, as prescribed by the National Encampment, should be a part of all Memorial Day exercises. General Orders, No. 11, was published entirely in the National General Orders, No. 5, of last year.

By command of ARTHUR DREIFUS, Department Commandant

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.





WILLIAM LOWE, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 12TH.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, pursuant to General Orders, No. 7, assembled in Pike Opera House, Hannibal, Mo., at 10 o'clock a. m., May 12th, in open session. The "Assembly" was sounded at 9:45 a. m.

Comrade L. K. Avery, Commander of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, presided and introduced Rev. J. E. Chappell, of the Calvary Baptist Church, who offered the invocation, after which those present joined in singing "America," led by the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to Sherman Post.

Past Department Commander, and Ex-Mayor of Hannibal, W. F. Chamberlain, on behalf of the Mayor, who was too ill to be present, extended a welcome on behalf of the city, and its greetings to those assembled. He spoke as follows:

Ladies, Gentlemen, Comrades and Fellow Citizens:

It is a matter of supreme pleasure to me, to represent in a dual capacity, His Honor the Mayor (who is ill) and who from his great German heart commands me to surrender the keys of the city to you, accompanied with an ardent "God Bless You"; and I am likewise bidden by Wm. T. Sherman Post to bestow upon you a soldier's welcome, and that, you know, is likewise from the heart. I shall make the words in part my own, that were used by the Children's Poet—who, under circumstances likened to this occasion, said: "O Caesar! We who are about to die, Salute You." But that was the Gladiator's cry, when he stood face to face with death and before the Roman populace. But Ye, my Comrades, Ye, against whose

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names not yet, the fatal asterisk of death is set, Ye I salute. I shall mention no names, for instinctively I feel that each of you, at some well-remembered grave will kneel, and from the inscription wipe the weeds and moss, for every heart best knoweth its own loss.

Comrades, where are the others? Voices from the little caverns of darkness, answer me, "they sleep!"

History records that the month of January was so called from the temple of Janus, at the gate of which was the image of a man who was two-faced, one looking backward, surveying the past; the other looking to the reverse, scanning the future, as if hoping to profit by the mistakes of the past. Does this image have a reflection from each of us?

In war mistakes are made. Our great military chieftain said, "War was Hell." Did he overstate the facts? If war makes widows and orphans, if to those who are left, crepe is hung on every door-knob, if all colors become black, all music becomes a dirge, and all decoration is but the drapery of a funeral march, then the story is not half told.

Again I welcome you.

Chairman Avery then introduced Attorney Berryman Henwood, who, on behalf of the Commercial Club of Hannibal, made a most eloquent and stirring address, adding to the welcome of the Mayor and citizens that of its most prominent business and civic organization. He spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Friends:

I bring you a special message of welcome from the Hannibal Commercial Club, the liveliest and most aggressive commercial organization in the Mississippi Valley. It stands for everything which fosters industry, stimulates enterprise, extends commerce, maintains honor and ennobles citizenship. Its history runs parallel with the progress of our city during the last decade. All around you are evidences of its accomplishments. And as you go hither and thither about our city you will see the fruits of its endeavors. It is composed of the representative men of this city drawn from every walk of life and every field of activity. These men are as truly soldiers of peace as you were soldiers of war in the days of that memorable struggle between the North and the South.

But I am not content with this special message alone, so I extend to you the greetings of every man, woman and child in this city. And with these greetings I also take this opportunity to express our people's everlasting gratitude to you old soldiers for the gallant service you rendered to your country and theirs. And speaking for your children and your grandchildren who have succeeded you in the affairs of active life, let me assure you that we appreciate you and well that you gave up the promises and hopes of youth for your country's good; that you made sacrifices and endured hardships which history will never tell. It fell to your lot to fight and win the battle for universal freedom of this republic, and now in the latter days of your life, it must be the source of great pride and comfort for you to know that you had as your leader in that fight the greatest American ever born, Abraham Lincoln. And without reflecting upon the honor or the integrity or the sincerity of purpose of the boys who wore the gray, I would say in the language of St. P.

"You have kept the faith; you fought a good fight;" and so far as warfare is concerned, I trust, "You have finished your course." And out of that long and dreadful conflict you brought this, the flag of our country, with its honor unstained and its dominion undivided. We join you today in your love and reverence for your flag and ours. And as time rolls swiftly on and generation succeeds generation, let us all indulge the hope for ourselves and our posterity that it shall be the emblem of "Liberty and Union, One and Inseparable, Now and Forever."

Department Commander Lowe, who then took the chair, called upon Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett to respond, on behalf of the Encampment, to the welcoming addresses. Comrade Sterrett spoke as follows:

Mr. Mayor and You, Mr. President of the Hannibal Commercial Club:

The kindly words of welcome, so graciously and eloquently extended, fill the hearts of this remnant of the fast vanishing army with more than ordinary pleasure. To know that he who represents the Mayor on this occasion was once the Department Commander of Missouri, and whose welcome is supplemented by the President of the greatest business organization in Northwest Missouri in a generous offer to surrender the keys of your beautiful city into our hands during our Thirty-fourth Encampment with an abandonment of earnestness places us at once on our honor as soldiers to not betray your generous hospitality. Your Mark Twain said something about the intrepidity with which his poor old mule marched for a particular haystack, and we expect to enjoy the good times and good things you have prepared for us with equal satisfaction.

These veterans before you represent an army that fought in the greatest cause for freedom that ever martialled men to arms. Wars have come and gone from the beginning of time and will continue to be waged as long as fanaticism, oppression and unholy ambition shall control the actions of nations. If people and nations always followed the course of least resistance, there would be fewer wars and no great reforms.

A war waged in defense of national life and honor; to acquire fertile lands from which to feed the world, to be obtained in no other way; to free a people from peonage, poverty and famine, are justifiable wars. We are our brother's keeper. Expediency urges and civilization demands national reformatories just the same as state reformatories, and that the sentiment of the world should provide for them by and through equally efficient methods; and since the length of a step is not so important as its direction, a great war, even the present one, might hasten universal peace. Greece would have been a Persian satrapy, but for Miltiades and the battle of Marathon. A nation was subjugated by a nation at the battle of Hastings, where the English tongue and nation were born; the battle of Saratoga decided the independence of the thirteen colonies; the battle of Waterloo decided the future of Europe a hundred years ago, and the fate of two continents now seem to hang in the balance on that same Belgian plain. Not until the dawn of a better day, when peace on earth and good will to man shall prevail; when the ink with which history is written shall not be composed of blood and

tears, when all the world shall acknowledge the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

I again thank you in the name of these men who, after the great war, have founded western empires and are now marching down the western declivity of life toward the eternal camping grounds on the plains of everlasting light.

Department Commander Lowe then declared the Open Meeting closed, and requested all present, not members of the G. A. R., and of the Encampment, to retire.

The Officer of the Day was directed to take up the countersign, which, being done, the Commander declared the Encampment open in due form.

Department Chaplain, Rev. Thos. H. Hagerty, was then called upon and invoked the Divine blessing.

Announcement was then made of the arrangements for the entertainment of the comrades and others during the Encampment, details of which were shown in a printed pamphlet, which it was hoped would enable the Comrades, when not in session, to see and enjoy the many pleasant and interesting things about the city of the boyhood home of Mark Twain.

Announcement was made that because of a recent and severe attack of illness, Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, A. A. G., and A. Q. M. G., could not be present, although he had sufficiently recovered as to have been able to prepare the preliminary papers which would enable others to take up and handle the details of the official work of the meeting.

The Commander, by request of Comrade Rodgers, appointed Comrades S. D. Webster, of Post No. 131, St. Louis, and A. Whipple, Post No. 1, of St. Louis, to act in his place.

The roll of Officers and Past Department Commanders was called by the Assistant Adjutant General, as follows, those present being marked by an asterisk (*):

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI G. A. R.

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Department Commander,

*WILLIAM LOWE.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

*WM. H. WORMSTEAD.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,

*CHARLES KOOCK.

Medical Director,

*DR. THOS. S. HAWLEY.

Chaplain,

*REV. THOS. H. HAGERTY.

Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General,

THOS. B. RODGERS.

Judge Advocate,

LOUIS H. WATERS.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*L. K. AVERY.

Inspector,

FRANK J. HUCK.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

*FRANCIS P. BECKER,

*C. M. C. LOYD,

*JOHN T. CLARKE,

*A. WHIPPLE,

*ALFRED ZARTMAN.

Past Department Commanders,

*W. F. CHAMBERLAIN

GEORGE HALL,

*LEO RASSIEUR,

†IRA T. BRONSON,

*GEO. W. MARTIN,

*F. M. STERRETT,

†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

†JERE. T. DEW,

CHAS. G. BURTON,

†HENRY FAIRBACK,

†LOUIS GRUND,

*JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

*LOUIS BENECKE,

T. D. KIMBALL,

THOS. B. RODGERS,

*J. V. MARTIN,

†JOHN P. PLATT,

†W. H. SKINNER,

A. G. PETERSON,

*R. N. DENHAM,

JOHN W. SCOTT,

*BENJAMIN WARNER,

*W. F. HENRY,

†CHAS. W. RUBEY,

†ARTHUR DREIFUS.

† 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 Hannibal, Mo., May 12th and 13th, 1915.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C.—C. H. Grote.

P. P. C.—F. M. Sterrett, Christ Fricke, Cord Ringen, Chas. Steiner, A. Whipple, W. F. Silverwood, P. F. Coghlan, B. F. Park.

Rep.—Adolph Dehner, Wm. Kuemmel, Alf. Mathey, Danl. Hoesli, Fred Schoening, Peter Schmidt.

Gen. Lyon Post, No. 2, St. Louis.

P. P. C.—Henry Frein, H. W. Plumer.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C.—Alfred Zartman.

P. P. C.—Benjamin Warner.

Rep.—S. W. Serl.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. C.—Julius F. Rodgers.

P. P. C.—E. G. Deskin, Nich. Mathias, R. T. McCaskey, B. F. Tobias, Alex. McCandless, W. S. Jones, W. Stigall.

Rep.—Ralph P. Patter, John R. Self.

James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.

P. P. C.—John T. Clarke, L. V. Dix, B. F. Lutman, F. A. Dwigth

Rep.—A. P. Knife.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

P. P. C.—C. M. C. Loyd, John Michel, J. T. Warburton, Fr

Wenz, C. W. Webster.

Rep.—Christ Balsiger, Jacob Bahr, R. Ricardson, Geo. Pugh.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

P. P. C.—Wm. H. Wormstead, F. A. Becker.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

P. C.—Wm. E. Schubert.

P. P. C.—Louis C. Hesse, Max Fritz, Geo. Bauer, H. Munchr

G. Minges.

Rep.—Wm. Conroy, Herman Angermueller, Wenzel Graf.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

Rep.—L. F. Williams.

Phil Kearney Post, No. 19, Laclede.

P. C.—J. L. Burke.

Rep.—Chas. C. Haight.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

P. C.—J. O. West.

P. P. C.—Griffith Evans, S. S. McLaughlin, B. F. Heiny, J. C. Pierce, T. J. Dockery.

Rep.—Smith Denman.

F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.

P. C.—Chas. P. Hess.

P. P. C.—Alexander Kale, Christ Maffrey, J. N. Randall, H. A. Sisson.

Rep.—Alex. Barton.

Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

P. P. C.—J. L. Hunt.

Tindall Post No. 29, Chillicothe.

Rep.—G. W. Clevenger.

McCook Post, No. 34, Lamar.

P. P. C.—J. B. Crubaugh.

Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.

P. C.—W. J. Skinner.

P. P. C.—H. F. Glahn, J. H. Hodgkin, J. T. Hodgkin.

Rep.—Silas Garard.

Albert Chandler Post, No. 42, Macon.

P. P. C.—Robert Powell, Wm. Robinson, James Enoch.

W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.

P. C.—L. K. Avery.

P. P. C.—W. F. Chamberlain, Jacob Hallenberger, Delos McComas, Jonathan Smith, I. M. Cramer, R. H. Gould, W. M. Harding, Wm. Jones.

Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.

P. P. C.—James A. Branaman.

Gen. George R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

P. P. C.—Chas. Koock, H. T. Bolen.

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O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.

P. P. C.—G. W. Martin, J. M. Sheets, J. V. Martin, J. T. Gardner,
L. F. Hunt, W. T. Kimber, G. B. Miller, W. H. Schenk.
Rep.—Chas. A. Lowary.

Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 68, Green Ridge.

P. C.—J. D. Helman.
Rep.—S. D. Haight.

Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.

P. C.—W. C. Calland.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. C.—B. F. Warner.
P. P. C.—John Hack.
Rep.—N. W. Waitman.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

P. C.—James Bacon.
P. P. C.—W. W. Baldwin, Wm. Roney, G. W. Sanders, C. D.
Iglehart, J. W. Lucas, Simon Grove, Wm. Griffin.

Gen. G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.

P. P. C.—Theo. Dubrouillet.

Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.

P. C.—Wm. H. Rudolph.

Wm. McKee Post, No. 110, Kahoka.

P. P. C.—Joseph S. Matlick, Jacob G. Matlick.
Rep.—John H. Lafranzie.

Miles Carroll Post, No. 111, Iberia.

P. C.—John Ferguson.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

P. C.—M. G. Garner.
P. P. C.—J. D. Parsley, J. N. Hays, W. W. Thomas, W. H. Cl
R. H. Meeks, E. G. Grossman.
Rep.—F. E. Owens.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

P. C.—John T. Sanders.
P. P. C.—J. B. Dobyne, R. N. Denham, S. D. Webster, P
Clarke, M. R. H. Witter, B. Knoepfel, A. A. Prall, W. A. Hall.
Rep.—Farwell Walton, Chas. Wagner, Wm. H. Heath, Cha
Miller, P. H. Callahan, Edw. D. Coe.

H. C. Gilbert Post, No. 160, Wheeling.

P. C.—B. F. Wolfe.
P. P. C.—H. C. Barker.

Col. Islam Keith Post, No. 164, Breckenridge.

P. C.—C. E. Riddell.

J. B. Steedman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

P. P. C.—W. W. Chapel.

Maj. Hunt Post, No. 185, New London.

P. C.—Thos. F. Bottorff.
P. P. C.—W. R. Sanford, F. F. Clayton, T. G. McCune.
Rep.—R. I. Boyd.

Col. Morsey Post, No. 197, Warrenton.

Rep.—W. L. Morsey.

Post, No. 214, Brashear.

P. P. C.—W. H. Steel, A. R. Zentz.
Rep.—D. Y. Conkel.

John Williams Post, No. 218, Fairport.

P. P. C.—Newton Roloson.
Rep.—Sylvester Fielder.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.

P. P. C.—W. E. Pond, G. P. Keith, D. H. Hudson, Adam Conder.
Rep.—C. W. Corkran.

Thos. J. Brouster Post, No. 233, Clayton.

P. P. C.—Henry Seibel.
Rep.—Jac. Eschenbrenner.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.

P. C.—Jos. Lieber.
P. P. C.—Walter Barron.
Rep.—Geo. W. Piper.

Pinhart Post, No. 268, Brunswick.

P. P. C.—Louis Benecke, J. E. Lewis, Geo. W. Cunningham, W.
B. Mullins.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, California.

P. P. C.—J. M. Williams.

Evans Post, No. 340, Atlanta.

P. P. C.—H. F. Steward, John McDaniel.
Rep.—Charles Anderson.

Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.

P. P. C.—Geo. W. Edwards.

Marceline Post, No. 387, Marceline.

Rep.—Wm. Stone.

Pike Post, No. 391, Bowling Green.

P. P. C.—Geo. W. Bell.

Col. Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.

Rep.—Dan Holzwarth.

H. A. Gleim Post, No. 512, Tipton.

P. P. C.—Adolph Koechner.

Geo. W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

P. P. C.—A. F. McCray.

Jere. M. Rusk Post, No. 544, St. Charles.

Rep.—Mat Robison.

Burnside Post, No. 566, Pleasant Hill.

P. P. C.—Wm. Lowe.

Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.

P. P. C.—Christian Peters, Fred Lichte.

Rep.—Henry Ludwig.

Capt. E. D. Johnson Post, No. 574, Elmira.

P. C.—David L. Green.

P. P. C.—James L. Tucker.

Rep.—Jacob Seigel.

John Whaling Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.

Rep.—Henry Bowles.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

P. P. C.—G. A. Douglass.

Rep.—H. C. Jones.

Hannibal, Mo., May 12, 1915.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully reports the foregoing list of comrades present and entitled to seats, being Post Commanders 22, Past Post Commanders 128, Representatives 51, Department officers 12, Past Department Commanders 10. Total 223.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. BURKE, Post No. 19.

ALEX McCANDLESS, Post No. 5.

ANDREW T. FALLETT, Post No. 43.

THEO. G. McCUNE, Post No. 185.

JACOB G. MATLICK, Post No. 110.

The Department Commander (who had doubts regarding his voice) asked Senior Vice-Department Commander Wormstead to read his address, which he did.

On motion, the address of the Department Commander and the reports of the other officers of the Department (the latter as printed and without reading), were referred to committees to be appointed. Senior Vice-Department Commander Wormstead announced as such committee on the address of the Department Commander: Past Department Commanders Geo. W. Martin, John M. Williams and Louis Benecke.

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: At the Sedalia encampment one year ago, your kindly confidence placed in my hands the standard of leadership of the Missouri Department for the year now ending. And again, once more, in this beautiful City of Hannibal, bearing the name of the great soldier whose armies first conquered the ice crowned summits of the Alps, you are gathered to receive an account of my service, to plan for the future and select another leader whom I trust we may all follow, with the loyalty and sustaining assistance which has been rendered me. We meet by the Father of Waters, flowing from source to mouth, not through two countries, one free and one slave, not through a nation in part and through a confederacy in part, but thanks to you, my comrades, and those who are at rest, through a nation of freemen, united and at peace. We meet, too, at the birthplace of a great American, whose fame has spread over all the earth, not only as a humorist, but as a man, a kindly philosopher and a priest of the gospel of good cheer, and among a people whose hospitality is proverbial, whose courtesy is beyond words of appreciation, and as the guests of a Post of Veterans whose courage in days of war was but a type of the service they would render in days of peace and the character they would sustain and develop beneath a flag of a free country.

My comrades, no one whom you have honored with the command of this Department has ever more keenly felt his weakness or entered upon his duties with more fear of failing. But the lessons of '61 to '65 taught us all obedience to the commands of our superior officers. In those days, the superior officers wore shoulder straps, but in the Grand Army of the Republic, the superior officers are the individual veterans. When the superior officers of the war days gave us orders, we went in and did the best we could, and when you, the superior officers of the Grand Army, gave me the order to carry the standard of leadership, after the fashion of the sign hung in the frontier music hall to protect the organist, I hung a sign over the Department headquarters, "Don't Shoot the Commander; He is Doing the Best He Can," forgot the word failure, have tried to do my duty and press on to all the accomplishments possible for our noble order.

My first official duty was to attend the Nevada (Mo.) reunion where I spent the day with great pleasure. In my talk there to the boys, I urged as strongly as I could all the comrades from the posts in that section of the State, to keep their posts up, and to surrender their charters when the life of the last member ended.

My next duty was at the National Encampment at Detroit. We left St. Louis by special train on the morning of Sunday, August 30th and traveled all day over the beautiful States of Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. Like the other comrades, I went from car to car, holding camp-fires in all, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. If it was enjoyed by all as it was by the Commander, it will be a day long to be remembered. The hospitable people of Detroit sprung a most gratifying surprise on us when we arrived there about eight o'clock in the evening. There was a platoon of Boy Scouts at the station sent there to act as our guides and bodyguards. Little soldiers they were, drilled and up-to-date in every particular, and with it all such perfect little gentlemen. They knew our wants before we realized them. They took our grips, and led us to the Hotel and in the morning when we came down, to our surprise, there they were, ready again to render us any service as guides, friends and aids about the city. They remained with us through the entire encampment. May the success of each of them in life be as great as their memory will be sweet in the memories of the soldiers they served.

Next day, in the afternoon, the committee provided a boat ride excursion around the island, which was most enjoyable. The scenery was beyond description for its beauty, but the feature that impressed itself most upon the minds of the boys was the sight we had of the Canadian soldiers drilling across the river. It brought back the days when we were preparing for war in our youth. It also brought to us visions, happily hidden from those young soldiers, of battles, of shot and shell, of muddy trenches, of the long hours of sentry duty, of sickness, of cripples, of death and sorrow and all the agonizing pangs of war, and our hearts turned with thankfulness to God that the peace we fought for had endured and gave promise of lasting far beyond our days on earth.

We had ideal weather for our parade on Wednesday. There was no dust, and a light, balmy breeze from the lake scattered the refreshing ozone among us, and the years fell from our shoulders, like the burden from the back of Christian as he approached the Holy City. The Missouri boys never looked better. Their appearance was equal to that of the best. No commander ever marched at the head of a column with more pride than I had in the line of soldiers I had the honor of commanding. Each comrade seemed to feel, and justly so, that the honor of the Department and the pride of the State depended on him. In the name both of the Department and of the State, I thank them.

The Department was represented in the Encampment by a full delegation who were attentive to their duties, notwithstanding our location in the hall, owing to its poor acoustic qualities, was such that it was almost impossible to see or hear what took place on the

platform. The Junior Vice-Department Commander was absent on account of sickness in his family.

My next official duty was an attendance at the soldiers' reunion in that most loyal of Missouri counties, Harrison, at Bethany. One of the features of the occasion was a parade participated in by about 800 of the bright-faced school children of the town. They were afterwards formed in a hollow square where I had the great pleasure of addressing them. They were much interested in my story of my experiences as a boy at Shiloh, where I first smelled powder. I record my great appreciation of the royal treatment the comrades at Bethany gave me, not forgetting the auto ride to the watermelon patch. The St. Joseph comrades were at Bethany in a special car and I had a most pleasant trip as their guest back as far as they went, and thence to Kansas City with the comrades of that city. It was a continuous camp fire.

Later I made a visit to the headquarters in St. Louis, where pleasures trod upon each other's heels. Not the least among them was the annual bean supper of Hassendeubel Post No. 13, which developed into a genuine little banquet. Shortly after that, I visited Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, at Kansas City. We had a splendid time, a good lunch and a series of talks by comrades breathing a spirit of fervent loyalty to the Order and a determination that it must survive while life endures.

My last official visit to St. Louis was like the wine at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. The annual banquet of Ransom Post No. 131, at the Planters Hotel, would have been an event for the residents of the great city. What must it have been to you, Commander, fresh from his country home? The addresses were a inspiration to duty and to the effort at response I tried to make. On Monday evening I was the guest of Blair Post No. 1, a most enjoyable occasion.

The only time I was able to get into the loyal Ozark region of the State was when I responded to the kind invitation of Capt. John Matthews Post No. 69, at Springfield, and the Ladies of the Grand Army, and with Senior Vice-Department Commander Wormstead, installed the Post officers. Thanks to the courtesy of Comrade Calland, who met us at the train, we enjoyed breakfast at the Colonial and an auto ride over that beautiful and flourishing city, ending at the National Cemetery. In the afternoon at the Post rooms, in the atmosphere of devotion to the Order and its teachings, with his thorough control of our beautiful ritual, Comrade Wormstead installed the officers. The day ended with a quiet fit for the gods on Mount Olympus, and toasts breathing and all with eloquence and pathos born of a real feeling spirit so fully inculcated by the Grand Army of the Republic. Remembrance of the presence and assistance of McCroskey Post

210 must not be overlooked, nor of the theater party which ended the festivities of the occasion.

Shortly after my return home I had the great pleasure of installing the officers of General George R. Smith Post No. 53, at Sedalia, which was followed by an elegant luncheon and most enjoyable program.

An occasion of rare pleasure was my installation of the officers of Post No. 594 at my home City of Warrensburg, at their Post room. This new Post is doing nicely. There have been forty members initiated and transferred, but since the installation of the Post, two have answered the last summons. The Post is in good condition, with promise for the future that it will be one that can be depended upon at all times.

At my last official visit to Kansas City, I had the pleasure of witnessing the installing of the officers of Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, an occasion made memorable by the fine spirit shown. While there I also visited McPherson Post, No. 4, which is in fine condition and maintaining the spirit of the Order.

The last and saddest duty I have had to perform was to attend the funeral at Sedalia of Past Department Commander Ira T. Bronson. The high regard in which Comrade Bronson was held in his home city was shown by the attendance and spirit manifested at his funeral. No citizen stood higher. Not only his family and his Post, but the community and the state are the losers by his death.

Comrades, the sands are falling fast. Rapidly and yet more rapidly is heard the voice of the death angel detailing us for the last duty from which there is no return. Faster than in the thick of battle are they falling around us. During my term, four Past Department Commanders have gone to their reward. The first to go was Comrade Chas. W. Rubey of Lebanon. Greatly will he be missed at all our encampments; still more in his home Post and in his community. A good and faithful soldier, and therefore a good man and citizen. And within the past few weeks have followed quickly Comrades Bronson of Sedalia, Arthur Dreifus of St. Louis, and Jere T. Dew of Kansas City. All these men were real leaders, not only in Post matters, but in the wider fields. Comrade Dreifus was among the first to be mustered into the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic; always present at Post and Department meetings if possible. No one has done more for the order than has he, and no one will be more missed. As a guest of the family at the obsequies over the body of Comrade Bronson, I was privileged to note the evidence of the standing in which he was held in Sedalia. The impressive ceremonials of the Knights Templar, of his Church, and of the Grand Army combined to express the solemn sense of irreparable loss which seemed to per-

vade all classes of the people. The George R. Smith Post, as an Honorary Body Guard, gave him a soldier's greeting and a soldier's last farewell.

The death of Comrade Dew, coming as it did while I was preparing this report, was the greatest shock of all. One of the youngest of the veterans, in the vigor of active life, doing a man's work in his office and at the bar, we looked to him as one who might perhaps be among the last to go. His calling is a more solemn warning to us than is that of any of the others. At the ages we have all reached, we are living on borrowed time. We cannot know whose name may next be called to report for duty on the other side. I only regret that Comrade Dew cannot know—at least in the flesh—the tribute of thanks I want to give him. He was my special friend, faithful and true. When I have been in doubt about what I ought to do, he was ever constant and ready with advice, the wisdom of which results would prove. Only nine days before his death, I was at his office discussing with him the annual encampment and the subject of this report, and condoling the losses of so many comrades. Little did I think then that this report would chronicle also his going.

The loss of all these comrades, as well as of the many others whom space will not permit me to mention, is not to be repaired. We can only close up the ranks and, each at his post of duty, await the summons not far distant for us all.

Let me add one word of appreciation for the great work of the loyal women. Whether as Ladies of the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, or Daughters of Veterans, their assistance has been beyond measure, my thanks beyond expression. May the Great Commander above bless them in all their undertakings and be with them in their efforts to teach loyalty, love of country and devotion to duty along with those equally fine duties in home and neighborhood wherein they each and all are blessings.

Comrades, as we are tottering toward our end, the question uppermost in the minds of all is, what of the future? We, who among the youngest of the soldiers, are the ripened grain, ready for the gleaner. Our heads are ripening as a shock of corn. When the last Post room is empty, when the Grand Army of the Republic has become but a memory, must the work of our noble Order come to an end? Is there to be no hand to grasp the scepter as it falls from our dying hands? In other fields, it is not so. Our sons and we have them, succeed to our business and take our places in the world. To them, and to them alone, then must we look to take up our work as remorseless time makes us leave it. Scarcely long can we observe Memorial Day as it should be. In some places there are yet barely enough Comrades left to bury those who are called hence. It is worthy of our consideration, if we care for anything more important than to devote much of our remaining

energies to developing the proper spirit among our sons to the end that they may willingly and anxiously take up our work and carry it on.

Our advancing age and failing members, makes also the matter of finance a most important one. How are we to get the money to pay our current expenses? It is true that we have a safety fund, but it deserves to be upheld, fostered and increased by the comrades who can afford to do so and who have not yet contributed thereto. Each year the needs of the Department are such that not only the interest but a part of the principal is required to meet the unavoidable expense of its upkeep. Will not those comrades who are mindful of how much good has been accomplished by our organization in bringing about the passage of those federal pension laws which have done so much to smooth the paths of the needy ones of our members, contribute *now* to the Safety Fund. which was created to preserve our organization until the final muster out, until "taps" has sounded for the last comrade of our Department? Those who cannot now safely contribute and receive credit for their contributions while among the living, should in their last wills bear this need in mind and by making bequests for the Safety Fund go on the "Roll of Honor" which appears in every annual journal of the proceedings of the Department. The plan devised for the preservation of our Order is good, but comrades who can do so must contribute the funds required in order that its beneficent purpose may be accomplished.

Comrades, my labors are at an end. Let me thank you again for the wholly undeserved honors you gave me a year ago. I have tried to do my duty. Wherever calls have come for me, I have gone and tried in my feeble way to do good for the Grand Army of the Republic. Wherever I have failed to come up to the splendid standards maintained by the long line of distinguished commanders of the past, it has been because of my inability and not of my desires. The weakness of the head and not of the heart. The year has been one to me of labors sweet and pleasures many. Your comradeship, your consideration, your kindly help and words of encouragement have been as sweetest music to my ears. My sorrows have been only those pangs when I have heard of the answer given by many of our brave comrades and true to the call from above which receives but one return.

With a heart full of love for you all, and especially for my staff and our beloved Adjutant, who through physical weakness has so loyally stood by me; with prayers for the welfare of all of you, now and hereafter, I give you my farewell as your Commander. May the blessings of the Great Commander above be with you now and always.

WILLIAM LOWE,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Kansas City, Mo., April 15th, 1915.

Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

My Dear Sir and Comrade:

Honored with the election to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander at the 33rd Annual State Encampment of the G. A. R., held at the City of Sedalia, May 12 and 13, 1914, I herewith make my report.

Under a superior officer so earnest and aggressive as Department Commander Lowe has proved himself to be, the duties of the second in command are light indeed, and rise to the level of a positive pleasure.

It was my great privilege to attend the Forty-eighth National Encampment of the G. A. R., held at Detroit, in September, which encampment, by the virtue of the office held by me I was entitled to and occupied a seat and enjoyed all the addresses and deliberations of that body. Blessed by a trinity of good things—High tide fraternal spirit, perfect weather and a beautiful sparkling with patriotism and good cheer, it was an experience that none that enjoyed it can ever forget.

Another pleasant experience of my official term finds expression in the report of a tour to Springfield, Missouri, in company with Department Commander Lowe, to assist in the installation of officers of Capt. John Matthews Post No. 69. The same conditions prevailed here as at Detroit—the fraternal spirit, the perfect weather, and the whole-souled welcome of the boys of the gem of the Southwest, combined with the attending services of the auxiliary societies—added a bright page to the record of experience that will always awaken the most pleasant memories.

I am fully aware of the honor so unexpectedly conferred upon me at Sedalia one year ago, and when I think of the many hearts so long and so completely consecrated to the interests of our Order, and that are so worthy and so capable of filling the position in the Department, I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred and am thankful to one and all.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. H. WORMSTEAD,
Senior Vice Department Commander

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER.

Sedalia, Mo., April 12, 1915.

Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

In making my report to the Department, I feel as though I had not done my duty, insofar as I have not been called upon by the Department, yet was always ready to render any service for the good of our Order. Thanks to Providence and the good health of our executive officers, that they have been spared by the grim reaper which so rapidly depletes our ranks.

I would state that in the death of our Comrade, Ira T. Bronson, we have lost one of the most valuable Comrades in the Grand Army, whose service in the ranks cannot be overestimated. We miss him sadly. His vacancy we shall try to fill to the best of our ability to keep the "boys" in line.

The condition of our Post, as well as of other Posts in adjoining counties (as far as I can learn), is, I suppose, about the same as all over the State—infirmities, old age, and indifference, and if the Quartermaster is a "slow one," it is very often that he is to blame for suspensions, in not collecting dues promptly. Since the Department encampment here, a Sons of Veterans Camp has been organized, which started out very auspiciously, but it seems they are not doing as well as I expected.

On April 9 we held a public celebration of the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox in the court house, which was largely attended by the general public and the best feeling prevailed. The children of the public school were to attend also, but a heavy rainfall prevented them.

In closing my very brief report I would thank the Department officers and Comrades for the courtesy extended to me during the year and hope to meet you soon.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

CHAS. KOOCK,
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 1, 1915.

Wm. Lowe, Department Commander,

Comrade: I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1914:

The number of Posts, December 31, 1913, was 254, which included the 56 Posts remaining suspended.

Four Posts were suspended in 1914, viz.: Post 88, Meadville; Post 589, Clinton; Post 590, Poplar Bluff; Post 392, Southwest City

Four Posts have surrendered their charters, viz.: Post 135, Olean, Miller County; Post 257, Licking, Texas County; Post 516, Cartersville, Jasper County; Post 579, Pilot Knob, Iron County. Two new Posts have been mustered, Post 593 at the Soldiers' Home, St. James, Mo., and Post 594, at Warrensburg, Mo., making the number of Posts 252, including the 60 Posts remaining suspended.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the year 1914:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1914.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1913.....	5,0
Gain by muster-in	56
Gain by transfer	46
Gain by reinstatement	73—
Aggregate	5,4
Loss by death	132
Loss by honorable discharge.....	4
Loss by transfer	31
Loss by suspension	147
Loss by delinquent reports.....	70
Loss by surrender of charter.....	21—

Number remaining in good standing, June 30, 1914.... 4

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1914.....	4
Gain by muster-in	64
Gain by transfer	43
Gain by reinstatement	56—
Aggregate	107

Loss by death	145	
Loss by honorable discharge	4	
Loss by transfer	30	
Loss by suspension	98	
Loss by surrender of charter.....	18—	295

Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1914.. 4,684

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1913.....	5,046	
Gain during year by muster-in	120	
Gain during year by transfer	89	
Gain during year by reinstatement.....	129—	338

Aggregate..... 5,384

Loss during year by death.....	277	
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	8	
Loss during year by transfer	61	
Loss during year by suspension	245	
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	70	
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	39—	700

Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1914 4,684

Number remaining suspended	289	
Dropped during year	290	
Number Comrades relieved during year.....	97	
Number not Comrades relieved during year.....	50	
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$ 452.00	
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1914.....	12,872.15	
Cash invested in collaterals	19,079.00	
Cash balance in relief funds.....	1,342.40	
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	9,971.00	
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	7,034.50	
Total value of Post property.....	\$50,299.05	

The Department is entitled to sixteen representatives to the National Encampment, in addition to the representative at large.

The names of the Comrades nominated for representatives will be placed this year on the printed ballot in alphabetical order, beginning with the letter "A."

The following exhibits accompany and are made part of this report:

- Exhibit "A"—Receipts and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "B"—Statement of Safety Fund.
- Exhibit "C"—Statement of Supplies on hand.
- Exhibit "D"—Statement of Assets.
- Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths.

The death of four of our Past Department Commanders since our last meeting is an index to the extent in which our ranks are being depleted. They were all representative men whose influence was not confined to their respective localities, and I unite with you in expressing to their families the loving and heartfelt sympathy of all the comrades.

With the exception of the first Department Encampment at Kansas City, in 1882, which I was unable to attend on account of the death of a relative, I have attended and been a member of every Department Encampment since. It is therefore with extreme regret that I find myself unable to attend the Encampment at Hannibal on account of my physical condition after a severe attack of la grippe during the months of February and March. I am regaining my strength very slowly. Fortunately, I have been able to do all the necessary preliminary work for the Encampment, and will have a suitable comrade to act for me at the Encampment. My regret is the greater as I had hoped to be by your side at Hannibal as I was a Detroit. I wish through you to give my kindly greeting to all my comrades who have been such loyal friends these many years, and to assure them that I am with them in spirit if not in person. "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Yours in F. C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adj't Gen'l and Assistant Qr. M. Gen'l.

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1914.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand, December 31, 1913.....	\$ 6
Received from per capita tax.....	1,35
Received from requisitions	10
Received from charter fees.....	3
Received from interest on loans.....	23
Received from Estate of Chas. W. Rubey, legacy.....	1
Received from Department Commander Lowe, loan.....	1
	\$1,9

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies.	\$ 56.70
Printing and Stationery	236.53
Rent of office.	180.00
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.	1,000.00
Postage.	67.82
Expenses National Encampment.	78.60
Expenses Department Encampment.	10.89
Per capita tax to National Headquarters.	172.59
Premium on Bond.	7.50
Insurance.	14.15
Floral Wreaths.	25.50
Incidentals.	41.20
Money refunded.	1.15
Traveling expense L. L. Johnson, C. of A., attending funeral of Past Dept. Commander W. H. Skinner.	5.65— 1,898.28
Balance on hand, December 31, 1914.	\$ 84.24

EXHIBIT "B."

SAFETY FUND—CASH ACCOUNT.

1914.	
Dec. 31.	To amount in Bank, with interest on same. \$ 104.06

SAFETY FUND—INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

1914.	
Dec. 31.	To am't of investments in real estate securities. . . \$3,750.00

EXHIBIT "C."
SUPPLIES ON HAND.

No.	Value.
	\$ 10.50
21 Official badges	9.50
19 Membership badges	3.90
39 Buttoniers.	30.80
77 Rank straps	18.10
181 Official ribbons	1.30
13 Rules and regulations.....	5.59
559 Applications.....	20.40
17 Cash books	7.20
12 Quartermaster's receipt books.....	6.80
8 Quartermaster's warrant books.....	4.80
4 Blue Books	2.00
4 Rituals.....	3.93
13 Service books.....	.50
10 Discharges.....	1.20
24 Leave of absence cards.....	3.70
74 Transfers.....	.80
29 Odes	118.20
197 Department badges, plain	48.00
48 Department badges, silver top.....	.50
1 Electrotype.....	.....
	\$ 297.70

EXHIBIT "D."

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1914.....	\$ 84.00
Office furniture, books, etc., estimated.....	297.00
Supplies.....	35.00
Ledger balances	3,750.00
Loans on real estate	10.00
Balance on hand in Safety Fund.....	5,000.00
	\$5,086.00
Liabilities, printing bills, since paid.....	\$195.78
Borrowed money, since paid	100.00
	\$4,790.22

EXHIBIT "E."

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1914.

Post.

- 1 Chas. Kurtz, Sergt. Co. E, 12th Mo. Inf.
- Chr. Koelling, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
- Fritz Schnurr, Sergt. Co. A, 4th Mo. Cav.
- John Schmid, Pr. Co. A, 9th O. V. I.
- J. S. Parke, Sergt. Co. B, 73d Ill. Inf.
- Franz Krein, Corp. Co. C, 4th U. S. R. C., Mo.
- W. A. Goodrich, Pr. Co. A, 7th Ind. Inf.
- John Kennan, Pr. Co. G, 7th Ill. Inf.
- F. W. Gronemeyer, Pr. Co. F, 3d Mo. Inf.
- Herman Brukk, Pr. U. S. A.
- W. L. Vansyckle, Pr. Co. A, 28th Ill. Inf. and Pr. Co. C, 90th Ill. Inf.
- T. J. Christy, Pr. Co. C, 136th Ill. Inf.
- J. Leroy Miller, Pr. Co. H, 45th Iowa Inf. and Pr. Co. K, 148th Ill. Inf.
- Henry Weinand, Pr. Co. I, 2d U. S. R. C., Mo.
- Louis C. Kicker, Mus. Co. B, 5th Mo. Inf.
- Chas. Wil, Pr. Co. C, 2d U. S. Inf.
- John Walsh, Pr. Co. I, 2d N. J. Cav.
- A. J. Frazier, Pr. Co. K, 7th Ky. Inf.
- 2 Fred W. Teuteberg, Pr. Co. K, 4th U. S. R. C., Mo.
- 4 John Cutler, Pr. Co. E, 94th Ill. Inf.
- C. A. Lee, Pr. Co. G, 9th Iowa Cav.
- Emil Otto, Pr. Co. K, 12th Mo. Inf.
- Wm. J. Smith, Pr. Co. L, 1st Wis. H. A.
- James M. Greenwood, Sergt. Co. E, 29th Mo. E. M.
- Frank F. Snow, Sergt. Co. E, 64th N. Y. Inf.
- James Crosson, Pr. Co. B, 12th O. V. I.
- John Dougherty, Pr. Co. I, 84th Ill. Inf.
- 5 John H. Roberts, Pr. Co. D, 27th Mo. Inf.
- L. D. Guile, Pr. Co. A, 3d Mo. Cav.
- 6 Victor Zuber, 10th Mo. Cav.
- Mathias Ott, Co. H, 48th Mo. Inf.
- Henry Hoffman, Co. H, 26th Mo. Inf.
- Wendel Buehrle, Mo. Home Guards.
- 7 Wm. T. Harding, Pr. Co. K, 2d Colo. Cav.
- Chesley A. Mosman, 1st Lieut. Co. D, 59th Ill. Inf.
- Julius Hahn, Pr. Co. B, 1st Nebr. Inf.
- Chas. H. Bent, Seaman, U. S. N.
- Ira Weaver, Corp. Co. E, 9th N. J. Inf.
- Jos. Thompson, Lt.-Adjt. 43d Mo. Inf.
- Emil C. A. Hildenbrandt, Pr. Co. A, 134th Ill. Inf.

- Levi Cline, Pr. Co. G, 46th Ind. Inf.
 Jno. P. Bishop, Pr. Co. K, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Thos. Shofner, Pr. Co. E, 12th Mo. Cav.
 Chas. Disbrow, Sergt. Co. A, 21st Ill. Inf.
 David A. Kerr, Capt. Co. G, 167th O. V. I.
 8 John Conover, Lt.-Col. 8th Kans. V. Inf.
 Jas. F. Patterson, Pr. Co. K, 101st Ill. Inf.
 Walter Craig, Pr. Co. E, 1st Iowa Inf.
 Sam'l B. Prevost, Pr. Co. D, 31st N. Y. V. Inf.
 W. C. Howe, Capt. 2d Mass. Cav.
 Wm. M. Hews, Pr. Co. D, 48th Ill. Inf.
 Alf. F. Bryant, Pr. Co. B, 3d R. Id. H. Arty.
 John Q. Cowen, Pr. Co. B, 26th Ill. V. Inf.
 E. H. Burgess, Pr. Co. I, 9th Ill. Inf.
 10 Wm. M. Klostrebe, Pr. Co. E, 4th Ind. Vol. Inf.
 Geo. G. Nevius.
 12 Horace Hunter.
 13 Wm. Henkel, Maj. 58th N. Y. V. I.
 Aug. Heintz, Sergt. Co. F, 41st Mo. Inf.
 Henry Angermuller, Corp. Co. H, 10th E. M. M.
 Chas. A. Becker, Pr. Co. C, 3d Mo. U. S. R. C.
 David I. Francis, Pr. Co. B, 4th Mo. Cav.
 Jacob Peters, Pr. Co. H, 5th Mo. Inf.
 Chas. Totsch, Pr. Co. F, 10th Ill. Cav.
 Jno. Leimgraber, Pr. Co. L, 3d Mo. U. S. R. C.
 Henry B. Remmers, Pr. Co. K, 1st Mo. U. S. R. C.
 Felix Dondeville, Lt. Co. H, 1st Mo. Inf.
 Joseph Gerwiner, Lt. Co. B, 2d Mo. A.
 Mathew Sassieux, Pr. Co. B, 15th Mo. Inf.
 Albert Greuninger, Pr. Co. M, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
 Fred Bonnet, Pr. Co. E, 20th N. Y. Inf.
 Fidel Buechel, Pr. Co. I, 5th Mo. Cav.
 Dr. H. M. Starkloff, Surg. 43d Ill. V. Inf.
 14 Sidney R. Coon, Pr. Co. A, 30th Wis. Inf.
 E. O. Bartlett, Pr. Co. D, 5th Pa. Inf.
 Halsey Meeker, Pr. Co. H, 11th Mo. Inf.
 A. L. Monett, Pr. Co. A, 87th O. V. I.
 Burgess Pugh, Pr. Co. K, 117th Ill. V. Inf.
 W. B. Meyers, Corp. Co. D, 133d Ind. Inf.
 John Schmith, Pr. Co. G, 13th O. V. I.
 16 John W. Weaver, Pr. Co. A, 155th Ind. Inf.
 Simon Hartman, Pr. Co. H, 1st Colo. Inf.
 Frank P. Fiske, Corp. Co. B, 3d Mo. Engrs.
 Robt. A. Bartlett, Pr. Co. G, 75th Ind. Inf.
 H. C. Cowgill, Corp. Co. B, 40th O. V. I.

- Chas. E. Garlinger, Pr. Co. F, 110th O. V. I.
 Jas. H. Ralston, Pr. Co. A, 16th Ill. Inf.
 W. F. Haughwout, Pr. Co. H, 3d Wis. Inf.
 21 B. S. Bostick, Pr. Co. K, 119th Ill. Inf.
 Geo. S. Hoskins, Pr. Co. A, 12th Iowa Inf.
 Abram Walk, Pr. Co. C, 11th U. S. Inf.
 Jas. P. Looker, Pr. Co. K, 42d Mo. Inf.
 Gottlieb Maier, Pr. Co. C, 102d Ill. V. Inf.
 I. M. Wood, Farrier Co. K, 44th Ind. Inf.
 22 John Shaver, Sergt. Co. I, 7th Mo. Cav.
 Jacob Sholly, Pr. Co. M, 2d Mo. Cav.
 Phillip Beachler, Pr. Co. I, 7th Mo. Cav.
 23 Wm. Greer, 100th Penn. Vols.
 26 O. H. Webb, Pr. Co. I, 36th Ill. Inf.
 C. W. Kelch, Pr. Co. M, 6th W. Va.
 Andrew Ogle, Pr. Co. K, 5th Iowa.
 32 C. C. Green, Pr. Co. K, 32d Mo. Inf.
 33 McDonald Warnick, Pr. Co. C, 3d Mo. Cav.
 34 A. Van Meter, Pr. Co. F, 18th Mo. Inf.
 W. A. Orndorff, Pr. Co. F, 33d Iowa Inf.
 42 Wince Lobbin, Pr. Co. K, 47th U. S. C. T.
 43 C. J. Lewis, Capt. Co. D, 1st Vt. and 1st N. Y. H. Arty.
 John Nagle, Pr. Co. D, 4th Mo. Cav.
 J. M. Gibbs, Capt. Co. C, 103d Ill. Inf.
 44 Webster Clark, Sergt. Co. C, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 Jno. W. Lewis, Pr. Co. E, 44th Mo. Inf.
 48 Chas. W. Rubey, Capt. Co. L, 16th Mo. Cav.
 John B. Hickman, Pr. Co. H, 11th Ohio Cav.
 53 G. H. Sandford.
 E. W. Greene, Sergt. 9th N. Y. Inf.
 Peter Mueller, Pr. Co. K, 30th Mo. Vol. Inf.
 54 G. C. Fullerton, Sergt. Co. D, 1st M. S. M.
 N. S. Wyckoff, Sergt.-Maj. 1st Mo. Engrs.
 57 E. C. Brott, Lt.-Col. 83d Ill. Inf.
 Hiram Dewey, Pr. Co. B, 9th Mich. Inf.
 69 O. S. Goodwin, Corp. Co. B, 30th O. V. I.
 J. M. Chrisman, Pr. Co. G, 8th Mo. Cav.
 J. M. Wilhoit, Pr. Co. C, 6th Mo. Cav.
 H. G. Mullings, Pr. Co. A, 24th Mo. Inf.
 Jacob Horschman, Pr. Co. F, 43d Ill. Inf.
 Fallen Holmes, Pr. Co. —, 1st Ark. Lt. Arty.
 William Commegys, Pr. Co. K, 6th Ind. Cav.
 J. F. Wilkerson, Corp. Co. D, 8th Mo. Cav.
 72 W. R. Spencer, Pr. Co. A, 1st Mich. Inf.
 Jno. Brumnitt, Pr. Co. D, 55th Mo. Inf.
 A. M. Richardson, Pr. Co. H, 5th Ind. Inf.

- Jasper N. Jackson, Pr. Co. A, 6th M. S. M. Cav.
 Tyson Horton, Pr. Co. I, 1st Iowa Cav.
 Geo. Beckler, Pr. Co. K, 18th Mo. Inf.
- 75 John H. Griggs, Pr. Tenny's Ind. Kas. Batt.
 76 Geo. E. Barkdoll, Pr. Co. E, 14th O. V. I.
 Edw. Kahn, Pr. Co. C, 2d Neb. Vol. Cav.
 W. R. Hylton, Pr. Co. F, 14th Ky. Vol. Inf.
 Addison McKee, 1st Lt. Co. G, 11th Ind. V. Cav.
- 79 Martin Read, Sergt. Co. H., 6th Ia. Cav.
 82 John A. Blackwell, Sergt. 115th Ind. V. Inf.
 96 Jas. Ewart, Capt. Co. E, 26th O. V. I.
 B. F. Long, Pr. Co. F, 158th Pa. Inf.
- 107 H. Fortmann, Pr. Co. D, 27th Ill. Inf.
 Christ Neef, Pr. Co. D, 5th Mo. U. S. R. C.
 Wm. Ruehwein, Pr. Co. G, 43d Ill. Inf.
 Fred Buser, Pr. Co. E, 189th O. V. I.
 Peter Lohrum, Pr. Co. B, 2d Mo. Inf.
 Anton Edler, Pr. Co. F, 2d Mo. Inf.
- 115 S. D. Chitwood, Pr. Co. L, 14th Kan. Cav.
 Scott Steers, Pr. Co. A, 6th Kan. Cav.
 Jno. M. Camp, Pr. Co. B, 8th Ill. V. Inf.
 Geo. Reis, Pr. Co. M, 7th Ill. Cav.
- 119 John C. Moon, Pr. Co. C, 1st Ill. Cav.
 124 Wm. H. Skinner, Pr. Co. G, 160th O. V. I.
 C. H. Potter, Pr. Co. B, 1st W. Va. Inf.
 F. M. Howell, Pr. —
- 130 A. W. Walker, Pr. Co. K, 23d Mo. Inf.
 John Forsythe, 1st Co. B, 14th Ill. Inf.
- 131 Martin S. Barnett, Pr. Co. E, 3d N. J. Cav.
 Calvin M. Woodward, Capt. Co. A, 48th Mass. Inf.
 Jas. Franklin Coyle, Sergt. Co. K, 20th Ill. Inf.
 Chas. W. Barstow, 1st Sergt. Co. A, 45th Mass. Inf.
 Wm. B. Rose, Pr. Co. G, 16th Ohio Inf.
 Pierson M. Harwood, Pr. Co. A, 37th N. Y. Inf.
 Francis M. Campbell, Pr. Co. C, 88th Ohio V. I.
 George Pohl, Pr. Co. E, 83d Ill. Inf.
 James Edw. Gaston, Corp. Co. F, 133d Ind. Inf.
 Frank E. Nevins, 1st Lt. and Adj. 61st U. S. C. T.
 George P. Seymour, Capt. Co. D, 75th N. Y. Inf.
 Francis Aid, 2d Lieut. Miss. Mar. Brigade.
 Richard Forrester, Pr. Fremont Body Guard.
 Frank S. Hanna, 3d Class Boy, Shenandoah.
 Edw. S. Past, Sergt.-Maj. 1st Minn. Inf.
 Geo. B. Teasdale, Pr. Co. D, 133 Ill. Inf.
- 141 J. R. Stewart, Pr. Co. L, 8th Mo. Cav.
 J. B. Henson, Pr. Co. G, 24th Mo. Inf.

- 145 J. A. Stevens, Pr. Co. I, 32d Iowa Inf.
 Jefferson Schloat, Pr. Co. D, 25th O. V. I.
 J. G. Taylor, Pr. Co. B, 9th Prov. E. M. M.
- 174 Wm. Cravath, Pr. Co. I, 47th Mo. Inf.
 Jno. O. Smith, Pr. Co. I, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
- 190 Louis D. Middleton, Pr. Co. F, 87th Ind. Inf.
- 210 Wendle Holtz, Pr. Co. H, 11th Kas. Inf.
 L. B. Perkins, Pr. Co. B, 16th N. Y. Inf.
 A. C. Crippen, Pr. Co. I, 27th O. V. I.
- 218 Wm. C. C. Allison, Pr. Co. B, 130th Ill. Inf.
- 221 H. R. Parson, Capt. Co. A, 62d U. S. C. T.
- 223 John Mathis, Pr. Co. D, 22d Ind. Inf.
- 232 A. M. Cyphert, Corp. Co. I, 133d Ill. Inf.
 Hezekiah Moberly.
- 238 John E. Cole.
- 240 Jacob F. Gmelich, Sergt. Co. A, Boone Home Guard.
 Jacob Rentschler, Pr. Shoemaker's Co.
 Joseph Mayer, Pr. Co. A, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
- 243 Jesse W. Kennedy, 1st Sergt. Co. D, 1st Ark. Inf.
 Austin Washburn, Pr. Co. G, 38th Mass. Inf.
 George Dunn, Pr. Co. F, 20th Ky. Inf.
 George Hutchinson, Pr. Co. I, 99th N. Y. Vol. Inf.
- 247 J. P. Campbell, Pr. Co. B, 26th Ia. Inf.
 Ira McNair, Pr. Co. D, 18th Ia. Inf.
 Dietrick Burns, Pr. Co. F, 45th Wis. Inf.
 Sam D. Foster, Pr. Co. C, 33d Ohio V. Inf.
- 251 J. L. Vance, Pr. Cos. C and G, 6th Kas. Cav.
 W. S. Hutchinson, Pr. Co. D, 17th Ill. Cav.
 S. C. Shoemaker, Pr. Co. K, 2d Kas. Cav.
 Isaac Willett, Pr. Co. D, 9th N. Y. Cav.
- 259 W. B. Singleton, Pr. Co. H, 8th M. S. M.
 M. H. Osborn, Pr. Co. G, 141st O. V. I.
 J. W. Spurlock, Pr. Co. L. —
- 268 J. J. Heisel 1st Lt. Co. H, 18th Mo. Inf.
 Wm. Pilatz, Pr. Co. H, 18th Mo. Inf.
 C. R. Luster, Pr. Co. L, 12th Ill. Cav.
- 273 Elijah Borrie, Pr. Co. A, 12th Mo. Cav.
 Vincent Stuber, Pr. Co. G, 2d Mo. Lt. Arty.
 Ferd Hoehn, Pr. Co. B, 8th Prov. E. M. M.
 Henry Markwart, Pr. Co. K, 5th Mo. S. M. Cav.
- 289 Frank Wirshing, Pr. Co. D, 77th Ill. Inf.
- 320 Frank Rebsamen.
- 326 Henry Siebert, Pr. Co. K, 78th E. M. M.
 Frank Oberle, Pr. Co. C, 2d Mo. Arty.
- 339 Valentine Rottler, Lt. Co. F, 78th E. M. M.
 James M. Reed, 3d Tenn. Cav.

- 355 N. McKinon, Pr. Co. A, 48th Mo. Inf.
 359 E. F. Doty, Hosp. Steward, 4th Mich. Inf.
 375 Wm. H. Thomas, Sergt. Co. K, 125th Ill. Inf.
 386 Jno. M. Ritter, Sergt. Co. A, 116th Ill. Inf.
 387 A. L. Crystal, Pr. Co. A, 42d Mo. Inf.
 420 W. A. Maloan, Capt.
 425 W. F. Karr, Corp. Co. K, Osage Rgt. Mo. H. Gds.
 492 Joel Stanley, Pr. Co. B, 105th Ill. Inf.
 496 Val Lammert, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. Lt. Arty.
 Jno. Wittig, Pr. Co. B, 5th Mo. Cav.
 P. Kloppinger, Pr. Co. D, 5th Mo. Inf.
 Jos. Grundrich, Pr. Buel's Battery.
 H. Griener, Pr. Co. D, 5th Mo. Inf.
 512 Wm. F. Jahn, Pr. Co. H, 18th Mo. Inf.
 Wm. T. Bowen, Pr. Co. A, 45th Mo. Inf.
 Peter Miller, Pr. Co. H, U. S. R. C., Mo. Home Guards.
 525 J. W. Rice, Master-at-Arms, U. S. S. Curlone, No. 12.
 548 Geo. B. Jones, Pr. Co. D, 48th Mo. Inf.
 551 H. D. Taff, Pr. Co. G, 83d O. V. I.
 554 Wm. H. Meyer, Corp. Co. C, 2d Mo. Lt. Arty.
 Joseph Korte, Pr. Co. K, 49th Mo. Inf.
 566 John Burns.
 580 John Jackson, Pr. Co. E, 7th M. S. M. Cav.
 582 A. B. Whiting, Pr. Co. G, 35th Wis. Inf.
 H. C. Williamson, Capt. Co. H, 52d Ill. Inf.
 Joseph Marten, Pr. Co. D, 169th O. V. I.
 588 J. G. Thomas.
 591 Jerome B. Stewart, Sergt. Co. D, 7th Mo. Cav.
 Wm. Bush, Sergt. Co. F, 8th Mo. Cav.
 Benjamin Carter, Pr. Co. E, 22d Ind. Inf.
 593 Ludwig Young, Pr. Co. A, 58th O. V. I.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

Hannibal, Mo., May 7, 1915.

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

Comrade: I have the honor to report that two Posts have been mustered during my term of office, as follows:

Gen. John W. Noble Post, No. 593, at the Soldiers' Home, St. James, Mo., July 2, 1914, by Past Department Commander W. F. Henry, as Special Mustering Officer. Number of charter members, 10. George R. Wright, Post Commander. Prospects of the Post very good.

Johnson County Post No. 594, at Warrensburg, Mo., October 8, 1914, by Department Commander Wm. Lowe. Number of charter members, 36. David Aber, Post Commander. Prospects of Post very good.

In submitting this report I desire to thank the Department Commander for the honor conferred by my appointment.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

L. K. AVERY,
Chief Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20, 1915.

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

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to submit this my report as Department Chaplain, for the information of the comrades of the Department.

As a busy year has rolled onward, I think our comrades have in a very remarkable manner been blessed with good health, for men who have lived so many years, and passed through such scenes as have they. This speaks well for the correct living of these men, or they would have been like others, worn out, and departed long since. Correct living brings its own reward, even in this world of mortality.

It is my sad duty to report, however, what has never occurred before in our Department: Two of our Past Department Commanders have been mustered out by the Great Commander in one week, and have been enrolled upon the other side. Ira T. Bronson, of Sedalia, a most estimable comrade, and Arthur Dreifus, one of the best known and respected comrades of the Department. We will miss these comrades in our Department in the future, but their

noble, soldierly and upright characters will ever remain with us as an inspiration to be true ourselves, to every demand upon us as citizens and patriots.

Many of our Posts have failed to report, and many so late as not to be in time for tabulation, so that I cannot make a perfect report, but do the best I can, as shown by the following table.

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts in Department.....	218
Number of sermons preached in Posts.....	159
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	11
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	15
Number of comrades attending services.....	1,150

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services.....	149
Number of comrades observing Memorial Day Services.....	2,349
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	480
Number of graves decorated.....	27,566
Number of public schools participating.....	85
Number of pupils participating.....	4,950
Number of other organizations participating.....	20
Number of addresses delivered on Memorial Day.....	5
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	11
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	3
Number of Posts having burial plots.....	3

Our comrades are becoming less in number and ability to act in these matters every day, but the public is becoming more and more disposed to give very interested attention to all these matters. Sons of Veterans and the Women's Organizations are helping nobly, and I think will continue to do so more and more as the years go by.

Submitted most respectfully in F. C. and L.,

T. H. HAGERTY,
Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Mo., April 26, 1915.

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

Dear Comrade: The Department of Patriotic Instruction begs to present the results of their work during the past year. The year as a whole has been a quiet and uneventful one. I find it more and more difficult to get reports of work on the field, especially outside the large towns and cities. Many of the Posts are small and meet somewhat irregularly and do not seek to do much outside their own maintenance. Quite a number do not even have a Patriotic Instructor. I have in hand the reports from fifty local posts and from these I gather the following data:

1. Thirty-five Posts attended services on Memorial Sunday, preceding May 30th. The churches are always ready to welcome the comrades and frequently invite them to come as a body.
2. Forty Posts attended Memorial services at some burial place. The reports indicate that there is no falling off in attendance nor any lack of interest. Business houses outside large cities usually close from 12 to 4 o'clock.
3. Flags are placed at the head of each grave and flowers placed on the mounds. Loyal citizens join with the comrades in placing these fragrant flowers.
4. Twelve Posts report that children marched in a body to the cemetery and aided in decorating the graves. This custom leaves a lasting impression on the minds of the young.
5. A very large part of the Posts report that the public school houses have flags, in fact it is becoming unpopular not to have one.
6. There were ten public presentations of flags at public buildings.
7. Thirty Posts reported the observance of Lincoln or Washington birthdays.
8. Ten Posts celebrated the "Treaty of Ghent," or 100 years of peace, between Great Britain and America.
9. Sixteen Posts celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the surrender of Lee.
10. Ten churches of the State quite generally celebrated the 100 years of peace between England and the United States.
11. The Sunday schools celebrated Lincoln's birthday in connection with his proclamation to free the slaves.
12. Post Memorial days on the last Sunday of each year have become quite frequent and patriotic sentiment is awakened in memory of the departed.

The Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army Circles, and the Sons of Veterans have aided and supplemented the work of patriotic instruction.

Iron staves have been erected in five country cemeteries. These metal poles are made from water pipes, two and one-half inches at the base and one and one-half inches at the top. The cost is about seven dollars. The height is about twenty-five feet. These markers are prominent on Memorial Days, and afford rallying points and are very attractive.

Patriotism is not waning, but in public life it is becoming more prominent. We find that churches with an educated ministry are glad to respond with the devotion of a public service in matters relating to the public welfare of the State. The press is also open to us in all matters relating to patriotism. We urgently request that the Grand Army in every way possible urge forward this work. This grand work is one of the main objects of our existence. The Department, through its officers, has aided our work in every way that seemed possible. We realize that the work that is now being performed shall remain during the days to come.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM C. CALLAND,
Patriotic Instructor.

Department Commander Lowe resumed the chair, and, by his direction, the A. A. A. G. read the names of the committees as follows:

On reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders: Past Department Commander Benj. Warner; Th. Dubrouillet, Post 97; Fred Wenz, Post 7.

On the reports of the Chief Mustering Officer, Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor: Comrades W. F. Silverwood, Post 1; P. H. Clarke, Post 131; L. K. Avery, Post 43.

On the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: Past Department Commander J. V. Martin; P. H. Callahan, Post 131; P. F. Coghlan, Post 1.

The following committees were also appointed:

On Resolutions: Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur; J. B. Dobyne, Post 131; John Ferguson, Post 111.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Comrades W. C. Calland, Post 69; F. P. Becker, Post 13; Past Department Commander W. F. Henry.

To visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Comrades Alfred Zartman, Post 4; John T. Clarke, Post 6; John Hack, Post 72.

To visit the Sons of Veterans: Comrades Thos. S. Hawley, Post 131; Chris. Fricke, Post 1; S. W. Serl, Post 4.

At this point Department Chaplain Hagerty addressed the Commander, inviting his attention to places and incidents of his boyhood and youth, and then presented him with a gavel, the head of which was made from the wood of an apple tree at his grandfather's, and the handle from a tree at the school house where he was taught.

The Commander returned thanks in a fitting manner.

Comrade Alex. McCandless, Post 5, extended an invitation from Lincoln Post to the comrades present to be with and join it in the dedication of a Lincoln Monument on May 31st, at Moberly, Missouri.

Custer Post, No. 7, extended an invitation to attend the dedication on June 14th, at St. Joseph, Missouri, of a monument erected by that post in Ashland Cemetery.

A letter was read from the Masonic Club, inviting the comrades to use the reading rooms, parlors, etc., for rest and comfort of all while in Hannibal, the quarters of the club being in the Park Opera House Building, and adjacent to our place of meeting. On motion, the thanks of the Encampment were returned for the invitation.

On motion, it was directed that all resolutions, etc., be referred, without debate, to the Committee on Resolutions.

To facilitate the proceedings, it was moved that the order of business be changed, and that nominations be made for Representatives to the Forty-ninth National Encampment, and so ordered.

The first thing in order being the nomination of Representative-at-Large, Comrade H. Munchrath, Post 13, St. Louis, was named by Past Department Commander Denham. The nomination was seconded by several, and there being no other nomination, on motion, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Munchrath, which he did, and he was declared duly elected.

The following nominations were then made, to be placed upon the printed ballot in alphabetical order, beginning with first letters, in accordance with a rule of the Encampment:

- W. W. Baldwin, Post 76, Kidder.
- H. T. Bolen, Post 53, Sedalia.
- J. L. Burke, Post 19, Laclede.
- J. T. Clarke, Post 6, Jefferson City.
- C. M. Corkran, Post 221, Novelty.
- G. P. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville.
- T. Dubrouillet, Post 97, Linn.
- G. Evans, Post 22, Kirksville.
- S. Fielder, Post 218, Fairport.
- Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis.
- M. G. Garner, Post 130, Tina.
- Henry F. Glahn, Post 36, Clarence.
- H. W. Harrison, Post 26, Nevada.
- W. H. Heath, Post 131, St. Louis.
- L. F. Hunt, Post 57, Brookfield.
- John Michel, Post 7, St. Joseph.
- R. T. McCaskey, Post 5, Moberly.
- Wm. B. Mullins, Post 268, Brunswick.
- J. L. Nichols, Post 72, Trenton.
- Wm. Owens, Post 110, Kahoka.
- B. F. Park, Post 1, St. Louis.
- W. C. Pfeffer, Post 1, St. Louis.
- J. C. Pierce, Post 22, Kirksville.
- W. C. Porter, Post 119, Stanberry.
- H. W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis.
- L. W. Preston, Post 43, Hannibal.
- Geo. Rathburn, Post 22, Kirksville.
- S. W. Serl, Post 4, Kansas City.
- W. R. Sanford, Post 185, New London.
- P. L. Swartz, Post 14, Joplin.
- Geo. A. Wetherell, Post 391, Bowling Breen.
- Alf. Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City.

On motion, it was ordered that the place of holding the next Encampment be taken up, addresses to be limited to two minutes.

Comrade Thos. J. Dockery, Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, extended an invitation to make Kirksville the place of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment.

The invitation was seconded by several Comrades, and by letter conveying the Resolution of Wm. McKee Post, No. 110, of Kahoka, which was read; and by the official invitation of the Mayor and Councilmen; and by the President and Secretary of the Kirksville Farmers and Merchants' Commercial Club. (Letters filed.)

Comrade C. D. Iglehart, Post 76, Kidder, nominated Kansas City. Past Department Commander Williams seconded the nomination of Kansas City, stating that it was usual to alternate the selections, giving them to places to the north or to the south of the Missouri River.

Comrade L. F. Williams, Post 14, offered the name of Joplin for the consideration of the Encampment as its next place of meeting.

On motion the nominations were closed on the three places named. Vote by rising ordered, and the count stood:

Kirksville, 43; Kansas City, 71; Joplin, 1. Kansas City was thereupon declared the place of the next meeting.

Comrade Ben. Warner, Post 4, thanked the Encampment, and said they would be prepared to make it one of the "best ever."

The Encampment then took a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

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.

On motion made the Encampment proceeded to the nomination and election of officers.

Past Department Commander F. M. Sterrett placed in nomination for Department Commander, Comrade James B. Dobyne, Post 131, St. Louis. He spoke as follows:

A few years ago, I said to a member of this department, "I would like to nominate you for Department Commander." This Comrade, of whom I have always been personally very fond, replied, with characteristic modesty, that he could not permit his name to be used at that time for this great office for the reason that there were others more deserving than he. He has finally consented that his name be used this year. He was a Pennsylvania soldier, enlisting from the eastern slope of the Alleghenies. He has been a steadfast Grand Army man, full of good works. He is a man of affairs and will care for our business interests. He is a clear and clean man. He is probably the best looking man in the department and will be especially popular with the women contingent of our order. I have the great pleasure and honor of placing the name of Dobyne before this Thirty-fourth Encampment.

Comrade Jacob G. Matlick, Post 110, placed Comrade Thos. J. Dockery, Post 22, of Kirksville, in nomination. He said:

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, of Kirksville, has a Comrade whom I wish to place in nomination for Department Commander, who needs no eulogy or commendation for the chief office of the Department other than that well known to the Comrades of the Department, therefore I would announce the name of Thomas J. Dockery, who, by his well-known zeal for the welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic, was in every way capable of filling the office with credit to himself and honor of the Comrades.

Seconding speeches were made favoring each by a number of the Comrades; so many that names were not taken.

Comrade Dockery withdrew his name, and suggested that Comrade Dobyne be elected by a unanimous rising vote. Whereupon, by a rising vote it was unanimously directed that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Dobyne which was done, and he was declared duly elected Department Commander.

Comrade Dobyne was called for, and was escorted to the room by Comrade Dockery. The Commander-elect thanked the Encampment for the honor conferred, saying that he would endeavor to the best of his ability, to further the interests of the Department and assist in the administration of its affairs so as to maintain the high standard which has always marked them.

Past Department Commander W. F. Henry sang the "Littleimper Button," all joining.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur placed in nomination Senior Vice-Department Commander Comrade John Hack, Post Trenton, a member of the Medal of Honor Legion. The nomination was seconded by Comrades Benj. Warner, J. V. Martin, W. Wormstead, and others, and it being evident there would be no other nomination, on motion the nominations were closed and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Hack, which was done and he was declared duly elected as Senior Vice-Department Commander.

At this point was announced a delegation of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Officer of the Day introduced Mrs. Mary A. Jameson, of Marine City, Michigan, National President of that body; Mrs. Hattie M. Warner, of Kansas City, National Junior Vice-President, and others.

Mrs. Jameson excellently and eloquently set forth the condition of the Order; after which Mrs. Warner extended the greetings to the Convention, holding its sessions near by.

Department Commander Lowe thanked the ladies in an appropriate manner and they were escorted from the hall, all singing.

Resuming the order of business, Comrade L. K. Avery, Post 43, Hannibal, was placed in nomination for Junior Vice-Department Commander. Attention was invited to the unwritten rule which accorded to the place of holding the Encampment this office, and, on motion, the rules were suspended, and the Assistant Adjutant General directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Avery; which was done and he was declared duly elected as Junior Vice-Department Commander.

Past Department Commander W. F. Henry placed in nomination for Department Chaplain, Comrade Rev. Thos. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis. There being no other nominations, on motion, nominations were closed and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Hagerty, which was done, and he was declared duly elected as Department Chaplain.

Past Department Commander R. N. Denham placed in nomination for Medical Director, Dr. Thos. S. Hawley, Post 131, St. Louis. No other nominations being made, it was ordered that nominations close, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Dr. Hawley, which was done, and he was declared duly elected as Department Medical Director.

Proceeding to the nominations for Council of Administration, the following names were placed before the Encampment:

J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder; A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; C. W. Corkran, Post 221, Novelty; F. P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; Alf. Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City; C. M. C. Loyd, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Five were to be elected. The name of Comrade Lucas had been written separately, and being overlooked by the Assistant Adjutant General, was omitted in the reading, leaving but five. On motion, the five whose names were read were elected in the usual manner; but upon attention being invited to the omission, the action was, on motion, rescinded.

The name of Comrade Loyd was withdrawn, and thereupon, on motion, nominations were closed, and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for the five named, which was done, and Comrades Lucas, Whipple, Corkran, Becker and Zartman were declared duly elected as Council of Administration.

Comrade H. Munchrath, Post 13, St. Louis, addressed the Encampment, saying that he was not present when action was taken in the morning session, by which he was elected Representative-at-Large to the National Encampment; that he wished to withdraw as such representative.

Whereupon Past Department Commander Sterrett moved that the withdrawal of Comrade Munchrath be accepted, which was or-

dered, and the Encampment proceeded to the election of a Representative-at-Large to the National Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur nominated Comrade Jacob Hallenberger, Post 43, Hannibal. There being no other nomination, it was moved that nominations close, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for him, which was so ordered. The ballot was so cast, and Comrade Hallenberger was declared duly elected as Representative-at-Large to the Fortyninth National Encampment.

The time having arrived for the parade arranged for the afternoon, the Encampment, on motion, took a recess until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, MAY 13th.

The "Assembly" was sounded at 9:10 a. m. and the Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Henry sang the "Little Copper Button."

Prayer was offered by Department Chaplain Hagerty.

Past Department Commander Sterrett moved that we proceed to ballot for Representatives to the National Encampment, and that the sixteen receiving the highest number of votes be declared the Representatives, and those the less number be declared Alternates, which, being put to vote, was declared carried.

The following Comrades were appointed as Tellers: Past Department Commander Benj. Warner, Post 4, Chief Teller; P. Coghlan, Post 1; B. F. Lutman, Post 6; Fred Wenz, Post 7; W. Wormstead, Post 8; H. Munchrath, Post 13; L. F. Williams, Post 21; T. J. Dockery, Post 22; Alex. Barton, Post 23; and Wm. Robinson, Post 42.

Printed ballots were distributed by the tellers; were taken by them, and they retired to count and tabulate same.

Announcement was made of a delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri.

Past Department Commander F. M. Sterrett introduced ladies. Mrs. Mary M. Stark headed the delegation, which convoked through her, the greetings of the Convention.

Mrs. Carrie R. Sparklin, Department Secretary, read the Yearly Report. It was supplemented by her own greetings.

Mrs. Anna T. Sapp, Plymouth, Illinois, Past Department President, made a very pleasant and excellent address, and was followed by Mrs. Julia P. Dockery.

The others of the delegation, not above named, were Past Presidents Mrs. Lucinda A. Scott, Mrs. Francis Van Slyke, Mrs. Bronson, Mrs. Mary Botkin, Mrs. Mary E. Mettler and Mrs. Hammeter.

Mrs. Lowe, wife of the Commander, and Mrs. Sapp, accompanied them as visitors.

Comrade Sterrett made some felicitous remarks and the ladies retired under escort, all the Comrades standing at "attention."

The following is the annual report of the Woman's Relief Corps:

Hannibal, Mo., May 12, 1915.

WILLIAM LOWE, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OF MISSOURI,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

Esteemed Comrade: According to the established custom, it is my pleasure to present herewith a brief summary of the work accomplished by your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, for the year ending May 13th, 1915:

Number of Corps in the Department.....	41
Number of Members in good standing.....	1733
Amount expended in relief.....	\$360.39
Amount in relief other than money.....	604.80
Cash turned over to posts.....	358 73

In conclusion, let me assure you of my steadfast loyalty and best wishes for a harmonious and profitable Encampment.

I remain,

Yours sincerely, in F., C. and L.,

HATTIE A. CUMMINGS.

Department President.

The Acting Assistant Adjutant General presented the following report of the Council of Administration, which, with its recommendations, was, on motion, adopted:

TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

St. Louis, Mo., November 10, 1914.

The selection of the date for the meeting of the Department Encampment at Hannibal, Mo., was, by direction of the Department Commander, submitted to the Council of Administration by letter and resulted in the unanimous choice of the dates of Wednesday and Thursday, May 12th and 13th, 1915, and it was so announced in General Orders No. 5, November 17th, 1914.

The Council met at Hannibal, Missouri, May 11th, 1915, at 3:15 p. m., pursuant to the call of the Department Commander. The following members were present: Department Commander Wm. Lowe, Senior Vice-Commander Wm. H. Wormstead, Junior Vice-Commander Chas. Koock and Francis P. Becker, A. Whipple, C. M. C. Loyd, elected members.

The following proceedings were had: On motion, the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following Posts for failing to make reports: Post No. 146, Avalon; Post No. 299, Mansfield; Post No. 442, Hume.

On motion the Council recommended to the Encampment that \$100 or so much thereof as might be necessary, be appropriated to defray traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, By the Council of Administration, that it recommend for adoption by the Department Encampment, the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the sum of \$350.00 be appropriated out of the Safety Fund and carried into the General Fund for the Department to defray the expenses thereof, the same being less than ten per cent of such Safety Fund, and being absolutely necessary for such purpose, and that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to sell, at par, the smallest note belonging to such Safety Fund which will realize the cash for such appropriation.

This was carried unanimously.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander to audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General, and Assistant Quartermaster General, made the following report, which on motion, was adopted:

St. Louis, Mo., May 7th, 1915.

WM. LOWE, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Dear Sir and Comrade: The undersigned committee of the Council of Administration appointed 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 year ending December 31st, 1914, and found proper vouchers for all expenditures, and find the balance on hand December 31st, 1914, to be eighty-four dollars and twenty-four cents (\$84.24).

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General in the very careful and concise manner of keeping his accounts.

FRANCIS P. BECKER,
A. WHIPPLE,

Committee

There being no further business, on motion, the Council adjourned.

A. WHIPPLE,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General
and Recorder.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, to conform to the recommendation of the Council of Administration, offered the following resolution:

That the sum of \$350.00 be appropriated out of the Safety Fund and carried into the General Fund of the Department, to defray the expenses thereof, the same being less than ten per cent of the Safety Fund, and being absolutely necessary for such purpose, and that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to sell, at par, the smallest note belonging to such Safety Fund which will realize the cash for such appropriation.

Which, being seconded, was voted upon and declared carried by a unanimous rising vote.

The committee on the address of the Department Commander announcing themselves as ready, Comrade Rassieur was called to the chair, and the following was submitted:

Hannibal, Mo., May 13, 1915.

TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

Comrades: Your committee on the report of the Department Commander commend the same as a valuable, concise, condensed history of a year's work well done. We call special attention to that part of the same referring to the financial condition of the Department at the present and in the future as a matter demanding the most thorough consideration, that may lead to further practical action such as its great importance requires and demands.

We would advise the appointment by the incoming administration of a committee, if there is not already such a committee in existence, to fully consider the matter and report thereon at the next Department Encampment.

We are, in F., C. and L.,

GEO. W. MARTIN,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
LOUIS BENECKE,

Committee.

On motion, the same was unanimously adopted.

The committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders submitted the following report which was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Hannibal, Mo., May 12, 1915.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders have given the reports referred to us our special attention, and we recommend to this Encampment that these reports be accepted, and that a vote of thanks be extended to these officers for the efficient service rendered to the Department during their terms of office.

Sincerely and fraternally,

BENJ. WARNER,
FRED. WENZ,
THEOPHILE DUBROUILLET,

Committee.

The committee on the reports of the Chief Mustering Officer, Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor, submitted the following, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Hannibal, Mo., May 13, 1915.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee on the reports of the Chief Mustering Officer, Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor have carefully examined the same, and congratulate you and the Department on the full, complete and careful manner in which they have discharged the duties you have reposed in them.

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

W. F. SILVERWOOD,
P. H. CLARKE,
L. K. AVERY,

Committee.

The committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Hannibal, Mo., May 13th, 1915.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General for the past year has attended to its duty and find that, as usual, the concise and practical nature of the report is an evidence of faithful service to the Department.

While the Assistant Adjutant General's health has not been as good as it might have been, he has still been able to make all the numerous preliminary arrangements so necessary to a successful meeting of this body, and to do the practical work of his office.

And your committee heartily wishes for him a complete return to health, and to express an earnest desire that he may long continue to be, as he has been, of great service to the Department of Missouri.

We are, in F., C. and L.,

J. V. MARTIN,
P. H. CALLAHAN,
P. F. COGLAN,

Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur then read a letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton, to the Assistant Adjutant General. It is as follows:

Nevada, Mo., May 8th, 1915.

DEAR TOM:

Telegram received. Since December 10 have been sick. A in sanitarium here, but just able to be up. My eyesight is failing me. Memory also. Unable to walk but a short distance. Have many letters which I am unable to answer. Please let the boys know of my condition, so they will understand why I do not answer their letters. Have a complication of diseases. Good-bye. Regards to all.

Yours fraternally,

C. G. BURTON.

Several attempted to offer motions, but were requested to withhold same and later the following, prepared on request by Past Instructor Calland, was offered by him:

"The Department of Missouri, through its Delegates assembled at Hannibal, Missouri, desire to place upon record their sincere regret for the absence, on account of sickness, of Thomas B. Rassieur, Assistant Adjutant General, and Charles G. Burton, Past Commander-in-Chief, two comrades who, for the past thirty years, rarely been absent from the Annual Encampment of the Army of the Republic, and whose presence has added greatly to the orderly procedure and enthusiasm of our annual gatherings.

To these much-beloved comrades we send our sincerest sympathy, and hope and pray that they may be graciously spared and permitted again to gladden our hearts and aid our future work.

On motion the same was adopted by a unanimous rising vote and on motion of Past Department Commander Henry, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to forward to each of our beloved comrades a copy of this expression of the regard of the comrades of the Department of Missouri.

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Comrade Rassieur, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, read the following:

Headquarters Wm. McKee Post 110,
Department Missouri, G. A. R.,
Kahoka, Mo., March 16, 1915.

Whereas, We, the members of this Post, all too potently realize the fact that we, ere many more years, of depletion of our ranks by the grim destroyer, Death, of human life, the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic will become extinct; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in order the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic may the longer be kept alive, and that an organization of United States soldiers and sailors may be perpetuated under one fraternal, patriotic compact, we pray you, the State Encampment of the Department of Missouri, to memorialize the National Encampment praying for the institution of such measures as will accomplish the desired purposes of a perpetual patriotic order in our Nation. And be it further

Resolved, That we submit to the State Encampment for their consideration the following suggestions for an organization of all veterans of the Civil War, all United States soldiers of later wars, and all Sons of Veterans, viz.:

First—By admitting all veterans of the Civil War as members of a First Degree.

Second—All United States ex-soldiers of later wars as Second Degree members.

Third—All Sons of Veterans in good moral standing as members of a Third Degree.

Thus could be kept alive a perpetual, national, patriotic organization for the commemoration of the achievements of the American armies and relief of the aged veterans of the Civil War, and for the continued performance of the rites and ceremonies incident to Memorial and Decoration Days and funeral rites that are now incumbent upon the G. A. R. veterans.

The foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Post in regular session.

WM. OWENS, P. C.

with the endorsement thereon of the committee:

"While the resolutions submit a praiseworthy plan and spirit to accomplish an object which all of the comrades have at heart as essential to the preservation of our country, we cannot ignore the fact that the National Encampment has so frequently determined that it will not change the fundamental principle of our order, which excludes all but honorably discharged soldiers of the Civil War, that it would be useless to submit the question again, and hence we recommend that the resolution lie on the table."

On motion, it was so ordered.

Comrade Rassieur read the following:

Whereas, The address of Past Commander-in-Chief Gardner contained a recommendation for the election of the Adjutant General, instead of appointment, as under the present regulation, and

Whereas, The Forty-ninth National Encampment will be called upon to vote upon this question; and

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Whereas, If this question should be acted upon affirmatively;
 Resolved, That the Department of Missouri, in its Thirty-fourth
 Department Encampment, hereby recommends the election of Frank
 M. Sterrett to the position of Adjutant General of the Grand Army
 of the Republic.

The committee recommends the adoption of the resolution.
 On motion, the recommendation was approved and the resolu-
 tion was adopted.

Chairman Rassieur also reported from the committee the fol-
 lowing:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Encampment be ten-
 dered the Commercial Club of Hannibal, a body of three hundred
 kind-hearted and broad-gauged "live wires," for the liberality mani-
 fested by them in providing the finances for the hospitalities ex-
 tended to us at this Encampment, and which indicate that the Com-
 mercial Club is second to none in the State for those qualities
 which make for progress and permanent advancement.

Resolved, That we also tender the comrades of General W. T.
 Sherman Post No. 43, the Boy Scouts of Hannibal, and the good
 citizens of Hannibal, our sincere thanks and appreciation for their
 kind services and warm greetings and hospitality, which shall re-
 main with us in memory for many years to come.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be extended to
 Comrades S. D. Webster and A. Whipple for kindly, faithfully and
 perfectly carrying out the instructions given them and performing
 the duties of Acting Assistant Adjutant General at this Encam-
 pment.

On motion, the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Announcement was made of the presence of a delegation
 ladies and the following were introduced by Past Department Com-
 mander Sterrett:

Mrs. Haines, Chairman Committee Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Henrietta Cockran, President Thomas Edwards Circle
 Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Anna Dillon, Hannibal.

Each of the ladies addressed the Encampment with words
 welcome and greeting from their department convention.

Thanks were returned and the Encampment rose as they
 escorted to the ante-room.

A delegation from the Sons of Veterans was introduced, as
 follows: Commander-in-Chief C. F. Sherman, of New York;
 Division Commander Missouri, J. N. Hutchinson, of St. Louis;
 Division Commander Missouri, Chas. A. Dorsey, of Kansas
 Past Commander Camp No. 35, Wm. Bowers; Brothers C. V.
 Spies and L. L. Roberts.

Commander-in-Chief Sherman made a most excellent ad-
 dress. He was followed by Past Division Commander Hutchinson
 brought the greetings of the Department Encampment, giving
 news of the department and financial conditions, etc.

The Commander thanked the brothers for their greetings

expressed strongly his best wishes for the enhanced prosperity of their organization.

The report of the Committee on Credentials, which had not been read, was placed before the Encampment.

On motion same was received, calling of the roll dispensed with, and the report ordered placed in the usual order in the proceedings.

The following was the result of the ballot for election of Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-ninth National Encampment, the candidates having received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

REPRESENTATIVES:

L. F. Hunt, Brookfield.....	95
John Michel, St. Joseph.....	92
H. T. Bolen, Sedalia.....	90
John T. Clarke, Jefferson City.....	89
W. W. Baldwin, Kidder.....	88
W. H. Heath, St. Louis.....	87
Max Fritz, St. Louis.....	86
F. H. Bond, St. Louis.....	81
R. T. McCaskey, Moberly.....	75
Alfred Zartman, Kansas City.....	71
Theo. Dubrouillet, Linn.....	70
Wm. B. Mullins, Miami.....	69
H. W. Harrison, Nevada.....	67
J. L. Burke, Laclede.....	66
W. C. Pfeffer, St. Louis.....	66
B. F. Park, St. Louis.....	65

ALTERNATES:

S. W. Serl, Kansas City.....	65
J. L. Nichols, Trenton.....	64
G. P. Cunningham, Kirksville.....	62
Griffith Evans, Kirksville.....	60
H. W. Plumer, St. Louis.....	59
Henry F. Glahn, Clarence.....	55
Wm. Owens, Kaboka.....	55
P. L. Swartz, Joplin.....	54
C. W. Corkran, Novelty.....	52
M. G. Garner, Tina.....	51
J. W. Preston, Hannibal.....	49
J. C. Pierce, Kirksville.....	47
S. Fielder, Fairport.....	41
Geo. Rathburn, Kirksville.....	40
W. C. Portér, Stanberry.....	38
W. R. Sanford, New London.....	37
G. A. Wetherell, Bowling Green.....	35

The installation of the officers-elect was then proceeded with, conducted by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, who installed the following:

Department Commander, James B. Dobyne; Senior Vice-Department Commander, John Hack; Junior Vice-Department Commander, L. K. Avery; Medical Director, Dr. Thomas S. Hawley; Chaplain, Rev. Thomas H. Hagerty.

The Department Commander named Comrade Thos. B. Rodgers, Post No. 1, St. Louis, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and Comrade W. C. Calland, Post No. 69, Springfield, as Patriotic Instructor.

Comrade Calland was duly installed.

On motion of Comrade Webster, the further appointments, and the installation of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and other appointees not present, was deferred until convenient to the Department Commander.

The Installing Officer then placed the gavel in the hands of Department Commander Dobyne, who assumed the chair, and thanked the Encampment, saying he would do his best for the enhancement of the interests of the Department.

There being no further business, he declared the Encampment adjourned, *sine die*.

A true record of the proceedings:

Thos. B. Rodgers
Ap't Adj't Gen'l

Note.—The Assistant Adjutant General desires as a matter of record to express his acknowledgment and thanks to Comrades D. Webster of Post No. 131 and A. Whipple of Post No. 1 for their very faithful and efficient manner in which they discharged their duties as Acting Assistant Adjutants General.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Since our Department Encampment last met at Hannibal, nineteen years ago, many changes have taken place, not alone in the improvements seen upon every hand in this beautiful city, but, sad to say, more noticeable in the personnel and numbers of the comrades attending. Then fully 400 took part as members and this year not more than half that number.

The principal feature of the day on the 12th inst., was the parade which formed at 3:30 p. m., after the adjournment of the Encampment, in front of the Park Opera House, where the Encampment was held.

Comrade L. K. Avery, Commander of Post 43 of Hannibal, was Marshal of the Day. The following was the order of parade:

City Police Force, City Council and Officers; Shelbina Band; Company of Missouri National Guards; Quincy, Ill., Naval Reserves with guns; members of Missouri Encampment, exceeding 200 in number; drum corps; Sons of Veterans; John Wood Post, No. 96, Department of Illinois, from Quincy, nearly fifty in number; veterans and citizens in automobiles.

The parade moved west on Center street to North Maple avenue; south to Broadway; east on Broadway to the High School, where a halt was made to witness the presentation of a handsome United States flag to the school from the Woman's Relief Corps.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Gillson, Department Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps, and was responded to by the president of the local corps and by Miss Olive Southgate on behalf of the pupils of the senior class of the school. Miss Southgate said:

"Veterans of the Grand Army, friends and schoolmates, it gives me pleasure to represent the Hannibal High School on such an occasion as this. We all, as American citizens, love the Stars and Stripes, and for all for which they stand. We may follow them with Washington to Valley Forge; with Jackson to New Orleans; with Grant to Appomatox; with Dewey to Manila, and know that whenever they were unfurled it is in the cause of freedom and justice. So, now, we are to accept 'Old Glory' from the hands of those who fought for its defense. They stood to the guns, they fought the good fight, and now our Government is indeed one and inseparable. So now, it gives me great pleasure in behalf of the students of the Hannibal High School to accept this emblem of peace, union, freedom and justice."

As the flag was raised to the flagstaff the band played America and the naval reserves fired the salute.

The exercises closed with a beautiful "flag drill" by sixteen high school girls, after which the audience joined in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The flag-raising exercises were witnessed by several thousand people. The street was a surging mass of people and hundreds gathered on the lawn of the school.

An interesting feature of the occasion was the presentation by the Missouri Department of the Ladies of the G. A. R. of a handsome United States flag to the W. T. Sherman Camp of the Sons of Veterans of Hannibal. The presentation was made by Mrs. Minnie Eickmeyer, the Department Patriotic Instructor, and was responded to by W. C. Cawthorn, Commander of the Camp and by Past Division Commander J. T. Hutchinson.

The annual "campfire" of the Grand Army was held in the Opera House Wednesday night and was attended by a large number of old veterans, members of the various ladies' societies, the Sons of Veterans and citizens of Hannibal and vicinity.

Past Department Commander W. F. Chamberlain acted as chairman of the evening.

The program opened with a vocal selection by Mrs. Fielder, one of the city's most accomplished musicians. She sang "I Was a Prince" with much expression.

The first speaker was Col. Robert Mann Woods, Past Department Commander of Illinois, of Chicago. He delivered a speech which abounded in wit, humor and pathos.

At the conclusion of his talk the Opera House Orchestra rendered a selection, after which Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur of St. Louis was introduced and made a patriotic address.

Mrs. Fielder was greeted with a burst of applause as she appeared for the second number. She sang "Silver Threads And Gold." Mrs. S. Shay of St. Louis delivered an oration on the flag. At many times during the course of her remarks she was greeted with applause.

After another selection by the orchestra, Charles F. Shepley of New York, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, was introduced and delivered a patriotic address, closing with a beautiful poem on the flag.

After that the audience sang "America" and adjourned. The entertainment was interspersed with selections by the House Orchestra.

Roll of Honor.

Provided for by the following resolution, adopted by the Thirty-second Department Encampment, May 15th, 1913:

"Resolved, That a page of the Journals of our Encampments be devoted to the naming of those deceased comrades who, in their last wills, make a bequest to the Safety Fund of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, such page to contain this resolution, and be headed as follows, viz.: 'Roll of Honor,' and be followed by the names of the testators, and the names of the Post to which they belong at the time of their decease."

GEORGE HOFFMAN, Major, 40th Missouri Volunteers, member Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, St. Louis, Mo., died December 22, 1912, leaving a bequest for the Safety Fund of \$100.

Past Department Commander CHARLES W. RUBEY, of Gen. Geo. G. Meade Post No. 48, Lebanon, Mo., Captain Company L, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, died August 17, 1914, leaving a bequest of \$100 to the Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

GENERAL ORDERS. 1914-1915.

General Orders No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., May 21, 1914.

I. At the Thirty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Sedalia, Mo., May 12 and 13, 1914, I was duly elected and installed as Department Commander for the ensuing year. Under the authority thus placed in my hands I assume command, and in doing so I take the opportunity to thank the comrades for the very great honor bestowed on me and the confidence shown in me. I realize the great responsibility which accompanies this honor, and will endeavor to so discharge the duties as to maintain to the best of my ability the lofty standard of the Grand Army of the Republic. In this I shall rely upon the hearty co-operation and assistance of all the comrades.

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.

Louis H. Waters, Post 8, Kansas City, Judge Advocate.

Frank J. Huck, Post 326, Ste. Genevieve, Inspector.

L. K. Avery, Post 43, Hannibal, 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 Warrensburg, Mo.

All official communications should be addressed to Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

WILLIAM LOWE, Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., May 25, 1914.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Thirty-third Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year, and were duly installed:

Department Commander—William Lowe, Post 566, Post Warrensburg.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—William H. Worms Post 8, Kansas City.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—Charles Koock, Post Sedalia.

Medical Director—Dr. Thos. S. Hawley, Post 131, St. Louis.

Chaplain—Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; C. M. C. Loyd, Post 7, St. Joseph; Alfred Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City; John T. Clarke, Post 6, Jefferson City.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-eighth National Encampment:

Representatives:

Francis P. Becker (at large),
St. Louis.
John Hack, Trenton.
Nich. Mathias, Moberly.
Theophile Dubrouillet, Linn.
Rush G. Leaming, Sedalia.
L. F. Hunt, Brookfield.
Chas. Niedringhaus, St. Louis.
J. W. Beach, St. Joseph.
Jacob Hallenberger, Hannibal.
W. F. Silverwood, St. Louis.
E. W. Duncan, St. Louis.
John T. Sanders, St. Louis.
Chris. Fricke, St. Louis.
J. W. Lucas, Kidder.
S. W. Serl, Kansas City.
O. H. Griffin, Kansas City.
I. L. Hunt, Nevada.
Fred Wenz, St. Joseph.

Alternates:

Wm. E. Schubert, St. Louis.
M. T. Kimber, Brookfield.
F. C. Dorsey, Kansas City.
G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville.
G. A. Douglass, Warrensburg.
J. A. Drummond, Warrensburg.
Fred Lueke, St. Louis.
J. W. Root, Galt.
W. W. Baldwin, Kidder.
Wm. Pickell, Hamilton.
C. C. Bell, Boonville.
G. W. Edwards, St. Louis.
J. C. Driver, Eldon.
Jacob Stephens, Eldon.
D. W. Reese, West Plains.
C. W. Raymond, Webb City.
G. A. Wetherell, Bowling Green.
J. P. Bedwell, Richmond.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

F. H. Bond, Post 131, St. Louis, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer.

John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Aide-de-Camp and Chief Bgler.

IV. Post Commanders are requested to recommend a worthy comrade of their Post for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander: one who will appreciate the honor and take an active interest in the work of our organization.

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 88, Meadville; Post 589, Clinton; Post 590, Poplar Bluff; Post 392, Southwest City.

Suspended Posts may be reinstated on payment of one year's per capita tax.

VI. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the six months ending June 30, 1914, are enclosed herewith with addressed envelope. These reports should be carefully and correctly made out, reference being had to the preceding reports, and after being approved by the Post Commander should be sent with the *per capita* tax 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 *per capita* tax is 15 cents for each member in good standing. All members are in good standing who have not been reported suspended, no matter how much they may be in arrears for dues. The name, with rank, company and regiment of each comrade gained or lost during the term should be reported by the Adjutant under the proper headings. A full descriptive list should be given on the muster-roll for each comrade mustered or joined by transfer.

Post Commanders are again reminded that all suspended members who are one year or more in arrears must be dropped at due notice as required by the Rules and Regulations. There is no advantage whatever in carrying a lot of dead wood for an indefinite period in the shape of suspended members. On the contrary, a dropped member may be more easily reinstated than a suspended one.

VII. A blank for Post Chaplain's report is herewith enclosed which should be made out promptly and sent to the Department Chaplain immediately after Memorial Day, in the addressed envelope herein enclosed.

VIII. The City of Hannibal, Mo., was selected for the 14th of meeting of the Department Encampment next year.

IX. The Forty-eighth National Encampment will meet at Detroit, Mich., on the week beginning August 31, 1914. The headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be at the Hotel Claire, centrally located, at the corner of Randolph street and Monroe avenue, where rooms have been reserved for a limited number, at rates from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day, on the American plan which includes meals. Representatives and other members desiring quarters at this hotel are requested to apply to the Assistant Adjutant General at an early date.

X. The One hundred and Thirty-seventh Anniversary of the adoption by Congress of the United States Flag will occur on June 14. As this falls on Sunday, by general agreement its formal celebration will take place on Monday, June 15. Its general observance is commended to the Posts and comrades. Let the flag be played from our residences, places of business, Post rooms, school buildings, as an object lesson of patriotism to

young alike. In no better way can we show our devotion to the flag we defended and the principles which it represents.

XI. The following comrades are hereby reappointed as Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home: Past Department Commanders Louis Benecke, John M. Williams and Chas. W. Rubey.

XII. General Orders, No. 5, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of WILLIAM LOWE, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., August 1st, 1914.

I. As heretofore announced, the Forty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the City of Detroit, Michigan, in the week beginning Monday, August 31st. The parade will be on Wednesday, September 2d. The sessions of the Encampment will be held in the Detroit Armory, corner of Larned and Brush streets, on Thursday and Friday, September 3d and 4th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

II. Department Headquarters will be located on Monday, August 31st, at the Hotel Ste. Claire, Randolph street and Monroe avenue, in rooms 23 and 24, on the second floor. Department Officers, Representatives and Alternates and Past Department Commanders 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. There will be a meeting of the Representatives and other members of the Encampment at Department Headquarters on Tuesday afternoon, September 1st, at 5 o'clock. Members of the Encampment will receive their delegate badges at this meeting.

IV. 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 in case of vacancies. Should anything occur later to prevent attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be promptly notified by mail or telegraph.

V. Rooms have been engaged at the Hotel Ste. Claire for a limited number, on the American plan, which includes meals, at the following rates: For two persons in each room, without bath, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day, each; and with bath, on second floor, \$4.00 per day for each person. This hotel is one of the best, is located within four blocks of the Hotel Ponchartrain, where the National Headquarters are located, and five blocks from the Armony, where the Encampment and Campfires will be held. Representative and Past Department Commanders who desire these accommodations,

and who have not already notified the Assistant Adjutant General, should do so at once.

VI. The Railroad Passenger Associations have not made any reduced rates for the National Encampment, the rates being 2 cents per mile in each direction, limited to September 15th, with no provision for extension. The "Summer Tourist" rates, good for thirty days, will be available from most points. This rate from St. Louis to Detroit and return is \$16.00, with proportionate rates from other points in the State. The Summer Tourist rate, via the Clover Leaf Route, is \$14.60.

VII. A special rate of \$10.00 for the round trip from St. Louis to Detroit, good for twelve days, has been made by the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad (Clover Leaf Route), to leave St. Louis Saturday, August 29th, and Sunday, August 30th, at 6:15 p. m.

The Wabash Railroad has made the same rate, good for twelve days, on same dates, trains leaving St. Louis 8:30 a. m. and 7:02 p. m.

Comrades in the interior of the State are advised to buy tickets one way to St. Louis, where they can take advantage of the \$10.00 rate, except in cases where the summer tourist rate, with thirty-day limit, may be less. They can ascertain this from their local agents.

If there should be any further reduction in rates, it will be announced in future General Orders.

VIII. The Department Commander, with the Assistant Adjutant General, will leave St. Louis, via the Wabash Railroad, on Sunday morning, August 30th, at 8:30 o'clock. He would be glad to have as many of the Staff accompany him as possible.

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:

Chas. T. Bouillon, Post 1, St. Louis.
Henry W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis.
Charles C. Haight, Post 19, Laclede.
Anthony Gillmartin, Post 34, Lamar.
D. T. Boisseau, Post 78, Warrensburg.
Tom. L. Johnson, Post 131, St. Louis.
James Underwood, Post 134, Albany.
Wm. L. Morsey, Post 197, Warrenton.

X. The following new Post has been mustered: Gen. J. W. Noble Post, No. 593, at the Soldiers' Home, St. James, Miss. July 2d, 1914, by Past Department Commander W. F. Henry. Gen. R. Wright, Post Commander.

XI. The Journal of the Thirty-third Annual Department Encampment and the Department Roster for 1914, are enclosed with; also General Orders, No. 6, National Headquarters. P

ular attention is invited to the latter, as it contains many important items of detail in regard to the National Encampment.

XII. The Vicksburg National Park Commission are very desirous to obtain either photographs or newspaper cuts of Col. Samuel A. Holmes of the 10th and 40th Mo. Inf., and Col. Francis H. Manter, 32d Mo. Inf., for the purpose of making bronze tablets to be placed on the battlefield. Anyone having such will please inform the Assistant Adjutant General, who will notify the Park Commission.

By command of WILLIAM LOWE, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4.

St. Louis, Mo., October 19th, 1914.

I. The meeting of the Forty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Detroit last month, will rank among the memorable ones which our body has known. The great patriotic organization of survivors of the great American Civil War, meeting at the expiration of half a century after its close and a century after the last war with Great Britain, met on the borders of the British Empire, where we were in sight of preparation for the massing of armies in the present titanic struggle in Europe. The memories of war were thus again brought to us as living facts, emphasizing for us the blessings of honorable peace, constantly taught both by precept and example by the Grand Army of the Republic.

No need of praise is too great for the patriotic citizens of Detroit, who spared neither time, effort nor expense in making our Encampment the success it was. The decorations were incomparable; the care and attentions given us left nothing to be desired.

Special mention is due the Boy Scouts, who met us at the trains, attended us about the city, relieved us of burdens, guided us wherever we wished to go, listened with a real interest to our stories of war times and endeared themselves to us with a memory which shall never fail.

II. In the grand parade on Wednesday the Department had nearly two hundred comrades in line, nearly all in uniform. Comrade Frank H. Bond, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, performed his duties in an admirable manner, both at Headquarters and in forming the parade. It was with no small feeling of pride that the Commander marched at the head of a delegation excelled by none in the entire parade. He wishes to thank each and every one for what was done toward making the Encampment so great a success. The pleasures had, the memories revived and the acquaintances formed will remain through life.

III. The Department was represented in the Encampment by a full delegation of eighteen representatives (three vacancies being filled by alternates), the Department Commander, Senior Vice-Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General and six Past Department Commanders, two of whom are Past Commanders-in-Chief.

IV. Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett was re-elected as a member of the National Council of Administration, and has since been appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as a member of the Executive Committee thereof.

V. The City of Washington, D. C., was selected as the place of meeting next year.

VI. It is with extreme sorrow that the Department Commander announces the loss of one of our most prominent comrades, Past Department Commander Charles W. Rubey, who died at his home in Lebanon, Missouri, on August 17th, 1914, after a brief illness.

Comrade Rubey was born in Cooper County, Missouri, December 7th, 1836. He located in Lebanon in 1860, and was active in the support of the Union cause from the beginning of the Civil War, having served first as a Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel in the State regiment of Militia, and afterwards as Captain of the Missouri Cavalry Volunteers—having served the latter part of the war on the Staff of Gen. John B. Sanborn as Inspector General at District Headquarters at Springfield, Missouri. He was wounded at the battle of Newtonia during the Price Raid through Missouri.

He joined the Grand Army of the Republic as a charter member of Gen. George G. Meade Post, No. 48, at Lebanon, Missouri, and served as Commander of the Post in the years 1884, 1886, 1887, and again from 1903 to 1914, being Commander at the time of his death. He was elected Junior Vice-Department Commander in 1894, and Department Commander in 1912. He took an active and lively interest in our organization, and was a frequent attendant at Department and National Encampments, having been often elected as a Representative to the latter. He was a wise and prudent counselor, and will be greatly missed by his many friends at our annual gatherings. He was also a member of the Missouri Commandery of the Loyal Legion. He was equally prominent in civil life, having been actively engaged in the mercantile business and served as Circuit Clerk and Recorder of the County for eight years. He also represented that county in the Missouri Legislature. In 1889 he helped to establish a bank at Lebanon, which he became cashier and later president, in 1905, and continued until his death.

As an evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the community in which he lived, all business houses were closed during the time of his funeral, which was attended by hundreds of his old-time friends and associates, as well as by his comrades of his own and neighboring Grand Army Posts. At his own request he was buried with the Grand Army services, conducted by his comrades of Post 48, Past Post Commander Hon. John W. Farris officiating, assisted by the Department Patriotic Instructor, Comrade W. C. Calland, of Springfield, Missouri, who represented the Department.

Comrade Rubey was a true comrade in all that the word implies. His heart beat warmly in sympathy with his comrades, who knew and loved him for his sterling qualities of true manhood. He was generous, both in thought and deed, as was shown by his kind remembrance of the Department in his will.

In all the walks of life, whether in business, in social life, as a citizen or a soldier, he exemplified the "grand old name of gentleman." To his sorrowing relatives the entire membership of the Department extends its heartfelt sympathy.

VII. The following new Post has been mustered:

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg, Missouri, October 8th, 1914, by Wm. Lowe, Department Commander. David Aber, Post Commander. Number of Charter members, thirty-four.

VIII. The Department Commander thankfully acknowledges the receipt from Mrs. Agnes Rubey, the wife, and Hon. Thos. L. Rubey, the son of our late comrade, Chas. W. Rubey, of \$100, being the amount bequeathed by him to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

IX. Past Department Commander Arthur Dreifus is hereby appointed as a member of the Committee on the Soldiers' Home, in place of Past Department Commander Chas. W. Rubey, deceased.

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

By command of WILLIAM LOWE, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.

St. Louis, Mo., November 17th, 1914.

I. The Department Council of Administration has selected Wednesday and Thursday, May 12th and 13th, 1915, for the meeting of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, at the City of Hannibal, Missouri.

II. At the time of the election of Post Officers at the first regular meeting in December, Representatives and Alternates to

the next Department Encampment will also be elected. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members in good standing, as shown by the Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1914, and one additional for a final fraction of more than half that number. Posts with 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 report of Representatives and Alternates-elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are enclosed herewith. These reports should be signed by the out-going Commander and Adjutant. 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.

III. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1915, by the Senior Past Post Commander present unless some other comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander. If preferred, the installation may take place at a special meeting called for that purpose. It is recommended, when practicable, Posts have public installations, to which the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters and Sons of Veterans, as well as the public generally, should be invited. All soldiers not members, and their families, should be specially invited. At such meeting the Post will open and close informally.

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 a satisfactory bond. A blank bond is enclosed herewith.

IV. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending December 31st, 1914, are enclosed herewith. These reports, with the per capita tax of 15 cents for each member, should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. In making these reports reference should be had to the preceding report. Dropped members must not be deducted from the number in good standing. Only members suspended during the term can be so deducted, and a comrade cannot be dropped until after he has been reinstated.

Post Adjutants in reporting deceased comrades should be particular to state the rank, company and regiment in which they served.

The very few Posts which have failed to report for June will find this paragraph blue penciled. Such Posts can make up reports for both terms on one blank.

V. A blank, with addressed envelope, for report of the Patriotic Instructor, is enclosed, which should be sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor, Comrade W. C. Calland, Springfield, Missouri.

The office of the Patriotic Instructor is an important one, and should be filled by a comrade who takes an interest in the work. It is recommended that Posts should take steps in advance for the proper observance of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12th, and of George Washington on February 22d, 1915, and that the school authorities and teachers be conferred with and requested to arrange for appropriate patriotic exercises by the school children upon these occasions.

VI. The Department Commander cannot too strongly urge upon the Post officers and comrades the importance of making special efforts for recruiting and for reinstatement of dropped and suspended members between now and the end of the year. As few suspensions should be made as possible, and reinstatements should be made on easy terms. Committees of active comrades should be appointed to take up this matter at once, who shall make it their business to see such comrades as may have dropped out from various causes, and also such others as may have come among them from other localities.

VII. But few Post Commanders have made recommendations for appointment of Aides-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Department Commander. Many comrades appreciate this honor, and it is hoped that more may be recommended.

By command of WILLIAM LOWE, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.

St. Louis, Mo., March 19th, 1915.

I. As heretofore announced, the Thirty-fourth Annual Department Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Hannibal, Missouri, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 12th and 13th, 1915.

II. The comrades of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, in conjunction with the Commercial Club of Hannibal, have effected a thorough organization of the necessary committees, and we are assured that nothing will be left undone to make this Encampment a success, that will be both creditable to the comrades and citizens of Hannibal, and a pleasure to the visiting comrades.

III. Death has again invaded our ranks, and taken two of our best known and prominent comrades. The hearts of all the comrades go out in loving sympathy to the families of the deceased.

IV. Past Department Commander, Dr. Ira T. Bronson, died at his home in Sedalia, Missouri, on Monday, February 15th, 1915. He was born in Watertown, New York, July 21st, 1840. He had lived in Sedalia since 1872, actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He enlisted September 23d, 1861, in Co. I, 5th New Hampshire Volunteers, and was discharged as First Lieut., Company C, same regiment, December 21st, 1864.

The Fifth New Hampshire was one of the most distinguished regiments in the Army of the Potomac, the most of its service having been in the celebrated First Division of the Second Army Corps. Its Colonel, Edward E. Cross, was killed at Gettysburg while commanding a brigade. Comrade Bronson was severely wounded at Antietam, Maryland, September 17th, 1862, by a gunshot wound in the side.

Comrade Bronson joined Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, at Sedalia, in 1883. He was an active member of the Post, was Commander for several terms, his last service as such being from 1908 to the date of his death. He was twice elected Medical Director of the Department, in 1895, and 1898, and was elected Department Commander in 1902. He was a member of the Missouri Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

There was a large audience of comrades and citizens at the funeral, which was conducted by the Knights Templar, succeeded at the grave by the services of the Grand Army of the Republic. Department Commander Lowe attended the funeral and presented a floral wreath on behalf of the Department. A widow and four children, two sons and two daughters, survive.

V. Past Department Commander Arthur Dreifus, one of the most active and well-known comrades of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., for more than thirty years, died at his home at St. Louis, on Thursday, February 18th, 1915, after a prolonged illness.

He was born June 6th, 1838, at Endigen, in Switzerland, and served as a private soldier in Col. Bob McCook's noted German regiment from Cincinnati, the Ninth Ohio Inf. One of its first battles was at Mill Springs, Kentucky, where the rebel General Zollicoffer, was killed. It served in the Army of the Cumberland and was with Gen. Thomas in his memorable fight on Snodgrass Hill during the battle of Chickamauga.

Comrade Dreifus was a charter member of Frank P. Bla Post, No. 1, of St. Louis, Missouri, and was Commander of the Post in 1896. He was elected Department Commander in 1911. For more than twenty-five years he was Quartermaster of Bla

Post, and was so at the time of his death. He had a rare record of attending every Department Encampment, and missed but few of the National Encampments. He was Representative-at-Large from the Department of Missouri to the National Encampment in 1910. He was thoroughly informed in regard to the rules and policies of the Grand Army, and was well equipped as a worker in the organization, always having its best interests in view. Much of the success of the Department of Missouri is due to the faithful work of Comrade Dreifus.

There was a large attendance of the comrades of the St. Louis Posts at the funeral. In addition to the comrades, Itaska Lodge, No. 420, A. F. & A. M., and Harmonie Lodge, No. 353, I. O. O. F., and the St. Louis Gymnastic Society also attended. The Grand Army services at the house and also at the crematory were conducted by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, a member of Blair Post.

A widow and three daughters survive, one of whom (Miss Alma) is so well-known as the talented singer who has contributed so much to the pleasures of the comrades at their various entertainments.

His death leaves a great void in the Department which can scarcely be filled.

VI. General Orders, No. 4, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of WILLIAM LOWE, Department Commander:
THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7.

St. Louis, Mo., April 7th, 1915.

I. The Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held at the Opera House, in the City of Hannibal, Missouri, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 12th and 13th, 1915, commencing at 10 o'clock. The preliminary exercises, at which the welcoming addresses will be made and responded to, will be in open meeting, to which the public are invited.

II. The Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Mark Twain Hotel, on Tuesday afternoon, May 11th. The Council of Administration, which consists of the Department Commander, Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, the Assistant Adjutant General and the five elected members, will meet at the Headquarters at 3 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, May 11th.

III. The following named comrades are appointed a Committee on Credentials: Dr. J. L. Burke, Post 19, chairman; Alex. McCandless, Post 5; A. E. Follett, Post 43; T. G. McCune, Post 185; Jacob G. Matlick, Post 110.

The committee will meet at the City Hall on Tuesday, May 11th, at 1 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.

IV. The following named comrades of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, upon recommendation of the Post Commander, are hereby detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, L. W. Preston; for Officer of the Guard, Delos McComas. 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 43 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 accommodations and rates per day are as follows: On American plan, with meals: Mark Twain Hotel, capacity 100, at \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day. Planter's Hotel, capacity 100, at \$1.50 per day. Marion Hotel, capacity 40, at \$1.00 per day. Conklin Hotel will take 100 ladies at \$2.00 per day.

On European plan: Union Depot Hotel, capacity 40, at 50 cents per bed. Hannibal Hotel, capacity 40, at 50 cents per bed. Stag Hotel, capacity 35, at 50 cents per bed. National Hotel, capacity 35, at 50 cents per bed.

Rates at boarding-houses \$1.00 per day, and at private houses \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day.

All applications for rooms or board should be addressed to H. A. Scheidker, Hannibal Commercial Club, chairman of Committee on Accommodations.

VI. Memorial Day being a legal holiday in Missouri, proper day for its observance would be the day following, if there is nothing to prevent a Post from observing it on Sunday, if it so desired. There remains nothing new to be said on this subject, and it seems to be useless to repeat over and over again each year the same words, however well chosen. Paragraph II, of General Orders, No. 4, National Headquarters, to the Posts with our last General Orders, seems to cover the ground completely and the Posts are respectfully referred to the same.

VII. There will be an entertainment and campfire at the Opera House on Tuesday evening, May 12th, which will be addressed by prominent comrades. There will be a parade on Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, unless otherwise ordered.

VIII. The railroad rates will be 2 cents per mile in each direction. Arrangements are being made whereby round-trip tickets can be purchased to Hannibal and return. Station agents should be seen in regard to this about ten days before meeting of the Encampment.

IX. The following new Posts have been mustered:

Gen. John W. Noble Post, No. 593, at the Soldiers' Home, St. James, Missouri, July 2d, 1914, by Past Department Commander W. F. Henry. Number of Charter members, ten; Post Commander, George R. Wright.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg, Missouri, October 8th, 1914, by Department Commander Wm. Lowe. Number of Charter members, thirty-six; Post Commander, David Aber.

X. The following named comrades are, on recommendation of their Post Commanders, hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

H. C. Saunders, Post 26, Nevada.

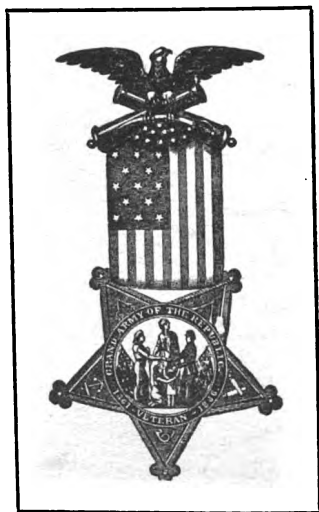
Robert H. Dugan, Post 172, Appleton City.

Geo. F. Lutzenberger, Post 593, St. James.

By command of WILLIAM LOWE, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.





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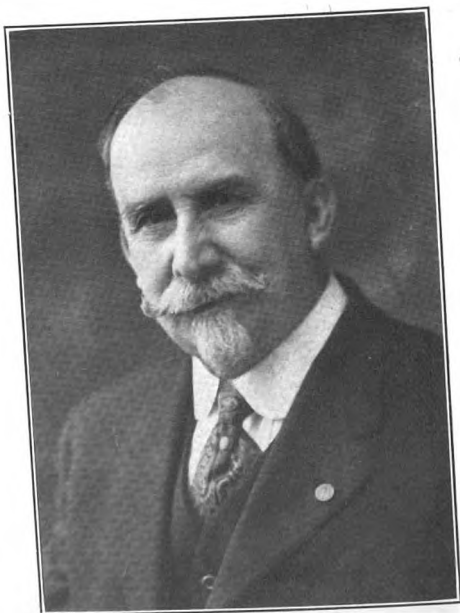
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, pursuant to General Orders No. 6, assembled in the auditorium of the High School in Kirksville at 10 o'clock a. m., May 17, 1916, in open session, and was called to order by Department Commander James B. Dobyne.

Among those present on the platform at the opening were the following: Senior Vice Department Commander, John Hack; Junior Vice Department Commander, L. K. Avery; Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Rassieur; Past Department Commanders, Frank M. Sterrett and John M. Williams; Department Patriotic Instructor, W. C. Calland; the Department President of the W. R. C., the Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Honorable Mayor of Kirksville, C. E. Murrell, and Comrade T. J. Dockery, Commander of Corporal Dix Post No. 22 of Kirksville, the host to the Department for the occasion. There were also present the following members of the Council of Administration: Francis P. Becker, A. Whipple, C. W. Corkran and Alfred Zartman.

The absence of Past Commander-in-Chief, Chas. G. Burton, Assistant Adjutant General, Thos. B. Rodgers, and Department Chaplain, Rev. T. H. Hagerty, was noted with regret and the recent death of Past Department Commander Robert N. Denham was the cause of profound sorrow.

Mrs. Mary M. Stark, Department Counsellor of the Woman's Relief Corps, was introduced and presented the greetings of that order in an address that was inspiring and patriotic. The Department Commander called on Past Department Commander Williams

to respond to the address of Mrs. Stark, which he did in words and manner fitting the occasion. Mrs. E. Mettler presented and read a report of the work done by the Department Woman's Relief Corps during the past year. Mrs. Anna Wohosky, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps and Mrs. Christine A. Albrecht, Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, each addressed the assembly, bringing the fraternal greetings of the order represented by her, and assuring the Comrades of the Department that the order which she represented was at all times ready to respond to the call for aid to needy Comrades, their widows and orphans, and that they would perpetuate the memory of noble deeds performed in the great struggle of '61-5. The Department Commander responded to these addresses and assured the ladies that the Comrades fully appreciated the noble work in which they were engaged and bade them God-speed.

The Department Commander then introduced Hon. C. E. Murrell, the Mayor of Kirksville, who delivered an address of welcome that was replete with sparkling wit and patriotic sentiment. He eulogized the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the veterans of the Civil War and spoke feelingly of the rapidly thinning ranks of the survivors of the men that made up the Grand Army who stood together for the preservation of the national unity in the days of the long ago. He spoke of the progress that has been made in all lines of industrial life in the past fifty years, and referred especially to the progress and prosperity of the city of Kirksville, stating that there were only two vacant houses in the city, the jail and the police station. He assured the Comrades that they were most heartily welcome and that no pains would be spared to make their stay most pleasant and enjoyable; that they were privileged to do as they pleased and if any policeman showed a disposition to arrest any one of them, he would be peremptorily discharged from the force.

The Department Commander called upon Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur to respond to the Mayor's address, which he did in his usual happy manner. He thanked the Mayor for his words of cheer and hearty welcome so generously tendered. He assured the Mayor that the Comrades there assembled fully appreciated the hospitality of the citizens of Kirksville, the tender of the freedom of the city, and the assurance that they would be unmolested by the police during their stay; but he declared that these Comrades spent some of the best years of their life's young manhood in compelling obedience to the laws of our country, and that they were not now likely to violate the laws of the city to whose generous hospitality they were invited. The address of the Mayor and

response by Comrade Rassieur were both very generously applauded.

The Department Commander announced that the exercises of the open meeting were ended and that the Department Encampment would then be opened for the transaction of such business as might come before it, and requested all who were not entitled to be present during the sessions of the Encampment to retire.

By order of the Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, John Hack, assisted by Comrades Thos. J. Dockery, P. H. Clarke and P. F. Coghlan, took up the countersign and reported that all present were members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The roll of Officers was called, those present being marked by an asterisk (*), and absence of the Department Chaplain and the Assistant Adjutant General was noted. Comrade A. Whipple was appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant General and Comrade Frank M. Sterrett was appointed Acting Department Chaplain:

Department Commander,

*JAMES B. DOBYNE.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

*JOHN HACK.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,

*L. K. AVERY.

Medical Director,

DR. THOS. S. HAWLEY.

Chaplain,

REV. THOS. H. HAGERTY.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster-General,

THOS. B. RODGERS.

Judge Advocate,

*JNO. M. WILLIAMS.

Chief Mustering Officer,

JOHN FERGUSON.

Inspector,

*THOS. J. DOCKERY.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

*FRANCIS P. BECKER,

*A. WHIPPLE,

J. W. LUCAS,

*C. W. CORKRAN,

*ALFRED ZARTMAN.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

Past Department Commanders,

WM. WARNER,	JOHN W. SCOTT,
W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. F. HENRY,
†NELSON COLE,	GEORGE HALL,
†E. E. KIMBALL,	†IRA T. BRONSON,
†HIRAM SMITH, JR.,	*F. M. STERRETT,
JOHN E. PHELPS,	†JERE T. DEW,
*LEO RASSIEUR,	†HENRY FAIRBACK,
GEO. W. MARTIN,	*JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
†C. W. WHITEHEAD,	T. D. KIMBALL,
CHAS. G. BURTON,	J. V. MARTIN,
†LOUIS GRUND,	†W. H. SKINNER,
LOUIS BENECKE,	†R. N. DENHAM,
THOS. B. RODGERS,	*BENJAMIN WARNER,
†JOHN P. PLATT,	†ARTHUR DREIFUS,
A. G. PETERSON,	†CHAS. W. RUBEY,
	*WM. LOWE.

† Deceased.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of those present and entitled to seats, which was, on motion, adopted:

Kirksville, Mo., May 17, 1916.

Department Commander:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following list of Comrades present and entitled to seats:

Respectfully submitted,

THEOPHILE DUBROUILLET, Chairman
M. G. GARNER,
GRIFFITH EVANS.

**Roll of the Thirty-Fifth Annual Encampment,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.**

Held at Kirksville Mo., May 17th and 18th, 1916.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. P. C.—F. M. Sterrett, C. H. Grote, Chris Fricke, Cord Ringen,
Louis Meyer, W. F. Silverwood, A. Whipple, P. F. Coghlan, Chas.
Steiner, Leo Rassieur.

Rep.—Alfred Mathey, Peter Schmidt, Louis C. Bode, John
Myerscough.

Gen. Lyon Post, No. 2, St. Louis.

P. C.—James P. Hesser.

P. P. C.—Henry W. Plumer.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C.—S. W. Serl.

P. P. C.—Ben. Warner, Alfred Zartman.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. P. C.—R. T. McCaskey, Tom Riley, Nick Mathias, Alex Mc-
Candless, B. W. Holliday.

James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.

P. P. C.—L. V. Dix, B. F. Lutman.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

P. P. C.—John Michel, J. W. Beach.

Rep.—D. Hatfield, Robert Richardson.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

P. P. C.—O. H. Guffin, Wm. F. Moll, Wm. H. Wormstead.

Rep.—Reuben Zimmerman, Daniel Fleenor.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

P. C.—Wm. E. Schubert.

P. P. C.—Louis C. Hesse, Huberth Munchrath, Max Fritz,
Adam G. Minges, George Bauer.

Rep.—William Conroy, Wenzel Graf.

Phil Kearney Post, No. 19, Laclede.

Rep.—C. C. Haight.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

P. C.—T. J. Dockery.

P. P. C.—Geo. Ashlack, George W. Rathbun, Wm. Sanders, T.
J. Dockery, Griffith Evans, Jefferson Lee, J. J. Terrell, Smith
Denman, John C. Pierce.

Rep.—Smith Denman, Green B. Cunningham.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.

P. C.—Chas. P. Hess.

P. P. C.—C. P. Hess, Jno. M. London, Christ Maffrey.

Rep.—Delos Staplin.

Tindall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.

P. P. C.—Geo. Mason.

S. A. Hurlbut Post, No. 32, Hamilton.

P. P. C.—Wm. Pickel.

Paddy Shields Post, No. 36, Clarence.

P. C.—W. J. Skinner.

P. P. C.—J. H. Hodgkin, E. P. Mott.

Rep.—Silas Girard.

W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.

P. P. C.—I. M. Cramer, L. K. Avery.

Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.

P. P. C.—Anso Porter, E. F. Lane, W. L. Tayler, James A. Branaman, W. C. Green, John W. Peters.

Rep.—A. J. Crum.

Thos. G. Wade Post, No. 54, Unionville.

P. P. C.—Chas. Wabosch.

Rep.—Geo. Acres.

O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.

Rep.—Edwin Hawkins.

Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 63, Green Ridge.

Rep.—Wm. Baker.

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

P. C.—W. C. Calland.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. C.—B. F. Warner.

P. P. C.—John Hack, W. B. Rogers, B. C. Nichols.

Rep.—John W. Thomas.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

P. P. C.—G. W. Sanders, P. A. Housel, C. D. Inglehart, Simon Groves.

Rep.—David Elliott.

T. H. Richardson Post, No. 92, Lancaster.

Rep.—Paul Arni.

Gen. G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.

P. C.—Theophile Dubrouillet.

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Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.

Rep.—Frederick Lueke.

William McKee Post, No. 110, Kahoka.

P. P. C.—J. S. Matlick, Jacob G. Matlick.

Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.

P. P. C.—E. S. Miner.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

P. C.—M. G. Garner.

P. P. C.—J. N. Haynes, R. H. Meeks.

Rep.—F. E. Owens.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

P. C.—Farwell Walton.

P. P. C.—J. B. Dobyne, S. D. Webster, M. R. H. Witter, P. H. Clarke.

Rep.—Chas. Wagner, Chas. E. Miller, W. T. Niccolls, P. H. Callahan, C. J. Collins, J. K. Merrifield.

Samuel McClure Post, No. 145, Eldon.

P. P. C.—J. C. Driver, E. M. Graham.

Col. H. C. Gilbert Post, No. 160, Wheeling.

P. C.—B. F. Wolfe.

J. B. Steedman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

P. P. C.—W. W. Chapel.

Capt. G. W. Murray Post, No. 179, Memphis.

P. C.—R. D. Cramer.

Rep.—J. C. McClure.

Col. Morsey Post, No. 197, Warrenton.

P. C.—W. H. Morse.

John Williams Post, No. 218, Fairport.

Rep.—Sylvester Fielder.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.

P. P. C.—Adam Conder, D. H. Hudson.

Thos. J. Brouster Post, No. 233, Clayton.

P. C.—Henry Seibel.

P. P. C.—J. Eschenbrenner.

Rep.—Hy. Seibel.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.

Rep.—J. W. Root.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, California.

P. P. C.—Jacob Holt, J. M. Williams.

Bob Ford Post, No. 303, Coffey.

Rep.—J. J. McBoy.

Evans Post, No. 340, Atlanta.

P. C.—John McDaniel.

Rep.—Chas. Anderson.

R. P. Carnes Post, No. 374.

P. C.—W. B. Shearow.

P. P. C.—Izaak Elliott.

Marceline Post, No. 387, Marceline.

Rep.—Wm. Stine.

Meuman Post, No. 496, St. Louis.

P. P. C.—Charles Bigger.

Harrison A. Gleim Post, No. 512, Tipton.

P. C.—J. B. Wolf.

Capt. E. D. Johnson Post, No. 574, Elmira.

P. C.—Jacob Seigel.

Rep.—J. L. Tucker, Henry Mills, A. C. Whitten.

John Whaling Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.

P. C.—Henry DeBell.

Col. A. W. Maupin Post, No. 586, St. James.

P. P. C.—E. Atkinson.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

P. P. C.—G. A. Douglas.

The following letter and prayer from Department Chaplain Hagerty was very impressively read by Comrade Sterrett:

St. Louis, May 15, 1916.

Dear Commander and Comrades:

Until two days ago I expected to be with you on this eventful occasion. For 63 years I have never missed a church gathering but last June I was attacked with an old man's infirmity and have not been from home a night since, and my present condition health admonishes me to remain at home, so that I may return to my home at any hour. So it will not be my pleasure to meet and greet you, as I have for the many years in the past, but, assured, Commander and Comrades, I will miss you and your friendly greeting more than you will my humble self and service.

I will think of you most every moment during the sitting of the Encampment and hope and pray you may have a pleasant session and one that will be of service to the Comrades of the Encampment, over the entire State.

We may well be proud of our record of the past, and of the mighty nation that has grown up over the many bloody battlefields, over which our many Comrades, both dead and living, have fought with their lives, and fortunes in hand, ready for sacrifice of service, as the great destiny might decide. Having made that record in the past, let us so live and act that we may not bring any stain upon the bright page of the honorable past.

I hope we may in the good Providence of God meet yet in the future of these earthly plains. If not, Comrades, let us so live we may meet in heaven, in the great beyond. So may the richest blessings of that God, who has preserved us in the past, watch over us in the future for our good.

Yours most truly and fraternally,

In F., C. and L., now and ever.

T. H. HAGERTY,
Department Chaplain.

God of Nations and of Men, we thank Thee that Thou didst lead and befriend our fathers until Thou didst make of them a great nation among the nations of the world.

And when by the growth of an evil among us, our nation was in danger of destruction, Thou didst stand by our heroic Comrades who flocked to the field of strife in the nation's defense, and after a long and bloody conflict, Thou didst give them success and established our undivided nation on a much firmer basis than ever before. We thank Thee that Thou hast so kindly preserved so many of our Comrades to enjoy the care of the nation they helped to save, until this happy hour. Now, as we are assembled in our State Encampment, we invoke Thy blessing upon us, so that we may do our business correctly and successfully, and be able to return to our homes to live happy lives in the homes we helped to establish.

We thank Thee that Thou hast preserved the lives and health of our officers during the past years, and hast removed but few of our past officers during the past year by death. We thank Thee that Thou hast helped our Comrades to live such noble, upright lives, that they are honored and respected every where, by men and the nation. We pray that in the future we may all so live and conduct ourselves that we may keep our record unstained by any evil action, until the end of life, we may close our eyes in honor and peace and open them in heaven among the blessed. Mercifully care for and bless our sick and infirm Comrades as Thou only canst. We ask all these, and all unnumbered blessings, in the name of Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Department Commander Dobyne then declared the Encampment duly opened and called Senior Vice Department Commander Hack to the chair. The Department Commander then read his address to the encampment as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: Ever the years glide by in endless succession and we are hardly aware of their passing until reminded by the calendar that certain duties are to be performed.

Seventeen years ago the Department met in Kirksville, two weeks after a terrible cyclone, which caused several deaths and destruction of property. The Department at once telegraphed the Comrades at Kirksville tendering sympathy and aid and asking if they desired that the Encampment be held elsewhere. Comrade A. N. Seaber, Commander of Corporal Dix Post No. 22, telegraphed as follows:

"Kirksville stands by her guns—cast down, but not dismayed." And right well did they fulfill their promise, the records showing that 403 were present at that Encampment.

It gives me great pleasure to greet you today, and look into your friendly faces, knowing that we are gathered together with hearts attuned to the duties of the hour. While I rejoice in your presence, I miss many familiar faces, one especially, that of our Past Department Commander, Robert N. Denham, and my best loved friend, well known to most of you as a friendly man and congenial Comrade. It is said that an honest man is the noblest work of God. Such was he. "Thought is deeper than all speech feeling deeper than all thought."

When you so honored me a year ago at Hannibal, it was my intention to carry out to the best of my ability plans for the benefit of the Department. In looking back, I see much that might have been improved upon, but were we always satisfied, there would be no progress. Owing to ill health and the many calls upon my time, over which I had no control, I did not make as many visits to the various Posts as I desired. However, those I did make were of a happy and encouraging nature.

Kansas City.

My visit to Kansas City on invitation to meet and co-operate with the Commander in Chief and Staff, and the Grand Army Committee and Citizens' Committee to make arrangements and plan a contract for the National Encampment to be held at Kansas City in August, was a very happy and very successful gathering of all the mentioned Comrades and citizens, meeting many old friends and making new ones. I would urge every Comrade to make every effort to attend this Encampment, as the expense would be small and it would work great good for the organization for which we stand.

National Encampment.

The Department was represented at the 49th National Encampment at Washington, D. C., by a full delegation of your representatives, six Past Department Commanders, two Department Officers, the Junior Vice-Commander of the Department being absent on account of sickness. The entire delegation was attentive to its duties. Comrade A. Whipple, of the Council of Administration, was detailed as Acting Assistant Adjutant General and discharged the duties in a very satisfactory manner. More than one hundred Comrades were in line in the parade, which was formed by Comrade W. H. Wormstead, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, to whom I desire to express my thanks for the very capable manner in which he discharged his duties.

Woman's Relief Corps.

I wish to heartily commend and endorse the work of the Woman's Relief Corps. It has endeavored to keep alive the spirit of patriotism by presenting to churches and schools the flag of our country. One Corps has presented fourteen flags to as many organizations. I have attended several of these presentations and have appreciated the lessons in patriotism they have taught. The Corps has been very diligent in looking up sick Comrades and aiding them and their families.

Ladies of the Grand Army.

These ladies have been of much assistance. They also have presented flags and rendered aid to sick and deserving soldiers and their families. They deserve our gratitude and commendation for their good work.

Sons of Veterans.

This organization has rendered willing and cheerful service whenever called upon. They have served as pallbearers and helped in many other ways, for which I desire to express my thanks.

Memorial Day.

I would urge a strict observance of Memorial Day and hope that every one able to do so will attend and help perpetuate that sweet and solemn service to our dead by strewing flowers and marking their graves with our flags.

Membership.

To encourage and keep up the membership of various Posts located in sparsely settled districts, I would recommend that they hold their meetings on Sunday afternoons instead of at nights, as

being more convenient to men of advanced years. These meetings could be held at the homes of Comrades so that there would be no Post expense other than the per capita tax. This would tend to keep and cement the bonds of Comradeship. For the Scriptures say, "As iron sharpeneth iron, so doeth the countenance of a man his friend."

I wish to emphasize the duty and necessity of looking after dropped members and those soldiers not belonging to any post. Those Comrades who have been blessed with this world's goods might help those less fortunate by passing to the Quartermaster the required per capita tax so that they need not be dropped on account of non-payment of dues. I know there are many of you liberal and generous enough to render such assistance.

In this connection I would also suggest that in many small and weak Posts a Comrade who can afford it might pay the per capita tax, which would be small, and thus save the Post from dissolution. Quite a number of Comrades are doing this now.

Safety Fund.

As you all know the Safety Fund was raised to meet the expenses of the Department, owing to decrease of membership and consequent decrease of the per capita tax. There have been two drawings made against this fund and I would recommend that any Comrade who feels inclined should send his contribution to the Assistant Adjutant General. I also would remind any Comrade making his will to make a small bequest to this fund. Past Department Commander Henry Fairback provided in his will that his Post dues should be paid by his estate during the existence of the Ransom Post. In such manner others might help in increasing this fund.

Now, my term of office draws to a close; it comes time to pass the gavel to my successor, whom you will elect to carry on the work of this organization, in some respects the greatest in the world. Never can its membership increase, ever growing less and less to the end. We served our country in its hour of peril and preserved it, as we trust, for ages to come, under the grand and noblest set of men for leaders that have ever risen to do the work of humanity, making all men free before the law and cementing the Union of our States with the blood of its heroic defenders. Besides the preservation of the country, four millions of people had stricken from their limbs the shackles of slavery and were permitted to walk as freemen. This is a great honor, Comrade, that comes to but few in the history of the world, to belong to a cause so definitely guided and blessed by the great Jehovah. Stop and think that the discovery of America by Columbus

pened one thousand years after the Norsemen's visit, while its settlement had been postponed until time was ripe. This was not mere accident. It gave time to inculcate in the heart of man the love of liberty and desire for self-government. The evolution of the principles of "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," has set this country as a beacon light upon a hill that is an example to other nations.

Special thanks are due my General Staff and Comrades for their kindly assistance. Very much do I appreciate the help of our Assistant Adjutant General, Thomas B. Rodgers. Though suffering from ill health he has attended to the duties of the Department with efficiency and fidelity. Words are not adequate to express the depth of my appreciation of all your kindness to me which has revealed the goodness of your hearts. It will always be a pleasant memory in days to come.

I remain yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JAMES B. DOBYNE,
Department Commander.

The Department Commander's address was referred by the Senior Vice-Commander to the following Committee: Past Department Commanders J. M. Williams, Leo Rassieur and Benj. Warner.

On motion of Comrade Hess of Post 23, the reports of all the other department officers were received and referred without reading to proper committees to be appointed by the Department Commander.

The Department Officers presented their Reports as follows:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER.

Trenton, Missouri, April 10, 1916.

THOMAS B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Comrade:

In compliance with rules and regulations, I have the honor to herewith hand you my report as Senior Vice Department Commander. I have done nothing worthy as Senior Vice Department Commander, but it seems necessary to do so to keep out of the guard house and be reduced to the ranks as a high private in the rear ranks. I had the pleasure of special invitation by Custer Post No. 7 at St. Joseph, Missouri, to attend the dedication of a beautiful Soldiers' monument on Flag Day, June 12, 1915, and represented the Department of Missouri there. I also want to extend my thanks to Custer Post No. 7 for courtesies extended to me while there. I attended the National Encampment at Washington, D. C., and enjoyed the same. I also want to extend my hearty thanks to our worthy Department Commander, J. B. Dobyne, for courtesies extended to me and other delegates. I wish to extend my hearty thanks to the Comrades of the Department of Missouri for the honor they conferred on me by electing me Senior Vice Department Commander. In conclusion, may we meet again, may our grand and noble Order keep up until the last Comrade has answered to the last roll call.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JOHN HACK,

Senior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Hannibal, Mo., April 26, 1916.

THOMAS B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

In making my report to the Department, I feel as if I have nothing to report, as I have not been called on by the Department. I was willing to do whatever there was for me to do for the good of the Order. I will state we did not forget Lincoln's Birthday, but had a nice program, speaking, music, etc.

The Reaper of Death has visited our Post and taken our Comrade, Jacob Hallenberger, who was with us full of life last year, and we miss him. Our loss is his gain.

The condition of Post No. 43 is good, having 15 new members in last year, which makes it 40 members all together, but sorry to say the Sons of Veterans have not held out, not doing as well as was expected of them.

In closing my brief report, I will thank Department Officers and Comrades for the courtesy extended to me during the last year, and hope to meet you all soon.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
L. K. AVERY,
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 4th, 1916.

JAMES B. DOBYNE, Department Commander:

Comrade: I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1915.

There were 252 Posts, December 31, 1914, which included 60 Posts remaining suspended.

Three Posts were suspended in 1915, viz.: Post 146, Avalon; Post 299, Mansfield; Post 442, Hume. Six Posts have surrendered their charters, viz.: Post 171, Victoria, Jefferson county; Post 173, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau county; Post 175, Seneca, Newton county; Post 286, Boonville, Cooper county; Post 406, Garrison, Christian county; Post 429, Elkland, Webster county. Post 61, Maitland, Holt county, formerly suspended, has been reorganized and reinstated. This makes the number of Posts 247, including 6 Posts remaining suspended.

Following is an abstract of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the year 1915:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1915.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1914.....	4,6
Gain by muster-in.....	40
Gain by transfer.....	31
Gain by re-instatement.....	79
Aggregate.....	4,8
Loss by death.....	163
Loss by honorable discharge.....	5
Loss by transfer.....	53
Loss by suspension.....	118
Loss by delinquent reports.....	16
Loss by surrender of charter.....	49

Number remaining in good standing, June 30, 1916.....4

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915.

Number in good standing, June 30, 1915.....	4,430
Gain by muster-in.....	42
Gain by transfer.....	43
Gain by re-instatement.....	67
Gain from delinquent reports.....	11
Aggregate.....	<u>163</u>
	4,593
Loss by death.....	135
Loss by honorable discharge.....	2
Loss by transfer.....	17
Loss by suspension.....	139
Loss by delinquent reports.....	13
	<u>306</u>
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1915...	4,287

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1914.....	4,684
Gain during year by muster-in.....	82
Gain during year by transfer.....	74
Gain during year by re-instatement.....	146
Gain during year by delinquent reports.....	11
Aggregate.....	<u>313</u>
	4997
Loss during year by death.....	298
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	7
Loss during year by transfer.....	70
Loss during year by suspension.....	257
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	29
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	49
	<u>710</u>
Number remaining in good standing, December 31, 1915	4,287
Number remaining suspended.....	220
Number dropped during year.....	99
Number of comrades relieved during year.....	73
Number not comrades relieved during year.....	27
Amount expended for relief during year.....	\$ 516.28
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1915.....	12,220.23
Cash invested in collaterals.....	18,150.00
Cash balance in relief funds.....	1,596.52
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	8,530.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	5,641.00
Total value of Post property.....	<u>\$46,137.75</u>

The Department is entitled to fourteen representatives to the National Encampment, in addition to the representative at large. Fifteen Alternates should be elected.

The names of the comrades nominated in the Encampment for representatives will be placed this year on the printed ballot in alphabetical order, beginning with the letter "Z."

The following Exhibits accompany and are made part of this report:

- Exhibit "A"—Receipts and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "B"—Statement of Safety Fund.
- Exhibit "C"—Statement of Supplies on hand.
- Exhibit "D"—Statement of Assets.
- Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths.

As our Judge Advocate has well said, "Peace and Harmony" has prevailed in our ranks. This has been the case for many years. Truly, we may be said to be a "happy family," bound together by ties of comradeship and affection which time alone can sever.

Our Safety Fund should not be lost sight of. It will naturally decrease unless kept up by occasional donations, either by comrades while living, or by legacies in their wills.

Not being able to attend the Encampment, I have made all the necessary preparations for the same and will be represented there by Comrade Whipple of the Council of Administration, who acts for me at the last National Encampment and whose efficient services I desire to gratefully acknowledge. Comrade Witter, Quartermaster of Ransom Post, has kindly consented to assist Comrade Whipple.

Regretting my inability to serve you to the fullest extent, I appreciate more highly the honor of my appointment. Your uniform courtesy and kindness will ever remain with me a pleasant memory. I wish you and through you all the Comrades abundant prosperity.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

THOS. B. RODGERS,

Assistant Adjt. Gen'l and Assistant Quartermaster Gen'l.

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1915.

Receipts.

Balance on hand December 31, 1914.....	\$ 84.24
Received from per capita tax.....	1,195.45
Received from requisitions.....	102.69
Received from interest on loans.....	225.00
Received from McPherson Post No. 4, donation.....	25.00
Received from sale of note.....	252.50
Received from Safety Fund, contributed by Department Commander Lowe	100.00
	<u>\$1,984.88</u>

Expenditures.

Expended for supplies.....	\$ 56.35
Expended for printing (2 years).....	411.33
Expended for rent	180.00
Expended for salary of A. A. G. (9 months).....	750.00
Expended for postage	59.42
Expended for expenses National Encampment....	55.25
Expended for per capita tax.....	159.50
Expended for premium on bond.....	7.50
Expended for insurance.....	14.15
Expended for floral wreaths (2).....	16.00
Expended for incidentals.....	34.07
Expended for money refunded collection of checks	24.25
Expended for traveling exp. L. K. Avery, C. of A..	6.80
Expended for traveling exp. Dept. Com. Lowe....	100.00
	<u>\$1,874.62</u>
	\$ 110.26

Note.—Department Commander Lowe having donated one hundred dollars, being the amount expended by him in traveling expenses, it was placed to the credit of the Safety Fund and then transferred to the General Fund.

EXHIBIT B.

SAFETY FUND CASH ACCOUNT.

Dec. 31, 1914. To amount in bank with interest on same....	\$104.06
June 30, 1915. To amount received from Dept. Commander Lowe, donated on account of traveling expenses.....	100.00
	<u>\$204.06</u>

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

May 25, 1915.	By account transferred to General Fund by resolution of Encampment.....	\$100.00	
June 30, 1915.	By amount transferred to General Fund account of traveling exp. Dept. Com. Lowe	100.00	\$200.00
Dec. 31, 1915.	Balance on hand (in bank).....		\$ 4.06

SAFETY FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Dec. 31, 1914.	To balance real estate loans.....	\$3,750.00
June 10, 1915.	By sale of note by resolution of Encampment May 15, 1915.....	250.00
	Balance of investments.....	\$3,500.00

EXHIBIT "C."

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

No.		Value.
8	Official badges	\$ 4.00
2	Membership badges	1.00
107	Buttoniers	10.70
77	Rank straps	30.80
100	Official ribbons	10.00
5	Rules and Regulations.....	.50
250	Applications	2.50
14	Cash Books	16.80
1	Blue Book	1.20
9	Rituals	4.50
17	Cards for rituals.....	.80
2	Service books .....	.60
4	Quartermaster's warrant books.....	3.40
1	Adjutant's descriptive book.....	1.00
40	Discharges	2.00
73	Leave of absence cards.....	3.00
10	Transfers	
20	Post Odes	
197	Department badges, plain.....	118
48	Department badges, silver top.....	48
1	Electrotype	
		\$261

EXHIBIT "D."

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1915.....	\$ 110.26
Office furniture, books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies	261.30
Ledger balances	27.95
Loans on real estate.....	3,500.00
Balance in Safety Fund (in bank).....	4.06
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	\$4,703.57

LIABILITIES.

To balance salary A. A. G. since paid.....	\$ 250.00
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	\$4,453.57

EXHIBIT "E."

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1915.

Post	
1	John Raferty, Pr. Co. C, 9 Kans. Inf.
	Jacob Hunt, Pr. Co. C, 40th Mo. Inf.
	J. P. Bollinger, Hospital Steward, U. S. A.
	P. J. Carmody, Sergt. Co. B, 42 Ill. Inf; Sergt. Co. E, 13th U. S. Inf.; Capt. 9th U. S. Art; Capt. Co. I, 11th U. S. C. Art.
	Jas. Mouldon, Pr. Co. F, 7th Minn. Inf.
	L. M. Shepard, Pr. Co. F, 4th U. S. Art.
	Phillip Stock, Pr. Co. I, 68th N. Y. Inf.
	H. Franklin, Pr. Co. G, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
	T. L. Van Achen, Pr. Co. G, 91st Ohio Inf.
	Henry Ameyer, Pr. 2d Wis. Lt. Art.
	Jas. L. Smith, Pr. Co. K, 13 Mich. Inf.
	Geo. Berwinkler, Pr. Co. G, 2d Md. Inf.
	H. Blanchard, Pr. Co. I, 33d Ky. Inf.
	Hy. Klinge, Pr. Co. C, 49th Ill. Inf.
	C. L. Thomas, Sergt. Co. D, 5th Ind. Cav.
	Arthur Dreifus, Pr. Co. B, 9th Ohio Inf.
	John Woods, Pr. Co. B, 155th Ill. Inf.
	Philip Wagner, Pr. Co. E, 1st U. S. R. C., Mo.
	Henry Hegel, Pr. Co. H, 4th U. S. R. C., Mo.
	John Bamberger, Pr. Co. B, Fremont Body Guard.
	J. H. Melven, Pr. Co. E, 14th Ill. Cav.
	Reece H. Jones, Pr. Co. B, 4th U. S. R. C., Mo.
	T. J. Upshaw, Pr. Co. G, 86th Ill. Inf.
	Geo. B. Smith, Pr. Co. H, 45th Pa. Mil.

- Henry B. Butcher, Lieut. and Capt. Co.'s I and H, 99th Pa. Inf.
 Joel H. Ard, Pr. Co. A, 50th Ind. Inf.
 Thos. W. A. Eckles, Pr. Co. A, 18th Mo. Inf.
 W. N. Carrol, Pr. Co. F, 43d Ill. Inf.
 Pat Regan, Pr. Co. I, 10th Ohio Inf.
 Jul. Herzog, Pr. Co. F, 1st Mo. Inf.
 Geo. A. Brown, Pr. Co. K, 5th Md. Inf.
 Benj. S. Colyer, Pr. 7th N. Y. Lt. Batt., Sergt. E, 15th N. Y.
 Eng.
- David Davidson, Pr. Co. K, 122 Ill. Inf.
 Wm. E. Dwinnell, Pr. Co. E, 157 N. Y. Inf.
 Wm. T. Gray, Pr. Co. D, 10th Ohio Inf.
 Sam'l O. Higgins, Pr. Co. L, 3d Ill. Cav.
 Henry Hoehle, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. Inf.
 John Hoschett, Pr. Co. D, 35th Ind. Inf.
 Lockwood Willhire, Pr. Co. B, 8th N. Y. Cav.
 John H. C. Jones, Pr. Co. F, 26th Mo. Inf.
 Jos. McCaffrey, Pr. Co. I, 19th Mass. Inf.
 Jas. Stuart, Pr. Co. K, 33d Mo. Inf.
 Thos. J. Updike, Pr. Co. E, 57th Ind. Inf.
 John Vincent, Pr. Co. D, 1st U. S. V. Eng.
 David L. Winton, Navy, Asst. Eng. Porter's Miss. Fleet.
- 2 Wm. McClellan, Pr. Co. E, 134 Pa. Inf.
 Wm. Rueweler, Pr. Co. D, 17 Mo. Inf. Vol.
 F. A. Moore, Pr. Co. K, 33 Mo. Inf.
 Christian Rief, Pr. Co. K, 15 Mo. Inf.
- 4 Chas. W. Clarke, 1st Lieut. 63d U. S. Col. Inf.
 Felex Valtz, Drummer Co. B, 187th N. Y. Inf.
 J. C. Settle, Saddler Co. I, 11 O. V. C.
 Adam Wolf, Pr. Co. G, 7 O. V. I.
 John D. White, Pr. Co. D, 93d Ill. Inf.
 Robert Seaton, Pr. Co. E, 136 O. V. I.
 Enoch Barnum, Sergt. Co. I, 1st Pa. Rifles.
- 5 Julius F. Rodgers, Pr. Co. K, 42d Mo. Inf.
 Casper Seiler, Pr. Co. G, 82d Ill. Inf.
 E. T. Fisher, Pr. Co. E, 11th Ill. Cav.
- 6 Fred Beuhrle, Pr. Co. E, 5th Mo. Inf.
- 7 Alex Harmer, Corp. Co. D, 14 Kans. Cav.
 Rudolph Haas, Pr. Co. D, 68th N. Y. Inf.
 Philip Mack, Pr. Co. D, 17th Vet. R. C.
 John Boose, Pr. Co. D, 39th Mo. Inf.
 C. J. Seemens, Surgeon, 70th Pa. Inf.
 Daniel Wilson, Pr. Co. D, 25 Mo. Inf.
 Thos. J. Taylor, Pr. Co. G, 20 Wis. Inf.
 Jas. M. Hillis, Pr. Co. I, 18th Mo. Inf.

- Wm. S. Coffield, Blacksmith, Co. L, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 Abraham Sechrest, Pr. Co. F, 33d Iowa Inf.
 Byron Gates, Pr. Co. D, 1st Minn. H. A.
 James Butterly, Pr. Co. F, 195th Ohio Inf.
 8 Marquis R. Winch, Pr. Co. E, 20th Ind. Inf.
 Robt. Espey, Pr. Co. G, 25th Ill. Inf.
 Wm. H. Slawson, Lieut. and Capt. Co. I, 11th N. Y. Cav.
 Jere T. Dew, Pr. Co. I, 145 Ill. Inf.
 Geo. H. Barse, Pr. Co. G, 153d N. Y. Inf.
 David C. King, Sergt. Co. H, 79th Ill. Inf.
 Henry C. McDougal, Pr. Co. A, 6th W. Va. Inf.
 10 Geo. Poulter, Pr. Co. H, 59th Ill. Inf.
 Geo. P. Huckeby, Sergt., Co. D, 1st Ind. Cav.
 S. L. Shackelford, Pr. Co. A, 27th Mo. Inf.
 Fred Fisher, Pr. Co. I, 128th Ind. Inf.
 Jas. Van Benthusen, Capt. Co. C, 18th Iowa Inf.
 11 Stewart Abbott, Pr. Co. K, 14th Mo. Inf.
 12 E. O. Sayle.
 13 Henry Liebig, Pr. Co. D, 2d U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Adam Hoffmann, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. Art.
 A. Willhartiz, Pr. Co. D, 2d Mo. Inf.
 Theo. Horman, Sergt. Co. F, 12th Mo. Inf.
 Martin Mueller, Pr. Co. A, 7th Mo. Art.
 Isaac Baer, Lieut., Co. B, 1st Mo. Inf.
 Anton Buder, Pr. Co. A, 3d U. S. R. C., Mo.
 Chas. E. Koken, Pr. Co. K, 41st Mo. Vol.
 Nathan Owen, Pr. Co. A, 3rd Ill. Cav.
 I. H. Wehrman, Pr. Co. L, 54th Mo. Inf.
 Louis H. Strube, Pr. Co. D, 4th Mo. Inf.
 John H. Goeb, Pr. Co. B, 4th U. S. Art.
 14 B. M. Golden, Co. H, 13th Kas. Inf.
 W. A. Hammer, Co. D, 12th Pa. Cav.
 B. F. Bailey, Lieut., Co. B, 50th Wis. Inf.
 W. B. Halyard, Quartermaster, 16th Kans. Inf.
 S. H. Sutter, Pr. Co. H, 75th Ill. Inf.
 J. H. Barber, Pr. Co. D, 122d Ill. Inf.
 W. H. Coleman, Pr. Co. A, 7th Ill. Inf.
 Jas. W. Hatfield, Corporal, Co. I, 46th Mo. Inf.
 Sidney J. Hire, Co. D, 46th Mo. Inf.
 G. B. Draper, A. Wilder's Batt.
 Samuel T. Fenn, Pr. Co. F, 1st Cal. Mt. Inf.
 Jas. A. Sturgeon, Pr. Co. A, 18th Wis. Inf.
 16 Jas. T. Berrian, Corp. Co. L, 2d Ill. Cav.
 H. P. Cristy, Pr. Co. D, 68th Ind. Inf.
 G. W. Robb, Pr. Co. D, 50th Ill. Inf.

- D. A. Jennison, Pr. Co. D, 15th Mass. Inf.
 Wm. Foland, Pr. Co. E, 39th Ind. Inf.
 Chas. Bishop, Pr. Co. G, 30th N. J. Inf.
- 17 P. H. Deppen, Pr. Co. E, 104th O. V. I.
 E. S. Vernon, Pr. Co. B, 53d Ohio Inf.
- 19 Chas. P. Harter, Capt. Co. L, 3d W. Va. Cav.
 Geo. H. Ward, Pr. Co. A, 140th N. Y. Inf.
- 21 D. C. Wilson, Pr. Co. A, 2d Minn. Inf.
 John Harrison, Pr.
 Thomas Wright, Pr.
 Wm. Glaze, Pr.
- 22 O. C. Snider, 1st Sergt., Co. H, 6th Ia. Inf.
 Harvey Moore, Pr. Co. B, 2d Kans. Cav.
 B. F. Ilgenfritz, Pr. Co. I, 45th Iowa Inf.
 Thomas Bruner, Corp. Co. G, 27th Mo. Inf.
- 23 Frank Schweikhaus, Pr. Co. D, 9 M. S. M. Cav.
- 26 Josephus Collins, Pr. Co. E, 11th Ind. Inf.
 H. H. Williams, Pr. Co. G, 126th Ill.
 E. P. Phelps, Pr. Co. A, 39th Mo. Inf.
 J. A. LaFevre, Pr. Co. E, 107 Ill. Inf.
- 32 Daniel C. Miller, Pr. Co. B, 137th Ill. Inf.
 James H. Scott, Pr. Co. C, 17th Ohio Inf.
 Welcome B. White, Pr. Co. C, 172d Ohio V. I.
- 33 W. H. Heiser, Pr. Co. G, 15th Ill. Inf.
- 42 Lobbin Wince, Pr. Co. K, 47th U. S. C. T.
 James Davis, Pr. Co. C, 62 U. S. C. T.
- 43 James Jones, Pr. Co. A, 11th Mo. Inf.
- 47 W. T. Lease, Corp. Co. G, 2d M. S. M. Cav.
- 48 Jno. W. Farris, Adjutant, 48th Ill. Inf.
- 53 Ira T. Bronson, 1st Lieut. Co. C, 5th N. H. V. I.
 B. F. Lapp, Navy.
- 54 John Probasco, Capt. Co. C, 42d Mo. Inf.
- 57 James A. Still, Pr. Co. F, 11th Mo. Cav.
 Ben F. Turpion, Pr. Co. F, 42d Mo. Inf.
 James Sufflebeam, Pr. Co. F, 18th Mo. Inf.
- 58 Henry Thomas.
 W. V. Ritter.
- 64 Philip Swarslander.
- 67 W. N. Boyer, Pr.
 W. S. Cannon, Capt.
 J. W. Hoover, Pr. Co. A, 5th Ia. Cav.
- 69 B. C. Hammond, Major, 5th Wis. Inf.
 Jos. Ward, Pr. Co. M, 11th Pa. Cav.
 T. P. Locke, Pr. Co. I, 12th R. I. Inf.
 Thos. Young, Pr. Co. B, 38th Ind. Vol.

- 72 W. S. Boyer, Pr. Co. F, 43d Mo. Inf.
 Martin Ryan, Pr. Co. B, 23d Mo. Inf.
 R. V. Young, Corp. Co. A, 42d O. V. I.
 F. M. Madden, Pr. Co. B, 53d Ind. Inf.
- 75 Wm. Lask, Sergt., Co. L, 2d M. S. M. Cav.
 Barton C. Anderson, Corp., Co. F, 80th Ill. Inf.
 Gilbert H. Turner, Pr. Co. C, 115th Ill. Inf.
- 76 A. E. Woodruff, Pr. Co. A, 153d Ind. Inf.
- 78 Wallace Weether, Pr. Co. A, 99th Ill. Inf.
 Robt. Campbell, Pr. Co., I, 4th Pa. Cav.
- 81 Riley Moon, Pr. Co. K, 34th Ind.
 James F. Seaton, Pr. Co. C, 13th Mo. Cav.
- 86 Geo. Cook, Pr., Co. A, 28th Wis. Inf.
- 96 Ed. Hathaway, Pr. Co. E, 42d Ind.
 Henry Kolb.
- 97 John Sting, Sergt., Co. H, 10th Mo. Cav.
- 107 Gallus Koenig, Pr. Co. H, 32d Ind. Inf.
 Fred Brinker, Drummer, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
 Wm. Freese, Pr. Co. A, 5th Mo. Inf.
 Wm. Kassing, Pr. Co. F, 9th Ill.
- 110 Royal M. Hiller, Pr. Co. H, 45th Ia. Inf.
 Jas. W. McCarty, Pr. Co. K, 51 Mo. Inf.
 John La Frenze, Pr. Co. I, 21st Mo. Inf.
- 124 J. B. Willcott.
 W. W. Mock, Corp. Co. D, 23d Mo. Inf.
- 119 John Coruthers, Pr. Co. B, 75th O. V. I.
 Thomas M. Cox, Pr. Co. K, 120th Ind.
- 131 D. B. Jordan, Col. U. S. C., H. A.
 J. A. Sudborough, Capt. Co. G, 17th Mich. Inf.
 A. V. B. Taylor, Mus. Co. E, 17th Ill. Inf.
 A. P. Barnes, Pr. Co. A, 57 N. Y. Inf.
 Geo. Vantilburg, Pr. Co. A, 7th Pa. Reserves.
 Harry King, 1st Lieut. Co. F, 50th Ill. Inf.
 Chas. Schultze, Sergt. Co. H, 82d Ill. Inf.
 J. C. Rankin, 1st Lieut. and Quartermaster, 65th Ill. Inf.
 Samuel J. Niccolls, Chaplain, 126th Penn. Inf.
 James T. Kennedy, Pr. 85th E. M. M.
 Ira C. Terry, Capt. Co. I, 55th Ohio V. I.
 David K. Myers, Sergt. Co. A, 164th O. V. I.
 Frank I. Greeley, Sergt. Co. B, 1st N. H. Cav.
 Daniel W. Turnure, Sergt. Co. H, 31st Mo. Inf.
 Peter E. White, Chief Bugler, 2d Mass. Cav.
 Crockett Goathe, Pr. Co. A, 38th Ill. Inf.
 Jacob Yeager, Corp. Co. B, Fremont's Body Guard.
 Calvin W. Fitch, Pr. Co. A, 45th Mass. V. I., and 1st Lieut.,
 Co. H, 76th U. S. C. T.

- 141 Ballard Cox, Pr. Co. G, State Militia.
 145 C. F. Lawbaugh, Pr. Co. E, 51st O. V. I.
 W. B. Finney, Pr. Co. B, 9th Tenn.
 164 R. C. Moorehouse, Sergt. Co. G, 36th Wis. Inf.
 C. Fink, Capt. Co. A, 27th Ill. Inf.
 172 Thos. P. Brown, Capt. Co. C, 17th Ind. Inf.
 179 L. Drummond, Pr. Co. C, 145th O. V. I.
 P. Inglehart, Pr. Co. C, 31st Mo. Vol.
 A. Tinney, Pr. Co. I, 21st Mo. Vol.
 A. Stevens, Pr. Co. I, 21st Mo. Vol.
 P. H. Bennett, Pr. Co. A, 2d O. V. I.
 185 W. G. Jones, Pr. Co. D, 34th Ky. Inf.
 190 W. W. Atkinson, Corp. Co. H, 26 Ky. Inf.
 Jno. P. Walker, Capt. Co. E, 33d Pa. Inf.
 J. M. Tenure, Drummer Co. F, 92d Ill. Inf.
 210 Jas. A. King, Pr. Co. A, 11th Mo. Inf.
 Louis Lysaght, Sergt. Cos. A and D, 2d and 12th Mo. Inf.
 Edwin Masters, Pr. Co. A, 1st La. Cav.
 M. Caplinger, Pr. Co. D, 8th Mo. Cav.
 J. B. Johnson, Pr. Co. B, 119 Ill. Vol. Inf.
 Tom Broswell, Pr. 13th Mo. Cav.
 215 J. W. Alexander, Pr. Co. I, 2d Ind. Ter.
 David Burns, Pr. Co. D, 1st Wis. Cav.
 Aug. Heinrich, Pr. Co. E, 50th Mo. Inf.
 218 Wm. R. Browning, Pr. Co. C, 43d Mo. Inf.
 221 R. M. Griggs, 1st Lieut. Co. B, 3d Mo. Cav.
 Mathias Fisher, Pr. Co. B, 91st Ill. Inf.
 223 Thos. Mathis, Pr. Co. G, 23d Mo. Inf.
 232 J. L. Coughenour, Pr. Co. F, 11th Iowa Cav.
 240 Julius Sombart, Lieut. Co. A, 52d E. M. M.
 247 N. H. Hamblin, Sergt. Co. I, 123 Ill. Inf.
 T. J. Person, Pr. Co. E, 25th Ind. Inf.
 268 Andrew L. Gibson, Pr. Co. A, 19th Ind. Inf.
 273 Gabriel Blanc, Pr. Co. C, 47th Mo. Inf.
 John Huff, 2d Lieut. Co. G, 29th Mo. Inf.
 276 Hugo Klueber, Surgeon, 44th Mo. Inf.
 F. M. Redmon, Pr. Co. I, 45th Mo. Inf.
 293 Wm. Brown, Pr. Co. A, 4th Mo. Inf.
 David W. Rodgers, Sergt. Co. B, 47th Mo. Inf.
 320 H. Tennemeyer, Pr. Co. E, 4th Mo. Inf.
 324 John Schbaurn, Corp. Co. G, 17th Mo. Inf.
 L. G. Landing, Corp. Co. B, 3d Md. Cav.
 326 Jos. Bader, Pr. Co. K, 21st Mo. Inf.
 331 John B. Jones, Pr. Co. E, 45th Mo. Inf.
 340 John Mettis, Pr. Co. A, 26th Mich. Inf.

- 343 Geo. Carter, Pr. Co. C, 65th U. S. C. T.
John Anderson, Pr. Co. D, 62d U. S. C. T.
Thos. Daisy, Pr. Co. C, 14th U. S. C. T.
Wash Reed, Pr., 117th U. S. C. T.
- 348 Samuel R. Maclay, Capt. Co. E, 31st Mo. Inf.
Philip R. Van Frank, 1st Lieut. and Quartermaster 12th M. S.
M. Cav.
- 374 James Bevens, Pr. Co. C, 12th Mo. Inf.
- 375 John A. Charles, Pr. Co. D, 102 O. V. I.
- 420 W. A. Meloan, Capt.
- 425 Sam'l Brown, Pr. Co. D, Osage Reg. H. G.
- 433 J. L. Parkyn, Co. G, 20th Wis. Inf.
- 479 Dan'l Blankenship, Pr. Co. K, 6th Mo. Cav.
- 496 Frank Lafser, Pr. Co. F, 4th Mo. Cav.
J. H. Stupp, Pr. Co. G, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
Ben Merkel, Pr. Co. I, 1st Lt. Art.
- 512 J. L. Scott.
- 544 Jos. Carter, Pr. Co. C, 65th U. S. C. T.
- 551 J. Davis, Pr. Co. A, 35th Mo. Inf.
- 554 Henry C. Compton, Mus. Co. F, 29th Ill. Inf.
Andrew Lauer, Pr. Co. E, 2d Mo. Inf.
Sigmund Grable, Pr. Co. F, 40th Mo. Inf.
- 574 David L. Green, Pr.
- 580 John Jackson, Pr. Co. E, 7th M. S. M. Cav.
- 582 Daniel Hertzog, Pr. Co. A, 128th Ia.
- 592 S. C. Hayes, Corp. Co. D, 8th M. S. M.
Alfred Rickman, Sergt. Co. A, 6th Mo. V. Cav.
- 593 Louis Eckart, Pr. Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.
Jacob Spiess, Pr. Co. F, 4th Mo. Inf.
John G. Kain, Pr. Co. E, 187th O. V. I.
- 594 Thos. F. Shephard, Pr. Co. G, 13th Ill. Cav.
J. J. Brim, Pr. Co. I, 68th O. V. Inf.
Brazel Prewit, Pr. Co. L, 7th Ohio Cav.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

St. Louis, Mo., April 26, 1916.

THOMAS B. RODGERS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor of making this my report as Chaplain of the Department of Missouri for the year ending May, 1916. The year has passed thus far very quietly in all its departments, except that the Great Reaper has been unusually busy in mustering out our Comrades, both high and low, among whom has been our very worthy and distinguished Comrade and Past Commander, Robert N. Denham, who passed away very suddenly to the great camping ground beyond. Very thankful that all our active officers have enjoyed good health doing their daily duties.

I herewith send a copy of my Annual Report as sent to Chaplain-in-Chief:

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending service.....	105
Number of sermons preached.....	35
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	40
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	35
Number of Comrades at such services.....	2,400

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	100
Number of Comrades participating in such services.....	4,000
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	12
Number of graves decorated.....	27,100
Number of graves marked with headstones.....	77
Number of schools engaged in Memorial Day services.....	7
Number of pupils participating.....	2,300
Number of organizations participating.....	4
Number of addresses delivered on Memorial Day.....	3
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	4
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	1
Number of Posts having burial lots.....	1

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
T. H. HAGERTY,
Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Thos. B. Rodgers,

Springfield, Mo., May 4th, 1916.

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Missouri.

Dear Comrade: The Department of Patriotic Instruction begs to present the humble results of its work during the past year. Our work has been quiet and uneventful. We are finding by experience many things which we may do, small in themselves, yet their aggregate enables us to keep our work before the public. Our National Ensign, "Old Glory," is gradually taking an exalted place in the minds and hearts of the American people. The nation as a whole has come to recognize more fully that our flag stands for all that is American in the way of loyalty and human rights. The flag not only floats from the mast head of our ships, our public buildings and our school houses, but it has invaded the private homes of our people and has become a family possession, which can be "handled" by the members of the family. Thus it has become more and more "our flag." I have received reports from forty-eight local Posts and from these I have gathered the following data:

Thirty-three Posts attended "Memorial Sunday Services" in a body, at some church or hall. Churches vie with each other in extending invitations to worship with them.

Thirty Posts attended "Memorial Day Services" as a body, and marched from the gateway to the platform or place of assembly. The speaker's stand is always decorated with flowers and the flag.

The Department has urged that a flag be placed at the head of every comrade's grave, together with flowers.

Ten Posts reported that children marched with them to the cemeteries and assisted in placing flowers.

A school house or district that does not possess a flag is exceptional. If the board of education do not provide a flag, some patriotic man or woman presents one.

Two Posts erected iron staffs in the public cemetery, from which the flag might be seen floating from a distance.

Fifteen Posts reported flag presentations. Springfield claims to be the banner town in the erection of iron flag poles. Fourteen have been erected during the year in the ward school yards. The flag is more readily seen from a twenty-five or thirty-foot pole than from the top of the building and it is more easily hoisted or lowered.

Twenty Posts reported the observance of Lincoln or Washington Day. Fourteen Posts reported the observance of a Post Memorial Service at which the life and service of each departed Comrade was briefly reported.

Ten Posts reported the recognition of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Four Posts reported the presentation of a flag to the Sunday School of the church with which they worshiped.

Many Posts invited the children to assist in placing decorations on the graves.

We have urged the Posts to preserve perfected lists of buried Comrades so that our successors may know where to locate them when we are gone.

Trenton Post reported the erection of a costly monument to the soldiers of the Civil War in that city.

Quite a number of the Posts reported the presentation of numerous addresses by soldiers and public men along patriotic lines.

Patriotism is not waning in our nation or state. The churches with an educated ministry recognize that patriotism, the love of one's country, is akin to religion. A man who does not love his country makes a poor Christian.

The press has freely offered its columns to intelligent contributions on public service and civic righteousness and patriotic sentiment.

The expense of the Department for the year has been \$31.00. This has been met by individual Posts.

The war in Europe with its dreadful havoc and the waste of billions of treasure, has led Americans to look at their own country with glistening eyes and thankful hearts. Quite a number of mayors have made proclamations on Memorial Day Services.

The Patriotic Instructor, with his staff, returns grateful thanks to the Department for all courtesies. Our work has felt the loss of many of our leaders, who aided us by word and deed. Who shall fill the place of the noble Robert N. Denham?

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

WILLIAM C. CALLAND,
Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

California, Mo., Apr. 20, 1916.

Col. Thos. B. Rodgers,

A. A. G., Dept. of Missouri, G. A. R., St. Louis.

Dear Comrade: As Judge Advocate of the Department, gives me great pleasure to report that during the past year "peace and harmony" has prevailed, and no matter of importance has been presented for my consideration, which is certainly a matter of congratulation.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
Judge Advocate.

On motion of Comrade Rassieur of Post 1 it was ordered that the rules be suspended and the Encampment proceed to the election of a delegate-at-large to the National Encampment, and the nomination of Representatives and alternates to the National Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur in an eloquent speech placed in nomination Comrade Theophile Dubrouillet of Post 97 for representative at large. No other nomination appearing for that position, Comrade Beach of Post 7 moved that the Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Dubrouillet. The motion was seconded, put to vote and carried. The ballot was cast as ordered and Comrade Dubrouillet was declared duly elected Representative at large. The following named Comrades were placed in nomination for Representatives to the National Encampment:

Alfred Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City.
 Jacob Staphens, Post 145, Eldon.
 S. W. Serl, Post 4, Kansas City.
 J. W. Root, Post 241, Galt.
 R. M. Richardson, Post 7, St. Louis.
 Andrew Porter, Post 47, Green City.
 H. W. Plumer, Post 2, St. Louis.
 W. M. Pickell, Post 32, Hamilton.
 J. C. Pierce, Post 22, Kirksville.
 W. H. Morse, Post 197, Warrenton.
 W. F. Moll, Post 8, Kansas City.
 C. E. Miller, Post 131, St. Louis.
 J. K. Merrifield, Post 131, St. Louis.
 Jefferson Lee, Post 22, Kirksville.
 C. P. Hess, Post 23, Macon.
 Jno. Hack, Post 72, Trenton.
 O. H. Guffin, Post 8, Kansas City.
 H. F. Glahn, Post 37, Clarence.
 Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis.
 Chas. Englehart, Post 76, Kidder.
 G. A. Douglas, Post 594, Warrensburg.
 J. C. Driver, Post 145, Eldon.
 C. W. Corcoran, Post 291, Novelty.
 P. F. Coghlan, Post 1, St. Louis.
 R. D. Cramer, Post 179, Memphis.
 Wm. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield.
 J. W. Beach, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 W. Baker, Post 68, Green Ridge.
 Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly.

Comrade S. D. Webster moved that the 14 candidates receiving the highest number of votes for Representatives shall be declared elected Representatives and that the 15 candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected alternates. The motion was duly seconded and adopted.

A visiting delegation from the Sons of Veterans was admitted and conducted to the platform. Mr. E. E. Schoening of the delegation was introduced and addressed the Encampment, bringing the greetings of the Sons of Veterans. The address was eloquent and interesting, and was generously applauded. The Department Commander called upon Comrade C. P. Hess of Post 23 to respond to the greetings of the Sons of Veterans, which he did in a manner that was highly commendable and pleasing to all who heard him.

Following the address of Comrade Hess, the Encampment took a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock p. m. the Encampment reassembled and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Mrs. Hattie Warner, Past Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, was introduced and presented the greetings of that order and spoke briefly of the work they are doing along patriotic lines and in perpetuating the memory of veterans of the Civil War. By direction of the Department Commander, Comrade W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor, responded in a very fitting manner to the address of Mrs. Warner.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett presented and read the following letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. Burton, which was listened to with profound interest:

Portland, Oregon, May 11, 1916.
Department Commander and Comrades,
Kirksville, Missouri.

Dear Comrades:

Greetings and good wishes for a pleasant and profitable campment. A year ago your resolution of kindly remembrance and good will found me in pain and suffering and nigh unto great divide. It was both a tonic and an inspiration. Many, many thanks.

Owing to a good constitution, the watchful care and nurture of a good wife and the glorious climate of Portland, this leaves me in fairly good health, wanting only in a little strength.

I remember what a grand encampment we held at Kirksville several years ago. I recall Warner's apostrophy to McGinnis as he descended to the bottom of the sea, and the accompanying rendition by Rasseur's selected choir of that most patriotic and patriotic of all our National anthems, "There's a hole, there's a hole in the bottom of the sea."

Nor can I, nor you, forget the form and features of grand old Chaplain Ferril, whose kindly humor adorned his wisdom and whose humanity was the cornerstone of his religion.

"None knew him but to love him,
None will name him but to praise."

Of course, Chaplain Hagerty will be with you, to invoke the Divine blessing, admonish the wayward, comfort the sorrowful and deliver a gavel to the outgoing Commander. He will not wish to live as long as Methuselah, but may he live as long as he wishes, and who as long as he lives will enjoy the respect, the honor and love of us all because we recognize in him not only the loyal Comrade, but the faithful follower of the Master whose efficient servant he has been and is.

I sincerely hope that Warner, Rassieur and dear old Tom Rodgers and many of the other Past Commanders will be with you to encourage you by their presence and advise you in your deliberations.

Since I met with you in Department Encampment two years ago Ruby, Bronson, Dreifus, Dew and Denham have been laid to rest. What grand Comrades were they! Peace to their ashes, tears to their memories.

I regret that I shall not be with you. The journey is too long and it is best that I should spend the summer where I am. However, unless the unlooked for occurs, I shall report at Missouri Headquarters at the National Encampment where I hope to meet and greet you one and all.

Fraternally,

C. G. BURTON.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of the following Committees:

On the Reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: Wm. F. Moll, P. F. Coghlan and Alex. McCandless.

On the Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders: Thomas J. Dockery and Charles P. Hess.

On the Reports of the Department Chaplain, the Department Patriotic Instructor and Chief Mustering Officer: John Hack, P. H. Callahan and Alfred Zartman.

To present the greetings of the Encampment to the Woman's Relief Corps: Wm. Lowe and J. W. Beach.

To present the greetings of the Encampment to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: O. H. Guffin, L. K. Avery and H. Munchrath.

To present the greetings of the Encampment to the Sons of Veterans: R. D. Cramer, S. W. Serl and W. M. Seaber.

On motion of Comrade Rassieur, which was duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that all communications and resolutions presented to the Encampment be referred without reading to the Committee on Resolutions.

The following named Comrades were appointed tellers to receive and count the votes for Representatives to the National Encampment: S. D. Webster, Post 131; Christ. Fricke, Post 1; L. C. Hesse, Post 13; Alex. McCandless, Post 5; P. H. Callahan, Post 131; Benj. Warner, Post 4, and Adam Menges, Post 13.

The Department Commander declared that the next business in order was the election of Department Officers for the ensuing year and the first in order was the election of Department Commander.

Nominations being in order, Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur presented the name of Wm. H. Wormstead of Post 8, Kansas City, in an address that was eloquent in praise of the record that Comrade Wormstead has made as a soldier, as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and as a citizen. He called attention to the fact that the National Encampment is to be held this year in Kansas City, the home of Comrade Wormstead, and that it is important that the Commander of this Department be not only a man of ability, but that he be on the ground and lend his aid and services in the arrangements for the entertainment and success of the great gathering. He declared that Comrade Wormstead was especially fitted for the office of Department Commander for the ensuing year. The nomination of Comrade Wormstead was seconded by a number of Comrades of various Posts, and a motion was made to close the nominations and elect Comrade Wormstead. The motion was declared to be out of order and other nominations were called for. Past Department Commander Sterrett presented the name of Alex. McCandless of Post 5, Moberly, but Comrade McCandless declined and seconded the nomination of Comrade Wormstead. He moved that nominations close, which motion was again declared out of order.

Comrade J. M. London of Post 42, in a most eloquent and eulogistic speech, placed in nomination the name of Comrade Thomas J. Dockery of Post 22, Kirksville. The nomination of Comrade Dockery was also seconded by a number of Comrades from various parts of the hall. No other nominations appearing, the nominations were closed and the following Comrades were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots for Department Commander, to-wit: Benj. Warner, R. D. Cramer and J. M. Williams.

The tellers collected the ballots for Department Commander and retired to count the same, and the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of a Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Farwell Walton, Commander of Post No. 131, placed in nomination the name of Thomas J. Dockery of Kirksville.

Comrade Rassieur presented the name of Alex. McCandless of Moberly. Comrade Dockery withdrew his name and seconded

the nomination of Comrade McCandless. There being no other nomination, Comrade McCandless was elected by the unanimous vote of the Encampment.

The tellers then reported that the total number of votes cast for Department Commander was 130, necessary to a choice, 66; that Comrade Wormstead received 87 votes and Comrade Dockery received 43. Comrade Wormstead was thereupon declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year. Comrade Dockery moved that the election of Comrade Wormstead be made unanimous, which was duly seconded and carried. Comrade Dockery then escorted Comrade Wormstead to the platform and introduced him in a speech in which he pledged himself and his post to a loyal support of the administration. He evinced great earnestness, and said that though he had withdrawn three times in favor of other Comrades and considered himself capable of conducting the business of the Department, even though the National Encampment was to be in Kansas City and he was located in Kirksville, nevertheless he was in no degree sore and would support the Department Commander with all his energy.

Comrade Wormstead acknowledged with feeling the generosity of Comrade Dockery and the confidence of the Department. He spoke of the work to be done and the difficulties to be overcome at Kansas City in connection with the National Encampment and exhorted the Comrades to take off their coats and hustle.

The Encampment proceeded with the business of the election of officers. Comrade Dockery nominated George F. Williams of Post 22 for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. There being no other nominations, Comrade Williams received the unanimous vote of the Encampment and was declared duly elected.

Comrade Dr. Thomas S. Hawley of Post 131 was nominated for Medical Director. There being no other nomination for that office, he was unanimously elected.

Department Chaplain Rev. T. H. Hagerty, who has for many years so faithfully and efficiently served the Department as its Chaplain, was nominated for re-election and was unanimously elected by a rising vote of the Encampment.

The following named Comrades were nominated for members of the Council of Administration: Alfred Zartman, Post 4; A. Whipple, Post 1; Francis P. Becker, Post 13; John Michel, Post 7; Simon Grove, Post 76, and C. W. Corkran, Post 221. Alfred Zartman withdrew his name, leaving only five names before the Encampment. There being five to be elected, on motion duly seconded and carried, the five Comrades whose names were before the Encampment were unanimously elected by acclamation members of the Department Council of Administration.

The Encampment then took a recess for the purpose of taking part in the parade, to reassemble as soon as the parade was over.

Immediately after the parade the Encampment reassembled and was called to order by the Department Commander, who announced that the next business in order was the balloting for Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment.

While the tellers were collecting the ballots, attention was called to the errors and omissions on the printed ballots that were being voted. The errors and omissions were pointed out and corrected and the omissions were supplied. The tellers were ordered to destroy all ballots that they had collected and begin anew with the balloting, which was done. When all the ballots had been collected, the tellers retired to canvass the vote.

Comrade Dockery here announced that there would be an automobile ride about the city, which would take place immediately after the final close of the Encampment. He also announced that there would be a reception by the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps at the Dockery Hotel at 7 o'clock p. m., and a campfire would be held in Convention Hall at 8 o'clock p. m. He also took that occasion to inform the Comrades that the splendid auditorium in which the Encampment was being held had been spontaneously offered the Department by the unanimous vote of the School Board.

Comrade J. W. Beach of Post 7 moved that the sympathy and fraternal greetings be transmitted by telegraph to Comrades Thos. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, and to Rev. Comrade T. H. Hagerty, Department Chaplain.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Encampment then adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Thursday, the 18th.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment met and was called to order by the Department Commander at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, May 18.

The presence at the outpost of Mrs. Carrie Alexander-Bahrenberg, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, was announced, and the Department Commander detailed Comrades R. sieur, Sterrett and Dockery as an escort to receive Mrs. Bahrenberg and escort her to the platform. She was enthusiastically received by the Comrades standing while she was being conducted to the platform.

Upon being formally presented to the Encampment, Mrs. Bahrenberg made a spirited speech of which the members of the Encampment showed a lively appreciation. She spoke as follows:

Department Commander Dobyne and Comrades of the Department of Missouri:

In behalf of more than one hundred sixty thousand loyal women, banded together all over this land in the Woman's Relief Corps, I bring you greetings and good will. As you well know, this organization dates back to the time when the first shot was fired on Ft. Sumter and the first battlefield was strewn with dead and wounded soldiers. Societies of women sprang up all over the North and they did all they possibly could to alleviate the suffering and wants of the "Boys in Blue." After the war was over the societies disbanded, thinking their work was done. Not so, however.

On April 6, 1866, the Grand Army of the Republic was organized at Decatur, Illinois. They tried to meet the demands made upon them by needy Comrades, but found they were unable to meet the task. In 1883, when Paul Vandevoort was commander-in-chief, he invited the women who had worked during the days of the Rebellion to meet in Denver with a view of organizing a society to help the veterans. There and then was organized what is today the largest and grandest patriotic and charitable association in the world—the Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to the G. A. R.

We have expended over five millions of dollars for relief of Comrades, and their dependent ones, and in the observance of Memorial Day. To the W. R. C. belongs the honor of having introduced patriotic teaching in the public schools. We have placed flags on schools and in school rooms—over eight thousand flags in churches and Sunday Schools, and now the W. R. C. is placing flags in the many court rooms where naturalization takes place.

These are only a few of the many things the W. R. C. has done and now it is engaged in teaching patriotism and love of country among our children and the communities in which we live.

I shall not consume your time any further than to say that there is nothing the G. A. R. asks of the W. R. C. that is not readily granted. Just as they have known in the past, so they know now where they can obtain help. When the Quartermaster General was short of funds for the Southern Memorial with which to decorate the graves of veterans on Southern battlefields, then the W. R. C. sent \$1,000 and promised more if needed. All honor to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander made a brief response to her address, thanking her for her visit and her cheering words. The escort then conducted her from the hall, the Comrades rising and saluting as she passed out.

Senior Vice Department Commander Hack announced that on Flag Day, June 14, in the City of Trenton, a soldiers' monument, paid for by money raised by the loyal women of that city, would be unveiled with elaborate ceremonies and invited all to attend.

Reports of Committees being in order, the proceedings of the Council of Administration was presented as follows:

To the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

The Council of Administration submits the following report:

The Council met at Kirksville, Missouri, May 16th, 1916, at 3:15 p. m., pursuant to the call of the Department Commander. The following members were present: Department Commander, James B. Dobyne; Senior Vice Commander, John Hack; Junior Vice Commander, L. K. Avery; Elective Members, Frances P. Becker, A. Whipple, C. W. Corkran, Alfred Zartman.

The following proceedings were had: On motion, the Department Commander was authorized to suspend the following posts, Post No. 46, De Soto; Post No. 65, Mound City; Post 128, Salem, Post 181, St. John; Post 458, Bowe Mills.

On motion the Council recommended to the encampment that \$100 or so much as might be necessary, be appropriated to defray traveling expenses of the Department Commander.

On motion the following was adopted:
Resolved by the Council of Administration, that it recommend for adoption by the Department Encampment, the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, that the sum of \$250.00 be appropriated out of the Safety Fund and carried into the General Fund for the Department, to defray the expenses thereof, the same being less than ten per cent of such Safety Fund, and being absolutely necessary for such purpose, and that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to sell, at par, the smallest note belonging to such Safety Fund which will realize the cash for such appropriation.

Carried unanimously.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Department Commander to audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

St. Louis, Mo., May 16th, 1916.

J. B. Dobyne, Department Commander,

Dear Sir and Comrade: The undersigned committee of the Council of Administration, appointed 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 year ending, December 31st, 1915, and found proper vouchers for all expenditures, and find the balance on hand December 31st, 1915, to be one hundred and ten dollars and twenty-six cents (\$110.26).

We beg leave to commend the Assistant Adjutant General for the very careful and concise manner of keeping his accounts.

The \$100.00 appropriated for use of Department Commander has not been used and still remains in the treasury.

(Signed) FRANCIS P. BECKER,
A. WHIPPLE,

Committee.

On motion the proceedings as presented were approved and the recommendations therein contained were adopted.

Past Department Commander Williams presented the report of the Committee on the Department Commander's address, as follows:

To the Department of Missouri G. A. R.:

Comrades: Your committee to whom was referred the address of our Department Commander, begs leave to submit its report as follows: After careful examination of same, we specially commend that part of said address in regard to restoration to membership of dropped members in order that its membership be kept intact as far as possible. We also commend that part of said address in regard to the "Safety Fund" of the order. In fact, the entire address is approved and commended.

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

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
BENJ. WARNER,

Committee.

On motion the report was approved and the committee was discharged.

Comrade T. J. Dockery of the committee to whom was referred the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders presented the following which was on motion adopted and the committee discharged:

We, the Committee on the reports of Senior and Junior Vice Commanders would most respectfully report that we congratulate the Senior Vice Commander for keeping out of the guard house by attending to all of his duties in a becoming soldierly spirit; and that the Junior Vice Commander has taken extraordinary care and caution not to have forgotten Lincoln's birthday and for his other many soldierly qualities.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

THOS. J. DOCKERY,
CHARLES P. HESS,

Committee.

Comrade W. F. Moll, from the Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, presented the following report, which was on motion adopted and the committee discharged:

Kirksville, Mo., May 17, 1916.

To the Commander and Comrades of the Department of Missouri,
G. A. R.:

Your Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to say they have examined the report and find it a faithful record of the transactions of the Department during the past year.

WM. F. MOLL,
P. F. COGHLAN,
ALEX. McCANDLESS,

Committee.

Comrade John Hack, from the Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Department Chaplain and the Department Patriotic Instructor presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted and the committee discharged:

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

We, the Committee selected to report on the work of the Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor, having read the reports, find that they have performed their offices in a good and faithful manner, with honor to themselves and profit to the organization.

JOHN HACK,
P. H. CALLAHAN,
ALFRED ZARTMAN,
Committee.

Comrade R. D. Cramer, from the Committee appointed to visit the Sons of Veterans and to convey to them the greetings of the Encampment, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted and the committee discharged:

We, your Committee, appointed to respond to cordial and social call of the Sons of Veterans upon this State Encampment, would beg leave to report that we have done that duty and glad to report that we found them enjoying a very entertaining and very interesting gathering of the Camps of the State, and with patriotic and hopeful prospects for the future.

R. D. CRAMER,
W. M. SEABER,
Committee.

Past Department Commander Wm. Lowe, from the Committee appointed to visit the Woman's Relief Corps and extend to them the greetings of this Department, presented the following report which was on motion adopted and the committee discharged:

We, the Committee appointed to extend the greetings of the Department to the Department Convention of the W. R. C., beg leave to report that we have performed that pleasant duty and that they are continuing to do the grand work for which they are organized.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. LOWE,
J. W. BEACH,
Committee.

Comrade L. K. Avery, from the Committee appointed to visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, presented the following report which was on motion adopted and the committee discharged:

The Committee to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. respectfully report that they visited the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and extended the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic. We were cordially received and found an enthusiastic, loyal body of Ladies, ever willing to co-operate with the G. A. R. in all that would hand down the sentiment to their children and be loyal to Home, State and Nation by always being prepared for an emergency.

L. K. AVERY,
O. H. GUFFIN,
Committee.

Comrade S. D. Webster then announced that the tellers have canvassed the votes for Representatives to the Fiftieth National

Encampment and were ready to report the result. The report was received and the result was announced as follows:

The 14 receiving the highest number of votes were:

John Hack, Trenton.....86	J. K. Merrifield, St. Louis....67
J. W. Beach, St. Joseph.....82	W. H. Morse, Warrenton....63
J. C. Pierce, Kirksville.....79	H. W. Plumer, St. Louis....62
J. W. Root, Galt.....69	W. C. Calland, Springfield....62
Max Fritz, St. Louis.....69	C. P. Hess, Macon.....61
G. A. Douglas, Warrensburg..68	Jefferson Lee, Kirksville....61
C. E. Miller, St. Louis.....67	C. W. Corkran, Novelty.....58

The above named 14 Comrades having received the highest number of votes, were thereupon declared duly elected Representatives to the National Encampment.

The 15 receiving the next highest number of votes were declared duly elected Alternates, as follows:

H. P. Glahn, Clarence.....57	S. W. Serl, Kansas City.....48
Charles Englehart, Kidder...56	A. Porter, Green City.....43
O. H. Guffin, Kansas City....54	W. F. Moll, Kansas City.....40
A. Zartman, Kansas City....52	G. C. Driver, Eldon.....39
R. W. Richardson, St. Louis..51	J. Staphens, Eldon.....33
P. F. Coghlan, St. Louis.....51	W. M. Pickell, Hamilton.....31
N. Mathias, Moberly.....51	W. Baker, Green Ridge.....20
R. D. Cramer, Memphis.....49	

On motion of Comrade Rassieur, the thanks of the Department was extended to Comrade A. Whipple, Acting Assistant Adjutant General, and to Comrade M. R. H. Witter, his assistant, for their faithful and efficient services in the absence of Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers.

Past Department Commander Sterrett presented and read the following memorial upon the death of Past Department Commander Robert N. Denham:

MEMORIAL.

A boy soldier, performing the full measure of a soldier's duty with the valor of a seasoned veteran, between the ages of fifteen and nineteen; always in line during the arduous campaigns around Chattanooga, Knoxville, Missionary Ridge and the battle of Nashville; the earnest student of law, the upright judge; the business man without reproach; the loving husband and devoted father; the superb Comrade, the matchless friend, with a clean and upright soul, the soul of Past Department Commander Robert N. Denham has entered into the most beautiful of life's adventure and winged its flight to the plains of light. Requiescat in pace.

F. M. STERRETT,
LEO RASSIEUR,
Committee.

Comrade J. K. Merrifield offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and put to a vote and carried and the resolution was adopted:

Be It Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment, that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the Governor and other proper officials of the State of Missouri, at the completion of the new State Capitol Building, looking towards the establishment of permanent headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Department of Missouri at Jefferson City, Mo., said Committee being authorized and requested to secure quarters in said new Capitol Building, said quarters to be donated to the Grand Army of the Republic for Department Headquarters, and that it is the sense of this Encampment, that such permanent quarters at the place aforesaid and in the new Capitol Building aforesaid be established and that the annual meetings and encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Missouri, after the establishment of such headquarters, be held at Jefferson City, Missouri.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the Encampment:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Encampment be tendered to the good citizens of Kirksville for the liberality invested by them in providing the finances for the hospitality extended to us at this Encampment.

Resolved, That we also tender the Comrades of Corporal Dix No. 22 and the Boy Scouts of Kirksville our sincere thanks and appreciation for their kind services and warm greeting, which shall remain with us in memory for many years to come.

Resolved, particularly, that the sincere thanks of this Encampment be extended to the School Board of Kirksville for placing at our disposal its beautiful High School Auditorium in which we have met with our meetings, and in which our campfire was held.

On motion the time and place for holding the next Department encampment was referred to the Council of Administration with power to act.

The next business in order was the installation of officers and Department Commander Dobyne addressed the Encampment in a very feeling manner, thanking his official associates and Comrades all for the hearty support he had received from them and the fraternal comradeship which had been accorded to him during the past year. He then called upon Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur to install the officers-elect into their several offices.

Comrade Rassieur at once proceeded and installed the officers as follows:

William H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City, Department Commander.

Alexander McCandless, Post 5, Moberly, Senior Vice Department Commander.

George F. Williams, Post 22, Kirksville, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Department Commander Wormstead then announced the appointment of the following Comrades as members of his staff, remarking as to the office of Assistant General: "There is but one name in the Department of Missouri for that high office":

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

Judge Advocate, James Limbard, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Inspector, A. N. Seaber, Post 6, Jefferson City.

Chief Mustering Officer, Geo. W. Taintor, Post 97, Linn.

Patriotic Instructor, W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield.

Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, L. K. Avery, Post 43, Hannibal.

The Department Commander expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and of the responsibility which goes with it.

At the conclusion of his remarks, no further business appearing, he called Comrade Guffin to the platform, all joined hands and Comrade Guffin lead in singing, "Auld Lang Syne."

The Department Commander at 10:40 o'clock a. m. of Thursday, May 18, 1916, declared the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, closed.

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, as appears by the original minutes on file in this office.



Assistant Adjutant General.

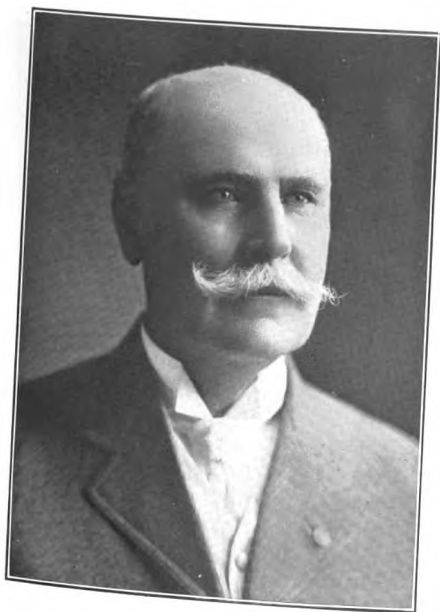


In Memoriam

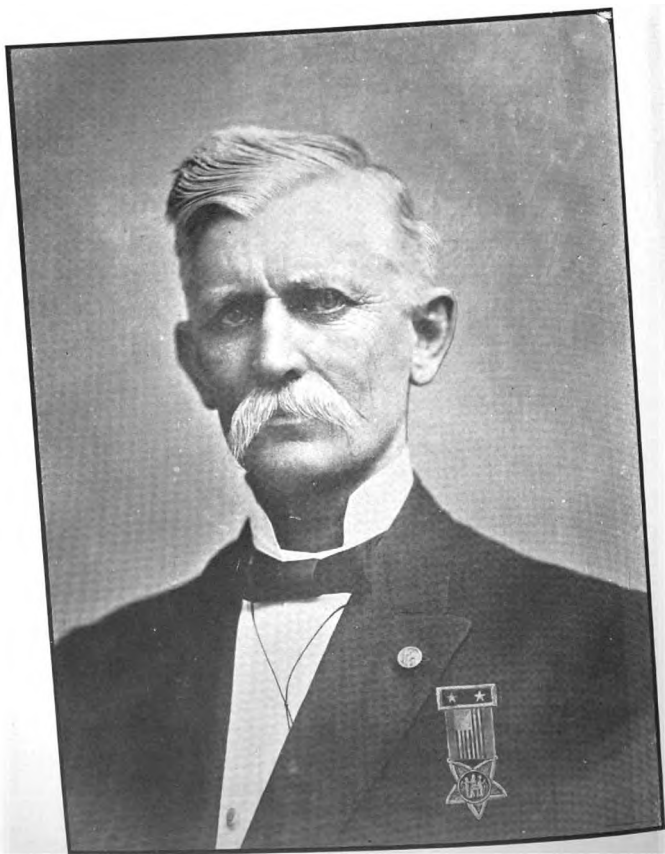
ROBERT N. DENHAM was born at Cleveland, Ohio, of Scotch parentage, October 26th, 1847, and died in St. Louis, Mo., March 5th, 1916.

He enlisted as a private soldier at the age of 15 years in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out at the close of the war in 1865, having served as Corporal and Sergeant of his Company. After the war, he was admitted to the bar and practiced law for several years in Cleveland, where he was elected Judge of the Municipal Court and served for two years. He removed to St. Louis in 1882, where he followed his profession until 1908, when he retired and became Secretary of the Landis Machine Manufacturing Company.

He was an active and earnest member of Ransom Post of St. Louis, having joined in 1901; was elected Senior Vice Post Commander in 1906, and Post Commander for two terms in 1907 and 1908. He was elected Department Commander, by a unanimous vote, in 1910. Comrade Denham was a man of mark, both physically and intellectually. He was a regular attendant at all Department and National Encampments, and his cheerful presence and genial disposition were an inspiration to all with whom he associated. He was a wise and prudent counselor, and his influence will be sadly missed by all his comrades to whom he was endeared by his many noble qualities of mind and heart.



ROBERT N. DENHAM
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1910-1911
MUSTERED OUT MARCH 5TH, 1918



JEREMIAH T. DEW

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1904-1905
ADJUTANT GENERAL, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, 1907-1908
MUSTERED OUT APRIL 17, 1915**

JEREMIAH T. DEW was born in Illinois in the year 1849. At the age of 15 he enlisted as a private in Co. B., 145th Illinois Inf., and served until his company was mustered out at the end of its term. He was mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of Farragut Post No. 3, Kansas City, Mo., May 22, 1889. He was commander of his post in 1893 and served as Adjutant for five years. He was elected Department Commander in 1904, and was appointed Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1907. He retained his membership in the same Post into which he was first mustered until his untimely death which occurred at Kansas City, April 17, 1915.

After the war, he studied law and was admitted to the bar, in which profession he took high rank and for a time held the very honorable position of President of the Kansas City Bar Association.

A cultured gentleman with high ideals, true and faithful in the performance of every duty, a Comrade of the Grand Army who believed that our motto, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, means something.

THOMAS B. RODGERS was born in Mercer, Pa., December 30, 1835, and died in St. Louis, Mo., May 30, 1916. Between these two dates lies the historical record of a man and a comrade whose name and memory will be honored and cherished by all who knew him.

On the 17th day of April, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Co. G, 10th Pennsylvania Reserves, and was promoted First Lieutenant of that company and to Captain of Co. B, 140th Pennsylvania Infantry. He was promoted to Major of the 140th Pennsylvania and was engaged in the battle of Gettysburg, was taken prisoner and incarcerated in Libby prison for several months. He was finally mustered out at the close of the war as Lieutenant Colonel of the 140th Pennsylvania. He came to St. Louis, Mo., in 1866, and was a resident and honored citizen of that city until his death.

He was a charter member of the first Post organized in this Department, Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, and remained an active member of it until he was ordered to rest from his labors and join the great host of his comrades who have gone into camp beyond the mystic river.

Comrade Rodgers served the Department as Assistant Adjutant General and A. Q. M. G. from February 3, 1887, until Dec. 21, 1894, when he resigned to take the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Louis, to which he had been elected. He was elected Department Commander in 1896. He was again appointed Assistant Adjutant General and A. Q. M. G. in 1899 and continuously from thence to his final muster out he performed the duties of that office with fidelity to the Department and with honor to himself. He left behind him an unsullied record as a comrade and a citizen and the heritage of a good name.



THOMAS B. RODGERS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1896-1897
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, 1887 TO 1894 AND FROM 1899 TO 1916
MUSTERED OUT MAY 30, 1916

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

THE PARADE.

The parade on the afternoon of the first day of the Encampment was an object lesson that will not soon be forgotten.

About 250 veterans formed on Elson street and marched north to Harrison street, east to Franklin street, south to McPherson street, east to Mulanix street, south to Normal avenue, east to Elson street, north to Washington street where they broke ranks. The distance marched was somewhat over a mile. The line of march was lined by citizens, young and old. It was an object lesson to the young that will not be forgotten while life shall last. The parade of the veterans of the war of more than fifty years ago, who fought for the preservation of this Nation, made a profound impression that will not soon be effaced.

THE RECEPTION.

A very enjoyable reception was held in the parlors of the Dockery Hotel at 7 o'clock on the evening of the 17th, by the Department officers of the Woman's Relief Corps in honor of the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and Department officers and visiting comrades. This was an open and public reception to which all were welcomed. There was a large attendance and the event was pronounced a great success and a most enjoyable occasion.

THE CAMPFIRE.

At 8 o'clock on the evening of Wednesday the 17th Convention Hall was filled with comrades and citizens who had come together for the purpose of enjoying the time to the fullest, and from all appearances none went away disappointed or dissatisfied.

Addresses were made by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Ras-sieur, who always entertains as well as instructs; Past Department Commander Hon. John M. Williams, who is an orator of no mean ability; Comrade R. D. Cramer, whose enthusiastic utterances were generously applauded, and, last but not least, Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett, that prince of comrades whom the comrades of this Department are always pleased to meet, greet and applaud.

Mrs. Ardella Dockery Still, daughter of our comrade, Thomas J. Dockery, of Kirksville, read an original poem of much merit. historical in its scope, and Mrs. Davis gave a splendid recitation of "Shiloh." Comrade P. J. Callahan gave a most touching and affecting rendition of that wonderful and heart-rending poem entitled "Casey at the Bat."

With such a program and an audience bent on enjoyment, it is not strange that all went from the hall with a feeling that the evening had been most pleasantly and profitably spent.

THE AUTOMOBILE RIDE.

At the close of the Department Encampment on Thursday the 18th some 75 motor cars were in waiting to take all who cared to avail themselves of the pleasure, a ride about the city and to near-by places of interest.

The cars were soon filled by a merry company who thoroughly enjoyed for an hour or more the pure air, the beautiful scenery and the luxurious cars so generously furnished for their enjoyment and pleasure.

The comrades as well as the members of all the various societies who met at Kirksville on this occasion went away feeling that they had been royally welcomed and entertained.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1915-1916.

General Orders No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., May 21, 1915.

I. With a due appreciation of the high honor conferred by my election as Department Commander by the unanimous vote of the Thirty-fourth Department Encampment at Hannibal, Mo., and having been duly installed, I hereby assume the duties of the office. I realize fully the responsibilities as well as the honors of the position. I shall confidently rely upon the hearty and active co-operation and support of all the comrades. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and give such a push as will add strength and vigor to our organization, and help fill the gaps that are fast being made by the ravages of time. To this work I pledge my best energies to the full extent of my abilities.

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.
 John M. Williams, Post 276, California, Judge Advocate.
 Thos. J. Dockery, Post 22, Kirksville, Inspector.
 John Ferguson, Post 111, Iberia, Chief Mustering Officer.
 W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.
 W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander is 3727 Forest Park Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

All official communications should be addressed to Thomas B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

JAMES B. DOBYNE, Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., May 31, 1915.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year:

Department Commander—James B. Dobyne, Post 131, St. Louis.
 Senior Vice-Department Commander—John Hack, Post 72, Trenton.
 Junior Vice-Department Commander—L. K. Avery, Post 43, Hannibal.
 Medical Director—Dr. Thos. S. Hawley, Post 131, St. Louis.
 Chaplain—Rev. Thos. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; J. W. Lucas, Post 76, Kidder; A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; C. W. Corkran, Post 221, Novelty; Alfred Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City.

II. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Forty-ninth National Encampment:

Representatives:

Jacob Hallenberger (at large), Hannibal.
 L. F. Hunt, Brookfield.
 John Michel, St. Joseph.
 H. T. Bolen, Sedalia.
 John T. Clarke, Jefferson City.
 W. W. Baldwin, Kidder.
 W. H. Heath, St. Louis.
 Max Fritz, St. Louis.
 F. H. Bond, St. Louis.
 R. T. McCaskey, Moberly.
 Alfred Zartman, Kansas City.
 Theo. Dubrouillet, Linn.
 Wm. B. Mullins, Miami.
 H. W. Harrison, Nevada.
 J. L. Burke, Laclede.
 W. C. Pfeffer, St. Louis.
 B. F. Park, St. Louis.

Alternates:

S. W. Serle, Kansas City.
 J. L. Nichols, Trenton.
 G. P. Cunningham, Kirksville.
 Griffith Evans, Kirksville.
 H. W. Plumer, St. Louis.
 Henry F. Glahn, Clarence.
 Wm. Owens, Kahoka.
 F. L. Swartz, Joplin.
 C. W. Corkran, Novelty.
 M. G. Garner, Tina.
 L. W. Preston, Hannibal.
 J. C. Pierce, Kirksville.
 S. Fielder, Fairport.
 Geo. Rathburn, Kirksville.
 W. C. Porter, Stanberry.
 W. R. Sanford, New London.
 Geo. A. Wetherell, Bowling Green.

III. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer.
 John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Aide-de-Camp and

Bugler.

IV. The Department Commander would be glad to appoint an Aide-de-Camp from every Post in the Department. He therefore requests the Commanders of Posts to recommend suitable comrades for such appointment—active, intelligent comrades who will take an interest in the welfare of their respective Posts.

V. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander at the late Encampment, with the advice and approval of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 146, Avalon; Post 299, Mansfield; Post 442, Hume.

Suspended Posts may be reinstated on payment of one dollar per capita tax.

VI. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports, for the six months ending June 30, 1915, are enclosed, with addressed envelope. These reports should be fully made out, reference being had to the preceding reports, after being approved by the Post Commander, should be sent to the per capita tax to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in June. The per capita tax is fifty

for each member in good standing. All members are in good standing who have not been reported suspended, no matter how much they may be in arrears for dues. 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 on the muster-roll for each comrade mustered or joined by transfer.

Remittances for per capita tax should not be made by personal checks, on which the banks make a charge for collection. Post-office orders or bank drafts should be sent.

Post Commanders are again reminded that all suspended comrades who are one year or more in arrears, must be dropped after due notice as required by the Rules and Regulations. This is obligatory.

VII. A blank for report of Post Chaplain is herewith enclosed, which should be carefully made out and sent to Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Department Chaplain, No. 1909 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, in the addressed envelope herein. Post Commanders should see that this report is promptly made and mailed immediately after Memorial Day.

VIII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as the Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home: Louis Benecke, Post 268, Chairman; Chas. F. Vogel, Post 1; L. D. Gleason, Post 48.

IX. Kansas City, Mo., was selected as the place for the meeting of the Department Encampment next year.

X. The Forty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the city of Washington, D. C., in the week beginning Monday, September 27, 1915.

The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be at the Hotel Hamilton, 14th and K Streets, corner of Franklin Square, in the same rooms occupied by the Department in 1902, rooms 27 and 28, second floor. The hotel is first-class in every respect; the rates on American plan, which includes meals, are \$3.50 per day with bath, and \$3.00 per day without bath.

Railroad rates have not yet been announced.

XI. Article XV, Chapter V, of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Thirty-ninth National Encampment, is as follows:

"The National Encampment hereby recognizes the fourteenth day of June as Flag Day, to be observed by all members of the Grand Army of the Republic annually, in the display of the United States Flag, to commemorate the birthday of the flag on the date of its adoption by Congress, June 14th, 1777."

The National colors should be displayed on this day from our residences and places of business, Post rooms and school buildings, as an object lesson of patriotism to all—especially the young.

XII. It becomes the painful duty of the Department Commander to announce the loss, by death, of Past Department Commander Jere T. Dew, who departed this life at his home in Kansas City, Mo., on April 17th, after five days' illness. Truly, "Death loves a shining mark." He was the third Past Department Commander to pass away since the first of the year.

Comrade Dew was born in Clinton County, Illinois, in 1847, and was educated at McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill. He located in Kansas City in 1878 where he practiced his profession as a lawyer until the time of his death. He was at one time president of the Kansas City Bar Association. He enlisted in 1864 at the age of 16 years in Co. A, 145th Ill. Vols.

He joined Admiral Farragut Post, No. 3, in 1889 and was Commander in 1893, and served as Adjutant for four years. After the consolidation of Farragut and Geo. H. Thomas Posts he was Adjutant for six years. He was Judge Advocate of the Department in 1897, and Department Commander in 1904. He also served as Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic by appointment of Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton in 1908.

He filled every position in which he was placed, with marked ability. Locally he was untiring in his loyalty and services to his comrades; always resourceful and ready either with advice or personal work, he was a safe adviser and counselor. With a modest dignity he united a strong and genuine manhood and a gentle kindly disposition.

The funeral services were conducted at the house by Pastor Chastine Smith, of the Howard Memorial Methodist Church, a great number of friends and comrades being present. A very large number of Grand Army comrades and Sons of Veterans met in funeral procession at the entrance of Elmwood Cemetery and as a guard of honor to the grave, where the Post Commander, C. A. Morris, conducted the Grand Army burial service.

He is survived by a widow, one son and three daughters. On behalf of the surviving relatives and friends the Commander, on behalf of all the comrades to whom he was endeared, expresses the deep sympathy in their great loss.

XIII. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that Past Department Commander Wm. Lowe has donated to the Support Fund of the Department one hundred dollars, being the amount expended by him for traveling expenses the past year. This is additional evidence of his liberality and interest in the welfare of the Department.

XIV. The Assistant Adjutant General desires to return heartfelt thanks to the comrades for the kind letter of sympathy received from the Department Encampment.

By command of JAMES B. DOBYNE, Department Commander

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., August 16th, 1915.

I. As previously announced, the Forty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the City of Washington, D. C., in the week beginning Monday, September 27th, 1915. The parade will be on Wednesday, September 29th, 1915, and the business sessions of the Encampment will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 30th and October 1st, beginning at 10 o'clock.

II. Fifty years ago, May 24th and 25th, 1865, the Armies of the Union, the Army of the Potomac, under command of Gen. Meade, and the Armies of the West, commanded by Gen. Sherman, marched up Pennsylvania Avenue and passed in review before the President of the United States, his Cabinet and General Grant.

This was a day the "boys in blue" had long looked forward to, and they marched, not in a spirit of exultation over their defeated brethren, but with a proud consciousness of duty well performed during the four long years of deadly strife now happily ended. The comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, survivors of these great armies, will again march up the Avenue and be reviewed by the President of the United States. This will probably be the last time we shall meet in the City of Washington, and the Department Commander hopes there will be a good attendance of comrades from Missouri.

III. Accommodations have been engaged for a limited number at the Hotel Hamilton, where our Department Headquarters will be located, at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day on the American plan, which includes board. This hotel is pleasantly located at 14th and K streets, on the corner of Franklin Square. Representatives and Past Department Commanders who desire these accommodations, and who have not already notified the Assistant Adjutant General, should do so without delay. It is desirable to have as many of our delegation together as possible.

IV. Representatives-elect to the National Encampment will notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than September 10th, whether or not they will be able to attend, so that Alternates may be notified in case of vacancies. Should anything occur later to prevent attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be promptly notified by mail or telegraph.

V. The rates made by the Railway Passenger Associations are far from satisfactory, being about two cents per mile in each direction, and limited to October 15th, with no provision for extension. As a sample, the rates via the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroads are \$32.00 from St. Louis to Washington and return, tickets to be sold on September 25th, 26th and 27th, with final return limit so as to reach original starting point by midnight of October 15th. Tickets good for 30 days from St. Louis to New

York and return, with privilege of stop-over at Washington, will be sold by the Pennsylvania Lines at \$36.65 and via the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at \$33.65. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad offer a round-trip rate to Washington through Louisville, thence via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, for \$30.50.

The Department Commander, in conjunction with committee of the St. Louis Posts and allied organizations, has made every effort to secure a lower rate, but so far without success, notwithstanding the Confederate veterans were given a rate of one cent per mile from St. Louis to Richmond, Va., and return, on the occasion of their Encampment last May. The gross injustice of this discrimination needs no comment. Should any change be made the Posts will be promptly notified.

VI. The Department Commander has observed with pleasure that several flag presentations have been made to Sunday Schools and Churches by the Woman's Relief Corps in St. Louis. This patriotic work is highly commendable and should be generally encouraged.

VII. The attention of Posts at the various County seats is especially called to the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the organization of Outposts. Section 11, Article II, Chapter I on page 8, is as follows:

"Section 11. Departments may authorize Posts to divide their membership into two classes, 'Resident and Non-Resident' members, and fix the territorial limits within which each class shall reside. Non-resident members shall pay such dues, not less than the per capita tax, to Department Headquarters (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—."

"Each Outpost may annually elect from its own membership a Sergeant to preside at 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 person, and for such purpose may at his option administer the obligation of membership."

The comrades of many small Posts which have been discontinued may be saved to the organization and add to the strength of existing Posts with very little effort upon their part, by organizing them into Outposts in their respective localities.

VIII. 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:

Wm. Kuemmel, Post 1, St. Louis.

Henry Frein, Post 2, St. Louis.

Wm. Conroy, Post 13, St. Louis.

James Bagley, Post 72, Trenton.

Post Commanders are urged to recommend suitable comrades for appointment as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

IX. The Journal of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment and the Department Roster for 1915, are enclosed herewith; also General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters.

By command of JAMES B. DOBYNE, Department Commander :
THOS. E. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4. St. Louis, Mo., September 8th, 1915.

I. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri at the Forty-ninth National Encampment, which meets in Washington, D. C., in the week beginning on September 27th, will be located at the Hotel Hamilton, 14th and K Streets, rooms 27 and 28, on the first floor up. The Headquarters will be opened on Monday, September 27th, Department Officers, Representatives and Alternates and Past Department Commanders 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.

II. Representatives and other members of the Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, Hotel Hamilton, on Tuesday afternoon, at five o'clock. Members of the Encampment will receive their delegate badges at this meeting.

III. The first session of the Encampment will be held in the old Census Building, First and B Streets, on Thursday, September 30th at 10 a. m.

IV. Arrangements for the parade on Wednesday, September 29th, will be made and announced by Special Orders at Washington. Comrade Wm. H. Wormstead, Senior Aid-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, will have charge of the formation of the parade. The Department Commander desires that every Missouri comrade who is present and able to march should be in line and in uniform if possible.

V. Comrade Nathaniel Sisson, Past Post Commander of Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville, Mo., who served as bugler in Co. A, 2d West Va. Cav., is hereby appointed Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and Special Chief Bugler for the Department of Missouri on the grand parade in Washington this fall.

Comrade Sisson was chief bugler for Brig. Gen. Henry Caperhart, commanding the 2d Cavalry Brigade in Gen. Custer's Division.

He participated in the last engagement on the morning of April 9th at Appomattox, sounding the last hostile bugle call, the order to charge, as well as the call to halt the charging column on the receipt by Gen. Custer of the flag of truce. He rode with Gen. Capehart down Pennsylvania Ave., in the historic Grand Review May 24th, 1865. He will bring with him his old battered bugle fifty years ago.

VI. The Department Commander knows it will be most gratifying to all the comrades to learn of the almost complete recovery of our comrade, Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burto whose critical and precarious physical condition was made known to the Department Encampment last May. From a letter lately received from him at Portland, Oregon, by the Assistant Adjutant General, it appears that he and his wife have been visiting their daughter at that place for more than a month and his condition has been constantly improving. As he writes: "I think I am on my way to complete recovery."

VII. The Department Commander announces by request of the National Association of Naval Veterans has been assigned a place in the Grand Parade and will not hold a separate parade as in former years. They are arranging for a big "Dog Watch" Wednesday evening, September 29th. Their headquarters will be at the Emory Building.

VIII. There is no change to announce in railroad rates, the committee representing the Department and the St. Louis Posts are still somewhat hopeful, although the prospect of a reduction is not encouraging.

IX. Comrade A. Whipple, Post No. 1, a member of the Council of Administration, is hereby appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant General for duty at the National Encampment, in case of the inability of the Assistant Adjutant General to attend.

X. General Orders, No. 5, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of JAMES B. DOBYNE, Department Commander
THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 5. St. Louis, Mo., November 24th, 1911

I. At a meeting of the Department Council of Administration held at Department Headquarters in St. Louis, on Monday, November 15th, it was voted to change the location of the Department Encampment next year from Kansas City to Kirksville, Mo. It was also voted that the Encampment be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 17th and 18th.

This action was taken upon the representations of the St. Louis City comrades who felt with entire unanimity that since the

been honored with the National Encampment to be held there next year, it would be about as much as they could properly handle. Kirksville, having been an applicant for the meeting at the last Department Encampment, the matter was by direction of the Department Commander presented to the Post there, which resulted in their making a formal application in case Kansas City desired the location to be changed. Their application was endorsed by the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce, which pledged its hearty cooperation.

II. The Department Commander hereby expresses his thanks to the comrades who attended the National Encampment at Washington and enabled the Department to maintain its usual good showing on the parade. Considering the distance and high railroad fares, the attendance was very creditable. Nearly a hundred comrades were in line on the parade, all in uniform, and a fine looking body of men they were.

The Department was represented in the Encampment by a full delegation of seventeen representatives (five vacancies being filled by alternates), the Department Commander, the Senior Vice Department Commander, and six Past Department Commanders. The Assistant Adjutant General was unable to attend the Encampment on account of illness, and Comrade A. Whipple of the Council of Administration was detailed to act in his stead, and performed the duties of the position very creditably and to the entire satisfaction of the Department Commander.

The Encampment was a most enjoyable one and the arrangements reflected credit on those having charge. The decorations were profuse and general, and especially so on the public buildings and along Pennsylvania Avenue, on the line of the parade.

III. Kansas City, Mo., was selected as the place for the meeting of the Encampment next year. This should stimulate the Missouri comrades and act as an incentive to renewed zeal and work in the good cause of bringing back to the fold many who from one cause or another have dropped by the wayside. Let all put their shoulders to the wheel and get in line for the Encampment at Kansas City next year.

IV. Past Department Commander Frank M. Sterrett was re-elected 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, a position which he has ably and acceptably filled for many years.

V. At the first meeting in December, when Post officers are elected, Representatives and Alternates to the next Department Encampment at Kirksville will also be elected; one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members in good standing, as

shown by the Adjutant's report for June 30th, 1915, and one additional 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 herewith enclosed. A blank for report of officers elected and appointed is also enclosed and should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General after the officers are installed.

VI. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander, by request of the Post Commander. Installation may take place at a special meeting, if preferred. 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.

VII. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term of six months ending, December 31st, 1915, are herewith enclosed. These reports, with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member, should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. The National Countersign for 1916 will be sent on the receipt of these reports. Do not send personal checks on which banks make a charge for collection.

A very few Posts which have failed to report for the term ending June 30th, can make their reports for both terms of the year on one blank. They will find this paragraph blue-penciled.

VIII. The Department Commander cannot too strongly emphasize upon Post officers and comrades the importance of making special efforts for recruiting and for reinstatement of dropped and suspended members between now and the end of the year. As many suspensions should be made as possible and reinstatements should be made on easy terms. He recommends that a recruiting committee of active comrades be appointed in each Post, who should make it their business to see such comrades as may have been dropped and also such others as may have come among them from other localities. Posts can reinstate comrades who may have been dropped by another Post, upon application duly made, referred to the Assistant Adjutant General, reported upon, on payment of the muster-in fee of the Post to which he may make application. A dropped member, once reinstated, shall not be re-obligated.

IX. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, are enclosed herewith.

By command of JAMES B. DOBYNE, Department Commander
THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 6.

St. Louis, Mo., April 3d, 1916.

I. As heretofore announced, the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held in the city of Kirksville, Mo., on Wednesday and Thursday, May 17th and 18th, 1916, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the hall of the new High School building.

II. The Department Headquarters will be established at the Dockery Hotel, Rooms 10 and 17, on Tuesday afternoon, May 16th. The Department Council of Administration, consisting of the Department Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, the Assistant Adjutant General and the five elected members, will meet at the Headquarters at 3 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, May 16th.

III. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Committee on Credentials: Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97, Chairman; G. E. Evans, Post 22; G. A. Wetherell, Post 391; J. L. Nichols, Post 72; M. G. Garner, Post 130. This Committee will meet at the Court House lobby, on the first floor, on Tuesday, May 16th, at three 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 time and place, where all comrades are requested to register.

IV. The following named comrades of Post 22, on recommendation of the Post Commander, are hereby detailed for duty at the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, George F. Williams; for Officers of the Guard, John Still and G. H. Madden. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions on Tuesday evening, May 16th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Commander of Post 22 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 17th, at 8 o'clock.

V. The hotel accommodations and rates are as follows: The Dockery Hotel has 75 rooms; the Pool Hotel, 65 rooms; the Central, 40 rooms and the Quinlin, 65 rooms. The rates without board are \$1.00 per day, and with board \$2.00 per day. Comrade George W. Rathbun is Chairman of Accommodation Committee, to whom all applications for quarters should be made. There are numerous good boarding houses, at which the rates will be \$1.00 per day.

VI. There will be an Entertainment and Camp-fire at the High School Hall, on Wednesday evening, May 17th, which will be

addressed by prominent comrades. There will be a parade on Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, unless otherwise ordered.

VII. The railroad rates will be two cents per mile in each direction. Round trip tickets will be sold at same rates, if desired.

VIII. The Executive Committee of the National Council Administration has selected the dates of August 28th to September 2d, 1916, for the meeting of the 50th National Encampment at Kansas City, Mo. This will be a great event for the comrades of Missouri. There should be a large attendance from this Department.

The Department has secured rooms for Headquarters at the Hotel Muehlebach during the Encampment. National Headquarters will be at this hotel, which is first-class in every particular. A limited number of the delegation can be provided for at a reasonable rate. The hotel is on the European plan.

IX. Again we are called upon to mourn the loss by death of another distinguished comrade, Past Department Commander Albert N. Denham, who departed this life at his home in St. Louis after a few hours' illness from heart disease, on Sunday morning, March 5th, 1916.

Comrade Denham was born at Cleveland, Ohio, of Scotch parentage, October 26th, 1847. He enlisted as a private soldier at the age of 15 years in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out at the close of the war in 1865, having served as Corporal and Sergeant of his Company. After the war, he was admitted to the bar and practiced law for several years in Cleveland, where he was elected Judge of the Municipal Court and served for two years. He moved to St. Louis in 1882, where he followed his profession until 1908, when he retired and became Secretary of the Landis Manufacturing Company.

He was an active and earnest member of Ransom Post No. 101, St. Louis having joined in 1901; was elected Senior Vice Post Commander in 1906, and Post Commander for two terms in 1907 and 1908. He was elected Department Commander, by a unanimous vote, in 1910. Comrade Denham was a man of mark, physically and intellectually. He was a regular attendant at Department and National Encampments, and his cheerful presence and genial disposition were an inspiration to all with whom he was associated. He was a wise and prudent counselor, and his influence will be sadly missed by all his comrades to whom he was endeared by his many noble qualities of mind and heart.

The funeral services were held at the Union Avenue Church, on Friday, March 10th, and were largely attended by

Army comrades and others. The remains were deposited in the receiving vault of Valhalla Cemetery, with Grand Army services conducted by Department Chaplain Hagerty.

He is survived by his wife and two grown sons, Frederick W., of Seminole, Texas, and Robert N., Jr., of Seattle, Washington, both of whom were present at the funeral.

X. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

G. W. Carmichael, Post 1, St. Louis.

George Laird, Post 22, Kirksville.

George Scott, Post 22, Kirksville.

George F. Clark, Post 247, West Plains.

W. H. Morse, Post 197, Warrenton.

W. E. Evans, Post 115, Carl Junction.

XI. As frequent inquiries are made at these Headquarters, where markers can be obtained for the graves of comrades, we are informed that Comrade James Meranda, Adjutant of Post 223, Eagleville, Mo., makes a marker with 9-inch base, 18 inches high, 4x4 top with a $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch hole in top 4 inches deep for flag. Material not stated, but supposed to be cement or stone. In lots of 20, the price to Post is 50 cents each. He will furnish photograph on application.

XII. Valentine Peters, Post No. 61, Maitland, Holt County, Mo., having re-organized, has been re-instated, Levi Oren, Post Commander.

XIII. General Orders, No. 3, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of JAMES B. DOBYNE, Department Commander:

THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7.

St. Louis, Mo., May 6th, 1916.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I. The beautiful custom of strewing the graves of our departed comrades with the flowers of spring through all this broad land on Memorial Day cannot be too highly commended. Memorial Day is the Festival of our dead. Let there be no soldier's grave so humble that it shall fail to receive at our reverent hands this annual baptism of flowers. We honor ourselves in honoring them.

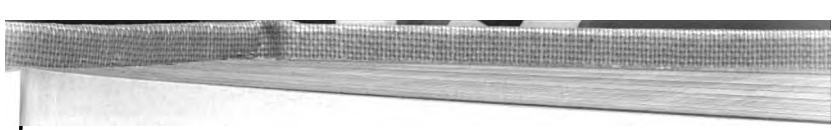
II. Memorial Day is a legal holiday in this State, and fraternal organizations, churches, schools and citizens generally are invited to unite with us in the observance of the day. The

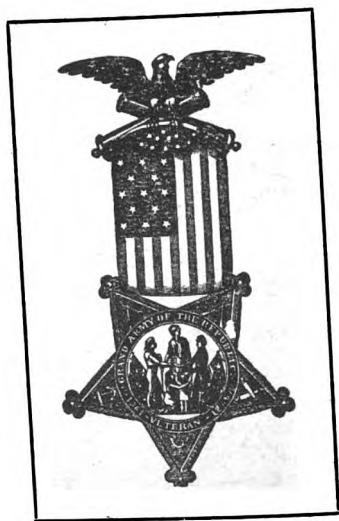
Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Veterans, all our willing helpers should be especially invited to participate. Arrangements should also be made with the teachers and officers of our public schools for patriotic exercises in the schools on the Friday before Memorial Day, or some other suitable day.

III. The established custom of the Posts attending divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day is commended to all the Posts.

IV. General Orders, No. 4, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith.

By command of JAMES B. DOBYNE, Department Commandant
THOS. B. RODGERS, Assistant Adjutant General.





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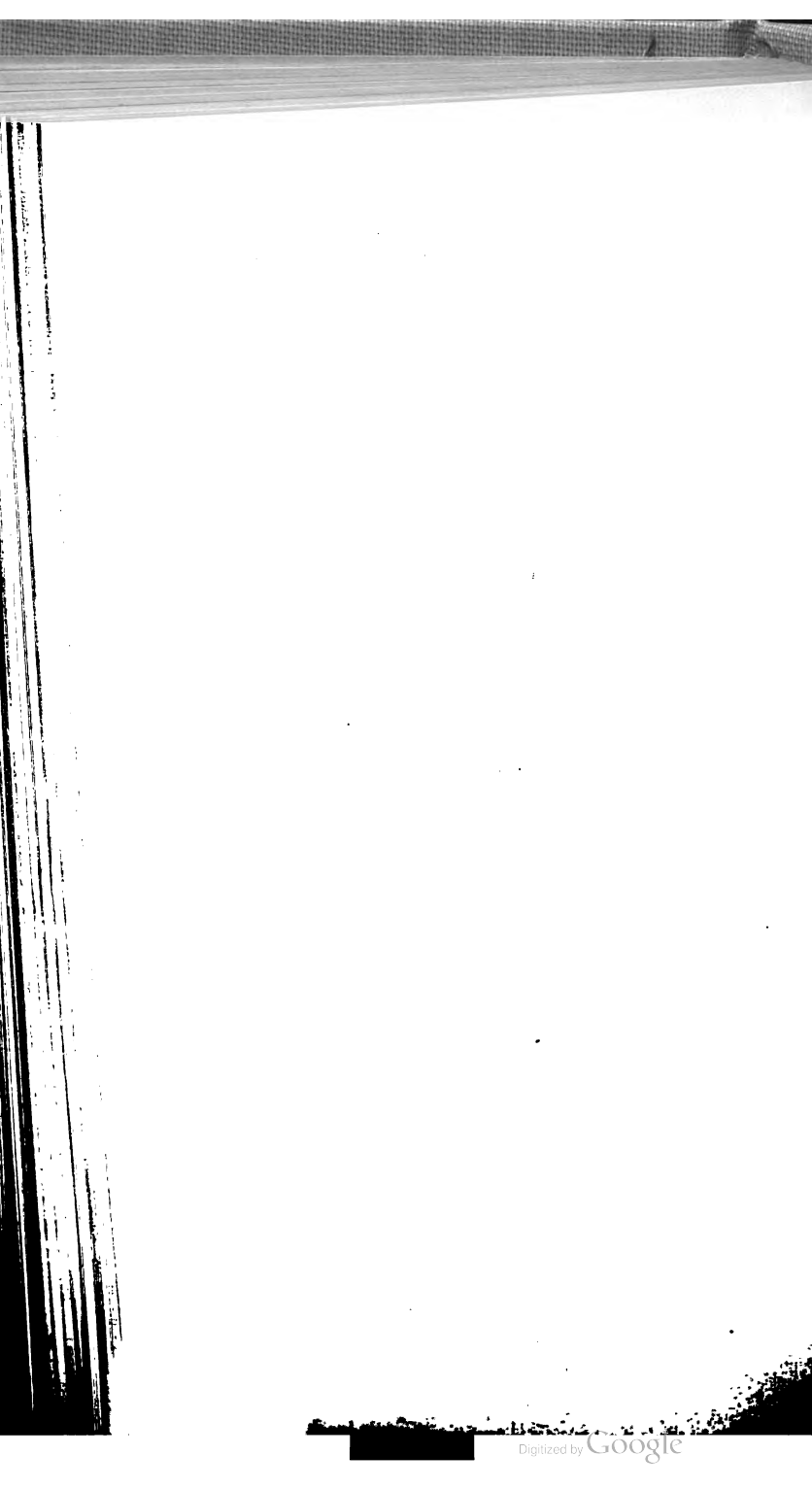
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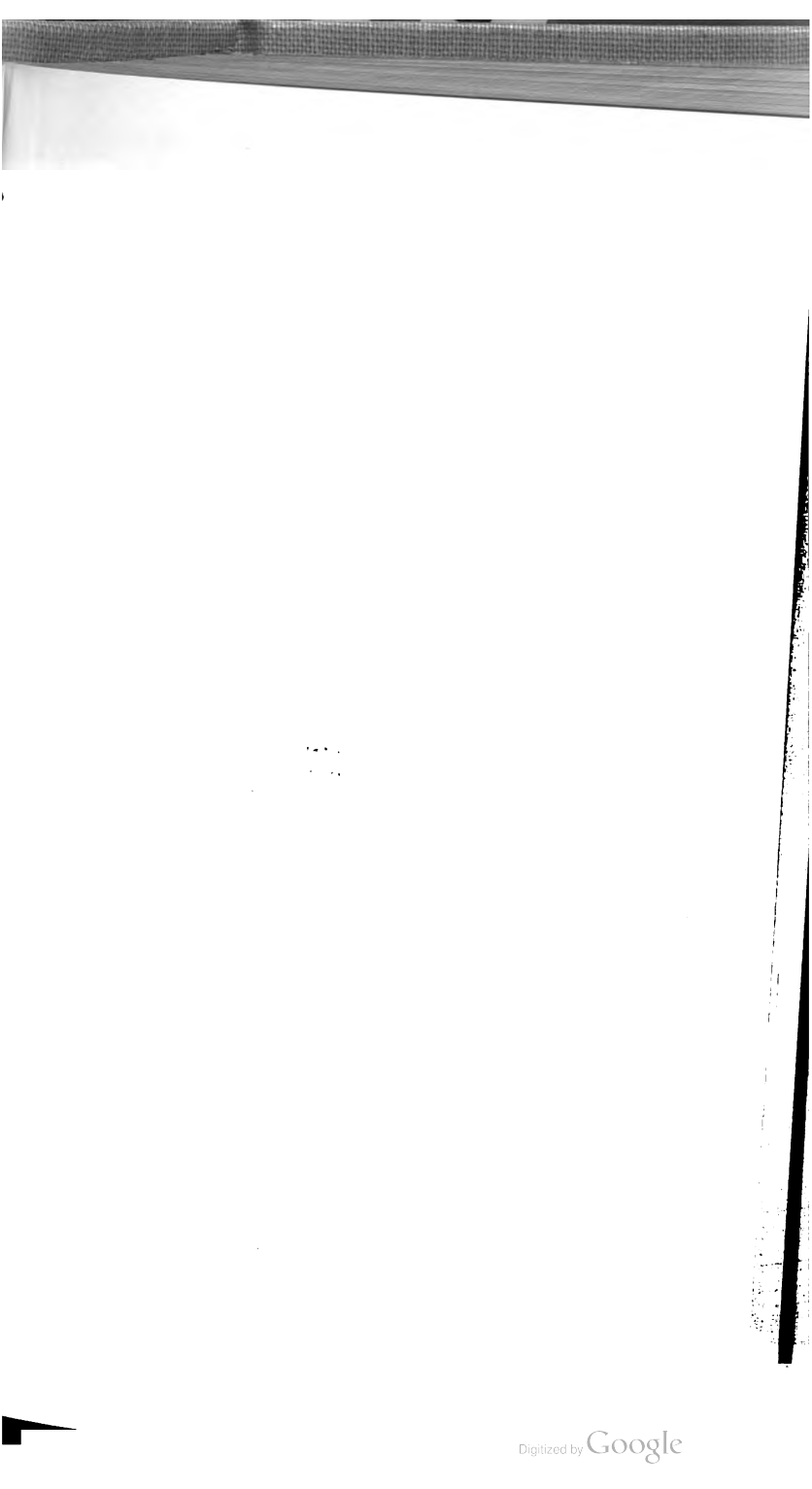
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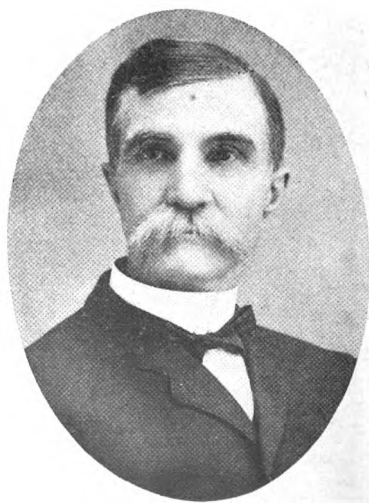
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Thirty-Sixth Annual Encampment
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
HÉLD AT
SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 15 and 16, 1917

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the auditorium of the beautiful home of the Springfield Club, in Springfield, Missouri, at 11 o'clock a. m., on May 15, 1917, and was called to order by Department Commander Alex. McCandless.

The office of Department Chaplain having been made vacant by the recent death of Chaplain Thomas H. Hagerty, Rev. Comrade W. K. Collins was detailed to act in that position and delivered a very impressive prayer in the opening exercises.

Thereupon the Department Commander declared the Encampment duly open for the transaction of such business as might properly come before it.

Prior to the convening of the Encampment for business a large audience of Comrades, citizens and members of the various patriotic orders assembled at 9:30 o'clock in the Jefferson Theater, at which time and place a very instructive and entertaining program was rendered. A detailed report of this meeting will be found in the Unofficial Proceeding in the latter part of this Journal.

Upon the opening of the Encampment, by order of the Department Commander, the roll of the Department officers and Past Department Commanders was called by the Assistant Adjutant General as follows:

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Department Commander,
*ALEX. McCANDLESS.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,
GEORGE W. WILLIAMS.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,
CHARLES F. VOGEL.

Medical Director
DR. THOMAS S. HAWLEY.

Chaplain

†THOMAS H. HAGERTY.

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster-General
*WILBUR F. HENRY.

Judge Advocate,
JAMES LIMBIRD.

Chief Mustering Officer,
A. N. SEABER.

Inspector,
GEORGE W. TAINTER.

Patriotic Instructor,
*W. C. CALLAND.

Council of Administration,

*A WHIPPLE.

F. P. BECKER,

*JOHN MICHEL,

C. W. CORKRAN,

SIMON GROVE.

Past Department Commanders,

†WILLIAM 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,

*Present.

†Deceased.

*W. F. HENRY,

GEO. HALL,

†IRA T. BRONSON,

F. M. STERRETT,

†JERE T. DEW,

†HENRY FAIRBOCK,

*JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

T. D. KIMBALL,

J. W. MARTIN,

†W. H. SKINNER,

†R. N. DENHAM,

BENJAMIN WARNER,

†CHAS. W. RUBEY,

*WM. LOWE,

†ARTHUR DREIFUS,

*J. B. DOBYNE.

The Encampment had also the distinguished honor of having present the Commander-in-Chief W. J. Patterson and the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief W. H. Wormstead. The Department Commander invited the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and all Past Department Commanders to seats on the platform.

On motion, the calling the roll of the members of the Encampment was dispensed with.

A subsequent report of the Committee on Credentials showed the following members of the Encampment to be present:

Roll of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Held at Springfield, Mo., May 15th and 16th, 1917.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C.—B. A. Suppan.

P. P. C.—Leo. Rassieur, J. J. Scharr, W. F. Silverwood, A. Whipple, P. F. Coghlan, Anton Hubler, B. F. Park, Chas. Steiner, C. H. Grote, Edw. Campbell.

Rep.—Alfred Marthey, Wm. Kuemmel, Fred. Schoening.

Lyon Post, No. 2, St. Louis.

P. P. C.—Henry W. Plumer, Henry Frein.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. P. C.—Benj. Warner, D. L. Elder, Alf. Zartman, S. W. Serl, M. L. Ham.

Rep.—John N. Moore, Charles E. Lewis.

Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. P. C.—A. McCandless, Nich. Mathias, R. T. McCaskey, Samuel Riley.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

P. C.—Samuel M. Mann.

P. P. C.—Thos. W. Evans, John Michel, John Harnois, Fred Wenz, J. W. Beach.

Rep.—William H. Sherman, Chris. Balsiger.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

P. C.—Chas. A. Morris.

P. P. C.—W. F. Henry, O. H. Guffin, W. H. Wormstead, Edmonds.

Rep.—J. B. Hinkle, Reuben Zimmerman, Chas. B. Kurtz, E. N.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

P. C.—Barth. Husson.

P. P. C.—Louis C. Hesse, Hubert Munchrath, Max Fritz, Adam G. Minges, George Bauer.

Rep.—Wenzel Graf.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

P. C.—J. M. Theurer.

P. P. C.—Wm. H. McCubbin, H. W. Davison, L. F. Williams.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

P. C.—Wm. McCune.

Rep.—Geo. W. Fugitt, L. C. Heckatorm.

Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.

P. P. C.—John M. Evans.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

Rep.—G. B. Cunningham.

F. A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon.

P. P. C.—J. M. Randall.

McCook Post, No. 34, Lamar.

P. P. C.—F. D. W. Arnold.

W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.

Rep.—D. McComas.

Christian Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

P. P. C.—B. F. Morgan.

Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.

Rep.—Andrew Crum.

Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

P. P. C.—Charles Koock.

Bates County Post, No. 58, Butler.

P. C.—Decatur Smith.

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

P. C.—W. C. Calland.

P. P. C.—P. W. Bahl, H. J. Dutton, J. J. Gideon, A. R. McDonald,
Jas. Barr, T. A. Wakefield.

Rep.—I. E. George.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. P. C.—John Hack, James Bagley.

Greenfield Post, No. 75, Greenfield.P. P. C.—R. C. Divine, John F. Gregory, John W. Scott, John
Getze.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

P. C.—D. H. Elliott.

Rep.—Asa Schoonover.

Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.

Rep.—W. E. Chester.

Harry P. Hardin Post, No. 107, St. Louis.

P. C.—W. H. Rudolph.

Miles Carroll Post, No. 111, Iberia.

P. C.—John Ferguson.

P. P. C.—Absolom Bear, Hiram Haines.

Rep.—Charles P. Myers.

Camerron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.

P. P. C.—A. J. Bobb.

Marion Post, No. 119, Stanberry.

P. P. C.—C. Laughlin.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Carrolton.

P. C.—M. G. Garner.

P. P. C.—W. B. Mullins, E. G. Grossman.

Rep.—F. E. Owens.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

P. C.—E. W. Duncan.

P. P. C.—James B. Dobyne, S. D. Webster, P. H. Clarke, F. Walton.

Rep.—W. T. Niccolls, Charles Wagner, Wm. H. Heath, M. P. Owen, P. H. Callahan.

Gentry Post, No. 134, Albany.

P. P. C.—James Kinney.

Rep.—James Consoliver.

Marionville Post, No. 141, Marionville.

P. P. C.—W. M. Youngblood.

J. J. Gravely Post, No. 149, Bolivar.

P. C.—T. G. Rechow.

P. P. C.—Josephus Ammerman, J. R. Deardorf, John J. Higgenbottam.

Rep.—Jos. Oder.

Gen. Frank Herron Post, No. 161, Buffalo.

P. P. C.—D. F. Olinger, John Dowell.

Rep.—W. H. Booth.

J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

P. P. C.—W. W. Chapel, E. S. Chapin.

Rawlins Post, No. 187, Pierce City.

P. P. C.—J. A. Vance, Chas. W. Gillen, Henry C. Shoemaker.

W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

P. P. C.—R. B. Dodge, S. Patch, Jos. Williams, C. W. Raymond
J. A. Lane, T. E. Basnet.

McCroskey Post, No. 210, Springfield.

P. C.—W. A. Ward.

P. P. C.—L. Decker, M. L. McKinzey, Ernest Wyland, J. P.
Freeman.

John Williams Post, No. 218, Fairport.

Rep.—Sylvester Fielder.

Republic Post, No. 219, Republic.

P. C.—H. S. Grove.

P. P. C.—J. E. Decker, T. M. Jackson, W. B. Coon, E. D. Miller
B. B. Bethel.

Rep.—J. W. Inman.

Lieut. S. A. M. George Post, No. 232, Humansville.

P. P. C.—J. W. Hapgood.

Rep.—Henry Hall.

Col. Leonard Post, No. 251, Eldorado Springs.

Rep.—W. F. Dunaway.

Pinhart Post, No. 268, Brunswick.

P. P. C.—G. W. Cunningham.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, California.

P. C.—G. W. Sappington.

P. P. C.—Jacob Hott, Jas. S. Roth, Aug. Seyfert, J. M. Williams
A. J. Weatherby.

Bob Ford Post, No. 303, Coffey.

Rep.—J. J. McCoy.

Wm. McKinley Post, No. 324, Sullivan.

P. P. C.—E. C. Baugher.

Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.

P. P. C.—Geo. W. Edwards.

David D. Porter Post, No. 433, Mountain Grove.

Rep. L. J. Dale.

Capt. J. S. Robb Post, No. 461, Jenkins.

Rep.—John M. Caldwell.

Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.

Rep.—Dan. Holzwarth.

Harrison A. Glein Post, No. 512, Tipton.

P. C.—John B. Wolf.

Burnside Post, No. 566, Pleasant Hill.

P. C.—Geo. Fluehart.

Rep.—W. D. Berkshire.

Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.

P. C.—Henry W. Hagedorn.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lees Summit.

Rep.—W. K. Collins.

Col. A. W. Maupin Post, No. 586, St. James.

Rep.—James Odel.

F. C. Corbett Post, No. 588, Marshfield.

P. C.—W. A. Martin.

Warham Easley Post, No. 592, Fair Play.

P. C.—A. Bogue.

P. P. C.—E. C. Barker.

Rep.—C. W. Paynter.

John W. Noble Post, No. 593, St. James.

Rep.—Brice Tarr.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

P. P. C.—Wm. Lowe, G. A. Douglas.

The Department Commander called Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Wormstead to the chair and delivered his address to the Encampment, as follows:

The Department Commander paused in the reading of his prepared address to announce the recent death of Department Chaplain T. H. Hagerty, and paid a touching and tender tribute to his memory. He called up the Encampment and requested a minute of silent prayer, concluding with a short prayer by himself and sounding of taps by Comrade S. D. Webster, Department Bugler.

The Commander's address was referred by the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief presiding, to the following committee: Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, Past Department Commander J. M. Williams, and Comrade Walton of Post 131.

The Department Commander resumed command.

On motion of Comrade Calland, Post 69, it was ordered that the reports of the several Department officers be received and referred to committees to be hereafter appointed, said reports having been already printed and distributed to the members of the Encampment.

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: Another year has rolled around, and what joys and sadness has it brought to the Comrades of this Department! Yet it gives me great pleasure to see so many of my Comrades present here today to clasp hands with each other and enjoy the hospitality of this beautiful city and to take part in the deliberations of this Encampment. Seventeen years ago we met in this beautiful city of Springfield. What changes those seventeen years have brought about, not only with us as an organization, but with our State and Nation! I am sure you will rejoice with me to know that the hearts of our old Comrades are just as true and loyal to the grand old Flag of our Republic as they were in our younger days, when we followed it into the fire and hail of battle.

The grim reaper has been exacting a heavy toll since last we met. Many familiar faces are absent today, having answered the last roll call, and are now camping on the other shore beyond the mystic river. Some of our most loved and honored Comrades have met with us for the last time, notably Past Commander-in-Chief William Warner, and Past Department Commanders A. G. Peterson, and Thomas B. Rodgers, whose kindly and familiar face was so well known to all of us, and whose valued and efficient services were of such great benefit to the success of the Department. Let Comrades hold each of them in kindly remembrance, writing their faults on the sand that they may soon be washed away and forgotten, and their virtues upon the tablets of indelible memory, remembering only their kind words and good deeds.

The thirty-fifth annual Department Encampment, held in Kirksville, May 17 and 18, 1916, realizing that there would be a great amount of work devolving upon the Kansas City Posts in order to properly entertain the National Encampment, which was to meet in that city, and believing it to be to the best interests of the Department to have a Department Commander with whom they could frequently consult, elected our worthy Comrade, William H. Wormstead, to that high and honorable position. The National Encampment has passed into history as one of the best, the Kansas City Comrades having performed their whole duty, for which they are deserving of the thanks of the Department. The Encampment was attended by the full delegation from this Department, including eight Past Department Commanders and the official staff, with the exception of the Junior Vice Department Commander, and our

worthy and honored Department Chaplain, who, by reason of the burden of years and failing strength, thought it not wise to undertake the journey. His genial countenance and kindly words were greatly missed from among us. As a special honor for the manner in which the Kansas City posts performed their duty and as a fit recognition of his able and efficient services, our worthy Comrade, William H. Wormstead, was elected to the high and honorable position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

In this connection your Commander wishes to call attention to an evil that has sprung up in this Department—that is, of Comrades seeking the position of delegates to the National Encampment, and absenting themselves from the sessions of the encampment when important questions are up for discussion and decision, which was the case at the Kansas City Encampment, and which came very near being disastrous to the ambition of this Department. On the vote being taken for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, owing to the absence of seven of the Missouri delegation, our worthy Comrade Wormstead was elected by the narrow margin of only three votes. Comrades, this is a duty that you owe to the Department and yourselves.

Council of Administration.

The Council of Administration is composed of the Department Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, the Assistant Adjutant General and five elected members, five being a quorum. Your Commander would suggest that of the five elected members at least three be elected from the St. Louis posts, as it would then only be necessary, in order to obtain a quorum, for the Department Commander to be present. Your Commander makes this recommendation in the interest of economy.

Upon the death of Comrade Rodgers, the Department Commander appointed Past Department Commander Willbur F. Henry to the position of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. He was installed into office June 3rd, 1916. The Department is to be congratulated in being able to secure the services of so able a Comrade to perform the duties of Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General. He is painstaking and correct in his work, kind and courteous. My association with him has been of the most pleasant nature, and it gives me great pleasure in commending him as being a Comrade who will lighten the work of the Commander.

At a meeting of the Council of Administration held at Department Headquarters, September 19th, 1916, Department Commander William H. Wormstead tendered his resignation as Department Commander, which was accepted. The Senior Vice-Commander

immediately assumed the duties of Department Commander. George F. Williams, Junior Vice Commander, assumed the duties of Senior Vice Commander, and Comrade Charles F. Vogel, of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, was unanimously elected to fill the unexpired term of the Junior Vice Commander, all of whom, with Comrade T. S. Hawley, Medical Director-elect, were installed at a regular meeting of Frank P. Blair Post, September 18th, by Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur. A very enjoyable meeting was held, for which I tender my most sincere thanks.

Permanent Fund.

Your Commander is glad to be able to report that the Safety Fund has been very materially improved in the last year, owing to the kindly remembrance of our late Comrade Henry C. Murdock, Kansas City, who died on the 11th day of September, 1916, and who left the following clause in his will:

"Having served in the Union Army during the Civil War, and for many years been a member of the patriotic Order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, I naturally entertain a high regard and fraternal feeling for my Comrades in Arms, and, wishing to render them substantial aid, and desiring to the last to remember and to be remembered by them, I do, through this my last will and testament, give, devise and bequeath, and direct my executor to pay out of my estate, unto the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department (State) of Missouri, to be placed in and become a part of the 'Safety Fund' of said Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, for its sole benefit, the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, to have and to hold absolutely and forever";

Your Commander would recommend that a suitable acknowledgment be made by this Department, and that Comrade Henry Murdock be given a memorial page in the next Department Journal as a suitable remembrance of his generosity to his comrades.

On November 19th last, by special invitation of Ransom Post No. 131, I was a guest of honor at the annual banquet of that Post at the Planters Hotel in St. Louis, and was one of the speakers on that occasion. The attendance of invited Comrades and citizens was large and the menu elaborate. The program of entertainment was very interesting and of a high order. The speakers were frequent and included the Mayor of St. Louis and our Comrade, Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, and others. I desire to express my appreciation of the honor and pleasure of being present as Department Commander in response to the courteous invitation of Ransom Post. The occasion will long remain with me a pleasant memory.

On the same day of the Ransom Post banquet it was my pleasure to be present at a meeting held at Department Headquarters.

what was known as the General Relief Committee, of the Grand Army of the Republic of the City of St. Louis, which was composed of one member from each post. At that meeting the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted by that committee:

Whereas, the **General Relief Committee of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC of the City of St. Louis** was organized on February 11, 1902, for the purpose of relieving transient and worthy soldiers not belonging to any Post in the City of St. Louis, their widows and orphans, in need or distress; and,

Whereas, applications for such relief are so few that the occasion for the existence of this Committee seems to have ceased; and,

Whereas, the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., while located in the City of St. Louis, with its Council of Administration, is amply able and willing to discharge the duties of the General Relief Committee, with the few cases that may present themselves:

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** by this Committee, that its funds be transferred to the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., pro-viding said Department, through its Commander and Assistant Adjutant General, assumes the obligation of this Committee; and providing, further, that a majority of the Posts represented on said Committee approve this action, in writing.

In accordance with the above resolution, your Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General signed and delivered a receipt as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., December 19, 1916.

Received of Henry W. Plumer, Chairman, and Max Fritz, Secretary and Treasurer, of the General Relief Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic of the City of St. Louis, the sum of One Hundred Thirty-four Dollars and 46 cents, and in addition thereto a Certificate of Deposit of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company No. 7068, for the sum of \$287.46, dated August 4, 1916, payable to the order of Max Fritz, Secretary and Treasurer Relief Committee, G. A. R., on the 4th day of August, 1917.

The above is received in accordance with the Resolution adopted by said Relief Committee, and the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assumes the obligation therein mentioned.

The Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, by

(Signed) ALEX. McCANDLESS,
Department Commander.

(Signed) W. F. HENRY,
Assistant Adjutant Gen. & A. Q. M. G.

The amount, as stated in said receipt, was delivered to our Assistant Quartermaster General.

It is desirable that the action of your Commander and Assistant Adjutant General in receiving and receipting for said funds, upon the conditions set forth above, be approved by this Encampment and I confidently trust that it will be done.

Woman's Relief Corps

Ever mindful of the noble efforts of this organization, who have so earnestly worked to help the worthy and destitute Comrades and their dependent ones, we extend to them our kindest regards and best wishes for their success.

Ladies of the G. A. R.

This organization is ever near and dear to the hearts of every Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is composed of the Mothers, Wives and Daughters of the old Comrades, which binds us by all the sacred family ties which are so dear to us all. Our hearts go out to them in filial affection and sympathy, ever mindful of their present services to the comrades, but more especially of their unfaltering loyalty in the dark days of the past, when the hearts of this Nation were sorely tried.

Sons of Veterans.

I have no definite information as to the growth of the Sons of Veterans in this Department for the last year, but from the abundance of material to recruit from, there should have been a large increase in membership during the past year, especially at this time when the enthusiastic spirit of patriotism is so manifest by all loyal American citizens. We especially commend those of the order who have so persistently labored to keep the organization alive. We extend to them our congratulations and kindest regards, wishing them abundant success in the future.

And now, as my term of office is about to expire, I wish to thank the Comrades of the Department for the high honor that they have bestowed upon me, and especially for the kind words that have been spoken. I shall ever cherish them as precious memories.

To my official staff I extend my heartfelt thanks, and I feel under special obligations to Comrade Willbur F. Henry for the very able assistance he has rendered as Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, which has contributed so much towards making my administration as successful as it is.

ALEX. McCANDLESS,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER.

Kirksville, Mo., April 25, 1917.

Hon. Wilbur F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade:—

In making my report to the Department I feel as if I have nothing of unusual importance to report. I have not been called on by the Department Commander to do any special service. We have had a number of deaths in our Post this year, but still I am able to report that Corporal Dix Post No. 22 is in a good condition, as we have mustered in as many as the Reaper of Death has mustered out.

Corporal Dix Post celebrated Lincoln's birthday. We had a good program, good speaking, music and a good social time.

In closing my brief report I will thank the Department officers and Comrades for the courtesy extended to me during the last year and hope to meet you all at the State Encampment in May.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

GEO. F. WILLIAMS,

Sr. Vice-Department Commander.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

St. Louis, Mo., May 4, 1917.

Wilbur F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Comrade:

In submitting this my report as Junior Vice Department Commander, I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by my Comrades in choosing me for the position, and for the courtesies that have been extended to me. The spirit of comradeship that has prevailed in the Department has been such that I have not been called upon to perform any special service pertaining to my office, and therefore I have nothing to report.

If my health will permit (which now appears to be somewhat doubtful), I will attend the Department Encampment at Springfield. I shall ever hold my Comrades in grateful and fraternal remembrance, and ever cherish the memory of my Comrades and the fraternal kindness shown me.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

CHAS. F. VOGEL,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 19, 1917.

W. F. Henry,

Ass't Adjutant-General, Dep't of Mo., G. A. R.

I have the honor to report that for the year ending May 1917, there were no transactions in my office calling for my services; that the members of the Grand Army have been sober, moral (because of age, which is always conducive of the highest degree of morality, but is not with them as with King David of Bible times). See, "The First Book of the Kings," Chap. 1:1-4. I wouldn't do, thus try them out.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

JAMES LIMBIRD,

Judge Advocate, Dept. of Missouri.

Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Headquarters, Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May 5, 1917.

ALEX. McCANDLESS, Department Commander:

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following report for the year 1916:

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General submitted to the 35th Department Encampment showed that on the 31st day of December, 1915, there were 247 Posts, including 62 Posts that were remaining suspended. During 1916 four Posts surrendered their charters and five posts were suspended. None of the suspended Posts have been reinstated. The number of Posts remaining in the Department accordingly is 238, including 62 Posts remaining suspended as heretofore reported.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the year 1916:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1916.

Number in good standing, December 31, 1915.....	4,287
Gain by muster-in.....	52
Gain by transfer.....	29
Gain by reinstatement.....	104
Gain from delinquent reports.....	41
Total gain.....	226
Aggregate	4,513
Loss by death.....	121
Loss by honorable discharge.....	6
Loss by transfer.....	7
Loss by suspension	63
Total loss	197
Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1916..	4,316

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916.

Number in good standing June 30, 1916.....	4,316
Gain by muster-in	66
Gain by transfer.....	10
Gain by reinstatement.....	96
Gain from delinquent reports.....	14
Total gain	186
Aggregate	4,502
Loss by death.....	146
Loss by honorable discharge.....	8
Loss by transfer.....	13
Loss by suspension.....	137
Loss by delinquent reports.....	303
Loss by surrender of charter.....	11
Total loss	614
Number remaining in good standing, Dec. 31, 1916..	3,888

RECAPITULATION

Number in good standing December 31, 1915.....	4,316
Gain during the year by muster-in.....	118
Gain during the year by transfer.....	39
Gain during the year by reinstatement.....	200
Gain during the year from delinquent reports	55
Loss during year by death.....	267
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	14
Loss during year by transfer.....	20
Loss during year by suspension.....	200
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	303
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	11
Total loss	815
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1916...	4,001

Amount expended for relief during the year.....	\$ 2,662.81
Cash balance in Post funds, December 31, 1916.....	26,469.33
Cash balance in relief funds.....	1,428.97
Cash invested in collaterals.....	3,795.33
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	15,215.30
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	7,349.00
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	\$54,257.93

The Department is entitled to thirteen representatives in the 51st National Encampment, in addition to the representative at large. Fourteen alternates should be elected. The names of nominees will be placed on the printed ballot in the numerical order of the Posts from which nominated, beginning with the highest number.

For more detailed statements as to the financial transactions during the year 1916 and present conditions, attention is invited to the following exhibits which are made a part of this report:

Exhibit "A"—Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Supplies on hand.

Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.

Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths.

Upon the death of Comrade Thomas B. Rodgers, which occurred May 30, 1916, Comrade Wormstead, Department Commander, tendered me the office of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. I accepted the appointment and was duly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, on the third day of June last and at once entered up the duties incident to the offices.

An inventory of the office was made by Comrades A. Whipple and F. P. Becker, members of the Department Council of Administration, who filed the same as follows:

Be it known that we, the undersigned members of the Council of Administration, Department of Missouri, G. A. R., have this day made an inventory of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General and find that the following articles were on hand in said office when Wilbur F. Henry, the present A. A. G., assumed the duties of the office and for which he should account, to-wit:

- 130 Department Badges.
- 7 Doz. Vest Buttons.
- 250 Application Blanks.
- 4 Rituals.
- 69 Honorable Discharge Blanks.
- 47 Leave of Absence Cards.

- 9 Officers' Badges.
- 94 Transfer Cards.
- 77 Officers' Ribbons (Post).
- 22 Post Officers' Cards.
- 25 Post odes.
- 57 Buttoniers.
- 60 Rank Straps.
- 300 Ribbons for Members' Badges.
- 12 Rules and Regulations.
- 7 Receipt Books.
- 1 Adjutant's Descriptive Book.
- 1 Blue Book.
- 34 Quartermaster's Receipt Books.
- 1 Department Banner.
- 1 Department U. S. Flag.
- 2 Flag Poles.
- 6 File Cases.
- 2 Book Cases.
- 1 Iron Safe.
- 2 Office Desks.
- 1 Typewriter desk.
- 7 Chairs.
- 1 Department Seal and 1 Letter Scale.

Two notes of \$250.00 each, dated April 10, 1912, 5 notes of \$200.00 each, Elmer Neucomer, Brunswick, Mo.; 1 note for \$200.00 dated March 1, 1911, Arthur Gross; deeds of trust securing all notes.

There was in bank to the credit of the A. A. General the amount of \$39.32, and checks to the amount of \$9.20, a total amount of \$48.52, for which the present A. A. General should account.

A. WHIPPLE,

FRANCIS P. BECKER.

The inventory as made by Comrades Whipple and Becker was accepted by me as correct.

I wish here to express my appreciation of the honor of my appointment and the confidence in me exhibited by yourself and Comrade Wormstead as Department Commanders. I shall always hold your Comradeship and courtesies in grateful remembrance.

J. Russell Rodgers, a son of our late Comrade Thomas Rodgers, who had been a faithful and efficient assistant to my father in his long illness, and who was thoroughly familiar with the details of the office, very properly accompanied the remains of my father back to the old home in Pennsylvania for final interment. I went from there to Orange, N. J., to make his home for the present, a brother, so that when I assumed the duties I was obliged

labor for a time under disadvantageous conditions, and I wish to thank my Comrades, especially Comrades Rassieur, Whipple, Becker and Witter for such assistance as they were able to render in getting started in my duties.

I am pleased to report that a very generous addition has been made to our Safety Fund by the bequest of Comrade Henry C. Murdock, to which I am advised you will make extended reference in your address to the Department Encampment. Under the laws governing the settlement of estates, the bequest was not payable by the Executor until one year after his appointment. Deeming it very desirable and important that, if possible, we get the amount of the bequest into our Safety Fund before the meeting of Our Department Encampment, I entered into correspondence with Mr. Edward D. Ellison, Executor of the Estate, and on the 18th of April I wrote him as follows :

Mr. Edward D. Ellison,

April 18, 1917.

Executor, Estate of Henry C. Murdock, Deceased.

Dear Sir:

The annual meeting of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Springfield, May 15 and 16, 1917. At that meeting the reports of the Department officers will be presented and the general business of the Department will be transacted. There will not be another meeting of the Department until May, 1918.

It will be especially gratifying to the Comrades if I am able to report that the very generous bequest of Comrade Murdock had then been received. If I can then make such report, proper recognition and testimonials will be adopted by the Encampment and will appear in the printed Journal of the proceedings. A page of the Journal will be set apart for a testimonial to Comrade Murdock and on opposite page to his portrait, if we can get a photo for a cut. I am sure that the action that will be taken by the Encampment will be most gratifying to the family and friends of Comrade Murdock. It will be a pity if such action must be delayed for another year. I cannot see how proper action can be taken until the money is received. Of course mention can be made that such bequest appears in the will of Comrade Murdock, but I think that is all that can properly be done until we have the money in our treasury.

My report as Assistant Quartermaster General will be placed in the hands of the printer about the first of May and printed copies will be distributed to the members of the Encampment.

I am writing you to ascertain if it is not possible for you to

pay the bequest in time for me to put it in my report. Such receipt or voucher as you may wish will be given you. If any indemnity is desired it will cheerfully be furnished.

Trusting that you will give this favorable consideration and act accordingly, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) W. F. HENRY,

Assistant Q. M. General Dep't of Mo. G. A. R.

To this letter he replied that if the Department would execute a bond to secure him against loss because of advance payment he would pay the amount of the bequest at once. He enclosed with this letter the form of bond and receipt he desired executed. I at once consulted Comrades Rassieur and A. Whipple in relation to the execution of the bond, and both of them very cheerfully consented to become sureties on the bond required and on behalf of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the bond was signed by you as Department Commander and attested by me as Assistant Adjutant General under the Department Seal and was also signed by Comrades Leo Rassieur and Alphonzo Whipple as sureties. The conditions of the bond are as follows:

Now, therefore, if said principal and sureties above named shall repay to said Edward D. Ellison any sum or sums that shall again be required to pay on said above-mentioned bequest, including all costs, including court costs, traveling expenses, bills, incidentals and attorneys' fees in connection with the defense of any other demand upon him for the payment of the bequest, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

I at once transmitted to Mr. Ellison the bond and my receipt as Assistant Quartermaster General and by return mail on the 2nd inst I received draft on St. Louis for \$1,000.00, which was once deposited with the Merchants-Laclede National Bank, together with a certificate of deposit therefor. In his letter of transmittal Mr. Ellison says: "I take pleasure in enclosing St. Louis Exchange for \$1,000.00."

I confidently trust that the Department Encampment will approve our action in this matter and adopt a resolution of thanks to Comrades Rassieur and Whipple for becoming sureties on the above-mentioned bond and also a resolution expressive of appreciation of the courteous treatment and advance payment of the bequest by Mr. Edward D. Ellison, Executor of the Estate of C. Murdock.

I have thought it well to make this detailed report concerning the generous bequest of Comrade Murdock in order that the members of the Department might have full knowledge of the

In closing this report I wish to thank you and Comrade Wormstead for honors conferred and for courteous treatment and to express my appreciation the spirit of comradeship exhibited to me by all my comrades.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

WILBUR F. HENRY,

Asst. Adjt.-Gen'l and Asst. Quartermaster General.

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1916.

Balance on hand December 31, 1916.....	\$ 110.26
Received by A. Q. M. G. Rodgers as appears by his accounts:	
From per capita tax.....	327.42
From sale of supplies.....	72.55
From interest on loans.....	210.00
Total receipts by him.....	\$ 720.23
His accounts show that he paid out in 1916 (vouchers on file):	
For rent	\$ 60.00
For salaries	540.00
For P. C. Tax.....	75.03
For supplies	31.50
For printing	45.28
For postage	17.17
For incidental expenses.....	15.45
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	\$784.43
Amount on hand June 3, 1916, and received by A. Q. M. G.	
W. F. Henry	\$ 48.52
Received from per capita tax.....	741.60
Received from sale of supplies.....	86.20
Received from sale of note.....	252.92
Received from St. Louis Relief Committee.....	415.93
Total	<hr/>
	\$1,545.17

PAID OUT (APPROVED VOUCHERS ON FILE).

For arrears of salary A. A. G. Rodgers.....	\$ 126.66
For salary A. A. G. Henry, June 3 to Dec. 31.....	577.78
For supplies	48.20
For National per capita tax.....	75.53
For printing	187.23
For ribbon badges	25.00
For rent	120.00
For postage	25.00
For expense National Encampment	46.70
For insurance	14.10
For travel expense	25.60
For incidentals	33.00
Total paid out	\$1,304.50
Balance on hand, December 31, 1916.....	240.00
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	\$1,545.00

EXHIBIT "B."

SAFETY FUND.

I received June 19, 1916, from Leo Rassieur, executor of the estate of Thomas B. Rodgers, deceased, two promissory notes \$250.00 each, and five promissory notes for \$200.00 each made by Elmer Neucomer, all of said notes bearing interest at 6 per cent and secured by deed of trust. The total principal of the seven notes is \$1,500.00.

Also a promissory note for \$2,000.00 made by Arthur Granger bearing 6 per cent interest and secured by deed of trust.

Under resolution of the 35th Annual Department Encampment one of the \$250.00 Neucomer notes was sold on the 21st day of June at par with interest and the amount of the proceeds, \$250.00, was transferred to the General Fund.

As heretofore stated, the sum of \$1,000.00 was received on June 2, 1917, and placed in the Safety Fund, making the present (March 1, 1917) amount in the Safety Fund to be \$4,250.00.

EXHIBIT "C."

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

No.		V
5	Official badges	\$
12	Membership badges	
96	Buttoniers	
57	Rank Straps	
71	Official ribbons	

4	Rules and Regulations .....	.40
250	Applications	2.50
14	Cash Books	16.80
2	Blue Books	2.40
4	Rituals	2.00
19	Cards for rituals.....	.95
6	Service books	1.80
3	Quartermaster's warrant books.....	2.55
1	Adjutant's descriptive book	1.00
40	Discharges	2.00
37	Leave of absence cards.....	1.85
20	Transfers	1.00
27	Post Odes .....	.81
197	Department badges, plain	118.20
48	Department badges, silver top	48.00
1	Electrotype50
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		\$250.76

EXHIBIT "D."

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, December 31, 1916.....	\$ 240.22
Office furniture, books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies	250.76
Loans on real estate (Safety Fund).....	3,250.00
Certificate of deposit Safety Fund.....	1,000.00
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There are no unpaid bills.	\$5,540.98
Balance on hand May 1, 1917.....	\$ 320.22

EXHIBIT "E."

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1916.

Post	
1	Michael Karr, Mus. Co. C, 30th Mo. Inf.
	John Dinsbeer, Pr. Co. A, 1st Rifle Bat.
	W. B. Darrah, Pr. Co. C, 11th Pa. Inf.
	J. H. Ulmer, Pr. Co. I, 108 O. V. I.
	Jas. Pierce, Pr. Co. M, 2nd Cav.
	A. S. Green, Pr., Co. A, 6th Cal. Inf.
	Thos. B. Rodgers, Lieut.-Col. 140th Penn.
	Thos. Moore, Pr. Co. E, 91st Iowa and Co. 192 Iowa
	Thos. R. Smart, Sergt. Co. E, 50th Ill. Inf.
	N. W. Carroll, Pr. Co. F, 43d Ill. Inf.

- Joseph Rosenbach, Pr. Co. C, 2d Mo. Inf.
 Geo. G. Preest, Pr. Co. G, 11th Mo. Cav.
 W. F. Wernse, Pr. Co. E, 10th Mo. Inf.
 Frank Mark, Pr. Co. A, 2d Mo. L. A.
 Cuthbert Dixon, Sergt. Co. A, 11th Mich. Inf.
 Victor Schneider, Pr. Co. F, 40th Mo. Inf.
 Joel B. Morris, Sergt. Co. I, 84th Ill. Inf.
 Leo Shuman, Pr. Co. B, 175th N. Y. Inf.
 David Coleman, Pr. Co. C, 34th O. V. I.
 Fred D. Bauer, Pr. Co. G, 15th Mo. Inf.
 Geo. Deitz, Corp. Co. C, 4th O. V. Cav.
 Jas. L. Stoddard, Sergt. Co. C, 2d Minn. Inf.
- 2 Anton Geiser, Pr. Co. G, 4th Mo. Cav.
- 4 Caleb Rubottom, Corp. Co. K, 43d Ind. Inf.
 J. P. Maxwell, Pr. Co. D, 14th Mo. Cav.
 P. J. McLaughlin, 2d Lieut. Co. A, 5th U. S. Cav.
 J. M. Jenkins, Pr. Co. K, 16th Kans. Cav.
 Chas. Tubbitts, Pr. Co. I, 9th Ill. Cav.
 A. B. Clark, Sergt. Co. D, 12th Mass. Inf.
 D. R. Porter, Asst. Surg. 5th Kans. Cav.
 John Horsh, Pr. Co. C, 47th Pro. E. M. M.
 R. T. Van Horn, Lieut.-Col. 25th Mo. Inf.
 Geo. M. Laughlin, 1st Class Boy, U. S. S. Howard
 H. W. Lobdell, Pr. Co. D, 1st N. Y. L. A.
- 5 A. B. Thompson, Pr. Co. I, 10th Vt. Inf.
 John Hoffman, Pr. Co. G, 49th Mo. Inf.
 John W. Stigall, Pr. Co. G, 9th Mo. Cav.
 Ralph P. Patton, Pr., Co. E, 47th Ill. Inf.
- 6 W. W. Grider, Pr.
 Oscar G. Burch, Pr. Co. A, and Lieut. Co. G, 19th Ia.
 Gottlieb Dietz, — 48th Mo. Inf.
 Geo. B. Miller, 1st Lieut. Co. G, 45th Mo. Inf.
- 7 Thos. H. Alfred, Capt's Clerk, U. S. S. Albatros
 John Q. Adams, Pr. Co. K, 102d N. Y.
 Rodney Conner, Sergt. Co. C, 150th Pa. Inf.
 Wm. L. Thomas, Pr. Co. C, 12th Mo. Cav.
 Henry Eckhart, Pr. Co. G, 9th N. J. Inf.
 John Sweeney, Pr. Co. E, 6th U. S. Cav.
 A. J. Lloyd, Corp. Co. D, 2d Kans. Cav.
 Henry Veraugh, Pr. Co. I, 7th Ia. Cav.
 John Mayer, Pr. Co. A, 10th N. Y. Inf.
 Chas. C. Crawford, 1st Lieut. Co. I, 126th O. V. I.
 Enoch Rush, Pr. Co. F, 102d Ill. Inf.
 Elias Chute, Sergt. Co. E, 1st Mich. L. A.

- August W. Koch, Pr. Co. E, M. S. M. Cav.
 John E. Wolfley, Pr. Co. A, 45th O. V. I.
 8 Frank Holsinger, Pr. Co. F, 8th Pa. Inf.
 Jesse N. Goodwin, Pr. Co. F, 88th O. V. I.
 Jos. W. Crabtree, Co. C, 1st Ind. H. A.
 Harlow J. Boice, Pr. Bat. H, 1st Ohio Art.
 Robt. Hildebrand, 1st Sergt. Co. H, 187th O. V. I.
 Rufus Williams, Pr. Co. E, 1st Nevada Cav.
 Sidney S. Morey, Pr. Co. K, 13th Vt. Inf.
 Louis H. Waters, Colonel, 28th Ill. Inf. and B'v't Brig.-Gen.
 U. S. V.
 Thomas L. Charles, Pr. Co. A, Ind. Inf.
 Wm. Warner, Major, 44th Wis. Inf.
 John R. Mumma, Bugler, Co. I, 50th O. V. C.
 Hiram Crampton, Lieut. 44th U. S. C. T.
 Wm. F. Thomas, Pr. Co. A, — Ind. Inf.
 David S. Harriman, Sergt. Co. E, 12th Mass. Inf.
 Wm. R. Grebe, Pr. Co. F, 4th Mo. Cav.
 E. E. Richardson, Pr. Co. F, 74th N. Y. State Militia
 Thomas Hutton, Corp. Co. B, 4th Tenn. Inf.
 10 W. A. Harvey, Pr. Co. D, 6th Kans. Inf.
 R. S. Ferguson, Pr. Co. F, 16th Kans. Cav.
 J. C. Lane, Pr. O. V. I.
 A. H. Thacher, Pr. Iowa Inf.
 A. M. Burras
 11 Andrew Rempel, Pr. Co. B, 66th Ill. Inf.
 12 W. J. Gibson
 James Harding
 13 Henry Pape, Pr. Co. B, 1st Mo. L. A.
 Jacob Freiner, Pr. Co. E, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Gustav Hampe, Pr. Co. K, 1st U. S. R. C.
 Frank Nouss, Pr. Co. A, 15th Mo. Inf.
 Lorenz Ross, Pr. Co. B, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Gustav Niederer, Sergt. Co. I, 2d Mo. Art.
 Phil. Moeser, Pr. Co. A, 41st Mo. Inf.
 H. Lautenschlaeger, Lieut. Co. M, 1st V. R. C.
 14 W. S. Harmony, Pr. Co. I, 11th Ill.
 O. A. Adams, Pr. Co. C, 153d Ill.
 Felix M. Ayers, Sergt. Co. C, 15th Kans.
 Samuel Martin, Major, 5th Ky. Cav.
 John H. Krudwig, Pr. Co. K, 35th Wis. Inf.
 John P. Walker, Corp., 5th M. S. M.
 16 Aly. Moorman, Sergt. Co. E, 66th Ind. Inf.
 J. A. Mitchel, —, Co. A, 23d Maine Inf.

- John A. Dell, Pr. Co. A, 8th Kans. Inf.
 Thos. H. Pugh, Pr. Co. E, 6th Mo.
 Caleb Fox, Pr. Co. I, 43d O. V. I.
 J. A. Magoffin, Pr. —, 7th Ind. S. S.
 T. Connel, Pr. Co. B, 15th Mo.
 J. N. Tabor, Pr. Co. D, 22d Ill.
 Isaac Wilmer, Pr. Co. B, 9th Pa. Cav.
 Thos. B. Tuttle, Capt. 1st N. Y. S. S.
 John M. Hill, Sergt. Co. C, 28th N. Y.
 Fred Munich, Pr. Co. E, 33d Ohio.
 H. Sheeoly, Pr. Co. F, 16th Pa. Cav.
 Geo. W. Trumbo, Pr. Co. D, 29th Ind.
- 17 Oscar Stucker, Pr. Co. G, 16th O. V. I.
 Frank Davidson, Co. I, 28th Minn.
- 19 John C. Fletcher, Pr. Co. F, 15th O. V. I.
- 21 John Herron
 M. Lar
- 22 Charles Calisoro, Pr. Co. A, 2d Mo. Cav.
 S. S. McLaughlin, Pr. Co. D, 6th Pa. H. A.
 L. J. Wiley, Pr. Co. G, 39th Mo. Inf.
 S. K. Bohon, Pr. Co. B, 14th Mo. Cav.
 Louis Spriggs, 1st Lieut. 33d O. V. I.
- 23 Benj. F. Stone
- 26 Charles Dickerson, Pr. Co. G, 13th N. Y.
 Hiram Morris, Pr. Co. B, 20th Mo. Inf.
 J. W. Northcraft, Sergt. Co. F, 21st Mo. Inf.
 T. S. Stewart, Pr. Co. F, 50 Ohio.
- 29 Jacob Rea, Pr. Co. L, 2d Ill. Cav.
 Wm. J. White, Pr. Co. G, 78th Ill. Inf.
 John W. Toppas, Major, 1st Mo. Cav.
 F. M. Carnahan Pr. Co. C, 175th O. V. I.
 James Fullerton, Pr. Co. G, 1st Cal. Inf.
 Geo. L. Williams, Pr. Co. H, 1st Pa. Art.
 Jacob W. Green, Pr. Co. E, 35th Iowa Inf.
- 32 S. E. Turner, Capt. Co. D, 6th Mo. Cav.
 Charles E. Streeter, Pr. Co. H, 44th Mo. Inf.
 Miles Bays, Pr. Co. H, 4th Mo. Cav. S. M.
- 33 George Armstrong, Co. A, 186th N. Y. Inf.
- 34 Michael Getz, Pr. Co. D, 68th O. V. I.
- 45 Aug. Weigel, Pr. Co. F, 4th M. S. M. Cav.
 Dan. Thornton, Pr. Co. C, 14th Kans. Cav.
 T. C. Dungan, Pr. Co. G, 30th Mo. Inf.
 W. C. Opal, Pr. Co. G, 7th Ind.
 Geo. Fryman, Pr. Co. B, 19th Iowa.

- 47 R. W. Black, Pr. Co. G, 2nd Prov. Mo.
 Frederick Price, Pr. Co. D, 40th Iowa.
 Alfred Cunningham, Pr. Co. G, 2d M. S. M.
- 53 Milton Bard, Pr. Co. G, 10th Ill. Inf.
 Henry Green, Pr. Co. F, 36th O. V. I.
 Ara McCoy, Pr. Co. F, 36th O. V. I.
- 54 W. O. Underwood, Corp. Co. C, 73rd Ill. Inf.
 W. H. Probasco, Pr. Co. D, 18th Mo. Inf.
 W. H. Doyle, Pr. Co. M, 9th Iowa Cav.
 H. H. Earhart, Pr. Co. D, 1st M. S. M.
- 57 F. M. Young, Pr. Co. A, 42d Mo.
 Geo. W. Baker, Pr. Co. F, 25th Mo.
- 69 A. T. Budlong, Pr. Co. K, 8th Mo. Cav.
 Tillman Dyer, Pr. Co. D, 8th Mo. Cav.
 R. H. Davis, 2d Lieut. Co. G, 155th Ill. Inf.
 Geo. Drumbright, Pr. Co. C, 2d Ark. Cav.
 G. W. Larkins, Co. K, 46th Mo. Inf.
- 72 D. A. Jones, 13th Mo. Cav.
 James T. Ordway, Co. C, 87th O. V. I.
- 75 G. H. Kilgore, Pr. Co. C, 149th O. V. I.
- 76 J. W. Lucas, Pr. Co. I, 89th O. V. I.
 Thos. Nickerson, Pr. Co. K, 47th Ill.
- 78 J. H. Maguire, Pr. Co. B, 7th M. S. M.
 J. W. Sawyer, Pr. Co. B, 2d Maine Cav.
 Henry Hasser
 D. B. Taylor, Corp. Co. D, 5th Mo. Cav.
- 79 H. Gorton, Sergt. Co. C, 7th O. V. I.
- 82 R. J. G. Gilliland, Pr. Co. G, 67th E. M. M.
- 86 M. E. Pickard, Pr. Co. B, 35th Mo. Inf.
 S. R. McAllister, Pr. Co. I, 119th N. Y.
 G. H. Spiking, Pr. Co. F, 13th Ill.
- 96 Geo. H. McElvain, Pr. Co. A, 64th O. V. I.
- 97 W. B. Nilges, Pr. Co. A, 9th Prov. En. Mo.
 Jos. B. Sleg, Pr. Co. D, Mo. H. G.
- 107 Geo. K. Henry, Pr. Co. H, 5th U. S. R. C.
- 110 Zachariah N. Bennett, Pr. Co. E, 1st Iowa Cav.
 Isaac Schemerhorn, Pr. Co. E, 47th Ind. Inf.
 E. H. Williams, Sergt. Co. G, 116th Ind.
 Jonathan Johnson, Sergt. Co. H, Mo. Inf.
- 111 Reuben A. Davis, Pr. Co. E, 46th Mo. Inf.
- 115 John Barkley, Q. M. S., Iowa.
- 119 W. S. Tyler
 John Coruthers
 J. C. Moore
 Thomas Cox

C. L. Ferry

Thomas Chapman

- 124 Harvey Weddle, Pr. Co. G, 43d Mo. Inf.
L. C. Washburn, 106th N. Y. Inf.
- 129 Jas. F. Moreland, Corp. Co. C, 8th Bat. Ky. Inf.
James Rolston, Pr. Co. B, 1st Mo. Eng.
- 131 H. C. Sankey, Co. A, 55th Pa.; Co. D, 134th Pa.; Co. E, 193d Pa.
H. Siekerman, Pr. 22d Mo.
J. S. Taylor, Sergt. Co. C.
J. B. Carpenter, Pr. Co. C, 103d O. V. I.
H. G. Vreeland, Pr. Co. A, 22d N. J.
R. N. Denham, Corp. Co. H, 124th O. V. I.
J. B. Wilde, Pr. Co. D, 13th N. J.
J. B. Wilde, 1st Lieut. 61st N. Y.
Edw. McDonald, Sergt. Co.s H and D, 1st Mo.
Chas. H. Davis, Co. C, 72d O. V. I.
Nick Sauer, Co. K, 186th O. V. I.
Stephen Garlock, Co. D, 50 N. Y.
W. L. Graydon, Co. E, 12th N. Y.
David Murphy, 1st Lieut. Co. A.
B. G. Farrar, Major Brev. Col.
A. B. Kaufman, Pr., Serg., Major, Lieut.-Col.
W. A. Hequembourg, Lieut.-Col., 3d Mo.
Louis Lipman, 1st Lieut. Co. E, 9th Mo. Inf.
Henry N. Dunpher, Corp. Co. A, 13th Ill. Inf.
David R. Welsh, Corp. Co. C, 45th Ill. Inf.
Adam Worthage, Corp. Co. A, 33d Mo.
Wm. A. Zukoski, Pr. Co. K, 3d Mo. Inf.
Isadore Birge, Bugler, Co. K, 2d Mo. Inf.
Chas. H. Hughes, Sergt., 1st Mo.
John H. Terry, Capt. Co. D, 137th N. Y.
Wm. P. Bushnell, Pr. Co. H, 2d O. V. C.
James G. Butler, Major, 3d Mich. Cav.
Donald McLean, Sergt. Co. H, 10th O. V. C.
Jas. K. Merrifield, Corp. Co. D, 86th Ill. Inf.
- 141 E. W. Medlin, Pr. Co. C, 14th Mo. Cav.
D. H. Carroll, Pr., 3d Mo. Inf.
- 145 W. A. Chidester (Reported as of Co. A, 5th Ill. Inf., which
error. There was no 5th Regt. Ill. Inf. in the war, 1861.
W. F. H.)
- 150 W. W. Fitzpatrick, Pr. Co. C, 23d Mo. Inf.
Millard Bosworth, Pr. Co. H, 104th O. V. I.
- 152 Fred E. Steiner, Pr., 3rd Mo. Inf.
- 172 Leonard Hagerman, Corp., 3d Mo. Inf.

- Daniel Gilson, Corp. Co. D, 121st O. V. I.
- 174 Joseph Wilson, Pr. Co. A, 2d Mo., L. Art.
- 179 O. E. Malory, Capt., 114th Ill. Inf.
Geo. R. Rudy, Pr. Co. I, 198 O. V. I.
- 184 W. D. Walker—Service not reported.
Peter Perkins—Service not reported.
R. Rea—Service not reported.
O. J. Bedwell—Service not reported.
- 187 James E. Leftwich, Pr. Co. D, 13th Ky. Inf.
- 190 G. N. Barnes, Pr. Co. B, 68th Ill. Inf.
A. J. Teters, Pr. Co. A, Mo. Art.
- 197 Wm. H. Cameron, Pr. Co. H, 3d M. S. M.
- 214 W. B. Church, Co. C, 2d Mo. Cav.
- 215 R. J. Hamilton, Pr. Co. H, 45th O. V. I.
Wm. Wood, Pr. Co. I, 3d Mo. Cav.
- 221 Jas. Sorling, Pr. Co. F, 39th Mo. Inf.
- 223 Jacob Lutes, Pr. Co. I, 57th Pa.
- 238 W. G. James
James Blanden
- 240 Horace L. McMellon, Sergt. Co. D, 52d E. M. M.
Wm. A. Smiley, 12th W. Va. Inf.
Frank Westerman, Pr. Co. G, 1st M. S. M.
Ewing Roberts, Capt. Co. B, 24th Ind. Inf.
- 247 Wm. A. Alexander.
Jas. P. Privett, Pr. Co. A, 47th Ky.
J. L. McAnally, Pr. Co. D, 10th Iowa.
- 260 W. H. Bramhall, Pr. Co. K, 31st Iowa.
- 268 Thomas Kincaid, Pr. Co. B, 78th Ill. Inf.
Hiram Woodward Pr. Co. G, 12th Ill. Inf.
- 276 W. J. Gold, Pr. Co. E, 78th Pa.
Jacob Casserman, Pr. Co. G, 6th Mo. Cav.
John Burg, Pr. Co. K, 1st Ill. Cav.
W. C. Musch, Pr. Co. G, 1st Mo. Cav.
C. P. Bailey, Corp. Co. C, 43d Mo.
Wm. Bartlett, Pr. Co. K, 59th O. V. I.
C. M. Gordon, Capt. Co. H, 122d O. V. I.
T. D. Shelton
Christ. Rohrbach, Co. B, Cole Co. Guard.
- 303 Harley Shippy, Pr. Co. B, 2d Mich. Inf.
C. Adams, Pr. Co. H, 23d Mo.
Ben Salmon, Co. B, 33d Mo. Inf.
Wm. Ray, Pr. Co. B, 35th Mo. Inf.
- 320 Jacob Rommel, 4th Mo. Inf.
Dominik Duffnor, 2d Mo. Art.

- 326 Jacob Falk, Pr. Co. A, 15th Mo. Inf.
 348 Thos. B. Self, Pr. Co. C, 31st Mo. Inf.
 Oliver F. Beal, Pr. Co. L, 6th Mich. Cav.
 355 Lyman N. Cole, Sergt. Co. B, 53d Ill. Inf.
 359 Jessie Willshir, Sergt. Co. K, 6th O. V. C.
 374 Curtis Culison, Pr. Co. G, O. V. I.
 496 E. Dieckmann, Sergt. Co. I, 9th Ill. Inf.
 Geo. Shmarr, Pr. Co. D, 4th Mo. Cav.
 Hy. Kolde, Pr. Co. B, 2d Mo. Art.
 Hy. Surmann, Pr. Co. G, 2d U. S., R. C.
 Hy. Wietz, Corp. Co. B, 1st U. S., R. C.
 Aug. Sanderman, Mus., 1st Mo. Inf.
 512 Andrew Wolf, Pr. Co. H, 1st U. S., R.
 Isaac Williams, Pr. Co. G, Ohio.
 Henry Swädley, Pr. Co. H, 6th W. Va.
 J. S. Stinger, Pr. Co. B, 4th Ohio.
 551 Alfred Hunt, Pr. Co. A, 4th Iowa Cav.
 J. H. Poynter, Pr. Co. E, 43d Mo. Inf.
 554 Wm Fischer, Pr. Co. A, 1st Bat. M. S. Cav.
 572 Fred Lichty, Co. K, 33d Mo. Inf.
 Ferdinand David, Co. L., 10th Mo. Cav.
 Wm. G. Boatwrite, Pr. Co. G, 25th Ill. Inf.
 Ferdinand, David, Pr. Co. L, 10th Mo. Cav.
 576 Gustav Koch, Pr. Co. I, 3d Mo. Inf.
 583 Hillery J. Bibbins, Corp. Co. A, 62d U. S., C. T.
 586 D. W. Obrist, Co. B, 2d Mo. L. Art.
 John Knox, Pr. Co. E, 3d Iowa Cav.
 593 James Agens, Pr. Co. B, 2d Batty. 1st Mich Art.
 Joseph Kirby, Pr. Co. A, 93d O. V. I.
 Jas. M. Treat, Co. A, 16th Mo. Cav.
 W. C. Peterson, Capt. Co. B, 11th Tenn. Cav.
 Francis A. W. Strang, Co. D, 207th Pa.
 594 Nicholas Krole, Pr. Co. A, 177th Vol. Inf.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

W. F. Henry,

Asst. Adjt. General, Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

I desire to make a brief statement. Since Post Surgeons are making no report, the Medical Director can only state his personal experience and observation. I desire to thank the Comrades of this Department for the honor conferred by electing me Medical Director for three terms. This honor I fully appreciate. The duties were never arduous. I did all I could as Surgeon of Ransom Post since its organization and as Pension Examining Surgeon for a number of years. It has always been my pleasant duty to assist my Comrades in all ways possible.

Now we are all on the firing line again as in the years 1861 to 1865. Then we were often ordered to protect ourselves when possible. We should do so now by avoiding excesses of all kinds, and if there be danger signals, consult those best informed; not in fear, but as a duty to ourselves and best friends. We belong to a class of extra good risks, having escaped so many dangers, seen and unseen, and attained our age. For this let us be thankful. Our early outdoor life for three to four years was conducive to a strong constitution. Fresh air and sunshine with moderate exercise are essential to good health and happy age. And may our remaining years be our best years, is the earnest wish of yours truly, in

Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

THOS. S. HAWLEY, M. D.,

Medical Director, Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

W. F. Henry,

Jefferson City, Mo., May 9, 1917.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I wish to express my appreciation of the compliment of appointment to the office of Chief Mustering Officer, and of the courtesies that have been extended to me. There is little material left for the organization of new Posts and none have been organized the past year. Therefore my official services have not been required. Please extend my thanks to the Department Commander for honor conferred.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

A. N. SEABER,

Dept. C. M. Officer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Mo., May 9, 1917.

Alex. McCandless,
Department Commander, Missouri.

Comrade and Commander:

The Department of Patriotic Instruction begs to present the humble results of its working during the past year.

Our work has been quiet and somewhat uneventful. We are finding by experience many things that we may do, small in themselves, yet their aggregate enables us to keep our work before the public. We specially rejoice to say that our National ensign, "OLD GLORY" is rapidly coming into its own and has found a welcome place in the hearts of all Americans, as well as many other of the great powers of the earth.

The people never understood as today, that our flag stands for America, and it is spreading its folds to the breezes of the world. Our flag is proclaiming "freedom and democracy," and other nations are incorporating this sentiment into their thought and practice. Europe is beckoning and pleading that the stars and stripes shall be unfolded on foreign shores and become a monument of respect and power among their people. The flag not only floats upon the masts of our ships, our public buildings, our schools learning, but it has now invaded our homes and become one of our household gods. Our children handle it, our teachers tell about our mothers kiss its folds and it has in reality become "our flag."

From 46 reports I gather the following data:

Thirty Posts attended Sunday memorial services in a body some church or hall. Churches invite us to worship with them.

Twenty-eight Posts attended Memorial Day services in a body listened to stirring addresses and spread fragrant flowers upon comrades graves. Placing flowers is now supplemented by placing a flag at the head of each grave.

Ten Posts were accompanied to the burial places by school children in a body and assisted in placing flowers.

A school that does not now possess a flag is the exception. Instead of mounting the flag upon the top of the house it finds a fitting place on a steel pole in front where the children can see and cheer it.

Two Posts, with the help of friends, erected a steel pole in country cemeteries.

Flag presentations are now so numerous that it is useless to seek to enumerate them.

Springfield High School erected a 60-foot steel pole in honor of the coming of the Department Encampment and upon this beautiful rod is placed a large flag by the Woman's Relief Corps.

Lincoln and Washington days are quite generally observed, not only by Posts but by Sunday schools and churches, colleges and universities.

The threatened war fires the hearts of the Grand Army, and some even are offering their services to their country.

The public press has been ever ready to give place to communications relating to patriotism.

Expense of our department work has amounted to \$50.00.

The Patriotic Instructor and his staff return grateful acknowledgment for all department courtesies. While we lament the fall of many respected leaders and beloved comrades, the ranks take up their work and seek to fill out any incomplete work begun.

We recommend especially the preservation of lists of buried comrades in the various cemeteries so that when we have passed beyond there may be no doubt of the place where each comrade sleeps.

We recommend that iron or steel poles be erected in each country cemetery where comrades are buried, so that on Memorial Day Old Glory shall call attention to the honorable service the soldiers rendered. We also recommend that comrades identify themselves with every effort that looks toward patriotism.

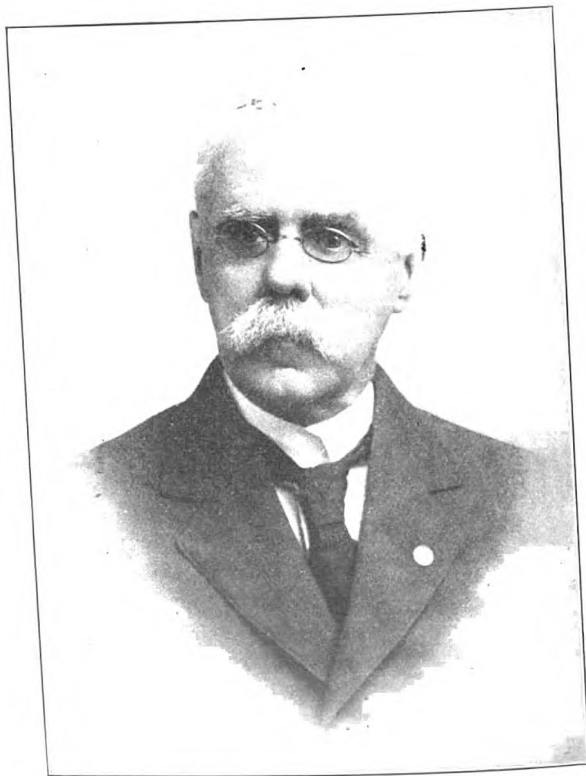
Let a spirit of gratitude fill each heart that so many comrades have lived through another year and that our grateful government has sought in many ways to alleviate and comfort as well as assist. May the new year prove generous to us that our day of usefulness be lengthened.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

WILLIAM C. CALLAND,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

Past Department Commander Rassieur moved that the rules be suspended and the Encampment proceed to the election of a Representative at large to the Fifty-first National Encampment. The motion was adopted. Nomination for Representative at large to the National Encampment was thereupon declared in order.

Comrade Munchrath, Post 13, nominated Comrade E. W. Duncan, Commander of Post 131. His nomination was seconded by several Comrades. There being no other nominations Comrade Duncan was unanimously elected Representative at large to the Fifty-first National Encampment.



WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD

ELECTED DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MAY 18, 1916, RESIGNED SEPT. 18, 1916.
HAVING BEEN ELECTED BY THE 50TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
SENIOR-VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

The Department Commander announced that nominations for Representatives and Alternates was then in order. The Assistant Adjutant General announced that the Department is entitled to have thirteen Representatives, in addition to the Representative at large, and should also elect fourteen Alternates. He also announced that under a rule adopted by a former Department Encampment, the names of Comrades to be voted for would be printed on tickets in reverse numerical order of the numbers of the Posts of which they were members; that is, the name of the Comrade from the highest numbered Post will be placed first, and from the lowest numbered Post last.

The following named Comrades were placed in nomination for Representatives to the Fifty-first National Encampment:

- A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis.
- John Hack, Post 72, Trenton.
- B. F. Morgan, Post 45, Oregon.
- J. N. Moore, Post 4, Kansas City.
- W. K. Collins, Post 582, Lees Summit.
- S. W. Serl, Post 4, Kansas City.
- R. B. Dodge, Post 190, Webb City.
- Jacob Hott, Post 276, California.
- G. W. Edwards, Post 343, St. Louis.
- S. Fielder, Post 218, Fairport.
- M. P. Owen, Post 131, St. Louis.
- W. M. Smith, Post 69, Springfield.
- M. L. Ham, Post 4, Kansas City.
- John Harnois, Post 7, St. Joseph.
- Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis.
- Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly.
- Frank Arnold, Post 34, Lamar.
- Henry Frein, Post 2, St. Louis.
- Chas. B. Kurtz, Post 8, Kansas City.
- G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville.
- W. H. Rudolph, Post 107, St. Louis.
- O. H. Guffin, Post 8, Kansas City.
- C. E. Miller, Post 131, St. Louis.
- Alf. Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City.
- S. D. Webster, Post 131, St. Louis.
- H. T. Dutton, Post 69, Springfield.
- Elmer Graham, Post 145, Eldon.

No other nominations appearing, the nomination for Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment were declared closed.

At the conclusion of the foregoing nominations, it was announced that the general parade would take place promptly at two o'clock.

The Department Commander ordered that all Comrades who could take part in the parade be in position by 1:45, so that the column could move promptly at two o'clock.

Comrade Calland made announcements as to the parade and the evening campfire. Following these announcements, on motion the Encampment, at 12 o'clock noon, took a recess until after the parade, to re-convene at 3:45 p. m.

(A report of the parade will be found in the Unofficial Proceedings following the Journal of the regular Proceedings of the Encampment.)

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment met and was called to order by the Department Commander at 3:45 o'clock.

Announcement was made that a Committee from the State Medical Association, then in session, was in waiting and desired to present the greetings of that association.

There being no objection, the business of the Encampment was suspended and the Committee was admitted and escorted to seats upon the platform, and were presented to the Encampment. The Committee was composed of Dr. C. Lester Hall, of Kansas City; Dr. A. W. McAllister, of Columbia, and Dr. C. R. Woodson, of Joseph. They each delivered a short, but interesting and patriotic address, and presented the fraternal greetings and commendations from the Missouri State Medical Association.

The Department Commander called upon Past Command Chief Rassieur to respond to the greetings, so courteously, cordially and eloquently extended, which he did in an address full of praise and hearty appreciation. He called attention to the remarkable advancement in the science of surgery and medicine since the close of the Civil War, and the improved conditions for the care of the sick and wounded soldier now in comparison with the conditions in 1861-1865.

The Committee retired and the Encampment proceeded with its business.

On motion it was resolved that the Encampment proceed with the election of Representatives and Alternates to the next National Encampment, and the Department Commander appointed the following tellers to receive and count the ballots: Benj. Warner, 4, chairman; P. H. Callahan, Post 131; E. N. Edmunds, Post 8; A. Minges, Post 13; P. F. Coghlan, Post 1; T. G. Rechow, Post 149, and E. C. Baugher, Post 324.

A committee from the Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps was announced as in waiting, and desired to present the greetings of that Order. They were received, escorted to the platform, saluted by the Comrades, and seated.

Mrs. Hattie Allen, of Corps No. 3, chairman of the committee, presented the greetings of the Department Convention of the W. R. C., and introduced the members of the committee as follows:

Mrs. Hengelsberg, Department Secretary; and Past Department Presidents, Mrs. Mary E. Mettler, Mrs. Anna Wohosky, Mrs. Florence Van Slyke, Mrs. Hannah Martin, Mrs. Mary Botkin and Mrs. Orpha Bronson.

Mrs. Hengelsberg, Department Secretary, presented and read the Report of the Woman's Relief Corps as follows.

St. Louis, Mo., May 14, 1917.

Alexander McCandless,

Department Commander, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you, and through you, to the Department Encampment, assembled at Springfield, May 15-16, a brief statement of work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps, for year ending May 16, 1917:

Number of Corps	37
Number of Members	1649
Cash expended by Corps for relief.....	\$355.43
Relief extended other than money.....	674.24
Number of Veterans assisted.....	47
Number in Veterans' families assisted.....	103
Number of Members assisted.....	46
Number in Members' families assisted.....	133
Total number of persons assisted.....	329

I desire to thank you, and especially Captain Henry, A. A. G., and all Comrades of the G. A. R., for courtesies extended to me.

ALISON WHALEN,

Department President.

The Commander called upon Comrade W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, to respond to the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, which he did in well chosen words, eloquently expressed. The Committee retired and the Encampment again proceeded with its business.

Comrade Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief and Chairman of the Committee on Memorial to Comrade William Warner, presented the report of that Committee. There being no objection the report was received and read as follows:

Capt. W. F. Henry,

A. A. G. Dept. of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade: The Department Commander by General Order, appointed the undersigned Committee to prepare a suitable memorial.

relative to the death of our esteemed Comrade, William Warner, and in obedience to such order, beg leave to submit its report, as follows:

Since our last annual Encampment, the members of our organization have been called on to pay the last sad tribute of respect to our first Department Commander,

COMRADE WILLIAM WARNER,

and not a Comrade in our organization but felt that he had lost, not only a Comrade, but a dear, personal friend. His human sympathy was so great, his personality so strong, his interest in every thing connected with the Grand Army so intense, his acquaintanceship so general, that he had endeared himself to every individual member of the order.

When Comrade Warner was just beginning his career as a young lawyer in Wisconsin, he heard the voice of patriotism calling him to volunteer in defense of his country and his flag; so, laying aside his books and dismissing his clients, he enlisted as a member of the 33d Wisconsin Infantry, in which he served faithfully, being promoted to Lieutenant and Captain, and in January 1865, being appointed Major of the 44th Wisconsin, and there obtained the title by which he was ever afterwards known and of which he was proud. At the close of the war, after three years of faithful, strenuous service, he was discharged and returned to his home; but soon after located in Kansas City, which remained his home until his death. He early became a member of the Grand Army and in 1882 was elected Department Commander, and in 1889 elected Commander-in-Chief of the Order. During his life he was ever and always a regular attendant at both State and National Encampments, in both of which, his voice and influence were most potent.

The civil honors that, from time to time, were heaped upon our Comrade, showed the regard and esteem in which he was held by his admiring countrymen, the last and highest honor being full term in the Senate of the United States, and in all the positions held he showed himself to be faithful and true.

The last service our Comrade was able to render, was for the benefit and in behalf of the Grand Army. The meeting of the National Encampment last year in Kansas City, his home, demanded much of his time and hard labor, to which exaction his strength was not equal, and to his intimate friends, who, at that meeting grasped his hand, as it proved for the last time, he said what had never said before: "I am tired, so tired." And the end came soon, for on October 4th, 1916, our friend and Comrade fell in "that dreamless sleep," and passed over to be with the great majority. A few days later, his Comrades, attended by a great throng of citizens of all ranks and conditions, laid him to rest in beautiful Elmwood Cemetery, where, surrounded by trees and flowers, which he loved, he sleeps the eternal sleep.

Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won,
He entered into rest.

Soldier, jurist, statesman, true Comrade, staunch friend,
and farewell.

It is eminently fitting and proper that the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of Republic, should adopt a memorial as a token of its respect and esteem for our departed Comrade.

Your Committee presents this as a memorial and asks its adoption.

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

LEO RASSIEUR,
GEO. W. MARTIN,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

The report of the Committee and Memorial were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and while the Comrades were standing "Taps" were sounded by Comrade S. D. Webster, Department Bugler. The committee was then discharged.

During the recess of the Encampment a vase of magnificent and exquisitely beautiful bouquet of sweet peas was placed on the desk of the Department Commander to which was attached a card upon which was inscribed the following:

"To the brave heroes of 1861 to 1865, with the loving regards of a daughter of a Comrade who has answered the last roll call."

On motion the unanimous thanks of the Encampment was tendered the unknown giver of such a fragrant expression of her loving regards for her father's Comrades in arms.

On motion it was ordered that, in the election of Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment, the thirteen receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected as Representatives, and the fourteen receiving the next highest number be declared elected Alternates in the order of the number of votes received by each.

The tellers then proceeded to distribute and collect the ballots and then retired to count them.

The committee appointed by Department Commander Wormstead, by General Orders No. 2, in compliance with the resolution adopted by the Thirty-fifth Department Encampment, presented its report as follows:

Capt. W. F. Henry,

A. A. G. Dept. of Missouri, G. A. R.

Dear Comrade: At the last annual Encampment, a resolution was adopted on motion of our esteemed Comrade, J. K. Merrifield, now deceased, that the Department Commander appoint a committee to confer with the proper State authorities in regard to obtaining a permanent room or rooms in the new Capitol Building at Jefferson City, in which the Department Headquarters could be located, to be used by the Assistant Adjutant General and in which the books, papers and archives could be preserved.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and later the undersigned were appointed members of said committee, which now presents the following report:

The question was immediately raised as to whom the application for rooms in the new building should be made, and after consultation, it was thought best to make such application in the first place to the Capitol Commission, who have the new building in charge. A written petition was prepared and signed by the members of the committee, and presented to said Commission by a majority of the members at a regular meeting of said Board which gave an attentive hearing, asked many questions and all expressed themselves as heartily in favor of granting the petition, but, on account of the then unfinished condition of the Capitol Building, we were advised to defer the matter until such time as the building approached completion, when such selection and assignment could be made. We agreed to this. In February the chairman again called on the Board of Commissioners, when the same suggestion was made and there the matter now rests.

The Board of Commissioners stated, that in their opinion, there would be quite a number of vacant rooms in the new building suitable for our purposes.

If the Department Encampment, at its next meeting, should be proper to continue the committee, or to give further directions in the matter, we will do our best to carry out the desire of our Comrades.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
A. N. SEABER,
S. D. WEBSTER,

Committee.

This May 10th, 1917.

The report was received and ordered filed and the Commission continued.

On motion by Comrade Rassieur it was ordered that all resolutions be referred without reading to the Committee on Resolutions when appointed.

The Assistant Adjutant General announced the appointments of committees as follows:

On the Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders: Comrades John Ferguson, Post 111; M. P. Owen, Post 131; James Kinsey, Post 134.

On Report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: Comrades John Michel, Post 7; A. W. Post 1, and W. H. Wormstead, Post 8.

On Report of Medical Director: Comrades W. F. Silver Post 1, L. C. Hesse, Post 13, and Alfred Zartman, Post 4.

On Report of Patriotic Instructor: Comrades J. W. Beach Post 7; Charles Kooock, Post 53, and H. Munchrath, Post 13.

On Resolutions: Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur and Past Department Commanders J. M. Williams and Wm. Lovell.

On Testimonial to Henry C. Murdock: Comrades W. H. Wormstead, Post 8; Benj. Warner, Post 4, and H. O. Guffin, Post 13.

On Testimonial to Chaplain Hagerty: Past Department Commander J. B. Dobyne, Post 131, and Comrades E. W. Duncan and W. T. Niccolls, Post 131.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps: D. L. Elder, Post 4, chairman, with power to detail his associates.

To visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: H. Munchrath, Post 13, chairman, with power to detail his associates.

It was ordered that the last two Committees convey the fraternal greetings to the Sons of Veterans and other allied orders.

Comrade Calland, Post 69, spoke in commendation of the very hearty and fraternal greetings of the Medical Association, and suggested that the courtesy be reciprocated by sending a fraternal message to that society, while in session. The suggestion of Comrade Calland was heartily concurred in and Comrade Calland was appointed chairman of such Committee, and directed to take with him such Comrades as he might choose.

A recess was then taken until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 16.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment convened at 9:05 o'clock, A. M., Wednesday, May 16, 1917, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Warner, Chairman of the Committee of Tellers, announced that they were ready to report the result of the votes for Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment. Without objection the report was received and result announced as follows:

R. B. Dodge, Webb City.....	Received 68 votes
W. K. Collins, Lees Summit.....	" 63 "
W. M. Smith, Springfield.....	" 61 "
John Harnois, St. Joseph.....	" 57 "
John Hack, Trenton.....	" 57 "
S. D. Webster, St. Louis.....	" 56 "
Frank Arnold, Lamar.....	" 55 "
G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville.....	" 52 "
H. J. Dutton, Springfield.....	" 52 "
Chas. B. Kurtz, Kansas City.....	" 50 "
G. W. Edwards, St. Louis.....	" 50 "
Jacob Hott, Clarksburg.....	" 49 "
Nich. Mathias, Moberly.....	" 48 "
O. H. Guffin, Kansas City.....	" 47 "
M. P. Owen, St. Louis.....	" 46 "
A. Whipple, St. Louis.....	" 46 "
Max Fritz, St. Louis.....	" 44 "

W. H. Rudolph, St. Louis.....	Received 42 votes
B. F. Morgan, Oregon.....	" 41 "
J. N. Moore, Kansas City.....	" 39 "
Elmer Graham, Eldon.....	" 38 "
C. E. Miller, St. Louis.....	" 37 "
S. W. Serl, Kansas City.....	" 35 "
Alf. Zartman, Kansas City.....	" 35 "
S. Fielder, Fairport.....	" 34 "
M. L. Ham, Kansas City.....	" 34 "
Henry Frein, St. Louis.....	" 34 "

The Department Commander declared the first thirteen Comrades named having received the highest number of votes were duly elected Representatives in the Fifty-first National Encampment, and the next fourteen were duly elected Alternates.

It was announced that Mrs. Della R. Henry, Past National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, was in waiting and desired to greet the Comrades of the Encampment. There being no objection the Commander appointed Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Wormstead, to retire and escort Mrs. Henry to the platform and introduce her. He performed the duty assigned to him in a courteous and pleasing manner.

Mrs. Henry addressed the Encampment along patriotic lines in a pleasing address, and recalled the past and eloquently spoke of the present and the future. She stated that she was the daughter of a Comrade of the Civil War, who rose to the rank of Captain, and is now the wife of a Comrade. She expressed her gratification upon being permitted to look into the faces and address the Comrades of her father and of her husband, and wished for all present a happy future. At the close of her remarks Comrade and Mrs. Henry sang together as a duet, "The Beautiful Land," in a manner that touched the hearts of all present.

So many Comrades have made inquiry for the words of the song that it may not be improper to insert them here. The first and last stanzas and the refrain follow:

"I have heard of a land on a faraway strand
 In the Bible the story is told,
 Where cares never come, never darkness nor gloom
 And nothing shall ever grow old."

(REFRAIN.)

In that beautiful land on the faraway strand
 No storms with their blasts ever frown.
 The streets, I am told, are paved with pure gold,
 And the sun, it shall never go down.

There's a home in that land, at the Father's right hand,
 There are mansions whose joys are untold.
 And perennial spring, where the birds ever sing,
 And nothing can ever grow old."

(Refrain.)

Past Department Commander Dobyne, Chairman of the Committee to prepare a testimonial and memorial to our late Department Chaplain, Comrade Thomas H. Hagerty, announced that the Committee was ready to report. The report was received and read by Comrade W. T. Niccolls, Post 131, a member of the Committee, as follows:

In Memory of Our
 Beloved Chaplain and Comrade,

REVEREND THOMAS HARVEY HAGERTY,

who passed from us to the better land April 24, 1917. He was ever the faithful friend and comforter of the sick and poor; always cheerful and happy. His hearty greeting is missed by all who were blessed by knowing him.

He was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, February 18th, 1828; in 1839 he moved to Illinois, near Chicago, to a farm. At the age of 12 he was converted and became a member of the Methodist Church, growing near to manhood he thought of the future and gave much thought as to how he could best serve his fellowman, and decided on the medical profession as the place for him to do his work. But after some years of study he felt that he was called to preach the Gospel and to follow in the steps of his Lord and Master. He began his work as a clergyman in Northern Illinois, in a sparsely settled country, and soon made his influence felt, becoming a power in that section.

He entered the ministry in 1855, joining the Rock River Conference in the State of Illinois, and remained there until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he was to become the Chaplain of the 93d Illinois Infantry. While in this service he became dangerously ill. The surgeons ordered him to leave the service and return to his home, but he refused to obey their orders, saying it was his duty to stay with the regiment, and it was only when an order direct from General Grant came that he consented to resign and leave his post.

On his recovery he again took up the work for the church, and was sent to Missouri to aid in the re-organizing of the Church in that State, as it was much broken up on account of the war. His field starting at St. Joseph and Kansas City extended into all parts of the State; later he was transferred to St. Louis District and was Presiding Elder of that District from 1881 to 1886. From 1887 his connection was with the charitable institutions of St. Louis, caring for the sick and destitute wards of the City. His work was successful and he was loved and revered by all the unfortunate ones he came in contact with.

He joined Ransom Post of the Grand Army of the Republic soon after its organization, being number 71 on its Roster, and was soon chosen as its Chaplain, which position he filled until he passed to his reward, loved and respected by all.

He was also Chaplain of the Department for many years, and served the National Organization in that capacity with much honor.

He has always taken great interest in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, attending State and National Encampments and doing all in his power for the good of the Order.

His life has been as an open book, pure, simple, going up and down doing good, following the footsteps of his Lord and Master.

We, of the Department, feel his departure and mourn our loss but console ourselves with the thought that "He has fought the good fight and kept the faith, and has gone home to his reward."

This report respectfully submitted, by your committee,

J. B. DOBYNE,
W. T. NICCOLLS,
E. W. DUNCAN.

The report was approved and unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and while the Comrades were standing the bugle sounded "Lights Out."

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur spoke feelingly of the late Chaplain, and in the name and behalf of Mrs. Hagerty, presented to the Department Commander a gavel made from historic woods and fashioned by the hands of the Chaplain, which she wished the Commander to have as a souvenir and memento of her late husband. The voice of the Commander shook with emotion as he received the gavel, and expressed his appreciation of the gift and his gratitude for the kindly remembrance. He requested Comrade Rassieur to express to Mrs. Hagerty the thanks and deep sympathy of himself and all the Comrades.

Past Department Commander Benj. Warner, from the Committee to prepare Testimonials and Memorials upon the death of late Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Thomas B. Rodgers, of the late Past Department Commander, Andrew G. Peterson, announced that the Committee was ready to report. The report received and read as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee on the death of Past Department Commander Thomas B. Rodgers, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

In the death of Past Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General,

THOMAS B. RODGERS,

the ranks of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, has lost a Comrade who was loved and honored by every member of this Department. His able service as Assistant Adjutant General for so many years will have its influence for good as long as the Department exists.

His services to his country in the dark days of the Civil War, when the nation's life was threatened, the honor that came to him in his civil life, his services as Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General, and in his general companionship and his unflinching courtesy, endeared him to all who came in contact with

Full of years and mentally strong, he peacefully, calmly and unafraid, crossed the roling river of death, "and is resting under the shade of the trees on the other side."

Our hearts are filled with sadness and sorrow at the passing of our beloved Comrade, and as long as life shall last, his memory and good deeds shall have a place in the hearts of his Comrades.

J. V. MARTIN,
BENJAMIN WARNER,
WM. LOWE,
Committee.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee on the death of Past Department Commander Andrew G. Peterson beg leave to submit the following memorial in the passing of Past Department Commander,

ANDREW G. PETERSON,

a tried and true Comrade has gone to his reward.

He gave some of the best years of his life wearing the uniform of blue, and helping fight the battles of his country to the end that the Union of States might remain one, and forever undivided.

He was a man of conviction and action, a true Comrade and patriotic citizen. He was loved and respected for his many good qualities of mind and heart. His record as soldier, citizen and Comrade is one to be emulated. Comrade, farewell and again, farewell.

J. V. MARTIN,
BENJAMIN WARNER,
WM. LOWE,
Committee.

The report was approved and unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and while the Comrades were standing the bugle sounded "Lights Out."

The Department Commander recalled the fact that never before has our Department been called upon to record the death and mourn the loss of so many Department officers and Past Department officers, and he spoke in eulogy of those who have recently been mustered out.

Past Department Commander Lowe spoke feelingly of his relationship with Comrade Rodgers and of his untiring and wise service to the Department in his office as Assistant Adjutant General, and Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Chairman of the Committee on the death of Comrade Henry C. Murdock, presented and read the report of that Committee as follows:

Department Commander:

On the 10th of September, 1916, a good and loyal Comrade of the Grand Army passed away from these earthly scenes and duties

which he had honored and ennobled in every way and who in things exerted the influence of a true, pure manhood.

HENRY CLAY MURDOCK,

whom your Committee hereby memorialize, was born at Zaneville, Ohio, April 5th, 1837. On the 1st day of December, 1861, he listed at St. Joseph, Missouri, and on the 15th day of March, 1862, he was mustered into the service at St. Louis, as a member of Company A, of the First Missouri Regiment, for three years. In May, 1863, he was promoted to First Sergeant, and was later commissioned as First Lieutenant, November 9, 1863, in the 35th Missouri Regiment. He was in the attack on Fort Pemberton, and in the defense of Helena, Ark., and also in the engagement at Gillian's Landing, in all of which events he rendered valiant service. He was discharged from the service at the close of the war, entering at once into an active, successful business career, for which he was peculiarly fitted; he was modest, unassuming and true in every way, and made proof of its depth by the clause in his will whereby he bequeathed to the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., the sum of \$1,000.00.

Comrade Murdock died at Los Angeles on the 10th of September, 1916.

We are aware of the great loss that comes to his family, friends, and the community at large, in the passing of this man; but we bow in obedience to the Divine Will. In view of this sad event,

RESOLVED, That the sympathy of this Department be extended to the daughters of our departed Comrade, to-wit: Miss Virginia Murdock, 1730 First Street, San Diego; Mrs. W. B. Ryder, 5111 California Street, Omaha, and through them to the brother, Henry Murdock, whose address is to us unknown. That each of the parties be furnished with a copy of these resolutions and that the same be entered in the records of the Department.

W. H. WORMSTEAD,
O. H. GUFFIN,
BENJ. WARNER,

The report was approved and unanimously adopted, and as the Comrades were standing, the bugle again sounded "Tap."

The Committee on the Report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General presented the following report to the Department Commander:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and A. Q. M. General have attended to that duty with a careful examination and with a full realization of the duty under which Comrade Henry took up the arduous work of the office. We most heartily commend it for its correctness and evidence of careful and thorough work.

JOHN MICHEL,
A. WHIPPLE,
W. H. WORMSTEAD,
Com

The report was approved and ordered filed.

Comrade J. W. Beach, Post 7, Chairman of the Committee on Report of the Patriotic Instructor, presented the following, which was approved and ordered filed:

We, the undersigned Committee on the Report of the Patriotic Instructor, beg leave to submit the following:

After carefully reading and considering the same we most heartily and earnestly approve of each and every recommendation he suggests.

J. W. BEACH,
CHAS. KROCK,
H. MUNCHRATH,
Committee.

Comrade W. F. Silversmith, Post 1, chairman of the committee to whom was referred the Report of the Medical Director, presented the following, which was approved and ordered filed:

Your Committee on the Report of the Medical Director, Department Missouri, beg leave to report they have carefully examined the same and find therein much advice of inestimable value to us now and for the future, and should the danger signal spoken of occur would suggest that a call be made on the worthy doctor or some good physician, whereby each may receive the needed advice to prolong his days to his allotted years, and to avoid that error of our soldier days now so strongly condemned by the medical profession, namely, that we drink no more from the same canteen.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. SILVERWOOD,
LOUIS C. HESSE,
ALFRED ZARTMAN,
Committee.

Comrade Leo Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Department Commander, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted together with its recommendations:

Springfield, Mo., May, 1917.

Commander and Comrades:
Your Committee on the Commander's Address begs leave to report, after maturely considering the same, that they sincerely commend it in all of its features, particularly, however, because it involves a perfect business administration during the year.

It is with great pleasure that we notice the mention of the generous contribution of \$1,000 of our Comrade, Henry C. Murdock, deceased, of Post 8, of Kansas City, to the Safety Fund of our Department. The recommendation of the Commander "that a suitable acknowledgement be made by the Department, and that Comrade Henry C. Murdock be given a memorial page in the next Department Journal as a suitable remembrance of his generosity to his Comrades," should be heartily approved and should lead our Comrades who possess ample means to follow the splendid example set by our

Comrade Murdock in his life time. Comrades should think of this duty now while they have the strength and the knowledge of the needs of the Department in keeping up our organization, of which we are all so proud.

We commend the action of the Department officers in accepting from the General Relief Committee of the G. A. R. of the City of St. Louis the sum of \$421.92, the balance of its funds and obligating the Department to discharge the obligation of the committee in the few needy cases that may hereafter arise, and recommend that such action be approved and ratified.

We also recommend that the sincere thanks of this Department be extended to the St. Louis Comrades, who so generously presented this gift at a time when the fund was very much needed.

We recommend that the sincere thanks of this Encampment be extended to our Department Commander for his very efficient and able services.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

FARWELL WALTON,
Committee

Comrade Rassieur, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, made the report of that committee as follows:
Commander and Comrades:

The Committee on Resolutions begs leave to report that it received two resolutions and respectfully recommends as follows: namely, the adoption of a resolution offered by Comrade W. Henry that the thanks of this Department be extended to Edward D. Ellison, Esq., executor of the last will and testament of H. C. Murdock, deceased, for kindly paying the legacy prior to maturity.

Your committee recommends the adoption of a resolution offered by Comrade H. Munchrath in behalf of Hassendeubel No. 13, reading as follows, viz.:

Be it resolved by the Department of Missouri G. A. R., that we heartily endorse the action of the President and the Congress of the United States in entering the world's war and espousing the cause of democracy and humanity.

Resolved, That this Encampment, in acknowledgment of its obligations to the good people of Springfield, and more particularly to the G. A. R. Posts of this city, tender its sincere thanks to the inhabitants for decorating their homes in the manner in which was done, for arranging the grand gathering to witness the raising of Old Glory at the High School, and for the arranging of a parade which has never been equalled in Springfield; and especially its thanks to the Young Men's Business Club for its words of welcome, to the Boy Scouts for their many acts of kindness, to the Comrades of the G. A. R., and to all those who contributed to the most perfect Encampments ever held by our Department.

Quite extended remarks were made by Past Department Commander Williams, eulogizing the Comrades of the Grand Army of the United States of German descent for their loyalty to the United States.

the flag they followed in defense of the integrity of this nation in 1861-5. He was followed by the Department Commander and Comrades Rassieur and Munchrath, who emphasized the sentiments uttered by Comrade Williams, and expressed in the resolution offered by Comrade Munchrath on behalf of Hassendeubel Post.

The resolutions as reported by the committee were then unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade M. P. Owen, Post 131, of the Committee on the Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, presented the following, which was approved and ordered filed:

Springfield, Mo., May 16, 1917.

Alexander McCandles, Commander Department of Mo. G. A. R.:
Dear Sir and Comrade—Your committee appointed to consider the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders of the Department for the past year beg leave to report, after fully examining and considering each report, that we fully approve the reports as presented.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

JOHN FERGUSON,
M. P. OWENS,
Committee.

The Assistant Adjutant General explained that the absence of the Junior Vice Department Commander was due to his illness.

Comrade Cunningham, of Post 22, Kirksville, made the same statement explaining the absence of the Senior Vice Department Commander.

The Department Commander announced that the next business in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and that the first in order was the election of a Department Commander.

Nominations for Department Commander being in order, Comrade J. W. Beach, Post 7, addressed the Encampment at some length and placed in nomination Thomas W. Evans, of Post 7, St. Joseph.

The nomination of Comrade Evans was heartily seconded by Past Department Commanders Dobyne, Williams, Rassieur, Lowe and Warner, and by Comrade Edwards.

No other nominations appearing, Comrade Rassieur moved that Comrade Evans be elected by acclamation. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

Thereupon the Department Commander declared Comrade Thomas W. Evans, of Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph, unanimously elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

By direction of the Department Commander Past Department Commander Warner escorted Comrade Evans to the platform and presented him to the Encampment as their newly elected Commander.

Comrade Evans expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him and hoped to be able to show his appreciation by doing all things possible to advance the interests of the Order in the department. He confidently hoped to have the hearty and helpful co-operation of all Comrades.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander being next in order, Comrade Wormstead, of Post 8, addressed the Encampment at some length, especially with reference to the work done in providing for the entertainment of the 50th National Encampment last year in Kansas City, and stated that the success of the efforts made in that behalf was largely due to the untiring energy and ability of Comrade O. H. Guffin, of Post 8, and he placed himself in nomination for Senior Vice Department Commander.

The nomination of Comrade Guffin was seconded by Past Department Commander Dobyne, Comrade Munchrath, Post 13; Mic Post 7, and others. No other nominations appearing the nominations were declared closed and Comrade O. H. Guffin, of Post 8, Kansas City, was unanimously elected by acclamation Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year, and was so declared by the Department Commander.

Comrade W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor and Commander of Post 69, on behalf of his Post and the Comrades of Springfield, placed in nomination for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander Comrade P. W. Bahl, of Post 69. He stated that Comrade Bahl had spared neither time nor labor in making the splendid arrangements for the entertainment of our present Encampment.

The nomination of Comrade Bahl was seconded by Past Department Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, Past Department Commander Warner and others.

No other nominations appearing, Comrade P. W. Bahl, of Post 69, Springfield, was duly elected by the unanimous vote of the campment Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year and was so declared by the Department Commander.

Comrade Bahl addressed the Encampment, thanking the Comrades for honoring him, and pledged himself to earnestly labor for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The election of Department Chaplain being next in order, Past Department Commander Lowe addressed the Encampment and presented the name of Rev. Comrade W. K. Collins, of Post 10, Lees Summit, for that office, and spoke in high terms of his qualifications and fitness for the place. There being no other nominations, Comrade Collins was unanimously elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year by acclamation, and was so declared by the Department Commander.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee from the Department Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic desired admission. Business was suspended and the committee was admitted and escorted to the platform.

Mrs. Ruth Guffin addressed the Encampment and stated that their visit was for the purpose of presenting the greetings and good wishes of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and to assure the Comrades of the hearty co-operation of that Order, whose membership is composed of the mothers, wives, daughters and lineal descendants of those who followed the flag of our country in the dark days of the war that threatened the life of our nation.

The Department Commander made a very fitting response to the address of Mrs. Guffin and presented the other members of the committee, Lillian Richards and Fannie Surface.

The committee retired and the Encampment resumed business. The election of Medical Director being next in order, Comrade Calland placed Dr. W. M. Smith, of Post 69, in nomination. No other nominations appearing Comrade Smith was unanimously elected by acclamation to the office of Medical Director.

The next business in order was the election of five members of the Department Council of Administration.

The Assistant Adjutant General called attention to the recommendation of the Department Commander that at least three of the Council be residents of St. Louis. He stated the members of the Posts in St. Louis were splendid Comrades and good business men from whom five Comrades could be chosen who would guard well the interests of the Department, and in case of necessity they could be called together on short notice and hold a meeting without expense, whereas if the members came from various parts of the Department the travel expense would be considerable. He recommended that all of the five elected members be chosen from the Comrades of St. Louis Posts.

The following Comrades were nominated for members of the Department Council of Administration:

A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; M. R. H. Witter, Post 131, St. Louis; Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis; W. H. Rudolph, Post 107, St. Louis, and Charles Bieger, Post 496, St. Louis.

There were only five nominated and five to be elected. On motion the five Comrades named were unanimously elected by acclamation members of the Department Council of Administration.

The Assistant Adjutant General addressed the Encampment about the rapidly diminishing membership of the Posts and the efforts he had made to keep Posts from disbanding. As an illustration of the many cases that had come to his notice he read a letter from one Post Commander which he very recently received

and his reply thereto. He said he omitted the name of the Comrade with whom he had the correspondence and the location and number of his Post. He did not wish to make them public. The letter and reply is here printed, leaving name and location blank.

May 11, 1917.

W. F. Henry, Asst. Adjutant General,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am the Commander of _____ Post No. —, and I write for instructions. There are only three officers left, and our rank has so dwindled by death and has become so enfeebled by old age that we have talked it over among the members and have concluded to disband. We have about \$24.00 on hand and an old desk, and I wish to know what to do with this money and the old desk, and think we have four old rituals also.

I would like to hear from you before we go to Springfield
Tuesday Yours truly,

.....
St. Louis, Mo., May 12, 1917

Dear Comrade

Yours of yesterday in reference to the disbanding of your Post is received. DON'T DO IT. Your last report shows that you had 23 members. That is 20 more than some of the Posts in the Department. I am sure that upon reflection you will decide you and the other Comrades of the Post will not wish to surrender the right to wear the badge and button of the most honorable organization that ever existed or ever will exist. Keep your charter until it is called for; it will not be called for soon.

If you cannot get enough members together to hold a regular election and elect officers when election time comes, let the old officers take over and make and send in your reports and pay the per capita out of the money in the treasury, if the Comrades do not. Some of the comrades may have died since your last report. Every member of the Post is getting a pension, some of them a month, and can certainly pay 15 cents once in six months that to keep in good standing in the Grand Army of the Republic. If it had not been for the Grand Army of the Republic no pension would now be getting our very liberal pensions.

Our ranks are melting away fast but hold on to your rank and keep in good standing in the Order until there is no one left, and then when Memorial Day comes round let him, wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, plant a flag and strew flowers upon the graves of those who have died before him.

If you have no use for the desk it might be well to sell it and put the money in the general fund and use it to help the poor or pay per capita tax and keep all members in good standing.

If you disband you will all cease to be members of the

unless you take transfers and JOIN ANOTHER POST. What other Post can you join? Hope to see you in Springfield.

Fraternally yours,

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that he had written similar letters to other Posts that were about to disband, and they were still retaining their charter. He did not believe the Post referred to in the above correspondence would disband.

[NOTE.—As this is being prepared for the Journal the report and per capita tax for term ending June 30, 1917, is received from that Post.—A. A. G.]

Past Department Commander Dobyne moved that the Encampment endorse the letter of the Assistant Adjutant General just read by him, and spoke in commendation of the efforts made to keep up the membership of the Posts.

Department Commander McCandless called Comrade Wormstead to the chair and made some very earnest remarks laudatory of the untiring work of the Assistant Adjutant General, and the efficient aid rendered him during his administration. He expressed his thanks to him and heartily endorsed the letter as read.

Comrade Webster, Post 131, called attention to the great loss that is being sustained by death; the report of the Pension Commissioner showing that the veterans of the Civil War are dropping off at the rate of 117 per day.

The motion of Comrade Dobyne was then put to a vote and unanimously adopted.

There was some discussion as to the status of members of disbanded Posts, but no action was taken upon that question.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented and read the report of the proceedings of the Department Council of Administration since the last Department Encampment, as follows:

To the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

The Department Council of Administration hereby submits the following report:

The Council met at Department Headquarters in St. Louis, on September 18, 1916, pursuant to a call of the Department Commander.

The following members were present: Alex. McCandless, Senior Vice Department Commander; George F. Williams, Junior Vice Department Commander; W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General; Francis P. Becker and A. Whipple. Senior Vice Department Commander presiding.

A communication from W. H. Wormstead Department Commander, tendering his resignation as Department Commander for the reason that he had been elected by the 50th National Encampment, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, was presented and on motion the resignation was accepted. Thereupon, by the Rules and

Regulations, Comrade McCandless at once succeeded to the title and office of Department Commander and Comrade Williams to the title and office of Senior Vice Department Commander. Thereupon the office of Junior Vice Department Commander was declared vacant and the Council proceeded to the election of a Junior Vice Department Commander. Comrade Whipple nominated Comrade Charles F. Vogel. Comrade Becker seconded the nomination. There being no other nomination Comrade Vogel received the unanimous vote of the Council and was declared elected.

The next business in order was the selection of a place at which to fix the time for holding the next Department Encampment. Applications from Joplin and Springfield were presented. After due consideration Springfield was selected and the time was fixed at May 16 and 17, 1917.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented an informal statement of the financial condition of the Department, showing the necessity for providing the necessary expenses for the balance of the year.

The Assistant Adjutant General was, by unanimous vote of the Council, authorized to borrow, not to exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, to be paid on or before nine months out of any month that may be received.

Upon request of Department Commander McCandless, Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur was asked to install the Department Officers at the regular meeting of Blair Post No. 1, to be that evening.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

W. F. HENRY,
Assistant Adjutant General

[NOTE—At the regular meeting of Blair Post No. 1, held September 18, 1916, Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur duly installed the following Department Officers: Alex. McCandless, Department Commander; Geo. F. Williams, Senior Vice Department Commander; Chas. F. Vogel, Junior Vice Department Commander, and Dr. S. Hawley, Medical Director.—W. F. Henry, A. A. G.]

Springfield, Mo., May 14, 1917
Pursuant to the call of the Department Commander promulgated in General Orders No. 6, the Department Council Administration met in Springfield, Missouri, May 14, 1917, as called to order by the Department Commander.

The following members of the Council were present: McCandless, Department Commander; W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General; Alphonzo Whipple and John Michel.

The following proceedings were had: The committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General presented their report, and the same was approved as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 1917
Alex. McCandless, Department Commander.

Dear Sir and Comrade:—The undersigned Committee of the Council of Administration appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant

master General, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty and find that there are proper vouchers on file for all expenditures, and that there was a balance on hand December 31, 1916, of \$240.22.

We further report that we have extended the examination of said accounts to May 1, 1917, and find that all expenditures have been properly made and vouchers on file for the same and that there was on hand May 1, 1917, the sum of \$320.22.

We find that the accounts are properly kept and the receipts and expenditures properly accounted for.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. VOGEL,
A. WHIPPLE,
FRANCIS P. BECKER,
Committee.

On motion the Council unanimously recommended that the Department Encampment appropriate the sum of \$100.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the traveling expenses of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The following resolution was presented and, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Department Council of Administration hereby recommend that the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) of the principal of the Safety Fund be transferred to the General Fund, the same being absolutely necessary and being less than 10% of the amount now in the Safety Fund. The Council of Administration further recommends that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to sell at not less than par the smallest note or notes that are now in his hands that will produce said amount, or withdraw said sum in such manner as may be most convenient. There being no further business the Council adjourned.

W. F. HENRY,
A. A. G. and Recorder.

On motion the report was approved and the recommendations therein contained unanimously adopted.

On motion of Comrade Rassieur the resolution adopted by the Council of Administration recommending the transferring of the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) from the Safety Fund to the General Fund was voted upon separately and was unanimously concurred in and adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Beach, Post 7, addressed the Encampment and gave some reasons for holding our Department Encampment at an earlier date than has been the custom for the past few years.

Comrade Rassieur moved that the time and place for holding the next Department Encampment shall be fixed by the Department Council of Administration. The motion was duly seconded and adopted.

The next business in order being the Installation of Officers, the Department Commander gave expression to his feelings of gratitude for the spirit of Comradeship that has prevailed in the Department during his administration, and for the aid and support of all, and especially of Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur.

He then called upon Comrade Rassieur to assume command and install the officers of the Department for the ensuing year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur in command, detailed Comrade S. D. Webster, Post 131, as Officer of the Day for the Installation Ceremonies and proceeded to install the following Comrades in their respective offices:

Thomas W. Evans, Department Commander; O. H. Guffin, Senior Vice Department Commander; P. W. Bahl, Junior Vice Department Commander; Dr. W. M. Smith, Medical Director; Rev. W. K. Collins, Chaplain; Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor.

Department Commander Evans urged upon the Comrades the necessity for special efforts by all, and for energetic and harmonious action to increase and hold our membership.

The Assistant Adjutant General spoke briefly and earnestly along the same line.

Junior Vice Department Commander Bahl announced that automobiles would be in waiting at four o'clock of that afternoon to take Comrades and others for a ride about the city and to the National Cemeteries.

No further business appearing the Comrades stood and all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The Department Commander declared the business of the Encampment finished and the Thirty-sixth Annual Department Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, closed. The Encampment was closed at 12:30 o'clock, noon, May 16, 1917.

A true record.



Assistant Adjutant General.

I wish to record my appreciation of the valuable service rendered me during the Department Encampment by Comrade S. D. Webster, of Ransom Post No. 131, and extend to him my very hearty personal thanks.

W. F. Henry,

A. A. G.

In Memoriam



WILLIAM WARNER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1882-1884

SENIOR-VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 1883-4 AND 1887-8

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 1888-1889

COMRADE WILLIAM WARNER was born in Lafayette Co., Wisconsin, June 11, 1839, and died at his home in Kansas City, Mo., October 4, 1916. He was a charter member of Post 8 of this Department and the last tribute of respect was paid him by that Post when he was laid to his final rest in Elmwood Cemetery in Kansas City. When the Department of Missouri was organized in 1882 he was elected its first Commander and was re-elected to that office in 1883. At the National Encampment in Denver in 1883 he was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and was again elected to that office at St. Louis in 1887. In 1888, at Columbus, Ohio, he was elected Commander-in-Chief.

At the age of six years he became an orphan. Of a kindly and genial disposition, he made and held the friendship of all who knew him. He was practically the architect of his own fortune. Working as a clerk in a country store by day and studying by night he obtained sufficient education to teach a common school. By economy he saved from his meager earnings sufficient means to procure a liberal education at Lawrence, Wisconsin, and Michigan Universities, and was admitted to the bar of Wisconsin at the age of 21.

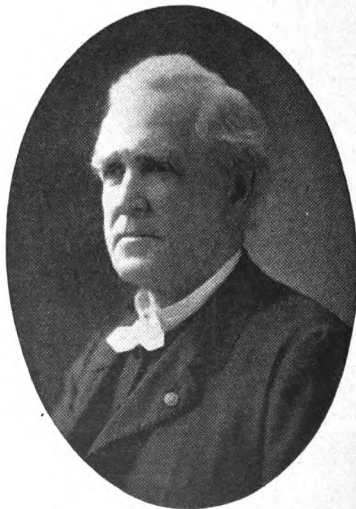
Comrade Warner assisted in the organization of the 33d Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry, in August, 1862, and was mustered-in as 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant, September 11, 1862, and on the 14th of March, 1863, he was promoted to Captain of Co. D of that regiment. From October, 1863, to September, 1864, he served as A. A. A. G., 4th Div., 17th A. C. He was promoted to Major, 44th Wis. Inf., September 13, 1864, and served as A. A. I. Gen. from April 6, 1865, until he was mustered out, August 28, 1865.

Soon after the close of the war he settled in Kansas City, Mo., and began the practice of law. He at once took place in the front rank of his profession and held it to the end.

He was twice United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, served a term as Mayor of Kansas City and represented his district for two terms in Congress.

Six years, from March 4, 1905, to March 4, 1911, he represented Missouri in the Senate of the United States. A history of his military, civil and political life would require that a volume be written.

This is the brief record of one who was a gallant soldier of the Republic, an able statesman, a great lawyer, but above and greater than all these, he was a Comrade among Comrades and always a genial and kindly gentleman.



REV. THOMAS H. HAGERTY

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF 1894-5
DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN 13 YEARS
DIED IN OFFICE APRIL 24, 1917

REV. THOMAS HARVEY HAGERTY was born in Clarion County, Pa., February 18, 1828, and he was graduated for the ministry in Meadville, Pa., coming to St. Louis in 1870.

The fragrance of his life will linger in the memory of all who were privileged to come in touch with him. His 90 years were filled with activities. Educated as a physician, he early felt "called to preach," and as chaplain in the army, as pioneer preacher in stirring and troublous times, as unsalaried chaplain of the city institutions for a score of years and as chaplain of Ransom Post and Department Chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic for a generation, he poured out his life with an unselfishness that has been rarely equaled in any time or place. The influence of his life, direct and indirect, is beyond human power to reckon.

He was beautifully loyal to his God, his country, his church, his comrades and his city. Neither Abraham nor Moses had a warmer or more childlike faith and his extemporaneous prayers were simple, tender, intimate talks with God. No sermons ever preached were more eloquent than the daily life of Dr. Thomas Harvey Hagerty.



ANDREW G. PETERSON
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1898-1899
MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 12, 1917

ANDREW GEORGE PETERSON was born in Cleveland, Ohio, May 30, 1843, and died at the home of his son, Normal, Ill., January 12, 1917. His father, Anton Peterson, was a native of Denmark and served in the army of his native country five years and he made an honorable record as a soldier and an officer in the war for the preservation of the union of the United States. His mother was a native of Frankfort on the Rhine, Germany.

Comrade Peterson enlisted May 10, 1861, in the 70th N. Y. Infantry, in which he served for nearly two years, during which time he was with his regiment (Excelsior Brigade) in the siege of Yorktown and in the battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, the seven days' battels before Richmond, the second battle of Bull-Run, Bristoe Station, Chantilly and Chancellorville.

On April 22, 1863, he was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to the 107th Ohio Infantry. He was granted a leave of absence for ten days prior to his joining his new regiment. While on leave he was stricken with small-pox, which confined him for over ninety days, when he reported to Maj-Gen. J. G. Porter at Fortress Monroe enroute to his regiment, which was then in South Carolina. Gen. Porter placed him in command of some 200 convalescents and exchanged prisoners to be conducted to their respective commands in the Department of the South. When he had performed this duty he reported to his regiment, the 107th Ohio Infantry, but before he could be mustered as lieutenant he was stricken with typhoid fever, which left him in such a debilitated condition that the mustering officer refused to muster him and he was honorably discharged. He located in St. Louis in 1868 and engaged in the china and queensware business. He at once took an active interest in Grand Army matters and in 1883 became a charter member and one of the active organizers of Ransom Post No. 131, General Sherman being its first Commander. Comrade Peterson was elected Post Commander in 1886 and again in 1887. During his two terms as Commander of Ransom Post its membership was increased by 400. In 1898 he was elected Department Commander.

Comrade Peterson was a man of strict integrity, high ideals and loyal to his country and to his Comrades.

Roll of Honor.

The Thirty-second Department Encampment, May 15, 1913, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That a page of the Journals of our Encampment be devoted to the naming of those deceased Comrades who, in their last wills, make a bequest to the Safety Fund of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic, such page to contain this resolution and be headed as follows, viz: 'Roll of Honor,' and be followed by the names of the testators and the names of the Posts to which they belong at the time of their decease."

The name of

HENRY C. MURDOCK,

1st Lieutenant and Adjutant 35th Mo. Inf. Mustered into Post 3, Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic February —, 1884. Died September 10, 1916, is inscribed on the Roll of Honor because of the bequest in his last will as follows:

"Having served in the Union Army during the Civil War, and for many years been a member of the patriotic Order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, I naturally entertain a high regard and fraternal feeling for my Comrades in Arms, and, wishing to render them substantial aid, and desiring to the last to remember and to be remembered by them, I do, through this my last will and testament, give, devise and bequeath, and direct my executor to pay out of my estate, unto the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department (State) of Missouri, to be placed in and become a part of the 'Safety Fund' of said Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, for its sole benefit, the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, to have and to hold absolutely and forever."

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

At 9:30 o'clock on the morning of May 15, there was a large gathering of Comrades, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, citizens and patriotic societies in Jefferson Theatre, for the

PATRIOTIC OPENING OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

One of the objects of this special opening of the Department was to aid Springfield in doing her "bit" toward the state "quota" of soldiers. A second object was to bring the Grand Army of the Republic and their auxiliaries together and make a strong start for the convention work. It was an inspiring moment when these various organizations came together and joined in a patriotic service. The program opened with a concert by Hoover's band and the singing of "America" by the audience under the direction of A. B. Lambdin, of Drury College.

The Department Commander, Alex McCandless, extended a general greeting to the large audience and was followed by the Commander-in-Chief, W. J. Patterson, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The third number was an exhibit of what Springfield is doing in the way of contributing her part to the state quota. In the line was shown the several increments which had been recruited in Springfield.

In the center of the line was the color bearer, Miss Mae Merritt, and arranged on either side of her were the two color guards—a member of U. S. Navy and U. S. soldier—then four Red Cross nurses, then four National Guards, then four Grand Army men, then eight Boy Scouts. All these in bright new uniforms with arms. This was an impressive sight and Springfield felt proud of the exhibit. The number was closed by all standing while the band played the Star Spangled Banner, the color bearer waving Old Glory to the time of the music.

Then followed brief addresses by Commander W. T. Church, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, and by Comrade J. J. Gideon, Mayor of Springfield. The exercises closed with a rousing talk by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur. The organizations then proceeded to their respective halls.

One of the most notable addresses of the hour was that of the Hon. George Pepperdine, of the Young Men's Business Club. This address was patriotic, instructive and highly entertaining. The patriotic sentiments and his plea for a world democracy elicited a storm of applause.

The exercises at this meeting closed about 10:45 o'clock and

the Grand Army of the Republic and other societies proceeded at once to their respective places of meeting.

THE PARADE.

The Comrades of the Department may well be proud of the splendid parade which took place on the afternoon of May 15. The weather was ideal and conditions inspiring.

The report and description of the parade as printed the next morning in the **Springfield Republican** is here copied in full, omitting its prominent headlines:

One of the most inspiring spectacles and one of the greatest patriotic demonstrations in the history of Springfield was enacted yesterday in the streets of the city in the parade of the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the line of march were 500 veterans of the Civil War, many marching with straggling steps, while others were erect as the boy who will soon be on the first line of defense.

The parade formed early in the afternoon. A detail of police came first, followed by the drum corps of the Abou Adhem Temple of the Shriners; a squad of militia acted as color guard to two flags carried by veterans; an automobile followed the color guard carrying Commander-in-Chief W. J. Patterson and Alex McCandles, Department Commander of Missouri.

Next in the line came the Grand Army veterans. Many of the men were supported by a younger person as they marched in the parade. A majority bore heavily on the canes which they carried while a number marched on without the aid of a cane. The veterans were closely followed by 250 members of the Women's Relief Corps followed by Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans.

A troop of Springfield Boy Scouts came next, while a detail marched beside the ranks of the G. A. R. to give any assistance that was desired. Hoover's band preceded 3,000 school children, headed by the pupils from the Springfield Normal School.

Along the line of march, which wound in and around through the business district, business was suspended during the passing of the spectacle. Thousands of people crowded the streets, filled the doorways and windows of the buildings as the parade passed.

Repeated cheers and applause evidenced the patriotic enthusiasm of the crowds as the old soldiers passed. Men along the streets stood with bared heads, and many women wept as they appreciated the significance expressed in the slowly moving column of the "soldiers of yesterday."

Ahead of the column moving up Jefferson street, the ca

of the high school, the objective of the marchers, appeared a carpet of American flags. Distributed over the campus were 4,000 children of the North Side Ward Schools, who stood waving American flags, singing and cheering as the men of the G. A. R. came in view.

At the high school a huge American flag was presented to the schools of Springfield by Mary M. Gilson, patriotic instructor of the W. R. C. Mrs. Gilson also presented awards to Dorothy Coll and Will Spencer of the high school for essays on patriotism which had been written in competition with other members of the school. In presenting the immense silk emblem, Mrs. Gilson urged the children to always salute the flag and to try to appreciate the deep significance expressed in its colors.

Judge John S. Farrington accepted the flag on behalf of the schools. In an address of acceptance Judge Farrington told of the series of conquests waged in the interests of freedom, Christianity and education in which the American flag always had been victorious. He referred to former conquests as specific instances in which war had been waged and then spoke of the present conflict as one of the entire world, which would be continued until "the stars and stripes have been accepted by the thickest headed Dutchman in all Germany."

"The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the entire assemblage, following the address of Judge Farrington. The singing was directed by R. R. Robertson, director of music in the public schools. Miss Alvina Krause, of the high school, directed the children in the recitation of the flag salute. Mrs. Allison Whalen, State President of the W. R. C., then presented an elm tree to the schools which was planted in the high school campus. This is the first time in the history of the organization that a tree has ever been presented.

W. J. Patterson, National Commander-in-Chief, of Pittsburgh, Pa., made a brief address. "I have been in eleven states this year to attend reunions, but never have I seen such an exhibition of patriotism as I have witnessed today in Springfield," Mr. Patterson said. He lauded the flag and spoke with deep feeling of what it had meant to the veterans and the feeling which had become embodied in an entire nation.

THE CAMPFIRE.

The Landers Theatre was taxed to capacity on Tuesday night when the Comrades and other patriotic societies and a large number of the citizens of Springfield met there for the Annual Campfire.

A special effort was made to render this annual function a popular one. Hitherto the evening has been filled up with extended addresses from the national officers and other prominent speakers

and the campfire has become a formal entertainment and has been practically turned over to the citizens of the entertaining city who have taken a large portion of the Grand Army organizations have sought the exhilarating pleasure of receptions and picture shows. To meet these conditions and make this feature of the Encampment an interesting and enjoyable entertainment for the G. A. R. a varied program was provided.

1. Drury College Glee Club, of sixteen young ladies, rendered two numbers of high order that were appreciated and very generously applauded.

2. W. J. Patterson, Commander-in-Chief, delivered the principal address of the evening. The address was of a high order and was eloquently presented.

3. "Uncle Sam a Jolly fellow"—a May Pole dance by six boys and girls of Springfield Normal School—dressed as Uncle Sam and Columbia in bright flag colors. The dance was rendered to the music of the May Pole "wind" was presented with splendid effect. The event was of the order "stately minuet." This feature was the highlight of the evening.

4. W. T. Church, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, addressed the audience and the address was of a high order.

5. Comrade P. H. Callahan, of Ransom Post, St. Louis, delighted the audience with reciting the story of Grandpa Putting on the Uniform, and for an encore, "Casy at the Bat."

6. A quartet from Kansas City furnished an interesting number.

7. Mrs. Mae Clothier, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, gave an interesting talk, and was followed by Mrs. A. Clark, representative of the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

8. Department Commander McCandless gave a very interesting talk to the people of Springfield and Comrades.

9. Leo Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, closed with a splendid address.

It was felt by all that this Campfire was sort of a campfire breaker. At this stage of the Encampment the Comrades are not and they don't care to attend an entertainment that is wholly made up of heavy material.

The Committee of Arrangements on the Campfire are very much congratulated and complimented upon the success of their program and for giving to the visiting Comrades and others one of the most instructive and entertaining Campfires ever held in connection with any Encampment of the Department of Missouri.

GENERAL ORDERS. 1916-1917.

General Orders No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., June 1, 1916.

I. By virtue of the votes of the comrades of this Department, assembled at the Thirty-fifth State Encampment, held at Kirksville, Mo., on the dates of May 17th and 18th, 1916, I have been chosen to fill the most honorable office of Department Commander, and having been duly installed I hereby take command. In doing so, I wish to express to my comrades, one and all, my heartfelt thanks for this proof of confidence reposed in me, and I pledge my word and honor to give to the work of the Department my best efforts and thought as your Commander, and I invoke the aid and sympathy of my comrades in the cause so dear to all of us.

II. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Wilbur F. Henry, Post 8, Kansas City, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.
 James Limbird, Post 7, St. Joseph, Judge Advocate.
 Geo. W. Tainter, Post 97, Linn, Inspector.
 A. N. Seaber, Post 6, Jefferson City, Chief Mustering Officer.
 W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.
 L. K. Avery, Post 43, Hannibal, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander is 1009 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

All official communications should be addressed to Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

IN MEMORIAM.

In view of the fact that our beloved comrade, Assistant Adjutant General Thomas B. Rodgers, after having been installed to the office he had filled so long, has answered the call of the Great Commander above, I, the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Council of Administration, hereby appoint to the office so left vacant, Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, of Post 8, of Kansas City, as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade Rodgers passed away at 4 o'clock a. m., May 30th, 1916. We, his comrades, far and near, honor his memory and sincerely lament the great loss to the fraternity.

W. H. WORMSTEAD, Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2. St. Louis, Mo., June 19, 1916.

I wish in issuing the present Order to preface it with an explanation to the officers of the Department elected and appointed at the Thirty-fifth Encampment at Kirksville, and to say that any seeming delay in issuing the same has been caused by the death of Assistant Adjutant General Rodgers and the time needful in appointing his successor, the present Assistant Adjutant General, W. F. Henry.

1. The following named comrades were duly elected by the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment to the offices designated, for the ensuing year:

Department Commander—Wm. H. Wormstead, Post 8, Kansas City.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—Alexander McCandles, Post 5, Moberly.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—Geo. F. Williams, Post 22, Kirksville.

Medical Director—Dr. Thos. S. Hawley, Post 131, St. Louis.

Chaplain—Rev. Thos. H. Hagerty, Post 131, St. Louis.

Council of Administration—Francis P. Becker, Post 13, St. Louis; A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; John Michel, Post 7, St. Joseph; Simon Grove, Post 76, Kidder; C. W. Corkran, Post 221, Novelty.

II. The following named comrades are appointed as members on the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer.

John B. Schneider, Post 13, St. Louis, Aide-de-Camp and Chief Bugler.

III. Commanders of Posts are requested to forward the names of comrades to the Department for appointment as Aides-de-Camp. Each Post should be so honored.

IV. The following named comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the Fiftieth National Encampment:

Representatives:

Theo. Dubrouillet (at large),
Linn.
John Hack, Trenton.
J. W. Beach, St. Joseph.
J. C. Pierce, Kirksville.
J. W. Root, Galt.
Max Fritz, St. Louis.
G. A. Douglas, Warrensburg.
C. E. Miller, St. Louis.
J. K. Merrifield, St. Louis.

Alternates:

H. P. Glahn, Clarence.
Chas. Englehart, Kidder.
O. H. Guffin, Kansas City.
A. Zartman, Kansas City.
R. W. Richardson, St. Louis.
N. Mathias, Moberly.
R. D. Cramer, Memphis.
S. W. Serl, Kansas City.
A. Porter, Green City.
W. F. Moll, Kansas City.

W. H. Morse, Warrenton.
 H. W. Plumer, St. Louis.
 W. C. Calland, Springfield.
 C. P. Hess, Macon.
 Jefferson Lee, Kirksville.
 C. W. Corkran, Novelty.

G. C. Driver, Eldon.
 J. Staphens, Eldon.
 W. M. Pickell, Hamilton.
 W. Baker, Green Ridge.

V. The following Posts were suspended by the Department Commander at the late Encampment, with the advice and the consent of the Council of Administration, for failing to make reports:

Post 46, DeSoto; Post 65, Mound City; Post 128, Salem; Post 181, Powersville; Post 458, Plew.

VI. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports, for the six months ending June 30th, 1916, are herewith enclosed, with return envelope. These reports should be carefully made out, reference being had to the preceding report, and after being approved by the Post Commander, should be sent, with the per capita tax to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in June. The per capita tax is fifteen cents for each member in good standing. All members are in good standing who have not been reported suspended, no matter how much they may be in arrears for dues. 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 on the muster-roll for each comrade mustered or joined by transfer.

Remittances for per capita tax should not be made by personal checks, on which the banks make a charge for collection. Post-office orders or bank drafts should be sent to W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General, to Department Headquarters, and made payable to his order.

Post Commanders are again reminded that all suspended comrades who are one year or more in arrears, must be dropped after due notice as required by the Rules and Regulations. This is obligatory.

VII. A blank for report of the Post Chaplain is herewith enclosed, which should be carefully made out and sent to Rev. T. H. Hagerty, Department Chaplain, No. 1909 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, in the addressed envelope herein. Post Commanders should see that this report is promptly made and mailed immediately after Memorial Day.

VIII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as the Committee on the St. James Soldiers' Home: Louis Benecke, Post 268, Chairman; Chas. F. Vogel, Post 1; L. D. Gleason, Post 48.

IX. At the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, at Kirksville, a resolution was passed that a committee be appointed to obtain, if possible, a room in the new capitol building, being erected at Jefferson City, as a permanent depository for the valuable records and interesting mementoes of the Grand Army of the Republic. The following comrades are hereby appointed in accordance with said resolution: John M. Williams, California; S. D. Webster, St. Louis; A. N. Seaber, Jefferson City.

X. The place in which to hold the next Department Encampment is not yet decided upon, but is to be decided by the Council of Administration, and will be announced in General Orders in due time.

XI. The Fiftieth National Encampment will be held in Kansas City, week of August 28th—September 2d.

The Headquarters of this Department will be at Hotel Muehlbach, 12th Street and Baltimore Avenue. The National Headquarters and the Headquarters of a good number of Departments will be in this Hotel. It is one of the finest in the West and up-to-date in every detail. Rates are \$3.00 per day and up.

Kansas City has an abundance of hotel and boardinghouse accommodations, and visitors will have no difficulty in finding satisfactory accommodation and at satisfactory prices.

Transportation committees have no reports ready to announce as yet.

XII. Flag Day as adopted according to Article XV, of the Rules and Regulations, should be observed by every Post in a patriotic manner, and the Stars and Stripes displayed on school houses, Post rooms and private houses as a lesson of loyalty and a sign of devotion to our country.

By command of W. H. WORMSTEAD, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.

St. Louis, Mo., July 27, 1916.

I. As heretofore announced, the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held this year in Kansas City, Mo., during the week beginning August 28th. This being the Fiftieth National Encampment, the semi-centennial of its organization, the Department Commander deems it an especial honor that the meeting this year will be held in this Department, and he expresses the hope that every comrade of this Department, who is able to do so, will march in the grand parade, which will take place on Wednesday, August 30th. The parade will be on Grand Avenue, a broad level street, paved with asphalt and will be about twelve blocks long. The sessions of the Encampment will be held in Convention H

13th and Central Streets, Thursday and Friday, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, August 31st.

II. Department Headquarters will be located Monday, August 28th, in room —, Hotel Muehlebach, 12th Street and Baltimore Avenue. Department Officers, Past Department Commanders, Representatives and Alternates will report at Department Headquarters as soon as possible after arrival. All Missouri comrades are urgently requested to call and register their names and receive the Missouri ribbon badge. Department Headquarters in St. Louis will be closed during the week of the Encampment and until September 5th.

III. There will be a meeting of Representatives and other members of the National Encampment from this Department, on Tuesday afternoon, August 29th, at 5 o'clock, at Department Headquarters. Members of the Encampment will receive their delegate badges at that time.

IV. Representatives-elect will notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than August 15th, whether or not they will attend, so that Alternates may be notified in case of vacancies. Should anything occur later to prevent attendance, the Assistant Adjutant General should be promptly notified by mail or telegraph.

V. The Department Commander regrets to announce that every effort has been made to obtain a reduction of railroad rates of fare without success. It is very probable that the fare from all points in Missouri will be the regular fare of two cents a mile each way.

VI. The following appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

M. O. Coddington, Post 4, Kansas City.

W. F. Moll, Post 8, Kansas City.

H. G. Russell, Post 8, Kansas City.

Geo. S. Peters, Post 8, Kansas City.

A. J. Boody, Post 8, Kansas City.

Geo. W. Rathburn, Post 22, Kirksville.

Geo. W. Bailey, Post 131, St. Louis.

VII. General Orders, No. 5, National Headquarters, is herewith inclosed and promulgated. This should have careful consideration, as it makes important announcements regarding the National Encampment.

By command of W. H. WORMSTEAD, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Mrs. E. A. Bishof wishes the name and address of some one who knew Henry Schaffer, Co. E, 29th Mo. Inf.

General Orders No. 4. St. Louis, Mo., September 26, 1916.

I. Comrade W. H. Wormstead having been elected by the Fiftieth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, to the office of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, tendered his resignation of the office of Department Commander. At a meeting of the Department Council of Administration at Department Headquarters, on Monday, the 18th instant, the resignation was presented and accepted and Senior Vice-Commander Alex. McCandless at once succeeded to the title and duties of Department Commander, and Junior Vice-Department Commander Geo. F. Williams at once succeeded to the title and duties of Senior Vice-Department Commander. A vacancy having occurred in the office of Junior Vice-Department Commander, Comrade Charles F. Vogel was unanimously elected to that office.

At the regular meeting of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, Monday evening, September 18th, the above named comrades, and also Dr. Thomas S. Hawley, Department Medical Director-elect, were duly installed in their respective offices by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur.

II. By vote of the Department Council of Administration, it was decided to hold the next Department Encampment at Springfield, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 16th and 17th, 1917.

III. The Department Commander desires to express his appreciation of the splendid showing made by the comrades of Missouri at the Fiftieth National Encampment at Kansas City. It is estimated that at least one thousand comrades of this Department were in the grand parade on Wednesday, August 30th. This Department was especially honored by having Post No. 1 selected to act as escort to the Commander-in-Chief in the parade. No Department made a better appearance or received greater applause as it marched through the mass of people who packed the streets on the line of march. It was gratifying that so many young people were among the onlookers. It was a lesson in patriotism that will not be forgotten.

IV. The all-devouring scythe of Time is making sad havoc in our ranks. Our membership is growing rapidly less and consequently the receipts for per capita tax are growing less, while the expenses of the Department remains practically the same. It is important that reports and remittances be promptly made. A few Posts have not yet made reports for the term ended June 30th. Post Commanders should see that reports be at once forwarded to Department Headquarters.

V. On assuming command the Department Commander expresses the hope that he will have the united co-operation of all the

comrades in endeavoring to increase the membership of our Order and in all efforts put forth for the good of the Department. He will do all in his power to foster the spirit of comradeship throughout the Department. There are in every neighborhood veterans of the civil war who are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrades should look them up, and take applications to them and persuade them to join us. Blank applications will be furnished on application to Assistant Adjutant General.

VI. All comrades heretofore appointed to Staff positions by Department Commander Wormstead will continue in their present positions and be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By command of ALEX. McCANDLESS, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.

St. Louis, Mo., October 26, 1916.

I. In compliance with a request of the State Historical Society of Missouri, the following named comrades in addition to the Department Commander, have been appointed to represent the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, on the State Centennial Committee of 1000, to-wit:

Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, Post 1.

Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton, Post 26.

Past Department Commander George W. Martin, Post 57.

Comrade W. C. Calland, Post 69.

II. The annual election of Post officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment will be elected at the same meeting. Each Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members in good standing, as per Adjutant's report for June 30, 1916, and one additional for a final fraction of more than half that number. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one Representative and one Alternate. Past Post Commanders are ex-officio members of the Department Encampment and should not be elected Representatives.

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 elected and appointed is also enclosed, and should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General after the officers are installed.

III. The officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1917, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, unless some other comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander. If preferred, installation may take place at a special meeting called for that purpose. 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 Posts should be opened and closed informally.

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.

IV. Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending December 31, 1916, are herewith enclosed. These reports, with the per capita tax of fifteen cents for each member, should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month. Remittances should not be made by personal check on which banks make a charge for collection, but by draft on St. Louis or by P. O. Money Order. The National countersign for 1917 will be sent on receipt of these reports.

Post Adjutants in reporting deceased comrades should be particular to state their rank, company and regiment, in order that the list of deaths published in the Department Journal may be complete.

A very few Posts have failed to report for the term ending June 30. Such posts can make their reports for both terms of 1916 on one blank.

V. The Department Commander cannot too strongly urge upon Post officers and comrades the importance of making special efforts for recruiting and for reinstatement of dropped and suspended members between now and the end of the year. As few suspensions should be made as possible, and reinstatements should be made on easy terms. Committees of active comrades should be appointed to take up this matter at once. There are in every neighborhood veterans who are eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic who are not members of any Post. Let such be looked up and presented with an application and see that it is filled up and signed. The vacancies in our ranks that are caused by the discharge of members who join the vast multitude encamped the homeland beyond the mystic river should be filled by recruiting and restorations. Blank applications may be had from the Assistant Adjutant General upon request.

VI. It is with feelings of profound sorrow that the Department Commander announces the death of our distinguished and great

beloved Comrade, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief William Warner, who died at his home in Kansas City, on the afternoon of October 4, 1916.

Comrade Warner was born in Lafayette County, Wisconsin, June 11, 1840. At the age of six years he became an orphan. Of a kindly and genial disposition, he made and held the friendship of all who knew him. He was practically the architect of his own fortune. Working as a clerk in a country store by day and studying by night he obtained sufficient education to teach a common school. By economy he saved from his meager earnings sufficient means to procure a liberal education at Lawrence, Wisconsin, and Michigan Universities, and was admitted to the bar of Wisconsin at the age of 21.

Comrade Warner assisted in the organization of the 33d Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry, in August, 1862, and was mustered-in as 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant, September 11, 1862, and on the 14th of March, 1863, he was promoted to Captain of Co. D of that Regiment. From October, 1863, to September, 1864, he served as A. A. A. G., 4th Div., 17th A. C. He was promoted to Major, 44th Wis. Inf., September 13, 1864, and served as A. A. I. Gen. from April 6, 1865, until he was mustered out, August 28, 1865.

Soon after the close of the war he settled in Kansas City, Mo., and began the practice of Law. He at once took place in the front rank of his profession and held it to the end. Six years, from March 4, 1905, to March 4, 1911, he represented Missouri in the Senate of the United States. A history of his military, civil and political life would require that a volume be written.

Comrade Warner was a charter member of George H. Thomas Post, No. 8, at Kansas City (afterwards consolidated with Farragut Post, No. 3, becoming Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8), and remained in good standing in that Post to the time of his death. His comrades of that Post performed the burial service at the grave when he was laid in his final resting place.

Upon the organization of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Warner was elected its first Commander, April 22, 1882, and at the Second Annual Encampment of the Department he was re-elected to that office. In 1887 he was elected by the National Encampment, held that year in St. Louis, to the office of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, and the following year, 1888, he was elected Commander-in-Chief at Columbus, Ohio.

This in brief is the record of one who was a gallant soldier of the Republic, an able statesman, a great lawyer, but above and greater than all these, he was a comrade among comrades and always a genial and kindly gentleman.

VII. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, is enclosed herewith.

By command of ALEX. McCANDLESS, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6. St. Louis, Mo., March 27, 1917.

I. The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will be held in the City of Springfield, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 and 16, 1917, instead of May 16 and 17, as heretofore announced. This change of dates is made with the unanimous approval of the Council of Administration, in order that we may be honored by the Commander-in-Chief, who will be with us on Tuesday, the 15th, and take part in the Camp-fire Tuesday night.

II. Department Headquarters will be established Monday afternoon, May 14, in rooms D and E, Parlor floor of the Colonial Hotel. The Department Council of Administration is hereby called to meet at Department Headquarters, Monday evening, May 14, at 7 o'clock. The Council of Administration is composed of the Department Commander, the Senior Vice and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, the Assistant Adjutant General and five elected members.

III. The following named comrades are hereby appointed a Committee on Credentials: Charles Koch, Post 53, Chairman; W. H. Taft, Post 26; F. D. W. Arnold, Post 34; J. A. Stewart, Post 4 and William McCune, Post 16. This Committee will meet in the building, corner of Jefferson and Walnut streets, at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, May 14. All members of the Encampment will report to this Committee on arrival and receive Encampment badges and the Encampment countersign.

The Visitors' Register will also be kept at the same place, and comrades are requested to register upon arrival.

IV. Upon the recommendation of the Commander of Post 6 Comrade A. R. McDonald, of Post 69, is hereby appointed Officer of the Day. Comrades S. P. Utley, Henry Lear, Milton Brower and A. J. Scott, of Post 69, are appointed Guards and are assigned duty during the Encampment. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. These comrades should be properly uniformed and equipped when they report for duty. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at Department Headquarters, Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, for instructions.

V. The Department Encampment will meet in Convention Hall and be called to order promptly at 10 o'clock, at which time and place the usual public exercises will take place. The usual general parade will take place on Tuesday afternoon. The hour for

parade will be announced in the public press and at the open exercises of the Encampment Tuesday morning.

VI. The Colonial Hotel can accommodate 50 guests; rates \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day. The Metropolitan Hotel can accommodate 50 guests; rates \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day. The Marquette Hotel can accommodate 60 guests; rates \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day. Hotel Sansone can accommodate 25 guests; rates \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day. The Arlington Hotel can entertain 40 guests; rates 50 cents to 75 cents per day.

These hotels are all conducted on the European plan and the rates named are for rooms only and do not include meals.

The Y. M. C. A. can furnish rooms for ten persons. Many private dwellings will be open for the accommodation of guests at the rate of \$1.00 per day, including breakfast.

All inquiries for entertainment should be addressed to P. W. Bahl, Chairman of Entertainment Committee, or to W. C. Calland, Commander of Post 69.

VII. On Tuesday evening there will be a Camp-fire, at which the Commander-in-Chief will be one of the speakers. A program will be rendered that will be highly instructive and entertaining.

VIII. The Department Commander desires to inform the comrades that he has given considerable attention to the matter of R. R. rates to the Encampment, and while it has been impossible to get any reduction from the regular fares, he finds that those residing in the northeast part of the State can save quite an amount of fare by going by the way of Moberly and Clinton to Springfield. There are three daily trains from Moberly over the M. K. & T. R. R. to Clinton—5:15 a. m., 12:30 p. m. and 7:25 p. m. The round trip from Moberly is about \$9.00.

IX. The comrades and citizens of Springfield are preparing to give the comrades of this Department who attend this Encampment "the time of their lives." It is probable that arrangements will be perfected for auto trips to the Wilson's Creek Battlefield for such comrades as may wish to visit that historic spot.

X. There are a number of Posts that have not reported the names of Representatives and Alternates and Past Post Commanders. Such reports should be forwarded to Headquarters at once. From these reports the Assistant Adjutant General must make up the roll of those who are entitled to seats in the Department Encampment. Posts not reporting may be deprived of proper representation. Post Commanders should see that reports are made at once. This neglect to do so may work an injustice to their comrades

who should be enrolled as members of the Department Encampment
 By command of ALEX. McCANDLESS, Department Commander
 W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The widow of Peter W. Doran, who, she thinks served in Co. 7th Mo. Infantry, wants the name and address of anyone who knew him while he was in the army. Her address is Virginia, Illinois, in the care of J. H. Clifford.

General Orders No. 7. St. Louis, Mo., March 27, 1917.

I. What a flood of sacred memories flow in upon us as we approach the day set apart by a grateful people as a MEMORIAL DAY, a day when the patriotic people of our land will, for a brief time, cease their mad rush for gain, and laying aside the busy cares of life, assemble wherever there is a "silent city of the dead," and strew the choicest flowers of spring over the final resting place of the nation's deathless dead.

II. Memorial Day this year falls on Wednesday, May 30. The Department Commander trusts that Posts and comrades will make the necessary arrangements for a due observance of this solemn occasion. For nine and forty years the day has been observed by comrades and citizens in a manner that has testified to the present and coming generations that the cost and sacrifice of the preservation of a free and undivided Republic have not been forgotten.

Posts and comrades will arrange for the proper observance of the day in their own way. The Department Commander urges the public, and especially all patriotic societies, be invited to take part in the exercises. Do not neglect to have the children take an active part in the ceremonies. Let the old flag our comrades loved so well and which they followed abid the hail of battle and proud to float unhindered over an undivided country wave over the heads of all comrades who have pitched their tents beyond the river.

III. The custom of requesting pastors of churches to deliver special patriotic sermons on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day should not be departed from, and Posts and comrades should assemble in a body and in uniform as far as practicable. Teachers of Sunday schools then in session should be requested to have special patriotic exercises on a convenient day prior to Memorial Day.

The Department Commander hopes that the observance of Memorial Day this year will be especially impressive in view of the fact that there are now threatening our country. Let the occasion be

lessons of patriotism shall be most strongly impressed by all the exercises.

By command of ALEX. McCANDLESS, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 8.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20, 1917.

The Department Commander calls attention to General Orders No. 4 from National Headquarters, herewith promulgated. He invites especial attention to paragraph VI, relating to the observance of Flag Day. The 14th day of June has been set apart as a day on which our national emblem shall have especial honor and patriotic lessons be impressed.

'Tis the Flag of wondrous story,
'Tis the Flag that lead to glory,
Over fields blood red and gory,
It has waved in victory.
It was honored by our fathers,
It was followed by our brothers,
And held sacred by our mothers,
'Tis preserved for you and me.

II. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that under the splendid leadership of Comrade Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor and Commander of Post 69, the arrangements for the Department Encampment are progressing in fine shape and the prospect of one of the most enjoyable Encampments ever held by the Department is assured. Although our ranks are rapidly growing thinner and the step is not so elastic and firm as of yore, yet it is hoped that especial effort will be made by all to gather in Springfield and touch elbows in the Encampment and in the Camp-fire and enjoy the generous hospitality so freely offered to us all by the noblehearted and patriotic citizens of that enterprising and progressive city.

III. In accordance with the expressed wish of the comrades and citizens of Springfield, the preliminary exercises of the Encampment will be held on Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock sharp. Comrades will be assembled promptly at that time in Lander's Theatre (instead of Convention Hall, as heretofore announced). The Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans, and all other patriotic societies, are cordially invited to meet with us on that occasion, in formal body, together with resident citizens and visiting comrades and soldiers. Let this be a rousing opening, sparkling with PATRIOTISM. On this occasion the Department

Commander will open the meeting promptly at the time designated. Addresses of welcome will be made by the Mayor of Springfield and by a member of the Young Men's Business Association, and a response on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is expected that the Commander-in-Chief will be present at this open meeting and deliver a short address. Other national officers that may be present will also speak. The exercises will be interspersed with instrumental and vocal music.

IV. At the close of the open exercises the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic will be opened in due form for the transaction of such business as may come regularly before it.

V. The following committees are hereby appointed: To prepare and present to the Department Encampment a testimonial upon the death of our late comrade, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief William Warner; Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, and Past Department Commanders George V. Martin and John M. Williams.

To prepare and present to the Department Encampment testimonials upon the death of Past Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General Thomas B. Rodgers and upon the death of Past Department Commander Andrew G. Peterson; Past Department Commanders J. V. Martin, Benj. Warner and Wm. Lowe.

VI. The parade will take place promptly at 2 o'clock on Tuesday. Comrades should be in line at 1:45 o'clock, ready to move at 2 o'clock. On this occasion the men, who, more than fifty years ago, followed Old Glory into the smoke of battle, will have a remarkable and unique distinction of being escorted by a company of stalwart young men in uniform, armed and equipped, ready to defend the flag and country we helped to save, and also the greater distinction of an escort of more than 1,500 children of public schools, and each one of them will carry

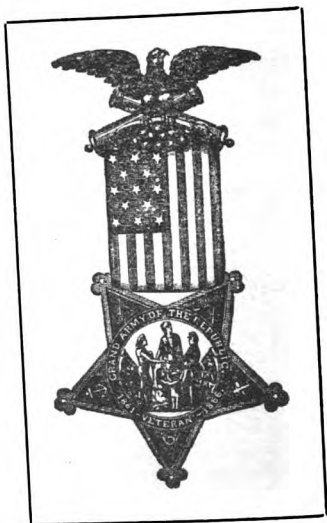
"The same old flag we have seen before,
As it lead the way of the Army Corps,
From the weary march to the field of gore,
And today it floats o'er us all once more."

Let all comrades who are physically able take part in this memorable parade and thereby teach a lesson in patriotism that will never be forgotten by the onlookers.

VII. Blank for report of Post Patriotic Instructor is herewith inclosed. This should be promptly filled out and forwarded to Department Headquarters without delay. This is important.

By command of ALEX. McCANDLESS, Department Commander

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General



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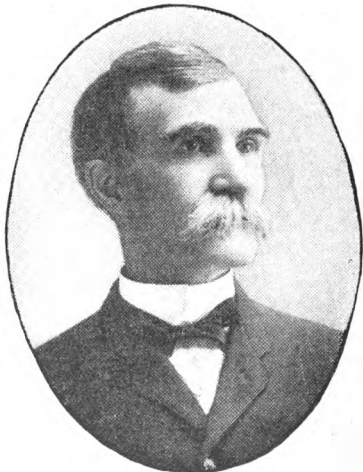
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Lyceum Theater, St. Joseph, at 10 o'clock a. m., May 8, 1918, and was called to order by the Department Commander, Thomas W. Evans,

The Department Chaplain being temporarily absent, the Department Commander called upon Rev. Comrade A. M. Reynolds, Chaplain of Custer Post No. 7, who delivered a very eloquent and impressive invocation.

Hon. John Whitsell, Mayor of St. Joseph, was then introduced. He spoke at some length and extended the hospitality of the City to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and other societies meeting there.

He said in part:

Soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic:

It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to our city. You have served this nation long and well. You have stood for liberty, for freedom, and have lived the lives of patriots. You have lived for the right. You represent honesty, and your lives have been the lives of men who stood for the nation's highest good. You are patriarchs of justice who have come to pay us a visit. You have come down to us from a former generation. Providence has generously lengthened out your lives that you might lend us the aid of your counsel and of your wisdom in this trying time. You have stood the tests of civil war. You have lived to witness with us the world's

greatest conflict. Now is the time that tries men's souls. Now is the day we need your direction. Ah! too well it has been given. Your grandsons are in the trenches upon the battle fronts of France. They are paying for us the debt we owe to France and to LaFayette. They are watering the soil of France with their blood. They are defending the grave of LaFayette with their lives. They are placing an immortal wreath upon his tomb. They are raising a monument to yourselves. Your granddaughters are standing behind the men behind the gun. They are upholding the nation's integrity. They, like the men, are giving their souls to winning the war.

In your old age your children are standing between you and despotism like the old guard at Thermopylae. They are the advance guard and you are the army. They are a Roman cohort with the old tenth legion in the background. They will not fail. You will have won. The stars and stripes of liberty will flow forever. To you is the honor. To you, we extend our thanks and our welcome. We welcome you to the city. You are the guests of every home.

The Department Commander expressed the thanks of the comrades for the welcome extended by the Mayor, and then introduced Mr. John Wunderlich, General Commissioner of the Commerce Club of St. Joseph, who in an eloquent address emphasized the expressions of welcome extended by the Mayor and presented the cordial greetings and welcome on behalf of the Commerce Club of St. Joseph. He spoke of the great advancement made by the City in all lines of commercial, industrial and civic life in the recent past.

These addresses of welcome were responded to by Hon. Stephen S. Brown, a comrade of Custer Post No. 7, and one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

The preliminary and public exercises were thereupon declared ended and all who were not members of the Encampment were requested to retire. The Officer of the Day was directed to see that only members of the Encampment were allowed to remain. Comrades with the National Countersign were permitted to sit in the gallery.

The roll of officers was called as follows. Those present are indicated by a star:

Department Commander,

*THOS. W. EVANS.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

*O. H. GUFFIN.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,

P. W. BAHL.

Medical Director,
DR. W. M. SMITH.

Department Chaplain,
*W. K. COLLINS.

Assistant Adjutant General and A. Q. M. G.
*WILBUR F. HENRY

Judge Advocate
*IRA K. ALDERMAN

Patriotic Instructor,
*W. C. CALLAND

Chief Mustering Officer,
*G. A. DOUGLAS.

Department Inspector,
GEORGE R. WRIGHT.

Council of Administration,
*W. H. WORMSTEAD,
*S. D. WEBSTER,
CHARLES BIEGER

*A WHIPPLE
*MAX FRITZ

Past Department Commanders,

†WILLIAM WARNER,
W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

†NELSON COLE,
†E. E. KIMBALL,

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.,

*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,

†W. H. SKINNER,

†R. N. DENHAM,

*BENJAMIN WARNER,

†ARTHUR DREIFUS,

†CHAS. W. RUBEY,

*WM. LOWE,

*J. B. DOBYNE,

*ALEX. McCANDLESS,

*Present.

†Deceased.

The Department Commander invited all Department Officers and Past Department Commanders to seats on the platform.

On motion, the calling of the roll of members of the Encampment was dispensed with and all comrades with the Encampment counter sign and wearing the Encampment badge issued by the Committee on Credentials were admitted to seats as members.

A subsequent report of the Committee on Credentials showed that the following named comrades were present and members of the Encampment.

Roll of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Held at St. Joseph, Mo., May 8th and 9th, 1918.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C.—G. W. Carmichael.

S. V. P. C.—A. B. Echoff.

J. V. P. C.—Adolph Levy.

P. P. C.—Leo Rassieur, J. J. Scharr, Chas. Steiner, Cord. Ring
A. Whipple, W. F. Silverwood, Joseph Ranft, P. F. Coghlan, B.
Suppan.

Rep.—Geo. Heineman, Alfred Mathey, Ernest Rotheck, D.
Clement.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C.—S. W. Serl.

S. V. C.—H. R. Bailey.

P. P. C.—Ben Warner, Thos. H. Brown, D. L. Elder, A. Zart
O. S. Richards.

Rep.—Chas. W. Pettinger.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. P. C.—Alex. McCandless, Nich. Mathias, R. T. McCaskey,
Jones.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

S. V. C.—Daniel M. Mabie.

J. V. C.—Wm. H. Sherman.

P. P. C.—Thos. W. Evans, Elihu T. Ellis, John Michel, Luc
Carter, John Harnois, Richard Horigan, Wm. Liebig, Wm. G.
bell, John T. Warburton, Charles J. Borden, L. L. Johnson,
Carter, M. D. Bealls, Fred Wenz, J. P. Emert, Samuel Sharp,
Pugh, Samuel M. Mann, J. W. Beach, C. W. Webster, W. M.

CUSTER POST, No. 7, St. Joseph—Continued**PAST POST COMMANDERS.**

John Goodman, Conrad Englehart, John Augustine, J. P. Benjamin,
Ebenezer Rozell, A. J. Culberson, W. J. Hartman, Jefferson Rynearson.
Rep.—Stephen S. Brown, Robert H. Savage, M. A. Read, Peter
Conroy.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

P. C.—Charles A. Morris.
S. V. C.—Chas. E. Blackmar.
J. V. C.—C. B. Kurtz.
P. P. C.—O. P. Smith, Wilbur F. Henry, O. H. Guffin, W. H.
Wormstead, Frank A. Becker, F. C. Dorsey, Ben B. Bolt, H. G. Russell,
Arthur McBride, F. A. DuBols.
Rep.—E. N. Edmonds, R. J. Edmonds, B. J. Boodey, R. Zimmerman.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

J. V. C.—Henry A. Rehbein.
P. P. C.—Louis C. Hesse, Hubert Munchrath, Max Fritz.
Rep.—Wenzel Graf.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

P. C.—A. J. P. Barnes.
P. P. C.—Henry Phelps, L. F. Williams.
Rep.—R. B. Tyler, Chas. M. Garrett.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

P. C.—Wm. McCune.

Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.

S. V. C.—Chas. Borgh.
P. P. C.—Joseph Montgomery, R. L. Hudson, G. J. Cherry.
Rep.—A. J. Booze.

Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.

P. C.—J. D. Dickerson.
P. P. C.—Ira K. Alderman, John M. Evans, A. R. Sowers, Wm. F.
Smith.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

P. P. C.—T. J. Dockery.
Rep.—Green Cunningham.

Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

P. C.—S. A. Stanton.
Rep.—S. B. Myers.

Tyndall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.

Rep.—E. O. Exeen.

S. A. Hurlburt Post, No. 32, Hamilton.

P. P. C.—Wm. Pickell.

Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

S. V. C.—Jacob King.

P. P. C.—D. P. Dobyns, F. S. Morgan, Daniel Kunkle.

Rep.—T. D. Roberts.

Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.

P. P. C.—John Vanfossen, Richard Reed.

Rep.—A. J. Crum.

Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

P. P. C.—Chas. Kooock.

Rep.—Henry Meyer.

O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.

P. P. C.—L. F. Hunt, J. V. Martin.

Valentine Peters Post, No. 61, Maitland.

P. C.—Levi Oren.

Tarkio Post, No. 67, Tarkio.

P. C.—J. C. Filbert.

P. P. C.—A. W. Graham.

Rep.—Thomas Win.

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

P. C.—W. C. Calland.

P. P. C.—H. J. Dutton.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. C.—W. E. Collins.

S. V. C.—G. W. Sparks.

P. P. C.—J. F. Stephenson, G. McFarland, Geo. Hall, John Jefferson Rynearson.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

P. C.—J. W. Dillard.

J. V. C.—J. Bacon.

P. P. C.—D. W. Elliott, S. Groves, U. Griffith, E. W. Thomas.

Rep.—A. Schanover, J. Bradford.

Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.

Rep.—W. E. Chester, J. C. Scrogg.

Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton.

S. V. C.—Joseph Phillipps.

King City Post, No. 86, King City.

P. C.—J. T. Lebow.

P. P. C.—Fred A. Gerber, W. P. Graves.

T. H. Richardson Post, No. 92, Lancaster.

P. C.—Jas. W. Pagitt.

J. V. C.—Paul Arnl.

C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Maysville.

P. C.—J. W. McElwain.

P. P. C.—W. S. Gourlay.

Rep.—D. W. Trout.

G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.

P. P. C.—Theophile Dubrouillet.

Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.

P. P. C.—A. J. Bobb.

Marion Post, No. 119, Stanberry.

Rep.—W. P. Starrett, T. J. Shisler.

L. T. Deal Post, No. 124, Bethany.

P. C.—J. M. Neville.

S. V. C.—W. H. H. Gillespie.

J. V. C.—A. J. Dodd.

P. P. C.—E. S. Miner, W. J. Taylor.

Fred. Miller Post, No. 130, Carrollton.

P. C.—M. G. Garner.

P. P. C.—Wm. B. Mullins, E. G. Grossman.

Rep.—S. G. Hayes.

Ransom Post No. 131, St. Louis.

P. C.—E. B. Scutt.

P. P. C.—J. B. Dobyne, S. D. Webster, P. H. Clarke.

Rep.—Charles Nelson, W. T. Niccolls, Chas. Wagner, P. H. Calahan.

Gentry Post, No. 134, Darlington.

Rep.—Nicholas Dewitt.

Marionville Post, No. 141, Marionville.

Rep.—A. Wadford, Theodore More.

J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

P. P. C.—R. H. Dugan, W. W. Chapel.

Rep.—W. H. Klinker.

W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

P. P. C.—J. A. Lane.

John Williams Post, No. 218, Fairport.

S. V. C.—Sylvester Fielder.

P. P. C.—Martin Ewing, Newt. Rollison, John Wolf.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Norcross.

P. C.—C. W. Corkran.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.

P. P. C.—Walter Barron.

Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.

P. P. C.—J. W. Root.

Pinhart Post, No. 268, Brunswick.

Rep.—Joseph Faller.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, California.P. P. C.—Jacob Hott, J. M. Williams, C. H. Morrison, H. B. Sapp
ton, C. G. Wagner, A. J. Wetherbe.

Rep.—James Steel.

Bob Ford Post, No. 303, Gilman City.

P. P. C.—J. J. McCoy.

Evans Post, No. 340, Atlanta.

Rep.—Chas. Anderson.

Pike Post, No. 391, Bowling Green.

P. C.—Geo. W. Bell.

Harrison A. Giehm Post, No. 512, Tipton.

P. P. C.—J. B. Wolf.

Geo. W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

P. C.—J. N. Michael.

P. P. C.—A. F. McCray, J. A. Scoggan.

Rep.—M. D. L. Blenins.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lees Summit.

P. P. C.—W. K. Collins.

John Whaling Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.

P. C.—Henry DeBell.

James E. Black Post, No. 591, Richmond.

P. C.—Abram B. Powell.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

P. P. C.—Wm. Lowe, G. A. Douglas.

The Department Commander called Senior Vice-Department Commander Guffin to the chair and delivered his address as follows:

The Senior Vice-Department Commander referred the Department Commander's address to the following committee: Past Department Commanders Benj. Warner, J. B. Dobyne and Alex. McCandless.

The reports of the several Department Officers being printed and in the hands of the members of the Encampment, it was on motion ordered that they be referred to proper committees when appointed without reading.

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

My Comrades: I give you a warm, fraternal greeting and a hearty welcome to my home city. We meet today in our Thirty-seventh Annual Department Encampment. For many years this has been my home and I can assure you that the citizens of St. Joseph most heartily join with me and my comrades here in giving not only you, my comrades, but all the patriotic societies gathered here, a very earnest and hearty welcome, and I know that they will do all things possible to make your stay with us a pleasure.

We are met today under peculiar circumstances. The air resounds with the tramp of marching columns. Our sons and our grandsons are wearing the military uniform of our country and are going into the mighty struggle for human freedom and National honor. In a time like this we cannot help thinking of the past. We recall the scenes of more than half a century ago when we stood in line, touching elbows with our comrades, and with uplifted hands took the oath which made us soldiers of this great Republic. It is not wise for us to let our minds dwell on the past until we get into a somber mood, but rather we should review the past with thankfulness and rejoicing that by our sacrifice and service our Nation was saved to stand, a united people, all working together for a common purpose in the mighty conflict now going on across the sea. The struggle must result in Liberty or slavery for us and for all peoples. There cannot be a draw, we win or we lose. While we cannot serve in the ranks, we can let our dollars back our gallant boys fighting our battles for us and the world—Buy Liberty Bonds.

My comrades, we have further reason to be thankful. There was a time when there were more than 25,000 members of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing in this Department. The report of the Assistant Adjutant-General will show that now there are less than 3,200. Five years ago, when the Department Encampment met in this city, the report of the Assistant Adjutant-General showed that on December 31, 1912, there were 5,364. The number of members reported in good standing at the close of last year is 3,185, a loss of more than 2,000 in the last five years.

It is not strange that the percentage of loss should increase as the years go by. It is now more than fifty-three years since the Stars and Bars was furled at Appomattox, and the relentless scythe of time has been always busy and so we have reason to congratulate ourselves that we have the health and strength to be able

touch elbows again with our comrades in Department Encampment and reason to breathe a prayer of thanksgiving to Him who has kept us and guided us along the pathway of life until this time.

One year ago, at Springfield, the Department Encampment there assembled bestowed on me the highest honor within its gift by unanimously electing me to the office of Department Commander. I most certainly appreciated the confidence of my comrades and the trust they reposed in me. I believe that I fully realized the responsibilities I assumed when I took the obligation of office. When the badge of Department Commander was pinned upon my breast I esteemed it the greatest honor I ever had received or could receive. I then pledged myself to so wear it that its luster should not be dimmed. I resolved to do all in my power to so perform my duties as to merit the commendation of my comrades as well as that of my own conscience. How well I have succeeded in keeping that pledge is for my comrades to say. No doubt there were conditions that might have been used to better advantage, and possibly some things were overlooked that might and ought to have been done. My desire and efforts have been to embrace every opportunity to cheer my comrades in their declining years and encourage them to maintain their membership in the Grand Army of the Republic so long as they may live.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

It was my pleasure to attend the sessions of the Fifty-first National Encampment at Boston with the Assistant Adjutant-General, my Chief of Staff and other comrades. The Representative Delegation of this Department was complete. Some of the elected representatives were unavoidably absent, but the vacancies were filled by alternates who were present. Our Assistant Quartermaster-General had secured an unusually pleasant suite of rooms in a first-class hotel for Department Headquarters where the Department Officers and other comrades were comfortably and pleasantly accommodated during their stay. I cannot better express my appreciation of the occasion than by quoting the following paragraph from Department General Order No. 4, current series:

"The Department Commander is pleased to announce that 36 comrades registered their names at Department Headquarters during the Fifty-first National Encampment and marched in the grand parade. While some other Departments had a larger number of comrades in the parade, yet none were superior in personnel and general appearance. None elicited more generous applause. The Department Commander regrets that more comrades could not be present to enjoy the generous hospitality so lavishly bestowed by

the citizens of Boston. The occasion will remain a fragrant memory while life shall last with every comrade who was so fortunate as to have been there."

Department Commander Alex. McCandless, my immediate predecessor, in his address to the Thirty-sixth Department Encampment, very wisely recommended that a majority of the elective members of the Department Council of Administration be elected from among the members of the comrades resident in St. Louis in order that meetings might be held without travel expense by such members. Acting upon this recommendation, all the elective members were chosen from among St. Louis comrades. There have been several meetings of the Council held at Department Headquarters during the year in which all the elected members were present without expense to the Department. I heartily concur in the recommendation of Department Commander McCandless and trust that it will be followed by this and future Encampments.

It is with a deep sense of sorrow that I am called upon to record the death of two of the comrades who were elected members of the Council of Administration at Springfield, Comrade Martin R. H. Witter, a member of Ransom Post No. 131, and Comrade William H. Rudolph, Commander of Hardin Post No. 107. These comrades were honored citizens and true comrades, beloved and respected by all who knew them. I recommend that a memorial page be given to each in the printed journal of this Encampment. Comrade S. D. Webster, of Ransom Post No. 131, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Witter, and Comrade W. H. Wormstead, of Post No. 8, Kansas City, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Rudolph.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The noble sisterhood of the Woman's Relief Corps has long been recognized as the Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic and are held in grateful esteem by all the comrades. Their love and devotion to our Order is known to all. It is impossible to measure the good they have accomplished.

THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY.

I am pleased to bear testimony to the faithful service of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose membership is composed of those who are connected by the ties of blood or marriage with the comrades and veterans of the Civil War. During the days of our active service we looked to our mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts for inspiration and encouragement and we turn to these noble women for blessings still.

I wish to commend both of these bands of noble women for their patriotic zeal in their efforts to instill in the minds of the youth of our land high ideals of American citizenship and a reverence for the Flag of our country and the principles for which it stands. By their words of cheer and kindly acts they have made the pathway of many a comrade smoother and brighter as he has neared the end of the journey, and I say to them both, God bless you.

THE SONS OF VETERANS.

It has been my pleasure at all times, as opportunity offered, to commend the Sons of Veterans and give them such encouragement as I could. They are our legitimate successors and we are all interested in their work and we bid them God-speed in their labors for the highest ideals of American citizenship. We should encourage them in every way possible and render them active assistance in establishing new camps and in maintaining those already established. They cannot be too highly commended for the noble work they are doing.

And now, my comrades, my term of office will soon be over and I will surrender the emblem of authority to my successor and will wear the rank strap of my office beneath the eagle, but I cannot close this address without noting the pleasure I have been permitted to enjoy in mingling with my comrades during the past year. The spirit of comradeship that has prevailed in the Department and the courtesies that have been extended and accorded to me have filled my heart with an unspeakable gratitude and thankfulness. It is gratifying to note that as the number of our comrades is rapidly diminishing, the spirit of comradeship and fraternity is growing stronger. The badge of the Grand Army of the Republic was never more highly respected and honored than now. On Memorial Day the public exhibit a reverential respect to those wearing the badge and uniform of our Order as never before.

By special invitation, I visited a number of Posts and gatherings of veterans and everywhere courtesies were extended to me as your Department Commander that were highly appreciated. I regret that I was not able to accept all the invitations that came to me. One of the most enjoyable occasions was the meeting with Ransom Post No. 131, St. Louis, upon the celebration of the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Organization of that Post. There was a large gathering of comrades and invited guests; an occasion long to be remembered. On June 30 my Chief of Staff, Comrade Michel, accompanied me on a visit to Meyer Post No. 45, Oregon. The occasion was considered a notable one by the Post, for, as the

Post Commander said, it was the first time a Department Commander had ever visited them. Another visit that is worthy of special mention was an open meeting of Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, Kansas City.

Official information came to Department Headquarters that the Commander-in-Chief would be in Oregon at the time of the meeting of this Encampment and therefore it would be impossible for him to meet with us here, but that he would be in St. Louis on March 21 and would be pleased to meet as many of the comrades there as possible.

The Assistant Adjutant-General at once notified the several Posts of St. Louis and arranged for a joint meeting of comrades in the commodious hall of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1 on the night of March 21. It gave me great pleasure to go to St. Louis and pay my respects as your Department Commander to the Commander-in-Chief on that occasion. Fortunately, my train from St. Joseph reached the Union Station at St. Louis about five minutes before the train by which the Commander-in-Chief arrived. Assistant Adjutant-General Henry met us both at the station, and after a breakfast together, accompanied us to the Planters Hotel where arrangements had been made for the entertainment of the Commander-in-Chief while in the city.

In the afternoon, by the courtesy of Past Department Commander Dobyne, we had the rare pleasure of an automobile ride through the parks and boulevards of St. Louis. We were accompanied by Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, who pointed out many places of historic interest. In the evening there was a large gathering of comrades and friends in Blair Post hall and the Commander-in-Chief was given a comrades' greeting. His address was greatly appreciated by all. The evening closed with luncheon provided by the comrades of Blair Post. It was a day that will remain with me as a pleasant memory.

For information as to the conditions of the membership and finances of the Department, your attention is invited to the report of the Assistant Adjutant-General and the Assistant Quartermaster-General. To his faithful and efficient services is due in a large measure any success in the administration of the affairs of the Department. To my associate Department Officers, to my personal staff and to all comrades I extend my most sincere thanks for their ever cheerful, fraternal and efficient assistance to me in making the performance of my duties as your Department Commander pleasant and delightful.

THOMAS W. EVANS,
Department Commander.



O. H. GUFFIN
SEN. VICE DEPT. COMMANDER

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Kansas City, Mo., April 20, 1918.

Wilbur F. Henry,

Asst. Adjt. General.

Comrade:

Having been honored with office of Senior Vice Dept. Commander at the Dept. Encampment at Springfield, Mo., I have the honor of submitting my report for the year 1917-1918. I deem it an honor to have been associated with our worthy and efficient Dept. Commander, Thomas W. Evans, as well as the other officers of the Department, in a small way, in promoting true comradeship among the members of the Order.

While the work in the Department does not call upon the Senior Vice for much work, especially when the Department has an efficient Commander, yet there is always a chance to work for the good of the Order. I feel proud of the small part I have had in making the Grand Army of the Republic one of the **recognized** civic organizations of Kansas City; that in nearly all public demonstrations of patriotism the Grand Army of the Republic has been called upon to participate in this way reflect to the credit of the Department.

Your servant is proud of the fact that he has had the opportunity either as a private or officer in helping to fix in the mind of the public at large the fact that the soldiers of the Civil War made it possible for the United States to stand supreme among the nations of the world.

Thanking my comrades for counting me worthy to fill one of the offices of the Department, I am,

Fraternally yours in F. C. L.,

O. H. GUFFIN,

Senior Vice Dept. Commander

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE DEPT. COMMANDER.

Springfield, Mo., April 22, 1918.

Wilber F. Henry, A. A. G.,
Department Missouri.

Dear Comrade:—

In compliance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor of submitting to you here- with a report as Junior Vice Commander.

The year has been a quiet one and I have endeavored to keep fit for any and all commands that might come. I had a special invitation from the Department Commander, Evans, to represent the Department at a reunion in the north central part of the State, but I got tied up in railroad transportation and failed to get there. I have sought to lend my interests in holding together and building up the Posts in the Southwest. The health of my family took me to California early in the fall, so that I have been somewhat handicapped in my general work. I wish to thank the Department for all courtesies, and especially for honoring me by election to the office of Junior Vice Commander. Since the close of the war I have been closely allied with the Grand Army and have enjoyed many years' association with the Comrades. Wishing all the Comrades of the State a happy and interesting time in the declining years, I am very sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

P. W. BAHL,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Headquarters, Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic,

St. Louis, Mo., May, 1918.

Thos. W. Evans, Department Commander.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following report for the year 1917:

At the close of the year 1916 the number of Posts in the Department was 238, including 62 Posts remaining suspended. During the year 1917 four Posts surrendered their charters and 62 Posts having been previously suspended were dropped from the rolls, leaving on the roll 172 Posts; 25 of these have been suspended for failure to make reports, leaving 147.

The following is an abstract of the consolidated reports to National Headquarters for the year 1917:

FIRST TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30, 1917.

Number in good standing December 31, 1916.....	3,88
Gain by muster-in	15
Gain by transfer	9
Gain by reinstatement	37
Gain from delinquent reports.....	234

Total gain..... 2

Aggregate	4,1
Loss by death	146
Loss by honorable discharge.....	2
Loss by transfer	16
Loss by suspension	53
Loss by delinquent reports.....	423

Total loss.....

Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1917..... 3,

SECOND TERM, SIX MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1

Number in good standing June 30, 1917.....	3
Gain by muster-in	29
Gain by transfer	7

Gain by reinstatement	28	
Total gain.....		64
Aggregate		<u>3,603</u>
Loss by death	120	
Loss by honorable discharge.....	2	
Loss by transfer	9	
Loss by suspension	94	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	167	
Loss by surrender of charter.....	27	
Loss by dishonorable discharge.....	1	
Total loss.....		<u>420</u>
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1917....		3,183

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing December 31, 1916.....		3,884
Gain during the year by muster-in	44	
Gain during the year by transfer	16	
Gain during the year by reinstatement	65	
Gain during the year from delinquent reports.....	234	
Total gain.....		<u>359</u>
Loss during year by death	266	4,243
Loss during year by honorable discharge.....	4	
Loss during year by transfer	25	
Loss during year by suspension	147	
Loss during year by delinquent reports.....	590	
Loss during year by surrender of charter.....	27	
Loss during year by dishonorable discharge.....	1	
Total loss.....		<u>1,060</u>
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1917....		3,183
Amount expended for relief during the year.....	\$ 377.88	
Cash balance in Post funds December 31, 1917.....	25,754.52	
Cash balance in relief funds.....	1,650.67	
Cash invested in collaterals.....	14,987.09	
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	6,205.00	

Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	5,801.83
Total value of Post property.....	\$54,399.11

The Department is entitled to eleven representatives in the 52d National Encampment, in addition to the representative at large. Twelve alternates should be elected. The names of nominees will be placed on the printed ballot in the numerical order of the Posts from which nominated, beginning with the lowest number.

For more detailed statements as to the financial transactions during the year 1917 and present conditions, attention is invited to the following exhibits which are made a part of this report:

- Exhibit "A"—Receipts and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.
- Exhibit "C"—Supplies on hand.
- Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.
- Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths.

In closing this report I wish to express my appreciation of your confidence in my ability and integrity by appointing me to this very responsible office. I have been treated with great kindness and courtesy by you and by all comrades.

I have endeavored to reciprocate these courtesies and tried to cheer the comrades in their declining years and encourage them to continue to wear our badge with honor until they rest from their labors and taps are sounded for them, with the hope and trust that reveille will waken them to a brighter day in the morning.

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

WILBUR F. HENRY,
Assistant Adjt.-Genl. and A. Q. M. G.

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Balance on hand December 31, 1916.....	\$ 1
Received from per capita tax.....	1.
From sale of supplies.....	
From interest on loans.....	
From principal of Safety Fund.....	
Aggregate	\$1
Paid out (approved vouchers on file):	
For rent of office.....	\$
For supplies	

For National per capita tax.....	129.91
For printing and stationery.....	179.60
For ribbon badges.....	25.00
For postage and envelopes.....	41.56
For expense to National Encampment.....	64.20
For expense to Department Encampment.....	18.65
For fire insurance.....	14.90
For exchange on personal checks.....	2.60
For salary of A. A. G.....	1,000.00
For incidentals.....	36.20
For traveling expenses.....	30.15
For estate of Thos. B. Rodgers.....	112.72
Total paid out.....	<u>\$1,868.29</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1917.....	85.06
	<u>\$1,953.35</u>

EXHIBIT "B."

SAFETY FUND.

My report to the Thirty-sixth Department Encampment showed that there was then in the Safety Fund the principal sum of \$4,250.

By resolution, unanimously adopted by that Encampment, \$400.00 was transferred to the General Fund leaving the amount of principal in the Safety Fund \$3,850.00. This amount is loaned out to responsible parties and secured by first deeds of trust on real estate valued at more than double the value of the loan secured thereby. All the loans bear 6 per cent interest and have the unanimous approval of the Council of Administration. No bequests or contributions have been received during the past year.

EXHIBIT "C."

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

No.		Value.
7	Official badges.....	\$ 7.70
8	Membership badges.....	4.00
38	Buttoniers.....	3.80
55	Rank straps.....	22.00
35	Official ribbons.....	3.50
5	Rules and Regulations.....	.50
200	Applications.....	2.00
13	Cash books.....	15.60
2	Blue books.....	2.40
6	Rituals.....	3.00

23	Cards for rituals.....	1.15
8	Service books	2.40
3	Quartermaster's warrant books.....	2.55
1	Adjutant's descriptive book.....	1.00
40	Discharges	2.00
29	Leave of absence cards.....	1.4
32	Transfers	1.6
25	Post odes .....	.7
190	Department badges, plain.....	114.0
48	Department badges, silver top.....	48.0
1	Electrotype .....	.5
		\$239.9

EXHIBIT "D."**DEPARTMENT ASSETS.**

Cash balance December 31, 1917.....	\$ 85.
Office furniture, books, etc., estimated.....	800.
Supplies	239
Loans on real estate (Safety Fund).....	3,850
	\$4,974

There are no unpaid bills.

Balance on hand May 1, 1918.....	\$ 72
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EXHIBIT "E."**LIST OF DEATHS IN 1917 AS REPORTED.**

Pcst

- John Graenwalder, Pr. Co. A, 2 Mo. Inf.
J. C. Broadwell, Sergt. Co. F, 2 O. V. I.
John Meyerscough, Pr. Co. H, 117 Ill. Inf.
Fred Uthoff, Bugler, 1 Mo. Cav.
Thos. A. Worthington, Pr. Co. A, 12 Ill. Inf.
Fred. Peters, Pr. A & K, 2 Mo. Inf.
C. E. Blush, Sergt. Co. L, U. S. C. Cav.
Chas. L. Wirth, Pr. Co. G, 7 Ind. Inf.
Chas. L. Wirth, Sergt., 2 Ind. Art.
M. Lenz, Pr. Co. K, 4 Mo. Inf.
Louis Roop, Sergt. Co. I, 3 U. S. R. C. Mo.
P. J. Osterhouse, Maj. Genl. U. S. V.
Chas. Jeep, Pr. Co. I, 2 Mo. L. A.
Daniel Aude, Pr. Co. 4, U. S. R. C.
G. O. Slingerland, Pr. Co. D, 125 N. Y. Inf.
Fred. Tontrup, Pr. Co. C, 4 Mo. Cav.
Geo. W. Buck, Pr. Co. M, 1 Mo. Cav.

- 4 Jas. G. Young, Pr. Co. C, 16 Mass. Inf.
 E. Stine, Pr. Co. A, 77 M. S. M.
 H. H. Stuckenberg, Sergt. Co. H, 1 Mo. Inf.
 Geo. E. Sartwell, Pr. Co. F, 10 N. Y. Inf.
 J. M. Simens, Pr. Co. L, 2 O. V. Art.
 Lewis B. Cross, Pr. Co. K, 15 Pa. Inf.
 Lafayette Carnes, Pr. Co. I, 17 Ind. Inf.
 A. J. Bridges, Pr. Co. E, 110 Ill. Inf.
 Calvin A. Day, 2nd Lieut. 12 Ohio Bat.
- 5 J. D. Raikes, Pr. Union Light Guards.
 C. B. Lyle, Pr. Co. H, 134 Ill. Inf.
 A. J. Pitts, Pr. Co. G, 66 O. V. I.
- 6 Martin F. Tripp, Pr. Co. E, 77 N. Y.
- 7 F. M. Posegate, Capt. & Q. M., 175 O. V. I.
 J. Ferris Spoor, P. M. Steward, U. S. N.
 Joseph A. James, Corp. Co. C, 78 Ill. Inf.
 Clinton Garrison, Corp. Co. G, 145 Ill. Inf.
 Claiborne S. Huges, Pr. Co. C, 51 Mo. Inf.
 Robert A. Tracy, 1st Lieut. Co. A, 1 Kan. Inf.
 Samuel M. Carson, Pr. Co. G, 44 Mo. Inf.
 Joseph Grable, Corp. Co. B, 15 Kan. Cav.
 James H. Allen, Pr. Co. A, 10 Ill. Inf.
 David W. Reisch, Corp. Co. K, 18 Mo. Inf.
 Michael Whalen, Pr. Co. B, 2 Ill. L. Art.
- 8 Perry Arbaugh, Pr. Co. E, 89 Ind.
 James Looney, Pr. Co. K, 14 Ill. Cav.
 Samuel T. Smith, Hosp. Steward, 78 N. Y.
 Solomon T. Hinkley, Bugler, 25 N. Y. Cav.
 D. S. Fleenor, Pr. Co. F, 33 Iowa
 Jacob W. Bezan, Pr. Co. E, 7 Ill. Inf.
 Michael O'Rourke, Pr. Co. H, 21 Iowa
 Geo. S. Peters, Co. C, 56 N. Y.
 Joseph Reed, Pr. Co. C, 97 N. Y.
 J. P. Hamlin, Sergt.-Maj. 99 N. Y. Inf.
 Elias Manchester, Pr. Co. F, L, Mich. Cav.
 Wm. E. Chester, Pr. Co. I, 26 Conn.
 Wm. F. Moll, Sergt. Co. G, 15 Ill. Inf.
 Milton Campbell, Pr. Co. C, 5 O. V. I.
 Isaac F. Snedeker, Pr. Co. H, 3 O. V. I.
 Benj. F. Prescott, Pr. Co. C, 30 Ind. Inf.
 Samuel J. Cook, Lieut. Co. A, 14 Ind. Inf.
- 10 T. F. Clow, Pr. Co. F, 2 Ky. Cav.
 David H. Wilson, Maj. 10 Ill. Cav. (Capt. Co. K)
- 13 Henry Boresi, Pr. Co. A, 3 Mo. Inf.

- Peter Dippel, Capt. Co. D, 1 Mo. Eng.
 Adam Hahn, Pr. Co. A, Essig's Battery
 George Gografe, Co. F, Mo. L. Art.
 Louis Eisleben, 1st Sergt. Co. F, 4 Mo. Inf.
 Chas. F. Meyer, Pr. Co. B, 2 U. S. Inf.
 Henry Lorenz, Pr. Co. G, 3 U. S. R. C.
 Chas. F. Diez, Pr. Co. D, 2 U. S. R. C.
 Wm. E. Schubert, Pr. Co. A, 2 Mo. Inf.
 Chas. H. Bueneman, Pr. Co. F, 43 Ill. Inf.
 Jesse Engle, Pr. Co. H, 4 Mo. Inf.
 Nic. Van Ahmen, Pr. Co. I, 3 U. S. R. C.
- 14 J. Q. Adams, Sergt. Co. I, 44 Ill. Inf.
 Charles D. Durfee, Sergt. Co. E, 24 Mich. Inf.
 J. L. Briggs, Sergt. Co. A, 2 N. Y. Art.
 Andrew J. Morgan, Pr. 1 Mich. Eng.
 John S. Clearwater, Sergt. Co. K, 15 Iowa Inf.
 H. H. Gregg, Major 13 Pa. Cav.
 C. W. Dykeman, Corp. Co. I, 21 Mo. Inf.
 Sidney M. Gray, Act'g Ensign Boston Navy Yard
 W. R. Meade, Capt. Co. C, 23 Ind. Inf.
- 16 Julius Denuel, Pr. Co. C, 14 Ill. Cav.
 Joseph C. Grissom, Capt. Co. B, 130 Ind. Inf.
 Thos. R. Nichols, Pr. Co. I, 39 Iowa
 Wesley Ralston, Pr. Co. F, 58 Ill. Inf.
 George C. Howenstein, Sergt. Co. K, 64 Ohio
 J. W. Hirst, Pr. Co. A, 73 Ill. Inf.
 James Rightsell, Pr. Co. C, 8 Tenn.
 H. H. Harding, Maj. and Adj. Gen., Neb.
 Lafayette B. Ruffin, Corp. Co. F, 1 Mo. L. A.
- 19 George Wait, Pr. Co. D, 5 Mo. S. M.
 Charles H. Parker, Corp. Co. E, 119 Ill. Inf.
 John A. House, Pr. Co. G, 33 Ill. Inf.
 Amos J. Croy, Sergt. Co. D, 97 O. V. I.
- 21 Silas Appleby, Pr. Co. E, 162 Ill. Inf.
 Jacob Falkner, Pr. Co. G, 72 O. V. I.
 John H. Curnatt, Pr. Co. G, 72 Ind.
- 22 Jefferson Lee, Pr. Co. I, 33 Ill. Inf.
 J. M. Anderson, Sergt. Co. B, 3 Mo. Cav.
 J. T. Atterberry, Pr. Co. H, 7 Mo. Cav.
 John Lautz, Pr. Co. D, 17 O. V. I.
 Alford Dhores, Pr. Co. H, 42 Mo. Inf.
 John H. McDowell, Co. A, 139 Pa.
 James H. Kinsar, 1st Lieut. Co. B, 13 Ind. Inf.
- 23 Alexander S. Kale, Pr. Co. B, 42 Mo. Inf.
 William Thompson ———

- 26 Richard Gregg, Pr. Co. C, 5 Mo. Cav.
 W. C. Wyatt, Pr. Co. H, 15 Ind.
 D. C. Knaderer, Corp. 30 Ind.
 H. H. Owens, Pr. Co. H, 56 Ill. Inf.
 W. T. Rakestraw, Sergt. Co. G, 3 Mo. Cav.
 N. B. Shaffer, Pr. Co. G, 46 Ill. Inf.
- 29 Martin V. Crill, and 7 others, names not reported.
- 32 Samuel Cox, Pr. Co. —, 7 Mo. Cav.
 Asher Sandals, Pr. Co. B, 107 O. V. I.
- 34 James Hall, Pr. Co. K, 105 Penn. Inf.
 Geo. W. Yerger, Pr. Co. C, 3 Penn. Cav.
 M. Lasley, Pr. Co. H, 53 O. V. I.
- 43 A. R. Ayers, Co. A, 3 Mo. Cav.
 R. H. Gould, Co. H, 97 O. V. I.
 J. O. Hogg, Co. H, St. Joe Brigade
 C. A. Willowby, Co. C, 34 N. Y. Inf.
- 44 G. M. L. Morrison, Co. E, 44 Mo.
 John Bumbaugh, Co. E, 44 Mo.
 W. W. Sears, Pr. Co. E, 44 Mo.
- 45 E. M. Norris, Pr. Co. C, 22 Iowa Inf.
 A. J. Jamison, Pr. Co. H, 7 Kans. Cav.
 Nathan Smith, Pr. Co. C, 25 Mich. Inf.
 John M. Jones, Pr. Co. E, 15 Iowa Inf.
- 54 Edwin Wylde, Pr. Co. 18, Mo. Inf.
 J. R. Guffy, Pr. Co. D, 1 M. S. M.
 Geo. Hanel, Pr. Co. B, 5 Iowa Cav.
 James Wiles, Pr. Co. I, 149 Ind. Inf.
 Chas. Lowary, Pr. Co. D, 137 Ill.
- 57 John Steel, Co. C, 4 Iowa Cav.
 F. M. Wyatt, Co. F, 101 Ill. Inf.
 P. H. Holcomb, Co. K, 60 O. V. I.
 Winfield Steel, Co. C, 1 Iowa Cav.
- 61 C. C. Baker, Pr. Co. H, 33 Mo.
- 67 J. W. Hoover.
 N. B. Swift.
 John McNulty.
- 69 W. S. Blackwell, Pr. Co. H, 105 Ill. Inf.
 Robert Thomas, Pr. Co. D, 8 Mo. Cav.
 W. A. Stone, Pr. Co. A, 3 N. Y. Art.
 J. D. Mason, Pr. Co. C, 7 Ill. Cav.
 E. D. Blackburn, Pr. Co. H, 84 O. V. L.
 S. P. Utley, Sergt. 158 Penn.
 Stephen Routh, Pr. Co. —, 1 Ark. Cav.
 Wm. Doty, Pr. Co. E, 1 Mo. Cav.

- 72 H. Ginn, Pr. Co. C, 42 Mo. Inf.
 Chancy Hall, Pr. Co. I, 7 Mich. Inf.
 A. H. Burkholder, Pr. Co. I, 88 O. V. I., and 1 Lt. & Q. M. 179
 O. V. I.
 Isaac Blattner, Pr. Co. B, 24 Iowa Inf.
 Chas. H. Cash, Pr. Co. B, 23 Mo. Inf.
 H. P. Sweetland, Sergt. Co. K, 66 O. V. I.
- 75 A. H. Brown, Corp Co. A, 130 Ind. Inf.
- 76 W. H. Cole, service not given.
 Geo. C. Lanham, Pr. Co. F, 44 Mo. Inf.
 Nealy Daggett, Pr. Co. D, 7 Ill. Cav.
- 86 Willis Davidson, Pr. Co. E, 4 Mo. Cav.
- 96 W. H. Young, service not given.
- 97 Fred Wolfe, Pr. Co. I, 32 Mo. Inf.
- 107 Nicholas Weber, Pr. Co. E, 15 Mo. Inf.
 Archie Light, Pr. Co. A, 36 O. V. I.
 Frederick Lueke, Pr. Co. B, 47 Mo. Inf.
 Louis Hener, Pr. Co. G, 12 Mo. Inf.
 Louis Landvogt, Pr. Co. D, 5 U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Geo. Heintz, Pr. Co. K, 4 O. V. Cav.
 Everett P. Gardner, Pr. Co. D, 6 Mo. Cav.
- 110 Madison B. Butler, Lt. Co. L, 9 O. V. Cav.
 S. W. Fairchild, Pr. Co. H, 20 Ill. L. A.
 Israel Rude, Pr. Co. M, 9 Iowa Cav.
- 111 Hiram Haines, Sergt. Co. H, 39 Mo. Inf.
- 115 James Witten, Pr. Co. M, 9 Kans. Cav.
 Daniel Fullmer, Pr. Co. F, Ill. Inf.
- 119 D. W. Rexroad, service not given.
- 124 J. W. Shroyer, Pr. Co. D 84 Ind. Inf.
 A. J. Fuller, Pr. Co. I, 1 M. S. M. Cav.
 Norton Butler, Pr. Co. E, 23 Mo. Inf.
 B. F. Selby, Pr. H, 44 Ill. Inf.
 Jackson Walker, Pr. U. S. Signal Corps.
 J. B. Rhodes, Pr. Co. B, 6 M. S. Cav.
- 130 J. W. Sturgis, Pr. Co. C, 124 Ind. Inf. & C, 11 P. V. Cav.
 R. H. Meeks, Corp. Co. A, 33 Wis. Inf.
 Wm. H. Clute, Pr. Co. K, 24 O. V. I.
- 131 Isaac J. Smith, Pr. Co. G, 2 Cal. Cav.
 A. G. Peterson, Pr. Co. A, 17 N. Y. Inf.; Sergt. Co. D. 17 N.
 Inf.
 Wm. J. Lasher, Pr. Co. C, 92 Ind. Inf.
 Andrew J. Williamson, Pr. Co. C, 77 N. Y. Inf.
 Oscar L. Whitelaw, Pr. Co. K, 15 Ver. Inf.
 Charles N. Garner, Pilot, U. S. N.
 James W. Hall, Pr. Co. G, 136 N. Y. Inf.

- Thomas Byron, Pr. Co. L, 7 Kas. Cav.
 Thomas H. Hagerty, Chaplain 93 Ill. Inf.
 James Mathie, Sergt. Co. F, 7 Ill. Inf.
 Richard S. Rogers, Co. G, 8 Mo. Inf.
 F. R. Rice, Co. F, 1 Mich. Inf.
 Albert White, Pr. Co. F, 1 Kan. Cav. & Co. C, 2 Kan. Inf.
 M. R. H. Witter, Sergt. Co. C, 42 Mo. Inf.
 A. G. Remick, Pr. Co. A, 196 O. V. I.
 Joseph E. Corwin, Pr. Co. L, 13 Ill. Cav.
 Geo. M. D. Merwin, Pr. Co. L, 3 Wis. Cav.
 R. H. Mace, Pr. Co. I, 117 Ill. Inf.
 141 John H. Scott, Pr. Co. A, 80 O. V. I.
 Wm. Flannery, Pr. Co. F, 13 N. Y. Inf.
 W. A. Galloway, service not given.
 145 James Enloe, Capt. Co. I, 1 E. M. M.
 W. I. Duncan, Pr. Co. F, 9 M. S. M.
 160 Samuel Brown, Co. I, 130 Ill. Inf. & Co. E, 5 Ill. Cav
 C. A. Beckwith, Co. D, 9 N. Y. Cav.
 Phillip A. Carter, Co. C, 33 O. V. I.
 164 Jacob Brubaker, Sergt. Co. F, 9 O. V. C.
 S. J. Dewey, Surgeon, 65 Mo. Inf.
 179 Egbert O. Mallory, Capt. Co. I, 114 Ill. Inf.
 187 Thomas R. Gregory, Pr. Co. B, 84 Ind.
 Samuel Stalter, Pr. Co. G, 54 O. V. I.
 190 S. M. Pollard, Pr. Co. E, 26 Mo.
 Corn. Haynes.
 215 Robert Denby, Pr. Co. F, 77 Ill. Inf.
 Wm. A. Smith, Pr. Co. F, 47 Mo.
 218 Joel Rice, Pr. Co. D (L), 12 Mo. Cav.
 223 Wm. Carnaga, Pr. Co. F, 82 O. V. I.
 238 C. C. Rhubottam.
 Joseph Baker.
 240 John W. Eager, Pr. Co. I, 9 M. S. M.
 Patrick Darby, Pr. Co. E, 1 N. Y. Cav.
 247 A. Livingston, Pr. Co. B. 2 Iowa.
 264 Geo. W. Stephenson, Pr. Co. H, 1 O. H. A.
 268 John Hennig, Pr. Co. E, 9.
 269 R. L. Hale, Capt. Phenix Home Guards.
 273 William Hager, Pr. Co. A, Mo. Prov. E. M.
 276 W. H. Mengel, Capt. Co. H, 26 Mo.
 F. M. Martin, Pr. Co. —, 43 Mo.
 289 John Niehnolle.
 John W. East, Corp. Co. G, 3 M. S. M.
 293 John W. Cole, Pr. Co. E, 26 Mo.

- 303 S. Tucker.
- 340 D. E. Attebery, Pr. Co. F, 108 Ill. Inf.
- 348 Thomas H. Conroy, Pr. Co. C, 31 Mo. Inf.
- 355 John McKinnon, Pr. Co. A, 48 Mo.
- 374 Isaac Elliott, Pr. Co. K, 161 O. V. I.
- 386 E. T. Walker, Pr. Co. D, 44 Mo.
- 387 H. Wright, Pr. Co. I, 42 Mo. Inf.
O. M. Kem.
- 391 John P. McElroy, Corp. Co. D, 49 E. M. M.
- 432 Preston Roberts.
- 453 W. H. Graham.
E. Bedell.
W. W. Cowan.
- 461 J. M. Caldwell, Sergt. Co. D, 1 Ark. Cav.
John Shrontz, Pr. Co. H, 76 Ill. Inf.
- 492 W. H. Mulkey, Pr. Co. K, 15 Mo.
- 496 Peter Dupske, Pr. Co. K, 1 Kan. Inf.
Wm. Spellmeyer, Sergt. Co. A, 4 Mo. Cav.
Frank Ludwig, Corp. Co. D, 1 U. S. R. C.
- 512 Orlando T. Bardwell, Pr. Co. I, 45 Mo. Inf.
Adolph Dick, Pr. Co. D, 1 Mo. S. M.
Leonard Shrecker, Pr. Co. H, Mo. Home Guards
- 525 P. M. Shaffer, Sergt. Co. C, 83 Ind.
John Mount, Pr. Co. K, 2 Tenn. Inf.
- 551 C. Hinneger, Pr. Co. K, 74 Ind. Inf.
- 554 George Gruenewald, Pr. Co. C, 1 M. S. M.
Geo. E. Wentz, Pr. Co. C, 130 Pa.
- 574 James Tucker, Corp. Co. K, 6 Mo. Inf.
- 582 Geo. W. McClain, Sergt. Co. D, 2 Mo. Cav.
Jerry Summers, Pr. Co. C, 149 Ill.
Theo. W. Taylor, Pr. Co. C, 1 N. Y.
- 588 James Blunt.
- 593 Thos. Hogan, Pr. Co. C, 154 Ill. Inf.
Thos. Ferris, Pr. Co. B, 48 Ill. Inf.
David C. Scott, Pr. Co. E, 72 Mo. Inf.
Joseph Titter, Pr. Co. K, 47 Ill. Inf.
Frank Heath, Pr. Co. G, 16 N. Y. Inf.
Warren Mason, Bugler, Co. E, 4 W. Va. Cav.
S. G. Hays, Pr. Co. K, 100 Ind. Inf.
John McGlade, Sergt. Co. F, 13 O. V. Cav.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

1252 N. Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.,

April 14, 1918.

Mr. W. F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant-General,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

As no reports are made to the Department Medical Director, my annual report must be given in general terms.

Many of our comrades have passed on to the better land during the past winter, but considering the severity of the season the mortality has been less than might have been expected. This may be attributed to the increased knowledge we all have of the means of preventing and treating disease. The increased comfort and the lessening of the burden of anxiety which have come to the comrades as a result of the recent increase of pensions has also partially removed the conditions which are so detrimental to the health of the aged.

It is true that in the case of the comrades who have no income other than the pension the relief is still very inadequate, yet there is reason to hope that conditions may improve in this respect.

I think I may be of some service to the comrades if I am permitted to enlarge a little upon the very judicious counsel given in his last annual report by my predecessor, Comrade Thomas S. Hawley, M. D.

There are three dangers that especially threaten the health of the old man: Pneumonia, apoplexy and disease of the bladder due to contraction of that organ with enlargement of the prostate gland.

Pneumonia is an infection which is best escaped by avoiding contact with those who have it, by avoiding exposure, errors in diet, loss of sleep or any other condition that would lessen the power of the resistance of the system to the infection.

Apoplexy, with its resulting paralysis, is due to giving way of the weakened walls of some bloodvessel of the brain and may be prevented, or postponed, by avoiding all alcoholics, too hearty food, especially lean meat, by keeping the bowels regular and refraining from severe exertion, especially in a stooping position.

Enlargement of the prostate gland, which occurs in every man after the age of sixty-five or seventy, is accompanied by contraction of the bladder, frequent urination, and unless great care is exercised inflammation of the bladder, causing difficult and painful urination. This last condition causes disease of the kidneys and great suffering and loss of sleep, rapidly wearing away the patient's vitality and

causing death in a few weeks if not relieved. In these latter days much relief may be afforded by medical and surgical means which the sufferer should call to his aid, but a few hints may help to prevent the condition from reaching the stage of extreme danger and suffering:

First. When the desire to urinate comes on, do not delay attending to the call, otherwise you may find yourself unable to empty the bladder without the use of the catheter, which is always to be avoided if possible.

Second. When the desire is urgent, do not allow yourself to strain. That only increases the obstruction.

Third. If you must use the catheter, be sure that your hands and the instrument are surgically clean.

Fourth. Since you must urinate from one to several times in the night, it is well to practise so that by using a small receptacle you can attend to it without rising from bed, thereby avoiding the chill to your skin, which aggravates the trouble.

Now, comrade A. A. G., I feel that especially in these times of stress and danger it is our duty to live as long and usefully as we can, and having seen much loss and suffering among the comrades from the three causes I have mentioned, I felt impelled to "Do my BIT" toward helping them to enjoy a longer and happier life.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WM. M. SMITH, M. D.,
Department Medical Director.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Lee's Summit, Mo., April 18, 1918.

To the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment,
Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander and Comrades:

I am sorry to say that making my annual report as Department Chaplain it is impossible for me to give an orderly and detailed statement of the work and condition of the numerous posts in the Department for the reason that the chaplains have not reported to the Assistant Adjutant-General and thence to me as required by our laws. As I have had no means of communicating with the Posts I could not obtain the required information. I can only submit a report from A. J. Smith Post No. 582 of which I am a member and Chaplain. On Memorial Sabbath about fifteen of us marched in form to the M. E. Church S., and with a large congregation listened to a collection of fine and appropriate music and a most excellent sermon by the Pastor, Rev. Kimbrell.

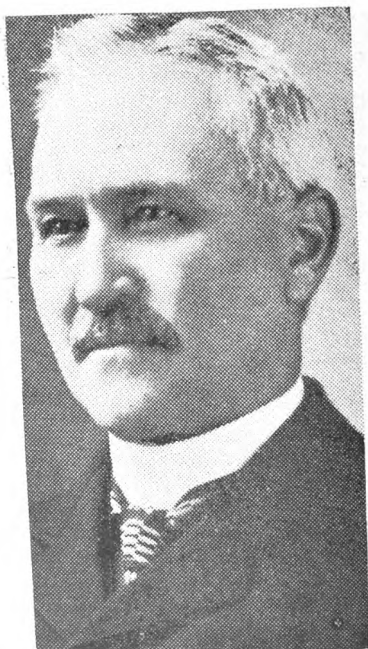
On Memorial Day we marched to our beautiful cemetery where, with a large number of people, we assembled around the grave of a comrade, performed our Ritual Service for the occasion and heard an address by Rev. Hulme, Pastor of the Baptist Church, also a speech by the Chaplain. We had provided an abundance of flowers and proceeded, with the assistance of many children, to decorate the graves of fifty of our fallen comrades.

Comrades, I have held myself in readiness through all the year to render any service at any time and any place which might be required or requested of me, but as no call or invitation has come to me for service of any kind I have rendered none in the Department except to my own Post. I enjoyed the privilege of attending the National Encampment at Boston and hope to go to Portland next autumn.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. K. COLLINS,

Department Chaplain.



W. C. CALLAND
DEPT. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Mo., April 18, 1918.

Wilbur F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

The Department of Patriotic Instruction presents a brief survey of the work of the year. The War days have added increased activity to Post life and the veterans of '61 to '65 are living over again the civil war days. Three of our number have offered their services to the Government, feeling that they wanted to serve their country again. Reports from the Posts show that the veterans have been seeking to add their bit, both in addresses and selling Liberty Bonds. Never has Old Glory appeared so continuously before the eyes of the nation at home as well as the nations abroad.

In France, England, Belgium, Italy and Russia the Stars and Stripes has floated to the breeze with their national emblems. The French kissed its folds when the first increment of men landed on their shores.

In the streets of both Paris and London the American Flag floats from public and private buildings. Patriotism was never more intense than at the present day. Our flag has accompanied our gifts and loans to all the foreign countries. Uncle Samuel is in the war to stay. No country was ever so much loved and revered as the American land.

Missouri has been the first to fill its quotas and has shown fewer slackers than any other state. "Grand Old Missouri."

Forty-three Posts have forwarded reports to the Department, and from these some data has been gathered.

A less number of deaths than last year are reported.

Thirty-three Posts attended Memorial services the Sunday preceding May 30th.

Three thousand three hundred flags were placed at the head of soldier graves.

"Memorial Day" services were well attended and addresses were given by many notable men.

Ten Posts were attended by public schools at Memorial Day services and assisted in spreading the flowers.

Only five schoolhouses were reported as not owning a flag.

Five iron staffs were erected in country cemeteries.

Fifteen Posts reported public flag presentations.

Twelve large flags were awarded as prizes on public occasions.

In every city, village and hamlet Old Glory is seen on public display.

Eighteen Posts reported public exercises on Lincoln Day.

Ten Posts celebrated the Lincoln and Washington Days together.

Five Posts presented the churches in which the Sunday Memorial services were held with handsome flags.

Twenty-two Posts reported the purchase by their individual members of \$175,000 bonds. Veterans are doing their bit.

Ten Posts report the dedication of "service flags."

Twenty-five Posts celebrated Flag Day and an effort was made to encourage all citizens to display the flag.

Ten Posts were invited to join in celebrating Civic days.

The public press has shown an increasing willingness to publish patriotic matter.

Nothing so exasperates G. A. R. men as the expression of unpatriotic sentiments.

The Patriotic Department has undertaken to find out who is the author of the "Pledge to the Flag," and when the G. A. R. adopted it. Six different persons claim the authorship.

The Patriotic Department clamors for the appointment of live men for patriotic work in the Posts.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. CALLAND,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

St. James, Missouri, April 30, 1918.

Comrade W. F. Henry,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Dear Comrade:

As we are approaching the time for the next Department Encampment, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor of being appointed to the position of Department Inspector. It is pleasing to note that all the Posts in the Department have been running smoothly that I have not been ordered to make any inspections and therefore I have had no duties to perform other than to be the honor with that dignity befitting the office.

Please convey to the Department Commander my compliments and assure him that I have at all times held myself in readiness to obey his commands and that I will ever hold him and the other Department Officers in pleasing remembrance.

With personal regards, yours in F. C. and L.,

GEORGE R. WRIGHT,
Department Inspector.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Maryville, Mo., April 8, 1918.

Office of Judge Advocate,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.,

The undersigned respectfully submits to the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, to be held in the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 8 and 9, 1918, the following report:

The duties of your Judge Advocate have been more an honor than of service, indicating the Department at peace and Comrades and Officials generally so well informed as not to require aid of this office.

Only one request made for opinion or instructions, and that not through the Department Headquarters but from the Quartermaster of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, which I copy with my report following, as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 24, 1917.

Ira K. Alderman, Judge Advocate.

Dear Comrade: The G. A. R. session of 1896 added Section 11 to Article 2 of Rules and Regulations. I desire to know how many Comrades are required to organize an outpost. Have Comrades of outposts all rights and privileges of members of parent posts? I will be thankful to you for an answer.

Truly yours in F. C. and L.,

W. F. SILVERWOOD, Q. M.

The following opinion was rendered, to-wit:

Department of Missouri, G. A. R.
Office of Judge Advocate,

Maryville, Mo., October 5, 1917.

W. F. Silverwood, Q. M.,

Frank P. Blair Post No. 1,

St. Louis, Missouri.

Opinion No. 1, Series 1917-1918.

Dear Comrade:

Your inquiries of 24th September, ult., tentatively answered 27th, I find demands further notice, hence substitute the following:

FIRST: The Rules and Regulations do not specifically state any number, but impliedly sufficient to organize for business and to command the approval of the Department Commander. A number at least to sufficiently officer the Out-Post.

SECOND: Comrades of an Out-Post have all the privileges of other Post members. But lacking all conveniences of local Post members, it is usual to grant them reduced annual dues to the Post. As a more complete and full answer to all your questions I copy below, Section 11, Article 2, of the Rules and Regulations, which reads as follows:

Section 11. Departments may authorize Posts to divide their membership into two classes, "Resident" and "Non-Resident" members, and fix the territorial limits within which each class shall reside.

Non-Resident members shall pay such dues, not less than the **per capita tax** to Department Headquarters (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

"OUT-POST" TO BE DESIGNATED AS "OUT-POST NO.....
OF POST NO....., DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI."

Each Out-Post may annually elect from its own members Sergeant to preside at 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 an Out-Post shall be passed upon by the parent Post, and the Post Commander may in person or by suitable detail muster in such applicant, and for such purpose may, at his option, administer on the obligation of membership.

It would be proper to make formal application through Department Headquarters to the Department Commander for authority to organize an Out-Post by any Post and act under orders duly issued pursuant thereto.

IRA K. ALDERMAN,
Judge Advocate, Dept. Mo.

The foregoing report constitutes all the active duties called for during my official term. I furnished a copy of same to the Department Commander at the time for his inspection, corrections or suggestions.

Since writing the foregoing another question has been submitted to me by the Department Commander. The question in my opinion is fully set forth below.

Office of Judge Advocate,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.,

Maryville, Mo. April 8, 1918.

Thos. W. Evans, Department Commander,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Commander:—

Yours of 20th inst. is before me asking opinion on the question submitted by Comrade W. N. Border, Dunlap, Mo., as follows:

Transfer of Post Property, Opinion II, Series 1917-18.

"On the 18th of last January the Trustees of R. P. Carnes Post 374, G. A. R., deeded to the Dunlap Branch of the American Red Cross, their hall at Dunlap with the following clauses in deed: That in case the Dunlap Branch should cease to exist they request that the property be sold and proceeds to be turned over to the American Red Cross. This transfer was made by the Trustees, who were authorized by a unanimous vote of the Post. We wish to know if it will be necessary for the Department to ratify this deed at their next annual meeting?"

Having quoted all that affords basis for opinion, assuming the property in question had been properly deeded to the Trustees of the Post as the private property of R. P. Carnes Post 374 and not in trust for the Department nor the G. A. R. at large, my answer is—NO.

I further submit, however, these remarks, though they may seem unnecessary: Section 9, Art. 8, Chap. 2, defines the duties that "Trustees of the Post shall have the care, custody and management of such property of the Post as the Post by votes shall place in their possession, or under their control, subject to the direction of the Post, as to its management and investment." Section 11, *ibid*, relates to Post By-Laws for regulating duties of the Trustees.

From all information given I see nothing to withhold disposition by the Post alone, if it follows its own by-laws and record title of property. If there should be any question of the right of the local branch of the American Red Cross to take over, hold and reconvey the property that would be a question under the laws of the state. This concerns the Red Cross now, only, and we are not called on to pass on the title of the property sold by the Post. That could be best determined by competent counsel or title examiner after familiarizing with the records affecting transfer.

Seeing nothing for Department action, I respectfully submit the foregoing report.

IRA K. ALDERMAN,
Judge Advocate.

Always grateful for recognition and honors from the Grand Army of the Republic, and specially to Comrades of the Department of Missouri, regretting most my inability for better service and conditions that have kept me so long from the dear associations of annual meetings of the Department, I respectfully submit the foregoing as my Official Report.

I have neither money, books or other property of the Department in my possession or control.

IRA K. ALDERMAN,
Judge Advocate Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur moved that the rules be suspended and the Encampment proceed to the nomination of representatives and alternates to the Fifty-second National Encampment. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the Department is entitled to one representative at large and eleven additional representatives, a total of twelve, and that there should be twelve alternates elected. He stated that under a resolution of a former Department Encampment, the names of nominees would be printed on the tickets in the direct order of the posts of which they are members. He moved that the twelve comrades receiving the highest number of votes be declared duly elected representatives, and the twelve receiving the next highest number of votes be declared elected alternates, and that the comrade receiving the highest number of votes be the representative at large. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

Thereupon the following comrades were placed in nomination :

A. Bowers.....	Post 1, St. Louis
A. Whipple.....	Post 1, St. Louis
O. S. Richards.....	Post 4, Kansas City
N. Mathias.....	Post 5, Moberly
John Michel.....	Post 7, St. Joseph
R. H. Savage.....	Post 7, St. Joseph
C. W. Webster.....	Post 7, St. Joseph
C. B. Kurtz.....	Post 8, Kansas City
Ira G. Kinney.....	Post 8, Kansas City
Henry Phelps.....	Post 14, Joplin
F. M. Williams.....	Post 14, Joplin
T. J. Dockery.....	Post 22, Kirksville
G. W. Cunningham.....	Post 22, Kirksville
D. A. Stanton.....	Post 26, Nevada
L. F. Hunt.....	Post 57, Brookfield
Levi Oren.....	Post 61, Maitland
W. S. Wood.....	Post 67, Tarkio
G. W. Sparks.....	Post 72, Trenton
F. W. Root.....	Post 72, Trenton
A. J. Showers.....	Post 131, St. Louis
M. P. Owen.....	Post 131, St. Louis
S. D. Webster.....	Post 131, St. Louis
W. W. Chapel.....	Post 172, Appleton City
S. Fielder.....	Post 218, Fairport
Jacob Hott.....	Post 276, California
Geo. A. Wetherell.....	Post 391, Bowling Green

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 2:00 o'clock p. m.



LEO RASSIEUR
PAST DEPT. COMMANDER
AND
PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment met at 2:00 o'clock and was called to order by the Department Commander.

The Assistant Adjutant General announced the names of various committees as follows:

On the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders, Past Department Commander J. V. Martin, Post 57, Comrade Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97, and Comrade H. Munchrath, Post 13.

On the report of the Department Chaplain, Past Department Commander Wm. Lowe, Post 594, and Comrades W. T. Niccolls, Post 131, and A. M. Reynolds, Post 7.

On the report of the Patriotic Instructor, Comrades Ben B. Bolt, Post 8, E. T. Ellis, Post 7, and C. B. Kurtz, Post 8.

On the report of the Medical Director, Comrades W. F. Silverwood, Post 1, L. E. Carter, Post 7, and O. P. Smith, Post 8.

On the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, and Comrades P. H. Clark, Post 131, and A. F. McCray, Post 164.

To visit the Woman's Relief Corps, Comradees W. C. Calland, Post 69, T. J. Dockery, Post 22, and J. W. Beach, Post 7.

To visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, O. H. Guffin, Post 8, and G. A. Douglas, Post 594.

To visit the Sons of Veterans, P. H. Callahan, Post 131, and W. K. Collins, Post 582.

On the Report of the Judge Advocate, Past Department Commander Geo. Hall, Post 72, Comrades Stephen S. Brown, Post 7, and C. W. Corkran, Post 221.

Committee on Resolutions, Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rasseur, Post 1, Past Department Commander J. M. Williams, Post 276, and Max Fritz, Post 13.

The Officers of the Day announced that the Department President and a number of members of the Woman's Relief Corps were at the outpost and desired admission. There being no objection, they were admitted and escorted to the platform, duly presented and saluted.

The Department President, Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong, presented the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps in a manner that won the applause of the comrades. She not only brought the hearty greetings of the W. R. C., but she stated that her Convention had ordered the purchase of a fifty dollar Liberty Bond and directed her to present it to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, which she then did, placing the bond in the hands of the Department Commander.

Mrs. Armstrong then read her report of the year's work follows:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 8, 1918.

Thomas W. Evans,

Department Commander, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, G. A. R., Department Missouri, assembled at St. Joseph, May 8th and 9th, a brief statement of the work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps of Department of Missouri for the year ending May 9th, 1918:

Number of corps	35
Number of members.....	1634
Cash expended for Relief.....	\$260.33
Value expended for Relief other than cash.....	\$482.19
Total value of Relief.....	\$742.52
Cash turned over to Posts.....	176.86
Cash expended for Memorial Day.....	47.70
Cash expended for Southern Memorial Fund....	13.00
Cash expended for Patriotic Work.....	25.00
Cash expended for flowers for sick, deceased comrades	234.64
Soldiers and families assisted.....	308.00
Cash expended for furnishing a Missouri room at Andersonville Prison Cottage where any comrade may visit and remain over night or during his stay in Andersonville without expense	62.00
Cash balance on hand	\$249.11

I desire to thank you also, Captain Wilbur F. Henry, A. A. the G. A. R., for courtesies extended to me and wish you a successful and harmonious convention.

With sincere love and respect for every member of the Army of the Republic.

Loyally submitted in F. C. & L.,

ALICE MAE ARMSTRONG,

Department President

By direction of the Department Commander, Past Command Chief Rassieur responded to the address of Mrs. Armstrong expressed the unanimous and hearty thanks of the Department of the Liberty Bond. The ladies were then escorted to the and the Encampment resumed business.

Past Department Commander, J. M. Williams, chairman of the committee heretofore appointed to make application for a room in the Capitol building at Jefferson City, made an oral report. He stated that he had visited Jefferson City and called upon the officers in authority and found that all the rooms have been taken by the various State officers. There being no further duties for the committee to perform, Comrade Williams requested that the committee be discharged.

Comrade Morris, Post 8, moved that the report be accepted and the committee be discharged. The motion was adopted.

The Assistant Adjutant General read a letter from Past Commander-in-Chief C. G. Burton, now living in Portland, Oregon. On motion it was ordered that the letter be filed and spread at large in the Journal of the Encampment, and that the Assistant Adjutant General acknowledge receipt of the same.

The copy of the letter follows:

Headquarters, Department of Oregon,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Portland, Oregon, April 28, 1918.

Thomas W. Evans, Commander, and Comrades,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Commander and Comrades:

From General Order No. 7 I learn that on May 8 and 9 you will be in Encampment assembled at St. Joe. Greetings to you one and all. This will be the fourth Department Encampment since I was present to answer to roll call and participate in your deliberations. However, I have always been and will be with you in spirit though absent in the body. There are so many of you whom I would dearly love to meet and greet, and alas, there have been so many, who during the four years have marched beyond the great divide and pitched their tents in the camps of the silent.

I know that you will be glad to learn that I am in most excellent health. May each of you be similarly blessed. Portland has about 600 of our comrades with 7 active Posts. Three of the Posts meet at Grand Army Headquarters in the County Court House in a magnificent hall furnished by the State and County free of any and all charges. The three meet each week, respectively, on Wednesday and Saturday nights and Friday afternoon, and the meetings are well attended. I frequently attend and always enjoy myself.

The comrades are from nearly every State in the Union and many of them are of superior ability and attainments.

The Oregon Department Encampment will meet at Albany some eighty miles south of here, on May 13, 14 and 15. I shall attend.

On May 10 the Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant and Quartermaster General and the National President of the W. R. C. are to be here for a three days' visit to complete arrangements for the holding of our National Encampment, August 19-25.

I hope to see many of you here then. Portland hopes to give the boys a great time. The General City Committee have appointed four comrades of the G. A. R. and a son of a veteran on the Committee of Entertainment of which I am chairman, and that Committee will go the limit, that is to say, will apply every cent we receive from the Entertainment fund to the procurement of those functions which will give pleasure to the many rather than to a favorite few.

Knowing that you will have a grand old time and regretting that I shall not be with you, and wishing health, happiness and prosperity to you one and all, I remain,

Yours in the faith,

C. G. BURTON.

Comrade Chas. A. Morris, Commander of Post 8, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Comrade Ira G. Kinney, who served for over twenty years in the 9th Regiment, Michigan Cavalry, in the Civil War, a Past Commander of Farragut-Thomas Post 8, Department of Missouri, forfeited the honors of being recognized in this Encampment as a Past Commander and the right to sit in this Encampment as a member thereof, although present, by reason of having taken at one time his discharge from said Post, at his own request, going to Idaho to take a homestead and in the hope of improving his wife's health, but afterwards returning to Kansas City and joining said Post, of which he has ever since been and is now a member in good standing, and the Chaplain thereof; and

Whereas, Said Grand Army Post 8, at its last regular business meeting, held in Kansas City, May 4th, at which over fifty members were present, by a rising vote, unanimously adopted a resolution requesting this Encampment to reinstate Comrade Kinney to the position of Commander of Post 8, with all the rights, honors and privileges that the position confers, and requested the Post Commander, Charles A. Morris, to present the request of the Post to this Encampment for action; therefore be it

Resolved, By this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, that Ira G. Kinney, a Past Commander of Farragut-Thomas Post 8, Kansas City, the rights and honors of which he unknowingly forfeited by taking his discharge from his said Post, but of which he is now again a member in good standing, and Chaplain thereof—be and he is hereby reinstated.

the position and rank of Past Post Commander of Post 8, with all the honors, rights and privileges that the office and rank confers in the Order.

The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The Committee by its Chairman, Comrade Rassieur, reported the Resolution back to the Encampment with the recommendation that it be adopted.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the Committee was approved and the resolution was unanimously adopted and Comrade Ira G. Kinney was declared reinstated to the rank and honors of Past Post Commander.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee of the Sons of Veterans was at the outpost. They were admitted and escorted to the platform and properly introduced. The Chairman, E. H. Lloyd, was presented and addressed the Encampment, bringing the greetings of "Our Boys." He spoke eloquently and with a patriotic fervor that called forth the commendation and applause of the comrades. He was followed by Fred W. Schumacher, who urged upon the comrades of the Grand Army the importance of assisting in building up camps and organizing new camps. His address was replete with good things and was generously applauded.

The Department Commander called upon Past Department Commander J. V. Martin to respond to the Sons of Veterans, which he did, giving them words of cheer and encouragement.

The committee then retired and the Encampment resumed business.

Comrade Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor, offered the following resolution:

In view of the very substantial gift of a Fifty Dollar Liberty Bond by the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, hereby express their sincere thanks for this thoughtful gift; and second,

Resolved, That the said Bond be placed in the Safety Fund and that the interest and principal be expended only under the rules adopted for it.

The resolution was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and it was reported back by that Committee with its unanimous recommendation that it be adopted. On motion the report was approved and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur stated that he had recently received a letter from Past Department Commander Louis Benecke saying that he had been for some time confined to his house and expressing his regret that he was not able to meet with his comrades

at the Encampment, and that he wished his greetings presented to those present. Comrade Rassieur closed his remarks by offering the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Department Encampment be extended to Past Department Commander Louis Beneck for his loved greetings from his bed of sickness, and the hearty wishes of the Department for his early and complete recovery be sent to him in order that we may soon again enjoy his companionship and his able assistance in performing the work of this Department.

Comrade Ira G. Kinney, Post 8, very heartily thanked the Encampment for its action in restoring to him his lost honors of Past Post Commander.

Past Department Commander J. V. Martin moved that the Encampment proceed to the selection of a place for holding the next Department Encampment. No objection appearing such was taken in the sense of the Encampment and invitations were called for.

Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, Commander of Post 14, Joplin, on behalf of this Post, invited the Department to hold its next Annual Encampment in that city. He read a very hearty invitation of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wormstead, Post 8, W. Calland, Commander of Post 69, and several other comrades spoke in favor of Joplin. No other invitations appearing, on motion the invitation of Joplin was unanimously accepted by a rising vote. Joplin was declared as the place selected for holding the Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department.

Comrade Barnes, Post 14, Joplin, for himself and for the comrades in Joplin as well as for the citizens of that city, expressed his hearty thanks for the action of the Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General read a preamble and resolution adopted by O. P. Morton Post No. 14, Joplin, proposing an amendment to the Rules and Regulations, as follows:

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Department of Missouri, G. A. R., does favor the amending of Article IV, Chapter 1, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, which reads as follows:

"Article 4, Eligibility to Membership. Soldiers and sailors of the United States army, navy or marine corps, who served between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865, in the war for the suppression of the rebellion, and those having been honorably discharged therefrom after such service and subject to the orders of the United States general office between the dates

tioned, shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic," so that it shall read:

Article 4, Eligibility to Membership. Soldiers and sailors of the United States army, navy or marine corps, who have been honorably discharged from or after such service in the United States army, navy or marine corps, shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Be it further Resolved, That all laws in conflict with this amendment shall be repealed and annulled.

And be it further Resolved, That our representatives and delegates to the Department Encampment, to be held at St. Joseph, Missouri, May 8th and 9th, 1918, be instructed to present this amendment to the Department Encampment at this session and use their efforts to have its adoption and approval and urge the State Department to instruct its representatives to the National Encampment at Portland, Oregon, for 1918, to use their efforts to secure the adoption of this amendment as part of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On motion the resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolution, which reported it back by the chairman as follows:

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to report upon the resolution of O. P. Morton Post No. 14, that the amendment suggested has been decided adversely by the National Encampment as far as the admission of the Spanish-American War veterans are concerned, and there is no evidence that any considerable number have desired such affiliation, and that it will be time enough to consider an amendment admitting the veterans of the present war when a desire to secure such affiliation is made known. Hence the committee reports adversely on such resolution.

The report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The following named comrades were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots for Representatives and Alternates to the 52d National Encampment:

Alfred Zartman, Post 4, Chairman; Louis C. Hesse Post 13; E. J. Edmonds, Post 8; A. J. P. Barnes, Post 14; S. W. Serl, Post 4; Wm McCuen, Post 16; J. P. Emert, Post 7; P. H. Callahan, Post 131, and Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97.

Printed ballots containing all the names of nominees to be voted for were distributed and in due time collected by the tellers who retired to count the same and report the result.

A delegation of ladies from the Department Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were admitted and escorted to the platform and saluted by the comrades.

Mrs. Sadie S. Haines, chairman of the delegation, was introduced.

She presented the greetings of her Convention and set forth at some length the eligibility and objects of the Order. She was followed by Mrs. Augusta Perkins, a Past Department President, who made a few well-chosen remarks. Mrs. Rosalie Robinson was then presented and she spoke at some length, referring to her memory of President Lincoln and of incidents of the War of the Rebellion. She spoke frequently and feelingly of her relations who served the country in wars of the past and of those who are now battling for liberty in every army across the sea.

The ladies then retired and on motion a recess was taken until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment convened at 9 o'clock a. m. Thursday, May 9, and was called to order by the Department Commander.

After an invocation by the Department Chaplain, the Encampment was declared to be duly open for the transaction of such business as might properly come before it.

Comrade Alf. Zartman, Chairman of the tellers appointed to canvass the vote for Representatives and Alternates to the 52d National Encampment, reported that the 12 receiving the highest number of votes were:

- Nich. Mathias, Post 5, received 81 votes.
- A. Whipple, Post 1, received 77 votes.
- Henry Phelps, Post 14, received 77 votes.
- L. F. Hunt, Post 57, received 76 votes.
- A. Bowers, Post 1, received 72 votes.
- O. S. Richards, Post 4, received 72 votes.
- T. J. Dockery, Post 22, received 72 votes.
- C. B. Kurtz, Post 8, received 71 votes.
- C. W. Webster, Post 7, received 69 votes.
- John Michel, Post 7, received 66 votes.
- J. W. Root, Post 72, received 65 votes.
- S. D. Webster, Post 131, received 61 votes.

And that the 12 receiving the next highest number of votes

- A. J. Showers, Post 131, received 58 votes.
- R. H. Savage, Post 7, received 55 votes.
- G. W. Cummings, Post 22, received 52 votes.
- Jacob Hott, Post 276, received 51 votes.
- F. M. Williams, Post 14, received 50 votes.
- G. W. Sparks, Post 72, received 44 votes.
- Ira G. Kinney, Post 8, received 43 votes.
- Levi Oren, Post 61, received 42 votes.

W. S. Wood, Post 67, received 41 votes.
 D. A. Stanton, Post 26, received 36 votes.
 W. W. Chapel, Post 172, received 35 votes.
 M. P. Owen, Post 131, received 29 votes.

Thereupon Nich. Mathias having received the highest number of votes cast was declared duly elected Representative at Large, and the eleven who had received the next highest number of votes were declared duly elected Representatives and the twelve who had received the next highest number of votes were declared duly elected Alternates to the 52d National Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the Report of the Department Council of Administration as follows:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 7, 1918.

The Department Council of Administration met, pursuant to General Order No. 7. in Hotel Robidoux. There were present:

Thos. W. Evans, Department Commander; O. H. Guffin, S. V. Department Commander; W. F. Henry, A. A. General, and A. Whipple, S. D. Webster, W. H. Wormstead and Max Fritz, elected members.

The following proceedings were had:

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, presented their report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 6, 1918.

Thos. W. Evans,

Department Commander.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

The undersigned committee of the Council of Administration appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have performed the duty assigned us. The books show in detail the receipts and disbursements; vouchers for the latter being found properly signed and filed. The balance on hand December 31st, was \$85.06; the balance on April 30th was \$72.64. The accounts are clear and well kept, but we are sure the Assistant Adjutant General must have considerable difficulty in handling the reports sent him. It is very evident that not all the Post Adjutants and Quartermasters are expert bookkeepers.

In the reports, however, many unwittingly appeal to the fraternal spirit which is one of the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic—the efforts made throughout the department to hold together the little circle of veterans and to keep in touch with the

larger body of those whose "ties with us were welded in the fire of battle." The per capita necessary to the maintenance of the Department is small. But small as it is, your committee feels that in many, very many, cases it has been paid by one or two, who show thereby their fraternal regard for the comrades and desire to keep up the touch of elbows in our fast dwindling ranks. It is fraternity of a sort to win our admiration.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

A. WHIPPLE,
S. D. WEBSTER,
MAX FRITZ,

Committee.

The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommends that the sum of \$100, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the traveling expenses of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Council of Administration further unanimously recommends that the following resolution be adopted by the Department at campment:

Resolved, That the sum of \$385.00 of the principal sum now in the Safety Fund be transferred to the General Fund, the same to be absolutely necessary to defray the expenses of the Department. The said amount does not exceed ten per cent of the principal of the present Safety Fund, and Assistant Quartermaster General is authorized to dispose of at par, the smallest note or notes that will produce said amount.

No further business appearing, the Council thereupon adjourned.

W. F. HENRY,

A. A. G. and Recorder

On motion the proceedings of the Council of Administration were approved and the recommendations therein contained were unanimously approved and adopted.

A separate vote was taken on the resolution transferring the sum from the principal of the Safety Fund to the General Fund, and the same was unanimously adopted.

Past Department Commander Hall presented the report of the committee on the report of the Judge Advocate as follows:

To the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic

We, your Committee, appointed to examine and pass upon the report of the Judge Advocate of the Department, having ex-

and considered said report recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

GEO. HALL,
C. W. CORKRAN,
Committee

On motion the report was approved and the committee discharged.

A delegation from the Convention of the Ladies' Auxillary to the Sons of Veterans was received, escorted to the platform and saluted. The delegation was composed of Mrs. Scott Roberts, Miss Antonia Belsiger, Miss Wetsell and Miss Berghause.

They presented the fraternal greetings of their order and spoke words of good cheer to the comrades.

By request of the Department Commander Comrade Calland responded to the greetings in his usual happy manner, and the ladies were escorted to the outpost.

The Committee on Report of the Department Chaplain presented the following report, which after remarks by several comrades, was approved and the committee discharged.

Your Committee on the Report of the Department Chaplain, W. K. Collins, recommend its approval. We believe Comrade Collins has made the best report possible under the circumstances, as the Post Chaplains failed to send in their reports.

WM. LOME,
W. T. NCCOLLS,
A. M. REYNOLDS.

The committee on the report of the Medical Director presented the following:

Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee on the model and interesting report of the Medical Director beg leave to suggest a careful reading of the report, believing its advice will assist each comrade in avoiding some of the dangers we must meet with advancing years.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

W. F. SILVERWOOD,
O. P. SMITH.

Comrade Rassieur moved to amend the report of the committee so as to recommend that the report of the Medical Director be read in all the posts and that the advice therein contained be impressed upon all the comrades. The amendment was agreed to by the committee and the report as amended was thereupon unanimously adopted and the committee discharged.

The committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and A. Q. M. General, presented the following report, which was approved and the committee discharged:

Department Commander Thos. W. Evans:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Q. M. General have attended to their duty and report as follows:

Our deliberations are guided to a logical extent by the painstaking and thorough report of the Auditing Committee of the Council of Administration, who have examined into the financial conditions of every detail and commend the same as perfect clerical work at every point.

We, as a Committee, find and approve the entire report in its parts as proving the capabilities of our A. A. General and the Q. M. General as fully satisfactory, and feel that this important part of our Department work is such as sheds honor on the same and should inspire the confidence of all.

W. H. WORMSTEAD,
A. F. McCRAY,
P. H. CLARKE,

Committee.

The committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders presented the following report, which was approved and the committee discharged:

Your committee, to whom was referred the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, beg leave to file the following report: We have carefully read and given careful consideration to the same. We commend them for their good work and loyalty to country and the Grand Army of the Republic.

J. V. MARTIN,
H. MUNCHRATH,
THEOPHILE DUBROUILLET,

Committee.

The committee on the report of the Patriotic Instructor presents its report as follows:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 8, 191

Wm. F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant General.

We, the committee on report from Department Patriotic Instructor, highly recommend the action and noble work accomplished by our worthy comrade, and fully appreciate such patriotic service.

rendered in times as is before us, and truly hope that the same spirit will be extended from time to everlasting.

B. B. BOLT,
E. T. ELLIS,
C. B. KURTZ,
Committee.

The report of the committee was approved and the committee discharged.

Comrade Calland presented the following report, which was approved and the committee discharged:

Thomas W. Evans, Department Commander:

Your Committee appointed to carry greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps have fulfilled your commands.

The ladies received the committee very graciously and formally acknowledge our greetings.

W. C. CALLAND,
T. J. DOCKERY,
J. W. BEACH,
Committee.

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur spoke of the distinguished and faithful services of Comrade Phil F. Coghlan, Past Commander of Post 1, St. Louis, and placed him in nomination for Department Commander. The nomination of Comrade Coghlan was seconded by Past Department Commanders Warner of Post 8, McCandless of Post 5, and Dobyne of Post 131, and by Comrades Beach, Corkran and Morris.

Past Department Commander J. V. Martin moved that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Coghlan. No objection appearing, it was so ordered and the vote was cast as directed. Comrade Phil F. Coghlan was declared duly elected Department Commander.

Comrade Coghlan was called for and he rose and expressed his very high appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and most heartily thanked the Comrades and excused himself from further detaining them by remarks.

The election of the Senior Vice Department Commander being next in order, Past Department Commander Hall placed in nomination Comrade John Hack of Post 72. The name of Comrade Stephen S. Brown of Post 7 was also presented but was withdrawn, leaving Comrade Hack the only nominee before the Encampment. By the unanimous vote of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant Gen-

eral cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade John Hach of Post 72, for Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year and he was declared duly elected.

For Junior Vice Department Commander the name of Samuel Mann, Past Commander of Post 7, was placed in nomination. No other nominations appearing, by the unanimous vote of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Mann and he was declared duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

For Medical Director, Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur called attention to the very admirable report of the present Medical Director, Dr. W. M. Smith of Post 69, and expressed the hope that he would be re-elected. Comrade Rassieur moved that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade W. M. Smith of Post 69 for Medical Director. The remarks of Comrade Rassieur were generously applauded and the motion was unanimously adopted. The vote of the Encampment was cast in favor of Dr. W. M. Smith and he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

For Department Chaplain, Comrade J. W. Beach nominated Rev. Comrade A. M. Reynolds of Post 7. No other nominations appearing, on motion the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Reynolds, which was done, and Rev. Comrade A. M. Reynolds of Post 7 was declared duly elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander called attention to the faithful and efficient services of the present Department Council of Administration and spoke of the importance of having a majority of members elected from among the comrades residing in St. Louis for that meetings may be held when necessary without expense to the Department. Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur moved that the present members of the Council be re-elected for the ensuing year. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted and Comrades A. Whipple, Post 1; S. D. Webster, Post 131; Max Fritz, Post 13; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, and Charles Bieger, Post 496, were declared duly elected by acclamation members of the Department Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

The following telegram from John McElroy, Washington, D. C. was received and referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

"House has adopted Sherwood Bill, Senate in danger of passing same. We want Senate to pass Smoot Bill which then offered in conference and secure better bill than Sherwood. Bring what influence you can bear on your Senators in favor of Smoot bill. Better wire them."

The Committee on Resolutions reported the same back as follows:

Your Committee on Resolutions, to whom telegram of John McElroy of May 8, was referred, after mature consideration of the recommendation therein contained, begs leave to report it deems it wise to send to our Senators the following telegram, to-wit:

"The Department of Missouri, G. A. R., in Encampment Assembled in St. Joseph, earnestly request you to support Senator Smoot's pension bill as an act of justice to the old veterans in view of present cost of living and present advanced age of veterans."

Comrade Rassieur offered the following resolution with the approval of the Committee on Resolutions, and moved that it be adopted. The motion was seconded, the Senior Vice Department Commander presiding, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, There was appropriated by the 36th Department Encampment the sum of \$100 to pay the traveling expenses of the Department Commander, Thos W. Evans, and

Whereas, He has expended much more than said amount of \$100 during the past year in travel on Department business, but has drawn nothing of the amount so appropriated and desires said appropriation be retained in the General Fund, now therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be tendered Department Commander Evans for the splendid work he has done on behalf of the Department, and for the gift of his personal expense.

Comrade C. A. Morris of Post 8 offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and carried and the resolution adopted.

Resolved, By the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic in Annual Encampment assembled, That the great Civil War of 1861-5, the war upon which our Order is founded by the loyal soldiers engaged therein, is as distinctive and exceptional in the life of our National existence as the war of the Revolution, and we are opposed to any enlargement of the present rule as to present qualification for membership.

We trust to the sons and daughters of members of the Grand Army of the Republic to perpetuate the name and honor of our grand beloved Order.

Comrade O. P. Smith, of Post 8, addressed the Encampment upon Loyalty and patriotic teaching of the children of our public schools to more highly reverence the Flag of our country as the emblem of Liberty, equal rights and National unity. His remarks were very generously applauded.

Comrade Rassieur, Chairman, presented the final report of the Committee on Resolutions, as follows:

Your Committee on Resolutions deems it a pleasure and a duty to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic in annual Encampment assembled at St. Joseph, here with extends its heartfelt thanks to Custer Post No. 7, to the Commerce Club of St. Joseph, to the Honorable John C. Whitsell, Mayor of the City, and all of its citizens, including particularly the Boy Scouts of St. Joseph, for their warm welcome to the city and for the many acts of kindness and courtesy so freely extended to us and which have made our sojourn in the City a stay of unalloyed pleasure and delight;

That a copy of these resolutions be given to the daily papers of the City with a request that they be published as evidence of our gratitude and appreciation.

The next business in order was the installation of the officers for the ensuing year.

Department Commander Evans expressed his thanks for the loyalty of his associate officers and of all the comrades and his appreciation of the harmonious and fraternal spirit that had prevailed in the Department, and especially in the Encampment just coming to close. He then called on Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur to assume command of the Encampment and install the officers. Department Commander Evans vacated his position and placed the same in the hands of Comrade Rassieur who assumed command. Comrade Rassieur detailed Comrade S. D. Webster to act as Officer of the Day for the installation ceremonies.

The following officers were then duly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur:

Philip F. Coghlan, Department Commander; John Hack, Senior Vice Department Commander; Samuel M. Mann, Junior Vice Department Commander; Rev. A. M. Reynolds, Department Chaplain


The following comrades appointed by the Department Commander as of his official staff were also installed at the same time:

Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; Charles A. Morris, Judge Advocate; W. C. Callahan, Patriotic Instructor.

The Department Commander addressed the Encampment expressing his appreciation of the high honor that had been conferred upon him and again pledged himself to faithfully execute the trust reposed in him.

No further business appearing, all stood and sang: "Should Old Acquaintance be Forgotten," and the Department Commander declared the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, closed.

A true record,

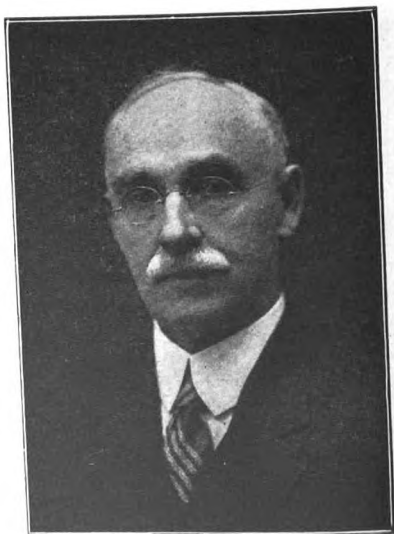


Assistant Adjutant General.

I wish to record my appreciation of the efficient aid rendered me by Comrade S. D. Webster, of Post 131, during the Department Encampment.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G.

In Memoriam



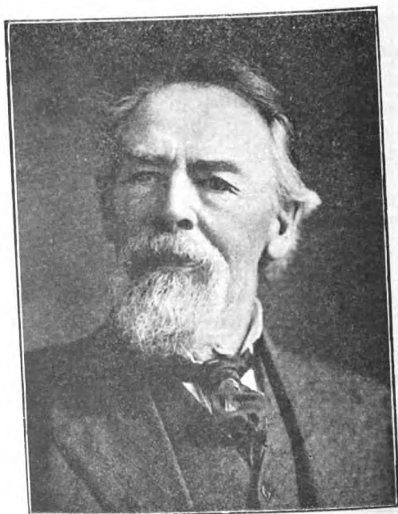
MARTIN R. H. WITTER

MEMBER DEPT. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
BORN AUGUST 4, 1846, DIED IN OFFICE AUGUST 2, 1917

MARTIN R. H. WITTER, member of the Department Council of Administration, was born August 4, 1846, and died August 2, 1917.

In the death of Comrade Witter the Department sustained a great loss. He was one of the younger veterans of the Civil War and took an active interest in all matters pertaining to our Order. He was honorably discharged as sergeant from an honorable service in Co. C, 42d Mo. Infantry. He was Past Commander of Ransom Post, No. 131, and also served that Post as Quartermaster. For more than eight years he held the office of City Register, by election, and at the time of his death he had entered upon another term by appointment of the Mayor of St. Louis.

On the anniversary of birth, August 4, 1917, he was given a soldier's burial, conducted by Ransom Post, No. 131, assisted by the Typographical Union, of which he was a highly respected and honored charter member.



WILLIAM H. RUDOLPH

MEMBER DEPT. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

BORN NOVEMBER 28, 1836, DIED IN OFFICE JANUARY 26, 1918

WILLIAM H. RUDOLPH was born in the City of Baltimore, Maryland, on the 28th day of November, 1836, and died in St. Louis, Mo., January 26, 1918. When about ten years of age he removed with his parents to St. Louis and remained with his mother while his father was engaged in working on the Capitol Building at Jefferson City, after which he moved with his parents to Galena, Illinois, where he was married to Miss Fredericka P. Gibling, of Milwaukee, Wis. He returned to St. Louis about 1858 and continued to reside there until his death. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in Co. D, 5 U. S. R. C. Mo. Vol., from which he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. For a time he held the position of Grain Inspector at the St. Louis port for the U. S. Government.

After the war he engaged in business of various kinds, one of which was that of an oil merchant, and was the inventor of the gasoline lamp and gasoline stove. He became interested in politics and held the position of Inspector of Weights and Measures in St. Louis from 1876 to 1884.

He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and at the time of his death was a member of the Department Council of Administration and Commander of Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107.

He died at the age of 81 years, honored and respected by all who knew him, his wife having preceded him about a year before. They had the good fortune of enjoying a long and happy life together, both living to be more than 80 years of age. He left six grown children, four sons and two daughters.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS:

After the close of the Encampment, there was a parade of the comrades, of which there were some 350 to 400 in line. The day was quite warm, but there was a breeze blowing, which tended to prevent any serious results to the veterans taking part.

After the parade, autos were provided for all who wished and they were taken on a delightful ride through the beautiful street boulevards and parks.

THE CAMPFIRE

On Wednesday evening was a splendid success. The following report of it appeared in the St. Joseph Gazette of Thursday, May 19, 1910:

The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, planned to a capacity house at the Lyceum theater last night, the occasion being the department's annual campfire—one of the biggest features of the yearly state encampment. It was one of the most remarkable audiences ever assembled in the historic playhouse, for three-fourths of the people present were past middle age. The "bald-headed row" extended from the footlights clear back to the rear of the parterre. The Civil war veterans and their wives, the Sons of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief Corps members made up a large part of the assemblage, and all enjoyed the varied program which characterizes the campfire occasions of the "boy and blue."

There were war songs, war speeches, war recitations, war stories and smiles and tears evoked by all these. For the most part the exercises of the evening were participated in by veterans. A younger people helped, however, or tried to do so. It was the soldiers' part which most pleased the audience, anyone could participate and see.

STAGE PRESENTS CAMP SCENE.

When the curtain rose for the beginning of the program the stage was darkened and the great audience looked upon a typical camp scene on the stage. Rows of dog tents were at each side. The tents were stacked rifles, veterans in uniform resting beside the tent, some soldiers sprawled about a campfire which blazed brightly in the rear, while yet farther back wooded mountains—the best the shifter could provide from the theater's mountings—lifted their gloomy heights above the camp.

The boys beside the fire—Ralph Parland, A. R. McAdams, Hamm and Roy Near, clad in khaki—sang "Tenting Tonight on Old Camp Ground," while the audience sat in darkness listening. This was followed by "Just Before the Battle, Mother," and the

lights were flashed on and Chairman Samuel M. Mann took charge of the program. The quartet sang at intervals during the evening, winning warm approval with its every appearance. Other musical numbers were "The Little Bronze Button," sung by the G. A. R. male quartet; and "Sheridan's Ride," by Ralph Parland.

MAJOR RASSIEUR SPEAKS.

One of the most popular veterans of the Encampment, Maj. Leo Rassieur of St. Louis, gave a short address breathing lofty patriotism. Maj. Rassieur is a Prussian, and his advanced years have not dimmed his sight, bowed his erect carriage, nor weakened his voice. He spoke with reverent love of the American government, of its great ideals, of the sacrifices which he and his comrades in the Union army had rejoiced to endure that the Stars and Stripes might ever be the flag of freedom, and predicted that in this, the greatest war of the world's history and the greatest crisis of the nation, the United States would win the highest place ever accorded any government and shape the future destinies of the earth's peoples—wholly for good.

Rev. Tom Middleton, known all over north Missouri for his eloquence, dimmed that reputation last night by his achievements as a singer. In the course of an inspiring address on "Then and Now," in which he compared the conditions of Civil war times and those of today, he essayed a vocal rendition of his own version of "Marching Through Germany." Parson Middleton surprised even his most intimate friends with his lyrical performance. His singing showed good enunciation, much dramatic fire, and unusual range—in fact, he traveled from St. Joseph to Berlin in every stanza.

Dr. Louis Drechsler of St. Louis recited "Casey Hits the Ball," and "Betsy and I Are Out."

A WORD ON G. A. R.'S FUTURE.

Fraternal greetings from the Sons of Veterans were presented by C. A. Dorsey of Kansas City. Dorsey, toward the close of his remarks, placed the Sons of Veterans squarely on record as opposed to the proposition to make soldiers of any American war eligible for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. This suggestion is to be passed upon at the state and national encampments of the older organization.

"The G. A. R. had its peculiar work to perform," he said, "and that duty has been splendidly discharged. The conditions which made it necessary will never again arise in this country. We hold your name so dear, and we consider your service so priceless, that we feel the Grand Army of the Republic should become a precious memory when you have responded to the last call." The utterance was loudly applauded from all over the house.

Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong of Kansas City spoke for the W. R. C. and Mrs. Mary A. Wanless of St. Louis for the Ladies of the G. A. R. Both paid high tribute to the achievements of the soldiers of the Civil war, and both expressed the fervent desire of their organizations that the veterans might live to see the nation triumphant in its present great conflict and their flag more honored than ever before.

The program closed with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," led by the Parlour quartet.

Preceding the camp fire the Woman's Relief corps gave a reception to Comrade Thomas W. Evans, state commander of the G. A. R. and his official staff, at the Hotel Robidoux. All of the conventions will name their department officers today. The attendance at all meetings of all five organizations was beyond expectations, and many other visitors were in the city for the gatherings. It was estimated last night that 300 visitors are here for the Encampment.

GENERAL ORDERS. 1917-1918.

General Orders No. 1.

Springfield, Mo., May 16, 1917.

I. Having been elected by the Thirty-sixth 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 the high honor conferred upon me by my comrades of the Department.

II. Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, of Post 8, is hereby appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly. Other appointments will be announced in future Orders.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander will be The First National Bank, St. Joseph, 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, 303 Temple Building, 19 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

THOS. W. EVANS, Department Commander.

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., June 8, 1917.

I. The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Springfield, Mo., May 15 and 16, 1917, elected the following named comrades to the several offices designated:

Department Commander—Thos. W. Evans, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—O. H. Guffin, Post 8, Kansas City.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—P. W. Bahl, Post 69, Springfield.

Chaplain—W. K. Collins, Post 582, Lees Summit.

Medical Director—Dr. W. M. Smith, Post 69, Springfield.

These officers were duly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassiour.

The following named comrades were elected members of the Department Council of Administration:

A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; M. R. H. Witter, Post 131, St. Louis; Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis; W. H. Rudolph, Post 107, St. Louis; Charles Bieger, Post 496, St. Louis.

II. The following appointments upon the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced.

Wilbur F. Henry, Post 8, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

Ira K. Alderman, Post 21, Maryville, Judge Advocate.

W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.

George R. Wright, Post 593, St. James, Department Inspector.

G. A. Douglas, Post 594, Warrensburg, Chief Mustering Officer.

John Michel, Post 7, St. Joseph, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.

S. D. Webster, Post 131, St. Louis, Aide-de-Camp and Chief Bugler.

Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The following comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates to the Fifty-first National Encampment, to be held in Boston, week of August 20-25, 1917:

Representatives:

E. W. Duncan (at large), St. Louis.
 R. B. Dodge, Webb City.
 W. K. Collins, Lees Summit.
 W. M. Smith, Springfield.
 John Harnois, St. Joseph.
 John Hack, Trenton.
 S. D. Webster, St. Louis.
 Frank Arnold, Lamar
 G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville.
 H. J. Dutton, Springfield.
 Chas. B. Kurtz, Kansas City.
 G. W. Edwards, St. Louis.
 Jacob Hott, Clarksburg.
 Nich. Mathias, Moberly.

Alternates:

M. P. Owen, St. Louis.
 A. Whipple, St. Louis.
 Max Fritz, St. Louis.
 W. H. Rudolph, St. Louis.
 B. F. Morgan, Oregon.
 J. N. Moore, Kansas City.
 Elmer Graham, Eldon.
 C. E. Miller, St. Louis.
 S. W. Serl, Kansas City.
 Alf. Zartman, Kansas City.
 S. Fielder, Fairport.
 M. L. Ham, Kansas City.
 Henry Frein, St. Louis.

(O. H. Guffin was elected an Alternate, but as he was appointed elected Senior Vice-Department Commander and is ex-officio a member of the National Encampment, his name was omitted from the following list.)

Representatives to the National Encampment will notify Assistant Adjutant General not later than August 1, whether they will be able to attend, so that Alternates may be notified of vacancies. Should anything occur later to prevent attendance, Assistant Adjutant General should be promptly notified by telegraph.

III. Each Post Commander is requested to recommend a

comrade of his Post for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

IV. Duplicate blanks of Forms A and B for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the first term of six months ending June 30th, 1917, are herewith enclosed, with addressed envelope—one copy to be retained by the Post. These reports should be made out with care, reference being had to the preceding report, and after being approved 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. All members are in good standing who have not been reported suspended, no matter how much they may be in arrears for dues. 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 on the muster-roll for each comrade mustered or joined by transfer.

Post Commanders are again reminded that it is made obligatory by the Rules and Regulations to drop, after due notice, all suspended comrades who are one year or more in arrears.

V. The observance of Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, is especially commended to the Posts and comrades. From our dwellings, Post rooms, public school buildings and other public buildings, the Flag should fly to the breeze, as the emblem of liberty, equal rights and National unity—an object lesson of patriotism to all the people, and especially the youth of our land.

"Float on old Flag until thy Stripes
Shall all the Nations heal,
And tyrants over all the earth
Shall thy just vengeance feel."

VI. The National Encampment will meet in Boston this year during the week of August 20-25. The temporary Headquarters of this Department will be established on August 20, in Suite 12, first floor of the Brunswick Hotel. The Hotel is situated on Boylston street, one block from the Vendome Hotel, where the National Headquarters will be established and is first-class in every respect. A limited number of comrades may be accommodated with lodgings at Department Headquarters. Those desiring such accommodations should correspond with the Assistant Adjutant General without delay in order that the proper arrangements may be made.

The comrades and citizens of Boston are arranging to make this Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic a memorable occasion, and the Department Commander expresses the hope there will be a large attendance of comrades of Missouri to enjoy

the hospitality that will be so freely and bountifully offered. Further information will be given in future Orders.

By command of THOS. W. EVANS, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3. St. Louis, Mo., July 18, 1917.

I. General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, is herewith promulgated and should be given full and careful consideration. It contains much of interest, especially with regard to the National Encampment which, as heretofore announced, will meet in Boston the week beginning August 19.

II. These Headquarters will be closed August 18 to September 1 and temporary Headquarters opened August 20, in Suite 12, Hotel Brunswick, corner of Boylston and Clarendon streets, Boston, until the close of the National Encampment. Missouri comrades are requested to call at National Headquarters in Hotel Brunswick to register and get a Missouri ribbon badge, and such information as may be desired and available.

Circular No. 1, issued by the Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Encampment, is inclosed herewith and the Commanders will see that comrades who expect to attend the encampment are informed of the matters contained therein.

The Railroads will not make a special rate of fare on account of the National Encampment, but very liberal round trip tourists' rates are available, good for 30 and 60 days, with liberal stopover privileges going and coming. The lowest rate from St. Louis and return is \$40.00, ticket good for 30 days, going and returning over the same route. If one returns by a different route an extra charge will be made. Comrades should consult the nearest R. R. Agent for details and information.

III. The Department Commander and his Staff will leave St. Louis Saturday p. m., August 18, so as to reach Boston Monday morning. The particular route by which he will travel has not yet been determined upon. He would like to have as many comrades as can conveniently do so to join him and go by the same train. Comrades are requested to make inquiry of the Assistant Adjutant General as to the route by which the Department Commander will travel before purchasing their tickets.

IV. The annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will take place in Boston on Tuesday, August 21, will be one of the most impressive and notable parades in the history of the city. The comrades who will be in the marching columns on that day were, more than 52 years ago, wearing the uniform of the Republic.

and fighting for the preservation of our Country and to keep the Old Flag floating from lake to gulf and from sea to sea as the emblem of an undivided and indivisible Country. The sight of these men in parade at this time will assuredly inspire in the hearts of the on-lookers a spirit of reverence for our Country and its defenders and teach a patriotic lesson that never will be forgotten.

The Department Commander hopes that as many of Missouri comrades as may be present and feel able to do so will take part in the parade, and he confidently expects that the proud record of this Department for fine appearance and soldierly bearing on parade will be fully maintained.

V. The appointment of the following named comrades as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander is hereby announced. They will be obeyed and respected as such:

M. P. Owen, Post 131, St. Louis, 5277A Waterman Ave.

John B. Burriss, Post 11, Lexington.

James H. Reading, Post 238, Lowrey City.

George Hoffmann, Post 13, St. Louis.

The Department Commander would be pleased to have Post Commanders send to these Headquarters the names of comrades who are worthy of special honors, that they may have proper recognition.

VI. The last Department Encampment left the fixing of the time and place for holding the next Department Encampment with the Department Council of Administration. The Department Commander suggests that if there are any places desirous of entertaining the Encampment next May they file their invitations with the Assistant Adjutant General and they will have due consideration by the Council of Administration in due time.

VII. Delegates-elect to the National Encampment should not neglect to notify the Assistant Adjutant General not later than August 1, whether they do or do not expect to attend, so that Alternates may be notified to fill any vacancy that may occur.

By command of THOS. W. EVANS, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4.

St. Louis, Mo., October 17, 1917.

I. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that 36 comrades registered their names at Department Headquarters during the 51st National Encampment and marched in the grand parade. While some other Departments had a larger number of comrades in the parade, yet none were superior in personnel and general appearance. None elicited more generous applause. The Department Commander regrets that more comrades could not be present to enjoy

the generous hospitality so lavishly bestowed by the citizens of Boston. The occasion will remain a fragrant memory while life shall last with every comrade who was so fortunate as to have been there.

II. The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander. They will be respected accordingly:

Arnold Bowers, Post 1, St. Louis.
 A. Kleintopf, Post 2, St. Louis.
 D. L. Elder, Post 4, Kansas City.
 E. N. Edwards, Post 8, Kansas City.
 Louis C. Hesse, Post 13, St. Louis.
 Levi Oren, Post 61, Maitland.
 James W. Dillard, Post 76, Kidder.
 W. E. Chester, Post 78, Warrensburg.
 W. P. Leedon, Post 92, Lancaster.
 Charles P. Myers, Post 111, Iberia.
 P. H. Callahan, Post 131, St. Louis.
 W. H. Booth, Post 161, Buffalo.
 Sylvester Fielder, Post 218, Fairport.
 J. W. Inman, Post 219, Republic.
 Henry Hall, Post 232, Humansville.
 Henry Seibel, Post 233, Manchester.
 J. B. Allen, Post 289, Troy.
 J. J. McCoy, Post 303, Coffey.
 L. J. Dale, Post 433, Mountain Grove.
 Daniel Holzwarth, Post 496, St. Louis.
 J. W. Bruns, Post 554, St. Charles.

III. The time and place for holding the next Department encampment has not yet been fixed. If there are any places that would entertain the Encampment next May they should write to the Department Commander, Henry, Assistant Adjutant General, Department Headquarters, St. Louis, Missouri, at once. The Council of Administration will take the matter under consideration at its next meeting.

IV. It is extremely gratifying to note that in the closing of the recent Congress the rate of all pensions of widows of formerly enlisted men of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps who served in the Civil War, the War with Spain or the Philippine Insurrection, is to be placed on the pension roll or hereafter to be placed on the pension roll at the rate of \$25.00 per month. No pension to be reduced if already at more than \$25.00 per month. Passed by Congress and approved by the President, October 6, 1917, and went into effect at once.

V. The Department Commander calls attention to the fact that there are in every neighborhood many veterans who are eligible for membership in the Grand Army but who are not now members.

them be looked up and urged to become members of our Order. If they have been suspended or dropped, induce them to apply for restoration. It will not be very long before their friends and relations will wish to have our beautiful burial service read when they are laid to their final rest. It is a proud privilege to wear the badge of our Order, but it is not honorable to wear it when one is not a member of a Post.

VI. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, is enclosed herewith. It gives much important information. It will be gratifying to all comrades of this Department to note that our Comrade W. C. Calland has been appointed National Patriotic Instructor.

VII. In the death of Comrade Martin R. H. Witter, member of the Department Council of Administration, the Department has sustained a great loss. He was one of the younger veterans of the Civil War and took an active interest in all matters pertaining to our Order. He was Past Commander of Ransom Post, No. 131, and also served that Post as Quartermaster. For more than 8 years he held the office of City Register, by election, and at the time of his death he had entered upon another term by appointment of the Mayor of St. Louis.

Comrade Witter was born August 4, 1846, and died August 2, 1917. On the anniversary of birth, August 4, 1917, he was given a soldier's burial, conducted by Ransom Post, No. 131, assisted by the Typographical Union, of which he was a highly respected and honored charter member.

By command of THOS. W. EVANS, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.

St. Louis, Mo., November 28, 1917.

I. The Department Council of Administration unanimously decided to accept the very cordial invitation of St. Joseph to hold the next Department Encampment in that City, and fixed the time for the Encampment May 8 and 9, 1918. The abundant hospitality of the people of St. Joseph is well known and the comrades may confidently expect one of the pleasantest meetings there next May in the history of the Department.

II. The election of Comrade S. D. Webster, Post 131, as a member of the Council of Administration to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade M. R. H. Witter, is hereby announced. He will be recognized and respected accordingly.

III. The Department Commander invites attention of Posts and comrades generally to the Sons of Veterans, and expresses the hope

that all possible aid will be rendered them in forming new Camps and increasing the membership of the Camps already established. Let our sons feel that we are interested in them and they will surely reciprocate by exhibiting a greater interest in us. Our ranks are rapidly being depleted by the natural course of the March of Time, and the Sons of Veterans will keep alive the memories of the past that our lives helped to make sacred.

IV. Post Commanders and Posts are reminded that the annual election of officers should be held at the first meeting of the Post in December, at which time, in addition to the Post officers, there should be elected Representatives to the Department Encampment. Each Post of fifty members or less, in good standing June 30, 1917, is entitled to one Representative. Posts of more than fifty members are entitled to one Representative for each fifty or a fractional part of fifty or over twenty-five.

Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders are ex-officio members of the Department Encampment and should not be elected Representatives. Should the Post Commander not be present at the Department Encampment, his place may be filled by the Senior Junior-Vice Post Commander if present. As many Alternates as Representatives should be elected.

V. Blanks for the semi-annual reports are forwarded herewith and should be filled up and returned to these Headquarters immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December. Prompt attention to this will save time and annoyance. The Assistant Adjutant General is required to forward a consolidated report to the National Headquarters on or before the 20th of January, and all Posts that have not reported prior to that time must be omitted from his report. Representation in the National Encampment is based on the number in good standing December 31, as shown by the consolidated report to the National Headquarters. The neglect of one Post Commander may deprive the Department of one Representative. It would seem that if all reports could reach these Headquarters by the 5th day of January, if they are delayed they are likely to be overlooked and neglected.

Post officers are again reminded that all remittances should be made payable in St. Louis to the order of W. F. Henry. Exchange should be charged on all checks or drafts payable outside of St. Louis.

VI. There are a large number of Veterans of the Civil War living in this Department who have never joined the Grand Army of the Republic, or having at one time been members have been suspended or dropped. The Department Commander urges that comrades make a special effort to induce such to again touch elbows in the Post ranks. If they cannot attend the Post meetings, arrange it so that they may be enrolled as members of the Grand Army of the Republic and be entitled to wear the badge of the most honorable Order that

existed, the right to be a member and wear the badge that was earned by an honorable service for Country more than fifty years ago and now enables us to stand the peer of all nations in the great struggle for Liberty that is now on. Let us endeavor to bring all comrades into the Posts. Some of the Posts made gains last year, and with proper effort other Posts may do the same.

By command of THOS. W. EVANS, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.

St. Louis, Mo., March 26, 1918.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I. Just half a century has gone into the great eternity of the past since Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan, of honored and cherished memory inaugurated the beautiful custom of decorating the graves of our fallen comrades. During all those fifty years our surviving comrades have not failed "at the appointed time" to "gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of Springtime," and "the dear old flag they saved from dishonor" has been raised above them as each year with reverent tread we have surrounded the silent and sacred chambers where those who have gone before us lie in that dreamless sleep we call death.

II. The spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty that permeates the very being of every true comrade makes the performance of the ceremonies and duties of Memorial Day a most pleasing privilege. While the customs upon Memorial Day of strewing flowers upon the graves of loved ones, other than veterans of the Civil War, is a commendable and beautiful one, yet it should be remembered and impressed by the ceremonies of the day that the 30th day of May was established by the Grand Army of the Republic to be observed "Annually, in commemoration of the deeds of our fallen comrades" and "that the Grand Army of the Republic seeks thus to preserve the memories of those only who fought in defense of National Unity."

III. When Joshua had led the children of Israel into the Promised Land he erected an altar of stones on the bank of Jordan and told the people that when future generations of children should ask "What mean these stones?" they should be told of the wanderings, the privations and battles that were a part of the price of their escape from slavery. When this and future generations shall ask "Why these ceremonies?" they may be told they are to preserve the memories of those who fought "that Government of the people, by the people, for the people should not perish from the earth."

At this time across the waters, humanity is being crucified upon a cross of lust for world dominance. Law has been trampled under foot, liberty is mocked and human beings, in the sight of the ruler are but as grasshoppers beneath his feet. May the ceremonies of the coming Memorial Day inspire American manhood with high resolve to do vallant service in the great struggle for righteousness and humanity, to the end that the ideals for which our comrades offered their lives may be preserved and passed on to generations yet to be.

IV. The custom of inviting the ministers of churches to hold commemorative services on the Sunday next prior to Memorial Day is a commendable one and should be observed. It is to be hoped that comrades will attend such services in uniform if possible. The badge and uniform of the Grand Army of the Republic is more highly honored and respected as our ranks are being depleted by the invincible conqueror. Even a Wall Street financial journal was inspired to say

"Every year they are stepping slower,
Every year they are bending lower;
Every year the flag above them
Seems to bend and bless and love them
As if grieving for the future
When they will never march again."

V. The details of ceremonies in each community is left with comrades of each Post to arrange, but the Department Commandant hopes that all Patriotic Societies will be invited to take part and that the youth will be especially assigned some exercises, so that the lessons of the day may make a lasting impression upon their young minds and inspire them with high ideals for service to country and humanity. When the honored day shall close may there not be a single neglected grave of one who fought for the preservation of our Nation anywhere in this Department, but that the perfume of flowers shall rise as incense on the evening breeze and the last rays of the setting sun shall kiss the flag they fought for as it floats above them.

By command of THOS. W. EVANS, Department Commandant

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 7.

St. Louis, Mo., March 23, 1918

I. The Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the City of St. Joseph, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 8 and 9, 1918. The temporary Headquarters of the Department will be established in the Robidoux Hotel, on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 7. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Department Headquarters on Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The Council of Administration

composed of the Department Commander, the Senior and Junior-Vice Department Commanders, the Assistant Adjutant General and five elected members.

II. At a meeting of the Department Council of Administration on March 21, announcement of the death of Comrade W. H. Rudolph, of Post 107, who was a member of the Council, was made and Comrade W. H. Wormstead, of Post 8, Kansas City, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. At the time of his death Comrade Rudolph was Commander of Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him, as a true comrade and citizen.

III. The following named comrades of Post 7 are hereby appointed a committee on Credentials: L. L. Johnson, Chairman; Samuel Mann and J. T. Warburton. They will meet at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning in the lobby of the Lyceum Theatre. Members of the Encampment should report to this Committee as early as possible on Wednesday morning and receive the Encampment badge and countersign. All comrades should have their names entered in the Visitors' Register, which will be found at the same place.

IV. Comrade Samuel Zancker is hereby appointed Officer of the Day, and Comrade Christ. Balsiger, Officer of the Guard for the Encampment. They will be obeyed and respected as such. The Commander of Custer Post, No. 7, will detail such number of comrades as requested by the Officer of the Day, to act as Guards during the sessions of the Encampment. These comrades should be properly uniformed and equipped when on duty. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General on Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock, for instructions.

V. The Department Encampment will meet in the Lyceum Theater Wednesday morning, and be called to order promptly at 10 o'clock, at which time and place the usual public exercises will be held. The usual parade will take place on Wednesday afternoon. The time and details of the parade will be announced at the open meeting and in the local papers.

A Camp-fire will be held in the Theatre, on Wednesday evening, for which a program of rare excellence is being prepared by the local committee. The people of St. Joseph will do everything possible to make the occasion of our meeting with them a most enjoyable one and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

VI. Application has been made to the representatives of the various railroads for a reduced rate of fare to and from the Department Encampment, with the result that a rate of two cents a mile each way will be granted. This rate will apply to the allied societies meeting at St. Joseph at the same time.

The hotel and other accommodations for the care and entertain-

ment of all visitors are ample and at unusual, reasonable prices. If special reservations are desired, write to Comrade J. W. Beach, 9 Francis street, St. Joseph, Mo.

VII. The National Encampment will be held this year at Portland, Oregon (the date not yet fixed), and a rate of one cent a mile railroad fare each way has been announced. It is important that the election of representatives only those comrades be elected who will promise to attend the Encampment. It is therefore desirable that nominations for representatives to the 52d National Encampment be made before the Department Encampment convenes. Names of worthy comrades who will attend the National Encampment if elected, may be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General and he will present them to the Encampment to be voted for. This will prevent other names being presented at the Encampment.

VIII. The Department Commander has received the following communication from National Headquarters, and he urges that all comrades give prompt and liberal response to the request. All contributions to W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General, will forward them to the Quartermaster General. Checks and Money Orders should be made payable in St. Louis. Exchange is charged on those payable elsewhere.

"At the meeting of the National Council of Administration in the Hotel Vendome at the close of the 51st National Encampment the question of raising funds for the Southern Memorial Fund was considered at some length. It was finally decided that the Commander-in-Chief should ask the Departments to raise their proportionate amount of the total sum necessary. This he delayed, hoping that the amounts subscribed might be sufficient. The appeals made in General Orders have been so little heeded, that now becomes necessary to ask each Department Commander to secure from the Posts in his Department a specified amount. We estimate that \$75.00 will be a fair amount for your Department to contribute.

"Will you not appeal to the Posts in your Department to respond liberally and promptly to this request? In the eight States and Territories which have the care of these graves in the South, there are less than 2500 comrades to take care of the hundreds of thousands of graves of our comrades who fell in battle or died of wounds. Some of these Southern comrades have to travel many miles at great expense on Memorial Day, which is not observed by the cities in which they live, to pay this tribute of respect and affection, and we of the larger and stronger Departments should do our part by making it possible for them to carry on this work of love

"Will you kindly see that all contributions from your Department reach the Quartermaster-General by May 1st, if possible?"

IX. The following comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

N. W. Flasig, Post 8.

Edward S. Finch, Post 69.

X. The Department Commander desires to impress upon the attention of Posts and all comrades the importance of aiding the Sons of Veterans in the work of organizing and maintaining Camps in our Department. They need and should have our good cheer and encouragement. They are our sons and they will keep alive the memories of our achievements when we are camping beyond the silent river. They are the connecting link between us and our sons and grandsons who are now fighting for humanity and freedom in the awful war across the sea. Comrades, help the Sons of Veterans and give them words of encouragement and a helping hand.

XI. Attention is called to an amendment to the Rules and Regulations adopted at the last National Encampment making the Senior and Junior-Vice Post Commanders members of the Department Encampment.

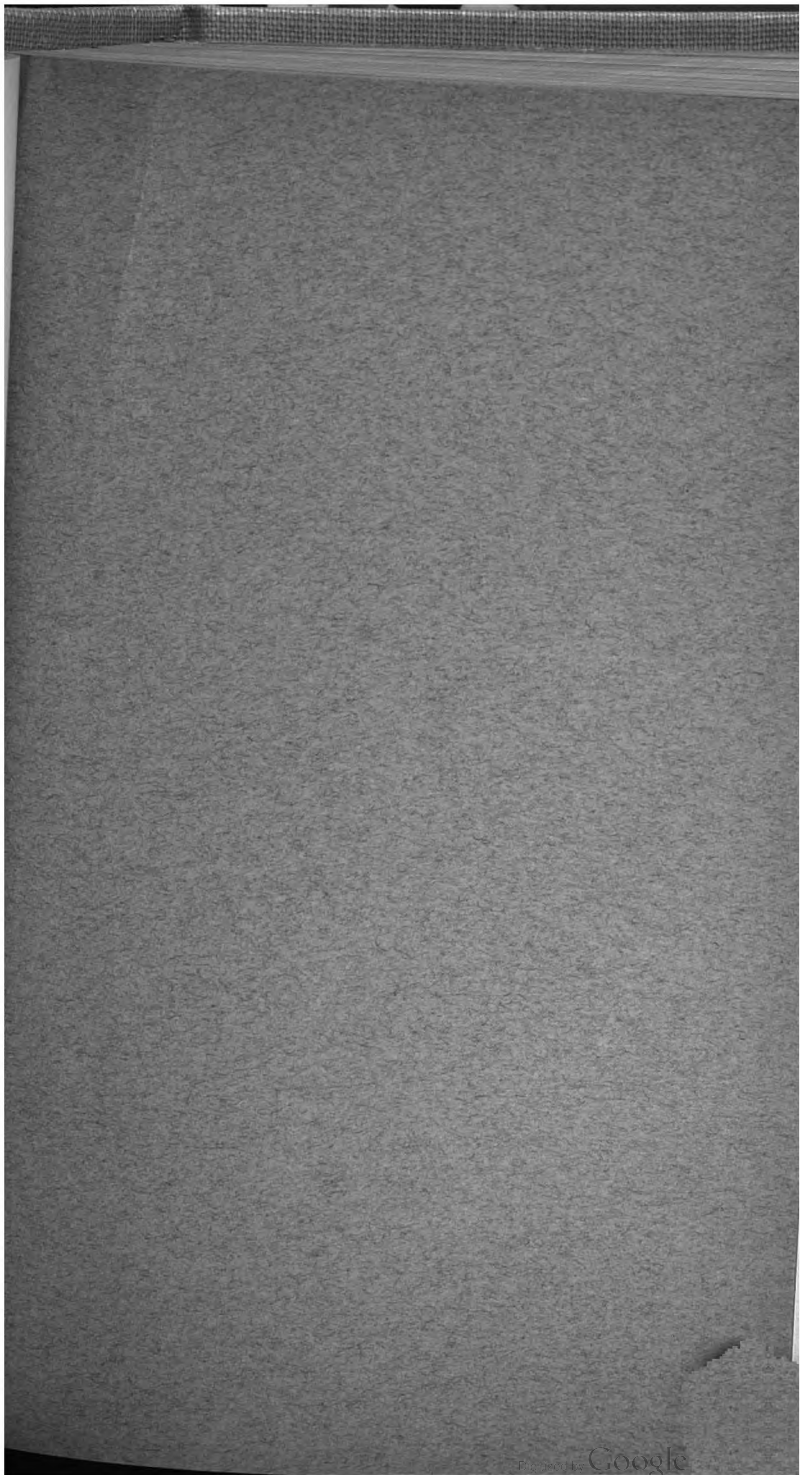
The Department Commander confidently hopes there will be a large attendance upon the coming Encampment. Let us come together with the spirit of the old time days, bright within us and our hearts warm with the glow of Fraternity, with Charity for all, and that Loyalty that prompts us to exercise the full measure of devotion to duty and to country.

By command of THOS. W. EVANS, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

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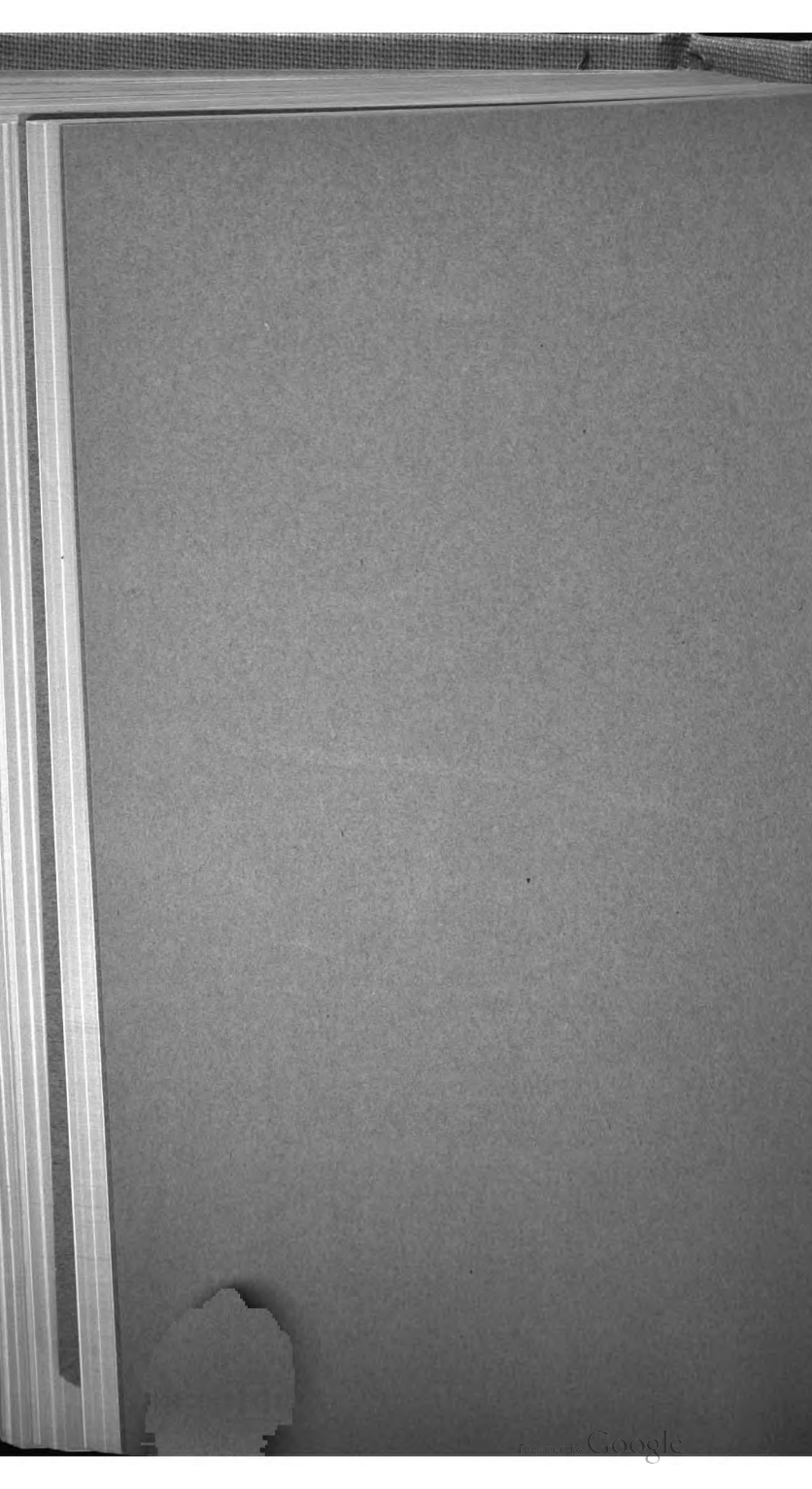
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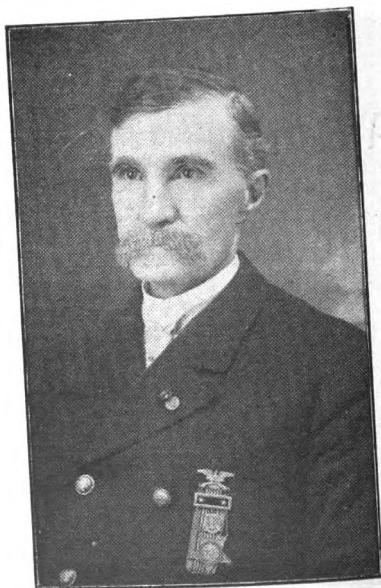
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Empress Theater, in the City of Joplin, at 9:30 o'clock, on the morning of May 15, 1919, in open session, to which the public and all allied societies were invited, the Department Commander, Phil F. Coghlan, presiding.

The assembly was sounded by the Department Bugler, Comrade S. D. Webster, and the meeting was called to order by the Department Commander, who introduced the Hon. Jesse S. Osborn, Mayor of the City of Joplin, who most heartily welcomed the Grand Army of the Republic and all the allied societies who were meeting in the city. He spoke in part as follows:

Commander Coghlan, Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Its Allied Societies:

As Mayor of the City of Joplin it is my pleasant privilege to bid you one and all a cordial welcome.

Joplin is proud to have your splendid organization with us. Our city of more than fifty thousand true and loyal Americans invited your Encampment to meet with us because she desired you to be our guests.

We hold your members in great esteem, not alone for your valor on the fields of battle during the Civil War, but also for your personal worth as citizens of our great State of Missouri. A half century has passed since you battled for the liberty of humanity and your heroism and valor saved us a united country and nation.

The snows of more than fifty winters has silvered your heads and made your steps less elastic. We esteem you because of your age and experience in affairs, and it is a pleasure to pay you tribute with respect and affection because you sacrificed so much in preserving for us the priceless boon of a united nation and American citizenship.

The veterans of the late world war, many of whom are your sons and grandsons, were imbued with the same spirit of 1861 and their valor gave our nation victory and made the world free.

Without extended speaking, we say the gates of our city are open to you—the keys are yours—enjoy yourselves.

Joseph F. Leopold, Secretary of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, whose organization was instrumental in bringing the convention to that city, and which materially assisted the O. P. Morton Post in entertaining the G. A. R. Veterans, was then introduced. He welcomed the delegates assembled in a brief five-minute address.

He called attention to the fact that Joplin had just passed through one of the heaviest entertainments programs the city had ever known having entertained the returning Thirty-fifth Division boys from the present war, and having taken care of probably one hundred and fifty thousand people.

The main purport of his remarks was to the effect that, as the citizenship of Joplin and the membership of the Chamber of Commerce was concerned, that the Veterans in Blue looked just as good to them as did the olive drab uniforms of the returning Thirty-fifth. He stated that it was by reason of the G. A. R.'s sacrifices during the Civil War period that the present day struggle for democratic liberty had been made possible.

Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, Commander of O. P. Morton Post No. 14 of Joplin, was then introduced and spoke as follows:

Commander, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Members of the Woman's Relief Corps and other Allied Societies:

On behalf of O. P. Morton Post No. 14, we extend to you a hearty greeting. In 1893, and again in 1909, it was the privilege of our Post to entertain the Department, and now, a third time you are here to hold your Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment, and we welcome you.

It is a pleasure for us to again look into the faces of the gray-haired men and sear-faced veterans.

You are here not as mere friends to be our guests, but as comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. This comrade was forged in the super-heat of civil war, and is strong as an iron

We saw the tide of battles ebb and flow for four long years; and during that period of anxiety and strife we stood shoulder to shoulder and experienced the horrors of many fierce engagements. Together we shared the deprivations and hardships of camp life. On the march we bivouacked in valley or on the hillside with only the blue sky for our covering, and often we "drank from the same canteen." Boys, if my memory has not failed me, it was not always water that we "drank from the same canteen." These experiences made us comrades, and no greater bond of friendship can exist.

Our guests on this occasion are not an ordinary assemblage of citizens—they are the most patriotic and liberty-loving society the world has ever known. The Grand Army of the Republic was born of the patriotism of the Civil War of 1861-5 and is devoted to loyalty to our country and our flag.

Fifty-four years have passed since the surrender at Appomatox. These white-haired veterans have lived more than the allotted time of "three score years and ten;" some have passed four score years. The relentless scythe of time is fast thinning our ranks and it is very improbable that Joplin will ever again entertain your honorable society.

Therefore, on behalf of O. P. Morton Post No. 14 and the Woman's Relief Corps, and other affiliated societies, we bid you "thrice welcome," and may your visit be a pleasant one. Our homes and our larders are open to you. Comrades, if you don't see what you want while in Joplin, ask for it.

At the request of the Department Commander, Comrade Leo Ras-leur, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief, responded most feelingly and eloquently to addresses of welcome.

Thereupon the Department Commander declared the exercises of the open session at an end and requested all who were not members of the Encampment to retire. This request was complied with and the Department Commander proceeded to formally open the Encampment.

The Officer of the Day reported that the approaches to the Encampment were properly guarded and that all present were members of the Encampment.

After an eloquent and reverential prayer by the Department Chaplain, the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, and Army of the Republic, was declared to be duly open for the transaction of such business as might properly come before it.

All Department Officers and Past Department Commanders were seated to seats on the platform and all comrades with the National Intersign were admitted to seats in the gallery.

The Commander-in-Chief, C. E. Adams, and Adjutant-General

Albert M. Trimble were present and were escorted to seats on platform.

The Assistant Adjutant-General reported the following as the of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders. Those present during the Encampment are indicated by a star:

Department Commander,

*PHIL. F. COGHLAN.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

*JOHN HACK.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,

*SAMUEL M. MANN.

Medical Director,

*DR. W. M. SMITH.

Department Chaplain,

*REV. A. M. REYNOLDS.

Assistant Adjutant-General and A. Q. M. Gen.,

*WILBUR F. HENRY.

Judge Advocate,

*C. A. MORRIS.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*CHARLES KOOCK.

Department Inspector,

*F. D. W. ARNOLD.

Council of Administration,

A. WHIPPLE,
*MAX FRITZ,

*W. H. WORMSTEAD,
*S. D. WEBSTER,
CHARLES BIEGER.

Past Department Commanders,

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| †WILLIAM WARNER, | †HENRY FAIRBACK, |
| †W. F. CHAMBERLAIN, | *JOHN M. WILLIAMS, |
| †NELSON COLE, | T. D. KIMBALL, |
| †E. E. KIMBALL, | J. V. MARTIN, |
| †HIRAM SMITH, JR., | †W. H. SKINNER, |
| (1) JOHN E. PHELPS, | †R. N. DENHAM, |
| *LEO RASSIEUR, | *BENJAMIN WARNER, |
| GEO. W. MARTIN, | †THOS. B. RODGERS, |
| †C. W. WHITEHEAD, | †JOHN P. PLATT, |
| CHAS. G. BURTON, | †A. G. PETERSON, |
| †LOUIS GRUND | JOHN W. SCOTT, |
| LOUIS BENECKE, | *W. F. HENRY, |
| GEORGE HALL, | †ARTHUR DREIFUS, |
| †IRA T. BRONSON, | †CHAS. W. RUBY, |
| (2) F. M. STERRETT, | *WM. LOWE, |
| †JERE T. DEW, | J. B. DOBYNE, |
| *ALEX McCANDLESS, | THOS. W. EVANS. |

(1) John E. Phelps transferred to Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.

(2) F. M. Sterrett transferred to Dept. of Ohio.

†Deceased.

Following is the roll of members of the Encampment who were present, as reported by the Committee on Credentials:

Roll of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Encampment Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Held at Joplin, Mo., May 15 and 16, 1919.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C.—A. B. Ecoff.

S. V. C.—D. O. Clements.

Rep.—Alfred Mathey, Adolph Levy, Geo. Heineman.

P. P. C.—J. J. Scharr, B. F. Park, W. F. Silverwood, C. H. Grote,

B. A. Suppan, G. W. Carmichael.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C.—H. R. Bailey.

S. V. C.—D. L. Wells.

Rep.—Charles Lewis.

P. P. C.—Benj. Warner, C. W. Burrill.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. P. C.—Alex McCandless, R. T. McCasky, Nich. Mathias.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

Post. Com.—D. M. Mabie.

J. V. C.—Oscar E. Fox.

Rep.—H. W. Sandusky, Samuel Zancker, Geo. M. Jacobs, J. Bahr, David Hatfield.

P. P. C.—John Michel, Fred Wenz, Samuel Mann, C. C. Webers.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

P. C.—Thos. H. Ijams.

S. V. C.—Chas. B. Kurtz.

Rep.—Franklin Hudson, Benj. Boody.

P. P. C.—O. P. Smith, W. F. Henry, O. H. Guffin, Chas. E. Blum, Wm. H. Wormstead, Ben B. Bolt, Chas. A. Morris, I. G. Kirker.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

Rep.—Wenzel Graf.

P. P. C.—Louis C. Hesse, Hubert Munchrath, Max Fritz, John Holsten.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

Post Com.—A. J. P. Barnes.

S. V. C.—Seth Carpenter.

J. V. C.—J. M. Compton.

Rep.—V. H. Baldrige, W. J. Atkinson.

P. P. C.—H. Phelps, P. L. Swartz, H. W. Davison, M. M. A. McCann, J. N. Theurer, D. H. Rhodes, C. G. Manchester, Craig, W. H. McCubbin.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

Post Com.—J. T. B. Yaryan.

J. V. C.—John W. Griffith.

Rep.—H. T. Dale, J. W. Trowbridge, M. Chenoworth.

P. P. C.—S. E. Wetzel, James Deagan, Wm. McCune.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

Post Com.—J. C. Pierce.

Rep.—G. Laird.

P. P. C.—G. W. Rathburn.

Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

Post Com.—S. A. Stanton.

J. V. C.—John Coffman.

Rep.—Horace Ripley.

P. P. C.—H. W. Harrison, I. L. Hunt.

McCook Post, No. 34, Lamar.

Post Com.—F. D. W. Arnold.

P. P. C.—W. L. Griffith, Silas Paff.

Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

Rep.—T. D. Roberts.

Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.

Rep.—A. J. Crum.

Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalla.

P. P. C.—Chas. Koock, H. T. Bolen.

Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 68, Green Ridge.

Post Com.—J. D. Helman.

S. V. C.—J. P. Hefer.

P. P. C.—S. D. Haight, Wm. Baker.

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

Post Com.—W. C. Calland.

S. V. C.—J. S. Frain.

J. V. C.—Milton Brower.

P. P. C.—P. W. Bahl, James Bair, J. J. Gideon, H. J. Dutton, W. M. Smith.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

Rep.—Robert Biggs.

P. P. C.—B. F. Warner, John Hack.

Greenfield Post, No. 75, Greenfield.

P. P. C.—R. C. Devine.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

Rep.—A. Schoonover.

Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.

Post Com.—John G. Scroggs.

Gen. G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.

P. P. C.—Theophile Dubrouillet.

Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.

Rep.—Henry C. Pollman.

Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.

Post Com.—John Waters.

Rep.—H. T. Donham.

P. P. C.—A. J. Bobb, Daniel Knight.

Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.

P. P. C.—E. S. Miner.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Carrollton.

Post Com.—Samuel G. Hayes.

S. V. C.—M. G. Graner.

P. P. C.—Wm. B. Mullins, E. G. Grossman.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

Rep.—Dr. Geo. Boemler, Wm. H. Heath, W. T. Niccolls, C. Collins.

P. P. C.—S. D. Webster, C. K. Reifsnider.

Marionville Post, No. 141, Marionville.

Post Com.—Theodore Moore.

Rep.—A. Woodford.

Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

Rep.—James Wyckoff.

P. P. C.—W. W. Vaughn, Bird Estes.

John A. Rawlins Post, No. 187, Pierce City.

Post Com.—James F. Watson.

P. P. C.—J. A. Vance, C. W. Gillen.

W. B. Goodrich, Post No. 190, Webb City.

Post Com.—C. W. Raymond.

Rep.—E. A. Lightfoot.

P. P. C.—R. E. Dodge, J. Williams, I. A. Lane, E. C. Baughen Moore.

McCrosky Post, No. 210, Springfield.

Post Com.—W. A. Ward.

Rep.—J. B. Furman.

P. P. C.—E. Baldwin.

John Williams Post, 218, Fairport.

Rep.—Sylvester Fielder.

P. P. C.—Samuel Sherard.

Lt. S. A. M. George Post, No. 232, Humansville.

Post Com.—J. W. Haggood.

Rep.—Henry Hall, Isa. Emery.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.

P. P. C.—Chas. C. Bell, Walter Barron.

Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.

Rep. and P. P. C.—J. W. Root.

John W. Rollins Post, No. 247, West Plains.

Rep.—A. Calmes.

Pinhart Post, No. 268, Brunswick.

Rep. F. M. McNamara.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, California.

Post Com.—G. W. Sappington.

P. P. C.—Jacob Hott, John Williams, August Seyffert, C. G. Wagner, A. J. Weatherby.

Evans Post, No. 340, Atlanta.

Post Com.—John McDaniel.

Rep.—Chas. Anderson.

Geo. W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

P. P. C.—A. F. McCray, J. N. Michael, George W. Davis.

Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.

Post Com.—Henry W. Hagedorn.

Rep.—Henry Ludwig.

P. P. C.—Christian Peters.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lees Summit.

Rep. and P. P. C.—W. K. Collins.

F. C. Corbett Post, No. 588, Marshfield.

Post Com.—W. A. Martin.

Rep.—Freeman Evans.

P. P. C.—J. M. Terry.

John W. Noble Post, No. 593, St. James.

Rep.—James Fuzzell.

P. P. C.—George W. Henry.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

Post Com.—David Aber.

Rep.—D. M. Oliver.

P. P. C.—Wm. Lowe, G. A. Douglas.

The Department Commander called Senior Vice-Department Commander to the chair and then delivered his address to the Encampment as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: In compliance with the Rules and Regulations, I submit the following:

During the past year the membership of the Department has been reduced by death and other unavoidable causes. I am pleased to say, harmony has prevailed in our ranks, each comrade striving to carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The gigantic world war in which America was engaged at the time of the meeting of the Encampment last year has come to an end, the enemy having asked for and been granted an armistice on the 11th of November last. At this date a treaty of peace has not been signed.

When the decisive advance of the Allied troops began, the boys from this state faced the most formidable portion of the enemy's line, and at St. Mihiel, the Argonne Forest, Chateau Thierry and on other fields proved themselves to be worthy descendants of the men who wore the blue and the gray, victoriously assaulting works thought by the enemy to be impregnable, manned by his choicest troops. I am proud to say our Missouri boys were in the leading divisions, and that the plan of action for the section assigned the American troops was made and carried through by a native Missourian, General John J. Pershing, the only instruction given him was "Go in and win."

The part taken in this contest by the United States is peculiarly gratifying to us who wore the Blue in the sixties. Our success at that time laid the broad foundation on which has grown the United States of today—a population of over one hundred millions—a prosperity enabling us to furnish the money so necessary to carry on the war successfully by our allies—a soil so fruitful we were enabled to feed the starving people of Europe, a loyalty that raised an army of 4,750,000 troops within 18 months from our declaration of war.

In parenthesis, I may add, responses to the selective draft showed we had more than twenty-three million men of military age.

Should we not be proud of the work we did under Father Abraham?

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

The Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army, the Sons of Veterans, the Daughters of Veterans, and the Auxiliary of

the Sons of Veterans, are all doing excellent work along the lines followed by the Grand Army of the Republic; the ladies in caring for the sick and unfortunate, and, together with the Sons of Veterans, teaching the rising generation love of country and loyalty to the flag. Our comrades should render these societies all the assistance possible in their noble work, and aid and encourage the Sons of Veterans in building up and strengthening their organization.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The authorities and citizens of Portland more than fulfilled the promises made at Boston, when asking for the Encampment. The large crowd present, owing to the low railroad fare, was well handled, and the comfort of the veterans was the first care of every citizen. Our Missouri boys were the especial care of Past Commander-in-Chief Burton, who made each of them feel at home. The parade was a large one. Ninety members of our Department were in line, most of them being in uniform. They presented the most soldierly appearance and won the plaudits of the immense crowd of onlookers.

Now that we have the one-cent rate to Columbus, let us there 500 strong.

MEMORABLE ANNIVERSARIES.

From reports received, Memorial Day, May 30th, sacred to the memory of our dead; Flag Day, June 14, the day on which Glory was designated as the flag of the infant Republic, Gettysburg Day, Nov. 19, made memorable by Lincoln, were generally observed throughout the Department the past year, as also the anniversaries of the birth of Washington, the Father, and of Lincoln, the Savior of this nation.

MEMBERSHIP.

The active membership of the Department is slowly but surely decreasing. Aside from the natural cause, a great number, owing to the infirmities of age, are allowing themselves to be suspended. We cannot hope at this late date to obtain many recruits from those who have held aloof all these years, but a special effort should be made to retain those still in our ranks and to reclaim those who have allowed themselves to be suspended. If three or four veterans live at too great a distance to readily attend meetings of the Post, organize them into an Outpost, charging them with sufficient to pay the per capita tax and a small amount in advance to cover the cost of bookkeeping. If only a single comrade remains, make him a sentinel under the same rating. I heartily approve

amendment to the Rules and Regulations suggested by the Assistant Adjutant General in his report and I trust that you will give it thoughtful consideration and that the resolution will be adopted.

The public is under the impression that all veterans of the civil war are members of the Grand Army of the Republic. When asking the collaboration of the veterans in carrying out any patriotic work they call upon the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—not the veterans of the civil war—to assist. And now, that our services in the war of the rebellion are being so universally recognized—that the surrender of 1865 laid the foundation upon which the United States of today is built—it should be an incentive to us all to keep our ranks unbroken and to seek to increase our numbers, if at all possible.

As evidence of the high regard and appreciation in which the Grand Army of the Republic is held by the present generation, I here insert the language of a letter received a few days ago from the chairman of the St. Louis' Mayor's Welcoming Committee for Returning Soldiers, addressed to me as Department Commander:

"The committee, realizing the important part played by the members of the G. A. R. during the civil war, when the fate of the government was at stake, desires to express its appreciation in a small way by sending you the two enclosed tickets which may be used in securing seats in the grand stand to view the parade of the 128th Field Artillery today."

The report of the Commissioner of Pensions shows that on the 30th of June, 1918, there were 31,187 pensioners in the State of Missouri. Probably one-half of these are the widows of deceased soldiers, Spanish War, Indian War and pensioners from other causes. Many of these pensioners are former members of the G. A. R. We have thus a fruitful field to cultivate. Let us cultivate it.

THE BUTTON.

There seems to be an idea among some of the veterans that the little bronze button is an emblem of the government showing service in the civil war, and that any veteran, whether a member in good standing in the G. A. R. or not, is entitled to wear it. This is a mistake. The button is the property of the G. A. R. and is a token that the wearer is a member in good standing of his Post. No one not a member in good standing has the right to wear it.

FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The membership of the Department has been reduced to such

an extent the annual income is insufficient to meet the necessary expenses. A comparative statement of the probable receipts and expenses of the Department for the coming year will make this clear:

Probable Receipts.

Per capita tax for the year, allowing for decrease in membership for last six months of year.....	\$ 900.00
Ten per cent from sinking fund.....	350.00
Interest on safety fund.....	189.00
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	\$1,439.00

Probable Expenses.

Rent of Headquarters.....	\$ 180.00
Salary Asst. Adj. General.....	1,000.00
Per Capita to National body.....	100.00
Printing	170.00
Postage and incidentals.....	40.00
Expenses National and Department Encampments.....	80.00
Insurance	15.00
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	\$1,585.00

The rent of the present Headquarters, owing to its central location, is at a very reasonable figure.

The office of Asst. Adj. General requires the services of a man of ability, of good business training, of great tact, well versed in the laws and usages of the Grand Army, a man whose advice a Department Commander can implicitly rely on. Such a man the Department must have, and the salary he receives can with justice be reduced.

The other items of expense explain themselves.

An increase in the per capita of 10 cents, making the per capita 40 cents a year would bring in an additional sum of about \$300 making the receipts for the year about \$1,550.00, nearly equal to the expenditures. I have given the probable receipts and expenditures in round numbers, the totals may vary a few dollars above or below the amounts set down. I would recommend that the annual per capita tax be 40 cents, payable 20 cents on the 1st of July, and 20 cents on the 1st of January.

BEQUESTS.

I believe that there are within the limits of this Department many comrades who can, without injustice to others, provide that a portion of their estates shall be given to the Safety

of the Department, and I therefore, here give a simple and legal form for a bequest for that purpose:

"I give and bequeath to the Safety Fund of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the sum ofDollars."

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

I would ask a careful study of the report of the Assistant Adjutant-General and his recommendations. The officers of the various posts would greatly simplify the duties of his office by making reports promptly and paying strict attention to his recommendations.

CONCLUSION.

Before concluding, I wish to express my appreciation and grateful acknowledgments to my official staff and to the entire membership of the Department who have so loyally supported me during my term of office. In particular I wish to acknowledge the services of my able Assistant Adjutant-General, Wilbur F. Henry. Judicious in temperament, systematic in method, a wise counselor, his close attention and clear perception of the duties of the office were of inestimable value.

Comrades, in a few hours my services as your commander will cease, I have endeavored to serve you faithfully. Again thanking the members of the Department for the great honor they conferred upon me, I shall once more take my place in the ranks and assist to my utmost in upholding the grand principles of the Grand Army of the Republic.

PHIL. F. COGHLAN,

Department Commander.

The Senior Vice-Department Commander referred the address to the following committee: Past Department Commanders John M. Williams, William Lowe and Benj. Warner.

The Department Commander then resumed command of the Encampment and the following proceedings were had:

Comrade Calland of Post 69 moved that, as the reports of the various Department officers were printed and in the hands of the members of the Encampment, they be referred to proper committees without reading. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted, and the various reports were so referred.

The Department Commander announced the death of Past Department Commander W. F. Chamberlain as having occurred at a hospital in East St. Louis, Ill., on the 13th instant. The Encampment was called up and stood at Parade Rest while the Department Bugler sounded Taps. Comrade Chamberlain was elected Department Commander in 1884, being the second Commander of the Department. He enlisted July 9, 1861, as a private in Co. G, 29th Regt., O. V. I., and was discharged as Captain of that company July 27, 1865. He was a charter member of Post 43, Hannibal, Mo., and remained a member in good standing until his death.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Trenton, Mo., April 1, 1919.

W. F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

My dear Sir:

In compliance with the rules and regulations, I have the honor to herewith hand you my report as Senior Vice Department Commander. As it has not fallen for me to perform any work, for me to have any special mention or report to make, only that I have always and at all times upheld our noble order and encouraged all comrades to become members. Post number 72, of which I have the honor of being a member, is holding its own and has sixty-eight in good standing.

I had the pleasure of visiting Post number 7 at St. Joseph and had a pleasant visit with my comrades, also called on neighboring Post in Grundy county. Sorry to report that I was not able to attend the National Encampment at Portland, Oregon, as my oldest daughter was lying at the point of death during the month of August and passed away on the 29th of August with cancer. This prevented me from attending the Encampment. I want to extend my hearty thanks to my comrades of the Department for support by electing me for the second time Senior Vice Department Commander.

In conclusion, may we meet again and our grand and noble Order keep marching on until the last roll call. God bless our noble Order.

Yours in C. L.,

JOHN HACK,

Senior Vice Department Commander.



JOHN HACK
SENIOR-VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE DEPT. COMMANDER.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 19th, 1919.

Wilbur F. Henry, A. A. G,
 Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Dear Comrade:

Having been honored with the office of Junior Vice Commander at the Encampment held in St. Joseph in 1918, and in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic I have the honor of submitting to you herewith my report for the years 1918 and 1919.

The year has been crowded to the utmost with mighty events. Again the cry of war has sounded throughout our land. An army of five million of the noble sons of this great Republic answered the country's call to fight for liberty and justice. Three millions were transported across the Atlantic Ocean and into the trenches in France. The sons and grandsons of the boys in Blue and boys in Gray fought side by side in the bloodiest world war ever fought by mankind. Victory crowned their efforts, and today Glory, the flag of our country that has never gone down in defeat, waves triumphantly over the land of despotism.

The ranks of our Order are rapidly thinning. Many of the comrades who stood shoulder to shoulder with us from '61 to '65 have answered the last roll call and have gone to their reward. The fire of patriotism still burns bright in the hearts of those remaining and their last call will be answered with the same vim and courage as it was over fifty years ago. Comrades, let us close our ranks and present the same bold front to the enemy as we did in times past, remembering that to the faithful will come the reward.

I now wish to thank the Comrades of the Department for the honor conferred on me and wish all a happy, prosperous and peaceful future.

Yours in F. C. L.,

S. M. MANN,

Junior Vice Commander Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.



SAMUEL M. MANN
JUNIOR-VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 18, 1919.

Department Commander and Comrades:

In submitting this report I wish to state that the Post Chaplains have been very slow about sending their reports in. Fifty-four in all have reached me up to the middle of April, 1919. These for the most part are cheerful and gratifying, and show conclusively that the love of country and freedom is still fresh and vigorous in the hearts of our comrades. The boys of 1861 and 1865, as ever, are wide awake to the needs of sowing the seeds of patriotism in the minds and hearts of the children and youth of this generation. Comrades now, more than ever before, realize the importance of that often repeated maxim in our order, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." The reports convince me that the love of country which flamed up with sudden brilliancy in the youthful hearts of the men of the Civil War, continues to burn undimmed after the lapse of fifty-five years.

Out of the reports sent me, I have been able to glean the facts, which are both gratifying and encouraging:

1. The veterans are diligent in visiting the sick, ministering to the needy comrades, and comforting the bereaved. They bury the dead with the honors of the Grand Army of the Republic.
2. Fifteen Posts report they own burial plots where they bury away the bodies of their comrades and mark their graves with the headstones furnished by the Government.
3. All the Posts report they have decorated the graves of their comrades. Five Posts out of the 54 failed to have memorial sermons, and seven memorial addresses on Memorial Day. Only three have failed in both. Nearly all the Posts prepare for both services with great care.
4. The Posts have been very successful in obtaining help in the observance of Memorial Day. Religious bodies, fraternal orders, public schools, Sabbath schools, Boy Scout organizations have graciously responded to the call of the Grand Army men. In some cases the Sons of Veterans have assumed responsibility, and taken the lead in memorial services. These facts make it possible for a few comrades, in a small way, to observe memorial services in an instructive and appropriate manner. In one Post where six comrades were reported decorated, all the services were conducted and thirty-six graves were decorated. In another Post, where thirty-two comrades were reported decorated, 428 graves were decorated. In still another case, the

states there were but sixteen comrades present at the memorial sermon, and fourteen out on Memorial Day at the usual address, and 500 graves in eight cemeteries were decoated.

It is, therefore, possible for a few old veterans to electrify and enlist a whole community in these beautiful National memorial services.

The most encouraging features in the Grand Army work in these last years is the possible training of the children and youth in the principles of loyalty and patriotism in our public schools. In St. Joseph on Washington's birthday seventy schools salute the flag, sing the songs, hear the patriotic speeches from men appointed by a committee of Custer Post, and engage in other exercises that train young hearts to love their country and their flag. These young souls thus trained, will never grow away from these early deep seated impressions. This is the wisest and surest way to safeguard and protect the liberties of our beloved land.

Some Posts find great difficulties in trying to keep up their regular meetings, and report their discouragements, but after all, there need be no regrets, the lessons in patriotism have been taught and the memorials are here, and the presence of the old veteran in a community is an inspiration and a reminder of the great achievements won by the Grand Army of the Republic. He has not, and does not, live in vain. All the Civil War veterans have reached the age when men slow down and are ripe for serious thought and wise counsel, therefore, comrades, our work is not yet finished and will not be finished, until we are mustered out by our Great Commander above.

In our Posts we must still select the best speakers in our communities, and send them to our schools, churches and public halls, to proclaim the gospel of patriotism and loyalty.

Comrades now living know, as do all thoughtful students of history, that the preservation of the union of the United States has had a far larger meaning than any of us could foresee at the close of the Civil War. At that time we all rejoiced over our free and undivided country. But no one of us dreamed he would live to see the day when the principles of freedom for which we had fought would leap the ocean, encircle the earth, and set on fire the hopes of freedom in the breasts of the oppressed peoples of all nations.

But some of us have lived to see it. We have also heard the cry for freedom from Cuba, the Philippines, China, Armenia, Arabia, Corea and other peoples of the earth. Had the Federal Government under which we fought failed, these ideals of freedom would never have entered the hearts and minds of these people.

Our sons and grandsons halted the Hun yonder in France, when the British and French armies were near exhaustion, and taught him the lesson we taught our southern kindred more than a half century ago, namely, that "freedom shall not perish from the earth."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

A. M. REYNOLDS,

Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Headquarters, Department of Missouri, Grand Army
of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May, 1919.

Phil. F. Coghlan, Department Commander.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following report for the year 1918:

It is now two score and fourteen years since General Lee stacked arms and furled the stars and bars at Appomattox and Glory floated again unhindered over an undivided nation. I suppose that the average age of our comrades must be nearly a score years, and it is more difficult to get from them prompt and accurate reports. Experience tells us that there is not much incentive to enthusiasm in the meetings of a Post with a membership of less than ten members, and many of those, larger posts interesting meetings are being maintained, but for the reason of the infirmities of age unable to attend. In some of the opinion that where, in the days gone by, there were quantities of fine singers who made the meetings lively and interesting, not a song is heard. In view of these conditions I have deemed for the good of the order and in the spirit of comradeship to somewhat relax the strict interpretation of the Rules and Regulations and to get the best reports possible, and let Posts and companies remain in good standing when strictly the Rules and Regulations might require their suspension. The Rules and Regulations require Posts to meet at least once in each month, and yet there is a Post with ten members which reports that they have had no meeting since May, 1918. The Rules and Regulations also provide that Posts with a membership of less than 25 may, by vote of the members, meet quarterly. There are 92 posts in this Department v

membership of less than 25, but only two report that they meet quarterly. There are 34 posts with a membership of less than ten, two posts of three members and one of only two. These all wish to keep the right to wear the button and badge of the Grand Army of the Republic and I have assured them that I will help them to do so. The loss by suspension on the reports for 1918 is large, but not as large as during the year 1917. I have been making an effort to reduce the suspension list by making personal appeals. One post that began the year 1918 with 48 members in good standing reported Dec. 31, the suspension of 26. I mailed the following letter to each of the 26, and I have mailed a similar letter to all comrades reported suspended where I had their names and addresses:

My Dear Comrade:

The last report of your Post shows that you are a suspended member. I am sure that, upon reflection, you will not wish to relinquish the right to wear the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic; the badge that today is more highly honored and respected than any badge that is worn. You have worn it with pride for many years. The wearer of the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic is recognized as one of the men who, more than a half a century ago, preserved this Republic a Nation and kept Old Glory waving over a united people, and made it possible for our sons and grandsons to carry it to a glorious victory on the bloody fields of France in the great world war.

I am quite sure that you will wish to wear the badge and join your comrades on Memorial Day and strew flowers upon the graves of those who have gone into camp beyond the silent river, but will you feel entirely comfortable and happy when you reflect that you have abandoned these comrades in their work of maintaining the Order which has done so much for you and for them? The cost for dues is very small and by the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic your pension has been increased the past year many times the amount of your dues to the Post and Department. Had it not been for the Grand Army of the Republic none of us would now be getting our very liberal pensions. Were it not for the G. A. R. only those veterans who were disabled in the service and in the line of duty would be pensionable, and only those widows whose husbands died of disease contracted, or wounds received in the service and in the line of duty would be on the pension roll. Through the efforts of the G. A. R. all veterans

who were honorably discharged after a service of 90 days are receiving liberal pensions, many of them \$40.00 per month, and the widows of such are on the rolls at \$25.00 a month. Gratitude for favors is a virtue, and I am so grateful to the G. A. R. for its service concerning pension legislation that I would go without my dinner occasionally if necessary to pay my dues and keep in good standing in the Order, and aid in keeping it alive.

While your comrades would like to have you meet with them in the Post room, yet it is not necessary for you to do so in order to keep in good standing.

Now, my comrades, think this over and gladden the hearts of your comrades by having yourself reinstated. Our ranks are rapidly being depleted by the ravages of time and it will not be many years until your friends will ask your Post to perform our beautiful burial service over your last resting place. The comrades of the Post will doubtless do it, although you now leave them to struggle along without your aid to keep the grandest Order that ever existed alive. Hoping that the next report of your Post will show your reinstatement, I am,

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

W. F. HENRY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

The following is an abstract of the Annual Report to National Headquarters for the year ending December 31, 1918:

Number of members in good standing Dec. 31, 1917.....	318
Gain during the year by muster-in.....	68
Gain by transfer	19
Gain by reinstatement.....	100
Total gain	1
Aggregate	33
Loss during year by death	201
Loss by honorable discharge.....	2
Loss by transfer.....	23
Loss by suspension.....	78
Loss by surrender of charter.....	12
Total loss	
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1918...	3

The reports show that there was expended by the posts for relief in the year 1918 the total sum of.....	\$ 493.21
That the amount of cash (including collaterals) on hand December 31, 1918, was.....	43,527.28
Amount in Post relief funds.....	1,651.78
Market value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	14,365.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	4,792.28
Total value of Post property.....	\$64,336.34

There are within the limits of the Department a large number of worthy comrades who have been active members of Posts now disbanded, and who would like to retain their membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, but who are so located and in such physical condition that they cannot become members of existing Posts. I believe that many such comrades might be restored to our membership by an amendment to the Rules, and Regulations. With that object and hope in view, I propose that our Department encampment adopt the following resolution and forward an official copy of the same to the Adjutant General for the consideration and action of the next National Encampment:

Resolved that section 4, Article IV, Chapter II, of the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. Members of disbanded Posts, who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, upon written application to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, shall receive from him transfer cards which shall have full force, or at the option of the applicant, his name shall be entered upon a roll to be kept by the Assistant Adjutant General, and known as a Roll of Comrades at Large. Comrades so enrolled shall pay dues semi-annually direct to the Assistant Adjutant General, of fifty cents each, payable on the first days of January and July of each year. The Department Encampment shall have the right to increase the amount of such dues at any meeting by resolution duly adopted.

If the dues of any Comrade at Large shall remain unpaid for more than thirty days after the same is due, he shall be notified by the Assistant Adjutant General that unless his dues are paid within ten days from the date of such notice he will stand suspended from the Grand Army of the Republic until all arrearages are paid. Any Comrade at Large whose dues remain unpaid for more than one year after the same are due shall be notified by the Assist-

ant Adjutant General that unless all arrearages are paid within thirty days from the date of such notice he will be dropped from the roll and no longer be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that he can only be restored by making a written application to be approved by the Department Commander and the payment of one year's dues.

The Department is entitled to eleven Representatives in the 53d National Encampment, including the Representative at Large. Eleven alternates should also be elected. In compliance with the rule heretofore adopted the names of comrades to be voted for will be placed on the printed ballots in alphabetical order beginning with "A."

For more detailed statements of the financial transactions during the year 1918 and present conditions, attention is invited to the following exhibits which are made a part of this Report:

Exhibit "A"—Receipts and Expenditures.

Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Supplies on Hand.

Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.

Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths.

And now, Comrade Commander, I desire to give expression in closing this report, to my sincere appreciation of your confidence in me exhibited in my appointment and of the uniform courtesies I have received from you and from all the comrades. I have to the best of my ability, endeavored to so conduct the affairs of the office that you might not feel that your confidence has been misplaced.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

WILBUR F. HENRY,

Asst. Adjutant General and Asst. Quartermaster General.

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1918.

Balance on hand December 31, 1917.....	\$ 8
Received from per capita tax.....	93
Received from sale of supplies.....	8
Received from interest on loans.....	20
Received from principal of Safety Fund.....	3
Received from a temporary loan.....	
Aggregate	\$1,8

Paid out (approved vouchers on file):	
For rent of office.....	\$ 180.00
For supplies	53.33
For National per capita tax.....	111.40
For printing and stationery.....	204.55
For postage	29.15
For expense Department Encampment.....	19.15
For expense, National Encampment.....	174.20
For fire insurance	14.10
For premium on surety bond.....	12.50
For exchange on personal checks.....	1.10
For incidentals	23.06
For account salary A. A. G.....	979.32
Total paid out.....	\$1,801.86
Balance, December 31, 1918.....	.50
	\$1,802.36

(The temporary loan mentioned above has since been paid.)

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements

from Dec. 31, 1918, to May 1, 1919:

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1918.....	\$.50
Received from per capita tax.....	356.15
Received from sale of supplies	47.56
Received from interest on loans.....	90.00
Received from temporary loan	100.00
Donation from a friend of his Comrades and the Flag.....	100.00
Total receipts	\$ 694.21

Paid out (approved vouchers on file):

For rent	\$ 65.00
For supplies	35.70
For loan returned.....	50.00
For incidentals	11.70
For postage	3.40
For printing	41.00
For salaries	354.01
National P. C. Tax.....	53.45
Total disbursed	\$ 614.26
Balance May 1, 1919.....	79.95
	\$ 694.21

EXHIBIT "B"
SAFETY FUND.

My report to the 37th Department Encampment showed that there was then in the Safety Fund the principal sum of \$3,850.00.

By unanimous vote of that Encampment I was authorized and directed to transfer ten per cent of that principal to the general fund which I have done as appears in item of receipts in Exhibit "A" by item \$385.00, leaving \$3,465.00. The Woman's Relief Corps at that Encampment presented the Department a \$50.00 Liberty Bond which was placed to the credit of the Safety Fund, so that the amount now standing to the credit of that Fund is the principal sum of \$3,515.00; \$3,500 of that amount is loaned at 6 per cent with good security approved by the Department Council of Administration. The balance, \$15, remains in cash in the Department safe deposit box in the vault of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co.

The secured notes given for loans of the Safety Fund are as follows: One note of \$500 and 5 notes of \$200 each due June 1, 1922 \$1,500.
One note due April 1, 1921..... 1,000.
One Note subject to call either the whole or part..... 1,000
Cash in Safe Deposit vault..... 15

Total amount of principal in Safety Fund..... \$3,515

EXHIBIT "C"

SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 1, 1919.

No.		Va
7	Official Badges	\$
15	Membership Badges	1
74	Buttoniers	2
50	Rank Straps	
64	Official Ribbons	
11	Rules and Regulations.....	
30	Applications	
2	Blue Books	
4	Rituals	
14	Cards for Rituals.....	
3	Service Books	
40	Discharges	
6	Leave of absence cards.....	
20	Transfers	
25	Post Odes	

80	Department Badges, plain.....	48.00
1	Electrotype .....	.50
		\$137.55

EXHIBIT "D"

DEPARTMENT ASSETS

Cash balance, May 1, 1919.....	\$ 79.95
Office furniture, safe, books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies	137.55
Principal of Safety Fund.....	3,515.00
	\$4,532.50

There is due Comrade Leo Rassieur account of temporary loan \$100.00. All other bills are paid.

EXHIBIT "E."

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1918 AS REPORTED.

Post	
1	Thos. Furlong, Pr. Co. G, Pa. R. R. C.
	J. W. Jacoby, Pr. Co. H, 16 Ill.
	Jas. A. Moser, Pr. Co. A. 1 Mo. Inf., C, 5 Mo. Cav. & F, 4 Mo. Cav.
	John Damm, Pr. Co. F, and Corp. C, 18 Ill.
	Joseph Schorp, Pr. Co. A, 4 U. S. R. C.
	Edw. Herzog, Serg. Co. A, 4 U. S. R. C. Mo.
	L. C. Bode, Pr. Co. A, 4 U. S. R. C. Mo.
	S. J. Dolson, Pr. Co. F, 144 Ill. Inf.
	Thos. Wright, Capt. Co. G, 42 N. Y. Inf.
	Chas. Bang, Sergt. Co. C, 4 U. S. R. C.
	Jacob Closs, Pr. Co. B, 3 Mo. Cav.
4	Herman Sonneschildt, Pr. Co. G, 51 Mo. Inf.
	Samuel Tillett, Pr. Co. C, 5 O. V. C.
5	J. R. Self, 2nd Lt., Co. D, 35 Mo. Inf.
6	J. M. Jobe, Pr. Co. —, 9 Kas.
	John De Brine, Pr. Co. —, 26 Mo.
	S. L. McCormick, Drummer 100 Pa.
7	C. M. C. Loyd, Corp. Co. A, 153 N. Y. Inf.
	George Arnhold, Pr. Co. C, 44 Mo.
	Patrick Martin, Corp. Co. F, 31 Wis.
	James Limbird, Pr. Co. C, 5 Ohio Vet. Cav.
	James W. Caughlan, 1st Lt. Co. I, 5 Mo. S. M. C.
	Geo. T. Neville, Sergt. Co. A, 35 Mo. Inf.
	Henry Voth, Sergt. Co. D, 12 Mo. Cav.

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- Duncan Brown, Pr. Co. K, 3 Mo. Cav.
 John Hanafin, Pr. Co. B, 48 Wis. Inf.
 Fred Stephan, Sergt. Co. A, 43 Mo. Inf.
 James G. Young, Pr. Co. B, 16 Ill. Inf.
 Isaac McAdams, Pr. Co. I, 30th Mo. Inf.
 Samuel C. Anderson, 1st Lt. Co. K, 43 Ill. Inf.
 John Muchleisen, Sergt. Co. F, 19 Wis. Inf.
 Wm. A. Pine, Pr. Co. D, 33 Wis. Inf.
 Michael HERNISIE, Pr. Co. F, 2 Pa. Cav.
 J. H. Dobbs, Pr. Co. H, 171 O. V. I.
 Chas. H. Frederick, Pr. Co. B, 1 Neb. Inf.
- 8 J. C. Hamlin, Pr. Co. D, 3 Mass. Inf.
 Isaac Snediker, Pr. Co. H, 3 O. V. I.
 Oscar G. Robinson, Pr. Co. A, 8 Mass. Inf.
 Geo. W. Jones, Pr. Co. H, 3 Md. Cav.
 Geo. W. Blaney, Pr. Co. C, 195 Pa.
 Joseph A. Drake, Corp. Co. K, 19 Ill. Inf.
 Peter De Moyer, Pr., 1 N. Y. Art.
 Walter Goodhue, Pr. Co. B, 196 O. V. I.
 John Bingham, Pr., 7 Wis. I. A.
 Otis D. Crawford, Pr. Co. A, 9 Iowa Inf.
 Wm. B. Morehead, Pr. Co. B, 14 Ind. Inf.
 Frederick H. Becker, Pr. Co. F, 76 Pa.
 Ephram H. Fenton, Pr. Co. E, 13 Pa. Cav.
 Joseph G. Haner, Corp. Co. A, 123 O. V. I.
 John C. Bescher, Corp. Co. C, 62 N. Y.
 Thomas Toohey, Sergt. Co. F, 24 Wis. Inf.
 Benjamin F. Castleman, Pr. Co. H, 5 Mo. S. M. Cav.
- 10 J. H. Rains, Pr. Co. E, 13 Ill. Cav.
 11 John B. Burris, Pr. Co. E, Mo. S. M. Cav.
 13 Fred Croissant, Pr. Co. H, 3 U. S. R. C.
 Emil Dosenbach, Mus. Co. E, 4 Mo. Inf.
 Ignatz Heck, Pr. Co. H, 15 U. S. R. C.
 F. Krackruegge, Pr. Co. C, 16 Ill. Cav.
 Henry Lauth, Pr. Co. K, 149 Ill. Inf.
 Jacob Lewis, Pr. Co. B, 17 Mo. Inf.
 Henry Miller, Pr. Co. E, 5 U. S. R. C.
 Tony Niederwieser, Capt. Co. C, 3 U. S. R. C.
 Nich. Roehrig, Pr. Co. B, 2 U. S. R. C.
 Hugo Witter, Sergt. Co. B, 3 U. S. R. C.
- 14 A. R. Anderson, Pr. Co. B, 56 Pa.
 H. H. Taylor, Pr. Co. A, 136 N. Y.
 J. F. Dunwoody, Pr. Co. B, 29 Pa.
 J. Patterson, Pr. Co. E, 8 Wis. Battery

- J. W. Tomlinson, Pr. Co. C, 12 Mo. Cav.
- 16 J. L. Moore, Maj., 140 Pa.
Curtis Wright, Pr. Co. F, 112 Ill. Inf.
A. A. Lambkin, Lt. Co. B, 7 O. V. I.
C. E. Elliott, Pr. Co. C, 6 Ks. Cav.
S. B. Griswold, Lt. Co. B, 53 Ill.
S. A. Cook, Pr. Co. A, 2 Wis.
L. J. Mathews, Capt. Co. I, 8 Mo.
R. McCorkle, Pr. Co. E, 35 Ill.
Wm. P. Brown, Pr. Co. I, 8 Kans.
- 17 W. W. Knoop, Lt. Co. E, 44 O. V. I.
- 19 John L. Burke, Pr. Co. D, 145 Ill. and 152 Ill.
- 21 John B. Gray, Pr. Co. C, 6 Pa. H. A.
Jacob Ashford (service not reported)
John W. Dean, Sergt. Co. A, 67 Ind. Inf.
James Moon, Pr. Co. C, 4 M. S. M.
Thomas Holaday, Pr. Co. C, Kimbel's Regt.
Bruce Houchens, Sergt. Co. D, 2 Ill. Cav.
- 22 Joseph Berry, Pr. Co. B, 135 Ill.
David Fagleman, Pr. Co. E, 26 Ind.
Geo. Tales, Pr. Co. I, 49 U. C. T.
- 23 J. M. Rundell, Capt. (service not reported)
Charles M. Buster, Pr. Co. A, 27 Mo.
- 26 C. W. Conrad, Pr. Co. B, 7 Mo.
W. H. Taft, Pr. Co. K, 3 Wis.
Elijah Thomas, Co. L, Mo. Cav.
A. H. Bartley, Co. B, 33 Ind.
- 29 John Dunn, Pr. Co. K, 7 Mo. Cav.
- 32 Jeff Van Note, 1st Sergt. Co. A, 3 Ill. Cav.
J. B. Benjamin, Pr. Co. A, 150 Ohio
John McCray, Pr. Co. B, 1 Mo.
- 34 A. Gilmartin, Pr. Co. A, 32 Ill. Inf.
Lafe Fisher, Pr. Co. H, 9 Ind. Cav.
A. J. Phithoor, Pr. Co. C, 2 O. V. I.
- 44 D. E. Shultz, Pr. Co. F, 15 O. V. I.
- 45 G. W. Cummins, Pr. Co. H, 64 O. V. I.
Daniel Burrier, Pr. Co. C, 14 Kans. Cav.
E. W. Headley, Sergt. Co. G, Hale's Regt. M. S. M.
W. D. Lukins, Pr. Co. E, 80 O. V. I.
- 17 Joseph Linville, Pr. Co. E, 21 Mo.
- 3 Ferdinand Yost, Pr., Co. F, G. M. O. V.
C. M. Woodward, Sergt. Co. I, 23 N. Y.
- 4 J. D. Brown, Pr. Co., D, 18 Mo. Inf.
- 7 H. Hart, Pr. Co. H, 147 Ill. Inf.

- J. H. Davis, Pr. Co. A, 137 Ill. Inf.
- 69 A. J. Scott, Pr. Co. F, 1 Ala. Cav.
 J. M. Harris, 1st Lt. Co. D, 8 Mo. Cav.
 J. F. Stiles, Pr. Co. A, 6 M. S. M. Cav.
 S. A. Baker, Sergt. Co. L, 1 Ark. Cav.
 B. F. Bailey, Pr. Co. A, 93 Ill. Inf.
 D. R. Graves, Pr. Co. A, 88 Ill. Inf.
- 72 Chas. W. Bernard, Pr. Co. D, 7 Iowa Cav.
- 79 Wm. J. Phillips, Pr. Co. E, 1 Mo. Cav.
- 97 Louis Verdoot, Pr. Co. D, 6 Mo. Inf.
- 82 Wm. Wilson, Pr. Co. G, M. S. M. Cav.
 Wm. Hays, Pr. Co. C, 2 O. V. V. I.
 Thos. Gilliland, Pr. Co. B, 49 Mo. Inf.
- 107 Christian Gent, Pr. Co. E, 5 Mo. U. S. R. C.
 Christian Meyer, Pr. Co. H, 41 Mo. Inf.
 Wm. H. Randolph, Sergt. Co. D, 5 Mo. U. S. R. C.
 Julius Schrick, Pr. Co. E, 5 Mo. Inf.
 Q. Krah, Pr. Co. C, 41 Mo. Inf.
 Henry Schieler, Pr. Co. D, 40 Mo. Inf. and 2 Mo. Art.
- 110 Henry Saudte, Pr. Co. K, 8 Mo. Inf.
 Ellis Higbeer, Pr. Co. A, 2 Mo. Cav.
- 111 Simon P. Deardorff, Corp. Co. K, 7 Ill. Cav.
- 130 J. D. Parsley, Corp. Co. B, 23 Mo. Inf.
 Thos. B. McWilliams, Pr. Co. H, 5 Iowa Inf.
 F. E. Owens, Pr. Co. E, 4 M. S. M.
 Nathaniel Whitten, Pr. Co. I, 33 Ill. Inf.
 Aaron H. Cooley, Pr. Co. A, 4 Ky. Inf.
- 131 Morris B. Sadler, Co. M, 4 Mo. Inf.
 John Henry, Co. A, 40 Ind. Inf.
 Joseph Molo, U. S. N.
 James W. Roberts, Co. A, 7 Ky. Cav.
 Fletcher Richardson, Co. F, 27 Ill. Inf.
 Edward A. Haight, Co. E, 17 Mich.
 Edward D. Coe, Bat. L., attached to 32 Pa. Inf.
 Belthaser Knopfel, Co. F, 16 Iowa Inf.
 Adolph E. Rosine, Co. F, 5 N. Y. Inf.
 Wm. L. C. Brey, Co. B, Merrell's Horse
 W. E. Graves, Capt. Co. L, 10 N. Y. Cav.
 Charles L. Fairchild, Sergt. Co. F, 4 U. S. Cav.
 Robert B. Henderson, Co. I, 38 Iowa and 13 U. S. F.
 W. S. Morse, Co. M, 2 Ark. Cav.
 Hugo S. Jacoby, Co. H, 2 E. Mo. Cav.
 Wm. H. C. Conover, 1st Lt., Co. K, 22 N. Y. Cav.
 Charles E. Miller, Co. A, 33 Mo. Inf.

- Thos. S. Hawley, Surg., 11 Mo. Inf.
 141 C. McDaniel, Pr. Co. F, 115 Ind. Inf.
 145 T. W. Shelton, Pr. Co. D, 5 Mo.
 John Wilson, Co. F, 16 Mo. Cav.
 James Garrett, Pr. Co. C, 13 Mo.
 149 Thos. B. Evans, Pr. Co. E, 8 M. S. M. Cav.
 Wm. T. Tiny, Pr., 8 Mo. Cav.
 150 H. Waltner (service not given)
 J. H. Stanturff, Pr. Co. C, 23 Mo.
 J. F. Campbell, Pr. Co. B, 27 Mo.
 160 A. B. West, Pr. Co. E, 33 Ill.
 164 G. M. Trotter, Lt. Col., 12 Ind. Inf.
 179 R. D. Cramer, Maj., 30 Iowa Inf.
 187 Wm. Buckner, B 5 Mo.
 190 S. S. Patch, Pr. Co. H, 179 O. V. I.
 Ed. Wolf, Pr. Co. H, 65 Pa.
 197 J. M. Grosburg, Corp. Co. E, 49 Mo. Inf.
 215 A. Hertzinger, Pr. Co. K, 47 Mo.
 C. C. Chandler, Pr. Co. F, 47 Mo.
 Chas. Kannaweaf, Pr. Co. F, 41 Mo.
 219 James Watson, Pr. Co. F, 8 Mo. Cav.
 221 Niel Falkenstein, Pr. Co. G, 50 E. M. M.
 223 Oscar W. Johnston, Corp. Co. G, 20 Ind. Inf.
 240 Wm. A. Bollar, Pr. Co. D, 9 Ill. Inf.
 Joseph Stodman, Pr. Co. A, Boone H. G.
 Thomas D. Nagle, Pr. Co. K, 18 Ind. Inf.
 247 F. A. Smith, Pr. Co. B, 112 N. Y. Inf.
 251 William Mitchell, Pr. Co. D, 62 Ill. Inf.
 268 Geo. W. Davis, Pr. Co. C, 8 Tenn. Cav.
 269 L. K. Beaman, Pr. Co. D, 1 U. S. V. V. Eng.
 273 John DeWein, Pr. Co. A, 1 Mo. Cav.
 Charles Lobarger, Pr., 50 Mo. Inf.
 276 Fred Bantrop, Sergt. Co. B, 33 Mo. Inf.
 324 Calvin Young, Pr., Co. C, 47 Ill. Inf.
 496 Gustave Helm, Pr. Co. H, 49 Ill. Inf.
 Fred Walter, Pr. Co. K, 3 Mo.
 525 W. J. Cullumber, Pr. Co. D, 129 O. V. I.
 544 Bird Washington, Pr. Co. D, 62 U. S. C. T.
 Andrew Wright, Pr. Co. I, 68 U. S. C. T.
 551 Edward Post, Pr. Co. E, 114 N. Y.
 82 Isaac W. Ray, Sergt. Co. K, 26 O. V. I.
 83 Joseph Carter, Pr. Co. M, 5 U. S. Col.
 93 John R. Brown, Pr. Co. C, 2 Cal. Cav.
 Wm. H. Ammermann, Pr. Co. I, 21 Mo. Inf.
 Wm. H. Heard, Pr. Co. G, Phelps Co. Mo. Inf.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Mo., May 1, 1919.

Phil F. Coghlan,

Department Commander.

The Department of Patriotic Instruction presents a brief survey of the year. The rage of battle and the clangor of arms has added zest to the activities of the department. The civil war veterans have continually lived over their lives in the camp and marches and have in many ways sought to do their part and keep the home fires burning. Many of our comrades have invested their savings in liberty bonds and in this manner have said to their government that we are still a component part of the United States and we will loyally support our means to aid the operations of the country. Never has our Glory appeared so continuously and persistently in the public places as during the past few years. These few stirring years of the war has made the office of Patriotic Instruction more emphatic, and a matter of fact more necessary than ever before. A greater effort to put the flag in the hands of the school children, placing it in our churches and on public buildings; offering prizes for patriotic essays in the schools, and lifting up a voice against flag desecration has been made in all quarters. The past few years has greatly strengthened patriotic sentiment in this free land.

Patriotic instruction has waged a war against disloyal and leading text books in our schools. It is peculiarly the work of the Grand Army and all their auxiliaries to serve as watchmen on the walls and towers in this special line of work. It is pre-eminently our work to properly instruct the rising generation that the flag of our country and its maintenance has cost much effort and has cost much sacrifice. The work is now carried into the schools and churches, colleges and academic halls. By this work the flag has come to mean much more to the American people than ever before. The average American citizen loves his country more actively and patriotically. In careful surveys by Patriotic Instructors and county school superintendents, it is found that the flag, large or small, has been placed in practically all of the twenty-thousand five hundred schools in Missouri. With this earnest patriotic propagation, it is intended to uproot the revolutionary and disloyal ideas that are being distilled into the minds of the many youth of foreign birth, of foreign parentage. This effort merits the substantial support of every patriotic citizen. Death blows are being administered to this harmful and unpatriotic teaching, by the zeal of the schools, the churches and the courts of justice. Loyalty to the United States has become a prime requisite to popular favor. The v

called forth a "Decision Day," when men have to choose between loyalty and disloyalty, between Americanism and semi-treason. It is the pride of the Grand Army of the Republic that they have stood in the front rank as upholders of this larger and truer America.

Many of the foreign countries are glad and feel honored to form firm friendships with the American nation and to blend their own flag with old glory in public places. Our flag is welcomed everywhere and a hearty respect is begotten, not only by our armies and navies, but also by our moderation and prevailing sense of justice.

It is found more and more difficult to secure reports from the various Posts of the Department, because of the decreasing membership and less active organization. Twenty-seven reports have been received and the usual amount of work has been performed. The significant feature of the year has been the presentation of many valuable flags in public places to schools, institutions, to cities and towns, and one was presented to a court of justice which was about to confer citizenship on several men who had been born in foreign countries—this court was so impressed by the gift and presence of the flag, that he explained the significance of this emblem of the country to those becoming citizens.

Six thousand flags were placed on deceased soldiers graves Memorial Day.

Twenty-one Posts attended Sunday Memorial services as a body.

Ten Posts were attended by public school children.

Fifteen Posts reported observance of Lincoln Day.

Twelve service flags were presented to local churches and were reverently received.

Ten Posts joined other civic bodies in public demonstrations.

Seven Posts assisted in securing the public display of the flag.

Numerous addresses have been given under the auspices of the Posts.

Twenty Posts have reported that local churches have incorporated into their morning services a patriotic feature with splendid results. Some have placed on the morning program as part of the service the first stanza of our National Hymn:

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring."

The voice of the worshiper is passionately tender as he couples his worship with the "service flag" so appropriately displayed.

Our whole educative system is saturated with the ennobling sentiment of loyalty to the nation. With these many influences so persistently educating the public mind, the future growth of patriotic sentiment is assured. Love and pride of country has enlarged the hearts of the American people.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. CALLAND,

Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Springfield, Mo., April 15, 1919.

Commander and Comrades:

In making my annual report for 1918 I am glad to congratulate the comrades upon the comparatively slight loss we have suffered from the terrible epidemic of influenza through which we have passed. While so many young fathers and mothers have been taken from their families, the veterans have as a rule been spared. For this immunity we are thankful, and yet, if the conditions been reversed, I have no doubt, willingly have paid the supreme sacrifice if thereby the young and strong might have been spared to their families and to their country.

To those of our number who have suffered from the influenza I would suggest a caution; an attack of that disease not only tends to excite into activity any latent focus of tuberculosis that already exist in the system, but it leaves the patient especially susceptible to a fresh invasion of the tubercular bacillus, so special care should be taken to guard against infection.

In my last report I mentioned some of the dangers which threaten the bodily health of the aged and suggested some means of guarding against them. Now it occurs to me that since it is given to old men to counsel while the young men fight, it is equally important to preserve the mental vigor and activity of the veterans as long as possible. This is the more urgently desirable in these days when wise counsel is so sorely needed.

Notwithstanding our comparative immunity from the present influenza epidemic, we have lost during the past year about thirty per cent of our comrades, about one-tenth of our number, and the proportion is sure to rapidly increase in the few years that remain to any of us.

It behooves us then to keep ourselves in as fit condition for service as possible.

How can the old man best keep his mental faculties in good working order? By treating them just as he should his body; give them wholesome nourishment and healthful exercise. Let us stop living in the past and dwelling upon old memories as we are so won't to do, and let us help to take up the burdens of the present and to plan for the future.

In planning the reconstruction of the world's affair let us jealously guard our own National interests for which in our youth we sacrificed so much, but let us at the same time not forget our duty to the less favored people of the earth and as far as is in our power let us see that every son and daughter of Adam has a square deal. While we are thus serving the present age, we shall find ourselves growing young again, living our lives with a new zest, and fitting ourselves for the work that is awaiting us on the other shore.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

WM. M. SMITH, M. D.,

Department Medical Director.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Lamar, Mo., April 30, 1919.

Comrade W. F. Henry,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Comrade:

Please convey to the Department Commander my thanks and appreciation of the honor of my appointment upon his staff as Department Inspector.

I have at all times been ready to make any inspections that might be ordered, but none has been ordered, and therefore none has been made by me. It is a matter for congratulation that the affairs of the various posts of the Department have been so conducted that the Department Commander has not deemed it necessary to make inspections.

Fraternally in F., C. and L.,

F. D. W. ARNOLD,

Department Inspector.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Office of Judge Advocate, Department of Missouri, Grand
Army of the Republic.

Kansas City, Mo., April 17, 1919.

W. F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant General, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

Having been appointed by the Commander at the Encampment held in Saint Joseph in May last, Judge Advocate of the Department of Missouri, I have the honor to submit the following report:

The affairs of the Department have been so admirably conducted under the very capable, diplomatic and skillful direction of our Department Commander, coupled with well established and settled rulings touching the Rules and Regulations and principles governing our Order and familiarity with these rules and principles by an intelligent membership, that no legal questions have been propounded to, or opinions rendered by this office during the past year.

That no question involving controversy has arisen evidencing the harmony and good feeling everywhere apparent in the Department.

Among the very pleasant duties I have been called upon to perform—not of a legal nature however—was acting as installing officer of my own Post—Farragut-Thomas 8 and William Warfield Camp of the Sons of Veterans, all of this city, under special direction from the Commanders of the Department of Missouri, of their respective Orders.

Both Orders here are in a highly prosperous and most harmonious condition, strong in numbers and interest, while the Auxiliary Orders are equally so, and most helpful in every way.

It has been a pleasure as well as an honor to serve upon the staff of the Department Commander, and I desire to express my thanks and appreciation for the uniform courtesies and kindness extended me during the past year by the Commander and your

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

CHARLES A. MORRIS,

Judge Advocate, Department of Missouri

REPORT OF THE CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

W. F. Henry,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Sedalia, Mo., April 27, 1919.

Dear Comrade:

In making my report I regret very much not being able to make some kind of showing in my capacity as C. M. O., I have at all times been ready, if called upon to assist the Department not only in the performance of my duty as C. M. O., but in any matter which would be to the best interest of our noble Order. As for organizing new Posts, that is out of the question. I find it even a hard matter to keep those in line on account of the weight of years and infirmities, who have been members for years, very often this past winter having no quorum at our stated monthly meetings. This I suppose is the condition very much in most of the Posts, as our Post adopted a resolution that the Commander, S. V. C. and Adjutant be, and are hereby an Executive Committee to transact all regular monthly business, that the Commander may call a meeting of the Post at any time he deems it necessary. I find this plan works very well and would recommend this plan to the consideration of the Department.

You will kindly convey my appreciation for the honor conferred on me as C. M. O. Hoping to see you at Joplin, I am,

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

CHAS. KOOCK,

C. M. O.



A. J. P. BARNES
AIDE-DE-CAMP AND CHIEF OF STAFF

The Assistant Adjutant-General announced the following committees:

On Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders' Reports—Past Department Commander Alex McCandless of Post 5, O. H. Guffin of Post 8 and John Michel of Post 7.

On the Report of the Department Chaplain—Comrades J. W. Root of Post 241, B. F. Warner of Post 72 and W. T. Niccolls of Post 131.

On the Report of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General—Comrades E. S. Miner of Post 124, Theoph. Dubrouillet of Post 97 and C. K. Reifsnider of Post 131.

On the Report of the Medical Director—Comrades Dr. C. W. Burrill of Post 4, Dr. Geo. Boemler of Post 131 and P. L. Swartz of Post 14.

On the Report of the Judge Advocate—Comrades H. W. Sandusky of Post 7, H. J. Dutton of Post 69 and Franklin Hudson of Post 8.

On the Report of the Patriotic Instructor—Comrades W. H. Wormstead of Post 8, B. A. Suppan of Post 1 and A. F. McCray of Post 525.

Committee on Resolutions—Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, Past Department Commander John M. Williams and Past Junior Vice-Department Commander P. W. Bahl.

Committee to Visit the Woman's Relief Corps—Comrades Leo Rassieur of Post 1, Charles Koock of Post 53 and E. C. Baugher of Post 190.

Committee to Visit the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Comrades Rassieur, Charles Blackmar of Post 8 and H. Munchrath of Post 13.

It was announced that there was a committee from the Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps at the outpost and desired admission. By order of the Department Commander, they were admitted, escorted to the platform, introduced and saluted.

Mrs. Daisy M. Bundy, Department President, was introduced and read her report to the Encampment as follows:

Joplin, May 15, 1919.

Philip F. Coghlan,
Department Commander G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, assembled at Joplin, Mo., May 15, 16, 1919, a brief statement of the good work accomplished

by the Missouri Woman's Relief Corps for the year ending May 15 1919:

No. of Corps.....	35
No. of Members.....	1657
Cash expended for Relief.....	\$219.30
Relief extended, other than money.....	573.25
Cash expended for Memorial.....	175.50
Cash expended for Southern Memorial Fund.....	11.00
Cash expended for Patriotic Work.....	625.00
Number of Veterans assisted.....	45
Number of Veterans' Families assisted.....	34
Number of Members assisted.....	60
Number of Members' Families assisted.....	30

Total number of Persons assisted.....169

The Woman's Relief Corps of Missouri has done well in the World War work. About 10,000 of our good members knitted, sewed and made surgical dressings for the Red Cross work that personally know was done but was never officially reported.

I desire to thank you, dear Commander; also Captain Henry A. Genil, Comrade Calland and Major Rassiour, for the many courtesies shown me during my administration.

We collected \$163.10 for Grand Army Fund. We have in the General Fund at this time \$412.54.

I wish you a most successful and harmonious Convention.

With sincere love and respect for every member of the Grand Army of the Republic,

Loyally submitted in F. C. and L.,

DAISY M. BUNDY,
Department President

Mrs. Eliza Brown Daggett, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, was then introduced and spoke at some length entertainingly. She presented the greetings and good wishes of the 165 loyal women of the country who are banded together for the purpose of aiding and cheering the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic in their declining days.

The Department Commander called upon Department Chairman Reynolds to respond to these greetings, which he did most feelingly and well. The committee was then escorted to the outpost.

The Officer of the day announced that there was a committee of ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in waiting who desired

admission. The Department Commander ordered that they be admitted and escorted to the platform, which was done. They were properly presented to the Encampment and saluted.

Mrs. Della R. Henry, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Chairman of the Committee, was introduced and spoke a few words of greeting to the Comrades present and then introduced Mrs. Rose E. Houghton, National President of the Order, who made a very pleasing, though short, address and presented the greeting of the national organization of which she was National President. As the committee was about to retire, Mrs. Henry created some enthusiasm among the comrades present by leading the Department Commander to the front of the platform and presenting him as "The Grand Old Man of the Department."

Mrs. Hollen E. Day, who was not a member of the visiting committee, volunteered some remarks in reference to the Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James.

The ladies were escorted to the outpost and the business of the Encampment was resumed.

The Assistant Adjutant-General stated that it was desirable that nominations for Representatives and Alternates to the Fifty-third National Encampment be made as early as practicable in order that the tickets may be printed in apt time for voting and counting. He stated that the Department was entitled to eleven Representatives, including the Representative at Large, and Eleven Alternates. He also stated that under a standing rule of the Department, the names of comrades nominated would be printed in direct alphabetical order.

It was, upon motion duly presented and unanimously adopted, ordered by the Encampment, that the Comrade receiving the highest vote cast shall be the Representative at Large and the ten Comrades receiving the next highest shall be the Representatives, and the eleven receiving the next highest shall be the Alternates in the order of their respective votes.

There being no objection, the Encampment proceeded to the nomination of Representatives and Alternates to the Fifty-third National Encampment and 25 Comrades were placed in nomination.

On motion, the Encampment thereupon took a recess until 1:30 p. m. The names of all Comrades nominated, and the order in which they were printed on the ballots under the standing rule of the Department, follow:

TICKET.

James Bair.....	Post 69, Springfield
C. C. Bell.....	Post 240, Boonville
H. T. Bolen.....	Post 53, Sedalia

Ben B. Bolt.....	Post 8, Kansas City
Arnold Bowers.....	Post 1, St. Louis
G. B. Cunningham.....	Post 22, Kirksville
Oscar Fox.....	Post 7, St. Joseph
Max Fritz.....	Post 13, St. Louis
Chas. Gillen.....	Post 187, Pierce City
John Hack.....	Post 72, Trenton
H. W. Harrison.....	Post 26, Nevada
David Hatfield.....	Post 7, St. Joseph
Jacob Hott.....	Post 276, California
F. Hudson.....	Post 8, Kansas City
A. F. McCray.....	Post 525, Cowgill
Wm. McCune.....	Post 16, Carthage
Nic Mathias.....	Post 5, Moberly
C. A. Morris.....	Post 8, Kansas City
C. K. Reifsnider.....	Post 131, St. Louis
A. M. Reynolds.....	Post 7, St. Joseph
Newton Rolfson.....	Post 218, Fairport
J. W. Root.....	Post 241, Galt
A. J. Showers.....	Post 131, St. Louis
B. A. Suppan.....	Post 1, St. Louis
Alf Zartman.....	Post 4, Kansas City



DAISY M. BUNDY
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF CORP

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander at 1:30 o'clock.

The following named comrades were appointed tellers to receive the ballots and canvass the vote for Representatives to the National Encampment: P. W. Bahl, Post 69, Chairman; Wm. H. Heath, Post 131; G. W. Henry, Post 1593; Chas. B. Kurtz, Post 8, and O. H. Guflin, Post 8. The ballots were then distributed to the members of the Encampment and in due time gathered up by the tellers, who returned to canvass the same.

On motion, it was ordered that all resolutions be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without reading. It was also ordered that the resolution proposed by the Assistant Adjutant-General in his report, to amend the Rules and Regulations, be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for consideration and report.

It was announced that a committee from the Sons of Veterans was in waiting at the outpost and desired admission. There being no objection, they were admitted, escorted to the platform and presented to the Encampment. Comrade Wm. H. Lee of Post 141 read an excellent address on the organizations, aims and objects of the Sons of Veterans. Past Division Commander Dorsey of the Sons of Veterans and Chairman of the Visiting Committee, was introduced and in an eloquent and entertaining address delivered the greetings of his Order and expressed their desire to aid in keeping up the traditions of patriotism as the years go by.

By order of the Department Commander, Assistant Adjutant-General Henry responded to the address of Past Commander Dorsey and was followed by the Officer of the Day, Comrade Page, who recited an original poem, "Over the Top." The recitation was very enthusiastically applauded. The poem follows:

"OVER THE TOP."

(By Major Daniel M. Page, Late U. S. Army, Civil War Veteran)

1861-65.)

"Over the Top!" The command is given
Through "No Man's Land"—Shell-torn and riven—
Through shrapnel and flame—a perfect Hell,
But over the top with the same wild yell
That their sires gave in the days of yore
When our land was drenched in rivers of gore,
Into this Hell—for the cause of Heaven.

Over the top and after Fritz—
 Returning with interest his many hits,
 'Till the brutal, inhuman Hunnish hordes
 Will be forced to yield and lay down their swords—
 Now, only the tools of their dreaded lords.

Then back from the top came our boys again,
 Over the ocean, the mountain, the plain,
 'Till home and loved ones their course shall stop—
 When they've conquered the foe and been over the top,
 Then over the top, let us take up the strain,
 And shout the brave words, again and again.

God bless our brave boys who go over the top,
 God care for the fathers and mothers who mourn
 The loss of brave sons from home and from shop;
 Let their grief be a joy and cheerfully borne
 For their boys—brave boys—who went over the top,
 And sleep their last sleep on the battle field torn.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things"
 Thus the powers of Darkness must be assailed,
 The embattled walls of Heaven scaled;
 Death—the last foe to be conquered and drop,
 When the soul of Victor goes over the top
 To be gloriously crowned and triumphantly hailed.

Past Department Commander John M. Williams, who is also a member of the National Council of Administration by direction of the Department Commander, then conducted Commander-in-Chief Clarendon E. Adams and Adjutant-General A. M. Trimble to the front of the platform and presented them to the Encampment. They were given a very hearty soldiers' greeting.

The Commander-in-Chief was advised that the Encampment would be pleased to have an address from him at such length as he might desire. He spoke at considerable length to the evident pleasure and approval of the Comrades present, as was shown by the very generous applause with which his address was punctured. He closed by saying that he would speak more at length and more to the public at the Campfire in the evening. Adjutant-General Trimble followed with a short address, in which he worked in a humorous incident of his early farm life, much to the delight of his hearers, and closed his remarks with a story of how a boy described to his mother the difference between attending Sunday School in the forenoon and a ball game in the afternoon.

The Assistant Adjutant-General announced the names of P. J. McCall, Department Commander, and P. L. Swartz as a committee to convey the greetings of the Encampment to the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

It was announced that a flag would be presented by the Department Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps to the Junior High School and that a parade of Comrades and other societies would form immediately and proceed to the school, and take part in the ceremonies of the flag presentation. On motion, the Encampment took a recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment convened at 9:30 a. m. May 16 and was called to order by the Department Commander.

After an invocation by the Department Chaplain, the Encampment was declared to be duly open for the transaction of such business as might properly come before it.

Comrade P. W. Bahl, Chairman, announced that the tellers' report and the vote for Representatives were ready to report. There being no objection, the report was received and read as follows:

The 11 receiving the highest number of votes were:

- James Bair, Post 69, received 101 votes.
 - H. T. Bolen, Post 53, received 89 votes.
 - Wm. McCune, Post 16, received 88 votes.
 - Oscar Fox, Post 7, received 82 votes.
 - John Hack, Post 72, received 79 votes.
 - G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, received 77 votes.
 - Chas. Gillen, Post 187, received 70 votes.
 - Ben B. Bolt, Post 8, received 68 votes.
 - H. W. Harrison, Post 26, received 65 votes.
 - A. M. Reynolds, Post 7, received 62 votes.
 - Max Fritz, Post 13, received 61 votes.
- The 11 receiving the next highest were:
- C. A. Morris, Post 8, received 60 votes.
 - Nich. Mathias, Post 5, received 59 votes.
 - Franklin Hudson, Post 8, received 55 votes.
 - A. F. McCray, Post 525, received 54 votes.
 - C. C. Bell, Post 240, received 54 votes.
 - David Hatfield, Post 7, received 52 votes.
 - Arnold Bowers, Post 1, received 51 votes.

Jacob Hott, Post 276, received 46 votes.

C. K. Reifsnider, Post 131, received 42 votes.

J. W. Root, Post 241, received 34 votes.

Alf. Zariman, Post 4, received 34 votes.

On motion, the report of the tellers was adopted and the Department Commander declared the comrades named duly elected Representatives and Alternates to the Fifty-third National Encampment; that Comrade James Bair, having received the highest vote cast, is the Representative at Large.

The Assistant Adjutant-General read a letter of greeting from our Comrade, Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. G. Burton. The reading of the letter was applauded and it was ordered that it be printed in the Journal.

533 E. 23d North, Portland, Ore., May 10, 1919.

Commander and Comrades,
Dept. of Missouri, G. A. R.,
Joplin, Mo.

Greetings and Congratulations!

This will be the fifth Annual Encampment in succession at which I shall not have answered to roll call, and yet I have been and will be with you in thought, memory and spirit.

It was at Joplin 26 years ago that I was elected Department Commander. What wonderful events have happened since then. Alas! how many of the jolly good fellows who were there assembled have gone over the top and are quietly resting in the cities and villages of the dead.

Portland has seven Posts, four of which meet at the Court House. I pretty regularly attend Lincoln-Garfield Post, which conveniently meets every Friday afternoon. The holding of the 52d National Encampment in this city last August was the greatest object lesson in patriotism that could have been given to the Northwest and since then pacifists, conscientious objectors and the disloyal have disappeared.

No doubt, you will send a sturdy delegation to Columbus, where I hope to join them and participate in their deliberations, for, from the G. A. R. standpoint, I am and always shall be a Missourian.

Fraternally,

C. G. BURTON.

The Assistant Adjutant-General also read a letter from Past Department Commander Thos. W. Evans, stating that he had fully expected to be present but that some important business matter had un-

expectedly arisen that required his personal attention, making it possible to leave home.

The Assistant Adjutant General called to the attention of Encampment the fact that the Department W. R. C. by its President Mrs. Daisy M. Bundy, at the Camp Fire last night presented to the Department for its general fund the sum of \$162.00 with the recommendation that her recommendation had been adopted by her Convention to establish a permanent Grand Army fund. He also stated that on the same occasion the Department of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic by its President, Mrs. Cora E. Dunning, presented to the Department for its general fund the sum of \$100.00. He moved in recognition and appreciation of the above the unanimous motion of this Encampment be made a permanent record in the Journal Proceedings. The motion was heartily seconded and unanimously adopted.

Reports of Committees being in order, the Committee on the Department Commander's Address was presented as follows:
To the Department Encampment of Missouri:

Your Committee to which was referred the Address of the Department Commander, begs leave to report.

We have carefully examined said address and recommend that it be considered by the members, especially that portion relating to "Membership." It is patent to all that our members are decreasing, and every member should use his best effort to encourage those who are or have been members to remain with us to the end, which cannot be far away for any of us.

We cordially recommend that said address be approved and the recommendations adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WILLIAMS
WM. LOME,
BENJ. WARNER.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted and the committee discharged.

The Committee on the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders' Reports presented the following report, which was read and the committee discharged:

Dept. Commander, Dept. Missouri:

We, your Committee on the Reports of Senior and Junior Vice Commanders find them models and heartily approve of them.

A. L. McCANDLISH
O. H. GUFFIN

The Committee on the Department Chaplain's Report presented the following, which was approved and the committee discharged:

We, your Committee to which was referred the report of the Department Chaplain, beg leave to report that we have examined said report and that we find its statements clear and the ground covered is all that need to be incorporated in such a report.

B. F. WARNER, Secretary.

J. W. ROOT, Chairman.

The Committee on the Report of the Medical Director reported the following, which was approved and the committee discharged:

Phil F. Coghlan,

Department Commander:

Your Committee on the Medical Director's Report submit the following:

We find it a very commendable report, containing valuable advice, and we wish to call special attention to paragraphs two, three and five. We express the hope that they may be read and carefully observed by every member of this department.

We recommend that the Medical Director's report be read in all the Posts.

In F. C. and L.,

C. W. BURRILL, M. D.

P. L. SWARTZ.

DR. GEO. BOEMLER.

The Committee on the Report of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General made the following report. The report was approved and the committee discharged:

Department Commander Phil. F. Coghlan:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Q. M. General have attended to their duty and report as follows:

We, as a committee, find and approve the entire report in all its parts as proving the capabilities of our A. A. General and Q. M. General as fully satisfactory, and feel that this important part of our Department work is such as sheds honor on the same and should inspire the confidence of all.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

E. S. MINER,

THEOPHILE DUBROUILLET,

C. K. REIFSNIDER,

Committee.

The Committee on the Report of the Patriotic Instructor report as follows. The report was approved and the committee discharged

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Department Commander:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Patriotic Instructor make the following report:

A reading of the document furnishes full and complete evidence of the same spirit of consecration to the duties of this important office that has distinguished the work of Com. W. C. Land as an officer and servant of the Department of Missouri, goodly number of years.

We heartily endorse the report and recommend its acceptance.

W. H. WORMSTEADT,

B. A. SUPPAN,

A. F. McCRAY,

Committee

The following from the Committee on the Report of the Judge Advocate was received, approved and the committee discharged

Joplin, Mo., May 16,

Department Commander:

Your Committee on the Report of the Judge Advocate commends Charles A. Morris, beg leave to congratulate the Department of the Missouri G. A. R. Encampment on the peaceful disposition and record of Comrades in this state during the year and recommend the adoption of the report.

H. W. SANDUSKY,

H. J. DUTTON,

FRANK HUDSON,

Committee

The Assistant Adjutant-General presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Department Council of Administration as follows:

Headquarters, Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Joplin, Mo., May 16,

In compliance with Department General Orders No. 1, the Department Council of Administration convened this date at the temporary Department Headquarters in Joplin, the Department Commander presiding.

Present—Phil. F. Coghlan, Department Commander

Henry, A. A. G.; John Hack, S. V. Department Commander; Samuel M. Mann, J. V. Department Commander, and the following elected members: Max Fritz, S. D. Webster and W. H. Wormstead.

The following proceedings were had:

All unapproved minutes were read and approved.

The committee appointed to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster General presented their report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 7, 1919.

Phil. F. Coghlan,
Department Commander.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

The undersigned Committee of the Council of Administration appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we have performed the duty assigned us. The books show in detail the receipts and disbursements; the disbursements shown by vouchers properly signed. The balance on hand Dec. 31, 1918, was 50c, and on April 30, 1919, was \$79.95.

It appears to your committee that some difficulty has been added to the work of the Assistant Adjutant-General because of the change in regulations by which the per capita paid in mid-year is mostly unaccompanied by statements, as was the case when half-yearly reports were in order.

The reports show a steadily decreasing membership; and in many cases the Post Roster is a short one, but the fraternal spirit which unites us is all the more manifest because of this holding together evinced by conducting Post organizations notwithstanding the depletion of our ranks. Still, effort is required in such cases, and those whose energy draws the comrades together and maintains intact these small Posts, have our appreciation and commendation.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MAX FRITZ,
S. D. WEBSTER,
CHAS. BIEGER,
Committee.

The report was unanimously approved and the committee discharged.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommends that the sum of

\$100, or so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated pay the traveling expenses of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Council of Administration further unanimously recommend that the following Resolution be adopted by the Department Encampment:

Resolved, That the sum of \$350 of the principal sum now in Safety Fund be transferred to the General Fund, the same be absolutely necessary to defray the expenses of the Department, said amount does not exceed 10 per cent of the principal of present Safety Fund, and the Assistant Quartermaster-General authorized to dispose of at par the smallest note or notes that produce said amount.

The Council of Administration further recommends that annual per capita tax be increased to 40 cents for each member of good standing on the last annual report, payable semi-annually as now, the said increase to be effective at once.

The A. A. G. stated that a note of \$1,000 of the principal of Safety Fund fell due on the first day of March, last, and was not paid in full; that he made due effort to reloan it on real estate security as provided by the Department Encampment, but was unable to do so and that he had deemed it to the best interest of the Department to loan it to Comrade Leo Rassieur, who consented to take it, on his personal note payable on demand in whole or part, secured by collateral security of 14 shares of the capital stock of Liberty Bank of St. Louis of the par value of \$100 each, of the current value \$195 each. That the note and collateral is deposited in the Department safe deposit box.

On motion, the said loan was unanimously approved and Comrade Rassieur and the A. Q. M. G. were commended for the manner in which the said \$1,000 was put at interest.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G. and Recorder

The Proceedings of the Council of Administration as reported were approved and its recommendations were unanimously adopted.

A separate vote was taken on the resolution transferring \$350 of the Safety Fund to the General Fund and the same was unanimously adopted.

On motion unanimously adopted, the Encampment then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur placed in nomination Comrade W. C. Calland of Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, as Department Commander. The nomination met with

applause and was seconded by Past Department Commander Ben Warner of Post 4, and Comrades Morris, Post 8; J. J. Gideon, for Post 99; S. D. Webster of Post 131; G. W. Carmichael, for Post 1, and several others from all parts of the Department, indicating that Comrade Calland was the unanimous choice of the Department. No other nomination appearing, the Assistant Adjutant-General, by vote of the Encampment, cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Calland for Department Commander, and the Department Commander declared him duly elected.

Comrade Calland was presented by the Department Commander and expressed his appreciation and thanks for the honor conferred in a few well chosen words.

The election of a Senior Vice Commander being next in order, Past Senior Vice Department Commander O. H. Guffin placed in nomination Comrade C. E. Blackmar of Post 8. The nomination of Comrade Blackmar was seconded by Past Department Commander Alex. McCandless of Post 5, Moberly; Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief W. H. Wormstead of Post 8, Kansas City, and Past Department Chaplain W. K. Collins of Post 582, Lees Summit.

Past Department Commander Lowe of Post 594, Warrensburg, placed in nomination Comrades E. S. Miner of T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany. The nomination of Comrade Miner was seconded by Comrade Root of Post 241, Galt, and Senior Vice Department Commander Hack of Post 72, Trenton, and others. Comrade Blackmar addressed the Encampment, thanking the Comrades who had placed him in nomination and asked that his name be withdrawn, which was done. There being no other nomination appearing, the Assistant Adjutant-General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Miner, which was done and he was declared duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year. Comrade Miner was escorted to the platform and briefly addressed the Encampment expressing his appreciation and thanks for the honor conferred.

Comrade P. L. Swartz of O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin, placed Comrade A. J. P. Barnes of that Post in nomination for Junior Vice Department Commander. Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur very heartily seconded the nomination of Comrade Barnes and spoke in commendation of the splendid work of Comrade Barnes as chairman of the Entertainment Committee and Commander of Post 14 in arranging for the Encampment and visitors and expressed the hope that he might be elected without opposition. The nomination was seconded by several Comrades. No other nomination appearing, the Assistant Adjutant-General, by direction of the Encampment, cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Barnes and he was

declared duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year. He was called to the front and expressed his thanks in a few words. He stated that he had a son following the flag in France, but that no word had been received from him for about four months and that the mother was prostrated with anxiety. (Late during the Encampment, he stated that Mrs. Barnes had 'phoned him that she had just received a letter from the son and that he was safe.)

The Officer of the Day announced that a Committee from the Convention of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans desired admission. There being no objection, they were admitted, escorted to the platform and properly introduced. Mrs. Frances Diehm, chairman of the committee, made a short address and not only presented the greetings and good wishes of their order but also presented a check which they hoped would be accepted and used toward the expenses of the Grand Army. Mrs. Rice also addressed the Encampment. By request of the Department Commander, Comrade Rassieur responded to the greetings and in the name of the Encampment heartily thanked the Convention for the financial gift, and requested the committee to convey to the Convention the appreciation of the Comrades for the thoughtful and generous contribution. The committee then retired and the business of the Encampment was resumed.

The election of a Medical Director being next in order, Past Department Commander Warner nominated Comrade Dr. C. W. Burrill of Post 4, St. Louis, for that office. No other nomination appearing, the election of the Encampment was cast by the Assistant Adjutant-General for Comrade Burrill and he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Department Chaplain, Comrade A. W. Reynolds, nominated Comrade Rev. B. F. Warner of Post 72, Trenton, to succeed him as Department Chaplain for the ensuing year. The nomination was seconded by Past Department Commander Warner of Post 4, Senior Department Commander John Hack, Comrades Root of Post 241, and others. There being no other nomination, the vote of the Encampment was cast by the Assistant Adjutant-General for Comrade B. F. Warner of Post 72 for Department Chaplain and he was declared duly elected for the ensuing year.

The Assistant Adjutant-General stated that there are six Posts in the City of St. Louis composed of splendid comrades who have the interests of the Department at heart and that if the elected members of the Council of Administration were selected from the Comrades of these Posts a meeting can be called almost instantaneously and with reference to the Department. Thereupon the following named Comrades

were nominated and without objection or opposition were elected by acclamation members of the Department Council of Administration and were so declared by the Department Commander.

B. A. Suppan—Post 1, St. Louis.

Max Fritz—Post 13, St. Louis.

Chas. Bieger—Post 496, St. Louis.

C. K. Reifsnider—Post 131, St. Louis.

A. Whipple—Post 1, St. Louis.

The Department Commander stated that the selection of the place for holding the next annual Department Encampment was in order.

Senior Vice Department Commander John Hack of Post 72, Trenton, presented the very cordial and hearty invitation of the Comrades, the city officials and the citizens generally of that city to hold the Encampment of 1920 in that city. He read formal invitations of the City Council, the Commercial Club and Post 72. On motion, it was unanimously decided that the next Encampment be held in the City of Trenton in May, 1920, the exact dates to be fixed by the Council of Administration.

Past Department Commander John M. Williams spoke in favor of Jefferson City being the proper place to hold our annual Encampments, it being centrally located and accessible from all parts of the Department. He gave notice that at the next Department Encampment he would introduce a resolution to fix Jefferson City as the permanent location for our annual Encampments.

Comrade Rassieur, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported for the Committee that they had given due consideration to the resolution contained in the report of the Assistant Adjutant-General proposing an amendment of Section 4, Article IV, Chapter II of the Rules and Regulations and that the Committee unanimously approve the same and recommend its adoption. It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. The resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted by the Encampment. (The resolution is set forth in full in the report of the A. A. G.)

The Committee reported to the Encampment with its approval the following resolution, presented by Comrade Franklin Hudson of Post 8, Kansas City:

Whereas, With the ending of the World War, there has come to many communities throughout our land, the desire to fittingly commemorate the cause of our county, the service of our soldiers, dead and living, in the war for Democracy, its creation, maintenance and extension of aid to other counties seeking to enjoy the blessings and privileges thereof that flow from freedom of action and the equal rights of all individuals; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department of Missouri of the Grand Army

of the Republic does hereby urge and ask our members in every community wherein the question of memorials to our soldiers is being considered that they be dedicated upon the broad lines of memorials to soldiers who have served under the flag in all wars of our country and that they have in mind at all times the utilitarian ideas of service and inspiration to loyalty and patriotism.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted by the Encampment.

The Committee reported that Comrade S. D. Webster of Ramo Post No. 131, had presented a resolution suggesting certain changes in the Burial Service as it now reads in the Service Book. The Committee approves the suggestions and recommends that they be forwarded with the approval of the Encampment, for the consideration of the National Encampment. On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee, of its own motion, offered the following resolution, which was on motion unanimously adopted:

The Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., Army of the Republic, held in the City of Joplin, on May 15 and 16, 1919, mindful of its obligations to O. P. Morton, Post No. 14, and its members, as well as the good people of said city, for the entertainment furnished the Encampment and its members during its session, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the Encampment, its officers and members, are hereby tendered to said Morton Post, its officers and members, as also to the Citizens' Committee and the officers and citizens of Joplin, for such splendid entertainment during our session, and we desire to give special thanks to the boys of the Boy Scouts of America for their many kindnesses and kind services to our Comrades.

LEO RASSIEUR,
J. M. WILLIAMS,
P. W. BAHL,

Comm

The report of the Committee was thereupon adopted as a resolution and the Committee discharged.

No further business appearing, the Department Commander made a short address and spoke feelingly of the many courtesies received from the comrades and the gratifying spirit of comradeship that had been manifested in all the deliberations of the Encampment. He announced that the next business in order was the installation of the Officers Elect and that he would now perform his last official duty as Department Commander by calling upon Past Commander

Rassieur to assume command and install the Officers for the ensuing year.

Comrade Rassieur then assumed command and appointed Comrade S. D. Webster to act as Officer of the Day for the installation. He then duly installed the following Comrades in their respective offices:

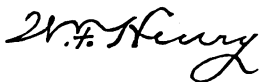
- W. C. Calland—Department Commander.
- E. S. Miner—Senior Vice Department Commander.
- A. J. P. Barnes—Junior Vice Department Commander.
- Dr. C. W. Burrill—Medical Director.
- Rev. B. F. Warner—Department Chaplain.

Department Commander Calland announced the appointment of Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General, who was then duly installed in the offices named.

Comrade Webster was then relieved from further duties as Officer of the Day, with the thanks of the Installing Officer, who then pinned the badge of office on the breast of the newly installed Department Commander and placed in his hands the gavel.

Department Commander Calland made a short address to the Comrades and proceeded to informally close the Encampment. A benediction was pronounced by Department Chaplain Warner and all joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The Bugler sounded Taps and the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, was declared closed.

(A true record.)



Assistant-Adjutant General.

I again wish to place on record my appreciation of the very efficient aid rendered me during the Encampment by Comrade S. D. Webster of Ransom Post, No. 131, of St. Louis.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI G. A. R.

SEP 23 1921



W. F. CHAMBERLAIN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1885-1886

BORN JANUARY 14, 1843, DIED MAY 13, 1919

In Memoriam

Captain W. F. Chamberlain was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio, January 14, 1843, and died in East St. Louis, Illinois, May 13, 1919.

These dates mark the beginning and ending of the life of a noble patriotic and useful man.

When it became evident that the struggle for the preservation of the Union was to be a long and bloody one, he enlisted July 9, 1861, in the ranks of Company G, 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and for four years shared the dangers, hardships and triumphs of that splendid regiment, and had the proud distinction of leading his company as its captain in the Grand Review down Pennsylvania Avenue in May, 1865. He received an honorable discharge July 27, 1865.

His record in civil life is no less honorable than his military record. On the organization of Post 43, G. A. R., at Hannibal, Mo., he became a charter member, and in 1885 he was elected Commander of the Department of Missouri. For one term he served as Mayor of Hannibal, and was for nine years postmaster there. He took great interest in the cause of education, and for years was on the board of trustees, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City. At the time of his death he was trust officer of the Hannibal Trust Company. His memory is respected and cherished by all who knew him.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Three times in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic in Missouri the veterans have come to Joplin in annual reunion, and on the occasion of the thirty-eighth annual reunion of the department of Missouri, which opens today, the veterans expect to have "the time of their lives."

The advance guard of the veterans yesterday and last night remembered that usually the weather of the southwest Missouri domain has been kind when the old soldiers of the days of '61 to have met, and they are hopeful.

The passing years have left marks here and there upon the veterans of nearly sixty years ago, and they say they cannot march as well as they could in the old days.

A Joplin band and members of the local post, G. A. R., last night at 10 o'clock met Department Commander Phil Coghlan, Assistant Adjutant General W. F. Henry, both of St. Louis, at the stage.—Item from Joplin Globe, Wednesday morning, May 14.

On Wednesday evening, May 14, the Department Woman's Reserve Corps held a public memorial service in which a very interesting and fitting program was carried out.

On the same evening in the Connor Hotel the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic held a reception to the Commanding Chief and Adjutant-General, including the Department Commander and his staff, and other department officers. Both of these events were largely attended.

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 15, a parade was formed and proceeded to the Joplin High School, where a flag was presented by Mrs. Gillson, Department Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Reserve Corps.

As to the flag presentation by Mrs. Gillson the following was abstracted from the Joplin Globe:

In the presentation of the flag, Mrs. Mary Gillson, department patriotic instructor, made an inspiring talk.

School Band Played.

The high school band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and the flag was hoisted to the top of the flagpole, which is eighty feet high. As the flag unfurled to the breeze a mighty cheer arose and sentiment was aroused during the ceremony, as evidenced by the faces of spectators. But the real display of sentiment was by the veterans of the Civil War. To the average person the ceremony appeared as beautiful and inspiring, but to the veteran it was a reminder of the closing days of the war, and served to bring

the joy that was theirs when the bitter war of the '60s was ended. "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground," a favorite song of the old soldiers, was sung by T. Frank Coulter, director of music at the high school, and as he sang the familiar verses that the soldiers sang so many times in the campaigning days, the veterans joined in the singing to show that they had not forgotten the old song.

Assembly and retreat were called by the high school bugler. In the stand surrounding the flagpole were officials of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Mayor Jesse F. Osborne welcomed the delegates and spectators.

THE CAMPFIRE.

A campfire with an interesting and varied program was held Thursday night in the Empress Theater, which was filled to capacity by an audience who fully enjoyed the occasion from first to last.

The Department Patriotic Instructor, Comrade W. C. Calland, presided and first called on Department Chaplain Reynolds who delivered an invocation.

Miss Beatrice Randall, accompanied on the piano by her sister, sang "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground," and for an encore sang "Old Black Joe." She was followed by Commander-in-Chief, Clarendon E. Adams, who spoke at considerable length. The subject matter of his address and his eloquent presentation of his thought were interestingly inspiring. The following is an extract from a press report of his address:

"These are the boys who answered the call of Lincoln, when the first guns were fired from Fort Sumpter, in those eventful days of April, 1861," said Clarendon B. Adams, national commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, introducing the comrades surrounding him at the encampment "camp fire" at the Empress Theater last night. The patriotic address of the national commander at the encampment of the Grand Army of Republic veterans and their auxiliary organizations, paid eloquent tribute to the heroes of all the great wars of the republic and the world.

Why They Went Over.

"Do you wonder that our new army made good—yes, made good ten thousand times, over there, when that new army was descended from the noble and brave men of the North and South who fought under those great leaders of '61? Do you wonder that they went over the top, when their fathers and grandfathers in those stormy days at Shiloh, at Fredericksburg, at Gettysburg, at Vicksburg at Chickamauga, at Missionary Ridge, in 2,500 battles which

consolidated this union, did nothing but go "over the top?" Veterans in the audience were carried back through oratory of the speaker to the days when they fought under Sheridan's leadership, under Sherman or Logan or Grant. Tears glistened in their eyes as the stirring battles were recalled.

A current issue was touched by the speaker when he recalled the orders of General John A. Dix:

"If any man tries to tear down the flag, shoot him on the spot."

A Red Flag Opinion.

"This might well be paraphrased to suit our present needs," said Commander Adams, to this command: "If any man dares to hoist the red flag of anarchy, shoot him on the spot."

General Pershing was commended by the speaker for "sticking to his job" in Europe. "For two years," said the speaker, "General Pershing was on my staff as a lieutenant in the West. The American people do not understand the unique personality and splendid characteristics of the man who led our new army, through the recent battles, to victory. Pershing is no boaster. He does things and lets other people talk about them. He is firm, candid and reliable. He has the military skill of Mead, of Jackson, of Lee. I have seen his courage tested. He has the bravery of General Logan, of Sheridan, of Lee."

Referring to the proposed constitution for the League of Nations, Commander Adams said:

"We are entering upon the constructive period of the world. The plan of the League of Nations does not, to me, seem strong enough. We cannot change a world power in a night. Neither can we perfect a constitution vesting the powers of the world in a few months. It required ten years to assemble the constitution of the United States."

Following the address of the Commander-in-Chief came an address by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur who always delights and instructs his hearers. On this occasion he did both, as evidenced by the hearty applause with which his remarks were received.

He was followed by a vocal duet by Captain and Mrs. W. F. Henry, who sang "The Flag Without a Stain" with such effect that they were recalled by the audience. As an encore they sang, by special request, "The Beautiful Land."

The next number was an address by Mrs. Eliza Brown Daggett National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. She spoke of the splendid patriotic work of the noble order of which she was National President, both for the Veterans of the Civil War and the World War just closing.

Emma C. Bolt of Kansas City then sang, to the delight of all, "The Little Bronze Button He Wore on His Coat." She was assisted by a quartet of Comrades from Kansas City, who joined in singing the chorus. It was a beautiful production.

Mrs. Rose E. Houghton, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, then addressed the camp fire. Her address was replete with patriotic sentiment, well expressed and was listened to with evident interest.

Mrs. Daisy M. Bundy, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, was then introduced. She spoke in part as follows:

Dear Comrades and Friends:

It is an honor and a pleasure to be given the privilege to appear before you this evening as the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, your auxiliary. We are glad and proud to be the auxiliary of the greatest order in the world.

Had it not been for our boys in blue, for their valor, their blood they shed on the altar of Patriotism, we would not have been able to send Old Glory across the sea as a united nation. And we are proud that the record will show that the majority of our boys in brown were sons and grandsons of the veterans of '61 to '65.

I have a pleasant duty to perform this evening, to show you that our love and appreciation is not alone pleasant words. I wish to present you with this little token of esteem and I wish to state to you that from now on it will not come as a surprise but the Convention today adopted my recommendation to establish the Grand Army Fund as a permanent fund, so the Grand Army can always expect something every year at the Annual Encampment.

Long may the Grand Army live, is the wish of myself and every member of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Bundy handed the A. Q. M. General a check for \$162 and was very generously applauded.

She was followed by Mrs. Cora E. Dunning, Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, who said:

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Allied and Associate Organizations and Citizens of Joplin:

It is with pleasure I come before you tonight representing that great body of women who are so closely united to the G. A. R. by ties of blood and marriage, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now that the blessings of peace have descended upon us, like the dove with the olive branch lighting on the Ark of old, we all unite in giving thanksgiving and praise to the All-wise Being Who never forsakes us. We know that all things work together for good

and that Right will prevail. More and more, not only our country but the world at large, is coming to a realization of they owe the G. A. R. Had it not been for this great body of we would not have been in a position to take the place in the War beside the allied armies and save the world to Democracy. For well we know, we were the deciding factor in winning this and had the men of '61-'65 been less steadfast, less persevering we would not have been in a position to render this help.

I am proud to be Department President of the organization of women who are organized to perpetuate the memory of this great body of men. I am proud of my eligibility, proud of being the daughter of my father, who served his country for four years and gave his life that we could be one big, grand United States of America with a flag which has never known defeat, that has never been trampled in the dust, a flag for you and me, the rich and the poor; that is to be found from every public building that cedes justice for all. It is our duty to transmit a true and correct record of the names of those who descended from these men who so freely offered their lives on the altar of their country. To transmit the honor to their families and to preserve with inviolable fidelity their noble deeds and sacred inheritance and keep the inheritance a sacred one; to practice the precepts of true fraternity, honor their memory and keep forever sacred the Memorial Day; to assist, aid and encourage dependent ones; to visit the sick and aged; to watch the schools and teach the children to love the flag and what that means.

Mrs. Dunning closed her remarks by placing in the hands of the Assistant Quartermaster General a check for the sum of \$1,000.00, the love of the Ladies of the Grand Army of Missouri, as their grateful contribution to the General Department Funds of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The next number was a very pleasing and instructive address by Miss Margaret Carney, National President of the Sons of the American Revolution Auxiliary.

The Campfire closed with a short address by Mrs. Mary McKin, National Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Immediately after the close of the Department Encampment on Friday afternoon, an auto ride was tendered to the Comrades as to the members of the other societies, and all who desired to go themselves of the courtesy were taken for a ride of some 40 miles more through the parks and mining camps in and about Jackson



CORA E. DUNNING

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

GENERAL ORDERS, 1918-1919

General Orders No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., May 27, 1919

I. At the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the following comrades duly elected to the several offices designated and they have been installed therein:

Department Commander—Phil. F. Coghlan, Post 1, St. Louis
Senior Vice-Department Commander—John Hack, Post 1, Trenton.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—Samuel M. Mann, Post 1, St. Joseph.

Medical Director—Dr. W. M. Smith, Post 69, Springfield.
Chaplain—Rev. A. M. Reynolds, Post 7, St. Joseph.

II. The following named comrades were elected members of the Department Council of Administration:

A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; W. H. Wormstead, Post 8, City; Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis; S. D. Webster, Post 131, St. Charles Bieger, Post 496, St. Louis.

III. The following comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates to the Fifty-second National Encampment, to be held at Portland, Oregon, during the week of August 18-24 next:

Representatives:

Nich, Mathias (at large), Moberly.
A. Whipple, St. Louis.
Henry Phelps, Joplin.
L. F. Hunt, Brookfield.
A. Eowers, St. Louis.
O. S. Richards, Kansas City.
T. J. Dockery, Kirksville.
C. B. Kurtz, Kansas City.
C. W. Webster, St. Joseph.
John Michel, St. Joseph.
J. W. Root, Trenton.
S. D. Webster, St. Louis.

Alternates:

A. J. Showers, St. Louis
R. H. Savage, St. Joseph
G. W. Cunningham, Kirksville
Jacob Hott, California.
F. M. Williams, Joplin
G. W. Sparks, Trenton
Ira G. Kinney, Kansas City
Levi Oren, Maitland
W. S. Wood, Tarkio.
S. A. Stanton, Nevada.
W. W. Chapel, Appleton
M. P. Owen, St. Louis.

IV. The Department Commander desires to express to the comrades of the Department his grateful appreciation of their unanimous expression of their confidence in him by electing him to the highest office within their gift. He assumes the command of the Department with a profound sense of the responsibility of the office and with a determination that the confidence of the comrades shall not be disappointed.

V. The following appointments by the Department Commander are hereby announced:

- Wilbur F. Henry, Post 8, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.
 W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.
 Charles A. Morris, Post 8, Kansas City, Judge Advocate.
 Charles Kooock, Post 53, Sedalla, Chief Mustering Officer.
 F. D. W. Arnold, Post 34, Lamar, Department Inspector.
 A. J. P. Barnes, Post 14, Joplin, Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.
 Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer.
 Wm. C. Pfeffer, Post 1, St. Louis, Aide-de-Camp and Chief Musician.

They will be obeyed and respected as such.

VI: The Department Commander is pleased to note that the attendance at the Department Encampment was most gratifying, and that the spirit of comradeship and good-will prevailed in all its deliberations and proceedings. The comrades and citizens of St. Joseph did all things possible to make the occasion a pleasant one for all. There were 434 comrades names entered upon the Department register.

VII. Especial attention is called to the 14th day of June, very properly designated as FLAG DAY. This year the day marks the 141st anniversary of the adoption of our flag by the Congress of the United States. Comrades, we have great reason for honoring the day and the flag. It is the same flag that we followed for four years, following it from Belmont to Appomatox. Often it was the only beautiful thing in all the sky. Sometimes it was lost in the smoke of battle, but it was always the oriflamme that led to final victory. It is the same flag that today is followed by our sons and grandsons beyond the seas, and it will again lead to final victory.
 "She's been in many a fix since 1776, but the old flag never touched the ground."

VIII. Inclosed herewith are blanks for reports of the Post Patriotic Instructors and Post Chaplains. These reports should be carefully filled out immediately after Flag Day and forwarded without delay to the Department Patriotic Instructor and Department Chaplain. Addressed envelopes are inclosed for mailing these reports. Comrades, be prompt in this and save annoyance. These Department officers are required to report to the National officers, and if your reports are not received their reports cannot be complete.

IX. Attention is again called to the amendment of the Rules and Regulations providing that there shall only be annual reports by Posts to Department Headquarters, but that the Per Capita tax shall be paid in two semi-annual installments, on the first days of January and July

of each year. The annual Department Per Capita Tax is 30 cents on each member in good standing December 31. One-half of that (15 cents each) is due January 1 and one-half on the 1st day of July. Post Commanders should be prompt in remitting 15 cents on each member reported in good standing December 31, 1917. All Checks and Money Orders should be payable in St. Louis, Chicago or New York. A cashier's check is no better than a personal check. Exchange will be charged on either unless payable in St. Louis.

X. All official communications should be addressed to W. F. Henry, A. A. G., 303 Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo. The personal address of the Department Commander is 7211 Southwest avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

By command of PHIL. F. COGHLAN, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., July 20, 1918.

I. As heretofore announced, the National Encampment will meet in Portland, Oregon, in the week of August 18-24. The low rate of one cent a mile railroad fare that has been granted us by the railroad Director General should assure a large attendance of comrades and allied societies. If any comrade who was elected to represent the Department in the National Encampment finds that he cannot attend, it is important that he notify the Assistant Adjutant General at once so that an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy. Do not neglect this.

II. The temporary Headquarters of this Department will be opened in room 717, Multnomah Hotel, on Monday, August 19, when all Missouri comrades are requested to report and receive the Missouri ribbon and have their names entered in the register of the Department. Department Headquarters in St. Louis will be closed August 15 and reopened September 9.

III. The Department Commander and staff will leave St. Louis at 9 o'clock on the evening of August 15 for the National Encampment, on the regular Burlington train, going by way of Kansas City, St. Joseph; Lincoln, Nebraska; Billings, Montana, and Spokane, Washington, reaching Portland Monday morning, August 19.

Considering the conditions of railroad transportation at this time the Department Commander has not deemed it wise to arrange for a special train or a special car. He will, however, be pleased to have as many comrades as can conveniently do so, accompany him on the same train. The railroad tickets will be on sale August 1 to 17, inclusive, and the usual stop-overs will be allowed in either direct

Some may wish to go earlier in the month and stop over going, arriving in Portland in time for the Parade and Encampment. The Department Commander hopes that all Missouri comrades who can safely do so will join in the grand parade on Tuesday, August 20. The object lesson to the youth and other onlookers, by the marching of the men who, more than half a century ago, followed to victory the Flag of our country and kept it floating as the emblem of an undivided and indivisible people, and preserved it to float at the forefront of the battle for freedom now being waged across the seas, and made it so highly respected and honored by all lovers of liberty and feared by all its foes, will be so strongly and deeply impressed that it will remain in vivid memory while life shall last.

IV. General Orders Nos. 5 and 6, National Headquarters, are herewith promulgated. These should be carefully read. They give all the general information available in relation to the National Encampment, and by a careful study of them much needless correspondence will be avoided. It appears that General Orders are very carelessly read or thrown aside without reading at all. Each Post was notified that only annual reports will hereafter be required and that the per capita tax will be based on the report made at the end of the year, yet numerous calls have been made upon the Assistant Adjutant General for blanks on which report could be made for the first half of 1918. The annual Department per capita tax is 30 cents; one-half is due January 1 and one-half July 1. Many Post-Commanders have deducted for losses which have occurred since December 31, 1917. No changes in membership should be considered until the report of December 31, 1918. All gains and losses in the year 1918 should appear on next report. All General Orders should be read carefully and preserved for future reference, especially those noting changes in the Rules and Regulations.

V. The appointment of the following named comrades as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander is hereby announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

- Benj. A. Suppan, Post 1, St. Louis.
- J. R. Ferguson, Post 69, Springfield.
- W. E. Chester, Post 78, Warrensburg.
- Samuel T. McVey, Post 131, St. Louis.

VI. Railroad tickets will only be sold to those who present certificates of Identification, duly countersigned by the comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic to whom they have been sent for that purpose. Upon application, the Assistant Adjutant General will countersign certificates for all who reside in St. Louis and vicinity,

and for any others making application to him who may be entitled to the rate.

Comrade O. H. Guffin, 417 Rialto Building, Kansas City, Past Senior Vice Department Commander, will countersign for those entitled and making application to him.

Comrade E. F. Hartzell, Commander of Post 7, will countersign for those in St. Joseph and vicinity who are entitled and apply to him.

Past Department Commander George Hall, Trenton, will countersign for all who are entitled who make application to him.

Comrade Louis Ringe, Commander of Post 554, St. Charles, will countersign for all who are entitled and apply to him.

Comrade George R. Wright, Commander of Post 593, St. James, will countersign for all entitled who make application to him.

Comrade W. S. Mathews, Commander of Post 78, Warrensburg, for those who are entitled and make application to him.

Comrade W. C. Calland, Commander of Post 69, Springfield, will countersign for those who are entitled and make application to him. In all other cases application should be made to the nearest Post Commander. Blank certificates have been sent to the above named comrades and Post Commanders in probably sufficient quantity to supply all. But if any shall be short of enough, the Assistant Adjutant General should be advised at once with statement of how many more are needed.

VII. The Journal of the Proceedings of the 37th Annual Department Encampment is mailed herewith to all Post Commanders.

The Journal of the 51st National Encampment, held in Boston last year, has been published as a public document, and may be had without cost by applying to your Congressman. One applying for a copy should, in addition to the title of the publication, give him the following information: "House Document No. 2120, second session, Sixty-fourth Congress."

VIII. A grateful acknowledgment is hereby made to Colonel Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, for a splendid hunting Flag presented to Department Headquarters by that Post.

IX. Comrades should make remittances by draft or P. O. order payable in St. Louis—this has been repeatedly stated. Drafts and checks on banks outside of St. Louis are chargeable with exchange.

By command of PHIL. F. COGHLAN, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.
Series 1918-1919.

St. Louis, Mo., October 25, 1918.

I. The Department Commander most heartily congratulates all the comrades who were so fortunate as to attend the 52nd National Encampment and enjoy the generous and spontaneous hospitality of the people of Portland. The scenery through which we passed going and returning was, much of it, very beautiful, grand and interesting and was fully enjoyed by all, especially by those who made their first visit to the Pacific slope. The City of Portland (very properly styled "The City of Roses") and its environments are marvelously beautiful, and everything possible was done to make the guests of the occasion not only comfortable, but carry with them pleasing memories of their visit.

Our comrade, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief C. G. Burton, now a resident of Portland, is entitled to special commendation for his untiring and successful efforts in behalf of our Department, as well as for all comrades. He is to be congratulated upon the fact that every pledge made by him when he presented the invitation of Portland to the 51st National Encampment in Boston was fully kept by Portland, and that in fact she did more than was promised for her.

The Department Commander is pleased to note that in the Missouri Division of the Grand Parade there were ninety comrades, including two Past Commanders-in-Chief and seven Past Department Commanders.

The Division was formed by Comrade P. H. Clarke, of Ransom Post No. 131, appointed a special Aide for that purpose, and it was the peer in general appearance and personnel of any division in the parade and receive enthusiastic and generous applause from the great crowds of onlookers massed along the line of march.

II. National General Orders No. 2, giving the names of comrades elected by the National Encampment, as well as those appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, is herewith inclosed. Especial attention is invited to the closing paragraph, with the hope that the appeal of the Commander-in-Chief will not go unheeded.

Circular Letter No. 2, National Headquarters, calling attention to life and services of Abraham Lincoln and recommending the celebration of the 55th anniversary of his Gettysburg speech is also inclosed herewith. The Department Commander most heartily approves the noble sentiments therein expressed and the recommendation and hopes that all Posts and comrades will arrange for the celebration as suggested.

III. The proceedings of the National Encampment were harmoni-

ous, and the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty prevailed in all its deliberations. Every elected representative of this Department was present, except Comrade Whipple, who was detained by the serious illness of his wife. His place was filled by First Alternate, Comrade Allen J. Showers.

This Department was honored by Comrade Leo Rassieur, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief, being chosen to install the National officers at the close of the business sessions of the Encampment.

Columbus, Ohio, was selected as the place for holding the 53rd National Encampment.

IV. Post Commanders and Posts are reminded that the annual election of officers should be held at the first meeting of the Post in December, at which time, in addition to the Post officers, there should be elected Representatives to the Department Encampment. Each Post of fifty members or less, in good standing December 31, 1937, is entitled to one Representative. Posts of more than fifty members are entitled to one Representative for each fifty or a fractional part of fifty or over twenty-five.

Post Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders are ex-officio members of the Department Encampment and should not be elected Representatives. Alternates should be elected. Blanks are inclosed for reports of the results of elections.

V. Blanks for the annual reports are forwarded herewith and should be filled up and returned to these Headquarters immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December. Prompt attention to this will save time and annoyance. The Assistant Adjutant General is required to forward a consolidated report to the National Headquarters on or before the 1st day of February, and all Posts that have not reported prior to that time must be omitted from his report. Representation in the National Encampment is based on the number in good standing December 31, as shown by the consolidated report to the National Headquarters. The neglect of one Post Commander may deprive the Department of one Representative. It would be desirable that all reports could reach these Headquarters by the 5th of January. If they are delayed they are likely to be overlooked and neglected.

Attention is called to the amendment of the Rules and Regulations providing for annual reports only. The report should cover the whole year instead of only six months as heretofore. The annual per capita tax is 30 cents for each member in good standing; one-half—15 cents—is payable January 1, and one-half July 1.

Post officers are again reminded that all remittances should

made payable in St. Louis to the order of W. F. Henry. Exchange is charged on all checks or drafts payable outside of St. Louis.

VI. There are a large number of Veterans of the Civil War living in this Department who have never joined the Grand Army of the Republic, or having at one time been members have been suspended or dropped. The Department Commander urges that comrades make a special effort to induce such to again touch elbows in the Post room. If they cannot attend the Post meetings, arrange it so that they may be enrolled as members of the Grand Army of the Republic and be entitled to wear the badge of the most honorable Order that ever existed, the right to be a member and wear the badge that was earned by an honorable service for Country more than fifty years ago and now enables us to stand the peer of all nations in the great struggle for Liberty that is now on. Let us endeavor to bring all comrades into the Posts. Some of the Posts made gains last year, and with proper effort other Posts may do the same.

VII. Post Commanders are requested to forward to these Headquarters the names of worthy comrades for appointment as Aide-de-Camps on the staff of the Department Commander.

By command of PHIL. F. COGHLAN, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

St. Louis, Mo., January 23, 1919.

General Orders No. 4
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I. At a meeting of the Council of Administration, held at Department Headquarters on the 17th instant, it was unanimously decided to hold the 38th Annual Department Encampment in Joplin on May 15 and 16, 1919. The local committees of comrades and citizens will see that arrangements are made for the entertainment, as well as for the entertainment of the conventions of our allied societies that will meet there at the same time.

II. The Department Commander hopes that the 110th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln on February 12, and the 197th anniversary of the birth of George Washington on February 22, will be properly recognized and celebrated by Posts and comrades throughout the Department. Where Posts are not strong enough to hold such celebrations alone, let them join with citizens in arranging such celebrations.

These two great Americans stand at the forefront of National greatness and are worthy of any encomiums that may be given them. Our Flag was first floated and the principles for which it stands were established by Washington. That Flag was preserved by Lincoln un-

tarnished, and unsullied to float over a united people and to be carried by American manhood in the front battle line of the greatest war in the world's history, as a proclamation of Liberty, Justice and Equal Rights to all peoples.

III. The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be recognized and respected accordingly:

Charles Niedringhaus, Post 2, St. Louis.
 John J. Scherrer, Post 13, St. Louis.
 D. H. Rhodes, Post 14, Joplin.
 H. P. Phelps, Post 14, Joplin.
 M. Chenoworth, Post 16, Carthage.
 W. Woodward, Post 16, Carthage.
 W. L. Griffin, Post 34, Lamar.
 W. F. Klanke, Post 107, St. Louis.
 W. E. Evans, Post 115, Carl Junction.
 E. S. Miner, Post 124, Bethany.
 W. H. Lee, Post 141, Marionville.
 F. W. Temple, Post 145, Eldon.
 George W. Cunningham, Post 268, Brunswick.
 A. H. Cashion, Post 273, Perryville.
 J. B. Allen, Post 289, Troy.
 W. W. Chappel, Post 172, Appleton City.
 J. R. Ferguson, Post 69, Springfield.

The Department Commander will take pleasure in making additional appointments upon nominations by Post Commanders.

IV. There are several Posts that are delinquent in their reports for the term of 1918. These reports should be forwarded with a check or Money Order, payable in St. Louis, at once. (Exchange is charged on a "Cashier's Check" the same as on a personal check). The Assistant Adjutant General is required by the Rules and Regulations to forward a consolidated report to National Headquarters on or before February 1st. The number of Representatives to the National Encampment is determined by the number of members in good standing as appears by the consolidated report. The failure of one Post to make report on time may deprive the Department of a Representative.

V. General Orders from National Headquarters are promulgated herewith. All Orders should be carefully read and filed. The fact that so little attention is paid to repeated requests that remittances be made by draft or money order payable in St. Louis (Chicago or New York) indicates that General Orders are hastily read and instructions forgotten.

VI. As soon as details of arrangement for the Department

campment are made they will be announced in future Orders. It is very gratifying to announce that the date for holding the Encampment was fixed for May 15 and 16, because the Commander-in-Chief advised that he can visit us then.

By command of PHIL. F. COGHLAN, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant-General,

General Orders No. 5.
Series 1918-1919.

St. Louis, Mo., March 21, 1919.

I. The Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the City of Joplin, May 15 and 16, 1919. The temporary Headquarters of the Department will be established in the Conner Hotel, Joplin, on the afternoon of May 14. The Department Council of Administration will convene at Department Headquarters at 7:30 P. M., May 14, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

II. The following named comrades are hereby appointed a committee on Credentials: W. B. Pomeroy and J. W. Lewis of Post 14, and W. Woodward of Post 16. This Committee will meet at 4:00 o'clock Wednesday, and as early as practicable Thursday morning in the lobby of the Empress Theatre. Members of the Encampment will get from the Credentials Committee the Encampment badge and countersign. The Commander of Post 14 will designate some one to have charge of the Department Register and have it at the meeting place of the Committee on Credentials. Members of the Department Encampment and all visiting comrades are requested to have their names entered in the Department Register upon arrival.

Comrade Daniel M. Page, of Post 14, is hereby appointed Officer of the Day, and Comrade Albert Madison of the same Post is hereby appointed Officer of the Guard for duty during the Encampment. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. These comrades will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at Department Headquarters at 7:00 P. M., Wednesday evening for instructions.

The Officer of the Guard will make requisition on the Commander of Post 14 for such number of comrades as he may deem necessary for guard duty during the Encampment. The officers and guards while on duty will be properly uniformed and equipped.

Comrades J. M. Theurer, Frank L. Yale and P. L. Swartz, of O. P. Morton Post No. 14, are hereby appointed Special Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander. They will be respected as such.

Comrades R. B. Dodge and E. C. Baugher, of Post 190, Webb City,

and Comrade J. H. Reading, of Post 238, Lowry City, are here appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander. They will be respected as such.

III. The comrades and citizens of Joplin are preparing to give and the allied societies that will hold their annual conventions the at the same time, such a generous and hearty welcome as shall wa the cockles of our hearts and rejuvenate our spirits. The Department Commander hopes that every Post in the Department will be represented and that no member of the Encampment who is able attend, will deprive himself of the pleasures of the occasion by be absent. There will be a parade on the afternoon of Thursday, wi will be disbanded at the High School, where addresses will be m and the National Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps will pre the school a National Flag. Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock t will be a camp-fire in the Empress Theatre with a most entertain program. The Commander-in-Chief, Clarendon E. Adams, will be us on Thursday and make the principal address at the camp-fire.

IV. All the sessions of the Department Encampment will be in the Empress Theatre, corner of 5th and Joplin Streets.

On the morning of Thursday, the 15th, the comrades of the G Army of the Republic, together with allied societies, committees citizens generally will assemble in the Empress Theatre, and w called to order by the Department Commander promptly at o'clock, when addresses of welcome and responses thereto w made, to be followed by a business session of the Encampment.

V. The hotel accommodations in Joplin are ample and first and prices are reasonable. The following hotel rates per da announced for rooms, two persons to a room:

Connor Hotel, \$4 and up; The Keystone, \$2 and up; The A can, \$2 and up; The Yates, \$2 and up. Rocms may be had at rates in private homes on application to committee on arrival.

VI. It is understood that the Woman's Relief Corps will h meetings in the First M. E. Church, The Ladies of the Grand of the Republic in the First Christian Church, and the Sons of Ve in the First Presbyterian Church.

VII. A number of Posts have neglected to forward to Depa Headquarters the names of delegates and Past Post Comm These reports should be forwarded at once. Unless they are hands of the Assistant Adjutant General when he makes up of the Encampment worthy comrades may be deprived of thei as members of the Encampment.

The list of names of those who have died during the year

furnished Department Headquarters, is very incomplete. In order that the Assistant Adjutant General may make his report correct and complete, Post Commanders and Adjutants will forward to Department Headquarters without delay a complete list of the names of members of their Posts who died in 1918, giving name, rank, company and regiment. Comrades, attend to these reports at once.

VIII. The Department Commander invites attention to the 9th day of April, designated as Appomattox Day. In the language of the gallant General Jo O. Shelby, "When General Lee furled the flag and stacked arms at Appomattox, the flag of the Southern Confederacy was buried for all time. Heroes wept at the burial but raised their eyes to salute the Flag of an undivided and indivisible country as it again floated in its old time place." Let the day be celebrated by Posts, comrades and patriotic societies.

For more than half a century the 30th of May each year has been celebrated as MEMORIAL DAY. The Department Commander is confident that the beautiful custom so long established will not be departed from in this or future years. No definite program of exercises for the Day can be laid down, but each Post and community will arrange the celebration as seems best.

IX. National General Orders No. 6 is herewith promulgated. It announces that the 53d National Encampment will be held in Columbus, Ohio, during the week of September 7-13. All General Orders should have careful attention and not be carelessly thrown aside as of no importance.

By command of PHIL. F. COGHLAN, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant-Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.
Series 1918-1919.

St. Louis, Mo., April 2, 1919.

I. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the Railroads have granted a special round trip fare of four cents a mile to Joplin from all points in Missouri. Tickets will be sold May 13-15 inclusive, with final return limits to reach original starting point not later than midnight May 20, and only on presentation of Identification Certificates of the same type as were used for the Encampment at St. Joseph last year.

The Identification Certificate must be countersigned by a Post Commander and will be issued only to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of their families, and to members of the

following allied organizations and members of their families: Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and Daughters of Veterans.

Those wishing Identification Certificates will apply to the nearest Post Commander, who will be supplied. The Assistant Adjutant General will be pleased to supply blank certificates to all who may require them.

II. Blanks for reports of Post Chaplain and Post Patriotic Instructor, with addressed envelopes for transmittal, are hereby enclosed. Post Commanders will see that these reports are made and forwarded to the proper officer AT ONCE. It will take longer to make the report today than tomorrow. The Department Officers should have their reports in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General not later than April 28, in order that they may be printed for the Encampment.

III. Comrade D. H. Baldrige, of Post No. 14, is hereby appointed a Special Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Command. He will be recognized and respected as such.

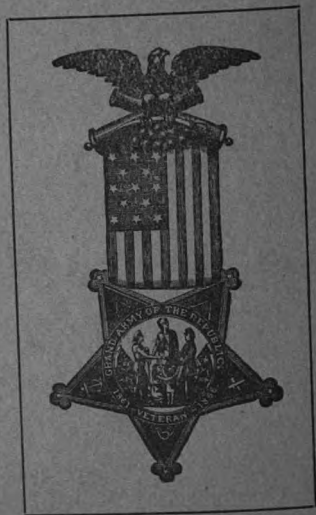
IV. National General Orders Nos. 7 and 8 are herewith promulgated. They should have careful attention.

By command of PHIL. F. COGHLAN, Department Command

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

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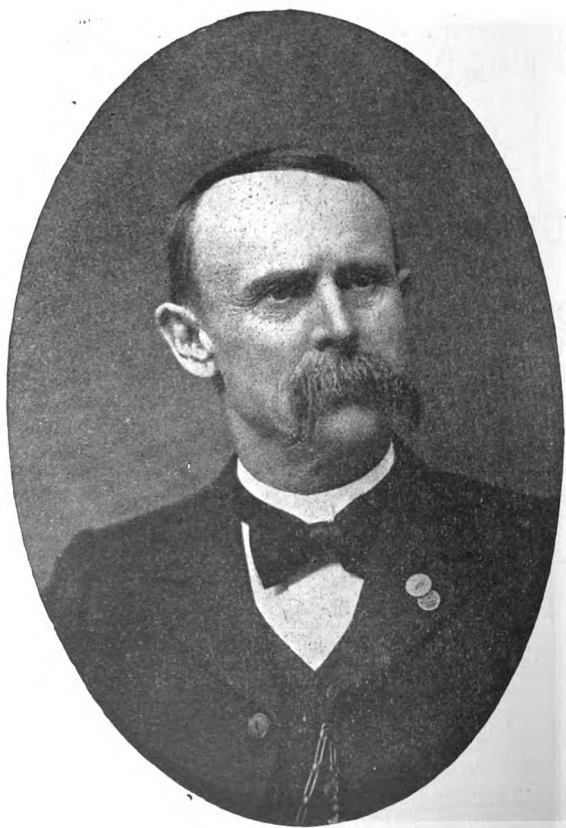
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FIRST DAY--MORNING SESSION.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the opera house in the City of Trenton, at 9:20 o'clock on the morning of May 12, 1920, in open session to which the public and all allied societies were invited, the Department Commander, W. C. Calland, presiding.

The assembly was sounded by Chief of Staff and acting Department Bugler, Comrade S. D. Webster, and the meeting was called to order by the Department Commander. The Department Chaplain, Rev. B. F. Warner, was introduced and offered an appropriate and impressive prayer, and invoked Divine guidance in all the deliberations of the Encampment.

The Mayor of Trenton, Mr. Benj. McGuire, delivered a very eloquent and hearty address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Trenton.

Department Commander Calland responded to the address of welcome at some length. He recalled some of the proud record made by the Grand Army of the Republic; that Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, Judges of United States courts and of state courts, officers of high rank in the army, men who have held high places in the business, commercial and industrial world have been pleased to wear the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic and be known as comrades among comrades. He spoke of the meeting of the Department Encampment in Trenton twelve years ago and the generous hospitality of the city of Trenton on that occasion and stated that a quit claim deed to the city of Trenton duly signed and sealed was delivered to the Depart-

ment Commander at that time and that it now hangs in Department Headquarters; on behalf of the comrades of the Encampment and visiting comrades and the allied societies he thanked the Mayor for his kind and cheering words and the tender of the very generous hospitality of the city and its citizens.

Thereupon the Department Commander declared the public exercises closed and requested all who were not members of the Encampment to retire. The request was complied with and the Commander proceeded to open the Encampment in due form. The comrade designated in General Orders as Officer of the Day, being absent, Comrade Samuel Zancker of Post 7 was detailed as Officer of the Day for the Encampment and entered at once upon his duties.

All Department officers and Past Department Commanders were invited to seats on the platform and it was ordered that comrades wearing the National countersign be admitted to seats in the gallery. There being no objections, it was ordered that all comrades presenting the Encampment badge and having the Encampment countersign, be considered as members of the Encampment.

The Officer of the Day reported that all present were members of the Encampment and the Department Commander declared the Encampment duly open for the transaction of business.

The Assistant Adjutant-General reported the following as those of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders present during the Encampment are indicated by a star:

Department Commander,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

*E. S. MINER.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,

*A. J. P. BARNES.

Medical Director,

*DR. C. W. BURRILL

Department Chaplain,

*REV. BENJ. F. WARNER

Assistant Adjutant-General and A. Q. M. Gen.,

*WILBUR F. HENRY.

Judge Advocate,

*E. C. BAUGHER.

Patriotic Instructor,

*ALF. ZARTMAN.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*H. W. SANDUSKY.

Department Inspector,

*E. C. BLACKMAR.

Council of Administration,

*B. A. SUPPAN,

*C. K. REIFSNIDER,

CHARLES BIEGER

Past Department Commanders,

†WILLIAM WARNER,

*JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

†W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

T. D. KIMPALL,

†NELSON COLE,

J. V. MARTIN,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

†W. H. SKINNER,

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.,

†R. N. DENHAM,

(1) JOHN E. PHELPS,

BENJAMIN WARNER,

*LEO RASSIEUR,

†THOS. B. RODGERS,

GEO. W. MARTIN,

†JOHN P. PLATT,

†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

†A. G. PETERSON,

CHAS. G. BURTON,

JOHN W. SCOTT,

†LOUIS GRUND,

*W. F. HENRY,

†LOUIS BENECKE,

†ARTHUR DREIFUS,

*GEORGE HALL,

†CHAS. W. RUBY,

†IRA T. BRONSON,

*WM. LOWE,

(2) F. M. STERRETT,

J. B. DOBYNE,

†JERE T. DEW,

*THOS. W. EVANS,

*ALEX. McCANDLESS,

*P. F. COGHLAN.

†HENRY FAIRBACK,

(1) John E. Phelps transferred to Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.

(2) F. M. Sterrett transferred to Dept. of Ohio.

†Deceased.

Following is the roll of members of the Encampment who were present as reported by the Committee on Credentials:

Roll of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Encampment

Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Held at Trenton, Mo., May 12 and 13, 1920.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C.—D. O. Clements.
 S. V. C.—Geo. Heineman.
 J. V. C.—S. Goldstein.
 Rep.—Alfred Mathey, Ernest Rotteck.
 P. P. C.—G. W. Carmichael, J. J. Scharr, P. F. Coghlan, A. Ecoff, B. A. Suppan, Leo Rassieur, A. Whipple.

McPherson Post No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C.—David L. Wells.
 Rep.—Charles E. Lewis.
 P. P. C.—D. L. Elder, O. S. Richards, A. Zartman, C. W. Burri
 A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.
 P. P. C.—Alex. McCandless, Nich. Mathias, W. S. Jones.

Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph.

S. V. C.—Oscar E. Fox.
 J. V. C.—Wm. A. Elliott.
 Rep.—Geo. M. Jacobs, H. W. Sandusky, A. M. Reynolds, S. Zancker.
 P. P. C.—Thos. W. Evans, John Michel, Fred Wenz, Geo. J. W. Beach.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

S. V. C.—Chas. B. Kurtz.
 Rep.—Franklin Hudson, Reuben Zimmerman, H. W. Dewey Boody.
 P. P. C.—Wilbur F. Henry, O. H. Guffin, Chas. E. Blackman, H. Wormstead, Frank A. Becker, Ben B. Bolt, Chas. A. Morris.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

P. C.—Barth. Husson.
 Rep.—John J. Scherrer.
 P. P. C.—Louis C. Hesse, Hubert Munchrath, Max Fritz.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

P. C.—A. J. P. Barnes.
Rep.—John W. Lewis.
P. P. C.—H. W. Davison.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

P. C.—Samuel E. Wetzel.
P. P. C.—William McCune, James T. B. Yaryan.

Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.

F. C.—Harrison Groves.
S. V. C.—O. H. King.
Rep.—Charles Boyd.
P. P. C.—R. L. Hudson, O. B. Lingle, E. W. Thomas, O. H. King.

Phil. Kearney Post, No. 19, Laclede.

J. V. C.—C. C. Haight.

Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.

Rep.—M. Goodson, J. E. O'Neal.
P. P. C.—Geo. A. Hartman, Noah Sipes.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

P. C.—J. C. Pierce.
J. V. C.—M. A. Loveland.
Rep.—Al. Ammerman.
P. P. C.—M. A. Loveland, J. C. Pierce.

Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

P. C.—L. W. Wells.

S. A. Hurlbut Post, No. 32, Hamilton.

P. P. C.—Wm. Pickel.

McCullough Post, No. 44, Milan.

P. C.—D. T. Ransom.
S. V. C.—H. C. Bailey.
Rep.—Cole Bedding.

Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

P. C.—Jacob King.
S. V. C.—F. S. Morgan.
J. V. C.—Wm. M. Morris.
Rep.—T. D. Roberts.
P. P. C.—David Kunkel.

Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.

P. C.—W. C. Green.
 J. V. C.—J. W. Peters.
 Rep.—H. C. Bruner.
 P. P. C.—W. L. Taylor, A. Porter.

Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53.

P. P. C.—Chas. Koock.

Thomas G. Wade Post, No. 54, Unionville.

P. C.—Wm. K. Boggs.

Tarkio Post, No. 67, Tarkio.

Rep.—E. C. Neigh.

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

P. C.—W. C. Calland.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. C.—Geo. W. Sparks.
 S. V. C.—James Bagley.
 Rep.—Louis Brown.
 P. P. C.—B. F. Warner, B. C. Nichols, James Bagley, M. V. Bolger, G. G. McFarland, C. D. Gass, Geo. Hall, John Hack, J. L. Nichols, W. B. Rogers, D. M. Berry, P. C. Stepp, Jefferson Rynearson.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

P. C.—David Anderson.
 S. V. C.—James Dillard.
 Rep.—Asa Schoonover.
 P. P. C.—Simon Groves, Charles Inglehart, W. P. Griffin, Geo. Saunders, Jason Bacon, Irwin Bacon.

Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton.

P. P. C.—J. M. Hunt.

King City Post, No. 86, King City.

P. P. C.—W. P. Graves.

T. H. Richardson Post, No. 92, Lancaster.

Rep.—Paul Arni.

Capt. C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Maysville.

P. C.—J. W. McElwain.

Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.

Rep.—Henry C. Pollman.

Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.

P. P. C.—A. J. Bobb.

Marion Post, No. 119, Stanberry.

Rep.—W. P. Starrett.

L. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.

P. P. C.—E. B. Ward, E. S. Miner.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

S. V. C.—J. N. Hayes.

Rep.—Joel Sanders.

P. P. C.—M. G. Garner, E. G. Grossman, W. B. Mullins.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

P. C.—Geo. Boemler.

Rep.—C. C. Owen, E. R. Cone, C. J. Collins.

P. P. C.—S. D. Webster, C. K. Reifsnider.

Gentry Post, No. 134, Darlington.

Rep.—Nicholas DeWitt.

Liberty Post, No. 150, Spickard.

P. C.—Wesley Kiehl.

P. P. C.—Henry Montgomery, Isaac Washburn.

J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

Rep.—James Wyckoff.

P. P. C.—W. W. Chapel, E. S. Chapin.

W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

P. C.—C. W. Raymond.

P. P. C.—E. C. Baugher, C. B. Berry, E. A. Morton.

John Williams Post, No. 218, Fairport.

P. C.—Marion Hartwell.

P. P. C.—Newton Rolason.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.

P. C.—C. W. Corkran.

Rep.—John Oldfather.

Thos. J. Brouster Post, No. 233, Clayton.

Rep.—Henry W. Belding.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.

P. C.—E. H. Rodgers.

P. P. C.—Walter Barron.

Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.

Rep.—J. W. Root.

P. P. C.—J. F. Brassfield.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, California.

P. C.—G. W. Sappington.

P. P. C.—Jacob Hott, James S. Roth, John M. Williams, A. Seyffert, Charles Wagener, A. J. Wetherbe.

Evans Post, No. 340, Atlanta.

Rep.—Charles Anderson.

Robert P. Carnes Post, No. 374, Dunlap

Rep.—Wm. Mock.

P. P. C.—Wm. Limb, S. A. Hortly.

Geo. W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

Rep.—M. D. L. Blevins.

P. P. C.—A. F. McCray, Geo. W. Davis, J. E. Kelly.

John W. Noble Post, No. 593, St. James.

Rep.—Thomas Stevenson.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

P. P. C.—William Lowe.

Comrade Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief, stated that very important that nominations for representatives and alternate for the National Encampment be made as early as possible in order that the names might be printed upon the tickets to be voted at the same time without delaying the business of the Encampment, and that all routine business be now waived and the Encampment proceed to make such nominations. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the Department is entitled to eleven Representatives including a Representative-at-Large and that under a rule heretofore adopted, the names of nominees should be arranged on the printed ticket in the inverse order of the number of votes. He moved that the comrade receiving the highest number

should be the Representative at large and the ten receiving the next highest should be the Representatives, and the eleven receiving the next highest should be the Alternates in the order of the votes received. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Encampment then proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the 54th National Encampment. The following are the names of the comrades nominated:

- A. Zartman, Post 4—Kansas City.
- S. Zancker, Post 7, St. Joseph.
- F. Walton, Post 131—St. Louis.
- J. E. Vandermark, Post 134—Darlington.
- Nat Sisson, Post 21—Maryville.
- H. W. Sandusky, Post 7—St. Joseph.
- J. W. Root, Post 241—Galt.
- E. H. Rodgers, Post 240—Boonville.
- C. K. Reifsnider, Post 131—St. Louis.
- J. A. Oldfather, Post 221—Novelty.
- J. L. Nichols, Post 72, Trenton.
- Nic Mathias, Post 5—Moberly.
- C. B. Kurtz, Post 8—Kansas City.
- Charles Koock, Post 53—Sedalia.
- F. Hudson, Post 8—Kansas City.
- W. P. Graves, Post 86—King City.
- Max Fritz, Post 13. St. Louis.
- O. E. Fox, Post 7—St. Joseph.
- W. H. Dewey, Post 8—Kansas City.
- W. K. Collins, Post 582—Lees Summit.
- G. W. Carmichael, Post 1—St. Louis.
- T. M. Brown, Post 190—Webb City.
- A. Bowers, Post 1—St. Louis.
- H. C. Bailey, Post 43—Milan.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The Department Commander called the Junior Vice Department Commander to the chair (the Senior Vice Commander being temporarily absent) and delivered his address to the Encampment as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades of the 39th Department Encampment of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic: We are assembled here to take up and consider the operations of the outgoing administration and make provision for the incoming one, and all other matters of business that may properly come before this annual gathering. I trust that the business of our several sessions shall be conducted so as to result in credit to the Grand Army of the Republic, whose membership, by reason of age, orderly bearing and patriotic service, has already become one of the most distinguished and dignified bodies of the present day. May the spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty in which we are so firmly bound and united attend all our exercises.

First of all, your Commander wishes to express a deep sense of gratitude for the many courtesies and appreciation shown by the Comrades and Auxiliaries everywhere and on all occasions and for their aid, wise counsel and co-operation. The past year has deprived us of the wisdom and beneficence of their presence though dead, yet they speak. The year through which we have just passed has proven one of the most trying of the war. The trials of former years were covered with the glamor of equipment and the rapid movement of battalions and the reverberation of cannon but the present year has well-nigh paralyzed the nation by the slow and wearing drag of reconstruction. The stern exactness of the war have been more fully realized as we have witnessed the disorganizing strikes, the paralysis of commerce and the depreciation of our medium of exchange. Nor is the end in sight. Yet we know that "God still reigns and the government still lives." The struggling masses of workmen and partnerships, all have sought relief from the State and Congressional enactment, forgetting that it is God who buildeth the nation. The eager desire of the national administration to relieve the and struggle of labor and crippled corporations has encouraged the misleading ignis fatuus that all relief can come only through the President or Congressional enactment, when the real relief can come in part only by patience, loss and suffering. The laws of natural development and obedience to well-established trade and commerce must of necessity be disturbed by the violence of war; and the people may not escape from the waste and struggle, and the disarrangement of the social and commercial life of the people. There has never been such a severe time

such a far-reaching strain on the organic life of our people, and also never such a great opportunity for the application of the patriotic principles of the Grand Army of the Republic.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Department was well represented at the 54th National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio. A full delegation of representatives boarded a special train at St. Louis which carried 400 Missourians to the Capital city. An excellent opportunity of acquaintance and visitation was afforded. There were over 100 Missouri Grand Army men in the parade. There were also present all the Department officers, two Past Commanders-in-Chief and five Past Department Commanders. The attendance and sessions were eminently satisfactory.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The report of the Department President, Mabel Spellman Walker, shows that the present year has proven to be one of their most successful ones in addition of members. Their active membership now reaches 1,800, with 40 corps most thoroughly organized, and all visited during the year. I most heartily commend the work of the Relief Corps and their earnest desire to prove a strong support to the Grand Army. They are conspicuous in their presentation of flags to churches and schools; also for offering prizes for essays on patriotic subjects, many of them being printed in the local press. Their visitation of the sick and needy have proven sympathetic and helpful. The national organization of this body of women constitute a mighty army of trained women numbering 187,000 strong, and with a rapidly growing membership.

LADIES' GRAND ARMY.

This Allied Society also has enjoyed a very successful year, their increase in members has surpassed other years. The Department President, Mrs. Mollie Neubauer, and her able assistants, have visited the whole field and have held rallies which have proven occasions for securing new members. Their national organization is strong and influential. They have a total membership of 75,000 with 2,000 honorary members. Here is another strong force of well trained women, working harmoniously with the Grand Army. They report 12 Circles in the state with a membership of about 1,200.

SONS OF VETERANS.

These young men have maintained an active campaign during the year and have added materially to the strength of the camps.

They report 19 Camps with a membership of 800. Their Camps are made up of young men, somewhat mobile, and the shifting of their membership requires constant recruiting to maintain their membership. Their whole hearts are behind the Grand Army. One of their number said to me: "While we were not desirous for the Allied war, yet we seized the opportunity to show our 'Dads' that their boys were the finished product of the soldiers '61 to '65."

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

This body of young women report an active and successful year. They have 9 tents with a membership of 375. Their officers are living examples of perpetual motion and their hands and feet are quick to answer all calls.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

This comparatively new organization is finding an open field and afford an opportunity for hitherto inactive and unattached workers. Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong is behind this young organization and is setting the forces in active movement. I prophesy an active growth for this body.

ADMINISTRATION FOR THE YEAR.

When by your unanimous vote you honored me with the exalted position of Commander, one year ago at Joplin, and reported in me the leadership of the grand body of men, I resolved that every force within me should be consecrated to the furtherance of the work of the Department, and that no effort or expense should be lacking, not only to conserve every interest, but also to push the battle to the very gates. I resolved to lessen in some degree the annual loss by death, suspension and "dropped," compared with our net loss three years ago, which reached 1000. I think our present year net losses will not exceed 300. Our natural losses by death we may not discount, increasing age and growing infirmity will naturally entail losses by death, but I am glad to report that there is quite a decrease in the number of suspensions and the number dropped. By no means do I claim all the credit for this encouraging result. My staff have worked nobly and we have touched in a greater or less degree every tent in the Department. Personally I have organized one Post, visited 22, and the members of my staff have visited 8 additional, making a total of 30.

I have conducted nine rallies, taking with me both members of my staff and other effective members in the locality of the rallies. I have used at these rallies members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. These special meetings were well attended, enthusiastic and

lowed by an increase of membership. Rallies were held at St. James Home, St. Joseph, Cameron, three in Kansas City, two in Springfield and one at Seymour and two at Joplin. I am glad to mention aid received from Comrades Webster, Henry, Ijams of Kansas City; Barnes, of Joplin; Baugher, of Webb City, and Miner, of Bethany. Mesdames Walker and Armstrong of the W. R. C., and Mesdames Neubauer and Dunning of the Ladies' G. A. R.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP.

The rapid decline of membership for the past several years has seemingly escaped the attention of many Comrades who bear the responsibility of the Grand Army. We all have been derelict in canvassing for new members and the resuscitation of the suspended and dropped. Growing age has dimmed our vision to such an extent that we have not fully realized that the sound "taps" would soon become a memory of the past. I know of no organization that has held so tenaciously to life with so little effort in the way of propagation. In 1892 we had a membership of 25,000. During that year we dropped 5,000. The Department seemed to think that this was but natural and necessary. The result of this and subsequent declensions is directly attributable to gross neglect to cultivate the field. Those of us living in cities and are members of large and active Posts forget the struggling community Post with their six to ten members who lack the inspiration of numbers. The question arises whether we care enough to continue the life of this grand body of men, to go to the rescue of these smaller country Posts. To accomplish this much desired end it needs a little additional money for expense of travel on railroads. Such funds should be placed in the hands of the Commander and he to make accounting to the Assistant Quartermaster-General.

The Commander would be enabled to make a more extended canvass or send an effective worker—\$150 additional to the regular allowance would bring splendid results. The ladies of the auxiliaries have indicated that they would gladly devote their annual gifts to this purpose.

ST. JAMES' HOME.

I spent three days at the Home and visited all the rooms of the 300 inmates. I found the housing in good condition and rooms sanitary and the institution well conducted as far as I could ascertain. A number of the men expressed satisfaction relative to the general provisions. The Superintendent says the "appropriation is so limited by the State that it keeps them on the ragged edge to make ends meet." The increased cost of living since the last appropriation has lessened the variety of food and

some needed repairs. The needs of the Home are: First, a regular Chaplain to make his home with the occupants. The religious oversight is more or less neglected. The management depends on the local churches to render a gratuitous service and it is rendered when it is convenient for the pastor. Second, some nature amusement or entertainment. There is no picture show, nor lecture course, nor concerts. The time of the old boys drags heavily since there is nothing to break up the tedium and commonplace. Might not a committee from the Department occasionally secure a lecture or concert to cheer up the weary days?

Comrades, we ought to remember these 300 souls gathered together to spend the short remnant of their days. Might not the Posts and Auxiliaries delight these old souls with a cheerful "Christmas surprise"?

PERSONAL.

My personal expenses for the year have been \$240. My allowance was \$100. The difference between these two sums I cheerfully donate to the beloved Department. The work has been somewhat exacting, but fraught with much joy and pleasure. I wish my successor might be reinforced with additional appropriation that he might have the territory more fully canvassed with the aid of his staff and other efficient workers near the fields. A number of the smaller Posts might be associated if a resourceful man were on the field to direct it.

In conclusion permit me to thank most heartily all Comrades who have so willingly responded to every appeal and for the uniform courtesy of the whole Department. The Adjutant-General is alive to the work and has responded to every appeal, and his promptness has facilitated the work in great measure. In retirement I hope it may be said of me, as of Mary of old, "She has done what she could."

W. C. CALLAND,
Department Commander

The Junior Vice-Department Commander referred the Comrades to the following committee:

Past Department Commanders T. W. Evans and Alex. McCauley and Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief W. H. Wormstead.

The Department Commander resumed the chair. He stated that the reports of the several Department officers were printed and handed to the members of the Encampment and unless there was any objection they would be referred to proper committees without further delay. No objection appearing it was so ordered.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Wilbur F. Henry A. A. G.,

Joplin, Missouri, April 20, 1920.

Department Missouri, G. A. R.,

St. Louis, Missouri.

My Dear Comrade:

Agreeable to custom, and in compliance with Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to herewith submit my report to 39th Annual Encampment as Junior Vice Department Commander for 1919 and 1920. No words can fully express my sincere appreciation of the courtesy which elevated an humble Comrade like myself to the third highest Department office in the gift of our Comrades.

I acknowledge the kind consideration extended to me by the Department Commander, W. C. Calland and A. A. G., W. F. Henry.

It has been my privilege, during the term, to visit several posts officially, and acting under orders of the Department Commander, to officiate at Installation of Officers for O. P. Morton Post No. 14 and Stanton Post No. 16. I found Commanders of O. P. Morton Post No. 14, Stanton Post No. 16, Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115 and Goodrich Post No. 190 efficient and qualified for duties of their important positions of trust. The Comrades are growing feeble and the scythe of time is fast thinning our ranks. There are a good number of Veterans of the Civil War remaining out of Post membership. Comrades, if per chance some of these aged veterans do not measure up to our highest ideals in every way, yet let us extend the mantle of charity to its fullest length and try to gather them into membership—they were brave boys—they went at their Country's Call. Gather them in.

I had the pleasure of attending the National Encampment at Columbus last August, where I met many friends and comrades of former years. The Encampment was a grand success.

I deem it proper to mention Col. Chas. H. Morgan, Camp No. 37, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., as in a very flourishing condition, with officers efficient and ever ready to extend assistance to any worthy, distressed and needy Veterans of the Civil War. This camp is making strenuous efforts to diffuse patriotic sentiment and 100 per cent Americanism in their community.

In conclusion I wish to again acknowledge appreciation to Department Officers and Comrades for honors that have been conferred on me, and I promise you that so long as God gives me

health and strength I will, in my humble way, do all in my power to promote the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Comrades in declining years.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

A. J. P. BARNES,
Junior Vice Department Commander.



DR. C. W. BURRILL
MEDICAL DIRECTOR

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Kansas City, Mo., April 24, 1920.

Department Commander and Comrades:

No statistics are furnished the Medical Director and there seems but few things upon which he is expected to report.

My predecessor in his two last reports has given valuable advice, and if I can say something in this to our members which will be of benefit to them in their declining years I shall be happy.

I have chosen for my theme the subject of "Elimination." By that I mean the casting off and out of the body the effete, used-up materials, which must be expelled if health is maintained. The principal organs of elimination are the lungs, the skin, the kidneys and the bowels.

To maintain the activity of the skin it must be kept clean and warm. Clean so that the millions of excretory ducts may be kept open; warm so that an adequate circulation of blood may be present at all times, and also thereby prevent congestion of internal organs. Frequent bathing and the wearing of flannels by the aged is therefore especially essential.

Exhalation by the lungs is a thing of very great importance. To be proficient in this, they must be supplied with an abundance of pure air and should be so supplied at night as well as by day. Do not sleep in illy ventilated rooms; make your sleeping rooms as nearly like the open out-of-doors as you can. That makes it possible for the lungs, by exhalation, to throw off the impurities of the body, and also by inhalation of oxygen, to purify the blood, which is so vitally essential to right living. Get the habit of throwing the shoulders back and inflating the lungs with pure air for three or four times and several times each day.

The kidneys are important organs of elimination and should be studiously cared for. Most people, and especially aged people, do not drink enough water. The urine becomes too concentrated and irritates the urinary passages and the bladder and brings about complications, particularly in old men, that are very troublesome and frequently serious. To avoid this and to keep the kidneys active drink lots and lots of water—not ice water—every day every day. Be shy of coffee or much tea. Drink cereal coffee, tea or hot water and cream with the meals, and always plenty water.

A healthy, vigorous digestive tract, beginning with the mouth, is absolutely essential to health and the prevention of old age. The mouth should be carefully looked after; abscessed teeth should be removed, cavities filled, and if there are not enough teeth left for

good mastication, artificial ones should be procured. The should be simple, consisting of easily digestible, nourishing foods such as milk, eggs, cereals, vegetables, fruits, etc., avoiding meat, pastries and rich foods. Daily evacuation of the bowels is one of the necessary things to retain health and vigor. This should be attained by habit and regulation of the diet if possible, rather than by medicines.

Hence, my plea is: Straighten up, exercise in the open air as possible, breathe deeply, drink lots of water, eat easily digestible foods, including an abundance of green vegetables and other fruits which will act as laxatives, and to all this, cultivate a cheerful disposition, letting "the smile in your heart break out on your face."

And now, Comrades, with the railroad engineer, let me say:

"Swift toward life's terminal I trend,
The run seems short tonight;
God only knows what's at the end,
I hope the lamps are white."

God bless you.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

C. W. BURRILL, M. D.
Department Medical Director

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Trenton, Mo., April 10, 1901

Department Comrades, Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

It is with some degree of diffidence that I present to you this report of the year's experience and observations.

The position as Dept. Chaplain was unsought by me and the acceptance of any effort to place me in the position with which I was honored was total, until I reached the seat of the Department.

There have been no calls made upon me for service other than office duties. These I have tried to discharge, but how effectively this has been done remains for others to decide. The reports from Post Chaplains were, many of them, slow in reaching the Department. Beginning soon after the close of the Dept. Encampment in Trenton, Mo., they dragged along until it became necessary for me to submit my report to the Chaplain in Chief of our National Encampment. Sixty-three reports were available at that time and sixteen more were received by me later, one in December.

The reports from many of the Posts indicate a strong desire to hold their charters as long as possible. These reports, in many instances, present a pathetic state of affairs. Memory is tenacious and carries the old veteran of the Civil War back to the association of the camp, the march, the battle field and perhaps the hospital. The burnings of loyalty are just as intense as upon the day when Fort Sumter was fired upon or when the reports from Appomattox were heralded to the world. He has lost no particle of his loyalty or grit, but is a living witness to the truth that "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

When the last of the veterans has fallen, the last charter will necessarily be surrendered. There is a tendency to cling to the charter, although it may be under difficult conditions. One comrade wrote that there were but four in his locality. They had not had a meeting for twelve years; himself paying the per capita dues of all four that he might still hold membership in the G. A. R. and be permitted to wear the little bronze button.

From the reports that reached me, we gather that there were 11,492 graves decorated on the 30th of May, 1919, and this was done by 3,078 survivors of the Civil War. It is well to recognize the fact that our ranks are being rapidly depleted. The now grizzled veterans who fought the battles of our country more than fifty years ago do not now measure to that standard of physical strength to which they once measured. There comes a time when the grinders become few; when the lookers out at the windows become darkened; when the sounding of the grinding is scarcely heard; when the weight of the grasshopper becomes a burden. The silver cord will be snapped asunder, the golden bowl will be broken, the pitcher will be broken at the fountain, or the wheel be broken at the cistern. "Then shall this dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit unto God, Who gave it." There were but five Civil War veterans available to deliver the address on the 30th of May. A younger generation is coming to the fore and assuming the responsibilities of active citizenship, while the old, tired veterans of '61 to '65 retire to the rear, but still actuated by the same devotion as that by which they were actuated in the days of long ago.

It is with a sense of regret that so many graves of our fallen comrades remain unmarked. From reports received, we glean this fact, that 295 such graves have no marker except in the memory of the living. We have no data as to the activity of comrades visiting the enfeebled ones of our number, but it is a reasonable conclusion that they still have hearts as in the days when the fight was fierce.

Twenty-three burial plots are reported for 1919, this being an increase of 8 above the number reported in 1918.

In some cases the Posts have not held services on Memorial Sunday and in some cases the members of the G. A. R. have gone to swell the numbers at other points.

Forty-six schools participated in the Decoration Day exercises with 1,744 pupils belonging to said schools. There were fifty-five addresses delivered on this day; five by Civil War veterans, five by Sons of Veterans and 35 by others.

With regret we note the seeming apathy of those of the younger generation who have risen to the front rank but ignore the 30th of May and seem to know neither Moses nor Joseph.

They are willing to accept blessings of a restored nation and are either ignorant or forgetful of the terrific struggle and the lavish flow of blood to bring about the conditions that now obtain.

The old comrades are rapidly being consigned to their sleep on a couch where no sound of drum or cannon can disturb their repose. The strength of body is waning, the step becomes more slow, the eye more dim and thus the old veterans understand that the end is not far away of all that is mortal.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

B. F. WARNER,

Chaplain

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Missouri, Grand Army
of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1920

W. C. Calland, Department Commander.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to present the following report for the year 1919:

The number of members in good standing December 31, 1919:

as shown by Post Adjutant's reports.....	124
Gained by muster-in.....	2
Gained by transfer.....	110
Gained by reinstatement.....	

Total gain

Aggregate.....

Loss during the year by death.....	202
Loss by honorable discharge	6
Loss by transfer	27
Loss by suspension	124
Total loss.....	<u>359</u>
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1919....	<u>2953</u>
The reports show that there was expended by the posts for relief in the year 1919, the total sum of.....	\$ 654.15
That the amount of cash (including collaterals) on hand December 31, 1919, was.....	57,328.74
Amount in Post relief funds.....	1,673.45
Market value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	3,313.66
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc	5,161.15
Total value of Post property.....	<u>\$67,477.00</u>

This Department is entitled to eleven representatives in the 54th National Encampment, including the representative at large. Eleven representatives and eleven alternates should be elected.

Under a rule adopted by the 19th Department Encampment the names to be voted for will be printed on the ballots in the inverse order of the alphabet.

We meet this year in the City of Trenton, where the 27th Department Encampment met twelve years ago. The report of the Assistant Adjutant-General showed at that time 7,309 members in good standing—at this time 2,953. We will meet with diminished numbers and will miss many genial Comrades who met with us then, but our hearts should be filled with thankfulness to Him whose hand has sustained and guided us along the pathway of life to this present. Each year takes from our Comrades something of strength and vigor. We are all of us nearing the River, and at times can almost hear the plash of the oar of the silent ferryman. We have all lived through the wonderful years of a long life, and the comradeship formed around the campfires and in the smoke and hail of battle has grown stronger and more tender as age advances. I am inclined to adopt a sentiment published in a Wall Street journal some years ago in referring to Memorial Day and the Veterans of the Civil War.

Every year they are stepping slower,
Every year they are bending lower,
Every year the flag above them
Seems to bend and bless and love them
As if grieving for the future, when
They will never march again.



WILBUR F. HENRY
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

It may be of interest to know that the high tide in membership of the Department, as shown by the reports, was, December 31, 1892, when there were 20,353 in good standing. The largest Post at that time was Post 1, with 745 in good standing. Post 13 was second with 714. December 31, 1919, Post 1 reported 131 in good standing and Post 13 only 62.

Most of the Comrades who are now wearing the little bronze button show a commendable desire to hold on to the right to wear it with honor until finally mustered out. If the amendment to the Rules and Regulations proposed by the Encampment last year at Joplin shall be favorably considered and adopted by the National Encampment, I am sure it will enable many to remain in the Order who may otherwise be deprived of the right to do so.

My report as Assistant Quartermaster-General covers the year ending April 30, 1920, and attention is invited to exhibits herewith made a part of this report.

Exhibit "A"—Shows the Receipts and Expenses.

Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Supplies on Hand.

Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.

Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths in 1919.

In closing this report I wish to express my grateful appreciation of your confidence in my ability, integrity and fidelity to duty as exhibited by your appointment to the very responsible office of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General. I have greatly appreciated the uniform comradeship and courtesies shown me by you and by all the Comrades. Our business and social relations have been such that the year will always remain a pleasing memory with me.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

WILBUR F. HENRY,

A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1920.

Balance on hand May 1, 1920.....	\$ 79.95
Received from W. R. C., Dept. of Mo.....	163.10
Received from Ladies of G. A. R., Dept. of Mo.....	100.00
Received from Auxilliary S. of V., Dept. of Mo.....	5.00
Received from per capita tax.....	1,021.00

Received from sale of supplies.....	148.1
Received from interest on loans.....	172.9
Received from principal of Safety Fund.....	350.0
Aggregate	\$2,140.1
Paid out (approved vouchers on file):	
For rent of office.....	\$ 180.0
For supplies	89.-
For borrowed money	100.0
For expense of Department Encampment.....	23.-
For expense to National Encampment.....	73.-
For printing and stationery.....	256.-
For salary A. A. G.....	1,000.-
For expense of Department Commander.....	100.-
For ribbon badges	14.-
For National per capita tax.....	105.-
For postage and exchange.....	36.-
For insurance	8.-
For incidentals	27.-
Total disbursed	\$2,014.-
Balance on hand May 1, 1920.....	125.-
	\$2,140.-

EXHIBIT "B."

SAFETY FUND.

My report one year ago showed the amount in the Safety Fund to be \$3,515.00.

By the unanimous vote of the Encampment \$350.00 of principal has been transferred to the General Fund, leaving amount remaining in the Safety Fund to be \$3,165.00. No additions to the Safety Fund during the past year.

The fund remains invested on secured notes as follows:

One note of \$500 and 5 notes of \$200 each due June 1, 1922	\$1,500.-
One note due April 1, 1921.....	1,000.-
One note payable in whole or part on demand.....	655.-
Amount of Safety Fund bearing 6% interest.....	\$3,155.-

EXHIBIT "C."

SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 1, 1920.

No.		Value
7	Official Badges	\$ 8.75
6	Members' Badges	3.60
34	Buttoniers	5.10
56	Rank Straps	33.60
12	Official Badge Ribbons.....	1.20
6	Rules and Regulations.....	.90
20	Application Blanks .....	.60
1	Blue Book	1.20
4	Rituals	2.00
16	Cards for Rituals.....	.80
4	Service Books	1.80
42	Discharge Blanks	4.20
2	Leave of Absence Cards.....	.20
28	Transfer Blanks	2.80
25	Post Orders	1.25
40	Department Badges	20.00
2	Electrotypes	1.25
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		\$ 89.25

EXHIBIT "D."

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, May 1, 1920.....	\$ 125.50
Office furniture, safe, books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies on hand.....	89.25
Principal of Safety Fund.....	3,165.00
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	\$4,179.75

All bills are paid to date.

EXHIBIT "E."

LIST OF DEATHS IN 1919, AS REPORTED.

Post	
1	J. A. Tomhagen, 1st Lt., 1 Mo. Cav.
	H. W. Oeker, Corp. 28th Ohio.
	W. H. Martin, Merrill's Horse.
	Peter Schmidt, Pvt., Co. C, 1st Ill. L. A.
	G. D. S. Reece, Pvt. Co. E, 1st Ill. L. A.
	Geo. J. Hazlett, Pvt. Co. G, 1st Mo. L. A.
	Louis Meyer, 4th Mo. Inf.

- Fred Flammger, Cos. A. & C, 1st Mo. Inf. and Co. G, 1st Mo. L. Art.
- 4 S. S. Hare, Sergt. Maj. Co. A, 196th O. V. I.
 Jas. S. Cook, Pvt. Co. C, 20th Ky.
 A. N. Rounswell, Pvt. Co. H, 23d N. Y. Inf.
 W. A. Stearns, Pvt. Co. I, 2d Wis. Inf.
 C. O. Ward, Pvt. Co. B, 7th M. S. M.
- 5 Conrad Krause, Pvt. Co. K, 5th U. S. R. C.
- 7 Paris Richey, Pvt. Co. I, 4th Iowa Cav.
 Obadiah Craig, 1st Sergt. Co. A, 1st Ohio Inf.
 Henry Brunke, Pvt. Co. K, 2d Kan. Cav.
 David A. Turner, Pvt. Co. C, 1st Mo. Eng.
 John Wild, Pvt. Co. I, 1st Mo. Cav.
 Enoch S. Drumm, Corp. Co. C, 135th Ill. Inf.
 Charles W. Haas, Pvt. Co. A, 135th Ind. Inf.
 Louis Streckebein, Pvt. Co. I, 11th Mo. Inf.
 Daniel Culver, Q. M. S. 7th Ind. L. A.
 Andrew J. Culbertson, 2d Lt. Co. C, 43d Mo. Inf.
 Conrad Englehardt, Pvt. Co. A, 1st Kan. Inf.
 Thomas N. Clark, Pvt. Co. A, 89th Ill. Inf.
 Richard Horigan, Co. G, 63d N. Y. Inf.
 William P. Round, Co. A, 13th Kan. Inf.
 Robert Onstott, Corp. Co. G, 15th Kan. Cav.
 D. A. Davidson, Co. G, 7th Ind. Inf.
 Emanuel Hartzell, Pvt. Co. B, 8th Ohio Cav.
- 8 John G. Beymer, Pvt. Co. B, 17th Ohio
 James Burrows, Pvt. Co. C, 48th Iowa
 Frank A. DuBois, Pvt. Co. H, 15th Ohio
 Geo. H. English, Lt. Col., 34th Ill.
 John C. Fetter, Pvt. Co. A, 1st Pa. Inf.
 Wm. Gable, Pvt. Co. B, 77th E. M. M.
 G. W. Hazzard, 139th N. Y.
 A. L. Howard, Mus. Co. A, 25th Iowa
 John Livingston
 Henry M. Marshall, Pvt. Co. D, 151st Ohio
 John H. Neal, Pvt. Co. F, 185th Ohio
 Alex Rankin, Co. E, 10th Kan. Cav.
 Robert M. Ray, Pvt. Co. A, 33d Wis.
 Daniel B. Ruby, Pvt. Co. D, 200th Pa.
 H. G. Russell, Pvt. Co. I, 85th Ohio
 Isaac Stetler, Pvt. Co. B, 108th Ill.
 R. N. Sweetser, Pvt. Co. A, 89th Ind.
 Wm. W. Whitsett
 M. B. Wright, Pvt. Co. B, 46th Ohio
- 10 A. D. Pontius

- 13 Louis Kohlbry, Pvt. Co. H, 1st U. S. R. C.
 Gus Seebold, Capt. Q. M., 3d E. M. M.
 Herm. Angermueller, Pvt. Co. A, 3d U. S. R. C. and Co. F,
 10th E. M. M.
 Wm. Ringhoff, Pvt. Co. G, U. S. R. C. and Co. A, 4th Mo. Inf.
 Francis P. Becker, Pvt. Co. A, 3d U. S. R. C., and Capt. G,
 56th U. S. Inf.
 Fred Leser, Lt. Co. A, U. S. R. C. and Capt. K, 21st Mo. Inf.
 Aug. Langenohl, Pvt. Co. A, 1st U. S. R. C., and C, 4th Mo. Inf.
 Jacob Tschamper, Pvt. Co. G, 2d Mo. Inf. & F, 2d Mo. Art.
 Willard L. Phelps, Pvt. Co. A, 2d Mo. Art.
- 14 M. J. Thompson, Pvt. Co. D, 123d Ill. Inf.
 J. A. Hewett, Pvt. Co. C, 6th N. Y. Inf.
 Chas. P. Barbour, Bugler, 157th Pa.
 Kidder Hulin, Pvt. Co. C, 19th Ohio Inf.
- 16 Nicholas Wolner, Corp. Co. I, 142d Ill.
 G. W. Dave, Pvt. Co. C, 33d Iowa
 David Sill, Pvt. Co. A, 145th Ill.
 David Miller, Pvt. Co. H, 9th Ind. Inf.
 W. G. Willard, Pvt. Co. G, 123d Pa.
- 17 Joseph H. Stoner, Pvt. Co. F, 49th O. V. I.
 Thomas Gibson, Pvt. Co. H, 10th Ill. Inf.
 N. J. Steward, Pvt. Co. E, 47th Ky. Inf.
- 19 John R. McEfee, Lieut. Co. C, 18th Mo. Inf.
- 21 J. M. Wiseman, Pvt. Co. K, 39th Ind. Inf.
 E. F. Shaum, Lieut. Co. A, 7th V. R. C.
 Richard Jones, Pvt. Co. D, 117th N. Y. V. I.
- 22 William Hodge, 1st Sergt. Co. K, 79th Ill. Inf.
 Henry Shoemaker, Pvt. Co. F, 130th Ill. Inf.
 Geo. W. Rathbun, Pvt. Co. I, 21st Mo. Inf.
 Coy James, Pvt. Co. B, 39th Mo. Inf.
- 23 Alexander Barton, Co. F, 85th O. V. I.
 A. M. Atterberry, 1st Lt. Co. K, 108th Ill.
- 26 M. R. George, Pvt. Co. E, 2d Mo.
 N. Owens, Pvt. Co. A, 115th Ill.
 J. R. Rodgers, Pvt. Co. A, 6th Mo. Inf.
 Ben West, Pvt. Co. B, 113th Ohio
 Sam Johnson, Pvt. Co. E, 14th Iowa
 John Fisher, Co. K, 3d Ind. Inf.
- 29 J. M. Price, 112th Ill.
- 33 Thos. Butts, Co. C, 44th Mo.
 David King (Co. and Regt. not given)
 Noah Cruse, Co. D, 11th Ill. Inf.
 Isaac N. Goodenough, Co. B, 8th Wis. Inf.
- 34 F. L. Ross, Pvt. Co. E, 7th Ind. Inf.

- T. H. Combs, Capt. Co. D, 62d Ohio
- 45 Jacob Markt, Pvt. Co. F, 4th M. S. M.
Martin Smith, Pvt. Co. F, 4th M. S. M.
H. E. Denny, Bugler, 5th Ill. Cav.
- 47 J. H. Nonesinger, Sergt. Co. D, 27th Mo. Inf.
Walter P. Boyer, Pvt. Co. A, 44th Mo.
- 53 S. A. Easterly, Pvt. Co. F, 13th Iowa
J. A. Leach, Corp. Co. D, N. Y. Inf.
- 57 H. C. Bargar, Pvt. Co. E, 51st O. V. I.
W. H. Schenck, Sergt. Co. F, 30th N. Y.
J. M. Sheets, Pvt. Co. D, 18th O. V. I.
- 67 B. F. Shaum, Capt. Co. A, 153d Pa. Inf.
David West, Co. F, 5th Mo.
- 68 Levi Overmier, Sergt. Co. G, 10th Mo. Inf.
- 69 I. E. George, Pvt. Co. E, 28th Ill. Cav.
J. S. Matlock, Pvt. Co. K, 8th Mo. Cav.
J. J. Seckel, Corp. Co. E, 66th O. V. I.
- 72 Noah Waitman, Pvt. Co. A, 28th Iowa Inf.
A. J. Bate, Pvt. Co. E, 4th Wis. Cav.
Michael Murry, Capt. Co. A, 25th Ohio
- 79 John Guffey, Pvt. Co. B, 23d Mo.
W. E. Devinney, Corp. Co. D, 29th Ill.
- 82 Thos. McElfresh, Pvt. Co. B, 11th O. V. C.
- 86 Robert Chapman, Pvt. Co. I, 104th Ind. V. I.
Ephraim Timmons, Pvt. Co. C, 116th Ill. Inf.
- 92 Hiram Applegate, Pvt. Co. H, 83d Pa. Inf.
- 97 James F. Wilson, 1st Sergt. Co. D, 33d Mo. Inf.
M. D. L. Francis, Pvt. Co. A, 9th Mo. Prov. Mil.
Max Vache, Pvt. Co. D, 6th Mo. Inf.
- 107 Wm. Biermann, Pvt. Co. G, 5th U. S. R. C.
Henry Stricker, Pvt. Co. B, 3d Mo. Inf.
- 110 Henry Muhrer, Bugler Co. H, 2d Mo. Cav.
Thos. Glenn, Co. H, 2d Ill. L. Art.
- 115 W. E. Evans, Co. H, 5th O. V. I.
Daniel Knight, Co. A, 15th Iowa Inf.
- 130 M. M. Pitts, Pvt. Co. C, 3d M. S. M.
Charles Egbers, Pvt. Co. H, 118th Ill. Inf.
T. W. Ricketts, Pvt. Co. C, 34th Iowa Inf.
- 131 O. D. Pearson, Pvt. Co. C, 129th Pa., and Co. C, 46th Pa.
Charles W. Hoermann, Pvt. Co. K, 2d Ky.; Co. M, 4th U.
Art. and E, 18th Ky.
John C. Bates, Maj. Gen. U. S. V. and Lt. Gen. U. S. A., ret
C. S. Webner, Pvt. Co. I, 203d Pa. Inf
J. W. Bergman, Pvt. Co. A, 5th Mo. R. C. Inf.
Wm. Kossack, Capt. & A. D. C. U. S. Vols.

- John T. Sanders, Pvt. Co. B, 20th Ind. Inf., and Sergt. Co. G,
12th Ind. Cav.
- James Snedden, Mus. 54th Pa. Inf.
- Chas. P. Chesebro, Pvt. Co. H, 25th N. J. Inf.
- W. D. Crandall, 1st Lt. Co. D, 9th Mo., and A. A. Gen. Miss.
Marine Brigade.
- Wm. McK. Bryant, Adj., 34th Iowa
- Seth Wheaton, 1st Lt. Co. F, 59th U. S. Inf.
- Samuel W. Fordyce, Capt. Co. B, 1st Ohio Cav.
- Daniel W. Young, Pvt. Co. E, 1st Mo. Inf.
- S. T. McVey, Corp. Co. A, 33d Mo. Inf.
- Ira Moore, Sergt. Co. E, 10th Ill. Inf.
- George D. Dawson, Pvt. Co. I, 51st Mo. Inf.
- Delos R. Haynes, Bugler Co. H, 2d Ohio Cav.
- Lewis B. Jones, Pvt. Co. E, 3d Ohio Inf.
- A. J. Evarts, Pvt. Co. C, 148th N. Y. Inf.
- Everett W. Pattison, Capt. Co. F, 2d Mass. Inf.
- Wm. Rauschkolb, Pvt. Co. B, 149th Ill.
- Thos. Bayley, Col. 9th U. S. C. I.
- M. J. Farrell, Pvt. Co. A, 2d Iowa Cav.
- Henry H. Dennison, Pvt. Co G, 8th Vt. Inf.
- Norvell W. Taylor, Capt. Co. E, 88th O. V. Inf.
- 141 J. B. Browning, Corp. 2d Mo. L. Art.
- 149 J. J. Akard, Capt. Co. A, th M. S. M. Cav.
- 150 S. B. Patterson, Co. A, 46th Ind. Inf.
- 164 Ed. Wilson, Pvt. Co. D, 14th Ill. Cav.
- 172 John L. Rood, Co. B, 31st Wis.
- James L. Mock, 2d Ill. Cav. (Co. not given)
- Gilbert Shaw, Co. G, 142d Ill.
- 197 W. L. Morsey, Co. E, 59th E. M. M.
- 215 H. J. Rehkop, Co. A, 1st Mo. L. Art.
- 218 Martin Ewing, Co. I, 15th O. V. I.
- 219 Abram S. Grove, Sergt. Co., 1st Pa. L. Art.
- 221 Vance Holmes, Co. F, 2d Mo. Cav.
- Joseph Clough, Co. I, 9th Ky. Cav.
- Addison Smith, Co. F, 37th Mo. Inf.
- 210 Nicholas Bauer, Co. A, Boon Home Guards
- Thomas L. Tucker, Co. I, 9th M. S. M.
- 241 J. N. Rusk, Co. K, 44th Mo. Inf.
- 247 D. D. Brooks, Lt. Co. K, 26th Ohio
- Joseph Baker, Co. G, 1st Ind. H. Art.
- O. Pain, Co. C, 9th Vt. Vol. Inf.
- Ransom D. Smith, Co. C, 47th Wis. Inf.
- 251 A. Starkey, Co. B, 5th O. V. I.
- 268 Jergen Rohwedder, Co. E, 26th Iowa Inf.

- Louis Benecke, Capt. Co. I, 49th Mo. Inf.
- 273 E. P. Colin, Co. 1st Mo. L. A.
A. H. Cashion, Co. M, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
- 276 Mike Sybert, Co. C, 9th Prov. E. M. M.
- 326 Roman Huck, Lt. Co. H, 78th E. M. M.
- 339 John C. Fisher, Co. C, 3d Regt. Pa. Art.
- 343 H. S. Vinegar
Phil. Chattan
- 374 C. D. Hoskin, Co. K, 1st Mo. Cav.
Charles Brown
- 453 E. V. Pritchett, 1st Sergt. Co. B, 49th Mo. Inf.
John Moxley (service not reported)
- 488 Henry Koehler, Co. F, 2d Ill. Art.
- 496 D. Holswarth, Co. A, 4th Mo. Cav.
- 512 H. L. Barrick, Co. A, 125th
- 554 Theobald Roth, Co. C, 49th Mo.
John Platte, Co. B, Krekel's Bat'n
- 576 Carl Mittler, Co. F, 5th Mo. Cav.
- 583 John Carson, Co. K, U. S. C. T.
- 593 H. Frank Moore, Co. H, 1st Mo. Inf.
Charles Koenigsberg, Mus. Co. K, 26th Ind.
Uriah Ward, Co. B, 48th O. V. I.
Othiel Fitzwater, Co. E, 6th Mo. Cav.
W. B. Strawn, Co. E, 34th N. Y. Inf.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Headquarters of Missouri, G. A. R.

St. Louis, Mo., April 30, 19

W. F. Henry, A. A. G.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report that my docket for the year is perfectly clear sheet, not a single case has been brought to attention. This speaks well for the Department. Peace, harmony and good will has prevailed among all our Posts. Our Comrade Calland has made us several visits which the old Comrades fully appreciated. C. W. Goodrich, Post No. 190, has had several additions during the last year.

May God bless our old Comrades in the future as He has in the past.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most respectfully in F., C. and L.,

E. C. BAUGH

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Wm. C. Calland,

Kansas City, Mo., April 26, 1920.

Department Commander Missouri.

Dear Comrade and Commander:

The Department Patriotic Instructor begs to present a report of the past year's work, which seems to be rather uneventful. However, in the summing up, there appears a golden thread of patriotism interwoven throughout which is illuminating, and in a measure has been brought about by the heroic deeds of our American soldiers who went overseas into the late world's war with a determination to plant the American flag on every parapet on the lofty hills of France and to maintain the record of their forefathers, made in the earlier wars of our country. They maintained this record with deeds of valor which has created a new and loftier meaning for love of country and for the purest flag in the world, because it means freedom to all mankind and happy homes, free schools and good citizenship.

Our educational institutions have caught the vision and the Stars and Stripes float proudly to the breeze over almost every building, or from an iron pole—where it is easily handled—and can be seen for salute and admiration. Many of our schools give the beautiful flag salute almost daily, and the millions of pupils, with beaming bright eyes, with loving hands pointed to the flag, pledge fidelity to it and the Republic for which it stands.

Our American citizens have been stirred to a holy zeal and reverence for the Stars and Stripes which has brought the Flag Day into prominence and in many of our schools the rooms are decorated with flags, and patriotic exercises are held bearing on the flag to the delight of teacher and pupil. Many homes put out their flag on that day.

Many of our Sunday Schools are following in that train, for they too hold patriotic services on the Sunday previous or following—with great enthusiasm—they delight to honor the flag by salute. Many churches are in line and a church without the display of at least one flag does not appreciate in a full sense our American institutions and the flag.

Foreign nations do honor to our flag and court its presence in their midst always ready to honor it whether on land or sea, for it means to them protection, good will and liberty.

Lincoln and Washington birthdays have been more generally observed than ever before in almost every city, town and hamlet. All patriotic organizations, churches, schools as well as our

Comrades, who in many places have attended church services together with other patriotic organizations, to hear addresses two of the greatest men in the world's history.

Our Memorial Sunday preaching service has been well attended almost everywhere, generally in a body and accompanied by auxiliary organizations. Churches feel honored to have their invitations accepted to worship with them. They usually arrange a fine program, and patriotic sermons are delivered to the edification of all present who are true American patriots.

Memorial Day, when we honor our soldier dead, is well kept everywhere graves of soldiers are found. On this day our Comrades who are able to be present are found in line to do honor to those who have passed over beyond where wars are no more. In many places a meeting is held in a hall, church or cemetery cemetery if the weather permit—when beautiful and inspiring patriotic services are held; appropriate patriotic songs are ordered and addresses are made of high character, which make a beautiful service. To this service the Comrades unite in a body and all patriotic organizations are invited to participate. In the afternoon, if not early in the morning, beautiful flowers are strewn on all graves of soldiers of all wars. All graves are previously marked with flags. When this solemn duty has been performed a satisfaction is felt that our soldier dead have once more been honored with patriotic love and devotion—a beautiful tribute.

Our Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and other auxiliary organizations of women, who are so devotedly interested in the welfare of the Comrades in their work, should be commended for their earnest patriotic work on all lines. Many of their presentations to schools is being done by them or through their influence, thus instilling patriotic love of country and our Constitution which stands supreme.

HOW TO SALUTE.

An exercise which has been neglected and almost forgotten which should be renewed and observed by all that ever bore arms for its beauty of fraternal greeting in true comradeship—fraternizing brings a thrill of joy to be saluted by a Comrade. This courtesy is due to all our official officers, both National and Department of all ranks. Then, too, it is an honor of comradeship for all to salute each other in meeting or passing each other. We recommend that we perform this beautiful service on every occasion in which it presents itself.

The Way to Salute Officials or Privates—Standing erect, raise up the hand in rather quick motion to the height of the visor of the cap or to the rim of the hat just back of the eye, with

palm forward, and again bring back to the side. (Do not swing out in an awkward manner.)

Salute of the Flag—This salute has been somewhat changed in the past years. We recommend the most simple manner in which this salute should be used. In passing a flag that is unfurled and in the hands of a color-bearer (when in citizens dress) should be to remove the hat in passing. If in uniform the hat should not be removed, but the regular salute with the hand should be given in passing.

Attention is called to our national air ("The Star-Spangled Banner"). At the first note of the instrument, rise and stand at attention with the eyes on the player, or if a flag (unfurled), fix eyes on the flag.

The Patriotic Instructor and staff gratefully acknowledge the courtesies shown by the Department.

We recommend that iron stakes be used instead of wooden for holding flags to mark the graves of soldiers—they cost less and last longer. Cut $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch gas pipe to 30-inch lengths, drill a hole 8 inches down from the top, put in an iron rivet to hold the flag up, put on turning lathe and paint, red, white and blue.

We lament that a number of our prominent leaders have been called from our ranks in the past year, but rejoice that from our rank and file other Comrades have taken up the work to push to completion the work begun.

Remembering that our ranks are being thinned each day and at the same time giving thanks to our Heavenly Father that our lives have been spared to enter into the new year, let us take courage and all help to push patriotism and love of country to a climax that has never before been reached.

Now, unto Him that is able to keep unto that perfect day all that have been committed unto Him, be glory and dominion for evermore.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

ALFRED ZARTMAN,
Department Patriotic Instructor, Mo.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

2924 Garfield Ave., Kansas City, Mo.,

April 26, 192

W. C. Calland,
Department Commander,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Commander:

In making my annual report I regret that I have no official acts to record. I have not, up to date, received orders from Posts or requests from Posts or Post Commanders to visit Posts.

From my observations it seems as if the office of Department Inspector has outlived its days of usefulness, unless the function of the Department could be improved enough to allow the Inspector to accompany the Department Commander on his official visits. He could do much in the way of cheering up the comrades and creating interest.

It is possible and probable that there are Comrades in the Department who have the time and means that they would be willing to donate to the cause and would go with the Commander on his official rounds, and thus add much interest to these official visits. As I said before, I believe there are Comrades in the Department who would take pride and pleasure in going with the Commander and pay their own expenses, and I recommend in the appointment of future inspectors, an effort be made to secure such Comrades. There are those who would be glad to do an outing.

In closing, allow me to congratulate you and the Comrades on your great success as Department Commander.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHARLES E. BLACKMAR,
Department Inspector

REPORT OF THE CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 24, 1920.

W. F. Henry,
Assistant Adjutant General,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Comrade:

I desire to say first, in submitting my report as Chief Mustering Officer of the Department of Missouri, that the time has come in the life of the G. A. R. that little remains of the former activities of the C. M. O. No new posts are being organized. Our Civil War comrades are fast passing away; many are unable to attend post meetings, but very many are prompt in holding their membership by the payment of their annual dues.

Forms and ceremonies have but little attraction for the old and feeble comrades.

I have had but few calls from the Department for assistance or special duties, but when called upon to aid in getting a good attendance at special meetings, or listing comrades who could attend the National Encampment, I have gladly done so, and I also found it a pleasure to render as much assistance at the Department headquarters at Columbus, during the National Encampment, as I could to help the Department Officers.

I thank the Department Commander for the honor conferred by appointing me Chief Mustering Officer, and hope to meet all the Department Officers at Trenton, in May.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

H. W. SANDUSKY, C. M. O.

By direction of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees:

On the report of the Junior Vice-Department Commander: Comrades S. M. Mann of Post 7, Franklin Hudson of Post 8, and Munchrath of Post 13.

On the report of the Medical Director: Comrades Dr. G. Boemler of Post 131, John Michel of Post 7, and P. F. Coghlan of Post 1.

On the report of the Department Chaplain: Comrades Rev. Reynolds of Post 7, and Rev. W. K. Collins of Post 582.

On the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General: Comrades C. K. Reifsnider of Post 8, Franklin Hudson of Post 8, and H. W. Belding of Post 233.

On the report of the Judge Advocate: Comrades C. A. Moore of Post 8, and D. L. Elder of Post 4.

On the reports of the Department Inspector and of the Chief Catering Officer: Comrades A. Whipple of Post 1, and Barth. Hussey of Post 13.

On the report of the Patriotic Instructor: Comrades J. W. Moore of Post 7, and C. W. Corkran of Post 221.

To convey the greetings of the Encampment to the Women's Relief Corps: Comrades C. K. Reifsnider of Post 131, William Moore of Post 16, H. R. Bailey of Post 4, and G. W. Carmichael of Post 131.

To convey the greetings of the Encampment to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Comrades Wm. Lowe of Post 1, F. Warner of Post 72, C. E. Blackmar of Post 8, D. O. Clements of Post 1, and H. W. Sandusky of Post 7.

To convey the greetings of the Encampment to the Sons of the American Revolution: Comrades A. J. P. Barnes of Post 14 and A. B. Ecoff of Post 131.

To convey the greetings of the Encampment of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans: Comrades C. A. Morris of Post 8 and J. B. Baugher of Post 190.

Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, Chairman of the committee appointed by Department General Orders No. 4, series 1, to prepare a testimonial in memory of the death of Past Department Commander, Louis Benecke, presented the following which was unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed in full in the Journal of the Encampment. The Encampment was called up and stood with heads while the bugler sounded "taps":

Commander and Comrades:

Your committee appointed to prepare a fitting memorial to the demise of our Comrade Louis Benecke, begs leave to present the following testimonial for adoption:

IN MEMORIAM: LOUIS BENECKE.

The Department of Missouri of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment assembled, at Trenton, Missouri, is called upon to record, with sorrow and a deep sense of loss, the death of our well-beloved friend and comrade, Past Department Commander Louis Benecke, who died August 29, 1919.

Born at Stiege, Germany, May 1, 1843, he was brought to this country by his parents, and in 1856 located at Brunswick, Chariton County, Missouri, of which county he was its most deserving and prominent citizen to the day of his death, holding the positions of mayor of his home town, in 1866, and State Senator in 1870, notwithstanding an adverse majority of at least 600 in all other contests. He was a leader in every movement for the betterment of every civic and commercial improvement of his town, and was a pioneer in the creation of the public school system of the State. His conduct and services as a civilian were such as to win for him the respect and esteem of all who came in contact with him, regardless of partisan differences, and in spite of the absence of every effort on his part to attain prominence or leadership. His courageous and patriotic conception of duty to his country in time of war was proven by his conduct in the Civil War. When President Lincoln called for volunteers to defend the Union, our comrade, though surrounded by a large majority of native citizens who believed in secession, was one of the first in Chariton county to offer his services, although but eighteen years of age. He enlisted as a private soldier in the 13th Missouri Infantry, September 11, 1861, was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the 18th Missouri Infantry, and in that regiment participated in the heroic defense of Gen. Prentiss' Division in the Battle of Shiloh, until surrounded by the enemy and taken prisoner. Three terrific charges of the enemy were successfully repulsed by this Division, and only when the supporting troops on both flanks were driven back and they were attacked by the enemy from all sides, was the Division surrendered. After being held as a prisoner for six months, our comrade was exchanged, and then discharged for disability contracted in prison. In 1864 he was placed in command of all U. S. forces in Chariton County, and in this position succeeded in quelling the disorder which had manifested itself by murder, arson and pillage in its worst form. He was then appointed Lieutenant in the 49th Missouri Infantry, and promoted to Captain, and discharged as such with his regiment, in August, 1865. When the arms needed by the Chariton county troops were not forthcoming, at his own expense and upon his own credit, he purchased Spencer rifles, and thus was enabled to perform such effective service.

Our comrade's record as a member of the Grand Army of the Re-

public is no less bright or perfect than his record as a citizen soldier. He entered the Order as a charter member of Pinhart Post No. 268, and represented his Post in nearly all of the Department Encampments, and was largely responsible for such good work as was there accomplished. He was one of the committee that formulated and contributed to our "Safety Fund," which has preserved our Department in its effective form. He was the first President of the Board of Directors of the St. James' Soldiers' Home, and drew up its rules and regulations, which have so largely contributed to the successful management of that State Home which cares for the wives and widows of Comrades as well as for Comrades themselves. He remained president and member of that Board until partisan considerations caused a change. In 1895 he was elected Commander of the Department, as such again proved his remarkable ability. Notwithstanding the honor enjoyed by him in this connection, he continued to serve Post and Department in every subordinate position to which he was called. Being always ready to serve, for ten years last past he commanded his Post. He was a comrade loyal, devoted and useful to whom all his comrades may well be proud. His were the qualities that command respect, and with that respect, a call to bear a burden of responsibility; such responsibility he did not covet, but when it came he accepted it unshrinkingly, and discharged its every duty with unswerving faithfulness. We who had the pleasure of his leadership and the benefit of his advice and counsel, shall miss his precious presence; and to show those who come after us the place he bore in the affection of this Department, we offer this memorial to our beloved comrade.

LEO RASSIEUR,
JOHN M. WILLIAMSON,
THOS. W. EVANS.

Announcement was made that arrangements had been made for a parade at 4:00 o'clock which would end at the High School building where a flag presentation and a short program would take place. Automobiles would be provided for those wishing them.

On motion a recess was taken until 1:30 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock the Department Commander called the meeting to order. Upon inquiry the Officer of the Day reported that the approaches were properly guarded and that all present were in the Encampment. Thereupon the following proceedings had:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Inspector and the report of the Chief Mustering Officer presented its report by Comrade A. Whipple, Chairman, as follows:

Commanders and Comrades:

Trenton, Mo., May 17, 1920.

A careful examination of the two reports referred to us we are compelled to agree with the officers in their suggestion that the offices are at present without duties. How to make the offices essential to the welfare of the order is a difficult proposition or problem to solve. It is, however, certain that whatever changes may be required must be made by the National Encampment, to which we respectfully recommend that this matter be referred.

Respectfully,

A. WHIPPLE,

BARTH HUSSON,

Committee.

The report was received, unanimously adopted and the committee discharged.

The committee on Junior Vice Commander's report, by Comrade S. M. Mann, presented its report as follows:

Trenton, Mo., May 12, 1920.

To the Grand Army, Department of Missouri:

Your Committee on report of Junior Vice-Commander desires to report. Your Committee desires to commend the work of this official in his activity in the establishment of new Posts.

We also most sincerely commend the interest of the Junior Vice Commander in his request for continuous and urgent efforts to secure to the Grand Army membership all veterans who have never affiliated with the organization.

We feel it most timely advice that every Post within the jurisdiction of this Commandery should make vigorous and untiring efforts to obtain every veteran in its locality as members.

The value of membership and the intimate Association of Post meetings cannot be too strongly impressed upon all veterans.

Get more members, and then get some more members.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. MANN,

FRANKLIN HUDSON,

H. MUNCHRATH,

Committee.

The report was received, unanimously adopted and the committee discharged.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the following letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Comrade C. G. Burton. The letter was received with generous applause and a motion was unanimously adopted directing the Assistant Adjutant General to send a telegram to Comrade Burton expressing the appreciation of the Encampment for his fraternal greeting.

Mallory Hotel, Portland, Oregon, May 4, 1920.

Commander and Comrades, Department of Missouri, G. A. R., Trenton, Missouri.

My Dear Comrades:

I sincerely regret that owing to distance and environment I shall not be with you at your Department Encampment. However, I hope to meet and greet many of you at Atlantic City next September.

I think it was eight years ago that we met in Trenton. Since then many, very many have gone over the Divide, and yet there is quite a number living whose forms and faces I recall, who would have gone to attend our Encampments and whom I should love to meet and greet. Hoping that your Encampment will be largely attended and that it will prove to be a profitable and pleasurable occasion, I remain,

Faternally,

C. G. BURTON

The Assistant Adjutant General then presented the report of the Department Council of Administration as follows:

Headquarters, Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Trenton, Mo., May 11, 1920

Pursuant to General Orders No. 6, the Department Council of Administration met this date at Department Headquarters in Trenton, the Department Commander presiding. The following Comrades were present:

W. C. Calland, Department Commander.
A. J. P. Barnes, J. V. Dept. Commander.
W. F. Henry, Asst. Adjt. General.
A. Whipple and C. K. Reifsnider.

The A. A. General stated that there had been no formal meeting of the Council during the past year; that the date for holding the Encampment in 1920 had been fixed by correspondence for May 11 and 13, all members of the Council concurring.

The committee appointed to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Department Commander presented their report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 5, 1920.

W. C. Calland, Department Commander:

We, the undersigned, appointed by you to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that we have performed the duty assigned us and find that the books are properly kept and show in detail all receipts and disbursements; the disbursements are shown by receipted vouchers properly numbered and filed. We have examined all vouchers and approved the disbursements as shown. We find that the amount on hand May 1st, 1920, to be \$125.50.

Your committee unanimously commend the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. for the orderly manner in which he has kept the files of his office and for the clear and concise manner in which he has kept his accounts, and we congratulate the Department on having in these responsible offices a comrade so careful, faithful and efficient in the discharge of all his duties.

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

A. WHIPPLE,
BENJ. A. SUPPAN,
MAX FRITZ,

Committee.

On motion, the report was approved and the Committee discharged. The following recommendation was unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommends that the sum of \$100, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the traveling expenses of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Council of Administration unanimously recommend that the following resolution be adopted by the Department Encampment:

Resolved, That the sum of \$300.00 of the principal of the Safety Fund be transferred to the General Fund, the same being absolutely necessary to defray the expenses of the Department, and said amount is less than 10% of the principal of said fund. No further business offering, the Council thereupon adjourned.

W. F. HENRY,

A. A. G. and Recorder.

The report was received and approved and the recommendations therein contained were unanimously adopted. A separate vote was taken on the resolution recommending the transfer of \$300 of the prin-

cipal of the Safety Fund to the general fund, and the resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

The Department Commander announced that Commander-in-Chief Daniel M. Hall was then in Washington, D. C., where he was to preside at the dedication of the new Amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery, and was therefore unable to visit our Encampment at this time but that on Saturday, May 22, he would be in Kansas City, at which time the two posts there and the W. R. C. and other allied orders were arranging to give him a warm, fraternal greeting. The Department Commander expressed the hope that as many of the comrades as possible might be in Kansas City on the 22d and meet and greet the Commander-in-Chief.

Several comrades desired to know whether Saturday, the 29th or Monday, the 31st, should be observed as Memorial Day, May 30, this year falling on Sunday. After a general discussion of the matter, the Department Commander stated that the Rules and Regulations provide that when May 30 falls on Sunday, Saturday, May 29, shall be observed except in states where the law provides that Monday be a legal holiday. In such states Monday is the proper day for Memorial Day services, but as it appears that in some places Saturday is more desirable than Monday, the Memorial exercises on either Saturday or Monday would meet with his approval. May 30 this year falling on Sunday, the law of Missouri makes Monday a legal holiday.

Without objection, the place for holding the next Department Encampment was taken up.

Past Department Commander John M. Williams called attention to his informal notice made at Joplin last year and offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded. The resolution follows:

Resolved by the State Encampment, G. A. R., That the Encampment for next year, 1921, be held at Jefferson City, the State capital of Missouri; also that future Encampments be so held unless changed by the vote of the State Encampment.

Comrade Sisson of Post 21 moved to amend by striking out the second paragraph of the resolution. Comrade Sisson's motion was seconded and discussed by Comrades Morris of Post 8, England of Post 76, Sisson of Post 21, and others. The vote was taken on the amendment of Comrade Sisson and the same was adopted. The resolution as amended was then unanimously adopted, as follows:

Resolved, By the State Encampment, G. A. R., that the Encampment for next year, 1921, be held at Jefferson City, the State capital of Missouri.

A suggestion was made by a comrade that a later date be chosen for holding the Encampment, but no action was taken thereon.

time was left to be fixed by the Council of Administration as heretofore.

The Officer of the Day announced that there was a committee of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in waiting and desired to present the greetings of their Department Convention. The Department Commander detailed Past Department Commander Evans to escort the ladies to the platform. Comrade Evans performed the duty assigned him. The committee was duly presented to the Encampment and saluted.

Mrs. Cora E. Dunning, Past Department President and Chairman of the Committee, was introduced by the Department Commander and delivered a short and eloquent address in which she presented the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and assured the comrades that the members of her order were banded together to aid the veteran of the Civil War while living and to perpetuate his memory when he is finally mustered out. That her remarks were highly appreciated was evidenced by the applause with which they were greeted.

Mrs. Dunning was followed by the other members of the committee, Mrs. Sadie Haines and Mrs. Fannie Dodsworth, both of whom spoke briefly and well.

The Department Commander called upon Past Department Commander Williams, who responded to the fraternal greetings and addresses of the committee in a feeling and eloquent manner, which must have been pleasing to them and which met the approval and applause of his comrades.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the printed tickets were ready for the election of Representatives to the 54th National Encampment.

By unanimous consent the election of Representatives and Alternates to the 54th National was taken up as the next order of business and the Department Commander appointed the following comrades tellers to receive and count the votes and declare the result: Ben B. Bolt of Post 8, H. C. Pollman of Post 107, E. C. Blackmar of Post 8, L. W. Wells of Post 190, J. W. Beach of Post 7, H. W. Belding of Post 233, and B. A. Suppan of Post 1. When the tellers had received the votes of the comrades they were directed to retire and determine the result and report the same at morning session tomorrow.

Announcement was made that the condition of the streets caused by the continued and copious rains during the day, was such that it was thought best to abandon the parade for the day, and that the flag presentation would take place at the campfire tonight.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow, May 13.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Department Commander called the Encampment to order at 8:30 o'clock a. m., May 13, 1920, and after ascertaining that all present were members of the Encampment and an impressive prayer by the Department Chaplain, the following proceedings were had:

The committee on the address of the Department Commander presented its report as follows:
 W. C. Calland, Department Commander, Department of Missouri
 G. A. R.:
 Commander:

The Committee appointed to report on the address of the Department Commander beg leave to report as follows:

The address as a whole is commendable in the highest degree. Evidence of the great painstaking attention to the duties of his office. We have been aware of the time which our Commander has given to visiting and organizing rallies and seeking by every means to increase the spirit of patriotism in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic and in all its auxiliary organizations. His reports on the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans are highly instructive and contain information which it is very desirable that we all should know.

In regard to the St. James' Home, we regret to learn of the conditions as they exist and we feel under obligation to our Commander in presenting to us the facts in so vivid and forceful a manner. I trust the incoming administration can see any way to alleviate these conditions which would certainly be of great benefit to the members of the Home.

We feel under great obligation to the Department Commander for the great financial sacrifice which he has made in discharging his duties to the Department, and recommend that the thanks of the Department be extended him for this.

THEO. W. EVANS,
 ALEX. McCANDLESS,
 W. H. WORMSTEAD,

Committee

The report was received, unanimously approved and the committee discharged.

The committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General reported as follows:

To the Grand Encampment, G. A. R., of Missouri:
 Comrades:

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and A. Q. M. G. have to report that we have had the same und

sideration and find them correct in every particular in good form and we commend him for his accuracy, diligence and enthusiasm in the performance of his duties.

C. K. REIFSNIDER,
FRANKLIN HUDSON,
H. W. BELDING,

Committee.

The report was received, approved and the committee discharged. The committee on the report of the Medical Director reported as follows:

Trenton, Mo., May 12, 1920.

To the Commander:

We the Committee on the report of our Department Medical Director, beg to report, after reading Dr. C. W. Burnill's essay, that we do sincerely commend the work performed by our Medical Director, whose advise to the comrades is worth while due consideration for their health. The Medical Director's report should be read by all, and be not easily forgotten.

DR. GEO. BOEMLER,
JOHN MICHEL,
P. F. COGHLAN.

The report was received, approved and the committee discharged. The committee on the report of the Department Chaplain presented its report as follows:

Trenton, Mo., May 12th, 1920.

Your committee appointed to examine the report of the Department Chaplain gladly report they have examined his report to this Encampment, and take pleasure in commending the Chaplain for his faithful work, and for the care with which he has recorded the facts furnished him by the reports of the Post Chaplains. His report shows that on last May 30th 11,492 graves were decorated with flowers and flags by 3,078 comrades.

It is to be regretted that so many Posts were so slow in sending their reports that all the facts of the Department could not be tabulated in his report.

We most heartily commend the chaplain for his loyal and faithful services to the Department.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

A. M. REYNOLDS,
W. K. COLLINS,

Committee.

The report was received, approved and the committee discharged.
The committee on the report of the Patriotic Instructor reported
follows:

We, the undersigned committee on the report of the Patriotic Instructor, beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully read the same and fully and earnestly con- sidered in it all, more especially to his recommendations in relation to the flag and to the salute.

J. W. BEACH,

C. W. CORKRAN,

Committee.

The report was received, approved and the committee discharged.
The committee on the report of the Judge Advocate reported
follows:

Trenton, Mo., May 12, 1920

To W. C. Calland, Department Commander:

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate of this Department, respectfully report that we have considered the same, commend its brevity, and congratulate the Department in that our Order continues in such harmonious condition as to require no legal opinion or action on any question during the past year.

C. A. MORRIS,

D. L. ELDER,

Committee.

The report was received, approved and the committee discharged.

Comrade Bolt stated that the tellers on the election of Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment were reported as follows:

No objection appearing, the tellers reported that Comrade Nichols of Trenton received the highest vote cast, and that the comrades who received the next highest number in the order of votes for each were: Alf. Zartman, Kansas City; E. H. Rodger of Maryville; Nathaniel Sisson, Maryville; Samuel Zancker, St. Charles; Charles Koock, Sedalia; F. Walton, St. Louis; C. B. Kurtz, St. Louis; Nich. Mathias, Moberly; Franklin Hudson, Kansas City; Fritz, St. Louis.

That the eleven who received the next highest number in the order of the votes cast for each were: W. K. Collins, Lees Summit; Reifsnider, St. Louis; Oscar E. Fox, St. Joseph; T. M. Brown, St. Joseph; W. P. Graves, King City; H. W. Sandusky, St. Joseph; Root, Galt; J. E. Vandermark, Darlington; W. H. Dewey, Kansas City; A. Bowers, St. Louis; H. C. Bailey, Milan.

The Department Commander announced that unless there was objection the report of the tellers would be approved and the comrades named would be declared duly elected as Representatives and Alternates to the 54th National Encampment. No objection appearing it was so ordered. Comrade J. L. Nichols being Representative at large.

The Committee to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. presented its report as follows:

May 12, 1920.

Commander and Comrades of Department Encampment:

Your Committee appointed to carry greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R. respectfully report that we carried out our mission and found a warm welcome and a spirit that showed the fire of patriotism was burning full flame.

Fraternally,

WM. LOWE,
O. H. GUFFIN,
D. O. CLEMENTS,
B. F. WARNER,
Committee.

The report was approved and committee discharged.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee from the Convention of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans was at the outpost and desired to enter. No objection appearing they were admitted, escorted to the platform and saluted. The Department Commander introduced the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Frances Diehn, who spoke entertainingly of the desire of her order to assist the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic at all times. She tendered the fraternal greetings of their convention then in session to our Department Encampment, and as an evidence of good will and friendship for our Order she closed her remarks by handing the Department Commander a ten dollar gold piece to be placed in the general fund of the Department.

Mrs. Diehn was followed by the other members of the committee, Mrs. Augusta Huble and Mrs. Lillie Moeser, who made short and pleasing addresses. The remarks of these ladies were highly applauded. The Encampment stood at attention while the committee were escorted to the outpost.

On motion unanimously adopted the Encampment then proceeded to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander announced that the nomination and election of Department Commander was first in order.

Comrade C. K. Reifsnider of Post 131 presented the name of S. D. Webster of that Post for the office and spoke of the marked ability

of Comrade Webster for the office; that Comrade Webster now wearied in his labors for the well being of his comrades and the Government of the Republic, that no comrade in the Department was more worthy the highest honor that the Encampment could confer.

Comrade Leo Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief, very heartily seconded the nomination of Comrade Webster as did several other comrades.

No other nominations appearing, Comrade Hudson of Post 8 motioned that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Webster. The motion was unanimously adopted and the ballot was cast as directed.

Comrade Webster was declared by the Department Commander duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year. Comrade Webster was called to the front and expressed his thanks for the honor conferred on him and his appreciation of the confidence of his comrades.

Comrade E. C. Baugher of Post 190, Webb City, placed Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, of Post 14, Joplin, in nomination for Senior Vice-Department Commander. The nomination was seconded by Comrade Morris of Post 8, Past Department Commander Coghlan of Post 1, Comrades John Hack of Post 72, C. Englehart of Post 76, Wm. M. M. of Post 16 and others. No other nomination appearing, on motion the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Barnes for Senior Vice-Department Commander for the ensuing year, and he was declared duly elected.

Department Chaplain B. F. Warner, on behalf of Post 72, T. placed Comrade Geo. W. Sparks of that post in nomination for Junior Vice-Department Commander. His nomination was seconded by several. No other nominations appearing, on motion unanimously the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Sparks and he was declared duly elected Junior Vice-Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade B. F. Warner of Post 72 nominated Comrade D. Burrill for re-election to the office of Medical Director. Past Department Commander J. M. Williams very heartily seconded the nomination of Dr. Burrill and spoke at some length in commendation of the excellent advice contained in his report, as did also Past Senior Department Commander Munchrath and several others. No other nomination appearing, the Assistant Adjutant General in compliance with the unanimous vote of the Encampment, cast its ballot for Dr. Burrill and he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

For Department Chaplain, Rev. Comrade A. M. Reynolds of Post 7, placed Rev. Comrade Thomas D. Roberts of Post 145 in nomination. The nomination of Comrade Roberts was seconded by Department Chaplain Warner and others. No other nominations appearing a motion was unanimously adopted directing the Assistant Adjutant General to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Roberts, which was done, and Comrade Roberts was declared duly elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

For members of the Department Council of Administration, the following Comrades were placed in nomination: A. Whipple of Post 1, C. K. Reifsnider of Post 131, Max Fritz of Post 13, A. B. Suppan of Post 1 and Louis C. Hesse of Post 13. There being five to be elected and no other nominations appearing these Comrades were voted for by acclamation and unanimously elected, and were so declared.

The Committee on Resolutions, by its chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, presented the following report which was, on motion, received and unanimously adopted by the Encampment and the Committee discharged:

In consideration of the most generous and courteous reception that we, the Thirty-ninth Annual Department Encampment have received on this occasion,

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this Encampment be tendered to the good people of the City of Trenton, to the schools who have given us such delightful entertainment, to its churches whose open doors echoes a Christian welcome, to the Committee of Arrangements and to each and all of our local fraternal organizations, to the Boy and Girl Scouts, all of whom have united to make our meeting a success and such an event that will never fade from memory, and we pray, one and all, God bless the City of Trenton and her noble sons and daughters. And then we must not forget, last but not least, Colonel Jacob Smith Post No. 72 of Trenton, G. W. Sparks, Commander, for their untiring work in perfecting the arrangements for the entertainment of this Encampment.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Encampment of the Department be extended to the following named allied organizations for their unsolicited, kind and generous contributions, the amounts of which are set after their names, to aid the Department in discharging necessary and unavoidable expense involved in keeping up its Headquarters with some one constantly in charge who can be required to be in attendance during business hours to receive and greet visitors from the G. A. R. and allied orders and to attend to the many details of work and duty connected with and incidental to such an office, to-wit:

To our Auxiliary, the Department of Missouri, W. R. C.....	\$30
To the Department of Missouri, Ladies of the G. A. R.....	2
To the Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans.....	
To the Mo. Division Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans.....	
Total	\$5

LEO RASSIEUR,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
THOMAS W. EVANS,

Committee

A member of the Citizens Committee was introduced and announced that the parade that was to have taken place yesterday noon, had been arranged for 11 o'clock this forenoon. He also stated that a public reception would be held in the hall of the Elks' Club on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, to which all were cordially invited as the guests of the Club.

At this time Mrs. J. L. Prothero, on behalf of the Commercial Club and the ladies of the local W. R. C., presented a silver pencil to the Department Commander Calland and on behalf of the Girl Scouts presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The Department Commander expressed his appreciation of the gifts and of the fraternal sentiments which prompted them.

Mrs. Prothero also presented to the Department Chaplain, Parson B. F. Warner, a silver pencil, as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens as a comrade among the W. R. C. grades and as a Christian gentleman always.

A committee of ladies from the Department Convention, the W. R. C. Woman's Relief Corps was announced; they were admitted to the platform and given a comrades' welcome.

The chairman of the committee, Mrs. Mabel S. Walker, Department President, was introduced and after a very interesting address which warmed the hearts of the comrades, she presented the annual report of her Department as follows:

Trenton, Mo., May 11,

Commander Calland:

I hereby submit to you and through you to the Encampment report of the work done by the Department of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Number of members in good standing March 31, 1920.....

Number of Corps.....

Gained during year:

By initiation	341
By transfer	7
By reinstatement from suspended.....	130
By reinstatement from dropped.....	32
Total gain	510
Lost during year:	
Lost by death.....	32
Lost by transfer.....	17
Lost by suspension.....*	176
Total loss	225

Relief Work.

Cash expended for relief.....	\$156.46
Estimated relief other than money.....	546.18
Number of soldiers assisted.....	22
Number of soldiers' families.....	22
Number of members	24
Number of members' families	32
Total number of persons assisted.....	100
Cash turned over to post.....	\$10.00

Wishing all the good in the world for our beloved Grand Army.

In F., C. and L.,

MABEL S. WALKER,

Department President.

The report was accepted by a unanimous, rising vote of the Encampment. The other members of the committee were: Mrs. Hannah Martin, Mrs. Rose Elledge, the Department President elect; Mrs. Geo. Hall, Mrs. Anna Wohusky and Mrs. M. E. Metler. Each was introduced and briefly expressed her pleasure in being present and greeting the comrades. The Encampment stood at attention while the committee was being escorted to the outpost, after the Department Commander had expressed the thanks of the Encampment for the presence and remarks of the ladies of the committee and the noble and patriotic work of their order.

A committee from the Department Encampment of the Sons of Veterans appeared at the outpost and requested admission to present greetings of that order. They were admitted, escorted to the platform and introduced. They were given a hearty greeting.



MABEL SPIELMAN WALKER
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

H. O. Chapman of Major Warner Camp, Kansas City, was introduced and in a short address that was full of loyal American sentiment, eloquently expressed, presented the greetings of the Department Encampment of the Sons of Veterans then in session.

The other members of the committee were: Perry A. Brubaker of Lincoln Camp, St. Joseph; Karl P. Goodrich of Morgan Camp, Joplin, and J. D. Proffit of Garfield Camp, Trenton. Each of the committee briefly addressed the Encampment.

The Department Commander called on Department Patriotic Instructor Zartman to respond to the greetings, which he did in a very commendable manner. Thereupon the committee retired and the business of the Encampment was resumed.

The committee to visit the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans presented its report as follows:

To W. C. Calland, Dept. Commander:

Trenton, Mo., May 13, 1920.

We, your Committee appointed to convey the greetings of this Encampment to the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, have to report that we performed the duty assigned us, were most cordially received and commissioned to convey to the Encampment the Auxiliary's assurance of esteem and love.

C. A. MORRIS,

E. C. BAUGHER,

Committee.

The report was approved and the committee discharged.

No further business appearing the Department Commander made short valedictory address voicing his pleasure and appreciation of the eternal aid and confidence tendered him in his labors during the past year by all the comrades. His associations and labors during the past year would remain with him in grateful memory.

The Department Commander announced that the next business in order was the installation of officers and he called upon Past Commander-in-Chief Comrade Leo Rassieur to take command of the Encampment and proceed to install the officers elect.

Comrade Rassieur assumed command and detailed Comrade O. B. Angle of Post 17 to act as Officer of the Day for the Installation ceremonies, and then duly installed the officers of the Department for ensuing year as follows:

S. D. Webster, Department Commander.

A. J. P. Barnes, Senior Vice-Department Commander.

George W. Sparks, Junior Vice-Department Commander.

Dr. C. W. Burrill, Medical Director.

Rev. Thomas D. Roberts, Department Chaplain.

Department Commander Webster announced the appointment of Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was then duly installed as such.

Comrade Lingle was relieved from further duty as Officer of the Day, with the thanks of the Installing Officer, who then pinned the badge of his office on the breast of the newly installed Department Commander and placed in his hands the gavel.

Department Commander Webster then thanked the Installing Officer and the comrades and pledged fidelity to duty and to the principles of our order, expressed by our motto: Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty.

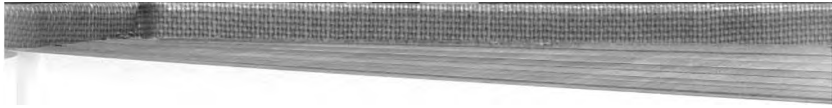
The Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, was then informally closed with benediction by the Department Chaplain and all singing "God Bless You Till We Meet Again."

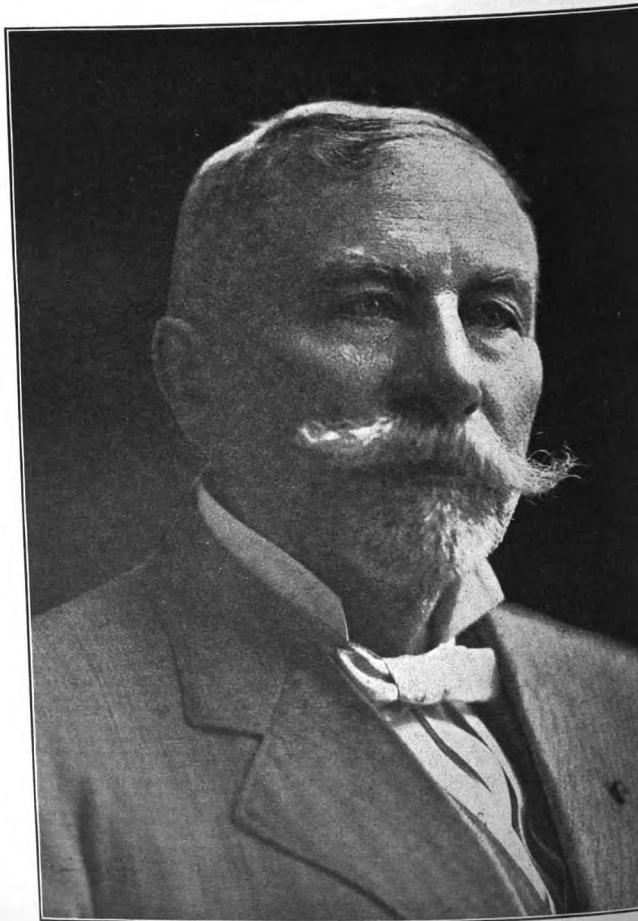
(A true Record.)



Assistant Adjutant General.

My thankful appreciation of the efficient service rendered by my official duties during the Encampment by Comrade S. D. V. is here recorded.





LOUIS BENECKE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1895-1896

BORN MAY 1, 1843; DIED AUGUST 29, 1919

In Memoriam

LOUIS BENECKE

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

See page 39 this Journal for Memorial adopted
by the Department.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Campfire of Wednesday night, May 12, was one of the best ever held in the Department.

The varied program was arranged by Department Commandant Calland and he was master of ceremonies for the occasion. The large opera house was early filled until there was no standing room. It was literally jammed. The Methodist Church, the largest church in the city, was opened for the overflow, where the program at the opera house was repeated with only a few changes made necessary by circumstances.

Mr. W. M. Dewess, Secretary of the Citizens' Committee, presided at the Methodist Church.

On Thursday evening the visitors and the public were the guests of the Elks' Club at their splendid Club Home. Their large auditorium was filled by a joyous company who were delightfully entertained by a varied impromptu program in which a trained orchestra of high school students rendered musical numbers that for selection and execution would have done credit to a professional orchestra. Mr. A. Hyde was the Master of Ceremonies on this occasion, and performed his duties in a manner that was pleasing to all. He called on speakers and entertainers without warning and presented them with a remark or two that put them at once at ease, and resulted in a pleasant response.

The following extracts from the local press give a very fair account of the campfire and other unofficial proceedings:

"All day Tuesday trains coming into Trenton were packed with people coming to attend the state encampment of the G. A. R.

"With the soldiers came their wives and ladies of the W. R. C. The organizations allied with the G. A. R. The Sons of Veterans were also represented by many officers and members. And then there were hundreds who came because of their regard for the veterans and to see such of the outdoor exercises in honor of the soldiers as were to attend the meeting for the public.

"At the headquarters, Trenton Hotel, at the G. A. R. in the clubhouse, at the rest rooms and in the stores were the people visiting Trenton. Comrade met comrade, there were greetings, warm, hearty, tearful, as old soldiers talked with one another. And one would hear 'Comrade, what regiment, company, what battles.'"

* * *

"The Woman's Relief Corps met at the Methodist Church Tuesday evening and held a memorial meeting. It was such a meeting as is held every year in honor of the members who, during the twelve months, have passed on. This meeting was especially touching among the ones tenderly remembered was Mary M. S. Gillson, a former officer, Patriotic Instructor, a very capable member who, having

served, received the last call as that call is received by a soldier of the Republic."

Because of the heavy rains on Wednesday which prevented the parade and flag presentation at the High School it was arranged to have the presentation made in the opera house at the close of business of the Encampment at 4 o'clock on Wednesday.

The following report of that meeting and presentation and of the Campfire is extracted from The Trenton Republican:

"During the afternoon there was a visit to the G. A. R. encampment by the ladies of the W. R. C. and allied organizations and a number of good talks by ladies and gentlemen. Mrs. Abbie Lynch, President of the National W. R. C. made a patriotic talk as did others. The meeting was made the occasion for the presentation of a flag to the high school of Trenton by the G. A. R. The speech of presentation was made by Comrade Zartman of Kansas City, and Superintendent Sanford accepted it in behalf of the school.

"A flag was also ready for presentation to the American Legion. Judge Stepp made this presentation speech and Major Williamson responded for the boys of the Legion. All of these speeches were marked with such high order of patriotic thought and feeling, expressions of love for country, devotion to its ideals, pledges of loyalty and education along the lines of true Americanism that the very air seemed to be permeated with patriotism.

"The big event of Wednesday came in the evening with a campfire at the opera house. This large auditorium was packed with people and the Methodist church was opened and an overflow meeting held there where the same program as at the opera house was given.

"On the stage at the opera house were the officers of the G. A. R. and of the affiliated organizations. The Princeton band rendered a fine program of music, giving popular selections, old folklore tunes and the national hymns and anthems. This band deserves high compliment for the music furnished. Commander Calland presided with grace and dignity, and he was particularly happy in his introduction of the persons and groups taking part in the program.

"Comrade S. D. Webster gave the audience the bugle calls of the army and briefly told what these meant to the soldiers.

"The girls' glee club of the high school delighted the people, and especially the old soldiers by their singing. This was followed by a large chorus of Girl Scouts who very beautifully sang "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" and gave the salute to the flag.

"A very beautiful silk flag, mounted on a staff that was topped by an eagle was presented to the Baptist Church of Trenton by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, as some appreciation of the courtesies extended the corps by that church. Rev. Brengle accepted the flag for his people and the Sunday School, and said it would have a

place of honor in the church building, and that a patriotic service would soon be held commemorative of the reception by the church of this fine flag.

"Mrs. Abbie Lynch, National President W. R. C., made a brief speech, pledging again the efforts of that organization in the interests of the G. A. R. She was followed by Mrs. Della R. Henry, Past National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

"Mabel Spellman Walker, Department President W. R. C., of Missouri, spoke of her work for the year in that office and closed by handing Commander Calland a check for \$300. My! but that pleased him, and he said the boys could use the money in their business. The Ladies of the G. A. R. also had a spokesman, Mrs. Mollie Neubauer, Department President, who delivered the message in the shape of a check for two hundred and twenty-one dollars. Again the commander showed the pleasure had in the gift and said it looked as if the ladies had money to throw at the birds. A representative of the Sons of Veterans handed the commander a check for \$50 from that order and the joy of the commander was unbounded.

"Two of the very fine numbers on the program was the song: 'When Flags Go By,' sung by Mrs. W. H. Brengle, and the offerings of Mr. G. E. Mead, who, in addition to two other selections, gave 'Just Before the Battle, Mother.' Mrs. Brengle has a soprano voice of wonderful range and power and sings with such expression as shows her own feelings of a theme, and Mr. Mead possesses a voice of unusual sweetness, a clear tenor, which he knows how to use effectively.

"Hon Arthur M. Hyde was introduced. He was greeted with applause and in a brief but eloquent address set out the essential facts that make the body of our nation's wonderful and glorious history, paid beautiful tribute to the soldiers of the G. A. R. and of the world war, spoke of the flag and what it symbolizes, pleaded for a one hundred per cent Americanism to stem the tides of socialism, anarchy, and the other isms threatening the very foundations of our government.

"Commander Calland said he wanted to have the old boys see the manner in which Young America saluted Old Glory; and then there marched upon the stage a body of scouts from the Trenton schools and gave that salute of theirs with hands to heads as they repeated the words of the pledge of loyalty to country. It was so very good and so perfect in execution that the veterans shouted out their pleasure in the sight.

"Other short talks were made by past commanders and officers of allied organizations. The speech of past commander Leo Rassiéu was one of the good things of the evening. Out of the fullness of experience and a heart throbbing with love for country and the world he called upon the young people to be true to the lives and history of

the fathers and urged with unusual eloquence and logic the duty of preparedness in the interests of the health and saving of lives of our young men, and a safeguard against war.

"A quartet from Kansas City, all of the members old soldiers, sang 'The Little Brown Button,' with fine effect, in good voice, with feeling which appealed to all in the vast audience.

"After the officers were elected Thursday morning, there were closing exercises, expressions of comradeship, felicitations of the newly elected officers, partings, and then, forming on Main street, near the court house, headed by the Princeton band, the members of the G. A. R., followed by the W. R. C., the Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, Boy and Girl Scouts, marched in long procession to Five Points, then down Tinsman avenue to 14th street, along 14th to Main and on Main to the opera house. There the parade disbanded and soldiers, their wives and ladies who had been our guests for two days went to their places of entertainment, or took trains out to their homes."

The following editorial which appeared in the Trenton Republican of Friday, May 14, is so expressive of the sentiment of all who visited Trenton for the Department Encampment that it is here printed in full as a fitting finale of the report of the Unofficial Proceedings:

TRENTON MADE GOOD.

"Trenton made good again. Her reputation was sustained, her slogan was exemplified, her fame was further spread.

"And this by her entertainment of the Missouri Department, G. A. R., and the allied organizations, together with the hundreds of visitors.

"Trenton did everything asked of her, and more, except in the matter of the weather. This, unfortunately she could not control.

"The old soldiers, and all of the visitors were loud in praises of the manner in which Trenton people entertained them. They were sincere in their declarations. Some of them went the length of saying that having been influenced by the Trenton spirit they would desire to live here. Since they cannot do so they have carried back to their home towns something of the Trenton idea and somewhat of the Trenton methods of doing things.

"Many were the remarks heard on the streets, in stores and in all places where the visitors gathered, testifying to the warmth of Trenton greeting, the excellence of all arrangements, the splendid talent furnished by our city for the pleasure of the veterans and their friends.

"And the old soldiers, their wives, sisters, sons, daughters, have gone back to their homes to tell the folks of their cities of a Missouri city visited by them where the people are so kind of heart, so broad of vision, so imbued with the idea of service and brotherhood that

they have written on their hearts this sentiment:

“ ‘Get acquainted with your neighbor you might like him,’ and have so digested the words and idea conveyed by that sentiment that they count every man, world over, a neighbor.”



MRS. MOLLIE NEUBAUER

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

GENERAL ORDERS, 1919-1920

General Orders No. 1.
Series 1919-1920.

Joplin, Mo., May 16, 1919.

I. At the recent meeting of the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Joplin, May 15th and 16th, I was chosen Department Commander and was duly installed. I now assume command and acknowledge with deep gratitude the confidence reposed in me and accept all attendant responsibilities entailed by this office.

II. My first official act is the appointment of Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, of Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, my Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. His past services entitle him to the full respect of the Department and he will be accordingly obeyed. Additional appointments will be announced in next General Orders.

III. The personal address of the Department Commander will be Springfield, Missouri, to which place all personal communications will be addressed. Other official communications will be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo., where Department Headquarters will be maintained.

Official:

W. C. CALLAND, Department Commander.

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 2.
Series 1919-1920.

St. Louis, Mo., June 24, 1919.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment, held at Joplin, May 15 and 16, 1919, to the various offices designated:

Department Commander—W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—E. S. Miner, Post 124, Bethany.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—A. J. P. Barnes, Post 14, Joplin.

Medical Director—Dr. C. W. Burrill, Post 4, Kansas City.

Chaplain—Benjamin F. Warner, Post 72, Trenton.

Department Council of Administration—A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis; C. K. Reifsnider, Post 131, St. Louis; Charles Bieger, Post 496, St. Louis; B. A. Suppan, Post 1, St. Louis.

Representatives and Alternates to the 53d National Encampment:

Representatives:

James Bair (at large) Springfield
I. T. Bolen, Sedalia.
Wm. McCune, Carthage.
Scar Fox, St. Joseph.
John Hack, Trenton.
B. Cunningham, Kirksville.

Alternates:

C. A. Morris, Kansas City.
Nich. Mathias, Moberly.
Franklin Hudson, Kansas City.
C. C. Bell, Boonville.
A. F. McCray, Cowgill.
David Hatfield, St. Joseph.

Chas. Gillen, Pierce City.
 Benj. B. Bolt, Kansas City.
 H. W. Harrison, Nevada.
 A. M. Reynolds, St. Joseph.
 Max Fritz, St. Louis.

Arnold Bowers, St. Louis.
 Jacob Hott, California.
 C. K. Reifsnider, St. Louis.
 J. W. Root, Galt.
 Alf. Zartman, Kansas City.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General
 —W. F. Henry, to whom all official communications should be addressed, 303 Temple Building, St. Louis.

A. Zartman, Patriotic Instructor, 4050 Broadway, Kansas City.

H. W. Sandusky, Chief Mustering Officer, St. Joseph.

S. D. Webster, Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, St. Louis.

Other appointments will be announced in future Orders.

III. The Encampment at Joplin unanimously accepted a very hearty and cordial invitation of the Post and patriotic citizens and officers of Trenton to hold our next Annual Encampment in that city. Comrades will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

IV. Post Commanders will see that the enclosed blank is at once delivered to the Post Chaplain and that it is properly filled out and promptly mailed in the enclosed addressed envelope to the Department Chaplain. Comrades, attend to this at once. It will take less time to do it today than tomorrow. Your prompt attention to this duty will tend to strengthen the faith of the Department Chaplain in your spirit of fraternal comradeship and to cheer and warm his religious hope and faith.

V. Comrades are reminded that the National Encampment will be held this year in Columbus, Ohio, during the week of September 15 and 16, by a unanimous vote increased the Annual Departmental Capita Tax to 40 cents, payable in two payments as now. No reduction should be made June 30, but a per capita tax of 20 cents each on the number reported in good standing December 31, 1918, will be due August 1st, and should be promptly remitted to Department Headquarters with a short statement showing what the remittance is for. Do not fail to provide blanks for reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster. None will be needed until next December and they will be furnished in due time.

VI. The Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment held in Joplin, Missouri, on September 15 and 16, by a unanimous vote increased the Annual Departmental Capita Tax to 40 cents, payable in two payments as now. No reduction should be made June 30, but a per capita tax of 20 cents each on the number reported in good standing December 31, 1918, will be due August 1st, and should be promptly remitted to Department Headquarters with a short statement showing what the remittance is for. Do not fail to provide blanks for reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster. None will be needed until next December and they will be furnished in due time.

VII. The Department Commander hopes that the comrades and others who contemplate attending the National Encampment will range to join Headquarters train at St. Louis. A special train will be provided from St. Louis to Columbus. The details concerning the trip, privileges of stop-overs, etc., will be announced in future Orders.

By Command of W. C. CALLAND, Department Commander

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 3.
Series 1919-1920.

St. Louis, Mo., July 21, 1919.

I. The names of the Department Officers who were elected by the Department Encampment at Joplin and the name of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. were announced in General Orders No. 2.

The following named comrades have been appointed on the Official Staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

- E. C. Baugher, Post 190, Webb City, Judge Advocate.
- A. Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City, Patriotic Instructor.
- H. W. Sandusky, Post 7, St. Joseph, Chief Mustering Officer.
- Chas. E. Blackmar, Post 8, Kansas City, Department Inspector.
- S. D. Webster, Post 131, St. Louis, Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff.
- Nich. Mathias, Post 5, Moberly, Aide-de-Camp and Color Bearer.
- D. H. Baldrige, Post 14, Joplin, Aide-de-Camp.
- Frank L. Yale, Post 14, Joplin, Aide-de-Camp.
- J. M. Thurer, Post 14, Joplin, Aide-de-Camp.
- Geo. W. Bothwell, Post 69, Springfield, Aide-de-Camp.
- George E. Clark, Post 247, West Plains, Aide-de-Camp.
- Alfred Moesser, Leo Rassieur Camp, S. of V., St. Louis, Special Aide-de-Camp.

II. General Orders No. 9, from National Headquarters, is herewith promulgated. It contains much important information and should be carefully read and considered, especially that portion under the heading "Railroad Rates and Transportation."

By a careful reading of the General Orders much needless correspondence will be avoided. Special attention is called to paragraphs XXX, XXXI and XXXII of National General Order No. 9 herewith.

III. Arrangements are being made for a special train from St. Louis to Columbus, leaving the Union Station, St. Louis, about 9:30 Sunday morning, September 7th, and arriving at Columbus about 8 o'clock Sunday evening. Stops will be made at Terre Haute, about 1 p. m. and at Richmond about 6 p. m. for luncheon. It is important that these Headquarters be informed as to the probable number who will go by that train, so that proper provision may be made for the comfort of all. The information is necessary also for the Assistant Adjutant General, that he may supply the different localities a sufficient number of Identification Certificates. Post Commanders are therefore requested to return the inclosed postal card, with a statement of the probable number of persons who will go by the special train, or otherwise. The Department Commander hopes that all who can do so, will go with him on the special train.

IV. The Department Commander desires to impress the fact that it is not probable that the comrades and allied societies of this Department will ever again have as favorable an opportunity to attend a National Encampment, and he urges and hopes that the advantage will be taken of it and all will join him on the Headquarters Special train at St. Louis on the morning of September 7. The distance is short and the fare is lower than it ever is likely to be again.

V. Should any comrade who has been elected a Representative to the National Encampment, find that he will not be able to attend,

he should inform the Assistant Adjutant General at once by mail or wire, so that an Alternate may be notified to take his place.

VI. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri, during the National Encampment, will be at rooms 306 and 307 Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, where all Missouri comrades are requested to call upon arrival in the city, and register and receive the Missouri ribbon badge. A hearty welcome will be given to all comrades and friends who may call.

VII. The Missouri members of the National Encampment will meet at Department Headquarters, Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a member of the National Council of Administration and selecting a member of the committee on resolutions, and for the consideration of any other business that may be presented.

VIII. These Headquarters will close Saturday evening September 6th, and remain closed until the morning of October 1st. Requisitions for supplies should be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General not later than September 1st.

XI. The Department Commander is greatly encouraged from reports on the field in response to his Circular Letter No. 1. A goodly number report additions by muster and also by reinstatement and restoration from dropped list. Each Post is asked to secure ten additional members during the year.

By Command of W. C. CALLAND, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

Past Department Commander W. F. Chamberlain died in hospital East St. Louis, Illinois, May 13, 1919. He enlisted as a private in C. G., 29th Ohio Vol. Inf., July 9, 1861, and was honorably discharged as Captain of the same Company July 27, 1865. He was a charter member of Post 43, Hannibal, Mo., and remained in good standing that Post until death. He was elected in 1885 as the second Commander of this Department.

General Orders No. 4.
Series 1919-1920.

St. Louis, Mo., November 22, 1919.

I. At the National Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, September 11 and 12, last, Comrade James D. Bell of Brooklyn, N. Y. was unanimously elected to the highest office in the gift of his comrades and was duly installed Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. A few days ago all were startled and shocked by the public announcement that after a few days' sickness Comrade Bell was dead. He died on November 1, 1919, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Dan M. Hall, has been duly installed in the office of Commander-in-Chief, as his successor.

General orders Nos. 1 and 2, National Headquarters, are hereby promulgated and should have careful attention.

II. It is with profound sorrow that it becomes a duty to announce the death of Past Department Commander Louis Benecke, who died at his home in Brunswick, August 29, 1919. He was born in Germany.

May 1, 1843, and came to America and located in Brunswick in 1856. He enlisted as a private September 11, 1861, and was discharged as Captain of Co. I, 49th Mo. Infantry, August 2, 1865. His record as a soldier and as a citizen is a proud one. He was a charter member of Pinhart Post No. 268, and for the past ten years was its Commander. He ever took a great interest in his comrades and in the affairs of the Department, and was elected Commander of the Department in 1895. In order that his services as a soldier, as a citizen and as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic may be more fully set forth and be made a perpetual record in the archives of the Department, the following Past Department Commanders are hereby appointed a committee to prepare a fitting memorial testimonial and present the same to the next Department Encampment: Leo Rassieur, Post 1, John M. Williams, Post 276, and Thos. W. Evans, Post 7.

III. The Department Commander desires to express to the comrades of the Department his grateful appreciation of the splendid showing made by them at the National Encampment at Columbus. The large number of comrades present and the general appearance of all was indeed very gratifying. The Department Commander tenders his thanks to the Commander and Comrades of Ransom Post No. 131 of St. Louis, who turned out in full force and in uniform as his escort, to and at the Encampment. Their services were highly appreciated. The special train from St. Louis and the hotel accommodations arranged for by the Assistant Quartermaster General were eminently satisfactory, and the spontaneous and unlimited hospitality of the people of Columbus, make the Encampment a lasting and pleasing memory to all who attended it. When the Encampment opened for business, all the Department officers and elected Representatives and nine Past Department Commanders were present and in their seats. All the proceedings of the Encampment were harmonious and pleasant. The Department of Missouri has reason to be proud of the personnel and fidelity to duty of its membership in the 53d National Encampment. There were two candidates for place for the next Encampment, Colorado Springs and Atlantic City. The Department of Missouri cast its vote for Colorado Springs but Atlantic City was selected by a small majority.

IV. Comrades are reminded that the Rules and Regulations require that officers and Representatives be elected at the first regular meeting of the post in December. The Department Commander wishes to strongly emphasize the importance of selecting efficient and active officers. One active man at the head of a Post can keep it alive. Every comrade should esteem it an honor and a duty to keep alive and perpetuate the comradeship that only those can know who stood together as the Nation's bulwark in the struggle for the Nation's life.

In addition to the Post officers, there should be elected Representatives to the Department Encampment. Each Post of fifty members or less, in good standing December 31, 1918, is entitled to one Representative. Posts of more than fifty members are entitled to one Representative for each fifty or a fractional part of fifty or over twenty-five.

Post Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders are ex-officio members of the Department Encampment and should not be elected Representatives. Alternates should be elected. Blanks are inclosed for reports of the results of

elections. These should be filled out and promptly mailed to Department Headquarters with the annual report.

V. Blanks for the annual reports are forwarded herewith and should be filled up and returned to these Headquarters immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December. Prompt attention to this will save time and annoyance. **The Assistant Adjutant General** is required to forward a consolidated report to the National Headquarters on or before the 1st day of February, and all Posts that have not reported prior to that time must be omitted from his report. Our representation in the National Encampment is based on the number in good standing December 31, as shown by the consolidated report to the National Headquarters. The neglect of one Post Commander may deprive the Department of one Representative. It would seem that all reports could reach these Headquarters by the 5th day of January. If they are delayed they are likely to be overlooked and neglected.

Attention is called to the amended Rules and Regulations, providing for annual reports only. The report should cover the whole year instead of only six months as heretofore. The annual per capita tax is 40 cents for each member in good standing; one-half—20 cents—is payable January 1, and one-half July 1.

Post officers are again reminded that all remittances should be made payable in St. Louis to the order of W. F. Henry. Exchange is charged on all checks or drafts payable outside of St. Louis, except in Chicago and New York.

VI. There are a large number of Veterans of the Civil War living in this Department who have never joined the Grand Army of the Republic, or having at one time been members have been suspended or dropped. The Department Commander urges that comrades make a special effort to induce such to again touch elbows the Post room. If they cannot attend the Post meetings, arrange so that they may be enrolled as members of the Grand Army of the Republic and be entitled to wear the badge of the most honorable Order that ever existed, the right to be a member and wear the badge that was earned by an honorable service for Country more than fifty years ago and now enables us to stand the peer of all nations in the great struggle for Liberty. Let us endeavor to bring all comrades into the Posts. Some of the Posts made gains last year, and with proper effort other Posts may do the same.

VII. Post Commanders are requested to forward to these Headquarters the names of worthy comrades for appointment as Aides Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

VIII. A number of Posts have failed to remit the per capita due July 1, 1919. If there is a blue X opposite this paragraph in the Post is one of them. The amount due is 20 cents on each member in good standing December 31, 1918. Add this amount to remittance due January 1, 1920.

By command of W. C. CALLAND, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

Circular Letter No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., January 19, 1920

To the Commanders and Comrades of the G. A. R. Posts of the Department of Missouri:

Comrades: Commander-in-Chief Daniel M. Hall informs th

partment that the Fuller Pension Bill has passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 231 to 55. The bill now goes to the Senate for its action. While the prospect for its passage in the Senate seems good, yet he advises that each Post should pass resolutions urging speedy action. To this end we request and advise that each Post in the Department pass resolutions and forward same to their Senators in Washington, viz., Selden P. Spencer and James A. Reed, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.

Also, that a number of the prominent Grand Army men write personal letters to the Senators, requesting prompt and favorable action. Comrades, your individual interest in this matter ought to invite quick action.

The Department also advises and urges a special effort at this time to gather in suspended and dropped members. An appeal to non-members will be forceful in view of the effort that is being made to secure an increase of pension. The general pension committee has recently asked the Departments to report their full membership. An earnest effort is being put forth throughout the state to build up the department in numbers.

Quite a number of Posts have not as yet sent in their annual reports with the per capita tax. The Department looks to the Post Commanders to see that these reports are sent in at once.

Let the officers who have accepted the responsibility and management for the New Year prove their efficiency in pushing the work and make a record. Posts do not grow without leaders. The increase thus far during the year has been very creditable. Frequent open meetings prove a forceful factor. Commanders are requested to inspect the Adjutant and Quartermaster books and see that they are kept in commendable shape. The Department wishes all comrades and all organizations connected with the Department a happy and prosperous year.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

W. C. CALLAND, Department Commander.

Official:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.

. Series 1919-1920.

St. Louis, Mo., February 23, 1920.

I. The thirty-eighth Department Encampment which was held in Joplin last May selected Trenton as the place for holding the next Department Encampment and authorized the Department Council of Administration to fix the date for the meeting. The Council of Administration have fixed Wednesday and Thursday, May 12 and 13, 1920, as the dates for the Encampment. The Department Commander therefore announces that the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of this Department will convene in Trenton, Missouri, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of May 12, 1920, and remain in session until the business of the Encampment is completed. The Commander of Post 72 will see that arrangements are made for the proper entertainment of the Encampment and the allied societies that will convene in Trenton at that time.

The location of Headquarters and places of meeting, as well as other matters pertaining to the Encampment, will be announced in future Orders.

II. The Department Commander calls attention to the fact that it is important to have the Post Records show the place departed comrades have been buried. In the inspection of several Posts little regard has been shown as to the place our comrades are laid to rest. The Adjutant's books should show a carefully preserved record. If the roll should be called at a regular meeting, the records could be amended and on future Memorial Days the graves shall not be missed. Every Post Commander should have a typewritten list of the membership of the Post, as well as their addresses, and this personal list will tally with that of the Quartermaster. Many Post Commanders do not know the names and location of the membership; this indicates a very loose administration.

III. National General Orders No. 4, herewith promulgated, is of special interest to all comrades and should have careful consideration and not be carelessly laid aside. Especial attention is invited to paragraph VIII, which announces that the Fifty-fourth National Encampment will meet in Atlantic City, N. J., during the week beginning September 26. The Department Commander hopes that a large number of the Comrades from this Department will attend the Encampment. This Department will elect 11 representatives.

IV. The report of this Department to National Headquarters for the year 1919 shows a net loss during the year of 101. One hundred twenty-four were suspended. If there had been no suspensions the report would have shown a gain of 23. Comrades, is it not possible to reinstate some of these suspended ones? The report shows 202 deaths during the year. That item of loss cannot be avoided, but it would seem that the item of "suspended" might be materially reduced.

Several Posts have not yet reported for the year 1919. These reports with rare exceptions might have reached Department Headquarters by the 5th of January. The Adjutant and Quartermaster of any Post can together make up the report in a half hour if attended to as soon as it is due. The longer the matter is delayed, the more difficult it appears to be.

Comrades, you know whether your Post has reported or not; if it has not, do not longer delay it, do it now.

By command of W. C. CALLAND, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.
Series 1919-1920.

St. Louis, Mo., April 23, 1920.

I. As heretofore announced, the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in Trenton on Wednesday, May 12, at 9 o'clock a. m., and remain in session at the pleasure of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment is completed. Department Headquarters in St. Louis will be closed May 10, and opened at Trenton in Hotel Trenton, during the Encampment. The Headquarters in St. Louis will be opened on Tuesday, May 18.

All meetings of the Encampment will be in the Opera House. The Department Commander is advised that the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be in the Methodist Church, the Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be in the

Baptist Church and the Convention of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary will be in Elks' Home.

II. Round trip railroad tickets will be sold at one and one-third fare with minimum of \$1.00 for the round trip, from points in Missouri, for the Encampment, upon presentation of identification certificates applicable for members of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied societies, and dependent members of their families only, and the tickets will be good via the same route in both directions. Tickets will be sold on May 8-14, inclusive, with return limit of May 18, 1920.

Tickets will be validated at Trenton, on May 12-17, inclusive, by ticket agents at the regular ticket offices of the lines over which tickets read into Trenton, and when validated to be good for return leaving Trenton only on date of validation, and passengers must reach starting point prior to midnight of May 18, 1920.

Passengers will present and surrender their identification certificates to ticket agents at their home towns when tickets are purchased. One identification certificate will suffice for each member, and it will not be necessary to furnish separate certificates for dependent members of the family.

Application should be made at once—not later than May 10—to the Assistant Adjutant General for as many Certificates as may be needed to supply all who are entitled to them.

III. The following Comrades are hereby appointed a Committee on Credentials: O. H. Guffin of Post 8, B. C. Nichols of Post 72, and C. J. Collins of Post 131. They will meet in the office of Hotel Trenton at 3 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, May 11, and will give badges and the countersign to all who are entitled as members of the Encampment.

Comrade F. B. Nordyke is hereby appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade John Thomas is hereby appointed Officer of the Guard for service during the sessions of the Encampment. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. The Officer of the Guard will make requisition on the Commander of Post 72 for a sufficient number of guards for duty during the Encampment. The officers of the Day, Officer of the Guard and the Guards will be properly uniformed and equipped while on duty.

IV. All who are so fortunate as to have attended the Encampment held in Trenton twelve years ago will not need to be told of the generous and spontaneous hospitality and welcome that will be extended to all who attend the Encampment this year. Every effort is being put forth by the comrades and citizens of Trenton to make this one of the most enjoyable Encampments ever held in the Department. The Department Commander hopes that every Post in the Department will be represented in the encampment. Comrades, you cannot afford to miss this meeting.

The Commander of Post 72 will arrange with some one or more to take charge of the Department register and all comrades are requested to have their names and service entered on the register at once on arrival.

A campfire will be held in the Opera House on Wednesday night, for which a splendid lot of rails and other fuel has been provided. The fire will burn so brightly that it will warm the hearts of the comrades and the hearts of all who shall be so fortunate as to be present. None can afford to miss the occasion.

A parade is provided for on the afternoon of Wednesday which will end at the high school building, where there will be a program

and a flag presentation. This will be a lesson in patriotism to the youth who will assist in the exercises that they will never forget.

V. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Department Headquarters at 3:30 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 11, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

All Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are requested to report to Comrade S. D. Webster, Chief of Staff, at Department Headquarters, at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

VI. General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, is herewith promulgated and should have careful attention and consideration. General Orders are not issued to be carelessly thrown aside or destroyed but to be carefully read and preserved.

There will also be found herewith a circular prepared by the local committee giving much valuable information.

By command of W. C. CALLAND, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7.
Series 1919-1920.

St. Louis, Mo., April 23, 1920.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I. As May 30 this year falls on Sunday, under the laws of Missouri the following day (Monday, May 31), becomes a legal holiday and in compliance with our Rules and Regulations it will be observed as Memorial Day.

The coming of this "Remembrance Day" finds us in the midst of reconstruction days occasioned by the close of the mightiest of world wars. Military movements have ceased, the roaring of cannon and the bursting of shells have subsided, and our brave boys have largely returned to American shores, and the mortal remains of the noble dead are being transported to the land of their birth, while our statesmen are seeking to restore conditions of peace and adjust trade and commerce so that once more our beloved land shall settle down quietly and again pursue lines of activity that lead to national tranquility and prosperity. As we follow out the observance of this new Memorial Day we may be strengthened with the thought that our heroic sons and grandsons have worthily emulated the deeds of their sires and forever established in the minds of the nations American valor. Let us therefore bring our sweetest flowers and lay them reverently on the grave of our comrades and again call to mind the lofty patriotism that inspired them to devote their full measure of loyalty to their country.

"Nor shall your glory be forgot
While fame her records keep,
If honor points the hallowed spot
Where valor proudly sleeps.

Nor wreck nor change nor winter's blight
Nor time's remorseless doom,
Shall dim the ray of holy light
That gilds your glorious tomb."

II. As directed by the National Encampment, flags shall be placed at half-mast. Lincoln's Gettysburg address shall constitute part of the public services. The growing infirmities of comrades require the public service to be concluded within the limits of one brief hour.

III. Sunday, May 23, shall be observed as Memorial Sunday. All Posts are urged to arrange for and attend some church on that quiet day. See that the infirm comrades are assisted in their attendance. Invite your Auxiliaries and allied orders to unite with you. Let some feature of the service appeal to the children. Comrades, let this occasion prove to be a "Red Letter Day" on which every member of the Post shall report.

IV. Flag Day—14th day of June—should be observed by the members of the Grand Army. On this notable day all should display the flag in honor of the 143rd anniversary of its adoption by the government. The flag this year should have special significance, since it has been followed in foreign lands by brave men, and it has led them to victory on many sanguinary fields. Ask the public, through the press, to display "Old Glory" on this anniversary occasion.

Official:

W. C. CALLAND, Department Commander.

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.



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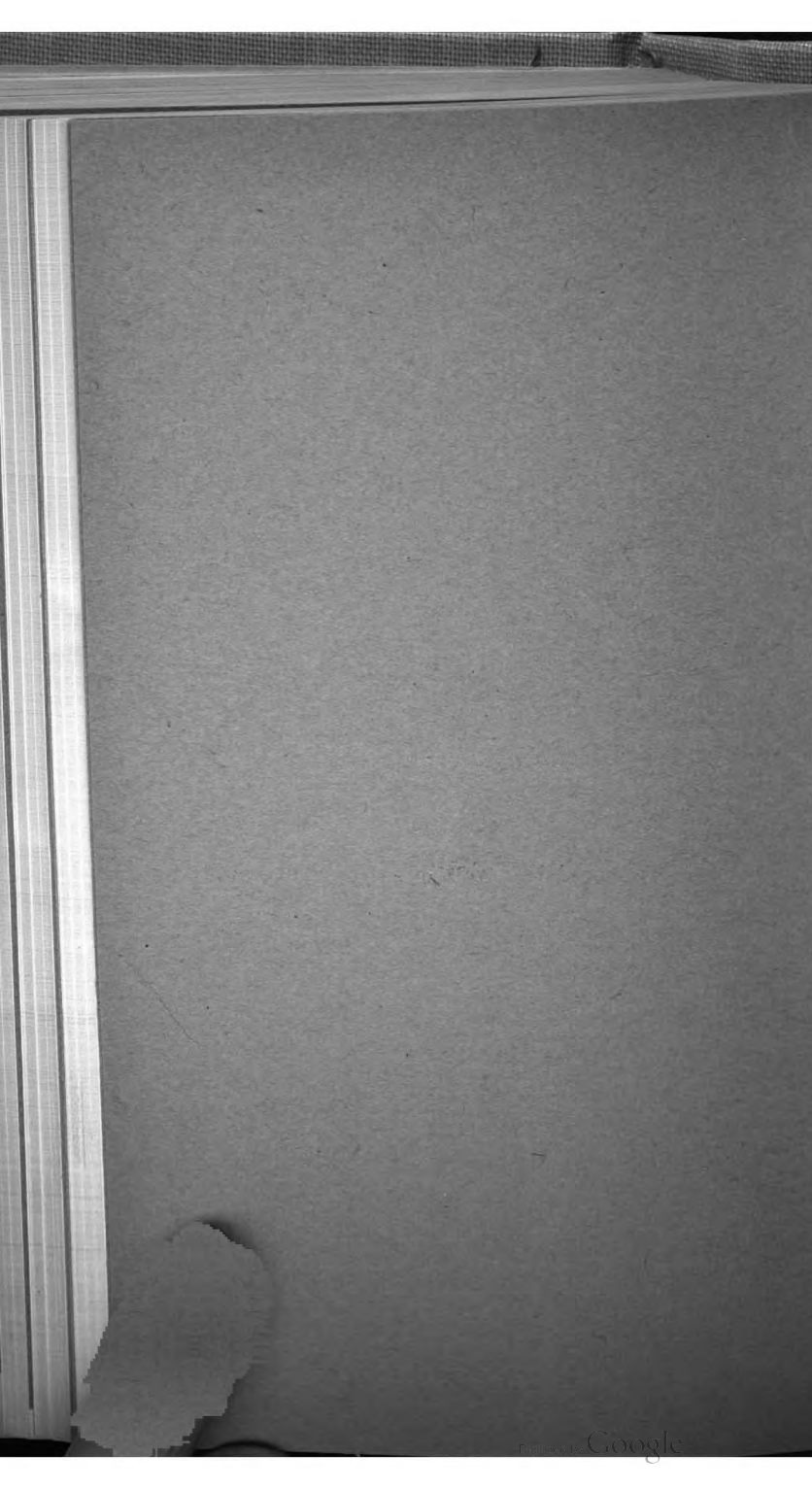
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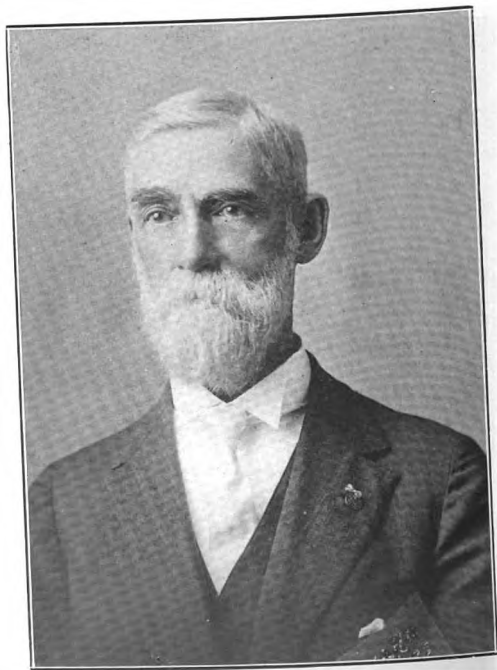
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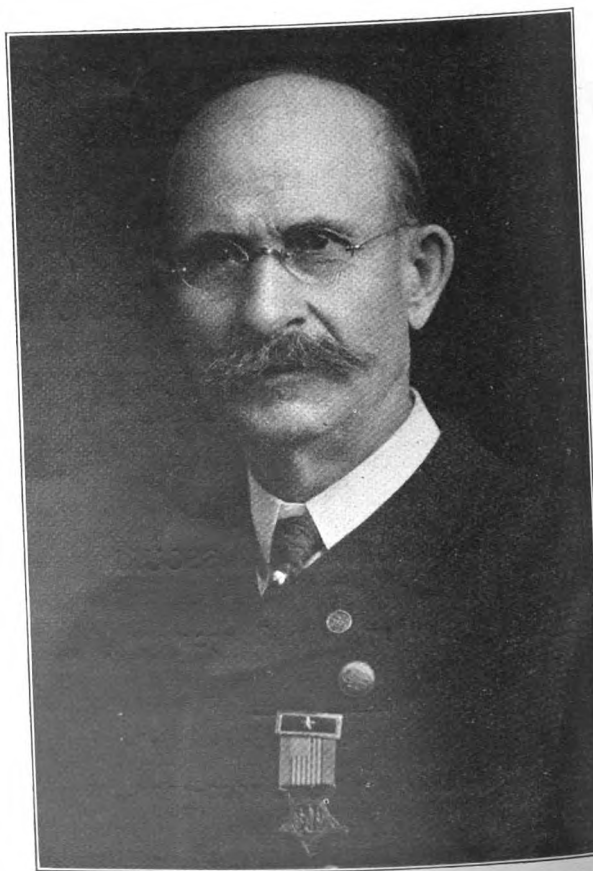
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic convened in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the State Capitol building, Jefferson City, at 9:30 o'clock on the morning of May 17, 1921, in open session, to which the public and all allied societies were invited, the Department Commander, S. D. Webster, presiding.

Comrade William A. Ketcham, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic being present, Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Rassieur by direction of the Department Commander, conducted him to a seat at the "Speaker's" desk beside the Department Commander. The Commander-in-Chief was given a hearty soldier's greeting.

Thereupon the Colors were brought to the front by Comrade R. Cone, Commander of Ransom Post No. 131 and a detail of color guard. The colors were duly saluted by the Comrades and placed.

At this open meeting short addresses were made by the Governor of the State, Arthur M. Hyde, the Mayor of the City, Al C. Hunt and by Comrade A. N. Seaber, Commander of Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City. All the addresses were full of patriotic sentiment and cheering words of welcome, and were most heartily appreciated and applauded.

The Department Commander responded to each of the addresses with a most happy manner, expressing to each his personal appreciation and thanks as well as the thanks and appreciation of

his Comrades for their cheering and patriotic words of welcome. He then called upon the Commander-in-Chief who aroused the audience to a high state of enthusiasm and spontaneous applause by his patriotic utterances, forcefully expressed.

The address of the Commander-in-Chief closed the exercises of the open meeting.

The Assistant Adjutant General announced that at 1:30 o'clock in the east corridor of the Capitol, the Sons of Veterans would unveil and present to the Governor, a bronze tablet of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, with elaborate ceremonies, to be followed by the presentation of a large flag to the Principal of the Jefferson City High school by the Patriotic Instructor of the Department Woman's Relief Corps; that following these exercises the annual parade would form and move through the principal streets. He also announced that the Governor and Mrs. Hy would hold an informal reception at the Governor's Mansion at 6:15 P. M., and that the campfire would be held in Representative Hall at 8:00 o'clock. To all of these exercises a very cordial invitation has been extended to all visitors and citizens and it was hoped that there would be a large attendance at all of them.

The Department Commander then requested all who were entitled to seats in the Encampment to retire and the Officer of the Day, Comrade O. B. Lingle of Post 17 and the Officer of the Guard, Comrade Wenzel Graf, of Post 13, entered upon their duties which were performed by them during all sessions of the Encampment in a most satisfactory and commendable manner.

The Department Commander stated that without objection comrades having the National countersign and wearing the badge issued by the Committee on Credentials would be recognized as members of the Encampment. No objection appearing it was ordered.

The Department Commander then proceeded to open the Encampment for business. The Department Chaplain was called upon and offered a touching and appropriate prayer, invoking Divine guidance and blessing in all our deliberations.

The Department Commander then declared the Encampment duly open for such business as might properly come before it.

The Assistant Adjutant-General reported the following a roll of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders. Those present during the Encampment are indicated by a star

Department Commander,
*S. D. WEBSTER.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,
*A. J. P. BARNES.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,
*GEO. W. SPARKS.

Medical Director,
*DR C. W. BURRILL.

Department Chaplain,
*REV. T. D. ROBERTS.

Assistant Adjutant-General and A. Q. M. Gen.,
*WILBUR F. HENRY.

Judge Advocate,
W. F. CALFEE

Patriotic Instructor,
*W. C. CALLAND.

Chief Mustering Officer,
CHAS. B. KURTZ.

Department Inspector,
L. L. JOHNSON.

Council of Administration,

*B. A. SUPPAN,

*C. K. REIFSNIDER,

*L. C. HESSE.

Past Department Commanders,

†WILLIAM 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,

*JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
T. D. KIMBALL,
J. V. MARTIN,
†W. H. SKINNER,
†R. N. DENHAM,
†BENJAMIN WARNER,
†THOS. B. RODGERS,
†JOHN P. PLATT,
†A. G. FETERSON,
JOHN W. SCOTT,

†LOUIS GRUND,	*W. F. HENRY,
†LOUIS BENECKE,	†ARTHUR DREIFUS,
GEORGE HALL,	†CHAS. W. RUBY,
†IRA T. BRONSON,	*WM. LOWE,
(2) F. M. STERRETT,	*J. B. DOBYNE,
†JERE T. DEW,	THOS. W. EVANS,
*ALEX. McCANDLESS,	*P. F. COGHLAN,
†HENRY FAIRBACK,	*W. C. CALLAND.

(1) John E. Phelps transferred to Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.

(2) F. M. Sterrett transferred to Dept. of Ohio.

†Deceased.

Following is the roll of members who were present in the Encampment as reported by the Committee on Credentials:

Roll of the Fortieth Annual Encampment

Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Held at Jefferson City, Mo., May 17 and 18, 1921

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

P. C.—Arnold Bowers.

S. V. C.—Ernst Rotteck.

J. V. C.—Abraham Ansen.

Rep.—George Heinemann, George I. Simpson.

P. P. C.—G. W. Carmichael, P. F. Coghlan, D. O. Clements,
Chris H. Grote, B. F. Park, Leo Rassieur, F. August Meyer, J. J.
Sharr, Cord Ringen, Chas. Steiner, B. A. Suppan and A. Whipple.

Gen. Lyon Post, No. 2, St. Louis.

P. P. C.—Henry W. Plumer.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

P. C.—David L. Wells.

J. V. C.—Wm. E. Axtell.

Rep.—Charles E. Lewis, and J. M. Tuttle.

P. P. C.—James A. Stewart, Thos. H. Brown, C. W. Burrill,
A. Zartman, and S. W. Serl.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

P. C.—B. W. Holliday.

Rep.—E. M. Harbaugh.

P. P. C.—Alex. McCandless, W. S. Jones and R. T. McCasky and
Nich. Mathias.

Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.

P. C.—A. N. Seaber.

Rep.—Henry Vogel.

P. P. C.—John T. Clark, and B. F. Lutman.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

S. V. C.—William A. Elliott.

Rep.—Peter Conroy, Samuel C. Zancker and Robert H. Sav-
age.

P. P. C.—George Pugh, S. M. Mann, William H. Sherman and
C. W. Webster.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

P. C.—James H. Hunter.

Rep.—Wm. H. Dewey, James A. Hinkle, Franklin Hudson, and
B. J. Boody.

P. P. C.—O. H. Guffin, C. E. Blackmar, W. H. Wormstead,
Frank E. Becker, B. B. Bolt and T. H. Ijams.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

P. C.—Barth Husson.

S. V. C.—Geo. Hoffman.

J. V. C.—Fred Geimer.

Rep.—Wenzel Graf.

P. P. C.—Louis C. Hesse, Max Fritz, J. H. Holsten, Hubert
Munchrath, Adam Minges and George Bauer.

O. P. Horton Post No 14, Joplin.

Rep.—C. G. Manchester and Dr. R. B. Tyler.

P. P. C.—Henry Phelps, H. W. Davison, A. J. P. Barnes
and L. F. Williams.

Stanton Post, No 16, Carthage.

P. C.—S. E. Wetzel.

J. V. C.—A. J. Bobb.

P. P. C.—Jas. Spence, Wm. McCune and J. T. B. Yaryan.

Joe. Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.

P. P. C.—O. B. Lingle and F. C. Brooks.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

P. C.—John H. McClure.
 Rep.—Daniel M. Walker.
 P. P. C.—Thos. J. Dockery and John C. Pierce.

Christian Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

Rep.—Rev. T. D. Roberts.
 P. P. C.—Daniel Kunkel.

Capt. J. L. Clark Post, No. 47, Green City.

P. C.—W. C. Green.
 Rep.—A. J. Crum.
 P. P. C.—A. Pater.

Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

P. C.—R. R. Highlyman.
 Rep.—Henry Meyer.
 P. P. C.—Charles Kooock and D. W. Turley.

Tarkio Post, No. 67, Tarkio.

Rep.—W. S. Wood.

Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 68, Green Ridge.

P. P. C.—D. S. Haight.

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

P. C.—W. C. Calland.
 P. P. C.—H. J. Dutton.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. C.—Geo. W. Sparks.
 Rep.—Robert Biggs.
 P. P. C.—B. C. Nichols and John Hack.

Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.

P. C.—J. G. Osborne.
 Rep.—William E. Chester.

Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton.

Rep.—Ira B. Hyde.

King City Post, No. 86, King City.

P. P. C.—W. P. Graves.

Capt. C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Maysville.

P. C.—J. W. McElwain.

G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.

P. C.—Theophile Dubrouillet.

S. V. C.—G. W. Tainter.

J. V. C.—John Fener.

Rep.—F. Ebert.

Jewell Post, No. 118, Mount Vernon.

P. C.—E. Boucher.

Marion Post, No. 119, Stanberry.

Rep.—Frank Shaw.

Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.

S. V. C.—W. H. H. Gillespie.

P. P. C.—E. S. Miner.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

P. C.—S. G. Hayes.

J. V. C.—Jose Sanders.

P. P. C.—M. G. Garner, J. N. Hayes, E. G. Grossman and

W. B. Mullins.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

P. C.—E. R. Cone.

S. V. C.—Wm. Meinhold.

Rep.—S. A. Kay, C. Nelson and M. P. Owen.

P. P. C.—J. B. Doboyné, S. D. Webster, Allen J. Showers,

C. K. Reifnider, Farewell Walton and P. H. Callahan.

Gentry Post, No. 134, Albany.

P. C.—James Kinney.

Rep.—Andrew McCoy.

Samuel McClure Post, No. 145, Eldon.

Rep.—H. W. Francis.

P. P. C.—J. B. Bowers and Jacob Stephens.

Liberty Post, No. 150, Spickard.

Rep.—T. B. Garner.

Gen. Frank J. Herron Post, No. 161, Buffalo.

P. C.—J. S. Hazlett.

P. P. C.—W. H. Booth, David Olinger, John Dowell and John

Means.

Gen. J. P. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

P. C.—W. F. McColley.
 Rep.—J. R. Picksell.
 P. P. C.—E. B. Smith.

W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

P. C.—C. W. Raymond.
 P. P. C.—J. A. Lane.

Col. Morsey Post, No. 197, Warrenton.

P. P. C.—John H. Frick.

McCrosky Post, No. 210, Springfield.

P. P. C.—L. Decker.

Sergt. Ryan Post, No. 214, Brashear.

P. P. C.—A. R. Zentz.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.

P. C.—C. W. Corkran.
 Rep.—John A. Oldfather.

Thomas J. Brouster Post, No. 233, Clayton.

P. C.—H. W. Belding.
 S. V. C.—Henry Seibel.
 P. P. C. J. Eschenbrenner.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.

P. C.—Charles C. Bell.
 P. P. C.—Walter Barron and E. H. Rodgers.

Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.

P. P. C.—J. W. Root.

John W. Rollins Post, No. 247, West Plains.

Rep.—George F. Clark.

Difani Post, No. 273, Perryville.

P. P. C.—J. B. Cashion.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, California.

P. C.—F. W. Heidbreder.
 Rep.—Wm. Phillips.
 P. P. C.—Aug. Seyfert, J. M. Wililams, C. G. Wagner, H. Sappington and G. W. Sappington.

Evans Post, No. 340, Economy.

Rep. Charles Anderson.

Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.

P. C.—E. Thompson.

P. P. C.—G. W. Edwards.

Rep.—S. Cole.

H C. Beckett Post, No. 348, Mineral Point.

P. C.—W. H. Evens.

Pike Post, No. 391, Bowling Green.

P. C.—G. A. Wetherell.

Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.

Rep.—Nat. Douglas.

P. P. C.—James Austin.

Col. Meuman Post, No. 496, St. Louis.

Rep.—Xavier Zachringer.

P. P. C.—Charles Bieger and Joseph Litteneker.

George W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

S. V. C.—M. D. L. Blevins.

P. P. C.—J. N. Michael and A. F. McCray.

Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.

P. C.—Henry W. Hagedorn.

Rep.—Henry Ludwig.

P. P. C.—Christ Peters.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lees Summit

P. P. C.—W. K. Collins.

John W. Noble Post, No. 593, St. James.

P. C.—N. S. B. Craig.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

Rep.—H. T. Hite.

P. P. C.—Wm. Lowe.

Comrade Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief, stated that it was very important that nominations for representatives and alternates at the National Encampment be made as early as possible in order that the names might be printed upon the tickets to be voted at

the proper time without delaying the business of the Encampment and he moved all routine business be now waived and the Encampment at once proceed to make such nominations. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the Department was entitled to ten Representatives including a Representative at large, and that under a rule heretofore adopted, the names of nominees would be arranged on the printed ticket in the inverse order of the numbers of the posts to which the nominated comrades belong. He moved that the comrade receiving the highest number of votes should be the Representative at large and the nine receiving the next highest should be the Representatives, and the ten receiving the next highest should be the Alternates in the order of the votes received. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Encampment then proceeded to the nomination of Representatives to the 55th National Encampment. The following are the names of the comrades nominated:

Joseph Litteneker, Post 496—St. Louis.
 G. W. Edward, Post 343—St. Louis.
 J. B. Cashion, Post 273—Perryville.
 Henry Seibel, Post 233—Manchester.
 Wesley Kieth, Post 150—Spickard.
 Jacob Stephens, Post 145—Eldon.
 N. Dewitte, Post 134—Darlington.
 A. J. Showers, Post 131—St. Louis.
 W. H. H. Gillespie, Post 124—Bethany.
 Theoph. Dubrouillet, Post 97—Linn.
 John Hack, Post 72—Trenton.
 H. J. Dutton, Post 69—Springfield.
 Chas. Kooock, Post 53—Sedalia.
 T. J. Dockery, Post 22—Kirksville.
 O. B. Lingle, Post 17—Cameron.
 Henry Phelps, Post 14—Joplin.
 Max Fritz, Post 13—St. Louis.
 Franklin Hudson, Post 8—Kansas City.
 W. H. Dewey, Post 8—Kansas City.
 W. H. Sherman, Post 7—St. Joseph.
 Wm. Liebig, Post 7—St. Joseph.
 B. F. Lutman, Post 6—Jefferson City.

Nich. Mathias, Post 5—Moberly.

A. Zartman, Post 4—Kansas City.

S. W. Serl, Post 4—Kansas City.

G. W. Carmichael, Post 1—St. Louis.

Arnold Bowers, Post 1—St. Louis.

The regular order of business was then resumed and the Department Commander called the Senior Vice Department Commander to the chair and addressed the Encampment as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

It seems well in this centennial year of the advent of our great Commonwealth into the Union established by our father that we, who were of those who forty years later went forth to preserve the integrity of that Union, should now, sixty years after, gather in our Capital City to again clasp hands, renew acquaintance, inquire as to the many not present and, while not forgetting that the maintenance of our organization is part of our reason for assembling, yet the part of it we will feel as of the greatest importance to each will be carried with us to our homes—the remembrance of the comrades we have again met, their cordial greetings and the mental picture we shall retain of the cheerful optimism in each bright countenance; though its brow be thatched with locks of gray. It is that same cheerfulness, and looking at the bright side, which has brought many, very many, of us through approximately four-score years of useful life and which buoys us with the hope of more years of activity.

And yet we know, from what we see about us and from the official reports, that in every hour, somewhere in our good land, comes the call "Lights Out" for three of those who served with us, for three who helped save the integrity of the nation; who since their four years of war, through fifty-six years of peace, have served as faithfully in its regeneration and its upbuilding; that every hour of the twenty-four, and for every day of the three hundred sixty-five, three who have been our comrades and our friends, are being mustered into the ranks on the other shore.

It is well that we think solemnly of this, with calm recognition of the uncertainty of life for the strongest, but with assured determination to "carry on" to life's end in the performance, faithfully, of the duties which life devolves upon each, and in upholding the law in the manner imposed by our pledge of loyalty.

It seems particularly desirable, at this time when anarchy is rampant throughout the world, that we, more than any other class of citizens, should stand for the observance of organized law. Each of us, through our representatives, have had our part in making the

laws. If they have not been made to our satisfaction, we may take the blame to ourselves. It was our great leader, Grant, who said that the way to find whether a law is desirable is to enforce it; if not desirable, change it. And if those we send to make our laws do not give us what we should have for the best interests of our land, it should, by each, be considered his duty to change those who make the laws. Very particularly, too, we should observe closely those who should, but who do not, enforce the laws, for evidently much of the disrespect shown to the laws grows out of the laxity and the neglect of those who do not enforce them.

We are not allowed to make nominations to political office, but we are pledged to "encourage honor and purity in public affairs and we should frown upon and discourage all schemes and schemes who tempt us with fanciful forms of government, or promises of betterment under Soviets, Socialism, Anarchism, or anything other than the straight-out Americanism for which we have stood through more than three-quarters of a century.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

I was not so fortunate as to accompany the party in going to the Fifty-fourth National Encampment; but, coming back from the reunion of my old regiment in Boston, I was highly gratified in reaching Indianapolis to find so large a delegation of representative comrades of the department. Coming, as they did, from all parts of the state, their numbers as they gathered in the park at their appearance during the parade filled each heart with pride. As was once said of my own regiment: "The boys marched proud as they had a good right to do."

Our quarters at the Denison were excellent, our hosts, courteous and hospitable, the welcome to the city and our treatment by the people was generous and delightful, and we came back cheered and warmed by the realization that the welcome and the treatment were accorded us because of our service to the country when the fate of the nation depended on the manner in which we upheld the ideals and sustained the traditions of our sires.

Favorable action was taken on the request of this department for the maintenance of a List of Comrades at Large, and where there is no Post in a county, the comrades living remotely, may apply directly to the Assistant Adjutant General and have their names recorded by him; retaining thereby the right to wear "little bronze button," a right which they lose by non-membership.

The Encampment raised the per capita to be paid by departments to the National Encampment from 3½ cents to 10 cents each comrade in good standing. It will be necessary to meet the trebled charge by an increase of our own. I respectfully suggest

that this Encampment make the per capita 50 cents per annum, instead of 40 cents, as at present; same to be payable in two installments of 25 cents each, on January 1st and July 1st.

Our Department was honored by the National Encampment by selecting for Sugreon General our Department Medical Director, Dr. C. W. Burrill, a fitting recognition of professional skill as well as of fraternal activity.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS

The Women's Relief Corps has been blessed with many very earnest and active workers; and it has been my good fortune to have witnessed those activities on several occasions. Our excellent Comrade, Past Department Commander Calland, interested himself and enlisted the good sisters in many things, but notably in an effort to make the Christmas-tide a time of pleasure and rejoicing for those whose years have brought to them the ills of age, and have been gathered into the Home at St. James. At a special dinner on December 24th, Christmas Eve, the Department President, Mrs. Rose Elledge, of Trenton, Department Secretary, Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong, of Kansas City, Patriotic Instructor, Comrade W. C. Calland, of Springfield, with the Department Commander, gathered about the long and bountifully furnished tables in the large dining hall. At each plate was a pound of excellent chocolates, in an ornamented box, embellished with a boutinniere flag. Each was accompanied by a card with the greetings of the W. R. C., Department of Missouri, and of Department Patriotic Instructor Calland; and with each, also, nicely printed, the expression on your behalf through the Commander of your kindly feeling and good wishes for their present and continued welfare. The greetings as formally expressed will be printed with the General Orders attached to the Journal of this Encampment.

On Christmas day the hospitals were visited and to those unable to be at the dinner were given similar boxes, until the more than three hundred members and officers of the Home had been afforded evidence of the hearty sympathy of the Department of Missouri, both G. A. R. and W. R. C.

It developed during our stay that need existed for a musical instrument and a promise was given that one would be provided. This promise was made good shortly after by the gift of a fine Victrola, and I have the assurance of Superintendent Mikkelson to the pleasure it constantly affords; particularly to those whose condition precludes other forms of entertainment.

While upon the subject of the Federal Home at St. James, I wish to express appreciation of the active interest manifested by those charged with the care of so many to whom the need of

a HOME is urgent. I wish to mention by name the Superintendent, Mr. Jerd Mikkelson; and the Adjutant, Mr. H. E. Gorman, who quite won me by what I learned of their services. Surgeon Fulbright and the Matron, Miss Nora House, are to be commended for the excellent condition of the departments under their care.

Throughout the years, at many places and in various ways the local corps have had open meetings for the entertainment of veterans, and for the assistance of many of them. Too much can not be said of the work done or of the earnest effort and kind deeds of their officers and members.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

It has not been my pleasure to attend the many meetings to which I have been invited by the Ladies of the G. A. R. to enjoy the entertainments provided. However, their activities have been continuous and their interest warm and earnest. I have known, because of the invitations and the entertainments that they were loyally and cordially endeavoring to assist the Grand Army of the Republic. It appears that many ladies who are eligible fail to enroll in the Order while they have their husbands or fathers or brothers with them, but when they sustain a loss, are moved to find by association in this sisterhood a comforting refuge in their affliction.

SONS OF VETERANS.

The "Sons" seem year by year to show an increased activity manifested particularly at the Memorial season. They appear desirous that the Veterans who are neither so numerous nor so vigorous as they once were, should have their assistance, and that no appearance of neglect shall mar the observance of the day, a sacred remembrance of those whose "ties with us were welded in the fires of battle."

SONS OF VETERANS' AUXILIARY.

As heretofore this organization of earnest women has maintained close touch with the Order. No reports, however, have reached me and I am not advised of the progress making in it.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

An organization of the "Daughters," as that of the Sons, should afford a means of passing to posterity a connected line and, through the heralds and troubadors of the days of knighthood, transmit to coming generations the traditions of the veterans whose daughters they are. History shows that the female line became the custodian of the legends, while impressing youth with the traditions of their forbears.

VISITATIONS.

I have not found myself able to visit as I would have liked among the Posts of the Department; indeed, it has not been easy to attend frequently the meetings of the Posts in my home city, St. Louis.

My first official visit closely followed my installation. Department Commander Calland, on being informed that the Commander in Chief, who had been unable to attend our Encampment at Trenton, would be passing through Kansas City on May 22nd, promptly notified the Commander of McPherson Post No. 4, and Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8. Arrangements were made for a reception by those Posts jointly with the Sons and Auxiliaries. It was my pleasure to be with those present to greet Commander-in-Chief Hall who was accompanied by Adjutant General O'Neill. As representing the Department of Missouri these two great Posts acquitted themselves well and to the admiration of their guests and visitors.

In June I attended the tri-state meeting and picnic near Carthage, where its comrades with those of Joplin, Webb City and the surrounding country had a fine gathering at Lakeside Park.

On August 11th attended meeting at Buffalo, in Dallas county, where a most enjoyable visit was had with Gen. Frank J. Herron Post No. 161, where provisions were made for a three days' entertainment for the surrounding district.

Was in Kansas City on January 8 and installed the officers elect of McPherson Post No. 4, and had a chance to visit with many comrades of both Posts.

April 7 I visited Custer No. 7 at St. Joseph. Have been there at other times, and found them now, as always, with outstretched hands to clasp and warm greetings from each.

On October 17th, Comrade Armstrong, Department Commander of Illinois, with his Junior Vice Commander Huntton, and Chief of Staff Bryner, visited St. Louis, to attend a meeting of Ransom Post No. 131. Later, Commander Armstrong asked that on April I attend with him in Chicago, the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Western Passenger Association. Comrade Armstrong's appeal moved these gentlemen to grant the two cents a mile rate with which we have been favored. By a resolution they commended that the Executive Committee of the National Association make a rate of one cent a mile each way to our next National Encampment.

REPOSITORY OF HISTORICAL FLAGS AND RELICS.

By a resolution of the 50th General Assembly the Eastern Corner of the new Capitol was set apart as a suitable place for the

deposit and preservation of battle flags, war relics, articles which had associations rendering them of historic value, and made an appropriation for their care, placing the Adjutant General in charge and with authority to devise the method and arrange for the best serving the object of the resolution.

Adjutant General Harvey C. Clark, whom with sorrow I had to announce to you has since answered the last "roll call," made it his pleasure to comply with what was imposed on him as a duty. He made a most excellent beginning and the collection a creditable one for the limited time since its inception. I have found in his successor, the present Adjutant General W. A. Raupp, a most enthusiastic desire to make the collection in the East Corridor that those who framed the resolution wished it to be.

In connection with this repository, and in a manner in furtherance of its purpose, I have inaugurated a movement having for its object a LISTING of the names and places of interment of all soldiers and sailors wherever buried in this department. Nearly all—even the remotest and most private burial places—are to be found some of the more than two millions who, during the Civil War, were mustered into the service. There are many who were veterans of the War with Mexico; the Spanish-American War and other conflicts; and many, almost seventy thousand from the great state who, at that time our opponents, for many years have been our friends and social companions in civil life. A circular letter (which may be considered as a part of this address) has been sent to all Posts, urging the earnest co-operation of all veterans and their auxiliaries, as well as of all patriotic associations in seeking out the names and organizations to which these departed ones belonged; noting on cards their names and the places of interment, which cards are to be sent to Adjutant General W. A. Raupp at Jefferson City. General Raupp has heartily endorsed the movement, furnished a form of card to be used, and promised that the cards, when received, shall be made into a permanent record in his office. It will be, as it were, a mortuary for the preservation of evidence of who they were and where the remains are to be found. Of those whom on Memorial day, we and with us the whole American nation, seek for the purpose of garlanding their graves with the choicest of flowers of spring-time."

I hope that each and all may themselves engage and aid to promote among others this listing of names and forwarding of cards.

MEMORIAL DAY.

A vital factor in inculcating patriotism in the minds and hearts of those growing about us has been our reverent observance

the day dedicated to the memory of those "who gave their lives that the nation might live." The increasing infirmities which are imposed by added years will have soon made it impossible for us to longer actively perform this loving service of remembrance. To none more fit can this sacred observance be entrusted than to our grandsons—the youth who compose the American legion. I hope this fitness will be recognized, both by ourselves and by them, and that they will accept and continue it as we did the order of our Commander in Chief, General Logan:

"If other eyes grow dull, and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains to us."

For earnest support and kind consideration I owe most sincere and hearty thanks to each and every comrade in the department. But, as always, some are to be found whose activities are marked and of whom special mention should be made. First among these comes the Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General. It is not enough to say, as if it were a matter of course, that with these offices it is a duty; for there are degrees in everything, and it is vastly different if their administration is perfunctory, merely, or if an active, enthusiastic interest is manifested. And I wish to state that I have found Comrade Henry all that could be asked as the embodiment of an earnest and efficient administrative officer.

Senior Vice Department Commander, Comrade Barnes, has been active in his end of the department, and particularly useful in helping along the arrangements for this Encampment.

It is probable that if Junior Vice Comrade Sparks had made a campaign for the legislature, and carried his district by an unprecedented vote, come to the Capital City and had been here during the 51st General Assembly, he would equally, with the Senior Vice, have busied himself with Comrade Barnes in the work of preparation here.

Our Department Medical Director has again manifested his efficiency, and we owe him thanks for recommendations to which, I fear, too many of us will give less heed than we should.

Comrade Calland, Patriotic Instructor for so long that we almost suppose him to have grown up with this office, has magnified it by his earnest work, seeking and even making opportunities through which best to inculcate and promote patriotism.

The other department officers and the Council of Administration have all assisted as opportunity permitted. To have had such active and earnest co-operation on all hands has been a stimulus as well as a compliment, and I thank them all most

heartily. I know that amongst us each heart today beats with the sentiment of our songs of fraternity:

"We have drank from the same canteen."

The address was referred by the Senior Vice Department Commander to the following named Committee:

Past Department Commander, W. S. Calland, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, W. H. Wormstead and Past Department Commander, Phil. F. Coghlan.

The Department Commander resumed command.

The Officer of the Day announced that Mr. Schultze, representing the Chamber of Commerce of Jefferson City was at the outpost and wished to make a statement to the Encampment. Without objection, the Officer of the Day escorted him to the front and he was welcomed by the Department Commander and accorded a hearing.

He spoke for few minutes very entertainingly and among other things said that he is the son of a veteran of the war with Mexico and of the Civil war, that he himself served in the war with Spain and now has a son serving in the Marines. He closed his remarks by inviting the Encampment to make Jefferson City its home and future place of meeting.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that all reports of the Department Officers were printed and had been distributed to the members of the Encampment and suggested that they be referred to proper committees without reading. The Department Commander stated that without objection they would be so referred. No objection appearing it was so ordered.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Joplin, Mo., April 12, 1921.

W. F. Henry, A. A. G.,

Department Mo. G. A. R.,

St. Louis, Mo.

In compliance with custom and the requirements of our rules and regulations, I am submitting to you my report as Senior Vice Commander, Department Mo., G. A. R., for the current year.

I desire to express, to the Comrades, my sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred on me at Trenton, when I was elected to the second highest office in the Department. No doubt the honor was intended as a compliment to O. P. Morton Post No. 14, Joplin, Mo., rather than for any special qualifications of the writer. During the year I have endeavored to do all in my power to advance

interests of the Department and assist our Comrades. Often I feel discouraged at the small attendance of Comrades at Post meetings. It should be considered a great privilege that we can assemble on stated occasions and relate incidents of campaign life and speak words of cheer to the discouraged and deserving Comrades. No greater honor can be conferred on mortal man than being admitted as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The sufferings and patriotism of your and my ancestors in the dark days of the American Revolution produced a love of liberty and country that brought forth a nation of unselfish patriots, whose highest aim was liberty to the oppressed. This same spirit of liberty and loyalty caused two millions of freemen to respond to the call of Abraham Lincoln in 1861 and follow the flag we love so well through the more than four years of civil strife to victory and a united Nation. The struggle was long and fierce, but the Nation was preserved. Years of peace followed and we became the greatest Nation on earth, financially, morally and socially. Again the dark clouds of war overshadowed the world and America became involved in the greatest contest in the world's history. Our sons and grandsons, of the blue and the gray, imbued with the same spirit of patriotism and love of liberty, contested on a thousand battle fields in Europe where the American soldiers fulfilled the most sanguine expectations of not only America, but the mighty Nations of the world, and defeated the supposed invincible and unconquerable hordes of the German Empire. Thus another evidence that in all our land, north, south, east and west, there exists the same united spirit of love of country and our flag. Should future emergencies demand, millions of loyal sons will respond and all will be well.

Our greatest security for the future depends on the proper teachings in our public and private schools. The study of American history and civil government, together with love for our country and due respect for our laws, should be made compulsory in all schools. Love of country cannot be created without a proper knowledge of the country, its ideals, its form of government and the struggles and sacrifices of the men whose character is its foundation. Our present school text book system as generally constituted is incapable of developing the highest type of American citizenship, which is the foundation of true democracy, and without which human liberty has no champion. Comrades, our life's sands are most run, the march is near the end, soon taps for us will sound. Let us devote our remaining years to the betterment of the schools throughout our land, to the creating of a higher degree of American citizenship—let us labor to prohibit the use of false text books or false teaching in schools, colleges or universities of our

beloved land, and thus protect the boys and girls of today and future generations from pernicious propoganda and unAmerican influences, to the end that we will have only one language, one country and one flag.

Then let us obey the call "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams," believing that past sacrifices have not been in vain and that our Nation under God's protecting care shall not perish from the earth.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

A. J. P. BARNES,

Senior Vice Commander, Department Mo., G. A. R.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Trenton, Mo., April 25, 1921.

W. F. Henry, A. A. G.,
Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear General:

In compliance with customs, rules and regulations of G. A. R. I herewith submit my report for the Fortieth Annual Encampment as Junior Vice Commander for this Department for 1920-21 in appreciation of the courtesies extended to me by the Department Officials, most especially by W. F. Henry, A. A. G. My report will be brief, as I have not attended or visited other Posts. Of Post I feel very proud. The year 1920 brings forth many sad memories as some of our Comrades paid their last tribute to the flag they loved. So far this year, 1921, we have lost by death two of our loved members. But with pride and loyalty we have been going forward meeting with some success—added two members from other Posts, and I mustered in one at our last meeting.

I am sorry to say the S. of V. of Garfield Camp are not as prosperous as they should be. They pay their dues but are in attendance. The Camp Commander assures me that he will do his best to create a greater interest than has been shown. W. R. C., No. 44, President, Cecil McCracken; Secretary, Prothers, and Treasurer, Elizabeth Dean, are very much alive and their work and are steadily adding to their already large membership.

In conclusion I must say that I feel very grateful for the honors that I have received from the officers and members of the G. A. R.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

GEO. W. SPARKS,
Junior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Kansas City, Mo., April 20, 1921.

Department Commander and Comrades:

The time has again arrived for the various officers of the Grand Army of the Republic of this Department to make their annual reports for the next encampment.

It seems to me the years roll around very rapidly, especially so, when I think there are so few remaining years for the most of us. We are all approaching the sunset of human life. Indeed, the western sky is already aglow for many. But, notwithstanding that, we have great reason to rejoice and be thankful. For no men anywhere have greater reason to be proud and thankful for what the soldiers of the Civil War were permitted to accomplish, during the years 1861 to 1865, and the following years of their lives, as exemplary citizens of this great Nation. They saved this Republic from disunion; they preserved it a Nation; they freed a race; and by their life-long influence and example, the United States of America is today, the greatest Nation on earth.

Most of our Comrades now living are from the ranks of the younger ones who were engaged in that great struggle. They did not have full participation in all of it; but they offered all, and did all they could, and are entitled to all praise. After the victory, they devoted their lives to the maintenance and development of the Nation. They were ever loyal and patriotic citizens. They were an example of patriotism; they talked patriotism; they fought patriotism. They raised the flag, our flag, over every school house in the land. They fought a good fight and have lived a good life. So, as we grow older, let us approach that golden sunset, with proud cheerfulness of a knowledge of great achievements, and a life well spent for humanity and the world.

Mental attitude has a great influence over preservation of health. Cheerfulness, equanimity, hopefulness, self-control, have much to do with good digestion, the procuring of restful sleep, and avoidance of sudden and dangerous congestions, especially of

the brain. Therefore, I caution against a feeling of discontent and discouragement, and advise the cultivation of cheerfulness and hopefulness, and of an even temperament. Avoiding anger or great excitement, by always keeping oneself under perfect control. Do not dwell too much on the things of the past, but take an interest in the occurrences of the present. Keep in touch with the current thought and news of the day. Attend Post meetings, and be interested in the Order at large. Take an interest in all things about you and in a moderate way participate in them, and you will enjoy the reflex action on your health and spirits. Do not allow yourself to become despondent and indifferent. Take exercise every day, if possible in the open. Do not hurry or overlift or run for a street car. Moderate exercise will assist in keeping up that exact correspondence of waste and repair which is essential to health. Do not over eat. The nutritive processes are less reliable than they once were. Thus by being cheerful, interested and contented, we will attain to long life, beloved by all.

I wish, at this time, to thank Past Commander Calland and Assistant Adjutant General Henry and the Comrades of this Department for the hearty manner in which my former report was received and distributed and I hope good has thereby resulted.

I also desire to thank all who were present at the National Encampment at Indianapolis, for their unanimous support for my election to the position of Surgeon General of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sincerely and fraternally,

C. W. BURRILL,

Medical Director.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Oregon, Missouri, April 12, 1921.

W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Comrade:

I hereby present to you and through you to the Comrades of the Department of Missouri the following report of the Department Chaplain, for the year 1920-21. I received reports from 65 Posts out of the 136 Posts on the roll of the Department as furnished me from your office. Those reporting are as follows by the number

of the Post, so each Post may see whether it made report to the Chaplain or not: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, 26, 39, 43, 44, 45, 47, 67, 68, 69, 72, 76, 78, 79, 82, 92, 107, 110, 111, 115, 119, 124, 131, 134, 145, 149, 150, 164, 172, 1221, 223, 240, 247, 251, 268, 276, 327, 190, 197, 210, 214, 215, 218, 219, 6, 343, 348, 432, 496, 525, 576, 582, 583, 588, 594. Total, 65.

Having tabulated the reports I made out my report and mailed it to Rev. W. W. Gist, the Chaplain-in-Chief of the National G. A. R., on the 15th of July, 1920.

That my report may be of the fullest information to the Comrades I give the following statistics, gleaned from the Post reports to me:

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

- Number of Posts attending services, 62.
- Number of sermons preached, 51.
- Number of sermons preached by Veterans, 6.
- Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans, 17.
- Number of Comrades present at such services, 1,250.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

- Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services, 61.
- Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services, 1,963.
- Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated, 267.
- Number of graves decorated, 11,048.
- Number of graves unmarked by headstones, 1,330.
- Number of public schools engaged in Memorial Day exercises, 43.
- Number of pupils participated in Memorial Day exercises, 9,877.
- Number of other organizations participating, 106.
- Number of addresses delivered on Memorial Day, 45.
- Veterans making addresses on that day, 6.
- Sons of Veterans making addresses on that day, 16.
- Number of Posts having burial plots, 19.

The blanks for the Chaplain's reports do not call for the number of deaths in the Posts during the year and hence I am not able to state the number of Comrades that have answered the last roll call and have been mustered out, and nothing as to the general services that were held. It seems to me that, now that the ranks of the Comrades are thinning and those who remain in the ranks are, for the most part, too feeble to fire the salute of honor over the graves of their dead Comrades, it would be of interest to the survivors to know if that service is omitted altogether, or if

it is performed by the Sons of Veterans, the Spanish-American Veterans or by the American Legion boys.

I notice that the consensus of opinion of the Post Chaplains is to enlist as many organizations as possible in Memorial Day services. This seems most fitting, for it cannot be long till there will be none left to run down the tattered old flag to half mast, sound taps, blow out the lights and declare the Grand Army of the Republic closed. For soon it will be said:

"The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
 'The soldier's last tattoo;
 No more on life's parade shall meet
 That brave and fallen few;
 On fame's eternal camping ground
 Their silent tents are spread,
 And glory guards with solemn round
 The bivouac of the dead."

But then surely there will be some one to

"Cover them over!

'Neath the sweet clover;

Cover them over, tenderly cover them,

Garlands for heroes who bore them so well,

Crowns for the Martyrs who fought and who fell;

Long in the land may their memory dwell."

The Department Medical Director, in his annual reports, gives some helpful and timely counsels as to the care of our bodies. And may it not be equally, or even more suitable that your Department Chaplain, in line of his office, should suggest to his Comrades that the soldier who occupies his tent is of more worth than the tent that furnishes him shelter for his earthly pilgrimage? And so one's real self, the active tenant of the body, has interests that reach into a higher sphere than one's tent life here and that such interests need careful guarding against a worse foe than disease of the body. For that defense "The Great Commander" has provided weapons of warfare that are not carnal, but mighty through God. 2, Corinthians, 10:4. And we are admonished to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians, 6:10-17.

And when we strike our tents here and "The roll is called up yonder," may we one and all, through Jesus Christ, pitch our tents on the camping ground of the Grand Army of the Redeemed!

Yours in F. C. and L.,

T. D. ROBERTS,
 Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Missouri, Grand Army
of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1921.

S. D. Webster, Department Commander.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to present the following
report for the year 1920:

The number of members in good standing December 31, 1919, as shown by Post Adjutant's reports.....	2953
Gained by muster-in	87
Gained by transfer	18
Gained by reinstatement	78
Total gain	183
Aggregate	3136
Loss during the year by death	237
Loss by dishonorable discharge	2
Loss by transfer	26
Loss by suspension	106
Total loss	371
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1920....	2765

The reports show that there was expended by the posts for relief in the year 1920, the total sum of.....	\$ 475.40
That the amount of cash (including collaterals) on hand December 31, 1920, was	51,029.63
Amount in Post relief funds	1,515.55
Market value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	7,878.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	4,021.25
Total value of Post property	\$64,496.21

This department is entitled to ten representatives in the 55th
National Encampment, including the representative at large. Ten
representatives and ten alternates should be elected.

Under a rule adopted by the 19th Department Encampment the
names to be voted for will be printed on the ballots in the inverse
order of the Post to which nominee belongs.

Ten years ago when the Department Encampment met in Jeffer-
son City the report of the Assistant Adjutant General showed the
number of comrades reported in good standing December 31, 1910,
was 6283. The number reported in good standing December 31,
1920, is 2765, a net loss in the ten years of 46 per cent.

Frank P. Blair, Post No. 1, reported at one time, 745 members

in good standing. Its last report shows only 112. Col. Hassendeubel Post No. 13, reported at one time, 714 in good standing, its last report shows only 53.

As the inexorable march of time carries on nearer to the final camping ground at the end of the journey of life, the ties of comradeship formed on the march and around the camp fires and that were welded in the fires of battle grow stronger and more tender as the years go by. The memories of the past and the comradeship of the present should be an inspiration to comrades and make bright the journey adown the western slope and strengthen our faith and hope that we shall rest in pleasant places when we shall have crossed the silent river. In the language of another:

It is getting rather lonesome, the boys that used to stand
So close in line together for God and native land
Are fighting fortunes battles with less of hope than pain
Or sleeping 'neath the blossoms 'till the bugle sounds again
Why struggle on in sadness? Why murmur or repine
This favored generation hath no memories like thine,
No memories of a struggle to make a Nation free
No memories of Gettysburg, or Sherman to the sea.
No memories of hardships and pains for others' good,
No memories of a Nation redeemed by loyal blood.
We may be only stragglers but there are better things
Than the follies of the present or all the wealth of kings.

The 54th National Encampment amended its Rules and Regulations so that Comrades residing in counties in which there is no post, may on proper application, be enrolled by the Assistant Adjutant General as Comrade-at-Large. I have prepared blanks for application to be so enrolled and two comrades have been entered on such roll. I believe that many comrades who are now without the right to wear the emblem of the Grand Army will, when this amendment is brought to their attention, apply for enrollment.

My report as Assistant Quartermaster General covers the transactions and actions of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1921. Attention to exhibits herewith filed and made a part of this report.

- Exhibit "A"—Shows the Receipts and Expenses.
- Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.
- Exhibit "C"—Supplies on Hand.
- Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.
- Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths in 1919.

In closing this report I wish to express my grateful appreciation of your confidence in my ability, integrity and fidelity in the discharge of my duty as exhibited by your appointment to the very responsible office of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster.

General. I have greatly appreciated the uniform comradeship and courtesy shown me by you and by all the Comrades. Our business and social relations have been such that the year will always remain a pleasing memory with me.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

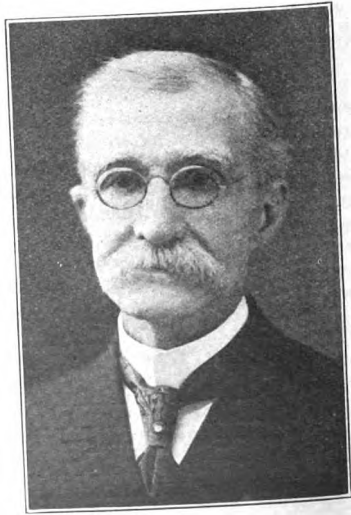
WILBUR F. HENRY,

A. A. G. and A. Q.-M. G.

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
APRIL 30, 1920.

Balance on hand May 1, 1920	\$ 125.50
Received from W. R. C., Dept. of Mo.	300.00
Received from Ladies of G. A. R., Dept of Mo.....	221.00
Received from Missouri Division, S. of V.....	50.00
Received from Auxilliary S. of V., Dept. of Mo.....	10.00
Received from per capita tax	1,167.70
Received from sale of supplies	100.51
Received from interest on loans	206.94
Received from principal of Safety Fund.....	37.67
Aggregate	<u>2,219.32</u>
Paid out (approved vouchers on file):	
For rent of office	\$ 255.00
For supplies	77.65
For expenses of Department Encampment.....	23.96
For expenses to National Encampment	43.46
For printing and stationery	304.87
For salary A. A. G.	1,000.00
For expense of Department Commander.....	100.00
For ribbon badges	24.00
For National per capita tax.....	189.93
For postage and incidentals	59.77
For identification certificates	11.15
For binding Journals	7.50
For Travel Expense	28.57
For premium on bond	12.50
For safe deposit box	5.00
Total disbursed	<u>\$2,143.36</u>
Balance on hand May 1, 1921	175.96
	<u>\$2,219.32</u>



WILBUR F. HENRY
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

EXHIBIT "B."

SAFETY FUND.

My report one year ago showed the amount in the Safety Fund to be \$3,165.00.

The unanimous vote of the Encampment authorized the transfer of \$300.00 to the General Fund, but I have not found it necessary to transfer only \$37.67, and then only for adjusting transfer of securities.

No additions to the Safety Fund during the past year.

The fund remains invested on secured notes as follows:

One note of \$500 and 5 notes of \$200 each due June 1, 1922	\$1,500.00
One note due April 1, 1921, remaining unpaid.....	1,000.00

Amount of Safety Fund bearing 6% interest.....	\$2,500.00
Liberty Bonds of face value.....	700.00

Comrade Leo Rassiour desired to pay off the balance of his note, \$665.00, which he did and with the approval of the Department Commander I reinvested it in 4th 4½% Liberty Bonds which were bought at the then market price. For the \$665.00 I obtained six \$100 bonds and two \$50, paying therefor \$627.33, and the balance, \$37.67. I transferred to the General Fund.

EXHIBIT "C."

SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 1, 1920.

No.		Value
9	Official Badges	\$ 5.40
12	Members' Badges	7.20
31	Buttoniers	4.15
34	Rank Straps	20.40
4	Official Badge Ribbons	1.40
5	Rules and Regulations .....	.60
	Application Blanks .....	.60
1	Blue Book	1.20
5	Rituals	2.50
5	Cards for Rituals .....	.75
9	Service Books	4.05
	Discharge Blanks	4.20
	Leave of Absence Cards	4.00
	Transfer Blanks	1.50
	Post Orders	1.00

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20	Department Badges	10.00
	Electrotypes	1.25
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		\$70.25

EXHIBIT "D."

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash balance, May 1, 1921	\$ 175.90
Office furniture, safe, books, etc., estimated	800.00
Supplies on hand	70.00
Principal of Safety Fund	3,200.00
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	\$4,146.00

All bills are paid to date.

EXHIBIT "E."

LIST OF DEATHS REPORTED IN 1920.

Post	
1	Alex. Stoddard, Pvt. Co. K, 2d. U. S. R. Corps.
	Frank E. Jewett, Corp. Co. K, 1st. Maine, Inf.
	A. T. Eichler, Sergt. Co. A, 8th. Mo. Inf.
	Frederic Wetzell, Pvt. Co. I, 4th Mo. Inf.
	Xavier Frick, Pvt. Co. A, 4th. Mo. Inf.
	Jos. R. Speed, Pvt. 3d. Mo. Cav.
	A. R. Weber, Pvt. Co. F, 193d. Pa. Inf.
	Louis J. Flotron, Capt. Co. K, 3d. Mo. Cav.
	A. J. Palmer, Pvt. Co. K, 97th. Illinois Inf.
	Geo. Kirchner, Pvt. Co. B, 149th, Illinois Inf.
	Bernhard Ruff, Pvt. Co. A, 1st. Mo. L. Art.
	William Illig, Co. D. 2d. Mo. Inf.
	Alfred Mathey, Pvt. Co. A, 1st. La. Inf.
	A. A. Vitt, Pvt. Co. A, 1st. Mo. Inf.
	S. S. Dreifus, Pvt. Co. A, 196th. Pa. Inf.
	Geo. G. Chase, Sergt. Co. E, 91st. N. Y. Inf.
	August Weiden, Pvt. Co. A, 1st. Mo. Inf.
	S. Goldstein, Pvt. Co. F, 1st. Mo. L. Art.
	Peter Bock, Pvt. Co. E. 1st. Mo. L. Art.
	Charles F. Vogel, Pvt. Co. E. 29th. Mo. Inf.
	Michael Schmidt, Pvt. Co. D, 41st. Mo. Inf.
4	A. M. Price, Pvt. Co. L, 15th. Pa. Cav.
	Benj. W. Warner, Pvt. Co. C, 18th. Mich. Inf.
	Wm. G. Shafer, Pvt. Co. H, 37th. Ind. Inf.
	J. C. McMillen, Pvt. Co. B, Bentons.
	Geo. L. Triplett, Corp. Co. H, 30th. O. V. I.
	H. R. Bailey, 2d. Lt. Co. C, 2d. N. Y. Cav.

- Benj. D. Bryant, 2d. Lt. Co. D, 23d. Maine Inf.
 Geo. B. Inman, Pvt. Co. B, 50th. N. Y. Inf.
 5 John G. Zahn, Pvt. Co. D, 35th. Iowa Inf.
 7 Daniel Dawson, Corp. Co. K, 63d. Ind. Inf.
 Geo. C. Hull, Capt. Co. E, 97th. O. V. Inf.
 Nathaniel C. Bailey, Pvt. Co. D, 14th. Kans. Cav.
 Levi W. Bennett, Corp. Co. I, 69th. Ind. Inf.
 A. L. Strong, Corp. Co. C, 37th. Mass. Inf.
 John Augustine, Corp. Co. A, 1st. M. S. M. Cav.
 Dr. Wm. M. Kerr, Lieut. Co. A, 116th. Ohio Inf.
 Jacob Bahr, Sergt. Co. B, 51st. Mo. Inf.
 William Stout, Corp. Co. B, 51st. Mo. Inf.
 Thomas J. Akers, Pvt. Co. B, 51st. Cal. Inf.
 Chris Jesberg, Sergt. Co. B, 6th. Ind. Cav.
 William Lipps, Corp. Co. E, 5th. Mo. Inf.
 John Musselman, 1st. Sergt. Co. C, 31st. Ohio Inf.
 Albert D. Stouffer, Corp. Co. E, 87th. Pa. Inf.
 Edwin Hallowell, Pvt. 10th. Ohio Batty.
 William H. Welton, Lieut. Co. C, 134th. N. Y. Inf.
 Josiah W. Batchellor, Musician Co. E, 25th. Mo. Inf.
 Thomas E. Fogerty, Pvt. Co. K, 10th. Tenn. Cav.
 8 D. C. Godfrey, Co. A, 83d. Ind. Inf.
 Samuel G. Kelley, Co. E, 45th. Iowa.
 J. L. VanAusdale, Co. F, 93d. O. V. I.
 S. C. Fancher, Co. 41st. O. V. I.
 Thomas B. Smith, Lieut. Co. D, 13th. New Jersey.
 W. H. Cleland, Co. G, 69th. Ill. Inf.
 H. M. Earkin, Co. D, 3d. Ill. Cav.
 David B. Kirk, Co. A, 123d, Pa. Inf.
 W. H. Winants, Record not given.
 J. C. Tarsney, Co. E, 4th. Mich. Inf.
 S. F. McAfee, Co. F, 3d. Mo. Cav.
 William M. Simons, Co. G, 16th. Iowa Inf.
 E. B. Robinson, Co. C, 16th. Ohio.
 10 R. N. McMurtry.
 F. B. Wooderson.
 13 Geo. Bamberger, Corp. Co. B, 165th. Ohio Inf.
 Charles Biehle, Major, 1st. M. S. H. Inf.
 Henry Tiedeman, Pvt. Co. D, 2d. Mo. Lt. Art.
 Joseph Kellner, Pvt. Co. C, 4th. Mo. Inf.
 Victor Gebhardt, Pvt. Co. I, 4th. Mo. Cav.
 August Nasse, Pvt. Co. E, 7th. E. M. M.
 Frederick Balz, Pvt. E, 2d. Mo. Inf.
 Jos. Zumsteg, (Service not reported.)
 4 G. O. Boucher, Pvt. Co. I, 80th. Ill. Inf.
 Summerville Burns, Pvt. Co. L, 11th. Mo. Cav.

- T. Cleary, Pvt. Co. K, 16th. Kas.
 P. O. Farley, Pvt. Co. D, 89th. Mo. Inf.
 Thos. Hyslop, Pvt. Co. H, 2d. O. V. I.
 Josh Morriss, 12th. N. Y. L. Art.
 S. Landour, Pvt. Co. C, 9th. O. V. I.
 Randolph Palmer, Pvt. Co. D, 63d Ill. Inf.
 D. H. Rhodes, Co. H, 27th. N. Y. Inf.
 M. Z. Williamson, Co. H, 2d. Mo. Cav.
- 16 Joshua Lindsey, Co. B, 142d. Ind. Inf.
 W. H. H. Dreese, Co. M, 16th. Penn. Cav.
 John F. Lake, Co. A, 3d. Ill. Cav.
 James S. Bryan, Co. A, 4th. M. S. M.
 M. T. Crittenden, Co. I, 4th. Iowa Cav.
 Franklin Grattis, Co. B, 42d Ind. Inf.
- 17 J. W. Gresham, Co. G, 3d. Iowa Cav.
 Joseph Montgomery, Co. A, 40th. Ind. Inf.
- 21 J. B. Bentley, Co. C, 4th. M. S. M.
 G. A. Hartman, Co. I, 81st. Ind. Inf.
 Ben Howard, Co. K, 50th. Mo. Inf.
 Joseph Proctor, Co. H, 172, O. V. I.
 Jefferson DeLong, Co. F, 91st. Ill. Inf.
 Franklin Grattis, Co. B, 42d Ind. Inf.
 J. M. Evans, Co. C, 33d Ill. Inf.
 David Flynn, Co. L, 6th Iowa Cav.
- 22 J. O. West, Co. D, 1st Mo. Cav.
 Griffith Evans, Co. C, 199th O. V. I.
- 26 W. J. McMillan, Co. K, 12th Mo. Cav.
 Andrew Long, Co. A, 59th Ill. Inf.
 H. C. Saunders, Co. F, 106th Penn.
 H. W. Harrison, Co. G, 46th Ind. Inf.
 C. B. Phelps, Co. H, 11th N. Y.
 Wiley Milligan, Co. I, 1st Tenn. Cav.
 G. Timbers, Co. A, 57th O. V. I.
- 29 Reuben R. Kitt, Co. A, 22d Ind. Inf. and Co. M, 9th Ill. Cav.
 John S. Thompson, Co. C. 180th O. V. I.
 John R. Tisdale, Co. I, 29th Mo. Inf.
- 32 W. C. McCoy, Co. A, 13th O. V. I.
 George Anstel, Co. I, 154th Ind.
- 34 W. L. Griffin, Co. G, 10th W. Va.
 Allen Cockrell, Co. F, 133d Ill. Inf.
- 39
- 44 F. P. Williams, Co. E, 10th Ohio.
 Z. Hamilton, Co. G, 145th Ohio.
- 45 William Turnham, Co. B, 4th M. S. M. Cav.
 Thos. Frye, Co. D, 3d Pa. Cav.
- 47 Eli Scott. Co. E, 42d Mo.

- 53 Ed. Heckman, Co. H, 41st Mo. Inf.
I. O. Gray, Co. K, 68th Ill. Inf.
F. Knaas, Co. G, 38th Ind.
W. A. Thompson, Co. E, 88th Ohio.
- 54 Wm. Odam, 1st Regt. M. S. M.
Henry Scarbrough, Co. I, 13th Ky. Cav.
- 67 J. C. Filbert.
- 69 Nathaniel Birge, Co. K, 144th Ill. Inf.
John Ince, Co. A, 3d Minn. Inf.
T. A. Wakefield, Capt., 15th Mo. Cav.
Louis Sutter, Co. F, 6th M. S. M. Cav.
W. W. Langston, Capt., Co. D, 8th Mo. Cav.
Geo. H. Sease, Co. B, 10th Ill. Inf.
F. A. Heacker, Co. K, 1st Mo., Lt. Art.
Laurence Shehan, Co. B, 95th O. V. I. and Co. C, 92d O. V. I.
- 72 Frank Lax, Co. H, 1st Conn. and Co. L, 1st N. Y. Cav.
John E. Carter, Mo. Light Art.
J. F. Stephenson, Co. D, 92d O. V. I. and H. 31st O. V. I.
Henry Crooks, Co. H, M. S. M. and Co. B, 13th Mo. Cav.
W. N. Murry, Cos. B and C, 97th O. V. I.
C. D. Gass, Co. C, 86th O. V. I.
H. F. Benson (Service not given).
H. C. Crawford, Co. I, 3d M. S. M.
- 78 W. L. Hedges, Co. B, 122d Ill. Inf.
- 79 Rolet Boyd, Co. D, 5th Kansas Cav.
Isaac Speer, Co. D, 5th Kansas Cav.
- 96 William S. Gourley, Co. C, 60th N. Y. Inf.
Elisha Marshall, 84th Ill.
- 97 Fred Brinkman, Co. E, 2d U. S. Inf.
Louis Pleuger, Co. C, 5th U. S. R. C.
Henry Stege, Co. A, 13th Ill. Inf.
Fred Broeckelmann, Lieut. Co. A, 4th U. S. R. C.
Fred Post, Co. F, 15th Ill. Cav.
- Cephas Cronin, Co. I, 39th Mo. Inf.
James Felker, Co. B, 51st Mo. Inf.
O. D. Callahan, Co. D, 2d M. S. M.
Joseph S. Matleck, Co. B, 4th W. Va. Cav.
Valentine Rehn, Co. G, 14th Mich. Cav.
William R. Shom, Co. E, 48th Mo. Inf.
William Crismon, Co. H, 9th Prov. Mo. Mil.
John Barlow, Co. D, 1st Ark. Inf.
Elijah A. Hammack, Co. G, 17th Ind. Inf.
John W. Smith, Co. K, 11th Mo. Cav.
W. C. Long, Service not reported.
David Crocket, Service not reported.

- 124 J. M. Hampton, Co. M, 2d Mo. Cav.
 130 Jacob Cox, Co. F, 23d Mo. Inf.
 130 Allen Henry, Co. I, 49th Mo. Inf.
 Ed. McLaughlin, Cos. E and K, 99th Ill. Inf.
 131 Wm. N. Pearce, Co. G, 4th N. Y. H. A.
 Christ. Branch, Co. F, 159th N. Y. Inf.
 F. A. Johan, Co. F, 1st Mo. Art.
 Wm. C. Ellis, Co. H, 6th O. V. I.
 Charles Wagner, Co. H, 2d Kan. Cav.
 John R. Satterley, Co. B, 65th N. Y. Inf.
 John Q. Wilcox, Co. C, 22d Inf.
 Edward W. Sinclair, Lt., Co. C, 18th Mich. Inf.
 Wm. C. Streetor, D. Maj. 3d, U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Irvin Willetts, Co. A, 30th Ind. Inf.
 Alfred Wender, Co. C, 5th Iowa Cav.
 141 W. H. Lee, Co. F, 5th O. V. I.
 Theodore Moore, Co. F, 16th Kan. Cav.
 J. J. Wilson, Co. I, 2d Mo.
 149 One.
 150 J. McKimmon, Co. L, 7th M. S. M. Cav.
 J. C. Nichols, Co. C, 23d Mo. Inf.
 161 Jacob W. Butler, Capt., 8th M. S. M.
 172 Noah Cruse, Co. D, 11th Ill. Inf.
 Winchester Good, Co. I, 99th Ill. Inf.
 Isaac N. Goodenough, Co. B, 8th Wis.
 174 Two.
 187 James Vance, Co. E, 12th Ill.
 Jasper N. Rogers. Service not reported.
 197 Herman Morhaus, Co. F, 3d M. S. M.
 210 Four.
 215 Wm. F. Miller, Co. F, 47th Mo.
 218 Sylvester Fielder, Co. B, 55th and 127th Ill.
 221 Geo. Simpson, Co. E, 84th Ill. Inf.
 R. Keith, Co. I, 3d Mo. Cav.
 B. H. Ross, Co. F, 3d Mo. Cav.
 W. E. Pond, Co. F, 10th Ill. Cav.
 323 One.
 240 Charles R. Cartner, Co. E, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
 Daniel Muntzel, Thomas Reid Co.
 George W. Randolph, Co. I, 9th M. S. M. Cav.
 Matthew R. McDowall, Lt., Co. K, 7th Kan. Cav.
 John F. Wassmann, Lt. Co. B, Kerkals Battalion.
 George A. Jacobs, Co. C, 61st Mass. Inf.
 Gottlieb Baumann, Co. G, 1st M. S. M. Inf.

- 241 J. T. Bowlsk. Service not reported.
O. H. Patton, Co. B, 24th Ill.
- 251 D. W. Ross. Service not given.
Chas. Mack. Service not given.
- 264 Chas. Hackeby, Co. C, 2d Tenn. Cav.
260
- 273 Constant Turlin, Co. C, 30th Mo. Inf.
- 276 C. H. Morrow, Co. D, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
Frank Gontyseh, Co. G, Col. Richardson.
- 320 Fred Koeller, 4th Mo. Inf.
Chas. F. Klick, Co. E, 57th Mo. Inf.
- 326 Christ. Greminger, Co. K, 47th Inf.
- 343 P. H. Chatton.
G. W. Brown.
— Speaks.
- 391 Geo. W. Bell, Co. E, Home Guards, Mo.
- 433 J. K. Zimmerman.
- 453 J. H. Dillon, 3d M. S. M.
W. J. Cunningham, W. Va. Regt.
- 488 One.
- 492 D. C. Bruce, Co. E. 121st O. V. I.
- 496 Chas. Dritsch, Co. 13, 1st Mo. L. A.
Z. L. Goetz, Co. F, 41st N. J.
Fred Eherhardt, Co. C, 1st U. S. R. C.
- 25 Geo. W. Davis, Co. H, 44th Mo.
- 51 J. W. Stewart, Co. A, Ohio Inf.
- 76 Casper Meyer, Co. C, Krekels Battalion.
- 93 David Lytton, Co. F, 8th Mo. Cav.
Frank Huth, Co. F, 40th Mo. Inf.
Fred Mayberry, Co. K, 47th U. S. Inf.
Thomas Stephenson, Co. I, 25th O. V. I.
Charles Fulton, Co. A, 11th Ill. Inf.
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REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Office of Judge Advocate, Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Milan, Mo., April 25, 1921.

W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

My report as Judge Advocate must necessarily be very short as about all I have had to do was to enjoy the honor of the position.

No questions, legal or otherwise, have been submitted to me for consideration during my term, which certainly means that we are a law-abiding institution.

I am, as you well know, located in a small town, and seldom meet the Department Officials, except at encampments. Our organization is weak numerically, but strong and steadfast in fraternity, cheerfulness and loyalty.

I hope to meet all Comrades at the next National and State encampments, and again enjoy their greetings and comradery.

Fraternally yours,

W. F. CALFEE,
Judge Advocate

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTIONS

Springfield, Mo., April 30, 1921

Samuel D. Webster, Department Commander:

The call for annual reports reminds us that another year has passed, and our work, whether well or indifferent, is now being measured. The Patriotic Instruction Department is glad to report a medium year with the hope some advance has been made. Each branch of our work acknowledges with gratitude all assistance afforded. The Administration has responded promptly to our call with aid and encouragement. To the Auxiliaries we have given no effort to help in substantial ways and have added our own interest in joint services. We also extend kindly greetings to the Sons of Veterans and their Auxiliary for their cheerfulness. Many hands make light work, and let it be said that all our organizations are ever ready to lend a hand.

I have received reports from 42 Posts and some of the

surpassed former years in organized effort. One Instructor reports that he has purchased a lantern and two sets of slides and is now shooting patriotic instruction on the screen. He exhibits battle scenes, Red Cross work, hospital and camp-life service, Y. P. S. C. E. work, war vessels sailing to and from war centers, Generals and lusty privates, rapid firing guns, etc. Capacity houses greet him wherever he goes. This feature of the work furnishes enjoyable evenings and children drink in the significance of such scenes.

Another Instructor has pulled off a short lecture course—another has provided two concerts. Others have joined with pastors and churches in furnishing material for Sunday school exercises. The Post Instructors have been unusually active along patriotic lines. The day is past when school houses are found without a United States flag. Four boards of education have furnished flags for each pupil in their schools, with instruction to take care of them, so that they can be used on appropriate occasions. One Instructor furnished twelve flags to children of foreign birth in his church Sunday school. Some of these Post reports are written by the Post Commander or other officer, no one being found to suitably do the work of the Patriotic Instructor. Other Posts report that their numbers are few and meet irregularly and that their active days are about over, but still maintain the Post organization for the sake of the Department.

MEMORIAL SERVICES WELL SUSTAINED.

This feature is emphasized in most of the reports. The adoption of our Memorial Day by the returned American Legion has given new impulse to this tender and time honored service. Firing squads are now easily found and young people for singing can be had for the asking. The attendance is reported as unusually large, autos bring the whole family to the service place. The significance of this Memorial Day has by no means lessened. As our Civil War veterans become fewer the citizens of the community feel the responsibility resting upon them to perpetuate this beautiful custom of strewing with sweetest flowers the last resting place of our fallen comrades of the Civil War. The Posts are cordially asking the American Legioners to join with them in the observance of this sacred custom, and thus perpetuate the revered traditions of our fathers. I gather newspaper clippings as far as I can and make these clippings of the local press supplemental to the reports. I feel justified in mentioning the report of A. Zartman of Kansas City whose report excels in quality and content both in its completeness and detail. This Instructor with his lantern is doing a splendid work. Even when he went on his summer vacation he took his

lantern with him and gave entertainments in churches and Posts. He is especially able to interest and delight children and grown-ups as well.

MY YEAR HAS BEEN A BUSY ONE.

I have conducted six Memorial services in Posts and the churches and schools. I have prepared many articles for the press keeping the public in touch with patriotic work. I have extended greetings to two state meetings of Confederate veterans. I have made sixteen patriotic addresses during the year. I have visited 14 schools and made brief addresses and received glad welcomes. I have delivered two club addresses, four church addresses and visited six Posts. On Memorial days I advertise the gift of a flag to each child of foreign families and thus far I have had 21 applications. I have visited three colored churches in the interest of patriotism. I have written 140 letters in the interest of the work of the Grand Army. I have conducted the funerals of twenty-one soldiers of the Civil War, and have deposited a flag upon each casket. I have made 39 calls upon sick soldiers. I have secured increased pensions for 15 Comrades of the Civil War and six pensions for widows. Under my direction and with the efficient of Alice Mae Armstrong, Department Secretary of the W. R. a splendid Christmas greeting was carried to the Soldiers' Home at St. James, Mo. The Department Commander rendered efficient assistance on this eventful occasion. This gathering was the joy of one of the whole year. Think you that the three hundred veterans and those noble widows of deceased soldiers failed in any degree to appreciate the coming of the Committee and Department cers? Surely this event was a "Red Letter Day" to the Federal Home at St. James, Missouri. These loyal men and women really the wards of the Grand Army, though we do not support them by our gifts. But we surely owe them a debt of sympathy and fellowship. Many of them are shut-ins and their visual horizons are measured by narrow limits. How they feast their restless upon all visitors who come to the Home. They are almost entirely deprived of social entertainment—no concerts, no lectures, readings, no library, no picture show. Little is seen except recurring faces upon the campus. What could delight them more than an old fashioned Christmas evening, with its four Christmas trees, handsomely decorated hall—the trees decorated with flowers, dolls, festooned with pop-corn, lighted with candle chandeliers hung with mistletoe, the whole enlivened with instrumental music and the passing of gift tokens, the satisfaction of each one? How the delighted souls lingered at the close to in and talk over the events that passed before them, loath

part from the joyful trysting place. Many write that the occasion was an oasis in the desert of commonplace. How they urged that this event might be repeated each year for the joy and uplift that the occasion brings. The gatherings seemed to rejuvenate their minds and enabled them to hike back to family-life days, which have long since been removed. I earnestly plead that the Department may appoint a permanent committee whose duty and pleasure it shall be to consider the entertainment of these patriotic friends. Let the committee be composed from each of the Auxilliary organizations and the whole to be under the direction of the Department.

CONCLUSION.

I am thoroughly persuaded that patriotic work is the one impelling service left to the Grand Army of the Republic. If we shall build a segment into the life of the public citizen; if we are to inspire the great American heart with the principles of Americanism, we can only accomplish this through the hearts of the children. You may plaster the side of a stone with cement, but it does not become part of the stone, it is simply attached, and though it may stick tight, it is still only attached; but when we seek to instill Americanism into the hearts of all Americans, we can only get it there through the children. What is taken into a living organism becomes part of the living creature. It is only growth, the taking on of accretion after accretion that the intake becomes part of the creature. It is by growth, and growth is education, and education requires time, tomorrow, next month, next year, the coming generations. I am a firm believer in patriotic education. It is our national hope and goal. To inculcate patriotism and Americanism means to educate the youth. It means right living—righteousness. It means obedience to law. The home is the beginning and the nursery of patriotism and true Americanism. The term American nationalism means National ideals. These ideals must be grown in the mind and in the heart. The maintenance of such Americanism means the safety of the Republic bequeathed to us by the fathers of the Republic. In keeping with this view we find Americanism seeking a place in the school curriculum. Young American women rise with pride in the thought of helping build a Republic on sure foundations.

Boys—"Old Glory's coming down the street,
 Its sparkling stars in heaven's sky
 Where blue and white and red all meet—
 Take off your hat as it goes by.

Old Glory sees its triumph hour,
 No fairer sight can greet your eye;
 This the flag of might and power—
 Take off your hat as it goes by.

Old Glory's coming down the street,
 The ensign of the world, to fly
 Where hope and peace and freedom meet.
 Would you forget? The Flag goes by.

An empire cowers, for it knows
 Its doom is writ in darkened sky.
 A world takes off its hat, and shows
 Old Glory now is passing by."

W. C. CALLAND,
 Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

3117 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, April 20, 1921
 S. D. Webster, Department Commander.

Commander and Comrades:

In making my report, I find during my term of office—like of my predecessors—my duties did not call me outside of my town, Kansas City. But in the recruiting line I found plenty of work to do locally, and I did it to the best of my ability. My experience in this line I find that the average Comrade inside the Post and out, is not unlike a church member and he must be called up occasionally and reminded of his duties, or else he becomes lukewarm and drops out. You meet a comrade and solicit him for membership, give him the name of Post day and time of meeting, etc. He promises faithfully to call, but forgets all about

remedy this defect my Post had cards printed and gave some to each member of Post, as follows:

FARRAGUT—THOMAS POST

No. 8, Grand Army of the Republic

Meets on the First and Third Saturdays

Each Month at 2 P. M.

AT 912 GRAND AVENUE

Compliments of

.....John Smith.....

I always carried some of these cards with me and found them very effective and would recommend this method to other Posts.

Fraternally yours, in F. C. and L.,

CHAS. B. KURTZ,

Chief Mustering Officer, Dept. of Mo.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the reason for there being no report from Comrade L. L. Johnson of Post 7, Department Inspector, was because of his serious illness.

Comrade Sherman, Commander of Post 7 announced that Comrade Johnson died on the 15th and his funeral was then being held.

The Encampment was called up and the comrades stood at attention while the Department Bugler sounded Taps. By the unanimous vote of the Encampment the Department Commander was directed to send a telegram to Mrs. Johnson expressing the sympathy of the Encampment in her bereavement.

In this connection, the Commander-in-Chief stated that Past Commander-in-Chief, Orlando A. Somers, was seriously sick at his home in Kokomo, Indiana, with no hope for his recovery; that it was only a question of a few days, possibly a few hours when the end must come. He suggested that a message of fraternal greeting and sympathy from the comrades of Missouri might tend to cheer his last hours. The Department Commander was by a unanimous vote directed to send such a message by wire to Comrade Somers.

Complying with the foregoing directions the Department Commander sent by wire the following message:

Mrs. L. L. Johnson,
601 South 9th St.,
St. Joseph, Mo.

May 17, 1921.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic in Annual

Encampment assembled, desire to express to yourself and family their most sincere sympathy in this hour of your sad bereavement.

S. D. WEBSTER,
Department Commander.

May 17, 1921.

Orlando A. Somers.

Past Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Kokomo, Indiana.

The comrades of Missouri, in Department Encampment assembled, extend their fraternal greetings and instruct that I convey to you their sympathy and earnest hope for recovery from your serious illness.

S. D. WEBSTER,
Department Commander.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee was at the outpost asking to be admitted to present the greetings of the Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps. There being no objection the committee was received and escorted to the front. The Encampment was called up and gave the ladies a hearty salute.

Mrs. Rose M. Elledge, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, was presented to the Encampment and spoke entertainingly. Her remarks were frequently applauded. She closed by reading the following report:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, W. R. C.
TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, G. A. R.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 17, 1921.

Samuel D. Webster, Department Commander.

Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the Fortieth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Jefferson City, May 17th and 18th, a brief statement of the work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri for the year ending May 19, 1921.

Number of Corps.....	33
Number of Members.....	2,134
Cash expended for Relief.....	\$ 247.00

Value expended for Relief other than cash.....	\$ 946.00
Total value of Relief.....	\$1,193.00
Cash turned over to Posts.....	102.00
Cash expended for Memorial Day.....	65.20
Cash expended for Army Nurses.....	11.00
Cash expended for Patriotic work.....	833.00
Cash expended for flowers for Comrades.....	97.00
Cash expended for Near East Relief.....	20.00
Cash expended for Child Welfare.....	520.00
Cash expended for St. James Home, Christmas Fund.....	275.00
Cash expended for Victrola and Records for St. James Home.....	215.00
Veterans and families assisted.....	280.00
Cash expended for Grand Army fund.....	469.00
Cash balance on hand General fund.....	301.67
Liabilities,	None

Accompanying this report is the check for \$490.00 from the Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to be used as it seems best for the greatest good for the organization. We are happy to give this tribute of honor and love.

I desire to thank you Commander Webster, also Captain Henry and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic, for courtesies extended to the Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps, and wish for you a successful and harmonious encampment.

Loyally Submitted in F. C. and L.

ROSE M. ELLEDGE,

Department President.

ALICE MAE ARMSTRONG,
Department Secretary.

Mrs. Wouusky, Past Department President, W. R. C., a member of the committee, stated that she wished to add \$10.00 to the amount which Mrs. Elleredge had announced, so as to make the sum contributed by the Woman's Relief Corps to the general fund of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic an even \$500.00. The statement of Mrs. Wouusky was enthusiastically applauded.

Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong, Department Secretary of the W. R. C. cheered the comrades with some very pleasing remarks, and among other things said that she had recently been appointed by the Governor upon the Board of Trustees of the Soldier's Home at St. James; that her appointment was due to the influence and

recommendations of the comrades of the Grand Army and that she was pleased to have the opportunity to publicly express to the comrades her gratitude, thanks and appreciation.

Mrs. Eliner Corwin Pierce, President of Tent No. 1, Daughters of Veterans, Kansas City, who accompanied the committee of the W. R. C. was presented and spoke of the work her order was doing for the veterans and along patriotic lines. She presented a written report of their work as follows:

REPORT OF PRESIDENT, TENT No. 1 DAUGHTERS OF
VETERANS, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

Samuel D. Webster, Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Commander and Comrades:

I have the very great honor and pleasure, of bringing to you and the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Jefferson City, Mo. May 17th and 18th, 1921, greetings from Tent No. 1 Daughters of Veterans of Kansas City, Mo. and earnestly request the privilege of giving to this Encampment a brief report of the work accomplished by this Organization.

This Tent was organized August 30th, 1916. The organization was new to us but we have honestly endeavored to emulate the good deeds of other organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, to bring sunshine and love to our fellow comrades, to assist those needing our protection and care, to foster true patriotism, to assist the Grand Army on Memorial Day at all times to tender loving service to all Union Veterans of the Civil War and their dependent ones, and to keep alive forever the memory of the noble deeds of our fathers.

We have 45 members.

We have given two entertainments and luncheons for our fathers and comrades.

We have spent the following:

Flowers for comrades who have gone away.....	\$
Flowers for Memorial Day.....	
Flowers for sick comrades and shut-ins.....	
St. James Home Christmas Fund.....	
Contribution toward purchase of Victrola for St. James Federal Home.....	
National Organization of the Grand Army of the Re- public permanent fund.....	

We have a balance in our Treasury of..... 180.00
 We have a Liberty Bond..... 100.00

Accompanying this report is a check for \$50.00 from your daughters to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to be used for whatever purpose this organization so desires. This small tribute comes with the sincere love and esteem of every member of Tent No. 1 of Kansas City, Mo. There is only one other Tent in the state but another is ready for organization and we earnestly hope ere another encampment is held, to have the Department of Missouri Daughters of Union Veterans fully organized. We sincerely ask your approval, co-operation and blessing, firmly believing, no one loves you more than your own daughters, and having the approval and endorsement of the National Organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, we are confident of a welcome home.

Again assuring you of our love and devotion to you and your cause ('tis honor enough for us to be your daughters) we pledge to you that so long as one daughter remains, the memory of your heroic and noble deeds shall be forever kept alive. We wish for you a successful and harmonious convention.

ELINOR C. PIERCE, President.

Mrs. Rachel A. Hall, Past Department President of the W. R. spoke eloquently and feedingly of the work of her order and of the veterans of the war for the preservation of this nation as a united people. Mrs. Hall is the wife of our comrade, Past Department Commander, George Hall.

At the request of the Department Commander, Commander-in-Chief Ketcham responded to the messages brought to the Encampment by these ladies. He said that many posts and been kept alive the aid of its auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. He heartily complimented them on the work they were doing and bid them speed.

The ladies were then escorted to the outpost, the comrades being called up and applauding as they retired.

By direction of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees:

On Resolutions, Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, past Department Commanders, John M. Williams and J. B. Dobyne.

On greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps, Comrade A. J. Powers of Post 131, Chairman; he was directed to detail two comrades to act with him.

On greetings to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department Commander W. C. Calland, Chairman; he was directed to detail two comrades to act with him.

On greetings to the Sons of Veterans and to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Past Department Commander, Wm. Low chairman, H. W. Davison of Post 14 and T. J. Dockery of Post 20. On the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders:

Comrades Theo. Dubrouillet, Post 97, Samuel M. Mann, Post 7 and E. S. Miner, Post 124.

On the report of the Department Chaplain:

Comrades Alfred Zartman, Post 4 and W. T. Niccolls, Post 13.

On the report of the Medical Director:

Comrades Dr. R. B. Tyler, Post 14, John Hack, Post 72 and W. Root, Post 241.

On the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General:

Comrades Franklin Hudson, Post 8, Charles Webster, Post 10 and Farwell Walton, Post 131.

On the report of the Judge Advocate:

Comrades H. W. Belding, Post 233 and H. W. Davison, Post 16.

On the report of the Patriotic Instructor:

Comrades Hubert Munchrath, Post 13, A. F. McCray, Post 10 and S. E. Wetzel, Post 16.

On the report of the Chief Mustering Officer:

Charles E. Blackmar, Post 8, H. W. Sandusky, Post 7 and Husson, Post 13.

The assistant Adjutant General presented the report of the Department Council of Administration. There being no communications it was received and read as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Temporary Headquarters, Department of Missouri, G. A.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 16, 1922.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 5, the Department Council of Administration met this date at Department Headquarters, the Madison Hotel, the Department Commander presiding. The following members of the Council were present:

S. D. Webster, Department Commander

A. J. P. Barnes, S. V. Department Commander.

Geo. W. Sparks, J. V. Department Commander.
 W. F. Henry, Asst. Adj. General.
 C. K. Reifsnider, A. Whipple, Max Fritz, B. A. Suppan and
 Louis C. Hesse.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that there had been no prior meeting of the Council during the year; that the date for the Annual Encampment had been fixed by correspondence; that in order that the Commander-in-Chief might visit our Encampment the dates of May 17 and 18 were unanimously decided upon.

The Committee appointed to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General presented its report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 6, 1921.

Comrade S. D. Webster, Department Commander:

We, the undersigned, appointed by you to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that we have performed the duty assigned us and find that the books are properly kept and show in detail all receipts and disbursements; the disbursements are shown by receipted vouchers, properly numbered and filed. We have examined all vouchers and approved the disbursements as shown. We find the amount on hand May 1st, 1921 to be \$175.96.

Your committee unanimously commend the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. for the clear and concise manner in which he has kept his accounts and for the orderly manner in which he has kept the files of his office.

We congratulate the Department in having in these responsible offices a comrade who has shown himself so efficient, faithful and careful in the discharge of his duties.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

A. WHIPPLE,
 MAX FRITZ,
 B. A. SUPPAN,

Committee.

On motion the report was approved and the committee discharged.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommends that the sum of \$100.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the traveling expenses of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Council of Administration unanimously recommends that the salary of the combined offices of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General for the present fiscal year and until changed by the Department encampment be fixed at \$100 per month.

The Council of Administration unanimously recommends that upon the written approval of the Department Commander, the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to transfer to the General Fund so much of the principal of the Safety Fund as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the Department for the present fiscal year, provided however that not more than 10 per cent of the principal of the Safety Fund shall be so transferred.

No further business appearing the Council adjourned.

W. F. HENRY,

A. A. G. Record

On motion the report of the Council of Administration was approved and the recommendations therein contained were unanimously adopted. A separate vote was taken on the recommendation to transfer, if found necessary, a portion of the principal of the Safety fund to the General fund and it was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Encampment.

On motion a recess was then taken until after the parade which was arranged to form immediately after the unveiling of the bronze tablet by the Sons of Veterans and the presentation of the flag heretofore announced.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Immediately after the disbanding of the parade, the Encampment reconvened and was called to order by the Department Commander.

The Officer of the Day reported that all present were entitled to seats in the Encampment. The Department Commander declared the Encampment duly open for business.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, W. H. Wormsley, Chairman of the committee appointed by General Orders No. 1 to prepare a testimonial on the death of Past Department Commander Benjamin Warner, presented the following:

IN MEMORIAM.

When on Memorial Day, 1920, the hosts of the G. A. R. had assembled to strew flowers on the graves of our departed comrades, while the gathered ones listened to the words of eulogy and joined in the songs that patriots love to sing, while past and present seemed to join and be as one then, life's last hour of "Sunset and Evening Bell" struck for our beloved comrade Ben Warner. Broken by disease and long suffering he left us for the other life of which prophets have preached and in which poets have found their highest inspiration.

Comrade Warner was in every sense a true man, and as a comrade of the G. A. R. was a most enthusiastic and consecrated worker.

He was born in Cardington, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1845; on March 16th, 1864, he entered the service as a member of Co. G. 18th Michigan Regiment, and for 6 months was a prisoner. He was discharged May 24, 1865.

Comrade Warner became a charter member of McPherson Post number 4 in the year 1880 and was Commander of that Post and for 22 years served as Quartermaster. In 1912 he was elected Department Commander and to this, as to all the duties he assumed, he gave his best energies and closest attention.

And so we say good-bye to one whom we truly loved, but in the highest sense, have not lost.

Tennyson says:

"If we still love those we lose

"Can we altogether lose those we love?"

The poet has answered the question. Thank God we cannot. Of those who went out with such high hopes to perish on the battle field or sea and lie buried in nameless graves or in the ocean sands, it is a mistake to say they never return.

Such souls never really leave us, their bright spirits still have their place in the hearts of those that loved them here and do their blessed work on earth through those that remember and honor them. They live imperishably fair with the garlands of immortal youth.

Ben. Warner shall still hold his place in our hearts—our counsels—and our lives.

W. H. WORMSTEAD,
W. C. CALLAND,
THOS. W. EVANS.

After several comrades had spoken feelingly in eulogy Comrade Warner, among them Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur and Past Department Commanders, Williams, Dobyne, Lowe and Calland and Department Commander Webster, the Memorial was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and while the comrades stood at attention the Department Commander sounded Taps "Lights out"—on his bugle.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Encampment proceed to the nomination of officers to be voted for at the morning session of the 18th.

The Department Commander announced that under the resolution just adopted the nomination of candidates for the office of Department Commander was next in order.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, W. H. Wormster proceeded to place in nomination for Department Commander the name of Comrade James A. Stewart of Post 4, Kansas City. He spoke in high commendation of the ability, character and comradeship and of the especial fitness of Comrade Stewart for the office. He spoke at some length and said among other things of the unswerving integrity, business ability and long and faithful service for his comrades and the further fact that his Post was the second oldest Post in the Department and had but once been honored by having one of its members elected Department Commander, he should now be elected to the office.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee from the Sons of Veterans desired to present the greetings of their convention. There being no objection they were admitted and escorted to the front and given a comrade's greeting.

The chairman of the delegation, Comrade William Schumacher of Rassieur Camp, St. Louis, addressed the Encampment, presenting the greetings from our sons and pledging that they were banding together to do what lies in their power to smooth the way for our veterans on their Journey to their final camping grounds. Comrades showed their appreciation by generous applause.

Upon the request of the Department Commander Comrade M. Williams responded to the greetings of the Sons of Veterans. He eloquently eulogized the Sons of Veterans and thanked them for their fraternal greetings and their pleasant words and pledges.

The committee then retired and the business of the Encampment was resumed.

Comrade Barnes, Senior Vice Department Commander, stated that a comrade of his post (Post 14, Joplin), desired to be present when nominations were made, and on behalf of the post to make a nomination, but that the comrade had been unavoidably delayed and had not arrived. Comrade Barnes therefore asked that

nomination of officers be postponed until tomorrow morning. The Department Commander stated that unless there was objection the request of Comrade Barnes would be granted. No objection appearing it was so ordered.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the ballots for the election of Representatives to the National Encampment were ready for distribution and moved that the Encampment proceed to the election of Representatives to the National Encampment. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander appointed the necessary number of comrades as tellers to distribute, receive and count the ballots, none of the tellers was a nominee to be voted for. When the comrades had all voted and the ballots collected the tellers were instructed to retire and count the vote and report the result to the Encampment at its session tomorrow morning.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee from the convention of the Auxilliary to the Sons of Veterans were at the out-post and desired admission. Without objection they were admitted and escorted to the front and saluted.

Mrs. Sara Hughes, of St. Louis, Past Division President, acted as Chairman of the Committee, and in a short and interesting address presented the greetings of her society and assured the comrades of their desire to heartily co-operate and aid in all ways possible, the comrades in their declining years.

Upon the request of the Department Commander, Past Department Commander, W. C. Calland, responded to the address of Mrs. Hughes. He assured the ladies that their expressions of good will and interest in the welfare of the comrades was highly appreciated and reciprocated. He spoke eloquently of the splendid work the ladies were doing along patriotic and fraternal lines. The committee retired amid the cheers of the comrades and the business of the Encampment was resumed.

Comrade James H. Hunter, Commander of Post 8, presented a request of that post that Comrade W. R. Kelly, a Past Department Commander of the Department of Oklahoma, now a member in good standing of Post 8, this Department be recognized in this Department as a Past Department Commander. It appearing that Comrade Kelly was entitled to the honor, the request of Post 8 was unanimously granted, and he will be so enrolled.

A request of O. P. Morton, Post No. 14, that L. F. Williams, a Past Post Commander of Post 33, Mound City, Kansas, and admitted to Post 14 upon transfer, be restored to his honors as Past Post Commander. It appearing that Comrade Williams is entitled to such restoration, by the unanimous vote of the Encampment the request was granted and he will be so recognized.

Comrade E. N. Edmonds, of Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8, Past Post Commander of Custer Post, at Birmingham, Ala., presented a request that the honors of Past Post Commander be restored to him. After a considerable discussion, it not appearing that he has remained in good standing continuously since he was Commander of a post, therefore his request was not granted.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock a. m., May 18, the Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander, and was duly opened for business.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the following telegram from Past Commander-in-Chief, Comrade C. G. Burton, and from Past Department Commander, Thos. W. Evans:

Portland, Ore., May 17, 1921.

W. F. Henry,

A. A. Genl., G. A. R.,

Madison Hotel, Jefferson City, Mo.:

Fraternal greetings to Encampment.

C. G. BURTON.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 17, 1921.

Capt. W. F. Henry,

Asst. Adjt. Genl., Dept. of Mo., G. A. R., Jefferson City, Mo.

Regret my inability to be with you during the Encampment. Please present my kind regards to all the comrades. Wishing a harmonious and successful meeting.

THOMAS. W. EVANS.

The committee to whom was referred the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders presented its report as follows:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 18, 1921.

Your Comitée, appointed to examine the reports of Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, after examination of same, find them to be meritorious and in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Order of the Grand Army of the Republic.

THEOPHILE DUBROUILLE

S. W. MANN,

E. S. MINER,

On motion the report of the committee was approved and the committee discharged.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director presented its report as follows:

We, your Committee to examine the report of the Medical Director, find the said report efficient and extensive, and recommend its approval.

R. B. TYLER,
Chairman.

J. W. ROOT,
JOHN HACK.

On motion the report of the committee was approved and the committee discharged.

The committee to whom was referred the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, presented the following, which was unanimously approved, and the committee discharged:

Jefferson City, May 18, 1921.

To the Commander, Department of Mo., Grand Army of the Republic and Comrades:

The Committee on the report of the Asst. Adjutant and Asst. Q. M. Genl., Department of Mo., desire to report that they find the same correct in every particular, and a careful statement of the affairs and business of the Department, and sustains the long record of this official for careful, accurate and painstaking efforts in the work of the joint positions he has filled so creditably.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN HUDSON,
FAREWELL WALTON,
C. W. WEBSTER,

The committee on the address of the Department Commander, presented its report as follows. On motion it was approved and its recommendation concurred in and the committee was discharged:

Jefferson City, May 18, 1921.

Your Committee on Department Commander's Report, beg to report as follows: Your committee recognize the high character of this report, both as to form and content. The grasp of the work of the Department is complete, and its portrayal is simple, direct and refreshing. Our Department Commander possesses the

happy faculty of seeing clearly the work in hand and then follow it up with a war-time drive. The recommendation for raising the per capita from 40 to 50 cents has not been approved by the Committee for the following two reasons, viz.: (1) for the reason that there is considerable protesting on the part of small posts against any further raise: (2) in the second place, while in the near future there may be a necessity for a further raise in the per capita, yet for the present incoming year the increased gifts from our devoted auxiliaries has placed additional funds at our disposal. Because of the large gifts last year from these sources we were not required to draw from the Safety Fund the amount you so generously appropriated, so that our Safety Fund is now about the same as it was last year. These gifts this year will reach between \$800 and \$900 and with this amount we will possibly be able to tide through without drawing on our Safety Fund. As a principal we should not draw one dollar from the posts that we can possibly avoid.

The Commander's review of the work and reports of the auxiliaries is interesting and illuminating, and these auxiliaries have responded splendidly to all his appeals and their gifts this year are larger than ever before.

His kindly recognition of the St. James Home brings the Department into closer relations to these comrades and ladies who are practically shut in.

As an indication of the harmonious direction of the Department, we cite the joint reception given by our two large and vigorous auxiliaries.

The report shows an active visitation during the year, and extensive correspondence has kept the most distant posts in close touch with the administration.

The recommendation in the report for the listing of the names and places of interment of our soldiers and sailors, where buried, is timely. If this important work is ever to be done it must be now. Comrades living now are acquainted with all the facts and are the only ones who can perform this labor.

The circular letter sent out to facilitate this work should meet a hearty response. Your Committee approves this recommendation.

Your Committee is glad to recognize in general, the year's work of the Department, and feel that the retiring Department Commander is entitled to the plaudit of "Well done, good and faithful servant."

W. C. CALLAND,
WM. H. WORMSTEAD,
PHIL. F. COGLAN.

The committee on the report of the Department Chaplain presented the following, which was approved and the committee discharged:

Jefferson City, Mo., May 18, 1921.

Comrade S. D. Webster,

Commander Dept. Mo., G. A. R.,

Comrade:

We, the Committee on the Report of our Worthy Chaplain of the Department, commend the report as a most excellent report, and especially worthy in the statistics which he gives regarding Memorial Day and Decoration Day services held in decorating graves, etc.

We regret of the 126 posts in the Department only 65 made a report to the Chaplain. We urge that all Post Commanders see that their posts make their annual report as required by the Rules and Regulations required by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully,

ALF. ZARTMAN,
W. K. COLLINS,
Committee.

The committee on the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor reported as follows:

We your Committee, appointed to examine the report of the Patriotic Instructor, have performed that duty and recommend its adoption by this Encampment.

H. MUNCHRATH,
A. F. McCRAY.

The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The Department Commander announced that the nomination of candidates for Department Officers for the ensuing year was in order, and he stated that as the nominations had been interrupted and postponed yesterday, the nominations would proceed anew.

Comrade Wormstead, of Post 8, proceeded to again place the name of Comrade James A. Stewart, of Post 4, in nomination.

Comrade R. B. Tyler, of Post 14, Joplin, in an eloquent address, placed Comrade A. J. P. Barnes of that post in nomination. Comrade Tyler spoke at some length in eulogy of Comrade Barnes, and invited attention to the faithful and efficient work performed by him as a comrade and as Chief of Staff to the Department Commander and in the offices of Junior and Senior Vice Department Commander.

The nomination of Comrade Stewart was seconded by several comrades, among them Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur and Past Department Commander William Lowe.

The nomination of Comrade Barnes was seconded by a number of comrades from various parts of the Department.

No other nomination for Department Commander appearing, nomination for that office was closed and the Encampment proceeded to the election.

The Department Commander appointed tellers for the election of Department officers. They proceeded at once to take the vote on Department Commander and announced the result. They reported that the total number of votes cast was 171, of which Comrade Stewart received 60 and Comrade Barnes received 111.

The Department Commander announced that Comrade Barnes had received a majority of all the votes cast, and he was declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Officer of the Day announced that a Committee from the Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic desired admission to present the greetings of that Society. No objection being made, they were admitted, escorted to the front and saluted.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Cora A. Dunning, Department Secretary as well as Junior Vice National President and Special Personal Representative of the National President, was introduced and addressed the Encampment in a manner that aroused the applause of the comrades. She closed her remarks by handing the Department Commander a check for \$386.00 as a voluntary contribution to the general fund of our Department.

By request of the Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Rassieur, responded to the address of Mrs. Dunning in his usual forceful, felicitous and happy manner.

One of the members of the visiting committee was Mrs. Ben Warner, a Past Department President and the widow of our Comrade Ben Warner of revered memory. She was called upon and spoke a few words of thanks, and her appreciation of the regard in which the memory of her late husband was held by the comrades.

The committee then retired with proper escort, the comrades standing at salute as they passed out.

The Encampment then resumed business, the order being the election of officers. The Department Commander stated that the next in order was the election of a Senior Vice Department Commander.

Past Department Commander Williams placed Comrade A. Seaber, of Post 6, Jefferson City, in nomination for the office.

nomination of Comrade Seaber was seconded by several. No other nomination appearing, by the unanimous vote of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Seaber.

The ballot was so cast and Comrade A. N. Seaber was declared duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Andrew McCoy, of Post 134, Albany, placed Comrade James Kinney, the present Commander of that post in nomination for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. His nomination was seconded by several. There was no other name presented and by the unanimous vote of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade James Kinney and he was declared duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

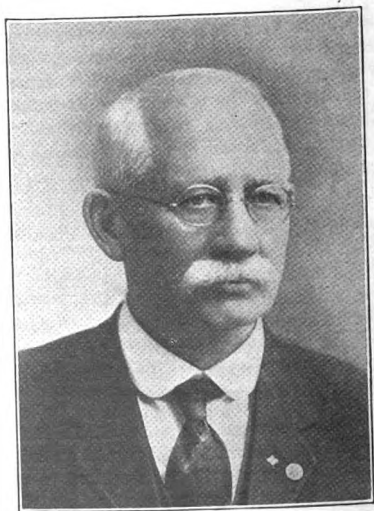
Comrade C. W. Burrill, the present Medical Director, expressed his thanks to the comrades for the honors conferred on him, and said that he would like to have Dr. George Boemler, of Post 131, St. Louis, succeed him as Department Medical Director and placed him in nomination. A number of the comrades spoke in commendation of Dr. Boemler. There was no other nomination for the office and by the unanimous vote of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Dr. George Boemler for Department Medical Director, and he was declared duly elected for the ensuing year.

The name of Department Chaplain, T. D. Roberts, was presented for re-election. Comrade Roberts thanked the comrades for their confidence and good will but declined to accept the nomination and nominated Past Department Chaplain W. K. Collins for the office. There was a friendly contest of words, each preferring the other. It was finally settled by Comrade Collins accepting the nomination. There was no other name presented for the office and by the unanimous direction of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade W. K. Collins of Post 582, Lees Summit, for Department Chaplain, for the ensuing year and he was declared duly elected.

The following named comrades were unanimously elected members of the Department Council of Administration by acclamation; no other nominations were made:

A. Whipple, Post 1; B. A. Suppan, Post 1; Max Fritz, Post 13; K. Reifsnider, Post 131, and H. W. Belding, Post 233.

They were declared duly elected for the ensuing year



A. J. P. BARNES
SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
AND
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, ELECT

The Chairman of the Committee of Tellers appointed to canvass the vote for Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment, reported as follows:

The total number of ballots examined, 175. On seven of these there were more than 10 names and they could not be counted.

Allan J. Showers received the highest number of votes, 96. The names of the nine who received the next highest number in the numerical order of the votes received for each were: Nich. Mathias, Moberly; William H. Sherman, St. Joseph; John Hack, Trenton; B. F. Lutman, Jefferson City; G. W. Edwards, St. Louis; W. H. H. Gillespie, Bethany; Charles Kooock, Sedalia; Jacob Stephens, Eldon, and Theophile Dubrouillet, Linn. The names of the ten receiving the next highest number of votes in the numerical order of the votes for each are: J. B. Cashion, Perryville; Henry Phelps, Joplin; Max Fritz, St. Louis; G. W. Carmichael, St. Louis; Joseph Litteneker, St. Louis; Arnold Bowers, St. Louis; O. B. Lingle, Cameron; T. J. Dockery, Kirksville; Franklin Hudson, Kansas City, and N. Dewitte, Darlington.

There being no objection, the report of the tellers was received and the committee discharged. Thereupon the Department Commander declared Comrade Allan J. Showers duly elected Representative at large and the nine comrades who had received the next highest number of votes were duly elected Representatives and the ten comrades who had received the next highest number of votes were duly elected Alternate Representatives to the 55th National Encampment.

The next order of business was the selection of the location for the meeting of the next Department Encampment.

Comrade R. R. Highleyman, Commander of Post 53, Sedalia, very cordially invited the Encampment to meet in Sedalia next year, and read the following telegram:

Sedalia, Mo., May 18, 1921. R. R. Highleyman, G. A. R. Encampment, Jefferson City, Mo.—Sedalia would be glad to have G. A. R. Encampment next year.

(Signed) M. V. CARROLL.

Comrade Charles Kooock of Post 53, spoke earnestly in favor of Sedalia as did several other comrades.

Comrade S. M. Mann, of Post 7, St. Joseph, presented a cordial invitation to hold the next Encampment in that city. The president of Circle No. 38, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, St. Joseph, was admitted and read the following telegram:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 18, 1921.

St. Joseph Circle 38, Ladies of G. A. R.,
Jefferson City, Mo.:

We extend a cordial invitation to Grand Army Republic to hold 1922 Encampment in St. Joseph. Will co-operate to fullest extent to make their visit enjoyable and entertaining.

Commerce Club,

COL. JAS. E. COX,
President.

She urged the Encampment to accept the invitation of St. Joseph and retired. After a friendly discussion of the two invitations it was apparent that the majority sentiment was in favor of going to Sedalia next year, and Comrade Mann withdrew the name of St. Joseph and Sedalia was selected as the unanimous choice of the Encampment for the place of meeting in 1922. By vote of the Encampment the Council of Administration was authorized to fix the date of the Encampment.

Comrade Rassieur, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, made an oral report, stating that no resolutions had been presented to the committee for consideration. The committee recommended that a vote of thanks be extended to the Governor of the State, Mayor the City, the press of the City, to all State and City Officials and to the citizens of Jefferson City for the uniform courtesy shown to the comrades and others attending on the occasion. The especial thanks of the Encampment be given to the Commissioners in charge of the Capitol Building for the use of Representative Hall and other accommodations, to the High School Orchestra under the leadership of Miss Seaber, daughter of comrade, A. N. Seaber, for their most excellent music at the campfire and to the quartet of young men who entertained the camp with their splendid singing.

The report of the committee was approved and its suggestions and recommendations were most heartily and unanimously concurred in and adopted and made a part of the record.

The Assistant Adjutant General was directed to convey to the Woman's Relief Corps, to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the Daughters of Veterans, to the Sons of Veterans and to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the appreciation and thanks of the Encampment for their liberal and voluntary contributions to the general fund of the department to aid in defraying the expenses for the coming year.

No new business appearing the Encampment proceeded to the installation of officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, being the proper Installing Officer, stated that he desired that Comrade Past Department Commander Williams be requested to perform that duty.

Comrade Williams received the gavel and assumed command and appointed Comrade O. B. Lingle acting Officer of the Day for the Installation services.

The following comrades were duly installed in their several offices as follows:

A. J. P. Barnes, Department Commander.

A. N. Seaber, Senior Vice Department Commander.

James Kinney, Junior Vice Department Commander.

W. K. Collins Department Chaplain.

(Medical Director elect, Dr. George Boemler, was absent at this time and was later installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, at a regular meeting of Post No. 1.)

Department Commander Barnes announced the appointment of Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor. They were both duly installed in their respective offices.

On receiving the gavel and assuming command, Commander Barnes spoke feelingly and entertainingly of the duties that had been placed upon him by his comrades and pledged his best efforts to realize his and their hopes.

Department Chaplain Collins and Comrade Cole, of Post 343, each delivered short addresses and Junior Vice Commander Kinney sang a patriotic song, which ended the ceremonies of the Encampment.

No further business appearing, the Department Commander declared the 40th Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, closed.

A true Record.



Assistant Adjutant General.

I wish here to express my thanks to Comrade M. P. Owen, of Post 131, for assisting me in keeping the minutes of the proceedings of the Encampment.



LIEWELYN L. JOHNSON
DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR
DIED MAY 15, 1921, AGED 77 YEARS

In Memoriam

Comrade Llewelyn L. Johnson was born 77 years ago at Jacksonville, Illinois, and died in St. Joseph, Mo., May 15, 1921.

He grew to manhood in his native town and in August, 1862, enlisted in Company I, 101st regiment Illinois Infantry, to defend the Union and uphold the flag of his country. After a service of about two years he was discharged for disability contracted in the service.

Fifty-six years ago he came to St. Joseph where he was honored and respected by all who knew him until his death.

For more than twenty years he was an active and honored member of Custer Post No. 7 and at the time of his death and for several years prior thereto was its Quartermaster. At the time of death he was Department Inspector, Department of Missouri G. A. R.

September 8, 1920, was the 50th anniversary of his marriage to Mary A. Sanders, who, with a daughter and a son, survive him.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

As indicating the spirit that seemed to pervade the city of Jefferson during the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the conventions of the several allied societies, an editorial which appeared in a morning paper on Tuesday, May 17, under the heading, "To the Grand Army, Best Wishes," is worthy of preservation as a part of the Unofficial Proceedings. The editorial follows:

The Capital News extends most cordial welcome to Missouri's Grand Army of the Republic, in the name of the great memories that cluster about this city and its hundreds of landmarks.

The mystic course of three-score years entwines itself about those memories, and with its widening and winding way, this course has overwhelmed the storm of '61-'65, obliterated its scars, and left to grace the cherished tablets of our mind's review that all-sufficient and all-powerful knowledge that a titanic struggle between a race of giants bequeathed an imperishable tribute to our own kindred, our united people. With those memories crowding upon the grizzled veterans of the mighty struggle, whose vicissitudes their organization commemorate, there must come, and come there will and does, the unescapable appreciation of the significance of the time in which they lived and wrought their greatest deeds. They strove for the mastery with brother and kinsman, happily now, in their own generation, and in those which have followed, united and banded together in one inseparable nation and under one flag. Now, in the radiance of sunset, with the gray twilight in the offing, they gather in fond reunion.

We welcome this scattered camp of veterans, who have seen a continent bound together with bands of steel, who have seen states carved out of wildernesses, fortunes hewed from the grim precincts of the desert, cities rise from the scenes of the holocaust, mighty men and women from the stricken fields of war. We welcome this passing band of brave men, who have survived that historic passage from internecine strife to world war. They are a powerful part of the nation's life, which swung from the sanguinary process of self-destruction to the highest civilization ever attained in human history, and from that to the mightiest achievement in a war for the preservation of that same civilization, and then to the peace we enjoy today.

The presence of the Grand Army is a reminder of the

sturdy elements of our national force, and though its membership passes, its work can never perish.

Best wishes to all old comrades, in this great army, best wishes in the name of those who have passed out forever upon the illumined waves of the receding tides that sweep into the eternal seas!

At 1:30 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 17, a large gathering, estimated at 2,000, assembled in the east corridor of the Capitol where the Missouri Division of the Sons of Veterans unveiled a large bronze tablet of Lincoln's Gettysburg address surrounding a bust of Lincoln in bas relief. Below was the legend: "Presented by Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, May 17, 1921." In the lower corners were the emblems of the Sons of Veterans and of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. The exercises of the occasion were presided over by J. J. Couch, Division Commander, S. of V. The exercises were opened by all singing "America" and a prayer by Rev. C. C. Luce, Division Chaplain. Lieutenant Governor Pelham A. Bowers of Nebraska, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, delivered an eloquent address and presented the tablet to the Governor of Missouri, Arthur M. Hyde, whose little daughter, Miss Caroline, assisted by two of her mates, then unveiled the tablet and Governor Hyde in an address full of patriotic sentiments, eloquently expressed, accepted the gift on behalf of the State.

The address of Governor Hyde was followed by addresses by W. A. Ketcham, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., and by Major Leo Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Following the address of Major Rassieur, Mrs. Mabel S. Walker, Department Patriotic Instructor, Woman's Relief Corps, in a short and interesting address presented to the Principal of the Jefferson City High School a large bunting flag to float from the flagstaff of that school when the school is in session. It was received by the Principal of the school in a short address in which he pledged that it would be carefully and patriotically preserved, raised and taken down; that it would be a daily lesson in patriotic duty for the youth of his school.

At the close of the foregoing exercises the annual parade was formed and took place. The following reference to the parade is taken from one of the evening Jefferson City papers of that date:

More than a hundred veterans, the battle line of 1861-5, marched down the streets of Jefferson City amid the plaudits of the crowds at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

In the long line were men four score and seven years old, but sturdy and strong, marching to the beat of the drums in the capable hands of the veteran who led the parade.

As the Grand Army men passed the crowd applauded and cheered them.

The parade was led by thirty veterans of the World War. They were followed by Sons of Veterans and then a space apart, marching close together, came the men who preserved the nation a half century ago. They were followed by the ladies organization, who carried flags.

THE CAMPFIRE

Tuesday evening was one long to be remembered. It was held in the large hall of the House of Representatives and the main floor and galleries were packed to overflowing.

The Mayor of the City, Mr. Paul Hunt, was master of ceremonies and made an admirable presiding officer. All the exercises were of a high order, the music of the High School Orchestra directed by Miss Daisey Seaber, the daughter of Comrade A. N. Seaber, is seldom equaled anywhere. The singing of the Rotary Quartet, composed of Paul Radke, Otto Schuler, Will Hoefler and Fritz Schott, was remarkably fine and elicited the applause that would not cease until they had sung and sung again.

Mrs. Della R. Henry, a Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, on behalf of the Department of Missouri, Ladies of the G. A. R., presented to the State a life-size portrait of Lincoln by St. Gaudene, beautifully framed in a heavy gold frame. The address of Mrs. Henry in making the presentation was pronounced one of the gems of the evening. The portrait was received on behalf of the State by Governor Otis in an address of more than ordinary merit which met with unanimous applause by the audience.

The addresses of Commander-in-Chief Ketcham and Honorarary Thomas Dunn were both worthy of the immense applause which they received. The program of the Campfire was both instructive and entertaining and was pronounced by all to have been, at least the equal of any campfire held at any Department Encampment.

The informal reception tendered by Governor and Mrs. ... to the Comrades and visitors was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed, as was also the reception at the Madison Hotel on Monday evening tendered the Commander-in-Chief and Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, by the Department office of the Woman's Relief Corps, assisted by the Department office of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1920-1921

General Orders No. 1.
Series 1920-1921.

St. Louis, Mo., May 18, 1920.

I. Having been elected by the unanimous vote of the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to the office of Department Commander, and having been duly installed therein, I hereby assume command, with a grateful appreciation of the trust reposed in me and a deep sense of the responsibilities of the office.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor.

They will be obeyed and respected as such. Other appointments will be announced in future orders.

III. All official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Department Headquarters, 303 Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

The personal address of the Department Commander will be at the Terminal Railroad offices, Union Station, St. Louis, Mo.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Official: S. D. WEBSTER, Department Commander.
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 2.
Series 1920-1921.

St. Louis, Mo., June 7, 1920.

I. At the Thirty-ninth Department Encampment, recently held in Trenton, the following Department Officers were elected and installed:

Department Commander—S. D. Webster, of Post 131.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—A. J. P. Barnes, of Post

Junior Vice-Department Commander—Geo. W. Sparks, of Post

Medical Director—Dr. C. W. Burrill, of Post 4.

Department Chaplain—Rev. Thomas D. Roberts, of Post 145.

Department Council of Administration—A. Whipple and B. A. Spann, of Post 1, Max Fritz and Louis C. Hesse of Post 13 and K. Reifsnider of Post 131.

The following comrades were elected Representatives and alternate to the 54th National Encampment, to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., in the week of September 26-October 2 next:

Representatives

J. L. Nichols (at large) Trenton
 Alf. Zartman, Kansas City
 E. H. Rodgers, Boonville
 Nathaniel Sisson, Maryville
 Samuel Zancker, St. Joseph
 Charles Kooock, Sedalia
 F. Walton, St. Louis
 C. B. Kurtz, Kansas City
 Nich. Mathias, Moberly
 Franklin Hudson, Kansas City
 Max Fritz, St. Louis

Alternates:

W. K. Collins, Lees Summit
 C. K. Reifsnider, St. Louis
 Oscar E. Fox, St. Joseph
 T. M. Brown, Webb City
 W. P. Graves, King City
 H. W. Sandusky, St. Joseph
 J. W. Root, Galt
 J. E. Vandermark, Darlington
 W. H. Dewey, Kansas City
 A. Bowers, St. Louis
 H. C. Bailey, Milan

II. The Department Commander hereby announces the names of the Comrades of his official staff in the several positions designated, as follows:

Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, Department Headquarters, St. Louis.

W. F. Calfer, Judge Advocate, Milan.

W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor, Springfield.

Chas. B. Kurtz, Chief Mustering Officer, Kansas City.

L. L. Johnson, Department Inspector, St. Joseph.

C. K. Reifsnider, Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff, St. Louis.

Wm. C. Pfeffer, Chief Drummer, St. Louis.

These comrades will be respected and obeyed in their several offices.

III. The Department Commander takes great pleasure in stating that the Department Encampment at Trenton was largely attended, not only by the members of the Encampment but by many comrades who came to clasp hands and keep alive the fraternal bond formed and cemented around the campfires of the long ago. All proceedings of the Encampment were harmonious and in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

When it was reported to the Encampment that Past Department Commander, Benj. Warner, was confined to his home by a lingering disease that would require a very serious operation of doubtful result, the heart of every comrade present was torn with deep fraternal sympathy. By a unanimous vote the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to telegraph a message to Comrade Warner expressive of the sympathy of his comrades and their wishes for his speedy recovery.

The Department Commander is persuaded that every comrade joins in the sympathetic regret for Comrade Warner's condition and hopes for his early recovery. Comrade Warner is a devoted member and a Past Commander of the second oldest post of the Department and has seldom been absent from the meetings of the Department Encampments. None has known him but to love him.

The campfire, presided over by Department Commander, was one of the best, with a program that was exceptional.

good. The capacity of the large opera house was not sufficient to accommodate those desiring admission, and an overflow filled one of the large churches to capacity.

IV. Blank for report of the Post Chaplain is inclosed herewith. Post Commanders will see that the Post Chaplain at once makes this report and promptly forwards it to the Department Chaplain in the addressed envelope which is also inclosed herewith. The Department Chaplain is required to make early report to the Chaplain-in-Chief and if the reports of Post Chaplains are delayed his report cannot be complete.

V. The Department Commander expresses his gratification at the spirit manifested and the universal observance and exercises of Memorial Day, not only by our comrades but by the veterans of all the wars and by citizens generally. He hopes that Flag Day—June 14—will be so recognized and observed that the Flag of Our Country will on that day float everywhere. It will be the 143d anniversary of its adoption by Congress as our National emblem.

VI. The second half of the annual per capita tax will be due and payable July 1st and should be promptly sent to the Assistant Adjutant General at Department Headquarters. Post Officers are again reminded that checks and drafts payable elsewhere than St. Louis, Chicago or New York are chargeable with exchange.

The amount of the per capita tax is 20 cents on each member in good standing, as reported December 31, 1919. No gains or losses that have occurred since last annual report should be considered; they will be accounted for in the next annual report.

VII. The excellent report of the Department Medical Director is so full of valuable advice and suggestions concerning the preservation of the health of our comrades and it was so highly commended by the committee to whom it was referred at the Department Encampment, that it has seemed wise to give it wide circulation, therefore a large number of copies have been printed for distribution. Sample copies are herewith inclosed. The Assistant Adjutant General will furnish additional copies upon request. It should be given careful consideration and the advice contained herein should be heeded.

VIII.—The official duties of the Commander-in-Chief in connection with the ceremonies of the dedication of the amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery prevented his attendance at our Department Encampment, but he spent a day within the Department at Kansas City on May 22d, where he was given a royal welcome by the comrades and allied societies of that city and vicinity. The Department Commander was pleased to be among those present on that occasion and pay his respects to the Commander-in-Chief and to tender to him the fraternal greetings and welcome of the Department.

IX. The Department Commander urges that especial effort be made to keep up the membership of our order. It is encouraging that application blanks are being called for and members are being received in a number of the posts. There should be no losses except by reason of transfer or death. It would seem that every comrade would be proud to honorably wear the button of the Grand

Army of the Republic, that when the final summons comes he may know that those he leaves behind will be comforted by having his comrades recite our beautiful burial service over his last resting place.

By order of S. D. Webster, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

IN MEMORIAM

Past Department Commander

BENJAMIN WARNER

Company C, 18th Mich. Infantry

Died May 30, 1920

General Orders No. 3.
Series 1920-21.

St. Louis, Mo., August 23, 1920

I. The Fifty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., during the week of September 19-25 next. The railroads affecting the Department, with the exception of the Frisco railroad, which declines to make any reduction of fare whatever, have announced a fare of one cent a mile with privilege of stopovers in either or both directions within the limit for which the ticket is punched. Tickets will be on sale in the Central Passenger Association, which includes St. Louis, August 25 to September 21, inclusive, and will be valid to return on or before two months from date of purchase. In the Western and Southwestern Passenger Associations, which cover the State of Missouri, tickets will be on sale September 15 to October 14, with stopover privileges as above and return limit October 14. The return trip must be over the same route as the going trip. Handouts are also in the Central Passenger Association.

Railroad tickets will only be sold to those who have duly signed Identification Certificates, which must be surrendered to the agent when ticket is purchased. Requisition should be made on the Assistant Adjutant General by post commanders and company commanders for as many certificates as may be needed for distribution in several localities. In writing for certificates, don't simply ask for "some" certificates, but state definitely how many you want.

It should be borne in mind that the special rate of one cent a mile will only apply to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their families; members of the Woman's Relief Corps; members of the G. A. R.; Daughters of Veterans; Sons of Veterans; Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary; National Association of Army Nurses; Civil War; and members of the family of members of each of the above organizations, accompanying them to the Encampment. The interpretation given to "family" is, the immediate members of the family, who live with one.

II. Department Headquarters will be opened in room 227, Denison Hotel, Indianapolis, on Monday afternoon, September 20, where all Missouri comrades are requested to call and register and receive the Missouri ribbon badge. There has been no change in the red ribbon badge of Missouri for many years, and many comrades who have attended National Encampments have retained the ribbon badge that was issued to them. If such comrades will bring with them and wear the ribbons they now have they will save considerable expense to the Department. The same badges that three years ago cost the Department \$25.00 cannot now be purchased for less than \$80.00. Comrades, look up your ribbons and wear them at the coming Encampment. Department Headquarters in St. Louis will remain closed from September 19 to October 1.

A meeting of all members of the 54th National Encampment from this Department is hereby called for 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, September 21, at Department Headquarters, room 227, Denison Hotel, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

III. The comrades from this Department who are entitled to seats in the National Encampment are the Department Commander, The Vice Department Commanders, all Past Department Commanders and the duly elected Representatives. The Department Commander expresses the hope that all who are entitled to seats in the Fifty-fourth National Encampment will be present and take part in its deliberations. It is a duty we owe to the comrades of the Department who have conferred the honors upon us, as well as to the Order whose badge we proudly wear and which is more highly honored than ever before.

If any comrade has been elected a Representative shall find that he will be unable to attend the Encampment he should at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General, so that he may notify an Alterante to fill the vacancy.

IV. Arrangements have been made for a special train to leave St. Louis over the Big Four railroad at 9:00 o'clock on the morning of September 20, to arrive in Indianapolis about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. In addition to first-class day coaches there will be a Pullman parlor car and a cafe diner from which will be served box lunches and hot coffee to those who may wish. There will be no stop for meals enroute. It is hoped that all who can do so will join us at St. Louis and go by this special train. In purchasing tickets see that the portion from St. Louis to Indianapolis reads over the C. C. C. and St. L. (Big Four) railroad.

V. The announcement of the death of Past Department Commander Comrade Benpamin Warner cast a shade of sadness over the hearts of all the comrades of the Department. None knew him but to love him and his genial comradeship was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact. In order that his many virtues and the high esteem in which he was held may be properly recorded in the proceedings of this Department, the following comrades are hereby appointed to prepare a fitting testimonial and present the same to the next Department Encampment: Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief W. H. Wormstead, Past Department Commander Thomas W. Evans, and Past Department Commander W. Calland.

VI. National General Orders No. 6 is hereby promulgated. A careful reading of it and attention to its contents will avoid much unnecessary correspondence.

The apparent delay in issuing National and Department General Orders has been unavoidable and not caused by any neglect on the part of the National or Department officers. They have been issued at the earliest possible moment that definite information could be given.

VII. A few of the posts have not remitted the per capita tax for the last half of 1920. It was due July 1. If a blue X is opposite this paragraph your post is delinquent. Please remit at once.

VIII. The appointment of the following comrades as Aides-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander is hereby announced. They will be respected as such: Seth Carpenter, Post 14, J. W. Beach, Post 7, O. B. Lingle, Post 17, W. P. Leedon, Post 92, John Ramsey, Post 161, W. H. Evens, Post 348, Arnold Bowers, Post 1, Geo. Hoffman, Post 13, O. H. Guffin, Post 8 and T. McCasky, Post 5.

By order of S. D. WEBSTER, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 4.
Series 1920-1921.

St. Louis, Mo., November 24, 1920

I. The comrades who attended the gathering in Indianapolis on the occasion of the 54th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic were certainly fortunate. The hospitality of the people of Indianapolis was unbounded. The street car lines were free to all veterans and members of the allied societies, extending 169 miles to all parts of the city. Nowhere have the comrades those attending a National Encampment received more spontaneous and generous hospitality, and the time will be cherished in memory as one of the brightest spots along the pathway of life.

II. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, is hereby promulgated and should be carefully read and filed for future reference. In it will be found much valuable information concerning the work of the 54th National Encampment. It will be especially gratifying to the comrades of this Department to note that the Medical Director, Dr. C. W. Burrill, was elected Surgeon General and also that the proposition presented by this Department to amend the Rules and Regulations so as to establish a roll of Comrades Large, with some minor changes, was adopted and has become law of the order. This will give many comrades who are now remote and so unable to become members of posts to have their names placed on such a roll and again become members in standing in the Grand Army of the Republic.

III. The fine appearance of the comrades of this Department in the grand parade was very gratifying to the Department Commander and he most heartily commends them. No Department was better uniformed nor received greater applause from the onlookers massed along the line of march.

The Department Commander feels a commendable pride in being Commander of such a splendid body of comrades and leading them in one of the most notable parades in the history of our Order.

At the opening of the business session of the Encampment all the elected Representatives were present except one and his place was filled by an Alternate. In addition to the Representatives and Department Officers there were present, also, nine Past Department Commanders, two of them being Past Commanders-in-Chief.

IV. Post Commanders and Posts are reminded that the annual election of officers should be held at the first meeting of the Post in December, at which time, in addition to the Post officers, there should be elected Representatives to the Department Encampment. Each Post of fifty members or less, in good standing Dec. 31, 1919, is entitled to one Representative. Posts of more than fifty members are entitled to one Representative for each fifty or a fractional part of fifty or over twenty-five.

Post Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders are ex-officio members of the Department Encampment and should not be elected Representatives. Alternates should be elected. Blanks are inclosed for reports of the results of elections.

V. Blanks for the annual reports are forwarded herewith and should be filled up and returned to these Headquarters immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December. Prompt attention to this will save time and annoyance. The Assistant Adjutant General is required to forward a consolidated report to the National Headquarters on or before the 1st day of February, and all Posts that have not reported prior to that time must be omitted from his report. Our representation in the National Encampment is based on the number in good standing December 31, as shown by the consolidated report to the National Headquarters. The neglect of one Post Commander may deprive the Department of one Representative. It would seem that all reports could reach these Headquarters by the 5th day of January.

If they are delayed they are likely to be overlooked and neglected.

Attention is called to the amended Rules and Regulations, providing for annual reports only. The report should cover the whole year 1920. The annual per capita tax is 40 cents for each member in good standing; one-half—20 cents—is payable January 1, and one-half July 1.

Post officers are again reminded that all remittances should be made payable in St. Louis to the order of W. F. Henry. Exchange is charged on all checks or drafts payable outside of St. Louis, except in Chicago and New York.

VI. The Adjutant General of the State of Missouri has informed the Department Commander that the east corridor in the new State Capitol has been set aside for a place of deposit and exhibition of flags carried by Missouri military organizations in all wars, and of such relics of military service as may be obtainable and desirable for preservation.

The Department Commander requests anyone who may have in

possession either flags or relics proper or desirable for such deposit and preservation, to write the Adjutant General of Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo., and he will give proper direction in reference to the disposition of same. It is understood that relics and heirlooms of historic value are desired for place in the collection.

VII. A number of Posts have failed to remit the per capita due July 1, 1920. If there is a blue X opposite this paragraph your Post is one of them. The amount due is 20 cents on each member in good standing December 31, 1919. Add this amount to remittance due January 1, 1921.

By order of S. D. WEBSTER, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 5.
Series 1920-1921.

St. Louis, Mo., March 19, 1921.

I. The Fortieth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in Jefferson City, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon of Tuesday, May 17, 1921, and remain in session until the business of the Encampment shall be completed.

Department Headquarters will be temporarily located during the Encampment at the Madison Hotel, on the afternoon of Monday, May 16.

The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the Commander-in-Chief has promised to visit the Encampment and address the campfire, which will be held on the night of Tuesday, May 17th. The comrades and citizens of Jefferson City are actively arranging and planning to give all who attend a warm and hearty welcome.

II. Application has been made to the Railroad Association for the usual reduced fare for the round trip to the Encampment and it is confidently expected that it will be granted. It is hoped that as many comrades as are physically able will once again gather round the campfire and make the occasion one of mutual and personal pleasure.

III. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters in the Madison Hotel, at 4:30 o'clock, Monday, May 16, for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it.

IV. The details and program of arrangements for the Encampment, as well as such information as may be of interest, will be announced in future Orders.

V. The following named comrades are hereby appointed to the Staff of the Department Commander:

A. N. Seaber, Post 6, Jefferson City.
Jonathan Bowers, Post 145, Eldon.
Jacob Stevens, Post 145, Eldon.
J. C. Pierce, Post 22, Kirksville.

By order of S. D. Webster, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 6.
Series 1920-1921.

St. Louis, Mo., May 3, 1921.

I. The Department Commander is advised that the local committees are making ample provision for the reception and entertainment of all who attend the meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied societies May 16-18, 1921, at Jefferson City.

This year is the Centennial anniversary of the admission of Missouri into the Union and we are to meet in the capital of the State. The circumstances are such that the citizens of Jefferson City and elsewhere, as well as the officers of the State, are manifesting special interest in making the occasion a notable event. The Department Commander hopes that all comrades who are physically able to do so, will attend and again enjoy the fraternal greetings and the comradeship formed in the long ago on the march and around the campfires that was welded in the red fires of battle. While our ranks are being depleted by the inexorable march of time let us close up and march on to the final camping ground.

While we are not, at this time, able to announce the details of the program for the occasion, all can be assured that there will be something of interest going on from arrival in the city until the conclusion of all the exercises. It can now be announced that on Monday evening, the 16th, there will be a reception tendered by the Department Officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, assisted by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the Commander-in-Chief, the Department Commander and others at the Madison Hotel. There will be a campfire on Tuesday evening at which the Commander-in-Chief will be the principal speaker and a program of rare merit and interest will be rendered. There is a fine lot of fuel being gathered for this occasion that will make things glow with a brightness that will warm the hearts of the comrades and rejuvenate their lives. At the campfire, the Ladies of the G. A. R. will present to the State, to be placed in the Capitol, a life size St. Gaudens portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

At 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday all will assemble at the Capitol when the Sons of Veterans will unveil a large bronze tablet of Lincoln's Gettysburg address which will be presented to the State by the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. It is expected that it will be received on behalf of the State by the Governor.

Immediately following this exercise the parade will form and proceed to the High School Building, where it will be disbanded and the Woman's Relief Corps will present a large flag to the school.

II. Upon the suggestion and at the request of Comrade E. N. Armstrong, Commander of the Department of Illinois, your Department Commander joined him in Chicago April 5, and appeared before the Western Passenger Association and made an appeal for a further reduction of fare to the Department Encampments. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the appeal has resulted in a rate for Veterans of the G. A. R. and their wives of two cents a mile each way—a round trip rate of four cents a mile. To obtain tickets at this rate Identification Certificates must be presented to the ticket agent. The Assistant Adjutant General will issue these Identification Certificates to all who are entitled. Each Post Commander should at once make requisi-

tion for as many as may be necessary for his comrades. The rate of four cents a mile for a round trip applies to Veterans and their wives only; members of allied societies and the dependent members of such and the dependent members of Veterans' families other than their wives are granted a rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip on the certificate plan. They will purchase through one-way tickets at full fare and get certificates, which upon proper endorsement by the Assistant Adjutant General at the Encampment will entitle the holders to return tickets over the going routes for one-half fare.

Tickets will be on sale, going May 13-19 inclusive and returning to reach starting point on or before May 23. No Identification Certificates will be issued to other than Veterans.

III. The following comrades are hereby appointed a committee on credentials: Ben B. Bolt, Post 8, Chairman; W. K. Collins, Post 582 and Charles Kooch, Post 53. They will report to the Assistant Adjutant General upon arrival Monday afternoon the 16th for instructions.

IV. Comrade O. B. Lingle, of Post 17, is hereby appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade Wenzel Graf, of Post 13, Officer of the Guard for duty during the sessions of the Encampment. The officers will be properly uniformed and equipped while on duty. The Officer of the Day will detail from the comrades present a sufficient number of Guards who will report to the Officer of the Guard for duty.

The appointment of Dennis Hacock, of Post 69, Springfield, as Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander is hereby announced. He will be respected as such.

V. General Orders Nos. 3, 4 and 5. National Headquarters are herewith promulgated. All orders should be carefully read, filed and preserved.

Special attention is directed to the contents of General Order No. 5, devoted to Memorial Day. The Department Commander is persuaded that it is not necessary for him to urge upon comrades the observance of Memorial Day, which they have for more than half a century sacredly and reverently observed with proper solemnities. He can add but little to what the Commander-in-Chief has said. His admonitions and instructions will be faithfully heeded and followed.

By order of S. D. WEBSTER, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 7.
Series 1920-1921.

St. Louis, Mo., May 12, 1921

I. As heretofore announced the Fortieth Annual Encampment of this Department will convene at 9:30 o'clock, in the forenoon of Tuesday, May 17, and continue in session until the business of the Encampment is completed.

The sessions of the Encampment will be held in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, in the new Capitol. The first

sion will be called to order promptly at 9:30 o'clock, on Tuesday, in open session, and the opening exercises will be devoted to the greetings and responses of the various committees and societies, to which all are invited. The Department Commander hopes that there will be a large gathering at that time.

II. The Committee on Credentials will meet as soon after their arrival as possible, on the afternoon of Monday, in the lobby of the Madison Hotel, and all members of the Encampment should report to them for the member's badge and countersign. Announcement will be made at the open meeting of such details of arrangements as may be desirable for information.

III. Accompanying will be found Circular Letter No. 3, which explains itself, and is commended to the careful attention of every Post Commander and comrade of the Order. It is hoped that its appeal will be heeded, and that by observing the request, a record may be had and the lists filed in the office of the Adjutant General of Missouri, in Jefferson City, may in time include the name and record of the grave of every Veteran buried in the State.

The verses enclosed, with the vista in which is shown the "Little Green Tents," are furnished by the courtesy and with the compliments of Comrade C. K. Reifsnider, Chief of Staff and Aide-de-Camp to the Department Commander.

By order of S. D. WEBSTER, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ROOM 303, TEMPLE BLDG., 19 S. BROADWAY
A NEW YEAR GREETING.

To All Post Commanders and Comrades, January 1, 1921.

Comrades: Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Your Department Commander at this season, everywhere devoted to the expression of friendly greetings and good wishes, deems it especially appropriate that he should convey to you his paternal congratulations on your years prolonged in civil life, when of you have reached and passed the span of three-score and one allotted by the Psalmist; for the strength and good health which are still the portion of so many after the lapse of more than half a century since you offered your services for the preservation of our government.

The labors and duties of our service life ended with our "muster" But its memories remained, and we were associated to preserve those memories as an ever-living influence for good in all hearts.

When we became comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, bringing in mind the deadly conflict from which we had emerged

in the struggle to make indissoluble the government established by the Fathers, and which all parts of the country should be equally pledged to maintain, each solemnly promised that he, to the best of his ability, would defend the union of the United States, honor its constitution, conscientiously obey the laws of the land, encourage honor and purity in public affairs and, in the spirit of loyalty, protect the flag of our country as the emblem of liberty, equal rights before the law, and national unity.

Such, comrades, was our pledge of LOYALTY, and it has been well kept. Our Order has been accepted, and its comrades esteemed with respect bordering on veneration, as the embodiment of patriotism tried in the crucible of War and not found wanting in civil life in the strife engendered in the struggle for independence and for the maintenance of law and order, and found always ready to make good the pledge to "conscientiously obey the laws of the land."

Our sons and our grandsons, in a war from which we have hardly yet emerged; a war which has overturned kings and thrones and at which all the governments of the world have trembled and have justified the faith we have held to: That the spirit which, on land and sea, hardships, privations, dangers, hardships met by us, a spirit nobly, manfully obedient to the behests of duty would prove a glorious example and an incentive to them if they ever be called to uphold the destinies of our Republic. And nobly have they, overseas and in a war far greater in its armies and deadliness of destructive appliances, proved themselves worthy of the faith we had in them.

Of approximately two and a half millions enrolled during our four years' struggle but 243,000 remain; less than ten of every hundred. Of every regiment, 1,000 strong, which rallied to the banner of Abraham Lincoln, young, vigorous, ardent, but one hundred and some decrepit, are now left. The 900 have been mustered into the Grand Army of the Immortals.

But many duties are still ours. We can invite attention to our many and great civic blessings, so far superior to those enjoyed by other peoples; we can urge the inculcation in our growing youth through the public schools and otherwise of the principles and practices of the best American citizenship; we can strive to instill in them with a proper sense of the freedom won by our fathers and the service they have served by us, of which Daniel Webster said:

"God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are ready to guard and defend it."

We can at all times and in the most emphatic manner remind them that we are a Republic; with a government based on a written Constitution; a Constitution which, in its character as a system of government, is probably the most important contribution ever formulated in human history.

We can, at a time when efforts are being made, insidiously and covertly, ways, openly and offensively in others, to subvert our country and our government, keep before them the words of Lincoln:

"Let every American, every well-wisher to his posterity, be reminded by the blood of the revolution, never to violate in the particular the laws of the country and never to tolerate their violation by others. Let reverence for the laws be breathed

American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries, and in colleges; let it be presented from the pulpit, proclaimed from legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. In short, let it become the political religion of the nation."

Indifference to the laws, or to the manner of their administration, invites usurpation of authority, the destruction of human rights, and deprivation of national liberty. Keep ever before you, and urge upon others, that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and our rights will be safeguarded.

Keep always in mind that each of you has a sphere of influence. That it is for you, as citizens as well as members of our Order, to carefully exert within that sphere your influence toward upholding all things which look to a higher civilization, a better citizenship, and all the nobler ideals which tend to elevate our government and the moral and civic virtues of each and every individual among us—all of us being integral and essential factors of that government.

Your Department Commander wishes for you for the coming year, and for all your years, health to enjoy the blessings which have come to you; that you may have a just and proper pride in your country and your Order; and that when you "have passed over the river," and for admission present your honorable discharge from the life here, it shall show, in glowing letters of light:

"No objection is known to his re-enlistment."

Yours in F. C. & L.,

S. D. WEBSTER, Department Commander.

Official:

W. F. HENRY, Asst. Adj. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ROOM 303, TEMPLE BLDG., 19 S. BROADWAY

May 5, 1921.

To the Comrades of Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legionnaires, the United Confederate Veterans; to the respective Auxiliaries, and to all Patriotic Orders and Societies throughout our State:

AN APPEAL.

In General Orders No. 11, Series of 1868, Comrade John A. Logan, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic designated the 30th day of May, 1868, for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land.

It was the purpose of the Commander in Chief, as stated, "to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it would be kept from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

Three-score years have elapsed since that war began, and more than two millions of those who participated now rest beneath the "passionless mounds about which we were directed to gather that we might garland them with the choicest flowers of spring-time." The aspiration of our Commander, that this might be kept up from year to year, has not only been realized, but its observance is now the universal custom, enacted into law, and Memorial Day has become a general season of remembrance, whereon those whose dear ones have passed on, whether in the service of the country or not, gather to reverently decorate their graves.

To those no longer with us have since been added thousands from the Spanish-American, the Philippine and other conflicts, and more recently the World's War has and will, more and more, contribute to the constantly lengthening roll of departed comrades whose memories all, young and old, remembering only that they were soldiers of the Republic, wish at this solemn season to evince their regard and an undying gratitude for a united nation.

The comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose solemn charge it has particularly been, on this national day of memorial to attend faithfully the duties imposed by orders from their respective headquarters, have but few of less than four-score years. Their sons and their grandsons, millions of them veterans of the later wars, have taken upon themselves to assist the lagging steps and relieve the faltering hands of the flowers with which to garland the graves and the flags to mark the last resting places of those whose young manhood, whether half a century ago or more recently, was offered for the preservation of our country or transferred to the ranks of those who muster on the further shore. Younger veterans will patriotically gather and show by reverent services their tender regard for their sires and their grandfathers.

In the office of the Adjutant General, at Jefferson City, there are records showing the names and organizations, with dates of enrollment and discharge of thousands of those who have served from this State, in the war with Mexico, in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the World's War, and in perhaps other conflicts. No methodical record has been kept of the places of interment of any of the comrades whose graves we annually visit and reverently decorate. With the passing or removal of those who knew them, the memory of who they were and of the places of their sepulchre will, in thousands of cases, be lost.

It is suggested that persons who know of the last resting place of a soldier or sailor who served in any army or on any knave vessel, in any war, from the earliest struggle in which our country was engaged, make notation of the name, company, regiment, organization or vessel, the place of interment of such veteran, and send the same to the Adjutant General at Jefferson City. This data will materially supplement the records which are there carefully preserved, and provide, in future time, a resource to which descendants, as the Sons or Daughters of the Revolution, may go with confidence and establish officially the right to membership in Orders to which it will be an honor to belong.

In our sister State of Illinois not only is provision made for such records, but men have been employed to go from county to county, compiling lists to be duly filed and preserved.

The Adjutant General of Missouri, Gen. W. A. Raupp, has written that the idea meets his hearty approval, and that provision will be made by him for taking care of such a record.

It seems fitting, at this time, while all hearts are filled with the tender emotions of our Memorial season, and all minds directed to the services rendered by those whose memories we cherish, that the Department Commander should invite earnest attention to this matter, which should appeal to all, not only comrades but all veterans of both sides of the conflict of 1861 to 1865, to their sons and their daughters; to all patriotic people, to all veterans of later wars, and to their auxiliaries.

He appeals to all to whom this circular letter may come, to make a special effort to comply with the suggestion hereinabove made; to bring it to the attention of others and of the press, to give it the utmost publicity at this season, when minds are imbued with a patriotic reverence, to prepare and forward such data, that there may be placed in our Capitol the names of our honored dead, suitably recorded in a manner worthy of them and of our great State.

The Department Commander would urge, also, that upon the passing of those yet left among us there be prepared for each similar statements as to name, service and the place of interment, to be sent for record in the office of the Adjutant General at Jefferson City.

S. D. WEBSTER,

Department Commander.

Official.

W. F. HENRY,

Assistant Adjutant General.

(The following is suggested as a form for use in reporting names.)

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(Give location of cemetery by name, town or description.)

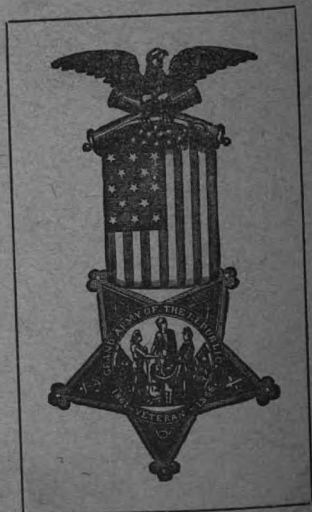
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Forty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Auditorium of the Congregational Church, Sedalia, Mo., at 9:30 o'clock on the morning of May 4, 1922, in open session to which the public and all allied societies were invited, the Department Commander, A. J. P. Barnes, presiding.

The Department Commander called the meeting to order and introduced the Department Chaplain, Rev. W. K. Collins, who delivered an impressive invocation.

Hon. Mr. Hatton, Mayor of Sedalia, was then introduced and delivered a most hearty address of welcome to all of the visitors, assuring them of a cordial welcome to the hospitality and homes of the citizens of Sedalia and expressed the hope that the comrades and all would find their stay so pleasant and the people so cordial that they would wish to renew the visit next year. He said in part:

"Mr. Chairman, and members of the G. A. R.: It is a pleasure at all times to welcome visitors to Sedalia. That pleasure today is many, many times emphasized when extended to the men who carried the Stars and Stripes to victory and survived a war unparalleled for privation, hardship, danger and courage. Sedalia is proud to be the host, if for a few days only, of this remnant of that great army that for five long years endured vicissitudes equalled only by those endured by the opposing forces. "My friends, every man, woman and child in Sedalia, is not

only willing, but anxious, to do something that will add to your comfort and pleasure.

"Whole Sedalia stands with outstretched hands to bid you welcome.

"The freedom of the entire city is yours. May you use it and enjoy it. We want you to feel under no restraint while here. Visit us in our offices and in our homes, walk on our grass, breathe our bread, and borrow our money."

The Department Commander called upon Past Department Commander Calland, to respond to the greetings and welcome of the Mayor. Comrade Calland performed the duty assigned him in a manner that elicited the applause of the assembly.

At the conclusion of the exercises of the open meeting, those who were not members of the Encampment retired and the Department Commander opened the Encampment for business.

Comrade Farwell Walton of Post 131 was appointed temporary Officer of the Day and acted as such until Comrade O. B. Lingle who was named in General Orders for the position arrived. Comrade Walton was then relieved with the thanks of the Department Commander for the efficient manner in which he performed his duties and Comrade Lingle assumed the duties of the office.

Comrade Wenzel Graf, who was named in General Orders as Officer of the Guard was reported confined to his home by sickness and Comrade R. T. McCasky of Post 5 was appointed Officer of the Guard for the Encampment and entered upon his duties.

The Assistant Adjutant-General reported the following as roll of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders. Those present during the Encampment are indicated by a star.

Department Commander,

*A. J. P. BARNES.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

*A. N. SEABER.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,

*JAMES KINNEY.

Medical Director,

*DR. GEORGE BOEMLER.

Department Chaplain,

*REV. W. K. COLLINS.

Assistant Adjutant-General and A. Q. M. Gen.

*WILBUR F. HENRY.

Judge Advocate,

*JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*O. P. SMITH.

Department Inspector,

*S. W. SERL.

Council of Administration,

*A. WHIPPLE,

*MAX FRITZ,

*B. A. SUPPAN,

C. K. REIFSNIDER,

H. W. BELDING.

Past Department Commanders,

†WILLIAM WARNER,

†W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

†NELSON COLE,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.

(1) JOHN E. PHELPS,

*LEO RASSIEUR,

†GEO. W. MARTIN,

†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

CHAS. G. BURTON,

†LOUIS GRUND,

†LOUIS BENECKE,

*GEORGE HALL,

†IRA T. BRONSON,

(2) F. M. STERRETT,

†JERE T. DEW,

†ALEX. McCANDLESS,

†HENRY FAIRBACK,

*JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

T. D. KIMBALL,

J. V. MARTIN,

†W. H. SKINNER,

†R. N. DENHAM,

†BENJAMIN WARNER,

†THOS. B. RODGERS,

†JOHN P. PLATT,

†A. G. PETERSON,

JOHN W. SCOTT,

*W. F. HENRY,

†ARTHUR DREIFUS,

†CHAS. W. RUBY,

*WM. LOWE,

*J. B. DOBYNE,

THOS. W. EVANS,

*P. F. COGHLAN,

*W. C. CALLAND,

*S. D. WEBSTER.

(1) John E. Phelps transferred to Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.

(2) F. M. Sterrett transferred to Dept. of Ohio.

†Deceased.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

Com.—Bath. Husson.
S. V. C.—Fred. Geimer.
Rep.—J. B. Schneider.
P. P. C.—Max Fritz.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

Com.—Dr. R. B. Tyler.
Rep.—Charles Garrett.
P. P. C.—Albert McCann and A. J. P. Barnes.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

Com.—S. E. Wetzel.
Rep.—W. L. Sterrett.
P. P. C.—Wm. M. McCune.

Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.

Com.—F. C. Brooks.
P. P. C.—O. B. Lingle.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

Rep.—G. B. Cunningham.

Jo. Balley Post, No. 26, Nevada.

Com.—T. L. Patton.
S. V. C.—Robert Carpenter.

Tindall Post, No. 29, Chillicothe.

P. P. C.—E. J. Miller.

W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.

S. V. C.—L. W. Preston.

Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

Com.—T. D. Roberts.
P. P. C.—Dan Kunkel.

Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

Com.—Joseph Starr.
S. V. C.—A. W. Bunyan.
J. C. V.—D. R. Vinson.
Rep.—Henry Meyer.
P. P. C.—R. R. Highleyman, Charles Kooock.

Tarkio Post, No. 67, Tarkio.

Rep.—W. S. Wood.

Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.

Com.—W. C. Calland.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

Com.—George W. Sparks.

Rep.—Robert Biggs.

P. P. C.—John Hack, George Hall and B. F. Warner.

Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.

Com.—J. G. Osborne.

S. V. C.—W. E. Chester.

J. V. C.—A. B. Evans.

Rep.—J. N. Shaneyfelt, D. W. Boyer.

P. P. C.—C. J. Mathews.

King City Post, No. 86, King City.

Rep.—Levy Henson.

C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Maysville.

Rep.—R. W. Hancock.

General G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.

Com.—Theopille Dubroulet.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

Com.—S. G. Hayes.

P. P. C.—J. N. Hayes, M. G. Garner, W. B. Mullins.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

Com. M. P. Owen.

Rep.—W. T. Niccolls, Chas. Nelson, James McClure.

P. P. C.—J. B. Dobyne, S. D. Webster, P. H. Clarke, F. V.
E. R. Cone, P. H. Callahan, George Roemler.**Gentry Post, No. 134, Darlington.**

Com.—James Kinney.

Marionville Post, No. 141, Marionville.

Rep.—A. Woodford.

Samuel McClure Post, No. 145, Eldon.

P. P. C.—Jacob Stephens.

Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

Com.—W. F. McColley.

Rep.—J. R. Pickerell.

P. P. C.—E. L. Chapin, P. H. Dugan.

G. W. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

P. P. C.—E. C. Baugher.

McCroskey Post, No. 210, Springfield.

P. P. C.—W. A. Ward.

Galt Post, No. 241, Galt.

P. P. C.—J. W. Root.

John W. Rollins Post, No. 247, West Plains.

S. V. C.—Geo. F. Clark.

Henry Browne Post, No. 276, California.

J. V. C.—F. Heibreder.

Rep.—W. H. Phillips.

P. P. C.—J. M. Williams, C. G. Wegener.

Maj. A. Bartlett Post, No. 289, Troy.

P. P. C.—William Howard.

Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.

Com.—E. Thompson.

P. P. C.—G. W. Edwards.

Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.

Rep.—Nat. Douglas.

George W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

Com.—M. D. L. Blevins.

P. P. C.—A. F. McCray.

Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.

Rep.—Henry Ludwig.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lees Summit.

P. P. C.—W. K. Collins.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

Com.—David Aber.

P. P. C.—William Lowe.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the Department is entitled to 13 representatives in the 56th National Encampment in addition to the Representative-at-Large and that it was important that nominations for Representatives be made as early as possible in order that their names might be printed on the tickets to be voted.

On motion it was unanimously ordered that, pending the report of Committee on Credentials, all comrades having the Encampment countersign and badge be recognized as members of the Encampment. By the unanimous vote of the Encampment it was ordered that the rules and order of business be suspended and the Encampment at once proceed to the nomination of Representatives to the next National Encampment. The following named comrades were thereupon nominated:

- Arnold Bowers, Post 1, St. Louis.
- G. W. Carmichael, Post 1, St. Louis.
- C. W. Burrill, Post 4, Kansas City.
- Alf. Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City.
- W. S. Jones, Post 5, Moberly.
- B. F. Lutman, Post 6, Jefferson City.
- A. N. Seaber, Post 6, Jefferson City.
- John Harnois, Post 7, St. Joseph.
- B. B. Bolt, Post 8, Kansas City.
- C. B. Kurtz, Post 8, Kansas City.
- C. P. Woodruff, Post 8, Kansas City.
- Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis.
- A. McCann, Post 14, Joplin.
- R. B. Tyler, Post 14, Joplin.
- G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville.
- I. L. Hunt, Post 26, Nevada.
- Thos. L. Patton, Post 26, Nevada.
- Chas. Koock, Post 53, Sedalia.
- Daniel Kunkle, Post 45, Oregon.
- John Hack, Post 72, Trenton.
- G. W. Sparks, Post 72, Trenton.
- W. E. Chester, Post 78, Warrensburg.
- Charles Nelson, Post 131, St. Louis.
- C. K. Reifsnider, Post 131, St. Louis.
- J. E. Vandermark, Post 134, Albany.

- A. Woodward, Post 141, Marionville.
- P. H. Sullivan, Post 172, Appleton City.
- E. C. Baugher, Post 190, Webb City.
- L. Decker, Post 210, Springfield.
- J. W. Root, Post 241, Galt.
- D. W. Reese, Post 247, West Plains.
- G. W. Edward, Post 343, St. Louis.

The Department Commander announced that there would be a flag drill of 2,000 children of the public schools on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and he expressed the hope that the comrades would attend and view that patriotic exhibition.

The Department Commander then called the Senior Vice Commander, Comrade A. N. Seaber, to the chair and proceeded to deliver his annual address as follows:

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades:

It affords me great pleasure to extend cordial greetings to the members of this the Forty-first Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

You are met to receive from the retiring Department Commander an accounting of affairs committed to him, and to elect and install his successor, and attend to such other matters as may properly come before the Encampment. Let the patriotic spirit of 1861 fill our hearts today, let fraternity, charity and loyalty abound, and may peace and harmony prevail in all our deliberations.

The year has not been surprisingly eventful in our Nation, save such distressing conditions as may follow in the aftermath of the most destructive and demoralizing war the world has ever known. In no former period of our national existence have we been confronted with so many and such important problems as have confronted us during the past year. Our commerce and industries have been demoralized, thousands of men are out of employment and our land is filled with unrest, unconcern for human life, disregard of property rights and the purity of womanhood, the like of which has never before been known. The looseness of what we call morals has never before been equalled in our land. The seductive influence of the "Evil One" has spread abroad like a holocaust, leaving a slimy progeny of cruelty, bestiality and crime. The moral sense and conscience of our people has been shocked as never before. Today the sanctity of marriage is a jest and the

seed of immorality that are being sown will bring a harvest of evil to be reaped by future generations. The very foundation of American civilization, the home, the church and our public schools are threatened with destruction unless some means are found to correct these evils.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

It was very encouraging to the Department Commander that so large a delegation of Comrades attended the National Encampment at Indianapolis, Indiana, last September 24th to October 1st. This Department had about 150 Comrades in line during the Grand Parade. A few Departments had a greater membership in line but none presented a finer appearing personnel nor enlisted greater applause from the thronging thousands of onlookers lining each side of the streets along the way of march.

The sessions of the Encampment were entirely harmonious. Every elective representative from this Department was present and took active part in the business of the Encampment. The Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General, with eleven Past Department Commanders and ten elected representatives made a total of 24 voting members from our Department. It is to be regretted that Junior Vice Department Commander James Kinney was detained at home on account of serious illness. Great credit should be given Assistant Quartermaster General for having successfully arranged a special train for the accommodation of the Department Staff and Comrades who requested the same. It is gratifying to know that there were no fatalities nor serious illness among the aged Comrades nor associate societies.

The loyalty and hospitality to the Grand Army Comrades and the citizens of Indianapolis on this occasion was deserving of the highest appreciation and gratitude.

VISITATIONS.

Your Department Commander regrets very much that unexpected conditions arose that made it impossible for him to make an earlier and more extended tour of visiting among the Post of the Department. However, I recently visited a number of Posts and the most courteous welcome greeted me wherever I went. The spirit of loyalty and good will shown me by all, will linger in my memory and comfort me in declining years. In my visits I found the comrades loyally alive to the interests and principles of our noble Order. The spirit of harmony and comradeship prevailed on every hand.

I would be ungrateful if I failed to acknowledge the kind welcome that the Department officers and members of our allied societies accorded me on every occasion. These cordial greetings show the depth of fraternal sympathy that binds the Comrades of the Grand Army and members of these loyal societies closer together as the years roll by.

At the St. James Soldiers' Home I found affairs in the hands of a competent management who are caring for the needs and comforts of the old veterans. Present housing arrangements and hospital accommodations are rather limited, but with the completion of the new buildings now in course of construction the sick and feeble Comrades and wives or widows can be much better cared for than can be done with present limited quarters.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

On several occasions during the official year, I have had opportunities to know of the active workings of this noble organization, our Auxiliary, in their untiring efforts to minister to the comforts of incapacitated and needy veterans. Only the suffering comrades or their widows and dependents know the many deeds of mercy done by members of the Relief Corps.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This organization, composed of wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Civil War Veterans has for its object the same noble purposes as the Woman's Relief Corps. They deserve the highest praise for their assistance to many worthy distressed comrades and their dependents.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Members of this noble patriotic Order are lineal descendants of the veteran heroes of the Civil War, blood of our blood and flesh of our flesh, pure minded patriotic women, filled with highest ideals to instill into the minds of the younger generation love of Country and our Flag.

SONS OF VETERANS.

This organization is composed of direct descendants of those who followed "Old Glory" during the hard fought battles of 1861-5. Soon these red-blooded 100 per cent Americans will take our place in national affairs and continue the fight for national unity and equal rights to all. They deserve our support and encouragement in the work of their organization.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

This band of loyal women, co-laborers with the Sons of Veterans are ever active in the practice of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty, and should have the manifest support and confidence of the Grand Army of the Republic in their many good works.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Although our ranks are thinning and our steps become more faltering as the years go by, let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together on stated occasions to commend to one another the services and sacrifices of both living and departed comrades which was made in defense of our national unity, for which in the younger lives they undertook to offer the full measure of devotion and in their riper years have done so much towards developing and stabilizing our form of government. Especially let us never fail to assemble ourselves together on Memorial Day of each year. Fifty-five years have passed since this beautiful custom was inaugurated by Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan. This custom has grown until, now, as Memorial Day returns each year flowers are strewn upon the graves of loved ones other than Civil War Veterans. This is commendable and beautiful, but let it not be forgotten that Memorial Day was established by the Grand Army of the Republic, to be observed in commemoration of the heroic deeds and sacrifices of fallen comrades, who fought for and offered their lives in defense of our national unity and liberty. In future years may the ceremonies of Memorial Day imbue American manhood and the rising generations with high resolves to do valiant service in the great struggle for humanity and righteousness to the end that the ideals for which Civil War Veterans offered their lives and sacrificed so much, may be passed on to generations yet to come.

RECOGNITION

I wish to thank all Department officers, both elective and appointive, for their loyal support during my official term. It is a pleasure to have been associated officially with a corps of loyal and courteous co-workers, ever ready to perform any and all duties assigned. Time forbids that I make individual mention of any one, save Assistant Adjutant General Wilbur F. Henry, who has shown such loyal devotion to protect the very interest of the Department, taking entire charge of Department affairs during my illness and keeping everything in shape so that no interests were suffered in any manner. The Department is fortunate in having

competent and self-sacrificing a comrade in the dual office of Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

CONCLUSION.

At the close of this Encampment the time will have arrived for me to turn over to my successor this gavel, the official emblem of authority, with which you invested me at our last Encampment. The year, with its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures, has come and gone. I see new faces among those assembled and miss many familiar comrades of former meetings. Some of these missing ones have said that last farewell, and are now resting in the embrace of that dreamless sleep we call Death. Among those who have been finally mustered out during the past year and are now sleeping in the silent cities of the dead are two Past Department Commanders, Comrade George W. Martin of Brookfield and Comrade Alex. McCandless of Moberly. Committees have been appointed who will prepare and present to the Encampment testimonials expressive of the high esteem in which these Comrades are held by all. They served their country well in war and in peace and after long and well spent lives they rest from their labors. Those of us who are privileged to remain in service and are here today have much for which to be thankful. Let us rejoice that we have hopes of other years of service for God, our Country and humanity, and bearing in mind the uncertainty of life, let us profit by our experiences and avoid mistakes of the past and use former successes as stepping stones to greater achievements in our declining years. Let us continue the labors of love and devotion to duty which characterized our younger lives, to the end that future generations may be taught the full meaning of true citizenship and patriotism, that the Government of the people, for the people and by the people may not perish from the face of the earth.

A. J. P. BARNES,

Department Commander.

The Senior Vice Department Commander referred the address to the following committee: Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur and Past Department Commanders J. B. Dobyne and W. C. Calland.

Comrade Calland stated that the reports of the several officers had been printed and distributed to the members of the Encampment and he moved that they be referred to committees to be appointed, without reading. The motion was seconded and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Jefferson City, Mo., April 7, 1922.

The Adjutant-General Department, Mo., G. A. R.

Sir:

I have the honor to report as follows as to my activities as Senior Vice Commander, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic. Excepting the very delightful visit to Indianapolis on the occasion of the National Encampment last fall, I have remained at home, meeting with my local Post monthly and joining with Owen Hayes Circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R., in the presentation of flags to the public schools of the city, making a patriotic address on each occasion, and also joining with the Legion in fitly observing Memorial Day at the National Cemetery. Hoping to meet you and all the members of the Grand Army of the State at Sedalia.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

A. N. SEABER,

Senior Vice Commander, Dept. Mo., G. A. R.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Capt. W. F. Henry, A. A. G., Dept. of Missouri, G. A. R., St. L.

My report as Judge Advocate this year must be very brief as a matter of fact, not a single cause of difficulty in the department has been referred to me during the year.

The entire absence of any difficulty among the comrades of the organization to be in good condition and dwelling together in peace and harmony.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

Judge Advocate

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Albany, Missouri, April 11, 1922.

Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear General:

Having been honored with the office of Junior Vice Commander at the Encampment held at Jefferson City, May 17, 18, 1921, I beg leave to submit herewith my report for the year 1921, 1922.

During the year last passed we have been blest with a restoration of peace, and great events have occurred. Not only affecting our own beloved country but the whole world has felt the affects of the efforts of our country to bring about a universal peace and good will among the Nations of the earth.

During the year I have visited Comrades at Stanberry, Grant City, King City and McFall.

The Post at Darlington of which I have the honor of being Commander, although few in number, are enthusiastic and loyal to the Post and the tenets of the Order; we meet regularly once a month.

On Memorial Day I appointed citizens committees for the purpose of decorating the graves of the soldiers and I supplied twelve dozen flags for that purpose.

Post 134 G. A. R. met at Darlington, on the 12th day of February, when the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was observed with proper ceremonies. In the forenoon the Post held an informal meeting at the Post room to which the public was invited and after which a banquet was served by the Ladies of the G. A. R. In the afternoon a programme was rendered at the Methodist church, which was well attended, with C. E. Ernst of Albany presiding; the principal address being delivered by Honorable George H. Vanhouten, of Iowa, formerly a member of the 4th Missouri Cavalry, '61-'65.

Hoping to meet you at the State Encampment at Sedalia, May 4th, and wishing all the Comrades a happy and prosperous year, I remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JAMES KINNEY,
Junior Vice Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.



JAMES KINNEY
JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

A. J. P. Barnes,

St. Louis, Mo., April 4, 1922.

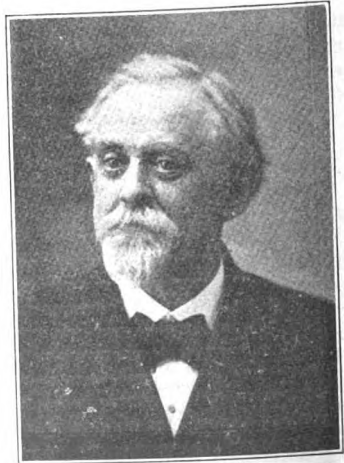
Department Commander and Comrades:

First of all, let me express my deep gratitude for the courtesy and appreciation shown me while holding the office of Medical Director of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic. I have tried to take advantage of every opportunity to serve my comrades while in this office and trust that my efforts have brought cheer and a little happiness to those of our order who are afflicted.

My predecessor has, in his report, given you very good advice for the prolongation of your health and I am sure that many of you have reached your present age only by the very good care you have given yourselves. Personal habits, regular rest, dieting and the avoidance of undue exposure are the direct causes for the greatest number of Comrades reaching such a splendid age. It is my opinion that the Civil War Veterans have been especially blessed by long lives full of service to their Country and their Maker.

On March 26, 1922 I had the pleasure of visiting the Old Soldiers' Home at St. James, Missouri. In Comrade Hall the Home has a very able superintendent. He is most sincere and is working hard for the comfort of the Veterans. Comrade Hall's adjutant is an enthusiastic helper and the two, working so faithfully together, do much good for the Institution. Cleanliness is the outstanding characteristic of the Home. Considering the size of the dining room and the number served every meal, it is remarkable that such order is maintained. The help is efficient and very observant of the rules of the Institution. The meals are of good, substantial food and are very well cooked.

The Institution well deserves to be proud of its Hospital. Much time and thought have been exercised to make it the most efficient possible. At present they are just completing a corridor of windows to be used as a sun-parlor for those able to walk around or to be wheeled in an arm-chair. The wards are large and well ventilated. At the time of my visit there were 22 men and 10 women in the wards for treatment. In spite of the close attention the patients receive, Death enters the Hospital at times. I believe the deaths average 2 for each month. A good age is reached by nearly all—the average for the man is 78, although there is one who has been blessed with the age of 92. Comfort and every convenience is made possible through the plant which pumps water, generates electricity and heats the buildings. This plant is of



DR. GEORGE BOEMLER
MEDICAL DIRECTOR

great importance to the Hospital, especially as good light, heat and running water are essential for efficient Hospital service.

The government shares a certain portion of the expense of the Home and the remainder is made up by the State of Missouri. "It is fitting" that the state and the United States should be mindful of those who were loyal at the time of our Country's great need. May the few remaining Veterans enjoy God's blessing for some years more.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

DR. GEORGE BOEMLER,
Department Medical Director.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Lee's Summit, Mo., April 10, 1922.

Hon. W. F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Comrade:

I am now presenting to you for our Department Encampment and so for all of our dear comrades in our great state, my report as Department Chaplain for the year 1921-1922.

I received reports from 56 Posts indicated by the numbers as follows: 54, 8, 6, 5, 69, 119, 110, 340, 582, 141, 150, 588, 432, 284, 187, 58, 14, 264, 326, 219, 79, 218, 72, 45, 172, 1, 13, 76, 78, 124, 247, 86, 146, 240, 260, 22, 16, 583, 34, 221, 210, 223, 161, 296, 197, 92, 21, 241, 343, 7, 525, 17, 576, 26.

I tabulated my report and sent it in due form to Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Bosworth at Wichita, Kansas, early in August, 1921.

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

- Number of Posts attending services, 48.
- Number of sermons preached to Posts, 48.
- Number of sermons preached by Veterans, 5.
- Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans, 12.
- Number of Comrades present at such services, 564.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

- Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services, 53.
- Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services, 1,053.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.
Headquarters Department of Missouri, Grand Army
of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1922.

A. J. P. Barnes, Department Commander.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to present the following report for the year 1921:

The number of members in good standing December 31, 1920, as shown by Post Adjutant's reports..... 276

Gained by muster-in.....	63
Gained by transfer.....	27
Gained by reinstatement.....	85
Total gain.....	175

Aggregate	29
Loss during the year by death.....	228
Loss by dishonorable discharge.....	2
Loss by transfer.....	12
Loss by suspension.....	75
Loss surrender of charter.....	15
Total loss.....	332

Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1921..... 26

The reports show that there was expended by the posts for relief in the year 1921, the total sum of.....\$ 188

That the amount of cash (including collaterals) on hand in the posts, December 31, 1921, was.....	50,949
Amount in Post relief funds.....	2,018
Market value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	8,170
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	3,530

Total value of Post property.....\$64,677

This Department is entitled to 14 representatives in the National Encampment, including the representative at large. Fifteen representatives and fourteen alternates should be elected.

Under a rule adopted by the 19th Department Encampment names to be voted for will be printed on the ballots in the order of the Post to which nominee belongs, beginning with low number.

When the Eighth Department Encampment met in Sedalia in March, 1889, the report of the Assistant Adjutant-General showed that there were 16,346 comrades in good standing on the rolls of the several posts in the Department.

When Department Commander Arthur Dreifus called the 33d Annual Encampment to order in the Court House in Sedalia, eight years ago, there were 5,046 reported in good standing, Dec. 31, 1913. The number reported in good standing Dec. 31, 1921 is 2,608, a net loss of 2,438 since we met in Sedalia eight years ago.

As the inexorable march of time carries on nearer to the final camping ground at the end of the journey of life, the ties of comradeship formed on the march and around the camp fires and that were welded in the fires of battle grow stronger and more tender as the years go by. As we look down the line and find that so many of those who answered the call of country some three score years ago, have survived the battle of life, our hearts are filled with gratitude and thankfulness to Him whose protecting care and guiding hand has brought us to this present. The memories of the past and the comradeship of the present should be an inspiration to comrades and make bright the journey down the western slope and strengthen our faith and hope that we shall rest in pleasant places when we shall have crossed the silent river. In the language of another:

Why struggle on in sadness? Why murmur or repine?
 This favored generation hath no memories like thine,
 No memories of a struggle to make a Nation free
 No memories of Gettysburg, or Sherman to the sea,
 No memories of hardships and pains for others' good,
 No memories of a Nation redeemed by loyal blood.
 We may be only stragglers but there are better things
 Than the follies of the present or all the wealth of kings.

The 54th National Encampment amended its Rules and Regulations so that Comrades residing in counties in which there is no post, may on proper application, be enrolled by the Assistant Adjutant-General as Comrade-at-Large. I have prepared blanks for application to be so enrolled and ten comrades have been entered on such roll. I believe that many comrades who are now without the right to wear the emblem of the Grand Army will, when this amendment is brought to their attention, apply for enrollment.

My report as Assistant Quartermaster General covers the transactions of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1922. Attention is invited to exhibits herewith filed and made a part of this report.

- Exhibit "A"—Shows the Receipts and Expenses.
 Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.
 Exhibit "C"—Supplies on Hand.
 Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.
 Exhibit "E"—List of Deaths in 1921.

In closing this report I wish to express my grateful appreciation of your confidence in my ability, integrity and fidelity as exhibited by your appointment to the very responsible office of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster General. I have endeavored to so conduct affairs that your confidence may not have been misplaced. I have greatly appreciated uniform comradeship and courtesy shown me by you and the Comrades. Our business and social relations have been such that the year will always remain a pleasing memory with me.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

WILBUR F. HENRY,
 A. A. G. and A. Q.-M.

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED

APRIL 30, 1922.

Balance on hand May 1, 1921.....	\$
Received from W. R. C., Dept. of Mo.....	
Received from Ladies of G. A. R., Dept. of Mo.....	
Received from Missouri Division, S. of V.....	
Received from Auxiliary S. of V., Dept. of Mo.....	
Received from Daughters of Veterans.....	
Received from per capita tax.....	
Received from sale of supplies.....	
Received from interest on loans.....	
Received from refund of excess baggage.....	
Aggregate	\$
Paid out (approved vouchers on file):	
For rent of office.....	\$
For supplies	
For expenses of Department Encampment.....	
For expenses to National Encampment.....	
For printing	
For salary A. A. G.....	
For expense of Department Commander.....	
For ribbon badges.....	
For National per capita tax.....	

For postage and stationery.....	48.37
For incidentals.....	18.35
For Travel Expense.....	5.88
For premium on bond.....	12.50
For safe deposit box.....	5.00
Total disbursed.....	<hr/>
Balance on hand May 1, 1922.....	119.61
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	\$2,570.72

EXHIBIT "B."

SAFETY FUND.

My report one year ago showed the amount in the Safety Fund to be \$2,500.00 of secured 6% notes and \$700.00 of Liberty Bonds.

The unanimous vote of the Encampment authorized the transfer of not to exceed 10 per cent of the Safety Fund to the General Fund, if necessary, but I have not found it necessary, thanks to our Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and other allied societies for their very generous contributions to our general fund.

No change in the Safety Fund has been made during the past year. The fund remains invested on secured notes as follows:

One note of \$500 and 5 notes of \$200 each due June 1, 1922	\$1,500.00
One note due April 1, 1921, remaining unpaid.....	1,000.00
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Amount of Safety Fund bearing 6% interest.....	\$2,500.00
Liberty Bonds of face value.....	700.00

In February last, an emergency arose that required an addition to the amount in the General Fund. This came to the knowledge of St. Louis Circle No. 37, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and I was informed that the Circle had in its treasury \$75.00 set aside to be contributed to the G. A. R. Fund of their Department and the Circle voluntarily sent me a check for that amount. It was a timely contribution and thankfully received. The amount is included in the item of receipts from the Ladies of the G. A. R. Exhibit "A."

EXHIBIT "C."

SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 1, 1922.

No.		Value
7	Official Badges.....	\$ 5.95
6	Members' Badges.....	3.60

43	Buttoniers	
50	Rank Straps.....	
19	Official Badge Ribbons.....	
5	Rules and Regulations.....	
	Application Blanks.....	
1	Blue Book.....	
3	Rituals	
10	Cards for Rituals.....	
2	Service Books.....	
40	Discharge Blanks.....	
10	Leave of Absence Cards.....	
18	Transfer Blanks.....	
20	Post Odes	
20	Department Badges.....	

\$ 6

EXHIBIT "D."

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash Balance, May 1, 1922.....	\$ 11
Office Furniture, Safe, Books, etc., estimated.....	80
Supplies on hand.....	3.20
Principal of Safety Fund.....	
	\$4.11

All bills paid to date.

EXHIBIT "E."

REPORTED DEATHS IN THE YEAR 1921.

Post

- 1 Daniel Hoeshli, Co. E, 82d Illinois.
- George E. McIntyre, Co. B, 100th Illinois.
- George D. Reynolds, Co. K, 2d Ill. Art. and Lt. Col. 6th
C. Art.
- Jacob Block, Co. K, 4th Mo.
- Chas. Schuetze, Co. M, 2d Mo.
- 2 Adam Ofensten
- Wm. Schwehr.
- Adolph Kleintopf
- 4 Ferd. Szirkowsky, Co. 1, 6th Ill. Cav.
- Wm. Barnhard, Co. A, 10th Ill. Inf.
- Marion Cunningham, Co. K, 86th O. V. I.
- Enos Kelsey, Sergt. Co.C, 103 Ill. Inf.
- Walter L. Gammage, Co. E, 25th Iowa Inf.

- Gary A. Bras, Co. K, 8th Iowa Inf.
 John A. Ingraham, Co. E, 1st Ky. Inf.
 Joseph Fleming, 1st Pa. Art.
 5 Joseph Jolly, Co. F, 10th Ky.
 6 August Koetting, Co. H, 48th Mo. Inf.
 Henry Kolkmeyer, Service not given.
 John Rodeman, 10th Mo. Cav.
 7 Wm. R. Cann, Co. M. S. M. Cav.
 Robert H. Coleman, Co. B, 9th M. S. M. Cav.
 Lucian E. Carter, Captain Co. D, 10th N. Y. H. A.
 William Morrow, Co. B, 9th Ill. Cav.
 Geo. W. Major, Co. M, 3d Mo. Prov.
 Llewellyn L. Johnson, Co. I, 101st Ill. Inf.
 John W. Scott, Co. B, 12th Mo. Cav.
 William Dixon, Co. E, 11th Wis. Vet. Inf.
 John W. Ecton, Co. E, 6th M. S. M. Cav.
 Moses B. McClellan, Co. 2d. Mo. Cavalry.
 James Raney, Co. H, 11th Kansas Cav.
 Alfred Head, Co. A, 57th Ill. Inf.
 Oliver A. Sandusky, Co. M, 9th M. S. M. Cav.
 8 O. A. Jones, Co. F, 123d Ill. Inf.
 Geo. W. Clark, Co. H, 16th O. V. I.
 W. R. Kelley, Co. F, 6th Kans. Cav.
 A. L. McBride, Co. F, 123d O. V. I.
 Samuel Lancaster, Co. H, 31st Ind. Inf.
 Benjamin Body, Co. D, 3d Mich. Inf.
 James Rennie, Co. F, 163d O. V. I.
 Abraham Hagan, Co. A, Home Guards.
 James M. Coulter, Co. B, 93d Ill. Inf.
 Nelson E. Weaver, Co. G, 11th Kansas Cav.
 Andrew Kurtz, Co. A, E. M. M.
 Isaac Isbel, Co. E, 11th Kansas Cav.
 David C. Cook, U. S. N.
 H. B. Kelley, Co. C, 1st Iowa Cav.
 Lewis A. Campbell, Co. A, 128th Ind. Inf.
 R. S. Searl, Co. D, 37th Mass. Inf.
 A. Deister, Co. D, 39th E. M. M.
 J. S. DeWolf, Co. A, 127th Ill. Inf.
 George R. Taylor, Co. F, 11th O. V. I.
 J. W. H. H. Moore, Co. A, 117th Ill. Inf.
 10 J. V. Wilkinson, Service not given.
 13 David Emanuel, Co. D, U. S. R. C.
 Charles M. Helms, Co. D, 3d W. Va. Inf.
 J. H. Henschen, Co. I, 2d. and 3d U. S. R. C.
 Xavier Kohler, Co. B, Stewarts Cav. and I, 43d Ill. Inf.

- Fred G. Mayer, Co. E, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Henry Mueller, Cos. G, 43d Ill. Inf. and D, 41st Mo. Inf.
- 14 William J. Atchinson, Co. G, 40th Ky. Inf.
 Joseph Brown, Co. G, 185th O. V. I.
 John M. Compton, Co. E, 15th Mo. Cavalry.
 F. L. Wright, Co. C, 85th N. Y. Inf.
- 16 David Hopkins, 35th Mo. Inf.
 James Deggan, Co. H, 149th Ind. Inf.
 H. T. Dale, Co. G, 44th Ill. Inf.
 Wesley Ritchhart, Co. I, 8th Ind. Cav.
 B. D. Hoyer, Capt. Co. E, 43d Ind. Inf.
 Chas. Martin, Co. B, 27th Mich.
 M. M. Dixon, Co. M, 5th N. Y. Cav.
 J. Herdman, Co. B, 67th O. V. I.
 Daniel Michael, Co. G, 54th Ill. Inf.
- 17 H. S. McVickers, Co. F, 62d O. V. I.
 W. R. Youngman, Co. M, 16th Ill. Cav.
- 21 J. C. Allen, Co. G, M. S. M.
 Joseph Jackson, Co. F, 12th Mo. Cav.
 Jonathon Sprague, Co. D, 164th O. N. G.
 C. W. Strong, Service not given.
 T. A. Williams, Co. H, 5th Ky. Cav.
- 22 A. J. Graves, Co. D, 3d Iowa Cav.
 John Calvin, Co. A, 39th Mo. Inf.
 J. W. Madden, Co.— 11th Mo. Cav.
 Wm. Turner, Co. H, 10th Cav.
- 23 A. Reeves, 9th Battery.
 J. Conner, Co. E, 18th Ind.
 J. D. Shaw, Co. D, 5th Mo.
 H. M. Hand, Co. E, 85th Penn.
 H. D. Cox, Co. L, 6th Kansas.
 J. N. Saller, Co. C, 9th M. S. M.
 L. W. Wells, Lt. Co. F, 85th Ind.
 H. Mitchel, Capt. Co. E, 14th Mo. Cav.
- 29 W. J. Cross, Service not reported.
 J. E. Callaway, Service not reported.
 Arch. McVey, Service not reported.
- 32 Stephen Scott, Co. F, 17th Ohio.
 John N. Hartley, Co. F, 187th Ohio.
- 34 Isaac N. Martin, Co. G, 48th Ind. Inf.
- 45 Benj. F. Morgan, Co. G, 16th Ind. Inf.
 Fred Markt, Co. F, 4th M. S. M.
- 47 Wm. L. Taylor, Co. K, 164th Ohio.
 John Vanfossen, Co. M, 9th Iowa Cav.
 A. C. Piles, Co. J, 148th Ind. Inf.

- 53 Rush G. Leaning, Lt. Co. B, M. S. M. Cav.
 Geo. Hohenbert, Co. A, 96th O. V. I.
 Jasper S. Waggle, Co. F, 18th Ill. Inf.
 James R. Hauply, Co. C, 117th Ill. Inf.
- 57 Geo. W. Martin, Lt. Co. B, 117th Ill. Inf.
- 69 W. H. Thomas, Co. D, 8th Mo. Cav.
 James Bair, Co F, 80th O. V. I.
 Gabriel McCraw, Co. 79th O. V. I.
 James J. Gideon, Co. A, 1st Ark. Art.
 Joshua Tullhill, Co. A, 3d Ill. Cav.
 James P. Edward, Co. E, 16th Mo. Cav.
- 72 Henry Eby, Co. —, 57th O. V. I.
 Wm. Howsman, Co. E, 94th Ill. Inf.
 M. V. Bollinger, Co. H, 36th Iowa.
- 76 James Dillard, Service not reported.
- 79 James M. Hunt, Co. L, 12th Mo. Cav.
- 86 George W. Hall, Co. G, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
 Wm. Wren, Co. D, 152d Ind. Inf.
- 92 Dr. B. B. Potter, D, 15th O. V. I.
- 96 Elisha Marshall, Service not reported.
 R. M. Dunham, Service not reported.
- 97 Jesse Moore, Q. M. S., 32d Mo. Inf.
 Joseph Bourkert, Co. F, Mo. Home Guards.
- 107 John F. Rutgers, Co. F, 2d Iowa Cav.
 Chas. L. Miller, Co. I, 13th Mo. Inf.
 Joseph Wasser, Co. K, 11th Mo. Cav.
 James S. Sprague, Co. I, 71st N. Y. Inf.
 August Lohman, Co. B, 5th Mo. U. S. R. C.
 Ernst Klockenbrink, Co. A, Mo. U. S. R. C.
- 124 J. H. C. Puls, Co. C, 5th Mo. Inf.
 W. J. Tayler, Co. M, 12th Mo. Cav.
 J. V. Kenyon, Co. K, 112th Ill. Inf.
- 131 W. H. H. Gillespie, Co. I, Merrill's Horse.
 D. W. Kirkpatrick, Co. A, 3d Calif. Inf.
 Dewitt C. Dix, Co. K, 3d Cal. Inf. and 1st Sergt, B, 3d Bat'y.
 P. Grady, Co. B, 14th Ill. Inf.
 W. G. Bentley, Lt. Col., 9th N. Y. Cav.
 Edw. Dierkes, U. S. N.
 W. H. Heath, Lt. Col., 33d Mo. Inf.
 J. D. Edwards, Co. B, 22d N. Y. Inf.
 E. W. Duncan, Co. H, 10th Mass. Inf.
 Wm. Knight, Co. B, 26th Pa. Inf. and 3d U. S. Vet. Vois.
 Wm. R. Hodges, Capt. 32d Wis. Inf.
 Frank W. Gervais, Co. F, 1st Vt. Cav.
 Wm. Perry Walsh, Co. —, 86th Ohio and Capt. 187th Ohio.

- Edward P. Clark, 2d and 12th Vt. Inf.
 Simon P. Jacoby, Co. E, 3d Pa. Art.
 John G. Walker, Co. C, 3d Ohio Inf.
 Barney Seaman, Co. E, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
 Wm. B. Denton, Co. B, 116th Ind. Inf.
 Alfred T. Johnson, Co. K, 13th Ky. Cav.
 John W. Hopkins, Co. G, 192d Ohio.
- 145 Elmer Graham, Co. A, 147th N. Y.
 James Walker, Co. C, 5th Wis.
- 172 W. M. Bruce, Co. F, 38th Ill.
 Burd Estes, Co. C, 7th M. S. M.
 John McErvin, Co. E, 74th Ill.
- 174 Reuben Alberts, Service not reported.
- 190 E. N. Morton, Service not reported.
 Albert Minor, Service not reported.
 S. C. Gory, Service not reported.
 I. W. Williams, Service not reported.
 A. Meadon, Service not reported.
 Samuel Sumwalt, Service not reported.
 I. M. Robison, Service not reported.
- 197 W. H. Morse, 1st Lt. Co. I, 22d Wis. Inf.
 Joseph P. Chiles, Co. F, 29th Mo. Inf.
- 218 Newton Robison, Co. D, 27th O. V. I.
 Hiram Sherard, Co. K, 39th Iowa.
 Wm. Case, Co. H, 12th Kansas.
- 219 Geo. A. Gregory, Mate, U.S.S. Kate, U. S. N.
 Joseph A. Craig, Co. K, 75th Ind.
 John W. Green, Co. I, 13th Mo. Cav.
- 221 Adam Couder, Co. F, 97th Ind. Inf.
- 233 Wm. C. Deuser, Co. G, 2d Mo. Art.
- 240 Henry Rosaler, Co. A, Reserve Corps.
- 241 I. W. Overman, Co. C, 13th Mo.
 W. G. Germe, Co. K, 44th Mo.
- 247 O. R. Serberlin, Co. B, 53d Ill. Inf.
 J. C. Richardson, Co. K, 133d Ind. Inf.
 J. J. Barger, Co. K, 11th and 53d Penn. Inf.
 G. H. Smith, Co. —, 3d Ky. Inf.
- 251 A. Nihart, Co. G, 96th Ohio.
 A. Bird, Co. H, 5th Mo. Lt.
 James Martin, Service not reported.
 F. Brant, Service not reported.
- 268 John Bachtel, Co. G, 133d O. V. I.
 Ben. Showers, Co. F, 68th Ind. Inf.

- 276 J. E. Sullens, Co. I, 9th M. S. M. Cav.
Wm. Schull, Co. D, 52d O. V. I.
Henry Gabert, Co. B, 9th M. S. M. Cav.
A. J. Weatherbe, Co. C, 120th O. V. I.
- 326 Joseph Stackle, Co. F, 78th E. M. M.
- 340 H. F. Steward, Co. D, 1st Ohio Lt. Art.
- 343 John Lee, Co. A, 101 Ky. Colored.
Thos. J. White, U. S. C. T.
Thos. Thurman, U. S. C. T.
- 348 Chas. O. Seyforth, Seaman, U. S. N. G. B. Elfin.
James A. Henson, Co. F, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
Mathew Buchard, Co. B, 37th Mo.
Narie Polite, Co. F, 15th Mo. Inf.
- 496 H. Rolfing, Co. C, 2d Mo. Inf.
Chas. Rosenberger, Co. F, 3d Mo. Inf.
H. Frederick, Co. D, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
Chris Frederick, Co. K, U. S. R. C.
F. Gaertner, Musician, 1st Mo. Inf. and 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
Peter Aulbach, Co. G, U. S. R. C.
- 554 Wm. J. Bruns, Service not reported.
J. P. Renno, Service not reported.
Bernard Draiman, Service not reported.
Louis Ringe, Service not reported.
- 572 J. C. Moffett, Service not reported.
- 593 Geo. R. Wright, 2d Lt., 6th Battery O. L. A.
C. C. Gilmore, Co. D, 1st Tenn. Inf.
Wm. M. Way, Co. C, 7th Mo. Cav.
Walter Davis, Co. A, 50th Pa. Inf.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Springfield, Mo., April 15, 1922.

A. J. P. Barnes, Department Commander:

The call for annual reports remind us that another year has sped and our work, whether well or indifferent, is now to be measured. The Patriotic Department is glad to report a medium year with the belief that some advancement has been made. We have received encouragement from the Administration and much information has been furnished. The Auxiliary organizations have furnished the department with their general orders, and frequent correspondence has kept patriotic work to the front. The Woman's Relief Corps has rendered special and valued assistance.

Boy and Girl Scouts have rendered effective assistance through their willingness to work and enter into all kinds of service. Many of the scouts, both boys and girls, have organized bands in which horns and drums are prominent. These organized bands in which scouts are in great demand on many public occasions to assist in the general work of other organizations. One feature of the public appearance of the Scout organizations is, the pledge to the flag. This loyal salute by the scouts has a marvellous influence upon school children and leads them to understand that the flag means something. The celebration of Grant's birthday has proven satisfactory, and the recall of the public life and service of General Ulysses S. Grant to the mind of the Comrades has proven a delight and pleasure. For some reason the proper observance of "Grant birthday" had been neglected and his most valuable service had grown dim and hazy in the minds of many. All over the state, in the schools and colleges, in the Posts and churches, life and service of this masterful man has been emblazoned on the minds and hearts of the people. How the glow of loyalty and patriotic zeal fired the hearts of the soldiers, under his command at Fort Donaldson, Bowling Green, Nashville, Columbus, helped to free Kentucky and Missouri of invaders. How his demand of the "unconditional surrender" thrilled the north and inspired the army of the country! His matchless victory at Shiloh. How the country was thrilled with new life when his mighty assault caused Vicksburg to crumble—Vicksburg which had been destined by Lincoln as the "American Gibraltar"! And Chattanooga, named by the soldiers as the real "Marathon of the central campaign." How the whole country enthused when Grant's victorious army swept through the marshes of the "wilderness of death" and destroyed the military power of the Confederacy! The transfer of the victorious general to lead the Potomac Army was the beginning

end of the Civil War. Much of the patriotic zeal of the year has gathered round this military hero and statesman.

POST REPORTS.

I have received 22 reports from Posts, some of them inspiring indeed. All of them speaking of some specific work. The attendance of Memorial Day has not dimmed. The presence of the oversea veterans has greatly enlivened this service. Everywhere these young veterans have gathered about this service and have brought both enthusiasm and vigor. The Grand Army gladly welcomes these young men to join in this devoted service and intend that when too feeble to lead this service instituted by the G. A. R., our cloak shall fall upon their shoulders. So this devoted sacrament shall be perpetuated when the last of the Civil War Veterans have finished their work. Welcome loyal, loyal American Legioners. Many newspaper clippings have been gathered, of special services in different parts of the state, which keeps the Department of instruction in touch with the work everywhere. The Patriotic Instructor has delivered 16 addresses, visited 5 Posts, visited 12 schools, presented 16 sizeable flags to schools, churches and individuals, presented 22 small flags to foreign born children in our schools, presented 8 flags to foreigners who took out naturalization papers in courts, have written 12 articles in newspapers, many letters to sick soldiers and widows to encourage them in the closing of life, have made 82 visits to sick Comrades and widows during the year, have conducted 18 soldier funerals. My individual work has been done at a cost of \$24.00, which investment I count not as charity, but as building segments into the lives of others.

I am thoroughly persuaded that patriotic work is the one great impelling work of the Grand Army. It is about the only work left us, which we can do. The life of a loyal Veteran is of itself an object lesson which preaches patriotism every day.

I have been much interested in the newer United States histories, which are now finding their way into our schools. There is a manifest effort to tone down the glorious victories of the Revolutionary Fathers in order to cement into closer friendship America and England. Some of these histories seek to tone down salient features of the early history of our country. There is a disposition to strip Washington of some characteristics which the American people have ever cherished and admired. This same disposition has been manifested toward other early American heroes and statesmen. Hamilton, Adams, Patrick Henry, Jefferson and others have been set in different molds from those in which the adult generation have been wont to view them. We are informed that the skill

of Washington as a military strategist has been overdrawn; that his crossing the Delaware was a tame and unmilitary action; that the exposure of Warren in the army front was unmilitary and unwise; that for the time being he had abdicated his position as general and assumed the place of a private soldier in the front line, that his act was brave but unwise as a general. Also that some of the battles of the revolution were unduly magnified. That the Revolutionary Fathers were represented as supermen. That Washington was a very profane man, that he oftentimes "swore like a trooper." Many of the stories which have illumined pages of McGuffey's Readers formerly used in our public schools have been shorn of some of their inspiring features and reduced to tame statements, thus robbing them of much of their patriotic sentiment. They tell us that history must be detailed in cold fact, void of sentiment. But why should not our history give us a little artistic coloring of Paul Revere's ride. Why strip the crossing of the Delaware of its glamour? Why detract from the value of General Clark's expedition? Why shall they tell us that the execution of Nathan Hale was fully justified by military necessity? Why shall we of the Mollie Picher incident as a very ordinary affair? Some of these histories speak of and tell these stories in a colorless fact and rob them of their pristine glory. The American Revolution as this Nation has viewed it, forms one of the most glorious chapters in our history. Great Britain was at that time in her glory and strength. Our fathers bearded the Lion in his lair, and made of the brightest struggles of the ages.

That period in our history was most fruitful in great men. We love them, we adore them. Our liberties and our institutions were not gained through royal proclamation, but were gained through a mighty and valorous struggle. We will not forget those men who won these liberties for us, and we desire very much to impress their valor upon our youth in their tender years.

This tendency in some of our histories to tone down the glorious victories of the fathers is done to mollify and cement the friendships of the English and American nations. We are not forgetting the glorious effort and sacrifice Great Britain made to protect our civilization in the over-sea war, this noble service entitled to the highest praise from Americans.

But we protest the present tendency to belittle or minimize our revolutionary history in order to cultivate friendly and warm relations with England. Our forefathers were right and just, and King George the III was wrong, let not these facts be forgotten nor we forget.

The American people are being aroused and are making

ies into the history of America and the changing and modifying tendency in operation at the present time. American history should be all the name implies. We wish to be on friendly relations with all nations, but this does not mean that incidents in our history that reflects somewhat on other nations shall be expunged. We do not love England less, but America more.

W. C. CALLAND, Patriot Instructor,
Department of Missouri.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

3411 Euclid, Kansas City, Mo., April 15, 1922.

A. J. P. Barnes, Department Commander,
St. Louis, Mo.

Commander:

In submitting my annual report I have to admit that I have nothing of an official nature to record. Since the office of Department Inspector appears to have become a dead letter it puts the inspector in the position of a supernumerary on picket duty—with nothing to do, only to wait for something to turn up.

Since my appointment I have held myself in a position of watchful waiting ready to obey any order from Department Headquarters or to answer any call from a Post that might need assistance.

I have been a regular attendant at my own Post meetings and a frequent visitor at Farragut-Thomas Post and also at the McPherson Relief Corps. All of these organizations are in fine working order—the utmost harmony prevailing.

While our losses in membership from deaths and other causes have been heavy, yet our last report to the Department shows that McPherson Post has the same number of members in good standing that it had December 1, 1915. We feel that we have done well to have kept our numbers from not falling below the mark of six years ago—and we hope to make a good showing the years to come.

We are looking forward to the Sedalia Encampment where we hope once more to greet our friends and comrades.

I thank you for honoring me with this appointment.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

S. W. SERL,
Department Inspector.

By direction of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following Committees:

On the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders. Past Department Commander P. F. Coghlan and Comrades John Hack and C. M. Garrett.

On the Department Chaplain's report. Past Department Commander Wm. Lowe and Past Department Chaplains, T. D. Roberts and B. F. Warner.

On the report of the Medical Director: Dr. R. B. Tyler Post 14; Dr. C. W. Burrill of Post 4 and Dr. W. F. Silverwood Post 1.

On the reports of the Patriotic Instructor: Comrades W. Wormstead and Alf. Zartman.

On the reports of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.: Comrades B. Bolt of Post 8; B. A. Suppan of Post 1, and John Harnois of Post 1.

On the reports of the Inspector and Chief Mustering Officer: Comrades J. W. Beach, Post 7; B. Husson, Post 13, and G. Carmichael, Post 1.

Judge Advocate Williams made an oral report and said that as nothing had arisen to require his opinion he had not filed a written report. (Comrade Williams later filed a report. It was found with the reports of the other officers.—A. A. G.)

The Committee appointed to prepare and present a memorial to the death of Past Department Commander Alexander McCandless presented the following:

Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, Department Commander:

Your committee, appointed to prepare and present to the Department Encampment a testimonial to the memory of our departed Comrade, Past Department Commander Alexander McCandless, have prepared and present the following:

IN MEMORY OF COMRADE ALEXANDER McCANDLESS

Alexander McCandless was born in Ohio, January 20, 1844, died in Moberly, Missouri, April 22, 1922. Between these two dates he lived the life of a noble man, loved and respected by all who knew him. In 1862 when the call came for "300 thousand more" he abandoned his pursuit of an education, sacrificed his aspirations and ambitions and offered his services and life, if need be, enlisted at Hamilton, Illinois, in Co. D, 78th Illinois Infantry.

The history of the 78th Illinois is a history of the service of Comrade McCandless. The Adjutant General of Illinois in a sketch of the history of that regiment, says:

"The above completes the history of as good a regiment as Illinois ever sent into the field, and the men of this command can claim the proud distinction, at the battle of Jonesboro, Ga., of being represented by a regiment that achieved the only successful assault on entrenchments made in the Atlanta campaign on either side."

The regiment went into the field with 862 enlisted men and received 140 recruits; there were only 393 left to be mustered out June 7, 1865. When the last battle of the war had been fought Comrade McCandless was with his regiment at Raleigh, being one of those who marched with Sherman to the Sea. He was with his regiment in the Grand Review in Washington, June 25, 1865, and was mustered out and honorably discharged at Chicago, June 7, 1865.

He located in Moberly in 1870 and at once became one of the leading business men and foremost citizens of that prosperous and progressive city. None stood higher in the esteem of all good citizens.

Comrade McCandless was mustered into Lincoln Post, No. 5, at Moberly in 1886 and was one of its most zealous and active members until he was finally mustered out here to join his comrades in the eternal camp beyond the silent river. He was unanimously elected Senior Vice Department Commander in 1916 and on the resignation of Department Commander Wormstead he was promoted to Department Commander. His administration of the affairs of the Department was highly creditable and reflected honor upon himself and on the Department.

Your committee respectfully recommend that the foregoing be adopted and entered at large in the Journal of this Encampment and a copy be sent to the widow of Comrade McCandless with the sympathetic condolence of the Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. COGHLAN,

W. C. CALLAND,

S. D. WEBSTER.

The memorial was unanimously adopted and the Committee discharged. The comrades stood and taps were sounded.

The Committee appointed to prepare and present a memorial on the death of Past Department Commander George W. Martin, presented the following:

IN MEMORY OF COMRADE GEORGE W. MARTIN.

"Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in its season."

George W. Martin answered the last roll call Sunday, December 18th, 1921. The funeral services were held at the family residence in Brookfield, Missouri, by the Rev. Charles J. English, D. D. Comrade Martin was a valiant soldier of the Union during the Civil War and bore in the sight of all who met him the mark of service and devotion to the cause which he espoused by the emblem sleeve he wore as a result of the terrible carnage at Gettysburg. Comrade Martin was born December 30th, 1833, near Sardis, Ohio, a village in Monroe County, on the Ohio River, forty miles below Wheeling, West Virginia. He was educated in the public schools and at a private school in Woodsfield, in his native county. He began teaching school at the age of sixteen and continued teaching for two years. In 1856 he came to Missouri and during the next year taught in Lincoln and Montgomery Counties, at the end of that time he returned to Ohio and there he again engaged in teaching, remaining steadfast until the beginning of the Civil War. When the terrible storm cloud of dissension and disaster broke upon our unhappy Country, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, one of the first three-year regiments raised in Ohio. He was mustered out of service October 26th, 1862, on account of disability from wounds. He took part with his regiment in the Battles of Greenbriar, Allegheny Summit, McDowell, Second Bull Run, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. It was in the Battle of Gettysburg that he lost his right arm. He showed courage and capacity and fidelity in the army and received rapid promotion and at the Battle of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg was in command of his company. In the Spring of 1865 he returned to Missouri and engaged for a time in mercantile business in Brookfield. He served as Department Commander of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic in 1891 and 1892, and represented Linn County in the General Assembly of the State in 1907. An ardent field of effort in which he did a large amount of good was the journalism. For a number of years he owned and edited the Brookfield Gazette. He wielded a fluent and graceful pen, and was furnished gold and cheering good fellowship when there was no cause for it to be otherwise, but could be tempered steel on occasion demanded, he was a strong and able writer at all times and his name stands high in editorial work and in the domain of journalism all over the State. On October 24th, 1865, Comrade Martin was married to Miss Sarah J. Wilson, of Wheeling.

Virginia. Mrs. Martin, who died April 3rd, 1900, was a woman of unusual ability and superior accomplishments. She served two years as Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Missouri, and one year as National President of the organization. To this union were born three children—Georgie, now Mrs. E. H. Sheppard; William W., and Charles H. The following tender words are the utterances of his brother, Comrade J. V. Martin, of Brookfield:

"Yes, we miss him; his chair is vacant; our brother is gone. For fifty-two years we have been in close touch with each other, part of the time as inmate of his home, for eight years his assistant in the County Clerk's office, since 1905 associated with him in the publication of *The Gazette*. He was brother, comrade, friend in all which these relations imply. Yes, he is gone, but his good deeds and influence still live. We cherish his memory."

The worth of character of our departed Comrade is beautifully and truthfully described in the tender tribute of Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ell Torrence, who said:

"I cannot permit the old year to become a part of the eternity of the past without paying my tribute to one of the noblest men I ever knew. For more than half a century I knew George W. Martin and enjoyed the full measure of his friendship. I knew him in the prime of his young manhood when he was a home builder and happy in the love of a devoted wife and dutiful children. I knew him in public life, always distinguished for his ability and integrity. I knew him in time of trial and bereavement and always found him to be the same brave, tender and dependable soul. His personality was most winning and his smile like sunshine in cloudy weather. He had a strong character and Brookfield never had a better citizen than George W. Martin. He was always on the side of good morals and good government, and loved his Country with an undivided affection. The United States of America is better because he lived and richer because of the sacrifices he made for freedom and the right. As long as he lived I felt that I had one friend who would cordially welcome me back to my Brookfield home, but now that he has gone the last tie is severed and only happy memories remain."

GEORGE HALL,

JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

T. D. KIMBALL,

Committee.

The memorial was unanimously adopted and the Committee discharged. The comrades stood and taps were sounded.

Comrade John Hack of Post 72, called attention to the condition of the Department flag that for many years had been carried in our parades and said that it had become very badly worn and in such condition that a new one was greatly needed. He moved that a new flag be procured by contribution from comrades. Comrade Rassieur concurred in the necessity of having a new flag and moved as a substitute for the motion of Comrade Hack that the matter be referred to the Council of Administration with power to act. Comrade Rassieur's motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until one o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order at one o'clock.

By request, Junior Vice Commander Kinney sang two songs to the delight of the comrades of the Encampment.

Comrade Henry stated that he wished to say to the comrades that which he did not feel at liberty to say when the matter of the flag was before the Encampment at the morning session. He said Mrs. Henry visited Department Headquarters recently and examined the flag and found it as stated by Comrade Hack. He said that she decided to procure and present a flag as her personal gift to the Department. Comrade Henry stated that the flag had been procured and would be presented at the campfire. The announcement was received with great applause.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the report of the Department Council of Administration as follows:

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Sedalia, Mo., May 3, 1922

Pursuant to General Orders No. 7, the Department Council of Administration met at Department Headquarters in Hotel T. on this date, the Department Commander presiding. The following members of the Council were present:

- A. J. P. Barnes, Department Commander.
- A. N. Seaber, Senior Vice Department Commander.
- James Kinney, Junior Vice Department Commander.
- W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General.
- A. Whipple, C. K. Reifsnider, Max Fritz, and B. A. Suplee.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that there had nothing arisen during the year requiring the action of the Council excepting the fixing of the date for holding the 41st annual Department Encampment, which was done by correspondence. He further stated that he wrote the Adjutant General inviting and earnestly requesting the Commander-in-Chief to visit our Encampment in May. The correspondence resulted in the promise of the Commander-in-Chief that he would meet with us if we would hold the Encampment on the 4th and 5th of May, that he could not meet with us at any other time. A letter was addressed to each member of the Council setting forth the condition and the Council were unanimous in favor of fixing the time for May 4 and 5, so that we may have the Commander-in-Chief with us.

The Committee appointed to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General presented its report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1922.

Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, Department Commander:

We, the undersigned, in compliance with Special Orders No. 6, directing us to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General respectfully report that we have performed the duty assigned us and find the books are properly kept and show in detail all receipts and disbursements; the disbursements are shown by receipted vouchers, properly numbered and filed. We have examined all vouchers and approved the disbursements as shown. We find that the amount on hand this date is \$119.61. We further report that in our examination of the items of receipts we find that the Assistant Adjutant General inadvertently entered the amount of the per capita tax received from Post No. 131, amounting to \$30.20 on two different dates. We therefore recommend that he take credit on his books for \$30.20 to cover that amount so inadvertently entered as received.

We congratulate you and the Department for having in the dual office of A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. a comrade who has shown such ability and fidelity in the discharge of his duties, and we commend him for the complete and orderly manner in which he has kept his accounts and the files of his office.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

A. WHIPPLE,

MAX FRITZ,

BENJ. A. SUPPAN,

Committee.

The report with its recommendation was unanimously approved and the Committee discharged.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommend that the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to the traveling expenses of the Department Commander for ensuing year.

The Council of Administration unanimously recommends that upon the written approval of the Department Commander, Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to transfer so much of the principal of the Safety Fund to the General Fund as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the Department during present fiscal year, provided, however, that not more than ten per cent of the principal of the Safety Fund shall be so transferred.

No further business appearing the Council adjourned.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G., Recorder

The report was read and on motion it was approved and the recommendations therein contained were adopted. The recommendation relating to the transfer of a portion of the Safety Fund to the General Fund was voted on separately and unanimously adopted.

The committee on the report of the Department Chaplain presented its report as follows:

We, your committee, designated to examine the report of the Department Chaplain, having examined said report and find it to be not only correct but much to commend in the simplicity and accuracy of the said report. We therefore, express our sincere approval of said report.

W. LOWE.

B. F. WARNER.

The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The committee on the address of the Department Commander presented its report as follows:

Comrades of the Department of Missouri:

Your committee, appointed to consider the report of the Department Commander, A. J. P. Barnes, beg leave to report as follows:

His report covers carefully the operations of the Department for the year ending May 5th, 1922. The subject matter of the report indicates that the Commander has maintained a close watch on the scope and business of the Department.

First, calling attention to the disorganizing influences manifesting themselves in the reconstruction of the country following the war, in morals, unemployment, and the resulting attacks on the home life, as well as the schools and churches.

Second, the praiseworthy appearance of the Department of Missouri at the National Department meeting at Indianapolis.

Third, the visitation of the Commander was commendable and resulted in the encouragement of the various Posts visited.

Fourth, the full and hearty commendation of the several auxiliary organizations of the Department was timely and much appreciated by the various organizations.

Fifth, his appeal for the preservation of Memorial Day was strong and vital.

Lastly, his appreciation of the loyal support of the Department officers was genuine and comradely.

The report as a whole is up to the average of other administrations, resulting in the belief that the year has been a good average one.

W. C. CALLAND.

LEO RASSIEUR.

J. B. DOBYNE

The report was approved and committee discharged.

The committee on the report of the Medical Director presented its report as follows:

Sedalia, Mo., May 5, 1922.

Your Committee on the Medical Directors' report, desires to compliment him on his report, and especially commend him for his investigation of the home at St. James. We feel that is something to which the attention of the people and legislators of this State should be directed. Missouri is far behind our neighbor states in the care of the aged veterans and the wives and widows of the same.

R. B. TYLER.

W. F. SILVERWOOD.

DR. C. W. BURRILL.

The report was approved and committee discharged.

The Officer of the Day announced that there was a committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans at the outpost and desired admission. They were admitted and escorted to the front.

The following were the members of the committee: Mrs. Emma Bolt, Miss Louise Engelage, Mrs. Victoria Winkler and Mrs. Myrtle Yeager.

They were introduced and saluted. Each of the committee spoke entertainingly to the delight of the comrades. The chairman on behalf of their society presented the G. A. R. Department for its general fund a purse of \$25, for which the Encampment voted its unanimous thanks.

The Department Commander called on Past Commander Williams, who responded to the greetings of the committee and spoke in commendation of the patriotic work they were doing. He expressed the appreciation of the comrades for their encouraging words and substantial aid in making their lives more pleasant.

The committee on the report of the Patriotic Instructor presented its report as follows:

Sedalia, Mo., May 4, 1922.

Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, Department Commander:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the department Patriotic Instructor, respectfully report that they have read the report with a great deal of interest and highly commend Comrade Calland for the interest and activities he has manifested in teaching patriotism whenever and wherever opportunity presented. Your committee especially commend that portion of the report referring to the newer American histories and the tendency to unify the glorious deeds of our Revolutionary fathers.

We find that the report is one of the best we have ever read. His work in talking to schools, presentation of flag to schools, his public talk on many occasions, teaching love for county and the flag, under which we veterans fought to preserve the Union of States and never allowed the Stars and Stripes to trail in dust. We recommend that Patriotic Instruction of all Posts pursue a similar program all over the State, so that the rising generation may be even more enthusiast patriots than we—in this beautiful Christian land of America.

The report as a whole is highly commendable and worthy of careful preservation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. WORMSTEAD,

A. ZARTMAN,

Committee.

The report was approved and committee discharged.

The committee on the reports of the Inspector and Mustering Officer presented its report as follows:

We, the committee, feel that both these officers are entitled

the thanks of the Department for holding themselves at all times in readiness to obey orders from Headquarters. We are glad to learn that everything in the Department is going so smoothly that there was no occasion for the Inspector to perform any of the services that usually attend that position.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEACH,

G. W. CARMICHAEL,

B. HUSSON,

Committee.

The report was approved and committee discharged.

The Officer of the Day announced that there was a committee from the convention of the Daughters of Veterans at the outpost and desired admission. They were admitted, escorted to the front, introduced and saluted.

Mrs. Elinor C. Pierce, Department President, was chairman of the committee and read a very excellent report of their work, as follows:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, DAUGHTERS OF
VETERANS TO DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY
OF THE REPUBLIC.

Hon. A. J. P. Barnes, Department Commander:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the 41st Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Sedalia, May 4th and 5th, a brief statement of the work accomplished by the Daughters of Veterans for the year ending May 4th, 1922.

This Department was organized August 9th, 1921, less than a year ago, by Mrs. Nellie M. Goodman, National President.

Number of tents, 5; number of members, 160; cash expended for relief, \$15.75; value expended for relief other than money, \$50; total value of relief, \$65.75; cash expended for Memorial Day, \$10; cash expended for patriotic work, \$55; cash expended for St. James fund, \$28; cash expended for G. A. R. fund, \$75; cash on hand, \$152.55. Liabilities—none.

REPORT OF TENTS.

The Emma Taylor Monfert, Tent No. 1, has furnished a library and reading room at the St. James home.

Sarah J. Martin, Tent No. 2, furnished a beautiful spray of flowers for all sick comrades and at funerals a small flag.

Elizabeth Turner, Tent No. 4, furnished flowers for all funerals and comrades, also flowers for the anniversary of Gen. U. S. Grant's 100th birthday.

Emma Taylor Mcnfort, Tent No. 1, and Harriet Dame, Tent No. 3, celebrated Grand Army Day by entertaining Farragut-Thompson Post and McPherson Post of Kansas City, and our Department Commander and a few of his staff at luncheon with a short program.

The Department furnished flowers for the comrades on their trip to the battlefield of Shiloh.

Accompanying this is a check for \$75.00 from the Department of Missouri, Daughters of Veterans to the Grand Army of the Republic, to be used as it seems best for the greatest good of the organization. We are very happy and highly honored to give a tribute of love to our fathers.

I desire to thank you, Commander Barnes, also Captain Healy and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic for courtesies extended to the Department of Missouri Daughters of Veterans. I pledge to you the earnest support of every member and assure you at all times they stand ready to assist you in every effort. I wish for you a successful and harmonious convention.

Loyalty submitted in F. C. & L.,

ELINOR C. PIERCE, Department President

KATIE B. STANCILFF, Department Secretary

She closed her remarks by presenting a check for \$75.00 as a contribution to the Department General Fund of the Grand Army of the Republic.

By direction of the Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, Rassieur responded to the greetings of Mrs. Pierce. He spoke eloquently and with pathos of the appreciation of the completion of the work being done by our daughters in keeping alive the memories and principles for which their fathers sacrificed their lives days of long ago.

The unanimous thanks of the Encampment were given to the committee for their words of cheer and the generous contribution to the expenses of the Department.

The Assistant Adjutant General announced that the tickets for the election of Representatives were ready when needed.

On motion it was ordered that the Encampment proceed with the election of Representatives to the 56th National Encampment. On motion, duly adopted, it was ordered that the comrade receiving the highest vote should be the Representative-at-large and that the 13 receiving the next highest number of votes should

the Representatives and the 14 receiving the next highest number of votes should be Alternates in the order of the votes received.

The A. A. G. read the following letter and telegram, both of which were received with great applause:

San Diego, April 26, 1922.

Commander and Comrades, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:
Sedalia, Mo., Dear Old Comrades:

Greeting and fraternal regards, best wishes for a pleasant and profitable encampment. Since the last National I have been wandering around. Expect to be in Portland, Oregon, about May 10th, and anticipate meeting with many of you at Des Moines.

As ever,

C. G. BURTON.

Kansas City, Mo., May 4, 1922.

A. J. Barnes, Commander Dept. of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, Sedalia, Mo.

The veterans of foreign wars extend greetings to our comrades and wish you every success in your Encampment.

HERBERT J. SNODGRASS,

Dept. Commander, 911 Commerce Bldg., K. C.

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of Representatives to the National Encampment. The following comrades were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots and report the result: M. P. Owen, H. W. Sandusky, J. W. Beach, Geo. Boemler, J. A. Stewart and P. H. Clark.

The arrival of the Commander-in-Chief was announced and the Department Commander appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Rasseieur and Past Department Commander Webster to escort him to the front.

The Commander-in-Chief was received with the honors due him, and saluted. He made a brief address to the comrades and said that he reserved his address for the evening campfire.

The Department Commander announced that the usual parade would form at 3:30 o'clock and he then declared a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

9:00 O'clock, May 5, 1922.

The Encampment was called to order by the Commander and the Department Chaplain invoked the Divine blessing.

By direction of the Commander the Assistant Adjutant General announced the following committees to convey the greetings of the Encampment to conventions of allied societies:

To the Woman's Relief Corps, Comrades Leo Rassieur, M. Fritz and J. W. Beach.

To the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrades O. H. Guffin, S. W. Serl and Oscar E. Fox.

To the Sons of Veterans, Comrade W. C. Calland, with request that he detail two associates.

To the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Comrade Samuel C. Zan with request that he detail two associates.

To the Daughters of Veterans, Comrades James H. Hunter and Ben B. Bolt.

The Officer of the Day announced that a delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps were at the outpost and desired admission.

They were admitted, escorted to the front, introduced and saluted.

Mrs. Mary E. Whetstone, Department President, presented greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps in a short and eloquent address and then read her annual report of her Department to the Department Commander as follows:

REPORT OF DEPT. PRESIDENT W. R. C. TO DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER G. A. R.

A. J. P. Barnes, Dept. Commander, Grand Army of the Republic
Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and to you for the forty-first annual encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Sedalia, May 3-5, a brief statement of the work accomplished by the Women's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri, for the year ending May 5th, 1922:

Number of Corps, 33; number of members, 2,279; cash expended for relief, \$289.28; value expended for relief other than cash, \$1,144.25; total value of relief, \$1,443.53; cash turned to Post, \$50; cash expended for Memorial Day, \$200; cash expended for patriotic work, \$1,822.22; cash expended for relief for comrades, \$535.98; cash expended for Near East relief, \$200; cash expended for Child Welfare, \$200; cash expended for James Christmas, \$150; veterans and families assistance, \$150; cash expended for Grand Army fund, \$400; cash balance of General Fund, \$454.53; cash expended for Memorial fund, \$100; liabilities—none.

Accompanying this report is a check for \$400 from the Department of Missouri, Women's Relief Corps, to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to be used as you deem best for the benefit of the organization. It is with the greatest pleasure, honor and love we give this tribute.

I desire to thank you, Commander A. J. P. Barnes, Assistant Adjutant General Captain Henry, and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic for the courtesies extended the Department of Missouri, Women's Relief Corps, and wish for you a prosperous and harmonious encampment.

Loyally submitted in F. C. & L.,

MARY E. WHETSTONE, Department President.

MARGARET COWHEY, Department Secretary.

She closed her remarks by delivering to the Commander a check for \$400 as a contribution to the general fund of the G. A. R. by the Department W. R. C., and then introduced Mrs. Agnes M. Parker, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps who spoke at some length and made a most eloquent and able address

Department Commander Barnes responded to the addresses of Mrs. Whetstone and Mrs. Parker in an address that was replete with a pathos that was eloquently expressed.

Mrs. Alice Cary Risley, National President of the society of Army Nurses of the Civil War, was introduced and addressed the Encampment. Her presence and her remarks called forth from Comrade Farwell Walton a statement of his meeting Mrs. Risley when he was confined in a hospital in New Orleans. He spoke patnetically of the circumstance and of his pleasure in again meeting her here.

Mrs. Whetstone discovered Mrs. Barnes, wife of the Commander, at the door and called her to the front and amid the applause of the comrades presented her a fine bouquet of flowers.

The Encampment gave the Woman's Relief Corps its unanimous thanks for their greetings and for their voluntary and liberal contribution to the expenses of the Department. The comrades stood while the ladies were escorted to the outposts.

The flag that was presented to the Department last night at the campfire was displayed across the rear of the platform that all might see it.

A delegation from the Convention of the Sons of Veterans was announced. They were admitted and given a Comrade's welcome.

J. J. Couch, Past Division President, presented the hearty

greetings of the Sons of Veterans in an enthusiastic and entertaining address that drew the applause of the comrades.

By direction of the Department Commander, Comrade Collins, Department Chaplain, responded to the greetings of the Sons of Veterans and the delegation retired.

Comrade Owen, Chairman of the tellers on election of Representatives to the National Encampment, presented the result of the election, as follows:

The highest vote cast was for John Harnois, Post 7.

The next 13 in the order of their votes were:

C. W. Burrill, Kansas City; W. S. Jones, Moberly; John Harnois, Trenton; Arnold Bowers, St. Louis; G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville; B. B. Bolt, Kansas City; W. E. Chester, Warrensburg; G. W. C. Michael, St. Louis; A. McCann, Joplin; A. N. Seaber, Jefferson City; Max Fritz, St. Louis; I. L. Hunt, Nevada, and C. K. Reifsnick, St. Louis.

The next 14 in in order of their votes were:

G. W. Sparks, Trenton; P. H. Sullivan, Appleton City; C. Kurtz, Kansas City; B. F. Lutman, Jefferson City; R. B. Tyner, Joplin; Charles Nelson, St. Louis; J. E. Vandermark, Albany; Decker, Republic; Alf. Zartman, Kansas City; Thos. L. Patton, Nevada; Daniel Kunkle, Oregon; C. P. Woodruff, Kansas City; E. C. Baugher, Webb City, and D. W. Reese, West Plains.

Thereupon the Department Commander declared John Harnois duly elected Representative-at-Large and the next 13 duly elected Representatives and the following 14 Alternates to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Commander-in-Chief entered the hall and was invited to the platform. He delivered a short address that was full of thoughts, well expressed. His remarks were highly appreciated by the comrades.

The Committee on the reports of the Senior and Junior Commanders presented its report as follows:

Sedalia, Mo., May 4, 1922

A. J. P. Barnes, Commander Dept of Missouri:

Your committee, to whom was referred the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, commend the brief reports in which the officers report their actions during the past year. Each officer actively busied himself in all affairs pertaining to the G. A. R. in their respective neighborhoods. Memorials

was given especial attention. In short, they attended to the duties devolving upon them with credit to themselves and to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. COGHLAN.

JOHN HACK.

The report was approved and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on the report of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. presented its report as follows:

Sedalia, Mo., May 5, 1922.

The committee on the A. A. General and Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that the receipts and expenditures balance correctly, and we wish to express our grateful appreciation of the best ability of the responsible office and the uniform comradeship and courtesy shown to all of our comrades. Our business and social relations have been such in good harmony and will always remain in pleasing memory with us all with the Department of Missouri.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

B. B. BOLT,

BENJ. A. SUPPAN,

JOHN HARNOIS,

Committee.

The report was approved and the Committee discharged.

On motion duly adopted the Encampment proceeded to the selection of a place for holding the next annual encampment.

Comrade Highleyman, of Post 53, Sedalia, offered the welcome of Sedalia for the next Encampment and expressed the hope that they might again entertain the Encampment next year.

The Assistant Adjutant General read a letter from the Commercial Club of Excelsior Springs, setting forth the advantages of that place for our meeting and inviting the Department to meet there next year. He also read the following letter from the Chamber of Commerce of Sedalia:

Sedalia, Mo., May 1, 1922.

Missouri Department, Grand Army of the Republic, 41st Annual Encampment, Sedalia, Mo.

I am instructed by our Board of Directors to extend to you a cordial and earnest invitation to select Sedalia as the permanent location for your Annual Encampment henceforth and to assure

you that if this invitation is accepted we will heartily co-operate and do all in our power to make your annual visits here pleasant and profitable and we express the hope that you can consistently accept this invitation.

Very truly,

M. V. CARROLL, Secretary.

Comrade Koock spoke for Sedalia. Comrade Hack, of Trinton, spoke for Excelsior Springs and moved that Excelsior Springs be selected.

Upon a vote being taken a majority appeared to be in favor of Sedalia and it was declared that the next annual encampment shall be held in Sedalia.

A delegation from the Department Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was announced. They were admitted, escorted to the platform, introduced and saluted.

Mrs. Josephine Wood, the Department President, was first introduced and made an earnest and excellent address and closed by delivering to the Department Commander a check for \$25.00 a contribution from their Department to the general fund of the Grand Army of the Republic. The A. A. G. stated that a check of \$75 as set forth in his report, making the total sum of \$300.00 received from the splendid society of the Ladies of the Grand Army. The remarks of Mrs. Wood and the announcement of the address were received with great applause. Mrs. Catherine Ross, Chicago, Past National President, was introduced and made the address. She expressed her pleasure in appearing before the Missouri comrades. She is the widow of a Missouri soldier. Della R. Henry, Past National President, and Mrs. Mary A. W. Past Department President, were each presented and made some interesting talks.

The Encampment gave the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic its unanimous thanks for their cheering words and their voluntary and generous gift toward the expenses of the department.

The ladies then retired and the business of the Encampment was resumed.

On motion it was ordered that the Encampment postpone the election of officers for the ensuing year and that no speeches be limited to one minute.

Comrade W. H. Wormstead, Past Senior Vice Commander and Chief, presented the name of James H. Hunter, Past Commander of Post 8, Kansas City, for Department Commander.

Wormstead assured the comrades that in the election of Comrade Hunter they would honor a worthy and capable comrade who had the united support of all the comrades of Kansas City and was esteemed by all who knew him.

The nomination of Comrade Hunter was seconded by Comrade Hack, Post 72, Comrade Beach, Post 7, Comrade Calland, Post 69, Comrade Rassieur, Post 1, and others.

No other nomination appearing for Department Commander the nominations were closed and the Assistant Adjutant General, by direction of the Encampment, cast the unanimous ballot for Comrade James H. Hunter for Department Commander for the ensuing year and he was declared duly elected.

Comrade Hunter was escorted to the platform and liberally applauded. He made a short speech that was full of patriotic sentiment and advice and was cheered by the comrades.

Comrade H. W. Sandusky, of Post 7, St. Joseph, nominated Comrade Samuel M. Mann of that Post for Senior Vice Department Commander.

The nomination of Comrade Mann was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur and several others. No other nomination appearing, the A. A. General, by direction of the Encampment cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for Samuel M. Mann for Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year, and he was declared duly elected.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur placed Comrade Charles Koock of Post 53, Sedalia, in nomination for Junior Vice Department Commander. The nomination was generally applauded and no other nomination was made. By direction of the Encampment the A. A. General cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Charles Koock for Junior Vice Department Commander, and he was declared duly elected.

Comrade Dr. George Roemler was placed in nomination for re-election to the office of Medical Director. No other nomination appearing he received the unanimous vote of the Encampment by acclamation and was declared duly elected.

For Department Chaplain, Comrade M. P. Owen placed W. T. Niccolls of Post 131 in nomination. Comrade J. W. Beach nominated Rev. T. D. Roberts. Both nominations were seconded by several. No other nominations appearing nominations were closed and a ballot was cast. The ballot showed a clear majority for Comrade Niccolls. Comrade Beach moved that the vote for Comrade Niccolls be made unanimous. The motion was seconded

and unanimously adopted. Comrade Nicolls was thereupon declared duly elected.

Dr. Boemler expressed his thanks for the compliment of being re-elected Medical Director, indicating that his services and report for the past year have met the approval of his comrades.

Next in order was the election of five members of the Department Council of Administration.

The Assistant Adjutant General said that as the Department Headquarters are permanently located in St. Louis if comrades residing there were elected members of the Council of Administration they could be called together without expense or delay.

The following named comrades were nominated for members of the Council of Administration:

A. Whipple, of Post 1.

Max Fritz, of Post 13.

C. K. Reifsnider, of Post 131.

Benj. A. Suppan, of Post 1.

J. W. Lanley, of Post 496.

No other nominations appearing and there being five named elected, on motion the nominations were closed and the comrades named received the entire vote of the Encampment by acclamation and were declared duly elected.

The next business in order was the installation of officers.

The Commander-in-Chief being present, Commander B. requested him to take command of the Encampment and install the newly elected and appointed officers.

The Commander-in-Chief assumed command and appointed Comrade S. D. Webster Officer of the Day to assist in the installation ceremonies.

Comrade James H. Hunter was presented and duly installed as Department Commander. Commander Hunter announced the following appointments:

Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor.

D. L. Wells, Judge Advocate.

The Commander-in-Chief then installed the following Comrades in their respective offices:

Samuel M. Mann, Senior Vice Department Commander.

Charles Krock, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Dr. George Boemler, Medical Director.

Wm. T. Niccolls, Department Chaplain.

Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

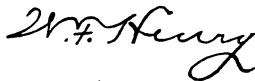
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The Commander-in-Chief expressed his thanks to the Officer of the Day for his efficient service and relieved him from further duties, and then turned the command of the Encampment over to Commander Hunter who thanked the Commander-in-Chief for his presence and assistance, especially for installing the officers of the Department.

No further business appearing a very pleasant and harmonious Encampment was closed with a prayer by the Department Chaplain and the sounding of taps.

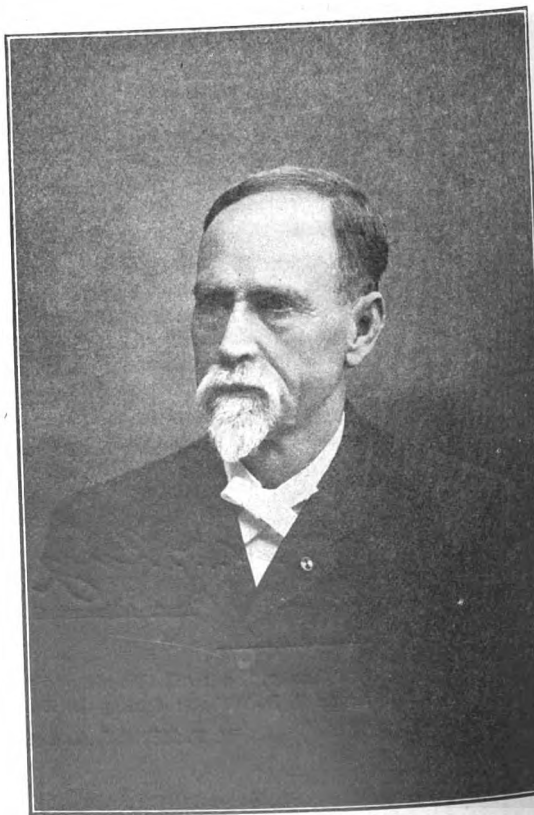
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Asst. Adjutant General

I here acknowledge, with thanks, the invaluable aid and assistance rendered me by Comrade S. D. Webster during the Encampment.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G.



GEORGE W. MARTIN
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1891-1892
BORN DECEMBER 30, 1838, DIED DECEMBER 18, 1922

In Memoriam

George Washington Martin was born in Monroe County, Ohio, December 30, 1838, and died in Brookfield, Missouri, Dec. 18, 1921.

From the age of 16 until the Civil War he was a teacher in the public schools of his native state and in his adopted state of Missouri.

On June 18, 1861, his name was enrolled as a member of Co. B, 25th Ohio Infantry and on July 30, 1862, was promoted to First Lieutenant of his Company. He was severely wounded in his left arm in the battle of Chancellorsville and at Gettysburg he lost his right arm and was discharged Oct. 26, 1863. He was in command of his company in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg.

His record as a citizen is a highly honorable one. For two terms—eight years—he was clerk of the County Court of Linn County and represented his county in the legislature one term. At the time of his death and for many years prior he was the proprietor and editor of the Brookfield Gazette.

He was elected Department Commander of the Missouri G. A. R. in 1891.

He was always a genial, modest gentleman who was loved and respected by all who knew him.

For a more extended memorial, see page 40, this journal.



ALEX. McCANDLESS
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1916-1917
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In Memoriam

ALEX. MCCANDLESS
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

For Memorial tribute see page 38 this Journal.



CHARLES KOOCK
A. D. C., IN CHARGE OF LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS AND CAMP

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Boys of '61, we greet you. And we greet you, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans. May your reunion bring joy and honor to the memory of those comrades who have gone to their eternal reward.

Your sons and grandsons fought in '98 that for the preservation of your ideals,—and your grandsons and perhaps your great-grandsons were the boys of '17. And today, they stand ready to defend your Union again should occasion demand.

The American ideals of 1922 and the ideals for which you fought in 1861 are the same.

Lest we forget, let us shed a tear for those comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Civil War, and a tear for those younger comrades who paid toll in 1898 and in 1917-18.

All Sedalia, all of the great state of Missouri, and all of the nation stands in reverent salute to you today, Boys of '61.

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Department of your splendid gift of the flag which they know you to love and honor and which they followed through four long years of war to a lasting peace and a united nation. Your work of cheer and good will in presenting to the Department this beautiful flag will long be remembered as expressing your love and loyalty to the flag and to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Apollo Club of Sedalia, composed of eight splendid voices sang with fine effect "The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground." The orchestra accompanied the singers. They were applauded until they were obliged to sing again.

Miss Maggie Winzenberg aroused much enthusiasm by reciting a patriotic poem.

The next number on the program was a chorus of forty voices from Lincoln High School (colored.) Their singing and harmonious blending of voices was remarkably fine. They were called back again and again.

The very interesting program ended with a realistic camp scene tableau, staged by Comrade Kooch, into which was introduced "Singing Tonight On the Old Camp Ground," the sounding of taps by bugle and the wrapping of the soldiers in their blankets and upon the ground to sleep.

The young men of the Apollo Club played an important part in the tableau and sang the chorus of the song. Comrade Kooch sang the solo.

Comrade Kooch is to be congratulated on the success of his evening's entertainment.

THE FLAG DRILL.

On the afternoon of Friday, the 5th, such of the veterans as desired it, were given an auto ride through the city, ending at the State Fair Grounds, where about 2000 children of the public schools gave an exhibition Flag Drill that was a delightful revelation to a great audience that filled the seats of the grandstand. Under the direction of the superintendent and teachers the children, who had been specially drilled for the occasion, performed many movements and evolutions that were wonderfully beautiful and interesting. They won the applause of the great throng of onlookers.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1921-1922

General Orders No. 1.
Series 1921-1922.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 18, 1921.

I. Having this day been elected by the regularly assembled Fortieth 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 full appreciation of the responsibilities assumed and the high honors conferred on me by my comrades of the Department. I earnestly bespeak the loyal support and co-operation of every Post and comrade in active efforts for the welfare and up-building of our beloved Department.

II. Comrade Wilbur F. Henry, of Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, is hereby appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he will be respected and obeyed accordingly. His past faithful services makes it eminently proper to continue him in this important office. Other appointments of Aides and Staff Officers will be announced in future General Orders.

III. The address of the Department Commander for personal communications will be 1610 Pennsylvania Avenue, Joplin, Missouri.

IV. Department Headquarters will remain in St. Louis, Missouri, and all official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Room 303, Temple Building, 19 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri.

A. J. P. BARNES,

Department Commander.

General Orders No. 2.
Series 1921-1922.

St. Louis, Mo., June 8, 1921.

I. The following named Comrades were elected by the Fortieth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, for the ensuing year and were duly installed by Past Department Commander John M. Williams:

Department Commander—A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin, Mo.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—A. N. Seaber, Jefferson City.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—James Kinney, Albany.

Medical Director—Dr. George Boemler, St. Louis.

Department Chaplain—Rev. W. K. Collins, Lees Summit.

Department Council of Administration—A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis; Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis; C. K. Reifsnider, Post 131, St. Louis; B. A. Suppan, Post 1, St. Louis, and H. W. Belding, Post 233, Clayton.

The following named Comrades were elected as Representatives and Alternates to the 55th National Encampment:

Representatives:

Allan J. Showers (at large), St. Louis
 Nich. Mathias, Moberly
 Wm. H. Sherman, St. Joseph
 John Hack, Trenton
 B. F. Lutman, Jefferson City
 G. W. Edwards, St. Louis
 W. H. H. Gillespie, Bethany
 Charles Koock, Sedalia
 Jacob Stephens, Eldon
 Theophilie Dubrouillet, Linn

Alternates:

J. B. Cashion, Perryville
 Henry Phelps, Joplin
 Max Fritz, St. Louis
 G. W. Carmichael, St. Louis
 Joseph Litteneker, St. Louis
 Arnold Bowers, St. Louis
 O. B. Lingle, Cameron
 T. J. Dockery, Kirksville
 Franklin Hudson, Kansas City
 N. Dewitte, Darlington

Comrade W. F. Henry, Post 8, was appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and Comrade V. Calland Post 69, Springfield, was appointed Department Past Instructor and they were duly installed by Past Department Commander John M. Williams. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. The following Comrades have been appointed on the special staff of the Department Commanders and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Judge Advocate—John M. Williams, Post 276, California
 Department Inspector—S. W. Serl, Post 4, Kansas City.
 Chief Mustering Officer—O. P. Smith, Post 8, Kansas City
 Assistant Mustering Officer—Allan J. Showers, Post 1, St. Louis.

Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff—Samuel M. Post 7, St. Joseph.

Aide-de-Camp and Chief Bugler—John Schelhammer, Post 1, St. Louis.

Aide-de-Camp and Chief Color Bearer—Nich. Mathias, Moberly.

Aide-de-Camp and Assistant Color Bearer—Abraham Post 1, St. Louis.

Aide-de-Camp and Assistant Color Bearer—D. O. Clark Post 1, St. Louis.

Aides-de-Camp—

E. S. Miner, Post 124, Bethany.

R. R. Highlyman, Post 53, Sedalia.

H. S. Williams, Post 58, Butler.

J. M. Woodward, Post 264, Deepwater.

John Hack, Post 72, Trenton.

Chas. C. Bell, Post 240, Boonville.

Geo. C. Clark, Post 247, West Plains.

Geo. Shiffer, Post 145, Eldon.

William McCune, Post 16, Carthage.
 R. B. Dodge, Post 190, Webb City.
 R. B. Tyler, Post 14, Joplin.
 W. E. Chester, Post 78, Warrensburg.
 Theophile Dubrouillet, Post 97, Linn.
 R. T. McCasky, Post 5, Moberly.
 Harrison Groves, Post 17, Cameron.
 W. M. Lomax, Post 19, Laclede.
 W. A. Green, Post 47, Green City.
 W. H. Booth, Post 161, Buffalo.
 W. F. Minkner, Post 134, Darlington.

III. The Department Commander is greatly pleased with the successful work of our Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, during the past year. Also of the great work done by the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans, the Sons of Veterans and their Auxiliary. All these patriotic organizations are disseminating in public and private schools of our State, love for our Country and respect for that Flag we love so well. Patriotism is the cornerstone on which these organizations are builded. We owe much to these co-workers for their intense loyalty to the G. A. R. Comrades, all honor to the noble girls and boys of these organizations. May their good deeds continue to generations yet to come.

IV. Comrades, the sufferings, patriotism and valor of your and my ancestors in the dark days of the American Revolution produced a love of liberty and country that brought forth a Nation of unselfish patriots. This same spirit of liberty and loyalty to Country and Flag caused two million freemen to respond to the call of Abraham Lincoln in 1861-65 and follow Old Glory through the more than four years of civil strife to victory and a United Nation. Afterwards came the organization of the G. A. R. of which we are honored members. During all these years we have stood for a united people true to American ideals, loyalty to American traditions, and knowing no allegiance except to the Constitution, our Government and the Flag of this United States. Our life sands are almost run, the march is almost ended. Soon taps will be sounded for us, but Comrades, there are many Civil War Soldiers outside of our membership; let each of us constitute himself a recruiting officer to ask these old soldiers to identify themselves with our grand and noble Order. I consider no higher honor can be conferred on mortal man than that of being admitted a member of the G. A. R. Let us devote a considerable portion of our declining years to asking these eligibles to come and help us in our Post meetings and co-operate with us in Fraternity, Charity and loyalty, and, having done that, let us then obey the call of taps like one who wraps the draperies of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams," believing that past sacrifices have not been made in vain, and that our Nation under God's care shall not perish from the earth.

V. The Department Commander urges a general observance of "Flag Day," June 14th. Fling out to the breezes "Old Glory." Let

it float from every schoolhouse and from every home, as well from public buildings and business houses, as the emblem of liberty and our national unity.

VI. The per capita tax for the last half of the year will be due and payable on the 1st of July and should be promptly remitted. The amount due from each Post is 20 cents for each member in good standing December 31, 1920. Remittance should be made by postal order or draft payable in St. Louis to the order of W. F. Henry, A. A. G.

The reports of the Post Chaplains should be sent direct to the Department Chaplain, W. K. Collins, Lees Summit, Mo. Reports should be made and forwarded at once. The best and easiest way to do a thing is NOW.

By order of A. J. P. BARNES, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 3.
Series 1921-1922.

St. Louis, Mo., August 22, 1922

I. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of National General Orders No. 6, heretofore promulgated, are here reproduced as follows:

The Fifty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Indianapolis during the week beginning September 25, 1921. Headquarters will be temporarily established at the Severin Hotel.

The Central Passenger Association has accorded a rate of one cent per mile for the Comrades, their wives, widows or dependent members of the family, and for army nurses. All other organizations attending the Encampment will be required to pay a fare and a half for a round trip ticket. Every passenger association, with the exception of the New England Passenger Association, has accorded the same rate as the Central Passenger Association.

II. It is understood that railroad tickets will only be issued on presentation of Identification Certificates as in former years. The Assistant Adjutant General has made requisition for a large number of certificates but as yet has not received them. Post commanders and officers of allied societies should apply to the Assistant Adjutant General at these Headquarters for as many certificates as will be needed by them for their members. Certificates will be sent to those asking for them. If the Certificates have not been received when they are ordered they will be forwarded as soon as the supply is received.

III. Arrangements are being made for a special train on the Big Four railroad (the C. C. C. & St. L.) to leave the Union Station, St. Louis, at 9 o'clock Monday morning, September 1, 1922. The Department Commander hopes that there will be a large attendance from this Department and that Missouri will maintain its position in the National gathering which she has ever held.

IV. The Department Headquarters will be established in the Denison Hotel on Monday afternoon, September 26, where all comrades and friends will receive a cordial welcome. A comrade will be in charge of registrations and distribution of the Missouri ribbons. There has been no change in the style of the Missouri ribbon and if those attending the National Encampment will use the ribbons heretofore issued (if in good condition) the expense of new ones will be saved to the Department.

V. The per capita tax due the Department the first of July has not been received from a number of posts. A blue X opposite this paragraph indicates that your post is delinquent. The amount due is 20 cents on each member reported in good standing December 31, last. All gains and losses that have occurred in 1921 will be accounted for in the next annual report. Delinquent posts should remit to the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

By order of A. J. P. BARNES, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4.
Series 1921-1922.

St. Louis, Mo., September 12, 1921.

I. Special attention is called to General Orders No. 9, National Headquarters, herewith promulgated, which gives all the information available concerning the coming National Encampment.

II. It will be observed that there will be a business session of the Encampment on Tuesday. It is therefore ordered that the Missouri members of the National Encampment meet at Department Headquarters, Room 243, Denison Hotel, at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, September 26, for the purpose of selecting a member of the committee on resolutions and a member of the National Council of Administration and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

III. As heretofore announced a special train will leave St. Louis over the Big Four Railroad (C. C. C. & St. L.) at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, September 26, and arrive in Indianapolis about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. This train will not stop for meals but will have a Buffet Diner from which coffee and sandwiches will be served. There will also be a Pullman car attached. Those wishing seats in the Pullman are advised to get Pullman tickets when they purchase railroad tickets. The charge for a seat in the Pullman will be \$1.62 from St. Louis to Indianapolis. The dates for the sale of Encampment tickets are limited to September 23, 24 and 25.

IV. The Assistant Adjutant General will, on application, furnish Identification Certificates to all who are entitled to them. Bear in mind that each purchaser of a ticket at the one cent rate must have a certificate. Station Agents should be consulted in apt time so there may be no misunderstanding or delay when tickets are applied for.

V. If any elected Representative shall find that he cannot attend the Encampment he should advise the Assistant Adjutant General at once so that an Alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy. This is important.

By order of A. J. P. BARNES, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 5. St. Louis, Mo., November 15, 1921.
Series 1921-1922.

I. The Fifty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 25th to Oct. 1st. Wednesday, Sept. 28th, was the day of the Grand Parade, with more than twelve thousand veterans of the Civil War marching four abreast down the streets and around Monument Square, between lines of thousands upon thousands of admiring and cheering spectators. This was a red-letter day for the old comrades. The grand old heroes did not step as quickly as they did at the Grand Review in Washington that memorable 24th day of May, 1865. Their hearts beat as loyally as in 1861 to 65. The weather ideal and few if any prostrations occurred during the march.

II. The Department Commander wishes to express his appreciation of the large attendance of the comrades of this Department at the encampment and the fine showing they made in the Grand Parade. A few departments had more comrades in line, but made a better appearance and none received greater applause than the onlookers who were densely massed on either side of the streets along the whole line of march. The parade was well ranged and moved promptly on schedule time. This Department had about 150 comrades in line. Ransom Post, No. 131, had 40; Blair Post, No. 1, and Hassendeuble Post, No. 13, had 30 each in line. These three St. Louis Posts maintained post formation and made an exceptional fine showing. Past Department Commander S. D. Webster was detailed as special aide to form the line and conduct it in the parade and, of course, his duties in the line were well performed. Comrade Chas. Kooock, Post No. 1, having been appointed Assistant Chief of Staff under direction of Comrade Webster, assisted in keeping our Department in splendid shape. The Department color bearer and assistant color bearer, the Chief Bugler were all on duty as well as the Drum Major of Blair and Ransom Posts, to all of whom the Department Commander hereby tenders his cheerful thanks. It is comforting and gratifying to remember that on this occasion there were no fatal prostrations in the ranks of our Department.

III. Too much cannot be said in praise of the loyal and spontaneous hospitality shown us by the citizens of Indianapolis on this occasion—nothing seemed left undone that would contribute to our comfort or pleasure.

IV. The sessions of the National Encampment were interesting and peaceful and harmony prevailed. It is very gratifying

note that every elected representative from our Department was present and took part in the business of the Encampment. This Department was represented by three Department officers, 10 elected Representatives and 11 Past Department Commanders attended, making a total of 24. The Junior Vice-Department Commander was detained at home by sickness. Much credit is due the Assistant Quartermaster General for his successful arrangement for a special train from St. Louis for Missouri delegations as well as for comfortable hotel reservations for department headquarters as well as for comrades when requested to do so.

V. Comrade Chas. Kooch, of Post No. 53, Sedalia, is hereby appointed Assistant Chief of Staff and Comrade J. H. Smith, Post 14, Neosho, is appointed Aide-de-Camp and they will be respected as such.

VI. The Department Commander wishes to express his admiration for the fidelity and loyalty to the principal, "On'e Country, one Language and one Flag," as exhibited by the Comrades, Sons of Veterans, Ladies of the W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R. and other allied societies of Kansas City in refusing to march in the recent "Centennial Parade" in that city when it was determined that the United Daughters of the Confederacy would march in the parade carrying a confederate flag. No confederate flag should be carried in any public parades in our united country. Especially none along with "Old Glory" where the younger and rising generation will cheer and pay homage to such rebel flag on equality with our national emblem. The younger generation should only salute, cheer and honor the flag of our country and principles for which it stands.

VII. General Orders, No. 2, National Headquarters, is herewith inclosed. It should be carefully read and filed for future reference. It contains matters of importance to the Order adopted by the recent National Encampment.

VIII. Post Commanders and Posts are reminded that the annual election of officers should be held at the first meeting of the Post in December, at which time, in addition to the Post officers, there should be elected Representatives to the Department Encampment. Each Post of fifty members or less, in good standing Dec. 31, 1920, is entitled to one Representative. Posts of more than fifty members are entitled to one Representative for each fifty or a fractional part of fifty over twenty-five.

Post Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders are ex-officio members of the Department Encampment and should not be elected Representatives. Alternates should be elected. Blanks are inclosed for reports of the results of elections.

IX. Blanks for the annual reports are forwarded herewith and should be filled up and returned to these Headquarters immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December. Prompt attention to this will save time and annoyance. The Assistant Adjutant General is required to forward a consolidated report to the Na-

tional Headquarters on or before the 1st day of February, and Posts that have not reported prior to that time must be omitted from his report. Our representation in the National Encampment is based on the number in good standing December 31, as shown by the consolidated report to the National Headquarters. The neglect of one Post Commander may deprive the Department of one Representative. It would seem that all reports could reach these Headquarters by the 5th day of January. If they are delayed they are likely to be overlooked and neglected.

Attention is called to the amended Rules and Regulations providing for annual reports only. The report should cover the year 1921. The annual per capita tax is 40 cents for each member in good standing; one-half—20 cents—is payable January 1, and one-half July 1.

By order of A. J. P. BARNES, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 6.
Series 1921-1922.

St. Louis, Mo., February 7, 1922

I. The Forty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic will convene in the City of Sedalia, at nine o'clock A. M., May 4, 1922, and remain in session subject to the will of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment shall be completed.

The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the Commander-in-Chief has promised to be with us at that time. The date of the meeting has been fixed by the Council of Administration so that the Commander-in-Chief can be with us—he can visit at no other date. The hospitality of the citizens of the beautiful City of Sedalia is proverbial and preparations are being made to give the comrades and allied societies a very hearty and generous welcome when we gather there next May. The Department Commander confidently hopes that there will be a large attendance of comrades and others. More definite information will be given in future orders.

II. Attention is called to the circular letter herewith, relative to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the greatest General of modern times, who led us to final victory in the great struggle in 1861-65, which preserved this nation and kept our flag a-flying over a united and indivisible country under the leadership of General Ulysses S. Grant. Let the letter be carefully read and the suggestions therein contained be carried out so far as circumstances will permit. Too much honor cannot be given to the memory of the great General who, in time of war was undefeated but when peace reigned was as gentle as a woman.

A program of Exercises for Use in the Schools of the United States upon the One Hundredth Birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant, April 27, 1922, is inclosed herewith. It is hoped that

program will be carried out by the various schools of the State as far as practicable.

Extra copies of the program may be obtained from Levi Longfellow, 208 N. 6th street, Minneapolis, Minn.

III. All Orders from National and Department Headquarters should be carefully read and preserved for reference. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, publishes many changes in the Rules and Regulations and resolutions adopted by the 55th National Encampment that are important, among them one "To authorize Posts to employ a secretary or stenographer to be present at their meetings and transcribe the proceedings in the journal for that purpose."

It must be recognized that all who followed the Flag in 1861-65 have passed the age of three score and ten, and many of them have passed the age of four score years. There are many Posts whose members are all so disabled by reason of infirmities incident to age, that they cannot properly keep the records and make out the necessary reports. The amendment quoted above will permit them to invite a capable person to perform the duties. The Department Commander advises that this be done.

IV. It is with real sorrow that the death of Past Department Commander George W. Martin is announced. He died at his home in Brookfield, December 18, 1921, loved and mourned by all who knew him. He was elected Department Commander in 1891, when the report of the Assistant Adjutant General showed nearly 25,000 comrades on the rolls of this Department and more than 21,900 of them in good standing in the various posts.

The following Past Department Commanders are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a memorial on the death of Comrade Martin and a testimonial of his memory, and present the same to the next Department Encampment:

Comrades George Hall, T. D. Kimball and John M. Williams.

V. National General Order No. 9 is herewith promulgated and should have careful attention. The announcement of the appointment of our esteemed comrade, Past Department Commander John M. Williams, as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration will be very gratifying to all comrades of this Department.

VI. Comrade Charles Koock is hereby appointed Special Aide de Camp and he will be respected accordingly.

By order of A. J. P. BARNES, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 7.
Series 1921-1922.

St. Louis, Mo., March 30, 1922.

I. As heretofore announced, the Forty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic

will convene in the City of Sedalia, at nine o'clock A. M., May 1922, and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment until the business of the Encampment shall be completed.

While May 4 is the day for the delivery of pension checks they will be held at the postoffice until comrades return from Encampment. The date of the meeting was fixed by the Council of Administration so that we can have the presence of the Commander-in-Chief. The dates fixed are the only dates that he can meet with us. Surely the pleasure of having the Commander-in-Chief with us will more than pay for two days' delay in getting our pension checks.

The Department Commander confidently hopes that there will be a large gathering of comrades and others to enjoy the beautiful and generous hospitality of the citizens of the beautiful City of Sedalia. Let as many as are able, once more come together to renew the comradeship formed amid the smoke and hail of battle and around the campfires of the long ago.

II. Department Headquarters during the Encampment, will be opened in Hotel Terry on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 2. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters on Wednesday at 5:00 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

III. Comrades H. W. Sandusky of Post 7, Franklin H. H. of Post 8, D. L. Wells of Post 4, M. P. Owen of Post 131 and Kurtz of Post 8 are hereby appointed a Committee on Credentials. They will report to the Assistant Adjutant General on the Wednesday afternoon for instructions. Members of the Encampment should promptly report to this Committee and receive their Encampment badge and countersign. The place of meeting will be announced later.

IV. Comrade O. B. Lingle, of Post 17, is hereby appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade Wenzel Graf, of Post 13, is appointed Officer of the Guard for duty during the sessions of the Encampment. These officers will be properly uniformed and equipped when on duty. The Officer of the Day will detail from the comrades present a sufficient number of Guards who will report to the Officer of the Guard for duty.

V. The following named Comrades of Post 7, are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be respected as such: Fred Wenz, William E. Elihu T. Ellis and Joseph C. Hedenberg.

VI. The Sedalia Hotels announce the following per day:
 Hotel Terry, American plan, without bath, \$3.50, with bath, \$4.50.
 Hotel La Moore, European plan, 75c and up.
 Liberty Hotel, European plan, 75c and up.
 The Antlers, rooms only, 75c and up.
 The Hildebrand, European plan, \$1.00 and up.

Those desiring reservations in Hotels should write to Charles Koock, 510 W. 16th street; for rooms in private homes write to Mrs. Anna Hamm, 903 East 7th street, Sedalia.

VII. The Railroad Passenger Associations covering Missouri have under consideration our application for reduced fares to the Sedalia meetings and it is confidently expected that favorable action will be announced early in April. Railroad ticket agents should be advised of the reduction by April 20. See your local agent about rates.

VIII. The Department Commander is gratified to note the active interest manifested by comrades and others in preparations for the celebration of the 100th birthday of General Grant, who rose from obscurity to be the commander of the mighty army that made this Nation one and indivisible and when the stars and bars was furled at Appomattox, said: "Let us have peace;" who so endeared himself to both the conqueror and the conquered that he was twice elected to the highest office in the gift of the people and whose death was universally mourned.

IX. It should be borne in mind that the Assistant Adjutant General must make up the roll of the Department Encampment from the names reported to him by Post Commanders. The members of the Encampment are the Post Commanders, the Vice Post Commanders, Past Post Commanders in good standing and elected Representatives.

Several Posts have failed to report and unless the report is sent to Headquarters at once the Post cannot be represented. A blue X opposite this paragraph indicates that no report has been received from your Post.

X. It is unofficially announced that the National Encampment will meet in Des Moines, Iowa, the last week in September.

XI. A letter just received from Comrade Nich. Mathias, A. D. C. and Department Color Bearer, announces the death of Past Department Commander Alex. McCandless, March 23, 1922.

"They are dropping from the ranks one by one."

The following Past Department Commanders are appointed a Committee to prepare a testimonial on the death of Comrade McCandless and present it to the Department Encampment: P. F. Coghlan, S. D. Webster and W. C. Calland.

By order of A. J. P. BARNES, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 8.
Series 1921-1922.

St. Louis, Mo., April 19, 1922.

I. The Railroad Passenger Associations covering the State of Missouri have granted the same rates of fare to the Department Encampment to be held in Sedalia that prevailed for the Encampment at Jefferson City last year, with the same limitations as to those entitled, that is: Rate of fare and one-ninth of the

current fares for the round trip on identification certificate for the G. A. R. Veterans and their wives only.

For members of the auxiliary organizations and dependent members of the families of veterans other than their wives dependent members of the families of members of auxiliary societies the fare will be one and one-half the current fare the certificate plan. Members of the G. A. R. will receive application to the Assistant Adjutant General Identification card upon which they may purchase round trip tickets for themselves and their wives, all others must pay full one way fare from the selling agent a certificate. These certificates will be validated by the Assistant Adjutant General at Sedalia trip tickets to the members of the G. A. R. will not require a certificate.

Going tickets will be on sale April 29 to May 5, inclusive, good returning to final limit May 9, 1922.

II. National General Orders No. 4 is herewith promulgated and should receive careful attention. It contains much important information.

III. The Department Commander is advised that the arrangements for the entertainment of the Veterans and other members by Sedalia are such that our stay will be a real pleasure. An annual campfire will be held on Thursday night, at which the Department Commander-in-Chief will be the principal speaker. The fun and fraternal fires that will warm the cockles of our hearts will closer bind the ties of comradeship that were formed in the past. It is not possible at this time to give the details of the parade and other features of the time and they must be announced in the papers and from the platform.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Your Department Commander is only performing his duty in calling attention of Grand Army comrades and members of the Woman's Relief Corps and all other allied bodies coming May 30th and requesting its proper observance on the fifty-five years since Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan issued his General Order No. 11, instituting a memorial service in commemoration of the heroic deeds and sacrifices of our departed comrades in the defense of national unity and integrity. On this occasion again raise "Old Glory" above their graves and garlands the mounds with choicest flowers. Let these services be done in remembrance the names of all those who fought for our country in one language and one flag to the end that the "government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

By order of A. J. P. BARNES, Department Commander

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

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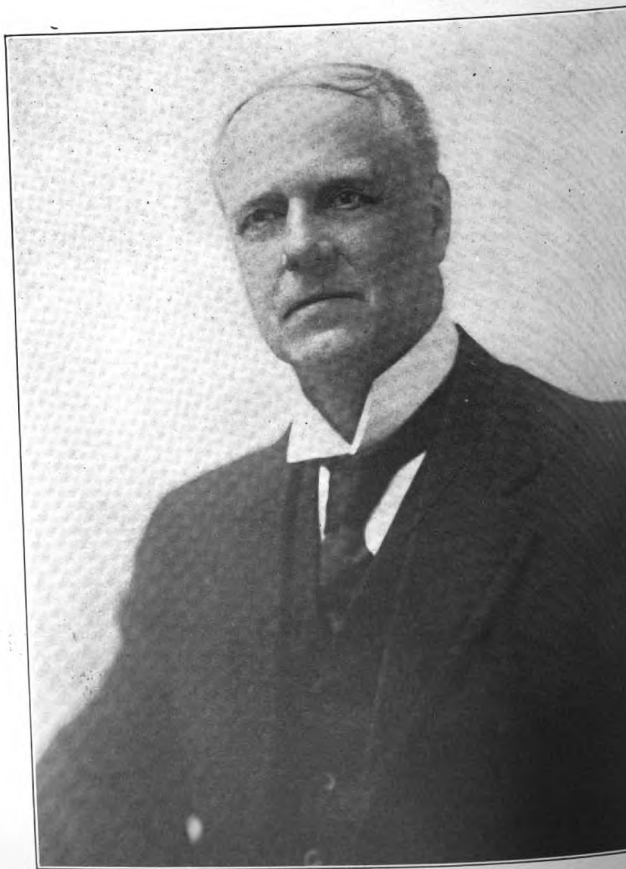
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Auditorium of the Presbyterian Church, Sedalia, Mo., at 9:15 o'clock on the morning of May 8, 1923, in open session to which the public and all allied societies were invited, the Department Commander, James H. Hunter presiding.

The Department Commander called the meeting to order and introduced the Department Chaplain, Comrade W. T. Niccolls, who delivered an impressive invocation.

Comrade Benj. B. Bolt, of Post 8, A. D. C. to the Department Commander and Chief of Staff, was detailed as Officer of the Day and Wenzel Graf of Post 13 was detailed as Officer of the Guard, and entered upon their duties.

The Officer of the Day announced that the Commander in Chief was at the Out Post. He was admitted and escorted to the front, all standing. He was saluted and given an enthusiastic greeting by all.

Hon. Mr. Hatton, Mayor of Sedalia, was then introduced and delivered a most hearty address of welcome to all of the visitors, assuring them of a cordial welcome to the hospitality and homes of the citizens of Sedalia and expressed the hope that the comrades and all would find their stay so pleasant and the people so cordial that they would wish to renew the visit next year. He said in part:

"Mr. Chairman, and members of the G. A. R.: A year ago I attended the hospitalities of this city. It is a pleasure at all times to welcome visitors to Sedalia. That pleasure is many, many times

emphasized when extended to the men who carried the Stars and Stripes to victory and survived a war unparalleled for privation, hardship, danger and courage. Sedalia is proud to be again the host, if for a short time only, of a remnant of that great army that for four long years endured vicissitudes equalled only by those endured by the opposing forces.

"My friends, every man, woman and child in Sedalia, is not only willing, but anxious, to do something that will add to your comfort and pleasure.

"Whole Sedalia stands with outstretched hands to bid again your welcome. As I said one year ago:

"The freedom of the entire city is yours. May you use it and enjoy it. We want you to feel under no restraint while here. Visit us in our offices and in our homes, walk on our grass, break our bread, and borrow our money."

The Department Commander responded to the greetings and welcome of the Mayor in a manner that elicited the applause of the assembly.

At the conclusion of the exercises of the open meeting, those who were not members of the Encampment retired and the Department Commander opened the Encampment for business.

The Assistant Adjutant-General reported the following as the roll of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders. Those present during the Encampment are indicated by a star:

Department Commander

*JAMES H. HUNTER.

Senior Vice-Department Commander.

*SAMUEL M. MANN.

Junior Vice-Department Commander.

*CHARLES KOOCK.

Medical Director,

DR. GEORGE BOEMLER.

Department Chaplain,

*WILLIAM T. NICCOLLS.

Assistant Adjutant-General and A. Q. M. General

*WILBUR F. HENRY.

Judge Advocate,

*D. L. WELLS.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*D. M. WALKER.

Department Inspector,

ERNEST ROTTECK, died in office—vacancy not filled.

Council of Administration,

*A. WHIPPLE,

*MAX FRITZ,

*B. A. SUPPAN,

*C. K. REIFSNIDER,

*J. W. LANLEY.

Past Department Commanders,

†WILLIAM WARNER,

†W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

†NELSON COLE,

†E. E. KIMBALL.

†HIRAM SMITH, JR.

(1) JOHN E. PHELPS,

*LEO RASSIEUR,

†GEO. W. MARTIN,

†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

CHAS. G. BURTON,

†LOUIS GRUND.

†LOUIS BENECKE,

GEORGE HALL,

†IRA T. BRONSON,

(2) F. M. STERRETT,

†JERE T. DEW,

†ALEX McCANDLESS,

†HENRY FAIRBACK.

*JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

*T. D. KIMBALL,

J. V. MARTIN,

†W. H. SKINNER,

†R. N. DENHAM,

†BENJAMIN WARNER,

†THOS. B. RODGERS,

†JOHN P. PLATT,

†A. G. PETERSON,

JOHN W. SCOTT,

*W. F. HENRY,

†ARTHUR DREIFUS,

†CHAS. W. RUBY.

*WM. LOWE,

J. B. DOBYNE,

THOS. W. EVANS,

*P. F. COGHLAN,

*W. C. CALLAND.

*S. D. WEBSTER,

A. J. P. BARNES.

(1) John E. Phelps transferred to Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.

(2) F. M. Sterrett transferred to Dept. of Ohio.

†Deceased.

Following is the roll of members of the Encampment who were present from the several Posts as reported by the Committee on Credentials:

Roll of the Forty-second Annual Encampment Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Held at Sedalia, Mo., May 8 and 9, 1923.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

Com.—Ford Smith.

S. V. C.—Geo. T. Simpson.

Rep.—Wm. C. Pfeffer, Thos. J. Delamere.

P. P. C.—Leo. Rassieur, A. Whipple, Arnold Bowers, G. Carmichael, B. F. Park, D. O. Clements, Chris. H. Grote, B. A. Suppan and P. F. Coghlan.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

Com.—Geo. H. Martling.

J. V. C.—Wm. E. Axtel.

Rep.—W. A. Reed and Thos. Jones.

P. P. C.—Thos. H. Brown, J. A. Stewart, C. W. Burrill, S. Serl, Alf. Zartman and David L. Wells.

A. Lincoln Post, No. 5, Moberly.

Com.—E. M. Harbaugh.

J. V. C.—W. S. Jones.

P. P. C.—Nich. Mathias and R. T. McCaskey.

James A. Garfield Post, No. 6, Jefferson City.

P. P. C.—B. F. Lutman.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

Com.—Daniel Hedrick.

S. V. C.—H. W. Sandusky.

Rep.—A. M. Reynolds, Geo. N. Jacobs and Christ Balsiger.

P. P. C.—Samuel M. Mann, C. W. Webster, Wm. H. Sher.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

Com.—C. P. Woodruff.

J. V. C.—Chas. B. Kurtz.

Rep.—E. N. Edmonds, R. Zimmerman and Geo. Hillinger.

P. P. C.—W. F. Henry, O. H. Guffin, W. H. Wormstead, Bolt and J. H. Hunter.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

Com.—Barth Husson.

Rep.—Wenzel Graf.

P. P. C.—Max Fritz.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

Rep.—Albert Madison.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

Com.—E. V. Cupp.

Rep.—Thos. Hollingsworth.

P. P. C.—Wm. M. McCune, S. E. Wetzel and A. J. Bobb.

Joe Hooker Post No. 17, Cameron.

P. P. C.—O. B. Lingle and R. L. Hudson.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

P. P. C.—G. B. Cunningham.

Rep.—Jeff Smith.

Jo. Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

Com.—T. L. Patton.

Rep.—G. W. Charles.

Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

Rep.—A. W. Vancamp.

P. P. C.—Dan Kunkel.

Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

Com.—D. W. Turley.

S. V. C.—Henry Meyers.

J. C. V.—D. R. Vinson.

P. P. C.—R. R. Highleyman, Charles Kooock, A. W. Bunyan and James Eckles.

Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.

Com.—W. C. Calland.

Rep.—J. R. Ferguson.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. P. C.—John Hack, G. G. McFarland and B. F. Warner.

Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.

S. V. C.—W. E. Chester.

Rep.—J. N. Shaneyfelt.

C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Maysville.

Com.—J. W. McElwain.

General G. B. Boomer Post, No. 97, Linn.

Com.—Theophile Dubrouillet.

Rep.—Alonzo Tubbs.

P. P. C.—John Fuers.

Harry P. Harding Post, No. 107, St. Louis.

Rep.—S. P. Callihan.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

Rep.—Arthur Storm.

P. P. C.—J. N. Hayes, M. G. Garner.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

Com.—C. K. Reifsnider.

Rep.—James McClure, A. G. Bradt.

P. P. C.—S. D. Webster, F. Walton, E. R. Cone, P. H. Callahan.

M. P. Owen, T. D. Kimball.

Gentry Post, No. 134, Darlington.

Com.—James Kinney.

Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

Com.—W. F. McColley.

Rep.—J. R. Pickerell.

P. P. C.—P. H. Dugan, E. B. Smith, P. H. Sullivan.

G. W. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

Com.—E. C. Baugher.

P. P. C.—C. W. Raymond, J. A. Lane, E. A. Lightfoot, Daniel Bly.

McCroskey Post, No. 210, Springfield.

P. P. C.—W. A. Ward.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.

Com.—C. W. Corkran.

P. P. C.—W. P. Walker.

Col. Leonard Post, No. 251, Eldorado Springs.

Rep.—J. J. Brown.

P. P. C. Ed. Lane.

Henry Browne Post, No. 276, California.

Com.—J. S. Roth.

P. P. C.—J. M. Williams, C. G. Wegener, H. B. Sappington,
D. D. Sprague, F. W. Heidbreder, Aug. Seyfert.

Maj. A. Bartlett Post, No. 289, Troy.

Com.—J. B. Allen, William Kowazek.

Rep.—J. S. Clark.

Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.

Com.—E. Thompson.

P. P. C.—G. W. Edwards.

Rep.—Wm. Bryant.

Columbia Post, No. 432, Columbia.

Rep.—Nat. Douglas.

Col. Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.

Com.—J. W. Lanley.

George W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

Com.—M. D. L. Blevins.

P. P. C.—A. F. McCray and J. N. Michael.

Rincheval Post, No. 572, Rhineland.

Rep.—Henry Ludwig.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lees Summit.

P. P. C.—W. K. Collins.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

P. P. C.—William Lowe.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the Department is entitled to 13 representatives in the 57th National Encampment in addition to the Representative-at-Large and that it was important that nominatons for Representatives be made as early as possible in order that their names might be printed on the tickets to be voted. He further stated that by a rule adopted by a former Encampment the names of Comrades nominated would be printed on the ticket in the direct order of the alphabet.

On motion it was unanimously ordered that, pending the report of Committee on Credentials, all comrades having the Encampment countersign and badge be recognized as members of the Encampment.

By the unanimous vote of the Encampment it was ordered that the rules and order of business be suspended and the Encampment at once proceed to the nomination of Representatives to the next National Encampment. The following comrades were thereupon nominated:

W. M. Bryand, Post No. 343, St. Louis.
 P. H. Callahan, Post No. 131, St. Louis.
 W. K. Collins, Post No. 582, Lees Summit.
 Solomon Couder, Post No. 22, Kirksville.
 C. W. Corkran, Post No. 221, Novelty.
 E. N. Edmonds, Post No. 8, Kansas City.
 Max Fritz, Post No. 13, St. Louis.
 M. M. Gannon, Post No. 79, Princeton.
 O. H. Guffin, Post No. 8, Kansas City.
 John Hack, Post No. 72, Trenton.
 Daniel Kunkel, Post No. 45, Oregon.
 C. B. Kurtz, Post No. 8, Kansas City.
 Wm. Kowazek, Post No. 289, Troy.
 Nick Mathias, Post No. 5, Moberly.
 W. F. Minkner, Post No. 134, Darlington.
 J. E. Osborne, Post No. 78, Warrensburg.
 M. P. Owen, Post No. 131, St. Louis.
 B. F. Park, Post No. 1, St. Louis.
 T. L. Patton, Post No. 26, Nevada.
 H. W. Sandusky, Post No. 7, St. Joseph.
 W. H. Sherman, Post No. 7, St. Joseph.
 P. H. Sullivan, Post No. 172, Appleton City.
 B. A. Suppan, Post No. 1, St. Louis.
 Taylor Turley, Post No. 5, Moberly.
 F. Walton, Post No. 131, St. Louis.
 D. L. Wells, Post No. 4, Kansas City.
 S. E. Wetzell, Post No. 16, Carthage.

On motion it was ordered that the comrade receiving the highest number of votes should be declared the Representative-at-Large and that the 13 receiving the next highest votes should be Representatives and the next 14 the Alternates in the order of the votes received.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and the regular order of business was resumed.

The Department Commander then called the Senior Vice Commander, Comrade S. M. Mann, to the chair and proceeded to deliver his annual address as follows:

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

We have met here today in our regular Annual Encampment to survey the past and block out the future; to receive an account of the Administration ending with this meeting, and to put the official harness on a fresh team who shall bear the duties for the coming year. Let our deliberations be marked by the highest regard for our Comradeship; the full measure of patriotic loyalty to country, to flag and to the principles for which we contended in the hour of battle, that the world may take knowledge of the fact that our aims and influence are as potent in peace as they were in war, and that our motto of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty, which binds us to each other, extends to all mankind.

Permit him upon whom you conferred the high honor of commander for the year now ending, express his deep gratitude to you for this manifestation of confidence, and for the loyal support accorded to him during his administration. It is with becoming modesty that he deplors his inability to reach more perfect and efficient service, but to plead the merit of doing what he could within the limits of his ability and the facilities at his command. His visitations have been below his hopes, yet may be regarded as fairly liberal during all of which he found the fraternal spirit prevailing, meetings fairly attended, age, disease, and the lingering effects of the exposures and hardships to which our dear old boys were subjected, and the devotion to our association, manifesting the determination to maintain our organization as a potent influence for good until time shall be for us no more.

While the thought prevails with our comrades that it was our good fortune to live in a period when our country was in need of the best service of her sons, and that our disposition and abilities were to respond to those needs, and by so doing we reared to ourselves, by acts heroically performed, a monument far above anything that marble can testify—a monument in accomplishment and influence as high as Heaven, as broad as the Universe and as lasting as eternity, and while we yet number a host, mighty in power, and potent in influence, yet there is a growing disposition to say we are too old, and our number too small to make ourselves felt in public affairs, and our work is done. Your Commander has deemed it his duty to counteract this tendency, and to advocate the thought that while life and speech remain with us we have not reached our limit of usefulness.

We have lived for fifty-seven years the greatest influence in our land, and have been given the preference over all, and received the plaudits of a grateful citizenship, and we must not give way to any opposing force to the government we saved and established upon so lofty, and substantial a basis.

Today the world is in turmoil, class against class, interest against interest, and the prospect of adjustment uncertain and in the dim distance, all this as a sequence of the World War, and that was merely a struggle of might against right, of personal control of a despotism as against the rule of law and equity.

Our own beloved country is not exempt. We have the forces of anarchy, socialism, bolshevism, making onslaught upon our system, or constitution, and our laws, with avowed purpose of overthrowing our government; we have all kinds of propaganda issued and distributed broadcast in an effort to poison the minds of our people and breed discontent. We have organized societies setting themselves above authority. This has even found place among our law makers. In our Congress, the representative system, upon which our constitution was built and our government founded, discorded, and instead of the men whom we elect and send there to protect our rights and interests and make our laws, regarding themselves as representatives of the whole people, we have the financial bloc, the farmers bloc, and blocs innumerable, and one financial bloc, the farmers' bloc, the laborers' bloc—and blocs innumerable, and one bloc promises support to another bloc for its peculiar interest, in turn for like support for special interest, regardless of the interest of the country as a whole. All this is wrong, is subversive of our system of government, the best the world has known, and the only one founded on the broad principle of self-control, of the recognition of law as the only King we obey, and the brotherhood of man that holds a place in the history of the race. While these things exist, and while we have life and voice, can we justly say our work is done? Rather should we after accomplishing one thing so fully, so nobly, so immeasurably beneficial, set ourselves to a like accomplishment of another, looking to the same end.

No Comrades, let us not be our own executioners, and efface ourselves on the ground of past services, but use the prestige of our position to counteract these sinister influences, and promote organizations to foster and maintain what we won at so great a cost in treasure and the blood of our Comrades, to the end that our institutions may be passed to coming generations in full strength and beyond the marring by any foe within or without.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The National Encampment for 1922 was held in Des Moines, Iowa, and was well attended from all parts of the country. Missouri did her part, and furnished a creditable delegation. A special Headquarters train went from Kansas City, and our delegation filled two coaches. In the parade, none excelled us in numbers or in soldierly bearing. The ladies furnished a large part of the delegation and were patriotically loyal and enthusiastic.

THE LADIES ORGANIZATION

It has been an unusual pleasure to visit the different ladies organizations, and we are able to report them all prospering, and growing in numbers. If there are any men on earth who should proudly rejoice in loyal support, they are the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Every point visited was the same, marked by intense loyalty to the Comrades, and firmly bound to the preservation of the ideals of the country, and their attachment to Old Glory is beautiful to behold. A marked feature is the perfection of their floor work. Everything is as exact as it was with us in our drill days, and any old soldier witnessing it, can but admire their work. In their social service they are equally happy, and command good attendance by their pleasant features. It would be an appropriate act if the higher branches of the Grand Army would establish closer relations with them. Speaking especially of the organizations in Kansas City when the opportunities of attendance and observation were more propitious, truth and justice bid the statement that they are all composed of high class ladies, officered by efficient and proficient parliamentary ladies who take commendable pride in their work.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS

These young people are with their elders in showing their attachment to the old boys, and the cause for which we battled. As they express it, there is nothing too good for the old daddies. They have the advantage of a good field from which to recruit, and are making use of it, and showing a healthy growth.

PERSONAL

My personal visits have not been numerous, only 15 Posts having been visited personally. Much of my visitations have been by letter, having done considerable by way of letters of encouragement. Failing eyes, and uncertainty of step render the Comrades loath to go out at night, and many, possibly the majority, hold their meetings during the day, and most of them meet once or

twice monthly. The confining of meetings strictly to the regular order of business, leaves but little of attractive interest and it is recommended that the Posts adopt the practice of setting one meeting in the month to social exercises, singing, speaking, light lunch and such other entertainments as may suit the taste. This course has been adopted in Kansas City, where both Posts and all Auxiliaries join and have an afternoon of real enjoyment. This has been adopted in Kansas City with good results, increasing interest and attendance. It is urged upon Posts to make special effort to gather in, and bring back delinquents. Many Comrades would pay dues if visited, but neglect to pay otherwise, and once suspended it requires a strenuous effort to bring them back. With diversified entertainments and some personal effort, many suspended Comrades could be induced to renew membership.

ST. JAMES HOME

It has not been convenient to personally visit and inspect the Soldiers' Home at St. James, but reliable information has been received from time to time showing that the Comrades and widows domiciled there are having the best of care. They are comfortably provided for in steam-heated rooms with running water and bath rooms in each building, and that the sanitary conditions are excellent.

In the report of the Medical Director will be found additional interesting information concerning the Home.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion let me again thank the Comrades of the Department for the honor they have done me, and for the support rendered me and especially would I commend the Assistant Adjutant General for his uniform courtesy and efficient labors.

With the best wishes for the prosperity of the Department, and for the health and long life for all the Comrades, any service I can render my Comrades shall be cheerfully granted.

JAMES H. HUNTER,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

St. Joseph, Mo., April 4th, 1923.

W. F. Henry, A. A. G.

Dept. of Mo. G. A. R.

St. Louis, Mo.

In compliance with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of this Department, I herewith submit to you my report as Senior Vice Commander for the current year.

I wish first, to express to the Comrades my sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred on me at Sedalia by electing me to the second highest office in the department. I consider that the honor belongs more to my Post, than to myself.

During the year about to close, I have endeavored to do all in my power to advance the interests of the Department and assist the Comrades, by visiting the sick and helping in every way possible to relieve their wants.

The failure of Congress to pass the late Bursum pension bill for the relief of our old and decrepid comrades and their widows cast gloom and sorrow over the lives of many, but I do think that they should not be too harsh in passing judgment, they should take into consideration the fact, that among all the Governments now in existence, none have done as much for the care of soldiers and their dependents as ours.

Most, if not all, of the Posts in this Department have changed their time of meeting from evening to afternoon, which is a wise move. I find that it increases interest and attendance. My own Post, (Custer No. 7) has more than doubled its attendance since we made the change.

I have assisted in the observance of the several birth-days and patriotic days designated in General Orders for observance. On those days I have in company with other comrades, members of the W. R. C. or Ladies of the G. A. R., visited some one of our schools, and with others made short talks to the children on patriotism. Too much cannot be said on this subject in our public schools. Love of our Government, to honor the flag and obedience of the laws of the land should be especially emphasized by teachers in our public schools. I think this should be compulsory. "The boys and girls of today are to be the men and women of tomorrow," and to them we must look for loyal and patriotic strength to uphold and perpetuate this Government which so many of our comrades, from 61 to 65, gave their life blood to save. There are many Honorably discharged soldiers living in this Department who are not, and

many of them never have been, members of the Grand Army. Especial effort should be made to get these soldiers to join some Post. The reports of the Pension Office show that only about one-half of those drawing pension are members of the Order.

Comrades, the days of our usefulness are fast coming to a close, but so long as life lasts lets us keep up the fight for the perpetuity of this, the grandest Government on earth. Let us give the whole world to understand that we owe no allegiance to any foreign power, religious or political, and when our days are ended on this earth and we answer the last Roll-call here, let us do so with the assurance that when Assembly shall sound on the other side we will be there to answer to our names and receive our reward as "good and faithful servants."

S. M. MANN,

Senior Vice Commander Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Sedalia, Mo., April 16, 1923.

W. F. Henry,

A. A. G.

Dear Comrade:

In making my report as Junior Vice Department Commander, I can't help but feel sad when I think of the many Comrades with whom we clasped hands a year ago and have since answered to the last roll call and are now sleeping in the city of the dead; and the many more, who, on account of their advanced age and infirmity, are unable to be with us, perhaps, never again. May the God of Mercy deal kindly with them in their declining years. Like the autumn leaves, they are dropping fast one by one. So, Comrades, let us touch elbows more closely while we can.

In my recent visit to your city I had the pleasure of visiting all the Posts and also the W. R. C. and the ladies of the G. A. R.

The meetings of the Posts I found about the average of attendance of all Posts. Just about a working number present except one, that had a goodly number present.

I would urge the Comrades to make a special effort to try and get those who have been suspended back into the ranks again. By my efforts I will have three reinstatements and one muster to report in the next annual report from my Post.

In regard to Memorial Day observance, I would say that, as

much as I can learn, it is generally observed, even in small nearby towns, where there are no Posts. Here in Sedalia, with the cooperation of the Spanish and World War Veterans, we generally have a good turn-out. But shame to those that make it a holiday by going fishing, hunting and baseball.

I had the pleasure of entertaining the Department Commander the latter part of January, stopping here between trains. If he had given us earlier notice of his coming, we would have arranged for a reception.

In conclusion I would thank the Department Officers and all the Comrades for courtesies extended to me, and hope to meet you all the 7th of May.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

CHAS. KOOCK,
J. V. Dept. Commander.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

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

Office of Judge Advocate, Kansas City, Mo.

Greetings:

I have the honor to report the activities of this office for the year 1922-23, as follows:

Cases submitted—None.

Decisions rendered—None.

Receipts and Expenditures:

Receipts from all sources—None.

Expenditures—None.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. WELLS,
Judge Advocate.

"All quiet on the Missouri."

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.
Headquarters Department of Missouri, Grand Army
of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1923.

James H. Hunter, Department Commander.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to present the following report for the year 1922:

The Rules and Regulations provide that the Assistant Adjutant-General consolidate the reports from the various Posts of the Department and that a copy of such consolidation report shall on or before the first day of February be forwarded to the Adjutant-General. I held my report open until February 19, in order that it might include many delayed reports. On that date I forwarded my consolidated report for 1922 as follows:

The number of members in good standing December 31, 1921, as shown by Post Adjutant's reports.....	2608
Gained by muster-in.....	43
Gained by transfer.....	16
Gained by reinstatement.....	56
Total gain	115
Aggregate	2723
Loss during the year by death.....	187
Loss by honorable discharge.....	7
Loss by transfer.....	14
Loss by suspension.....	46
Total loss	254
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1922....	2469
The reports show that there was expended by the posts for relief in the year 1922, the total sum of.....	\$ 42.00
That the amount of cash (including collaterals) on hand in the Posts, Dec. 31, 1922, was.....	49,820.24
Amount in Post relief funds.....	1,770.91
Market value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	6,423.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	3,476.87
Total value of Post property.....	\$61,491.02

On April 23 last, I forwarded to the Adjutant-General, National

Headquarters, a supplemental report showing that since filing the consolidated report February 19, reports of 5 Posts and 4 Comrades-at-Large, with an aggregate membership of 60 Comrades in good standing December 31, 1922, have filed reports, making the total membership of the Department reported in good standing December 31, 1922, to be 2530, instead of 2469, as at first reported.

The following numbered Posts have made no reports for more than two years, having been repeatedly notified and written to, and I recommend that they be suspended: Posts 23, 48, 64, 129, 303, 331, 374, 375, 379, 386, 407, 461, 479, 592.

This Department is entitled to 14 representatives in the 57th National Encampment, including the representative at large. Fourteen representatives and fourteen alternates should be elected.

Under a rule adopted by the 19th Department Encampment the names to be voted for will be printed on the ballots in the order of the alphabet, beginning with "A."

In 1889 the Eighth Annual Encampment of this Department was held in Wood's Opera House in Sedalia and I was one of the Delegates from Post 53. Naturally, my mind takes on a reminiscent mood, and I recall the names and faces of many Comrades who were then active leaders in the Encampment but have since answered the last roll-call and are now resting beyond the silent river. Post 53 then had 82 members in good standing. It now reports 14. Post 1 then reported 765 members, now 92; Post 2 then 239, now 11; Post 13 then 656, now 42. Then 1000 Comrades marched in the parade.

The step that then was buoyant, firm and free, now oft is trembling and made with pain by those who have survived the 34 years since that time. Col. John D. Crawford was then Mayor of Sedalia and gave us a most eloquent and touching address of welcome. It is worthy to be preserved among the historic relics of Sedalia. Dr. Ira T. Bronson was Commander of the local Post. E. J. Smith was chosen Junior Vice Department Commander at the Encampment. The names of a large majority of those who helped to make the Encampment the splendid success that it was, and made the camp-fires glow and sparkle with fraternal wit and wisdom may be read upon the monument of marble and granite erected to their memory in the beautiful City of the Silent.

The Flambeau Club that then had a nation-wide reputation and gave a pyrotechnic display and drill that was the admiration of the great gathering, now lives only in memory.

As we again meet in Sedalia, I have thought the following, from the report of the Unofficial Proceedings of 34 years ago, may be interesting:

"On Thursday evening, the 14th, the Opera House was again filled on the occasion of a campfire at which the following programme was carried out:

Song, 'We Old Boys' and 'Marching Through Georgia,' by Comrade E. H. Dunbar, Post 1.

Toast, 'The Gatling Gun'; response by Smith P. Galt, Post 131.

Address by Past Department Commander E. E. Kimball, 'The Grand Army of the Republic.'

Recitation, 'When Sherman Marched Down to the Sea,' by Mrs. Ira T. Bronson.

Address on 'The Sons of Veterans,' by E. F. J. Goldsmith of St. Louis.

Recitation, 'Sheridan's Ride,' by Miss Nellie Ingram.

Toast, 'The Ladies'; response by Wm. Warner, Commander-in-Chief.

Recitation, 'Slosser's Ride,' by Comrade Weber of Sedalia.

Toast, 'Cherished Memories'; response by Ira K. Alderman.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Sedalia gave an elegant banquet and entertainment to their visiting guests at the Knights of Pythias Hall.

All the arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of the visitors were complete and were carried out in a manner which reflected credit on the Comrades and citizens of Sedalia, and all those who were so fortunate as to be present left for their homes with only pleasant recollections of the times spent at the Encampment."

We meet this year with diminished ranks but proud of the record we helped to make, and are thankful that our country, for which, in the long ago, we offered our lives, still stands in the front rank of the nations of the world, undivided and indivisible.

Hope and Memory are the crutches that help us along the corduroy of life and guild the past and the future.

Hope and Memory, twain most blessed,

Guiding future and the past

Memories by our lives made sacred,

Keep hope bright while life shall last.

And so I am inclined to repeat what I said in my report one year ago. The memories of the past and the comradeship of the present should be an inspiration to Comrades and make bright the journey down the western slope and strengthen our faith and hope that we shall rest in pleasant places when we shall have crossed the silent river.

So, Comrades, as the years go by,
 Let's keep our hearts aglow
 With the tender, loving friendship
 That only those can know
 Who marched and fought together,
 That a nation might be free,
 And kept Old Glory waving
 O'er all, from sea to sea.

The 54th National Encampment amended its Rules and Regulations so that Comrades residing in counties in which there is no Post, may on proper application, be enrolled by the Assistant Adjutant-General as Comrades-at-Large. I have prepared blanks for application to be so enrolled and 14 Comrades have been entered on such roll. I believe that many Comrades who are without the right to wear the emblem of the Grand Army will, when this amendment is brought to their attention, apply for enrollment.

My report as Assistant Quartermaster General covers the transactions of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1923. Attention is invited to exhibits herewith filed and made a part of this report.

Exhibit "A"—Shows the Receipts and Expenses.

Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Supplies on Hand.

Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.

Exhibit "E"—Lists of Deaths in 1922.

In closing this report, I wish to express my grateful appreciation of your confidence in my ability, integrity and fidelity to duty as exhibited by your appointment to the very responsible office of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General. I have endeavored to so conduct affairs that your confidence may not have been misplaced. I have greatly appreciated the uniform comradeship and courtesy shown me by you and by all the Comrades. Our business and social relations have been such that the year will always remain a pleasing memory with me.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

WILBUR F. HENRY,

A. A. G. and A. Q.-M. G.

EXHIBIT "A"
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
APRIL 30, 1923.

Balance on hand May 1, 1922.....	\$ 119.61
Received from W. R. C., Dept. of Mo.....	400.00
Received from Ladies of G. A. R., Dept. of Mo.....	244.05
Received from Missouri Division, S. of V.....	50.00
Received from Auxiliary S. of V., Dept. of Mo.....	25.00
Received from Daughters of Veterans.....	75.00
Received from per capita tax.....	900.87
Received from sale of supplies.....	68.04
Received from interest on loans.....	175.44
Received from a Comrade.....	5.00
Transferred from Safety Fund.....	198.36
Temporary loans from 2 Comrades.....	200.00
Aggregate	\$2,461.37
 Paid out (approved vouchers on file):	
For rent of office.....	\$ 270.00
For supplies	75.65
For expenses of Department Encampment.....	22.84
For expenses to National Encampment.....	80.16
For printing	274.75
For salary A. A. G.....	1,200.00
For expense of Department Commander.....	100.00
For ribbon badges	28.00
For National per capita tax.....	256.90
Refund	30.40
For Insurance	15.00
For postage and stationery.....	9.17
For incidentals	24.76
For Travel Expense.....	26.28
For premium on bond.....	12.50
For safe deposit box.....	5.00
Total disbursed	\$2,429.81
Balance on hand May 1, 1923.....	31.56
	\$2,461.37

EXHIBIT "B."**SAFETY FUND.**

My report one year ago showed the amount in the Safety Fund to be \$2,500.00 of secured 6% notes and \$700.00 of Liberty Bonds.

The unanimous vote of the Encampment authorized the transfer of not to exceed 10 per cent of the Safety Fund to the General Fund, if necessary.

While the expenses for the year ending May 1, 1923, were \$109.35 less than for the year ending May 1, 1922, I found it necessary to transfer the proceeds of two \$100 Liberty bonds amounting to \$198.36 to the General Fund, leaving the Safety Fund at present as follows:

The fund remains invested on secured notes as follows:

One note of \$500 and 5 notes of \$200 each, due June 1, 1922.....	\$1,500.00
One note due April 1, 1921, remaining unpaid.....	1,000.00

Amount of Safety Fund bearing 6% interest.....	\$2,500.00
Liberty Bonds of face value.....	500.00
Total in the Safety Fund May 1, 1923.....	\$3,000.00

EXHIBIT "C."**SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 1, 1922.**

No.		Value
15	Official Badges	\$ 9.00
13	Members' Badges	7.80
56	Buttoniers	8.40
46	Rank Straps	23.00
15	Official Badge Ribbons.....	1.50
13	Rules and Regulations.....	1.95
	Application Blanks	1.00
1	Blue Book	1.20
2	Rituals	2.50
5	Service Books	2.25
33	Discharge Blanks	3.30
20	Leave of Absence Cards.....	2.00
6	Transfer Blanks60
10	Post Odes50
15	Department Badges	7.50
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		\$ 72.45

EXHIBIT "D."

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash Balance, May 1, 1923.....	\$ 31.56
Office Furniture, Safe, Books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies on hand.....	72.45
Principal of Safety Fund.....	3,000.00
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	\$3,904.01

All bills paid to date.

EXHIBIT "E."

REPORTED DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1922.

Post

- 1 Aug. Boette, Private, Co. B, 17th Mo.
Marten Weiss, Private, Co. A, 9th Ill.
Henry Von der Ahe, Private, Co. D, 17th Ill.
Frank Sprotte, Private, Co. H, 5th Mo.
John B. Gandolfo, Lt. Col., 178th N. Y.
Wm. Milfeil, Private, Co. E, 5th U. S. R. C.
Wm. Schery, Lieut., Co. I, 4th Mo.
Louis Gabard, Private, Co. K, 2d U. S. R. C.
Daniel O'Neil, Private, Co. H, 57th Ill.
Andy Thorburn, Private, Co. D, 1st Mich.
Henry Klie, Co. M, 4th U. S. R. C.
Jacob Schmidt, Corp., Co. B, 144th Ill.
Ernst Rotteck, Private, Co. E, 1st Iowa.
Anthony Roesslein, Sergt., Co. K, 3d Mo.
John Eberle, Private, Co. D, 43d Ill.
Charles Steiner, Private, Co. E, 3d Missouri.
- 4 David Elder, Private, Co. K, 81st O. V. I.
Francis M. Marshall, Private, Co. H, 91st Ind.
Oliver P. Neal, Private, Co. H, 2d Iowa Inf.
Reuben N. Hershfield, Lt. Col., 7th Kan. S. M.
V. M. Dewey, 2d Lieut., 124th Ill.
Reuben L. Evans, Private, Co. E, 3d Mo. Cav.
Stephen Groh, Private, Co. E, 15th Kan. Cav.
Simon Stoll, Private, Co. C, Van Horn's Batt.
- 5 Alex. McCandless, Private, Co. D, 78th Ill. Inf.
J. W. Lynch, Private, Co. A, 14th Mo. Inf.
- 6 John R. Warburton, Private, Co. D, 72d Ind. Inf.
William A. Pyle, Private, Co. E, 33d O. V. I.

- William H. Hite, Private, Co. B, 73d Ill. Inf.
 William Swafford, Private, Co. A, 4th Tenn. Cav.
 Rufus A. Gates, Private, Co. C, 48th Iowa Inf.
 David W. Spangler, Sergt., Co. I, 149th Ill. Inf.
 Ebenezer Rozell, Major, 149th O. V. Inf.
 James A. Spellman, Private, Co. I, 138th O. V. Inf.
 Warren Graham, Private, Co. D, 23d Mo. Inf.
 Josiah Thomas, Private, Co. D, 1st Mo. Engineers.
 A. H. Ansen, Corp., Co. G, 17th O. V. Inf.
- 8 David Withrup, Private, Co. K, 4th Pa. Cav.
 Edwin D. Fisher, Lieut., Co. I, 16th O. V. Inf.
 Isaac Jones, Private, Co. F, 133d Ill. Inf.
 Joseph Paullin, Private, Co. F, 38th Ill. Inf.
 Elon G. Kinney, Service not given.
 James Dandsoy, U. S. N.
 Asa Chandler, Private, Co. H, 79th O. V. Inf.
 James Lippencott, Private, Co. F, 77th Pa. Inf.
 Samuel O. Tenney, Co. H, 58th Pa. Inf.
 William A. Gregg, Private, Co. A, 25th Mo. Inf.
 Geo. L. Brown, Service not given.
 Charles Rollert, Van Horn's Batt.
 B. L. Stine, Service not given.
 Jacob Harrington, Private, Co. C, 5th Mo. Cav.
 Alexander Polson, Private, Co. A, 2d Ky. Cav.
 George P. Ayers, Private, Co. A, 77th Ind. Inf.
 John Dow, Private, Co. D, 133d Ill. Inf.
 George W. Scott, Private, Co. I, 117th Ill. Inf.
 Oscar Ludwig, Private, Co. C, 20th Ill. Inf.
- 10 William Barlow, Service not given.
 D. H. Malory, Service not given.
- 13 John H. Holsten, Private, Co. D, 5th Mo. Inf.
 Adam Erder, Private, Cos. I. and K, 2d Mo. Art.
 Lorenz Padburg, Private, Cos. G. and A, 1st U. S. R. C.
 Henry Koch, Co. A, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Christ Massmann, Private, Co. C, 15th Mo. Inf.
 Charles Erfurt, Private, Co. C, 108th Ohio Inf.
 George Bauer, Private, Co. A, 10th Mo. Cav.
 Louis C. Hesse, Co. A, 2d Mo. Inf.
- 14 La Salle Archer, Co. F, 64th Ill. Inf.
 J. A. Goodrich, Co. G, 1st Mich. Art.
 J. C. Chapin, Co. I, 116th Ind. Inv.
 Wallen Rogers, Co. G, 21st Mo. Inf.
 Lewis Charles, Co. A, 157th Pa. Inf.

- 16 James Spence, Private, Co. L, 2d Ill. Cav.
J. W. Davis, Private, Co. A, 5th Mo. Inf.
- 17 John Stockton, Private, Co. F, 4th Mo. Cav.
E. C. Wright, Sergt., Co. F, 12th U. S. Inf.
W. P. Dowlin, Private, Co. F, 67th Ind. Inf.
Alexander Thompson, Private, Co. H, 26th Mo. Inf.
- 19 Moses Jones, Co. M, 11th Pa. Cav.
Peter Smith, Private, Co. C, 102d Ill. Inf.
- 21 R. M. Black, Service not reported.
Noah Sipes, Service not reported.
O. P. Wade, Service not reported.
- 22 W. G. Huchison, Private, Mo. Cav.
T. J. Dockery, Private, Co. A, 22d Inf.
- 26 Frank Harper, Service not reported.
- 34 T. B. Reed, Private, Co. I, 5th Kan. Cav.
J. M. Wilson, Private, Co. B, Ind. Art.
- 44 M. R. F. Nickell, Service not reported.
G. W. Mason, Service not reported.
- 45 Wm. Uphouse, Private, Co. H, 123d Ind. Inf.
- 47 James A. Brannaman, Sergt., Co. M, 11th M. S. M.
Thos. G. Batty, Corp, Co. A, 160th O. V. I.
George Graham, Corp., Co. A, 13th Ind.
- 53 Joseph Starr, Bugler, Co. C, 142d O. V. I.
- 54 J. W. Howard, Co. B, 33d Iowa Inf.
Jerry Pickett, Co. L, 2 M. S. M.
George Jones, Private, Co. I, 18th Mo. Inf.
J. A. Daniels, Private, 18th Iowa Cav.
Alonzo McKay, Private, Co. C, 42d Mo. Inf.
- 69 Albert Daugherty, Private, Co. D, 78th Pa. Inf.
John Faen, Private, Cos. E and K, 46th Mo. Inf.
W. M. Smith, Private, Co. A, 42d Ill. Inf.
John Hank, Private, Co. C, 41st Ill. Inf.
Wm. Naegler, Corp., Co. A, 3d Mo. Reserves.
John L. Medsker, Private, Co. I, 16th Ind. Inf.
John M. Rupert, Private, Co. E, 12th Ill. Cav.
- 72 Louis Brown, Corp., Co. G, 6th Ind.
Bourton Legg, Sergt., Co. G, 4th M. S. M.
P. W. Bain, Corp., Co. A, 44th Mo.
G. W. Beardin, Private, Co. K, 8th Iowa.
- 75 I. M. George, Corp., Co. F, 9th Mo. Prov.
J. T. Quick, 1st Lieut., Co. K, 72d Ind.

- 79 L. W. Brannon, Private, Co. D, 6th Iowa Inf.
 J. W. Driskill, Private, Co. G, 23d Mo. Inf.
 F. H. McDougal, Private, Co. A, 1st West Va. Cav.
- 86 Joe Allenbrand, Private, Co. C, 138th Ind. Inf.
 George Burton, Private, Co. A, 13th Ill. Inf.
 H. Edwards, 1st Lieut., Co. B, 43d Mo. Inf.
- 92 Elias Johnson, Private, Co. D, 18th Mo. Inf.
 John R. Maize, Private, Co. H, 39th Mo. Inf.
- 96 Wat Kelley, Service not reported.
 R. W. Hancock, Service not reported.
- 107 Joseph Meyer, Private, Co. D, 4th U. S. R. C.
 John T. Gilt, Private, Co. B, 195th Pa. Inf.
- 110 Charles Wahrer, Co. A, 7th Iowa Inf.
 George Rex, Co. A, 2d M. S. M.
 Fred Minke, Service not reported.
- 111 Elisha S. Strutton, Sergt., Co. M, 3d Mo. Cav.
 James M. Cooper, Private, Co. E, 48th Mo. Inf.
- 124 Jackson Vail, Service not reported.
- 130 E. G. Grossman, Private Co. D, 1st Ohio H. A.
 James G. Perry, Private, Co. L, 7th Mo. Cav.
 H. Perry, Sergt., Co. F, 18th Mo. Inf.
- 131 James M. Dickey, Private, Co. E, 4th N. H. Inf.
 Fred J. Hart, Private, Co. F, 1st Conn. H. A. and 2d Lt., 109th
 U. S. C. T.
 Arthur F. Roth, Private, Co. E, 1st Mo. L. A.
 F. H. Karnatz, Private, Co. A, Bailey's Rifle Bat'n.
 Henry E. Edwards, Private, Co. I, 1st Mass. H. A.
 Wm. Meinhold, Private, Co. I, 1st Mo. Art.
 John C. Robison, Corp., Cos. F and A, 99th Ill. Inf.
 George E. Smith, Capt., Co. H, 33d Ill. Inf.
 Elisha Trueblood, Q. M. Sergt., 49th Ind. Inf.
 Samuel C. Buckingham, Private, Co. E, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
 Henry M. Butler, Mus., Co. E, 1st Iowa Cav.
 Isaac D. Morgan, Private, Co. E, 2d Minn. Inf.
 Adam G. Torrance, Private, Co. K, 193d Pa. Reserve Corps.
 Charles Von Martels, Private, Co. G, 1st Ohio Cav.
 Abraham Hoover, Private, Co. H, Pa. R. C.
 Edward W. Seward, Drum., 6th Mo. Inf.
- 141 C. B. Thornhill, Sergt., Co. D, 8th Mo. Cav.
 A. Woodford, Private, Co. G, 7th Mo. Cav.
- 145 Henry W. Francis, Co. H, 14th Ind. Cav.
 Hiram M. Compton, Co. A, 6th M. S. M. and 13th Mo. Cav.

- George C. Schiffer, Co. F, 167th Ohio Inf.
- 149 Joseph Ammerman, Service not reported.
- 164 W. P. Townsend, Private, Co. F, 130th Ill. Inf.
- 172 W. W. Chapel, Sergt., Co. C, 157th N. Y.
John Cooly, Private, 7th Mo.
- 179 B. M. Perry, Private, Co. I, 2d Mo. Cav.
- 197 August Hollman, Private, Co. F, 3d M. S. M.
Henry Wessel, Private, Co. E, 59th E. M. M.
- 215 James Bolin, Private, Co. F, 47th Mo.
- 221 John A. Oldfather, Private, Co. G, 39th Mo. Inf.
- 233 R. E. Orcutt, Lt. Co. E, 1st Maine Cav.
Wm. Oberbeck, Private, Co. D, 1st Mo. E. M. M.
- 240 Walter Barron, Sergt., Co. I, 13th Mo. Cav.
- 247 T. F. Wilson, Private, Co. E, 6th West Va. Cav.
John Bollinger, Private, Co. C, 129th Mo. Inf.
T. O. Bugg, Private, Co. I, 124th Ill. Inf.
- 251 W. W. Vanmeter, Service not reported.
S. C. Williams, Co. G, 8th Ind.
W. Goodin, Co. C, 12th Kan.
T. H. McCauley, Service not reported.
- 326 Frank J. Huck, Service not reported.
- 343 Nathaniel Jackson, Co. D, U. S. C. T.
- 348 Wm. T. Hunter, Capt., Co. M, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
Patrick McCarron, Private, Co. L, 3d M. S. M. Cav.
- 374 J. Williams, Private, Co. H, 17th Ohio Inf.
- 496 Fred. Scholl, Corp., Co. E, 2d Mo. Inf.
- 576 Ernst Diekman, Private, Co. E, Bonkel's Batt.
Henry Bonner, Private, Co. E, Bonkel's Batt.
- 583 George Davis, Private, Co. A, 83d U. S. C. T.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1923.

James H. Hunter,

Department Commander and Comrades:

It has given me great pleasure to serve you as Medical Director during the year which has passed since our last encampment at Sedalia in 1922. During this time our ranks have been lessened by that grim reaper called death. The few remaining comrades are showing loss of vitality and will soon be ready to retire from active life, some to go to an old Soldiers' Home, some to be taken care of by kind relatives or friends. They should not be allowed to "go over the hill to the poor house."

Through the kindness of Dr. W. H. Breuer, Surgeon at the State Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James, Mo., I am able to report the following:

On April 13th, 1923, there were 54 patients in the hospital. The general health at the Home has been good considering the age of the inmates—the average age is 79 years. Although the patients receive very good care, a few are taken by death each year. Last year 22 passed away. There are many chronic cases caused by prostate gland and kidney diseases.

The report of O. D. Hall, Superintendent, which has been published in pamphlet form, gives a good outline of the work of the Home. Superintendent Hall is to be highly commended for his efforts.

In my last year's report I said something for the welfare of the comrades and I feel it not out of place to say now that we all should avoid undue exposure and give our attention to the care of our body by keeping the alimentary canal in a normal condition, which can be done with proper food and remedies to relieve constipation of the bowels. The kidneys need care by flushing with plenty of water to eliminate noxious secretions. With exercise and less worry life will be worth living to a ripe old age.

In closing, I want to wish you all good health and hope we may all be permitted to attend the next Encampment.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

DR. GEORGE BOEMLER,

Department Medical Director.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

St. Louis, March 1, 1923.

W. F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

Dear Comrade:

As Department Chaplain I beg leave to submit my report for the years of 1922 and 1923, as gleaned from those received from the different Posts of the State. I have received reports from fifty Posts as follows: Numbers 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 26, 34, 45, 56, 67, 69, 72, 76, 79, 86, 97, 107, 110, 113, 145, 164, 172, 179, 187, 190, 197, 214, 218, 219, 224, 241, 247, 276, 326, 340, 348, 374, 432, 433, 496, 554, 582, 588 and 594.

I tabulated my report and forwarded it to Rev. Geo. B. Smith, Chaplain-in-Chief, at Minneapolis, Minn., June 1, 1922.

For the information of the Comrades, I give the following statistics as gathered from reports from different Posts:

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts holding services.....	46
Number of sermons preached.....	46
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	3
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	10
Comrades present at Services.....	976

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing services.....	48
Number of Comrades participating.....	1550
Number of graves decorated.....	10321
Number of graves unmarked.....	250
Public Schools taking part.....	65
Public School Pupils taking part.....	\$200
Other organizations participating.....	49
Addresses delivered on Memorial Day.....	40
Addresses delivered by Veterans.....	10
Addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	9
Posts having burial plots.....	14

As for the number of deaths in the different Posts, I have no record, as the Chaplains' reports do not call for them.

As Chaplain of Ransom Post, it has been my duty to assist in the burial of 19 Comrades in the past year. Four of the Comrades belonged to different Posts.

Owing to my infirmities, it has not been my privilege to attend any Post meetings outside of the city.

It has been my pleasure to attend meetings with the Women's Relief Corps at the U. S. Hospital and the Marine Hospital and hold services, which the inmates appreciated. We have 32 Legion Posts in the City of St. Louis. It has been my privilege to visit a number of them and give them short talks to impress them with the fact that it will be their duty to take our places when we shall answer our last roll call.

On Memorial Day it has been our custom to unite with the various organizations and hold services at Jefferson Barracks. Our last meeting was quite a success. The attendance was estimated at 25,000. The Grand Army and the different auxiliaries and the Spanish War Veterans held their services at the cemetery, while the Legion Boys held theirs at a different place. After the services were concluded, the Legion Boys joined the G. A. R. forces in decorating the graves of our departed Comrades. In viewing the sight it brought to my mind that beautiful poem by Walt Mason:

Little green tents where the soldiers sleep,
And the sunbeams play, and the women weep,
Are covered with flowers today;
And between the tents walk the weary few,
Who were young and stalwart in 'sixty-two,
When they went to the war away.

The little green tents are built of sod,
And they are not long, and they are not broad,
But the soldiers have lots of room;
And the sod is a part of the land they saved,
When the flag of the enemy darkly waved,
The symbol of dole and doom.

The little green tent is a thing divine;
The little green tent is a country's shrine,
Where patriots kneel and pray.
And the brave men left, so old, so few,
Were young and stalwart in 'sixty-two,
When they went to the war away.

The march of Time carries us all nearer our last camping ground and this life shall know us no more, for, as Edwin Guest says:

Life is a blend of the good and the bad,
 A bit of the glad and a bit of the sad,
 A pinch of contentment, a time of unrest,
 A dash of the worst and a lot of the best,
 A little of failure, a little of luck,
 A bit of disaster and plenty of pluck;
 And who would live long must be willing to know
 Winter and summer and sunshine and snow.

I notice with much pleasure that the Comrades from the different Posts are endeavoring to enlist all the many organizations to participate in our Memorial services. The infirmities which come with the passing of years will soon make it impossible for us to continue these sacred services of remembrance, and I am glad that we have the American Legion to fall back on and that they will accept these duties and carry out as did their fathers before them.

And now, Comrades, at the close of the year's work, allow me to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and if we meet no more on this earth, may we all meet around that great White Throne with all the Grand Army that has passed on before, is my prayer.

W. T. NICCOLLS,
 Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER

Kirksville, Mo., April 11th, 1923

W. F. Henry, A. A. G., Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.
 St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Comrades:

As there was no official business transacted by the present Chief Mustering Officer during the last year, there is no report to be transmitted to Headquarters by the present incumbent.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

D. M. WALKER,
 Chief Mustering Officer
 For the Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Department Commander and Comrades:

May 8th, 1923.

From an average year of activity we wish to bring from this Department a few gleanings, showing the scope and outlook of our work. The year has been fruitful in the way of opportunity and openings for work and visitation. I have received reports from 22 Posts, some of these have not come from Patriotic Instructors, but have been made by Commanders and Adjutants. I am sure that the office of Instructor is not considered with due importance by many Posts. It is not easy in a small Post to find a man from the ranks that can make a report of interest. From these reports I find that an effort is made through the year to visit in some manner or form the schools. In others some special service has been held in the church with special invitation to the Post members. If a visitor brings a breezy message he will receive a glad welcome. The school is the best place for patriotic work. When the visitor talks to boys and girls to some purpose, he is talking to the future. The work the Grand Army has done along the line of patriotism is decidedly the best work they have ever done, in fact it is largely the only work they have done. The service they rendered in the Army naturally connected them with the family home and thus the family were connected with the state for which their fathers were fighting and makes the Government a living reality with the home. The flag is a living reality for it has come to be a living personality.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The public are coming more and more to realize the significance of Memorial Day. Two reasons may account for this increasing interest. First: As the Comrades are rapidly decreasing in numbers, the community feels an increased responsibility for the perpetuation of this tender and beautiful service; and secondly: the growing patriotic sentiment of the country, coupled with the new and vigorous organization of the American Legion, which has now adopted our "Memorial Day" as their own, and has added new life and vigor to the public service. It is the part of wisdom that the Grand Army shall most cordially welcome this new body which shall, from the nature of things, soon take upon themselves the duties, and maintain the cherished traditions we love so dearly. We can trust these young men, many of whom are our sons, to care for us when they scatter poppies on their dead on Flanders Field.

It is a matter of note and interest also, that Memorial Day in the South has been observed in connection with the Federal soldiers in many places. The day was observed jointly by the Federals and Confederates at Marietta, Georgia, near Atlanta, where some 12,000 soldiers are buried. The Confederate soldiers omitted their usual service and joined with the Federal. Here we have the pleasing event of the Grand Army, American Legion, regular soldiers, and Confederate veterans joining together to observe the valor and patriotism of the fallen. At Andersonville a joint service was held. At this place 8,000 Union soldiers sleep and also 5,000 Confederate dead. A Confederate was the speaker. I quote from his address—"We Confederates vie with you Yanks in patriotic movements. We gladly accepted your invitation to join in this service. We are here to honor 13,000 Americans, bravest of the brave. We who still survive are brothers now. The World War has put an end to the Confederate Flag Day service in the Southern Country, while there is an element here who still look backward, yet the great body of progressive citizens look forward and are interested in this great future Republic."

At Fort Smith a great joint meeting of all soldiers, Federal, Confederate, Legioners and regular army soldiers was held. The addresses were conciliatory, and urged the people to forget the past and join in the building up of America. President Harding during his recent visit in the South noticed the results of this mellowing influence and says, "It is difficult now to trace the Mason and Dixon line. The imaginary lines that divide the North from the South are more imaginary than ever today. The Southern people are living more for the present and future of our great country."

Memorial Day services reached a high mark at St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield. These cities make special preparation for the day in the way of money, transportation and careful plans, using the local press to get the matter before the minds of the busy public. The processions, the music, the marching of the "Grand Old Men" of war times, attract the eyes of the public and wake sentiments of patriotism in all hearts, and proves to be an educational influence in all hearts. At Springfield the attendance was the largest ever, 10,000 in all. The interest of the day was increased by the burial of an over-seas veteran, whose body had reached the city a few days before. The National Cemetery was never more redolent with choice flowers, while bands, vocal music, with a splendid address by Dr. J. H. George, ex-president of Drury College, furnished the occasion with special entertainment. The

2,000 Federal soldiers who sleep in this well-cared-for spot must have felt the impulse of the occasion.

THE PRESS

The Grand Army is not the only Patriotic Instructor in the field. The church and Sunday school are very efficient instructors. The churches celebrate all the notable days of the Grand Army, also many civic organizations observe these patriotic days. The public press is prominent among our patriotic instructors. Their reporters gather up the doings of all patriotic societies and put the interesting items before the public mind. The columns are ever open to notices, writeups and reports. Breezy, bright and readable articles are welcomed to their columns.

FLAG DAY

The reports in different parts of the State tell of the unfurling of "Old Glory" on the 14th of June, and other days. The prominence of Flag Day gives the flag an opportunity to speak for itself. It celebrates its birthday. Let no one deprive the flag at his home the privilege to exhibit its beautiful folds and proclaim its world-wide influence.

OLD GLORY.

Ne'er waved beneath the golden sun
 A lovelier banner for the brave
 Than that our bleeding fathers won
 And proudly to our children gave.
 Its glorious stars in azure shine,
 The radiant heraldry of heaven;
 Its stripes in beauteous order twine
 The emblems of our union given.
 Around the globe, through every clime,
 Where commerce wafts or man hath trod,
 It floats aloft, unstained with crime,
 But hallowed by heroic blood.

W. C. CALLAND,
 Department Patriotic Instructor

The address was referred by the Senior Vice Commander to the following committee: Past Department Commanders, Calland, Lowe and Coghlan.

On motion it was ordered that as the reports of other Department Officers were printed and distributed to members of the Encampment they be referred to committees without reading.

By direction of the Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the names of committees as follows:

On Senior and Junior Vice Commander's reports:

Comrades, Theo. Dubroullet, J. W. Lanley and O. H. Guffin.

On report of Medical Director:

Comrades, C. P. Woodruff, C. W. Burrill and R. B. Tyler.

On report of Department Chaplain:

Comrades, W. K. Collins, Alf. Zartman and B. F. Warner.

On report of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.:

Comrades, C. K. Reifsnider, J. B. Ferguson and B. A. Suppan.

On report of Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering Officer:

Comrades, Ford Smith, E. C. Baugher, and O. B. Lingle.

Committee on Resolutions:

Comrades J. M. Williams, Leo Rassieur and W. H. Wormstead.

The Commander-in-Chief was presented and addressed the Encampment at some length. His remarks were replete with patriotic thoughts eloquently expressed and were very generously applauded. He expressed his regret that he could not remain for the evening campfire, but his engagements compelled him to leave by the afternoon train for the Kentucky Encampment at Louisville.

On motion the unanimous thanks of the Encampment were tendered the Commander-in-Chief, by a rising vote for his visit and for his encouraging, patriotic and eloquent address.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee of the Daughters of Veterans was at the outpost and desired admission. They were admitted, escorted to the front and saluted.

Mrs. Elinor C. Pierce, the Department President, was introduced and spoke entertainingly in a short address and presented a written report as follows:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DAUGHTERS OF
VETERANS TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Honorable, Judge J. H. Hunter

Department Commander

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the 42nd Annual Encampment Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Sedalla, May 8th and 9th, a brief statement of the work accomplished by the Daughters of Veterans for the year ending May 8th, 1923.

Number of Tents.....	7
Number of members.....	342
Cash expended for Relief.....	\$ 24.00
Value expended for Relief other than money.....	15.00
Total value of Relief.....	36.00
Cash expended for Memorial Day.....	10.00
Cash expended for Patriotic Work.....	50.00
Cash expended for St. James Fund.....	27.50
Cash expended for G. A. R. Fund.....	100.00
Cash on hand.....	115.00
Liabilities—none.	

REPORT OF TENTS

The seven Tents together contributed to the fund at Christmas time, which gave to St. James Home, as our love offering, a rug for their library.

The Emma Taylor Monfort Tent No. 1 attended Memorial Services both at the churches and cemeteries. They presented a large flag to a Scout Troop at Sheffield, which cost \$29.75, and gave a most delightful entertainment and served refreshments.

The Sarah J. Martin Tent No. 2 arranged special celebration for the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, Grant and McKinley. They also observed Flag Day and Memorial Day. They sent books to the St. James Home and furnished books for the Soldiers of the World War in hospitals. They gave an entertainment for the local G. A. R.

The Harriet Dame Tent No. 3 celebrated Grand Army Day with a program, assisted in the Memorial Day exercises and have furnished flowers and fruit for the sick Comrades.

Elizabeth Turner Tent No. 4 held special exercises on Armistice Day and assisted in Memorial Day exercises. By sharing expenses with Tent No. 7 they furnished a spray of flowers for

each Comrade that passed away in St. Louis and have entertained the Comrades in various ways.

Mrs. William McKinley Tent No. 5 sent flowers and fruit to sick Comrades.

Betsy Ross Tent No. 6 gave a luncheon for the Veterans of the two Posts for Grand Army Day, and sent a barrel of apples to St. James at Christmas time.

Clara Barton Tent No. 7 shared the expense with Tent No. 4 in sending sprays to funerals of the diseased Comrades and sent flowers and fruit to sick Comrades.

The Department furnished flowers for the Comrades on their trip to the battlefield of Shiloh. They were presented by our State Patriotic Instructor Teresea Nuell.

Accompanying this report is a check for \$100.00 from the Department of Missouri, Daughters of Veterans to the Grand Army of the Republic to be used as it seems best for the greatest good of the organization. We are happy and highly honored to give this tribute of love to our fathers.

I thank you Commander Hunter and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic for courtesies extended to Department of Missouri, Daughters of Veterans and pledge for you at all times the earnest support of every member and wish for you a successful and harmonious Convention.

Loyally submitted in F. C. and L.

ELINOR C. PIERCE,

Department President.

ELINOR P. PRITCHETT,

Department Secretary.

The thanks of the Encampment were unanimously given for the kindly greetings and the generous and voluntary contributions to the Department expenses. The committee then retired, the Encampment standing at attention.

A recess was then taken until 1:15 P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order at 1:15 o'clock.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the Report of the Department Council of Administration as follows:

Temporary Headquarters, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.
Sedalia, Mo., May 7, 1923.

Persuant to General Orders No. 6 the Department Council of Administration met in Department Headquarters in Hotel Terry on the above date, the Department Commander presiding.

Present—James H. Hunter, Department Commander; Samuel M. Mann, S. V. Department Commander; Charles Kooock, J. V. Department Commander; W. F. Henry, A. A. G. and the following elected members of the Council, A. Whipple, Max Fritz, B. A. Suppan, C. K. Reifsnider and J. W. Lanley.

The following proceedings were had: The Assistant Adjutant General stated that only one matter during the past year had required the action of the Department Council and that was the fixing the time for the Department Encampment. That question was settled by correspondence and the date was unanimously agreed upon.

The Committee appointed by the Department Commander to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General presented its report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1923.

Comrade James H. Hunter,

Department Commander:

We, the undersigned, respectfully report that in compliance with your Special Order No. 5, we have examined and audited the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General and find that they are properly kept and that they show in detail his receipts and disbursements; the disbursements are shown by vouchers properly receipted, numbered and filed. We have examined all vouchers and approve the disbursements as shown. We find that the amount of the balance in the general fund of the Department at this time is \$31.56.

We take pleasure in saying that the Department Commander, as well as all the Comrades are fortunate in having in the dual office of Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General a Comrade who is so efficient and faithful in the performance of his duties, and who at all times exhibits a fraternal interest in the welfare of the Department and his Comrades.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

A. WHIPPLE,
MAX FRITZ,
BENJ. A. SUPPAN,

On motion the report was approved and the Committee discharged.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommend that the sum of \$100 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the travel expense of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Council of Administration recommend that the Assistant Quartermaster General with the approval of the Department Commander be authorized to transfer from the principal of the Safety Fund to the General Fund so much as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the Department during the ensuing year; provided, however, that the aggregate amount of such transfer shall not exceed 10% of the amount of the principal of the Safety Fund.

No further business appearing the meeting then adjourned.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G., Recorder.

On motion the report was unanimously approved and the recommendations therein unanimously adopted.

The Officer of the Day announced a committee of the W. R. C. They were admitted, escorted to the front and saluted.

The Chairman, Mrs. August Wildhagen, S. V. Department President brought the greetings of their convention in session and closed her remarks by handing the Department Commander a check for \$400.00 for the General Fund of the Department, and filed her report as follows:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF
CORPS TO COMMANDER, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

James H. Hunter,

Department Commander,

Grand Army of the Republic

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you, and through you, to the Forty-second Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Sedalia, May 7th and 8th, 1923, a brief statement of the work accomplished the past year by your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri.

Number of Corps.....	33	
Number of members.....	2328	
Cash expended for relief.....		\$ 348.80
Value expended for relief other than cash.....		1,783.78
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Total value of relief.....		\$2,132.58
Cash turned over to Posts.....		\$ 44.00
Cash expended for National Birthday Fund.....		4.00
Cash expended for Army Nurses.....		6.00
Cash expended for Patriotic work.....		890.35
Cash expended for Flowers for Comrades.....		532.32
Cash expended for Near East Relief.....		4.93
Cash expended for Child Welfare.....		1.00
Cash expended for St. James Christmas Fund.....		156.80
Cash expended for Department Commander's Christmas Testimonial.....		77.00
Veterans and Families assisted.....	96	
Cash expended for Scholarship Fund.....		11.00
Cash expended for Flag Pole Fund.....		102.50
Cash expended for Grand Army Fund.....		400.00
Cash expended for Southern Memorial Fund.....		16.50
Cash balance on hand, General Fund.....		288.69
Liabilities—None		

Accompanying this report is the check for \$400.00 from the Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, to be used for whatever purpose they desire, for the greatest good of the organization. We are happy to give this tribute of honor and love to the organization of noble men who kept this nation a United States.

I thank you, Commander Hunter, also Captain Henry, and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic for the kind courtesies extended to the Department of Missouri, Woman's Relief Corps, and wish for you a successful and harmonious Encampment, a pleasant visit in our city and a safe journey home. May God's richest blessing abide with every one.

Loyally submitted in F. C. and L.

ANNA HAMM.

St. Mary's Hospital

Department President.

May 7, 1923.

ANNA JACOBS

Department Secretary.

The National President W. R. C., Mrs. Marie L. Basham, was introduced and made a most excellent address which elicited very generous applause from the comrades. The Department Commander responded to the greetings of the committee and on behalf of the Department thanked the Department W. R. C. for its very generous contribution to our expenses. The expression of thanks received the applause of the comrades and all stood at attention as the committee retired.

Comrade Dr. C. P. Woodruff, chairman, presented the report of the committee on the Medical Director's report as follows:

Sedalia, Mo., May 8, 1923.

J. H. Hunter, Department Commander,

Dear Comrade:

Your Committee on the report of the Medical Director, Dr. George Boemler report as follows:

We have carefully read and considered his report and approve of all of the report, especially the last paragraph of the same.

C. P. WOODRUFF,

C. W. BURRILL,

R. B. TYLER,

Committee.

The report was adopted and committee discharged.

Comrade Ford Smith, chairman of the committee on Report of the Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering Officer, presented the following, which was adopted and the committee discharged:

To Comrade James H. Hunter,

Commander Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic
Comrade:

Your Committee to which was referred the reports of the Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering Officer of the Department respectfully reports that it congratulates the Department that its members have been so law abiding and exemplary that the Judge Advocate reports he has had nothing to do.

Your Committee also respectfully reports that it is proof that our shadows are rapidly lengthening towards the East that our Chief Mustering Officer reports that his official services have not been required during the past year.

Therefore your Committee most respectfully recommends that the reports of the Judge Advocate and the Chief Mustering Officer be approved.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

FORD SMITH.

Chairman.

O. B. LINGLE,

Committee.

Comrade Rev. C. K. Collins, chairman of the committee on the report of the Department Chaplain, presented the following, which was adopted and the committee discharged:

We the Committee on Chaplains report desire to highly commend it for the well tabulated statements, its concise and elegant direction and the excellent poetry which it includes.

W. K. COLLINS,

B. F. WARNER,

A. ZARTMAN

The Commander appointed Comrades O. H. Guffin, P. H. Callahan and Charles Kurtz, a committee to convey the greetings of the Encampment to the convention of the W. R. C.

The A. A. G. announced that the tickets to be voted for representatives in the National Encampment were ready for distribution and moved that tellers be appointed and the Encampment proceed to the election of Representatives and Alternates. The motion was unanimously adopted. The following comrades were appointed tellers: J. W. Lanley, Alf. Zartman and J. R. Ferguson. The ballots were distributed and collected and the tellers were instructed to retire and count the vote and report the result to the Encampment.

The Commander appointed Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Ras-sieur and Comrade C. K. Reifsnider a committee to escort the Commander-in-Chief, J. W. Willett, and his wife and the National President, W. R. C., Mrs. Basham to the railroad station.

On motion it was ordered that the Encampment proceed to select the place for holding the 43rd Annual Department Encampment in 1924.

Invitations being in order the A. A. G. read an invitation by the Mayor of Jefferson on behalf of that city. The following is an extract from his letter:

"We will do everything in our power to make you feel at home, and I am sure the new Capitol Building and other interesting spots will be a source of pleasure and interest to you. I feel particularly interested in the organization of the G. A. R., as my father, the late C. W. Thomas, of this city, was a member of the local Post.

Yours very truly,

C. W. THOMAS,
Mayor of Jefferson City."

Comrade A. M. Reynolds of Post 7, placed St. Joseph in nomination and urged the Encampment to hold its next meeting there.

Past Department Commander Williams and Comrade Alonzo Tubbs of Post 97, strongly urged that Jefferson City be selected. Many comrades expressed their preference for St. Joseph.

Comrade Tubbs moved that the next Annual Encampment be held in Jefferson City. Comrade E. N. Edmonds moved to amend the motion by striking out "Jefferson City" and inserting "St. Joseph" in lieu thereof. The motion to amend on a vote was carried, and the motion as amended was adopted by a rising vote and it was declared that St. Joseph was duly selected as the place for holding the next Annual Department Encampment at such time as may be fixed by the Council of Administration.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were in waiting and wished to be admitted. There being no objection they were admitted, escorted to the front and saluted.

Mrs. Ben Warner, chairman, brought the greetings and good wishes of their order and feelingly spoke of the attachment of the Ladies of the G. A. R. for the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the comrades of her late husband. She was followed by short and interesting addresses by Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Nichols of the committee. The comrades stood at attention as they retired.

The Assistant Adjutant General spoke of Comrade and Past Department Commander Thos. W. Evans and stated that Comrade Evans desired very much to meet the comrades in this Encampment but his physical condition would not permit, and moved that the greetings and sympathy of the comrades of the Encampment be sent to Comrade Evans by wire. Comrade B. F. Warner of Trenton, moved the name of Past Department Commander George Hall, who is confined to his home, be added. The amendment was agreed to and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The A. A. G. read the following telegram just received.

Kansas City, Mo., May 7, 1923.

Missouri Department Encampment Grand Army of the Republic,
Sedalia, Mo.

The Missouri Department Veterans of Foreign Wars extend greetings and best wishes to the saviours of the Republic. We will deem it a privilege to have you call upon us to aid you in any possible way. We would be very glad to have you send a representative to our National Encampment at Norfolk, Virginia, August 27th to 31st.

Yours for one flag, one language, one country.

W. A. TRAMMEL,

By direction of the Encampment, the following reply was sent by wire:

Sedalia, Mo., May 9, 1923.

W. A. Trammel,

Department Adjutant Veterans of Foreign Wars,
Kansas City, Mo.

The Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic in Encampment assembled thankfully acknowledge your fraternal message, but deem it inexpedient to send delegate to Norfolk.

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

The A. A. G. read a telegram of fraternal greeting from the Commander of the Missouri Division, United Confederate Veterans and by direction of the Encampment wired the following reply:

Sedalia, Mo., May 9, 1923.

Archibald A. Pearson,

Commander Missouri Confederate Veterans, Kansas City, Mo.

The Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic in Encampment assembled acknowledge fraternal greetings and reciprocate same.

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

On motion a recess was taken until 9 o'clock tomorrow—Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Encampment was called to order by the Commander at 9 o'clock.

A committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans was announced. They were admitted, escorted to the front and given a comrades' welcome.

Sister Sharp on behalf of her Association in a pleasing address presented greetings and emphasized their love and good will by giving the Department a purse containing \$38.40.

The other members of the committee, Mrs. Fultz, Division Secretary and Mrs. Herbert, Division Inspector, were presented and made short speeches.

The Commander responded to the addresses and on behalf of the Encampment thanked the ladies for their visit and cheering words and for their voluntary contribution toward the expenses of the Department.

The A. A. G. stated that he had complied with the directions of the Encampment by sending the following telegrams:

Sedalia, Mo., May 9, 1923.

Hon. George Hall,

Trenton, Mo.

The Department Encampment Grand Army of the Republic by unanimous vote sends you fraternal and sympathetic greetings.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G.

Sedalia, Mo., May 9, 1923.

Thos. W. Evans,

First National Bank, St. Joseph, Mo.

The Department Encampment Grand Army of the Republic by unanimous vote sends greetings and fraternal sympathy.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G.

Comrade J. W. Lanley, chairman, presented the following which was on motion unanimously approved and the committee discharged:

Your Committee on the Reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commander's reports heartily commend the efforts made by these officers to promote patriotism and to secure in the public schools the observance of all days set apart for memorials or for any patriotic purposes.

JOHN W. LANLEY,

O. H. GUFFIN,

S. W. SERL,

Committee.

Past Department Commander Williams, chairman, presented the report of the committee on resolutions as follows:

To Department Commander, 42nd Encampment of Missouri.

Your Committee on Resolutions, begs leave to report that no resolutions have been presented to the Encampment for consideration and it therefore reports that the Encampment is to be congratulated on the peace and harmony existing throughout its borders and the ability with which its affairs have been conducted throughout the past year.

It recommends the adoption of these resolutions:

Resolved that the warmest thanks of the Encampment are hereby tendered to the good and loyal citizens of Sedalia for their many kindnesses to the members of the Encampment during its two years of meeting with them, and especially to the onerous services of Comrade Charles Koock, to which the success of the Encampment is so largely due.

Resolved, that the "Old Boys" the Boys of 1861-5 tender to the Young Boys, the Boy Scouts, their warmest thanks for activities and courtesies extended for our comfort and pleasure while guests of Sedalia.

Resolved, our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Press of Sedalia for the generous space given us and our allied societies. We most heartily thank the Central Presbyterian Church for the use of their fine and spacious auditorium for our meetings and for courtesies extended.

We will carry with us to our homes, pleasant memories of our 42nd Annual Department Encampment in Sedalia in 1923.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

W. H. WOEMSTEAD

LEO. RASSIEUR,

The report and resolutions were unanimously adopted and committee discharged.

Comrade C. K. Reifsnider, Chairman of the committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General presented the following which was unanimously adopted and the committee discharged:

Sedalia, May 8, 1923.

To the Department Commander, Officers and Members:

Greeting:

We the Committee to which was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, beg to report same, with added commendation for the work, and the excellent manner in which the work in both functions are conducted.

Respectfully in F. C. L.

C. K. REIFSNIDER,
J. R. FERGUSON,
BENJ. A. SUPPAN,
Committee.

Past Department Commander Calland, chairman of the committee on the address of the Department Commander, presented the following report which on motion was adopted and the committee discharged:

Comrades:

Your Committee on the Department Commander's report present the following report.

1. The report deploras the tendency of some Comrades, and quite a good number of them who have fallen into the error of concluding that the work of the Department is about done, that we are just waiting to pass in our checks and be buried. That we are now old and we might better retire from business. I am sure that this is not the judgment of the large number present. We your Committee heartily concur in this protest of the Commander. There are still a large number of live wires in the Department, though they are near four score. Do you think of Rassieur, or Henry or Webster or Williams as old? They still have the vim of other years. They are still in business and can chase the elusive dollar as aforetime. Get rid of this idea of growing old.

2. The Report of the Commander points out that minute men were never needed more than today. Vice and law violations, Socialism and banditry are showing their heads with all their kindred evils. Let the spirit of '61 to '65 still keep in line.

3. The Commander's Report gives timely recognition to our highly prized Auxiliaries, the Relief Corps with its 195,000 trained women; The Ladies' G. A. R. with 180,000 trained workers; The Sons of Veterans; The Daughters of Veterans, what a mighty array of trained veterans in our G. A. R. Army and Auxiliaries. Well

may we stop and take off our hats to them. With their enthusiasm, with their liberal gifts and with such an army, we are invincible.

4. The visitation of the Commander during the year is very commendable. He visited 22 Posts and had we supplied him with traveling expenses, he could have spread himself over still larger territory. \$100 dollars will not cover many visits.

5. The Commander has kept peace and good will throughout the Departments. While there are many distinct individualities among the G. A. R. and a tendency to grow a little testy as years advance, the Commander finds opportunity to be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove.

In a word the past year's administration has maintained the usual standard of excellence.

W. C. CALLAND,

P. F. COGLAN,

WM. LOWE,

Committee.

On motion it was ordered that the Encampment proceed to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

The nomination for Department Commander being in order, Comrade A. M. Reynolds of Post 7 presented the name of Comrade Samuel M. Mann of that post.

The nomination of Comrade Mann was seconded by several. No other nominations appearing, nominations were closed and on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment, which he did and the Commander declared Comrade Samuel M. Mann duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur in a few commendatory remarks placed in nomination Comrade Charles Koock of Post 53, Sedalia for Senior Vice Department Commander. He appeared to be the unanimous choice of the Encampment and no other nomination was made. The A. A. G. by direction of Encampment cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Koock and the Commander declared him duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Rassieur placed John W. Lanley of Post 496, St. Louis, in nomination for Junior Vice Department Commander. The nomination was seconded by several. No other nomination appearing on motion nominations were closed and the A. A. G. was directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Lanley which

was done, and the Commander declared Comrade John W. Lanley duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Dr. C. W. Burrill of Post 4, Kansas City, was placed in nomination by Comrade W. F. Henry for Medical Director. The nomination was seconded by Comrade Rassieur and others. No other nomination appearing, nominations closed and by direction of the Encampment the A. A. G. cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Burrill and he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The Officer of the Day announced a committee of Sons of Veterans at the outpost desiring admission.

No objection appearing they were admitted and escorted to the front and given a comrade's greeting.

William Schumacher, Division Commander, was presented and spoke at some length of the troubles he had gone through as Division Commander and of his hopes for the future of the Order and of the reverential esteem in which the members of the G. A. R. are held by the Sons of Veterans. He closed his remarks by stating that the Division, Sons of Veterans, would contribute \$50.00 to the expenses of the Department for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander responded to the greetings of the Sons of Veterans and expressed the thanks of the Encampment for their visit and for the very generous donation.

The committee then retired and the Encampment resumed the business of electing officers.

Comrade Rassieur placed Rev. A. M. Reynolds of Post 7, in nomination for Department Chaplain. The nomination was seconded by several. No other name was presented. The nominations were closed and by direction of the Encampment the unanimous ballot was cast for Comrade Reynolds for Department Chaplain for the ensuing year and the Department declared him duly elected.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the next business in order was the election of five members of the Department Council of Administration.

He further stated that for the past few years the members of the Council have been chosen from the Posts in St. Louis for the reason that if a meeting is necessary they can be called together quickly at Department Headquarters without expense. That the present members are residents of St. Louis and all are splendid comrades and well qualified for the position.

The present members are A. Whipple of Post 1, Max Fritz of Post 13, C. K. Reifsnider of Post 131, B. A. Suppan of Post 1 and J. W. Lanley of Post 496.

Comrade Lanley having been elected Junior Vice Department Commander is *ex officio* a member of the Council and should not be re-elected to that office.

Nominations for members of the Department Council of Administration being in order, the following comrades were placed in nomination: A. Whipple, Post 1, Max Fritz, Post 13, C. K. Reifsnider, Post 131, B. A. Suppan, Post 1, and Charles F. Bottum, Post 107.

No other nominations appearing and there being only five nominations and five to be elected, it was moved and seconded that the five comrades named be elected by acclamation. The motion was unanimously adopted and the five comrades nominated were declared duly elected members of the Department Council of Administration.

The tellers of the election of Representatives in the National Encampment announced that they had completed the canvass of the votes and were ready to report.

There being no objection the report was received, showing as follows:

John Hack, received 86 votes; P. H. Callahan, 80; Max Fritz, 80; Nick. Mathias, 78; Daniel Kunkel, 72; C. B. Kurtz, 71; W. K. Collins, 70; B. F. Park, 68; D. L. Wells, 67; M. P. Owen, 63; O. H. Guffin, 61; J. E. Osborne, 58; H. W. Sandusky, 57; C. W. Corkran, 56; E. N. Edmonds, 55; P. H. Sullivan, 54; F. Walton, 53; Solomon Couder, 50; B. A. Suppan, 48; T. L. Patton, 48; Wm. Kowazek, 48; W. H. Bryant, 46; M. H. Gannon, 46; Taylor Turley, 43; S. E. Wetzell, 40; W. H. Sherman, 38; W. F. Minkner, 36.

The Department Commander declared that John Hack, having received the highest vote, duly elected Representative at large.

He also declared the next 13 Comrades above named to be duly elected Representatives and the other Comrades named duly elected Alternates.

Comrades, Hack, Callahan, Corkran and Edmonds expressed their thanks for the votes they received.

Comrade J. H. Lynch of Post 69, who has for many years been connected with the State Teachers' College at Springfield, was

called out and delivered a patriotic address that was enthusiastically applauded.

The Department Commander announced that the next business in order was the installation of officers and he requested Comrade Wormstead, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to act as Installing Officer, who thereupon proceeded to install the officers as follows:

Samuel M. Mann, Department Commander.

Charles Kooch, Senior Vice Department Commander.

John W. Lanley, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Chas. W. Burrill, Medical Director.

Rev. A. M. Reynolds, Department Chaplain.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Wilbur F. Henry to be Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and W. C. Calland to be Patriotic Instructor. These Comrades were then duly installed in their respective offices.

Comrade Mann assumed command and expressed his thanks to the comrades for the honor conferred and his appreciation of their confidence in him and he pledged his best efforts in the performance of his duties.

Senior Vice Commander Kooch announced that at 3:00 o'clock autos would take all comrades who wished for a ride about the city and its parks including the State Fair Grounds.

No further business appearing the Department Commander was about to close the Encampment, when it was announced that the Department President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and a committee of ladies desired admittance. There being no objection they were admitted and escorted to the front.

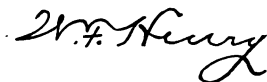
Mrs. Bertha Schumacher, Department President was introduced and made a short and interesting address and closed by handing to the Department Commander a check for \$310.01 as a contribution from her Department to the General Fund of the Department of Missouri G. A. R.

The Department Commander thanked the ladies for their visit and for the generous, voluntary contribution.

The ladies then retired and the closing exercises of Encampment were resumed. The comrades singing, "God be with us 'till

we meet again." The Department Chaplain pronounced the benediction, taps were sounded on the bugle and the Department Commander declared the 42d Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri Grand Army of Republic, closed.

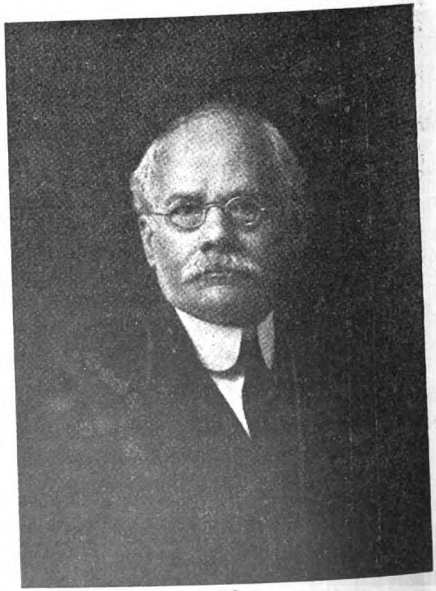
A true record.



Assistant Adjutant General.

I again express my thanks and acknowledge my obligation to Comrade S. D. Webster for assisting me in keeping the minutes of the proceedings.

W. F. HENRY.



ERNST ROTTECK
DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR
BORN FEBRUARY 19, 1842, DIED OCTOBER 26, 1922

In Memoriam

Ernst Rotteck was born in Germany February 19, 1842; died in St. Louis October 26, 1922. Enlisted in Co. E, 1st Iowa Infantry, May 15, 1861. Honorably discharged at the end of term of service.

For forty years was an honored member of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, Department of Missouri, and at the time of his death its Commander. He was appointed Department Inspector May, 1922, and died in office. For many years he was secretary of General Lyon Memorial Committee.

He was respected by all who knew him and he left behind him a good name and an impress for good.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

On Monday, May 7th, the Mayor of Sedalia issued and published the following:

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas beginning on Tuesday, the eighth day of May, 1923, the Grand Army of the Republic, together with its auxiliaries, will hold its annual State Encampment in the city of Sedalia, and whereas it is the desire of the city and its residents to extend their welcome.

Therefore, I, F. F. Hatton, Mayor of the City of Sedalia, hereby request all of the business houses and residents of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, to decorate their places of business and homes with flags and other decorations during said encampment.

F. F. HATTON, Mayor.

The Commander-in-Chief and Department Commander arrived at noon on Monday and were met by an enthusiastic crowd. The Boy Scouts were anxious to render every service possible, while the Girls League were on hand with their autos to take the guests wherever they wished to go.

An evening paper reports as follows:

"With the opening of the forty-second annual state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, and Daughters of Veterans, the city was turned over to the delegates and visitors, numbering about seven hundred.

The homes and business houses are decorated with flags and bunting, and every courtesy is being extended the Veterans, and the members of the other patriotic organizations. The boy scouts are devoting their services to the guests, meeting trains, carrying grips, escorting them to homes, and being useful wherever possible, while the Girls League, composed of the society girls and young matrons have placed their cars at the disposal of the visitors. These girls meet all trains, take the delegates to and from the meeting places, whenever they care to ride, and are at the organization headquarters all day for the purpose of driving the veterans, or the ladies attending the conventions wherever they care to go. Other residents of the city are donating their time and cars also for the entertainment of the guests."

On Monday evening in Hotel Terry a reception was held by the Department W. R. C. at which the Commander-in-Chief Judge

J. W. Willett and Mrs. Willett, Department Commander Hunter and other Department Officers of the G. A. R. were guests of honor.

The itinerary of the Commander-in-Chief was such that it was not possible for him to be present and speak at the Campfire, Tuesday night, and he was prevailed upon to address, at the close of the reception, the great crowd assembled for the reception. He spoke at some length and his address was punctured with great applause.

The parade on Tuesday afternoon, was a notable affair. It was led by Kroencke's Band and escorted by a platoon of World War Veterans and a battery of the N. G. M.

The following is extracted from the columns of the Sedalia Capital, of Wednesday, May 9th:

"At 7:30 o'clock, the veterans and other organizations gathered at the First Methodist Episcopal church where the camp fire was held. This part of the camp fire consists of an entertainment put on under the auspices of the G. A. R.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the High School orchestra under the direction of Prof. W. B. Hert which is composed of upper class students of the high school. The invocation was made by the Department Chaplain W. T. Niccolls, following which the address of the evening was delivered by Department Commander James H. Hunter. Commander Hunter's address was along patriotic lines and in his address he urged every mother, first of all, to teach her children to respect the flag.

Comrade P. H. Callahan of Ransom Post, St. Louis, who is quite a comedian, delivered a humorous recitation. He was encored two times after which a solo was rendered by Mr. Neft. An address was then given by Captain W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General, following which Tommy Walch sang a tenor solo. The convention was then entertained by 40 of the talented students of the Lincoln High school who were repeatedly called back to sing."

The Campfire was under the direction of that indefatigable worker, and prince of good fellows, Comrade Charles Koock of Post 53, who was the chairman of the local committee of arrangements. The campfire was pronounced by all one of the best and most entertaining ever held at a Missouri Department Encampment. The music by the High School Orchestra was of a high order and worthy of commendation.

The singing of the chorus from Lincoln High School was wonderful and was encored again and again.

All the guests of the city on the occasion of the 42nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., will have very pleasant memories of the hospitality of Sedalia.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1922-1923

General Orders No. 1
Series 1922-1923.

St. Louis, Mo., May 24, 1922.

I. Having been elected by the unanimous vote of the Forty-first Annual Encampment of the Department to the Office of Department Commander, and having been duly installed therein, I hereby assume command, fully realizing the responsibilities of the office and with grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by my comrades.

II. The following named comrades were also elected and installed in their several offices:
 Samuel M. Mann, Post 7, Senior Vice-Department Commander.
 Charles Koock, Post 53, Junior Vice-Department Commander.
 Dr. George Boemler, Post 131, Medical Director.
 Wm. T. Niccolls, Post 131, Department Chaplain.

III. The following named comrades are hereby appointed to the respective offices as herein designated, and will be received by the several Posts in the Department and accorded respect accordingly:

Assistant Adjutant General—W. F. Henry, Post 8.
 Assistant Quartermaster General—W. F. Henry, Post 8.
 Judge Advocate—D. L. Wells, Post 4.
 Patriotic Instructor—W. C. Calland, Post 69.
 Chief Mustering Officer—D. M. Walker, Post 22.
 Inspector—Ernst Rotteck, Post 1.
 Chief of Staff—B. B. Bolt, Post 8.

Other appointments will be made in subsequent General Orders.

IV. Department Headquarters will remain at 303 Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo., where all official communications should be addressed to W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General.

The personal address of the Department Commander is 426 Shukert Building, Kansas City, Mo.

The reports of the Post Chaplains should be sent direct to the Department Chaplain, Wm. T. Niccolls, 3636 Botanical Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. They should be made out and forwarded at once. The best and easiest time to do a thing is NOW.

JAMES H. HUNTER, Department Commander.
 Official: W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 2.
Series 1922-1923.

St. Louis Mo., July 11, 1922.

I. In order that comrades and others interested may have all the information that these Headquarters can give concerning the

56th National Encampment to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, paragraphs IV, V and VI of General Orders No. 4 from National Headquarters are here printed in full:

IV. The National Encampment.

The Fifty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, during the week beginning September 24, 1922. All the preliminary arrangements between the Representatives of the citizens of Des Moines and the Grand Army of the Republic have now been satisfactorily completed. The convenience of the location to a large proportion of the Grand Army itself, the attractiveness of the city and its adaptability to such a gathering, the interest and enthusiasm displayed by the citizens as hosts, all combine to render certain that the Encampment of this year will equal the best in the annals of the Grand Army. Let every surviving comrade of that Army, whose strength and means will permit plan to attend this Encampment.

V. Railroad Rates.

The combined associations of the railroads of the United States at a recent conference in Cincinnati agreed upon a uniform rate which should be granted to all patriotic conventions. This rate will be one fare to be paid on the original purchase of a ticket, the return passage to be furnished without further charge on the presentation of a certificate from the proper agent at the place of the meeting. The number of days during which this return certificate will be valid has not yet been announced.

Strenuous efforts upon the part of the representatives of the Grand Army to secure a yet lower rate were unavailing. There is some satisfaction, however, in the fact that the rate allowed will also be enjoyed by the members of all the Allied Societies as well as by the Grand Army.

VI. Housing Accommodations at Des Moines.

All matters pertaining to hotels, boarding houses, and furnished rooms have been placed in charge of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Des Moines, Mr. George E. Hamilton. No reservations can be obtained by writing to any hotel. All must be made through the office of Mr. Hamilton, to whom all requests should be made. Comrades would do well to write to Mr. Hamilton at an early date, and state the accommodations they desire.

Such other information as may come to these Headquarters concerning the National Encampment will be announced in future Orders.

II. The Headquarters of this Department during the National Encampment will be established in the Hotel Savery and will be opened on Monday, September 25, where comrades and visitors will receive a hearty welcome. The Department Commander hopes

that there will be a large attendance at the National Encampment, the distance is not great and the rates of fare are low. Let the red ribbon of Missouri be conspicuously in evidence. There has been no change in the Missouri ribbon and if comrades who have ribbons that are in good condition will wear them the expense of new ones will be saved to the Department. The cost of a ribbon is not much, but the cost of 500 at 7c each is \$35.00. Don't let us be penurious, but frugal.

III. At the recent Department Encampment held in Sedalia the following named comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates to the 56th National Encampment, to be held in Des Moines:

Representatives:

John Harnois, St. Joseph (at large)
W. S. Jones, Moberly
C. W. Burrill, Kansas City
John Hack, Trenton
Arnold Bowers, St. Louis
G. B. Cunningham, Kirksville
B. B. Bolt, Kansas City
W. E. Chester, Warrensburg
G. W. Carmichael, St. Louis
A. McCann, Joplin
A. N. Seaber, Jefferson City
Max Fritz, St. Louis
I. L. Hunt, Nevada
C. K. Reifsnider, St. Louis

Alternates:

G. W. Sparks, Trenton
P. H. Sullivan, Appleton City
C. B. Kurtz, Kansas City
B. F. Lutman, Jefferson City
R. B. Tyler, Joplin
Charles Nelson, St. Louis
J. E. Vandermark, Albany
L. Decker, Republic
Alf. Zartman, Kansas City.
Thos. L. Patton, Nevada
Daniel Kunkle, Oregon
C. P. Woodruff, Kansas City
E. C. Baugher, Webb City.
D. W. Reese, West Plains

If any comrade elected a Representative shall find that he cannot attend the National Encampment he should inform the Assistant Adjutant General at once so than an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy.

IV. The per capita tax for the last half of 1922 is now due and should be promptly paid. Bear in mind that no formal report is required at this time. Just send the amount to the A. A. G. and give the number of the Post to be credited, that will be sufficient. No account of gains or losses that have occurred since the first of the year should be considered. The amount of the per capita tax is determined by the number in good standing December 31 last. For instance, if a Post reported 10 members in good standing December 31, 1921, the annual per capita tax would be \$4.00—40c each—one-half to be paid in January and one-half in July. All might be paid at once. All changes in membership occurring after the first of the year will go into the next annual report.

V. There are in every neighborhood comrades who are reaping the fruits of the labors of the Grand Army of the Republic by receiving \$50.00 or \$72.00 a month pensions, but who neglect or decline to join a Post. Comrades, look up such and present to them and show them that they owe it to themselves and to the comrades of the G. A. R. that they assist in keeping the Order alive. The amount of the annual dues in any Post is insignificant.

when compared with the \$600.00 or \$864.00 a year that they are getting through the efforts of the G. A. R. How much attention would be given the bills now before Congress, raising pensions to \$72 for veterans and \$50 for widows were it not for the pension committee of the G. A. R.? There are some who deem it an honor to wear the button or badge of the G. A. R. who do not belong to a Post. No one who is not a member in good standing in a Post has the right to wear the badge or button and he dishonors himself when he does so. Some plead the fact that they are too feeble to attend Post meetings. That is true in many cases, but none is too feeble to have his dues paid and his name enrolled with those who followed the Flag with him in the days of the long ago. With proper attention and effort many comrades may be added to our rolls.

By order of JAMES H. HUNTER, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.
Series 1922-1923.

St. Louis, Mo., August 4, 1922.

I. General Orders No. 6, National Headquarters is herewith promulgated. It contains much important information concerning the National Encampment to be held in Des Moines during the week beginning September 24, next. A careful perusal of it will save much correspondence and many inquiries.

II. It will be observed that the purchasers of railroad tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip must have Identification Certificates. These certificates will be furnished by the Assistant Adjutant General, to those entitled to them on request. In making request for certificates say how many you want. Don't say "some" or "about" but say the definite number you want, if you want 20, say 20, not about 20. Tickets from all points in Missouri will be sold September 21-26 inclusive and will be good returning over same route any time during the month of October. Stopovers will be allowed at all points within final limit of ticket.

"It is understood that the one-fare rate will apply for members of the G. A. R., wives or dependent members of the family of members of the G. A. R., widows of deceased members of the G. A. R., army nurses of the Civil War and members of the several auxiliaries of the G. A. R. and dependent members of their families."

III. Department of Missouri Headquarters for the Encampment will be established in rooms 614 and 616, Hotel Savery and will be opened Monday forenoon, September 25. The Department Commander requests all comrades from Missouri to report at Department Headquarters upon arrival and register and receive the Missouri ribbon.

IV. The Missouri members of the National Encampment, consisting of the Department Commander, the Vice Department Com-

manders, the A. A. G., all Past Department Commanders and the 14 elected Representatives—will convene at Department Headquarters on Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a member of the National Council of Administration and selecting a member of the Committee on Resolutions and for any other business that may come before the meeting.

If any elected Representative finds that he cannot attend the Encampment he should inform the A. A. General at once so that an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy.

V. Arrangements have been made for a special train from Kansas City to Des Moines over the Chicago and Great Western Railway. The train to leave Kansas City at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, September 24, and arrive in Des Moines at 4 o'clock the same day. The Department Commander will be pleased to have all who can make it convenient to go via Kansas City to join him on the special train. Those wishing further information about the special train should write Comrade Benj. B. Bolt, Altman Building, Kansas City.

VI. Commanders of posts that have not remitted for the second half of the per capita tax payable in 1922 are reminded that the same is now past due and should be paid without further delay. A blue X opposite this paragraph indicates that your post is delinquent.

VII. The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides de Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, they will be respected accordingly:

- A. Whipple, in charge of Headquarters at Des Moines.
- Nich Mathias, Department Color Bearer.
- R. T. McCasky, Assistant Department Color Bearer.
- G. B. Cunningham, Assistant Department Color Bearer.
- J. F. Minker and Allan J. Showers.

By order of JAMES H. HUNTER, Department Commander

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4.
Series 1922-1923.

St. Louis, Mo., October 28, 1922.

I. Another milestone in the blazed pathway of the progress of the Grand Army of the Republic, has been passed. The fifty-sixth annual National Encampment has been held at Des Moines, Iowa, and passed into history, making the days, September 24 to 29, 1922, memorable, being given over to one of the most successful and enjoyable encampments we have had.

The city was elegantly and elaborately decorated, and our beautiful flag reigned supreme. Every facility for our enjoyment was provided—free rides in automobiles and street cars, to any point desired, and free movies.

The feeling prevailed that we were among friends, and that loyalty to country, to flag and to the Grand Army was everywhere manifest. The attendance was liberal and Missouri acquitted her-

self equal to any; more than 400 Missourians registered at Department Headquarters. The parade, somewhat lengthy, was large, and the manner in which the "boys" went through to the end and showed no signs of weakening was remarkable. No Department made a better appearance than Missouri. More than 300 wearing the Missouri ribbon marched in the parade.

The work of the Encampment was to the credit of the spirit of 1861-1922, and the proceedings should be carefully read by every member of the Grand Army.

The Department Commander takes this opportunity to express his gratitude to the comrades of Missouri for the goodly attendance and the patriotic enthusiasm manifest, and to urge renewed effort to maintain the membership and attendance in local Posts. There are many of our comrades who have allowed their membership to lapse, and many others who fail in attendance. This should not be and it is urgently pleaded that all Posts, all comrades, use active endeavor to cure this failure to the end that our influence in public affairs may not wane, and that the monument of achievement which we have built may go down in history emblazoned with undiminished glory, and a beacon light to all the world, pointing the way to peace, prosperity and the brotherhood of man. The Commander invites correspondence with all Posts and all comrades, indicating their needs and suggesting means for our betterment.

II. National General Orders No. 1 is herewith promulgated. It contains much information of interest and should be read and carefully preserved for future reference. It gives the names of the National Officers for the ensuing year. Our comrade, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles G. Burton, had the honor of installing them in their several offices. This Department is honored by the appointment of our comrade, Past Department Commander J. M. Williams, National Patriotic Instructor. He is a member of the National Council of Administration.

III. The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander and they will be respected accordingly:

W. H. Mains, Post 10, Rich Hill.
 O. B. Lingle, Post 17, Cameron.
 W. M. Lomax, Post 19, Laclede.
 J. B. Crubaugh, Post 34, Lamar.
 R. R. Highleyman, Post 53, Sedalia.
 F. H. McDougal, Post 79, Princeton.
 W. P. Leedon, Post 92, Lancaster.
 J. W. McElwain, Post 96, Marysville.
 C. F. Bottum, Post 107, St. Louis.
 C. E. Riddell, Post 164, Breckenridge.
 B. B. Cahoon, Post 174, Fredericktown.
 R. B. Dodge, Post 190, Webb City.
 J. H. Frick, Post 197, Warrenton.
 E. F. Weyland, Post 210, Springfield.
 J. B. Ferguson, Post 69, Springfield.
 T. J. Spencer, Post 214, Brashear.
 Marion Hartwell, Post 218, Fairport.
 J. A. Oldfather, Post 221, Novelty.

Henry Seibel, Post 233, Webster Groves.
 R. W. Whitelow, Post 240, Boonville.
 J. C. Morton, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.
 W. A. Martin, Post 588, Marshfield.
 G. W. Henry, Post 593, St. James.
 J. H. Brown, Post 4, Kansas City.
 Franklin Hudson, Post 8, Kansas City.

IV. Post Commanders and Posts are reminded that the annual election of officers should be held at the first meeting of the Post in December, at which time, in addition to the Post officers, there should be elected Representatives to the Department Encampment. Each Post of fifty members or less, in good standing December 31, 1921, is entitled to one Representative. Posts of more than fifty members are entitled to one Representative for each fifty or a fractional part of fifty over twenty-five.

Post Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders are ex-officio members of the Department Encampment and should not be elected Representatives. Alternates should be elected.

Blanks for reports of elections and for the annual reports will be sent in due time and should be filled up and returned to these Headquarters immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December. Prompt attention to this will save time and annoyance. The Assistant Adjutant General is required to forward a consolidated report to the National Headquarters on or before the 1st day of February, and all Posts that have not reported prior to that time must be omitted from his report. Our representation in the National Encampment is based on the number in good standing December 31st, as shown by the consolidated report to the National Headquarters. The neglect of one Post Commander may deprive the Department of one Representative. It would seem that all reports could reach these Headquarters by the 5th day of January. If they are delayed they are likely to be overlooked and neglected.

Attention is called to the amended Rules and Regulations providing for annual reports only. The report should cover the whole year 1921. The annual per capita tax is 40 cents for each member in good standing; one-half—20 cents—is payable January 1st, and one-half July 1st.

V. We note with sorrow that our Department Inspector, Ernst Rotteck, was finally mustered out and joined those who have gone into camp beyond the silent river on October 26th, instant. He served his country well in war and peace; he was a good comrade, faithful to every trust. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

By order of JAMES H. HUNTER, Department Commander
 W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.
Series 1922-1923.

St. Louis, Mo., February 22, 1923.

I. The Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic will convene in the City of Sedalia, at nine o'clock A. M., May 8, 1923, and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment shall be completed.

The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the Commander-in-Chief is expected to be with us at that time. The hospitality of the citizens of the beautiful City of Sedalia is proverbial and preparations are already being made to give the comrades and allied societies a very hearty and generous welcome when we gather there next May. The Department Commander confidently hopes that there will be a large attendance of comrades and others. More definite information will be given in future orders.

The Commercial Club and officials of Sedalia assure us that their welcome and hospitality will be so hearty and generous that we will be inclined to make Sedalia a permanent place of meeting.

II. National General Order, No. 2, is promulgated herewith and should have careful attention. It will be noted that the next National Encampment will be held in Milwaukee, Wis., the first week in September. It is hoped that Missouri will be largely represented. The comrades from this Department made a fine showing in Des Moines, let us do as well, or better at Milwaukee. Plan for it.

Details of arrangements for the Department and National Encampment will be announced in future orders.

III. The consolidated report of the Assistant Adjutant General shows that in 1922, 43 were mustered in, 16 were gained by transfer and 56 were reinstated, making a total gain of 115; that there was lost by death 187, by honorable discharge 7, by transfer 14 and by suspension 46, a total loss of 254, making a net loss of 139. Number reported in good standing, December 31, 1922, 2469.

A number of Posts have made no report for 1922. If there is a blue X opposite this paragraph, your Post is one of the delinquents. Please send your report and per capita dues at once.

The comrades of the Grand Army have, by united effort, secured for us all a pension of \$50.00 a month and it ought not to be a hardship to contribute 40c a year to keep in good standing in the order and honorably wear our badge and button.

We have 13 on our roll of Comrades-at-Large. Their dues for 1923 are payable and should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

IV. Comrades are again advised that checks payable elsewhere than at St. Louis, Chicago and New York, are subject to a charge of 5c for collection. Your local bank will issue a draft on St. Louis without charge, but your personal check or cashier's check payable elsewhere than St. Louis is subject to a charge of 5c; many seemed to have overlooked this.

V. The Assistant Adjutant General has on hand copies of the

Journal of the last Department Encampment and will send a copy on request. A postal card will do.

By order of JAMES H. HUNTER, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.
Series 1922-1923.

St. Louis, Mo., April 2, 1923.

I. As heretofore announced, the Forty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in the City of Sedalia, at nine o'clock A. M., May 8, 1923, and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment shall be completed.

Department Headquarters, during the Encampment, will be opened in Hotel Terry on the afternoon of Monday, May 7. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters on Monday at 5:00 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

II. The Railroad Passenger Associations covering the State of Missouri have granted the same rate of fare to the Department Encampment to be held in Sedalia that prevailed for the Encampment last year, with the same limitations as to those entitled, that is: Rate of fare and one-ninth of the current fares for the round trip on identification certificate plan for the G. A. R. Veterans and their wives only.

For members of the auxiliary organizations and dependent members of the families of veterans other than their wives, and dependent members of the families of members of auxiliary societies the fare will be one and one-half the current fares on the certificate plan. Members of the G. A. R. will receive, on application to the Assistant Adjutant General Identification Certificate upon which they may purchase round trip tickets for themselves and their wives, all others must pay full one way fare and get from the selling agent a certificate. These certificates must be validated by the Assistant Adjutant General at Sedalia, they will then be good for a one-half fare ticket to return. The round trip tickets to the members of the G. A. R. will not require validation.

Going tickets will be on sale May 3rd to 9th, inclusive, good returning to final limit May 12, 1923.

III. Comrades H. W. Sandusky of Post 7, O. H. Guffin and C. B. Kurtz of Post 8, M. P. Owen of Post 131 and Alf. Zartman of Post 4 are hereby appointed a Committee on Credentials. They will report to the Assistant Adjutant General on arrival Monday afternoon for instructions. Members of the Encampment should promptly report to this Committee and receive the Encampment badge and countersign. The place of meeting will be announced by bulletin in hotel office.

IV. Comrade Benj. B. Bolt of Post 8 is hereby appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade Wenzel Graf of Post 13 Officer of the Guard for duty during the sessions of the Encampment. These off-

cers will be properly uniformed and equipped while on duty. The Officer of the Day will detail from the comrades present a sufficient number of Guards who will report to the Officer of the Guard for duty.

V. The Sedalia hotels announce the following per day rates:

Hotel Terry, American plan, without bath, \$3.50; with bath, \$4.00.

Hotel La Moore, European plan, 75c and up.

Liberty Hotel, European plan, 75c and up.

The Antlers, rooms only, 75c and up.

The Hildebrand, European plan, \$1.00 and up.

The Kidwel, European plan, 75c and up.

These are the same rates as last year.

Those desiring reservations in hotels should apply to hotel direct; for rooms in private homes, write to Mrs. Anna Jacobs, 517 E. Tenth street, Sedalia.

VI. Post Commanders are again reminded that the Assistant Adjutant General must make up the roll of the Department Encampment from the names reported to him by Post Commanders. The members of the Encampment are the Post Commanders, the Vice Post Commanders, Past Post Commanders in good standing and elected Representatives.

Several Posts have failed to report, and unless the report is sent to Headquarters at once, the Post cannot be represented. A blue X opposite this paragraph indicates that no report has been received from your Post.

VII. Mr. C. H. Smith, Secretary of the Sedalia Chamber of Commerce, writes: "The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Sedalia in general have pledged themselves to do all within their power to properly entertain the G. A. R. Encampment and it is our desire to make their stay so pleasant that Sedalia will be chosen as the permanent Encampment place."

The Department Commander expresses the hope a large number of Comrades and others will attend and enjoy the hospitality so generously pledged.

VIII. Comrade Charles Kooch, our Junior Vice Department Commander, is in active charge of the local arrangements for the meeting and especially for the campfire which will be held Tuesday night in an auditorium near the center of the city and easily reached.

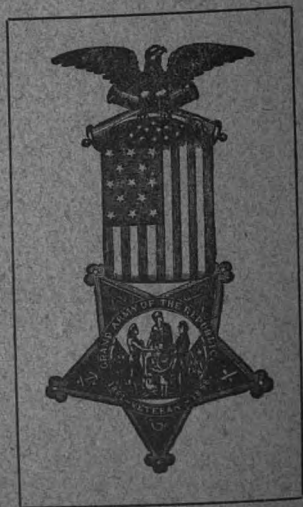
At this time it is not possible to give the details of arrangements being planned, but we are assured that the very satisfactory arrangements of last year will be improved upon this year. The Commander-in-Chief is expected to deliver the principal address at the campfire Tuesday night. Other comrades will be on the program and local talent will aid in making an evening of rare enjoyment.

By order of JAMES H. HUNTER, Department Commander;

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

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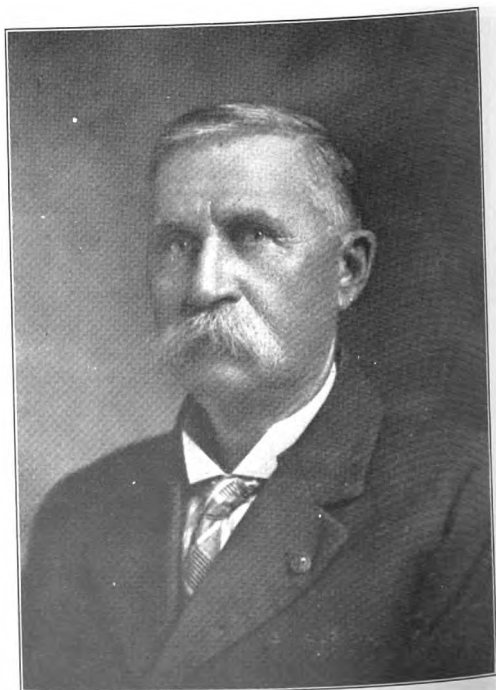


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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Forty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Lyceum Theatre, St. Joseph, Mo., at 9:15 o'clock on the morning of May 8, 1924, in open session to which the public and all allied societies were invited, the Department Commander, Samuel M. Mann, presiding.

The Department Commander introduced Mr. Joseph V. Gaddy, Esq., 1st Assistant Counselor of the City of St. Joseph, who spoke in behalf of the Mayor and citizens, and gave the Comrades and allied societies a most hearty and cordial greeting and welcome. Among other things he said:

"The City of St. Joseph always welcomes to our municipality any and all organizations who might choose this as their convention City. However, this morning I think the City is to be congratulated that you, to whom we now extend a welcome have chosen this for perhaps one of your last encampments. It took extraordinary effort for most of you to attend a Convention or Encampment such as this because of your age and physical infirmities. It has been sixty years since you have answered the last reveille and were summoned to the last retreat of your army careers.

"We are welcoming to our City this morning a group of men who have seen much of our Nation's history. When in the spring-time of your youth you answered the call to arms of the 60's most of you, then mere boys, were called to the defense of a nation young, as nations go, a second rate power, a nation at that time

and almost from its inception had been torn by internal troubles and factions. And the time had then come to test whether or not that nation, an experiment in organization could then endure.

"What a change you see today. We have more than four times the population than that of the United States in 1860. Then the railroad was a rare thing, now from one side of the country to the other the railroad has banded us together so that San Francisco is closer to New York than New York and Philadelphia were in time of travel in the 60's. In electricity and in all mechanical lines you have witnessed a growth unknown to all centuries previous to the 19th. You have seen this nation's growth not only in material things, but may I say in patriotism. Your sons and your grandsons and the sons and grandsons of those with whom and against whom you fought have marched shoulder to shoulder in two wars, one which recently has closed. Both of which, of course, have been a triumph and victory both to America and to the world.

"It must have been with a sense of gratification when you witnessed the stirring times during our late war for you to observe the American patriotism. There was no North, no South, East or West, but America as one, united in raising an army of five million men that crushed out all opposition to the cause of freedom, and when our boys returned it was the veterans of the Blue and of the Grey that welcomed them to their homeland. It was the mothers of the Northland and of the Southland who gave them that Democracy might survive. This is but a picture, a sketch of the nation which owes to you and your comrades a debt of gratitude which thanks to your patriotism and foresight in the 60's was allowed to survive and endure.

"It is then not unusual that we take pride in welcoming you to our City. May you in the few days that you will be with us enjoy all that we have to offer. Go where you will, the key to the City is yours, and when you return to your home and your loved ones and to those of your comrades who because of health, of age, and of other causes were not enabled to attend this encampment, may you take to them the message that St. Joseph extended to you in this your encampment a hearty welcome and hospitality, and may your declining years and of those of your comrades with whom you come in contact be peaceable, honored, happy and prosperous, and when the bugle call from above is sounded may each of you be welcomed to that higher kingdom where all good patriots whom you have known in the days that have gone, have assembled. There you will have no doubt that

reunion to which as servants of the Most High you were entitled because of your faith and your works while you were yet among us."

His address was generously applauded. He was followed by Mr. John F Caskey who represented the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce. He assured the comrades and all that the welcome and hospitality of the business men as well as of the citizens of St. Joseph was inbounded. He expressed the hope that the time spent in St. Joseph would remain as a pleasant memory.

The Department Commander called upon Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur to respond to the greetings and welcome. Comrade Rassieur performed the duty assigned him in a manner that elicited the applause of the assembly.

Comrade Samuel Zanker of Post 7 was appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade G. W. Charles of Post 26 was appointed Officer of the Guard for duty during the Encampment; they at once entered upon their duties.

The opening prayer of Rev. A. M. Reynolds, Department Chaplain, was most impressive and fitting.

The Assistant Adjutant-General reported the following as the roll of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders. Those present during the Encampment are indicated by a star:

Department Commander,

*SAMUEL M. MANN.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

*CHARLES KOOCK.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,

J. W. LANLEY.

Medical Director,

*DR. C. W. BURRILL.

Department Chaplain,

*REV. A. M. REYNOLDS.

Assistant Adjutant General and A. Q. M. G.,

*WILBUR F. HENRY.

Judge Advocate,

*W. F. CALFEE.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*W. A. ELLIOTT.

Council of Administration,

*A. WHIPPLE,

*MAX FRITZ,

B. A. SUPPAN,
CHAS. F. BOTTOM.

Past Department Commanders,

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| †W. F. CHAMBERLAIN, | †JERE T. DEW, |
| †NELSON COLE, | †HENRY FAIRBACK, |
| †E. E. KIMBALL, | *JOHN M. WILLIAMS, |
| †HIRAM SMITH, JR. | †T. D. KIMBALL, |
| (1) JOHN E. PHELPS, | *J. V. MARTIN, |
| *LEO RASSIEUR, | †WILLIAM WARNER, |
| †GEO. W. MARTIN, | †W. H. SKINNER, |
| †C. W. WHITEHEAD, | †R. N. DENHAM, |
| CHAS. G. BURTON, | †BENJAMIN WARNER, |
| †LOUIS GRUND, | †CHAS. W. RUBY, |
| †LOUIS BENECKE, | †ARTHUR DREIFUS, |
| †THOS. B. RODGERS, | *WM. LOWE, |
| †JOHN P. PLATT, | J. B. DOBYNE, |
| †A. G. PETERSON, | †ALEX McCANDLESS, |
| JOHN W. SCOTT, | †THOS. W. EVANS, |
| *W. F. HENRY, | *P. F. COGHLAN, |
| GEORGE HALL, | *W. C. CALLAND, |
| †IRA T. BRONSON, | *S. D. WEBSTER, |
| (2) F. M. STERRETT, | A. J. P. BARNES, |
| | *JAMES HUNTER. |

(1) John E. Phelps transferred to Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.

(2) F. M. Sterrett transferred to Dept. of Ohio.

†Deceased.

Following is the roll of members of the Encampment who were present from the several Posts as reported by the Coommittee on Credentials:

Roll of the Forty-third Annual Encampment

Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Held at St. Joseph, Mo., May 8 and 9, 1924.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

Com.—Wm. C. Pfeffer.

S. V. C.—C. J. Billmeyer.

Rep.—John Ladew.

P. P. C.—Leo. Rassieur, A. Whipple, Arnold Bowers, G. W. Carmichael, B. F. Park, D. O. Clements, Chris. H. Grote, P. F. Coghlan, Nich. Mathias and Geo. Heineman.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

Com.—J. M. Tuttle.

S. V. C.—Oscar Prather.

J. V. C.—J. H. McEnvers.

Rep.—W. E. Axtell and C. E. Lewis.

P. P. C.—Thos. H. Brown, J. A. Stewart, C. W. Burrill, Alf. Zartman, David L. Wells, M. L. Ham, Geo. R. Martling and W. A. Reed.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

Com.—H. W. Sandusky.

S. V. C.—P. C. Conroy.

Rep.—Chris. Balsinger and John T. Painter.

P. P. C.—J. P. Emmert, W. A. Elliott, C. W. Webster, Wm. Diebig, D. M. Mabie, J. W. Beach and Daniel Hedrick.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

Com.—J. L. Carnahan.

S. V. C.—P. D. Etue.

J. V. C.—Chas. B. Kurtz.

Rep.—J. L. Caldwell, R. Zimmerman, E N. Edmonds.

P. P. C.—Frank A. Becker, W. H. Wormstead and James Hunter

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

Rep.—Chas. Karhoff.

P. P. C.—Max Fritz.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

Rep.—C. G. Manchester and P. L. Swarts.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

P. P. C.—A. J. Bobb and S. E. Wetzel.

Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.

Com.—F. C. Brooks.

P. P. C.—E. W. Thomas and J. H. Althouse.

Sedgwick Post, No. 21, Maryville.

Com.—Nat. Sisson.

P. P. C.—T. J. Puckett and M. Goodson.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

Rep.—J. C. Smith.

P. P. C.—J. C. Pierce and G. B. Cunningham.

Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

Com. T. L. Patton.

S. A. Hurlut Post, No. 32, Hamilton.

Com.—W. M. Pickell.

W. T. Sherman Post, No. 43, Hannibal.

Rep.—L. W. Preston.

McCullough Post, No. 44, Milan.

Rep.—John N. Opel.

P. P. C.—W. F. Calfee.

Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

Com.—Wm. M. Morris.

P. P. C.—Daniel Kunkel and T. D. Roberts.

Gen. Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

Rep.—Wm. Meyer.

P. P. C.—Charles Kooch.

O. H. Wood Post, No. 57, Brookfield.

Com.—J. V. Martin.

Tarkio Post, No. 67, Tarkio.

Com.—W. S. Wood.

S. V. C.—C. E. Scarlett.

Rep.—Logan Rasco.

P. P. C.—Geo. N. Dragoo and Thomas Wier.

Capt. Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.

Com.—W. C. Calland.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. P. C.—John Hack.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

P. P. C.—W. P. Griffin, Simon Grove and Erwin Bauer.

Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton.

Com.—Abe Trent.

Rep.—M. M. Gannon and J. W. Davis.

King City Post, No. 86, King City.

Rep.—W. P. Graves.

Capt. C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Maysville.

Com.—J. W. McElwain.

Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124, Bethany.

Com.—J. M. Neville.

Rep.—J. L. Cole.

P. P. C.—E. B. Ward.

Fred Miller Post, No. 130, Tina.

Com.—S. G. Hayes.

S. V. C.—J. N. Hayes.

Rep.—Joel Saunders.

P. P. C.—Arthur Storm.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

Com.—A. G. Bradt.

Rep.—James McClure and Charles Nelson.

P. P. C.—S. D. Webster, E. R. Cone, F. Walton and W. A. Hall.

J. J. Gravely Post, No. 149, Bolivar.

Com.—J. O. Mitchell.

Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

Com.—W. F. McColley.

Rep.—John R. Pickerill.

P. P. C.—Robert Dugan, P. H. Sullivan and E. S. Chapin.

W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

Com.—James A. Lane.

Rep.—A. H. Collins.

P. P. C.—C. W. Raymond.

McCrosky Post, No. 210, Springfield.

S. V. C.—A. E. Ward.

Norcross Post, No. 221, Novelty.

Com.—C. W. Corkran.

Rep.—J. M. Shearer.

P. P. C.—W. P. Walker.

Thos. J. Brouster Post, No. 233, Clayton.

P. P. C.—J. C. Kiscaddon.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.

P. P. C.—E. H. Rodgers.

Henry Brown Post, No. 276, California.

Com.—James S. Roth.

J. V. C.—C. G. Wegener.

P. P. C.—J. M. Williams, F. W. Heildbreder and August Seyfert.

Maj. A. Bartlet Post, No. 289, Troy.

P. P. C.—James S. Park.

Houston Post, No. 339, Houston.

Com. J. H. Haney.

Evans Post, No. 340, Economy.

Com. John McDaniel.

S. V. C.—Charles Anderson.

Eagle Post, No. 492, Monett.

P. P. C.—J. M. Scott.

Geo. W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

Com.—M. D. L. Blevins.

S. V. C.—Ben Rea.

Rep.—Martin Goodhart.

P. P. C.—J. N. Michael, I. A. Swarts and A. F. McCray.

Blythedale Post, No. 551, Blythedale.

Rep.—J. B. Officer.

P. P. C.—H. N. Stump.

Gen. A. J. Smith Post, No. 582, Lees Summit.

P. P. C.—W. K. Collins.

John Whaling Post, No. 583, St. Joseph.

Com.—John Whelan.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

P. P. C.—Wm. Lowe.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the Department is entitled to 13 representatives in the 58th National Encampment in addition to the Representative-at-Large and that it was important that nominations for Representatives be made as early as possible in order that their names might be printed on the tickets to be voted. He further stated that by a rule adopted by a former Encampment the names of Comrades nominated would be printed on the ticket in the inverse order of the alphabet—Z to A.

On motion it was unanimously ordered that, pending the report of the Committee on Credentials, all comrades having the Encampment countersign and badge be recognized as members of the Encampment.

By the unanimous vote of the Encampment it was ordered that the rules and order of business be suspended and the Encampment at once proceed to the nomination of Representatives to the next National Encampment. The following named comrades were thereupon nominated:

Samuel Zancker, Post No. 7, St. Joseph.

A. Whipple, Post No. 1, St. Louis.

Farwell Walton, Post No. 131, St. Louis.

W. S. Wood, Post No. 67, Tarkio.

C. W. Webster, Post No. 7, St. Joseph.

D. S. Wells, Post No. 4, Kansas City.

P. H. Sullivan, Post No. 172, Appleton City.
 Arthur Storm, Post No. 130, Tina.
 A. M. Reynolds, Post No. 7, St. Joseph.
 E. H. Rodgers, Post No. 240, Boonville.
 T. L. Patton, Post No. 26, Nevada.
 Charles Nelson, Post No. 131, St. Louis.
 Nick Mathias, Post No. 1, St. Louis.
 C. G. Manchester, Post No. 14, Joplin.
 Wm. Leibig, Post No. 7, St. Joseph.
 Geo. W. Loomis, Post No. 22, Kirksville.
 Chas. Kurtz, Post No. 8, Kansas City.
 Wm. Koezeka, Post No. 289, Troy.
 W. A. Hall, Post No. 131, St. Louis.
 M. L. Ham, Post No. 4, Kansas City.
 D. H. Hatfield, Post No. 7, St. Joseph.
 John Hack, Post No. 72, Trenton.
 M. M. Gannon, Post No. 79, Princeton.
 Max Fritz, Post No. 13, St. Louis.
 E. N. Edmonds, Post No. 3, Kansas City.
 G. B. Cunningham, Post No. 22, Kirksville.
 C. W. Corkran, Post No. 221, Novelty.
 Solomon Condon, Post No. 22, Kirksville.
 L. W. Creston, Post No. 43, Hannibal.
 D. H. Baldrige, Post No. 14, Joplin.

Announcement was made that the Commander-in-Chief, Gaylord M. Saltzgeber, had arrived and was at the hotel. The Department Commander appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur and Past Department Commander Calland a committee to escort the Commander-in-Chief to the Encampment. The committee escorted him to the platform. He was given a most hearty greeting and welcome. He responded with a short and inspiring address that touched the hearts of the comrades and elicited their very enthusiastic applause.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The reports of the Department officers having been printed and placed in the hands of the members of the Encampment, it was on motion unanimously ordered that they be referred to proper committees when appointed, without reading.

The Department Commander called Senior Vice Commander Koock to the chair and proceeded to deliver his address as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades of the Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic:

Once more, we have, by the grace of a kind Providence, been permitted to meet in our regular annual Encampment to hear the reports of those of our Comrades who have been entrusted with the management of the business of the Department for the past year, and to consult, advise and determine as to ways and means pertaining to the future. I, as your Commander, feel assured that our deliberations at this time, as in the past, will demonstrate the fact that we are Comrades, not alone in name but in spirit and action. Let us show to the younger generations that, notwithstanding the fact that our numbers are fast growing less and our ranks are thinning, the spirit of Loyal Patriotism to Country and Flag which was shown during the dark days from '61 to '65 still exists. Let us continue to practice "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" to each other and to all mankind.

I wish at this time to express to the Comrades of this Department by deep gratitude for, and, appreciation of, the confidence placed in me when you elected me your Commander, and also for the loyal support given me during my administration. I regret very much my inability to report more visits made to Posts during my term of office. Responsibilities to my family at home and illness contributed very largely to the cause. So far as I have been able to learn, the very best feeling of Comradeship exists throughout the Department. In localities where Posts once existed and now only a very small number of Comrades are left, a number too small to carry on the business of the Post, I recommend that all who are able to attend, hold meetings at some central point one or more times each year to renew old acquaintanceship and keep alive the spirit of Comradeship. Right here in my report I wish to call the attention of the Comrades of the Department to the fact that doubtless there are many Posts that have discontinued their meetings altogether but still hold their Charters. In such cases the Charters should be, with all Post records, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General that they may be placed in the archives of the State at some time in the future.

Thanks to the great Ruler of the Universe, our beloved Country is now at peace with all nations of the world. Notwithstanding this fact, there exists within our borders at this time an element whose avowed purpose it seems to be to destroy this Government. This element is no doubt fostered and encouraged by enemies to

all Republican or Democratic forms of Government and who have been permitted to land on our shores from the oppressed and war-ridden countries of Europe. It is the duty of every loyal citizen of this Republic, especially the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, to stand steadfast for the principles set forth in the Constitution of this, the best Government on earth and the one we helped to save. For many years subsequent to its organization the members of the Grand Army of the Republic wielded a mighty influence in the affairs of this Nation. We should not now, because our strength is growing weak, lay low our armor and submit to the will of any opposing force.

The 57th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the City of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, September 2, 1923. The attendance was good and a royal welcome was given to the Boys in Blue by the City and State. Every Department in the National Organization was represented with the exception of Arizona. The Department of Missouri had a very creditable representation, with about 125 in line of march in the parade. The business of the Encampment was very harmonious and well managed. Two of the most important resolutions passed were: One urging Congress to pass the necessary pension laws for the relief of our needy Comrades and the widows of those deceased, and the other, granting Grand Army Posts the right to admit to their meetings members of the Sons of Veterans in good standing in their Camps, as visitors only.

OUR AUXILIARY AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS.

The Woman's Relief Corps, the only organization recognized as auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, deserves to be held in the very highest esteem by every member of the Grand Army. It is one of the noblest, if not the noblest, organizations of women in existence. Their unselfish devotion to, and their untiring efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the Union soldier, his widow and orphan, will ever be remembered and the name held in reverence by coming generations.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, one of the allied organizations of the Grand Army and one composed absolutely of blood relatives of the Union soldier, has existed in the Eastern States for a number of years, but not much known in the West until within the last few years, is a fast growing order. On these two organizations, together with the Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, will in the not great way-off future, depend the duty of perpetuating the

memory of the many heroic deeds of both fathers and mothers during the dark days of '61 to '65, and keeping alive the Memorial Day spirit and the proper observance of the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, Grant and many others. These orders should all receive the undivided help and encouragement of every Comrade. They are all working along the same lines of patriotic endeavor.

PENSIONS.

I am pleased at this time to be able to rejoice with all Comrades on account of the passage of a bill for the increase of pensions. Every Comrade should feel proud of his Government, for none other has ever taken such care of its ex-soldiers as ours.

In conclusion, I want to say to your Comrades, as my term of office is near a close, that it is my desire that you give to my successor, whoever he may be, your loyal, undivided support during his administration. Stand together as one man, bearing in mind the old adage that in "Unity there is Strength."

S. M. MANN, Commander,

Dept. of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

The address of the Commander was referred to a committee of Past Department Commanders Calland, Coghlan and Webster. Commander Mann then resumed command.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

Sedalia, Mo., May 15, 1923.

W. F. Henry, A. A. G.,
Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Comrade:

We have, in the events of human life, reached another milestone since the Encampment at Sedalia. There will be many missing that have passed beyond where there is no returning, and there are many more that, on account of their advanced years, are too feeble to make the journey. It is so at least with the Comrades of Post 53, and I take it that that is the condition of nearly every Post. Two of our members have answered to their last roll call since the first of the year—one, A. J. Patton, the last Charter member of the Post, we laid to rest last week. Thanks to Provi-

dence, we are still enjoying our usual good health, though I find that my hand is not as steady in writing as of yore.

After Memorial Day last year I made a visit to Oklahoma City and while there I met with Gen. Grant Post No. 1 every meeting, and also with the Relief Corps. They treated me royally. I found them a fine lot of men and women.

I visited the new Capitol there, in which a large hall, that will seat 400, is the Grand Army Hall for State or any meeting of the G. A. R. (quite different from that of Missouri).

This brings me to the thought that in a very few years our Department Encampments must be more central. The Comrades can not make the long journeys across the State.

In September we attended the National Encampment and on my return I remained in St. Louis three months and during my stay it was my pleasure to meet with the Comrades and the Ladies of Relief Corps, G. A. R. Circles and Daughters, and my thanks are extended to all for their welcome tendered to me. But the Comrades and Ladies hereafter will see less of me in St. Louis, as at the end of my visit I chose a fair lady of Lyon Corps as a life companion, who will see to it to keep me at home.

In conclusion, I offer my sincere thanks to the Department Officers and the members of the Department generally for their honor and confidence in having elected me Senior V. D. C., and shall always be ready to do and labor for the good of our noble Order.

With best wishes to all and the hope for a good Encampment at St. Joseph, I remain,

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. KOOCK,
Senior Vice-Department Commander.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

St. Louis, Mo., April, 1924.

To the Officers and Comrades of the Forty-third Encampment,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Comrades:

I have the honor to report as follows:

As one of the Executive Committee of the General Lyon Monument Association, had our annual meeting May 10, with appro-

private services, at General Lyon Park, St. Louis, Mo., celebrating the capture of Camp Jackson, May 10, 1861, thereby saving our City to the Union.

I also took part, July 4, 1923, in presenting a Flag to the Blow School Playground Association. Present—Nathaniel Lyon Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Department Chaplain, Comrade Nicolls and Comrade Stumpf. We again presented a Flag to Room 8, Blow School. Music, band, with addresses to the children on "Love of Home, Country and Our Flag."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. LANLEY,
Junior Vice-Department Commander.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Office of the Judge Advocate,
Milan, Missouri.

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades:

In compliance with my duty as Judge Advocate of this jurisdiction, I herewith submit my report for the years 1923 and 1924.

My report must necessarily be very brief, for the reason that no questions have been submitted to me for decision or consideration during said time. It seems that no difficulties have arisen among the Comrades, from which we must conclude that everything has been harmonious.

On account of ill health, I was unable to attend the last State Encampment, also the last National Encampment at Milwaukee. If my health continues to improve, I hope to be with you at the Encampment at St. Joseph, in May, and meet and mingle with the Comrades during the Encampment.

Very respectfully submitted,

W. F. CALFEE,
Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

3124 East Ninth St., Kansas City, Mo., April 12, 1924.

Captain W. F. Henry,
Asst. Adjutant General, G. A. R.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Comrade:

At the last Department Encampment, I was again elected Medical Director, and at the National Encampment at Milwaukee, September, 1923, I was again elected Surgeon General of the Grand Army of the Republic. This election came to me without solicitation, and unanimously, and, I think, with the hearty support of all the members of the Missouri delegation. I desire at this time to express my appreciation of their kindness for this distinction.

During the year that is now drawing to a close, I have endeavored, as the Medical Director, to do everything in my humble ability, to assist and relieve our aged comrades, and encourage them along the sunset trail. The work has been largely individual work. It has afforded me pleasure, and, I hope, has been of benefit to quite a number.

I presume the average age of the present survivors of the Civil War is about eighty years; and I think but few of us realize the feebleness of many. That is because in our Post meetings, in our Department and National Encampments, we see and associate with Comrades who are the most vigorous and well preserved.

Could Mr. Dial and others witness the weak, enfeebled and crippled condition of thousands of these men, and realize to them is due the credit of saving this nation from rebellion, and largely maintaining it thereafter, they would, at least, discontinue their opposition to the increase of pensions now being asked of Congress.

Sixty years have now elapsed since the youngest of our members offered their services, and their lives if need be, to their country; and many suffered the hardships, and went through the awful bloody welter of the battles of 1864 and 1865. And most of them received no pension until they were sixty-two years of age, and then only twelve dollars per month.

I closing I wish to again admonish the comrades to look well to their diet; to tax digestion as little as possible; to eat freely of vegetables, fruits, cereals and milk; to drink quantities of water; to secure free evacuation of the bowels every day; to get rid of all decayed teeth; to avoid all severe exercise, but to indulge in

plenty of moderate exercise; to maintain a cheerful and contented disposition and to be a faithful and useful Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. In closing I will say, in the language of another Comrade:

While our ranks are growing thinner,,
Comrades falling one by one,
Let us closer stand together
'Till life's battle shall be done.

Stand together, touching elbows,
As we stood in days of yore,
When we braved the hail of battle,
Heard the cannon's awful roar.

Comrades, we have glorious mem'ries
By no others understood;
Mem'ries of a mighty struggle,
A nation saved by loyal blood.

Keep those memories ever sacred
In the heart as days go by;
Let them be as rays of sunshine
When the shadows heavy lie.

Let us keep the fires fraternal
Burning brightly in each breast,
'Till for us the taps are sounded
And we take our final rest.

When our last discharge is given,
And our service here is o'er,
May we be prepared for muster
Over on the other shore.

Sincerely and Fraternally in F. C. & L.,

C. W. BURRILL, M. D.,
Medical Director

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Comrade W. F. Henry, Asst. Adjutant General,
Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

It is with gratitude to Almighty God for the privilege of serving the Dept. of Missouri, I submit this report:

Thirty-two Posts have sent in their reports—23 less than last year. The Posts reporting are numbers 1, 7, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 26, 47, 69, 72, 86, 92, 97, 107, 121, 134, 164, 172, 190, 240, 244, 252, 469, 525, 582 and 583.

These reports tabulated reveal the following facts:

Twenty-nine Posts observed Memorial Sunday, with an attendance of 522 Comrades.

Thirty-one had patriotic memorial addresses and 581 Comrades were present at these services on Memorial Day.

In the smaller towns and villages, churches and Sunday schools, and in some places the public schools, offer their help and assist the old veterans in memorial services. In the cities fraternal organizations and the allied organizations of the Posts freely take part in the memorials.

The graves of deceased Comrades decorated with flags and flowers on Memorial Day aggregated 13,547.

Four Posts reported they owned burial plots.

Three Posts report unmarked graves, but failed to report the number.

A former Department Chaplain gave the number of unmarked graves in the State of Missouri as 250.

Among the speakers on Memorial Day, four were sons of veterans.

A very large proportion of the speakers were ministers.

In nearly all cases the reports of Post Chaplains had a cheerful ring in them. All were deeply patriotic. But a few showed signs of disappointment and sadness.

The unsteady and almost illegible handwriting of a few is regrettable, but not unexpected, when we consider the age of the boys of 1861 and 1865.

Some guess at the numbers they are requested to state on the blanks sent them, when by a little care, they could give definite figures.

A few chaplains seem gloomy in the face of the difficulties that confront them, in keeping up Post meetings, and memorial services. This is a regrettable mistake. No Grand Army man should feel discouraged. The closing of Grand Army Posts, and the dissolution of the entire National organization is simply a question of a few more years. But we should face the fact with both courage and gladness.

I trust it will not be considered out of place if the Department Chaplain remind the Comrades and Post Chaplains that the Grand Army of the Republic is composed of a body of men, who in world history were called out from civil pursuits, from their homes and loved ones, at a specific time, to perform a specific duty, which made them a distinctive army, unlike any that ever had existed; and there can never be another like it.

In all world history, from the dawn of creation to the end of time, there is just one Grand Army of the Republic.

They were called out to defend human rights; to save from destruction the best government ever known; to defend the Declaration of Independence which pledged equal rights to all men living under our Flag. The Grand Army did not begin the war, neither had they prepared for war, as the enemy had done; they did not want war. But when the Flag was fired upon, and government property destroyed, and the nation insulted, they rallied under the Colors and saved the Union of the United States. It cost them four years of struggle, hardships, suffering, and 400,000 dead men. This done, the value and thrill of freedom was broadcasted to a hungry and waiting world. By that act, the Grand Army settled freedom of all our citizens on the basic principles of righteousness.

The old nations of Europe scented the value and power of freedom enjoyed by the citizens of the United States. So when the self-blinded autocrats of Germany, with their powerful army and mighty guns, plunged the world into an inexcusable war, the Allies cried to the United States for help. Then it was that the sons of that Union saved by the Grand Army in 1861-1865 became the invincible force which defeated the drilled hosts of the Kaiser. With such achievements to hand to posterity the Grand Army of the Republic can afford to fold their tents with joy and gladness; let their campfires die down slowly; listen to the last roll call; receive the muster out discharge; and joyously take their place with departed worthies in the realm of perfect peace where the selfish enemies of freedom, the plutocrats, autocrats and world disturbers will never again molest.

The Grand Army job was well done when Lee surrendered. The Union was preserved, and the United States was made a country worth while.

Europe was made to see that a Republic could stand the shock of a gigantic rebellion and live. And the whole world was made wiser and better, because the Grand Army of the Republic wrought faithfully and won.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

A. M. REYNOLDS,
Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 7, 1924.

Comrade W. F. Henry, A. A. G.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Comrade:—

My report as Chief Mustering Officer of the Department of Missouri will necessary be very short. As there has been no business calling for my services, I can only say that I appreciate having been appointed to fill the office, as I consider it an honor to hold a place in the Grand Army.

WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT,
Chief Mustering Officer,
Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Missouri,

Grand Army of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1924.

Samuel M. Mann, Department Commander.

Dear Comrade: I have the honor to present the following report for the year 1923:

The Rules and Regulations provide that the Assistant Adjutant-General consolidate the reports from the various Posts of the Department and that a copy of such consolidated report shall on or before the first day of February be forwarded to the Adjutant-General. I held my report open until February 14, in order that it might include many delayed reports. On that date I forwarded my consolidated report for 1923 as follows:

The number of members in good standing December 31, 1922, as shown by Post Adjutant's reports.....	2530
Gained by muster-in.....	15
Gained by transfer.....	30
Gained by reinstatement.....	75
Gained by reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	116
Total gain	236
Aggregate	2766
Loss during the year by death.....	210
Loss by transfer	8
Loss by suspension	38
Total loss	256
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1923....	2510
The reports show that there was expended by the posts for relief in the year 1923, the total sum of.....	\$ 156.50
That the amount of cash (including collaterals on hand in the Posts, Dec. 31, 1923) was.....	49,280.34
Market value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	4,605.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	2,642.30
Total value of Post property.....	\$56,684.14

The following numbered Posts have made no reports for more than two years, having been repeatedly notified and written to, and I recommended that they be suspended: 68, 238, 268, 284, 575, 586, 591 and 593.

This Department is entitled to 14 representatives in the 58th National Encampment, including the representative at large. Fourteen representatives and fourteen alternates should be elected.

Under a rule adopted by the 19th Department Encampment the names to be voted for will be printed on the ballots in the inverse order of the alphabet, beginning with "Z".

The 54th National Encampment amended its Rules and Regulations so that Comrades residing in counties in which there is no Post, may on proper application, be enrolled by the Assistant Adjutant-General as Comrades-at-Large. I have prepared blanks for application to be so enrolled and 19 Comrades have been entered on such roll. Two Comrades so enrolled have died, leaving 17 on the roll of Comrades-at-Large. I believe that many Comrades who are without the right to wear the emblem of the Grand Army will, when this amendment is brought to their attention, apply for enrollment.

My report as Assistant Quartermaster General covers the transactions of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1924. Attention is invited to exhibits herewith filed and made a part of this report.

Exhibit "A"—Shows the Receipts and Expenses.

Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Supplies on Hand.

Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.

Exhibit "E"—Lists of Deaths in 1923 reported by Posts.

In closing this report, I wish to express my grateful appreciation of your confidence in my ability, integrity and fidelity to duty as exhibited by your appointment to the very responsible offices of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General. I have endeavored to so conduct affairs that your confidence may not have been misplaced. I have greatly appreciated the uniform comradeship and courtesy shown me by you and by all the Comrades. Our business and social relations have been such that the year will always remain a pleasing memory with me.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

WILBUR F. HENRY,

A. A. G. and A. Q.-M. G.

EXHIBIT "A"

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
APRIL 30, 1924.

Balance on hand May 1, 1923.....	\$ 31.56
Received from W. R. C., Dept. of Mo.....	400.00
Received from Ladies of G. A. R., Dept. of Mo.....	310.01
Received from Missouri Division, S. of V.....	50.00
Received from Auxillary S. of V., Dept. of Mo.....	38.40
Received from Daughters of Veterans.....	100.00
Received from per capita tax.....	863.93
Received from sale of supplies.....	33.30
Received from interest on loans.....	158.51
Transferred from Safety Fund.....	295.48
Temporary loan from a Comrade.....	200.00
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Aggregate	\$2,481.19
Paid out (approved vouchers on file):	
For rent of office.....	\$ 270.00
For supplies	12.45
For expenses of Department Encampment.....	17.74
For expenses to National Encampment.....	77.82
For printing	261.75
For salary A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.....	1,200.00
For expenses of Department Commander.....	55.00
For ribbon badges	29.94
For National per capita tax.....	252.00
For Loan paid	200.00
For postage and stationery.....	18.64
For incidentals	12.02
For premium on bond.....	12.50
For safe deposit box.....	5.00
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Total disbursed	\$2,424.46
Balance on hand May 1, 1924.....	56.33
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	\$2,481.19

EXHIBIT "B."

SAFETY FUND.

My report one year ago showed the amount in the Safety Fund to be \$2,500.00 of secured 6% notes and \$500.00 of Liberty Bonds. The unanimous vote of the Encampment authorized the trans-

fer of not to exceed 10 per cent of the Safety Fund to the General Fund, if necessary.

While the expenses for the year ending May 1, 1924, were less than for the year ending May 1, 1923, yet I found it necessary to transfer the proceeds of three \$100 Liberty bonds amounting to \$295.48 to the General Fund, leaving the Safety Fund at present as follows:

The fund remains invested on secured notes as follows:

One note of \$500 and 5 notes of \$200 each, due June 1, 1922.....	\$1,500.00
One note due April 1, 1921, remaining unpaid.....	1,000.00
Amount of Safety Fund bearing 6% interest.....	\$2,500.00
Liberty Bonds of face value.....	200.00
Total in the Safety Fund May 1, 1924.....	2,700.00

[Notes are secured by 1st Deed of Trust Interest paid.]

EXHIBIT "C."

SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 1, 1924.

No.		Value
7	Officers' Badges	\$ 4.20
2	Members' Badges	1.20
50	Buttoniers	7.50
43	Rank Straps	21.50
15	Official Badge Ribbons.....	1.50
10	Rules and Regulations.....	1.50
	Application Blanks .....	.50
1	Blue Book	1.20
2	Rituals	2.50
5	Service Books	2.25
13	Leave of Absence Cards.....	1.30
25	Transfer Blanks	2.50
10	Post Odes .....	.50
15	Department Badges	7.50
		<u>\$55.65</u>

EXHIBIT "D."

DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash Balance, May 1, 1924.....	\$ 56.33
Office Furniture, Safe, Books, etc., estimated.....	800.00
Supplies on hand.....	55.65
Principal of Safety Fund.....	2,700.00
	<u>\$3,811.98</u>

All bills paid to date.

EXHIBIT E

REPORTED DEATHS IN 1923.

Post

- 1 M. L. Houts, Private, Co. H, 96th O. V. I.
 Randolph Redin, Private, Co. C, 1st Ill. Lt. Art.
 William F. Silverwood, 2d Lt. U. S. C. T.
 Edgar Perry, Drummer, Co. G, 65th Ill. Inf.
 Peter Eckert, Private, Co. D, 41st Mo.
 William J. Dale, Private, Co. E, 1st Mo.
 Hugo Rothstein, Surgeon, 7th Mo.
 John Davis, Private, Co. K, 109th Ill.
- 4 John S. Phillips, Private, Co. D, 62d Ind. Inf.
 Stephen A. Park, Master's Mate, U. S. N.
 B. W. Wilson, Private, Co. F, 72d Ill. Inf.
 J. E. P. Zisner, Private, Co. A, 7th Kan.
 H. J. F. Wert, Private, Co. E, 101st O. V. I.
 O. S. Richards, Private, Co. K, 15th N. H. Inf.
 Philip Setzler, Private, Co. B, 77th M. S. M.
 Bernard Zick, Lt., 8th Ill. Inf.
 Louis Klein, Private, Co. B, 17th Mo. Inf.
 H. H. Stowell, Capt., 20th Mich. Inf.
 Patrick Lyons, Private, Co. E, U. S. Eng.
- 6 John T. Clark, Service not reported.
- 7 William G. Campbell, Landsman, U. S. N.
 Samuel Sharp, Private, Co. I, 3d U. S. V.
 James T. Main, Private, Co. K, 3d Ill. Cav.
 Thomas W. Evans, Private, Co. B, 15th O. V. I.
 George W. Burns, Private, Co. E, 34th Ind. Inf.
 Edmond W. Smith, Private, Co. E, 16th Kan.
 John Harnois, Private, Co. G, 15th Kan. Cav.
 Oscar E. Fox, Co. I, 86th O. V. I.
 Jefferson Rynearson, Private, Co. D, 69th O. V. I.
 John Goodman, Sergeant, Co. F, 11th Mo. Cav.
 William H. Sherman, Private, Co. I, 2d U. S. Cav.
- 8 Robert W. Goldsby, Private, Co. K, 106th Ill. Inf.
 August Breunert, Private, 7th Kan. S. M.
 Herman Ergenbrought, Sergt., Co. C, 33d Mo. Inf.
 John Fisher, Private, Co. M, 7th Ky. Cav.
 Oscar Ludwig, Capt., Co. C, 20th Ill. Inf.
 John B. Ricketts, Bugler, Co. K, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
 John Erk, no record given.
 Nicholas Thalmaier, no record given.
 William T. Little, Private, Co. F, 69th Mo. Inf.

- Edward J. Bryant, Sergt, Co. B, 30th Me.
 James W. Chastain, Private, Co. H, 148th Ill. Vol., —??—
 F. A. Stickel, Private, Co. F, 2d Ill. Cav.
 William Jutt Phillip, Private, Co. D, 2d Colo. Cav.
 Thomas Cusic, Private, Co. I, 30th Ill. Vol.
 William H. Dewey, Co. D, 15th Vol. N. Y. Cav.
 Robert B. Tindall, Corp., 124th Ill. Inf.—To Vet. Res. Corps.
 Thomas Wagner, Private, Co. E, 52d Wis. Inf.
 Winfield Meyers, Private, Co. A, 2d Ill. Cav.
- 13 Wm. Agricola, Co. K, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
 Bernhart Mueller, Co. C, Mo. Lt. Art.
 Christ Fehl, Co. D, 4th E. M. M.
 Wm. Marik, Private, Co. E, 40th Mo. Inf.
 Geo. Ande, Private, Co. B, 2d Mo. Inf. and Co. B, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Geo. W. Willman, Private, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
 Jacob Guth, Private, Co. C, 40th Mo. Inf.
- 14 Alonzo Bradbury, Private, Co. G, 16th Kan. Cav.
 A. M. Davis, Corp., Co. D, 112th N. Y. Inf.
 John Sorg, Private, Co. A, Mo. Reserves.
 William Over, Private, Co. H, 136th Ill. Inf.
 William H. Breed, Private, Co. E, 139th Ill. Inf.
 Samuel Cox, Private, Co. F, 48th Ill. Inf.
 William Egner, Corp., Co. G, 2d Ohio Cav.
 William R. Phillips, Co. F, 74th Ind. Inf.
 Gustave Gassenheimer, Co. D, 27th Pa. Inf.
 L. R. Jester, Private, Co. M, 3d Ill. Cav.
 James M. Merriman, Private, Co. F, 143d Ill. Inf.
 J. B. Graham, Private, Co. H, 59th O. V. I.
 Chas. M. Garrott, Private, Co. I, 35th Ill. Inf.
 Henry W. Lee, Private, Co. H, 12th Mich. Inf.
- 16 George Jenkins, Private, Co. H, 67th Ill. Inf.
 J. C. Thomas, Corp, Co. A, 11th V. R. C.
 W. T. Berry, Private, Co. I, 29th Mo.
 Griff Sweeney, Private, Co. I, 14th Iowa.
 John S. Brown, Lieut., Co. A, 8th Tenn. Cav.
 Francis M. Hicks, Private, Co. H, 60th O. V. I.
 John F. Hampton, Private, Co. F, 21st O. V. I.
 M. R. Alexandre, Private, Co. A, 4th Iowa Inf.
 William Baker, Private, Co. H, 32d O. V. I.
 John C. Leidy, Private, Co. H, 75th Ill. Inf.
- 17 D. F. Elliott, Co. H, 20th Iowa.
 Robert Brooks, Co. E, 42d Inf.
- 21 B. J. Benbow, Private, Co. A, 8th Iowa Cav.

- Henry Eckert, Private, Co. A, 7th Penn. Inf.
Hosea Stone, Private, Co. B, 5th New Hampshire.
J. L. Charles, Private, Co. I, 48th Mo. Inf.
Sanford Leech, Private, Co. B, 2d Iowa Cav.
- 22 B. F. Heiney, Private, Co. D, 142d Ind. Inf.
R. N. Madden, Private, Co. A, 51st O. V. I.
Al. Tinsman, Private, Co. H, 7th Mo. Inf.
Robert Willburn, Private, Co. H, Mo. Inf.
- 26 M. Sutherland, Private, Co. A, 18th O. V. L.
Jesse Steel, Private, Co. B, 2d Pa. H. A.
Robert Carpenter, Private, Co. B, 48th Mo. Inf.
John Broadley, Private, Co. D, 11th Mo. Inf.
D. B. Johnson, Private, Co. I, 15th Iowa Inf.
- 29 T. S. Bishop, Service not given.
- 34 J. B. Waltman, Private, Co. D, 177th Pa. Inf.
- 43 M. C. Bullock, Service not given.
- 44 S. P. Ford, Co. M, 12th Mo. Cav.
- 47 John Temple, Private, Co. A, 37th Ill. Inf.
- 54 J. W. Huston, Sergt., Co. F, 26th Ohio H. A.
Wm. Walker, Private, Co. E, 18th Mo. Inf.
Henry Garner, Private, Co. F, 112th Ill. Inf.
David Minear, Private, Co. D, 42d Mo. Inf.
H. C. Worley, Private, Co. D, 18th Mo. Inf.
J. B. Martin, Private, Co. D, 18th Mo. Inf.
F. Gadberry, Private, Co. I, 7th Mo. Cav.
- 69 Robert Jenkins, Private, Co. F, 42d Ind. Inf.
- 72 R. R. Rice, Sergt., Co. A, 44th Mo. Inf.
D. M. Berry, Private, Co. H, 6th M. S. M.
T. P. Fulkerson, Private, Co. K, 1st Mo. S. M.
William King, Private, Co. D, 38th Ind. Inf.
- 78 J. G. Scroggs, Service not given.
- 79 W. L. Griffith, Corp., Co. I, M. S. M.
Joseph W. Clark, Sergt., Co. D, 118th Ill. Inf.
- 86 L. L. Lowrey, Private, Co. A, 155th Ind. Inf.
- 92 Paul Arni, Corp., Co. A, 21st Mo. Inf.
Jacob Diehl, Private, Co. F, 2d M. S. M. Cav.
Z. A. Macomber, Private, Co. B, 29th, and Co. D, 136th Ind. Inf.
- 96 J. R. Lizer, Private, 6th M. S. M. Cav.
J. J. Peek, Private, Co. H, 1st M. S. M. Cav.
- 107 Louis Rohlfing, Private, Co. A, 2d Mo. Inf.
William Steuber, Private, Co. B, 14th Ill. Cav.

- 110 J. K. P. Wilson, 21st Mo. Inf.
John Martin, Private, Co. K, 16th Iowa.
James Gollither, Private, Co. K, 8th Mo.
- 111 Elisha F. Poppelwell, Private, Co. M, 3d Mo. Cav.
James W. Rowden, Private, Co. K, 9th Pro. Mo. M.
- 124 F. T. Harvey, Service not given.
A. N. Cave, Service not given.
F. Phillbaum, Service not given.
- 130 W. B. Mullins, Sergt., Co. I, 49th Mo.
- 131 H. A. Willot, Private, Co. A, 1st Mo. Inf., and Sergt., Co. A,
14th Mo. Cav.
Peter Schumacher, Private, To M. S. M. Cav.
Robert Buchanan, Capt. and Lt. Col., 7th Mo. Inf.
J. H. Henry, Co. F, Pa. Res., and Co. C, 1st Ind. Batt. Pa. Art.
I. M. Chrissinger, Corp., Co. E, 155th Pa.
James Black, Corp., 54th Ky. Mtd. Inf.
J. S. Flickner, Private, Co. H, 5th Iowa.
E. S. Williams, Sergt., Co. E, 79th O. V. I.
W. H. Miller, Capt., U. S. R. C.
John Widemen, Private, Co. G, 81st Ill. Inf.
David Ansell, Private, Co. G, 1st Mo.
David Rorick, Private, Co. G, 31st Iowa.
W. C. Steigers, Private, Co. A, 8th Mo., and U. S. Signal Corps.
E. V. Scutt, Private, Co. A, 22d Wis.
Ed. P. Johnson, Capt. Co. A, E. M. M.
J. C. Parker, 1st Lt., Co. D, 6th O. V. I., and Master, U. S. N.
J. G. Brandt, Band, 2d O. V. I.
James Brunaugh, Lt., Co. K, 6th Iowa Inf.
John Wagner, B. 121st O. V. I.
G. C. Hausmann, Private, Co. E, 143d O. V. I.
Julius Pitzman, Capt., 6th Mo. Inf.
C. F. Rudolph, Co. C, 2d O. V. I.
Cad J. Collins, Sergt., Co. K, 5th O. V. I.; Co. A, 17th O. V. I.;
Co. E, Miss. Mar. Brig.; Co. G, 1st Mo. L. A.
W. C. Richardson, Private, Co. D, 17th Ill. Cav.
J. J. Fritz, Private, Co. E, 11th Pa. Res., and Co. B, 190th
Pa. Inf.
J. C. Meyers, Seaman, U. S. N.
T. D. Kimball, Capt., Co. C, 51st Mass., and Capt., Co. A, 2d
Mass. H. A.
M. P. Owen, Capt., Co. C, 18th U. S. C. I.
R. A. Lytle, Sergt., Co. A, 143d Ill. Inf.
Aug Hossenlopp, Private, Co. C, 51st Ill. Inf.

- 141 Jas. Conroy, Private, Co. C, 3d Wis. Inf.
J. W. Simmons, Co. I, 2d Mo. L. A.
Jas. Hildreth, Private, Co. B, 135th Inf.
- 149 A. C. Fink, Service not given.
- 164 Bliss Morse, Service not given.
G. B. Hart, Service not given.
C. E. Riddell, Service not given.
Wm. P. Milby, Service not given.
- 172 Chas. Lee, Private, Co. F, 45th Mo.
W. W. Klinker, Private, Co. B, 40th Iowa.
W. R. Owen, Sergt., Service not given.
- 210 F. M. Rook, Service not given.
J. W. Stewart, Service not given.
- 215 Joseph Wood, Private, Co. I, 47th Mo. Inf.
P. Pelerine, Private, Co. M, 47th Mo.
- 218 Wm. Pittman, 1st Lieut., Co. F, 81st O. V. I.
- 233 J. Eschenbrenner, Corp., Co. K, 15th Mo. Inf.
- 240 George W. Drennen, Private, Co. H, 16th Ky. Inf.
Martin L. Weekley, Private, Co. D, 43d O. V. I.
- 273 Frederick Springer, Private, Co. E, 1st Mo. Inf.
Andrew Bolsman, Private, Co. A, 2d Mo. L. A.
- 343 Geo. W. Edwards, Co. G, 56th U. S. C. T.
Samuel Cole, Co. H, 56th U. S. C. T.
- 374 D. C. Vance, Private, Co. D, 11th Kan.
- 496 Louis Butz, Private, Co. B, 4th Mo.
August Mueller, Private, Co. E, 59th Ill. Inf.
- 554 Chas. Nagle, Co. E, Kreckel Batt., Mo. R. C.
Wm. Mitchell, Co. D, 21st Ill. Inf.
- 582 P. M. Peyton, 3d Ind. Cav.
M. Calighan, 13th N. Y. H. A.
Phil Harless, Service not given.
H. C. Lescher, 3d Wis. L. A.
James Nichols, 154th O. V. I.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

Department Commander and Comrades:

The Department of Patriotic Instruction has completed another year, and we trust the work done has added an increment to the general work of the Department. The former and prescribed work of the individual post has fallen off to a considerable degree, since quite a number of the individual posts have decreased in numbers and effective men. Quite a number of individual units feel that if they can maintain the necessary post work it is about all that might be expected of them. The Grand Army organizations in the cities and larger towns are the only ones who present formal reports.

The feature work at Saint Louis was the well-planned observance of Memorial Day. The large attendance of the Comrades of the various posts augmented by large bodies of the Auxiliaries, and supplemented by the various groups of the German-Franco War, presented a spectacle well worthy of the patriotic comrades of Saint Louis. In addition to the above named service, Frank P. Blair Post No. 1 carried forward, in a conspicuous way, the observance of Armistice Day. Splendid preparation was made for the occasion by the issuance of a General Order by the Commander of the Post, which sounded the key-note of the movement, and was the rally cry that brought forth large and interested numbers. General Order: "Armistice Day will be celebrated by a parade and exercise at the Armory, Grand Avenue and Market Street, on November 11. The post should take special pride in the occasion because the Armistice was forced by our sons and grandsons by their triumphant march from the crumbling walls of Chateau Thierry through the tangled underbrush of the Argonne Forest, in which Europe was taught that fighting was the business of the soldier and ditch-digging was the business of the canal builder; and on every embattled field they added a new chapter to the glory of the American arms. The same indomitable spirit has inspired the American soldier on every battlefield." This Armistice Day observance has set the pace and is a vanguard to future observance.

Memorial service at Kansas City was unusually large. All patriotic organizations were in attendance and joined under the leadership of Comrade Alfred Zartman. The Boy Scouts were an added attraction. The Public Schools were visited as usual and the comrades were graciously received.

Springfield, under the combined military organizations of the City, observed Memorial Day, and an unusual attendance assembled on the well-kept National Cemetery grounds. World War veterans, Spanish-American veterans, and the Boy Scouts, with their band of 100 members, added much interest. There were 6,000 present. Springfield veterans have given more attention to the Boy Scouts. Reports from Joplin, St. Joseph, Moberly and Cameron were encouraging.

Flag Day throughout the State was fittingly observed. Increasing attention is given to Flag Day. If timely attention is called to the approach of the Day, private citizens join in the public display. Decorations desired for public gatherings always calls out Old Glory. While many civic societies in their public parades oftentimes carry their chosen colors, yet the American Flag is always seen at the head of the procession.

Church Sunday Schools are increasingly observing Lincoln's birthday, and Washington's birthday, and many of our Churches now have given permanent place to the Flag in the Church. Religion and patriotism are closely allied and cannot well be separated.

The Auxiliaries are doing a splendid work among the schools distributing flags, large and small, and giving aid to the Posts. The Grand Army of the Republic have realized for years that its primary and predominant work is along the line of patriotic instruction. Our organic body is an objective appeal and plea for patriotic citizenship. As a body of veterans of the Civil War we meet annually and provide for the organization, attend to its business, promote the welfare of the comrades, but the speeches that are made, the campfires we attend and the greetings we extend to the Auxiliaries, and the reports we make, all have the one prominent idea in view, viz.: honor to the State, the glory of the Nation, and in it all, and through it all, runs the golden thread of patriotism. Missouri has felt that one of the chief aims is to keep the Flag and patriotic instruction before, and in the minds of the young. We have kept "Old Glory" in the schools and on the school buildings. We extend great praise to the Auxiliaries and the loyal teachers for their faithful assistance.

When faulty and one-sided school histories have crept into the schools the Grand Army has spoken out in no uncertain language, and such histories have been rewritten; and with the exception of a few of the Southern States and the District of Columbia, where Southern influence largely prevails, little fault can be found with the school histories now in use.

The Patriotic Department is urging the individual Posts to make special lists of their Post rolls and the place of burial, lest when the Grand Army are all gone, and with incorrect lists of the membership and the sacred spot where their bodies rest, shall become unknown and the future Memorial Days may not find the graves of the departed.

The Department of Patriotic Instruction has found that the American school children are the best agency to indoctrinate the young foreigners in American ways and American ideas. Compulsory attendance mixes the foreign contingent with American children, and the foreign born are compelled to learn the American language and fall into American ways. They soon learn to play with the American children and they also learn to sing American patriotic songs, they read American history and soon they dress like American children, talk like them and finally think like them. While the foreign fathers and mothers may not first approve all their children tell them, yet in time they find the children learning so fast and are so delighted with American ways, that the parents in time conclude that if they are to make their homes in this country they might as well fall in with existing things. Foreign children are great singers and, musically inclined and as much of the school music is patriotic they soon accept it as their songs. If you should visit the schools two or three years after the little foreign children have been thoroughly introduced you would find it difficult to tell where the Americans leave off and the foreigners begin. Free schools are very acceptable to foreigners and free text books have a good influence. All these influences in time gradually make Americans out of the foreigners.

The observance of Flag Day is growing and each year find increasing numbers of homes exhibiting the Flag. The Flag is its own best representative. Let the citizens elevate the Flag on their home and the Flag will celebrate its own birthday. Give it a chance. America has not yet equalled the English nation in Flag Day observance. While in England there are many sharply divided political parties, yet on Flag Day the Union Jack is claimed by all. If attention is called to the approaching Flag Day through the press many more of the people will exhibit the Flag. Americans are chasing the elusive dollar and many of them forget the courtesy to the Flag.

The Department has distributed many small and large flags during the past year. Five hundred copies of Tyler Page's "American Creed" have been distributed and is oftentimes read in schools, see copy:

"I believe in the United States of America, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic. A sovereign nation of many sovereign states, perfect union, one and inseparable, established on the principle of freedom, equality and justice and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, obey its laws, to respect its flag, and defend it against all enemies."

All schools are taught allegiance to the Flag.

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic to which it belongs; one country, one language, one Flag, with liberty and justice to all."

The Woman's Relief Corps deserve great praise and thanks for the beautiful Flag they present at each Annual Encampment to the schools of the city which entertains the Department. Who shall measure the far-reaching influence of such a presentation.

WILLIAM C. CALLAND,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Springfield, Missouri, April 26, 1924.

The reports of the several Department officers were referred to committees as follows:

The reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders:

To J. W. Beach, Dan Kunkle and John Hack.

The reports of the Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering officer:

To A. Whipple, Max Fritz and F. Walton.

The report of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.:

To J. A. Stewart, C. W. Corkran and J. L. Carnahan.

The report of the Medical Director:

To W. S. Wood, E. N. Edmonds and G. B. Cunningham.

The report of the Department Chaplain:

To Thos. H. Brown, J. M. Tuttle and T. D. Roberts.

The Assistant Adjutant General announced the death of Comrade C. K. Reifschneider, a member of the Department Council of Administration, who had long served the Department and his Comrades well and faithfully, and so lived as to win the regard and esteem of all who knew him. He was a man of high ideals and nobility of conduct and character. While he was Commander of Ransom Post of St. Louis, in conducting the services on Memorial Sunday some years ago, he delivered a short address which reveals the man. The thoughts so well expressed in that address are worthy of preservation. Comrade Henry incorporated the address in his remarks. The address follows:

"Death is an appearance as is the setting sun. The sun never sets and life never ceases. Death is a dream that wakes us at the end of a brief night. The exterior body, no longer useful, falls off like a worn-out garment, whilst the real man rises and lives forever. As our Savior rose from his tomb within three days, so rise all.

"The co-existence of these bodies in this life is the key to the relation between mind and matter, between the spiritual and natural worlds. The sadness of some earth memories is lightened by a sweet overbrooding sense of the proximity of the spiritual world and its inhabitants.

"Memorial Day is a day of ennobling and exaltation. Our thoughts mold our fate because thought and life are one. If we give all we have and do all we can do and yet think unkindly, it profits us nothing. But loving thoughts of those who live and loving memories of those passed on unite and hold us in one brave army here and one more glorious army 'over there'!

"John, the Beloved, the Celestial, displaying his apocalyptic scroll, overwhelms us with glorious visions of the Holy City, with its golden streets and gates of pearl, and its river of life; but we cannot always see our loved ones in that great multitude which no man can number; neither can we detect the salutations of our comrades amid the sound of many waters and never-ending Alleluias; but, from the valley of humiliation we sometimes catch glimpses of them there, shining in the light of faith and hope.

"Believing these things, we part on this Memorial Day to meet again with surety, and, whether we march next with the seen or with the 'unseen army,' we shall be united always upon Memorial days, for they are days of loving memories."

A committee of the Sons of Veterans were admitted and escorted to the platform and given a fraternal welcome. The committee was composed of F. E. Ernst, C. A. Dorsey and Leo

Roberts. They brought fraternal greetings and pledges of fidelity to the interests of their fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic, from the Department Convention of the Sons of Veterans there assembled in St. Joseph. Each member of the committee made a short and spirited address that won the applause of the Comrades.

The Department Commander responded to the greetings of sons in a highly creditable manner.

Thereupon the Department Commander declared a recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander at 1:30 o'clock.

It was announced that a delegation of the Woman's Relief Corps was at the outpost and desired admission.

They were admitted, escorted to the platform and given a Comrade's greeting. They were introduced to the Encampment by the Department Commander as follows:

Mrs. Belle Bliss, National President;

Mrs. Augusta Wildhagen, Department President;

Mrs. Rachel Hall, Mrs. Hattie M. Beach, Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong and Mrs. Sallie E. Day, Past Department Presidents.

The National President, Mrs. Bliss, delivered a short and very pleasing address, bringing the greetings of the great band of women of the Relief Corps to the Grand Army of Missouri.

The Department President, Mrs. Wildhagen, gave the Comrades a most loyal and hearty greeting and proceeded to read her annual report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 1924.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Samuel M. Mann, Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Commander:

I have the honor and pleasure to present to you a report of the work done by the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Mis-

Missouri, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, for the year ending May 9, 1924, as follows:

Number of Corps in Department.....	33
Number of Members in the Department.....	2447
Cash expended for Relief.....	\$ 594.89
Value expended for Relief other than money.....	1,863.72
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	\$2,458.61

Cash Turned over to Posts.....	\$221.00
Cash Expended for Army Nurses	25.00
Cash Expended for Patriotic Work	585.19
Cash Expended for Flowers to Comrades.....	578.99
Cash Expended for Child Welfare	272.50
Cash Expended for St. James Christmas Fund.....	187.00
Cash Expended for Scholarship Fund	9.00
Cash Expended for Grand Army Fund.....	500.00
Cash Expended for Southern Memorial Fund....	4.50
Cash Balance on Hand—General Fund.....	400.00
Liabilities (None)	

Number of Veterans and Families assisted..... 33

I thank you, Commander Mann, also Captain Henry, and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic for courtesies extended to the Department of Missouri, Woman's Relief Corps, and wish for you a harmonious and peaceful Encampment.

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

AUGUSTA WILDHAGEN,

Department President.

LOUISE WIRTEL,

Department Secretary.

With the report Mrs. Wildhagen handed the Department Commander a check for \$500 as a donation to the general fund of the Department.

At the request of the Department Commander the Department Chaplain, Comrade Reynolds, responded to the greeting of the ladies. He paid a well-deserved tribute to the Women's Relief Corps, especially the W. R. C. of the Department of Missouri. He spoke of the generosity of the W. R. C. of Missouri and the interest manifested by them in the welfare of Grand Army of the Department.

Comrade J. L. Carnahan, Commander of Post 8, moved the Encampment give the Department W. R. C. a rising vote

thanks for their very generous voluntary gift. The motion was seconded by several and was unanimously adopted.

The committee was escorted to the outpost amid the applause of the Comrades.

A committee from the convention of the Auxilliary to the Sons of Veterans were admitted and escorted to the platform and given a hearty welcome. The committee consisted of Adella Koch, Past President of Auxilliary No. 38; Lotta Haverstock of Auxilliary No. 4, and Mrs. Frances McCann of Auxilliary No. 37. They brought the greetings of their society to the Comrades of the Grand Army and in token of their fraternal interest and good will handed the Department Commander Mann for the general fund of the Department a purse containing \$25.60. The gift and cheering addresses were generously applauded by the Comrades.

The Department Commander made a fitting response to the remarks of the committee and expressed the thanks of the Department for their financial gift. The committee retired amid the cheers of the Comrades.

Past Department Commander S. D. Webster, appointed by General Orders No. 5 to prepare and present to the Encampment a testimonial on the death of Past Department Commander Thomas D. Kimball, presented the following:

IN MEMORIAM.

THOMAS DUDLEY KIMBALL was born in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on December 20, 1838. He was educated at Phillips' Academy and was a student when, on September 8, 1862, he was commissioned as Captain of Company G, 51st Massachusetts Infantry. At the expiration of its term of service he re-enlisted and was commissioned, on July 30, as Captain of Company A, Second Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. These organizations served most of their terms in North Carolina, where there was little active military operation, but he took part in engagements at Goldsboro, Kingston, and some smaller encounters. Company A during part of its term served as a light battery. They were held in the field, near Smithville, North Carolina, until sent to Gallup's Island, Boston Harbor, where the organization was disbanded and he was mustered out of service on September 3, 1865. A commission sent by the Governor reached him too late for muster as Major of Artillery.

His grandfather, Samuel K., was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; his father, William, in the War of 1812; and others his ancestors served in the Colonial Wars.

He came to Missouri in 1865. Removing from St. Louis to Kirkwood he was elected as a member of its School Board, a Trustee of the Town Board, and Mayor. In whatever position of honor or trust he was placed by his neighbors, he was found diligent, upright, capable and efficient, having the esteem and respect of all about him.

He joined Ransom Post 131 on May 22, 1886; was its Commander during two terms, 1904-5, and while Commander prepared a Post Roster of over a thousand names, in which was shown the service record and status of each Comrade and the place of burial of almost three hundred of those who had been Mustered Out and enrolled "over there." He was elected and served as Department Commander in 1907.

On December 5, 1923, his name was added to the Roster of the Mustered Out, after an active and useful life of almost eighty-five years.

St. Joseph, Missouri, May 8, 1924.

Past Department Commander, J. M. Williams, appointed by General Orders No. 3 to prepare and present a testimonial on the death of Past Department Commander Thomas W. Evans, presented the following:

Capt. W. F. Henry,

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

You have notified me that the Department Commander has detailed me to prepare a memorial commemorative of the life of our late well-beloved Comrade, Thomas W. Evans, a member of Custer Post No. 7 of St. Joseph and Past Department Commander in 1916 and 1917.

I greatly regret that our Commander did not detail some one better acquainted with Comrade Evans than I was; while we were both born and raised in the same county, Guernsey, in the good old Buckeye State of Ohio, neither knew of the existence of the other until long years afterwards.

Comrade Evans was born in Cambridge, the county seat of Guernsey County, and attended its public school. His father, as I understand, was Nathan Evans, then, or formerly, a Whig member of Congress, but later and for many years a judge of the Court of Common Pleas, a court corresponding to our Circuit Court.

Comrade Evans was born April 21, 1843, and my information is, that on account of his stature he was admitted as a drummer in Co. B, 15th Ohio Volunteers, but later admitted to the ranks. It was a regiment which saw hard service in Kentucky, Tennessee and elsewhere in that department of the South, winding up his service as a veteran in Texas, where he was finally discharged November 21, 1865, after a service of over four years.

He was terribly wounded at the Battle of Stone River and lay all night on the ground before removal to the hospital, so that his life was despaired of; but, with a vigorous constitution, he pulled through, was re-enlisted as a veteran and served until the war closed, after a service of over four years.

His last service was in Texas, in which state he was discharged and returned home.

After his return home he was employed for two years in a drug store in Cambridge and then accepted employment in a bank in Plattsmouth, Neb., in which state and employment he remained seven years, after which he came to St. Joseph, where he was employed in several banks until the close of his life, except some three years spent in travel.

Comrade Evans became a member of Custer Post No. 7 April 21, 1887, and held all the offices therein to which he could be elected or appointed, showing the Comrades of his Post had full confidence in his ability and loyalty. He was elected in 1896 Senior Vice Commander of this Department and the following year at Warrensburg, was a candidate for Commander, but was defeated by Comrade John P. Platt. I think Comrade Evans was much hurt by his defeat, for I did not see him at our annual meetings thereafter for several years, until at the Encampment at Springfield in 1917 he was unanimously elected Commander and delivered his excellent address the next year at the Encampment in this city, which is published in the proceedings of that year, on the frontal page of which is a splendid photograph.

And so, Comrade Evans, as described by our Department Commander in announcing his death in General Orders of that year, as "a true Comrade and a noble Christian gentleman," was mustered out on May 22, 1923.

Requiescat in Pace.

It was my great pleasure to occupy the same stateroom with Comrade Evans in attending the National Encampment at Boston in 1917 and also in going to the one held in Portland the following year. After the close of that Encampment we went down the

coast and stopped a week in Frisco, which we much enjoyed. From there we journeyed by boat to Los Angeles. The next morning, standing on the boat, and gazing across the broad Pacific, the words of Byron came to my mind, and I repeated:

"Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean, Roll,
when Tom immediately repeated the next line,

"A thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain,"
and then we both stalled, and while it showed we had both studied our McGuffey to some extent, yet three score years had not improved our memories. We promised to look it up and the one finding it first was to send the quotation to the other. I stopped off at Topeka, and telling a friend of my dilemma, she took down her copy of Childe Harold and found the quotation, which I copied; but on reaching home I found a letter from Tom containing it. He had found it first.

I notice in the Obituary of Comrade contained in the local paper, a copy of which was sent me, that he was described therein as "Captain" Evans, and he may have obtained a brevet of that character. But Comrade Evans once told me he never held any commission; that, when at home on account of his wound, a friend of his father, Judge Evans, who was also a friend to the Governor, promised to secure him a commission; but, perhaps the friend, or the Governor, forgot the promise; or, perhaps there was no vacancy, but, for some reason, the commission never came.

After the close of the war many localities vied with each other in the erection of imposing and costly monuments to the memory of our most celebrated Generals who had led our armies to victory. And this was right, for they deserved it. Ohio, the home of both Comrade Evans and myself, had numerous sons she so honored. I need only name Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and McPherson, from a large number, who deserved well of their country.

But, if I were called on to build a monument to the most deserving soldier of them all, it would not be to one who wore shoulder straps as evidence of his rank, or even chevron on his sleeve to mark his authority as a non-commissioned officer. But, to that one who marched in the front rank and carried a musket; waded the stream; climbed the breastwork; bayoneted, if necessary the Confederate who defended it, and so often fell in the very hour of victory and was often buried in an unmarked grave. This Monument, so to be erected, would be to

THE PRIVATE SOLDIER.

It should be erected at Washington, the capital of the nation he fought for and (perhaps died) to save. Better still, perhaps

that it be erected at Arlington, the National Cemetery, once the home of Robert E. Lee, and which he deserted to take a leading part in attempting to destroy the government which had given him his education and training, where our unknown soldier, surrounded by thousands of his comrades, he would sleep the last, long sleep, until finally awakened by the Reveille of the resurrection.

Respectfully submitted as a tribute to the memory of our well-beloved Comrade, Thomas W. Evans.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

California, Mo., May 5, 1924.

Eulogies were delivered by several Comrades and Past Department Commander Lowe moved that both memorials be adopted and printed in full in the Journal of the Encampment. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted by a rising vote. While the Comrades remained standing Commander Mann directed that the name of Comrade Riefschneider be added to those of Comrades Evans and Kimball and Taps be sounded in memory of the three. Comrade S. D. Walton sounded Taps.

Comrade J. W. Beach of Post 7 stated that Past Department Commander George Hall was ill at his home in Trenton and Past Department Commander Barnes was ill at his home in Joplin; that both of these Comrades were too feeble to attend the Encampment. He moved that the Assistant Adjutant General wire to each the sympathetic greetings of the Encampment. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

(The A. A. G. later reported that the messages were sent.)

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the report of the Department Council of Administration as follows:

May 7, 1924.

Pursuant to Paragraph II of General Order No. 6, Current Series, the Department Council of Administration met at Department Headquarters in Hotel Robidoux, St. Joseph, Mo., this date, the Department Commander presiding. The following members of the Council were present:

Samuel M. Mann, Department Commander;
Charles Kooock, Senior Vice Department Commander;
W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General;
A. Whipple and Max Fritz.

The following proceedings were had:

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the only matter that had arisen during the year for the action of the Council was fixing the date for holding the Department Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief expressed the wish that the Department of Missouri and the Department of Nebraska hold their meetings the same week so that he may visit both. By correspondence it was found that May 8 and 9 would be mutually most desirable and the Assistant Adjutant General submitted those dates in writing to each member of the Council for approval, and the dates were unanimously approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General presented its report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1924.

Comrade S. M. Mann,

Department Commander:

We, the undersigned, appointed by you to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, respectfully report that we have performed the duty assigned us and find that the books and accounts are correct and properly kept and show in detail the receipts and disbursements; all disbursements are shown by vouchers properly receipted and filed. We have examined all vouchers and approve the disbursements as shown.

We commend the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General for his faithful and efficient discharge of his duties, and the personal interest he ever manifests in the welfare of the Department and of Comrades.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WHIPPLE,

BENJ. A. SUPPAN,

MAX FRITZ,

Auditing Committee.

On motion, the report of the Auditing Committee was approved and the Committee discharged.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommend that the sum of \$100.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the traveling expenses of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Council of Administration recommend that the Assistant Quartermaster General, with the approval of the Department Commander, be authorized to transfer to the General Fund so much of the principal of the Safety Fund as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Department for the ensuing year; provided, however, that the aggregate of such transfer shall not exceed 10% of the principal of the Safety Fund.

The matter of routes to Boston for the 58th National Encampment was informally discussed, but no action was taken.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G.,

Recorder.

On motion, the report was approved and the recommendations therein contained were unanimously adopted. On motion of the A. A. G., a separate vote was taken on the recommendation authorizing the transfer of not to exceed 10% of the Safety Fund to the General Fund and the recommendation was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Calland moved that the time for the meeting of the Encampment on Friday morning, the 9th, be at 8:30. The motion was amended to make the time 9 o'clock and was adopted as amended.

The committee on the reports of Senior and Junior Vice Commanders presented its report as follows:

We, the Committee on the Reports of the Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander of this Department, beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully read their admirable reports and are much pleased to learn that they have been so active in the discharge of their duties, and cheerfully subscribe to all that they have said.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HACK.

DANIEL KUNKEL.

J. W. BEACH.

The Department Commander then declared a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Department Commander opened the Encampment at 9 o'clock Friday morning, May 9, 1924. He announced that the first business in order was the election of Representatives in the 58th National Encampment.

On motion, it was unanimously ordered that the Comrade receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared Representative-at-Large and the 13 receiving the next highest number shall be Representatives, and the 14 receiving the next highest number shall be Alternates in the order of their votes.

The Commander appointed the following named Comrades to receive and count the ballots:

J. W. Beach, Daniel Kunkel, P. D. Etue and S. D. Webster.

The tellers distributed the ballots and collected them. The tellers then retired to count them and to report the result later.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander presented its report as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee, to whom the Report of the Department Commander was referred, have carefully considered same and beg to report our general approval. After acknowledging the favor of a kindly Providence, the Commander gratefully acknowledges the many courtesies received from the members of the Department during the year, and explained his inability to visit the Posts of the Department during the year, the cause being the continued sickness in his family.

He recognizes the depleting numbers in the several Posts and mourns the passing of some who were held in high esteem by the Department—Kimball, Reifsnider, Nichols and our much beloved Evans. The Department will feel keenly the loss of these "Princes in Israel."

The report calls attention to the fact that some Posts that have suspended have failed, thus far, to surrender their charters.

The report calls attention to the prominent part the Grand Army of the Republic has performed in the public life of the Nation since 1865, and bespeaks their continuance in this good work in these days of reconstruction.

The Commander greatly recognizes the goodly attendance of the Department at the National meeting at Milwaukee September 2, 1923. There were 125 Comrades in line.

The work of our Auxiliaries is generously recognized, and their magnanimous gifts are gratefully appreciated.

The administration for the past year may be counted as an average one and the personality of the Commander and his personal relations with the Comrades has been pleasing and satisfactory.

W. C. CALLAND.

S. D. WEBSTER.

P. F. COGHLAN.

The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate and Chief Mustering Officer presented its report as follows:

Commander and Comrades:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of William A. Elliott, Chief Mustering Officer, and the report of W. F. Calfee, Judge Advocate, beg leave to report that inasmuch as these officers have had no work to perform in their respective offices, their reports should be approved and this committee discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WHIPPLE.

MAX FRITZ.

FARWELL WALTON.

The report of the committee was approved and the committee discharged.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Chaplain presented its report as follows:

Your committee to examine the report of the Department Chaplain report that they have examined the report and find it in order, well compiled and recommend its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BROWN.

T. D. ROBERTS.

J. M. TUTTLE.

The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The committee on the report of the Medical Director presented its report as follows:

We beg leave to report as follows:

We are highly pleased with the recommendations which he makes and most cheerfully ask that they be adopted by this Encampment.

Committee—

W. D. WOOD, Chairman.

E. N. EDMONDS.

G. B. CUNNINGHAM.

The report was approved and committee discharged.

The committee on the reports of A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. presented its report as follows:

The Committee on Report of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. would report as follows:

We feel grateful to learn that while death has affected us greatly during the year in the loss of 256 Comrades, yet a gain by reinstatement, etc., of 236 leaves us in better shape numerically than we had hoped for. We find the different affairs of the Department clearly stated and recommend the adoption of the report as a whole.

J. A. STEWART.

J. L. CARNAHAN.

C. W. CORKRAN.

Committee.

The report was approved and committee discharged.

The committee on the report of the Patriotic Instructor presented its report as follows:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 8, 1924.

To State Department, G. A. R.:

You Committee to which was referred the Report of W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor, respectfully report that we have examined said report and fully commend its recommendations in respect to teaching Patriotism in all our schools, and that our

young people be early impressed with the duty of respect for the Flag and their duty as citizens of this great Republic.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

PHIL F. COGHLAN.

The report was approved and committee discharged.

On motion, the Encampment proceeded to select the place for holding its meeting in 1925.

The proceedings were here very pleasantly interrupted by a committee from the Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, requesting admission. No objection appearing, they were admitted and escorted to the platform and given a cordial greeting by the Comrades.

The Department Commander introduced Mrs. Amy Clark, chairman of the committee, who presented Mrs. Edwena P. Trigg, Department President, and other members of the committee as follows:

Mrs. Martha J. Vanduser, National President;

Mrs. Della R. Henry, Past National President;

Mrs. Benj. Warner, Past Department President.

Mrs. Vanduser delivered a short but eloquent address, which elicited the applause of the comrades—as did also the other members of the committee. The most effective speech was made by Mrs. Trigg; it was eloquent and fitting in language and she closed it by handing to the Department Commander a check for the sum of \$300 for the general fund of the Department.

On motion, a unanimous rising vote of thanks was given the Department of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for its voluntary generous gift.

Upon the request of the Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur on behalf of the Encampment responded to the several remarks of the ladies, and they were then escorted to the outpost amid the plaudits of the comrades.

The consideration of the place for holding the Encampment in 1925 was then resumed.

Comrade Charles Koock of Sedalia said that while Sedalia had twice in succession—in 1921 and 1922—entertained the Encampment, it was a real pleasure, and that he was assured by the officials of the city, the Chamber of Commerce and the business men

and citizens generally that Sedalia would be pleased and consider it an honor if the Encampment would meet there again in 1925.

While Comrade Kooock was speaking, two telegrams were delivered to the Assistant Adjutant General. He asked the privilege to read them at once. Comrade Kooock yielded and Comrade Henry read the telegrams. They were invitations from the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, O. P. Morton Post and from Past Department Commander Barnes of Joplin to the Department to hold its meeting in 1925 in Joplin.

Comrade P. L. Swartz of Post 14 spoke with much earnestness and enthusiasm for Joplin and pledged a most hearty welcome and a generous entertainment.

Comrade Kooock stated that he was pleased that Joplin asked for the Encampment. He then withdrew the name of Sedalia and moved that the invitation of Joplin be accepted and expressed the hope that the vote of the Encampment would be unanimous for Joplin. The motion was seconded by several and was unanimously adopted. Joplin was declared to be the meeting place of the 44th Department Encampment, the date to be fixed by the Council of Administration.

Comrade Henry moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Sedalia for its invitation to entertain us again next year. The motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Past Department Commander Calland of Post 69 and Comrade J. A. Stewart of Post 4, a committee on resolutions to be presented at this session of the Encampment.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Nominations being in order, Comrade Dr. C. W. Burrill of Post 4, placed in nomination Alfred Zartman of that Post, in an earnest speech in which he set forth the military and civil history of Comrade Zartman. Among other things he said:

Comrade Zartman was born and brought up on a farm near Somerset, Ohio.

He enlisted in Company K, 126th Ohio Volunteers, on August 20, 1862, and was appointed Corporal. Promoted to Sergeant March 24th, '63, and to First Sergeant, August 26th, 1863. Near the close of the war he was promoted to Captain but was never mustered as such.

When General Lee marched towards Gettysburg, the 126th O. Vs. retreated via Harper's Ferry to the Army of the Potomac near Gettysburg and was assigned to the 3rd Corps.

After Lee had succeeded in retreating over the Potomac and the Army of the Potomac was in pursuit, his regiment participated in the battles of Wapping Heights; Culpepper; Locust Grove; Bristow Station; Bealton Station and Brandy Station. When General U. S. Grant was put in command of all the Armies, the 126th O. Vs. were assigned to the 6th Corps.

On May 5th, '64, the Battle of the Wilderness opened and for six days there was almost continuous battle with very heavy casualties. On May 12th at the Bloody Angle, Spottsylvania, Comrade Zartman received a wound which fractured the skull; was sent to the hospital. On August 24, '64, he returned to his regiment.

With General Phil Sheridan in Command of the Army of the Shenandoah on Sept. 19th, Comrade Zartman's Regiment and the 6th Corps participated in the Battle of Opequon Creek (or Winchester) when he was wounded in the side. In the Battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19th, he received a slight wound on the hand.

His regiment with the Corps returned to the Army of the Potomac on Dec. 16, '64, and was stationed in front of Petersburg. On March 25th, '65, his regiment participated in the capture of the Rebel Picket line. On April 2nd, the regiment was one of the first over the Rebel Works. Thence forward for Appomattox and Victory.

He has been one of the faithful workers of McPherson Post since 1883. Has been its Commander; and for the past five years its Adjutant and patriotic instructor; also Department Patriotic Instructor 1919-20. He is vigorous, active and tireless in the work for the Grand Army of the Republic; a gentleman of high character; a true comrade and fast friend.

Several comrades spoke in favor of Comrade Zartman.

No other nomination appearing Comrade Zartman was unanimously elected by acclamation.

The election of a Senior Vice Department Commander being next in order, Past Commander-in-Chief Rassleur presented the name of Charles Koock of Post 53, Sedalia, for re-election to that position. He said that the activities of Comrade Koock, entitled him to the honor of a re-election.

No other nomination appearing Comrade Koock was unanimously elected by acclamation and so declared.

Comrade W. A. Elliott of Post 7, placed John P. Emmert of that Post in nomination for the office of Junior Vice Commander.

There being no other nomination he received the unanimous vote of the Encampment and was declared elected by acclamation.

There were three comrades nominated from Department Chap-

lain, W. K. Collins of Post 582, Lees Summit; A. M. Reynolds, Post 7, St. Joseph, and T. D. Roberts, Post 45, Oregon.

The Department Commander ordered a ballot taken on Department Chaplain and he appointed Comrades Hack, Elliott and Fritz tellers to receive and count the votes.

The ballots showed that Comrade Collins received a majority of all the votes cast and he was declared duly elected.

Comrade Reynolds moved that the election of Comrade Collins be made unanimous, the motion was seconded by Comrade Roberts and put to vote and carried.

For Medical Director, Surgeon General, Dr. C. W. Burrill placed Dr. J. L. Carnahan of Post 8, Kansas City in nomination.

No other nomination appearing, he was duly elected by acclamation and so declared.

The following named comrades were nominated for members of the Department Council of Administration: A. Whipple, Max Fritz, Chas. F. Bottum, B. A. Suppan and J. W. Lanley.

There being five to be elected and only five nominated, on motion, they were all elected by acclamation, the vote being unanimous.

Herman A. Finke, Department President of the United Spanish War Veterans was introduced. He delivered a patriotic address that elicited much applause.

The Committee on Resolutions then reported the following:

Your Committee on Resolutions, with the very limited time at their disposal, beg leave to report as follows:

We highly appreciate the courtesies extended by the people of St. Joseph, and the programme arranged for us, the courtesies of the Press, and all the provisions made for our entertainment.

The Entertainment Committee having made generous provision for the Department.

The Department is pleased to recognize the growth and prosperity of the city. The civic beauty is marked, and the auto drive revealed the aesthetic beauty and civic improvement.

We recognize St. Joseph as a growing city and the marvellous amount of building at the present time bids fair for the future of the city. The Department shall surely consider all future investigations.

We thank the Mayor for his kindly words of greeting.

J. A. STEWART
W. C. CALLAND

Quite a large delegation from the Department Convention of the Daughters of Veterans appeared at the outpost and requested admission. They were admitted and escorted to the platform. Mrs. Mabel S. Walker, Department President and Mrs. Drucilla I. Thayer National President leading the visitors, each of the committee carried our National flag and as they marched to position all sang "The Red White and Blue."

The Department Commander and the Comrades of the Encampment gave them a hearty greeting.

Mrs. Walker spoke cheering words to the Commander and comrades and presented the Commander a check for \$100.00 for the general fund of the Department and with it a written report of the work of her Department for the past. The report follows:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DAUGHTERS OF
VETERANS TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Honorable, Samuel M. Mann, St. Joseph,
Department Commander

It is my pleasant duty to submit to you and through you to the Forty-third Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic assembled at St. Joseph, Mo., May 8, 9, 1924. A report of the earnest work done during the year by the Daughters of Veterans of Missouri. As you know, our Department work is in its infancy, coming into existency Aug. 9, 1921, by the help of National President Nellie Goodman. We are very proud of the opportunity to work for our dear fathers, "The boys in blue." We feel there is no cause more worthy, knowing the sacrifices they made for us, for the world and humanity, freedom—liberty what have not you done, that we might enjoy these! We realize the price you paid and we stand ready to act at your summons, in any way we can make your days more pleasant and burdens lighter.

We are happy to say we are growing both in numbers and in interest and not until every eligible daughter in Missouri has had a chance to join us, shall we quit.

Number of Tents in Missouri.....	8
Number of Members in Missouri	321
Cash expended for Relief.....	
Value of Relief, other than money.....	
Total value of Relief extended.....	

Cash expended for Memorial Day.....	
Cash expended for Patriotic Work.....	
Cash donations for St. James Home Fund.....	\$34.00
Cash on hand General Fund, May 1st.....	
Liabilities—None.	

Accompanying this report is a check for \$100.00, a love gift to Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, from the Daughters of Veterans, to be used as your organization sees fit, for your grand and noble cause. We are indeed happy to give you this and beg you to accept also the love that comes to you with this small token.

I thank you, Commander Mann and members of this Grand Army Convention for all kindnesses extended, only a daughter knows how much we appreciate your goodness to us. Our entire membership join me in pledging anew our earnest support to you and also in wishing for you a happy, harmonious convention.

Loyally submitted in F. C. and L.

MABEL S. WALKER,

Department President.

CORA B. WELLS,

Department Secretary.

The Encampment gave the Daughters a rising vote of thanks for their generous gift.

Mrs. Thayer made a short and entertaining address after which they retired amid the cheers and applause of the Encampment.

Comrade Alfred Zartman, Commander Elect, was escorted to the platform and formally presented to the Encampment. He delivered a short and inspiring address in which he thanked the comrades for electing him to the high office of Department Commander and spoke feelingly of the honor conferred.

The tellers of the election of Representatives to the 53rd National Encampment presented their report as follows:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 9, 1924.

Commander:

Your tellers have accomplished the duties laid upon them counting the ballots for Delegates to the National Encampment. There was a total of 99 ballots, of which 10 were thrown out.

the reason that more than 14 names were voted. The accompanying tally sheet shows the result as follows:

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BACH,
A. S. WEBSTER,
DANIEL KUNKEL,
P. D. ESTUE,

Tellers.

The tally sheet shows the names of the comrades elected in the order of their vote as follows:

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| 1. A. Whipple | 15. W. A. Hall |
| 2. A. M. Reynolds | 16. C. W. Corkran |
| 3. C. W. Webster | 17. Geo. W. Loomis |
| 4. E. H. Rodgers | 18. F. Walton |
| 5. John Hack | 19. G. W. Cunningham |
| 6. C. G. Manchester | 20. T. L. Patton |
| 7. D. L. Wells | 21. Max Fritz |
| 8. W. S. Wood | 22. P. H. Sullivan |
| 9. D. H. Baldrige | 23. C. W. Nelson |
| 10. E. N. Edmonds | 24. Arthur Storm |
| 11. Nich. Mathias | 25. D. H. Hatfield |
| 12. M. L. Ham | 26. Solomon Condon |
| 13. Samuel Zancker | 28. L. W. Creston. |
| 14. Chas. B. Kurtz | |

The Department Commander declared the first 14 named to be the Representatives and the second 14 to be Alternates in the order of the votes received.

(Note—The tally sheet is on file at Department Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic).

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur read the following and moved that it be wired to each of the Senators and members of Congress from Missouri:

To the Members of Congress from Missouri:

The members of the G. A. R. from Missouri in Department Encampment assembled earnestly urge you to vote for the passage of the Bursum Pension Bill over the veto.

SAMUEL M. MANN, Department Commander.

The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

(Note—The message was sent by the A. A. G. as a night letter).

The Commander-in-Chief being present, by request of the Department Commander proceeded to install the officers for the ensuing year. Past Department Commander, S. D. Webster, acting Officer of the Day. The following were installed:

Alfred Zartman, Department Commander.
 Charles Koock, Senior Vice Department Commander.
 John P. Emmert, Junior Vice Department Commander.
 J. L. Carnahan, Medical Director.
 W. K. Collins, Department Chaplain.
 Wilbur F. Henry, A. A. Gen. and A. Q. M. Gen.
 W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor.
 W. F. Calfee, Judge Advocate.

The Department Commander tendered his personal thanks and the thanks of the Department to the Commander-in-Chief for his visit and his inspiring words and for installing the officers. Again assuring the comrades of his devotion to service in the Grand Army he declared the 43d Encampment closed and called on Comrade Webster who sounded taps.

A true record.



Assistant Adjutant General.

I here record my thanks to Comrade W. A. Hall of Post 131 for his valuable assistance in keeping the minutes of the proceedings of the Encampment.

W. F. HENRY.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The reception of the Grand Army of the Republic and the allied societies by the officials and citizens of St. Joseph was cordial and hearty.

The Boy Scouts were active in doing all things possible for the visitors, to make for their comfort and pleasure. The Boy Scouts deserve the highest commendation and praise for their efficient aid.

The welcome extended by the representative of the Mayor, and the representative of the Chamber of Commerce in eloquent addresses assured the comrades that St. Joseph felt honored by their presence.

The following appeared on the morning of May 7, on the first page of one of the city papers under prominent headlines:

"Four score years, the average age now weighing down the shoulders of the blueclad veterans of the Civil War, gathering in St. Joseph for their annual encampment, is not preventing the old comrades of the G. A. R. from again rallying to the Stars and Stripes for one more meeting of the Missouri Grand Army of the Republic.

"Delegations to the forty-third annual encampment of the state department began to arrive in numbers this morning and are being registered at the Robidoux, which hotel is headquarters. National and state officers are to arrive today and by tomorrow six conventions of the G. A. R. and various auxiliaries will be in full swing."

At midday on Thursday, the 8th, a parade was formed and moved from the Lyceum Theater to Smith Park, where the Department W. R. C. by Mrs. Catherine Zehnbaauer, Department Patriotic Instructor, presented flags to the Robidoux Polytechnic High School and the Boy Scouts of St. Joseph.

At 4:30 P. M., Thursday, the comrades were given an auto ride about the city that was very highly appreciated.

THE CAMPFIRE

On Thursday night was presided over by Department Commander Mann, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience that filled the Lyceum Theater to capacity.

From 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock the assembly was delightfully entertained by the Lafayette High School Orchestra, then the Department called to order and the following excellent program was rendered.

The first two verses of America was sung by the audience, led by Ezra Harrison and Orchestra.

Invocation—Rev. A. M. Reynolds, Department Chaplain.

Select Reading—Miss Sabina Schuder.

“When Good Fellows Get Together”—Robidoux High School Octet.

Select Reading—Miss Margaret Foster.

“Larboard Watch”—The Robidoux High School Octet.

Address—Comrade G. M. Saltzgeber, Commander-in-Chief, G.

A. R.

Song and Chorus, “Little Bronze Button”—Mrs. Emma Bolt and the G. A. R. Quartette.

Address—Mrs. Belle M. Bliss, National President, W. R. C.

Selection—The Lafayette High School Orchestra

Address—Mrs. Martha J. Van Dusen, National President

Ladies G. A. R.

Address—Mrs. Drusilla Ingals Thayer, National President Daughters of Veterans.

Song and Chorus—“Tenting Tonight”—Mrs. Emma Bolt and G. A. R. Quartette.

Address—Mrs. Mae Armstrong, Missouri Federal Soldiers Home.

Address—Bertha Minch, Department President Sons of Veterans Auxillary.

Address—H. S. Salisbury, Division Commander Sons of Veterans.

Closing—“America,” (last verse) Audience and Orchestra.

Our father's God! to thee

Author of liberty!

To thee we sing;

Long may our land be bright

With freedom's holy light,

Protect us by thy might,

Great God, our King!

On Wednesday evening, May 7, the Department Officers of the Woman's Relief Corps gave a reception to the Department Commander and his staff on the Mezzanine floor of Robideaux Hotel and immediately after the reception circle No. 38, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, tendered a complimentary banquet in the crystal room of the hotel which was first class and received high praise from all their guests.

The meetings in St. Joseph in 1924 will long be remembered with pleasure.

In Memoriam



THOMAS D. KIMBALL
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1907-1908
MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 5, 1923

THOMAS DUDLEY KIMBALL was born in Oxford, Worcester County, Mass., December 20, 1838, and died in St. Louis, Mo., December 5, 1923. These two dates mark the beginning and ending of the earthly life of one of Nature's noblemen, who left behind him the proud record of duty well performed both in military and civil service for country and mankind.

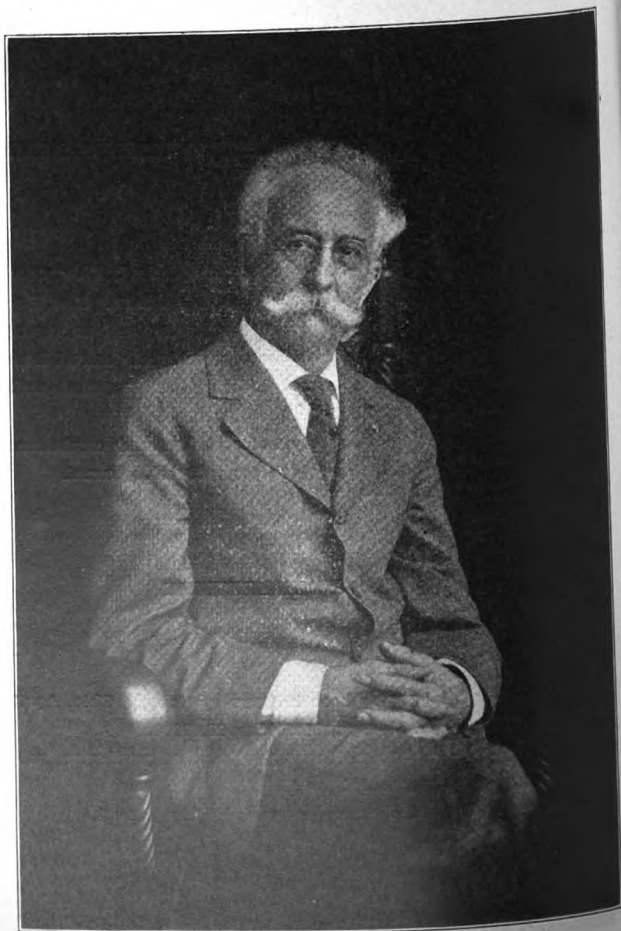
He leaves a record worthy of commendation and emulation.

For a more extended obituary see page 39 this journal.

THOMAS W. EVANS was born in Gurnsey County, Ohio, April 21, 1843, and died in St. Joseph, Mo., May 22, 1923.

He was a true comrade and a noble Christian gentleman, universally loved and respected.

For a more extended obituary see page 40 this journal.



GALVIN K. REIFSNIDER

MEMBER, COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

BORN MARCH 21, 1847. DIED APRIL 10, 1924

COMRADE CALVIN K. REIFSNIDER was born at Greentown, Ohio, March 21, 1847, and died at his home in St. Louis, Mo., April 10, 1924.

At the age of 17 he enlisted in Co. B, 162d Ohio Infantry and was honorably discharged therefrom at the expiration of his term of enlistment. From his early manhood to the day of his death his life was an active one and at all times he had in mind the good he might do to others. He stood in the front rank of the business world and was loved wherever he went. His ideals of life and its duties and responsibilities were of the highest. His thoughts were for aiding in making the conditions of those about him better and lifting into higher realms of citizenship.

He was three times Commander of Ransom Post No. 131 and at the time of his death was a valued member of the Department Council of Administration.

See page 36 for further obituary.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1923-1924

General Orders No. 1
Series 1923-1924.

St. Louis, Mo., May 15, 1923.

I. Having been elected by the unanimous vote of the Forty-second Annual Encampment of this Department to the office of Department Commander, I hereby assume command with a grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by my comrades and fully realizing the responsibilities of the office.

II. I hereby announce the appointment of Comrade Wilbur F. Henry to the office of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

III. Department Headquarters will remain at 303 Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo. All official communications should be addressed to Wilbur F. Henry, A. A. G., 303 Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Personal communications to the Department Commander should be addressed to him at 2614 Olive St., St. Joseph, Mo.

With full confidence in the fraternal co-operation of all the comrades in the work of the coming year, I am,

Faithfully in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

SAMUEL M. MANN, Department Commander.

Official: W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Order No. 2
Series 1923-1924.

St. Louis, Mo., May 17, 1923.

I. The following named comrades were elected by the Forty-second Annual Encampment and were duly installed in the offices indicated:

Samuel M. Mann, St. Joseph, Department Commander

Charles Koock, Sedalia, Senior Vice Department Commander

John W. Lanley, St. Louis, Junior Vice Department Commander

Dr. C. W. Burrill, Kansas City, Medical Director

Rev. A. M. Reynolds, St. Joseph, Department Chaplain

A. Whipple, Post 1, Max Fritz, Post 13, C. K. Reifsnider, Post

131, Benjamin A. Suppan, Post 1, and Charles F. Bottum, Post 107.
members of the Department Council of Administration.

The following named comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates in the 47th National Encampment to be held in Milwaukee in the first week in September next:

Representatives**Alternates**

John Hack, Post 72
 P. H. Callahan, Post 131
 Max Fritz, Post 13
 Nich. Mathias, Post 5
 Daniel Kunkel, Post 45
 C. B. Kurtz, Post 8
 W. K. Collins, Post 582
 B. F. Park, Post 1
 D. L. Wells, Post 4
 M. P. Owen, Post 131
 O. H. Guffin, Post 8
 J. E. Osborne, Post 78
 H. W. Sandusky, Post 7
 C. W. Corkran, Post 221

E. N. Edmonds, Post 8
 P. H. Sullivan, Post 172
 F. Walton, Post 131
 Solomon Conder, Post 22
 B. A. Suppan, Post 1
 Wm. Kowazek, Post 289
 M. M. Gannon, Post 79
 W. M. Bryand, Post 343
 T. L. Patton, Post 26
 Taylor Turley, Post 5
 S. E. Wetzell, Post 16
 W. H. Sherman, Post 7
 W. F. Minkner, Post 134

II. The following appointments by the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Wilbur F. Henry, Post 8, Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General.

W. C. Calland, Post 69, Patriotic Instructor
 W. F. Calfee, Post 44, Judge Advocate
 W. A. Elliott, Post 7, Chief Mustering Officer
 O. B. Lingle, Post 17, Department Inspector
 E. N. Edmonds, Post 8, Chief of Staff.

Other appointments will be announced in future Orders.

III. National General Orders No. 3 is herewith promulgated and should have careful attention. The Department Commander calls special attention to that portion relating to Memorial Day and expresses the wish and hope that the day will have that reverential observance as directed by the Commander-in-Chief.

"The little green tents where soldiers sleep

And the sunbeams play and the women weep."

are rapidly increasing in number and it is hoped that none will be forgotten or overlooked.

IV. National General Order No. 3 gives much important and valuable information relating to the National Encampment which will meet in Milwaukee the first week in September. The Department Commander urges comrades to make their plans and arrangements to be there.

V. Post Chaplains will make report on blanks to be sent them from Department Headquarters and immediately after Memorial Day, mail the reports direct to Rev. A. M. Reynolds, Department

Chaplain, 215 E. Cherry Street, St. Joseph, Mo. Prompt attention to this duty will tend to strengthen the faith of our Department Chaplain in God and his comrades.

By order of SAMUEL M. MANN, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3
Series 1923-1924.

St. Louis, Mo., July 11, 1923.

I. As heretofore announced, the 57th National Encampment will be held in Milwaukee the week of September 2-8 next. National General Orders No. 4 is herewith promulgated, in which will be found more definite information concerning the program of exercises, rates of fare, etc. Read it carefully, so that you will be able to answer inquiries intelligently and correctly.

The rates of fare will be one regular one-way fare for the round trip. Tickets going will be on sale August 30th to September 5th inclusive, good returning to midnight October 10th.

Purchasers of railroad tickets must have identification certificates as was required for the Encampment last year at Des Moines. Post Commanders and Department heads of allied organizations should make requisition on W. F. Henry, A. A. G., for certificates to be issued to members entitled.

II. Arrangements have been made with the Chicago and Alton R. R. for a special Headquarters train to leave Kansas City at 11:00 P. M., Sunday, September 2nd, arriving at Springfield, Ill., about 9:00 o'clock Monday morning, where the Chamber of Commerce propose to have autos meet the train and take all who wish to visit Lincoln's Monument and other places of interest.

It is expected that a train will leave St. Louis about 9 o'clock Monday morning and join the Kansas City train at Springfield. From Chicago to Milwaukee will be via the C. M. & St. P. R. R. There will be no change of cars or depots in Chicago.

III. During the Encampment the Department Headquarters will be in rooms 72 and 73, Republican Hotel, and will be opened immediately after breakfast Tuesday morning, where comrades and visitors will receive a hearty welcome. The Department Commander hopes that there will be a large attendance at the National Encampment, the distance is not great and the rates of fare are low. Let the red ribbon of Missouri be conspicuously in evidence. There has been no change in the Missouri ribbon and if comrades who have ribbons that are in good condition will wear them, the expense of new ones will be saved to the Department. The cost of a ribbon is not much, but the cost of 500 at 7c each is \$35.00. Don't let us be penurious, but frugal.

IV. At the recent Department Encampment held in Sedalia the following named comrades were elected Representatives and

Alternates in the 57th National Encampment to be held in Milwaukee in the first week in September next:

Representatives

John Hack, Post 72
 P. H. Callahan, Post 131
 Max Fritz, Post 13
 Nich. Mathias, Post 5
 Daniel Kunkel, Post 45
 C. B. Kurtz, Post 8
 W. K. Collins, Post 582
 B. F. Park, Post 1
 D. L. Wells, Post 4
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E. N. Edmonds, Post 8
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If any comrade elected a Representative shall find that he cannot attend the National Encampment he should inform the Assistant Adjutant General at once so that an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy.

V. The per capita tax for the last half of 1923 is now due and should be promptly paid. Bear in mind that no formal report is required at this time. Just send the amount to the A. A. G. and give the number of the Post to be credited, that will be sufficient. No account of gains or losses that have occurred in the year 1923 should be considered. The amount of the per capita tax is determined by the number in good standing December 31st last. For instance, if a Post reported 10 members in good standing December 31, 1922, the annual per capita tax would be \$4.00—40c each—one-half to be paid in January and one-half in July. All might be paid at once. All changes in membership occurring after the first of the year will go into the next annual report.

VI. There are in every neighborhood comrades who are reaping the fruits of the labors of the Grand Army of the Republic by receiving \$50.00 or \$72.00 a month pensions, but who neglect or decline to join a Post. Comrades, look up such and show them that they owe it to themselves and to the comrades of the G. A. R. that they assist in keeping the Order alive. The amount of the annual dues in any Post is insignificant when compared with the \$600.00 or \$864.00 a year that they are getting through the efforts of the G. A. R. How much attention would be given the bills before Congress, raising pensions to \$72 for veterans and \$50 for widows were it not for the pension committee of the G. A. R.? There are some who deem it an honor to wear the button or badge of the G. A. R. who do not belong to a Post. No one who is not a member in good standing in a Post has the right to wear the badge or button and he dishonors himself when he does so. Some plead the fact that they are too feeble to attend Post meetings.

That is true in many cases, but none is too feeble to have his dues paid and his name enrolled with those who followed the Flag with him in the days of the long ago. With proper attention and effort many comrades may be added to our rolls.

VII. The Missouri members of the National Encampment, consisting of the Department Commander, the Vice Department Commanders, the A. A. G., all Past Department Commanders and the 14 elected Representatives—will convene at Department Headquarters on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a member of the National Council of Administration and selecting a member of the Committee on Resolutions and for any other business that may come before the meeting.

VIII. It is with real sorrow that the Department Commander here records the death of Comrade Thomas W. Evans, Past Commander, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, who died at his home in St. Joseph, Mo., May 22, 1923, aged 80 years. Comrade Evans enlisted as a private September 6, 1861 in Company "B" 15th Ohio Infantry and was discharged November 21, 1865, having served over four years. He was wounded December 31, 1862 at Stone River; came west in 1866 and engaged in the banking business; joined Custer Post No. 7, Department of Missouri, April 21, 1887; served as Post Commander in 1890; was Senior Vice Department Commander in 1896, and elected Department Commander in 1917. He was universally loved and respected. He was a true comrade and a noble Christian gentleman.

IX. The following comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander:

Benj. A. Suppan, Post 1, St. Louis.
 L. V. Cupp, Post 16, Carthage.
 W. M. Lomax, Post 19, Laclede.
 T. L. Patton, Post 26, Nevada.
 Jacob Thomas, Post 43, Hannibal.
 Geo. N. Drago, Post 67, Tarkio.
 G. W. Sparks, Post 72, Trenton.
 J. G. Osborne, Post 78, Warrensburg.
 C. W. Corkran, Post 221, Novelty.
 J. J. Brown, Post 251, Eldorado Springs.
 W. F. Klanke, Post 107, St. Louis.
 Charles Bieger, Post 496, St. Louis.
 Other appointments will appear in future orders.

X. The Journals of the proceedings of the last Department Encampment (May 8 and 9, 1923) are ready for distribution and will be mailed on request.

By order of SAMUEL M. MANN, Department Commander

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 4
Series 1923-1924.

St. Louis, Mo., November 6, 1923.

I. The Department Commander hereby expresses his grateful pleasure and satisfaction that the comrades of Missouri made such a fine showing in number and appearance in the grand parade in Milwaukee. The reputation of this Department for uniform and soldierly appearance was fully maintained, and while some other Departments had more comrades in line, none made a better appearance or received greater applause from the onlookers, massed along the line of march. It was an object lesson to the youth of Milwaukee that will not be forgotten.

Department Headquarters were established in rooms 72 and 73 on the second floor of the Republican Hotel where nearly 200 Missouri comrades registered and received the red and gold Missouri ribbon. The location of Department Headquarters was ideal, being only two blocks from the Auditorium where the principal campfires and receptions were held and where the National Encampment met for the transaction of its business.

This Department was represented in the National Encampment by the Department Commander, the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, the Assistant Adjutant General, 14 elected Representatives and 8 Past Department Commanders, a total of 26 comrades, who were present and participated in the proceedings. This Department was again honored by the election of our Comrade Dr. C. W. Burrill of Post 4, Kansas City, to the office of Surgeon General.

II. Attention is invited to National General Orders No. 2 which has been promulgated, for further information as to the action of the National Encampment, the officers elected and appointed, etc.

III. Blanks for the annual reports are sent out with this order. Post officers are urged to be prompt in making and forwarding these reports. If the Adjutant will attend to this duty immediately after the last meeting in December it will take but a few minutes. The annual per capita tax is 40c on each member in good standing at the close of the year, one half may be paid in January and one half in July, or it may all be paid in January if desired.

IV. The Assistant Adjutant General has copies of the Journals of the Department Encampment, held in 1922 and in 1923, which he will send on request. If you want a copy of either or both drop him a card or letter.

V. National General Order No. 3 is herewith promulgated. It should be carefully read and filed.

By order of SAMUEL M. MANN, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 5
Series 1923-1924.

St. Louis, Mo., March 12, 1924.

I. The Forty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in the City of St. Joseph, at nine o'clock A. M., May 8, 1924, and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment shall be completed.

The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the Commander-in-Chief has promised to be with us at that time. Judging the future by the past, we will receive a hearty welcome from the citizens of St. Joseph and a generous hospitality will be exhibited in our entertainment.

The details of arrangements for entertainment, campfire, receptions, etc., will be announced in future orders. It is confidently expected that there will be reduced rates of fare from all points in Missouri.

II. National General Order No. 4 is herewith promulgated. It contains much valuable information concerning the National Encampment to be held in Boston during the week beginning August 10, 1924, and railroad fares going and returning.

III. The Department Commander is profoundly sorry to announce the death of Past Department Commander Thomas Dudley Kimball, which occurred December 5, 1923. He was an honored and highly respected member of Ransom Post No. 131 and was twice its Commander. Past Department Commander Samuel D. Webster, a member of Ransom Post, is hereby appointed to prepare a testimonial to the memory of deceased and present it to the Department Encampment for consideration and the action of the Encampment.

IV. Attention is again called to the resolution adopted by the 55th National Encampment that Posts are authorized to employ a secretary or stenographer to be present at their meetings and transcribe the proceedings in the journal kept for that purpose.

It must be recognized that all who followed the Flag in 1861-5 have passed the age of three score and ten, and most of them have passed the age of four score years. There are many Posts whose members are all so disabled by reason of infirmities incident to age, that they cannot properly keep the records and make out the necessary reports. The resolution referred to will permit them to invite a capable person to perform the duties. The Department Commander advises that this be done.

V. Several Posts have not yet reported for the year 1923. These reports with rare exceptions might have reached Department Headquarters by the 5th of January. The Adjutant and Quartermaster of any Post can together make up the report in a half hour if attended to as soon as it is due. The longer the matter is delayed, the more difficult it appears to be.

Comrades, you know whether your Post has reported or not; if it has not, do not longer delay, do it now.

By order of SAMUEL M. MANN, Department Commander

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 6
Series 1923-1924.

St. Louis, Mo., April 15, 1924.

I. The Railroad Passenger Associations covering the State of Missouri have granted the same rates of fare to the Department Encampment to be held in St. Joseph that prevailed for the Encampment at Sedalia last year, with the same limitations as to those entitled, that is: Rate of fare and one-ninth of the current fares for the round trip on identification certificate plan for the G. A. R. Veterans and their WIVES ONLY.

For members of the auxiliary organizations and dependent members of the families of Veterans other than their wives, and the dependent members of the families of members of auxiliary societies the fare will be one and one-half the current fares on the certificate plan. Members of the G. A. R. will receive, on application to the Assistant Adjutant General Identification Certificates upon which they may purchase round trip tickets for themselves and their wives, all others must pay full one way fare and get from the selling agent a certificate. These certificates must be validated by the Assistant Adjutant General at St. Joseph, they will then be good for a one-half fare ticket to return.

In order to obtain the one-half rate to return, at least 250 certificates must be presented for validation.

The round trip tickets to the members of the G. A. R. will not require validation.

Going tickets will be on sale May 3 to May 9, inclusive, and good returning to final limit May 13, 1924.

II. Department Headquarters will be opened in room 212, second floor, Hotel Robidoux, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 7. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Department Headquarters at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 7, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

III. The following named comrades are hereby appointed a Committee on credentials: Daniel Kunkle, Post 45, C. Joseph Billmeyer, Post 1 and W. A. Reed Post 4. They will meet at 4 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday on the main floor of Hotel Robidoux. All members of the Department Encampment should report to this Committee as soon as possible after arrival and receive the Encampment badge and countersign.

IV. Comrade Samuel Zancker of Post 7 is hereby appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade G. W. Charles of Post 26, is hereby appointed Officer of the Guard for duty during the Encampment; they will be respected and obeyed as such. They will be in proper uniform while on duty. The Officer of the Day will detail from the comrades present such assistants to the Officer of the Guard as may be necessary.

V. All the meetings of the Encampment will be held in the Lyceum Theater. The first meeting will be opened promptly 9:15 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, May 8. The first part of the session will be open to the public when such addresses of welcome,

greetings and responses as may be offered will be received. Immediately following the open session the Encampment will be duly opened for such business as may come before it. All members of the Encampment should be promptly in their seats at the opening.

VI. A campfire will be held in Lyceum Theater at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening at which Commander-in-Chief, G. M. Saltzgeber, will be the principle speaker. The campfire program will be arranged and directed by the Department Commander and committee. The visiting comrades and others may expect a program that will warm the cockles of their hearts and be thoroughly enjoyed. The usual parade will take place at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Augusta Wildhagen, Department President, W. R. C. announces a Reception in honor of the Department Commander and Staff in the parlor of Robidoux Hotel at 7 p. m., Thursday, to which all allied societies are invited.

VII. The following HOTEL RATES are for rooms only:

Hotel Robidoux, for 1 person with bath \$2.50 and up; for 2 persons with bath \$3.50 and up; for 1 person without bath \$1.50 and up, for 2 persons without bath \$2.50 and up.

Hotel St. Francis, one person without bath \$1.50 and up, two persons without bath \$2.50 and up; one person with bath \$2.00 and up, two persons with bath \$3.00 and up.

Hotel Jerome, one person with bath \$2.00 and up, two persons with bath \$3.50 and up; one person without bath \$1.50 and up; two persons without bath \$2.50 and up.

Hotel Metropole, one person with bath \$2.00 and up, two persons with bath \$3.50 and up; one person without bath \$1.25 and up, to persons with bath \$2.50 and up. Room with two beds without bath, \$1.25 for each person.

Hotel Woodland, one person without bath \$1.25 and \$1.50, two persons without bath \$2.00; one person with bath \$2.00, two persons with bath \$3.00. All rooms are modern, clean and comfortable. Good cooking.

Hotel St. Charles, single room, one person \$1.50; with bath \$2.00. Two in one bed \$2.00; with bath \$3.00. Two or more persons in a room, without bath \$1.00 each.

Hotel Ryan, single room, 1 person, \$1.00 to \$1.25; double room, 2 persons, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Room with 2 beds, occupied by 3 or 4 persons, \$2.50 to \$3.00. A few beds at 75 cents each person.

Beds in the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. at 50c to \$1.25 each.

For information about accommodations at hotels or private houses, address Mrs. Catherine Imel, 1209 Charles St., St. Joseph, Mo.

There are many restaurants and cafeterias where excellent food will be served at reasonable prices.

MEMORIAL DAY

VIII. The Department Commander is gratefully impressed that it is not necessary to enjoin upon comrades the sacred duties incumbent

bent upon them in the observance of Memorial Day, for the memories of the past and the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, that permeates the very being of every true comrade makes the performance of those duties a pleasing and sacred privilege; therefore the several posts of this Department will, in their own way, arrange to make the day one of impressive memorial service.

IX. The death of Comrade C. K. Reifsnider, a member of Department Council of Administration, is hereby announced. He was a true comrade, a highly honored and respected citizen, who won his way to the front rank of the business world. He was three times the commander of Ransom Post, No. 131; he died April 10, 1924, at the age of 77 years, loved and respected by all who knew him.

X. The Department Commander assures all who visit his home city of St. Joseph, on the occasion of the Encampment will meet with a most cordial and hearty greeting and welcome.

By order of SAMUEL M. MANN, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

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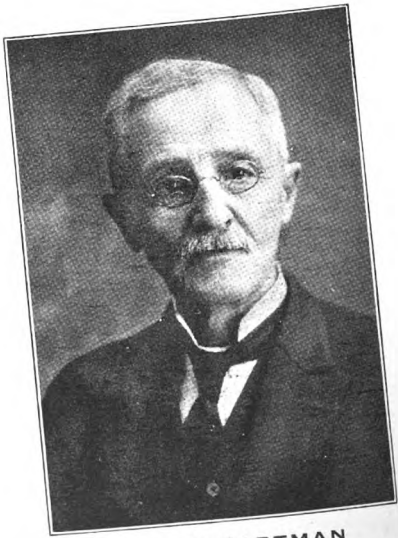




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REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
TO THE
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
Department of Missouri
Grand Army of the Republic
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ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades of the Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic:

We have met in our 44th Annual Encampment to receive from your retiring Commander a summary of accounting of the activities committed to him, and to make provision for the administrations upon which we are about to enter, trusting that the business of our session will bring credit to the Grand Army of the Republic, who with their untiring devotion and diligence have made our Encampment a great success for more than forty years.

We have found that the depletion of our ranks and the advanced age of the Comrades will behoove us who are able, to double our diligence in the activities of our order if we are to fully maintain the high standard of our work, which has been maintained since its inception. During the past year we have lost a number of our trusted and faithful leaders and we mourn their loss as Comrades—these high and noble characters of our nation.

Your Commander wishes to express his heartfelt gratitude for the courteous treatment shown him by the Comrades and Auxiliaries of the Department on all occasions and for their wise counsel and hearty co-operation.

The unsettled condition of our Republic since the World War has had a depressing effect on the business of our country and millions of laborers have been out of employment, but a gradual improvement is manifest and labor is being restored to normal conditions.

However, we have in our country about eight millions of enemies, of which a great portion are foreigners, who took upon themselves the destruction of our Liberty form of Government—on their propaganda and our Government soon put a quietus the goal of Peace and Prosperity with steady step. During the turmoil the Grand Army of the Republic has steadily pushed forward and been a great factor in restoring peace and harmony, and we will soon be able to sing, "America—the Beautiful"—God shed His Grace on beautiful America.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

I was much pleased with the attendance of the Department of Missouri. A goodly number were present. The citizens of Boston are great entertainers—having had four former National Encampments to entertain. The historic scenes in and about

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Boston are most interesting. Where some of the first battles of the Revolution were fought, monuments large and small are numerous with inscription noting the events.

The business session of about 700 delegates was a number seldom, if ever, seen at a meeting of any order of men—and that with an average age of eighty-two years. I considered it one of the most inspiring National Encampments yet held.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Woman's Relief Corps with its 2381 corps and with a membership on March 30, 1924, of 197,771, was well represented, and according to their report they had the most enthusiastic meeting and the best in attendance since their organization. This organization is growing by leaps and bounds. Their National as well as department corps are officered by the most intelligent women of our nation. They are vitally interested in the Grand Army of the Republic. Willing to do and to dare for the upbuilding of their order.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The second largest order of auxiliaries was also well represented and had a most delightful and successful meeting. Of the number enrolled I have no report. This order has made and is still making unusual advancement. They are greatly interested in the veterans of the war of 61-65. Nothing too laborious for them to do in the interest of the G. A. R.

SONS OF VETERANS.

The Sons and Grandsons had a splendid meeting and a great number of them were present at the Encampment. They are a growing order, advancing steadily in number and expending time and energy in behalf of their fathers and grandfathers to an extent in keeping with the motto, "We'll Never Quit." We bid them God-speed on the way to success.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

This, one of the younger organizations, had a most successful meeting with a fine representative body present. They are awake to the interest of their fathers and grandfathers. Their tents are being organized and their enrollment is being greatly increased every year.

SONS OF VETERANS' AUXILIARY.

This Auxiliary, one of the younger bodies of women, is growing rapidly. With an open field before them they will

continue to grow and will soon be one of the great bodies of the allied organizations, and as an auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans will be an inspiration to them to move forward in a solid phalanx, so that the work which will fall upon their shoulders when the end comes to the Grand Army of the Republic will be carried forward with the same zest and zeal which has always characterized the Grand Old Order.

ST. JAMES STATE HOME.

I spent a day at the Home and Superintendent Hall took great pains to show me the rooms and all the buildings on the ground. I found the housing conditions to be fine and sanitary and well cared for. Inmates numbering almost 300 were content and happy. A new hospital Department was being built at that time for the accommodation of about thirty-five more persons, and this is now completed. While not a real family home, it is the next best accommodations that a comrade who has limited means for his support can find.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day was planned and the date set by the Grand Army of the Republic and has been observed for more than forty years. Let us not forget our annual gathering to pay tribute to the memory of our noble dead, who in their young days were the heroes of the nation, with a determination to win the war at any cost. And for sixty years since the war they have kept the spirit of their former days to a high pitch of patriotism and have always upheld our motto of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Now, in our declining days with our ranks constantly thinning, may our determination be that on Memorial Day we will assemble ourselves to pay tribute to our departed comrades. Thus teaching to the rising generation patriotism in its fullest sense, that they may imbibe the same spirit which dominated their forefathers. God send His Grace on America.

ADMINISTRATION.

Permit me again to thank the Department for the high honor conferred on me as the leader of the Department. Such an honor, great as it is, was meaningless to me unless my activities were commensurate with the honor. I therefore made it my business to hold meetings for the Comrades and Auxiliaries everywhere possible over the State. I succeeded in having nineteen meetings put on in different parts of the State. I failed in some twenty other places from the fact of age and infirmities—and

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more from the fact that they had no auxiliary to co-operate. I installed officers of ten posts, Sons of Veterans and auxiliaries in Kansas City and elsewhere. By request I attended nineteen special and regular meetings of Posts and Auxiliaries, and four Washington and Lincoln Memorial meetings. I was most cordially received on all occasions. I count myself as having had the most thrilling experience of my life, for the co-operation was unstinted and delightful.

ALFRED ZARTMAN,

Department Commander.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

W. F. Henry, A. A. G.,
Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Comrade:

Health permitting, we will again touch elbows at the Joplin Encampment. The Department Commander has been making special efforts to have a larger attendance at Joplin than at any Encampment for years, and I hope that he may not be disappointed.

During my present term of office as Senior Vice Department Commander, I visited six posts and tried to get in touch with two others, but failed to do so. In the latter part of October the two posts, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic had a joint meeting, but it was not up to expectations, for lack of proper co-operation.

In January I visited five posts in St. Louis; their attendance was about one-third less than when I visited them eighteen months ago.

I also visited all the Auxiliaries there and found them very much alive and working like beavers. It is to those good ladies we must look to assist us for the continuation of our noble order.

To all that I have visited I extend my thanks for the courtesies extended to me and I hope that with a kind providence that I may meet those Comrades and the ladies at no distant day again, and especially would I extend my thanks and appre-

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ciation to the members and officers of the Department for the honor conferred on me as Senior Vice Department Commander for the second time.

Hoping that we will have a good attendance at Joplin. I remain,

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. KNOCK,
Senior Vice-Department Commander.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Kansas City, Mo., April 25, 1925.

To the Commander and Comrades of
The Missouri G. A. R.

Dear Comrades:

I have the honor of submitting the following report as Medical Director of the Department of Missouri.

No statistics are furnished the Medical Director, and there seems but a few things upon which he is expected to report.

Believing it was within the province of my office to render all the aid possible for the health and comfort of all the Patriotic Organizations, I visited each one within my immediate jurisdiction and offered my professional services.

I assure you that it affords me much pleasure to be able to say that quite a number of all the Organizations were pleased to take advantage of my services.

Of course, my great anxiety and care was for our Comrades, all of whom are in failing health.

I especially treated a number of the Comrades and assisted them in their applications for increase of Pensions. I made quite a number of examinations, accompanied by my medical affidavit detailing a complete history of their condition, whereby they could have their pensions increased from \$50.00 to \$72.00 per month.

I wish to urgently impress on the Encampment the necessity of memorializing our National Pension Committee that whatever is done for increase of Pension must be done quickly, for the age of the Comrades is more than 81 years.

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I would suggest that a Committee be appointed immediately on the opening of the Encampment, consisting (if possible) of at least three Physicians to urge upon the Pension Committee and our own Senators and Congressmen the necessity of Pension Legislation early in the coming session of Congress.

I would also suggest that blanks be prepared for use of the Department Surgeon, calling for a complete report from the Post Commander or the Surgeon, if he is a Medical Man, in regard to the Health and Welfare of the Comrades.

May the Blessing of Our God rest and abide with the remaining Comrades for some years to come.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

J. L. CARNAHAN, M. D.,
Department Medical Director.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Office of the Judge Advocate,

Milan, Missouri.

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades:

Again it becomes my duty to report the activities of my office for 1924 and 1925, and again I report that there has been nothing doing requiring my opinion or advice during that time.

The Grand Army is composed of men who know their duty and do it. They are men who believe in obedience to law. These men have written a wonderful page in the history of this country, history that will be read by the people for many generations after the Grand Army is extinct. Their voice is always heard in behalf of the institutions and perpetuity of this Government. If the example set by the Grand Army is followed, the people can feel secure in the stability of this Government, and their liberties.

Fraternally,

W. F. CALFEE,
Judge Advocate.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

Carthage, Mo., April 30, 1925.

Alfred Zartman,
Department Commander,

Dear Comrade:—

I wish to assure you of my very grateful appreciation of the honor you conferred on me by appointing me upon your staff, to the office of Chief Mustering Officer.

It is now fully 60 years since we followed the flag of our Country to final victory in the Great War, for the preservation of our National Unity, and naturally new posts of the Grand Army of the Republic cannot be formed, therefore the office of C. M. O. is one of honor rather than service. I have had no official duties to perform, hence have nothing to report. I have done what I could to keep the spirit of Comradeship alive and the fraternal fires aglow. Again assuring you of my appreciation of the honor bestowed on me, I am,

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

L. V. CUPP,
Chief Mustering Officer,
Dept. Mo., G. A. R.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Comrade W. F. Henry, Asst. Adjutant General,
Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

It is a pleasure to greet you at the end of another year in the history of our Order, and also, of our pilgrimage through this world.

The year has passed swiftly by and much that is pleasant, and some that is unpleasant has transpired in the lives of each one of us. In the midst of our varied experience I know of nothing which is more comforting and encouraging than the confidence and fellowship of Comrades.

During the year I have greeted the "Little Brown Button" in Houston, Texas, in Tulsa, Okla., on the rumbling railroad and

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in dear old Missouri, and everywhere there is the same ardent fellowship and the same cheerful hopefulness.

As for myself, I have tried everywhere to be a true Comrade after the manner of a Christian American. I am thankful that by constant prudence I am in excellent health, both of body and spirit. I can sleep like a child and eat like a hungry boy, and Comrades, will you permit me to say that in my whole life I have not experienced such thrills of spiritual happiness as I have during the past year.

Comrades, I think we who are strong and full of faith, ought to try to be a comfort to those who are not so fortunate. While we remain in this world I think we ought to try to enjoy it, but we cannot fail to observe that it is swiftly passing, and our hold on it is very uncertain. And I know of no sun which shines so bright as the Christian faith and no force which is so powerful as the hope of immortality. Christ in the soul is eternal life. The infant in the womb is waiting for birth into a wider realm of existence.

And so our life in this world is but the beginning and waiting for an existence in a higher and more beautiful realm. "Which hope we have as an anchor both sure and firm and reaches to that within the veil."

I will sing you a song of a beautiful land,
The faraway home of the soul,
Where no storms ever beat on the glittering strand,
While the years of eternity roll.

That unchangeable home is for you and for me,
Where Jesus of Nazareth stands;
The King of all kingdoms forever is He,
And He holdeth our crowns in His hands.

O, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain;
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands,
To meet one another again.

W. K. COLLINS,
Chaplain, Department of Mo.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

To the Department Commander and Comrades:

The Department of Patriotic Instruction herewith presents a brief summary of the year's work. If the report seems less comprehensive than in preceding years the reason may be found in the decreasing number of Posts and the inability of the growing age of Comrades to serve as patriotic instructors. Moreover the weaker Posts fail to accomplish the work which they formerly did. The Department now depends upon the larger Posts in the cities for the information that is incorporated into the annual report.

The active patriotic work in Kansas City has transcended that of all previous years. This may be accounted for by the fact that the Department Commander lives in that city and has in an unusual manner pushed the work. Not confining his work to Kansas City he has visited twenty-one other Posts and has communicated the results of his visits, so in this manner we have data from a goodly number of the Posts in an indirect way. Twenty patriotic meetings were held in the City during the year. While some of these meetings had other interests in mind, yet they were turned into and made to contribute to patriotic work. A former resident of Missouri having removed to California, when comparing California with Missouri in floral cultivation, remarked: "The reason more flowers do not grow in Missouri is because the people do not plant them," and thus we may say the reason so much patriotic work was accomplished during the year in Kansas City was because there was someone to originate and push the work. Ten specific patriotic rallies were conducted, and open meetings afforded the opportunity for patriotic addresses. Of the ten Posts and Auxiliaries each one arranged a rally, and varied programs furnished exceedingly interesting gatherings. Much was made of the installation exercises. All other Posts and Auxiliaries were invited and standing room was at a premium. Luncheons, dinners, vocal and instrumental music, and even the drum corps were drafted. The children, boy and girl scouts were not neglected, drills, and dancing were employed to interest all in the patriotic work. The Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, Sons and Daughters of Veterans responded generously to the calls and rallies. The result aided not only in emphasizing patriotic work, but also in securing many additions to the various organizations. A regular canvass of the City resulted in a number of additions to the Posts. In all the rallies "Old Glory" was to the front. Medges to the flag by children and grown-ups were given on all occasions. All the

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local schools were visited and addresses made by live speakers, and it was found that each child had a flag in his desk for all public occasions. Memorial Day is made a prominent occasion and increased attendance is manifested. The Legionnaires have joined with the Grand Army and bring much enthusiasm to the occasion. The Patriotic Instructor was personally invited by two Civic Clubs and three Churches to aid the Sunday School rally. Programs were made to include several public men, lawyers, ministers, and prominent ladies. In fact every string was pulled to rouse patriotic sentiment.

The patriotic work in Saint Louis, while not so universal and specific as in Kansas City, yet all public occasions, such as Memorial Day, Post visitations, furnishing flowers and decorating the "little green mounds," the royal reception of visiting officers of various Auxiliary organizations, and intervisiting organizations were well sustained. The Memorial service was attended as usual by a number of the Posts. Effective advertising of all these gatherings added much to attendance. There seems to be no lessening in the attendance of these notable days. Large gatherings on Washington's and Lincoln's birthday were well attended, several Comrades making addresses. Everywhere there was manifested the same fire and enthusiasm of earlier days. As elsewhere much was made of Installation days. Ransom Post possibly manifests more activity than others. Her membership is 100 strong, and added 19 to her membership and lost 19. Among those who fell from the ranks were Dr. Boemler and Judge D. P. Dyer. The Post maintains two meetings per month and publishes a bulletin and a brief review of the previous meeting, thus keeping absent members in touch with the Post. Ransom Post is among the larger Posts of the Department, 100 members; Custer Post has 106 members, Post No. 8 of Kansas City has 114 members.

Comrade Showers has gathered sufficient strength to direct the P. O. at the legislative halls at Jefferson City. Our much beloved P. H. Callahan, who has delighted us so often with his recitations of "Grandpa's Coat With Buttons Down Before," and "Casey at the Bat," has been in the hospital, but is out again. God bless our Comrades who are shut in.

Frank P. Blair Post is well sustained and reports the usual activity. This Post observed Memorial Day. Their decorating committee covered the monuments of Frank P. Blair and General Siegel, and lent a hand in decorating the 500 graves in Bellefontaine. This special work of the Post is done on the preceding day, and on Memorial Day go in a body to Jefferson Barracks and join in the general observance of the day. The Post observed

Camp Jackson Day, also Washington and Lincoln Day. This Post makes it a matter of honor to attend the funerals of all their members, furnishing transportation as well as conducting the ritual service.

Springfield has maintained an average year of activity although an unusual number of comrades have fallen from the ranks. The Post now numbers 43. The visit of the Department Commander was a red letter day. The Post and ladies entertained him with a splendid banquet after which he installed the officers of both Captain Matthews and McCroskey Post jointly, also the Giger Circle of the Ladies of the Grand Army. His address was comprehensive and enthusiastic. Other addresses were made by the Commanders and Presidents of the Auxiliaries. The union meeting was a delightful one and the new year started off with much encouragement. The notable day of the year was the Memorial Day service. Five thousand people were present and a program of much interest was rendered, and the musical feature was appreciated. The two Posts of the City and all the Auxiliary organizations were present. The National Cemetery was resplendent with floral bloom and flowers were laid on each of the 1900 graves. The Spanish War and World War Veterans added greatly to the occasion. Fifty-five of their Comrades were brought from Flanders Field and other sanguinary fields in France and now rest in Uncle Sam's consecrated ground. Much effort is made to preserve the day free from other forms of amusement such as ball games and racing. McCroskey Post has maintained their services throughout the year and have added two new members. The McCroskey Relief Corps is a strong help to the Post both by work and finance.

The Post at Saint Joseph has sustained itself throughout the year, and entertained the Department Commander twice.

Carthage and Joplin report encouraging advance; several rallies during the year have brought new members into the Posts.

Our work at the Federal Home at Saint James, has sustained itself in a very satisfactory manner. The wise provision made in the establishment of this Home by the Woman's Relief Corps and the Grand Army of the Republic has amply justified itself and never more than during the past year. For 28 years our feeble and aged Comrades have found a home unusually well provided with comforts. The elevated grounds and commodious buildings have met the expectations of the Comrades and their wives as well as the patriotic men and women who planned and established this home-like place where many have spent the remainder of their days in peace and without anxious care. In

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turning over to the State this well-established home the wise provision was incorporated in the gift that the local management should be left in the hands of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps. We find today the President is Past Commander S. D. Webster, who for the past two years has given much time and energy to the general management of the Home. His service is generously given without compensation. At the end of his first term of service the Governor thought he had done so well and his report was so full and comprehensive that he was reappointed by the new Governor. Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong, past Department President of the Relief Corps is Secretary of the Board, and Mrs. Rose M. Eldridge of Trenton, also a Past President of the Relief Corps is a third member of the Board. These well-known State workers give ample assurance that our Comrades shall secure every comfort within reach. This is one of the few Homes that admit the wives and widows of the old soldiers to the enjoyment of a Soldiers' Home, and are permitted to spend the last few days together. Two hundred and seventy-five men and 195 women were enrolled at the Home during the last year. The losses amounted to 48 men and 29 women. Furloughs are granted to the inmates to visit relatives and thus find change and variety during the year. Condition of admittance is, that they must be residents of Missouri for one year. The condition of admittance to women is that they must be indigent and unable to make a living. The Superintendent in the generosity of his heart permits Comrades and widows to marry, though he does not encourage courtship or marriage, but remembering that "in Heaven they are neither married nor given in marriage" he grants as much liberty in this world as may be consistent with discipline. Through the persistence of President Webster and Mrs. Armstrong and others, quite an addition was made to the Hospital, for much medical aid is required among these aged Comrades. The State is not overly liberal in grants to the Home. For the biennial period the State grant is \$159,967, and the United States adds \$21,412, thus giving them a total fund for maintenance of \$181,379. The Department of Missouri has great reason to congratulate itself on this wise provision for the sick and feeble with one of our number to direct it in the interest of the veterans. Those of us who enjoy reasonable health shall always feel a deep obligation to the shut-ins and comfort them in every way possible. Interested Comrades and the Relief Corps for the past few years have provided a generous Christmas celebration, which has done much to bring contentment and a joyous time for the people at the Home.

Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong has recently published a history

of the Soldiers' Home at Saint James, Missouri, in which she sets forth the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, aided by the Grand Army of the Republic. The purpose of the book is to place on record the foundation of this Home and its maintenance for the past 28 years. The History is well-worthy of permanent record, so that in the days to come, this work of love and patriotic endeavor in the establishment of a Home for the aged veterans and their wives and soldiers' widows in the State of Missouri, may be read by all patriotic men and women. The establishment of this Home was a remarkable effort for the founders, many of whom have dropped from the ranks and left this work of love an established fact. The book is a careful compilation of the labor of the Relief Corps and the substantial aid rendered by the Grand Army of the Republic. The book itself is a work of beauty, and I am sure will prove to be a joy forever. The paper and press work are the last word in perfection. It is, in fact, a work of art and Mrs. Armstrong is to be congratulated for her care and thoughtfulness in its preparation. While the History pertains chiefly to the work of the Relief Corps, yet it incidently chronicles the History of the Department of Missouri. In reading it the mind will be refreshed by reference to the chief workers of the Grand Army. The Relief Corps was organized in 1878, and the last annual report of the Corps sets forth the fact that this Auxilliary of the Grand Army now has enrolled a body of trained women in the United States of 200,000. The final word of the book tells in blazing words the grand purpose of the Woman's Relief Corps, "To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and true allegiance to the United States of America, and encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all, to aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic to perpetuate the memory of the heroic dead; to assist such Union Veterans as need our help and protection, and extend aid to widows and orphans, to find them homes and employment, to assure them sympathy and friends, to cherish and emulate the deeds of our Army Nurses, and all loyal women who rendered loyal service to our country in her hour of peril."

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"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which

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American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I, therefore, believe that it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, to defend it against all enemies."

The author well deserves the thanks and gratitude of the Grand Army for her abundant labor in the preparation of this history. Copies may be had by applying to Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CALLAND.

Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Cowgill, Mo., April 10, 1925.

To the Officers and Comrades, of the Department of Missouri,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades:

In compliance with my duty as Department Inspector of this Department, my report will necessarily be brief, for the reason I was not called on to make a single inspection. I have not visited a single Post during the year, now drawing to a close. In meeting with members of other Posts, I find that Post meetings are very irregular, and in many cases Comrades meet only to transact business, and many times informally, because it is very often the case that a quorum cannot be gotten together for a formal meeting, necessitating an informal meeting by two or more Comrades as best suits their convenience, and by so doing, are keeping their respective Posts alive by letting the records show an informal meeting was held for the transaction of Post business. The members of Post 525 are scattered for 20 miles and if we waited to get a quorum together we possibly would not meet again for a long, long time, and our Post would be dead, with little chance to bring it to life. Keep the records straight, whether you have a quorum or not, keep the Post fires burning.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. McCRAY,

Department Inspector.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—1925

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Missouri,

Grand Army of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1925.

Alfred Zartman, Department Commander.

Dear Comrade:

I have the honor to present the following report for the year 1924.

The Rules and Regulations provide that the Assistant Adjutant-General consolidate the reports from the various Posts of the Department and that a copy of such consolidated report shall on or before the first day of February be forwarded to the Adjutant-General. I held my report open until February 14, in order that it might include many delayed reports. On that date I forwarded my consolidated report for 1924 as follows:

The number of members in good standing December 31, 1923, as shown by Post Adjutant's reports	16	2510
Gained by muster-in.....	22	
Gained by transfer.....	29	
Gained by reinstatement.....		67
Total gain.....		2577
Aggregate.....	190	
Loss during the year by death.....	1	
Loss, honorable discharge.....	8	
Loss by transfer.....	65	
Loss by suspension.....	709	
Delinquent Reports.....	71	
Surrender of charter.....		1035
Total loss.....		1542
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1924.....		1542
The reports show that there was expended by the posts for relief in the year 1924 the total sum of.....		\$ 348.85
That the amount of cash (including collaterals) on hand in the Posts, Dec. 31, 1924, was.....		56,630.88

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Market value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	1,605.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	3,627.00
Total value of Post property	\$63,651.39

The following numbered Posts have surrendered their Charters: 2, 5, 57, 110, 219, 233, 582.

The following numbered Posts have made no reports for more than two years, having been repeatedly notified and written to, and I recommend that they be suspended: 19, 39, 141, 320, 355, 391, 492, 544, and 572.

This Department is entitled to 9 representatives in the 59th National Encampment, including the representative at large. Nine representatives and nine alternates should be elected.

Under a rule adopted by the 19th Department Encampment the names to be voted for will be printed on the ballots in the inverse order of the numbers of the post to which candidates belong; that is, the name of the Comrade belonging to the highest numbered Post will stand first on the list.

The 54th National Encampment amended its Rules and Regulations so that Comrades residing in counties in which there is no Post, may on proper application, be enrolled by the Assistant Adjutant-General as Comrades-at-Large. I have prepared blanks for application to be so enrolled and 20 Comrades have been entered on such roll. Four Comrades so enrolled have died, and two have been dropped for non-payment of dues, leaving 14 on the roll of Comrades-at-Large. I believe that many Comrades who are without the right to wear the emblem of the Grand Army will, when this amendment is brought to their attention, apply for enrollment.

My report as Assistant Quartermaster General covers the transactions of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1925. Attention is invited to exhibits herewith filed and made a part of this report.

Exhibit "A"—Shows the Receipts and Expenses.

Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Supplies on Hand.

Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.

Exhibit "E"—Lists of Deaths in 1924 reported by Posts.

In closing this report, I wish to express by grateful appreciation of your confidence in my ability, integrity and fidelity to duty as exhibited by my appointment to the very responsible offices of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermas-

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—1925

ter-General. I have endeavored to so conduct affairs that your confidence may not have been misplaced. I have greatly appreciated the uniform comradeship and courtesy shown me by you and by all the Comrades. Our business and social relations have been such that the year will always remain a pleasing memory with me.

Comrades, we're all of us nearing the river,
At times can't you hear the plash of the oar?
May we meet with a smile the Author and Giver,
Of life when we land on the thitherward shore.

May we there grasp the hands of those gone before us,
And mingle our songs with the songs of the blest,
May the smile of God's love forever brood o'er us,
And make for us all a haven of rest.
Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

WILBUR F. HENRY,
A. A. G. and A. Q.-M. G.

EXHIBIT "A."
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
APRIL 30, 1925.

Balance on hand May 1, 1924.....	\$	47.07
Received from Department of Mo. W. R. C.....		600.00
Received from Augusta Wildhagen.....		25.00
Received from Dept. of Mo. Ladies G. A. R.....		300.00
Received from St. Louis Circle No. 37, Ladies G. A. R.....		75.00
Received from Grant Circle, Ladies, G. A. R.....		10.50
Received from Sons of Veterans, Dept. Mo.....		50.00
Received from S. of V. Auxiliary, Dept. Mo.....		25.60
Received from Daughters of Veterans, Dept. Mo.....		146.00
Received from Two Friends.....		30.00
Received from Per Capita Tax.....		688.20
Received from Interest.....		157.06
Received from Safety Fund.....		300.00
Received from Sale of Supplies.....		42.95
Received from Leo Rassieur (loan).....		200.00
Received from Post 14.....		5.00
Aggregate.....		\$2,702.38

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For rent of office	\$ 270.00
For supplies	38.48
For expenses of Department Encampment	22.04
For expenses to National Encampment.....	141.98
For printing	273.00
For salary A. A. G.	1,200.00
For expense of Department Commander.....	124.50
For Exchange on Checks	1.02
For National Per Capita Tax	202.60
Refund to Safety Fund.....	30.00
For Return of Loan.....	200.00
For Postage and Stationery.....	36.52
For Incidentals	18.03
For Identification Certificates.....	3.56
For Premium on Bond.....	12.50
For Safe Deposit Box.....	5.00
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Total disbursed.....	\$2,579.24
Balance on hand May 1, 1925.....	123.14
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	\$2,702.38

EXHIBIT "B."**SAFETY FUND.**

My report one year ago showed the amount in the Safety Fund to be \$2,500.00 of secured 6% notes and \$200.00 of Liberty Bonds.

The unanimous vote of the Encampment authorized the transfer of not to exceed 10 per cent of the Safety Fund to the General Fund, if necessary.

I found it necessary to transfer the proceeds of the two \$100 Liberty bonds amounting to \$200.00 to the General Fund. One hundred dollars of the principal of the \$1,000.00 note was paid and \$70.00 of that payment was transferred to the General Fund, leaving the Safety Fund at present as follows:

The fund remains invested on secured notes as follows:

One note of \$500 and 5 notes of \$200 each, due June 1, 1925.....	\$1,500.00
One note due April 1, 1921, remaining unpaid.....	900.00
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Safety Fund May 1, 1925, bearing 6%	2,400.00
Cash	30.00
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	\$2,430.00

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EXHIBIT "C."

SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 1, 1925.

No.		Value
2	Officer's Badges.....	\$ 1.20
6	Members' Badges.....	3.60
23	Buttoniers.....	3.45
37	Rank Straps.....	18.50
23	Official Badge Ribbons.....	2.23
8	Rules and Regulations.....	3.60
50	Application Blanks.....	1.50
1	Blue Book.....	1.20
2	Rituals.....	2.50
5	Service Books.....	2.25
33	Discharge Blanks.....	3.30
6	Leave of Absence Cards.....	.60
6	Transfer Blanks.....	.60
10	Post Odes.....	.50
15	Department Badges.....	7.50
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		\$52.50

EXHIBIT "E"

DEATHS REPORTED FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Post

- 1 G. W. Carmichael, Co. R, 25th N. Y. National Guards.
Adolph Dehner, Co. F, 5th Mo. Inf.
Con. DeStaebler, Co. F, 21st N. Y. Inf.
Chas. Etling, Co. G, 1st U. S. R. C. Mo.
Asa B. Acoff, Co. C, 63d Penn. Inf.
Chris. Fricks, Co. H, 1st Mo. Lt. Art.
Henry Greebe, Co. I, 3d U. S. R. C. and Co. F, 4th Mo. Inf.
C. F. Huston, service not given.
Wm. M. Olewine, Co. D, 136th Ind. Inf.
J. J. Sharr, Co. C, 1st Mo. Inf. and Co. F, 1st Mo. L. A.
Fred Schoening, Co. A, 1st Mo. Inf. and Co. A, 1st Mo. L. A.
Geo. H. Shields, 53d Mo. Inf.
Ford Smith, 59th Ill. Inf.
- 4 Martin L. Ham, service not given.
D. F. McKay, service not given.
Chas. W. Pettenger, service not given.
S. T. Ward, service not given.
Rudolph Walfson, service not given.

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7 Dr. Wm. V
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- 6 Wm. Johnson, service not given.
 Jacob Miller, service not given
 B. F. Lutman, 15th Mo. Cav.
 Th. Augenmaat, service not given.
- 7 Dr. Wm. Warren, Co. I, 15th Ks. Cav.
 Albert E. Ingraham, Co. L, 2d Ohio L. A.
 John Michel, Co. I, 44th Mo. Inf.
 John Guider, Co. A, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Geo. Mell, Co. H, 115th Ill. Inf.
 Alexander Harper, Co. D, 113th Ill. Inf.
 Jacob Berble, Co. L, 1st Mo. Eng.
 Levi H. Mullen, Co. G, 7th Iowa Cav.
 Joseph C. Hedenberg, Co. K, 154th Ill. Inf.
 Jessee W. Beach, Co. D, 141st Ill. Inf.
 Abraham Ozenberger, Co. E, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
 John O. Stephens, Co. E, 25th Mo. Inf.
 Martin Kellar, Co. E, 22d Ind. Inf.
 William M. Baker, Co. C, 25th Mo. Inf.
 John R. Ward, Co. K, 50th N. Y. Eng.
 D. G. Caldwell, Co. C, 12th Mo. Cav.
 William Garbe, Co. H, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
- 8 J. B. Hinkle.
 Wm. H. Bull.
 Sebastian Elsas.
 Oren H. Guffin.
 Arthur Shrewsbury.
 Milton H. Harvey.
 O. F. Dorrence.
 A. Hackman.
 Henry L. Straight.
 Wilber F. Moore.
 Alex Hall.
 F. C. Dorsey.
- 13 Barth Husson, 5th U. S. Cav. and U. S. Marines.
 Fred Martini, Cos. F and H, 6th Wis. Inf.
 Jacob Bastian, Co. B, 1st U. S. R. C.
 Adam G. Minges, Co. H, 49th Pa. Inf.
 John G. Schaal, Co. D, 4th E. M. M.
 Anton Kaeshamer, Co. D, 2d Mo. Art.
 John B. Schneider, 1st U. S. R. C. and 2d Mo. Inf.
- 14 Samuel P. Saunders.
 Geo. W. Friend.
 William Finch.
 A. J. Plunkett.
 H. W. Davison.

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- William Hall.
 Chas. E. Dunham.
 John Bathust.
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 H. L. Owen.
 A. G. Madison.
 R. E. Smith.
 D. M. Page.
 Thomas Fogle.
 Joseph Wolf.
 Chauncy L. Ayers.
- 16 Riley Willey, Co. E, 40th Ill. Inf.
 J. E. Twitchel, Co. E, 6th Mo. Inf.
- 17 C. N. Burnham, Co. H, 10th R. V. C. Pa.
 H. S. Beery, Co. H, 114th O. V. I.
 D. F. E. Wats, Co. H, 20th Iowa.
 John Burg, Co. G, 6th Mo. S. M. Cav.
 R. L. Hudson, Co. G, 49th O. V. I.
- 21 J. E. O'Neal, Co. F, 31st Wis. Inf.
 Richard Snyder, Co. B, 29th Ind.
 Wm. X. Smith, Co. B, 43d Mo.
 Alex. Gray, Co. D, 11th Mo.
 Geo. Warehime, Co. H, 114th O. V. I.
 Geo. W. Null, Co. I, 1st Neb. Cav.
- 22 Geo. Laird, Co. E, 1st Neb. Cav.
- 26 John Coffman, Co. F, 15th W. Va.
 H. L. McGrew, Co. A, 20th Ind. Inf.
 David Matlock, Co. 9th Ind. Cav.
 J. W. Erador, Co. H, 9th Ind.
 Martin Kimbairre, 9th Kans. Cav.
 J. W. Barger, Co. E, 71st Ind.
 J. L. Hunt, 1st Lt., M. S. M.
 Nicholas Johannes, Co. A, Mo. Vols.
- 44 D. T. Ransom, Co. L, 12th Mo. Cav.
- 45 D. P. Dobyne, Co. H, 1st Mo. Inf.
- 47 J. W. Peters, Co. C, 18th Mo. Inf.
- 53 J. A. Patton, Co. A, 54th Ill. Inf.
- 54 R. F. Little, Co. C, 103d Ill. Inf.
 John F. Guffey, Co. D, 1st M. S. M.
 Paris Drury, Co. G, 45th Mo. Inf.
 J. W. Swigart, service not given.
 John Trully, Co. C, 42d Mo. Inf.
 R. K. Payne, Co. H, 13th Iowa.
 Thos. A. Carter, Co. A, 36th Iowa.
 Luther Thompson, Co. C, 42d Mo.

- 67 Geo. N. Drapeau
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- 69 A. R. McDonald
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 W. H. Lynch
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- 72 Geo. Gilmore
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 Wm. Limerick
- 76 Alex. Cameron
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- 69 A. R. McDonald, Co. G, 1st Mo. Cav.
J. T. Walker, Co. A, 24th Mo. Inf.
W. H. Lynch, Co. I, 32d Mo. Inf.
J. S. Justice, Co. E, 14th M. S. M.
S. B. Moore, Co. F, 14th Mo. Cav.
- 72 Geo. Gilmore, Co. L, 3d Colo. Cav.
W. B. Rogers, Capt. D, 44th Mo. Inf.
G. G. McFarland, Co. K, 1st M. S. M.
Geo. Hall, Co. A, 19th Ind. Inf.
G. M. Wolz, Co. I, 3d M. S. M.
Wm. Limes, Co. B, 63d O. V. I.
- 78 Alex Cameron.
John W. Gossett.
Hiram Morton.
A. W. Repp.
John Holwell.
- 79 John Cate, Co. K, 3d Tenn.
John Gearhart, Co. E, 121st Ohio
William Flaherty, 28th Ill.
- 92 Henry Smith, Co. A, 21st Mo. Inf.
- 124 Washington Morgan, Co. F, 97th O. V. I.
A. N. Dodd, Co. G, 6th Mo.
Montague Atwood, Co. A, 1st Mo. Cav.
- 130 Three— But names not given.
- 131 David H. Kellogg, Co. B, 17th Ind. Inf.
Chas. R. Warner, Co. D, 59th Ill. Inf.
Wm. T. Niccolls, Anderson Troop, Ia. Cav.
John A. Ockerson, Co. D, 132d Ill. Inf. and Co. I, 1st
Minn. H. A.
P. H. Clarke, Co. H, 37th Ky. Inf.
C. K. Reifsnider, Co. B, 162d O. V. I.
S. L. Woodward, Co. G, 6th Ill., 10th U. S. C., Lt.-Col.
7th U. S. Cav. and Brg.-Gen. U. S. A.
David P. Dyer, Col. 49th Mo. Inf.
Frank H. Bond, Co. F, 5th Mass. Inf.
James Z. Gapeb, Co. D, 132d Ill. Inf.
J. M. Fulkerson, Co. H., 80th O. V. I. and Co. B, Miss. M. B.
H. W. Beerman, Co. C, 2d Mo. Inf. and I, 41st Mo. Inf.
Henry Boedeker, Co. A, Vet. Res. Corps.
J. H. Holmes, Q. M. S., 35th Mass. Inf.
J. W. Whittlesey, Co. A, 4th Iowa Inf. and B, Miss. M. B.

- W. A. Hall, Co. C, 61st Mass. Inf.
 S. J. Weaver, Engineer U. S. N.
 A. A. Peters, Co. E, 178th O. V. I.
 C. C. Kendall, Co. K, 7th Minn. Inf.
- 145 I. J. Raelchbaum, Co. G, 48th Ohio.
 150 T. B. Garner, Co. D, 51st Mo.
 J. T. Boatman, Co. H, 4th Prov. M. S. M.
 Mose Allison, service not given.
- 172 W. H. Sapp, Co. F, 151st Ill.
 187 J. F. Watson, 30th Ia. Inf.
 D. S. Flowers, 2d Mo. Cav.
- 190 Anson Bowdich, Co. B, 135th Penn. Inf.
 Robert McAllister, U. S. N.
 Chas. B. Berry, Co. D, 9th Kansas.
 A. Bond, Co. I, Tenn. Cav.
- 210 Owens.
 Odell.
 Gray.
- 215 Wm. A. Kennedy, Co. K, 8th Ky.
 Richard Adams, Co. F, 123d Penn.
 Frederick Elser, Co. F, Ohio.
 Smith Denman, Co. M, 52d Ill Cav.
- 241 J. W. Root, 18th Ohio.
 M. V. Johnson, 44th Mo.
- 251 (1) One.
- 273 Deis Hugon, Co. G, 1st Mo. L. Art.
 J. W. Taylor, Co. M, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
- 276 W. H. Welch.
 John M. Williams, Co. I, 122d Ohio Inf.
 Wm. Weyland, Co. B, 33d Mo. Inf.
- 326 (1) One.
- 340 John D. Penland, Co. G, 2d M. S. M.
- 374 Sol. Scroggs, Co. B, 23d M. S. M.
 W. B. Sherrow, Co. C, 14th Ind. Inf.
- 433 (1) One.
- 496 Xavier Zachringer, Co. B, 3d Mo. Inf. and F. 4th Mo. Cav.
 Chris. Tenting, Co. K, 3d Mo. Inf. and B, 12th Ill. Cav.
 Geo. Renninger, Co. B, 4th Mo. Cav.
- 554 Phillip Klippel, Co. F, 5th Mo. Cav.
 John Pallaidy, 1st Prov. E. M.
- 576 Chas. Gulemann, Co. F, 5th Mo. Cav.
 Henry Hueffmeyer, Co. E, Krekel's Battalion.
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FIRST DAY - MORNING SESSION

The Forty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Elks' Hall, Joplin, Mo., at 9:15 o'clock on the morning of May 7, 1925, in open session to which the public and all allied societies were invited.

The Assembly was sounded by Comrade S. D. Webster, acting Department Bugler. Past Department Commander A. J. P. Barnes, Chairman of the local Committee of Arrangements, assumed the gavel and presided during the open session.

The Chairman introduced a male quartet known as the Conley Quartet, composed of the following gentlemen: George W. Pither, first tenor; Clarence Sloan, second tenor; Edward T. Perkins, first bass, and M. J. Conley, second bass. They sang in fine harmony and with splendid effect as their first number: "My Native Land."

The Department Chaplain, W. K. Collins, then delivered a very fitting and impressive invocation.

The Mayor of Joplin, Hon. Taylor P. Snapp, delivered an address of welcome which made all feel as though the citizens of Joplin were opening their hearts and homes to us. (The writer is inclined to very respectfully say that it was a "Snappy" address.) The Mayor spoke in part as follows:

Missouri G. A. R. Encampment, May 7, 1925:

I feel very much pleased and gratified as the representative of the citizenry of Joplin, to extend to you their greetings, and bid you a most hearty welcome to our city and to our homes.

We feel, we know, that we have something more than just a

mere city, in this place of Joplin, as she lies here nestling just at the foot of the hills of the Ozarks. There was a time when we were known far and wide as the City that Jack Built, and we are proud of that fact.

This City was also one time known far and wide as a "place wide open," where the name of the "House of Lords" was as widely known as was the name of Joplin. Everything went then and we were known practically everywhere as just a mining town. But those days are gone, and are gone forever.

Those who came here, and they came from all over the world, came to make a quick fortune in the mines, then get away and go back home and live easy the rest of their lives. There were hundreds, and even thousands of them, that never went back, who came and fell under the "spell" of the environments of our country and its wonderful climate—went back and brought the rest of the family, and ever since it has been home, sweet home, to them.

I think that God has been exceedingly kind to this particular spot of his footstool called Joplin. He not only gave us the greatest deposit of Zinc ore in the world, where it is being mined today, but He gave us a wonderful soil for the growing of berries and fruits, the marketing of which each year brings to this community several million dollars, but He gave us the hills and the springs of clear, cold water, and the creeks and the rivers, abounding in fish, and above all He gave us the best climate on earth—not excepting that far famed country of climate—California.

It gets cold here in the winter—yes, but it is never as cold as just a little farther North, and often times just a little farther to the south of us. Storms often times divide just before they reach Joplin and go to either the North or South, or both, and leave us a favored spot.

It gets hot here in the summer for a few days, but it is never as hot as a few miles away, and the "hot days" never last but a week or two, and we almost always have a good breeze of wind at night. And then in the Springtime—the time of year that is upon us now. The flowers make one continuous blanket of color, and the music of the birds and the rippling of the streams is a setting on the stage of life which once seen and enjoyed causes you to want to stay, and then again when the autumn days come, and they bring with them the most incomparable paintings and colorings—a picture that no artist has ever been able to reproduce on canvas—those wonderful hills of the Ozarks, right at our doors, causes me to feel that we have here something else beside just a mere city.

Then we, too, have grown into quite a commercial City, being the center of a number of railroads, which take our merchandise to the different points of the compass, and we have grown into

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manufacturing city too, and every year sees more and more factories coming here.

And as I said before God has been good to us down here in Joplin.

He gave us the mines, and then after the ore was cleaned from the residue, we had left for us everywhere in great big piles the greatest road building material, and the finest building material in the world, and I say without fear of contradiction, that we have more macadamized roads in and around Joplin than any other city in this State, and I doubt that they can be surpassed by any city in the United States. But we didn't stop at the macadamized roads, they weren't good enough. Joplin has the distinction of being, I believe, the father of the cement roads of Missouri, and today we have miles and miles of them.

And these all mean a better, a more cosmopolitan place in which to live, but I will not detain you longer regarding Joplin, only to say that we are exceedingly glad to have you with us.

To those of you who have been here before, we extend the hand of friendship formed in other days, and to those who are here for the first time, we offer you our hand and hope for a friendship which will grow for us and this City, as time itself grows and moves on.

And to you—the Women's Relief Corps for the "Old Soldiers," sitting out there in the evening of your lives, with the retrospection and the memories of the days of long ago gleaming before you in the sunset, may the few hours you spend here among us bring you added pleasure, may it too be a memory of a few more happy hours, of Tenting on the old camp ground, and may it be your lot in life to be able to come back to us again and again and partake of our hospitality, which I trust will be of such nature that you will want to come back.

And in closing I want to say that the son of a Soldier who wore the grey bids you a most hearty welcome, and that I am glad that I am fortunate enough to be in the position to bid you a hearty welcome. I feel it to be an additional honor thrust upon me. I believe in the American's creed.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon the principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to

support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

And as I close, let me repeat the words of the Immortal Lincoln: "With malice toward none; with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God has given us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations. I thank you for this opportunity, for your courtesy and attention, and again I welcome you to Joplin.

Mr. Mercer Arnold, representing the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, tendered the most hearty welcome of the business men of Joplin. He spoke at some length and his eloquent and patriotic remarks elicited frequent and generous applause. The addresses of both the Mayor and of Mr. Arnold will be cherished memories with all who heard them.

The Quartet sang, "Pilot, Lan' de Boat," and were rewarded by the enthusiastic applause of all. The singing of this quartet was unusually good and worthy of highest praise.

Comrade D. H. Baldrige, Commander of O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, gave a most hearty welcome and greeting on behalf of the Comrades of Joplin and vicinity.

Chairman Barnes then surrendered the gavel to Department Commander Zartman, who assumed command and requested Leo Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief, to respond to the several addresses of welcome. Comrade Rassieur performed the duty assigned him in a manner evidently satisfactory to his comrades and others for it elicited rounds of applause.

The exercises of the open meeting were declared ended and the Department Encampment was opened for the transaction of such business as might properly come before it.

At the conclusion of the exercises of the open meeting, those who were not members of the Encampment retired and the Department Commander opened the Encampment for business.

The Assistant Adjutant-General reported the following as the roll of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders. Those present during the Encampment are indicated by a star:

Department Commander.
*ALFRED ZARTMAN.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,
*CHARLES KOOCK.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,
*JOHN T. EMMERT.

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Medical Director,

*DR. J. L. CARNAHAN.

Department Chaplain,

*W. K. COLLINS.

Assistant Adjutant-General and A. Q. M. General,

*WILBUR F. HENRY.

Judge Advocate,

W. F. Calfee.

Patriotic Instructor,

*W. C. CALLAND.

Chief Mustering Officer,

*L. V. CUPP.

Department Inspector,

*A. F. McCRAY.

Council of Administration,A. WHIPPLE,
*MAX FRITZ,B. A. SUPPAN,
CHARLES F. BOTTUM,

*J. W. LANLEY.

Past Department Commanders,

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| †WILLIAM WARNER, | †JERE T. DEW, |
| †W. F. CHAMBERLAIN | †HENRY FAIRBACK, |
| †NELSON COLE, | †JOHN M. WILLIAMS, |
| †E. E. KIMBALL, | †T. D. KIMBALL, |
| †HIRAM SMITH, JR., | J. V. MARTIN, |
| (1) JOHN E. PHELPS, | †W. H. SKINNER, |
| *LEO RASSIEUR, | †R. N. DENHAM, |
| †GEO. W. MARTIN, | †BENJAMIN WARNER, |
| †C. W. WHITEHEAD, | †ARTHUR DREIFUS, |
| CHAS. G. BURTON, | †CHAS. W. RUBY, |
| †LOUIS GRUND, | *WM. LOWE, |
| †LOUIS BENECKE, | J. B. DOBYNE, |
| †THOS. B. RODGERS, | †ALEX McCANDLESS, |
| †JOHN P. PLATT, | †THOS. W. EVANS, |
| †A. G. PETERSON, | *P. F. COGHLAN, |
| JOHN W. SCOTT, | *W. C. CALLAND, |
| *W. F. HENRY, | *S. D. WEBSTER, |
| †GEORGE HALL, | *A. J. P. BARNES, |
| †IRA T. BRONSON, | JAMES HUNTER, |
| (2) F. M. STERETT, | *SAMUEL M. MANN. |
- (1) John E. Phelps transferred to Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.
 (2) F. M. Sterrett transferred to Dept. of Ohio.

†Deceased.

Following is the roll of the members of the Encampment who were present, as reported by the Committee on Credentials.

Roll of the Forty-fourth Annual Encampment Department of Missouri, G. A. R.

Held in Joplin, Mo., May 7 and 8, 1925.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

Com.—D. O. Clements.
S. V. Com.—Geo. Simpson.
J. V. C.—John L. Pierson.
Rep.—C. J. Billmeyer and Joseph G. Hummell.
P. P. C.—L. Rassieur, P. F. Coghlan, C. H. Grote, W. C. Pfeffer,
B. F. Park, Geo. Heineman and Nich. Mathias.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

S. V. Com.—Jas. H. McEwin.
Rep.—Wm. E. Axtell.
P. P. C.—C. W. Burrill, Thos. H. Brown, James A. Stewart,
Alfred Zartman, David L. Wells and James M. Tuttle.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

Com.—A. M. Reynolds.
Rep.—Peter C. Conroy and Samuel Zancker.
P. P. C.—John P. Emert, S. M. Mann and H. W. Sandusky.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

Com.—J. L. Carnahan.
Rep.—E. N. Edmonds, Chas. B. Kurtz and Sidney L. Dally.
P. P. C.—W. F. Henry.

Gen. Canby Post, No. 10, Rich Hill.

Com.—T. H. Tipton.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

Rep.—Philip Hoehn.
P. P. C.—Max Fritz.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

Com.—D. H. Baldrige.
S. V. C.—Albert McCann.
Rep.—J. Seth Carpenter and David Snoeberger.
P. P. C.—M. M. Rice, P. L. Swartz, C. G. Manchester, Henry
Phelps, Frank Yale, J. N. Theurer, R. B. Tyler, A. J. P. Barnes and
John H. Smith.

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Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

Com.—N. E. Harvey.

S. V. Com.—S. E. Wetzel.

Rep.—W. J. Driver.

P. P. C.—Wm. McCune, A. J. Robb, J. T. B. Yaryan and L. V. Cupp.

Joe Hooker Post, No. 17, Cameron.

P. P. C.—E. W. Thomas.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

P. P. Com.—G. B. Cunningham.

Gen. Joe Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

Com.—T. L. Patton.

McCook Post, No. 34, Lamar.

P. P. Com.—F. D. W. Arnold.

Christian Meyer Post, No. 45, Oregon.

P. P. Com.—Daniel Kunkel.

George R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

P. P. Com.—Charles Koock.

Tarkio Post, No. 67, Tarkio.

Com.—W. S. Wood.

Rep.—E. P. Nigh.

Capt. John Mathews Post, No. 69, Springfield.

Com.—W. C. Calland.

Rep.—Perry Buchanan.

Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton.

P. P. Com.—B. F. Warner.

John A. Dix Post, No. 76, Kidder.

P. P. Com.—Jason Bacon.

Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Princeton.

Com.—Abe Trent.

P. P. Com.—M. M. Gannon.

C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Marysville.

Com.—J. W. McElwain.

P. P. Com.—D. W. Trout.

Miles Carroll Post, No. 111, Iberia.

Com.—John Ferguson.

Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Carl Junction.

Com.—J. A. Waters.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

Com.—R. L. Miller.

Rep.—R. Rutherford and C. Nelson.

P. P. Com.—S. D. Webster, A. G. Bradt, F. Walton and E. R.

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Samuel McClure Post, No. 145, Eldon.

P. P. Com.—Jacob Stephens.

J. J. Gravely Post, No. 149, Bolivar.

Com.—C. F. Massey.

P. P. Com.—J. O. Mitchell.

J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

Com.—W. F. McColley.

S. V. Com.—E. S. Chapin.

Rep.—John R. Pickerill.

P. P. Com.—P. H. Sullivan, James Wyckoff and Robert Dugan.

John A. Rawlins Post, No. 187, Pierce City.

Com.—Theodore Alvord.

S. V. Com.—C. W. Gillen.

Rep.—Henry Shoemaker.

W. B. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

Com.—E. C. Baugher.

Rep.—C. F. Barnes.

P. P. Com.—James Lane.

McCroskey Post, No. 210, Springfield.

Com.—E. Wyland.

P. P. Com.—J. L. Kennedy, W. A. Ward and Eli Thomas.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.

Rep.—F. J. Boller.

P. P. Com.—E. H. Rogers and Joseph Memmel.

Col. Leonard Post, No. 251, Eldorado Springs.

Com.—E. S. Lane.

Rep.—A. J. Brown.

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Rep.—W. H. Phillips.

P. P. Com.—C. G. Wegener.

Maj. A. Bartlett Post, No. 289, Troy.

Rep.—James S. Park.

Houston Post, No. 339, Houston.

Com.—J. H. Haney.

Col. Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.

Com.—J. W. Lanley.

George W. Murphy Post, No. 525, Cowgill.

Com.—M. D. L. Blevins.

S. V. Com.—Martin Goodhart.

Rep.—Benjamin Rea.

P. P. Com.—J. N. Michael.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.

P. P. Com.—William Lowe.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that Mr. H. H. Crittenden, a son of former Governor T. T. Crittenden, who commanded a regiment in the battle of Westport, Oct. 23, 1864, was present and wished to present a matter for the consideration of the Encampment.

No objection appearing, Mr. Crittenden was introduced and spoke briefly of the importance of the battle of Westport, designating it the "Gettysburg of the West." He read the following resolution and expressed the hope that the Encampment would give it due consideration and that it would meet the approval of all the comrades:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the "Battle of Westport," the "Gettysburg of the West," fought on Missouri soil, October 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1864, saved the West to the Union. And the Federal forces under Maj. Gen. Samuel R. Curtis, commanding the "Army of the Border," and Maj. Gen. Alfred S. Pleasanton, commanding the "Department of the Missouri," overcame and routed the Trans-Mississippi Army under Maj. Gen. Sterling Price; and,

Whereas, the main battle took place within the confines of the present corporate limits of Kansas City, Missouri; and,

Whereas, the Sixty-eighth Congress and President Coolidge gave their approval to House Bill H. R. 5417, sponsored by the Missouri Valley Historical Society of Kansas City, Missouri, providing for the appointment of a committee by the Secretary of War to examine the Westport Battlefield and report to the next Congress, the feasibility of establishing a National Military Park on part of the battlefield, commemorative of the Battle of Westport; therefore,

Be it resolved, that the "Grand Army of the Republic" of the State of Missouri, in convention assembled, this sixth day of May, 1925, in Joplin, Missouri, hereby endorses the worthy efforts of the Missouri Valley Historical Society to commemorate this historical battle, that brought peace to Missouri and the middle west, and we hereby petition Congress to establish a National Military Park on the Westport Battlefield.

Without objection the Encampment at once gave consideration of the resolution, and on motion, duly seconded, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion it was unanimously ordered that, pending the report of the Committee on Credentials, all comrades having the Encampment countersign and badge be recognized as members of the Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the Department is entitled to eight representatives in the Fifty-ninth National Encampment in addition to the Representatives-at-Large, and that it was important that nominations for Representatives be made as early as possible in order that their names might be printed on the tickets to be voted. He further stated that by a rule adopted by a former Encampment the names of Comrades nominated would be printed on the ticket in the inverse order of the Post to which the nominee is a member.

By the unanimous vote of the Encampment it was ordered that the rules and order of business be suspended and the Encampment at once proceed to the nomination of Representatives to the next National Encampment. The following named comrades were thereupon nominated:

- E. H. Rogers, Post 240, Boonville.
- F. C. Baugher, Post 190, Webb City.
- C. T. Massey, Post 149, Bolivar.
- Jacob Stephens, Post 145, Eldon.
- A. J. Showers, Post 131, St. Louis.
- John Ferguson, Post 111, Iberia.
- William Woods, Post 67, Tarkio.
- G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville.
- O. G. Hess, Post 16, Carthage.
- S. E. Wetzell, Post 16, Carthage.

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- Dr. R. B. Tyler
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- Max Fritz, Pos
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 Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis.
 E. N. Edmonds, Post 8, Kansas City.
 C. B. Kurtz, Post 8, Kansas City.
 H. W. Sandusky, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 A. M. Reynolds, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 B. F. Parks, Post 1, St. Louis.
 A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis.

On motion it was ordered that the comrade receiving the highest number of votes should be declared the Representative-at-Large and that the eight receiving the next highest votes should be Representatives, and the next nine the Alternates in the order of the votes received.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and the regular order of business was resumed.

The Department Commander then called the Senior Vice Commander, Comrade Charles Kooch, to the chair and proceeded to deliver his annual address as follows:

(See Pages 2 and 5 for Address.)

The address was referred by the Senior Vice Commander to the following committee: Past Department Commanders S. D. Webster, P. F. Coghlan and A. J. P. Barnes.

The Department Commander resumed command.

On motion it was ordered that as the reports of other Department Officers were printed and distributed to members of the Encampment they be referred to committees without reading.

By direction of the Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General announced the names of committees as follows: On Resolutions—Leo Rassieur, W. C. Calland and A. M. Reynolds. On Officers' Reports—S. M. Mann, J. A. Stewart and William Lowe.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the report of the Department Council of Administration as follows:

Joplin, May 6, 1925.

Pursuant to paragraph I, General Orders N. 5, current series, the Department Council of Administration met in Department Headquarters in the Connor Hotel, Joplin, Mo., May 6, 1925, the Department Commander presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Alfred Zartman, Department Commander.
 Charles Kooch, Senior Vice Department Commander.
 John P. Emmert, Junior Vice Department Commander.
 Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General.
 Max Fritz and John W. Lanley.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—1925

The following proceedings were had:

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the only matter that had required the action of the Council in the past year was the fixing the date of the Department Encampment. He further said by correspondence it appeared that if the Department of Nebraska and the Department of Missouri could arrange their meetings the same week early in May, the Department of Nebraska meeting early in the week and Missouri later, it was probable that the Commander-in-Chief would visit both Encampments. With that probability in view, Nebraska fixed the date of its Encampment for May 5, 6 and 7. By correspondence with each member of the Council it was unanimously agreed that the Encampment of this Department be fixed for May 6, 7 and 8. We now have the promise of the Commander-in-Chief that he will be here for our campfire on the 7th.

The committee appointed to audit and examine the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General presented its report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1925.

Comrade Alfred Zartman,
Department Commander.

We, the undersigned, appointed by you to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that we have performed the duty assigned us and find that the books and accounts are properly kept and the accounts are correct. We find that all receipts and disbursements are shown in detail; all disbursements are shown by vouchers duly numbered and filed. We have examined all vouchers and approve the disbursements as shown.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WHIPPLE,

MAX FRITZ,

Auditing Committee.

On motion the report was unanimously approved and the committee discharged.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommend that the sum of \$100.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray the travel expenses of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Council of Administration recommend that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to transfer 10 per cent of the

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principal of the Safety Fund to the General Fund, to be used in defraying the expenses of the Department.

The Council of Administration further recommend that the annual Department per capita tax be increased to one dollar, one-half to be payable in January and one-half payable in July of each year, said increase to be effective on and after January 1, 1926.

No further business appearing the meeting thereupon adjourned.

W. F. HENRY,

A. A. G. and Recorder.

The report and recommendations 1 and 2 were unanimously approved and adopted. The third recommendation, providing for the increase of the Department per capita tax, was on motion, referred to the Committee on Resolutions for consideration and report.

The Officer of the Guard announced that a committee of the Sons of Veterans were at the outpost and desired admission. There being no objection they were admitted, escorted to the front and saluted.

They brought the greetings of the Sons of Veterans of Missouri, then in Convention assembled, and assured the comrades they were ever ready to assist in making the lives of the comrades pleasant and comfortable as the days go by.

Their pleasant words were responded to by the Department Commander in a touching address. The committee then retired and business was resumed.

Comrade Barnes, Chairman of the local Committee of Arrangements, stated that it was planned that a parade would be formed promptly at 2:00 o'clock and proceed to the High School grounds, where a Flag would be presented by the Woman's Relief Corps. He further stated that there would be autos for all comrades and hoped that all would take part in the parade.

The Department Commander stated that as soon as the Parade was over, which would be about 3:00 o'clock, the Encampment would reassemble and resume business.

Comrades A. M. Reynolds of Post 7, D. L. Wells of Post 4 and Past Department Commander William Lowe were appointed a committee to convey the greetings of this Encampment to the Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Department Commander W. C. Calland presented the following memorial on the death of Comrade John M. Williams, Past Department Commander and a member of the National Council of Administration:

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN M. WILLIAMS.—A noble life has been lived—a noble life on earth has ended. John M. Williams at his death was one of the chief members of the Grand Army of the Republic. He shared his life with the State and the Department of Missouri. His ambition was to make the best of his life. He was quiet and ambitious. His open life, his high moral character gave freedom from all fear. In his professional life, and also in his political life, he stood before the people challenging their judgment.

He was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1843. He enjoyed the benefits of the common and High schools. He had a splendid military record. He entered the Army at eighteen and served three years in the 122nd Ohio Infantry. During the service he was promoted from Orderly Sergeant to the rank of Captain. He participated in twenty-two battles, and at the close of the war he located in California, in Moniteau County, Mo., and began the practice of law. He never knew any special reason why he located at this particular point. When he wanted to settle down for his life work he started West and happened to stay over night at California. He decided that there was room for one more lawyer, and in two days he decided to locate. The physical and civil conditions of Moniteau County were at a low ebb at that time. The ravages of war were evident on all sides. Farms laid waste, houses destroyed, former improvements had well nigh disappeared. California was little more than a straggling village; small population, little business, little employment to hold the immigration that was pushing Westward. No schools, no church buildings, small litigation in the courts, the immediate prospects were not very encouraging. With a few hundred dollars in his pocket he finally settled on twenty acres in the suburbs of the village and determined to grow up with the town.

While he for a time found little to do in the law office, there was ample demand in the country and town to engage every talent he possessed. There was a deep felt want for the establishment of common schools, and no professional man felt it to be his duty to set the school system in motion. Mr. Williams was finally prevailed upon by some friends to undertake the work without any thought of remuneration. He secured action of the court for school divisions and districts, and authority to levy funds to maintain the schools. Other professional men were busy making a living and no assistance was rendered by them. Mr. Williams rather found it a pleasure, however, to find employment which brought him in touch with the people, and he took the work to his law office and as he found time he pushed the work. Temporary housing was found and two small schools were opened with one teacher in each.

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Four months school was promised for the first year. A School Board was elected and Mr. Williams was chosen Chairman of the Board of Education. The people were asked to vote bonds for two school houses, and the southern element were so uninformed about a public school system that they, or a part of them, counseled against the bonds. They feared bonds might break them up. The bonds carried after a lively campaign. Some favored the bonds simply because Mr. Williams said it was the thing to do. The school houses were built and schools established. This school work and the campaign put Mr. Williams on the map and he fast came to the front as one of the chief citizens of the town. But there were no church buildings and little moral restraint thrown around the children of the town, and the necessity of building a church was very manifest. Through much effort and voluntary work a Presbyterian Church was built and a Sunday School started.

Several military and civil honors were conferred upon John M. Williams. He served as Chairman of the Board of Education of California for 28 years, and this service was by no means a sinecure, for he was conscientiously making provision for the education of the youth in their midst. He represented his County in the State Legislature. In 1894 he was elected to the State Senate, being the only Republican ever elected from the Fourteenth Senatorial District. He was appointed by Governor Hadley to fill out an unexpired judgeship, and upon retiring received a unanimous vote of the Bar for his clear and unbiased judgment on all questions involved. He served on the Republican State Committee for ten years. He served the Department of Missouri one year as Commander. He served one year as National Patriotic Instructor, and for several years served on the National Council of Administration. He has filled these several stations with honor to himself as well as to the public.

During his early settlement in California, following the unsettled conditions, there was no public place of safety for important papers and the small savings of the people. There were no banks or safety vaults. Comrade Williams becoming known through the schools, and being a deacon and Sunday School Superintendent, one by one the war widows came to him for consultation about their small life savings. They asked him to take them and keep them safely; not asking interest but wishing to make the principal safe. He at first refused to take the responsibility, but finally consented to take their savings. This information gradually circulated among the people and he could not turn them away. There was small opportunity to invest these savings so as to secure both safety and interest. The titles of land were unsettled and few people wanted to borrow money who were able to give more than their personal notes as security. In taking over these small savings the agreement was that interest at the rate of

six per cent would be paid on all funds invested. During these few years quite a clientage had accumulated and he was compelled to open a ledger account with each person. A few thousand dollars were brought in and his office served as an improvised bank. Mr. Williams designated these small accounts "thank-you-mam-jobs," because they were unremunerative, though they required considerable time. After a few years a bank was established in the town and Mr. Williams required the people to move their funds to the bank for safe-keeping. Some prophesied that this "thank-you-mam business" would detract from his law business, yet he found that the very opposite proved true, for the children of the parents, whose funds Mr. Williams had safeguarded, later brought their law business to his law office, so that the bread cast upon the waters returned after many days hence. These side lights to his life work enable me to say that John M. Williams was a great and good man.

What are the dimensions of a great and good man? What standards of measurement shall we employ to determine greatness?

A man's life may be measured by its depth, its width and its height. The depth of a man may be measured by his understanding of the sphere in which he labors. Before a banker can achieve anything in the banking game, he must understand the laws of banking as well as the general conditions affecting it. The same is true in any realm of labor. The names mentioned prominently in history are in most cases the names of men whose understanding has led them into the realm of the spiritual. No man can account for the achievements of George Washington or Abraham Lincoln apart from their understanding of the guidance of Providence. George Washington could never have faced the tremendous and overwhelming difficulties apart from his faith in a sovereign ruler who would ultimately make right triumph over might. A great man is measured also by his breadth. His breadth is measured by his broadening love toward his fellow men. An extremely selfish man can never be more than a broken reed, but the man who thinks in terms of his fellowmen and can have a kindly regard for the other man, regardless of his standing, is the man whose life counts. Abraham Lincoln could see something more than a slave in a man who had a black skin. His great heart felt the surge of a kindred spirit which led him to consecrate his personal powers to the freedom of the black race. The Man of Galilee stands as the supreme example in this matter. No line of demarcation nor wall of prejudice could separate him from his fellow men. He was the friend of the Woman at the Well of Samaria, though she could at first see nothing in him but a Jew. The distinguishing mark in the Master was his love of his fellowmen.

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aspirations. Two men of equal power may undertake the same task, one of which will succeed and the other fail, owing to the conditions under which one or the other labor. The Judge of all the World looks not on the outward appearance, but upon the heart; and when he knows what are the issues that come from the heart of a man he has the correct measure of the man himself. It is not a question of how long these material bodies of ours shall hold out, but the question is of living our lives so well as to make our impress upon future generations. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and many of our forefathers who made the supreme sacrifice live in the liberty which is ours today and will continue as long as America continues to be the land of the free and the home of the brave. So we may not think in terms of our physical endurance, but of moral and spiritual force. John Wannamaker summed it all up when he said: "I am a spirit—I have a body." So John Wannamaker will live on through the generations by means of the great influence he exerted upon those who knew him.

If, therefore, we apply these measurements to John M. Williams we can measure the depth of his life by his understanding the conditions under which he lived when he settled in California. The conditions were hard and discouraging, but he adjusted himself to them. His understanding led him to see the necessity of schools and he at once grappled with the problem. The education of the youth was demanded by the public good. Without remuneration and somewhat at the cost of his professional business, he met the demand. His contribution to the protection of the small patrimony of the old people; his consent to take on this brotherly and unremunerative work and thus contribute to the general welfare of the community, brings out the real breadth of his character. Again the hearty effort he made in joining with the public in building churches and schools that moral restraint might be thrown around the youth to guard them from the pitfalls of life, mark the heights of his spiritual aspirations. The life, therefore, of John M. Williams is not measured by the achievements in his legal profession, although he made a good average success; but his full life is marked by the broad comprehensive citizenship in the community life. He built a segment into the life of every member of the community.

At his funeral the schools and churches of the City paid tribute to this great and good man.

He had reached his eighty-first year—death had no terrors for him. The end came suddenly, but all was well.

Comrades, let us strengthen our lives by cherishing the memory of John M. Williams. One year, or possibly two, will tell the tale of most of our lives.

"Some time at eve when the tide is low,
I shall slip my moorings and sail away,
With no response to the friendly hail
Of kindred craft in the busy bay.
The silent hush of the twilight pale,
When night stoops down to embrace the day,
And the voices call in the water's flow,
Some time at eve when the tide is low,
I shall slip my moorings and sail away.

Through the purple shadows that darkly trail
O'er the ebbing life to the unknown sea,
I shall fare me away with a dip of sail,
And a ripple of waters to tell the tale
Of a lonely voyager sailing away
To mystic isles, where at anchor lay
The craft of those who have sailed before
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore.

A few who have watched me sail away
Will miss my craft from the busy bay,
Some friendly barks that were anchored near,
Some loving souls that my heart held dear,
In silent sorrow will drop a tear.
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
In moorings sheltered from storm and gale,
And greeted friends who have sailed before
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore."

Respectfully submitted as a tribute to the memory of our beloved John M. Williams.

Springfield, Mo., May 6, 1925.

W. C. CALLAND.

After eulogistic remarks by Past Commander-in-Chief Ras-sieur and by Past Department Commander S. D. Webster the Memorial was unanimously adopted and it was ordered that it be spread at large in the Journal of the proceedings of the encampment. The comrades stood at attention and Comrade Webster sounded Taps.

Comrade Reynolds, Chairman of the committee to visit the Convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R. reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned them and that they were received with honors; that the ladies expressed their grateful pleasure in receiving the greetings of the comrades of the Grand Army and sent to the comrades of the Encampment respectful

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greetings and good wishes. The report of the Committee was received and the Committee discharged.

The Assistant Adjutant General announced that he had just received a telegram from Mrs. Josephine Mahar announcing the death of her father, Past Senior Vice Department Commander. The telegram is as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 6, 1925.

W. F. Henry,

Asst. Adjutant General, Dept. of Missouri, G. A. R.,

Connor Hotel, Joplin, Mo.

Past Department Senior Vice-Commander, Hubert Munchrath, passed away eight twenty, May sixth. Funeral Sunday May tenth.

MRS. MAHAR.

On motion of Comrade Henry it was ordered that the sympathies of the Encampment be sent Mrs. Mahar.

The Assistant Adjutant General formulated the following telegram and it was sent with the approval of the encampment:

Joplin, Mo., May 7, 1915.

Mrs. Josephine Mahar,

3234a California Ave.,

St. Louis, Mo.

The Department Encampment Grand Army of the Republic send sympathetic greetings in your profound sorrow in the death of your father and our honored comrade.

W. F. HENRY,

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Officer of the Day announced that there was a delegation of the Daughters of Veterans at the outpost and desired admission. There being no objection they were admitted, escorted to the front and given a soldier's greeting. There was a large delegation headed by their Department president, Mrs. Emma Meiners, who presented Department Zartman with a beautiful bouquet with fraternal remarks and good wishes and introduced Mrs. Cora Smith, Past President of the department, who addressed the Commander and comrades in a pleasing speech and closed by handing the Commander a check for \$115.00 as their voluntary offering for the expense fund of the Department of the Grand Army. They then sang The Red, White and Blue and the comrades joined in with a will. A unanimous rising vote of thanks was given them and the Commander declared a recess

until after the parade and directed the comrades to escort the ladies to the outpost.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION

The Encampment was called to order at 3:15 P. M. It was announced that Commander-in-Chief, Louis F. Arensberg, had arrived during the recess and was in waiting at the outpost. He was admitted and escorted to the front by Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur and presented to the Encampment. He was given a Comrade's greeting and welcome. The Commander-in-Chief made a short address in which he expressed his pleasure in being present and meeting the comrades of the Department of Missouri. In his remarks he denounced the action of Congress in passing the act authorizing the coining of half dollars with Stonewall Jackson stamped on one side and Robert E. Lee on the other side, two of the leaders who did their best to destroy this nation. His remarks were generously applauded by the comrades.

The Assistant Adjutant General announced that the ballots for voting for Representatives to the National Encampment were ready for distribution and that it would take time to canvass the vote. He moved that the Encampment now proceed to vote for Representatives. There being no objections the ballots were distributed. Comrade O. G. Hess, one of the nominees, requested that his name be erased from the list as he could not serve and comrades were requested to strike his name from the tickets.

Comrade S. D. Webster was appointed Chief of the Tellers and requested to call such comrades to his aid as he wished and take charge of the ballots and see that they were properly counted and report the result at the next session of this Encampment.

A committee of ladies from the convention of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans were admitted and escorted to the front by Past Department Commander Calland. They were presented to the Encampment and given a hearty welcome.

The members of the Committee were:

Mrs. Frances McCann, chairman; Mrs. Manley and Mrs. Gerting.

Mrs. McCann was introduced and made a brief address replete with fraternal good and in closing emphasized her remarks by handing the Department Commander an envelope containing \$28.30 to be used at the will of the Department. They received the unanimous thanks of the encampment and were cheered as they departed.

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The Committee on Officers' Reports presented the following:

Joplin, Mo., May 7, 1925.

Comrade W. F. Henry,

Asst. Ad.-Gen., Dept. of Mo., G. A. R.

The Committee on Reports of the Officers of the Department for the past year, beg leave to report as follows:

The report of the various officers show that they have been engaged in looking after the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic during the year, and we commend their zeal where so displayed. We desire to especially mention the reports of the Patriotic Instructor and the Chaplain and we recommend that each comrade read them carefully.

S. M. MANN,

J. A. STEWART,

WM. LOWE.

The report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

The Assistant Adjutant General read an interesting letter from Past Department Commander John W. Scott, now residing in Daytona, Florida.

At 5:30 o'clock the Encampment took a recess until 9:15 o'clock tomorrow.

SECOND DAY MORNING SESSION

The Encampment was called to order by the Senior Vice-Commander promptly at 9:15 o'clock. The Department Chaplain delivered an earnest invocation.

Commander-in-Chief Arensberg entered, escorted by Department Commander Zartman, and the business of the Encampment proceeded with the Department Commander in command.

Past Department Chaplain B. F. Warner, of Post 72, presented the Memorial on the death of Past Department Commander George Hall:

IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE HALL--A strong pillar beneath the temple of the G. A. R. has given way. A strong personage within its ranks has bidden adieu to all earthly associations and comrades are left with saddened hearts and tearful eyes.

George Hall was born in Hamilton County, Indiana, near Indianapolis, March 10, 1840, where he grew to manhood. At the age of 19 he entered Danville Academy, but when in 1861 the Civil War broke it was not for one of his temperament to remain neutral or inactive. After two years in the academy he returned to his

home and enlisted in the service of his country, serving in Co. A, 19th Ind. Volunteers. His service was that of guard duty in front of the Custer Lee Mansion, Washington, D. C., which is now the Arlington Cemetery. On account of physical disability he was mustered out of service in 1862 at Washington, D. C. In August of that same year he again enlisted, doing service in Co. B, 79th Indiana Inf., in which he served until the close of the war in 1865.

His life was not a life of idleness or inactivity. His regiment served in the following engagements: Perryville, Kentucky; Stone River, Chickamauga, Resacca, Kingston, New Hope Church, Pine Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Love Joy Station, Franklin and Nashville.

There were three events that took place that practically closed the war: the victory at Nashville, the surrender of Jackson, and the surrender of Lee. With the close of the war came the return of the battle scarred veterans. Among them was Comrade George Hall. He received his discharge at Nashville in June, 1865. Returning to Indianapolis he entered a law office as a student, and after completing his course was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State.

Comrade Hall was a charter member of the Thomas Post of Indianapolis, the first to be organized within the State of Indiana, and the second to be organized within the Nation. In 1867 he came west to Springfield, Missouri. Later he came to Trenton, Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He was married to Miss Rachel A. Smith, April 15, 1869. Mrs. Hall was the daughter of a pioneer Methodist preacher and a cousin to the late Bishop Charles W. Smith, who died in St. Louis a few years ago. She was Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps in 1894-95. Four children came to bless their home: Homer, who practices law in St. Louis; Frank, who practices law in California; Hallie, the wife of Prof. E. M. Violette, so long associated with the Kirksville Normal, and Byrd M., who so tenderly cared for her father and now lives with her mother in the home at Trenton.

The health of Comrade Hall gradually failed from the time when he was thrown to the pavement by an auto truck. For a time he attended to office duties, but it was not long until this must cease. He sometimes longed for another visit to the dear office. This longing was promptly met.

The end was not unexpected. All could read the signs so clearly marked were they. On the 7th day of June, 1924, he closed his eyes in sleep to wake no more on earth.

Comrade Hall was a patriotic man. Copperhead and pacifist were classes that met with no sympathy or encouragement from

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him. His patriotism followed him after he received his discharge. Through the years of a busy life and down to the last he loved his country and would have given his all for its defense. He was raised to fight if necessary. The Nation's need was his opportunity. "Not counting his life dear unto him" he threw himself into the thick of the fight; he met the charge of the enemy, and while many went down in death he was spared to a life of honor and trust. Returning to his home from scenes of bloody strivings it was to resume a life of peaceful citizenship. Under all stable government there are certain fundamental laws that call for the cooperation of all lovers of high ideals. When these ideals were being put to the test it was not Comrade Hall to disappoint a trust.

He was interested in every enterprise that was for the betterment of the community in which he lived, particularly the church and the school. He was a willing contributor to the building of churches of all denominations. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a delegate to the General Conference in 1884. He was a member of the Board of Regents of the Kirksville Normal School for twelve years.

In 1880 Comrade Hall was a delegate to the Republican National Convention and was one of the Old Guard of 306 who voted consistently for the renomination of General Grant for the third term.

The same elements of character by which he was actuated in life were the characterizing principles in his practice of law. With the understanding that law was designed for the protection and welfare of the people, he did not stoop to the degrading allowances of some of the legal profession.

His home life was ideal. Of this too much cannot be said, and more might well be said if time and space would permit.

There came a time when the Department Encampment sought for a leader. Comrade Hall was not hiding like Saul of old, nor was he tall like Saul, but modestly sitting in the midst of his comrades and tall in the sense of a sturdy manhood, his comrades sought him and elected him as Department Commander in 1901. No criticism passes the lips of his comrades in arms, and while he is no longer with us in the flesh, he still exists as a memory and will continue to do so as long as there are those remaining who knew him.

On motion the Memorial was adopted and ordered entered in full in the Journal of the Encampment. The comrades stood and Acting Bugler Webster sounded Taps.

Past Department Commander Webster, chairman of the committee of tellers to canvass the vote for representatives to the National Encampment, reported that the tellers had performed the duty assigned them. He read the names of the comrades voted for and the number of votes cast for each from which it appeared that the following comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates in the 59th National Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., and without objection the Department Commander so declared:

Representatives

R. B. Tyler
E. C. Baugher
E. H. Rogers
G. B. Cunningham
S. E. Wetzel
Max Fritz
A. M. Reynolds
A. J. Showers
William Woods

Alternates

H. W. Sandusky
John Ferguson
C. G. Manchester
C. B. Kurtz
Jacob Stephens
E. N. Edmonds
C. T. Massey
A. Whipple
B. F. Parks

Comrade Webster of the Committee on the address of the Department Commander presented its report as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of our Department Commander find themselves impressed with the fact that Commander Zartman has expressed in this address the same high ideals regarding the objects of our Order and the same earnest effort for its prosperity and purposes which he has manifested in his work throughout the State during the year past. His reference to those amongst us who, while enjoying its benefits and advantages, have sought ends detrimental to the best interests of our country, meets our hearty approval. Those within our borders who seek to prevent or destroy the government by a subversion of the principles on which it is based, should have their activities suppressed.

His reference to our auxiliaries who so cordially note and help to meet the needs which arise as age depletes our ranks, aptly expresses the affection with which our comrades have come to regard those who so earnestly manifest their good will and helpfulness. Few among all the great body of our people realize that the establishment of Memorial Day by a Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic was the first definite and comprehensive effort to systematically inculcate the spirit of Patriotism through our country—a Patriotism which the lives and example of the comrades has further exemplified.

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The address has our commendation as embodying faithfully the aims our commander has so assiduously sought and taught all over our state, during his term of office.

S. D. WEBSTER,

P. H. COGHLAN,

A. J. P. BARNES.

The report was approved and the committee discharged.

Commander-in-Chief Arensberg stated that he was compelled to leave in order to keep other engagements. He delivered a short address that elicited the hearty cheers of the comrades and he was given three cheers as he was retiring.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee of the Sons of Veterans was at the outpost and desired admission. There being no objection they were admitted and escorted to the front.

A. J. Albrecht, Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, was introduced and stated that a very pleasing duty had been assigned to the visiting committee. He assured the comrades that the Sons of Veterans were ever desirous of giving aid to the Grand Army and in closing his remarks handed the Department Commander a check for \$50.00 as a voluntary contribution to the general fund of the Department.

Charles A. Dorsey of the visiting committee was introduced and briefly addressed the Encampment.

The Department Commander responded with much feeling to the addresses and heartily thanked them for the generous gift. The Encampment gave the Sons of Veterans a unanimous vote of thanks.

The committee then retired and the regular business was resumed.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to select the place for holding the next annual Encampment. Comrade Koock of Post 53, Sedalia, stated that Sedalia wished the Encampment to meet there next year. He exhibited letters and telegram from the Mayor and Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce expressing the hope of all Sedalia that their invitation would be accepted. Comrade Koock assured the Encampment that if Sedalia was chosen, a hearty welcome would be given and that no effort would be spared to make the meeting of the Grand Army and all its allied societies a pleasing occasion.

On motion Sedalia was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the next annual Encampment on such dates in May, 1926, as may be fixed by the Department Council of Administration.

On motion the Encampment then proceeded to the election

of officers for the ensuing year. Nominations for Department Commander being in order, Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur placed in nomination Charles Koock, our present Senior Vice Commander. Comrade Rassieur said that Comrade Koock was a Lieutenant in his Company in the war of the Rebellion and he had known him ever since; that he was competent for the office and ever faithful to every duty.

No other nomination for the office appearing, by the unanimous direction of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Charles Koock for Department Commander for the ensuing year and the Department Commander declared him duly elected.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic desired admission. By unanimous consent they were admitted, escorted to the front and given a comrade's greeting.

Mrs. Effie M. Thrasher, Department President, brought to the Encampment the hearty greetings of her Department and closed her pleasing remarks by handing to Commander Zartman a check for \$300.00 as the voluntary and free-will offering from the members of her Department to the general fund of the G. A. R. Mrs. Thrasher was followed by Mrs. Nellie R. McMillan, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., who made a brief but entertaining and instructive address. She was followed by Past National President Della R. Henry, to the evident entertainment and amusement of the comrades, especially by the jokes she perpetrated on the Assistant Adjutant General, who was wise enough not to allow himself to be offended by them. Each of the ladies who spoke was generously applauded. They were given the unanimous thanks of the Encampment. The Commander called upon Comrade Rassieur to respond to the greetings and addresses of the ladies and of course he did it well.

The ladies were escorted to the outpost and the Encampment then resumed its order of business.

Comrade Barnes on behalf of the comrades of Post 14, Joplin, presented the name of Comrade D. H. Baldrige of that post for the office of Senior Vice Department Commander. The nomination was seconded by several. There being no other nomination before the Encampment Comrade D. H. Baldrige was unanimously elected Senior Vice Department Commander by acclamation. Comrade John W. Lanley of Post 496, St. Louis, was nominated for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. There being no other nomination he was unanimously elected by acclamation.

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The Officer of the Day announced that a committee from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps wished to be admitted. By unanimous consent the order of business was suspended and the committee was received, escorted to the front and saluted.

Mrs. Anna Menikheim, Department President, presented the greetings of her department and handed to the Department Commander her annual report as follows:

Report of Department President Woman's Relief Corps, to Department Commander Grand Army of the Republic, Joplin, Mo., May 8, 1925:

Alfred Zartman,

Department Commander,

Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the Forty-fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Joplin, May 7th and 8th, a brief statement of the work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps Department of Missouri for the year ending May 8th, 1925.

Number of corps.....	35
Number of members.....	2471
Cash expended for relief.....	\$ 960.00
Value of Relief other than money.....	2453.00
Cash turned over to Posts.....	950.00
Cash expended for Memorial Day.....	227.00
Cash expended for Army Nurses.....	61.00
Cash expended for Patriotic work.....	750.00
Cash expended for flowers for comrades.....	200.00
Cash expended for Child welfare.....	650.00
Cash expended for St. James Christmas Cheer.....	127.18
Cash expended for Grand Army Fund.....	\$.....
Cash Balance on hand General Fund.....	\$.....

Accompanying this report is the check for \$500.00 from the Department of Missouri, Woman's Relief Corps to the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic, to be used as it seems best for the greatest good for the organization. We are happy to give this tribute of honor and love. I desire to thank you Comrade Zartman, also Captain Henry, and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic for the courtesies extended to the

Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps and wish for you many more happy Encampments.

Loyally submitted in F. C. & L.,

ANNA MENIKHEIM,

Department President.

ALICE MAE ARMSTRONG,

Department Secretary.

With her report Mrs. Menikheim handed the Commander a check for \$500.00.

Following Mrs. Menikheim, brief addresses were made by Mrs. Augusta Wildhagen, Past Department President and representative of the National President, Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong, Department Secretary, and Mrs. Hollen E. Day. The Committee were given three cheers and the unanimous vote of thanks of the Encampment. The ladies were escorted to the outpost and the business of the Encampment was resumed.

Comrade A. M. Reynolds of Post 7, St. Joseph, was nominated for Department Chaplain. No other nomination appearing, he was unanimously elected. (Comrade Reynolds later stated that conditions were such that he could not accept the office this year and while he appreciated the honor he must decline to be installed. Comrade W. K. Collins consented to assume and perform the duties of the office another year.)

Dr. R. B. Tyler of Post 14, Joplin, was nominated for Department Medical Director. No other nomination appearing he was unanimously elected to that office by acclamation.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that in his opinion the custom of electing the members of the Department Council of Administration from among the comrades resident in St. Louis was a wise one, for the reason that in case of necessity they can be called together quickly and without expense to the Department. He stated that the following named comrades were elected in 1924:

A. Whipple, Max Fritz, B. A. Suppan, Charles F. Bottum and John W. Lanley, all of them good business men. Comrade Lanley having been elected Junior Vice Department Commander, he is ex-officio a member of the Council. The A. A. G. placed in nomination all of the members of the present Council except Comrade Lanley and nominated S. D. Webster for the fifth member. The Department Commander stated that if there were no other nominations for members of the Council of Administration he would entertain a motion to elect the five Comrades named by

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acclamation. No other nominations appearing on motion it was unanimously ordered that A. Whipple, Max Fritz, B. A. Suppan, Charles F. Bottum and S. D. Webster be declared duly elected members of the Department Council Administration for the ensuing year.

Past Department Commander W. C. Calland from the Committee on Resolutions presented and read the report of that Committee as follows:

Report of Resolution Committee.

Commander and Comrades:

Your committee on resolutions beg to present the following report:

First—We wish to express our highest appreciation to the people of Joplin and the committee of arrangements for their very generous provision for their entertainment of the 44th Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. There seemed nothing lacking in their very elaborate provision for both the comfort and convenience of the Department. The hotel arrangements and the private house entertainment was ample, and the speed in which delegates and visitors were escorted to their respective places of assignment was unusually satisfactory. No complaint was heard that rates were excessive, and the provision for the tables were satisfactory. The generosity of the street cars was notable, a Grand Army badge was all that was required to give free passage over the extensive lines. Transportation by Automobile was provided for all necessities. The decoration of the City was up to date and "Old Glory" was seen on all sides. The Committee work under the leadership of Chairman Comrade A. J. P. Barnes was especially noticeable and efficient. The Boy Scouts were seen everywhere, and the Addresses of welcome by the Mayor and president of the Chamber of Commerce was greeted with much applause by the Comrades. The Courtesy of the Railroads was much appreciated by the Comrades and Auxiliaries. The Visitors left Joplin with kindly feelings and the best good wishes.

Second In the matter of a report of the Council of Administration, relative to the increase of the per capita tax, which was referred to the Resolution Committee. We, the undersigned, beg to report as follows: That after mature thought we have concluded it would be unwise at the present time to make a recommendation regarding the difficulties set forth in the report of the Council of Administration. We however believe that an increase of the per capita tax at the present time would be unwise

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and possibly harmful to the Department; and therefore we recommend that the shortage in the matter of expense of the Department should be relieved by directing that the sum of \$240 in addition to the 10% be taken from the safety fund to the extent of the shortage for the present year and that the whole matter be referred to the next encampment to consider whether it may not be wise to appropriate a larger sum from the Safety Fund to cover future shortage.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO RASSIEUR,
W. C. CALLAND,
A. M. REYNOLDS,

Committee.

No unfinished business of the Encampment appearing the Department Commander announced that the next order of business was the installation of officers. He requested Past Department Commander S. D. Webster to act as Installing Officer.

Comrade Webster assumed command and detailed Comrade A. J. P. Barnes to act as Officer of the Day. Department officers were then duly installed as follows:

CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.

D. H. BALDRIDGE, Senior Vice Department Commander.

JOHN W. LANLEY, Junior Vice Department Commander.

R. B. TYLER, Medical Director.

Department Commander Koock at once assumed command and announced the appointment of Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor.

They were duly installed. The Department Commander stated that other staff appointments would be announced in General Orders.

No further business appearing the Department Commander thereupon declared the Forty-Fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, closed.

A true record.

W. F. Henry

Assistant Adjutant General.

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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The following editorial published in the Joplin Globe on the morning of May 7, 1925, is here printed as illustrating the sentiments and feelings of Joplin upon the assembly of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic in annual encampment for the fourth time in that beautiful and enterprising city. The editorial is a noble and eloquent tribute to men who stood for an undivided country more than sixty years ago and whose comradeship was formed on the march and around the campfires, and was welded in the fires of battle as they followed Old Glory to final victory. It is worthy of preservation, and so it is here printed:

What They Stand For

The fine thing about the old soldiers is not what each of them has done in life, as individuals, but what all of them, as an organization, stand for—liberty—America!

Among their ranks they list plebians and patricians, self educated and college educated, mediocrity and unusual success. But as an organization they stand for all that America has been, is, and hopes ever to be: liberty and justice to all, a nation undivided, prosperous, happy.

In these, the evening days of their lives, our veterans may well take pride in this. They are living symbols of a great republic. They typify what Washington and his patriots fought for at Valley Forge. They represent, each of them, the ideal of patriotism. In uniform, or with the insignia of their honor in badge or button displayed, they remind us all that we are a great nation, only by the unalterable ideal that must be the basis for every true republic.

It has been sixty years since brother met brother in the bitter crucible of civil war, and sixty years efface the trivial, the inconsequential, the sordid. All that remains, as we contemplate those stirring scenes of the early sixties, is the realization of that saving wisdom of a compact and undivided nation that a great God gave to Abraham Lincoln, enabling him to direct his country calmly, dispassionately, intelligently, through the most trying ordeal of its existence.

Their fighting days are over, so far as physical warfare is concerned, but it is nice to know these gray-haired veterans stand as sturdy in their patriotism as in

the old days. Every one of them is grounded deep in the idealism of Old Glory. Not one but would give his life gladly, if need be, for the honor of The Flag.

In the afternoon of May 7 a parade was formed that will long be remembered by the people of Joplin.

The following from the Joplin News-Herald is here preserved.

At the boom of an anti-aircraft gun at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the military parade that featured the forty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic swung onto Main street at Fourth street between two rows of waving flags while cheers rose from thousands of persons who lined the thoroughfare to witness the spectacle.

It was one of the largest and most impressive parades ever staged here. In it, either marching or in motor cars, were veterans of three wars and members of patriotic organizations from all over the state.

Headed by Police

The procession more than half a mile in length, was headed by a platoon of police, followed by city officials. Next came the flag escorted by a platoon of R. O. T. C. cadets and they were followed by a fife and drum corps of old soldiers, followed by a car carrying General W. A. Raupp of the Missouri National Guard; Brigadier General Ewing E. Booth, who on July 1 becomes commandant of Fort Riley; and Commander Alfred Zartman of the Missouri department of the G. A. R. General Raupp was accompanied by members of his staff.

Occupying a place of honor near the head of the parade were the civil war veterans who are here to attend the annual encampment. For the first time since the Missouri department was formed forty-four years ago, the veterans rode in motor cars in their annual parade. Heretofore, they had been in the line of march, keeping step with the music of the fifes and drums. Many of them are past the age of four score years and it was feared that the physical strain of marching in a parade would overtax them and motor cars were provided.

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band and the high school cadets. They were followed by the Joplin battery of the Missouri National Guard and Boy Scouts.

The parade moved south on Main street to Ninth street, west to Wall street and back north to the high school where flag raising ceremonies were in progress at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

While the parade was in progress an airplane circled overhead.

General Booth is one of the highest army officials to visit Joplin in many years. He has been in charge of a cavalry brigade in Texas.

The parade was in charge of Captain J. T. Menzie, regular army officer, who has been in charge of the R. O. T. C. here.

A beautiful and impressive flag presentation ceremony marked the close of the parade. As the parade turned north from Ninth street on Wall, the 400 members of the high school Reserve Officers Training Corps swung out and proceeded to Pearl avenue and north to the school grounds, where they formed a long line stretching from Pearl to Wall, facing the veterans who were lined along Eighth street.

In a few simple words Mrs. Mabel Walker of Webb City, patriotic instructor of the department of Missouri, Woman's Relief Corps, presented a silk flag to Major Edward Barnett of the R. O. T. C., who took it to the flag pole under escort of Harold Barr and Neil George, staff officers, and hoisted it to the top.

A salute of twenty-one guns was fired by Battery B, 203rd (anti-aircraft) regiment, the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the audience sang "America." A benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Cliff Titus of the 203rd regiment.

The parade, which was one of the most successful ever held here, was carried out according to previous announcement and was one of the few events of its size ever to start precisely at the announced hour. At 2 o'clock a field piece of the anti-aircraft battery boomed forth and the long parade started.

Hundreds of persons viewed the parade as it moved from Fourth street and Pearl avenue to Main and from there to Ninth street, and additional hundreds were waiting at the high school campus when the vanguard arrived.

The Annual Campfire Thursday night was attended by about 1000 persons and was pronounced by all to have been

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one of the best ever held. It was arranged by Comrade A. J. P. Barnes and was presided over by him.

The program was in two parts. The Opening part was especially entertaining. The program of the evening follows:

Opening

High school chorus—T. Frank Coulter, director.
 Invocation—The Rev. W. K. Collins, department chaplain.

Song—High school chorus.

Tableau—"Spirit of '76."

Song—Ozark Harmony Five.

Tableau—Civil war veterans.

Song, "Little Bronze Button."

Tableau—Spanish-American war veterans.

Music—Houn' Dog band (203rd regimental band.)

Tableau—World war veterans.

Music—Ozark Harmony Five.

Tableau—"Our Future Hopes."

Camp Fire Proper

Chairman, Department Commander Alfred Zartman.

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Music—Houn' Dog band.

Address—Mrs. Grace B. Willard, national president, W. R. C.

Address—William M. Coffin, commander-in-chief, Sons of Veterans.

Address—Mrs. Nellie McMillan, national president, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Music—Houn' Dog band.

Address—Mrs. Mabel Plymire, national president, Daughters of Veterans.

Address—Miss Ada Rokes, national president, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Song, America—Audience.

After the close of the Encampment on Friday the comrades were given auto rides over the fine streets of the city and vicinity.

The meetings at Joplin in 1925 will remain a fragrant and pleasing memory with all who were so fortunate as to be there.



In Memoriam



GEORGE HALL
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GEORGE HALL was born March 10, 1840, and died at his home in Trenton, Mo., June 7, 1924.

For extended memorial see page 47 this journal.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, October 6, 1842, and died at his home in California, Mo., November 20, 1924. He was elected Department Commander in 1906.

For a more extended memorial see page 40 this journal.

GENERAL ORDERS. 1924-1925

General Orders No. 1.
Series 1924-1925.

St. Louis, Mo., May 24, 1924.

I. The proceedings of the Department Encampment held in St. Joseph, May 8 and 9, were a practical exemplification of our motto—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. In all the deliberations and business of the Encampment, the Spirit of Comradeship prevailed. All the comrades elected to office received the unanimous vote of the Encampment. The following named comrades were elected:

Alfred Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City, Department Commander.

Charles Kooock, Post 53, Sedalia, Senior Vice Department Commander.

John P. Emmert, Post 7, St. Joseph, Junior Vice Department Commander.

W. K. Collins, Post 582, Lees Summit, Department Chaplain.

Dr. J. L. Carnahan, Post 8, Kansas City, Medical Director.

These officers were duly installed in their several offices by Commander-in-Chief, G. M. Saltzgeber. The following Comrades appointed on the Staff of the Department Commander were also installed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

W. F. Calfee, Post 44, Milan, Judge Advocate.

W. C. Calland Post 69, Springfield, Patriotic Instructor.

II. The following named Comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates in the 58th National Encampment to be held in Boston in the week beginning August 10, 1924:

Representatives

- A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis
- A. M. Reynolds, Post 7, St. Joseph
- C. W. Webster, Post 7, St. Joseph
- E. H. Rodgers, Post 240, Boonville
- John Hack, Post 72, Trenton
- C. G. Manchester, Post 14, Joplin.
- D. L. Wells, Post 4, Kansas City
- W. S. Wood, Post, 67, Tarkio
- D. H. Baldrige, Post 14, Joplin.

Alternates

- W. A. Hall, Post 131, St. Louis
- C. W. Corkran, Post 221, Novelty
- G. W. Loomis, Post 22, Kirksville
- F. Walton, Post 131, St. Louis
- G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville
- T. L. Patton, Post 26, Nevada
- Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis
- P. H. Sullivan, Post 172, Appleton City
- C. W. Nelson, Post 131, St. Louis

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Should any Representative find that he will not attend the National Encampment he should at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General so that an Alternate may be notified. It is hoped that the Department will be fully represented.

III. Attention is called to the date of the National Encampment and the Department Commander expresses the hope that there will be a large attendance from this Department. The festivities will begin on Sunday, August 10th and continue through the week. Remembering the very generous hospitality of Boston on former occasions when the National Encampments have met there we may expect that all who attend will enjoy the occasion to the full. It is announced that the railroad fare will be one fare for the round trip with stop over privilege within the limit—September 15. More definite information will be given in future Orders.

Department Headquarters during the Encampment will be in Hotel Lenox.

IV. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

L. V. Cupp, Post 16, Carthage, Chief Mustering Officer.
 A. F. McCray, Post 525, Cowgill, Department Inspector.
 Thos. H. Brown, Post 4, Kansas City, Chief of Staff.
 W. B. Pomeroy, Post 14, Chief Aide-de-Camp.
 They will be respected and obeyed as such.

V. The Department Commander is profoundly grateful for the high honor conferred upon him by his election to the high office of Department Commander and for the confidence, so generously expressed by his comrades, in his fidelity and ability to perform the duties of the office to which he has been elected.

The personal address of the Department Commander is 4050 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo. All communications pertaining to the business of the Department should be directed to W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General, 303 Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.

By order of ALF. ZARTMAN, Department Commander
 W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 2.
Series 1924-1925.

St. Louis, Mo., June 19, 1924.

I. As heretofore announced, the 58th National Encampment will be held in Boston the week of August 10-16 next. National General Orders No. 6 is herewith promulgated, in which will be found more definite information concerning reservations in hotels and private homes, rates of fare, etc. Read it carefully, so that you will be able to answer inquiries intelligently and correctly.

The rates of fare will be one regular one-way fare for the round trip. Tickets going will be on sale August 5th to September 13th, inclusive, good returning for passengers from all points in Missouri except St. Louis and Hannibal, to midnight October 1st. The return limit for passengers from the Central Passenger Association is September 15th. St. Louis and Hannibal are in the Central Passenger Association.

Purchasers of railroad tickets must have identification certificates as was required for the Encampment last year at Milwaukee. Post Commanders and Department heads of allied organizations should make requisition on W. F. Henry, A. A. G., for certificates to be issued to members entitled. Request for certificates should be made early and state definitely the number wanted.

II. There are several railroad lines by which passengers may go from Missouri to Boston to the National Encampment. The rates of fare will be on all lines the same. The fare from St. Louis will be \$43.58 for the round trip. Stop-overs will be allowed at all stations at which trains stop by notifying the train conductor.

Going and returning must be by the same route. The Pennsylvania tickets reading by way of Washington, D. C., will be honored on trains direct to New York, but tickets reading by direct line to New York will not be honored by way of Washington. Passengers by the Baltimore & Ohio or Pennsylvania line, wishing to visit Washington either going or returning, should see that their tickets read via Washington.

All trains on the B. & O. Railroad, St. Louis to New York and Boston, go through Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia. Passengers via the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. have the option of going or returning by the direct line through Parkersburg, W. Va., or through Pittsburgh and Columbus, O.

The Big 4 (C. C. C. & St. L.) is the shortest and most direct line from St. Louis to Boston. The train leaving St. Louis at 12:45 noon reaches Boston at 7:30 p. m. the next day, via Indianapolis, Cleveland, Buffalo and Albany. The Big 4 is the only road that has a daily through train from St. Louis to Boston. One may go via Chicago and have a through train from Chicago to Boston.

Those going and wishing to make visits on return trip should study the different routes and select the one most convenient to places to be visited on return trip. The fare is the same by all lines.

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The Wabash goes via Detroit, through Canada, to Buffalo. on that line one may return via Chicago.

Study the different routes and decide via which route you wish to return. Tickets cannot be changed after starting.

III. During the Encampment the Department Headquarters will be in the Lenox Hotel, Boyleston and Exeter streets, and will be opened Monday forenoon, where comrades and visitors will receive a hearty welcome. The Department Commander hopes that there will be a large attendance at the National Encampment. Let the red ribbon of Missouri be conspicuously in evidence. There has been no change in the Missouri ribbon and if comrades who have ribbons that are in good condition will wear them, the expense of new ones will be saved to the Department. The cost of a ribbon is not much, but the cost of 500 at 7c each is \$35.00. Don't let us be penurious, but frugal.

IV. At the recent Department Encampment held in St. Joseph the following named Comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates in the 58th National Encampment to be held in Boston August 10-16 next:

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A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis
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If any Comrade elected a Representative shall find that he cannot attend the National Encampment he should inform the Assistant Adjutant General at once so that an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy.

V. The per capita tax for the last half of 1924 is now due and should be promptly paid. Bear in mind that no formal report is required at this time. Just send the amount to the A. A. G. and give the number of the Post to be credited, that will be sufficient. No account of gains or losses that have occurred in

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the year 1924 should be considered. The amount of the per capita tax is determined by the number in good standing December 31st last. For example, if a Post reported 10 members in good standing December 31, 1923, the annual per capita tax would be \$4.00—40c each—one-half to be paid in January and one-half in July. All might be paid at once. All changes in membership occurring after the first of the year will go into the next annual report.

VI. There are in every neighborhood Comrades who are reaping the fruits of the labors of the Grand Army of the Republic by receiving \$50.00 or \$72.00 a month pensions, but who neglect or decline to join a Post. Comrades look up such and show them that they owe it to themselves and to the Comrades of the G. A. R. that they assist in keeping the Order alive. The amount of the annual dues in any Post is insignificant when compared with the \$600.00 or \$864.00 a year that they are getting through the efforts of the G. A. R. How much attention would be given the bills before Congress, raising pensions to \$72 for veterans and \$50 for widows, were it not for the pension committee of the G. A. R.? There are some who deem it an honor to wear the button or badge of the G. A. R. who do not belong to a Post. No one who is not a member in good standing in a Post has the right to wear the badge or button and he dishonors himself when he does so. Some plead the fact that they are too feeble to attend Post meetings. That is true in many cases, but none is too feeble to have his dues paid and his name enrolled with those who followed the Flag with him in the days of the long ago. With proper attention and effort many Comrades may be added to our rolls.

VII. The Missouri members of the National Encampment, consisting of the Department Commander, the Vice Department Commanders, the A. A. G., all Past Department Commanders and the 14 elected Representatives—will convene at Department Headquarters on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a member of the National Council of Administration and selecting a member of the Committee on Resolutions and for any other business that may come before the meeting.

VIII. The death of Past Department Commander George Hall, which occurred at his home in Trenton on Saturday, June 7th, cast a gloom of sadness into the hearts and lives of many Comrades. He was a highly honored and respected citizen of Trenton for more than fifty years. He was a charter member of Post 72, which was organized in 1883. He has an honorable record of four years' service in the war for the Union, from 1861 to 1865, and was in more than 20 battles and numerous skirmishes, as a member of Co. B, 79th Ind. Inf.

In 1901 he was elected Department Commander. In all his life he exemplified our motto—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. He was esteemed and loved by all who knew him.

Comrade B. F. Warner, Past Commander and **Chaplain** of Post 72, is hereby appointed to prepare and present to the Department Encampment a more extended and fitting eulogy to the memory of Past Department Commander Hall.

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IX. The Assistant Adjutant General has on hand copies of the Journals of Department Encampments held in 1922 and 1923. He will be pleased to mail them on request to those wishing them. A postal card will do.

X. The following named Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander:

Orvis P. Smith of Post 8, Kansas City.

W. H. Mains of Post 10, Rich Hill.

H. S. Williams of Post 58, Butler.

E. C. Baugher of Post 190, Webb City.

L. W. Creston of Post 43, Hannibal.

They will be respected and obeyed as such.

By order of ALF. ZARTMAN, Department Commander

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3
Series 1924-1925.

St. Louis, Mo., October 30, 1924

I. The Department Commander hereby expresses his grateful pleasure and satisfaction that the Comrades of Missouri made such a fine showing in numbers and appearance at the National Encampment in Boston. Notwithstanding the steady downpour of rain during the Parade, yet a goodly number of the Missouri Comrades formed under the command of Past Department Commander S. D. Webster, and carried Old Glory and the Missouri Guidons the whole distance.

The Department Headquarters in Hotel Lenox were especially pleasant and ample. The Comrades and visitors expressed their satisfaction and pleasure that the Department was so well located and provided for.

The people of Boston did all that could be done to make the occasion one of rare enjoyment. Boston and its surroundings are full of historic places of great interest to all Americans. The members of the National Encampment were taken by autos to Concord and Lexington and shown the place where the first shot was fired in the Revolution. Two steamers took the members of the National Encampment and the members of the conventions to Plymouth, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620. A bountiful dinner was served at Plymouth consisting of baked clams, lobsters and many other good things to which about 2,500 sat down hungry and rose up satisfied and happy.

II. The Department Commander regrets that four of the elected representatives were physically unable to attend the Encampment. Their places were filled by alternates. The Department was represented in the Encampment by two Department Officers, three Past Department Commanders and fourteen Representatives; they all attended the sessions of the Encampment and took an active interest in the proceedings.

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III. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, is hereby promulgated. It contains much valuable information and should be carefully read and filed for future reference.

IV. Blanks for the annual reports will be mailed to each Post about the first of December. They should be made out and forwarded with the per capita immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December. Post Commander should see that it is done.

A few posts have not remitted their dues for the last half of 1924.

If there is an X opposite this paragraph the cash book of the A. A. G. shows that your Post is one of the delinquents. Look this up and remit at once.

V. The Assistant Adjutant General has copies of the Journals of the Department Encampments held in 1922, 1923 and 1924 that he will be pleased to send, on request, to any who wish any or all. A postal card will do.

By order of ALFRED ZARTMAN, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 4.
Series 1924-1925.

St. Louis, Mo., March 12, 1925.

I. The Forty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in the City of Joplin, at nine o'clock A. M., May 7, 1925, and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment shall be completed.

The Department Commander is pleased to announce that it is confidently expected that the Commander-in-Chief will be with us at that time.

Judging the future by the past, we will receive a hearty welcome from the citizens of Joplin and a generous hospitality will be exhibited in our entertainment.

The details of arrangements for entertainment, campfire, receptions, hotel rates, etc., will be announced in future orders.

II. The Railroad Passenger Associations covering the State of Missouri have granted the same rates of fare to the Department Encampment to be held in Joplin that prevailed for the Encampment at St. Joseph last year, with the same limitations as to those entitled, that is: Rate of fare and one-ninth of the current fares for the round trip on identification certificate for the G. A. R. Veterans and their wives, and for widows deceased members of the G. A. R.

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In order to obtain the one-half fare rate to return, at least 100 certificates must be presented for validation.

The round trip tickets to the members of the G. A. R., their wives and widows will not require validation. Dates of sale and limitation of return will be announced later.

Department Headquarters will be opened in Connor Hotel, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 6. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Department Headquarters at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 6, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

III. Attention is again called to the resolution adopted by the 55th National Encampment that Posts are authorized to employ a secretary or stenographer to be present at their meetings and transcribe the proceedings in the journal kept for that purpose.

It must be recognized that all who followed the Flag in 1861-5 have passed the age of three score and ten, and most of them have passed the age of four score years. There are many Posts whose members are all so disabled by reason of infirmities incident to age, that they cannot properly keep the records and make out the necessary reports. The resolution referred to will permit them to invite a capable person to perform the duties. The Department Commander advises that this be done.

IV. Several Posts have not yet reported for the year 1924. These reports with rare exceptions might have reached Department Headquarters by the 5th of January. The Adjutant and Quartermaster of any Post can together make up the report in a half hour if attended to as soon as it is due. The longer the matter is delayed, the more difficult it appears to be.

Comrades you know whether your Post has reported or not; if it has not, do not longer delay, do it now. It is especially important that the Assistant Adjutant General have the names of all members of the Department Encampment in order that he may properly prepare the roll of the Encampment.

V. It is with real sorrow that the death of Past Department Commander John M. Williams is hereby announced. He died at his home in California, Mo., November 20, 1924.

Past Department Commander, W. C. Calland, is hereby appointed to prepare and present to the Encampment a testimonial on the death of Comrade Williams.

VI. The Department Commander announces the appointment of Comrade Charles W. Burrill of Post No. 4, Kansas City, to the vacancy in the National Council of Administration caused by the death of Comrade John M. Williams.

By order of ALFRED ZARTMAN, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5.
Series 1924-1925.

St. Louis, Mo., April 10, 1925.

I. As heretofore announced the Forty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in Elks Hall, Fourth and Pearl Streets, in the City of Joplin, at nine o'clock A. M., May 7th, 1925, and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment shall be completed. Department Headquarters will be opened in room 219, Connor Hotel, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 6. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Department Headquarters at 7:30 o'clock P. M., of Wednesday, May 6, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

II. A special train, via the Missouri Pacific Railroad, will leave Kansas City at 11:00 A. M., arriving in Joplin at 4:00 P. M., Wednesday, May 6.

A special train, via the Frisco Railroad, will leave St. Louis, Wednesday morning at 8:00 o'clock, and arrive at Joplin at 5:30 P. M. A diner and a baggage car will be attached to this train.

III. The Railroad Passenger Associations covering the State of Missouri have granted a rate of fare and one-ninth of the current fare for the round trip on identification certificate plan for the G. A. R. Veterans and their wives, and for widows of deceased members of the G. A. R. only.

Those entitled to the rate of one and one-ninth of the regular one-way fare for the round trip, must present to the ticket agent Identification Certificates; these may be obtained from W. F. Henry, A. A. G., on application. State definitely the number wanted.

For members of the auxiliary organizations and dependent members of the families of Veterans other than their wives, and the dependent members of the families of members of auxiliary societies the fare will be one and one-half the current fares on the certificate plan. They must pay full one way fare and get from the selling ticket agent a certificate. These certificates must be validated by the Assistant Adjutant General at Joplin, they will then be good for a one-half fare ticket to return.

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The round trip tickets to the members of the G. A. R., their wives and widows will not require validation. Dates of sale and limitation of return will be, Going, May 2-8 inclusive; Return limit, midnight, May 12.

IV. The following named Comrades are hereby appointed a committee on Credentials: W. B. Pomeroy and J. M. Theurer, of Post 14, and J. S. Carpenter, of Post 190. They will meet in the lobby of the Connor Hotel early in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 6.

V. Comrades J. T. B. Yaryan, of Post 16, is appointed Officer of the Day, and Comrade E. C. Baugher, of Post 190, is appointed Officer of the Guard for the Encampment. They will be respected and obeyed as such. They will report for duty, in uniform, at 8:45 Thursday morning at Elks Hall. The Officer of the Guard will detail from Comrades present such assistance as he may require.

VI. Post Commanders, Past Post Commanders, Vice Post Commanders and Elected Representatives will report to the Credentials Committee as soon as practicable after arrival and obtain the Encampment countersign and badge.

VII. The local Committee of Arrangements, of which Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, Past Department Commander, is Chairman, has arranged a program for our entertainment and comfort of rare merit. Comrade Barnes has been untiring in his activities and in arranging details. He has issued a fine Information Circular, a copy of which is herewith inclosed. He announces Hotels and rates as follows:

Connor Hotel—Corner Fourth and Main Streets: single room, with toilet and lavatory, no bath, \$2.00-\$2.50; double room, with toilet and lavatory, no bath, \$3.50-\$4.00; single room, with bath, \$2.50 and up; double room, with bath, \$4.00 and up.

Keystone Hotel—Corner Fourth and Main Streets: single room, without bath, \$1.50; double, \$2.00; single room, with bath, \$2.00; double, \$3.00. Two beds, four persons, 75 cents each.

American Hotel—722 Main Street: room, two in bed, no bath, \$1.00 each. Room, with bath, single, \$2.00; double \$3.00. Y. M. C. A.—Good rooms with bath privileges; single bed, \$1.00.

Address Hotel for reservations.

Rooms in private homes, \$1.00 each, with bath privilege.

VIII. On Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock, a general public meeting will be held in Elks Hall, at which the Department Commander will preside and an impromptu program will be given, consisting of short and snappy speeches and the old time songs. The Department Commander hopes that this meeting will be a free for all jubilee gathering. Don't miss it!

IX. The Annual Campfire will be held Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock, at which the Commander-in-Chief will deliver the principal address. It is understood that the local committee is

arranging a program for the Campfire that will warm the cockles of our hearts and make us realize that life is worth living.

MEMORIAL DAY

X. Seven and Fifty years ago the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John A. Logan, designated the 30th day of May, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of Comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion," and he expressed "the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the War remains to honor the memory of his departed Comrades."

The Department Commander does not deem it necessary to urge Comrades to observe the day. The day is one for memories and its observance a sacred privilege. Let every soldiers' grave be honored by flag and flower.

By order of ALFRED ZARTMAN, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

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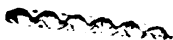
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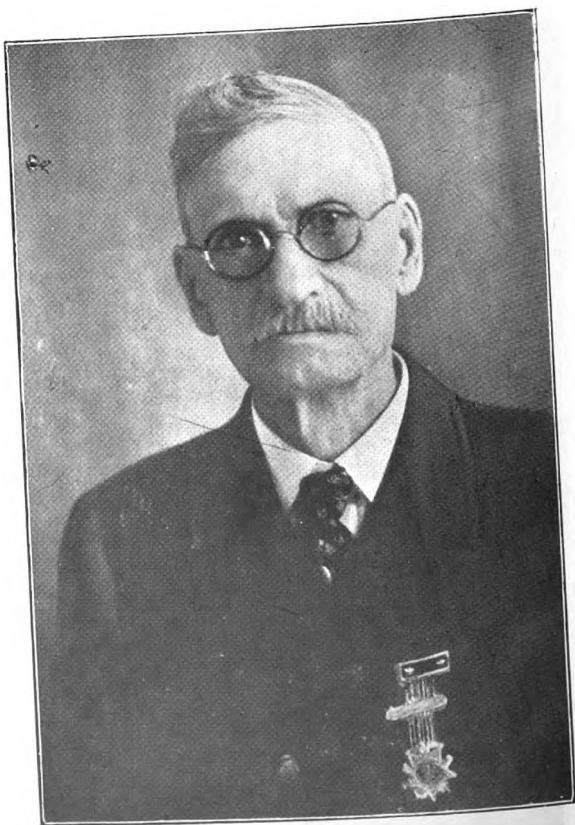
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SEDALIA, MO., May 13 and 14, 1926

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Sedalia, Mo., May 1, 1926.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

One year ago, at Joplin, by your suffrage, I was elected to the first place of distinction within your province to bestow upon a Comrade. This mark of honor will ever dwell in my heart as the culmination of the highest honor I could hope for, and, in bestowing that honor upon me, I feel it an ample reward for all the labor I rendered these many years for the good of our Noble Order. And I hope that if, in your judgment, I have fallen short in my duty as your Commander during my term of office, I ask you to temper your criticism with charity.

At our age we are most liable to be subjected to disabilities for which we are not responsible. It happened so in my case, but, thanks to Providence and medical science, I owe much—no, all—for my recovery, and I express my heartfelt thanks to all who expressed their sympathy and good wishes for my speedy recovery.

Comrades, it is a great honor as well as privilege to welcome you in my home town for the deliberation upon this anniversary of great memories. It is more than sixty years since you returned home after four years of war, covered with victories on many battlefields, and the flag of a united country floating free over all the land, and you took up again your duties as private citizens and helped to make our beloved land what it is today. Would to God that the younger generation would emulate your example.

I congratulate you, my comrades, that so many of you have been spared to participate in this reunion after more than sixty years of successful progress as the result of your sacrifice and devotion to duty and country.

Through all our vast land all men are equal before the law. Rights of person, property and reputation are as secure as the laws enacted by ourselves, for ourselves, can make them. There is absolute freedom for every honest man for word or thought. Schools are free and open to all. The God we choose, we serve. It is useful and needful that we should keep before our minds the story of the past that in this golden age of our Republic we should secure to its age that this should continue to be a land of memory; that it may remain a land of promise.

When I accepted the great honor you conferred upon me, I presumed that I would visit many posts, if possible—but who can foresee the future?

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On the sixth of June I was invited by the posts of Kansas City to attend a reception to the Department Commander and his staff and to the Department President of the W. R. C. The event was a great success in attendance and from a social standpoint, and much credit must be accorded to the comrades and ladies of Kansas City for their activity. Such occasions linger long in the memory of life's journey and make life worth living.

During the summer months I received several invitations from posts and Women's Relief Corps that I had to decline on account of my health and eyesight.

On August 26th, we left for St. Louis on our way to Grand Rapids. On September 30th the Department Headquarters left St. Louis on a special train for the National Encampment. The Encampment was all that could be expected. It was well attended and citizens did all that could be done for the entertainment and comfort of comrades and visitors.

The weather was ideal, especially on the morning of the parade. Nearly sixty Missouri comrades marched in the parade. I was warned by Comrade Burrell, Past Surgeon-General, G. A. R., not to go in the parade, but nevertheless I ignored his advice and marched about half of the way, passing the reviewing stand with our Comrade Burton, Past Commander-in-Chief. Little did I then think that in less than five months I would be called to attend his funeral. He will be sadly missed by the comrades of this Department and especially in the National Encampments and by all his friends, who knew him best. He was one of the most prominent and able comrades in the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is needless to relate my troubles. When we came back to St. Louis, in spite of my condition, I visited as many posts as I could. At the same time I kept in touch with other posts by mail. On February 20th I received an urgent invitation from the posts of Kansas City for the celebration of Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays. I accepted and attended the celebration. It was a very enjoyable occasion. The attendance was large and the program as fine and worthy the occasion.

On the 26th of February I received a long distance call from Comrade Henry, A. A. G., stating that Comrade Burton was dead and his funeral and burial would take place in Nevada the following day. I went to Nevada for the funeral. I found his body lying in state in his church surmounted with a profusion of floral tributes. The Knights Templars had charge of the funeral, but a platoon of the American Legion were pallbearers and escorts. After the services of the Knights, I laid, as your Commander, in half of the Department, a flag on the casket—then taps were

sounded and all that was mortal of Comrade Burton was laid to rest in the City of the Silent. There were seven comrades of his post in line, but they took no part in the ceremonies. The ladies of the W. R. C. were well represented. I expected to meet them after the funeral, but conditions prevented.

THE WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This band of noble women, which has stood by the comrades for over forty years, never tires of doing good. Mrs. Byron, Department President, told me in a letter that she has had a wonderful year. That speaks well of her as a leader. I have received many letters from corps telling me of their work. These ladies are ever ready to assist the needy comrades and in many ways to make life pleasant for them in their declining years. God bless them in their labor of love for the comrades, and their loyalty to country and the flag.

THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are zealous laborers for our Department and are liberal contributors to our General Fund. They are untiring in their work of love, in teaching patriotism and doing kindly acts to cheer the comrades in their declining years. Many a sick comrade has been cheered by a bouquet or blooming plant sent to him by some Circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R. I understand that the society is growing in numbers and usefulness. Mrs. Sara E. Hughes, Department President, says they have gained about 200 members the past year. The eligibility of its membership is based on the service of some veteran of the Civil War.

The DAUGHTERS of CIVIL WAR VETERANS have their eligibility based, like the Ladies of the G. A. R., on service of a Civil War Ancestor. They and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans are active in doing good and kindly acts for comrades and teaching patriotic love and reverence for the flag their fathers fought for.

THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS.

I am gratified to know that our sons are taking on an increasing interest and organizing new camps and adding members to camps already established. Comrades, our sons and daughters are worthy and should have our hearty co-operation and encouragement. God bless them all.

In closing, I wish to express my grateful appreciation and thanks for the many kindnesses shown me during the past year by my associate Department officers and by all comrades, and

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I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere regards to Assistant Adjutant-General W. F. Henry, who has been an efficient helper, ever willing to advise and direct, for which I extend my thanks to him.

When this Encampment shall close, my term as your Commander will have closed, and in gratitude I will bid you all adieu. May Heaven's choicest blessings attend each one of you in your declining years. I shall ever hold in sacred remembrance my association with you as Department Commander, and so may God bless you and may your last days be your best days.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. KOOCK,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

April 16, 1926.

Mr. W. F. Henry,
Assistant Adjutant-General,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My Dear Comrades:—

In compliance with the rules of our noble order, I hereby make the following report as Senior Vice Commander, Department of Missouri.

I have not been called on by the Department Commander to do any special work for the years 1925 and 1926, with the exception of attending the annual picnic of the Carthage, Webb City and Joplin Posts at Lakeside, Mo. The Department Commander could not be present and requested me to represent the Department, which I did to the best of my ability.

I very much regretted that I could not be present at the National Encampment at Grand Rapids, but sickness in my family prevented my attending. I hoped up to the last day to be able to get away, but duty to my family kept me at home.

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I wish to express my sincere thanks to my comrades for the honor they conferred upon me by electing me Senior Vice Department Commander. I hope to see many of my comrades at Sedalia.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

D. H. BALDRIDGE,
Senior Vice Commander.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

St. Louis, Mo., April 8, 1926.

To the Department Commander and Comrades of the 45th Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:

I herewith respectfully submit my report as Junior Vice Department Commander for the past year:

I took an active interest and part with the General Committee in arranging for the celebration of Memorial Day at the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, and took part in the program of exercises on that occasion.

The anniversary of the capture of Camp Jackson, May 10, 1861, which saved Missouri to the Union, was celebrated May 10 by a large gathering of people assembled in Lyon Park, St. Louis, at the monument of General Nathaniel Lyon, where an elaborate program was rendered. As President of the General Lyon Memorial Association, I had the honor of presiding on that occasion. A fine address was delivered by a son of a veteran and a floral wreath or emblem was laid on the monument by each of the patriotic societies of the city.

As a representative of the Department I attended the National Encampment at Grand Rapids and took part in its deliberations and business and assisted the Department Commander in his duties on that occasion.

The day of the parade was fine and some fifty-five Missouri comrades were in the marching column when it passed the reviewing stand.

Generally, in all affairs in which the Grand Army of the Republic was interested in St. Louis, I was an active participant.

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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. LANLEY,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

To the Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R.:

I have the honor to submit my very brief report as your Medical Director.

I have visited many of the 82 Posts in the State. Have communicated with all so far as possible; making suggestions as to how to live and relieve many of their individual aches and pains. I find many afflicted with the following diseases: Heart, lungs, stomach, kidneys, bladder, prostatic enlargement, rheumatism, neuralgia, neurosis, asthma and many other affections and complications. By reason of the advanced age of the afflicted, alleviation is substituted for cure. I have assisted many in obtaining the deserved increase to \$72. I have not in any way overlooked the widows and orphans of our departed dead.

We should not be unmindful of the splendid provisions by the Government at our Homes. It is fitting that the State and the U. S. should be mindful of those who were loyal at the time of our country's greatest need.

We are still loyal to the Flag. Our Flag has never trailed in the dust of defeat or lowered in an apology. This cannot be said of any other national flag upon which the sun shines.

May the few remaining Veterans enjoy God's richest blessings for the few years to come.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

R. B. TYLER, M. D.,

Medical Director.

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REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Office of the Judge Advocate, Milan, Mo.

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

I have the honor to report the business of this office for the year 1925-26, as follows:

- No cases or business of any kind have been submitted for my consideration, and no decisions rendered.
- No receipts or expenditures from any source.
- The business of the Department of Missouri has gone along in an orderly and satisfactory way.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. CALFEE,
Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Commander and Comrades,
Department Missouri G. A. R.

Not much of interest has occurred either in my official or individual life during the year that is worthy to be recorded. On last Memorial Day I delivered an address both at Lees Summit and Independence. There were large crowds, good music and a fine time.

Though not a delegate, I attended the National Encampment at Grand Rapids last September, and considered it one of the most enjoyable I have ever attended.

Early in December I ran away from Winter and spent three months in Houston, Texas. There I greatly enjoyed meeting with our Post and the Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrades, this year, as every year, we are saddened by the passing away of many of our comrades, but there is one beautiful thought which comes to us to relieve our grief. They have preceded us into a higher and happier realm of life. They have not gone away from us! They are not in the grave! They are here about us, filling the air with their Spirit presence and touching us even with their rapturous vitality! Mr. Tennyson says: "Millions of Spirits walk the air unseen, whether we wake or if we sleep!"

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Comrades, let us go on our way rejoicing in anticipation of the hour when we shall pass over and join them in that higher and happier realm of existence!

"I will sing you a song of a beautiful land,
The far-away home of the soul:
Where no storms ever beat on that glittering strand,
While the years of eternity roll."

Your F. C. L. Department Chaplain,

WILLIAM K. COLLINS.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Commander Koock:

Another year of opportunities has passed and we trust you may approve the combined results of the year's work. First, let me say that I am happy to be still counted among those who survive, as one of the fittest among the few survivors of the Civil War. The privilege of still living upon the earth compensates for the ills and the labors we perform. This earthly sphere is a delightful place to be, and the joy of encouraging the feeble comrades to be brave and hopeful makes life worth living. In the second place, I need not tell you that patriotic work grows more difficult as the workers grow fewer in number, and their feebleness hampers them in their endeavors. It is difficult to gather from the individual posts the increment of work they do. So I am compelled to correspond with them, or their chief officers, to secure their record of work.

Our work now is largely through correspondence and in this manner we keep tab on the individual posts. Many of the former posts do not hold what might be called regular post meetings. A few get together in most any old place and transact any necessary business. Thus you see the working force is weakening. We correspond with the active posts, if we may call them so, and secure the summary of their individual work, and to furnish what they know of others and matters of public interest.

Ransom and Blair Posts of St. Louis carried out their regular program, which they have faithfully observed from year to year, with a varied program to meet all occasions. These two posts

hold a joint service with aid of all auxiliaries at Jefferson Barracks, to which all friends and citizens are invited. The program is varied with addresses, music, vocal and instrumental, recitations. Transportation is furnished and each is expected to bring flowers to spread on the graves. Decorating extends to all nearby cemeteries and monuments. These two posts plan carefully for the visitation of the sick and burial of the dead. These large posts are held together largely by the activity of a few members who continually look after their enrollment; if one leaves the city, communication is taken up with a post near the member's new location. Unless effort is made, these old men soon drop out, and membership is decreased. The auxiliaries are strong in St. Louis and always ready to lend a helping hand.

Kansas City, under the general management of Alfred Zartman, have accomplished much patriotic work, part of which was to hold their respective organizations intact, and seeking to secure additional members. This fact is overlooked by many, and yet one may see that with continual dropping away from the organizations of so many, their numbers must decrease. The Ladies' Auxiliaries, Sons of Veterans and Veterans' Auxiliaries are more active in Kansas City than any other point, 15 new members having been added to the two posts, though their losses have been heavy. At the beginning of the year 1925, Farragut-Thomas Post had a membership of 115, lost 24; since January they lost 5 members, leaving their present membership 86. McPherson Post began the year with 63 members, lost 9, now having 54. These posts are planning to make an active canvas of the city for new members. The Ladies' Auxiliaries are doing the same and incidentally aiding the comrades in their canvas. McPherson Post has in a way federated the ladies' organizations, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, with the post; all meet together. Officers are chosen from all the combined organizations except the Commander and Senior and Junior Commanders. This is a sort of experiment, but they claim the plan works well. The one chief advantage is that it brings together a houseful of people with one single purpose. This plan is worth looking into, and will certainly hold the comrades together.

The one outstanding event of the year was the unveiling of a statue to the "Union Soldier" at Unionville, Missouri. The department has not kept in close contact with Unionville Post No. 54, "Thomas G. Wade," simply because they are far away, in Putnam County. This county contributed a large number of soldiers for the Civil War and they are an unusually vigorous lot of soldiers, and their regiment lost heavily in the war. The post has been am-

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blissous for years to erect a monument to a "Union Soldier" and in building their new Court House they provided a base or pedestal for the monument near the front door. The cost of the monument was \$600. The post raised \$300 and the State and County Court contributed the balance, and this year it was completed and built of Bedford rock of Indiana. The monument is declared a "thing of beauty and it is hoped it may prove to be a joy forever." Post No. 54 bears the name of "Thomas G. Wade," the first soldier of the county who lost his life. He fell at the battle of Snake Creek. The day of unveiling was a red letter day for Thomas G. Wade Post. The assembling of the citizens of Putnam County and surrounding counties was marvelous, and soldiers from a distance was unusual. Hearing distance from the monument was at a premium. The day was given over to handshaking and congratulations. It was a glad day and the people of Putnam County were happy and lived over again the early part of the war. Many soldiers were in uniform or bore some wartime relic. The occasion was so inspiring that a Circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R. was organized with 108 charter members, and a Sons of Veterans' Camp of 37 members was organized, and additional members added to "Thomas G. Wade Post." Unionville certainly has put itself on the map by this generous and patriotic movement. A. J. Bennett is the Commander and is of the "stemwinder type" and makes things go. The chief address of the day was made by Ex-Lieut. Governor McKinley and brief addresses were made by many.

Capt. John Matthews Post of Springfield has carried on its work as usual, having 39 members. Their outstanding work is the decorating of 2000 graves in the National Cemetery. The Spanish War and World War veterans and auxiliaries jointly carry this out; 3000 people came out to observe the day. Greene County has still 115 Civil War veterans living. St. Joseph, Joplin and Carthage maintain their work well. Patriotic work in the schools is satisfactory and the children much interested.

I am thoroughly persuaded that patriotic work is the one impelling service left to the Grand Army of the Republic. If we shall build a segment into the life of the public citizen; if we are to inspire the great heart of America with the principles of Americanism, we can only accomplish this through the hearts and minds of the children. You may plaster the side of a stone with cement, but it does not become part of the stone; it is still only attached. What is taken into the living organism becomes part of the living creature. It is only growth, the taking on accretion after accretion, that the intake becomes part of the creature. It is by

growth, and growth is education, and education requires time— tomorrow, next month, next year, the coming generations.

I am a firm believer in patriotic education. It is our national hope and goal. To inculcate patriotism and Americanism means to educate the youth. It means right living—righteousness. It means obedience to the law. The home is the beginning and the nursery of patriotism and true Americanism. The term American nationalism means national ideals. These ideals must be grown in the mind and in the heart. The maintenance of such Americanism means the safety of the Republic bequeathed to us by the fathers of the Republic. In keeping this view, we find Americanism seeking a place in the school curriculum. Young American women rise with pride in the thought of helping build a Republic on sure foundations.

W. C. CALLAND,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Missouri.
Grand Army of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1926.

Charles Kooch, Department Commander.

Dear Comrade:

I have the honor to present the following report for the year 1925:

The Rules and Regulations provide that the Assistant Adjutant-General consolidate the reports from the various Posts of the Department and that a copy of such consolidated report shall on or before the first day of February be forwarded to the Adjutant-General. I held my report open until February 20, in order that it might include many delayed reports. On that date I forwarded my consolidated report for 1925 as follows:

The number of members in good standing December 31, 1924, as shown by Post Adjutant's reports

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Gained by muster-in.....
Gained by transfer.....
Gained by reinstatement.....
Total gain

Aggregate.....
Loss during the year.....
Loss, honorable discharge.....
Loss by transfer.....
Loss by suspension.....
Delinquent Reports.....
Surrender of charters.....
Total loss

Number remaining.....
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Gained by muster-in	17	
Gained by transfer	16	
Gained by reinstatement.....	23	
Total gain		56
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Aggregate.....		1598
Loss during the year by death.....	195	
Loss, honorable discharge.....	2	
Loss by transfer.....	10	
Loss by suspension.....	85	
Delinquent Reports	20	
Surrender of charter.....	10	
Total loss		322
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Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1925		1276
The reports show that there was expended by the posts for relief in the year 1925 the total sum of		\$ 792.90
That the amount of cash (including collaterals) on hand in the Posts, Dec. 31, 1925, was.....	65,369.61	
Market value of real estate belonging to Posts...	2,225.00	
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.	4,395.54	
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Total value of Post property		\$71,990.15

The following numbered Posts have surrendered their Charters: 10 and 82.

The following numbered Posts have made no reports for more than two years, having been repeatedly notified and written to, and I recommend that they be suspended: 32, 75, 118, 174, 268 and 269.

This Department is entitled to 14 representatives in the 60th National Encampment, including the representative at large. Fourteen representatives and 14 alternates should be elected.

Under a rule adopted by the 19th Department Encampment the names to be voted for will be printed on the ballots in the order of the numbers of the Post to which candidates belong; that is, the name of the Comrade belonging to the lowest numbered Post will stand first on the list.

The 54th National Encampment amended its Rules and Regulation so that Comrades residing in counties in which there is no Post, may on proper application, be enrolled by the Assistant Adjutant-General as Comrades-at-Large. I have prepared blanks

for application to be so enrolled and 23 Comrades have been entered on such roll. Five Comrades so enrolled have died, and two have been dropped for non-payment of dues, leaving 16 on the roll of Comrades-at-Large. I believe that many Comrades who are without the right to wear the emblem of the Grand Army will, when this amendment is brought to their attention, apply for enrollment.

My report as Assistant Quartermaster General covers the transactions of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1926. Attention is invited to exhibits herewith filed and made a part of this report.

Exhibit "A"—Shows the Receipts and Expenses.

Exhibit "B"—The Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C"—Supplies on Hand.

Exhibit "D"—Department Assets.

Exhibit "E"—Lists of Deaths in 1925 reported by Posts.

We're proud that by our sacrifice and blood
The Nation strong and firm today endures;
The valor of our sons on field and flood,
The future of our Nation's life insures.

So, Comrades, let us keep the campfires bright
With patriotic and fraternal glow
Each other aid, as we life's battles fight,
In memory of the days of long ago.

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.

In closing this report, I wish to express my grateful appreciation of your confidence in my ability, integrity and fidelity to duty as exhibited by my appointment to the very responsible offices of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General. I have endeavored to so conduct affairs that your confidence may not have been misplaced. I have greatly appreciated the uniform comradeship and courtesy shown me by you and by all Comrades. Our business and social relations have been such that the year will always remain a pleasing memory with me.

WILBUR F. HENRY,
A. A. G. and A. Q.-M. G.

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EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
APRIL 30, 1926.

Balance on hand May 1, 1925.....	\$ 123.14
Received from Department of Mo., W. R. C.....	500.00
Received from Dept. of Mo., Ladies G. A. R.....	300.00
Received from Circle No. 37, Ladies G. A. R.....	75.00
Received from Sons of Veterans, Dept. Mo.....	50.00
Received from S of V. Auxilliary, Dept. Mo.....	28.30
Received from Daughters of Veterans, Dept. Mo.....	115.00
Received from Per Capita Tax.....	570.20
Received from Interest.....	151.65
Received from Safety Fund.....	500.00
Received from Sale of Supplies.....	11.84
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Aggregate.....	\$2,425.13
Paid out: (approved vouchers on file):	
For rent of office.....	\$ 270.00
For supplies.....	3.05
For expenses of Department Encampment.....	25.27
For expenses to National Encampment.....	119.74
For printing.....	256.25
For salary A. A. G.....	1,200.00
For expense of Department Commander.....	51.75
For exchange on checks.....	1.42
For National Per Capita Tax.....	140.90
Refund to Safety Fund.....	20.00
For return of loan.....	200.00
For Postage and Stationery.....	14.13
For incidentals.....	6.90
For Identification Certificates.....	10.24
For premium on bond.....	7.50
For safe deposit box.....	5.00
For travel expenses.....	25.00
For ribbon badges.....	26.09
For insurance.....	11.55
For window shades.....	5.46
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Total disbursed.....	\$2,400.25
Balance May 1, 1926.....	24.88
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	\$2,425.13

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EXHIBIT "B."
SAFETY FUND.

My report one year ago showed the amount in the Safety Fund to be \$2,400.00 of secured 6% notes and \$30.00 cash. The unanimous vote of the Encampment authorized the transfer of \$480.00 of the Safety Fund to the General Fund, if necessary. I found it necessary to sell one \$500.00 secured note and transfer \$480.00 of the proceeds to the General Fund, leaving the Safety Fund at present as follows:

The fund remains invested on secured notes as follows:	
Five (5) notes of \$200 each, due June 1, 1926.....	\$1,000.00
One note due April 1, 1921, remaining unpaid.....	900.00
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Safety Fund May 1, 1925, bearing 6%.....	1,900.00
Cash	50.00
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	\$1,950.00

EXHIBIT "C."
SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 1, 1926.

No.		Value
4	Officer's Badges	\$ 2.40
8	Buttoniers	1.20
34	Rank Straps	17.00
14	Official Badge Ribbons.....	1.40
2	Rules and Regulations.....	.60
50	Application Blanks	1.50
1	Blue Book	1.20
1	Rituals	1.25
8	Service Books	3.60
33	Discharge Blanks	3.30
16	Leave of Absence Cards.....	1.60
36	Transfer Blanks	3.60
10	Post Odes50
10	Department Badges	5.00
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		\$44.15

EXHIBIT "D,"
DEPARTMENT ASSETS.

Cash Balance May 1, 1926.....	\$ 24.88
Office Furniture, Books, Safe, etc. (estimated).....	800.00
Supplies on hand.....	44.15
Principal Safety Fund.....	1,950.00
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	\$2,819.03

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Arnold Bowers, F
 Conrad Boeck, F
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 Thos. Delamere,
 Robert R. Ferri
 C. C. Fischer, S
 Christ. Giesler,
 Herman Hunic
 Anton Huebele
 Lake Pallardy
 Herman Zipp
 Wm. W. Cool
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 August Hab
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 Nelson
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EXHIBIT "E"

REPORTED DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Post

- 1 Arnold Bowers, Private, 1 Mo. Lt. Art.
 Conrad Boeck, Private, 59th N. Y. Inf.
 D. O. Clements, Private, 11th Pa. Cav.
 Thos. Delamere, Private, 40th Mo. Inf.
 Robert R. Ferris, Service not given.
 C. C. Fischer, Sergt., 12th Ind. Inf.
 Christ. Giesler, Capt., 2d Mo. Inf.
 Herman Hunicke, Sergt., 4th Mo. Inf.
 Anton Huebeler, Sergt., 2d Mo. Inf.
 Luke Pallardy, Private, 49th Mo. Inf.
 Herman Zipple, Private, 2d Mo. Inf.
- 4 Wm. W. Cook, Private, Co. G, 101 Ill. Inf.
 Sillex Alexander, Private Co. E, 17th Mo. Inf.
 John Lewis, Private Co. E, 71st O. V. Inf.
 August Hahn, Private Co. M, 6th Kan. Cav.
 Abraham Mellstior, Private Co. L, 6th Kan. Cav.
 Fred Ozenbuger, 1 Mo. Mil.
 Thomas Hook, 77 Mo. Mil.
- 6 Frank Dwight, Private, 10 Mo. Inf.
- 7 John Ferguson, Co. B, 1st Wis. Lt. Art.
 A. A. McLinch, Lieut., Co. A, 5th M. S. M. Cav.
 Ira D. Swartout, Co. G, 16th Ill. Inf.
 David Rowland, Service not given.
 John McElwain, Service not given.
 E. T. Ellis, Co. I, 1st Mass. Cav.
 David Lane, Co. D, 1st N. J. Cav.
 A. W. Osbern, Service not given.
 Gustave Feberle, Co. K, 2d Calif. Inf.
 Charles I. Borden, Co. C, 1st R. Ill. Inf.
 Fred Wenz, Co. A, 43d Mo. Inf.
 Joseph R. Good, Co. E, 39th Mo. Inf.
 Wm. K. Adams, Co. B, 49th Mo. Inf.
 Nelson Davis, Co. I, 62d O. V. I.
 Peter Conroy, Co. E, 39th Mo. Inf.
- 8 L. M. Davis, Co. I, 1st N. Y. Dragoons.
 E. B. Haywood, Co. A, 12th Vt.
 John R. Welch, Co. C, 85th N. Y.
 William D. Foster, Co. F, 7th Mo. Cav.
 Charles Veatch, Co. G, 59th Ill. Inf.

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- George D. Wright, Co. B, 17th Ohio.
 William C. Gaines, 1st Ind. Hy. Art.
 Ben B. Bolt, Co. C, 106th Ill. Inf.
 W. B. Rockwell, U. S. N.
 Charles W. Lee, Co. G, 71st Ill. Inf.
 Henry W. Guy, Co. G, 48th Ind. Inf.
 J. K. Winkleman, Co. F, 68th Ind.
 John J. Brann, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav.
 Robert S. Townsend, Co. D, 62d Pa.
 Andrew L. Foster, Co. D, 2d Mich. Cav.
 J. W. Thurston, Service not reported.
 John F. Meagher, Service not reported.
 Robert J. Edmonds, Co. I, 150th Pa.
 John H. Punshon, Co. F, 14th Wis.
 W. H. H. Couch, Co. G, 135th Pa.
 Las. Callaway McCray, Co. H, 4th Mo.
- 13 Caspar Boelling, Co. D, 1st Mo. Inf.; F, 1st Mo. Cav.; D, 4th
 Iowa Cav., and I, 1st Iowa Inf.
 Hubert Munchrath Ram Switzerland, U. S. N.
 Geo. C. Hoffman, Gunboat Conestoga, U. S. N.
 Joseph J. Roth, Co. K, 10th Ill. Inf.
 Jacob Keller, Co. D, 2d Mo. Lt. Art.
- 14 John P. Craig, Capt., Co. E, 15th Iowa Inf.
 Ureah E. Ellidge, Co. I, 6th Ill. Cav.
 Silas A. Doane, Co. F, 15th Mass. Inf.
 Marley M. Rice, Capt. Co. C, 40th Iowa Inf.
 J. W. Lewis, Co. C, 117th Ill. Inf.
 Henry Phelps, Co. M, 9th Ill. Cav.
- 16 A. E. Witzel, Co. B, 29th Ind. Inf.
 J. W. Mitler, Co. F, 14th N. Y. Inf.
 Fayette Cannon, Co. E, 2d Wis. Cav.
- 17 Harrison Groves, Co. I, 51st Ind. Inf.
 M. S. Bonham, Co. H, 12th O. V. C.
- 21 S. R. Cray, Co. I, 12th Ohio H. A.
 Daniel Cook, Co. E, 66th Ill. Inf.
 J. M. Willis, Co. B, 2d M. S. M.
 H. A. Smith, 48th Mo.
 W. L. Cox, Co. F, 12th Mo. Cav.
 M. V. Baker, 2d Lieut., Co. K, 43d Mo.
- 22 C. S. Beardsley, 1st Lieut. Co. E, 11th Ill. Cav.
 Otis Miller, 39th Mo. Inf.
- 26 Wilson McGeary, Co. F, Ohio H. A.
 Barney S. Meyers, Co. D, 43d Ind. Inf.

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- Augustus L. Ault, C
 George H. Bunker,
 24 Simon Primmer, C
 J. B. Crubaugh, C
 John G. Mayer, C
 65 A. W. Van Camp,
 33 A. W. Banyan, S
 James Lewis, Ser
 Joe Rennis, Ser
 34 William Stout, C
 J. W. Jones, Co
 H. C. Cullen, Co
 63 Milton Brower,
 G. W. Coffman
 J. M. Pearson,
 W. L. Rooker,
 D. W. Ritter,
 J. A. Brown,
 72 Jacob Lamm
 Joel J. Dunk
 Samuel J. W
 Hiram Leml
 J. H. C. Mc
 John A. Bul
 73 John Parke
 William Ha
 James Her
 68 F. A. Gerb
 77 F. Ebert,
 N. G. Fer
 Theoph.
 A. H. W
 107 Henry B
 111 D. F. T
 James J
 124 John G
 W. M.
 E. S. N
 R. M.
 130 Dr. G
 Dr. J.

- Augustus L. Ault, Co. C, 62d Ill. Inf.
George H. Bunker, Co. K, 7th Vt.
- 34 Simon Primmer, Co. I, 125th O. V. I.
J. B. Crubaugh, Co. I, 7th O. V. I.
John G. Mayer, Capt., Co. M, 7th Ind. Batt.
- 45 A. W. Van Camp, Co. H, 83d Pa. Inf.
- 53 A. W. Banyan, Service not reported.
James Lewis, Service not reported.
Joe Rennis, Service not reported.
- 54 William Stout, Co. A, 123d Ind.
J. W. Jones, Co. D, 42d Mo. Inf.
H. C. Cullen, Co. D, 42d Mo. Inf.
- 69 Milton Brower, Co. C, 75th O. V. I.
G. W. Coffman, Co. A, 8th Iowa Inf.
J. M. Pearson, Co. A, 43d Ind. Inf.
W. L. Rooker, Co. D, 4th Mich. Cav.
D. W. Ritter, 21st Ind. Batty.
J. A. Brown, Co. H, 43d O. V. I.
- 72 Jacob Lamme, Co. F, 22d Ill. Inf.
Joel J. Dunkin, Co. H, 23d Mo.
Samuel J. Wheeler, Co. C, 154th N. Y. Inf.
Hiram Lemley, Co. K, 7th W. Va. Inf.
J. H. C. McHargue, Co. B, 23d Mo. Inf.
John A. Bulyer, Co. B, 11th Mo. Cav.
- 79 John Parker, Co. I, 4th Mo. Mil.
William Harmon, Co. B, 5th Kan. Cav.
James Hereford, Co. B, 27th Mo. Inf.
- 86 F. A. Gerber, Co. H, 186th O. V. I.
- 97 F. Ebert, 9th Mo. Prov.
N. G. Ferrier, Co. M, 5th Iowa Cav.
Theoph. Dubrouillet, Co. M, 5th Iowa Cav.
A. H. Wullf, Co. F, 36th Ill. Inf.
- 107 Henry Boss, Co. C, 2d Mo. Inf.
- 111 D. F. Thompson, Co. D, 45th Mo.
James J. Cross, Co. E, 48th Mo.
- 124 John Gillespie, M. S. M. Cav.
W. M. Case, Service not reported.
E. S. Miner, Co. G, 1st Wis. Cav.
R. M. Mitchel, Co. E, 85th Pa. Inf.
- 131 Dr. George Boemler, Co. K, 33d Ill. Inf.
Dr. J. B. Culver, Co. F, 149th Pa. and Asst. Surg. 48th Pa. Inf.

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- Valentine Sidmon, Co. I, 23d O. V. I.
 John Kessler, Co E, 4th Mo. H. G.
 H. B. Locke, Co. I, 33d Wis. Inf.
 Dr. William A. Wilcox, Asst. Surg., 1st M. S. M. and Surg.
 4th Mo. Cav.
 August W. Benedict, Lieut., Co. G, 75th N. Y. Inf.
 Louis Boemler, Co. A, 114th Ill. Inf.
 F. C. Pauley, Co. I, 2d N. Y. Mtd. Rifles.
 Richard B. Grace, Lieut., Co. A, 10th Ky. Mtd. Inf.
 Charles Niedringhaus, Co. M. U. S. R. C.
 Silas A. Kay, Co. C, 40th Mo. Inf.
 H. L. Hobart, Co. D, 113th O. V. I.
- 134 James Kinney, Service not reported.
 W. D. Nichols, Service not reported.
- 149 R. M. Howe, Service not reported.
- 150 J. S. Bailey, Co. B, 23d Mo. Inf.
 C. H. Baker, Service not reported.
- 172 James W. Padgett, Co. 150th Ind. Inf.
 T. D. Day, 2d Ohio Heavy Art.
- 190 C. W. Raymond, Co. B, 4th Mich Cav.
- 197 August Hinz, Co. F, 2d U. S. R. C.
- 215 David H. Teaster, Co. A, 10th Tenn.
- 240 James Gault, Service not reported.
- 247 C. W. Orvis, Service not reported.
- 264 Edwin Devine, Co. I, 124th Ill.
- 273 Frederick Mehner, Co. B, 8th Mo. Prov.
 Michael B. Dulein, Co. E, 1st Mo. Inf.
 Thomas Hooss, Sergt. Maj., Co. A, 4th M. S. M.
- 276 F. W. Heldbreuder, Co. F, 10th Ill.
 John Muttl, Co. E, 126th O. V. I.
- 339 G. W. Halley, Co. F, 18th (?).
- 340 T. J. George, Co. C, 42d Mo. Inf.
- 343 K. D. Smith, Co. K, 58th U. S. C. T.
- 348 S. S. Pane, Co. A, 1st M. S. M.
- 374 Dan Holaway, Co. A, 115th Ill. Inf.
- 496 Bernhard Stumpf, 3d Mo. Inf.
 Jacob Baumgartner, 1st Mo. It. Art.
- 554 W. W. Lee, Co. A, 178th O. V. I.
- 576 William Koch, Co. I, 3d Mo.

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OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

HELD AT

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MAY 13 AND 14, 1926

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Forty-Fifth Annual Encampment
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DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
HELD AT
SEDALIA, MO., MAY 13 and 14, 1926

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the County Court House, Sedalia, Mo., at 9:30 o'clock on the morning of May 13, 1926, in open session, to which the public and all allied societies were invited, the Department Commander, Charles Koock, presiding.

The Department Commander called the meeting to order and introduced the Department Chaplain, Rev. W. K. Collins, who delivered an impressive invocation.

Hon. J. L. Babcock, Mayor of Sedalia, was then introduced and delivered a most hearty address of welcome to all of the visitors, assuring them of a cordial welcome to the hospitality and homes of the citizens of Sedalia and expressed the hope that the Comrades and all would find their stay so pleasant and the people so cordial that they would wish to renew the visit next year. He said in part:

"It is a pleasant at all times to welcome visitors to Sedalia. That pleasure today is many, many times emphasized when extended to the men who carried the Stars and Stripes to victory and survived a war unparalleled for privation, hardship, danger and courage. Sedalia is proud to be the host, if for a few days only, of this remnant of that great army that for four long years endured vicissitudes equaled only by those endured by the opposing forces.

"Every man, woman and child in Sedalia is not only willing, but anxious to do something that will add to your comfort and pleasure.

The freedom of the entire city is yours. May you use it and enjoy it."

The Department Commander called upon Past Department Commander Calland to respond to the greetings and welcome of the Mayor. Comrade Calland performed the duty assigned him in a manner that elicited the applause of the assembly.

Comrade Thos. H. Brown was appointed Officer of the Day and assumed the duties.

On motion it was ordered that all Comrades having the Department badge and Department countersign be admitted and recognized as members of the Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that all reports of officers were printed and ready for distribution, and he moved that they be received without reading and be referred to the proper committees when appointed. The motion was adopted.

The Assistant Adjutant General reported the following as the roll of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders. Those present during the Encampment are indicated by a star:

Department Commander,
*CHARLES KOOCH.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,
*D. H. BALDRIDGE.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,
*JOHN W. LANLEY,

Medical Director,
*DR. R. B. TYLER.

Department Chaplain,
*REV. W. K. COLLINS.

Assistant Adjutant General and A. Q. M. Gen.,
*WILBUR F. HENRY.

Judge Advocate,
W. F. CALFEE.

Patriotic Instructor,
*W. C. CALLAND.

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Chief Mustering Officer,

*P. H. SULLIVAN.

Department Inspector,

D. L. COOK.

Council of Administration,

*A. WHIPPLE,

*S. D. WEBSTER,

*MAX FRITZ,

C. F. BOTTUM.

Past Department Commanders,

†WILLIAM WARNER,

†HENRY FAIRBACK,

†W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,

†JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

†NELSON COLE,

†T. D. KIMBALL,

†E. E. KIMBALL,

J. V. MARTIN,

HIRAM SMITH,

†W. H. SKINNER,

(1) †JOHN E. PHELPS,

†R. N. DENHAM,

*LEO RASSIEUR,

†BENJAMIN WARNER,

†GEO. W. MARTIN,

†CHAS. W. RUBY,

†C. W. WHITEHEAD,

†ARTHUR DREIFUS,

†CHAS. G. BURTON,

*WM. LOWE,

†LOUIS GRUND,

J. B. DOBYNE,

†LOUIS BENECKE,

†ALEX. McCANDLESS,

†THOS. B. RODGERS,

†THOS. W. EVANS,

†JOHN P. PLATT,

*P. F. COGHLAN,

†A. G. PETERSON,

*W. C. CALLAND,

JOHN W. SCOTT,

*S. D. WEBSTER,

*W. F. HENRY,

A. J. P. BARNES,

†GEORGE HALL,

JAMES H. HUNTER,

†IRA T. BRONSON,

†SAMUEL M. MANN,

(2) †F. M. STERRETT,

*ALF. ZARTMAN.

†JERE T. DEW.

(1) John E. Phelps transferred to Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.
Deceased.

(2) F. M. Sterrett transferred to Dept. of Ohio. Deceased.

†Deceased.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—1926

Following is the roll of members of the Encampment who were present from the several Posts as reported by the Committee on Credentials;

ROLL OF THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G. A. R.

Held at Sedalia, Mo., May 13 and 14, 1926.

Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis.

Com.—John L. Pierson.

S. V. C.—Joseph G. Hummell.

J. V. C.—C. Joseph Billmeyer.

Rep.—Abraham Ansen and John Livemore.

P. P. C.—Leo Rassieur, A. Whipple, B. F. Park, Cord Ringen,
P. F. Coghlan, Wm. C. Pfeffer, Geo. Simpson and C. H. Grote.

McPherson Post, No. 4, Kansas City.

Com. James H. McEwan.

P. P. C.—Thos. H. Brown, J. A. Stewart, Alf. Zartman, David
L. Wells and C. Goseman.

Custer Post, No. 7, St. Joseph.

Rep. Samuel Zanker.

P. P. C.—H. W. Sandusky and A. M. Reynolds.

Farragut-Thomas Post, No. 8, Kansas City.

Com. J. L. Carnahan.

S. V. C.—J. R. Colwell.

Rep. E. N. Edmonds and Sidney L. Daily.

P. P. C.—W. F. Henry and W. K. Collins.

Col. Hassendeubel Post, No. 13, St. Louis.

Com. Max Fritz.

S. V. C.—Fred. Geimer.

O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin.

Rep.—Seth Carpenter and N. Wilson.

P. P. C.—P. L. Swartz, J. M. Thurer, R. B. Tyler and D. H.
Baldrige.

Stanton Post, No. 16, Carthage.

P. P. C.—A. J. Bobb.

Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, Kirksville.

P. P. C.—G. B. Cunningham.

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Thos. G. V

Com.—A. J. Benn

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Jo. Bailey Post, No. 26, Nevada.

Rep. S. Heathman and H. Ripley.

McCullough Post, No. 44, Milan.

Com. John Bailey.

Geo. R. Smith Post, No. 53, Sedalia.

Com. R. R. Highleyman.

P. P. C.—Charles Kooch and D. W. Turley.

Thos. G. Wade Post, No. 54, Unionville.

Com.—A. J. Bennett.

Rep.—George Acre.

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

Com.—W. C. Calland.

Col. Grover Post, No. 78, Warrensburg.

Com.—W. E. Chester.

J. V. C.—A. B. Evans.

Rep.—D. W. Boyer.

Capt. Stanley Post, No. 87, Princeton.

Com.—Abe. Trent.

Rep.—M. N. Gannon.

C. C. Harvey Post, No. 96, Maysville.

Com.—J. W. McElwain.

Miles Carroll Post, No. 111, Iberia.

Com.—John Ferguson.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis.

Com.—S. V. C. Rutherford.

Rep.—Chas. Nelson.

P. P. C.—S. D. Webster, F. Walton, E. R. Cone and A. J.

Showers.

Samuel McClure Post, No. 145, Eldon.

P. P. C.—Jacob Stephens.

Gen. J. B. Steadman Post, No. 172, Appleton City.

P. P. C.—P. H. Dugan and P. H. Sullivan.

G. W. Goodrich Post, No. 190, Webb City.

Rep.—Wm. M. Willard.

P. P. C.—James A. Lane.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—1926

John Williams Post, No. 218, Fairport.
Com.—Marion Hartwell.

John A. Hayn Post, No. 240, Boonville.
Com.—E. Humphreyville.
P. P. C.—E. H. Rodgers and Joseph Leiber.

Col. Lennard Post, No. 251, Eldorado Springs.
Rep.—J. J. Brown.

Henry Browne Post, No. 276, California.
Com.—James S. Roth.
P. P. C.—Aug. Seyffert and C. G. Wegener.

Maj. A. Bartlett Post, No. 289, Troy.
P. P. C.—William Korvezk.

Houston Post, No. 339, Houston.
Com.—J. H. Haney.

Col. Shaw Post, No. 343, St. Louis.
Com.—Wm. Bryant and Andrew Evans.
Rep.—Wm. McCain.

Col. Meumann Post, No. 496, St. Louis.
Com.—J. W. Lanley.

Gatzweiler Post, No. 554, St. Charles.
Com.—Wm. Wiedey.

Johnson County Post, No. 594, Warrensburg.
Rep.—D. M. Oliver and — Pease.
P. P. C.—William Lowe.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that this Department is entitled to 14 Representatives in the 60th National Encampment to be held in Des Moines in September next, and that it was important that nominations be made as early as possible in order that the names might be printed on tickets to be voted. He further stated by a rule adopted by a former Encampment the names would be placed on the ticket in the direct numerical order of the Post to which the nominee belongs.

By the unanimous vote of the Encampment the rules and order of business was suspended and the Encampment proceeded to the

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- A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis.
- J. L. Pierson, Post 1, St. Louis.
- B. F. Park, Post 1, St. Louis.
- J. C. Greenmann, Post 4, Kansas City.
- H. W. Sandusky, Post 7, St. Joseph.
- A. M. Reynolds, Post 7, St. Joseph.
- Samuel Zancher, Post 7, St. Joseph.
- H. Ripley, Post 8, Kansas City.
- E. N. Edmonds, Post 8, Kansas City.
- C. P. Woodruff, Post 8, Kansas City.
- Sidney L. Dally, Post 8, Kansas City.
- Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis.
- P. L. Swartz, Post 14, Joplin.
- N. Wilson, Post 14, Joplin.
- A. McCann, Post 14, Joplin.
- R. B. Tyler, Post 14, Joplin.
- C. G. Manchester, Post 14, Joplin.
- D. H. Baldrige, Post 14, Joplin.
- G. B. Cunningham, Post 22, Kirksville.
- C. Heathman, Post 26, Nevada.
- J. Hollingsworth, Post 26, Nevada.
- T. L. Patton, Post 26, Nevada.
- A. J. Bennett, Post 54, Unionville.
- W. F. Klanke, Post 107, St. Louis.
- John Ferguson, Post 111, Iberia.
- A. J. Showers, Post 131, St. Louis.
- Jacob Stephens, Post 145, Eldon.
- E. H. Rodgers, Post 240, Boonville.
- J. H. Haney, Post 339, Houston.
- Wm. Bryant, Post 343, St. Louis.

On motion it was ordered that the Comrade receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared to be Representative-at-Large, and the next 13 highest shall be the representatives, and the next 14 shall be the alternates in the order of the votes received.

The Encampment then resumed the regular order of business and the Senior Vice Commander was called to the chair.

Department Commander Koock then delivered his annual address.

(For the text of the address, see pages 2-5, ante.)

At the conclusion of the address the Senior Vice Commander

referred it to the following committees of Past Department Commanders: Comrades S. D. Webster, Alfred Zartman and P. F. Coghlan. Commander Koock resumed command.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare a Memorial upon the death of our Comrade, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles G. Burton, stated that the committee was ready to report and that it would be read by Past Department Commander Calland of the committee. The Memorial follows:

IN MEMORIAM

Past Commander-in-Chief

CHARLES GERMAN BURTON

Died March 25, 1926

CHARLES GERMAN BURTON, Past Commander-in-Chief, dropped from the ranks March 25, 1926. The passing of this Prince and Leader is an event of more than ordinary occurrence. He passed his active life in Missouri and has figured widely as a soldier and civilian, a lawyer and court official, civil officer and financier. In these several specialties he has demonstrated that he was a man of eminent ability.

He was well-born. His father, Leonard, and his mother, Laura, were trained in the schools of their day and had attained to some eminence and station in business circles. Comrade Burton first saw the light in Cleveland, Ohio, April 4, 1846. He received his education in the schools of Warren, Ohio. He received a furlough from the army that he might return home to graduate with his class and deliver the honor oration. His parents were godly people, and their son was carefully trained in the principles of truth and righteousness, and that honor and integrity was no small part of the education they hoped to give him. He, as was expected, grew into manhood a quiet, dignified and rather retiring disposition. As a consequence of his maternal training, he sought to be known as truthful. He afterwards declared in a court case where the offender had proven himself an outrageous liar: "I hate a liar above all other offenders; and if I had my way about it I would send all liars to jail"; but remarked incidentally, "I fear the jails might not hold all of them."

The firing upon Fort Sumpter inspired the patriotic zeal of young Burton, and he enlisted early in the war, in September, 1861, in the 19th Ohio Infantry, and was discharged one year afterward as an invalid. He re-enlisted in 1864 in the 100-day service, and served until the end of the war. At the close of the war he

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hastened to prepare for his profession of law. He entered a law office, as was the custom in those days, and grew up in practice. He located as a full-fledged lawyer at Virgil, Mo., and soon entered into co-partnership with E. E. Kimball. This active firm of young lawyers later removed to Nevada, a larger field for active law business. Soon after, young Burton was appointed Circuit Attorney and served two years. Ambitious for higher honors, he sought and was elected Judge of the 25th Judicial Circuit, and served seven years. In 1894 he was elected a member of the 54th Congress in the 15th Congressional District, and served two terms. Other honors fell thick and fast, and he was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue by President Roosevelt, and later he was reappointed by Presidents Taft and Wilson and served eight years. Besides these honors, he has enjoyed all the honors the Missouri Department had to offer. There was one more honor he coveted, viz., the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. There was one other honor which the Department of Missouri wished Comrade Burton to receive: namely, National Commander-in-Chief. It would be readily admitted that no Comrade in the Grand Army of the Republic was better fitted and more efficient to administer the duties of this exalted office; none could represent the great body with more grace and acceptance. His name was presented at the National Encampment at Saratoga, and after an exciting contest he was elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief. Few members of the Grand Army have enjoyed such extended honors. Comrade Burton retained his membership in Missouri, after he had removed to Oregon, and rarely missed a meeting of the National or Missouri Department. He was also honored by serving as a delegate to four National Republican Conventions. This is a remarkable record and through all his services his name remained untarnished and his reputation unblemished.

Comrade Burton spent his last days in Missouri. This year he came East earlier than usual and together with his wife spent a month with their niece in Kansas City. It is not known what the immediate cause of his death was, but his closest friends think his death was occasioned by the infirmities of old age. He had reached his 80th year. One friend wrote us that they believed that Comrade Burton realized he had not long to live and simply desired to come back to Missouri, his long-time home, and be here when the "Taps" should be sounded. It was his plan to remain in the State till the Missouri Department met in their annual encampment.

Charles G. Burton was not a university man, though he was

well educated. His long association with men of culture and deep learning in the law was a full equivalent of a university training. If the true definition of culture is, "the doing of many things easily and well," then Mr. Burton was a cultured man. He seemed ready for any task. His chief delight was to ascend the platform as a speaker. His ready fund of information mingled with wit and forceful expression delighted his audience. As a conversationalist he was easily the center of a company. His pleasing and magnetic personality will be missed in the Encampments. His keen mental grasp and his ability to retain many collated facts, and his skill in marshaling the facts logically and clearly, won him many a lawsuit. As an after-dinner speaker he was exceptional. His readiness and wit coupled with a fine soldierly physique, a piercing eye, a pleasing voice, rendered him a ready place among entertainers. The Commander-in-Chief made a wide use of him as a substitute in visiting State Departments which he was unable to reach. He was among the best known men of the Grand Army.

Comrade Burton wrote little for publication, and seemed to have no ambition to become an author. The only publication by him that is known is a short article on the subject, "What Does the Grand Army Stand For?" I quote: "We stand for the school house, the church and the home. Every little school house that dots the plain or nestles in the grove is a fort. Every academy of learning, college or university is a garrison. Every church or cathedral with its spires pointing heavenward and its clear ringing bell inviting men and women to sit at the feet of Him who taught as man never taught before is a fort, a garrison and citadel. Every God-fearing mother in all this land, who at her home and her hearthstone instills into the minds of her boys and girls the immutable principles of right and wrong; who teaches her boys to be clean, manly men, and her girls to be pure and virtuous women; who teaches them both to love their country and its flag, and to emulate the virtues of its heroes, living and dead—every such God-fearing mother is a recruiting officer for the Grand Army of the Republic.

LEO. RASSIEUR,
W. C. CALLAND,
Committee.

The Memorial was unanimously approved and adopted; the Encampment stood at parade rest and the bugler sounded taps.

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The Officer of the Day reported that C. A. Dorsey, Past Division Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, was at the outpost and desired admission. None objecting, he was admitted and given a fraternal greeting. He said, among other things, that he brought the fraternal greetings of the Sons of Civil War Veterans and assured the Comrades that they were anxious to do all things possible to make the lives of the men who followed the Flag in the days of 1861-1865 pleasant and comfortable until the final end shall come, and to emphasize their good will, he handed the Department Commander their check for the sum of \$50.00 for the general fund of our Department. On motion, the unanimous thanks of the Encampment were extended for the fraternal remarks of Mr. Dorsey and for the generous gift of the Sons of Veterans; Comrade J. L. Carnahan was appointed to accompany Mr. Dorsey upon his return to his Convention and to give to our sons the greetings and thanks of this Encampment and assure them that their good wishes and kind words are fully reciprocated and highly appreciated by the Comrades of the Grand Army.

Past Department Commander S. D. Webster stated that by request of the Department Commander, he had prepared a report on the Soldiers' Home at St. James and was ready to present it to the Encampment. There being no objection, Comrade Webster read the report, as follows:

**REPORT OF S. D. WEBSTER, PRESIDENT, MISSOURI STATE
FEDERAL SOLDIERS' HOME, ST. JAMES, MO.**

To the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment, Dept. Missouri, G. A. R.:

Many persons, Comrades and others, are under the impression that the organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic has some official relation to the institution known as the State Federal Soldiers' Home of Missouri, at St. James. This impression is erroneous, and it may be well to afford a little explanation, that everybody may be enlightened.

Through the efforts of the Women's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri, the William St. James mansion, with fifty-nine acres, was acquired, to be converted into a soldiers' home. In 1894, the Missouri Women's Relief Corps was incorporated under the laws of this State. In 1897, under an act of the legislature, the property was conveyed in fee simple to the State of Missouri.

The act recited that there should be a Board of Managers of five members to be appointed by the Governor; the appointments to be made from amongst those who had served as soldiers or

sailors of the Union during the Civil War; but that two of those members might be named from amongst the membership of the Women's Relief Corps. This has been in some cases overlooked, and in a few instances those named were not members of either the Grand Army of the Republic, or of the Women's Relief Corps of the Department of Missouri.

Age and impaired condition having greatly reduced the body from which managers were to be selected, the legislature at the session of 1923, amended the law, omitting the requirement of service during the Civil War. Unfortunately, not being imbued with any sentimental attachments to the Order which inspired, promoted, secured and presented the Home to the State, the sentence which very appropriately suggested the selection of two members from the Women's Relief Corps was also omitted.

You will see, therefore, there is no legal official relation between our organizations, the Grand Army of the Republic or its Auxiliary, the Women's Relief Corps, and the management of the Home. But there is a warm and abiding interest in that Home in the hearts of every Comrade and member of its Auxillary.

That interest and warm wish for the continued prosperity and welfare of the Home and of its membership, is my reason for offering a report to this Encampment.

As the President of the Board of Managers, I may be, in a manner, considered as representing the Grand Army of the Republic. Likewise, the Secretary of our Board, Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong of Kansas City, may be accepted as representing the Women's Relief Corps of the Department of Missouri. And I wish, here, to say that it would require a great deal of argument, very positive evidence, and a prodigious exposition to the contrary, to make me admit, for even a moment, that the boards which have had the management of that Home have ever had a better Secretary, or the Women's Relief Corps a better or more earnest exponent of its active desire for the welfare of those whom it is the delight of our board to serve.

I will endeavor now to give you succinctly some statistics. I will try not to have them too dry, and I can assure you they are strictly accurate.

Expenditures are limited by the appropriations made by the legislature for each two-year period. We are not allowed to expend more than the allotment for the biennium, and are held to a strict account for the manner in which it is disbursed.

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STATEMENT

Expenses, disbursed as Support:

Current expenses
Subsistence
Clothing
Household
Hospital
Farm

Salaries
Drugs
Repairs and
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Gross

Average attendance
Per capita cost of
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Dismissed, by admission
By death
By discharge
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Total Enrollment

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Age: 96. Years
Age: 73 years

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STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1925—12 MONTHS.

Expenses, disbursed as follows:

Support:

Current expenses	\$ 2,098.99	
Subsistence	26,214.58	
Clothing	550.07	
Household	16,286.90	
Hospital	766.80	
Farm	188.32	\$46,097.76
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Salaries		27,466.19
Drugs		2,131.79
Repairs and improvements.....		7,096.31
Postage and office supplies.....		543.15
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Gross Expenses		\$83,335.20

Average attendance present has been.....		193
Per capita cost of maintenance.....		\$1,118.36
Per capita cost of subsistence.....		37.24
	Men	Women
Gains, by admission.....	35	46
By death	21	10
By discharge	17	11
Dropped	6 44	3 24
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Actual loss	9	22
Net actual gain.....		13
Enrollment Jan. 1, 1926—Men.....		127
Women.....		133
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Total Enrollment		260

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Average age of men, Civil War, 80 years, of women, 75 years.

Oldest member of the Home, Bruno Cloves, born July 4, 1830;

age 96. Youngest member, Charles Knecht, born Nov. 1, 1853;

age 73 years.

Of the Civil War Veterans who died during the year, average

age 80½ years.

It would be rare, indeed, if among so many, there were none to complain, but, generally, there appears to be a sense of contentment, and many have taken occasion to speak gratefully of the comfort felt by them in having so good a home.

Speaking for the Board of Managers and the Official Staff of the Home, I can say that all are sincerely desirous of doing all that is possible to make the institution a real home to those who are admitted to its membership. And also, that we have had the most cordial co-operation and help from State and county officers, from Comrades and Auxiliaries; all of which has been fully realized and appreciated, and I wish here and now to make record of that fact.

S. D. WEBSTER,

President Board of Managers.

A committee from the Department Convention of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans appeared at the outpost and desired to be admitted. None objecting, they were admitted and escorted to the front and saluted. Mrs. E. Weber, Department Treasurer and chairman of the committee, was introduced, and said, in part that she and her associates were there to convey the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans and expressed the hope that the lives of the Veterans of the Grand Army may be comfortable and pleasant. As she closed her remarks she handed the Assistant Adjutant General a box, which, upon opening, he found to contain eight gold pieces of \$5 each—\$40. The Assistant Adjutant General announced the unique gift to the Encampment and a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered amid generous applause. The committee retired and business was resumed.

Past Department Chaplain of Post 7, who was designated in General Orders to prepare and present a testimonial upon the death of Past Department Commander Samuel M. Mann, stated that he had performed the duty assigned him and prepared the testimonial and was ready to present it to the Encampment. The testimonial was received and read, as follows:

OBITUARY OF COMRADE MANN, PAST DEPT. COMMANDER
OF MISSOURI GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

COMRADE SAMUEL McAFEE MANN was born on his father's farm in Marion County, Mo., July 9, 1845. He died at St. Joseph, Mo., February 3, 1926; aged 86 years, 6 months and 6 days.

He remained on his father's farm through his boyhood days, getting such education as the country school of his neighborhood afforded, until the outbreak of the Civil War. He heard the call of his country in the hour of her distress, and was anxious to enlist at the first call of President Lincoln, but was restrained from so doing by his parents until within two days of his eighteenth

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Friday. Then he enlisted in the Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and was discharged in 1867. He had been commissioned as a sergeant, and was commissioned as a sergeant in 1867.

After the war he remained in the service for several years.

In 1867 he and Mr. Mann were both in the service.

Comrade Mann began his first business here in 1867.

Later he moved to St. Joseph, Mo., and was acquainted with General Mann in that district. About 1870 he joined the United States Army.

About fifteen years were in business in St. Joseph.

In early life he joined the Church and became a member.

He also joined the Masons in that fraternal organization.

He united with the Sons of Veterans in 1870, and his wonderful history is a credit to the life of his life.

In 1917 he was elected when he was elected to the Post as its commander.

In 1922, by the Department Commanders.

At his funeral in St. Joseph, Mo., and his last acts in his country, his Country.

Comrade Mann was a patriot and a true friend.

His death is a loss to the organization.

The loss of a man of his caliber is a great loss.

He was a true patriot and a true friend.

As Comrade Mann was a true patriot and a true friend.

Then he enlisted as private in Company L, 11th Regiment, 1st Volunteer Cavalry, July 7, 1863, and served until July 7, 1864, when he was discharged with the rank of First Sergeant. He was then commissioned as captain of his company, but for some time his commission failed to reach him before he was discharged. After the war Comrade Mann engaged in school teaching several years.

In 1867 he and Miss Mary M. Wiseman were united in marriage. They were born two sons, Harvey J. and John C. Mann.

Comrade Mann built the first house in Maywood, Mo., conducted a general business house and became the first postmaster of that town.

When he moved to Linn County, Mo., and there he became acquainted with Gen. Pershing, who was teaching school there in 1887. About 1903 he moved to Quincy, Ill., and there engaged in United States claims and also in real estate business.

About fifteen years ago he moved to St. Joseph, where his business was in real estate, and here he remained until his death.

Early in life Comrade Mann united with the Presbyterian Church and became a ruling elder in his church.

He also joined the Masonic order and became a Past Master of the order in that fraternity.

He united with the Grand Army soon after that order began its successful history in Illinois, and was a faithful member to the end of his life.

In 1877 he served Custer No. 7, St. Joseph, as its commander. When he was stricken with his last illness he was serving as its Quartermaster.

In 1922, by the vote of the Dept. of Missouri, he became Department Commander.

At his funeral, February 6, the church, the Grand Army of the United States and the Masonic Order conferred their funeral rites as a mark of respect to one who had faithfully served his country, his God, and his fellow man.

Comrade Mann was known by his associates as a faithful and noble citizen, true to the best qualities of good citizenship. He was a Christian gentleman whose aims were the betterment of the needy world.

The loss of his helpful presence is keenly felt by the circles in which he moved in his life activities.

Comrades of this Department of the Grand Army of the United States

Republic, we extend our loving sympathy to his bereaved widow, Mrs. Mary M. Mann, with the wish her closing days may be calm and peaceful.

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

Sedalia, Mo., May 12, 1926.

A. M. REYNOLDS.

The report was approved and adopted. The Encampment was called up and stood at "parade rest" while the Bugler sounded "taps."

On motion, the Encampment took a recess until 1 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Department Commander called the Encampment to order at 1 o'clock.

A delegation from the Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans were in waiting and were admitted and given a cordial welcome and greeting.

Mrs. E. Underhill, National President, gave a short and interesting address that was heartily applauded by the Comrades. The chairman of the committee made a fraternal and cheering address and closed by giving to the Department of Missouri a check for \$200. The Department Commander called on Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur to respond to the greetings, which he did in his usual eloquent and impressive manner. The visiting committee then retired amid the applause and cheers of the Comrades. The Department Commander appointed Comrades R. B. Tyler and S. D. Webster to visit the Convention of the Daughters of Veterans and convey to them the greetings and thanks of the Department.

The location of the place for holding the next Department Encampment was then informally discussed. The consideration of the matter was quite general and finally resulted in the adoption of a motion to refer the location of the 1927 Encampment to the Department Council of Administration with power to act; that, as it is the custom of our Allied Societies to hold their annual Conventions at the same time and place as our Annual Encampment, the Council of Administration shall, as far as obtainable, consider the wishes of the officers of the various societies in selecting the place.

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Pursuant to Paragraph No. 1 of General Order No. VI, current series, the Department Council of Administration met in Department Headquarters in Hotel Terry, Sedalia, May 12, 1926, the Department Commander presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Charles Koock, Department Commander.
D. H. Baldrige, Senior Vice Department Commander.
John W. Lanley, Junior Vice Department Commander.
Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General.
A. Whipple, Max Fritz and S. D. Webster.

The following proceedings were had:

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that nothing had arisen during the past year requiring the action of the Council except the fixing of the date for holding the Department Encampment and that was done by correspondence; he further stated that the Council unanimously approved the 13th and 14th of May as the date for holding the Encampment.

The Committee appointed by the Department Commander to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General presented its report as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1926.

Comrade Charles Koock,

Department Commander:

We, the undersigned, appointed by you to examine and audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that we have performed the duty assigned us and find that the books and accounts are correct and properly kept and show in detail all receipts and disbursements; all disbursements are shown by vouchers properly receipted, numbered and filed. We have examined all vouchers and approve the disbursements as shown.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WHIPPLE,
MAX FRITZ,
S. D. WEBSTER,
Auditing Committee.

On motion, the report was unanimously approved and the Committee was discharged.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommend that the sum of \$100.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray the travel expenses of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Council of Administration recommend that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to transfer from the Safety Fund to the General Fund so much of the principal thereof as may be necessary, not exceeding the sum of \$500.00, to defray the expenses of the Department for the coming year.

No further business appearing, the meeting thereupon adjourned.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G.,
Recorder.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the ballots for the election of representatives to the Sixtieth National Encampment were ready for distribution and he moved that the Encampment proceed to the election of representatives. The motion was adopted and the Commander appointed Comrades J. L. Carnahan, S. D. Webster and Columbus Jackson tellers to receive and count the ballots and report the result. The ballots were then distributed and voted.

The Department Commander stated that a parade had been arranged to start at 3 o'clock and proceed to the Smith and Cotton High School, where a large flag would be presented to that institution by the Department Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps. He further stated that a photographer wished to have the Comrades arranged at the east front of the Court House prior to the parade for a picture. The Commander said he would entertain a motion for a recess to attend the parade. If there was no objection he would declare a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. No objection appearing, a recess was declared until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander promptly at 9 o'clock on the morning of May 14, 1926. The Department Chaplain delivered an impressive invocation, closing with the Lord's Prayer, in which all the Comrades joined. The Encampment was then declared open for business.

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Comrades William Lowe, S. D. Webster and Max Fritz.

To Visit Convention of Ladies of G. A. R.

Comrades E. N. Edmonds and A. J. Bennett.

The following telegram was received and read to the Encamp-

In behalf of Confederate Veterans of Missouri, I extend to you and your associates greeting and best wishes for a pleasant reunion, safe return to your homes, the most comfortable and least distress, the remainder of life's journey.

ARCHIBALD A. PEARSON,

Commander Missouri Confederates.

By the unanimous vote of the Encampment it was ordered that the Assistant Adjutant General, on behalf of the Comrades of this Encampment, thank the Commander of Missouri Confederates for his greeting and assure him that the greetings and expression of good wishes contained therein are highly appreciated and reciprocated.

Comrade Webster of the tellers on vote for Representatives reported that they had performed the duty assigned them and were to report. None objecting, the report of the tellers was reported. Comrade Webster stated that there was a tie for the position of 14th representative, Comrades J. C. Greenman and Comrade Ripley having received the same number of votes. After some discussion and several suggestions by Comrades, Comrade Greenman stated that he would take the 15th position and Comrade Ripley take the 14th. That would give Comrade Ripley the position of Representative and Comrade Greenman would be the first Alternate.

Comrades John Ferguson and H. W. Sandusky, who were elected Representatives, were later elected Senior and Junior Department Commanders, thereby becoming ex-officio members of the National Encampment and their names were eliminated from the list of elected Representatives.)

By the report of the tellers (eliminating the names of Comrades Ferguson and Sandusky) the names of the elected Representatives and Alternates are as follows:

Representatives

A. Whipple, St. Louis
 A. J. Bennett, Unionville
 Max Fritz, St. Louis
 J. Hollingsworth, Nevada
 A. M. Reynolds, St. Joseph
 A. J. Showers, St. Louis
 J. L. Pierson, St. Louis
 E. H. Rodgers, Boonville
 B. F. Park, St. Louis
 E. N. Edmonds, Kansas City
 P. L. Swartz, Joplin
 J. C. Greenman, Kansas City
 H. Ripley, Nevada
 C. P. Woodruff, Kansas City

Alternates

G. B. Cunningham, Youngstown
 C. Heathman, Nevada
 Samuel Zancker, St. Joseph
 Sidney L. Dally, Kansas City
 R. B. Tyler, Joplin
 Jacob L. Stephens, Eldon
 A. McCann, Joplin
 J. H. Haney, Houston
 W. F. Klanke, St. Louis
 N. Wilson, Joplin
 T. L. Patton, Nevada
 D. H. Baldrige, Joplin
 Wm. Bryant, St. Louis
 C. G. Manchester, Joplin

Comrade Carnahan moved that the Encampment proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The motion was adopted and the Department Commander declared that nominations for Department Commander was in order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur was recognized and placed John W. Lanley of Post 496, St. Louis, in nomination. His nomination was seconded by Comrade A. J. Showers and by Past Department Commander S. D. Webster.

Comrade R. B. Tyler was recognized and placed D. H. Baldrige of Post 14, Joplin, and present Senior Vice Department Commander, in nomination for Commander. His nomination was seconded by P. L. Swartz.

Comrade Baldrige was recognized and with brief fraternal remarks withdrew his name as a candidate. No other nominations were made.

There being only one nominee, by unanimous direction of the Encampment, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for John W. Lanley and he was declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander being in order, Comrade A. J. Showers nominated John Ferguson of Post 111, Iberia, for that office. No other nomination appearing, Comrade Ferguson received the unanimous vote of the Encampment

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Comrade A. M. Reynolds placed Comrade H. W. Sandusky of Post 7, St. Joseph, in nomination for Junior Vice Department Commander. No other nomination for that office appeared and he received the unanimous vote of the Encampment and was declared duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic wished to be admitted. There being no objection, they were admitted, escorted to the front and given a hearty greeting.

Mrs. Sara E. Hughes, Department President, was chairman of the committee. In a short and interesting address she said that she brought the greetings and loving good wishes of the Department of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; as evidence of their fraternal good will and desire to aid the Grand Army she handed the Commander a check for the sum of \$300 for its expense fund. She then introduced Mrs. Elma B. Dalton, National Secretary, who gave a short address full of brilliant thoughts eloquently expressed and elicited the hearty applause of the Comrades. She was followed by Mrs. Edwena P. Trigg, Past Department President, who gave the Comrades a cheering address and emphasized what the former speakers had said. Comrade Henry responded to the addresses of the ladies and moved that a rising vote of thanks be given the committee and the Department of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, for their cheering greetings, and especially for the generous, voluntary contribution. The motion was unanimously adopted, the Comrades standing and applauding as the committee retired.

The Encampment then returned to the regular order and proceeded with the election of officers.

The election of a Department Champlain being next in order, Comrade Reynolds of Post 7 moved that Comrade W. K. Collins, the present Department Champlain, be re-elected to that office. Other nominations were called for, and none appearing, the unanimous vote of Encampment was cast for W. K. Collins and he was declared duly elected for the ensuing year.

The next in order was the election of a Medical Director. Comrade J. L. Carnahan of Post 8 moved that Dr. R. B. Taylor, the present Medical Director, be re-elected for the ensuing year. The Department Commander stated that other nominations were in order. No other nominations appearing, the unanimous vote of the

Encampment was cast for Comrade Tyler and he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The election of five members of the Council of Administration was next in order. The Assistant Adjutant General recommended that the custom of the past several years, of electing the members of the Council of Administration from among the Comrades residing in St. Louis be continued, for the reason that they can be called together quickly and without expense. He further stated that the Commander, the two Vice Commanders and the Assistant Adjutant General are *ex-officio* members of the Council; that the present elected members of the Council are Comrades A. Whipple of Post 1, Max Fritz of Post 13, Charles F. Bottum of Post 107 and S. D. Webster of Post 131; that Comrade B. F. Suppan, who was elected a year ago, died during the year and the vacancy had not been filled.

Comrade Rassieur moved that the name of Comrade Wm. F. Klanke of Post 107 be added to the list of present members to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Suppan, and that the five Comrades named, to-wit, A. Whipple, Max Fritz, Charles F. Bottum, S. D. Webster and Wm. F. Klanke, be elected members of the Department Council of Administration for the ensuing year by acclamation. The motion was unanimously adopted and the Comrades named were declared duly elected.

Comrade Coghlan moved that Posts numbered 19, 39, 141, 320, 355, 492, 544 and 572 be suspended for the reason stated by the Assistant Adjutant General in his report. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The committee on the address of the Department Commander by Comrade Webster made its report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.
COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORT OTHER THAN THE
COMMANDER'S.

Your Committee to which was referred the address of our Department Commander appreciate the serious manner in which he accepted and performed the onerous duties which inhere to this high and honorable office and the active efforts made by him to live up to its traditions. Handicapped during a part of his term by growing infirmities, he notwithstanding gave much time and unceasing effort for the good of our order and particularly to the arrangements which made for the comfort and success of this Encampment.

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His reference to Auxiliary organization—W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters and Sons of Union Veterans—show an appreciation of their loyalty and services, and properly recognizes the indebtedness which their consideration of our needs has placed upon our own organization.

The address has our commendation as embodying the ardent desire of our Department Commander to do all he possibly could for the continued good of our order and for the prosperity of the great State of which our Department is a part.

S. D. WEBSTER,

A. ZARTMAN,

PHIL F. COGHLAN,

Committee.

The report was approved and committee discharged.

The committee on the reports of officers other than Commander presented the following:

**COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORT OTHER THAN THE
COMMANDER'S.**

We submit the following report:

We have carefully read the reports of the following Officers, namely: Assistant Adjutant General Henry's report, Junior Vice-Commander report, the Medical Director's report, the report of the Judge Advocate, the report of the Department Chaplain and the report of the Patriotic Instructor.

We commend the careful, methodical and efficient way these officers have discharged their respective duties. The various reports deserve the approval of your committee and of this Encampment.

H. W. SANDUSKY,

J. L. CARNAHAN,

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The report was approved and committee discharged.

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REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Charles Koock, Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Sedalia May 12, 13, 14, 1926, a brief statement of the work accomplished the past year by your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri:

Number of Corps.....	35
Number of Members.....	2486
Cash expended for relief.....	\$1,324.00
Value expended for relief other than money.....	4,564.35
Cash expended for Memorial Day.....	74.66
No. of Soldiers' graves decorated.....	3641
Cash turned over to Posts.....	295.00
Cash expended for Patriotic work.....	747.72
Cash expended for Army nurses.....	883.00
Child welfare	4.00
St. James Home Christian Fund.....	197.00
Grand Army Fund.....	400.00

I thank you, Commander Koock; also Captain Henry, and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic for the kind courtesies extended to the Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps, and wish for you a successful and harmonious Encampment—and many more of them.

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The remarks of Mrs. Byram were very heartily applauded. Other members of the committee spoke cheering words to the delight of the Comrades. On motion of Comrade Rassieur, seconded by Comrade Coghlan and others, the unanimous thanks of the Encampment were given to the Woman's Relief Corps for their liberal and voluntary contribution to assist in paying the expenses of the department.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report, which was unanimously approved and the resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, are due and are hereby tendered to the City of Sedalia, its officers and citizens, for the hearty reception accorded us and our Auxiliary and allied societies, and for the very satisfactory arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of all. We especially thank the local committees for the cordial aid rendered our Department Commander Koock in his plans for the Encampment, the county officers for the use of the fine court room, the School Board for the high school auditorium for the campfire, the churches for meetings of the several societies, and not forgetting the splendid band of Boy Scouts who were ever on the alert to aid in every way possible. The Encampment in Sedalia in 1926 will ever remain with us a pleasant memory.

LEO RASSIEUR,

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Committee.

No further business appearing, Past Department Commander W. F. Henry, by special request, proceeded to install the Department officers-elect, Comrade Thos. H. Brown acting as Officer of the Day during the installation. The officers installed follow:

John W. Lanley—Department Commander.

John Ferguson—Senior Vice Department Commander.

H. W. Sandusky—Junior Vice Department Commander.

Dr. R. B. Tyler—Medical Director.

W. K. Collins—Department Chaplain.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—1926

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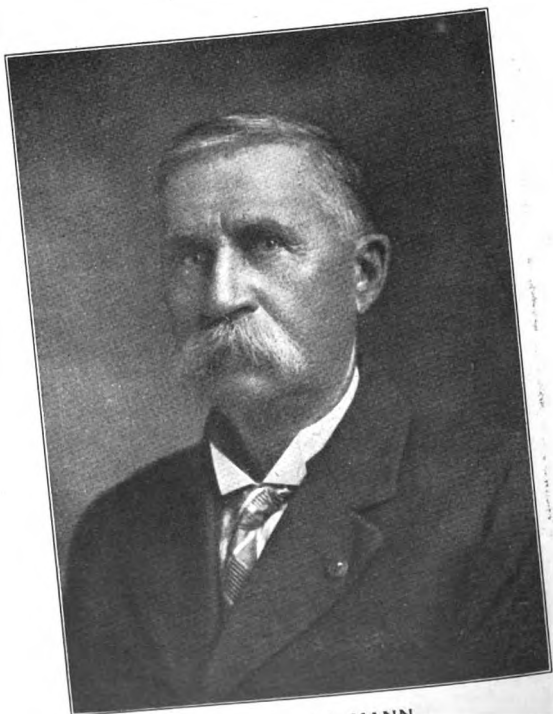
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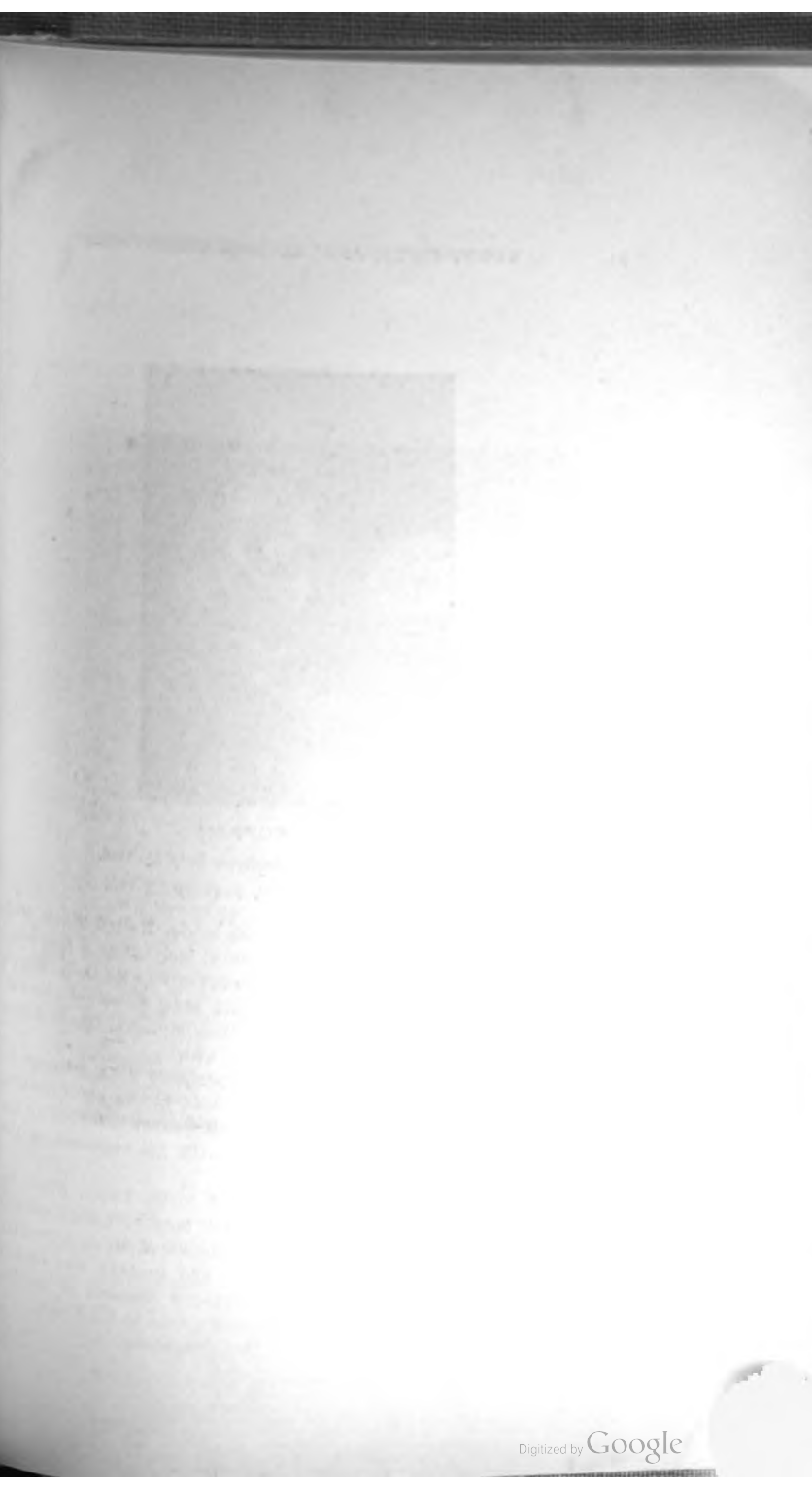


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At the close of the war he returned to St. Louis, where he remained and was recognized as one of her most respected citizens until his death. He was mustered into the G. A. R. as a member of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, in 1885, and in 1917 was elected Commander of that Post. He was elected a member of the Department C. of A. in 1919, which position he held to his death. He is survived by one son and two daughters.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

It was very gratifying, indeed, to Department Commander Koock that his fellow citizens of Sedalia, his home town, were so heartily enthusiastic in their welcome to the veterans of the war for the preservation of the Union—the Grand Army of the Republic—and to its allied societies.

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 13, a military and civic parade was formed at the court house and moved through the principal streets to the Smith-Cotton High School building. (Mrs. Hulda Austenfeld, a member of Col. Meumann Relief Corps, prepared a very excellent report of the parade and campfire, from which she has permitted some extracts to be taken for this report.) She said in her report:

Thursday, May 13, at 3 p. m., a mammoth parade was held through the business district to Smith-Cotton High School. Composing the parade were two sections from the Field Artillery, Boy Scouts, school children, the American Legion and the G. A. R. and its allied organizations.

The Rev. C. C. Fox was marshal of exercises and after marching through the business section, assembled at Smith-Cotton High School, where flagraising exercises were held.

A large regulation flag was presented to the High School by Mrs. Sevilla Zimmerman, Department Patriotic Instructor of the W. R. C., who prior to raising the flag made a short and interesting address.

As the flag was fastened to the halyards and started its journey up the staff, a salute of twenty-one guns was fired and the band broke into the Star-Spangled Banner. On completion of the national anthem, three cheers for the flag was called by E. N. Edmonds, Chief of Staff of the Missouri G. A. R., and were heartily given.

THE ANNUAL CAMPFIRE

The annual campfire was held in the spacious auditorium of the Smith-Cotton High School on Thursday evening, when the following program was rendered:

1. Invocation by Rev. W. K. Collins, Department Chaplain.
2. Address by Hon. Leo Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief.
3. Song by Sedalia High School Chorus.
4. Address by Mrs. Cora Byram, Department President, W. R. C., and representing the National President, W. R. C.

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- 9 Address by Mrs Savilla Zimmerman, Department Patriotic Instructor, W. R. C.
- 10 Music Two numbers by Missouri Pacific Band, followed by the High School Instrumental Band and Ladies Quartet
- 11 Exercises by Boy Scouts, drills, marching, etc., and repeating Pledge to the Flag
- 12 Address by S. D. Webster, President of the Board of Trustees of the St James Soldiers Home
- 13 All sing closing song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The addresses were of a high order and were cheered enthusiastically. About 1500 were in attendance and many were turned away for want of room. Department Commander Kooek appeared on the platform and, supported by his crutch and cane, delivered a short address. The audience were much moved by his remarks and physical condition. He was accorded their full measure of sympathy in his illness from which he was recovering.

Past Department Commander Calland, who is also Department Instructor and who arranged the program for the Campfire, is entitled to commendation and congratulations for arranging and presenting such a delightful and entertaining program.

The music by the Missouri Pacific Band was excellent, as was also the High School Instrumental Band and the singing by the Ladies' Quartet was a delight.

The audience was in a mood to be entertained and showed its appreciation by generous applause.

Comrade Rassieur in his address spoke eloquently and impressively of the importance of education and especially of the High School. He referred to the absence of Commander-in-Chief Inman. He assured the Comrades and all that the Commander-

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Chief was not neglecting any of his duties and in explanation of his absence the speaker read the following letter:

National Headquarters
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
Office of Commander-in-Chief, Capitol Bldg.
Springfield, Ill., April 30, 1926.

Comrade W. F. Henry, A. A. G.,
Department of Missouri, G. A. R.,
Room No. 307 Temple Bldg.,
19 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Comrade Henry:—

Your letter of the 13th to Adjutant-General Davidson reaches me on my return from Washington, D. C., where I spent nearly two weeks in the interests of our pension measures.

They are in a critical stage at this time, with a possible recess of Congress by May 15th, and I do not believe it would be best for me to leave my headquarters, as I am in close touch with Washington daily.

I have requested Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur to present my regrets and greetings at some time during your Encampment.

As you know, my superlative ambition is to get our bill through Congress and have it signed by the President, and I am subordinating other matters to carry out the pension features.

Very sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

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The Sedalia Democrat in its afternoon issue of Thursday, May 13, has this to say:

Banquets Were Given

A reception to State Commander Charles Kooch and his staff and to the Grand Army of the Republic, brought to a fitting close the first day of the meeting of the Civil War Veterans in this city. The reception was given by the Women's

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI,

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During the reception music was furnished by an orchestra under the direction of Miss Hazel Buente. The hall was draped with the red, white and blue in a pretty scheme.

Following the reception, a dance was given by the auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. Music was furnished by Metcalf's orchestra and the dancing continued until a late hour.

At six o'clock a banquet was given by the Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary at the Liberty Hotel at which about sixty persons attended. The honor guest at the banquet was Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Leo Rassicur of St. Louis, and Mrs. Adele Newman of St. Louis, Division President, was toastmistress.

Following the banquet, toasts were given by the various Past Division Commanders and Presidents.

A banquet was given at six o'clock last night at the Liberty by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, at which the Past Department Presidents were honor guests.

All who attended the exercises incidental to or connected with the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Sedalia May 12-14, 1926, will carry in memory most pleasing recollections of the time.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1925-1926

St. Louis, Mo., May 29, 1925.

General Orders No. 1
Series 1925-1926.

I. At the forty-fourth annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the following Department officers were duly elected and installed:

- Charles Koock, of Post 53, Department Commander.
- D. H. Baldrige, of Post 14, Senior Vice Dept. Commander.
- John W. Lanley, of Post 496, Junior Vice Dept. Commander.
- Dr. R. B. Tyler, of Post 14, Medical Director.

Department Commander Koock at once assumed command and announced the appointment of Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor.

They were duly installed. The Department Commander stated that other staff appointments would be announced in General Orders.

II. The following comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates in the 59th National Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., during the week of August 30-Sept. 5, next:

Representatives

- R. B. Tyler
- E. C. Baugher
- E. H. Rogers
- G. B. Cunningham
- S. E. Wetzell
- Max Fritz
- A. M. Reynolds
- A. J. Showers
- William Woods

Alternates

- H. W. Sandusky
- John Ferguson
- C. G. Manchester
- C. B. Kurtz
- Jacob Stephens
- E. N. Edmonds
- C. T. Massey
- A. Whipple
- B. F. Parks

Should any comrade who has been elected a Representative, find that he will be unable to attend the National Encampment, he should notify the Assistant General at once, so that an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy.

III. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that railroad fare for the round trip to the National Encampment will be one regular fare, with stop-over privilege on both going and returning. The reduced rate is only for a member of the G. A. R., the wife of a member of the G. A. R., a dependent member of the family of a member of the G. A. R., a widow of a deceased member of the G. A. R., a member or dependent member of family of member of the following auxiliary and allied organizations: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons

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Railroad ticket agents will require an identification certificate from each purchaser of ticket. The heads of the several organizations should make application to the Assistant Adjutant General for certificates to be issued to those entitled. Further information will be given in future orders.

IV. Blanks for report of the Post Chaplain are enclosed here with Post Commanders will see that they are in the hands of the Chaplain and are promptly filled and mailed direct to W. K. Collins, Department Chaplain, Lees Summit, Mo. Don't send them to Department Headquarters, for they then must be remailed, and that delays them.

V. Department Headquarters will remain at Room 307 Temple Building, 19 South Broadway, where comrades and friends will always be welcome and to which all business communications should be addressed.

VI. The appointment of P. H. Sullivan of Post 172 to be Department Chief Mustering Officer, D. L. Cook of 17 to be Department Inspector, and E. N. Edmonds of Post 8 to be Chief of Staff is hereby announced.

These comrades will be obeyed and respected in their respective offices.

VII. The Department Commander in Obs. his first General Order, wishes to express his grateful appreciation of the high honor conferred by his unanimous election to the office of Department Commander and he assures his comrades that their confidence shall be fully justified by his fidelity to duty and the trust reposed in him.

By order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 2
Series 1925-1926.

St. Louis, Mo. July 7, 1925.

I. As heretofore stated, the Fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the week of August 30-Sept. 5. The railroads have granted a reduced fare of one fare for the round trip. The tickets going will be good on August 25-Sept. 2, inclusive. No validation of tickets will be required and will be good to return over same route only on or before October 7. In order to obtain a ticket at the above reduced rate, the purchaser must have an identification certificate showing that the purchaser is one of the following:

Member of the G. A. R.

Wife of a member of the G. A. R.

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- Sons of Veterans.
- Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.
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W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General, will furnish these certificates to Post Commanders and heads of allied associations on request.

II. A special train will leave the Union Station, St. Louis, at 8:30 on the morning of August 30, and run through to Grand Rapids without change, arriving in Grand Rapids between 6 and 7 o'clock p. m. the same day. This train will be made up of first-class steel coaches running over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R. to Chicago, thence over the Pere Marquette R. R. to Grand Rapids. There will be a first-class dining car attached in which will be served lunches and dinners at reasonable rates. The Department Commander will go by this train and he hopes that all comrades who conveniently can do so, as well as all members of allied societies, will avail themselves of this train and enjoy a delightful daylight ride, especially from Chicago along the shore of Lake Michigan. See that your ticket is over the C. & E. I. R. R. to Chicago and over the Pere Marquette from Chicago to Grand Rapids.

III. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be established in Room 328, Hotel Pantlind, where all comrades and visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Accommodations

Those wishing hotel accommodations should write to Comrade Walter L. Funk, Hotel Pantlind. Those wishing accommodation at rooming houses or dwellings should apply to Henry L. Adsit, Adsit Printers Supply Company, Grand Rapids.

IV. Should any Comrade who has been elected a representative find that he cannot attend the Encampment, he should at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General so that the vacancy may be filled by an alternate.

V. Holders of round trip G. A. R. tickets will be granted stopovers at any station at which the train stops, on application to the train conductor.

VI. Post Commanders are reminded that the remainder of the dues payable in 1925 are now due. No formal report is necessary, the amount due is the same as was payable last January. No

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General Orders No. 3
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I. General Orders No. 5 National Headquarters, is hereby promulgated. It contains valuable information and should be carefully read and filed for future reference. Each Post Commander should see that the comrades of his post are fully informed of the contents of all orders.

II. Department Headquarters in St. Louis will be closed at 4 o'clock Saturday, August 29, and remain closed until on or about September 15. Temporary Headquarters will be established in Room 328, Pantlind Hotel, where comrades and visitors will be cordially welcomed. The Department Commander hopes that there will be a large attendance from Missouri. Let the red and gold ribbon of Missouri be largely in evidence.

III. All Missouri comrades who are members of the National Encampment will meet in Department Headquarters, Room 328, Hotel Pantlind, at 4 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, September 1, for the purpose of selecting a member of the committee on resolutions and a member of the National Council of Administration, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF
CORPS TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GRAND ARMY
OF THE REPUBLIC.**

Charles Koock, Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Sedalia May 12, 13, 14, 1926, a brief statement of the work accomplished the past year by your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri:

Number of Corps.....	35
Number of Members.....	2486
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Value expended for relief other than money.....	4,564.35
Cash expended for Memorial Day.....	74.66
No. of Soldiers' graves decorated.....	3641
Cash turned over to Posts.....	295.00
Cash expended for Patriotic work.....	747.72
Cash expended for Army nurses.....	883.00
Child welfare	4.00
St. James Home Christian Fund.....	197.00
Grand Army Fund.....	400.00

I thank you, Commander Koock; also Captain Henry, and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic for the kind courtesies extended to the Department of Missouri Woman's Relief Corps, and wish for you a successful and harmonious Encampment—and many more of them.

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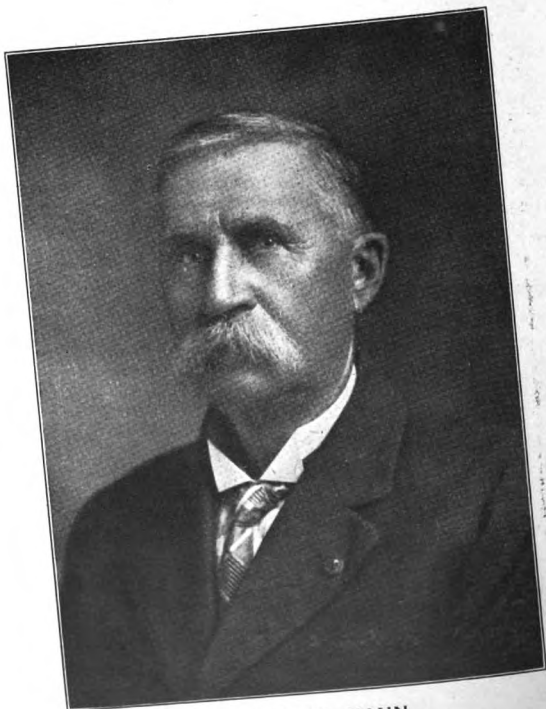
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At the age of eleven years he came to the United States with his parents, who settled at Ste. Genevieve, Mo. After a few years he went to St. Louis, where he found employment with O. W. Heyer, a druggist, with whom he remained until 1864, when, at the age of 18 years, he enlisted in Co. F, 40th Reg. Mo. Inf., in the Union Army, and served until the close of the war.

By reason of his education and experience as a druggist he was detailed as Hospital Steward and placed in charge of hospital stores and had complete charge of the dispensary attached to the Medical and Surgical Corps. He was with his regiment in the battles of Franklin and Nashville.

At the close of the war he returned to St. Louis, where he remained and was recognized as one of her most respected citizens until his death. He was mustered into the G. A. R. as a member of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, in 1885, and in 1917 was elected Commander of that Post. He was elected a member of the Department C. of A. in 1919, which position he held to his death. He is survived by one son and two daughters.

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It was very gratifying, indeed, to Department Commander Koock that his fellow citizens of Sedalia, his home town, were so heartily enthusiastic in their welcome to the veterans of the war for the preservation of the Union—the Grand Army of the Republic—and to its allied societies.

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 13, a military and civic parade was formed at the court house and moved through the principal streets to the Smith-Cotton High School building. (Mrs. Hulda Austenfeld, a member of Col. Meumann Relief Corps, prepared a very excellent report of the parade and campfire, from which she has permitted some extracts to be taken for this report.) She said in her report:

Thursday, May 13, at 3 p. m., a mammoth parade was held through the business district to Smith-Cotton High School. Composing the parade were two sections from the Field Artillery, Boy Scouts, school children, the American Legion and the G. A. R. and its allied organizations.

The Rev. C. C. Fox was marshal of exercises and after marching through the business section, assembled at Smith-Cotton High School, where flagraising exercises were held.

A large regulation flag was presented to the High School by Mrs. Sevilla Zimmerman, Department Patriotic Instructor of the W. R. C., who prior to raising the flag made a short and interesting address.

As the flag was fastened to the halyards and started its journey up the staff, a salute of twenty-one guns was fired and the band broke into the Star-Spangled Banner. On completion of the national anthem, three cheers for the flag was called by E. N. Edmonds, Chief of Staff of the Missouri G. A. R., and were heartily given.

THE ANNUAL CAMPFIRE

The annual campfire was held in the spacious auditorium of the Smith-Cotton High School on Thursday evening, when the following program was rendered:

1. Invocation by Rev. W. K. Collins, Department Chaplain.
2. Address by Hon. Leo Rassieur, Past Commander-in-Chief.
3. Song by Sedalia High School Chorus.
4. Address by Mrs. Cora Byram, Department President, W. R. C., and representing the National President, W. R. C.

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7. Address by Mrs. Estelle M. H. Underhill of Binghamton, N. Y., National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans.
8. Address by Adelle Newman, President of the Auxillary to Sons of Union Veterans, and vocal selections by singers from the Sedalia High School.
9. Address by Mrs. Savilla Zimmerman, Department Patriotic Instructor, W. R. C.
10. Music Two numbers by Missouri Pacific Band, followed by the High School Instrumental Band and Ladies Quartet.
11. Exercises by Boy Scouts, drills, marching, etc., and repeating Pledge to the Flag.
12. Address by S. D. Webster, President of the Board of Trustees of the St. James Soldiers' Home.
13. All sing closing song—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The addresses were of a high order and were cheered enthusiastically. About 1500 were in attendance and many were turned away for want of room. Department Commander Kooch appeared on the platform and, supported by his crutch and cane, delivered a short address. The audience were much moved by his remarks and physical condition. He was accorded their full measure of sympathy in his illness from which he was recovering.

Past Department Commander Calland, who is also Department Instructor and who arranged the program for the Campfire, is entitled to commendation and congratulations for arranging and presenting such a delightful and entertaining program.

The music by the Missouri Pacific Band was excellent, as was also the High School Instrumental Band and the singing by the Ladies' Quartet was a delight.

The audience was in a mood to be entertained and showed its appreciation by generous applause.

Comrade Rassiour in his address spoke eloquently and impressively of the importance of education and especially of the High School. He referred to the absence of Commander-in-Chief Inman. He assured the Comrades and all that the Commander-

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in-Chief was not neglecting any of his duties and in explanation of his absence the speaker read the following letter:

National Headquarters
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
 Office of Commander-in-Chief, Capitol Bldg.
 Springfield, Ill., April 30, 1926.

Comrade W. F. Henry, A. A. G.,
 Department of Missouri, G. A. R.,
 Room No. 307 Temple Bldg.,
 19 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Comrade Henry:—

Your letter of the 13th to Adjutant-General Davidson reaches me on my return from Washington, D. C., where I spent nearly two weeks in the interests of our pension measures.

They are in a critical stage at this time, with a possible recess of Congress by May 15th, and I do not believe it would be best for me to leave my headquarters, as I am in close touch with Washington daily.

I have requested Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur to present my regrets and greetings at some time during your Encampment.

As you know, my superlative ambition is to get our bill through Congress and have it signed by the President, and I am subordinating other matters to carry out the pension features.

Very sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander-in-Chief.

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The Sedalia Democrat in its afternoon issue of Thursday, May 13, has this to say:

Banquets Were Given

A reception to State Commander Charles Kooch and his staff and to the Grand Army of the Republic, brought to a fitting close the first day of the meeting of the Civil War Veterans in this city. The reception was given by the Women's

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Relief Corps, the auxiliary to the G. A. R., and was in the banquet room of the Hotel Terry.

The allied organizations meeting in Sedalia were invited and a number estimated at five hundred, passed the receiving line, which was made up of members of the W. R. C.

During the reception music was furnished by an orchestra under the direction of Miss Hazel Buente. The hall was draped with the red, white and blue in a pretty scheme.

Following the reception, a dance was given by the auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. Music was furnished by Metcalf's orchestra and the dancing continued until a late hour.

At six o'clock a banquet was given by the Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary at the Liberty Hotel at which about sixty persons attended. The honor guest at the banquet was Past Comamnder-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Leo Rassieur of St. Louis, and Mrs. Adele Newman of St. Louis, Division President, was toastmistress.

Following the banquet, toasts were given by the various Past Division Commanders and Presidents.

A banquet was given at six o'clock last night at the Liberty by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, at which the Past Department Presidents were honor guests.

All who attended the exercises incidental to or connected with the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Sedalia May 12-14, 1926, will carry in memory most pleasing recollections of the time.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1925-1926

General Orders No. 1
Series 1925-1926.

St. Louis, Mo., May 29, 1925.

I. At the forty-fourth annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the following Department officers were duly elected and installed:

Charles Koock, of Post 53, Department Commander.
D. H. Baldrige, of Post 14, Senior Vice Dept. Commander.
John W. Lanley, of Post 496, Junior Vice Dept. Commander.
Dr. R. B. Tyler, of Post 14, Medical Director.

Department Commander Koock at once assumed command and announced the appointment of Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor.

They were duly installed. The Department Commander stated that other staff appointments would be announced in General Orders.

II. The following comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates in the 59th National Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., during the week of August 30-Sept. 5, next:

Representatives

R. B. Tyler
E. C. Baugher
E. H. Rogers
G. B. Cunningham
S. E. Wetzel
Max Fritz
A. M. Reynolds
A. J. Showers
William Woods

Alternates

H. W. Sandusky
John Ferguson
C. G. Manchester
C. B. Kurtz
Jacob Stephens
E. N. Edmonds
C. T. Massey
A. Whipple
B. F. Parks

Should any comrade who has been elected a Representative, find that he will be unable to attend the National Encampment, he should notify the Assistant General at once, so that an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy.

III. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that railroad fare for the round trip to the National Encampment will be one regular fare, with stop-over privilege on both going and returning. The reduced rate is only for a member of the G. A. R., the wife of a member of the G. A. R., a dependent member of the family of a member of the G. A. R., a widow of a deceased member of the G. A. R., a member or dependent member of family of member of the following auxiliary and allied organizations: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons

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Railroad ticket agents will require an identification certificate from each purchaser of ticket. The heads of the several organizations should make application to the Assistant Adjutant General for certificates to be issued to those entitled. Further information will be given in future orders.

IV. Blanks for report of the Post Chaplain are enclosed herewith. Post Commanders will see that they are in the hands of the Chaplain and are promptly filled and mailed direct to W. K. Collins, Department Chaplain, Lees Summit, Mo. Don't send them to Department Headquarters, for they then must be remailed, and that delays them.

V. Department Headquarters will remain at Room 307, Temple Building, 19 South Broadway, where comrades and friends will always be welcome and to which all business communications should be addressed.

VI. The appointment of P. H. Sullivan of Post 172, to be Department Chief Mustering Officer; D. L. Cook of 57, to be Department Inspector, and E. N. Edmonds of Post 8, to be Chief of Staff, is hereby announced.

These comrades will be obeyed and respected in their respective offices.

VII. The Department Commander in this, his first General Order, wishes to express his grateful appreciation of the high honor conferred by his unanimous election to the office of Department Commander and he assures his comrades that their confidence shall be fully justified by his fidelity to duty and the trust reposed in him.

By order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 2
Series 1925-1926.

St. Louis, Mo., July 7, 1925.

I. As heretofore stated, the Fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the week of August 30-Sept. 5. The railroads have granted a reduced fare of one fare for the round trip. The tickets going will be good on August 25-Sept. 2, inclusive. No validation of tickets will be required and will be good to return over same route only on or before October 7. In order to obtain a ticket at the above reduced rate, the purchaser must have an identification certificate showing that the purchaser is one of the following:

Member of the G. A. R.

Wife of a member of the G. A. R.

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Dependent member of the family of a member of the G. A. R.
 Widow of a deceased member of the G. A. R.
 Member or dependent member of family of member of the
 following auxiliary and allied organizations:

- Woman's Relief Corps.
- Ladies of the G. A. R.
- Daughters of Veterans.
- Sons of Veterans.
- Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.
 W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General, will furnish these
 certificates to Post Commanders and heads of allied associations
 on request.

II. A special train will leave the Union Station, St. Louis, at
 8:30 on the morning of August 30, and run through to Grand
 Rapids without change, arriving in Grand Rapids between 6 and 7
 o'clock p. m. the same day. This train will be made up of first-
 class steel coaches running over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois
 R. R. to Chicago, thence over the Pere Marquette R. R. to Grand
 Rapids. There will be a first-class dining car attached in which
 will be served lunches and dinners at reasonable rates. The De-
 partment Commander will go by this train and he hopes that all
 comrades who conveniently can do so, as well as all members of
 allied societies, will avail themselves of this train and enjoy a
 delightful daylight ride, especially from Chicago along the shore
 of Lake Michigan. See that your ticket is over the C. & E. I.
 R. R. to Chicago and over the Pere Marquette from Chicago to
 Grand Rapids.

III. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be
 established in Room 328, Hotel Pantlind, where all comrades and
 visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Accommodations

Those wishing hotel accommodations should write to Comrade
 Walter L. Funk, Hotel Pantlind. Those wishing accommodation at
 rooming houses or dwellings should apply to Henry L. Adsit, Adsit
 Printers Supply Company, Grand Rapids.

IV. Should any Comrade who has been elected a representa-
 tive find that he cannot attend the Encampment, he should at once
 notify the Assistant Adjutant General so that the vacancy may be
 filled by an alternate.

V. Holders of round trip G. A. R. tickets will be granted stop-
 overs at any station at which the train stops, on application to the
 train conductor.

VI. Post Commanders are reminded that the remainder of the
 dues payable in 1925 are now due. No formal report is necessary,
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By order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.

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General Orders No 3
Series 1925-1926.

St. Louis, Mo., July 22, 1925.

I. General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, is herewith promulgated. It contains valuable information and should be carefully read and filed for future reference. Each Post Commander should see that the comrades of his post are fully informed of the contents of all orders.

II. Department Headquarters in St. Louis will be closed at 4 o'clock Saturday, August 29, and remain closed until on or about September 15. Temporary Headquarters will be established in Room 328, Pantlind Hotel, where comrades and visitors will be cordially welcomed. The Department Commander hopes that there will be a large attendance from Missouri. Let the red and gold ribbon of Missouri be largely in evidence.

III. All Missouri comrades who are members of the National Encampment will meet in Department Headquarters, Room 328, Hotel Pantlind, at 4 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, September 1, for the purpose of selecting a member of the committee on resolutions and a member of the National Council of Administration, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

IV. The Assistant Adjutant General, upon request, will furnish Identification Certificates to all who are entitled to the reduced fare of one fare for the round trip to the National Encampment.

V. Attention is again called to the special train which will leave the Union Station, St. Louis, at 8:30 o'clock on the morning of August 30, and run through to Grand Rapids without change, arriving in Grand Rapids between 6 and 7 o'clock p. m. the same day. This train will be made up of first-class steel coaches running over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R. to Chicago, thence over the Pere Marquette R. R. to Grand Rapids. There will be a first-class dining car attached in which will be served lunches and dinners at reasonable rates.

The Department Commander will go by this train and he hopes all comrades who conveniently can do so, as well as all members of allied societies, will avail themselves of this train and enjoy a delightful daylight ride, especially from Chicago along the shore of Lake Michigan. See that your ticket is over the C. & E. I. R. R. to Chicago and over the Pere Marquette from Chicago to Grand Rapids.

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The Department Commander will, en route, see that every Missourian on that train is given a red and gold Missouri ribbon to be worn on the train and in Grand Rapids.

VI. If any comrade who has been elected a representative finds that he cannot attend the Encampment, he should at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General so that the vacancy may be filled by an alternate. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.**

By order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 10, 1925.

General Orders No. 4
Series 1925-1926.

I. The Fifty-ninth National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the first week in September, will be remembered by all who were so fortunate as to attend, as a most enjoyable event. The people of Grand Rapids surely made good their promises. The street cars and automobiles were at the command of the comrades and were very generally occupied by tired veterans and their wives. The Boy Scouts deserve much credit for the work they did. They were ready at any time to assist the comrades. The parade was a success and the day beautiful.

Fifty-five comrades of this Department marched in the parade. The Department Commander, although far from being well, was able to join the Junior Vice-Commander at the head of the Missouri Division when it marched past the reviewing stand.

II. The Department Commander regrets that his health was such while in attendance at the Encampment that he was compelled to remain much of the time in his room, yet he was able to attend all the meetings of the Encampment and to take part in its deliberations. He desires to commend the Assistant Quartermaster General for securing for the use of the Department such desirable and convenient rooms in the National Headquarters hotel. There were 107 registrations at Department Headquarters.

III. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, is herewith promulgated. It contains much valuable information and should be carefully read and filed for future reference.

IV. Blanks for the annual reports are mailed herewith to each Post. They should be made out and forwarded with the per capita immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December. Post Commanders should see that it is done. Post Commanders will see that these blanks are in the hands of the Adjutant and Quartermaster in apt time and are not laid aside and forgotten.

The annual per capita tax is 40c on each member in good standing at the close of the year: one-half may be paid in January and one-half in July, or it may all be paid in January.

V. The Department has his grateful appreciation for the courtesies shown by the hospital in St. Louis, who in restoring his sight, who in the care of surgeons and in a hospital—for the part he is pleased to say that he is hoping. He hopes soon to receive many letters that he has received because of his impaired

VI. A few Posts in the last half of 1925. The number of members in the Department is a blue X on the front of the Department Commanders' warrants. Assistance is made.

VII. The Assistant Adjutant General of the Department in 1925, which he has a card or letter.

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V. The Department Commander takes this occasion to express his grateful appreciation of the many kindnesses and sympathetic courtesies shown him by comrades and friends while in a hospital in St. Louis, where he was operated on for the purpose of restoring his sight, which was nearly gone. He has been under the care of surgeons and oculists in St. Louis much of the time in a hospital for the past two months, and has just arrived home. He is pleased to say that his sight is much improved and is improving. He hopes soon to be able to give his personal attention to many letters that he has been obliged to leave unanswered because of his impaired vision.

VI. A few Posts have not remitted the per capita dues for the last half of 1925. The amount due and unpaid is 20c each on the number of members in good standing December 31, 1924. If there is a blue X opposite this paragraph your Post is delinquent. Post Commanders will give attention to this and see that prompt remittance is made.

VII. The Assistant Adjutant General has copies of the Journals of the Department Encampments, held in 1922, 1923, 1924 and in 1925, which he will send on request. If you want a copy drop him a card or letter.

By order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.

W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 5
Series 1925-1926.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8, 1926.

I. The Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in the City of Sedalia, May 12, 13 and 14, 1926. Department Headquarters will be established in Hotel Terry, on the afternoon of May 12. The business session of the Encampment will be opened promptly at nine o'clock Thursday morning and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment until its business is completed.

II. Information as to railroad rates, hotel rates and other matters of interest will be given in future Orders.

III. National General Orders No. 3 is herewith promulgated. It contains all information concerning the Sixtieth National Encampment that is now available.

IV. It is with sorrow that the death of Comrade Benjamin A. Supan is announced. He was Past Commander of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, and at the time of his death and for many years prior

thereto a valued member of the Department Council of Administration.

Information has just reached these Headquarters that Past Department Commander Samuel M. Mann died at his home in St. Joseph, Thursday evening, February 4. He was a good man and a comrade tried and true. Comrade A. M. Reynolds, Past Department Chaplain, is hereby appointed to prepare and present to the Department Encampment a testimonial to the memory of Comrade Mann.

V. Several Posts have not made report for the year 1925. Post officers know whether reports have been made and should give attention to the matter. It is important that reports are not delayed.

By order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6
Series 1925-1926.

St. Louis, Mo., March 19, 1926

I. As heretofore announced, the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in the Court House, in the City of Sedalia, at nine o'clock a. m., May 13, 1926, and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment shall be completed. Department Headquarters will be opened at Hotel Terry, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 12. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Department Headquarters at 7:30 o'clock p. m. of Wednesday, May 12, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

II. The Assistant Adjutant General has on hand copies of the Journal of Department Encampments held in 1922 and 1923. He will be pleased to mail them on request to those wishing them. A postal card will do.

III. The Railroad Passenger Associations covering the State of Missouri have granted a rate of a fare and one-ninth of the current fares for the round trip on identification certificate for the G. A. R. Veterans and their wives and for widows of deceased members of the G. A. R. only.

Those entitled to the rate of one and one-ninth of the regular one-way fare for the round trip, must present to the ticket agent Identification Certificates; these may be obtained from W. F. Henry, A. A. G., on application. State definitely the number wanted.

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For members of the auxiliary organizations and dependent members of the families of Veterans other than their wives, and the dependent members of the families of members of auxiliary societies, the fare will be one and one-half the current fares on the certificate plan. They must pay full one way fare and get from the selling ticket agent a certificate. These certificates must be validated by the Assistant Adjutant General and the M. K. & T. Ticket Agent at Sedalia, they will then be good for a one-half fare ticket to return. In order to obtain the one-half fare rate to return, at least 100 certificates must be presented for validation.

The round trip tickets to the members of the G. A. R., their wives and widows will not require validation. Dates of sale and limitation of return will be: Going, May 8-14, inclusive; return limit, midnight, May 18.

IV. The following named comrades are hereby appointed a Committee on Credentials.

J. A. Stewart of Post 4, Sidney L. Daily of Post 8, and J. S. Carpenter of Post 190. They will meet in the lobby of the Hotel Terry early in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 13.

V. Comrade Thomas H. Brown of Post 4 is appointed Officer of the Day, and Comrade E. C. Baugher of Post 190 is appointed Officer of the Guard for the Encampment. They will be respected and obeyed as such. They will report for duty, in uniform, at 8:45 Thursday morning, Circuit Court Room. The Officer of the Guard will detail from comrades present such assistance as he may require.

VI. Post Commanders, Past Post Commanders, Vice Post Commanders and Elected Representatives will report to the Credentials Committee as soon as practicable after arrival and obtain the Encampment countersign and badge.

VII. The local Committee of Arrangements has arranged for our comfort and entertainment a program of rare merit, and it is hoped there will be a large gathering of Comrades and allied societies.

Hotel rates are announced as follows, for rooms only:

Hotel Terry, \$2.50-\$3.50.

Hotel Liberty, \$1.00 and up.

Hotel La Moore, \$1.00 and up.

Hotel Royal, \$1.00; two in room, \$1.50.

Hotel Hilderbrand, \$1.00 each.

For reservations, address hotels.

For rooms in private homes, address Paul Ingram, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce.

VIII. The Annual Campfire will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock, at which the Commander-in-Chief will deliver the principal address. It is understood that the local committee is arranging a

program for the Campfire that will make us realize that life is worth living.

IX. The death of our beloved Comrade, Charles G. Burton, of Post 26, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief, who died in Kansas City, February 25, cast a gloom of sadness over the hearts of every comrade of this Department. He was laid to rest in the city of the dead at Nevada, Mo., February 27. The Department Commander took part in the final ceremonies. Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, and Past Department Commander, W. C. Calland are hereby appointed to prepare a testimonial and present it to the Department Encampment.

MEMORIAL DAY

X. Eight and fifty years ago the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John A. Logan, designated the 30th day of May, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion," and he expressed "the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

The Department Commander does not deem it necessary to urge comrades to observe the day. The day is one for memories and its observance a sacred privilege. Let every soldier's grave be honored by flag and flower.

By order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

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GENERAL ORDERS, 1925-1926

St. Louis, Mo., May 29, 1925.

General Orders No. 1
Series 1925-1926.

I. At the forty-fourth annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the following Department officers were duly elected and installed:

Charles Koock, of Post 53, Department Commander.

D. H. Baldrige, of Post 14, Senior Vice Dept. Commander.

John W. Lanley, of Post 496, Junior Vice Dept. Commander.

Dr. R. B. Tyler, of Post 14, Medical Director.

Department Commander Koock at once assumed command and announced the appointment of Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and W. C. Calland, Department Patriotic Instructor.

They were duly installed. The Department Commander stated that other staff appointments would be announced in General Orders.

II. The following comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates in the 59th National Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., during the week of August 30-Sept. 5, next:

Representatives

R. B. Tyler
E. C. Baugher
E. H. Rogers
G. B. Cunningham
S. E. Wetzel
Max Fritz
A. M. Reynolds
A. J. Showers
William Woods

Alternates

H. W. Sandusky
John Ferguson
C. G. Manchester
C. B. Kurtz
Jacob Stephens
E. N. Edmonds
C. T. Massey
A. Whipple
B. F. Parks

Should any comrade who has been elected a Representative, find that he will be unable to attend the National Encampment, he should notify the Assistant General at once, so that an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy.

III. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that railroad fare for the round trip to the National Encampment will be one regular fare, with stop-over privilege on both going and returning. The reduced rate is only for a member of the G. A. R., the wife of a member of the G. A. R., a dependent member of the family of a member of the G. A. R., a widow of a deceased member of the G. A. R., a member or dependent member of family of member of the following auxiliary and allied organizations: Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of the G. A. R.,

terans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Association of Army of the Civil War.

ilroad ticket agents will require an identification certificate each purchaser of ticket. The heads of the several organizations should make application to the Assistant Adjutant General for tickets to be issued to those entitled. Further information given in future orders.

Blanks for report of the Post Chaplain are enclosed here. Post Commanders will see that they are in the hands of the men and are promptly filled and mailed direct to W. K. Collins, Department Chaplain, Lees Summit, Mo. Don't send them to Department Headquarters, for they then must be remailed, and that to them.

Department Headquarters will remain at Room 307, Temple No. 19 South Broadway, where comrades and friends will be welcome and to which all business communications should be addressed.

The appointment of P. H. Sullivan of Post 172, to be Department Chief Mustering Officer; D. L. Cook of 57, to be Department Inspector, and E. N. Edmonds of Post 8, to be Chief of Staff, is hereby announced.

Our comrades will be obeyed and respected in their respects.

The Department Commander in this, his first General Order expresses to express his grateful appreciation of the high honor conferred by his unanimous election to the office of Department Commander and he assures his comrades that their confidence shall be justified by his fidelity to duty and the trust reposed in him.

Order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.

W. H. NRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

Orders No. 2
1925-1926.

St. Louis, Mo., July 7, 1925.

Heretofore stated, the Fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in the City of Detroit, Michigan, in the week of August 30-Sept. 5. The Department has granted a reduced fare of one fare for the round trip tickets going will be good on August 25-Sept. 2, inclusive. A return ticket will be required and will be good to return on the route only on or before October 7. In order to obtain a reduced fare above reduced rate, the purchaser must have an identification certificate showing that the purchaser is one of the following:

1. A member of the G. A. R.

2. A member of the G. A. R.

Dependent member of the family of a member of the G. A. R.
 Widow of a deceased member of the G. A. R.
 Member or dependent member of family of member of the
 following auxiliary and allied organizations:

Woman's Relief Corps.
 Ladies of the G. A. R.
 Daughters of Veterans.
 Sons of Veterans.
 Sons of Veterans Auxillary.

Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.
 W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General, will furnish these
 certificates to Post Comamnders and heads of allied associations
 on request.

II. A special train will leave the Union Station, St. Louis, at
 8:30 on the morning of August 30, and run through to Grand
 Rapids without change, arriving in Grand Rapids between 6 and 7
 o'clock p. m. the same day. This train will be made up of first-
 class steel coaches running over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois
 R. R. to Chicago, thence over the Pere Marquette R. R. to Grand
 Rapids. There will be a first-class dining car attached in which
 will be served lunches and dinners at reasonable rates. The De-
 partment Commander will go by this train and he hopes that all
 comrades who conveniently can do so, as well as all members of
 allied societies, will avail themselves of this train and enjoy a
 delightful daylight ride, especially from Chicago along the shore
 of Lake Michigan. See that your ticket is over the C. & E. I.
 R. R. to Chicago and over the Pere Marquette from Chicago to
 Grand Rapids.

III. The Headquarters of the Department of Missouri will be
 established in Room 328, Hotel Pantlind, where all comrades and
 visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Accommodations

Those wishing hotel accommodations should write to Comrade
 Walter L. Funk, Hotel Pantlind. Those wishing accommodation at
 rooming houses or dwellings should apply to Henry L. Adsit, Adsit
 Printers Supply Company, Grand Rapids.

IV. Should any Comrade who has been elected a representa-
 tive find that he cannot attend the Encampment, he should at once
 notify the Assistant Adjutant General so that the vacancy may be
 filled by an alternate.

V. Holders of round trip G. A. R. tickets will be granted stop-
 overs at any station at which the train stops, on application to the
 train conductor.

VI. Post Commanders are reminded that the remainder of the
 dues payable in 1925 are now due. No formal report is necessary
 the amount due is the same as was payable last January.

in membership that has occurred since January 1, 1925, be considered in making remittance.

Order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.

HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

Orders No. 3
1925-1926.

St. Louis, Mo., July 22, 1925.

General Orders No. 5, National Headquarters, is herewith issued. It contains valuable information and should be carefully read and filed for future reference. Each Post Commander should see that the comrades of his post are fully informed of the contents of all orders.

Department Headquarters in St. Louis will be closed at 4 o'clock Saturday, August 29, and remain closed until on or about August 31. Temporary Headquarters will be established in the Pantlind Hotel, where comrades and visitors will be welcomed. The Department Commander hopes that there will be a large attendance from Missouri. Let the red and gold of Missouri be largely in evidence.

All Missouri comrades who are members of the National Encampment will meet in Department Headquarters, Room 328, Pantlind Hotel, at 4 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, September 1, for the purpose of selecting a member of the committee on resolutions for the next year of the National Council of Administration, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Assistant Adjutant General, upon request, will furnish Encampment Certificates to all who are entitled to the refund of one fare for the round trip to the National Encampment.

Attention is again called to the special train which will leave Union Station, St. Louis, at 8:30 o'clock on the morning of August 30, and run through to Grand Rapids without change. Between Grand Rapids between 6 and 7 o'clock p. m. the same train will be made up of first-class steel coaches running over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R. to Chicago, thence over the Pere Marquette R. R. to Grand Rapids. There will be a first-class Pullman car attached in which will be served lunches and dinners at reasonable rates.

The Department Commander will go by this train and he hopes that all comrades who conveniently can do so, as well as all members of the Department, will avail themselves of this train and enjoy a most delightful ride, especially from Chicago along the shore of Lake Michigan. See that your ticket is over the C. & E. I. R. R. from St. Louis and over the Pere Marquette from Chicago to Grand Rapids.

The Department Commander will, en route, see that every Missourian on that train is given a red and gold Missouri ribbon to be worn on the train and in Grand Rapids.

VI. If any comrade who has been elected a representative finds that he cannot attend the Encampment, he should at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General so that the vacancy may be filled by an alternate. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.**

By order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 10, 1925.

General Orders No. 4
Series 1925-1926.

I. The Fifty-ninth National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the first week in September, will be remembered by all who were so fortunate as to attend, as a most enjoyable event. The people of Grand Rapids surely made good their promises. The street cars and automobiles were at the command of the comrades free of charge. Seats and benches were placed on the sidewalks and were very generally occupied by tired veterans and their wives. The Boy Scouts deserve much credit for the work they did. They were ready at any time to assist the comrades. The parade was a success and the day beautiful.

Fifty-five comrades of this Department marched in the parade. The Department Commander, although far from being well, was able to join the Junior Vice-Commander at the head of the Missouri Division when it marched past the reviewing stand.

II. The Department Commander regrets that his health was such while in attendance at the Encampment that he was compelled to remain much of the time in his room, yet he was able to attend all the meetings of the Encampment and to take part in its deliberations. He desires to commend the Assistant Quartermaster General for securing for the use of the Department such desirable and convenient rooms in the National Headquarters hotel. There were 107 registrations at Department Headquarters.

III. General Orders No. 2, National Headquarters, is herewith promulgated. It contains much valuable information and should be carefully read and filed for future reference.

IV. Blanks for the annual reports are mailed herewith to each Post. They should be made out and forwarded with the per capita immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December. Post Commanders should see that it is done. Post Commanders will see that these blanks are in the hands of the Adjutant and Quartermaster in apt time and are not laid aside and forgotten.

The annual per capita tax is 40c on each member in good standing at the close of the year: one-half may be paid in January and one-half in July, or it may all be paid in January.

The Department Commander takes this occasion to express his grateful appreciation of the many kindnesses and sym- courtesies shown him by comrades and friends while in a in St. Louis, where he was operated on for the purpose ring his sight, which was nearly gone. He has been under of surgeons and oculists in St. Louis—much of the time pital—for the past two months, and has just arrived home. leased to say that his sight is much improved and is im- He hopes soon to be able to give his personal attention letters that he has been obliged to leave unanswered be- his impaired vision.

A few Posts have not remitted the per capita dues for half of 1925. The amount due and unpaid is 20c each on ber of members in good standing December 31, 1924. If a blue X opposite this paragraph your Post is delinquent. manders will give attention to this and see that prompt e is made.

The Assistant Adjutant General has copies of the Jour- ie Department Encampments, held in 1922, 1923, 1924 and which he will send on request. If you want a copy drop rd or letter.

nder of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.

NRV, Assistant Adjutant General.

ders No. 5
1925-1926.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8, 1926.

Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of rand Army of the Republic, will convene in the City of y 12, 13 and 14, 1926. Department Headquarters will ed in Hotel Terry, on the afternoon of May 12. The ssion of the Encampment will be opened promptly at t Thursday morning and remain in session, subject to the Encampment until its business is completed.

ormation as to railroad rates, hotel rates and other interest will be given in future Orders.

tional General Orders No. 3 is herewith promulgated. all information concerning the Sixtieth National En- at is now available.

s with sorrow that the death of Comrade Benjamin A. ounced. He was Past Commander of Frank P. Blair and at the time of his death and for many years prior

thereto a valued member of the Department Council of Administration.

Information has just reached these Headquarters that Past Department Commander Samuel M. Mann died at his home in St. Joseph, Thursday evening, February 4. He was a good man and a comrade tried and true. Comrade A. M. Reynolds, Past Department Chaplain, is hereby appointed to prepare and present to the Department Encampment a testimonial to the memory of Comrade Mann.

V. Several Posts have not made report for the year 1925. Post officers know whether reports have been made and should give attention to the matter. It is important that reports are not delayed.

By order of CHARLES KOOCK, Department Commander.
W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

St. Louis, Mo., March 19, 1926.
General Orders No. 6
Series 1925-1926.

I. As heretofore announced, the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic will convene in the Court House, in the City of Sedalia, at nine o'clock a. m., May 13, 1926, and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment shall be completed. Department Headquarters will be opened at Hotel Terry, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 12. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Department Headquarters at 7:30 o'clock p. m. of Wednesday, May 12, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

II. The Assistant Adjutant General has on hand copies of the Journal of Department Encampments held in 1922 and 1923. A postal card will do. will be pleased to mail them on request to those wishing the same.

III. The Railroad Passenger Associations covering the State of Missouri have granted a rate of a fare and one-ninth of current fares for the round trip on identification certificates for the G. A. R. Veterans and their wives and for widows of deceased members of the G. A. R. only.

Those entitled to the rate of one and one-ninth of the regular one-way fare for the round trip, must present to the ticket agent Identification Certificates; these may be obtained from W. F. H. A. A. G., on application. State definitely the number of tickets desired.

For members of the auxiliary organizations and dependent members of the families of Veterans other than their wives, and the dependent members of the families of members of auxiliary societies the fare will be one and one-half the current fares on the rate plan. They must pay full one-way fare and get from the ticket agent a certificate. These certificates must be validated by the Assistant Adjutant General and the M. K. & T. Ticket Agent at Sedalia; they will then be good for a one-half fare ticket return. In order to obtain the one-half fare rate to return, at least 100 certificates must be presented for validation. The round trip tickets to the members of the G. A. R., their wives and widows will not require validation. Dates of sale and return will be: Going, May 8-14, inclusive; return, midnight, May 18.

The following named comrades are hereby appointed a committee on Credentials:

A. Stewart of Post 4, Sidney L. Daily of Post 8, and J. S. Oster of Post 190. They will meet in the lobby of the Hotel Sedalia early in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 13.

Comrade Thomas H. Brown of Post 4 is appointed Officer of the Guard, and Comrade E. C. Baugher of Post 190 is appointed Officer of the Encampment. They will be respected as such. They will report for duty, in uniform, at 8:45 a. m. morning, Circuit Court Room. The Officer of the Guard will from comrades present such assistance as he may require.

Post Commanders, Past Post Commanders, Vice Post Commanders and Elected Representatives will report to the Credentials Committee as soon as practicable after arrival and obtain encampment countersign and badge.

The local Committee of Arrangements has arranged for comfort and entertainment a program of rare merit, and it is here will be a large gathering of Comrades and allied organizations.

Hotel rates are announced as follows, for rooms only:

Hotel Terry, \$2.50-\$3.50.

Hotel Liberty, \$1.00 and up.

Hotel La Moore, \$1.00 and up.

Hotel Royal, \$1.00; two in room, \$1.50.

Hotel Hilderbrand, \$1.00 each.

Reservations, address hotels.

Rooms in private homes, address Paul Ingram, Secretary of Commerce.

The Annual Campfire will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock, at which the Commander-in-Chief will deliver the principal address. It is understood that the local committee is arranging a

program for the Campfire that will make us realize that life is worth living.

IX. The death of our beloved Comrade, Charles G. Burton, of Post 26, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief, who died in Kansas City, February 25, cast a gloom of sadness over the hearts of every comrade of this Department. He was laid to rest in the city of the dead at Nevada, Mo., February 27. The Department Commander took part in the final ceremonies. Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, and Past Department Commander, W. C. Calland are hereby appointed to prepare a testimonial and present it to the Department Encampment.

MEMORIAL DAY

X. Eight and fifty years ago the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John A. Logan, designated the 30th day of May, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion," and he expressed "the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

The Department Commander does not deem it necessary to urge comrades to observe the day. The day is one for memories and its observance a sacred privilege. Let every soldier's grave be honored by flag and flower.

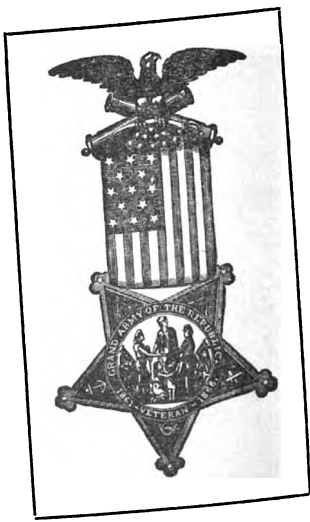
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W. F. HENRY, Assistant Adjutant General.

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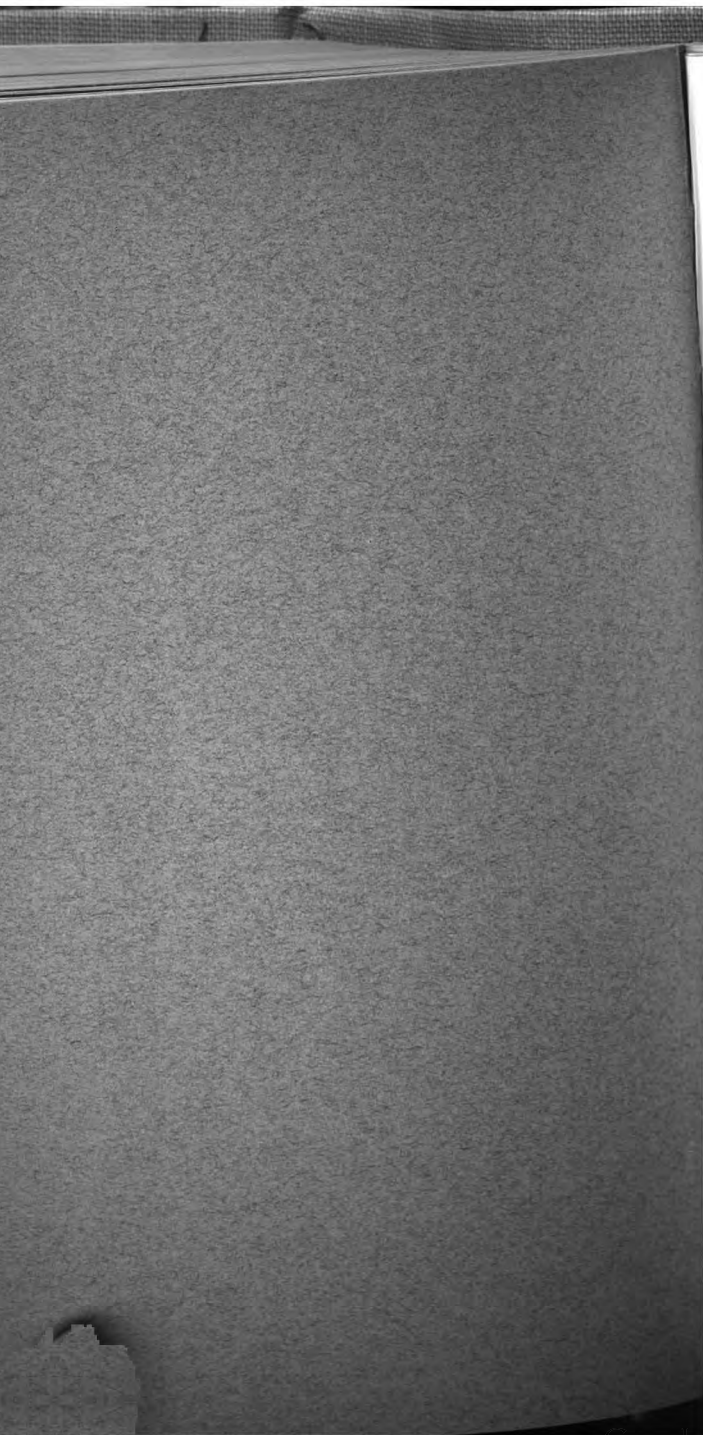
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Department of *Missouri* G. A. R.
for year ending, December 31, 1927

Headquarters Department of
Missouri

Feb 15 1928

Approved and respectfully forwarded
to the Adjutant-General G. A. R. as cor-
rect.

D. N. Baldridge
Department Commander

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

AND

PORTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

TO THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Department of Missouri

Grand Army of the Republic

St. Louis, Mo., May 18th and 19th, 1927

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FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—1927

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

Comrades of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic:

Another year has passed and gone into history, and we meet again in our Annual Encampment to shake the glad hand of comradeship and to transact such business as may be found necessary to keep alive our grand patriotic order.

Once more we come together to renew our fidelity to the Grand Army and to celebrate the glorious memories of long ago when we as boys left our good homes, shouldered our muskets and served our country as citizen volunteer soldiers, to aid the immortal President Lincoln to suppress the rebellion and save the union of states so that today we have the satisfaction to be citizens of the greatest and best country on earth.

As the Department Commander for the past year I wish to thank all comrades for their loyalty and support of Headquarters. I wish also to thank my official staff for their aid and kindness to me during my term of office, and especially to thank Wilbur F. Henry, our Adjutant and Quartermaster General for his advice and assistance which made my term of office pleasant and agreeable.

The general condition of the Department is as good as can be expected. Providence has lengthened out our lives, and a generous government has placed our Comradeship above want, so that we can live in comfort and enjoy our declining years as loyal citizens of the nation we helped to save.

Comrades, our numbers are slowly but surely decreasing. Our records show a membership of 72 posts and 1020 comrades on the rolls in good standing at the end of 1926. They also show 146 deaths of comrades who received their final discharge and passed over the great divide, and pitched their tents beyond the silent river.

This shows, my comrades, how necessary it is for us to keep up our order and hold our membership. I appeal to all Post Commanders to hold their charters and help to support our headquarters. It means the life and salvation of the Grand Army of the state. So, let us hold the fort, stand by our guns and keep the flag at the mast head so long as we have a Corporal's guard left in our ranks.

In laying down the gavel I should not consider my work finished did I not voice a few words of encouragement to the Sons of Veterans. I wish to compliment the Division Commander, William Frank, for splendid work during his term, and I say to them:

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 in great Republic."

grades of the 46th Annual Encampment, before concluding
 stewardship, I wish to perform the most pleasant and
 duty of my office. It gives me great pleasure to thank
 Allied lady organizations. The Woman's Relief Corps,
 Mary, The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, The
 s of Union soldiers, the Auxilliary of the Sons of Veterans,
 loyalty in giving us their love, respect and support, and
 me of the Comradeship of the Department I thank them
 them success, long life and happiness.

In conclusion I bid you au revoir but not goodbye.

Comrade and well-wisher,

JOHN W. LANLEY,
 Department Commander.

LETTER OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Iberia, Mo., April 28, 1927.

Department of Missouri, G. A. R.:

A year ago I was honored by being elected by you as
 the Commander of this Department. During the year I
 have been called upon by Department Commander John W.
 to perform any Department duties.

I conducted a local four-day Encampment at Brumley, Mo.,
 in which a number of old veterans met who are physically unable
 to attend either State or National Encampments, where they
 meet a few of their comrades and talk over the years of

their life. The aid of the American Legion Post at this place,
 where the day was properly observed. With the aid of these
 young men flags were placed on every veteran's grave,
 in many instances by school children and ladies placing
 flowers on the graves.

While visiting the G. A. R. posts that the comrades
 who are unable to attend by reason of age and disease, their hearts are
 true to flag and country, and to the G. A. R.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—1927

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my comrades for the honor conferred on me at Sedalia, Mo., by electing me Senior Vice Commander of the Department.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

JOHN FERGUSON,
Senior Vice Commander.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR FOR THE YEAR 1927

John W. Lanley,

Department Commander.

I herewith present the report of Department Patriotic Instruction. In the first place please accept the thanks of the workers in this department for all courtesies and assistance rendered by Headquarters in the way of information and encouragement which has aided our work very materially, for the "chariot wheels drag heavily" in the way of bringing to us information of work in different parts of the field.

In the second place, the Patriotic forces feel their inability to cover the field, as in past years, because of the depleted force and the strength and vigor of the workers. A large number of the Posts have been so reduced in vigor and numbers that they no longer feel that they have accomplished sufficient to warrant a report. We are therefore reduced to the necessity of securing data largely by correspondence and personal interviews. I have received less than one dozen reports directly from the Posts. However through correspondence and assistance of the Assistant Adjutant General with whom I maintain almost weekly correspondence, I am enabled to secure a general survey of the field. The Adjutant General unburdens his heart to me in lamentation over the ravages of death and the growing feebleness of the Posts and the falling from the ranks of a large number during the year. Still there is some compensation and encouragement over the undiminished Patriotic zeal of a goodly number, both men and women, who seem to "never weary" in their labors and plans for the general good of the Department. We often find that one active, enthusiastic comrade has for several years attracted the life of a post.

While the lack of such a man has caused the surrender of the Post Charter. When the attendance of a Post is so small that there is scarcely a quorum present, it is very difficult to hold them together.

The chief rally day in the Department is our time honored "Memorial Day." This sacred day still appeals strongly to the hearts of the comrades. Only ill health or feebleness of body prevents their attendance. They come with their sweetest flowers and reverently lay them upon the graves of their beloved comrades. The information gathered from many quarters of the state reveals the fact that this "honor day" was fitly observed. St. Louis was conspicuous in observance of the day. At four different places in the city services were held: At the Barracks, at the river, East St. Louis and in St. Louis county. An unusual number were in attendance. The shrill of the trumpet, the roll of the drums, waving of flags, aesthetic colorful flowers, the marching ranks of thousands in civilian dress, the faded uniforms of veterans, hymns and anthems, prayers and eulogies, honored the heroic dead. It was an inspiring sight and one that thrilled the hearts of the feeble veterans. Conspicuous among the moving throng were the old men and women, survivors of former days when beloved America went to war. Their ranks were thinner than last year, but their loyalty and fervor in dedicating the day to the memory of their comrades held out firmly. Two thousand attended the service at the Barracks. Veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish-American veterans and the World War soldiers, marched in the parade, one mile long, followed by ten companies of United States Infantry. As the U. S. Infantry marched in review before the assembled throng, in their smooth, rhythmic formation, the hearts of all the veterans swelled with pride and patriotic enthusiasm. The United States Band filled the air with pulsing patriotic songs which brought back to the veterans' minds the days of their service. The casting of flowers at the river was a very fitting and tender sentiment expressed toward the soldiers of the Navy who had found sepulchre in the sea. Addresses were delivered by our beloved Adjutant General C. F. Henry and Frank L. Eversull.

At the conclusion of the service the audience dispersed and groups of veterans and ladies gathered about particular graves and spread choice flowers at the foot of each white stone that marked the resting place of one who fell on some sanguinary field the South, or Cuba, or Flanders Field. The Minnesota monument was decorated by the Daughters of the Veterans. A sharp volley of shots were fired over the graves and "taps" ended a most fitting service. Requiescat in Pace.

Kansas City services were marked with completeness. The attendance was very large and the service of high order. No effort was made to make the exercises complete. Comrade Alfred Zartman was as usual the moving spirit of the occasion. Every detail was carefully thought out. The time, the place, the carefully prepared program, the music and the parade. Everything moved on time and the large attendance gave unstinted approval. The Lady Auxiliaries, the Spanish war veterans, and the world war veterans, each added their bit to the occasion. The city homes hoisted "Old Glory" and the numerous flags displayed seemed to say, "Uncle Sam is present and giving his approval." St. Joseph, Joplin, Webb City, Carthage and Unionville, way up in Putnam County, mustered the largest active Post in the Department.

Springfield lacked nothing to signalize the day. Nine military organizations were present in numbers and added much to the occasion. Losses for the year have been heavy and the disintegration must continue till all shall have dropped from the line.

Grover Post of Warrensburg was to the front this year with two notable gatherings—Memorial observance and Flag Day. These two services were carefully planned for, and were under the direction of the G. A. R., the Legion Post and the Ladies' W. R. C. The city government, the fire department, the public schools and all the civic organizations of the city were invited. All these bodies assembled at the Court House and were formed in line by the marshals and led by the fife and drum, marched to the cemetery. The school children were prominent in the line. It was a pleasing sight to see the long line trying to keep step to the music. On Flag Day all were invited to bring their flags and help make the gathering notable. Dean Parker of the State Normal was the chief speaker. The following are a few excerpts from his address.

"With uncovered heads and with reverent tread we have come on this, another Memorial Day, to do honor to the memory of our heroic dead. It is the least we can do, it is all we can do. The ancient Greeks had the custom of entwining flowers about the monuments of those who fell in battle. Flowers and olives were placed on their graves and around the monuments of those killed in battle. The Roman ceremony 'Parentalia,' the days of the 'Fathers,' was of eight days' duration. Public honor was shown by offerings and sacrifices. We would do no less than the Greeks and Romans in honoring those who fought and wrought for us. We would not be guilty of the sin of indifference and ingratitude."

The speaker recounted briefly the origin of Memorial Day. "Soon after the close of the Civil War, the women of Columbus, Mississippi, attracted wide attention in placing flowers upon both the Federal and Confederate soldiers' graves. The New York Tribune commented favorably upon this generous act. It was this fact that inspired Judge Finch of Ithaca, N. Y., to write the beautiful poem, 'The Blue and the Gray,' a popular poem growing out of the Civil War. In 1868 John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, fixed upon a day for the public decoration of the graves of soldiers. May 30th was the day chosen, and in 1874 Congress made May 30th a National holiday in Washington City, D. C., and in the territories. Most of the states have adopted the day. The fact that our flowers were for the dead and not for war was emphasized. If we are to bear the torch that falling hands passed to us, we must do it by doing away with wars and the spirit of war. We have no economies for 'Mars, the God of War.' The World War, as a war to end wars, will probably prove a failure as long as there is danger of the dogs of war being unleashed. Therefore let us take joy today in honoring the memory of our heroic dead. As we place flowers upon their graves, may our prayers ascend to heaven for a world of perpetual peace in order that the sacrifices they made may not again be found necessary."

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CALLAND,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Springfield, Mo., May, 1927.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Lee's Summit, Mo., May 4, 1927.

Commander J. W. Lanley and Comrades G. A. R., Department of Missouri:

Another year has gone swiftly by and the time to give an account of our official behavior has arrived. This year has been an uneventful one to me. I have rendered no official service since the last Decoration day.

I have attended the Farragut-Thomas Post meetings frequently, paid my dues, and I think I have properly behaved myself when present with the boys and girls who convene there.

I spent three months of the winter in Houston, Texas. I ate fish and oysters, attended numerous churches and shows, heard the teachings of theosophy, was instructed by the Spiritualists, and had a fine time with the boys and girls of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. The Texas Department meets at Houston at this time and they urged me to remain and help them, but I felt both duty and desire calling me here. I came by Hot Springs, Ark. and spent six days in that wonderful mountain city. I took a four hours' ride in a sight-seeing bus, and I have no words to describe that beautiful and picturesque country. I want to go there again.

And now, comrades, in these "latter" days we are meeting again in our annual encampment. Many are the thoughts and feelings which animate us today. We are thinking of '65 when we came marching home from the battlefields and camps of the Southland and in wonder contemplating all which had transpired in our country and in our lives since that time. We are invoicing our life and estimating what we then had in stock; what we have gained and what lost through the passing years; and we are carefully weighing the values which we still have.

In the days of '65, "When Johnnie Came Marching Home," we had the bloom and buoyancy of young manhood that we have lost, and today we are feeble, with the infirmities of age. Then we had comrades and sweethearts who have passed away from us into the invisible realm and we are sad and lonely without them. Then we counted our time in scores of years, now we estimate it in weeks and months. As thus we consider the great values which we have lost, we are inclined to be melancholy and say, "How poor is life and what value is left to enrich it." If you are thus heavy-hearted over the apparent loss of the values of life, permit me to say life's greatest values, those which are the foundation of never ending existence and happiness cannot be lost; they are imperishable and abide as our support and joy when all else is lost.

An inspired writer says, "Now abides faith, hope and love these three and the greatest of these is love." The person who has a faith creating within him a hope of future happiness in a higher realm of existence, and is filled with a love of God and his fellows is a happy person.

This trinity of values, faith, hope, love, planted in a person's life enriches it beyond all material wealth and abides forever.

All other values perish. Our legs may fail to support us and we fall prone in the dust; our ears cease to hear and we are oblivious to all voices and melodies; our eyes grow dim and cease to see, and we are blind to all the beauty and magnificence of the Universe. But faith, hope and love take us up with an arm of power and carry us by still waters and through pastures green; they wake us to such music as was never heard on earth or sea or sky; they open our eyes to see such beauty and splendor of a spirit world of eternal life as no poet ever fancied.

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
 O they tell me of a home far away,
 O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise,
 O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
 O they tell me of that land far away,
 Where the tree of life in eternal bloom
 Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

O the land of a cloudless day;
 O the land of an unclouded day.

W. K. COLLINS,
 Department Chaplain.

EXHIBIT "D"

DEATHS IN THE YEAR 1926, AS REPORTED

Post
 1 Bud Balziger, Co. H, 43d Ill. Inf.
 Geo. DeWolf, 23d Mass.
 Carl Kierath, 3d U. S. Inf.
 Hugo Markel, Co. I, 13th Inf.
 B. A. Suppan, 40th Mo. Inf.
 Isaiah Fleener, Co. E, 123d Indiana Inf.
 Thomas E. Silence, Co. D, 9th Mo. Cav.
 Samuel Grey, service not reported.
 Sanford Shoemaker, service not reported.
 O. O. H. Weidner, 49th Mo.

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- 4 August D. Beadle, Co. D, 97th Ill. Inf.
Francis L. Flanders, Co. H, 96th Ill. Inf.
Henry T. Wheeler, Co. A, 16th N. Y. Cav.
Saren W. Serl, Co. F, 33d Wis. Inf.
Charles W. Chapman, Co. K, 1st Wis. Inf.
Wm. H. Stewart, Co. I, 51st Ind. Inf.
- 6 B. F. Lutman, 15th Mo. Cav.
Alex P. Knife, 10th Mo. Vols.
John Petrick, 10th Mo. Vols.
- 7 Andrew Ayres, Co. D, 60th N. Y. Inf.
Christ Balsiger, Co. B, 3d Mo. Art.
F. M. Coder, Co. A, 1st Ohio H. A.
B. D. Elliott, Co. M, 9th Mo. Cav.
J. P. Havelin, Co. C, 14th Penn. Inf.
James Strain, Co. K, 19th Ind. Inf.
William J. Hartman, Co. B, 12th Mo. Cav.
William Hales, Co. H, 166th Ohio Inf.
William Liebig, Co. D, 8th Kans. Inf.
John R. MacMachin, Co. K, 9th Mo. Cav.
Samuel M. Mann, Co. L, 9th Mo. Cav.
Frederich Uphoff, Co. G, 29th Wis. Inf.
Samuel Zancker, Co. G, 4th Md. Inf.
- 8 Albert A. Kennedy, Co. K, 26th Mich. Inf.
W. D. MacMillian, Co. I, Penn. Inf.
W. J. Anderson, Co. H, 87th Ind. Inf.
T. J. Ijams, Co. K, 9th Ind. Inf.
Haber Cree, Co. M, 50th N. Y.
G. W. Hollinger, Co. K, 195 Pa. Inf.
Charles E. Moss, Co. A, 1st Iowa Cav.
William H. Hardy, Capt. Co. B, 63d Ind. Inf.
Sanford Malsbary, Co. K, 138th O. V. I.
H. N. Davis, 11th Mo. Infantry.
F. M. Robinson, Co. I, 23d O. V. I.
L. P. Hitohler, Co. D, 9th Penn. Cav.
J. W. Cartlich, Co. K, 126 O. V. I.
O. P. Smith, Co. D, 121st N. Y. Inf.
Osmond Hupp, no service reported.
R. K. Boggs, Co. H, 71st Regt., state not given.
- 13 Otto F. Oeters, Co. E, 7th E. M. M.
George Moehrle, Co. I, 1st U. S. R. C.
- 14 Granville Kittrell, Co. H, 5th Tenn.
James R. Fent, Co. B, 36th Iowa

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- I. F. Nickol, Co. K, 4th Iowa Cav.
 J. W. Driver, Co. C, 15th Mo. Cav.
 K. B. Scribner, Co. A, 31st Ohio Cav.
- L. H. Alderson, Co. G, 23d Mo. Inf.
 John A. Bradford, Co. C, 43d Mo. Inf.
 M. C. Brooks, Co. C, M. S. M. Cav.
 N. J. Cherry, Co. C, 48th Ind. Inf.
 O. Charles Bayd, Co. A, 72nd O. V. I.
 P. Newton Crouch, Co. B, 39th Iowa Inf.
- R. T. Hays, Co. I, 48th Mo. Inf.
 S. Jacob Morrison, Co. G, 51st Mo. Inf.
 T. Nathan Barkman, Co. B, 75th Ill. Inf.
 U. Wiley Dakan, Co. M, 9th Mo. Cav.
 V. L. Johnson, Co. C, 33d O. V. I.
- W. George Sullivan, Co. H, 11th Ill.
 X. George W. Charles, Co. B, 17th Kan. Cav.
 Y. Charles G. Burton, Co. C, 19th O. V. I.
 Z. William Fessler, Co. K, 3rd M. S. M.
 AA. As Chapman, Co. B, 15th Kan.
 AB. Thomas J. Dean, Co. A, 37th Ky.
- AC. L. Preston, service not given.
 AD. Harding, service not given.
- AE. Perry, E., 62nd Ill. Inf.
- AF. Perry H. Hull, Co. C, 42nd Mo. Inf.
 AG. B. Davidson, Co. K, 8th Iowa Inf.
 AH. I. Hackney, Co. K, 39th Mo. Inf.
 AI. John W. Walters, Co. I, 16th Kans.
 AJ. F. Deweese, service not given.
 AK. H. Boggs, Co. C, 47th Ill.
 AL. John A. Morgan, Co. B, 18th Mo. Inf.
 AM. C. Davis, Co. G, 21st Mo. Inf.
- AN. J. Hall, Co. K, 129th O. V. I.
 AO. S. Johnson, Capt. 1st Ark. Cav.
 AP. B. Horn, Lieut. 8th Mo. Cav.
 AQ. C. Hart, Major 16th Mo. Cav.
- AR. J. Nordyke, Co. A, 44th Mo. Inf.
 AS. Joseph Breton, Co. E, 45th Pa. Inf.
 AT. William Huffman, Co. L, 7th M. S. M.
 AU. W. Thomas, Co. E, 66th Ohio Inf.
 AV. I. Corbin, Co. E, 24th Mo. Inf.
 AW. Slinger, Co. F, 43d Mo. Inf.

- 78 Andrew H. Johnson, Co. A, 136th Ill. Inf.
A. M. Gear, 120th Ill. Inf.
- 79 William J. Sparks, Co. E, 12th Mo. Cav.
James W. Ewing, Co. L, U. S. M.
Ira B. Hyde, Co. F, 1st Minn. Cav.
- 86 Frederick Beane, Co. E, 119th Ill. Inf.
- 92 Thomas N. West, Co. K, 1st Tenn. Cav.
- 96 D. W. Trout, Co. F, 4th M. S. M.
J. Wiley, Co. H, 28th Ill. Inf.
John Wills, 56th Mo. Inf.
- 107 Fred Mohr, Co. B, 43d Ill. Inf.
- 111 Stephen S. Deardenff, Co. H, 8th Ill. Inf.
- 124 Wesley Tobias, Co. K, 155th Ill. Inf.
W. H. Bales, Co. I, 59th Ind. Inf.
- 131 William T. Robertson, Co. C, 74th Ill. Inf.
L. Armstrong, Lt. and Q. M. 33rd Mo. Inf.
Charles C. Owen, Co. A, 34th Ky. Inf.
George A. Clark, U. S. Navy.
William McMaster, Co. L, 31st N. Y. Cav.
M. R. Udell, 30th Mass. Hy. Art.
N. P. Jackson, U. S. Signal Corps.
William U. Hess, Co. E, 1st Penn. Inf.
Edmond J. Thomas, Capt. and A. Q. M., U. S. A.
Aug. Rump, Co. B, 11th Ill. Inf.
Peyton C. Jones, Co. D, 80th Ill. Inf.
Charles Dougherty, 10th N. Y. Inf. and I, 42nd U. S. Inf.
George W. Dudley, Co. F, 23d Mass. Inf.
E. C. Gradwohl, Co. E, 1st U. S. Cav.
George W. Dudley, Co. F, 23d Mass. Inf.
Leopold Berresheim, Co. G, 5th U. S. R. C.
- 149 P. C. Kinslow, service not given.
- 150 W. J. Gum, Co. E, 20th Ill. Inf.
I. J. Godfrey, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav.
- 190 Albert Edwards, Lieut. 1st Ohio Art.
A. Bawdish, Co. B, 135th Penn. Inf.
A. H. Collins, Co. I, 5th Kans. Inf.
A. S. Hackney, Co. D, 130th Ind. Inf.
Thomas Brown, Co. B, 25th Penn. Inf.

- 215 Thomas Depper, Co. F, 6th Mo. Cav.
 218 Seth Davis, Co. B, 21st Mo.
 240 James H. Wilkinson, Co. A, 42d Mo. Inf.
 William Warnhoff, Co. A, 33rd Ind. Inf.
 George W. Piper, Co. I, 9th M. S. M.
 Henry Hoppe, Co. C, 3rd Mo. Inf.
 264 James Woodard, service not given
 273 Peter Millfeldt, Co. B, 30th Mo. Inf.
 A. T. Crow, Co. G, 50th Mo. Inf.
 Joseph Hugon, Co. G, 2nd Mo. L. Art
 343 K. D. Smith, Co. A, 56th U. S. C. T.
 Albert Boldeñ, Co. A, 52nd U. S. C. T.
 348 Robert Parmley, Co. I, 31st Mo. Inf.
 Ervin Conaway, Co. C, 50th Mo. Inf.
 525 Jacob E. Kelley, Co. A, 64th Ill. Inf.
 554. Henry Haeltmeyer, Co. B, U. S. R. C.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND
 ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

Headquarters Department of Missouri

Grand Army of the Republic

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1927.

John W. Lanley, Department Commander.

Dear Comrade:

I have the honor to present the following report for the year
 1926:

The Rules and Regulations provide that the Assistant Adju-
 tant-General consolidate the reports from the various Posts of
 the Department and that a copy of such consolidated report
 shall on or before the first day of February be forwarded to the
 Adjutant-General. I held my report open until February 15th in

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order that it might include many delayed reports. On that date I forwarded my consolidated report for 1926 as follows:
 The number of members in good standing December 31, 1925, as shown by Post Adjutant's reports..... 1276
 Gained during the year..... 38

Aggregate	146
Loss by death	218
Loss by other causes.....	364
Total loss	950

Number in good standing December 31, 1926.....	
The reports show that the total amount of cash and col- laterals on hand to be.....	\$13,272.53
The value of real estate owned by Posts.....	950.00
Total value of Post property.....	\$14,222.53

After forwarding my report to the Adjutant General I received delayed reports showing 70 additional members in good standing and I forwarded a supplemental report showing the membership of the Department to be 1020.

This Department is entitled to eleven representatives in the 61st National Encampment to be held in Dayton, Ohio, September 11-16, 1927. Under a rule adopted by the 19th Department Encampment the names to be voted for will be printed on the ballot in the direct order of the alphabet.

My report as Assistant Quartermaster General covers the financial transactions of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1927 and are shown by Exhibits herewith filed and made a part of this report and attention is invited thereto.

Exhibit "A" shows the receipts and disbursements.

Exhibit "B" the Safety Fund.

Exhibit "C" Department Assets.

Exhibit "D" deaths in 1926 reported by posts.

I think it proper to state that on the 25th of January last disastrous fire occurred in the building in which our Department Headquarters is located which destroyed the roof of the building and the 5th floor. While nothing in our office was destroyed by fire, yet the contents of the office was considerably damaged and employed an adjuster to represent us and he agreed with

insurance company that our damage was \$150. I paid the Adjuster who acted for us \$15.00 for his services, leaving us a net of \$135.00. The building has been under repair ever since the fire and I have been doing my work under difficulties. The elevator has not been running and I have been obliged to use the stairs most of the time.

In closing this report, I wish to express my grateful appreciation of your confidence in my ability, integrity and fidelity to duty as exhibited by my appointment to the very responsible offices of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General. I have endeavored to so conduct affairs that your confidence may not have been misplaced. I have greatly appreciated the uniform comradeship and courtesy shown me by you and by all Comrades. Our business and social relations have been such that the year will always remain a pleasing memory with me.

WILBUR F. HENRY,

A. A. G. and A. Q.-M. G.

EXHIBIT "A"

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
APRIL 30, 1927

Balance on hand May 1, 1926.....	\$ 24.88
Received from Department of Mo., W. R. C.....	400.00
Received from Dept. of Mo., Ladies G. A. R.....	300.00
Received from Circle No. 37, Ladies G. A. R.....	25.00
Received from Circle No. 56, Ladies G. A. R.....	50.00
Received from Sons of Veterans, Dept. Mo.....	50.00
Received from S. of V. Auxillary, Dept. Mo.....	40.00
Received from Daughters of Veterans, Dept. Mo.....	200.00
Received from Per Capita Tax.....	411.80
Received from Interest	124.00
Received from Safety Fund	450.00
Received from Sale of Supplies.....	16.20
Received from Insurance	150.00
Received from A. W. R. C.....	5.00
Aggregate	\$2,221.88

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Paid out (approved vouchers on file):	\$ 270.00
For rent of office.....	12.80
For supplies	14.14
For expenses of Department Encampment.....	114.42
For expenses to National Encampment.....	242.00
For printing and stationery.....	1,200.00
For salary A. A. G.....	1.50
For exchange on checks.....	99.50
For National Per Capita Tax.....	20.15
For postage and stationery.....	11.03
For incidentals	15.45
For Identification Certificates.....	7.50
For premium on bond.....	5.00
For safe deposit box.....	24.50
For ribbon badges.....	11.55
For insurance	
	<u>\$2,049.54</u>
Total disbursed.....	172.34
Balance May 1, 1927.....	<u>\$2,221.88</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

SAFETY FUND

My report one year ago showed the amount in the Safety Fund to be \$1,900.00 of secured 6% notes and \$50.00 cash.

The unanimous vote of the Encampment authorized the transfer of \$500.00 of the Safety Fund to the General Fund, if necessary.

I found it necessary to sell two \$200.00 secured notes and transfer the proceeds to the General Fund, and the \$50.00 cash, leaving the Safety Fund at present as follows:

The fund remains invested on secured notes as follows:	\$ 600.00
Three (3) notes of \$200.00 each, due June 1, 1927.....	900.00
One note due April 1, 1921, remaining unpaid (balance).....	1,500.00
Safety Fund, May 1, 1927, bearing 6%.....	

EXHIBIT "C"

DEPARTMENT ASSETS

Cash Balance May 1, 1926.....	\$ 172.34
Office Furniture, Books, Safe, etc. (estimated).....	80.00
Supplies on hand.....	30.00
Principal Safety Fund.....	1,500.00
	<u>\$2,500.00</u>

Proceedings

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

HELD AT

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PROCEEDINGS
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Forth-Sixth Annual Encampment
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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
HELD AT
KIRKSVILLE, MO., MAY 18 and 19, 1927

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Forty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in the Masonic Hall, Kirksville, Mo., at 9:00 o'clock on the morning of May 18th, 1927, in open session to which the public and all allied societies were invited, the Department Commander, John W. Lanley residing.

The Department Commander called the meeting to order and introduced the Department Chaplin, Rev. W. K. Collins, who delivered an impressive invocation.

Hon. Az. Stookey, Mayor of Kirksville, was then introduced and delivered a most hearty address of welcome to all of the visitors, assuring them of a cordial welcome to the hospitality and homes of the citizens of Kirksville and expressed the hope that the comrades and all would find their stay so pleasant and the people cordial that they would wish to renew the visit. He spoke as follows:

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome to Kirksville, the A. R. and Auxiliaries of the state of Missouri. We are proud to have you with us, so all of our citizens without regard for race, color, or creed extend to you the right hand of friendship and respect. You will find the latch strings to our homes hanging from the outside and we bid you pull and enter feeling sure that

within you will meet friends and well wishers. We want you to partake of all the good things Kirksville has to offer and enjoy every hour of your stay with us.

More than half a century has elapsed since our beloved land was drenched in the blood of civil strife. Brothers faced brothers and bore the brunt of battle to uphold the principles for which they stood. Time has erased the animosities of the age in which their struggle culminated. The flag of our country, which was carried to victory by our forefathers at Yorktown, New Orleans, and Monterey, soon again became the cherished emblem of a united people. The wounds of ancient strife are healed, and today our united country shows no trace of the conflict which once divided it.

Here was an insurrection without a parallel. It stands unique among all recorded revolts against constituted authorities, in this important point,—and it is a point of difference which has never received the emphasis which belongs to it,—that it was not aimed at a change in the generic character or the distinctive form of the existing government. It did not propose to substitute a monarchy for a republic, to proclaim an absolute empire in place of constitutional government, to exchange the simple chair of the chief magistrate for the gilded throne of a king.

It did not even propose to materially change the methods of election. It preserved intact all the means and symbols of popular government, perpetuated the current form of parliamentary procedure, and in short, copied its organic law, almost line for line and letter for letter from the government which it sought to overthrow. There is no other example in all history, of which I am aware, of a revolution which, in the event of its success, would have had as its final result the establishment of a new government, modeled with an almost perfect fidelity to details, upon the government against which it was directed.

It is this mutual agreement in matters of government and the fact that we whipped each other into mutual respect, that enable us to be a united nation today.

A half century ago there was not that harmony of interests that exists today among the people of the different sections. There was a union of states, but not the nation as we of today see it. The people of the North knew the people of the South as neighbors, but not as members of a common family. The West was almost a stranger to the East. Different interests, different aims and purposes animated these sections. That

was bread to one was poison to the other. The historian wonders not, and we wonder no more, that from this admixture of unequal elements strife had to come. In the crucible of war alone could they be fused into a homogeneous whole.

And just as in the chemist's melting pot the dross is separated from the gold, so far from the fire of the conflict waged by titanic forces the greater and nobler nation was to emerge. From that memorable hour at Appomattox when Lee sheathed his sword and Grant said to the southern legions, "Go in peace, my brethren," this Nation began a new life. True, there were dark days even after that. The sun does not shine in all its splendor right after the night. First the dawn, and then gradually the light spreads over the earth and gives added vigor to all things that live.

In time the gray clouds that followed the hideous night of war were rolled away and the blue light of the new day cheered our people on to new endeavors. And how fruitfull these endeavors had been! Never in all the history of nations has there been such marvelous growth as that which has occurred in the United States since that time. What a country we have today! Great, free, and glorious, with the sunlight of destiny resting upon her forehead. More than ever it is the haven of the oppressed of all lands. Her institutions typify more than ever the highest aspirations of mankind. The story of her progress is indeed a wondrous story whose every chapter thrills the American who reads. God bless the soldiers, dead and living, who preserved the Union.

When the last battle of the Civil War had ended and the battle flag had been furled and the dove of peace had settled over the north and south we all hoped and believed that the God of War would never again rear his ugly head in our beloved land. But, a generation had not passed away when the piteous cries of a persecuted people in the historic island of Cuba called our men to arms and the cruel tyranny of Spain was driven from the western Hemisphere.

Again the dove of peace perched above our door and as the world advanced rapidly in civilization, and education seemed about to become universal we again said that the world would never again be deluged in blood. While most of the world thought thus there was one country that did not dream such peaceful dreams. She carefully laid out a program of world conquest. All Middle Europe was to be united under one powerful hand and before the rest of the world was aware of its diabolical intentions would strike a fatal blow.

It took over four years of frightful fighting at a cost of 15,000,000 human lives to defeat this plan but by the union of 21 countries and the expenditure of wealth beyond all calculation it was accomplished. Our boys played an important and honorable part in this affair and are praised by all of our people especially by the members of the G. A. R. as they know better than any others what the sufferings of war mean.

In America every generation has had its war, and as one generation of heroes pass away another rises to take its place. They go but are not forgotten, for their deeds are the basis of the tradition around which our nationalism is built and their sacrifice and success the incentive to noble deeds by those that follow.

The object of all life is the propagation of its species and the betterment of the conditions under which its offspring is to live. As the tree sheds its leaves, fertilizing the soil, and as at last the dead trunk of the parent oak moulders in the ground the young oak springs up in its place, growing to greater heights and of finer fiber, so man in his struggle to better conditions of his offspring sets up government which sheds the leaves of its infancy to make better the condition under which it flourished. Wars are fought and governments decay. From their crumbling ruins new nations spring of a higher type and with a finer sense of justice.

I say each new generation in the march of time has its war, and as the veterans of one war pass on to their final roll call, a new army marches up to take their places among the living, to receive the adulation of their generation, and to watch with patience and forbearance the manner in which the children of the new day care for the heritage that has been made possible by their heroism.

Life crowds tomorrow upon today with its major and insistent problems with such demand that we seldom have time to think of yesterday and draw from its experiences lessons for the future. The little child learns of our wars most from old age, for he has fewer cares and more time, the one to dig from the recesses of memory, the other to store there the treasures found.

I am satisfied that America is doing her best today to incite and encourage a high type of citizenship. I am firm in the belief today that the people of this country are highly resolved never to forget and never to belittle or belie the principles for which our warriors battled and gave up their precious lives. I have

hopes that the citizenship they cherished will be more and more, from year to year, honored and ennobled by their fellow countrymen.

The world is crying for peace and America joins in the cry. Our manhood fought to protect our rights and preserve our institutions. Neither the selfish pride of authorship nor the contemptible schemes of politicians shall deny that which it so devoutly craved,—peace and an opportunity to heal up its wounds and forget the hell of war. America must be consulted in the future. Her demands will always be simple and exact justice, which no self-respecting nation dare deny.

Adair County has been loyal to all just and patriotic causes, and during the civil war furnished over 100 more soldiers than the quota called for by the State.

Ever since the building of our present courthouse the county court has furnished a special room with heat, lights and janitor service, free of charge, to the old soldiers and auxiliary organizations. They have also for the past several years furnished gratis the flags used in decorating the graves, and the present county court has presented to you with their compliments the delegate badges which you are now wearing. I could go on indefinitely telling of the loyalty of our citizens and of our local heroes whom are decorated for bravery in the late world war, but do not care to take up too much of your valuable time.

So my friends of the G. A. R. and its auxiliaries, I again welcome you to Kirksville as you represent one of the most patriotic organizations America has ever known. Mingle your patriotism with ours and set an example before the youth of our land that they in turn may hand down to coming generations the brave deeds done by willing hands and strong hearts to preserve the greatest country on which the sun has ever shown. I thank you.

From Dr. A. Stookey, Optometrist, Kirksville, Mo.

(Mayor, City of Kirksville, Missouri).

The address was very heartily and generously applauded by the assembled Comrades and visitors.

Department Commander Lanley in an eloquent address of thankfull appreciation responded to the address of the Mayor.

The visitor retired and the Encampment was opened in due form for business:—

On motion the calling of the roll of the Encampment was dispensed with and it was ordered that all Comrades having the

Department countersign and badge be admitted as members of the Encampment.

Comrade Thos. H. Brown of Post 4, was appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade G. B. Cunningham of Post 22 was appointed Officer of the Guard for duty during the sessions of the Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant-General reported the following as the roll of Department Officers and Past Department Commanders. Those present during the Encampment are indicated by a star:

Department Commander,
*JOHN W. LANLEY.

Senior Vice-Department Commander,
*JOHN FERGUSON.

Junior Vice-Department Commander,
*H. W. SANDUSKY.

Medical Director,
DR. R. B. TYLER.

Department Chaplain,
*REV. W. K. COLLINS.

Assistant Adjutant-General and A. Q. M. Gen.
*WILBUR F. HENRY

Judge Advocate
W. F. CALFEE

Patriotic Instructor,
*W. C. CALLAND

Chief Mustering Officer,
VACANT (A. J. Showers died in office).

Department Inspector,
J. S. ROTH.

Council of Administration,

*A. WHIPPLE,
*MAX FRITZ,

W. F. KLANKE.

*S. D. WEBSTER
C. F. BOTTUM

Past Department Commanders,
†WILLIAM WARNER,
†W. F. CHAMBERLAIN,
†NELSON COLE,
†E. F. KIMBALL,

†HENRY FAIRBACK,
†JOHN M. WILLIAM,
†T. D. KIMBALL,
*J. V. MARTIN,

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| | †HIRAM SMITH, JR. | †W. H. SKINNER, |
| (1) | JOHN E. PHELPS, | †R. N. DENHAM, |
| | *LEO RASSIEUR | †BENJAMIN WARNER, |
| | †GEO. W. MARTIN, | †CHAS. W. RUBY, |
| | †C. W. WHITEHEAD, | †ARTHUR DREIFUS, |
| | †CHAS. G. BURTON, | *WM. LOWE, |
| | †LOUIS GRUND, | †J. B. DOBYNE, |
| | †LOUIS BENECKE, | †ALEX. McCANDLESS, |
| | †THOS. P. RODGERS, | †THOS. W. EVANS, |
| | †JOHN P. PLATT, | *P. F. COGHLAN, |
| | †A. G. PETERSON, | *W. C. CALLAND, |
| | JOHN W. SCOTT, | *S. D. WEBSTER, |
| | *W. F. HENRY | A. J. P. BARNES, |
| | †GEORGE HALL, | JAMES H. HUNTER, |
| | †IRA T. BRONSON, | †S. M. MANN, |
| (2) | F. M. STERRETT, | *ALF. ZARTMAN, |
| | †JERE T. DEW, | *CHAS. KOOCK. |

(1) John E. Phelps transferred to Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.

(2) F. M. Sterrett transferred to Dept. of Ohio.

†Deceased.

Following is the roll of members of the Encampment who were present from the several Posts as reported by the Committee on Credentials:

Leo Rassieur, Post 1, St. Louis.
 P. F. Coghlan, Post 1, St. Louis.
 A. Whipple, Post 1, St. Louis.
 Geo. Heineman, Post 1, St. Louis.
 Geo. Simpson, Post No. 1, St. Louis.
 C. J. Billmeyer, Post No. 1, St. Louis.
 F. H. Stevens, Post No. 1, St. Louis.
 John LaDew, Post No. 1, St. Louis.
 C. H. Mitchell, Post 4, Kansas City.
 C. W. Burrill, Post 4, Kansas City.
 Thos. H. Brown, Post 4, Kansas City.
 Alfred Zartman, Post 4, Kansas City.
 David L. Wells, Post 4, Kansas City.
 James H. McEwen, Post 4, Kansas City.
 J. Hollingsworth, Post 4, Kansas City.
 B. J. Rogers, Post 4, Kansas City.
 H. W. Sandusky, Post 7, St. Joseph.

Robert Savage, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 Peter E. Landis, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 C. W. Webster, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 John Chenoweth, Post 7, St. Joseph.
 J. L. Carnahan, Post 8, Kansas City.
 W. F. Henry, Post 8, Kansas City.
 Sidney L. Daily, Post 8, Kansas City.
 R. Zimmerman, Post 8, Kansas City.
 W. K. Collins, Post 8, Kansas City.
 J. R. Caldwell, Post 8, Kansas City.
 Max Fritz, Post 13, St. Louis.
 D. H. Baldrige, Post 14, Joplin.
 N. U. Wilson, Post 14, Joplin.
 M. Goodson, Post 21, Maryville.
 J. C. Pierce, Post 22, Kirksville.
 W. S. Strock, Post 22, Kirksville.
 G. B. Cunningham Post 22, Kirksville.
 E. U. Hart Derfler, Post 22, Kirksville.
 Jeff. Smith, Post 22, Kirksville.
 J. W. Sanders, Post 22, Kirksville.
 G. H. Ashlock, Post 22, Kirksville.
 J. T. Norflock, Post 22, Kirksville.
 Sam Franklin, Post 22, Kirksville.
 D. M. Walker, Post 22, Kirksville.
 J. M. Shearer, Post 22, Kirksville.
 S. P. Roberts, Post 22, Kirksville.
 W. R. Burch, Post 22, Kirksville.
 A. D. Smith, Post 22, Kirksville.
 G. W. Loomis, Post 22, Kirksville.
 T. C. Haller, Post 22, Kirksville.
 H. C. Bailey, Post 44, Milan.
 Isaac Dunlop, Post 44, Milan.
 Alex Cochran, Post 44, Milan.
 Chas. Koock, Post 53, Sedalia.
 Henry Meyer, Post 53, Sedalia.
 D. R. Vinson, Post 53, Sedalia.
 A. J. Bennett, Post 54, Unionville.
 George Acre, Post 54, Unionville.
 E. F. Davis, Post 54, Unionville.
 S. S. Torry, Post 54, Unionville.
 D. L. Cook, Post 54, Unionville.
 N. N. Erving, Post 54, Unionville.
 R. M. Brasfield, Post 54, Unionville.
 James Thompson, Post 54, Unionville.

W. C. Calland, Post 69, Springfield.
M. E. Loveland, Post 72, Trenton.
Abe Trent, Post 79, Princeton.
J. W. Davis, Post 79, Princeton.
M. M. Gannon, Post 79, Princeton.
James W. Pagitt, Post 92, Lancaster.
Jesse Maize, Post 92, Lancaster.
W. P. Leedom, Post 92, Lancaster.
John Ferguson, Post 111, Iberia.
T. J. Spencer, Post 114, Brashear.
D. Jonas, Post 114, Brashear.
Robert Rutherford, Post 131, St. Louis.
S. D. Webster, Post 131, St. Louis.
E. R. Cone, Post 131, St. Louis.
M. H. Plopper, Post 131, St. Louis.
F. Walton, Post 131, St. Louis.
B. F. Wolfe, Post 160, Wheeling.
F. C. Clayton, Post 185, New London.
Marion Hartwell, Post 218, Fairport.
Charles C. Bell, Post 240, Boonville.
W. H. Phillips, Post 276 California.
Wm. Kowazak, Post 289, Troy.
James S. Park, Post 289, Troy.
James H. Haney, Post 339, Houston.
Isaac Harry, Post 339, Houston.
Wm. Bryant, Post 343, St. Louis.
Andrew Evans, Post 343, St. Louis.
John W. Lanley, Post 496, St. Louis.
William Lowe, Post 594, Warrensburg.
J. V. Martin, Comrade-at-Large.
C. W. Corkran, Comrade-at-Large.
Turley Taylor, Comrade-at-Large.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the Department is entitled to 10 representatives in the 61st National Encampment in addition to the Representative-at-Large and that it was important that nominations for representatives be made as early as possible in order that their names might be printed on the tickets to be voted.

By the unanimous vote of the Encampment it was ordered that the rules and order of business be suspended and the Encampment at once proceed to the nomination of Representatives

to the next National Encampment. The following named comrades were thereupon nominated:

Bell, Chas. C., Post 240, Boonville.
 Bryant, Wm., Post 343, St. Louis.
 Collins, W. K., Post 8, Lee Summit.
 Corkran, C. W., Post 221, Brookfield.
 Cunningham, G. D., Post 22, Kirksville.
 Edmonds, E. N., Post 8, Kansas City.
 Evans, Andrew, Post 343, St. Louis.
 Fritz, Max, Post 13, St. Louis.
 Ferguson, John, Post 11, Iberia.
 Goodson, Madison, Post 21, Maryville.
 Landis, Peter E., Post 7, St. Joseph.
 McEwen, J. H., Post 4, Kansas City.
 Mitchell, C. H., Post 4, Kansas City.
 Sandusky, H. W., Post 7, St. Joseph.
 Smith, Jeff, Post 22, Kirksville.
 Whipple, A., Post 1, St. Louis.
 Walton, Farwell, Post 131, St. Louis.
 Wilson, N. U., Post 14, Joplin.

On motion it was unanimously ordered that the 11 comrades receiving the highest votes shall be representatives and the other comrades voted for shall be the alternates in the order of the votes received.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated the Reports of Department Officers were printed and distributed to the members of the Encampment, he therefore moved that they be referred to proper committees when appointed, without reading. The motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

The Department Commander then called the Senior Vice Commander, Comrade Ferguson, to the chair and delivered his address (For the text of the Commander's address see page 2, ante).

The Senior Vice Commander referred the address to the following committee: Past Department Commanders, Alfred Zartman, William Lowe and P. F. Coghlan.

Comrade James S. Park reported the death of Comrade J. I. Allen, for many years Commander of Post 289, at Troy, Mo. Comrade Park spoke of the faithful devotion of Comrade Allen to every duty and trust. That his zeal for Country and Comrade was such that all who knew him will cherish his memory.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the report of the Department Council of Administration as follows:

**REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL
OF ADMINISTRATION.**

Pursuant to Paragraph No. 2 of General Order No. 4 current in the Department Council of Administration met in Department Headquarters in The Travelers' Hotel, Kirksville, May 17, 1927, the Department Commander presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

- John W. Lanley, Department Commander.
- John Ferguson, Senior Vice Department Commander.
- H. W. Sandusky, Junior Vice Department Commander.
- Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General.
- A. Whipple, Max Fritz and S. D. Webster.

The following proceedings were had:

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that nothing had arisen during the past year requiring the action of the Council except the fixing of the place and the fixing of the date for holding the Department Encampment. He further stated that at a meeting duly called the Council selected Kirksville as the place for holding the Department Encampment and by correspondence fixed the date of the Encampment at May 17th, 18th and 19th, 1927.

A Committee appointed by the Department Commander to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General presented its report as follows:

May 4th, 1927.

Respectfully submitted:

John W. Lanley,
Department Commander:

The undersigned, appointed by you to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that we have performed the duty assigned us and find that the books and accounts are correct and properly kept and show in detail all receipts and disbursements; all disbursements are shown by vouchers properly numbered and filed. We have examined all vouchers and have approved the disbursements as shown.

Respectfully submitted:

A. WHIPPLE,
MAX FRITZ,
S. D. WEBSTER,
Auditing Committee

The report was approved by the Council and the Committee discharged.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Council of Administration recommends that the sum of \$100.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray the travel expenses of the Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Council of Administration recommends that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to transfer from the Safety Fund to the General Fund so much of the principal thereof as may be necessary, not exceeding the sum of \$500.00, to defray the expenses of the Department for the coming year.

No further business appearing, the meeting thereupon adjourned.

W. F. HENRY, A. A. G.,
Recorder.

On motion the report of the Council of Administration was approved and the recommendations contained therein, were unanimously adopted.

A comrade moved that the Encampment now proceed to the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and put to vote and was carried.

Comrade Baldrige of Post 14, Joplin, said that Comrade Carpenter, Commander of his Post had expected to be present but because of sickness was detained at home. The order being for the nomination of officers, Past Department Commander, Alfred Zartman nominated D. H. Baldrige of Post 14, Joplin, for the office of Department Commander. The nomination was seconded by several.

A motion was made that the Encampment take a recess until 2 o'clock, carried.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander at 2:00 o'clock.

Past Department Commander, Alfred Zartman said he would like to make a statement. There being no objection, he said that he had arranged for a reunion of the surviving members of the 6th Army Corps at Dayton, Ohio, during the meeting of the National Encampment next September and had written and received

many letters about it and that the Adjutant General had promised that he would make favorable mention of it in General Orders.

The Assistant Adjutant General announced that the printed tickets to be voted for the election of Representatives to the National Encampment were ready for distribution and asked that four comrades, neither of whom is a candidate, volunteer to act as tellers to receive and count the ballots. The following comrades C. H. Mitchell, A. Whipple and Jeff Smith volunteered and were duly appointed. They were directed to distribute the ballots and when all have voted to collect the ballots, count the votes and report the result.

The Officer of the Guard announced that a number of the Daughters of Union Veterans were at the door and desired admission, there being no objection the Commander directed the Officer of the Day to escort them to the front, which he did. Mrs. Belle Stuver, Department President was introduced and she said that her convention had taken a recess and she had brought all the members with her to greet the Department Encampment of their fathers. In token of their love and good-will she presented the Department Commander a check for the sum of \$250.00 for the general fund of the G. A. R. Department and she presented Mrs. Agnes I. McCoy of Massachusetts, the National President of the society who addressed the Encampment declaring that other loves may grow cold but the love of a daughter never.

The Department Commander responded to the greetings and remarks and on behalf of the Department and its Comrades most heartily thanked the Society for its voluntary and generous contribution to aid the Grand Army in defraying the necessary expenses of the Department.

The Comrades were called up and stood at attention as the Daughters retired.

The Encampment then proceeded with the order of business, the election of officers. The Commander stated that nominations for Department Commander was still in order, none appearing the nomination for that office was declared closed and on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade D. H. Baldrige of Post 14, which was done and he was declared duly elected Commander of the Department for the ensuing year.

A committee from the convention of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was announced. The further nomination of officers was suspended and the committee was ad-

mitted and escorted to the front and saluted and given a cordial welcome.

Mrs. B. B. Bolt, chairman of the committee gave the greetings of her Society and assured the Comrades that it gave her and her Sisters great pleasure to assist the men who offered their lives for their Country in the days of the Civil War, now in their declining years. At the close of her remarks she handed the Department Commander a package containing four ten dollar gold pieces as evidence of their loving good-will. Mrs. Bolt then introduced their Division President, Mrs. Mary A. Bramsch of St. Louis, who delivered a cheering address to the Comrades. The Department Commander responded to the greetings and very heartily thanked the ladies for their kind words and voluntary offering. The committee then retired and the business of the Encampment was resumed.

The nomination of a Senior Vice Department Commander being in order, Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur, nominated Comrade Charles C. Bell of Post 240 Boonville, for that office. No other nomination appearing, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Bell, which was done and the Commander declared him duly elected Senior Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Green B. Cunningham of Post 22, Kirksville was nominated for Junior Vice Department Commander. There being no other nominations for that office he was elected by acclamation by the unanimous vote of the Encampment to the office of Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

At this time Past Commander-in-Chief, J. W. Willett of Iowa appeared at the out post under the escort of Past Department Commander, S. D. Webster. He was admitted, escorted to the Commander's station, saluted and given a soldier's welcome. He made a short address, saying among other things that he was there as the representative of the Commander-in-Chief who was then in the Department of California—Nevada; that the Commander-in-Chief wished him to convey to this Department fraternal greetings and his wishes for a pleasant, harmonious and profitable meeting. He stated that he had been advised that was expected to deliver a more extended address at the camp that evening and at this time he would only express his pleasure in again meeting with the Comrades of Missouri in Department Encampment and recalling the pleasures he enjoyed four years

when he paid an official visit as Commander-in-Chief, to the Missouri Department Encampment in Sedalia.

It was announced that a representative from the City of Excelsior Springs desired the privilege of presenting an invitation to hold the Encampment in that City next year. On motion the order of business was suspended and the gentleman was invited to the platform. He said, in substance, the Mayor and City Officers, the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Societies and the Citizens generally of Excelsior Springs were unanimous in their desire to entertain the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied societies; that the city was amply able to entertain and accommodate all who might attend; that transportation facilities were excellent. He said that if his city was selected the meeting would be a pleasure to all.

The Commander thanked the gentleman for the invitation and assured him that when the location of the next Encampment was in order his invitation should have due consideration. The gentleman retired and the order of business was resumed.

The nomination and selection of Department Chaplain was next in order. A comrade nominated for re-election the present Department Chaplain, Comrade W. K. Collins, who has for several years past served the Department faithfully and ably, with credit to himself and honor to the Department. A Comrade of McPherson Post No. 4, Kansas City, said that he fully recognized the faithful and able service of Comrade Collins as Department Chaplain, yet he wished to place a Comrade of that Post in nomination for the office of Department Chaplain. He nominated Comrade C. H. Mitchell of Post 4, Kansas City. There was no other nomination. There being two candidates for the office, ballots were distributed and voted. The tellers were directed to receive and count the ballots and report the result. The tellers reported that there were 50 votes cast, of which Comrade Mitchell received 27 and Comrade Collins received 23. The Commander stated that Comrade Mitchell having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was duly elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

It was announced that a committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was in waiting and desired admission. No objection appearing they were admitted, escorted to the front and saluted.

Rev. Frank G. Beardsley, Chairman of the committee gave the cordial greetings of our Sons in convention assembled and delivered to the Encampment an eloquent, patriotic address and

closed his remarks by handing the Commander a check for \$50.00 as their free-will offering to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic. His address was generously applauded. Other members were introduced but declined to take the time of the Encampment by further remarks. The Department Commander responded to the address and on behalf of the Comrades of the Department, tendered the thanks of the Department for the liberal free-will offering. The Sons of Union Veterans then retired and the business of the Encampment was resumed.

The next business in order was the nomination and election of Medical Director. Comrade Henry, a member of Post 8, Kansas City, nominated Comrade Dr. J. L. Carnahan of that Post for the office of Medical Director. No other nomination appearing on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Comrade Dr. J. L. Carnahan for Medical Director, which was done and he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade Mitchell announced that the tellers on the vote for Representatives were ready to report. No objection appearing the report was received as follows: (Note—Comrades C. C. Bell and G. B. Cunningham having been elected Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders respectively, and thereby being ex-officio members of the National Encampment, their names are eliminated from the names voted for).

Comrade Corkran received the highest vote cast. The ten Comrades receiving the next highest are as follows, in the order of their vote, viz:

Peter E. Landis, St. Joseph.
 H. W. Sandusky, St. Joseph.
 John Ferguson, Iberia.
 Max Fritz, St. Louis.
 E. N. Endmonds, Kansas City.
 Madison Goodson, Maryville.
 Andrew Evans, St. Louis.
 C. H. Mitchell, Kansas City.
 N. U. Wilson, Joplin.
 W. K. Collins, Lees Summit.

The Department Commander declared Comrade C. W. Cork having received the highest vote cast, he is duly elected Representative at large, and the other ten Comrades named above are elected Representatives.

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The report showed only five Comrades remaining for Alternates and the order of their vote follows, viz:

- A. Whipple, St. Louis.
- Jeff Smith, Kirksville.
- Wm. Bryant, St. Louis.
- J. H. McEwen, Kansas City.
- Farwell Walton, St. Louis.

They were declared duly elected Alternate Representatives.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 9:00 o'clock Thursday, May 19, and the following committees were announced:

Committee on Resolutions: Comrade Carnahan, Chairman; and Comrades Calland and Mitchell.

Committee on Officers reports other than the Department Commander's address; Comrades Corkran, Daily and Whipple.

The following was presented by the Assistant Adjutant General who moved that it be adopted:

Resolved, That all members of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing in this Department shall be members of all Department Encampments. The motion to adopt the resolution was duly seconded and upon a vote taken, declared adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander announced that its report was ready and the Commander called the Senior Vice Commander to the chair and the report of the committee was received as follows:

Kirksville, Mo., May 19th, 1927.

The committee on the address of Department Commander Lanley, wish to report they find it to be concise and brief, yet covering points of interest that the Department should heed as well as all members of the G. A. R.

ALFRED ZARTMAN,
P. F. COGLAN,
WM. LOWE

Committee.

On motion the report was approved and the Committee discharged. Thereupon the Commander resumed command.

The Committee on Officers reports presented its report as follows:

We, the Committee on reports of officers of this Department other than the Commander, find that all of them have been faithful

Comrade C. H. ...
duly elected ...
named above ...

to their trusts. All Comrades have copies of these reports and we urge them to read them carefully.

Signed,

C. W. CORKRAN,
SIDNEY L. DAILY,
A. WHIPPLE,

Committee

Past Department Commander Calland of Post 69, Springfield asked the privilege of the floor to present an invitation of Springfield to hold our next Department Encampment in that city. There being no objection his request was granted and he said again as well as its auxiliary and allied societies and he said frequently of his hopes that his home city may be selected for encampment next year. He presented a letter from the Mayor of Springfield and one from the Chamber of Commerce as follows:

May 17, 1927

Hon. W. C. Calland,
Commander of the Missouri
Department of the Grand Army
of the Republic,
Kirksville, Mo.
My Dear Commander:—

Would you be kind enough to extend to the Grand Army of the Republic the City of Springfield's cordial invitation to our encampment in 1928 in Springfield, Missouri?

Permit me to call your attention to the fact that our encampment is near the battle ground of Wilson Creek and it might be some of your number would be glad of the opportunity to visit the battle field and go over the ground upon which perhaps they fought.

Assuring you a most hearty welcome will await you should you be done so much for the preservation of our country, if you select Springfield as the place for your encampment, I

Yours truly

W. E. FREEMAN

May 17th, 1927.

Prof. W. C. Calland, Post Commander
 Capt. John Matthews Post, G. A. R.
 Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Professor Calland:

At a meeting of our Board of Directors last night it was voted that an urgent invitation should be extended to the veterans of the G. A. R. to hold their annual encampment in Springfield next year. Will you kindly convey this invitation from Springfield to your members and say that the Chamber of Commerce voted \$200 toward your convention expenses.

We sincerely hope our invitation will be accepted and want to deeply impress upon you that a most hearty welcome awaits you. If we can assist you in other ways, you can depend upon our willingness to serve you. Springfield has won the title of being a real convention city. Come and let us prove our hospitality.

Anticipating your acceptance, we are

Cordially,
 Springfield Chamber of Commerce.
 JOHN S. FARRINGTON, President.

A comrade moved that Springfield be selected as the place for holding the Department Encampment in May 1928. The motion was duly seconded. Comrade Madison Goodson of Post 21, Maryville moved that Excelsior Springs be substituted for Springfield. The motion of comrade Goodson was seconded. The Commander put the motion to substitute Excelsior Springs for Springfield as the place for holding the Department Encampment in 1928, and the vote appeared to be largely in the negative and the Commander declared the motion to substitute was lost and that the original motion was before the encampment. The vote was then taken on the original motion. The Commander declared the motion carried and that Springfield is duly chosen as the place for holding the Department Encampment in May in 1928.

A committee from the convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was in waiting and wished admission to present the greetings. The Ladies were admitted and escorted to the Commanders station, introduced and saluted. Miss LoRena Fleming, Department President, introduced Mrs. Cora Dunning, National Treasurer, and special representative of the National President, who presented the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in general and of the National President in particular. Mrs. Sara E. Hughes, Department Counselor, was in-

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DAILY.

Committee

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May 17th, 1927

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 FREEMAN, Mayor

roduced and spoke entertainingly of the natural affection of the members of their Order, being bound by the ties, blood or marriage to the veterans of the war for the preservation of the Union, Miss Fleming spoke of the objects of her Order, the principal of which is aid the aged veterans in their declining years, brighten their path with flowers, kind acts and do all they can for the pleasure and comfort of those who sacrificed and suffered, that we may now have all the blessings by which we are surrounded. As she closed her remarks she handed the Commander a check for \$300.00 for the general fund of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic of Missouri. The Commander on behalf of the Comrades of the Encampment and of the Department thanked the ladies for their greetings and cheering words and especially for the liberal contribution to Department Headquarters.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the following telegram:

Kansas City, Mo., May 18th, 1927.

Commander, Missouri Division, G. A. R. Hall, where reunion is held, Kirksville, Mo.

Greetings and my best wishes for a pleasant reunion for each of you with the assurance that I will continue to cultivate the spirit of amity and friendship for your members and try to make that sentiment universal among confederate veterans of Missouri.

ARCHIBALD A. PEARSON,
Commander, Missouri Division, U. C. V.

The following resolution was presented and on motion unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that telegram of greetings from the Commander of the Missouri Division, U. C. V. is highly appreciated, and that the comrades of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic fully reciprocate the fraternal sentiment expressed by him.

Comrades Baldrige, Collins and Walton were appointed committee to visit the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrades Lowe and Bennett were appointed a committee to visit the Convention of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Comrades Ferguson and Sandusky were appointed a committee to visit the Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

A committee from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps. They were admitted, escorted to the front and saluted.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reitz, Department President presented her annual report to the Department Commander, as follows:

Kirksville Mo., May 17th—

Report of Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps to Department Commander of the Grand Army of Republic.

John W. Lanley, Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Commander:—

I have the honor and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the forty-sixth annual encampment, Department of Missouri Grand Army of Republic, assembled at Kirksville, May 17, 18, and 19th, 1927, a brief statement of the work accomplished the past year by your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Missouri.

Number of Corps Instituted.....	1
Number of Corps.....	35
Number of members.....	2389
Cash expended for relief.....	\$ 205.37
Volume expended for relief other than money.....	8589.60
Cash turned over to Posts.....	302.74
Cash expended for Patriotic Work.....	1113.23
Cash expended for Army Nurses.....	14.00
Cash expended for Child Welfare.....	1.00
Cash expended for Scholarship Fund.....	10.00
Cash expended for Southern Memorial Fund.....	9.00
St. James Christmas Fund.....	184.00
Grand Army Fund.....	500.00

Commander Lanley, it is impossible to find words to express my appreciation to you; our official association has added a strong link of friendship in my chain. I want to thank the Grand Army of the Republic for the high honor they bestowed upon you the past year, so that I had the great privilege of serving with a man so noble and so capable.

Loyally submitted in F. C. and L.,

ELIZABETH REITZ,

Department President.

With the report she handed the Commander a check for \$500.00 for the general fund of the Department G. A. R.

Mrs. Reitz then introduced the other members of the committee, all of them were Past Department Presidents and each made brief and interesting remarks.

The members of the Committee were: the Department President, Mrs. Elizabeth Reitz, and Past Department Presidents, Mrs. Hannah Martin, Mrs. Alice Mae Armstrong, Mrs. Mary Metler, Mrs. Mabel S. Walker, Mrs. Mary E. Whetstone, Mrs. Augusta Wildhagen, Mrs. Anna Menikheim and Mrs. Cora Byram.

Commander Lanley made an eloquent response to greetings and to the pleasing and cheering remarks of the members of the committee and in the name and behalf of the Comrades of the Department most heartily thanked the Woman's Relief Corps for its munificent and voluntary offering to the G. A. R. Department general fund. The Comrades of the Encampment stood and applauded the ladies as they retired. The business of the Encampment was resumed.

The committee on Resolutions presented its report as follows:

Report of the committees on Resolutions.

Resolved, the thanks of this Encampment are due and are hereby extended to the Officers and citizens of the City of Kirksville for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality accorded to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, on their 46th Annual Department Encampment, and to the Auxiliary and Allied Societies, holding their Conventions in Kirksville; Mr. E. L. Barnes Secretary of the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce, is entitled to special thanks for his admirable arrangements for places of meetings and for holding the annual campfire. He has been untiring in his efforts to make the occasion an enjoyable one for all, and he has succeeded in doing so; his office has been open at all times for the convenience of Comrades to meet and for registration; the Boy Scouts are alert and ever ready to guide and assist the Comrades on all occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. CARNAHAN,
W. C. CALLAND,
H. C. MITCHELL,

Committee

The report of the committee was approved and the committee discharged.

Comrade W. K. Collins spoke with some feeling and appreciation of the honors the Comrades had conferred on him by electing him several successive times to the office of Department Chaplain.

Comrade C. W. Burrill spoke briefly of the honors he had received from the Comrades of the Department and said that he heartily thanked them.

The Assistant Adjutant General said we used to have our Encampments enlivened by songs but this Encampment had not tried to sing. He suggested that we have a song. He sang the "Little Bronze Button" and all joined in the chorus. After the song he entertained the Comrades with some recitations.

A Comrade moved that Comrade Henry be given a rising vote of thanks for his entertaining them with his songs and recitations. The vote of thanks was unanimous.

No further business appearing, the Commander announced that the next business in order was the Installation of Officers, and requested Past Department Commander, S. D. Webster to assume command and install the Officers elect.

Comrade Webster assumed command and appointed Comrade Thomas H. Brown of Post 4, Officer of the Day for the Installation ceremonies.

The Officers elect were then duly installed in their several offices as follows:

- D. H. Baldrige, Department Commander.
- Chas. C. Bell, Senior Vice Department Commander.
- G. B. Cunningham, Junior Vice Department Commander.
- Dr. J. L. Carnahan, Medical Director.
- Rev. C. H. Mitchell Department Chaplain.

D. H. Baldrige on being installed Department Commander, appointed Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General; and W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor. These Comrades being present they were duly installed.

Commander Baldrige on assuming command expressed his thanks for the honor conferred on him by the comrades of the Department and assured them that he would endeavor to so conduct the office that he would bring no reproach on the Grand Army nor regrets that his Comrades have so highly honored him. He said that other appointments would be announced in General Orders.

No further business appearing, the Department Commander declared the forty-sixth annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, of the Grand Army of the Republic closed.

A true record.



Assistant Adjutant General.

(I wish to here record my thanks to Miss Aldian Sandefur for her valuable aid in keeping the minutes of proceedings—
W. F. HENRY, A. A. G.)

In Memoriam

JAMES B. DOBYNE was born in Hollidaysburg, Pa., December 29, 1846 and died at his home in St. Louis, Mo., January 12, 1927. He enlisted in the service of the United States July 1, 1864 in Co. G, 1st Penn. Infantry and was honorably discharged at the expiration of the term of his enlistment, Nov. 10, 1864. He joined Ransom Post of this Department May 11, 1901 by transfer from Post 5, of the Department of Illinois; was installed Commander of Ransom Post No. 131, January 1906; was elected Department Commander May 13, 1914. He took great interest in Grand Army affairs until the last.

ALLAN J. SHOWERS was born at Pleasant Hills, Indiana November 3, 1847, and died at Jefferson City, Mo., January 17, 1927. He enlisted November 5, 1863, as a private in Co. C, 126th Indiana Cavalry and was honorably discharged September 19, 1865 as Sergeant of Co. C, 11th Indiana Cavalry, close of the war. He was mustered into Ransom Post No. 131, of this Department June 25, 1887 and was an active member of the Post until his death. He was twice elected Commander of his Post and at the time of his decease was holding the office of Department Chief Muster Officer. For many years he was in the U. S. Postal service at Jefferson City, Mo., and was retired. At the time of his decease he was at the State Capitol, about to enter on the duties of Postmaster of the House of Representatives to which he had been elected; always genial and courteous gentleman who made friends with all whom he came into social intercourse.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The local committee of arrangements made ample provisions for the annual parade to take place in the afternoon of Wednesday of the 18th, but the weather was such that the parade was called off and abandoned.

THE CAMPFIRE.

The annual campfire was held in the large auditorium of the Osteopathic Medical College which was crowded to capacity and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The program of the entertainment follows:

CAMP FIRE PROGRAM G. A. R. and Auxiliaries.

J. W. Lanley, Dept. Commander, Master of Ceremonies.

Assembly—Bugle-----Richard S. Griffith
Music-----American Legion Orchestra
Address of Welcome-----Prof. W. J. Bray
Address-----Rev. Beardsley, St. Louis, Mo.
Duet-----Mesdames McKay and Anderson

"When the Boys in Blue are Gone."

"Army Bean."

Address-----H. W. Garrett
Address-----Rev. C. H. Mitchell, D. D., Kansas City, Mo.
Address-----Judge J. W. Willett, Iowa
(Past Commander-in-Chief, representing the Com-
mander-in-Chief).

Duet-----Messrs. Davis and Bennett

"Stand Together."

"Never Give up the Flag."

"Taps"—Bugle-----Richard S. Griffith

The addresses were of a high order, replete with fraternal and patriotic sentiment eloquently expressed. The address of Mr. H. W. Garrett was preceded by the most humorous and unique exhibition ever before witnessed by the writer. His unique performances on the piano and his humorous remarks kept the large audience in an uproar of laughter, his humor and jokes were clean and his address which followed his performance was of a high class.

At the close of the program, just before the sounding of taps,

a committee of ladies from Meumann Corps No. 16, W. R. C., St. Louis, Auxiliary to Post 496, the Post of which Department Commander Lanley is a member, appeared on the platform. Mrs. Anna Menikheim, Past President of the Corps and Past President of the Department, addressed Commander Lanley some congratulatory and laudatory remarks. She assured him that the members of her Corps had watched his course as Department Commander with commendary pleasure; that the fraternal associations of the past years would remain with them a pleasing memory as the future years go by; now that he may have something to remind him of the happy days of the past that have been swallowed up in the eternity of the days gone by and that can only live in memory, she and her associates of Meumann Corps now present him with a gold watch and chain. They express the hope that it may record the flight of time for him for many years and when he looks in its face he will be reminded of the faces of host of friends he has made by his genial courtesies and good cheer as Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade Lanley was evidently taken by surprise and his voice trembled with emotion as he expressed his thanks, the gift and especially for the kind words of appreciation voiced in the presentation.

Each number on the program met with great applause. The audience was in an appreciative mood and appeared to thoroughly enjoy the occasion. When "Taps" were sounded and the assembly dispersed the general feeling and expression was that the campfire was one of the best the Department had ever held. It will remain with those who were so fortunate as to be present, a pleasant memory of the Forty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1926-1927.

General Orders No. 1. Series 1926-1927.

St. Louis, Mo., May 29, 1926

I. At the forty-fifth annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the following Department officers were duly elected and installed:

- John W. Lanley, of Post 496, Department Commander.
- John Ferguson, of Post 111, Senior Vice Dept. Commander.
- H. W. Sandusky, of Post 7, Junior Vice Dept. Commander.
- Dr. R. B. Tyler, of Post 14, Medical Director.
- W. K. Collins, Post 8, Department Chaplin.

The following comrades of St. Louis posts were unanimously elected members of the Department Council of Administration:
A. Whipple, Max Fritz, W. F. Klanke, S. D. Webster, C. F. Bottum.

Department Commander Lanley at once assumed command and announced the appointment of Wilbur F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was duly installed.

The Department Commander stated that other staff appointments would be announced in General Orders.

II. The following comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates in the 60th National Encampment to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, during the week of September 19-25, next:

Representatives

- A. Whipple, St. Louis
- A. J. Bennett, Unionville
- Max Fritz, St. Louis
- J. Hollingsworth, Nevada
- A. M. Reynolds, St. Joseph
- A. J. Showeres, St. Louis
- J. L. Pierson, St. Louis
- E. H. Rodgers, Boonville
- B. F. Park, St. Louis
- E. N. Edmonds, Kansas City
- P. L. Swartz, Joplin
- J. C. Greenman, Kansas City
- H. Ripley, Nevada
- C. P. Woodruff, Kansas City

Alternates.

- G. B. Cunningham, Youngstown
- C. Heathman, Nevada
- Samuel Zancker, St. Joseph
- Sidney L. Daily, Kansas City
- R. B. Tyler, Joplin
- Jacob L. Stephens, Eldon
- A. McCann, Joplin
- J. H. Haney, Houston
- W. F. Klanke, St. Louis
- N. Wilson, Joplin
- T. L. Patton, Nevada
- D. H. Baldrige, Joplin
- Wm. Bryant, St. Louis
- C. G. Manchester, Joplin

Should any comrade who has been elected a representative, find that he will be unable to attend the National Encampment, he should notify the Assistant Adjutant General at once, so that an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy.

III. Headquarters of this Department during the National Encampment will be established in room 518, Chamberlin Hotel, located at 7th and Locust Streets. The Chamberlin is first class, has a fine, large lobby and mezzanine floor, and we will be very pleasantly located. If other Missouri societies or comrades wish reservation in the Chamberlin, the Assistant Adjutant General will take pleasure in applying for reservation for them. The rates per day, for room and 2 occupants, without bath: \$3.00, \$3.50; with bath, \$4.00, \$6.00.

IV. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the railroad fare for the round trip to the National Encampment will be one regular fare with stop-over privilege on both going and returning. The reduced rate is only for a member of the G. A. R., the wife of a member of the G. A. R., a dependant member of the family of a member of the G. A. R., a widow of a deceased member of the G. A. R., a member or dependant member of family of member of the following auxiliary and allied organizations: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

Railroad ticket agents will require an identification certificate from each purchaser of ticket. The heads of the several organizations should make application to the Assistant Adjutant General for certificates to be issued to those entitled. Further information will be given in future orders.

V. Blanks for report of the Post Chaplin are enclosed here with. Post Commanders will see that they are in the hands of the Chaplin and are promptly filed and mailed direct to W. K. Collins, Department Chaplin, Lees Summit, Mo. Don't send them to Headquarters for they then must be remailed and that delays them.

VI. Department Headquarters will remain at Room 307 Temple Building, 19 South Broadway, St. Louis, where comrades and friends will always be welcome and to which all business communications should be addressed. The personal address of the Department Commander is No. 6308 Michigan Ave., St. Louis, which all communications of a personal nature may be addressed to.

VII. The appointment of W. F. Calfee, Post 44, to be Department Judge Advocate, A. J. Showers, Post 131, to be Department

Chief Mustering Officer J. S. Roth, Post 276, to be Department Inspector and J. C. Greenman of Post 4 to be Chief of Staff, is hereby announced.

VIII. The Department Commander in this his first General Order wishes to express his grateful appreciation of the high honor conferred by his unanimous election to the office of Department Commander and he assures his comrades that their confidence shall be fully justified by his fidelity to duty and the trust reposed in him.

By order of JOHN W. LANLEY, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY,

Assistant Adjutant General.

General Order No. 2.
Series 1926-1927.

St. Louis, Mo., August 5, 1926

I. The Department Commander, on behalf of the comrades of this Department desires to most heartily thank the Commander-in-Chief for his strenuous and untiring labors during the last session of Congress in behalf of pensions and to congratulate him on the outcome. While the law, as set out in full in National General Orders No. 6, is not all that we had hoped for, yet it will be a great relief to many, and the Commander-in-Chief and his co-workers are entitled to our commendation and thanks.

II. General Orders No. 7 from National Headquarters is herewith promulgated and should have careful consideration. It contains much valuable information and should be carefully read to the posts and filed for reference.

III. As heretofore announced, the Sixtieth National Encampment will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, during the week of September 19-25. As for some years past, the Railroad fares will be one regular fare for the round trip. No validation of tickets in Des Moines will be required. Ticket will be good going, September 14 to 22 inclusive, and limited to return by midnight of October 30. Stop-overs will be allowed going and returning at any station where the train stops, by asking the train conductor. The going and returning must be over the same route. As in previous years, the purchaser of a ticket at the limited one fare rate must have an Identification Certificate, which will be issued to any entitled to the reduced fare, by W. F. Henry, Assistant Adjutant General.

IV. Arrangements are being made for a special train over the Wabash to leave the Union Station, St. Louis, at 8:30 Sunday morning, September 19, and expected to arrive in Des Moines same day, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. The train will be first class in every respect and be composed of coaches, chair cars, one or more observation or Pullman cars, a diner and a baggage car. It will run through with only necessary stops. The Department Commander expects to go by this train and hopes that he will meet a large number of comrades and members of the W. R. C. and other allied societies en route. Mr. L. C. Fehlber of the Wabash Passenger Department will accompany the special and see that the passengers have proper care and attention.

V. A special train will leave the Union Depot, Kansas City, at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, September 19, over the Chicago and G. W. R. R., and reach Des Moines about 4:30 P. M. same day.

The fare from St. Louis to Des Moines is \$12.21 The fare from Kansas City to Des Moines is \$8.30.

It will be noted in National Orders No. 7 herewith that the open unofficial meeting for greetings, etc., will be held Monday evening and the parade will be on Wednesday. The comrades and others by reaching Des Moines on Sunday evening will be in apt time for all the events.

VI. Department Headquarters will be established for and during the Encampment in Room 518, Chamberlin Hotel, and will be opened for the reception of comrades and visitors at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Missouri comrades are requested to visit Headquarters, register and get a Missouri Ribbon and wear it with pride and honor. Let the Red and Gold ribbon of Missouri be conspicuously in evidence.

VII. The Missouri members of the National Encampment consisting of the Department Commander, the Vice Department Commanders, the A. A. G., all Past Department Commanders and the 14 elected Representatives—will convene at Department Headquarters, on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a member of the National Council of Administration and selecting a member of the committee on Resolutions and for other business that may come before the meeting.

Should any elected Representative find that he cannot attend the Encampment he should at once inform the Assistant Adjutant General so that an alternate may be notified to fill the vacancy.

THIS IS IMPORTANT.

VIII. Persons holding G. A. R. round trip tickets for

Moines, wishing to board the special train at any station can do so by having the station agent flag the train, or if the A. A. G. is informed he will arrange the stop.

By order of JOHN W. LANLEY, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY,

Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 3.
Series 1926-1927.

St. Louis, Mo., November 27, 1926.

I. The 61st Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Des Moines, the beautiful capital city of Iowa, was a delightful occasion and will ever remain a fragrant memory with all who were so fortunate as to be present. Four years ago the citizens and city were prodigal in their hospitality and this year all seemed to make every effort to excell the generous good will exhibited in 1922.

The Department Commander expresses his grateful pleasure that so many comrades represented the Department and were able to march in the parade. Unfortunately, the parade was marred by rain, but more than forty Missouri comrades marched behind Old Glory and the Blue and Gold Guidons of Missouri. Autos were provided for all who wished to ride.

The Assistant Quartermaster General had arranged for excellent rooms for Headquarters at the Hotel Chamberlin where 146 comrades registered.

In the business sessions of the Encampment, this Department was represented by four Department officers, a Past Commander-in-Chief, a Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, five Past Department Commanders and 14 elected Representatives. All took an active interest in all the proceedings. This Department was honored by again electing Dr. C. W. Burrill of Post 4, Kansas City, to the office of Surgeon General.

II. The Department Commander calls his attention of Post Officers and Comrades to the importance of keeping up the organization of our honored Order. He hopes that no Post Charter will be surrendered, bear in mind that three members constitute a quorum for business in a Post having less than 25 members so hold post meetings and keep your charter as long as you are physically able. Anyone of the Allied societies, the W. R. C., Ladies of the

G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans, will be glad to aid in keeping the records, making reports and paying dues. Any of these societies will be pleased to have you meet with them and will make their meetings a pleasure to you as well as for themselves.

III. Post Commanders and Posts are reminded that the annual election of officers should be held at the first meeting of the Post in December, at which time, in addition to the Post Officers, there should be elected Representatives to the Department Encampment. Each Post of fifty members or less, in good standing December 31st, 1925, is entitled to one Representative. Posts of more than fifty members are entitled to one Representative for each fifty or a fractional part of fifty or over twenty-five.

Post Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders and Past Post Commanders are ex-officio members of the Department Encampment and should not be elected Representatives. Alternates should be elected. Blanks are inclosed for reports of the results of elections.

IV. Blanks for the annual reports are mailed herewith to each Post. They should be made out and forwarded with the per capita immediately after the last meeting of the Post in December; Post Commanders should see that it is done. Post Commanders will see that these blanks are in the hands of the Adjutant and Quartermaster in apt time and are not laid aside and forgotten.

The annual per capita tax is 40c on each member in good standing at the close of the year, one-half may be paid in January and one-half in July, or it may all be paid in January.

Wear the badge of the G. A. R. with Honor until finally mustered out. Let it be truthfully said when taps are sounded: "The march of another COMRADE IS OVER."

V. A few Posts have not remitted the per capita dues for last half of 1925. The amount due and unpaid is 20c each on number of members in good standing Dec. 31, 1924. If there is a blue X opposite this paragraph your Post is delinquent. Post Commanders will give attention to this and see that prompt remittance is made.

VI. The Assistant Adjutant General has copies of the Reports of the Department Encampments, held in 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926, which he will send on request. If you want a copy send him a card or letter.

By order of JOHN W. LANLEY, Department Commander

W. F. HENRY,
Assistant Adjutant General

General Orders No. 4.
Series 1926-1927.

St. Louis, Mo., March 12, 1927.

I. The Forty-Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in the City of Kirksville, at nine o'clock A. M., May 18th, 1927, and remain in session, subject to the will of the Encampment, until the business of the Encampment shall be completed.

The Department Commander is pleased to announce that it is confidently expected that the Commander-in-Chief will be with us at that time.

Judging the future by the past, we will receive a hearty welcome from the citizens of Kirksville and a generous hospitality will be exhibited in our entertainment.

The details for arrangement for entertainment, campfire, receptions, hotel rates, etc., will be announced in future orders.

A Wabash train will leave the Union Station, St. Louis, at 9:03 A. M., May 17, leave Moberly at 1:35 P. M., and arrive in Kirksville at 3:35 P. M. Luncheon at Moberly.

II. The Railroad Passenger Associations covering the State of Missouri have granted the same rates of fare to the Department Encampment to be held in Kirksville that prevailed for the Encampment at Sedalia last year, with the same limitations as to those entitled, that is: Rate of fare and one-ninth of the current fares for the round trip on indentification certificate plan for the G. A. R. Veterans and their wives, and for widows of deceased members of the G. A. R.

For members of the Auxiliary organizations and dependent members of the families of Veterans other than their wives, and the dependent members of the families of members of Auxiliary Societies the fare will be one and one-half the current fares on the certificate plan. Members of the G. A. R. will receive, on application to the Assistant Adjutant General Indentification Certificates upon which they may purchase round trip tickets for themselves and their wives and widows of deceased members of G. A. R. all others must pay full one way fare and get from the selling agent a certificate. These certificates must be validated by the Assistant Adjutant General at Kirksville, they will then be good for a one-half fare ticket to return.

In order to obtain the one-half fare rate to return, at least 100 certificates must be presented for validation.

The round trip tickets for the members of the G. A. R., their wives and widows will not require validation. Dates of sale will be May 13-19 inclusive, going; limitation return, May 23, 1927.

Department Headquarters will be opened in Traveler's Hotel, on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 17. The Department Council of Administration will meet at Department Headquarters at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 17, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

III. Attention is again called to the resolution adopted by the 55th National Encampment that Posts are authorized to employ a secretary or stenographer to be present at their meetings and transcribe the proceedings in the journal kept for that purpose.

It must be recognized that nearly all who followed the Flag in 1861-5 have passed the age of four score years. There are many Posts whose members are all so disabled by reason of infirmities incident to age that they cannot properly keep the records and make out the necessary reports. The resolution referred to will permit them to invite a capable person to perform the duties. The Department Commander advises that this be done.

IV. Several Posts have not yet reported for the year 1926. These reports with rare exceptions might have reached Department Headquarters by the 5th of January. The Adjutant and Quartermaster of any Post can get together make up the report in a half hour if attended to as soon as it is due. The longer the matter is delayed, the more difficult it appears to be.

Comrades, you know whether your Post has reported or not if it has not, do not longer delay, do it now. It is especially important that the Assistant Adjutant General have the names of all members of the Department Encampment in order that he may properly prepare the roll of the Encampment.

V. It is with real sorrow that the death of Past Department Commander, James B. Dobyne is here recorded. He died at home in St. Louis, Mo., January 12, 1927.

He was born in Hollidaysburg, Pa., December 29, 1846; enlisted as a private in Co. G First Pa. Infantry, was honorably discharged at the end of his enlistment. He joined Ransom Post, 131 of Department by transfer from Thomas Post No. 5, Chicago, Ill. He became Commander of Ransom Post in 1906; was elected D

ment Commander in 1915 and presided at the last Department Encampment held in Kirksville.

A shadow of sadness fell upon the hearts of many Comrades upon the announcement that the Department Chief Mustering Officer Allan J. Showers had suddenly died.

He was born in Pleasant Hills, Indiana, November 3, 1847; enlisted November 5, 1863 as a private in the 11th Indiana Cavalry, discharged September 19, 1865, at the close of the war; mustered into Ransom Post No. 131, this Department, June 25, 1887, and was a zealous and energetic worker until his death. Always a genial and courteous gentleman who made friends with all with whom he came into social intercourse.



VI. The Camp Jackson Union Soldiers Monument Association, an Association organized and incorporated by members of the G. A. R., is raising a fund to commemorate the capture of Camp Jackson, May 10, 1861, by erecting an equestrian statue of General Lyon on a portion of the ground which was occupied as Camp Jackson. It lies on the plaza on Grand at the intersection of Lawton-Chestnut cutoff, having been assigned to the association by the City for that purpose. Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Cassieur, was a leader in organizing the association, your present Department Commander is an active member of the association and believes that many Comrades in the state would like to have part in so laudable an undertaking if attention is called to it. It is purposed to raise at least \$50,000.00 for the purpose in view. The memorial will be artistically beautiful, with surroundings to enhance its effect. Every loyal Missourian will feel a pride of state he has never felt before, when he sees it. The capture of Camp Jackson was a master stroke and saved, not only St. Louis, but the state of Missouri to the Union.

Should any Comrade wish to contribute any amount to this fund he may send check payable to Camp Jackson Union Soldiers Monument Association, to Department Headquarters and it will be properly delivered.

VII. General Orders No. 3 from National Headquarters is herewith promulgated.

By order of JOHN W. LANLEY, Department Commander:
W. F. HENRY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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**General Orders No. 5.
Series 1926-1927.**

St. Louis, Mo., April 20, 1927.

I. The Assistant Adjutant General has received the following communications from the Chairman of the Western Passenger Association:

Dear Sir:

It has been decided that for meetings of G. A. R. Auxiliary organizations and members of families of G. A. R. Veterans other than their wives, rate of fare and one-half on IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE PLAN, with minimum excursion fare of \$1.00, will be substituted for the regular certificate plan fares heretofore applied.

These certificates will be numbered consecutively and it will be necessary for the person who will distribute them to keep an exact record of the number of certificates issued to each member. This course is required by the carriers, who desire that every effort be made to prevent certificates from falling in the hands of others than members.

The name of the member to whom the certificate is issued should be filled in before the Identification Certificate is presented to ticket agent. This is very important in order to avoid congestion at the ticket offices before train time. It is also desirable to suggest to members that they call at the railroad station and purchase their tickets at least thirty minutes before departure of trains. We therefore respectfully request that all necessary steps be taken to safeguard the interests of the railways, as the granting of reduced fares is contingent on this course being taken.

Also the following:

Dear Sir:

Referring to recent correspondence on the above subject:

It is very essential that you request all members to register and give the following detail information:

- 1—Name and address of member.
- 2—Name and address of dependent members of family who may have accompanied him.
- 3—What means of transportation used in traveling to place of meeting (automobile, motor bus, electric line or name of steam railroad).

We will appreciate it if you will comply with our request

and furnish us with this information promptly after your meeting.

II. Post Commanders should make requisition on the Assistant Adjutant General for sufficient Identification Certificates to supply the members of their respective Posts and their wives and such widows as may call on them for Certificates.

On proper application to him the Assistant Adjutant General will furnish Department Officers of the several Auxiliary and Allied Societies Certificates for these entitled to the round trip at a fare and one-half.

III. A Wabash train, as heretofore stated, will leave the Union Station, St. Louis, at 9 o'clock a. m., May 17, and stop 20 minutes at Moberly, leave Moberly at 1:35 and arrive at Kirksville at 3:35 p. m. A train will leave Kansas City at the same time and join the St. Louis train at Moberly. Luncheon may be served on the train or had at the depot in Moberly.

The one-way fare from St. Louis is \$7.38, from Kansas City it is \$6.77.

IV. It is very desirable that the officers' reports be printed for distribution at the Encampment and in order that this may be done the reports must be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General on or before Saturday, May 8.

V. Comrade A. J. Bennett of Post 54 is hereby appointed Officer of the Day and Comrade G. B. Cunningham of Post 22 Officer of the Guard for the Encampment. They will be respected as such. These Comrades will report in uniform promptly at 8:15 o'clock, Wednesday morning, May 18, at the place of the Encampment meeting.

The Officer of the Guard will detail from the Comrades present such assistants as he may need.

VI. The following named Comrades are hereby appointed a Committee on Credentials: J. L. Carnahan of Post 8, Seth Carpenter of Post 14 and J. N. Munsell of Post 17. They will meet in the Travelers Hotel as early on Tuesday afternoon as practicable. By a resolution of the last National Encampment any Comrade of the G. A. R. in good standing may be admitted as a member of his Department Encampment. It is probable that the Encampment at Kirksville will take such action as that any Comrade in good standing present will be admitted as a member of the Encampment, whether he was elected a Representative or not.

MEMORIAL DAY.

VII. Three score years ago, less one, Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan, through his Adjutant General, N. P. Chipman, issued his General Order No. 11, and designated the 30 th day of May for "the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of Comrades who died in defense of their country in the late rebellion," and said: "Let us, then, at the time appointed, 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."

The ceremonies so inaugurated have been faithfully kept and sacredly performed in memory of our fallen Comrades; in these ceremonies the W. R. C. and all allied and patriotic Societies and citizens have joined in the celebration of the day as a day for sacred memories and its observance a sacred privilege. The manner of its observance is left to Comrades and Posts.

VIII. The Department Commander hopes to meet all Comrades who are physically able at the Department Encampment. Let us meet together once more and once more renew the Comradeship formed on the march and around the campfires in the long ago and that were welded in the white heat of battle.

By order of JOHN W. LANLEY, Department Commander:

W. F. HENRY,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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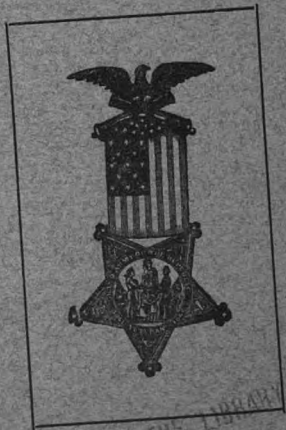
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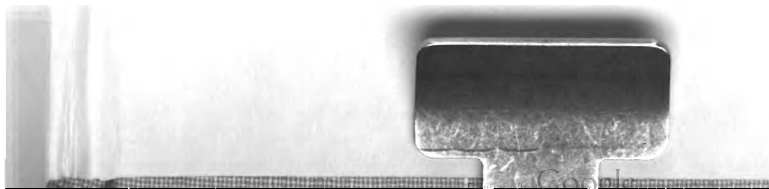
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