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55th Annual Encampment

--of the--

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

GRAND ARMY
of the REPUBLIC

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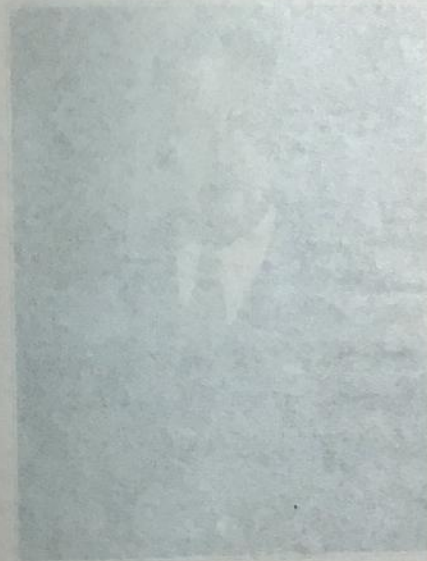
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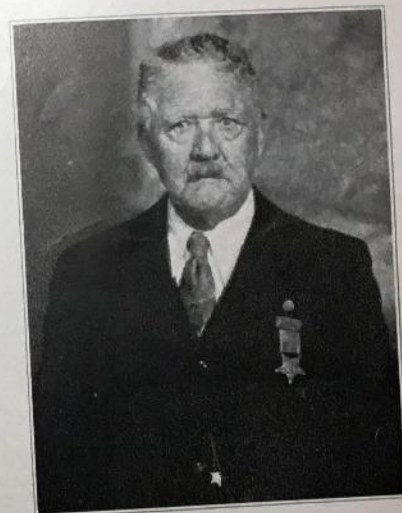
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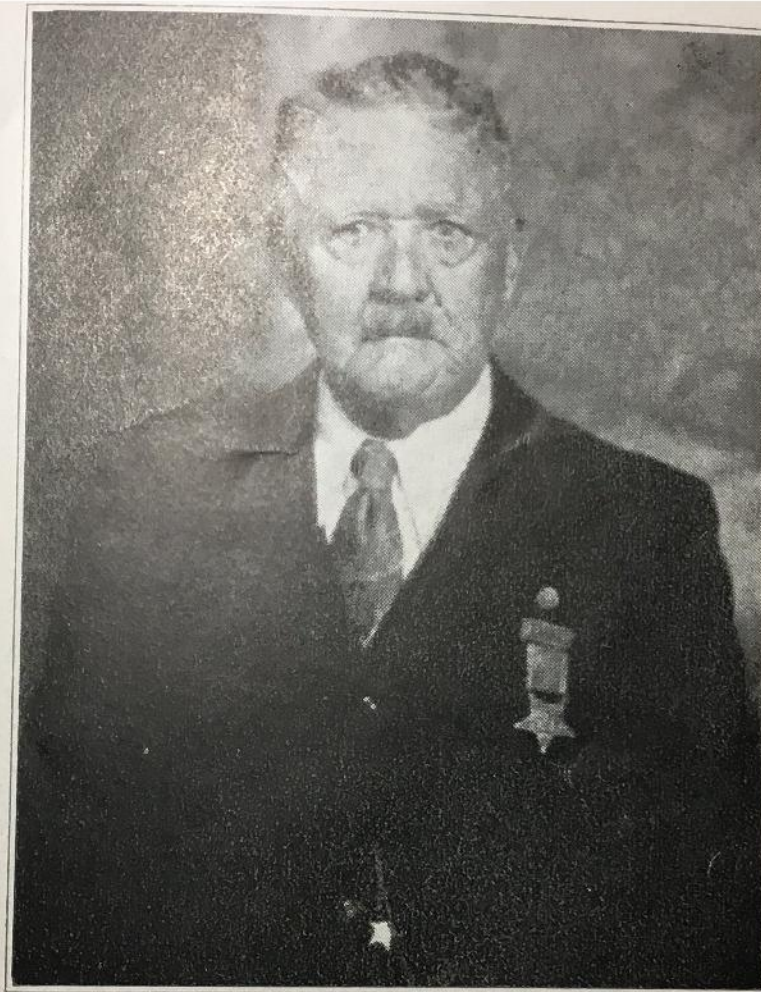
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ADDRESS
OF THE
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
AND
REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
TO THE
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
Department of Missouri
Grand Army of the Republic
Joplin, Mo., May 12th to 15th, 1936

STATE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS PERRY MARTIN.

Joplin, Missouri, May 12, 1936.

To the officers and members of the 55th Annual Encampment,
Missouri Department, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades:—

A year ago you elected me to the high and honorable position of Department Commander to guard our noble organization's interest and manage its affairs for the term now closing. I am now tendering you a report of that stewardship.

In giving an account of my stewardship for the past year as Department Commander, I must say I have found the duties very light. There is very little activity among the various Posts throughout the Department. I did not endeavor to make any visits to the Posts in the Department as very few Posts are holding regular meetings on account of the declining ages of the Comrades. The expense incurred by these visits would not have been productive of any benefit to our Department and the Grand Army of the Republic as a whole.

After the Encampment I returned to my home with a hope of interesting our allied organizations in carrying on the ideals and principles of the Grand Army of the Republic when the last Comrade has joined his Comrades on the other shore.

I have visited many meetings of the allied organizations in St. Louis.

June 14, I attended Flag Day exercises at the Roosevelt High School in St. Louis, in which all organizations participated.

June 17, I attended a banquet and reception in East St. Louis, Illinois, given in honor of Mrs. Ethel Johnson, newly elected Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois.

I also at various times attended receptions and luncheons given in my honor by the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Federated Patriotic Society, Unit No. 2, of St. Louis, all of which demonstrated the esteem in which the Grand Army of the Republic is held.

MEMORIAL DAY

It is very gratifying that Memorial Day is religiously observed in every locality where a Post exists, and in many instances where the Posts have surrendered their charters and there are no Comrades living; the ceremonies are conducted by members of our auxiliary and allied orders. It has been my aim to impress upon these organizations their obligations to continue the observance of the 30th day of May as the day instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic in memory of deceased Comrades.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

Your attention is invited to the reports of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General; which show a material decline in membership and reduced receipts from per capita tax.

To the Federated Patriotic Society of St. Louis, Unit No. 2, we owe a debt of gratitude for the wonderful gift of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) which they presented to the Department.

ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

As the years pass, the Woman's-Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, their Auxiliary and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, continue to aid and assist the Posts and individual members of the Grand Army, and I am convinced there are many Posts functioning today that would not be able to do so were it not for the help and encouragement rendered by one or more of these organizations. Our thanks are certainly due them.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Department of Missouri was represented at the National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan by seven Comrades. Four were in line of march, which number compared favorably with other Departments.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the Comrades for the great honor that was conferred on me by my election as Department Commander, and to those who have so loyally supported me during my term of office I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation and to bespeak for my successor the same loyalty and assistance they have given me. While I have not done much, I have done everything that seemed necessary by the demands of the Department.

I want to thank all the members of my official staff for the loyalty and courtesy to me. Especially am I indebted to the Assistant Adjutant General for his able and efficient way of taking care of the business of the Department.

To all the allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am under lasting obligation for their loyalty and most generous help to the Department.

And now, my Comrades, as I lay down the gavel at the close of this Encampment, I pledge to you my continued efforts for the organization we all love.

Cordially and fraternally yours, in F. C. and L.,

PERRY MARTIN,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Kansas City, Mo., March 30, 1936

John L. Pierson, Asst. Adj. Gen.
St. Louis, Mo.

My Dear Comrade:—

I have the honor to present to you and through you to the Fifty-fifth Department Encampment my brief report as Senior Vice-Commander.

The duties of this office have been few but this year of the Grand Army of the Republic had called for a closer unity in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

I attended the National G. A. R. at Grand Rapids, Mich. Also the Department Encampment of Kansas.

Made an official visit to Joplin and was the guest of our Comrade Barnes. Their Local Post No. 14 and the W. R. C. held a joint meeting for this occasion. I gave a short address and received a warm welcome.

I attended the banquet given for Custer Post at St. Joseph.

Comrade A. C. Estabrook, National Senior Vice Commander, honored me with a visit.

Have kept active in our Local Post and kept in close touch with all of our Comrades.

To my Commander Perry Martin and all his officers, may God's richest blessing be yours.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

JONATHAN HOLLINGSWORTH,
Senior Vice Commander.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

To Asst. Adj. General, John L. Pierson:
Dear Sir and Comrade:—

As Chaplain, Department of Mo., Grand Army of the Republic, I make the following report: Lost by death C. J. Wetherton, L Co., 15th Mo. Cavalry. Have remaining 13 in good standing. Can give names and addresses of each. Have kept in touch with each. Am attending all Post Meetings and as many of the W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of Veterans meetings, and Sons Camps and Auxiliary of Sons as I can attend funerals and assist in the services when called on.

Am proud of our Post No. 4 and of course just as proud of W. R. C. No. 10 and all the orders go out to make it pleasant for us.

Am trying to realize that our time here is short for many and want to get the most good we can. Am sorry I cannot be with you at Joplin this year for physical and other reasons carefully considered. Hope you have a happy and enjoyable time and a profitable Encampment and many more. Next year where?

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

JAMES H. McEWEN,
Chaplain, Mo. Dept.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Missouri
Grand Army of the Republic.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1936.

Perry Martin, Commander,
Dear Comrade:

I have the honor to present the following report for the years 1935-1936.

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 be for-

warded to the Adjutant General. I held my report in order that it might include many delayed reports from the several Posts.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT—1936

I forwarded at different times reports, but receiving few replies finally sent out my consolidated report as follows:

The number of members in good standing, as shown by the Post Officer in charge, December, 1934.

Number	117
Gains	None
Loss by Death	15
Loss by other causes	15
Number in good standing, December 31, 1935	87

This Department under a recently passed resolution in General Order No. 2, Series 1931-1932 is entitled to two (2) delegates to the 70th National Encampment to be held at Washington, D. C., September 20, 1936, and one (1) delegate-at-large.

Under a rule adopted by the 19th Department Encampment, the names to be voted for will be printed in the direct order of the Post to which the candidate belongs. My report as Assistant Quartermaster General covers the financial transactions of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1936 and are shown by exhibits herewith filed, and made a part of this report.

Exhibit "A" shows the Receipts and Disbursements.

EXHIBIT "A" Receipts.

April 30, 1935, Balance on hand	\$ 55.44
May 23, 1935, Comrade Glencora Cooper	5.00
May 23, 1935, Comrade J. Hollingsworth	10.00
May 23, 1935, Comrade Smith George	2.50
May 23, 1935, Comrade Isaac Harry	1.00
May 23, 1935, Comrade Beulah Abram	1.00
May 23, 1935, Comrade Stevens Thomas	3.00
May 23, 1935, Comrade John L. Pierson	5.00
May 23, 1935, Comrade W. C. Calland	5.30
May 23, 1935, Comrade C. O. Hodgdon	5.00
May 23, 1935, Gifts by Ladies, Auxiliaries, W.R.C. Special	60.00
May 23, 1935, Gifts W. R. C.	102.06
May 23, 1935, Gifts Ladies of the G. A. R.	100.00
May 23, 1935, Special Gift, Ladies of the G. A. R.	60.00
May 23, 1935, Daughters of Union Veterans	80.00
May 23, 1935, Sons of Union Veterans	15.00
May 23, 1935, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans	10.00
July 9, 1936, James A. Best, Post No. 8	10.00
July 18, 1936, Federated Pat. Society, Unit No. 2, Mrs. Barbara J. Weber, Pres. (Benefit bunco, G. A. R.)	125.00
August 1, 1936, A. Whipple, Bequest	500.00
September 1, 1936, Received for lost check, from bank for Western Pass	6.25

October 6, 1936, Received from Federated Patriotic Societies; Balance for benefit bunco	75.00
Per Capita Tax	34.80
October 6, 1936, Donations75
October 6, 1936, Badge, Col. Tainter	1.36
Receipts	\$ 1273.46
Donation, Shaw Post40
	\$ 1273.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Balance paid for last year's journal	\$ 60.00
Salary	300.00
Rent	120.00
Expense	51.41
Identification Certificates	6.25
Per Capita Tax, (National)	1.74
Supplies	8.98
Postage	20.50
Bond	2.50
Printing	106.50
Disbursements	\$ 677.88
Balance	\$ 595.98

EXHIBIT "C"

DEPARTMENT ASSETS

Value of Office Furniture, Estimated

In all cases I have used economy at every point.

The Department attended the National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and seven Comrades were present from Missouri, and Quite a good delegation from our Auxiliaries and all had a most enjoyable time.

In conclusion, I appreciate your courtesy and kindly feelings and will remember with pleasure the harmony existing in all allied Orders during the past year, and the welcome and much needed help they have given us financially which has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

JOHN L. PIERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster-General.

DEATHS IN G. A. R. OF MO.

Post	Name	Rank	Cause	Total
1.	None.			0
4.	Peter Eve, Danville, Ill.		Not Reported	1
7.	A. M. Reynolds, Private I, 1st Reg. Kansas			3
	Alfred Hague, Corp. Co. A, 1st Mo. Inf.			
	A. R. Pickle, Private, Company D, 39th Mo. Inf.			
8.	None.			0
14.	P. W. Ruff, Private, Co. F. 43 Ark. Inf.		Not Reported	1
16.	Oliver Hess		Not Reported	2
	Elijah McCoy		Not Reported	0
22.	None.			0
26.	None.			0
54.	A. J. Bennett		Not Reported	4
	Comrade Mullenax		Not Reported	
	Oliver Jump		Not Reported	
	O. Canterbury		Not Reported	
69.	None.			0
72.	Henry Sawyer, Co. C. 18 Mo. Inf.		Not Reported	2
	Chas. Dawes, Co. C. 380 Vol. Inf.		Not Reported	
107.	Henry Ahrens		Not Reported	1
111.	John Dickerson, Private, Co. E, 48 Mo.		Not Reported	1
131.	None.			0
190.	None.			0
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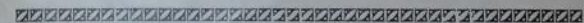
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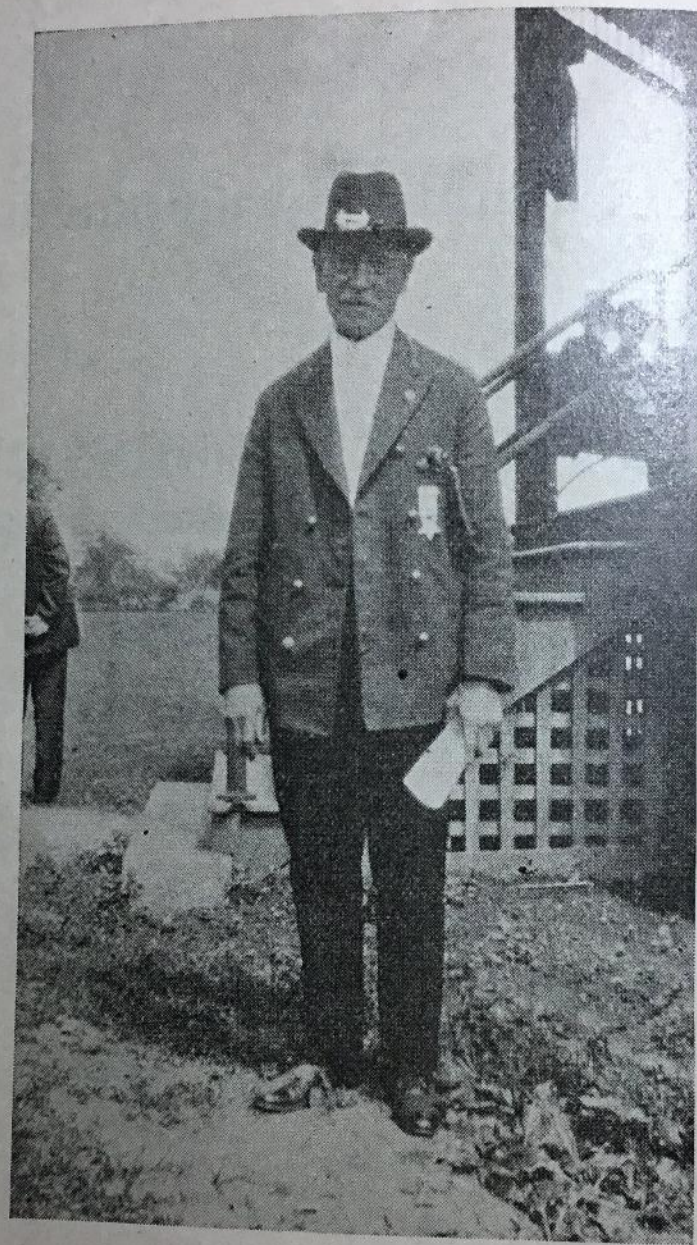
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REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES TO DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI ENCAMPMENT—G. A. R.—JOPLIN, MO.
MAY 12, 13, 14, 15, 1936

Name	Post No.	Address	Age	Regiment	Unit of Service	State
A. J. P. Barnes	No. 14	Joplin, Mo.	93	22nd Infantry	42nd U. S. Troops	Iowa
John Hollingsworth	No. 4	Kansas City, Mo.	90	33rd Reg.	Infantry	Illinois
Izaac Harry, (member-at-large)		Licking, Mo.	93	123rd Reg.	Infantry	Illinois
W. H. Osborn	No. 14	Joplin, Mo.	93	117th Reg.	Infantry	Indiana
Steven Thomas	No. 4	Braymer, Mo.	94	22nd Reg.	Cavalry	Missouri
J. H. McEwen	No. 8	Kansas City, Mo.	96	85th Reg.	Infantry	Pennsylvania
S. L. Cassel	No. 14	Kansas City, Mo.	90	35th and 101st Reg.	Infantry	Pennsylvania
D. H. Baldridge	No. 4	Joplin, Mo.	90	31st and 92nd Reg.	Infantry	Ohio
Wm. S. Shepherd	No. 4	Kansas City, Mo.	87	Co. E, 15th	Vol. Calv.	Kansas
J. A. Best	No. 8	Kansas City, Mo.	91	50th Reg.	Co. K, Inf.	Illinois
A. H. Lightcap	No. 107	Kansas City, Mo.	93	38th, Co. I	Infantry	Ohio
Perry Martin	No. 107	St. Louis, Mo.	89	23rd, Co. H	Infantry	Illinois
Dr. N. Patterson	No. 1	St. Louis, Mo.	96	32nd, Co. D	Infantry	Ohio
John L. Pierson	No. 107	St. Louis, Mo.	92	25th, Co. G	Infantry	Iowa
August Moreau	No. 131	Creve Coeur, Mo.	89	United States	Montier Gunboat	Missouri
E. E. Latta	No. 14	St. Louis, Mo.	89	Co. H, 196th	Private	Pennsylvania
Dr. R. B. Tyler	No. 111	Joplin, Mo.	82	U. S. S. Racer	Navy	Washington, D. C.
John L. Ferguson	No. 111	Iberia, Mo.	97	3rd Mo. Vol.	Cavalry	Missouri
J. M. Love	No. 107	Joplin, Mo.	88	49th C. A.	Private Inf.	Missouri
Wm. Kowazek	No. 17	Hawk Point, Mo.	89	101st Illinois	Infantry	Illinois
Thos. Samuels	No. 17	Chenute, Kans.	88	123rd	Regular	Ohio
John N. Munsell	No. 62	Excelsior Spr. No. 17	92	119 Ill.	Regular	Illinois
J. M. Hedrick, (Visitor)		Monett, Mo.	90	14 Mo. Cal.	Private	Missouri
S. D. Haight, (member-at-large)		Sedalia, Greenwiche				

GREETINGS COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Woman's Relief Corps	R. B. Tyler	Daughters of Union Veterans	John Ferguson
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	E. E. Latta	Sons of Union Veterans	W. H. Osborn
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans			W. H. Osborn



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 Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General
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No. 4-	Kansas City, Mo.	90	33rd Reg.	Infantry
	Licking, Mo.	93	123rd Reg.	Infantry
No. 14-	Joplin, Mo.	93	117th Reg.	Infantry
	Draymer, Mo.	94	22nd Reg.	Cavalry
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John Hollingsworth	No. 4	Kansas City, Mo.	90	33rd Reg.	Infantry	Illinois
Izaac Harry, (member-at-large)		Licking, Mo.	93	123rd Reg.	Infantry	Illinois
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J. A. Best	No. 8	Kansas City, Mo.	91	50th Reg.	Co. K. Inf.	Illinois
A. H. Lightcap		Kansas City, Kansas	93	38th, Co. I.	Infantry	Ohio
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Department Commander.....Perry Martin, St. Louis, Mo.
Sr. Vice Dept. Commander.....John Hollingsworth, Kansas City, Mo.
Jr. Vice Dept. Commander.....W. S. Shepherd, Kansas City, Mo.
Department Chaplain.....J. H. McEwen, Kansas City, Mo.
Medical Director.....R. B. Tyler, Joplin, Mo.
Patriotic Instructor.....W. C. Calland, Springfield, Mo.
Judge Advocate.....D. H. Baldrige, Joplin, Mo.
A. A. G. and Q. M. General.....John L. Pierson, St. Louis, Mo.
Mustering Officer.....J. N. Munsell, Cameron, Mo.
Department Inspector.....Louis Sunkel, St. Louis, Mo.
Aide De Camp In Chief.....W. C. Pfeffer, St. Louis, Mo.
Chief of Staff.....John Ferguson, Iberia, Mo.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

W. C. Calland
E. E. Latta

A. J. P. Barnes
Wm. Kowazek

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

WILLIAM WARNER
W. F. CHAMBERLAIN
NELSON COLE
E. E. KIMBALL
HIRAM SMITH, JR.
LEO RASSIEUR
GEO. W. MARTIN
C. W. WHITEHEAD

ROBERT DENHAM
BENJ. WARNER
CHARLES W. RUBEY
ARTHUR DREIFUS
WILLIAM LOWE
JAMES B. DOBYNE
ALEX. McCANDLESS
THOS. W. EVANS

CHARLES G. BURTON
LOUIS GRUND
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THOMAS B. RODGERS
JOHN P. PLATT
A. G. PETERSON
JOHN W. SCOTT
WILBUR F. HENRY
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JERE T. DEW
HENRY FAIRBANK
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J. V. MARTIN
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SAMUEL M. MANN
ALFRED ZARTMAN
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PETER L. SWARTZ
A. M. REYNOLDS
R. B. TYLER
SMITH GEORGE
PERRY MARTIN

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1936

The 55th Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, met in Joplin, Missouri, with an enthusiastic rally on the roof garden of the Connor Hotel, under the direction of Comrade A. J. P. Barnes of Joplin, General Chairman of Arrangements.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.....Mayor Arthur C. Maher
ADDRESS OF WELCOME.....Earl Brown

Secretary of Chamber of Commerce

RESPONSE FROM THE DEPT.....John L. Pierson, A. A. G.
INTRODUCTIONS:

Perry Martin, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Catherine Wagner, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Jessie Bates, Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Lottie Hiner, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Fred Farlow, Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Mrs. Hattie Kesselring, Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

ADDRESS.....R. B. Tyler
CHEER SONG.....Leader, Mrs. Margaret Tuller
FLAG PRESENTATION—

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Mo-Kan Area Boy Scout Council.

Jessie Bates, Department President, presiding.

Mrs. Mamie Freize, Department Patriotic Instructor.

Clarence E. Peden, Mo-Kan. Area Boy Scout Council. Executive.

SONG....."America"
SONG....."Star Spangled Banner"
PRAYER.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1936—4:00 P. M.

The Council of Administration met at the Connor Hotel and outlined recommendations to come before the General session.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1936—9:00 A. M.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in parlor A. of the Connor Hotel, 4th and Main, Joplin, Mo., at 9 o'clock, on the morning of May 13, 1936 with 20 members and four visitors present.

Department Commander, Perry Martin, called the meeting to order in regular form.

Prayer by J. H. McEwen, Department Chaplain.

Due to the recent illness of Perry Martin, the Department Commander, John Hollingsworth, Senior Vice Commander was requested to take command.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that the reports of the Department Officers were printed and distributed. He therefore moved that they be referred to the proper Committee without reading.

The motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

The reading of the Commander's address was the next order of business.

Comrade Barnes moved that the Commander's health and strength be considered and he be spared this task. Seconded and carried.

The Chair referred the address to the following committee: E. E. Latta, John Ferguson and J. H. McEwen.

By unanimous vote of the Encampment it was ordered that the rules and order of business be suspended and the Encampment proceed to the nomination of Representatives to the next National Encampment.

The following were elected:

J. H. McEwen, Post No. 4, Kansas City, Mo.
Izaak Harry, Licking Mo.
S. L. Cassel, Post No. 8, Kansas City, Mo.

Alternates named by delegates.

Comrade Ferguson reported that Comrade Wm. Kowazek very ill in his hotel room.

John Ferguson, Chairman of the Council of Administration, reported that the report of the Assistant Adjutant General had been examined and found to be correct in every detail. A. J. P. Barnes moved that the report be accepted. S. L. Cassel, seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Your Committee on the report of Perry Martin, Department Commander, have carefully considered his report and given our general approval.

E. E. LATTA,
JOHN FERGUSON,
J. H. McEWEN.

On motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Hattie Kesselring, Department President of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans, with a committee of Ladies from her convention, made an official visit and presented the Department with a gift of \$10.00. Those introduced were: Emma Moler, Cora Rogers, Elizabeth Quick, Stella Owen.

Comrade R. B. Tyler responded.

A large delegation of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were admitted. Jessie Bates, Department President, presented to the Department G. A. R. a check for \$100.00. Those introduced were:

Effie Thrasher, Past National Senior Vice President.
Josephine Mahar, Past National President.
Emma Hite, Past Department President.
La Rena Fleming, Past Department President.
Ida McDonald, Past Department President.
Jeannette Dunford, Past Department President.
Jessie Sherman, Past Department President.
Josephine Wood, Past Department President.

Comrade R. B. Tyler responded.

Comrade Barnes moved, Comrade Ferguson seconded, that J. M. Love be admitted as a visitor to the Encampment. Carried.

Motion by John Ferguson, seconded by E. E. Latta that Marian Kornbleet be appointed as acting Secretary to the Department G. A. R. Carried.

A. J. P. Barnes moved, Ferguson seconded, that the budget allowance for Missouri Headquarters at the National Encampment remain the same with one exception, that an additional \$25.00 be allowed, and that its record become a part of the action of the Council of Administration.

A. J. P. Barnes announced that the Photographer was ready to take pictures of the members of the Encampment and moved to recess until 1:30 P. M. Seconded and carried.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1936—Afternoon Session 2:30

The Encampment re-assembled at 2:30 P. M. and opened in regular form.

The Sons of Union Veterans made an official visit and introduced Rev. John Dunlavy, Department Commander and C. A. Craig, Department Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade R. B. Tyler made the response address.

A group of ladies of the Col. Geiger Circle No. 17, Springfield, Mo., were admitted and introduced: Armanda Hargis, Margaret Jones, Caroline Caller, Mary O'Neal, Edythe Bell.

A letter was read from their Circle, inviting the G. A. R. Department of Missouri, to hold their 1937 Encampment in their City.

Springfield, Mo., May 12, 1936.

To the State Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Army of the State of Missouri:

We, the Ladies of Col. Geiger Circle No. 17 of the Grand Army of the Republic, cordially invite the attendance of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Missouri to hold their next Annual Convention in May, 1937 in our City of Springfield, Mo.

We will feel most highly honored and inspired if we may have the pleasure of entertaining these Comrades and Sisters of this Order. It will be a long to be remembered pleasure to our Circle and we will put forth every effort to make you comfortable and happy while you are in our midst.

Will you please give our request your most favorable consideration?

Most sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

EDYTHE BELL, President.
MARGARET JONES, Secretary.

Comrade Barnes responded and moved that Springfield be chosen as the city for the 1937 Department G. A. R. Encampment. Several seconded. Carried.

Comrade Barnes gave in detail an outline as to how the Memorial Banner that Comrade Hollingsworth and Marian Kornbleet were presenting to the Department G. A. R., should be handled. He moved, several seconded that the Past Dept. President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Jeannette Dunford, be appointed custodian of the Banner until it was presented to the National G. A. R. Encampment in Washington, D. C. and further to act as custodian of the Banner until the National Memorial Shrine is completed. Carried.

Comrade John Munsell questioned the assembly as to his position in the Department G. A. R., due to the loss of his Post's Charter. He stated that he was willing to pay the dues for the two remaining members. He was instructed to pay his dues to the Assistant Adjutant General and become a member-at-large.

Comrade Barnes moved that the rules be suspended and they proceed to elect officers immediately. Seconded and carried.

For Department Commander

A. J. P. Barnes.....nominated John Hollingsworth
Unanimously elected.

For Department Senior Vice Commander

John Ferguson.....nominated Wm. Kowazek
Unanimously elected.

For Department Junior Vice Commander

John Ferguson.....nominated E. E. Latta
Unanimously elected.

For Department Chaplain

Wm. S. Shepherd.....nominated J. H. McEwen
Unanimously elected.

For Department Medical Director

John Ferguson.....nominated R. B. Tyler
Unanimously elected.

Nominations for members of the Council of Administration was in order and John Ferguson moved, E. E. Latta seconded, that they be voted on collectively. Carried.

John Ferguson, A. J. P. Barnes, S. L. Cassel,
Perry Martin, Isaac Harry
Unanimously elected.

As a special recognition, a gift was presented to the retiring Department Commander, Perry Martin, by Mrs. Ethel May Johnson, Department President of the Women's Relief Corps of Illinois. Marie Burkhardt and Jessie Mitchell of East St. Louis, Illinois were introduced.

Commander Martin requested that Comrade Barnes respond.

A large delegation of the Daughters of Union Veterans made an official visit. Lottie Hiner, Department President and Sarah Hatfield, National Chaplain, brought greetings from their convention and presented the Department with a gift of \$80.00.

John Ferguson was requested to respond.

As Special Commissioner John Ferguson moved (and the motion was passed by the Department) delegating Comrade A. J. P. Barnes to have the honor of presenting the Memorial Banner to the National G. A. R. at their Seventieth Encampment this Fall at Washington, D. C. E. E. Latta, seconded. Carried. It is a beautiful silk ribbon Badge Banner, made by Mrs. Marian Kornbleet, and financed by Comrade John Hollingsworth; both of Kansas City—a wonderful gift.

A Comrade moved to have installation of officers, Friday morning at 9 A. M. Seconded. Carried.

The Greetings Committee reported on their official visits.

A. J. P. Barnes presented three resolutions before the Encampment, viz: To the Joplin Globe and Joplin Herald; A. C. Maher, Mayor of the City of Joplin and Mr. M. T. McCann, manager of the Conner Hotel. He moved a committee be appointed to pass on these resolutions. Seconded and Carried.

Committee appointed—R. B. Tyler, John Ferguson E. E. Latta.

R. B. Tyler, Chairman of Resolutions Committee reported favorably on the resolutions.

John Ferguson moved the Department Commander present M. T. McCann with the resolutions and the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to send at once these resolutions to be printed in the local newspapers. Seconded and carried.

A motion to recess until 9 A. M. Thursday. Seconded and carried.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1936—9:00 A. M.

Department Commander Perry Martin, called the meeting to order and opened in regular form. Sixteen members present.

Prayer by Department Chaplain, J. H. McEwen.

Assistant Adjutant General, John Pierson, reported he delivered the Resolutions to the Joplin Globe and News-Herald and the manager of the Connor Hotel, Mr. M. T. McCann, as instructed. Mr. McCann said "I will put this with my treasured relics."

Telegrams were read to John Hollingsworth, congratulating him on his election as Department Commander.

Relaxing after the completion of most of the official business, the members enjoyed a "Smoker" session in which the only order of business was swapping stories about the hectic days of the Civil War.

Comrade Barnes stated that he had an official report that 11,284 pension checks were mailed out January 1, 1936. That there was at this date less than 5,000 on the National roll in good standing. Also, that the O. P. Morton Post of Joplin, Mo., had at one time 453 members. The membership had dwindled down to 4; 3 of which are Past Department Commanders.

Comrade Jas. Best, Farragut Thomas Post No. 8 reports 2 active members.

E. E. Latta, Post No. 131, St. Louis, reports 2 members.

J. Hollingsworth, Post No. 4, Kansas City, Mo., reports 5 active members.

John L. Pierson reported Blair Post No. 1, Department of Missouri was started December 1, 1879 and has continued to work under this Charter since that time.

Every member was required to register in the Registration Book, and has kept it up until this time. The war record of each member may be found in this Book. The total number of men in this book is 1584. The number at the present time has been reduced to 5 and 2 reside out of St. Louis. The other 3 are at present in charge of the work. The Post has a good Safety Fund on hand; due in part to the Bequest left us by our Comrade A. Whipple, who had been a member of Blair Post No. 1 for many years.

The Blair Post furnished one Commander-in-Chief to the National G. A. R.; Major Leo Rassieur, elected in 1900, the only Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Missouri. He made a fine record during his Administration as Commander-in-Chief. By the way, our Blair Post is older than the Department of Missouri itself.

A large delegation of the Women's Relief Corps made an official visit and presented the Department a gift of \$50.00. A personal gift of \$50.00 was also given the Department Commander, for Convention expenses. Those introduced were:

1. Catherine Wagner, Department President.
2. Mable Walker, Past Department President.
3. Augusta Wildhagen, Past Department President.
4. Nellie Bechtold, Past Department President.
5. Mrs. Louise Wirtel, Past Department President.
6. Catherine Imel, Past Department President.
7. Louise Greenman, Past Department President.
8. Nellie Fuerst, Past Department President.
9. Ann Anschutz, Past Department President.

Comrade Shepherd moved that the members of the Encampment give a rising vote of thanks to Comrade A. J. P. Barnes for the manner in which he arranged and carried out this year's program. Seconded by several. Carried.

A motion to recess until 9 A. M. Friday. Seconded. Carried.

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1936—9:00 A. M.

Meeting opened in regular form by the Department Commander, Perry Martin.

Prayer by the Department Chaplain, J. H. McEwen.

No other business appearing for the action of the Encampment, the Chair announced that the next order of business was the installing of officers.

Comrade A. J. P. Barnes was requested to act as Installing Officer. He assumed command and duly installed the following Comrades in their respective office:

John Hollingsworth.....	Department Commander
Wm. Kowazek.....	Department Senior Vice Commander
E. E. Latta.....	Department Junior Vice Commander
J. H. McEwen.....	Department Chaplain
R. B. Tyler.....	Department Medical Director
J. L. Pierson.....	Assistant Adjutant and Q. M. General
John Ferguson.....	Department Patriotic Instructor
D. H. Baldrige.....	Department Judge Advocate
A. J. P. Barnes.....	Department Chief of Staff

Other Appointments:

Aide-de-Camp-in-Chief.....	C. W. Burrill
Department Inspector.....	August Moreau
Mustering Officer.....	Steven Thomas

In behalf of Marian Kornbleet, Comrade Latta presented the newly elected Department Commander a hand-mad gavel.

Comrade J. Hollingsworth responded.

Comrade A. J. P. Barnes moved to adjourn, "sine die." Seconded and carried.

With the singing of "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again" and a prayer by Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic held in Joplin, Mo., May 12th to 15th, 1936 was brought to a close.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

MARIAN M. O. KORNBLEET,
Acting Secretary to The G. A. R., Dept. of Mo



BANNER made by Mrs. Marian Kornbleet, and financed by Commander Jonathan Hollingsworth to be presented to the 70th National Encampment by A. J. P. Barnes at Washington D. C., Sept. 19-26, 1936 for the Memorial Shrine by the G. A. R. Department of Missouri.

Reports
of
Allied Organizations





CATHERINE WAGNER
PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT—WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS
TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Joplin, May 12, 1936.

To Perry Martin, Department Commander,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Comrade and Commander:—

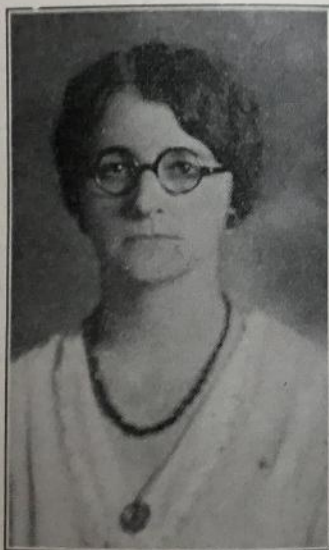
I have the pleasure and privilege of submitting to you and through you to the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, the report of work for year 1935-1936 of the Missouri Department, Woman's Relief Corps:

Number of Corps.....	17
Number of Soldiers Graves decorated.....	1317
Number of Members.....	823
Cash expended for relief.....	\$1494.24
Estimated relief other than money.....	\$6814.05
Cash expended for Memorial Day.....	\$36.84
Cash expended for Patriotic work.....	\$65.70
Cash expended for Army Nurses.....	\$44.63
Cash expended for St. James Home.....	\$51.95
Grand Army Fund.....	\$50.00

It is impossible for me to express my appreciation of having been able to serve with you and your Comrades throughout the year.

Loyally submitted in F. C. & L.,

CATHERINE WAGNER,
Department President.



JESSIE BATES
PAST PRESIDENT—LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Saturday, August 8, 1936.

To the Department Commander of the Grand Army
of the Republic, Commander Perry Martin
and Comrades.
Greetings:—

The greatest gift that the members of our beloved order bestowed on me by unanimous vote, the office of Department President is fully appreciated. I have endeavored to fulfill my obligation. My greatest desire was to work for and advance the interest of my Comrades and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In filing our records in the State Historical building in Columbia, Mo., we found several years records were not printed in book form, so I have gone through all our secretarial records and have had typed in book form all reports so that now all our records are on file for future reference.

I had the great pleasure at the 49th Annual National Convention held in Grand Rapids, Michigan to nominate Sister Effie Thrasher, Past Department President of Missouri for the office of National Senior Vice President, who brought home the honor to the Department of Missouri.

It was with a great deal of pleasure I presented to the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, a beautiful historical banner, made of ribbons and badges of National and Department Encampments.

We presented a flag, regulation size to a new Boy Scout Troop in Joplin.

During the year we have striven to make Missouri 100 per cent for the Bugle Call, our Official paper.

We had on June 30, 1936, 1190 members and on the National Memorial Shrine several Circles have pledged 100 per cent and paid their pledges. We hope to have Missouri 100 per cent by National Convention time.

With every good wish for my Comrades, I am

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

JESSIE BATES,
Department President.



LOTTIE HINER

PAST DEPT. PRES.—DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR

REPORT OF DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 12, 1936.

To the Officers and members of the 16th Annual Convention of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Joplin, Missouri, Greetings:

I wish to submit the following report: We have observed all Patriotic days. I had the honor of placing the Wreath on the plot of the Grand Army of the Republic, where nearly three hundred Comrades are buried Decoration day, all Comrades and allied orders, taking part.

My tent Mary Jane Hillyard No. 11, St. Joseph, Mo. made a quilt and sent to the National Headquarters at Washington, D. C. for the Grand Army Room. The Tent also made and donated the quilt for the Department. Both quilts were quilted by one of our members, Sister Letha Roberts.

I attended the Reception and Banquet held at the Armond Hotel, Kansas City, Mo in honor of the Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Jessie Bates.

One of the nicest things I did this year with the Aid of the Department Commander Comrade Martin and the Asst. Adj. General Comrade Pierson and members of my tent was to hold the Charter of Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph, Mo. until the last comrade is gone, losing three this year leaves us four members of Custer Post.

I visited all tents in my department this year and found them doing nicely. Attended the Lincoln Day Banquet and also the Fifty-third Birthday Banquet of Custer Post No. 7, St. Joseph, Mo.

Attended the National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Department of Missouri was represented with a nice delegation.

I remembered the St. James Home Xmas times with cards and gifts.

I wish to thank all my Department Officers and members from all the tents for their hearty support and cooperation during my year.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

LOTTIE HINER, Department President
State of Missouri.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS



JOPLIN, MO., MAY 12, 1936.

Program arranged and compiled by Col. A. J. P. Barnes, our Comrade and Past Department Commander.

Monday, May 11, 1936 at 6:30 P. M. The Federated Patriotic Societies held their Annual Banquet in the Connor Hotel, which was well attended, even tho' some of the delegates had not as yet arrived; but it was very much enjoyed by those present.

Tuesday, May 12, 1935 at 6:30 P. M. on the Mezzanine Floor at the Connor Hotel the Daughters of Union Veterans held their Annual Father's and Daughter's Banquet, a delightful affair, and all the Daughters who were able to have a Comrade as their guest were especially proud. It was well attended, and each comrade present was presented with a souvenir of the occasion in the form of a pencil writing blue on one end and red on the other, with the color of that end of the pencil corresponding. Mrs. Lottie Hiner, president of the organization presided, presenting the speakers and different musical numbers. The main speaker of the evening was the Honorable Vern E. Thompson, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Joplin, who made a patriotic and inspiring speech. After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and a prayer by Rev. Dunlavy the Banquet was adjourned, leaving very pleasant memories of a happy meeting.

Tuesday, May 12, 1936 at 6:30 P. M. The Sons of Union Veterans Banquet at the Horseshoe Cafe was well attended and had a fine program.

Wednesday, May 13, 1936 at 12:00 Noon. The Ladies of the G.A.R. held their Annual Banquet at the Connor Hotel, Mrs. Jessie Bates of Kansas City presided, introducing the various speakers at which, there was a good representation of Comrades, and Ladies present; a delightful repast, and fine music.

Wednesday, May 13, 1936. The Second Annual Department Secretaries' Club met in Joplin, with five members present. After a luncheon at the Horse Shoe Cafe, the meeting was called to order by the President Theodore Mohr, and opened in regular form. Six Posts were represented by their Secretaries, Marian Kornbleet, Acting Department Secretary of the G. A. R., Dorothy Pierson, Blair Post No. 1; Mrs. Bertie Cox, Farragut-Thomas Post No. 8; Theo. Mohr, Harding Post No. 107; Miss Lida Neidigh, O. P. Morton Post No. 14; Mrs. Glencora Cooper, Shaw Post No. 343. The condition of the several Posts was discussed, and it was voted to adjourn until next year at the Department Encampment, when they will meet at another luncheon.

Wednesday, May 13, 1936 at 7:30 P. M. The W. R. C. held their Annual Banquet, complimentary to the National and Department Officers in the Gold Room of the Connor Hotel. It was a delightful affair, largely attended, with a large number of Comrades, all at the Speakers table. The repast was fine, and music by a musical Trio of Joplin, composed of Piano, Violin and Cello, which added a lot of enjoyment to the occasion, their numbers especially were enjoyed with all joining in the singing, and one of the Daughters from St. Joseph, Mo., sang, playing her own accompaniment, "A Perfect Day" and she responded with an encore "Mighty Lak a Rose" which all enjoyed. Mrs. Catherine Wagner, president presided and introduced the speakers, and the newly elected President Mrs. Louise Gander passed along the Speakers table, and presented each Comrade individually and each responded with appropriate remarks which thrilled us all, as the responses were really remarkable, all Comrades being over 89 years of age. Especially the speech of Col. Barnes and the rendition of Longfellow's "The Day is Done" by our dear old Department Chaplain James H. McEwen. With the singing of songs and prayer the W. R. C. Banquet was over.

Thursday, May 14, 1936 at 8:00 P. M. at the Senior High School Auditorium our Campfire was held under the supervision of Col. A. J. P. Barnes, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. It was really a wonderful entertainment with a play by the students called "The Birth of a Nation" and very well acted by them, with appropriate costumes of the time our nation was founded, and depicting the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Also a skit called "Father Time" and the "Building of the American Flag" which was most interesting and instructive. All this besides Tap dancing, vocal and instrumental music, with real Artillery Firing on the stage under the supervision of regular U. S. Army officer. Believe it or not! In fact there was not a dull moment, for which we can thank our Comrade Barnes, who was really responsible for the success of not only the Campfire, but the whole Encampment, and with this the unofficial Proceedings of our 1936 Encampment were over.

In Memoriam

A. M. REYNOLDS

CHARLES KOOCK



GENERAL ORDERS, 1935 - 1936

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

Series 1935-1936.

St. Louis, Mo., July 20, 1935.

Dear Comrades:

At the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at St. Joseph, Mo., May 21-23, 1935, you elected me your Commander to serve you for the ensuing year. I wish to thank you for the faith you have placed in me and pledge myself to do all in my power to uphold the principles of the great Order to which we belong—The Grand Army of the Republic.

OFFICERS

Perry Martin, Department Commander.....St. Louis, Mo.
J. Hollingsworth, Sr. Vice Dept. Commander.....Kansas City, Mo.
W. S. Shepherd, Jr. Vice Dept. Commander.....Kansas City, Mo.
G. A. R. held the Annual Banquet at the Connor Hotel, Mrs. Jessie J. H. McEwen, Department Chaplain.....Kansas City, Mo.
R. B. Tyler, Medical Director.....Joplin, Mo.
W. C. Calland, Patriotic Instructor.....Springfield, Mo.
D. H. Baldrige, Judge Advocate.....Joplin, Mo.
John L. Pierson, Asst. Adj. and Q. M. General.....St. Louis, Mo.
J. N. Munsell, Mustering Officer.....Cameron, Mo.
Louis Sunkel, Department Inspector.....St. Louis, Mo.
W. C. Pfeffer, Aide De Camp in Chief.....St. Louis, Mo.
John Ferguson, Chief of Staff.....Iberia, Mo.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

W. C. Calland, Springfield, Mo.; John Ferguson, Iberia, Mo.;
A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin, Mo.; Wm. Kowazek, Hawk Point, Mo.;
E. E. Latta, St. Louis, Mo.

The following delegates and alternates were selected to the National Encampment to be held at Grand Rapids, Mich., the week of September 8-14, 1935. **Delegate-at-Large**—William Kowazek, Hawk Point, Mo. **Delegates**—W. S. Cassel, J. A. Lane. **Alternates**—Col. A. J. P. Barnes, John Ferguson and John L. Pierson.

The delegates are requested to register upon arrival at Missouri Headquarters, so that we may have a full delegation from Missouri. Other members besides delegates are requested to register at once, so that they may receive their ribbon Badges and the Countersign.

National Headquarters will be at the Pantlind Hotel, where Missouri Headquarters will be posted in the lobby on a large card with room selected.

All visiting members and delegates should be sure to register at National Headquarters, at the Pantlind Hotel—they will receive a beautiful Official Program, with all details and important meetings of the Encampment.

NOTICE OF OFFICIAL ROAD AND RATES.

The Chicago and Alton Railroad has been selected as the Official Road to the Encampment.

Enclosed herewith is a list and rates of Hotels, in force during National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 8-14, 1935, which has been supplied through the courtesy of the Chicago and Alton R. R. A map picturing the location of Hotels in relation to National Headquarters, may be seen anytime during Office Hours at Department Headquarters.

The C. & A. have made a rate of \$13.88 with a Special Train leaving St. Louis at 9:00 a. m. September 7, 1935 and arriving 7:00 p. m. the same day.

This, a very special rate made by the Alton, and we hope to have an unusually large delegation from St. Louis, and Missouri. Let as many turn out as we had at our 65th Encampment at Springfield, Illinois, which would make it nearly 500.

Identification Certificates may be obtained ONLY at Department Headquarters, by mail or in person.

Those to whom the reduced rate will apply are:

- (a) Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (b) Wives and dependent members of the family of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (c) Widows of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (d) Members and dependent members of the families of members of the following auxiliary and allied organizations holding Conventions in connection with the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

- (1) Womans Relief Corps.
- (2) Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (3) Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- (4) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- (5) Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War.
- (6) All Army Nurses of the Civil War.

The Grand Rapids Committee with Col. John G. Emery, as Chairman, anticipate a large attendance and are planning a splendid entertainment. We are assured of ample hotel accommodations at reasonable rates. All requests for rooms and all other information should be addressed to Mr. E. H. "Ted" Beecher, 228 Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

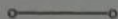
The ladies called on the Adjutant General July 16 at Headquarters and presented to him \$125.00 as the proceeds of the Bunco and Card Party given by the Patriotic Societies, Unit No. 2. Barbara Weber, President, and the ladies, Mrs. Kersten and Mrs. Weber, said there was more to follow. Isn't that a fine showing? The Department is very grateful for the fine effort of the Auxiliaries, and want to express their appreciation and thanks for it.

By order of,

Attest:

JOHN L. PIERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

PERRY MARTIN,
Department Commander.



GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

Series 1935-1936.

March 7, 1936.

Greetings:—

The Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Missouri Department of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Joplin, Missouri on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 5, 6, 7, 8, 1936. You all are requested to be present.

Temporary Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be at the Connor Hotel, 4th and Main Sts., Joplin, Mo. in Room 209, Mezzanine Floor; Large rooms for holding meetings. Registration and information, off Hotel Lobby, with telephone.

After Registration be sure to procure a Program, which will be needed for reference during the Encampment. Upon arriving

register immediately at G. A. R. Headquarters, Connor Hotel, 4th and Main Sts.

The Reports of the Staff Officers should be in the hands of the printer, not later than April 15th, 1936.

Reception Committee and Registration Committee have been arranged for in Joplin. D. H. Baldrige has been appointed as Officer of the Day, which is greatly pleasing to all the Comrades.

The Reception Committee of the Allied Orders will meet all trains, and there will be Street Cars, Busses, and other conveyances to take you to your destinations.

Headquarters of the G. A. R. and Allied Organizations:

Grand Army of the Republic.....	Connor Hotel, 4th & Main
Woman's Relief Corps.....	Connor Hotel, 4th & Main
Daughters of Union Veterans.....	Connor Hotel, 4th and Main
Sons of Union Veterans.....	The Elk's Club
Aux. to Sons of Union Veterans.....	The Elk's Club
Ladies of the G. A. R.....	Connor Hotel, 4th and Main
Federated Patriotic Societies.....	Connor Hotel, 4th and Main

The Federated Patriotic Societies, Connor Hotel, 4th and Main Sts., will hold their meeting at 5 p. m. Banquet at 6 p. m. Mrs. Nellie Bechtold presiding, assisted by Mrs. Marguerite Riggs. All members of Auxiliaries and Veterans of the G. A. R. are cordially invited to be present.

Hotel Rates:

Hotel Connor—4th and Main

Single, without bath.....	\$2.00
Single, with bath.....	\$2.50 to \$6.00
Double, without bath.....	\$3.50
Double, with bath.....	\$4.00 to \$8.00

Keystone Hotel, 4th and Main

Single, without bath.....	\$1.50
Single, with bath.....	\$2.00
Double, without bath.....	\$2.00
Double, with bath.....	\$3.00

American Hotel—722 Main

Single, without bath.....	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Single, with bath.....	\$1.50 and \$2.50
Double, without bath.....	\$1.50 and \$2.50
Double, with bath.....	\$2.50

Yates Hotel—404 West 4th	
Single, without bath	\$1.00 and \$1.25
Single, with bath	\$1.75
Double, without bath	\$1.50 and \$2.00
Double, with bath	\$3.00

These hotels have up-to-date Coffee Shops, with good meals and luncheons at reasonable rates. The rates before mentioned are available by addressing managers of Hotels.
To Members of the G. A. R. and Auxiliaries:—

We are pleased to announce that we have accepted the proposal of the Frisco Railroad to Joplin, which your Asst. Adjutant General Mr. John L. Pierson has named as the official route, with a Special train from St. Louis.

Going

Departing Union Depot, Monday, May 4th at 8:00 a. m.
Arriving in Joplin at 5 p. m. or before, the same day, May 4th.

Returning

Leaves Joplin on Friday, May 8th at 1:00 p. m.
Arriving in St. Louis on Friday, 11:30 p. m., May 8th.

The round-trip rate from St. Louis will be Six Dollars and sixty-six cents (\$6.66) to the members of the G. A. R. and Auxiliaries. Return tickets are good for ten (10) days. Delegates from Kansas City use Frisco R. R. With a rate of a one-way fare for the Round-trip.

Going

Departing at 8:30 a. m. Arriving at 12:40 p. m.

Returning

Departing at 3:40 p. m. Arriving at 8:10 p. m.

Buy your tickets in advance if at all possible. Purchase them at Frisco City Ticket Office, 322 N. Broadway. State Tax on each ticket from St. Louis will be absorbed by Railroad.

Reception Committee, Boy and Girl Scouts and Automobiles will meet the trains from St. Louis and Kansas City. Monday p. m. May 4th and Tuesday a. m. May 5th, if requested to do so in advance.

"Grand Parade" will be at 1:30 p. m., Thursday, May 7th, and "Campfire" will be held at 8:00 p. m., Thursday, May 7th.

It is hoped all organizations can meet at 9:00 o'clock each morning. Other meetings, time and place will be found in the Official Program published by the Committee in Joplin, which the Delegates will receive on Registration.

We deeply regret the loss of our beloved State Department Commander of last year, Smith George of St. Joseph, Mo., also A. J. Bennett, the notice of whose death was received while the State Department was in session last year at St. Joseph, also J. A. Lane who like the loyal Comrade he always was, just sent in his Per Capita Tax for 1935, he was the last surviving member of our Missouri G. A. R. Post at Webb City, Mo. He surely held on until the last man was gone. A fine tradition for us all to live up to. And to all others who have answered the Last Roll Call, we regret their passing. Each will be sadly missed by the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Sleep on Brave Soldier,

You have earned your rest.

We will soon meet again

In the land of the blest."

The rate of Six Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents to Joplin from St. Louis is the lowest rate the Department has ever had and is due to the efforts of our Assistant Adjutant General.

I wish to say something of our National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 12-18, 1935. We had quite a nice Delegation from Missouri. We had a fine meeting, with every convenience, and the kind attention of the citizens of that patriotic city Grand Rapids to all the Comrades was greatly appreciated. There were twenty-three Comrades from our Department present, a very fine showing. They attended in a body the official sessions of the National Encampment, and were present at the election and installation of our new Commander-in-Chief, Oley Nelson, of Iowa.

In our sessions at Mo. Headquarters in the Pantlind Hotel we named Comrade John Ferguson of Iberia to serve on the National Resolutions Committee, and Col. A. J. P. Barnes of Joplin, Mo., to serve as a member of the National Council of Administration.

Hoping to see a big Delegation at our Fifty-Fifth Missouri Encampment and that it will be a very happy and successful one for all.

By order of,

Attest: -

JOHN L. PIERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

PERRY MARTIN,
Department Commander.

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GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

Series 1935-1936

April 1, 1936.

Greetings:—

By request of Mr. Earl Brown, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Joplin, Missouri and Col. A. J. P. Barnes, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee of the 55th Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. to be held in Joplin, Missouri; it has been necessary to make the following change in our General Order No. 2 of March 7th, 1936.

The Department of Missouri will hold its 55th Encampment at Joplin, Missouri May 12, 13, 14, 15, 1936.

The Delegation from St. Louis will depart on a Special Frisco Train May 11th at 8:00 A. M., arriving in Joplin, at 5:00 P. M. or before the same day May 11th.

All reservations at Hotels will be arranged to correspond with these dates.

By order of,

Attest:

JOHN L. PIERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

PERRY MARTIN,
Department Commander.

G. A. R. Vote of Thanks.

Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, John Ferguson and J. H. McEwen, the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following:

"The 55th Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri Grand Army of the Republic, speaking for ourselves and allied organizations, wish to extend thanks and appreciation to the entire citizenship of Joplin, Missouri, for their unbounded hospitality during our present visit to their city. No effort was lacking, no detail was neglected, no sacrifice was too great to impress and assure us of welcome. And especially to Col. Barnes we extend our appreciation and thanks.

So many and so varied the manifestations, it is difficult to differentiate, — the Honorable Mayor and City officials, the Chamber of Commerce, patriotic, civil and military organizations, churches, hotels, automobiles furnished by the different organizations, and the wonderful Boy Scouts, who are always ready to serve; also the Newspapers of Joplin, with their staff. Pardon if we have failed to mention any, and may the blessing of God rest upon the entire citizenship of your beautiful city."

We had a fine meeting, with every convenience, and the kind attention of all to our Comrades was greatly appreciated. 24 being present, a very fine showing

Especially we appreciate the thoughtful care of Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Kornbleet for their kindness to our Comrade William Kowazek who was very ill while in Joplin.

IN CONCLUSION.

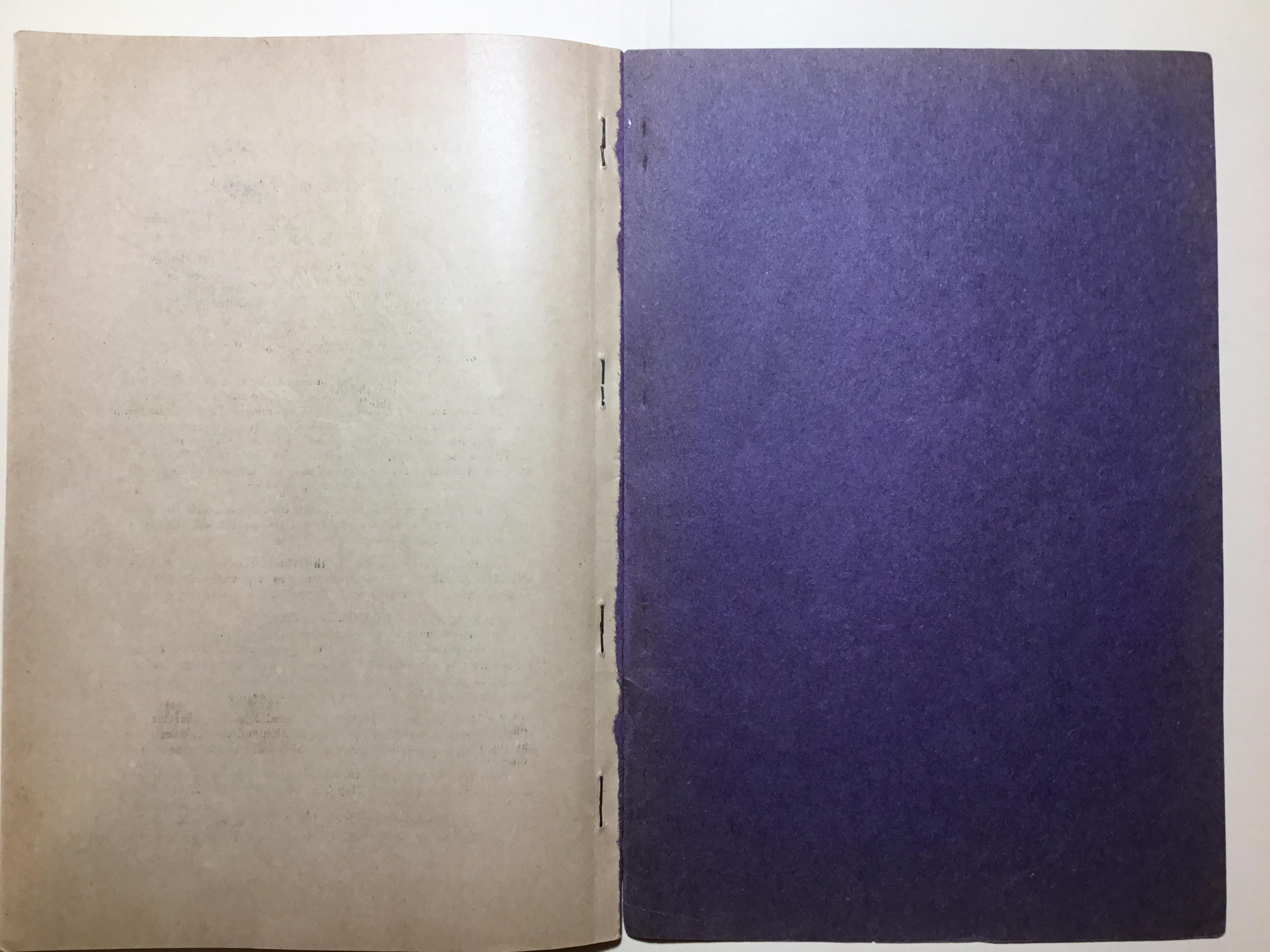
In conclusion we wish to extend our thanks to the Frisco R. R. for the wonderful Special Train given us to Joplin. This included a Lounge Car air-cooled. We also wish to extend our special thanks to Passenger Agent Robinson for his courtesies and kind attention to us, both going and on the return trip.

To Mrs. Marian Kornbleet, who acted again as Secretary to the Encampment we extend our appreciation and thanks once more for her kind and gracious services, which were highly appreciated.

We say "thank you" to all for your wonderful work and closing with the words of Tiny Tim "God Bless Us, Every One."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. PIERSON, Asst. Adj. Gen.







FIFTY-FIFTH ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G.A.R. JOPLIN - MAY 12-15 1936

Seated: Left to Right - Perry Martin, St. Louis; E. E. Latta, St. Louis; J. H. McEven, Kansas City; W. S. Shepherd, Kansas City; John L. Pierson, St. Louis; Isaac Harry, Licking, Mo.; John N. Munsell, Excelsior Springs; August Moreau, Creve Coeur; and S. D. Cassell, Kansas City.

Standing: Left to Right - D. H. Baldridge, Joplin; W. H. Osborne, Joplin; Dr. N. Patterson, St. Louis; J. A. Best, Kansas City; Stephen Thomas, Braymer; John Ferguson, Iberia; A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin; Dr. R. B. Tyler, Joplin; and John Hollingsworth, Kansas City, Mo.

William Kowazek, of Hawk Point, Illinois, attended but was ill and unable to appear in the picture.

Photograph by Thomas Korn, Joplin, Mo.