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MONDAY — MORNING SESSION.

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The Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., convened in Creighton Hall at 11 o'clock A.M., with Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Cogshall in command.

ENCAMPMENT CALLED TO ORDER.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The officers and members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., will now come to order.

The Adjutant-General will call the roll of the officers of this Encampment.

ROLL-CALL OF OFFICERS.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of officers and the following officers of the Commandery-in-Chief answered to their names: —

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, George E. Cogshall.
Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, James W. Noel.
Council-in-Chief, H. H. Hammer, C. Borin, J. E. Haycraft.
Adjutant-General, Fred E. Bolton.
Quartermaster-General, R. Loebenstein.
Inspector-General, J. Frank Durston.
Judge Advocate-General, Edward K. Gould.
Surgeon-General, Dr. Dan S. Gardner.
Assistant Adjutant-General, Thomas J. Hannon.
Assistant Quartermaster-General, Fred J. Sanford.

The Adjutant-General: Senior Vice-Commander, I would like to explain that Major Darling, Commander-in-Chief of the organization, is at present in the service of the Government with his regiment at Porto Rico, and is unable to be present for that reason. [Applause, and three cheers for Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling.]

That concludes the roll-call of officers of the Encampment.

ROLL-CALL OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF, ETC.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Adjutant-General will now call the roll of Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders, and Constitutional Life Members of the Encampment.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders, and Constitutional Life

Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and the following brothers answered to their names: —

Past Commander-in-Chief A. P. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott, New Orleans, La.
 Past Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy, Cincinnati, O.
 Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell, LaCrosse, Kan.
 Past Grand Division Commander R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

The Adjutant-General: Senior Vice-Commander, I have to report all the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief present, except the Chaplain-in-Chief, Harry L. Veazey.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair will appoint Past Commander William G. Dustin of the Illinois Division, Acting Chaplain-in-Chief. Brother Dustin will officiate as Chaplain-in-Chief.

Brother Dustin took the station and assumed the duties of Chaplain-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Are there any honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines of the war of 1861-65 present who have not been obligated? If so, the Inspector-General will conduct them to the altar. If there are any such they will please rise. There appear to be none.

The Encampment was then opened in due form.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Now by virtue of the power and authority invested in me, I hereby declare the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., open for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Camp Guard will admit all brothers qualified to enter.

I am reminded that I have neglected something. The Inspector-General will please take up the password and countersign. The Surgeon-General will assist the Inspector General.

The Inspector-General: Senior Vice-Commander, upon due investigation, I find that all present are entitled to remain.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, the next thing in order is the appointment of a committee on credentials. The Committee on Credentials will be: Adjutant-General, Fred E. Bolton, Chairman, *ex officio*; Commander Wm. T. Church of Illinois, E. C. Parkinson of New York, H. V. Speelman of Ohio, Past Commander George E. Cox of Connecticut, and Asst. Adjt.-Gen. T. J. Hannon.

What is the further pleasure of the Encampment?

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I move that the Encampment now take recess for twenty minutes, in order to give the Committee on Credentials time to make a partial report.

F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to and the Commandery took recess.

12.30 o'clock P.M.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers will please come to order. The Camp Guard will close the door. Inspector-General, are you satisfied that all present are entitled to remain?

The Inspector-General: Senior Vice-Commander, all present are entitled to remain.

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Listen to the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The Adjutant-General submitted the following report from the Committee on Credentials: —

To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that the Divisions of Minnesota, West Virginia, the Gulf and Oregon are not entitled to representation in this body, they not having forwarded reports and liquidated indebtedness to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Your committee respectfully reports that it finds present and entitled to seats in the Encampment one hundred and fifteen officers and delegates.

Your committee further reports that the Division of Minnesota, of which Brother J. E. Haycraft, of the Council-in-Chief, is a member, has not reported to the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief as required by the laws of the Order, but that Brother Haycraft is entitled to a seat in this body as an officer of the same, your committee having been assured that he is, and his Camp is, in good standing.

Your committee further reports that at the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Brother Geo. E. Cogshall was elected Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and duly commissioned as such; that since the issuance of that commission he has been elected and commissioned Commander of the Michigan Division; that owing to the absence of the Commander-in-Chief in the military service of the United States it has become necessary for the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief to assume command of this body; that Brother Cogshall has presented to the Adjutant-General his resignation as Commander of the Michigan Division, with the request that it be immediately tendered to this body for acceptance.

FRED E. BOLTON, *Chairman.*
W. T. CHURCH.
H. V. SPEELMAN.
THOS. J. HANNON.
GEO. E. COX.
E. C. PARKINSON.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Committee on Credentials. What is your pleasure in regard to it?

Geo. B. Abbott of Illinois: Senior Vice-Commander, I move the report be accepted.

L. W. Friedman of Alabama: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

RESIGNATION OF COMMANDER COGSHALL OF THE MICHIGAN DIVISION.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The resignation of the Commander of the Michigan Division will be read by the Adjutant-General.

The Adjutant-General read the resignation of Commander Cogshall of the Michigan Division, as follows: —

OMAHA, Sept. 12, 1898.

To the Commandery-in-Chief.

Brothers: I hereby tender my resignation as Commander of the Michigan Division, to take effect at once.

(Signed) GEO. E. COGSHALL.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Senior Vice-Commander, I move that the resignation be accepted.

T. C. Harter of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES DEFERRED.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, the next business in order is the appointment of committees. Your presiding officer has not had time to make a careful selection of members to serve on the various committees as yet, and would like a little further time before announcing the same. What is your further pleasure?

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Senior Vice-Commander, I move we now take a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the motion.

L. W. Friedman of Alabama: Senior Vice-Commander, I move as an amendment to that motion that we take recess until three o'clock P.M.

E. C. Parkinson of New York: Commander, I second the amendment.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, with the consent of my second I will accept the amendment to my motion.

F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin: Commander, as the supporter of Brother Archer's motion I will accept the amendment.

PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Senior Vice-Commander, before that motion is put I have a preliminary report from the Council-in-Chief which I am instructed to present at this time. It is important that the report should be heard and acted upon before we take recess.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The motion to take recess until 3 o'clock has been seconded, and the report can only be heard by unanimous consent. Is consent given? The Chair hears no objection. The Adjutant-General will read the report of the Council-in-Chief.

The Adjutant-General read the preliminary report from the Council-in-Chief as follows:—

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.
CREIGHTON HALL,
OMAHA, NEB., Sept. 12, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers: The Council-in-Chief herewith begs leave to present a preliminary report for your consideration embodying the following recommendation which we report favorably for your action, as the Council-in-Chief adopted the same.

That beginning with the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and those Encampments succeeding or following annually, the report of or printed minutes or Journal of Proceedings of said Encampments shall be and they are hereby ordered, upon the adoption of this report, to be printed without quoting the remarks or addresses of members of the Encampment upon any question or motion.

That the Journal of Proceedings when printed, shall, and it is hereby ordered, contain all motions and action thereon; Officers' and Committees' reports; Encampment roll, and all Opinions, Decisions, and action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

That 1,000 copies of the Journal of Proceedings be printed annually and distributed among the delegates and members of the Encampment and to the membership of the Order upon receipt of the proper amount of postage.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HAMMER,
JAMES W. NOEL,
J. E. HAYCRAFT,
C. BORIN,
GEO. E. COGSHALL,

Council-in-Chief.

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Senior Vice-Commander, on behalf of the Council-in-Chief I move the adoption of the report just read.

James Lidders of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I would like to inquire of the Council-in-Chief when this order recommended in this report takes effect?

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Commander, it is the intention that it shall take effect at this meeting.

The motion was agreed to.

ROLL CALL.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Senior Vice-Commander, I rise to a question of inquiry. Is it proper for us to proceed with the transaction of any business without having at least completed our first roll call?

The Senior Vice-Commander: I think that is really a question of order. The roll should have been called before. The Adjutant-General will call the roll of the members of this Encampment as constituted by the report of the Credential Committee.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of members reported entitled to seats and votes by the Committee on Credentials.

(For those members answering present see roll call No. 1.)

The Senior Vice-Commander: Are there any brothers present entitled to seats and votes in this Encampment whose names have not

been called? If so, they will report to the Adjutant-General's desk and have the roll corrected by the addition of their names.

The question is on the motion to take recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE.

F. J. Coates of Nebraska: Senior Vice-Commander, I merely want to call attention to the fact that if this motion prevails the trip to the Exposition which has been provided for your entertainment by the Local Committee cannot take place this afternoon. It is probably not necessary for me to apologize for the state of the weather. We are not at all responsible for the rain that has fallen in Omaha for the last week. You have no doubt been disappointed to see no decorations here, in the first place. It has been a disappointment to us as well as to you. I know of one firm in this city alone that contracted for three hundred dollars' worth of bunting and flags to be used on this occasion, and none of it could be put out on account of the weather. The rain spoiled our picnic yesterday, and will likely interfere with our trip to the Exposition this afternoon, but tonight at 8 o'clock there will be an initiation at the Temple of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, and every member of the Commandery-in-Chief is invited to go out and see the candidates initiated into that order. It is similar to the Veiled Prophets of St. Louis; and when I tell you that the largest building in the city of Omaha is devoted exclusively to the use of this order you will know that it is something worth seeing. If you see fit to adjourn over tomorrow, or any other time, we will be glad to take you out to the Exposition; but if you want to stick to business, the Local Committee does not wish to interfere with your desires in that particular.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there are no further remarks, the question is on taking recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon. All those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is agreed to and the Encampment takes recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

MONDAY — AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 o'clock.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers will please come to order. The Inspector-General will ascertain if all present are entitled to remain.

The Inspector-General: Commander, all present are entitled to remain.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, the first business this afternoon will be the appointment of the various committees. The standing committees will be as follows: —

*On Constitution, Rules and Regulations.*Edward K. Gould of Maine, *Chairman.*Edward H. Archer of Ohio, R. D. Houlihan of Illinois,
W. W. Bisby of Iowa, E. W. Estes of New York.*Committee on Resolutions.*Harlan Thomas of Colorado, *Chairman.*R. M. J. Reed of Pennsylvania, Chas. L. Pierce of California,
J. O. Damm of Missouri, F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin.*Committee on Ritual.*

There is already a Committee on Ritual which has been in existence for a year, and it will be continued as heretofore constituted. It consists of: —

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts, *Chairman.*

W. Y. Morgan of Kansas, C. J. Tisdell of Illinois.

Press Committee.

I will appoint as a Press Committee for the *World-Herald* of this city,

John Redmond of Kansas, P. A. Barrows of Nebraska.

And for the *Omaha Bee*,

L. W. Friedman of Alabama, F. P. Corrick of Nebraska.

*Committee on Officers' Reports, etc.*Past Commander-in-Chief, George B. Abbott of Illinois, *Chairman.*

Past Commander-in-Chief, Joseph B. Maccabe of Massachusetts,

Past Commander-in-Chief, William E. Bundy of Ohio,

Past Commander-in-Chief, William H. Russell of Kansas.

The place of the fifth member of this committee I will leave to be filled by the committee itself in case another Past Commander-in-Chief should be in attendance upon the Convention. If not, they can fill it with whomever they may select.

What is the further pleasure of the Encampment?

COMMITTEE TO GREET LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I move the appointment of a committee of five to extend the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief to the Ladies' Aid Society.

F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the motion.

'The motion was agreed to.

'The Senior Vice-Commander: I will appoint the following brothers to serve on that committee: —

H. V. Speelman of Ohio, *Chairman.*F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin, E. R. Campbell of Maryland,
R. Loebenstein of Missouri, L. W. Kennedy of Colorado.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

If there is nothing further of a preliminary nature to come up at this time, we will proceed with the reports of officers. I will ask the Adjutant-General if there is a report here from the Commander-in-Chief?

The Adjutant-General: No, Senior Vice-Commander, the matters that would naturally come in the report of the Commander-in-Chief are incorporated in the Adjutant-General's report.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Then the report of the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief is next in order.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief George E. Cogshall submitted and read the following report: —

*To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment,
Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.*

Brothers: One year ago you honored me by placing me in the chair of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, an honor which I appreciate and which I shall ever remember.

During the year very little work has been assigned to my department, but such as has been I have tried to perform to the best of my ability. I was ordered by the Commander-in-Chief to inspect the Illinois Division, which work I performed. In Michigan I have not been idle. When war was declared, Michigan started out to raise a regiment of Sons of Veterans, but the State would not allow us to put in so many men; but on first call allowed us one company which was mustered in as Co. L, 33d Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and was heard from before Santiago de Cuba where some of our brave brothers fell while fighting for this grand and glorious country of ours. At the second call we were again asked to put in another company to fill Michigan's quota, which we did, being Co. B, 35th Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

In connection with this matter, I wish to call the Commandery-in-Chief's attention to the noble and heroic work of our brother, Past Col. Franklin D. Eddy. He was not able to go himself because he could not pass the medical examination. Brother Eddy conceived and worked out the plans of raising the companies; in this work Brother Eddy gave up his own business, and spent three weeks of his time. As it was purely a labor of love for the Order and country, and no reward possible, it would please Michigan very much if this Encampment should see fit to vote him a medal of honor for his hard work and for the splendid way in which this work has been performed. It has been my pleasure to be a helpmate to Brother Eddy in this work, but to him belongs the credit.

While the Commander-in-Chief has been absent doing valiant service for his country, the work of the Commandery-in-Chief has seemed to move on without a hitch, and I have not been called upon for any service.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, I remain,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE E. COGSALL,
Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the report of the Senior Vice-Commander will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, under the rule. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it will be so referred. The next in order is the report of the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, James W. Noel of Indiana, submitted and read the following report: —

To the Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

I have the honor to present herewith my report as Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., as follows: —

I have participated in the work of the Council-in-Chief as member *ex officio* thereof, the report of which will contain all the work done by that body.

Beyond the participation in the work of the Council the duties of my office have not been laborious and have consisted only of such incidental matters pertaining to the Order and its welfare as have made themselves apparent to one interested in its prosperity.

I have to report that so far as I have observed, the work of the Order has during the past year been exceedingly practical, and the brothers have heroically and unswervingly offered themselves to the service of their country which our fathers preserved. Large numbers of the rank and file of the Order were mustered into the volunteer army of the United States. Many more offered themselves to the Governors of their respective States and earnestly sought admission to the ranks, and many of the most efficient officers of the volunteer army are men who received their first military knowledge and the spirit of consecration to country in the Camps of Sons of Veterans.

The Division of Indiana was alive to the great emergency and it was my pleasure to wait upon the Governor of Indiana in company with Past Commander-in-Chief Griffin, Commander Thompson, and many other distinguished Sons of Veterans from Indiana, and to offer him, in the name of the Order, twenty-one full companies of picked men, sons of soldiers, who were ready at a moment's notice to be mustered into service. It was earnestly insisted that a full regiment be mustered in and officered as a Sons of Veterans Regiment, and there was much local and State enthusiasm over the plan, but the Governor could not find it possible to so largely represent the Order, and only six of the companies were mustered in separately and without a regimental organization. Many Sons of Veterans whose companies were unsuccessful in being admitted, joined the ranks of other companies and thus secured service in the army.

The work our Order has done in the inculcation of patriotism has shown itself in the outburst of national spirit which attended the declaration of war and the events leading up thereto. Camps of Sons of Veterans have been the nucleus of many companies of volunteer sol-

diers and the military experience acquired in the work of the Order has qualified many men for official positions in the command of the army. There is yet great work for the Nation to accomplish which will require the loftiest courage and most earnest patriotism. We are entering a new career of national energy and usefulness, and the fact of our national prowess should not permit our ardor to abate the work for which it was organized. The remnant of the Grand Army is still with us and the years make the old soldier more and more the worthy object of our generous care. Memorial Day has taken on a new significance, and it becomes more and more our duty to let the world know that service of country is glorious, and that sacrifice at the altar of country and humanity is never forgotten. Times of great national excitement and the course of events may modify our purposes and somewhat change our course, but the mission of the Order will grow to be larger and larger.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. NOEL,
Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the report of the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered. Next in order is the report of the Adjutant-General.

Adjutant-General Fred E. Bolton of Massachusetts, submitted and read the following report: —

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

In presenting for your consideration my report as Adjutant-General, I am mindful of the fact that certain matters touched upon, deal with a portion of the work of the administration that is usually reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Nearly all of the brothers here assembled are aware of the fact that our Commander-in-Chief, Major Charles K. Darling, responded to the first call for volunteers and is now in the service with his regiment, the Sixth Massachusetts. At the time of preparing this report, Major Darling is in Porto Rico, and I am advised by him that he will be unable to attend the Encampment.

Under these conditions I assume it to be proper to set forth in a humble way a brief review of the work of the administration; and it is with a full appreciation of my inability to deal with the subject as brilliantly as it would be handled by our honored leader, that I assume this work.

This Encampment meets at a most auspicious time. The nation is rejoicing in the deeds of devotion and the heroic valor of her patriotic soldiers and sailors. Great victories have been won, and new honors achieved for the republic. Like the men of 1861-'65, the boys of '98 have carried our flag to the fore of battle, have preserved its folds unsullied, and have added new lustre to the starry banner that stands for freedom and humanity.

Many of our brother members share in the honor of having offered their lives in the service of the country. We are fortunate in meeting at a time when the patriotism of the people is so thoroughly awake. We gather together from all sections of a united country, a country that, if it ever had any sectional lines, now knows no North, no South, no East, no West. The representatives of the several Divisions from Maine to Washington can all feel with a just pride peculiar satisfaction that this organization, through its gallant members, has proven the value of the patriotic lessons taught in the Camp room, that patriotism, and love of country, upon which are so firmly imbedded the fundamental principles of our Order.

While sharing in common with all of the loyal people the joy that our government has been so victorious, we are reminded that we have also assembled to contemplate the best interests of the Order, to legislate for its advantages, to extend its influence and its prestige. May the results of our deliberations prove our allegiance to this grand organization, and the wisdom of our actions assure a bright and prosperous future.

HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters were established at Room 947, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass., soon after the election of the Commander-in-Chief, and upon the arrival of the headquarters furniture, September 25, the office was formally opened for the transaction of business.

The routine work has received prompt attention, and was conducted under the personal attention of the Commander-in-Chief, who visited the headquarters each day until he entered the service.

The bond of the Commander-in-Chief was filed with and accepted by the Council-in-Chief. The bond of the Adjutant-General was delivered to the Commander-in-Chief.

The various books of records have received proper attention and contain all of the facts belonging thereto.

DECISIONS.

The Commander-in-Chief has rendered twenty-eight official decisions, which are annexed to this report.

DIGEST OF DECISIONS, ETC.

The publication of a Blue Book, containing a codification of Decisions and Opinions of Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past Judge Advocate-Generals, for various reasons having been deferred from time to time, has made much unnecessary work for the officials of the past few years, and some authentic source of information, containing the interpretation of the law of the Order was, as it has been, an imperative need. Judge Advocate-General Edward K. Gould for many years has been a careful student on the law of the Order. Possessed of a natural ability, combined with legal training, he had prepared a most excellent tabulation of the important decisions and opinions that have been rendered by past officers and accepted by the Commandery-in-Chief. This work was submitted to the Commander-in-Chief and at

once he became impressed with its true value. Arrangements were made with the Judge Advocate-General for publishing his "Digest," and bearing the indorsement of the Commander-in-Chief, the book was placed before the members through the proper channels. The work of Brother Gould has received many commendations and has certainly proved of great advantage to the Order.

In my opinion, and I feel I speak the sentiments of many brothers, including the Commander-in-Chief, this Encampment should take such action as will lead to the official adoption of the "Digest of Decisions and Opinions."

It should be mentioned that Brother Gould has performed this important service without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Constitution, Rules and Regulations has apparently filled all of the requirements of the Order since its adoption in 1894. Very few, if any, changes have been suggested since that time, and those of a minor nature.

The committee authorized by the last Encampment to draft a new eligibility clause have been appointed and will report to this Encampment. Along the line of the suggestion of Past Commander-in-Chief Rake, the insertion of a brief historical sketch of the Order would be an appropriate addition. It is respectfully suggested that a committee be designated to prepare the same, to serve without expense to the Commandery.

RITUAL.

In accordance with the vote of the last Encampment a committee of three was appointed to "revise and improve our ritual so that it shall possess the dramatic action and force of which it is now devoid."

This committee will report to the Encampment.

DIVISIONS.

The standing of the several Divisions as a whole has somewhat improved. The officers as a rule are competent and display an interest in their work.

As in the past, the one great fault is the dilatory methods pursued in forwarding the quarterly reports. Camps are not entirely to blame, if the Division Commander is negligent in demanding the reports. Blanks should be forwarded to Camps at least two weeks before the close of a quarter, and the reports called for by headquarters promptly within the time specified by the C., R. and R. No reasonable excuse for delay could then exist. In some few cases we have received reports from Divisions three months after the close of the quarter. Commanders who are as neglectful as this are not competent to command their Divisions.

COURTS-MARTIAL.

The Commander-in-Chief has been called upon to decide but one courts-martial case. Two other instances exist where blanks have

reached these headquarters, but in each case for reasons of their defectiveness have been returned to be properly submitted.

BONDS.

The bonds of Division Commanders have been submitted, but because of a misunderstanding relative to affixing the required revenue stamp several bonds have been returned. It is only a matter of a little delay for compliance with the law before all bonds will be on file.

The question of bonds is an important one, and it would seem that a more satisfactory state of affairs would exist if the Commandery provides for the acceptance of surety bonds, the costs of which could consistently be borne by the Commandery, Division or Camp, as the case may be.

COMMITTEES.

The several special committees provided for by the last Encampment have been appointed. Reports will undoubtedly be submitted for the information of the delegates.

RELATIONS WITH THE G. A. R.

Our relations with the Grand Army of the Republic have been of a most agreeable nature. The Commander-in-Chief has been privileged to become intimately acquainted with Commander-in-Chief J. P. S. Gobin, and has been in company with that gallant soldier on a number of occasions, notably a visit with him to the city of Charleston, S.C., where he was shown many courtesies by the Confederate veterans, and especial kindnesses at the hands of Commander-in-Chief Smyth of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

General Gobin has at all times been willing to advance the interests of our organization wherever and whenever the opportunity was presented.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the past year we have endeavored to increase the membership of the Order, and have received excellent support from a majority of the Divisions, the work of Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan being especially commendable.

The causes that have led to the fluctuations in gains by muster and loss by suspension in our membership, have been the cause for very serious thought on the part of all who have a deep interest in the welfare of the Order.

At the outset the administration became convinced that whatever the causes, there was but one remedy that was applicable, and that was to get in close touch with Division officers, past officers and influential members, to bespeak their cooperation, to arouse interest in their own and neighboring localities, and to secure their individual efforts to increase the standing. For this purpose a large number of letters were sent out, and the quarterly reports following the same would indicate that satisfactory responses had been made. Commencing with the first quarterly returns, September, 1897, it was found that reports for the previous quarter had been incorrect in many cases, made so by changes

that were necessary to render a proper accounting of membership to both National and Division headquarters. The reports up to and including that of the quarter ending March 31, 1898, resulted in a net gain of 3,009 members, a gain a trifle less than ten per cent. This was the first time for a number of years gains were shown for three successive quarters, and was very encouraging.

The June quarter has been less successful, directly due to two causes, as this particular quarter has invariably been one of the best of the year.

First, the outbreak of the war with Spain called forth a great number of the most interested Camp workers; it occupied the mind of all members; Camp work and the work of recruiting took the more proper form of recruiting for the country. It should be mentioned here that from advices received we are led to believe that in every Division an effort was made to have the authorities accept the services of a Sons of Veterans regiment, for which the volunteers were ready to respond when services were called for.

Secondly, to secure reports in time to prepare them for presentation to this Encampment, it was necessary to call upon the Division Commanders to submit the same at an earlier date than on any previous quarter. A needless amount of neglect shown by Camps failing to report caused unusually large suspensions, but we are assured that the current quarter will find these Camps and members reinstated. The number in good standing, June 30, 1897, was 1,178 Camps, 31,742 members; June 30, 1898, 1,135 Camps, 32,617 members. A net gain for the year of 875 members.

The future may bring about many changes in the lines upon which we are at present constituted. There are many who think that changes are necessary, and many brothers are of the opinion that we should become more of a historical society, dropping our semi-military characteristics. Legislation to this effect will probably be proposed at no distant date, but whatever changes are made, to keep the membership at a point where it properly belongs, will require, as it has in the past, the selection of competent Camp officers, for in the Camps is the strength of our Order, and upon them individually rests the responsibility for progress or retrogression.

SONS OF VETERANS VOLUNTEERS.

True to the teachings of the Order, the Sons of Veterans have played no inconspicuous part in responding to the call for volunteers in the war with Spain. At this time it is impossible to give the exact numbers that represent our organization, but it can be safely estimated that there will be found a larger percentage of Sons of Veterans in the service, than any other organized body or society. It would be unfair to attempt to compare the Divisions in this respect, but it is hoped that at an early date, data will have been secured from each Camp showing the number of enlistments among the members.

Three companies composed exclusively of Sons of Veterans are known: Co. L, 33d Michigan, was in the battle at Siboney July 1 and

performed gallant service. Michigan also raised another company for the 35th regiment and was ready for service. Minnesota furnished Co. L of the 12th regiment, composed of members of St. Paul Camp No. 1, in response to the first call. This company has been encamped at Chickamauga since that time.

As has been stated heretofore, all over the country the Order was active, and had a third or fourth call been made it is probable that we should have been honored with regiments from the several States, but while the opportunity was lacking, it was a practical demonstration that the Sons of Veterans are worthy of their sires, and the patriotic principles of the Order have been well exemplified in the loyalty of its members.

It is no injustice to those who were not fortunate enough to have entered the service to mention the following brothers as commissioned officers of volunteers:—

Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, Major Sixth Massachusetts.

Past Division Commander Charles W. Abbott, Jr., Colonel First Rhode Island.

Past Division Commander Thomas Z. Morrow, Jr., Captain First Kentucky.

Past Division Commander Frank L. Greene, Captain First Vermont.

Past Division Commander A. L. Sorter, Jr., Captain Fifty-second Iowa.

Past Division Commander Manley Wren, Captain Fifth Missouri.

Past Division Commander E. R. Carter, First Lieutenant Sixth Tennessee.

Past Inspector-General Arthur B. Spink, Lieutenant First Rhode Island.

There are undoubtedly many more of our brothers among the officers, but those mentioned above have been made known to headquarters, and are reported to this Encampment for your information.

OFFICERS AND STAFF.

The Commander-in-Chief has been associated with a set of capable officers, and has expressed to me his satisfaction in this respect. Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief George E. Cogshall, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief James W. Noel, the Council-in-Chief, Brothers Hammer, Borin and Hayeraft, have at all times rendered whatever service assigned them in a most competent manner.

Quartermaster-General Loebenstein has conducted his department, as in the past, with the same high degree of efficiency that has rendered his services of almost inestimable value to the Order.

Inspector-General Durston, Surgeon-General Gardner and Chaplain-in-Chief Veazey have been active, and have faithfully discharged all of the duties incumbent upon them.

Judge Advocate-General Gould has rendered conspicuous service, and has proven himself to be the equal if not the superior of any of those who have honored his position in previous years.

The Adjutant-General is indebted to all of these officers for innumerable favors and deems himself fortunate in having served with them. Asst. Adjt.-Gen. Thomas J. Hannon has loyally given his time and services, and the value thereof has been fully appreciated.

DECISIONS — COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Decision I.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. I.)

BOSTON, MASS., SEPT. 28, 1897.

Col. CHARLES I. PIERCE,
Commander California and Hawaiian Islands Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir and Brother: The question submitted by Past Division Commander Charles C. Houck of your Division relative to the number of members in good standing in a Camp necessary to hold its charter when no proposition for surrender of the same is made, is fully answered by Opinion I. of the Judge Advocate-General, forwarded herewith. I concur in his opinion that the charter may under these circumstances be held by a quorum (*i.e.*, five members), but cannot refrain from expressing the hope that the practical application of it may be limited, and that in this particular case, the Santa Cruz Camp will realize its expectations in recruiting soon to a larger membership.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision II.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. II.)

BOSTON, MASS., SEPT. 28, 1897.

Col. ORANGE H. COOK,
Commander Mass. Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Melrose, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother: I hand you herewith Opinion II. of the Judge Advocate-General upon the appeal of Past Captain Charles F. Perkins of Camp No. 8, Division of Massachusetts, in the matter of his trial and sentence by courts-martial. The ground of the appeal and the reasons for not sustaining the same are set forth at length in the Opinion, in which I fully concur. The appeal is therefore dismissed; the record and proceedings of the court are declared regular; your decision thereon affirmed and you will take such further action as devolves upon you to carry the sentence into effect.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision III.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. III.)

Col. ORANGE H. COOK,
Commander Mass. Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Melrose, Mass. BOSTON, NOV. 1, 1897.

My Dear Commander: I hand you herewith Opinion III. of the Judge Advocate-General, upon the question submitted by Camp 37 of your Division, relative to the manner in which a candidate may, after having received the degrees of Friendship and Charity, and then removed beyond the limits of his Camp, receive the degree of Loyalty from a Camp located at his new place of residence. The opinion of the Judge Advocate-General holding that the difficulty cannot be met by either dispensation or transfer, is approved, but the Camp may, if it so desires, surrender its jurisdiction over the recruit according to the method therein indicated.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision IV. — (J. A.-Gen., Op. IV.)

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 8, 1897.

Col. ORANGE H. COOK,
Commander Massachusetts Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Melrose, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother: The opinion of the Judge Advocate-General, that a brother while under suspension from the Order by sentence of courts-martial cannot, during such period of suspension, be tried for another offence, is approved, and you will see that the brothers of Camp 8, by whom the inquiry is submitted, are so informed.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision V.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 26, 1897.

Col. CHARLES C. TOWNSEND,
Commander Wisconsin Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Benton, Wis.

My Dear Commander: I am in receipt of your inquiry with copy of discharge of Charles Shead, a mechanic in the employ of the Quartermaster's Department, which reads as follows:—

“This is to certify that the bearer, Chas. Shead, has been employed in the Q.M. Department under my direction, and has been honorably discharged this 31st day of March, 1865.

JOHN GODFREY,
Capt. & A. Q. M.”

In view of several previous Decisions and Opinions, notably Opinion V. of Judge Advocate-General Weeks, *Journal Tenth Annual Encampment*, page 103, I am constrained to hold that the son of the said Charles Shead is not eligible to membership in our Order.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision VI.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 26, 1897.

ALBERT SIEVIRS, JR.,
 Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Sir and Brother: Your communication forwarded by the Captain of George B. McClellan Camp No. 74. and bearing also the endorsement of Commander Diven of the New York Division, submits for decision the following: “Can the Colonel of this Division be Captain of his Camp and Colonel of this Division at the same time?” Obviously the question upon which a ruling is sought is the one many times decided: “Can two commissions be held at the same time?” The earliest precedent, to the effect that they cannot, is, I think, to be found in Opinion XXX., *Blue Book*, page 27, and there is a long line of subsequent Decisions sustaining the position then taken by Commander-in-Chief Griffin. My decision must be in accord therewith.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision VII. — (J. A.-Gen., Op. V.)

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 29, 1897.

Col E. E. SCHOENING,
Commander Missouri Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 St. Louis, Mo.

My Dear Commander: The appeal of Admiral Porter Camp No. 47, Division of Missouri, from your decision that members can be suspended only by vote of a Camp, and that a quarterly report showing suspension must, in any individual case, precede a report wherein the member appears as "dropped," is sustained. The grounds on which it must now be held, that members whose dues are unpaid become "suspended" or "dropped," purely by operation of law, fully appear in Opinion V. of the Judge Advocate-General. The repeal of the legislation which rendered necessary Commander-in-Chief Russell's Decisions IX. and XXVI. (which repeal was on his own recommendation), may be found on page 132, Proceedings Fifteenth (Louisville) Encampment.

I return you Exhibits A-C + (13 enclosures), and have retained to file with the papers here Exhibits D (the appeal of the Camp), E (the letter stating whereon you based your decision), and the list of papers forwarded.

You will transmit to Capt. J. O. Damm, commanding Camp 47, the copies of this Decision and Opinion of the Judge Advocate-General, handed you herewith.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision VIII. — (J. A.-Gen., Op. VI.)

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 29, 1897.

Col. CHARLES W. ABBOT, JR.,
Commander Rhode Island Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Providence, R.I.

My Dear Commander: I concur in the Opinion of the Judge Advocate-General that the case submitted by you for decision, relative to the status of a Division officer whose Camp has disbanded, but who avails himself of a transfer card, is one in which the question of due diligence may well enter to determine whether or not he has forfeited his official position.

It would appear from the statement of facts set forth in your letter and incorporated in full in the Opinion (VI.), that laches or negligence cannot be imputed to him, but on the contrary, he seems to have acted with zeal to make use of the card and thus retain his membership in the Order. In the absence, therefore, of evidence tending to show that there was inexcusable delay in so doing, I must hold that the office is not vacated and that he has lost none of his rights as a Division officer.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision IX. — (J. A.-Gen., Op. VII.)

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 13, 1898.

Col W. P. FEDER,
Commander Kansas Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Great Bend, Kan.

My Dear Commander: Opinion VII. of the Judge Advocate-General upon the case of O. M. Lippert, who was elected Captain of Smith Semple Camp of your Division, and served nearly the full term in that capacity, or until his Camp surrendered its charter and became merged into Camp 223, is handed you herewith.

I agree with the opinion of the Judge Advocate-General that he is not, upon this statement of facts, entitled to the honors of a Past Captain. As pointed out in the opinion, this rule may and does doubtless often work a hardship upon most deserving brothers, but the express provisions of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations cannot be set aside by the Commander-in-Chief.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision X.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. VIII.)

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 12, 1898.

Col. CHARLES C. TOWNSEND,
Commander Wisconsin Division, S. V., U.S.A.
Benton, Wis.

My Dear Commander: Returning you herewith copy of the courts-martial proceedings in the case of Brother Adolph Derusha of George D. Stanton Camp, No. 25, your Division, I am obliged to disapprove the findings and sentence because of the irregularities noted in Opinion VIII. of the Judge Advocate-General, a transcript of which I also hand you.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XI.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 12, 1898.

Col. JESSE R. DUNGAN,
Commander New Jersey Division, S. V., U.S.A.
Somerville, N.J.

My Dear Commander: In the matter of the eligibility to membership of Fremont Tietze, which comes before me for rehearing on the petition of the Commander of the New Jersey Division:

This case was passed upon by Commander-in-Chief Rake in his Decision V., wherein it was held that Fremont Tietze had been illegally mustered into the Order, and consequently that his said muster was null and void. Upon appeal, this decision was sustained by the Commandery-in-Chief. With this as the record of the case I should ordinarily refrain from acting upon the petition for a rehearing in manner other than to grant the same, and then refer to the next Commandery-in-Chief such new evidence as was produced, together with a recommendation thereon, notwithstanding the fact that a careful examination of the proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment leads me to the conclusion that the case, when before the Commandery-in-Chief, turned largely upon irregularity in the appeal, and that the new evidence then offered, but which Commander-in-Chief Rake had not at hand when rendering his decision, was not considered. But having granted the petition for a rehearing, I find it now in evidence that Emil Tietze, father of Fremont Tietze, enlisted in Captain James M. Bell's Unattached Independent Cavalry Company of Pennsylvania, and was mustered into the ninety days State Militia June 30, 1863, and was honorably discharged Aug. 9, 1863. That the troops served under the command of Colonel Nelson A. Miles in the Department of the Susquehanna, commanded by Major-General Darius N. Couch, both of these officers holding commissions in the United States service. The members of this Company took the oath of allegiance to the United States, and the command was actually employed, under orders of Colonel Miles and General Couch, in resisting the invasion of the State of Pennsylvania by Lee's army, having been turned over to the United States authorities by the Governor of Pennsylvania for that purpose. It also appears that this Company was paid, subsisted and clothed

by the United States Government. Furthermore, it appears in evidence that a decision has been rendered by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic holding that the men composing the Independent Troop of Cavalry, commanded by Captain James M. Bell, are eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. The official records cited have been carefully examined and found to contain all that is claimed for them.

From this new evidence and statement of facts, I am satisfied that Emil Tietze, father of Fremont Tietze, "served in the Union Army," and has an honorable discharge. I therefore declare Fremont Tietze eligible to membership in our Order, and that he should be reinstated with his past rank.

In addition to the formal petitions, abstract of new evidence and copy of argument, there are retained with the papers in the case until such time as this decision may be acted upon by the Commandery-in-Chief, the original discharge; letter from Major-General Nelson A. Miles, U.S.A., dated April 8, 1897; two letters from Major James M. Bell, U.S.A., dated Jan. 20 and Nov. 7, 1897; letter from Commander of Lieutenant S. C. Potts Post, No. 62, Department of Pennsylvania, G.A.R., dated Dec. 2, 1897, and letter of Thomas J. Stewart, Adjutant-General of the G.A.R., dated Nov. 23, 1897.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XII.—(J. A.-Gen., Op. IX.)

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 26, 1898.

Col. CHARLES C. TOWNSEND,
Commander Wisconsin Division, S. V., U.S.A.
Benton, Wis.

My Dear Commander: The request of George D. Stanton Camp No. 25, of your Division, for a decision upon the question whether the crime of burglary committed by a youth of the age of fifteen years, for which he was sentenced to the State Reform School, constitutes an infamous crime within the meaning of Section 1, Article V., C., R. and R., has been received and referred to the Judge Advocate-General. I hand you herewith a copy of the opinion of the Judge Advocate-General, and must concur in his conclusion, that burglary, committed by persons of whatever age, is an infamous crime, and hence renders one convicted thereof ineligible to membership in our Order.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XIII.—(J. A.-Gen., Op. X.)

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 26, 1898.

Col. JAMES M. MATHEWS,
Commander New Jersey Division, S. V., U.S.A.
Trenton, N. J.

My Dear Commander: A question referred to me for decision, by your predecessor, relative to a member of a disbanded Camp being entitled to a transfer card, is fully stated in Opinion X. of the Judge Advocate-General. If the brother therein referred to was in good standing at the time of the dissolution of the Camp to which he formerly belonged, you are authorized to issue to him a transfer card, which if deposited in the Camp to which he now belongs will enable him to retain his past rank.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XIV.—(J. A.-Gen., Op. XI.)

BOSTON, MASS., April 2, 1898.

Col. LEONARD C. COUCH,
Commander Massachusetts Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Taunton, Mass.

My Dear Commander: I concur in Opinion XI. of the Judge Advocate-General, a copy of which is inclosed, that under Section 2 of Chapter V., Article VII., C. R. and R., a Camp may, at its option, require of the members of its Camp Council, holding funds of the Camp, either a bond in which all members of the Council join, or a bond from each of the several members of the Council. In other words, "jointly and severally" are construed to mean "jointly or severally."

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:
 FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XV.—(J. A.-Gen., Op. XII.)

BOSTON, MASS., April 8, 1898.

Col. J. M. DIVEN,
Commander New York Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Elmira, N.Y.

My Dear Commander: I concur in the opinion of the Judge Advocate-General that the son of an honorably discharged soldier who enlisted under an assumed name is eligible to admission into our Order, providing proof of the relation of father and son is furnished and the reason of the apparent discrepancy in names is clearly set forth in the application.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:
 FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XVI.—(J. A.-Gen., Op. XIII.)

BOSTON, MASS., April 9, 1898.

Col. W. W. LAPOINTE,
Commander Vermont Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Barre, Vt.

My Dear Commander: Opinion XIII., of the Judge Advocate-General, sent you herewith, states fully the question submitted by you for decision, and meets with my approval, both as to the interpretation of Section 2, Article III., page 24, C. R. and R., and the manner in which, because of alleged error in the record of proceedings of the Lyndonville Encampment, the difficulty may now best be surmounted. A Division Encampment has the power to make provision for its next meeting and failing so to do the Division Council is authorized to act. The record of the Encampment shows (erroneously it is claimed) that such provision was made, by leaving the selection of time and place to the incoming Division Commander, Senior Vice and Junior Vice Division Commanders. You are, under the circumstances, authorized to have these three officers select the time and place of meeting and submit their decision to the Division Council for ratification.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:
 FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XVII. — (J.A.-Gen., Op. XIV.)

BOSTON, MASS., April 23, 1898.

Col. LEONARD C. COUCH,
Commander Massachusetts Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Taunton, Mass.

My Dear Commander: The question is submitted by the Captain of Lieut.-Col. Henry Merritt Camp No. 8 of Salem, whether a brother suspended by courts-martial is liable for his dues during the time he is so suspended. I hand you herewith Opinion XIV. of the Judge Advocate-General, holding that such suspended brother is liable for dues during the period of his suspension.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XVIII. — (J. A.-Gen., Op. XV.)

BOSTON, MASS., April 23, 1898.

Col. C. V. SAVIDGE,
Commander Washington Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Olympia, Wash.

My Dear Commander: I concur in the opinion of the Judge Advocate-General, that a Camp officer must be commissioned in the position to which he has been elected. If a Division Encampment has established a fee for commissions of Camp officers, and such officers decline to pay the same, the Division Commander may, after notice to the delinquent, order the officer next in rank (who has complied with the requirements fixed by the Division Encampment) to assume command of the Camp.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XIX. — (J. A.-Gen., Op. XVI.)

BOSTON, MASS., May 31, 1898.

Col. L. C. COUCH,
Commander Massachusetts Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Taunton, Mass.

My Dear Commander: I concur in the opinion of the Judge Advocate-General, that a dropped member of a Camp who has subsequently paid all arrearages, together with muster fee, and applies for an honorable discharge because of inability to be present at any meeting for muster, cannot be granted an honorable discharge until he has been re-mustered as a member of the Order.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XX.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. XVII.)

BOSTON, MASS., July 6, 1898.

Col. J. W. S. DILLON,
Commander Missouri Division, S. V., U.S.A.
 Grant City, Mo.

My Dear Commander: I hand you herewith Opinion XVII. of the Judge Advocate-General upon the resolution adopted by the Encampment of the

Missouri Division, and fully concur in his conclusion that the same is unconstitutional.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XXI.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. XVIII.)

BOSTON, MASS., July 6, 1898.

Col. JOHN REDMOND,

Commander Kansas Division, S. V., U.S.A.
Wichita, Kansas.

My Dear Commander: I hand you herewith Opinion XVIII. of the Judge Advocate-General upon the various questions submitted by you in regard to Camp 127 of Leavenworth, and I fully concur in this opinion.

Yours fraternally,

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXII.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. XIX.)

BOSTON, MASS., July 6, 1898.

Col. LEON L. HALL,

Commander Connecticut Division, S. V., U.S.A.
Wallingford, Conn.

My Dear Commander: I hand you herewith Opinion XIX. of the Judge Advocate-General upon question submitted by Captain Arthur T. Bogue of Griffin A. Stedman Camp of Hartford.

I fully concur in this opinion, the obligation of membership to be the obligation in the degree of Loyalty, in accordance therewith, and that this obligation is the only one required to be administered to a recruit to legally muster him.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XXIII.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. XX.)

BOSTON, MASS., July 12, 1898.

Col. CHARLES L. PIERCE,

Commander Division of California and Hawaiian Islands, S. V., U.S.A.
San Francisco, Cal.

My Dear Commander: I concur in the opinion of the Judge Advocate-General, which is handed you herewith, that a Past Captain joining a Camp by transfer, takes precedence as such in said Camp from the date of his admission, rather than from the date when he acquired his past honors.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XXIV.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. XXI.)

BOSTON, MASS., July 25, 1898.

Col. J. W. S. DILLON,

Commander Missouri Division, S. V., U.S.A.
Grant City, Mo.

My Dear Commander: I hand you herewith Opinion XXI. of the Judge Advocate-General, upon a resolution passed by the Encampment of the

Missouri Division substituting the printed proceedings of the Encampment for the written record, and I concur with the same and also with the recommendation in regard to their certification by the Adjutant.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XXV.— (J. A.-Gen., Op. XXII.)

Boston, Mass., Aug. 16, 1898.

Col. CHARLES L. PIERCE,
Commander Division of California and Hawaiian Islands, S. V., U.S.A.,
San Francisco, Cal.

My Dear Commander: I hand you herewith Opinion XXII. of the Judge Advocate-General in which I concur. The insignia of rank of the Division Chaplain and Surgeon is that provided for the personal staff of the Division Commander, the rank strap with one bar.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XXVI.— (J. A.-Gen. Op. XXIII.)

Boston, Mass., Aug. 16, 1898.

Col. CHARLES L. PIERCE,
Commander Division of California and Hawaiian Islands, S. V., U.S.A.
San Francisco, Cal.

My Dear Commander: I hand you herewith Opinion XXIII. of the Judge Advocate-General upon the question of precedence of a Past Captain who rejoins on transfer from another Camp the one in which he attained past honors. I concur in this opinion that he takes precedence from the date of his admission on transfer, and not from the date on which he became a Past Captain.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

Decision XXVII.— (J. A.-Gen. Op. XXIV.)

Boston, Mass., Aug. 16, 1898.

Col. E. H. ARCHER,
Commander Ohio Division, S. V., U.S.A.
Columbus, O.

My Dear Commander: I return you herewith copy of the court-martial proceedings in the case of Brother William E. Tector of William Meade Camp No. 46, your Division. I am obliged to disapprove the findings and sentence because of the irregularities noted in Opinion XXIV. of the Judge Advocate-General, a transcript of which I also hand you.

You are charged with the duty of having this Camp proceed with a new trial in which the irregularities noted in this case must be avoided.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

RECORDS.

The books of records are complete with the facts, that have been a portion thereof, during the past year.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

The quarterly reports have been received from all Divisions, although much time and effort was involved in securing them from some Divisions. The collection of *per capita* tax, particularly the proper amounts for reinstatements, has been carefully observed.

I concur in and repeat the suggestion of my immediate predecessor that a decided improvement can and should be made in Form No. 37, by incorporating therein proper columns to designate the number of quarters in arrears of suspended members who become reinstated, that the tax actually due headquarters may be readily determined. When new blanks are printed this addition should be made.

FORM 49.

I would also respectfully concur in the judgment of former Adjutant-General Hammer relative to Form 49, that information concerning the appointive Division staff officers may be included in the facts required by this form.

APPLICATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Charter applications for one hundred and sixty-nine Camps have been approved. There have been mustered and reported to these headquarters one hundred and sixty-nine Camps, for which charters have been issued.

COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, ETC.

There have been promulgated five General Orders, nine Special Orders and three circulars.

A total of seventy-five commissions has been issued in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Ancestors' records have been furnished by the War and Navy Departments through these headquarters to one hundred and thirty-four applicants.

By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws have been approved for the following Divisions: Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Nebraska and New Jersey.

DISPENSATIONS.

There have been requested and issued eleven dispensations. The practice of granting a general dispensation, with especial privileges connected therewith, is a poor one. To grant the right to muster camps without the application for charter first being approved by the Commandery headquarters has been a general practice. We have not curtailed that right, but, in my opinion, it is not a necessity, nor does it in any way prove of advantage to Divisions. It should either be discontinued, or if not, and it is considered of any value to the Divisions, a nominal fee should be charged.

TABLES.

Annexed to this report will be found several statements in tabulated form, condensing information of interest to the Order.

FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

There has been received and turned over to the Quartermaster-General the following amounts:—

For <i>Per Capita</i> Tax	\$5,452 52
For Charter Fees	345 50
Total	<u>\$5,798 02</u>

OLD DOCUMENTS.

Among the papers turned over from preceding administrations, there was found in a large box, the contents of several compartments of the filing case. These were unsorted and badly mixed together. An examination proved the bulk of these papers to relate to inspections, quarterly reports, mustering officers' reports, old rosters, courts-martial, etc. They have been resorted, compiled as near as possible by administrations, and packed away properly labelled. The papers are of no practical value, and as all of the principal facts are to be found either in the records or printed proceedings of the National Encampments, I would respectfully suggest that the succeeding administration be authorized to make an examination of the same and destroy such of the papers as are of no value for preservation. The freight bills on this mass of accumulated data of the past is a needless expense.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

In company with the Commander-in-Chief I had the honor to attend the Encampments of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Divisions, and a great many camp-fires and public gatherings.

It was my privilege, with Judge Advocate-General Gould, to represent the Commandery at the Encampment of the Maine Division.

CONCLUSION.

I desire to express my thanks at this time to the Division Commanders and their officers with whom I have had official relations, as well as to the Commandery officers and my associates on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. I am indebted to all for many courtesies, and the fact that the work of the past year has been marked by perfect harmony is a matter of especial pleasure and gratification. I have endeavored to serve the Order to the best of my ability, and while circumstances have involved considerably more responsibility than was anticipated, I trust my services have been such as to warrant satisfaction on the part of the delegates who honored the Commander-in-Chief with a unanimous election one year ago, and will have proven to merit the approval of Commander-in-Chief Darling, who, in response to the call of duty, was obliged to leave for the past few months the affairs of the Order in less experienced hands than his own.

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

FRED E. BOLTON, *Adjutant-General.*

STATISTICAL TABLES

Accompanying Adjutant-General's Report.

TABLE No. 1.
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1897.

DIVISION.	NO. IN GOOD STANDING AT DATE OF LAST REPORT.		GAIN.				AGGREG'TE.		LOSSES.						NO. IN GOOD STANDING.		No. mustered during Quarter on which no per capita Tax is due.	Amount received per capita Tax.	Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on hand in Camps.	Expended in Charity, as per Quartermaster-Sergeant's Reports.	No. of Members or their Families Relieved.	No. of Veterans or their Families Relieved.									
	Camps.	Members.	BY MUSTER IN.		By Transfer.	TOTAL GAIN.		Camps.	Members.	BY DISBANDED.		By Death.	By Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	BY SUSPENSION.									TOTAL LOSS.	Camps.	Members.	No Members Dropped.	Camps.	Members.			
			Camps.	Members.		Camps.	Members.			Camps.	Members.				Camps.	Members.														Camps.	Members.	
Alabama and Tennessee	20	406		12			12	20	418			1	2	1	1	89		1	93	19	325			\$13 00	\$57 21	\$200 00						
California and Ill.	11	282		16			16	11	303			1				56		2	56	9	245			10 10	45 37	126 11						
Colorado	13	242	1	15	3		18	14	260					3	6	136		6	139	8	121		1	4 32	16 48	13 00		\$ 2 50	1			
Connecticut	27	770		17			17	27	789			1	2			45			48	27	751	10		30 96	116 60	714 49		21 95	1	1		
Gulf	11	144						11	144						1	10			10	10	134			5 40								
Illinois	74	1902	5	183	1		189	80	2102	1	9		1		24			96	79	2006		5	136	75 48	57 75	117 77						
Indiana	55	1340	2	126	5		149	64	1620			2	1	5	9	252		9	260	55	1360		2	47	59 28	60 87	2629 05			63 00		
Iowa	68	1413	6	179			185	77	1603			1	1	4	20	506		20	511	57	1152		6	140	43 23	27 54	779 88					
Kansas	67	1413	2	88	2		92	74	1506			2	2	2	4	144		4	150	70	1416		2	46	61 04	33 71	699 72			50	1	
Kentucky	14	279	1	29			30	15	311			1	1					1	15	310		1	19	11 72	53 55							
Maine	48	1428	2	77	3		82	51	1518			2	6	2	1	76		1	86	50	1432		2	41	56 01	162 43	1366 71			10 00		
Maryland	25	511		14			14	25	531						65			65	24	464		5		18 72	11 12	193 99			26 65	2	1	
Massachusetts	136	4392		91			91	136	4547			4	26	2	1	261		1	299	135	4248	69		172 04	1715 84	6374 23		153 22				
Michigan	50	1133	5	196	1		202	60	1421			1	6	2	3	102		3	109	57	1312		5	124	51 16	88 39	105 17			1 00		
Minnesota	29	739	1	37	5		42	31	820						97			101	28	719		1	15	28 32	114 79	129 60			12 83			
Missouri	35	799	1	57	2		60	38	896			5	5		34			39	38	857		1	23	34 88	20 19	858 52			14 50	1		
Nebraska	25	481		24	5		29	31	507			1	1	1	6	121		6	123	25	474			21 24	34 88	131 17						
New Hampshire	20	599						20	611			2	1	4		19			26	20	585			23 68	34 69	388 28			4 00			
New Jersey	27	758		21			27	27	785	1	12		4		1	46			62	25	723	61		29 04	111 85	967 29			35 45	2	1	
New York	101	3076	4	205	2		212	117	3647			5	10	6	18	594		18	585	99	3062		4	100	133 08	461 49	453 32			86 40		
Ohio	67	1563	3	122			125	81	1842	1	13	4			15	373		16	390	65	1552		3	66	73 52	47 15	1109 61			11 50		
Oregon	5	69		1			1	6	86							1				1	6			2 20	19 24							
Pennsylvania	145	5647	4	606	9		615	149	6305	2	23	8	4	26	331		2	392	147	5913		4	104	235 66	433 27	9080 74		2143 02	65	5		
Rhode Island	11	386		5			5	14	391						43				11	14	383	1		15 44	55 41	194 12			1 00	1		
South Dakota	9	156		2			2	15	155			1			2	10			4	13	211			2 50	37 65	83 28						
Vermont	30	694		11	7		18	35	836	1	2	1	1		21			1	25	34	811			37 28	66 50	422 91			5 00			
Washington	13	240	1	24			25	20	459					1	3	79			3	82	377		1	20	20 08	56 07	76 20			4 50		
West Virginia	11	203		7			7	11	212			1	1		1				1	209				8 36	21 74	94 37			4 50			
Wisconsin	28	607		93	1		94	31	762			3	1		3	81		3	85	31	677	17	2	51	27 91	43 61	267 35					
Totals	1178	31742	40	2282	63	76	1723	116	4076	1294	35810	6	59	39	81	70	100	3647	106	3896	1126	163	40	945	\$1313 38	\$4056 59	\$33036 88	\$2640 04	74	8		

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing at date of last report	Camps.	Members.	1,178	31,742
GAIN.				
By muster-in	Camps.	Members.	40	2,282
By transfer				63
By reinstatement	Camps.	Members.	76	1,723
Total gain			116	4,068
Aggregate			1,294	35,810
LOSS.				
By disbanded	Camps.	Members.	6	59
By death				39
By honorable discharge				81
By transfer				70
By suspension	Camps.	Members.	100	3,647
Total loss			106	3,896
Number remaining in good standing Sept. 30, 1897			1,188	31,914

Number members dropped	Camps.	Members.		163
Number mustered during quarter, on which no per capita tax is payable			40	945
Amount received for per capita tax			\$1,313 38	
Cash on hand at Division Headquarters			4,056 59	
Cash on hand in Camps			33,036 88	
Expended in charity, as per Q.M.-Sergeant's reports			2,640 40	
Number of members or their families relieved				74
Number of veterans or their families relieved				8

TABLE No. 2.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

DIVISION.	NO. IN GOOD STANDING AT DATE OF LAST REPORT		GAIN.					AGGREGATE.		LOSSES.						NO. IN GOOD STANDING.		No. mustered during quarter on which no per capita Tax is due.	Amount received per capita Tax.	Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on hand in Camps.	Expended in charity, as per Quartermaster-Sergeants' Reports.	No. of Members or their Families Relieved.	No. of Veterans or their Families Relieved.							
	Camps.	Members.	BY MUSTER IN.		BY REIN-STATEMENT.	TOTAL GAIN.	Camps.	Members.	BY DISBANDED.			BY SUSPENSION.			TOTAL LOSS.	Camps.	Members.														
			Camps.	Members.					Camps.	Members.	By Death.	By Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	Camps.											Members.	By Dishon. Discharge.	Camps.	Members.			
Alabama and Tennessee	10	325	12	4	1	21	1	37	20	362			1	5	2	49		2	55	18	307	5		\$12 24	66 06	200 00					
California and H.I.	9	245	1	25	2	29	3	58	12	303			1	3	2	23		2	27	12	276		1	21	11 36	66 06	95 69				
Colorado	8	121		10	1	4	89	4	100	12	221	2	23	1	1	10		2	35	10	186			11 00	11 87	83 81					
Connecticut	27	751		15	1		9	25	27	776			1	7	1	53		1	62	26	714	15		28 92	155 80	736 85	20 00	2			
Gulf	10	134							10	134					1	9		1	9	9	125			5 00							
Illinois	79	2006	4	204	2	47	6	259	85	2265			2	4	1	61			68	85	2197	4	107	87 96	36 56	718 50					
Indiana	55	1360	2	117	4	5	91	7	212	62	1572			1	4	128		4	130	58	1442	2	38	66 12	172 04	2978 75	23 00				
Iowa	57	1152		23	5	9	210	9	238	66	1390			2	5	135		5	137	61	1253			59 60	24 62	826 85	6 50				
Kansas	70	1416	1	72	13	3	27	4	114	74	1530			1	3	12		12	235	62	1235	1	13	82 28	33 21	694 26	34 17				
Kentucky	15	310							15	317					1	18			19	15	298			11 92	82 29						
Maine	50	1432	1	97	2		24	1	123	51	1555			4	3	2		1	99	50	1147	15	1	57 61	34 08	1350 90	16 00	1			
Maryland	24	464	1	46	1		7	1	54	25	518			1	1	24		1	25	24	493	7	1	18 80	20 21	159 88	15 50	2			
Massachusetts	135	4248		143	16		111		270	135	4518			5	25	29		3	207	132	4259	45		174 80	1219 11	7184 58	201 16	10	13		
Michigan	57	1312	6	217	1		36	8	254	65	1566			2	3			4	183	61	1378	14	6	56 68	98 43	253 08	35 15				
Minnesota	28	719	1	74	5		153	9	232	37	951			3	4			3	103	34	844		1	45 32	46 49	241 53	20 00				
Missouri	38	857	1	55	3		44	4	99	42	956	1	22	3	3			3	79	1	107	41	1	37 16	51 01	727 56	5 50	4			
Nebraska	25	474	1	63	5		27	3	144	28	618			48	3			3	122	25	436		1	21 54	37 20	181 41					
New Hampshire	20	585	2	53	6		4	2	68	22	653	3	54	3	1			3	82	19	571	2	45	21 28	165 77	685 18	17 00	1	1		
New Jersey	25	723		50	2		1	17	1	69	26	792		2	1			25	26	764			31 72	33 68	1114 15	67 82	4				
New York	99	3062	1	192	7		361	8	560	107	3622	2	34	5	8	9	4	215	6	271	101	3351	57	1	147 80	378 97	7167 45	1821 62	5	1	
Ohio	65	1552	2	133	1	14	243	16	377	81	1929			3	3	9		9	260	9	267	72	2	77 01	132 63	1504 84	198 08				
Oregon	6	85							6	92				2	1			1	21		69			2 76	11 78						
Pennsylvania	147	5913	3	515	15		102	3	632	150	6545			7	4	6		376	395	150	6150	3	51	248 04	421 88	10538 67	1836 35	17	3		
Rhode Island	14	383		7	1		3		11	14	394	1	13	2				38	2	53	12	341			13 76	300 70	39 67	6 00			
South Dakota	13	211	3	81	2		5	81	18	292					6			89	6	89	12	203	3	48	11 60	15 50					
Vermont	34	811		17	2		4	60	36	871			1	6	2			42	51	36	820			36 48	48 88	372 37					
Washington	17	377		23	1		129	1	153	24	530	1		1	5	3		113	4	119	20	411			21 00	40 07	161 81				
West Virginia	11	209		18	1		1	32	12	241			5						5	12	236			11 04	32 58	212 09	7 50				
Wisconsin	31	677		27	1		54	1	82	32	759			3	1	2		2	76	30	683			30 19	19 11	226 61	26 48				
Totals	1188	31914	30	2312	151	76	1895	106	4358	1294	36272	10	151	38	86	117	66	2760	76	3152	1218	33120	158	30	625	\$1412 71	\$3437 29	\$38912 19	\$4362 03	82	18

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing at date of last report	Camps.	Members.	1,188	31,914
GAIN.				
By muster-in	Camps.	Members.	30	2,312
By transfer				151
By reinstatement			76	1,895
Total Gain			106	4,358
Aggregate			1,285	36,138
LOSS.				
By disbanded	Camps.	Members.	10	151
By death				38
By honorable discharge				86
By transfer				117
By suspension.			66	2,760
Total loss.			76	3,152
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1897	Camps.	Members.	1,218	33,120

Number members dropped	Camps.	Members.		158
Number mustered during quarter, on which no per capita tax is payable			30	625
Amount received per capita tax			\$1,412.71	
Cash on hand at Division Headquarters			3,437.29	
Cash on hand in Camps			38,912.19	
Expended in charity, as per Q.M.-Sergeants' reports			4,362.03	
Number of members or their families relieved				52
Number of veterans or their families relieved				18

TABLE No. 4.
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1898.

DIVISION.	NO. IN GOOD STANDING AT DATE OF LAST REPORT		GAIN.						AG'REG'TE		LOSSES.						NO. IN GOOD STANDING.		No. Mustered during Quarter on which no Per Capita Tax is due.	Amount Received Per Capita Tax	Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on hand in Camps.	Expended in Charity, as per Quar-mater Sergeants' Reports.	No. of Members or their Families Relieved.	No. of Veterans or their Families Relieved.									
	Camps.	Members.	BY MUSTER IN.		By Transfer	BY REIN-STAT' M'T		TOTAL GAIN		Camps.	Members.	BY DISBANDED.			BY SUB-PENSION.		TOTAL LOSS.									Camps.	Members.	No. Members Dropped						
			Camps.	Members.		Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.			Camps.	Members.	By death.	By Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer	Camps.	Members.											Camps.	Members.				
Alabama and Tennessee..	18	303			6			12	18	315	1	12			3	37		4	49	14	266			\$ 10 64	\$ 83 42	157 33								
California and H. I.....	12	331	2	73	3	1	13	89	15	420					11	19		4	19	15	401	4	2	14 84	79 80	160 61								
Colorado.....	9	234		20	3		3	26	9	260					3	75		3	78	6	182	3	2	7 40	9 82	42 65								
Connecticut.....	25	714	1	77	1		15	93	26	807			2	5	2	35			47	26	700	9	1	31 03	156 41	757 78	24 75	1						
Gulf.....	9	125						9	9	125										9	125			5 00										
Illinois.....	85	2261	2	178	11		37	221	87	2482			1	8	5	12	538		12	552	75	1930		12	76 32	151 56	579 22	76 96	3	3				
Indiana.....	64	1529		32			13	45	64	1574						29	670		35	904					37 44									
Iowa.....	71	1448		34			13	47	71	1495			1	8	3	29	566		29	578	42	917			37 20	53 81								
Kansas.....	73	1571	1	133	4	2	35	172	76	1743	1		7	14	22	419		23	440	53	1303		1	52 92	52 16	836 23	75 28							
Kentucky.....	17	339		5			1	6	17	345			1	1	1	19		1	20	16	325			13 04	61 77									
Maine.....	50	1448		37	1		8	46	50	1494			3	2	2	3	108		3	115	47	1379			55 48	150 51	1065 89	55 10		6				
Maryland.....	22	479	2	95			3	98	21	577			1	1	2	2	58		2	60	22	517		2	17 80	53 45	165 73	13 30						
Massachusetts.....	126	4152	1	194	9	1	76	279	128	4431			8	29	12	3	320		3	364	125	4067	45	1	161 96	993 46	6985 65	323 92	18	9				
Michigan.....	65	1589	2	181		1	33	214	68	1803				4	1	10	373		10	378	58	1425		2	57 00		237 36	10 30						
Minnesota.....	34	798		15	1		7	23	34	821				3	3	14	310		14	313	20	508			20 96									
Missouri.....	42	901	1	45			7	52	43	953	1	15	1	5	1	4	149		5	171	38	782		1	7 06	777 52	8 00							
Nebraska.....	26	527	1	51	2		6	59	27	586			1	3		45			49	27	537		1	25 32		123 87								
New Hampshire.....	21	612		25	2			27	21	639				2	2	2	9		13	21	626			20 04	120 00	905 45	4 00							
New Jersey.....	26	803	1	58	1		20	79	27	882				2	2	2	34			38	27	844	14	1	31 23	61 91	1317 33	312 17	2	1				
New York.....	107	3479	4	311	5	5	122	438	116	3917	1	10	4	9	6	20	597		21	626	95	3291	30	4	133 92	218 83	7264 09	195 21	26	1				
Ohio.....	76	1639	2	152	1	17	312	465	95	2104			6	6	1	43			56	95	2048		2	99 12	90 82									
Oregon.....	9	146		23				23	9	169						1	17		1	18	8	151			6 04									
Pennsylvania.....	154	6719	3	518	9		106	633	157	7352	3	81	8	4	8	278		8	379	151	6973	151	3	279 32	377 26	13065 22	1680 80	84	10					
Rhode Island.....	12	340		15	2			19	12	359	2	43				4			2	47	10	312	6		12 72	17 67	238 06	20 45						
South Dakota.....	11	179	2	35		5	67	102	18	281						9	136		9	136	9	145		2	9 10	24 35								
Vermont.....	41	878		28	3		7	33	41	916				1		27			28	41	888			35 80	28 51	695 93	15 00							
Washington.....	22	428		15	2		5	22	22	450						9	175		9	180	13	270			11 00	31 31	81 91							
West Virginia.....	14	258		20	1		1	22	14	280			1	4		8			8	14	272													
Wisconsin.....	22	521		14	2	2	43	59	24	580					4	107			4	111	20	469		11	20 48	40 76	287 98	2 00						
Totals.....	1263	34751	25	2385	69	34	955	59	3109	1322	38160	9	161	32	100	69	178	5173	187	5543	1135	32617	272	25	\$ 1319 94	\$ 2876 71	\$35685 11	\$2803 24	140	24				

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing at date of last report.....	Camps..	Members.	1,263	34,751
GAIN:	Camps.	Members.		
By muster in.....	25	2,385		
By transfer.....		69		
By reinstatement.....	34	955		
Total gain.....		59		3,409
Aggregate.....		1,322		38,160
LOSS:	Camps.	Members.		
By disbanded.....	9	161		
By death.....		32		
By honorable discharge.....		109		
By transfer.....		69		
By suspension.....	178	5,172		
Total loss.....		187		5,543
Number remaining in good standing June 30th, 1898.....		1,135		32,617

Number members dropped.....	Camps.	Members		272
Number mustered during quarter, on which no per capita tax is payable.....	25	667		
Amount received for per capita tax.....		\$ 1,319.94		
Cash on hand at division headquarters.....		2,876.71		
Cash on hand in camps.....		35,685.11		
Expended in charity, as per Q. M. sergeants' reports.....		2,803.24		
Number of members or their families relieved.....				140
Number of veterans or their families relieved.....				24

TABLE NO. 5.
RECAPITULATIONS OF QUARTERLY REPORTS.

GAIN.	By Muster.		By Transfer.		By Reimstatement.	
	Camps.	Members.	Members.	Camps.	Members.	
September Quarter, 1897.....	40	2,282	63	76	1,723	
December Quarter, 1897.....	30	2,312	151	76	1,895	
March Quarter, 1898.....	76	3,637	104	66	1,306	
June Quarter, 1898.....	25	2,355	63	34	955	
Aggregate.....	171	10,616	387	252	5,879	

LOSS.	By Disbandd.		By Death.		By Hon. Discharge.		By Transfer.		By Suspension.		By Dish. Discharge.	
	Camps.	Members.	Members.	Members.	Members.	Members.	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.
September Quarter, 1897.....	6	59	34	81	70	100	100	3,657	66	2,700	178	31,742
December Quarter, 1897.....	10	151	38	86	117	66	66	2,700	82	2,653	423	16,882
March Quarter, 1898.....	15	212	42	122	87	82	82	2,653	178	5,172	48,024	16,007
June Quarter, 1898.....	9	161	32	109	69	426	426	14,532	0	197	32,617	32,617
Aggregate.....	40	583	151	398	343	426	426	14,532	0	197	178	31,742

Number in good standing, June 30, 1897..... 1,178
 Total Gain..... 423
 Aggregate..... 1,601
 Total Loss..... 406
 Number in good standing, June 30, 1898..... 1,135
 Number muster since June 30, 1898 (now Camps)..... 0
 Total membership, Sept. 1, 1898..... 1,144

TABLE No. 6.

Roster of Division Commanders. 1898-1899.

DIVISION.	COMMANDER.
Alabama and Tennessee	H. T. COOPER.
California and H. I.	CHARLES L. PIERCE.
Colorado	PAUL H. LIMBACH.
Connecticut	LEON L. HALL.
Gulf	A. M. BUCHMANN.
Illinois	WILLIAM T. CHURCH.
Indiana	R. S. THOMPSON.
Iowa	W. W. BISBY.
Kansas	JOHN REDMOND
Kentucky	E. H. HANSFORD.
Maine	GEORGE E. LEIGHTON.
Maryland	WILLIAM B. KING.
Massachusetts	LEONARD C. COUCH.
Michigan	GEO. E. COGSHALL.
Minnesota	M. L. CORMANY.
Missouri	J. W. S. DILLON.
Nebraska	A. H. RAWITZER.
New Hampshire	HENRY E. CHAMBERLIN.
New Jersey	JAMES M. MATHEWS.
New York	E. W. ESTES.
Ohio	EDWARD H. ARCHER.
Oregon	A. Q. DESART.
Pennsylvania	A. S. MOULTHROP.
Rhode Island	WALTER R. WILLIAMS.
South Dakota	W. A. MORRIS.
Vermont	WILLIAM W. LAPOINT.
Washington	W. T. CAVANAUGH.
West Virginia	A. R. JONES.
Wisconsin	R. M. SMITH.

TABLE No. 7.

Date and Place of holding Division Encampments.

DIVISION.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE OF MEETING.
Alabama and Tennessee....	Knoxville, Tenn.....	February 23-24.
California and H.I.....	Nevada City.....	April 19-21
Colorado	Cripple Creek.....	June 15-17.
Connecticut	New Haven.....	February 11.
Gulf	New Orleans, La.....	July 5.
Illinois	Streator	May 10-11.
Indiana.....	Columbus	May 17-19.
Iowa	Sioux City.....	June 15-16.
Kansas	Wichita	April 20-22.
Kentucky.....	Louisville	May 10-11.
Maine	Pittsfield	June 8-9.
Maryland.....	Hagerstown	June 15-16.
Massachusetts	Boston	Feb. 21-22.
Michigan	Port Huron.....	June 14-16.
Minnesota	Sauk Centre.....	June 14-16.
Missouri	Carthage	May 19-20.
Nebraska	Omaha	February 14.
New Hampshire.....	Tilton	April 20-21.
New Jersey.....	Trenton	February 17.
New York.....	Peekskill	June 28-30.
Ohio	Columbus	June 8-9.
Oregon.....	The Dalles.....	May 17.
Pennsylvania	Phillipsburg	June 14-16.
Rhode Island.....	Providence	February 1.
South Dakota.....	Canton	June 7-9.
Vermont	Barre	July 6-8.
Washington	Walla Walla.....	June 15-16.
West Virginia.....	Huntington.....	April 26-28.
Wisconsin	Appleton	May 24-26

TABLE No. 8.

Showing Charter Applications Approved, Number of Applicants,
Charters Issued, Number of Members Mustered.

DIVISION	Applications Approved.	Number of Applicants.	Charters Issued.	Number of Members Mustered.
	No. of Camps		No. of Camps.	
California and H.I	6	116	6	146
Colorado	1	20	1	20
Connecticut	2	52	2	49
Gulf	2	34	2	35
Illinois	12	334	12	277
Indiana	6	142	7	167
Iowa	14	265	14	275
Kansas	11	286	10	271
Kentucky	1	36	3	54
Maine	2	40	2	38
Massachusetts	2	48	2	36
Maryland	5	142	5	144
Michigan	19	521	17	394
Minnesota	4	106	3	54
Missouri	5	110	5	108
Nebraska	7	133	5	111
New Hampshire	4	82	4	80
New Jersey	2	52	2	59
New York	14	385	13	324
Ohio	18	401	16	316
Oregon	3	57	5	90
Pennsylvania	14	324	16	335
South Dakota	5	98	7	112
Vermont	4	68	4	68
Washington	4	68	4	68
West Virginia	1	15	1	17
Wisconsin	1	35	1	17
Totals	169	3 968	169	3 663

GENERAL ORDERS.



HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.,

ROOM 947, TREMONT BUILDING,

BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 25, 1897.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

I. Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at Room 947, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

II. The following officers were elected by the Commandery-in-Chief at its Sixteenth Annual Encampment held at Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 9-11, 1897:—

Commander-in-Chief, Charles K. Darling, Boston, Mass.; Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, George E. Cogshall, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, James W. Noel, Indianapolis, Ind.; Council-in-Chief, Horace H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.; Columbus Borin, Oberlin, Kas.; J. E. Hayercraft, Madella, Minn.

III. By vote of the Commandery the next Encampment will be held at Omaha, Neb., the date to be fixed by the Council-in-Chief.

IV. The appointment of the following staff officers is hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:—

Adjutant-General, Fred E. Bolton, Boston, Mass.; Inspector-General, J. Frank Durston, Syracuse, N.Y.; Judge Advocate-General, Edward K. Gould, Rockland, Me.; Surgeon-General, Dan S. Gardner, M.D., Massillon, O.; Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Harry L. Veazey, Harriman, Tenn.

V. All communications for the Commander-in-Chief or Adjutant-General should be addressed to these Headquarters. While it is intended that brothers of the Order should feel free at all times to communicate direct with any of

the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief upon matters affecting the welfare of the organization, yet correspondence requiring official action must be forwarded through proper channels. Such communications from camps and individual members should be forwarded through, and bear the endorsement of, their respective Division Commanders.

Reports must be sent to the Adjutant-General, and remittances for *per capita* tax or charter fees must be made in the form of New York or Boston exchange and made payable to the order of the Commander-in-Chief. All orders for supplies from Division Headquarters must be made to R. Loebenstein, Quartermaster-General, Room 7, 84 LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., remittances for the same to be in the form of New York or Chicago exchange, payable to his order. Express or postal money orders will be received by both offices. Care should however be taken to have them made payable to the proper officer.

VI. The following changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations were made by the Commandery and are now of full force and effect:—

CHAPTER I., ARTICLE V.

Eligibility to Membership.

SECTION 1. All male descendants, not less than eighteen years of age, of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Union army or navy during the war of 1861-65, and who were in the service at the close of said war, or who, by reason of death or honorable discharge, severed their connection therewith before the close of said war, shall be eligible to membership; provided, that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has, ever borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

CHAPTER V., ARTICLE XX.

Rituals, etc.

SECTION 2. The full use of the ritualistic ceremonies in the muster of recruits is optional with Camps; but the obligation of membership, the closing instruction by the captain in the degree of Loyalty, in presenting the insignia of the Order, and the demonstration of the secret work shall never be omitted.

VII. Inspector-General J. Frank Durston (address, White Mem. Bldg., Syracuse, N.Y.) is hereby ordered on duty, to take charge of the annual inspections.

Division Inspectors are directed to report to the above named officer for instructions.

Owing to the close proximity of the session of the Encampment to the dates specified by the C. R. & R. for the annual camp inspections, there will be no important changes at this time in the form of the inspection blank.

VIII. The Encampment provided for the appointment of a number of special committees, the members of which will be announced in later orders.

IX. The Commander-in-Chief, in beginning his term of service, desires to call attention to the fact, that whatever the ills of the organization are, however great the losses in membership have been in the past, there is in the hands of every member a simple remedy, which, once properly applied, must have its effect.

Our fathers fought for their country and its flag; they instituted and have maintained their grand fraternal organization. Discouragements were faced and hardships endured before the Grand Army of the Republic attained its growth and power. The Sons of Veterans have a splendid organization, lofty in purpose, grand in its principles. We have gained and lost, legislated and experimented; success and discouragements have been experienced, and today we must face the simple proposition of whether we shall enlarge our membership or allow it to dwindle away so that each year our ranks become smaller and smaller.

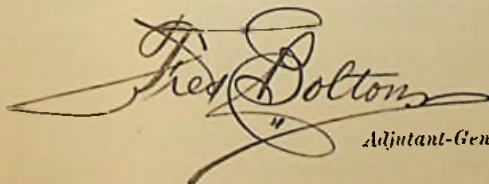
How can each member do that which will invigorate and give new life to the Order? There is only one way — work! Hard, energetic, unceasing, loyal effort to induce those worthy and eligible, to join with us in the duties of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty. This will stop the losses and gain the headway we desire. It is within the power of thousands of our brothers to bring new members into the Order, and the Commander-in-Chief calls upon the rank and file, from the brothers who have achieved the highest honors to the newest recruits in the several Camps, to work zealously for the upbuilding of the Order.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official:



Fred Bolton
Adjutant-General.

Since last publication applications for charters have been approved as follows:—

DATE.	No. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	No. APPLICANTS.
July 16	47	Plymouth	Wisconsin	28
" 17	.....	Latrobe	Pennsylvania	28
" 19	.....	Joliet	Illinois	16
" 19	12	Belle Fourche	So. Dakota (Dis.)	16
" 19	17	Ford	Kentucky	15
" 22	6	Black River Falls	Wisconsin (Dis.)	25
" 26	.....	Webb City	Missouri	16
" 26	.....	Bolivar	New York	22
" 26	80	Corydon	Iowa (Dis.)	28
" 26	90	Oscola	" "	37
" 27	.....	Berlin Centre	Ohio	15
" 27	48	River Falls	Wisconsin	37
" 29	.....	Blanchard	Michigan	19
" 29	289	Pinkneyville	Illinois	28
" 29	.....	Everett	Pennsylvania	28
" 30	173	Oregon	Illinois	39
" 31	171	Farnam	Nebraska (Dis.)	17
Aug. 4	.....	Dexter	Maine	15
" 10	20	Vinita, Ind. Ter.	Kansas	28
" 16	15	Maquoketa	Iowa (Dis.)	19
" 17	.....	Northumberland	Pennsylvania	43
" 19	.....	Dansville	Kentucky	16
" 25	.....	East St. Louis	Illinois	21
" 25	.....	Cedar Springs	Michigan	18
" 28	18	Rocky Ford	Colorado (Dis.)	15
" 28	8	Parkland, Okla.	Kansas	18
" 31	.....	Errington	Ohio	28
Sept. 16	.....	Horseheads	New York	15
" 20	.....	Bath	" "	40

Total number of Applications for camp charters, 29; total number of Applicants, 690.



HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.,

ROOM 947, TREMONT BUILDING,

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 18, 1897.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

I. The following details and assignments as Assistant Inspectors-General have been made by Inspector-General J. Frank Durston, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Instructions have been issued, and a faithful performance of the duty assigned is expected from each brother.

Division	Asst.-Ins. General	Rank.	Address
Alabama & Tennessee	Valentino Gilb, Jr.	Past Division Commander	Birmingham, Ala.
California	Frank C. Shipley	Past Division Commander	Oakland, Cal.
Colorado	Columbus Borin	Council-in-Chief	Oberlin, Kan.
Connecticut	W. M. P. Bowen	Past Division Commander	Providence, R.I.
Gulf	Josiah Gross	Past Division Commander	New Orleans, La.
Illinois	George E. Cogshall	Sen.-Vice Commander-in-Chief	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Indiana	James W. Noel	Jun.-Vice Commander-in-Chief	Indianapolis, Ind.
Iowa	Charles C. Townsend	Division Commander	Benton, Wis.
Kansas	Wm. H. Russell	Past Commander-in-Chief	La Crosse, Kan.
Kentucky	George H. Capito	Past Division Commander	Louisville, Ky.
Maine	William A. Stevens	Past Division Commander	Boston, Mass.
Maryland	Wildan Scott	Division Commander	Milton, Pa.
Massachusetts	George E. Cox	Past Division Commander	Hartford, Conn.
Michigan	William G. Dustin	Past Division Commander	Dwight, Ill.
Minnesota	Rev. W. J. Patton	Past Division Commander	Marinette, Wis.
Missouri	E. W. Raymond	Past Division Commander	St. Louis, Mo.
Nebraska	James D. Rowen	Past Division Commander	Des Moines, Ia.
New Hampshire	Robert L. Whitecomb	Past Division Commander	Portland, Me.
New Jersey	Edward R. Campbell	Past Division Commander	Washington, D.C.
New York	Arthur B. Spink	Past Inspector-General	Providence, R.I.
Ohio	Charles J. Deckman	Past Division Commander	Malvern, O.
Oregon	R. J. Courtney	Division Commander	Okobojo, S.D.
Pennsylvania	W. Scott Oberdorf	Past Division Commander	Dansville, N.Y.
Rhode Island	Edward T. Monohan	Past Division Commander	Underhill, Vt.
South Dakota	George F. Wolz	Past Division Commander	Freemont, Neb.
Vermont	Herbert O. Bixby	Past Division Commander	Chelsea, Vt.
Washington			
West Virginia	F. W. Myers	Past Division Commander	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Wisconsin	A. T. Wilson	Division Commander	Cedar Rapids, Ia.

II. The following details have been made: Thomas J. Hannon, Dedham, Mass., as Assistant Adjutant-General. Fred J. Sanford, Chicago, Ill., as Assistant Quartermaster-General.

III. The appointment of the following committees, provided for by the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, is hereby announced:—

Committee on Ritual, Charles D. Rooney, Carter Building, 7 Water St., Boston, Mass.; W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson, Kan.; Clark J. Tisdell, Chicago, Ill.

Committee on School Histories and Patriotic Teaching, to act in conjunction with a similar committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which Judge Marsh of Indiana is Chairman; Rev. Somerville Light, Bluffton, Ind.; William M. P. Bowen, Providence, R.I.; Rev. W. J. Patton, Marinette, Wis.; Fred A. Godcharles, Milton, Pa.; Henry H. Parker, Gloversville, N.Y.

Committee to draft new eligibility clause for the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, William H. Russell, La Crosse, Kas; Charles T. Orner, Bloomington, Ill.

Committee to visit the next National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and extend the greetings of our Order: Hon. J. M. Thurston, Omaha, Neb.; Past Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy, Cincinnati, O.; Past Division Commander W. H. Armstrong, Indianapolis, Ind.; Division Commander A. W. Jones, Youngstown, O.; Past Division Commander William G. Dustin, Dwight, Ill.

Committee on Military Reserve: E. R. Campbell, Washington, D.C.; Fred B. Morse, Elizabeth, N.J.; Walter E. Duncan, Philadelphia, Pa.

Committee to investigate the advisability of establishing a Military College as a memorial to the soldiers and members of the G. A. R.: A. L. Sorter, Jr., Mason City, Ia.; George E. Cox, Hartford, Conn.; Manley Wren, Bethany, Mo.; H. O. Bixby, Chelsea, Vt.; R. M. Buckley, Louisville, Ky.

An invitation having been extended for us to join with the Grand Army of the Republic in an effort to secure National legislation furthering the interests of military instruction in the public schools, the Commander-in-Chief has detailed to take charge of the matter, Brother Charles A. Stillings, 55 Sudbury St., Boston. It is desired that Division Commanders at once select some one in their respective divisions to assist in this work, reporting names and addresses to the above-named brother, and also to Capt. Edmund L. Zalinski, U.S.A. (retired), Century Club, New York City. The Encampment endorsed, by resolutions, this proposed legislation, and while a committee was not expressly authorized, this means is taken to further the success of the project. It is hoped that brothers interested in educational or military matters, or both, may be chosen for this service.

IV. Judge Advocate-General Edward K. Gould has been authorized and directed to prepare for the use of the Order a digest of such decisions of Commanders-in-Chief and opinions of Judge Advocates-General as are now in force. This action has been taken in view of the fact that the publication of the Blue Book is at present impossible, while the imperative demand for some guide to the decisions and opinions cannot be doubted. It will be ready for distribution through the Quartermaster-General's Department by January 1, and it is believed will be found all that could be desired in the way of a digest.

Copies will be sold at a low price, but so as to afford both the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions a fair margin of profit. While impossible to accurately gauge the edition, it would certainly aid in so doing if Division Commanders would indicate to the Quartermaster-General the number of copies they propose to order. The work should certainly find its way to every camp-room and many individual members will find it of great value.

V. Division Encampments will be held as follows :

Connecticut at New Haven	February 11, 1898
Massachusetts at Boston	February 21-22, 1898

Division Commanders will advise these headquarters at once of the dates arranged for the annual encampments of their respective Divisions.

VI. The time has come when it is necessary to make a radical change in the manner of making quarterly returns to the Commandery Headquarters. Promptness is essential and it rests largely with the camps to do their duty in this respect. Division Commanders will hereafter cause the blanks for the quarterly returns to be forwarded to each camp, at least two weeks prior to the close of the quarterly term. Captains of camps will cause said reports to be properly executed and forwarded to Division Headquarters, immediately after the close of the last meeting for the quarter. Division Commanders, upon receiving the reports, will cause them to be consolidated and make returns to the Commandery Headquarters within the time specified by the Commandery Rules and Regulations. Unwarranted tardiness is equivalent to negligence of duty and cannot be tolerated. Promptness facilitates the work of the organization and is commendable. Commanders must see to it that the blank reports reach the camps in ample time to make returns, thus furnishing no excuse for delay, and can then insist upon the same being promptly made. Captains must attend to that part of their duty that requires them to see that the quarterly reports are promptly forwarded. We shall expect a great improvement to be shown for the quarter ending December 31.

The Commanders of the several Divisions that have failed to report for the quarter ending September 30, will cause reports to be forwarded without further delay.

VII. The Commander-in-Chief has had the opportunity of meeting many members of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as of our own Order, at campfires and other gatherings during the past few weeks. It was his privilege to represent the Sons of Veterans at the reception tendered to Commander-in-Chief Goldin and Department Commander Shaw by Lafayette Post No. 140, G.A.R., in New York City on the evening of November 19. On all occasions he has found the warmest expressions of goodwill toward our Order, and is more than ever impressed with the belief that any failure to come up to the full measure of our possibilities as an organization will be properly chargeable to lack of effort on the part of our own membership.

While unable to respond in person to all of the invitations which come to hand, yet it is his intention to allow, if possible, no opportunity to pass for making better known the principles of our Order, for bringing recruits into its ranks and strengthening the regard in which it is already held.

Officers and members can aid in this work by seeing to it that on all occasions, when the honor of an invitation is given for representation in any capacity, it meets with a prompt and favorable response.

VIII. We are advised that the proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Indianapolis, Sept. 9-11, 1897, have been edited under the supervision of Past Commander-in-Chief James Lewis Rake and Past Adjutant-General Horace H. Hammer, and are now ready for promulgation.

IX. Upon recommendation of the Division Commander, the charter of Camps 11 and 13, Kansas Division, has been revoked.

X. The members of the Order are warned against one William Crane, who claims to be a member of the Order, and, with his wife and child, plays upon the sympathy of the brothers. This same party was published in General Orders 6, series 1896. He has traveled east and west, claiming to be connected with a number of camps. He is an impostor beyond question, and when last heard from was headed toward Kansas.

XI. The passing of the current month reminds us that we are on the threshold of the new year, and at this time we wish to record the recognition and thanks of the Order to the officers and members that have rendered faithful service for the past year. We urge those about to retire from office not to forget that it is their plain duty to continue their work for the success of their camp and division. It is not only unbecoming, but a poor return for honors conferred, for past officers to become indolent members. United effort, co-operation, harmony and a willingness to render such service as past experience may qualify them to perform, is not only most desirable, but the camp and division have a right to expect and a just claim to the services of their past officers. The rank and file is the bulwark of the Order. In them we find hope and inspiration. To the members who have been loyal to their camps are we indebted for whatever improvements have been or may be shown. We call for your services; we request your support; we know that every member can do something for the advancement of the Order. Therefore, let it become a resolution with each of us to render some service that will prove of value. Bring into our ranks new recruits. Nearly every member can do this, and if all are awake to existing opportunities, we shall forge ahead to a position that will mark the cessation of losses, and establish the advancement that will bring us greater strength and greater influence as an Order. Loyalty is one of our grandest principles, and loyalty to the camp of which we are members, is one of the most practical exemplifications of this principle. We have good reasons to look to the future with pleasing hope and anticipation; along the line there comes the cheering news of

zealous work and activity. Much has been done toward improvement, and we have had brought to our notice, and hereby desire to officially commend many camps for increases in membership they have recently made. The work of Pennsylvania in this respect is extraordinary; because of this, and to demonstrate to our members what can be done when the spirit of activity is shown by the commander of a division, loyally supported by its officers and members, we mention with gratification the praiseworthy record of the following camps in that Division:—

Camp 49, Shenandoah, 147 recruits, September 29—November 11.

169 Wilkes-Barre, 100 recruits, December 10.

Camp 54, Mahanoy City, 98 recruits, July 30.

Philadelphia consolidated, 77 recruits, November 19.

Camp 121, Milton, Pa., 64 recruits, June 24—December 2.

Camp 34, Mt. Carmel, 20 recruits, August 13.

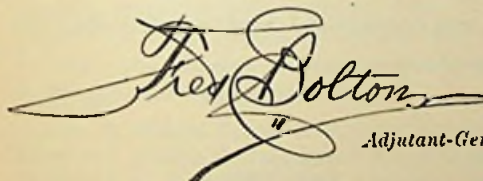
We want this kind of work in every section of the country. May the first of the year mark the beginning of an era of progress, extending for a period that will bring into our ranks the thousands who are eligible, and making our Order the strongest patriotic body in the land.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official:



Fred Bolton
Adjutant-General.

Since last publication applications for charters have been approved as follows:—

Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Division.	No. Applic'nts.
Sept. 30	.....	Port Jervis	New York	55
Oct. 8	11	Jefferson, Okla.	Kansas	41
Oct. 8	161	Mancelona	Michigan	21
Oct. 8	49	Sisseton	South Dakota	23
Oct. 11	106	East Palestine	Ohio	22
Oct. 11	80	Trufant	Michigan	28
Oct. 13	.....	Smryna, Del.	Maryland	18
Oct. 13	65	Rock Valley	Iowa (Dis.)	15
Oct. 13	73	Strahan	" "	24
Oct. 13	96	Goodell	" "	15
Oct. 19	316	Washington	Pennsylvania	27
Oct. 21	.....	Delhi	New York	28
Oct. 25	57	Alba	Missouri	21
Oct. 29	75	Erin	New York	24
Nov. 1	.....	Montrose	Michigan	25
Nov. 2	3	Milton	New Hampshire	27
Nov. 4	.....	Ironton	Ohio	26
Nov. 8	12	Nashua	New Hampshire	20
Nov. 13	11	South Standish	Maine	17
Nov. 16	20	Dawson	Minnesota (Dis.)	15
Nov. 16	21	Willmar	Minnesota	53
Nov. 20	.....	Paintsville	Kentucky	36
Nov. 22	.....	Spring Mills	Pennsylvania	17
Nov. 29	112	Fairbury	Nebraska (Dis.)	21
Nov. 30	.....	Millerton	Pennsylvania	17
Dec. 4	.....	Cincinnati	Ohio	21
Dec. 9	211	Belleville	"	23

Total number of camps 26
Total number of applicants 680

The following camps have been mustered and issued charters since last publication:—

Date.	Camp No.	Location	Division.	No. Mustered.
Oct. 8	247	Cedar Springs	Michigan	27
Oct. 8	253	Everett	Pennsylvania	21
Oct. 8	315	Northumberland	Pennsylvania	15
Oct. 8	174	East St. Louis	Illinois	17
Oct. 8	56	Webb City	Missouri	23
Oct. 8	76	Horseheads	New York	19
Oct. 15	50	Alexandria	South Dakota	16
Oct. 15	73	Strahan (Dis.)	Iowa	24
Oct. 15	65	Rock Valley (Dis.)	Iowa	15
Oct. 15	90	Goodell (Dis.)	Iowa	15
Oct. 25	512	Erlington	Ohio	33
Oct. 25	33	Wessington Springs	South Dakota	15
Nov. 4	161	Mancelona	Michigan	25
Nov. 4	80	Trufant	Michigan	19
Nov. 12	75	Erin	New York	25
Nov. 12	3	Milton	New Hampshire	26
Nov. 16	20	Dawson	Minnesota (Dis.)	15
Nov. 17	18	Danville	Kentucky	19
Nov. 20	316	Washington	Pennsylvania	17
Nov. 27	49	Sisseton	South Dakota	16
Nov. 29	112	Fairbury	Nebraska (Dis.)	21
Nov. 29	12	Nashua	New Hampshire	18
Nov. 29	57	Alba	Missouri	15
Dec. 4	11	Jefferson, Okla.	Kansas	32
Dec. 10	106	East Palestine	Ohio	17
Dec. 10	11	South Standish	Maine	20

Total number of camps 26
Total number mustered 524



HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
 SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.,
 ROOM 947, TREMONT BUILDING,
 BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 12, 1898.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 1. }
 Whole Number
 Series 1897-G.

I. Copies of the Digest of Decisions and Opinions prepared by Judge-Advocate General Edward K. Gould are now in the hands of the Quartermaster-General ready for distribution. It is believed that this work covers in a comprehensive manner very important matters concerning the interpretation of our organic law, and should be in the hands of every member of the Order. Division Commanders can receive full information on this subject by application to the Quartermaster-General.

II. Division Commanders are requested to see that the Surgeons' reports of their respective Divisions are forwarded to the Surgeon-General, Dr. Dan S. Gardner, Massillon, Ohio, at an early date. It is desired to secure a complete report from every Division without any unnecessary delays.

III. The following additional appointments and assignments as Assistant Inspectors-General have been made:—

Dr. E. Weldon Young, Past-Surgeon General, to inspect the Washington Division. George F. Wolz, Past Division Commander, to inspect the Nebraska Division. D. S. Printup, Past Division Commander, to inspect the South Dakota Division.

Resignations have been received and accepted from Past Division Commander James D. Rowen as Inspector for the Nebraska Division; Past Division Commander George F. Wolz, as Inspector for the South Dakota Division.

IV. It is the intention that Inspector-General J. Frank Durston, Syracuse, N. Y. (24 White Memorial Building), shall prepare a new set of inspection blanks to conform to the present needs of the Order. Those interested in this matter are invited to offer such suggestions as they deem proper, for the consideration of the Inspector General. It is deemed advisable to undertake this work now, owing to the close proximity of the National Encampment to the dates of inspections and the consequent inability to prepare and get new blanks into channels in time for use.

V. In connection with the observance of Union Defenders' Day, Memorial Day and similar occasions, attention is again called to the fact that at the Four-

teenth National Encampment (Knoxville), "The Banner of Beauty and Glory" was adopted as the National hymn of the Order. Copies may be obtained of Nash & Nash, Tipton, Ind. The Indiana Division has secured several hundred copies of a libretto containing this and other songs which may be procured upon application to George W. Kricenstein, Quartermaster Indiana Division, Terre Haute, Ind. Prices will be furnished for single copies, or a larger number upon application to the above-named parties.

VI. All brothers wishing to make suggestions with regard to the revision of the Ritual of the Order are requested to send the same to C. D. Rooney, Chairman Committee on Revision of Ritual, 307 Carter Building, Boston, Mass. All matter to be considered should be typewritten, if possible, and three copies sent in each case. Division Commanders are requested to forward in triplicate copies of resolutions bearing on the subject which may be adopted by their respective Division Encampments, so that they may also be considered in advance of being presented to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Omaha. Commanders of Divisions are also requested to embody the substance of this paragraph, as far as it pertains to communications from individuals, in their next orders.

VII. The following Encampment dates are announced:—

Alabama and Tennessee at Knoxville, Tenn.,	February 23-24
California at Nevada City	April 19-21
Kansas at Wichita	April 20-22
Michigan at Port Huron	June 14-16
Nebraska at Omaha	February 14
New Jersey at Trenton	February 17

VIII. The Encampment of the Rhode Island Division was held in the city of Providence, February 1, at which Walter R. Williams, Woonsocket, was elected and installed as Division Commander.

IX. The changes from the totals of the June report, in the column "number in good standing at date of last report," in the Adjutant-General's consolidation of returns for the quarter ending September 30, have been rendered necessary by corrections made both at these Headquarters and by Division commanders, subsequent to the tabulation by the preceding Administration. Division officers must exercise greater care in, and a closer supervision over, the filling out of these report blanks, as errors are not infrequently found of a nature which renders it downright charity to assign to gross negligence.

X. The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to announce that the general condition of the Order has improved and that the prospects for further improvements appear to be most excellent.

In the matter of recruiting, and, in several Divisions, in organizing new Camps, a step has been taken in the right direction and a continuance can but give the Order greater numerical strength.

Without intending to overdo the urging of greater activity on the part of our members, it is none the less important that each brother should feel something of an individual responsibility for the welfare of his Camp, which means the welfare of the Order.

It is undoubtedly true that the greater portion of our members can do more than they are doing to build up the membership, and we trust that every brother who has the opportunity to induce others to join with him in the work of the Sons of Veterans will not neglect his duty in this respect.

In this connection we are reminded that, while it is desirable to obtain new members, it is also necessary that we should retain those already affiliated. The suspension list has been and will continue to be enormous, unless more attention is paid to dealing with this vexing and often discouraging problem.

Personal attention to delinquents on the part of the officers of Camps, and a thorough understanding of the causes that lead to delinquency, should first be ascertained, before final action is taken and names added to the suspension list. It is well not to permit a brother to impair his membership without some personal and direct effort by the proper Camp officers to prevent him, if possible, from incurring such disability.

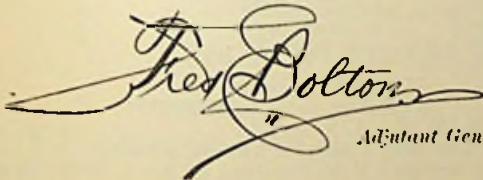
The season of the year that has heretofore been marked by active work is at hand, and it is hoped that this year will prove no exception to the rule, unless it be in the abundance of its good results. To this end the purpose and object of each member should be to give some practical service, that will tend to enlarge the membership, extend the influence and increase the prestige of the Sons of Veterans.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official :

A large, flowing handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Bolton". The signature is written in dark ink and has a decorative, sweeping tail that loops back under the main name.

Adjutant General.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, }
84 LA SALLE ST., ROOM 7, }

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.,
Boston, Mass.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1, 1898.

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have the honor to submit my report for the period Sept. 11 to Dec. 31, 1897.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Cash on hand, as per last report \$ 710 41	Paid for supplies (including cost of shipping) \$ 910 36
Received for supplies 1,341 15	“ “ office expenses 303 77
“ “ P. C. tax 1,139 57	“ “ general expenses 110 04
“ “ charter fees 83 00	“ “ travelling expenses 23 25
	“ “ salaries 750 00
	“ “ Sixteenth National Encampment 123 50
	“ “ General Orders 65 10
	“ “ Miscellaneous 2 85
	Cash on hand 985 26
<u>\$3,274 13</u>	<u>\$3,274 13</u>
Dec. 31, 1897, supplies on hand, as per inventory	\$1,428 45

GENERAL ACCOUNT, Dec. 31, 1897.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Furniture \$ 535 50	A. P. Davis \$ 260 40
Supplies 1,428 45	Cameron, Amberg & Co. 21 90
Cash 985 26	P. F. Pettibone & Co. 23 00
Various divisions 7 99	Various Divisions 5 17
	Surplus 2,646 73
<u>\$2,957 20</u>	<u>\$2,957 20</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, Dec. 31, 1897.

LOSSES.	GAINS.
General Orders \$ 65 10	Charter fees \$ 83 00
Salaries 750 00	P. C. tax 1,139 57
Travelling expenses 23 25	Supplies 220 25
Office expenses 303 77	
General expenses 110 04	
Sixteenth Nat. Encampment 123 50	
Balance (gain) 67 16	
<u>\$1,442 82</u>	<u>\$1,442 82</u>

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
Quartermaster-General.

Since last publication applications for charters have been approved as follows:—

DATE.	No. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	No. APPLICANTS.
1897				
Dec. 16	319	Benton	Pennsylvania.....	21
" 16		Bellaire	Ohio	15
" 16	13	Cloud Chief, Okla.	Kansas	16
" 16	241	Wexford.....	Michigan.....	40
" 16	240	Bellaire	"	29
" 16	2	Bedford	Indiana.....	15
" 18		Plymouth	Michigan.....	32
" 23	242	Clio.....	"	32
" 27		Hilton Head (S.C.).....	Maryland	27
" 27		Caro.....	Michigan.....	15
" 30		Hope.....	Indiana.....	23
" 31		Cazenovia.....	New York	22
1898				
Jan. 3	175	Rochelle (Dis.)	Illinois	33
" 4	42	San Jose (Dis.).....	Cal. and H.I.	20
" 7	15	Neosho Falls	Kansas	32
" 7	41	Bethany	Illinois	24
" 10		Northwood	New Hampshire.....	19
" 10		Glen Cove.....	New York	17
" 17		Grand Haven.....	Michigan.....	25
" 17		Glenmont	Ohio	21
" 20		Muskegon	Michigan.....	52
" 22		Galveston (Texas).....	Missouri.....	22
" 22		Boonville	"	26
" 26	32	Nokomis (Dis.)	Illinois.....	26
" 26	61	Chicago (Dis.).....	"	17
" 26	125	Prescott (Dis.).....	Iowa	16
" 28		Youngsville.....	Pennsylvania.....	15
" 31		Brockton.....	Massachusetts.....	30
Feb. 1		Sheffield.....	Pennsylvania.....	21
" 2		Thompsonville.....	Connecticut.....	21
" 4		Green Castle.....	Missouri.....	21
" 4		Wilmington, Del.....	Maryland.....	17
" 5		Long Branch.....	New Jersey.....	37
" 8		Gretna, La.....	Gulf	19

Total number of Camps 34
 Total number of applicants 812

The following Camps have been mustered and issued charters since last publication:—

DATE.	No. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	No. MUSTERED.
1897				
Dec 18	20	Vinita, Ind. Ter.....	Kansas	38
" 20	1	Smyrna, Del.....	Maryland.....	29
" 27	8	Parkland, Okla.....	Kansas	15
" 28	317	Millerton.....	Pennsylvania.....	18
" 28	318	Spring Mill.....	"	16
1898				
Jan. 3	175	Rochelle (Dis.).....	Illinois	33
" 3	21	Willmar	Minnesota.....	21
" 4	42	San Jose (Dis.).....	Cal. and H.I.	20
" 12	240	Bellaire	Michigan.....	17
" 12	241	Wexford	"	27
" 12	242	Clio.....	"	26
" 12	82	Delhi.....	New York.....	17
" 19	2	Bedford	Indiana.....	16
" 25	15	Neosho Falls	Kansas	28
" 26	41	Bethany	Illinois.....	21
" 26	32	Nokomis (Dis.).....	"	26
" 26	61	Chicago (Dis.).....	"	17
" 26	319	Benton	Pennsylvania.....	19
" 26	125	Prescott (Dis.).....	Iowa	16

Total number of Camps 19
 Total number mustered 420



HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.,

ROOM 947, TREMONT BUILDING,

BOSTON, MASS., April 12, 1898.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 2.

I. By vote of the Council-in-Chief, the date of holding the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Omaha, Neb., has been fixed for September 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Further information relative to the arrangements for said Encampment will be announced in later Orders.

II. The following is published for the general information of the Order:—

DECISION XI.

“In the matter of the eligibility to membership of Fremont Tietze, which comes before me for rehearing on the petition of the Commander of the New Jersey Division:—

“This case was passed upon by Commander-in-Chief Rake in his Decision V., wherein it was held that Fremont Tietze had been illegally mustered into the Order, and consequently that his said muster was null and void. Upon appeal this decision was sustained by the Commandery-in-Chief. With this as the record of the case I should ordinarily refrain from acting upon the petition for a rehearing in manner other than to grant the same, and then refer to the next Commandery-in-Chief such new evidence as was produced, together with a recommendation thereon, notwithstanding the fact that a careful examination of the proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment leads me to the conclusion that the case, when before the Commandery-in-Chief, turned largely upon irregularity in the appeal, and that the new evidence then offered, but which Commander-in-Chief Rake had not at hand when rendering his decision, was not considered. But having granted the petition for a rehearing, I find it now in evidence that Emil Tietze, father of Fremont Tietze, enlisted in Capt. James M. Bell's Unattached Independent Cavalry Company of Pennsylvania, and was mustered into the ninety days' State Militia, June 30, 1863, and was honorably discharged Aug. 9, 1863. That the troops served under the command of Colonel Nelson A. Miles in the “Department of the Susquehanna,” commanded by Major-General Darius N. Couch, both of these officers holding commissions in the United States service. The members of this Company took the oath of allegiance to the United States and the command was actually employed, under orders of Colonel Miles and General Couch, in resisting the invasion of the State of Pennsylvania by Lee's army, having been turned over to the United States authorities by the Governor of Pennsylvania for that purpose. It also appears that this Company was paid, subsisted and clothed by

the United States government. Furthermore, it appears in evidence that a decision has been rendered by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic holding that the men composing the Independent Troop of Cavalry commanded by Capt. James M. Bell, are eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. The official records cited have been carefully examined and found to contain all that is claimed for them.

"From this new evidence and statement of facts, I am satisfied that Emil Tietze, father of Fremont Tietze, 'served in the Union Army,' and has an honorable discharge. I therefore declare Fremont Tietze eligible to membership in our Order, and that he should be reinstated with his past rank.

"In addition to the formal petition, abstract of new evidence and copy of argument, there are retained with the papers in the case until such time as this decision may be acted upon by the Commandery-in-Chief, the original discharge; letter from Maj.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U.S.A., dated April 8, 1897; two letters from Maj. James M. Bell, U.S.A., dated January 20 and Nov. 7, 1897; letter from Commander of Lieutenant S. C. Potts Post, No. 62, Department of Pennsylvania, G.A.R., dated Dec. 2, 1897, and letter of Thomas J. Stewart, Adjutant-General of the G.A.R., dated Nov. 23, 1897."

III. Attention is again called to the "Sons of Veterans Digest," prepared by Judge-Advocate Gen. Edward K. Gould. It is suggested that members who have not yet procured copies of the same, should do so. Information of great value concerning questions that constantly arise in camp meetings is contained therein. The Digest may be secured upon proper requisitions to Division Headquarters

IV. Division Commanders have been elected as follows:—

Alabama and Tennessee	H. T. Cooper, Knoxville, Tenn.
Connecticut	Leon L. Hall, Wallingford.
Massachusetts	Leonard C. Couch, Taunton.
Nebraska	A. H. Rawitzer, Omaha.
New Jersey	James N. Mathews, Trenton.

V. The following Encampment dates are announced:—

Colorado at Cripple Creek	June	15-17
Gulf at New Orleans	June	
Iowa at Sioux City	June	15-16
Illinois at Streator	May	10-12
Kentucky at Louisville	May	3-4
Maine at Pittsfield	June	8-9
Maryland at Hagerstown	June	15-16
Minnesota at Sauk Centre	June	14-16
Missouri at Carthage	May	19-20
New Hampshire at Tilton	April	20-21
New York at Peekskill	June	28-30
South Dakota at Canton	June	7-9
Washington at Walla Walla	June	

Commanders who have not forwarded to these Headquarters the dates of the Encampments of their respective Divisions, will do so without delay.

VI. An impostor giving the names of George K. Willson, F. Nelson, and other aliases, has been working upon the sympathies of brothers in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey. He tells a story of having lost his overcoat containing his pocket book, and seeks the loan of enough money to get him to his home, which is usually not far distant. The sums advanced, he has invariably promised to return, with profuse thanks for the accommodation. He is described as about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches in height, reddish complexion, dressed neatly, and appears respectable, smooth talker, and has some considerable knowledge of the secret work. Members are warned against such a party, in fact are generally cautioned to become thoroughly convinced of the reliability of all persons seeking assistance, as members of the Order.

VII. Upon recommendation of Division Commanders the charters of the following Camps have been revoked and annulled. Alabama and Tennessee 33. Kansas, 13, 15, 19, 25. Missouri, 2, 5, 11, 16, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 33, 34, 39, 41, 45, 50, 69, 72, 75, 76, 77, 82, 97, 107, 121, 151, 153, 166, 179, 182, 192, 194, 195, 196, 197, 199, 205, 211, 215, 229.

VIII. Division Commanders are requested to cause reports for the quarter ending March 31, and subsequent quarters to be forwarded to these headquarters without any unnecessary delay. Most of the Divisions exercise dispatch in this respect, others are very neglectful. There is no excuse for Camps that delay beyond the time specified by the C.R. & R., and Commanders should enforce their authority in this respect.

IX. The Commander-in-Chief announces with deep regret the death of Past Commander Jesse R. Dungan of the New Jersey Division, March 6. Brother Dungan became a member of the Order in 1888, serving in various Camp and Division offices, to the Commandership in 1897. The deceased was a member of the National Guard, connected with the Masonic fraternity, and stood high in his chosen profession, at the time of his death being the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Somerset County.

X. Reference to the Adjutant-General's consolidated report for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1897, published herewith, will show that the Order is to be congratulated on the net gain in membership. For the first time in a number of years, a substantial gain is shown for this particular quarter; in fact, the gain is the largest experienced in any quarter for quite a period.

It is very agreeable to be privileged to report a net gain of 1206 members, and to refer to the fact that since the June quarter 1897, the net gain is 1378 members. While these figures demonstrate what can be done to improve the condition of the Order, it does not signify that we should rest content with the result. There are many thousands more yet to be enrolled in our Order, and the Commander-in-Chief bespeaks the earnest, faithful service of all brothers in the interests of recruiting, thus assuring increased strength and advancement of our grand organization.

Let the energies of Division Commanders, their associates, Camp officers, and the rank and file of loyal brothers be devoted to forging the membership ahead to thousands more than it is at present.

XI. The war-cloud which has hung over our land for weeks past, turns our thoughts more than ever to the true meaning of service for country and willingness to die if need be in her defense.

Our Order is founded to perpetuate the memory of the services and sacrifices of those who, now over a third of a century ago, engaged in the struggle to maintain the union of States—States which today vie with each other in patriotism and loyalty to the flag, against every foe. Now, of all times, when national pride is aroused; when a spirit of earnest devotion to principles which have made us, and maintain us, as a free people, is everywhere apparent; when for the first time, perhaps, we catch something of the deeper sense of responsibility to one's country, which only actual service amid danger can bring, we should, with the coming of Memorial Day, pay every tribute of respect to the memory of those who, having fought nobly in the defense of right, have gone to their reward. Let this year find every Son of a Veteran in the ranks ready to do the bidding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and assist them in the services of the day.

XII. The Commander-in-Chief has received abundant evidence of the patriotic spirit of the Order, and has sometime since communicated by letter with the Division Commanders relative to action to be taken in the event of the breaking out of hostilities. He has seen no reason to change the stand taken at the outset, that we should not over-protect our possession of what we profess—willingness to emulate the example of our fathers; nor make vain tenders of services of armed bodies when they are not in existence; nor seek to control individual action when it involves a question of one's service to his country. Companies, regiments, possibly brigades, would spring from our organization throughout the land, should the call be made; but all must be duly accepted and mustered by the constituted authorities and by them officered. Every preparation to this end may well be in contemplation, but no call to the field can emanate from these Headquarters.

It is fully expected that our members will perform their duty, wherever the path of that duty lies, and here it is believed the matter may be safely left.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official :



Adjutant-General.

Since last publication applications for charters have been approved as follows:—

DATE.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	No. APPLICANTS.
1898				
Feb. 9	13	Rochester (Dis.).....	New York.....	27
" 10	1	Canaan.....	Indiana.....	18
" 11	116	Athens.....	Michigan.....	22
" 11	8	Monument (Dis.).....	Colorado.....	20
" 11	22	Amerleus.....	Kansas.....	29
" 11	19	Tongaouoxle.....	".....	29
" 15	19	Wolfboro.....	New Hampshire.....	16
" 15	.....	Grafton.....	West Virginia.....	15
" 16	100	Tecumseh (Dis).....	Nebraska.....	20
" 16	.....	Greenfield.....	Ohio.....	26
" 21	322	Franklin Forks.....	Pennsylvania.....	17
" 21	.....	Leola.....	South Dakota.....	17
" 24	.....	Point Marion.....	Pennsylvania.....	23
" 24	244	Carleton.....	Michigan.....	28
" 25	.....	Cygnat.....	Ohio.....	27
" 25	27	Kalo (Dis.).....	Iowa.....	16
" 25	50	Sioux City (Dis.).....	".....	49
" 25	.....	Cowan.....	Indiana.....	21
" 25	.....	Gilboa.....	Ohio.....	18
" 25	106	Millinburg.....	Pennsylvania.....	19
March 1	138	Carbondale.....	Pennsylvania.....	33
" 2	2	Los Angeles (Dis.).....	Cal. and H.I.....	48
" 3	245	Otisville.....	Michigan.....	28
" 7	29	Coffeyville.....	Kansas.....	24
" 15	22	Wayzata (Dis.).....	Minnesota.....	18
" 17	41	Toledo (Dis.).....	Iowa.....	17
" 18	.....	Shelby.....	Nebraska.....	19
" 21	135	Fremont.....	Indiana.....	21
" 22	.....	Moravia.....	New York.....	55
" 25	.....	Rensselaer.....	".....	20
" 25	.....	Gladstone.....	Michigan.....	17
" 26	32	Homestead, Okla.....	Kansas.....	16
" 26	6	Linton.....	Indiana.....	44
" 26	3	Goldendale (Dis).....	Washington.....	17
April 6	.....	Wilmington, Del.....	Maryland.....	30
" 9	.....	Sterling.....	Kansas.....	25
" 9	.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	33
" 9	.....	Jeffersonville.....	Ohio.....	17

Total number of Camps 38

Total number of Applicants 939

The following Camps have been mustered and issued charters since last publication:—

DATE.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. MUSTERED.
1898				
Jan. 26	231	Bellefontaine	Ohio	23
" 26	355	Bellaire	"	16
" 26	513	Toronto	"	24
Feb. 11	13	Rochester (Dis.)	New York	27
" 11	15	Port Jervis	"	30
" 11	62	Bath	"	34
" 11	84	Cazenovia	"	22
" 11	8	Monument (Dis.)	Colorado	20
" 11	19	Paintsville	Kentucky	20
" 11	243	Grand Haven	Michigan	26
" 12	515	Cincinnati	Ohio	21
" 16	15	Northwood	New Hampshire	21
" 16	19	Wolfboro (Dis.)	"	16
" 16	100	Tecumseh (Dis.)	Nebraska	20
" 16	7	Long Branch	New Jersey	32
" 16	87	Glen Cove, L.I.	New York	15
" 17	31	Brockton	Massachusetts	17
" 28	27	Kalo (Dis.)	Iowa	16
" 28	50	Sioux City (Dis.)	"	49
" 28	514	Glennont	Ohio	18
" 28	3	Wilmington, Del.	Maryland	17
" 28	228	Caro.	Michigan	17
March 3	2	Los Angeles (Dis.)	Cal. and H. I.	48
" 3	40	Thompsonville	Connecticut	15
" 9	19	Tonganoxie	Kansas	17
" 9	239	Montrose	Michigan	22
" 12	17	Greenfield	Ohio	18
" 12	17	Ford	Kentucky	15
" 14	40	Washburn	So. Dakota	15
" 17	22	Wayzata (Dis.)	Minnesota	18
" 18	58	Galveston, Texas	Missouri	21
" 18	60	Stickler'sville	"	26
" 18	41	Toledo (Dis.)	Iowa	17
" 18	1	Canaan	Indiana	20
" 22	22	Americus	Kansas	31
" 22	106	Millinburg	Pennsylvania	18
" 22	138	Carbondale	"	33
" 22	320	Shellick	"	22
" 22	321	Youngsville	"	16
" 22	322	Franklin Forks	"	16
" 23	18	Muskegon	Michigan	42
" 23	116	Athens	"	19
" 23	244	Carleton	"	18
" 23	245	Otisville	"	23
" 30	3	Goldendale (Dis.)	Washington	17
" 30	17	Gretna, La.	Gulf	20
April 6	.....	Point Marion	Pennsylvania	20

Total number of Camps 47

Total numbered mustered 1051



HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.,

ROOM 947, TREMONT BUILDING,

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 20, 1898.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 3. }

I. The Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief is hereby ordered to convene at Omaha, Neb., at ten o'clock A.M., Sept. 12, 1898.

Sessions of the Encampment will be held at Creighton Hall, Fifteenth and Harney streets.

Headquarters will be established at the New Mercer Hotel.

The members of the Council-in-Chief are directed to report at eight o'clock P.M., September 11.

II. The hotel rates are announced as follows: New Mercer Hotel (Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief), \$2.50 per day, American plan. Millard and Paxton hotels, \$3.00 per day and upwards, American plan; \$1.50 per day and upwards, European plan. Dellone hotel, \$2.50 per day, American plan. Hotel accommodations may be secured by addressing Division Commander A. H. Rawitzer, 402 New York Life Building, Omaha, Neb.

III. The local committee of arrangements have announced their intention of providing for the entertainment of the visiting delegates, many interesting and attractive features. The Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition will be of especial interest and arrangements will be made for a "Sons of Veterans Day" at the Exposition. We are advised of a portion of the program as now arranged:

SUNDAY, Sept. 11, A.M. Parade (meeting official train).

SUNDAY, P.M. Watermelon picnic, Riverview Park.

MONDAY, Sept. 12, A.M. Session of Encampment.

MONDAY, P.M. Visit to the Exposition.

TUESDAY, Sept. 13, A.M. Session of Encampment.

TUESDAY, P.M. Session of Encampment.

TUESDAY, EVENING. Camp-fire.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 14, A.M. Session of Encampment.

WEDNESDAY, P.M. Session of Encampment.

WEDNESDAY, EVENING. Theatre Party.

IV. The following Transportation Committee has been appointed:

Quartermaster-Gen. R. Loebenstein, Chairman, 84 LaSalle St., Chicago.

Asst.-Adjt. Gen. Thomas J. Hannon, 947 Tremont Bldg., Boston.

Past Grand Division Commander R. M. J. Reed, 32 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Division Commander Charles L. Pierce, 13 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.

The report of the chairman of the Transportation Committee is self explanatory and is published for the information of the Order:—

FRED E. BOLTON,

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 5, 1898.

Adjutant-General, S. V., U.S.A.

Dear Sir and Brother: I have the honor to report the following rates and arrangements made by the various traffic associations on account of the Sons of Veterans National Encampment, Omaha, Neb., Sept. 12-15, 1898:—

WESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

Points west of Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis: Rate, one fare, plus two dollars for the round trip, except that from points within one hundred and fifty miles of Omaha, the rate is to be one fare for the round trip. Selling dates: September 10 and 11. Return limit: September 21.

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

West of Buffalo and Pittsburg, and east of Western Passenger Association Territory: Rate, one fare, plus four dollars for the round trip. Limitations conform to those of the Western Passenger Association.

TRUNK LINE ASSOCIATION.

Points east of Central Passenger Association Territory, excepting New England: Rate fare and one-third for round trip. Pay full fare going, and be sure to secure certificate for amount paid.

NEW ENGLAND PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

Points in New England: Rate conforms with that of Trunk Line Association.

SOUTHEASTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

Points south of Ohio River: No rate other than Exposition rate, which is virtually rate of fare and a third for round trip.

Arrangements have been made with the "Burlington Route" to run a special train to the Encampment, leaving Chicago on the evening of Saturday, September 10, and arriving in Omaha early on the morning of the 11th. Those wishing accommodations reserved on this train, should notify the undersigned at the earliest possible moment.

Fraternally yours,

R. LOEBENSTEIN.

Chairman Committee on Transportation.

The official party will travel from Boston, leaving at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 9, *via* the Boston and Albany, New York Central and Hudson River and Michigan Central Railroads to Chicago, from Chicago to Omaha, *via* the "Burlington Route." Delegates are cordially invited to join *en route* where convenient, and especially from Chicago to Omaha.

V. Division Encampments not announced in General Orders have been held as follows:—

Indiana at Columbus	May 17-19
Ohio at Columbus	June 8, 9
Oregon at The Dalles	May 17
Pennsylvania at Philipsburg	June 14-16
Vermont at Barre	July 6-8
West Virginia at Huntington	April 26-28
Wisconsin at Appleton	May 24-26

VI. Division Commanders elected and installed since last announcement:—

California and H. I.	CHARLES L. PIERCE (re-elected), San Francisco.
Colorado	PAUL H. LAMBACH, Denver.
Gulf	A. M. BUCHMANN, New Orleans.
Illinois	WILLIAM T. CHURCH, Chicago.
Indiana	R. S. THOMPSON (re-elected), Rising Sun.
Iowa	W. W. BISBY, Des Moines.
Kansas	JOHN REDMOND, Wichita.
Kentucky	E. H. HANSFORD, Somerset.
Maine	GEORGE E. LEIGHTON, Skowhegan.
Maryland	WILLIAM B. KING, Hagerstown.
Michigan	GEORGE E. COGSHALL, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	M. J. CORMANY, Minneapolis.
Missouri	J. W. S. DILLON, Grant City.
New Hampshire	HENRY E. CHAMBERLIN, Concord.
New York	E. W. ESTES, Albany.
Ohio	EDWARD H. ARCHER, Columbus.
Oregon	A. O. DESART, Silverton.
Pennsylvania	A. S. MOULTHROP, Du Bois.
South Dakota	W. A. MORRIS, Redfield.
Vermont	WILLIAM W. LAPOINT (re-elected), Barre.
Washington	W. T. CAVANAUGH, Olympia.
West Virginia	A. R. JONES, Elkins.
Wisconsin	R. M. SMITH, Marinette.

VII. Division Commanders should at once see that all reports have been forwarded to the proper officers. Attention is called to the change of address of the Chaplain-in-Chief for the balance of his term, Rev. Harry L. Veazey, Woodsville, N.H.

VIII. Division Commanders who have not filed their bond as required by the Commandery Rules and Regulations, are directed to forward the same at once.

IX. Division Commanders are requested to secure from the Camps in their Divisions, a list of those members of the Order serving in the army and navy during the war with Spain. It is proper that some official record should be preserved to show the practical patriotism of our members. Name, rank, company, regiment or ship are the facts desired. It is already known that sons of veterans have played no inconspicuous part in furnishing volunteers, and whenever an opportunity was presented, their full duty has been performed. Division Commanders will complete the record of service as soon as possible and forward a duplicate copy thereof to the headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief.

X. This being the last General Order to be issued by the present administration, the Commander-in-Chief desires to return to the members of the Order at large, his sincere thanks for the support and co-operation they have given during his year of service. Nothing has occurred to mar the perfect harmony that has prevailed. The interests of the Order have been well served by the general work of its members throughout the country, and its future is bright with possibilities for greater advancement.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Bolton". The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping flourish that extends to the left and underlines the name.

Adjutant-General.

Since last publication applications for charters have been approved as follows:—

DATE.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	No. APPLICANTS.
1898				
April 12	2	Willmantic	Connecticut	31
" 13	324	Sharon	Pennsylvania	27
" 14	7	Salmon City, Id. (Dis.)	Washington	16
" 14	61	Spring Bluff	Missouri	30
" 15	288	Lewisburg	Pennsylvania	34
" 20	3	Beverly	New Jersey	15
" 21	6	Orange (Dis.)	California and H.I.	18
" 22	40	Sac City (Dis.)	Iowa	15
" 22	68	Odelholt (Dis.)	"	15
" 22	18	Omega, La. (Dis.)	Gulf	15
" 25	.....	Baltimore	Maryland	50
" 25	14	Steele City (Dis.)	Nebraska	21
" 26	520	Madisonville	Ohio	20
" 28	.....	Shawnee, Okla.	Kansas	29
May 5	6	Lushton	Nebraska	18
" 6	94	Mexico	New York	15
" 6	8	Hot Springs (Dis.)	South Dakota	16
" 9	97	Afton	New York	20
" 9	2	Cowallis (Dis.)	Oregon	18
" 9	4	Eugene (Dis.)	"	18
" 9	6	Yoncala (Dis.)	"	18
" 11	98	North Cohocton	New York	28
" 13	.....	Kennard	Nebraska	16
" 14	10	Millers Falls	Massachusetts	18
" 19	8	Stone (Dis.)	Vermont	15
" 19	9	Hullfax (Dis.)	"	18
" 19	10	Castleton (Dis.)	"	19
" 21	38	Newport (Dis.)	"	16
" 21	37	Angusta, Okla.	Kansas	30
" 23	67	Salix (Dis.)	Iowa	16
" 23	95	Elna (Dis.)	"	15
" 23	100	Northwood (Dis.)	"	17
" 24	181	Franklin	Pennsylvania	29
" 24	20	Baraboo	Wisconsin	35
" 31	.....	Montville	Ohio	18
" 31	.....	Liberal	Kansas	15
June 1	.....	Alphena	Michigan	17
" 7	91	Dallas Center (Dis.)	Iowa	19
" 10	105	Stanton	Michigan	41
" 16	107	Paris	Illinois	52
" 22	4	Pioneer	Ohio	29
" 29	33	Urbana (Dis.)	Illinois	29
" 30	98	Anna (Dis.)	"	20
" 30	176	Mount Morris (Dis.)	"	24
" 30	216	Niperville (Dis.)	"	21
" 30	.....	Hamilton	Ohio	42
July 5	10	Mount Vernon	Maine	23
" 11	35	Long Point (Dis.)	Illinois	16
" 13	231	Macon (Dis.)	"	21
" 15	106	Reed City	Michigan	29
" 21	9	Fresno (Dis.)	California & H.I.	28
" 21	11	Manila, P.I. (Dis.)	"	16
" 21	11	Portsmouth	Ohio	17
" 21	218	Weberville	Michigan	28
" 23	325	Centre Hall	Pennsylvania	19
" 27	.....	Trumanburg	New York	19
" 28	180	Fairfield	Illinois	51
" 28	98	Sheffield (Dis.)	Iowa	16
Aug. 6	63	Anna	Michigan	28
" 8	10	Columbus (Dis.)	Ohio	17
" 9	.....	Stillwater	Minnesota	20
" 9	10	Columbus (Dis.)	Ohio	17
" 15	11	San Bernardino (Dis.)	California & H.I.	16

Total number of Camps 63

Total number of Applicants 1,420

The following Camps have been mustered and issued charters since last publication:—

DATE.	No. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	No. MUSTERED.
1898				
April 9	1	Hilton Head, S.C.	Maryland	27
" 9	135	Fremont	Indiana	17
" 11	32	Homestead, Okla.	Kansas	18
" 11	4	Shelby	Nebraska	20
" 11	48	Leola	So. Dakota	18
" 14	29	Coffeyville	Kansas	20
" 14	7	Salmon City, Id. (Dis.)	Washington	16
" 20	26	Grafton	West Virginia	17
" 21	6	Linton	Indiana	23
" 22	32	Columbus	"	45
" 25	40	Sac City (Dis.)	Iowa	15
" 25	68	Odebolt (Dis.)	"	15
" 25	18	Omega, La. (Dis.)	Gulf	15
" 25	6	Orange (Dis.)	California and H.I.	18
" 26	4	Hope	Indiana	21
" 27	518	Cleveland	Ohio	21
" 27	519	Jeffersonville	"	17
" 29	91	Rensselaer	New York	27
" 30	14	Steele City (Dis.)	Nebraska	23
May 3	2	Wilmington, Del.	Maryland	31
" 5	361	Cowan	Indiana	24
" 5	3	Beverly	New Jersey	27
" 6	8	Hot Springs (Dis.)	So. Dakota	16
" 10	2	Cowallis (Dis.)	Oregon	21
" 10	4	Eugene (Dis.)	"	18
" 10	6	Youcalla (Dis.)	"	18
" 10	8	Mehama	"	18
" 10	23	McMinville	"	15
" 10	288	Lewisburg	Pennsylvania	29
" 16	61	Spring Bluff	Missouri	15
" 20	8	Stono (Dis.)	Vermont	15
" 20	9	Hallfax (Dis.)	"	18
" 20	19	Castleton (Dis.)	"	19
" 20	38	Newport (Dis.)	"	16
" 20	324	Sharon	Pennsylvania	29
" 20	217	Gladstone	Michigan	15
" 21	67	Sally (Dis.)	Iowa	15
" 21	95	Elma (Dis.)	"	17
" 24	100	Northwood (Dis.)	"	22
" 31	94	Mexico	New York	20
" 31	97	Afton	"	40
June 3	5	Baltimore	Maryland	27
" 9	6	Lushon	Nebraska	19
" 9	10	Millers Falls	Massachusetts	19
" 9	91	Dallas Center (Dis.)	Iowa	26
" 15	98	North Cohocton	New York	34
" 22	2	Willimantic	Connecticut	30
" 23	184	Franklin	Pennsylvania	32
" 23	25	Sterling	Kansas	29
" 23	53	Urbana (Dis.)	Illinois	20
" 23	520	Madisonville	Ohio	20
" 26	98	Anna (Dis.)	Illinois	24
" 30	176	Mount Morris (Dis.)	"	22
" 30	216	Naperville (Dis.)	"	16
July 11	35	Long Point (Dis.)	"	20
" 13	23	Macon (Dis.)	"	32
" 22	107	Paris	California and H.I.	28
" 22	9	Fresno (Dis.)	"	16
" 22	11	Mamla, P.I. (Dis.)	"	17
" 22	20	Baraboo	Wisconsin	19
" 22	106	Reed City	Michigan	16
" 29	98	Sheffield (Dis.)	Iowa	41
" 29	92	Moravia	New York	18
Aug. 2	10	Mount Vernon	Maine	16
" 2	4	Pioneer	Ohio	16
" 4	517	Gilboa	"	40
" 9	37	Augusta, Okla.	Kansas	17
" 9	10	Columbus (Dis.)	Ohio	21
" 15	105	Stanton	Michigan	16
" 15	14	San Bernardino Dis.	California & H.I.	16
" 16	325	Centre Hall	Pennsylvania	16

Total number of Camps 71
 Total numbered mustered 1,540

SPECIAL ORDERS.

BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 18, 1897.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 1.

Past Division Commander Henry C. Chatto, of Rockland, Me., is hereby detailed to install Brother Edward K. Gould, as Judge Advocate-General of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., and will report his acts in this behalf to these headquarters.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 30, 1897.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 2.

As it will be impossible to publish the Blue Book this present term, and as there is an imperative demand for some work of this kind, that the official decisions and opinions may be in form for ready reference, Judge Advocate-General Edward K. Gould is hereby authorized and instructed to prepare for the use of the Order a digest of such Decisions of the Commander-in-Chief and Opinions of the Judge Advocate-General as are now in force, and to print and furnish the same to the Quartermaster-General, he in turn to issue them, on requisition, to Divisions at such price as to afford both the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions a reasonable profit in the sale of the work.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

BOSTON, MASS., March 4, 1898.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 3.

Leave of absence for six weeks, commencing March 30, 1898, with permission to go beyond the limits of his Division, is hereby granted to the following named officer, who will, at the expiration thereof, report in writing to these headquarters: Charles C. Townsend, Commander Wisconsin Division.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

BOSTON, MASS., May 2, 1898.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 4.

Leave of absence for thirty days is hereby granted to the following named officer, who will, at the expiration thereof, report in writing to these headquarters: Richard F. Cross, Senior Vice-Commander, New Jersey Division.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

BOSTON, MASS., May 27, 1898.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 5.

I. The resignation of M. D. Friedman as Junior Vice-Division Commander of the Alabama and Tennessee Division, tendered May 23, is hereby accepted.

II. H. T. Cooper, Commander Alabama and Tennessee Division, is hereby ordered to convene the Division Council of said Division, for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

H. T. Cooper, Division Commander, is hereby authorized to install the officer-elect and report his acts in this behalf to these headquarters.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

BOSTON, MASS., June 2, 1898.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 6.

The leave of absence granted Richard F. Cross, Senior Vice-Commander of the New Jersey Division, in Special Orders No. 4, C.S., is hereby extended sixty days.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

BOSTON, MASS., June 27, 1898.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 7.

Leave of absence for three months, with permission to go beyond the limits of his Division, is hereby granted to the following named officer, who will, at the expiration thereof, report in writing to these headquarters: M. P. O'Flaherty, Junior Vice-Commander Rhode Island Division.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

BOSTON, MASS., July 12, 1898.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 8.

Leave of absence for two months, with permission to go beyond the limits of his Division, is hereby granted to the following named officer, who will, at the expiration thereof, report in writing to these headquarters: S. A. Crane, Senior Vice-Commander, Michigan Division.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 2, 1898.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 9.

Leonard C. Couch, Commander Massachusetts Division, is hereby authorized to convene the Division Council of said Division for the purpose of holding a special election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Junior Vice-Division Commander.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

CIRCULAR LETTERS.



HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.,

DEPARTMENT OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF,

HARRIMAN, TENN., Jan. 8, 1898.

CIRCULAR No. 1.

Brothers: A testing time of patriotism is near at hand. By the earnestness and enthusiasm of our observance of Union Defenders' Day, the real strength of the Order to which we have sworn allegiance is gauged. For the birthday of the greatest American makes the strongest possible appeal to all that is noblest in the emotion of the American heart. The very atmosphere of the twelfth of February is electric with forces which inspire to the deepest devotion to duty, to the completest consecration to patriotic principles, to the most potent passion for the maintenance of the national honor, and to the most zealous and untiring efforts for the inculcation of "the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all." It also offers us the best opportunity of all the year for holding up before every soul in America the ideal of American citizenship and manhood. In Abraham Lincoln exists the best expression of how the possibilities which America affords to all her children may be realized. Lincoln's birthday is the day of days in which to demonstrate the eternal righteousness of America's ideal for human society, and the supreme wisdom of her political philosophy.

In the Railsplitter we have our best example of a sane and sober life, and of a fearless championship of righteous principles. In him we behold a "charity for all" as sweet and wise as his "firmness in the right" was straightforward and outspoken. In him dwelt the wisdom of a Solon, the courage of a Richard, the faith of a Paul, the tender love and forgiveness of a Christ. His divinely compassionate and encouraging appeal to the South, when it was lying prostrate beneath the black and bitter shadow of defeat, was made in these words, which are both a portrayal of his soul and a prophecy of the coming peace: "We are not enemies, but friends. Though passion may have strained, it must not break, the bond of our affection. The mystic chord of memory, stretching from every patriot grave to every heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when touched again, as it surely will be, by the better angels of our nature." So thoroughly sincere and effective was he in this forgiveness, that from the

heart of the South has come the response: "When Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg is engraved on the tablet to be erected on the battlefield, not a word of it will jar upon the Confederate who reads, for its spirit is the spirit of the peace-loving statesman whose prayer is that the nation may be preserved with honor. It is a test of Lincoln's greatness that he wrote in that spirit of gentle humanity but inflexible devotion to country, when the bitterness of war was at its height."

Brothers, let us commemorate most sacredly, on February twelfth, the services and sacrifices of this man. Let us keep holy the day in that same spirit by which his whole life was sanctified. Let us not only call to mind what *he* did and said, but let us remember the men who rallied to his call by the hundred thousand, — our fathers, — who stayed the gray waves of secession and kept this

"A nation, free from sea to sea,
In union blessed forever."

Let us remember, too, that with our heritage of honor and noble blood, we are endowed with corresponding obligations. America expects her veterans' sons to guard well the picket line even in these days of peace. Our fathers have saved the nation. We must keep it safe. We must, by the heartiness of our observance of this day, keep the great army of America's citizens awake to the responsibility and sanctity of citizenship. For the great danger which threatens a commonwealth in peaceful days is a lack of moral earnestness in the discharge of civic duties. The Sons of Veterans can be, ought to be and must be, "the salt of the earth" for America. To this end let Union Defenders' Day be celebrated with stirring song and inspiring oration. Let every member of every Camp pay to Lincoln and to Lincoln's men, the merited tribute of hard work, earnest thought and quickened emotion, upon this occasion.

Let every Camp arrange a program at once. Let us, by the quality of our exercises, prove our fitness for the name which the valor of our sires permits us to bear.

The Chaplain-in-Chief takes this opportune occasion to endorse and recommend the suggestion made by Commander Lapoint of the Vermont Division, that, in addition to the exercises of Union Defenders' Day, on the following Sunday a patriotic religious service be held, in which every patriotic clergyman and layman organization and individual may be invited to participate. The pulpits of America were eloquent with loyalty in '64; let us help them to be equally so in '98.

Like Lincoln: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives 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."

Let us do these things in Friendship, in Charity, in Loyalty.

HARRY LAWRENCE VEAZBY,

Chaplain-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.,
ROOM 947, TREMONT BUILDING.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 10, 1898.

The foregoing is hereby approved and promulgated, with the hope that
Camps throughout the Order may arrange such exercises as seem to them best
calculated to insure a fitting observance of the day.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official :

A highly stylized, cursive handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature reads "Fred Dolton" and features elaborate flourishes, including a large loop at the end and a small mark resembling a "4" or "H" below the name.

Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.,

ROOM 917, TREMONT BUILDING,

BOSTON, JAN. 10, 1898.

CIRCULAR NO. 2.

At the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Knoxville, Tenn., in 1895, a committee, consisting of Hon. Webster Davis, Missouri; W. Scott Oberdorf, New York; Josiah Gross, Gulf; George F. Wolz, Nebraska, and Edward R. Campbell, Maryland, were appointed to consider the expediency of erecting monuments on the battlefields of Gettysburg, Shiloh and Chickamauga, and to consider the subject of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., uniting with the Sons of Confederate Veterans in erecting peace monuments upon said battlefields. This committee rendered a partial report to the Fifteenth Annual Encampment in 1896. The committee was continued and submitted a report at the Sixteenth Annual Encampment, which is given herewith

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BATTLEFIELD MONUMENTS.

"With a view to carrying this work to completion, we have the honor to recommend the following to be adopted by this Encampment:—

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY: That we, whose names are hereunto signed, citizens of the United States, a part of whom are residents of the District of Columbia, are desirous of forming an organization under Section No. 345 of the Revised Statutes of the United States for the District of Columbia, as follows:—

First. The name of this society shall be THE NATIONAL SONS OF VETERANS BATTLEFIELD PARK MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

Second. This Association to continue as an incorporate body for the period of twenty years.

Third. Its objects are: First, the erection on the battlefield parks of Gettysburg, Shiloh and Chickamauga, suitable monuments to the private soldiers who lost their lives thereon in defense of the nation's honor during the War of Secession. Second, to erect peace monuments on said battlefield parks as fitting remembrances of a reunited country.

Fourth. The number of directors of this Association shall consist of members selected from the incorporators or from members of the First Class.

Fifth. The membership of this Association shall be of five classes, as follows, viz. : —

Class 1. The members of the committee appointed by the Knoxville Encampment and all Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

Class 2. Past Division Commanders of the Order, who shall be eligible to office, and upon their being elected thereto shall become members of the First Class.

Class 3. Any son of a Union soldier.

Class 4. Any son of a Confederate soldier.

Class 5. Any person.

Fees and dues, by-laws and regulations to be adopted by the Board of Directors.

Fraternally,

F. R. CAMPBELL,

Chairman Battlefield Park Monument Committee."

By vote of the Encampment the present administration was instructed to publish the report, promulgating the same to the various Divisions, that they may instruct their delegates for action thereon at the next Encampment.

It is requested that each Division Encampment shall consider the proposition and report of the said committee, and instruct their representatives to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to vote on the question as the Division Encampment may decide.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official.



The signature is written in a highly stylized, cursive script. The name 'Fred Bolton' is clearly legible, with 'Fred' and 'Bolton' being the most prominent parts. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper.

Adjutant-General.



HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
 SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.,
 DEPARTMENT OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF,
 HARRIMAN, TENN., April 28, 1898.

CIRCULAR No. 3.

Brothers: America's holiest day draws near. This nation in mingled sadness and gratitude will call to reverent remembrance the valor and unselfish sacrifice of her defenders who have been transferred from the armies of earth to the legions of that mysterious world beyond the grave. The most beautiful and fragrant gifts of the God who dwelleth in nature will be laid upon the long low mounds which rise above the noiseless but eloquent dust which in the vigor and suppleness of life protected the heart of the nation. One by one those mounds increase. Day by day with quickening cadence the "Grand Army" marches into the invisible. With its passing, comes a larger responsibility to those upon whom falls its mantle of honorable heritage.

Memorial Day belongs to the veteran. No other hand can so tenderly strew the blossoming emblems of God's undying love for men. No other voice can so touchingly utter the word of grateful and glorified memory. No other heart can be so solemnly impressed with the sacredness of the occasion, or so thoroughly appreciate its spirit and meaning. But this makes not less the duty and privilege of the Sons of Veterans upon this day. For us, and for the nation of which we are a part, these heroes, both living and dead, freely offered even their lives in order that we, and all men, might enjoy the inestimable blessings of personal liberty and national unity.

For the proper observance of this day we are banded together. So let every influence be exerted to check the growing tendency toward making this a day of thoughtless sport and vulgar amusement. Let us emphatically, even sternly, insist that this day shall be religiously observed in memory of the patriots and heroes of '61. Let the busy marts of trade be closed. Let the hum of industry cease. Let the amusement halls be vacant, and in the peaceful cities of the dead let us gather to pay tribute to the spirit which is above all selfishness and love of gain. May the whole American people stand in the hushed presence of the God of nations and the spirits of the hero-dead, and reconsecrate this country to principles made sacred by the blood of martyrs and the blessing of the Absolute.

Memorial Sunday, falling this year on May 29, should be more generally observed than ever before. This nation is again involved in a righteous war. For the sake of suffering humanity, and in behalf of those eternal principles of right upon which our nation is founded, the United States have declared the

people of Cuba free and independent, and now stand, as the champions of liberty, with unsheathed swords, ready to assist the liberty loving people of Cuba in maintaining their independence. In the midst of such conditions the invocation of the guidance and blessing of the God of Righteousness and Equity is a peculiarly appropriate privilege. Let the ranks be filled, the worship sincere; "the event is in the hands of God."

Camp Chaplains are reminded of their duty to report the observance of Memorial Day immediately thereafter to their respective Division Chaplains.

Division Chaplains are urged to be prompt in securing and consolidating the reports of Camp Chaplains, and in forwarding consolidated reports to this Department.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

HARRY LAWRENCE VEAZEY,
Chaplain-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A., }
ROOM 947, TREMONT BUILDING, }

BOSTON, MASS., May 4, 1898.

The foregoing is hereby approved and promulgated. It is earnestly hoped the day may be appropriately observed by every member of the Order.

By command of

CHARLES K. DARLING,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:



Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A. }

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 26, 1897.

Dear Sir and Brother: A careful study of the condition of the Order, leads the Commander-in-Chief to believe that the time is ripe for materially increasing the numerical strength, social standing and public influence of the Sons of Veterans.

Encouraging reports of an awakening interest along the line are daily coming to these headquarters and it is with a knowledge of your able and faithful services in the past that we call upon you to again put your shoulder to the wheel and give the weight of your energetic co-operation to a concerted movement for the upbuilding of the Order.

There must be in your Division and the immediate section in which you reside, a large number of recruits who can be induced to join with us in the duties of the Order; there must be many sons of the soldiers who sacrificed

so much for the nation and its flag, proud of their ancestry, animated by filial love and devotion, who would gladly affiliate with an organization that stands on the broad and patriotic platform of the Sons of Veterans. It is believed that if their peculiar heritage and the distinctive characteristics of our Order are properly explained, they will appreciate their privileges, enlist in the work, and loyally serve this grand body, in which you have given so much of time and service.

We desire to inaugurate a movement that will check the losses we have sustained in the past; that will turn the tide of retrogression to a substantial movement to the front; with a steady gain in power, and an advancement to something like the membership we should possess. To do this, and to assure success, we ask you to give your personal assistance. You can do much that will prove beneficial in your locality; you can enlist able workers whom you know better than we, whose influence will be advantageous. All this we ask you to do with a spirit of determination to build up the membership. What has been stated above is merely to convey the objects and intentions of this appeal for your personal services. The best methods to employ are left to your good judgment and discretion. Suffice it to say that we have called upon the Past Division Commanders of every Division, together with other active officials and able workers throughout the Order, to render similar service. From this force of faithful brothers, all working with one object in view, we should accomplish what is needed and so desirable at this time. In conclusion, we bespeak your loyal co-operation, for "in unity there is strength," and no failure can result if all will do their part.

Fraternally yours,

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant-General.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there be no objections the report of the Adjutant-General will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, under the rule. Is there objection?

BROTHERS HOLDING COMMISSIONS IN THE U.S. ARMY.

W. H. Adams of Minnesota: Senior Vice-Commander, I desire to move at this time that the Adjutant-General be instructed to append to the list in his report of the brothers who are now holding commissions in the United States Army, the names of all other brothers, members of the Order of Sons of Veterans, who are now holding commissions and serving at this time in the army of the United States that may be furnished him by the several Divisions. There are several members of the Order in the Division of Minnesota who are now holding commissions and serving in the army at the front, whose names don't appear in the Adjutant-General's list, and I have no doubt there are many in other Divisions of the Order. I therefore move that the Adjutant-General append to his list such other names as the members present may be able to give him, of members of the Order, in all the States, who hold commissions and are serving their country in the volunteer army.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Senior Vice-Commander, I suggest that probably it would be well to have the Committee on Credentials make a supplemental report at this time. I do it out of deference to our record. With all due respect to our friend from Minnesota, I understood from the report of the Committee on Credentials, already

made, that the Division of Minnesota had not yet been granted the privileges of this floor, and it would look peculiar in our record if we received motions from delegates who have not been granted the privilege of the floor. I understand that the matter has been fixed up and they are now entitled to representation in this Encampment, but until the Committee on Credentials makes a further report, our record does not show that fact, and under those circumstances it is hardly in proper form to receive this motion. I would ask if the Committee on Credentials has not a supplemental report to give us on this matter.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Has the Committee on Credentials a supplemental report to make?

The Adjutant-General: Senior Vice-Commander, I will state that while I was reading my report the figuring up of the financial obligation of the Minnesota Division was going on, and I understand they have settled everything. The credentials of certain delegates of the Minnesota Division have been presented, as well as those from several other Divisions, which will make it necessary for the Committee on Credentials to make a further report. If my associates have no objection I can state now as a report from the Committee on Credentials that eleven other brothers have presented their credentials and been accredited as members of the Encampment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If the other members of the committee have no objection the Adjutant-General will add those names to the roll. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and they will be so added, and we will consider the statement by the Adjutant-General as a report from the committee. That being so, the motion of Brother Adams is in order.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, it is proper that this supplemental report should be passed upon by the Encampment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, the supplemental report of the Committee on Credentials is before you. What is your pleasure?

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, I move the adoption of the report of the committee, the supplemental report of the Committee on Credentials.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The question is now on the motion of Brother Adams of Minnesota. Those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed, the same sign. The motion is agreed to.

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Next in order is the report of Quartermaster-General Loebenstein. Quartermaster-General Loebenstein submitted and read the following report:—

To CHARLES K. DARLING, *Commander-in-Chief.*

Sir: I have the honor to submit my report of the business of the Quartermaster-General's Department for the term ending Aug. 31, 1898.

Report Supplemental to Report to Sixteenth Annual Encampment.

Cash on hand, as shown by report	\$1,159 91	
Received for <i>per capita</i> tax	360 62	
“ “ charter fees	12 00	
		<u>\$1,532 53</u>
Paid for supplies	8 77	
“ “ office expenses	52 71	
“ “ general expenses	36 00	
“ “ salaries	125 00	
“ “ expenses Sixteenth Annual Encampment	599 64	
		<u>822 12</u>
Balance cash on hand at beginning administration	\$710 41	

Receipts and Expenditures from Sept. 13, 1897, to Aug. 31, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	\$710 41	
Cash received for supplies	\$5,118 07	
“ “ <i>per capita</i> tax	5,356 45	
“ “ “ charter fees	333 50	
		<u>\$10,808 02</u>
Total cash receipts	\$11,518 43	

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment in addition to those paid by preceding administration:—

W. S. Garber, stenographer	\$81 70	
Proceedings	680 95	
Postage on proceedings	18 20	
Freight on proceedings	12 75	
Drayage, express, etc. (Indpls.)	10 85	
		<u>\$804 45</u>
Traveling expenses:		
Commander-in-Chief	\$119 01	
Adjutant-General	88 36	
Quartermaster-General	11 68	
Chaplain-in-Chief	15 00	
		<u>234 05</u>
Supplies:		
Badges and decorations	\$2,871 10	
Camp and Division supplies	1,163 28	
Cost of shipping	160 32	
Wrapping paper, twine, etc.	16 93	
Insurance	23 80	
		<u>4,235 43</u>
Office expenses:		
Rent, Commandery	\$255 00	
“ Quartermaster-General	360 00	
Light and toilet supplies, Commandery	25 33	
“ “ “ “ Q.M.-General	20 76	
Telegrams and express, Commandery	27 22	
“ “ “ “ Q.M.-General	18 69	
		<u>\$707 00</u>
Amount carried forward	\$707 00	

Amount brought forward	\$707 00	
Postage, Commandery	105 73	
" Q.M.-General	36 88	
Stationery, all National officers	55 00	
" Commandery	26 80	
" Q.M.-General	1 57	
Miscellaneous	10 94	
		943 92
General expenses :		
Moving Commandery Headquarters	59 49	
Insurance Commandery furniture	4 80	
Expenses, Inspector-General	41 30	
Password and countersign	5 55	
Blanks furnished free to Divisions	26 25	
Commandery, ribbon	16 00	
Records	9 25	
Miscellaneous	15 75	
		178 39
Salaries		2,750 00
General Orders		353 47
Seventeenth Annual Encampment		3 27
Tax refunded to Divisions		9 02
Miscellaneous		19 84
		9,531 84
Total expenditures		<u>\$1,986 59</u>
Balance cash on hand		1,342 72
Supplies on hand, inventoried at cost		1,342 72

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief on Sept. 13, 1897, was as follows:—

General Account, Sept. 13, 1897.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Dr.		Cr.	
Furniture	\$535 50	Due to Divisions	\$3 00
Supplies	1,329 50	Surplus	2,579 57
Cash	710 41		
Due from Divisions	7 16		
	<u>\$2,582 57</u>		<u>\$2,582 57</u>

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief at the close of business Aug. 31, 1898, is as follows:—

General Account, Aug. 31, 1898.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Dr.		Cr.	
Furniture	\$481 95	Due to Divisions	\$19 62
Supplies	1,342 72	Surplus	3,821 60
Cash	1,986 59		
Due from Divisions	29 96		
	<u>\$3,841 22</u>		<u>\$3,841 22</u>

The account of Profit and Loss from Sept. 1, 1897, to Aug. 31, 1898, is as follows:—

Profit and Loss, Sept. 1, 1897, to Aug. 31, 1898.

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
Furniture, (10% reduction),	\$53 55	Charter fees	\$345 50
Supplies	41 21	<i>Per Capita</i> tax	5,706 45
Salaries	2,875 00	Supplies	914 64
General Orders	353 47		
Traveling expenses	234 05		
Office expenses	996 63		
General expenses	214 39		
Sixteenth Ann'l Encampm't,	1,404 09		
Seventeenth " " "	3 27		
Balance (net gain)	790 93		
	<u>\$6,966 59</u>		<u>\$6,966 59</u>

Comparative Table of Receipts.

	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.
Received from predecessor	\$211 95	\$687 12	\$710 41
" for supplies	5,509 45	4,660 93	5,118 07
" " <i>per capita</i> tax	6,072 29	4,909 07	5,356 45
" " charter fees	475 00	357 26	333 50
" " miscellaneous	507 20	5 62	
Totals	<u>\$12,775 89</u>	<u>\$10,620 00</u>	<u>\$11,518 43</u>

Comparative Table of Expenditures.

	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.
Debts of preceding administration (A)	\$1,072 86	\$	\$
Expenses of preceding annual meeting, in addition to those paid by preceding administration	660 43	594 48	804 45
Traveling expenses of Commander-in-Chief and Staff	146 40	228 03	234 05
Supplies:			
Badges and decorations	2,695 60	2,681 60	2,871 10
Camp and Division supplies	1 313 24	768 60	1,163 28
Cost of shipment (B)			
Wrapping paper, insurance, etc.	39 94	37 21	40 73
Furniture	23 75	7 30	
General Orders	281 90	249 48	353 47
Salaries	2,750 00	2,875 00	2,750 00
Office expenses:			
Rent	445 00	690 00	615 00
Telegrams, postage and stationery (C),			
Miscellaneous	81 09	70 80	57 03
General expenses:			
Transfer Commandery Headquarters	185 34	114 11	59 49
Records	20 85	21 43	9 25
Miscellaneous	479 62	435 26	109 65
Stationery	118 38	190 22	83 37
Telegraphing	73 23	38 12	45 91
Postage	228 45	275 59	142 61
Cost of shipping supplies and other express charges	199 59	134 59	160 32
Other items	532 90	48 27	32 13
Totals	<u>\$11,318 57</u>	<u>\$9,460 09</u>	<u>\$9,531 84</u>

(A) Includes the amount paid on account of "Rowley Claim"
 (B) Included in express item.
 (C) Included in telegraph, postage and stationery items.

The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the present administration was \$710.41, and the surplus account had a credit of \$2,579.57. We had on hand, at the close of business on Aug. 31, 1898, \$1,986.59, and a surplus of \$3,821.60. I am very glad that the financial complications, which one year ago seemed imminent, have not confronted us, and that increased revenues from *per capita* tax and profits on supplies enable us to make the satisfactory showing above indicated. Commander-in-Chief Darling and Adjutant-General Bolton have labored unceasingly to increase our revenues and to curtail our expenditures, and their success in both directions is plainly shown by the satisfactory condition of our finances above reported.

The last Encampment ordered that a condensed history of the Order be incorporated in the next edition of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations to be printed. A sketch was prepared, but as there appears to be some controversy regarding certain facts pertaining to the earlier history of the Order, it was deemed best to defer publication of such sketch until after action could be taken thereon by a committee of this Encampment.

Divisions are indebted to the Commandery-in-Chief as follows: Oregon, \$0.22; West Virginia, \$0.20; Gulf, \$4.61.

The following Divisions have balances due them: Colorado, \$2.55; Connecticut, \$0.32; Illinois, \$0.02; Indiana, \$0.56; Kansas, \$0.73; Maine, \$0.25; Nebraska, \$0.85; New Hampshire, \$0.16; Pennsylvania, \$12.59; Rhode Island, \$0.13; South Dakota, \$0.66; Vermont, \$0.20; Wisconsin, \$0.60.

The following Divisions are, at the date of this report, in arrears for *per capita* tax for the quarter ending June 30, 1898: Oregon, West Virginia and Gulf.

I have received the bonds, duly approved by the Commander-in-Chief, of the Commanders of the Divisions of Alabama and Tennessee, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota and West Virginia. The Commanders of California, Indiana and Vermont, having been re-elected, filed no new bond.

In concluding this, my final report as Quartermaster-General, I wish to express my gratitude to the various Division officers with whom I have had official relations, for the uniform courtesy which has marked their intercourse with my department. To Past Commanders-in-Chief Hall, Maccabe, Bundy, Russell and Rake, and their respective Adjutant-Generals, I beg to again extend my warmest thanks for very many acts of kindness. And to Commander-in-Chief Darling and Adjutant-General Bolton I can but say that the warm personal friendship of the past years has been more firmly cemented by the official relations of the year now closing. May God grant a safe return to our midst of our gallant Commander-in-Chief, now in the service of our country, and may health and success attend the patriotic soldier at the front and his efficient Adjutant-General, whose patriotic devotion to our Order has brought him the affectionate regard of all who know him.

May the Great Commander bless and prosper the Order that I have had the honor to serve for six years past, and enable me to be of some service to the Order we all love.

Fraternally yours,

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
Quartermaster-General.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the report of the Quartermaster-General will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, under the rule. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the report is so referred.

Next in order is the report of the Inspector-General.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

Inspector-General J. Frank Durston of New York, submitted and read the following report: —

FRED E. BOLTON, *Adjutant-General,*
Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., Boston, Mass.

Sir: I have the honor to submit the following as my report as Inspector-General during the past year.

It is a matter of regret that it is incomplete, as a special effort was made to secure an accurate account of the standing of the entire Order.

All Division Headquarters were inspected and the general result was very gratifying. The following consolidation will convey an idea as to the condition in which the Assistant Inspectors-General found the various Headquarters to which they were assigned: —

1. Every Division has a charter.
2. Every Division has a regularly adopted set of By-Laws conforming with the present C., R. & R., except Nebraska, Oregon, Colorado and the Gulf.
3. (a) All Divisions keep a record of their Division proceedings, and all possess the minutes of their Division Council meetings except Washington.
3. (b) All Divisions keep a register of members.
3. (c) A Roster of officers is kept by all Divisions.
3. (d) All Divisions keep a record of commissions.
3. (e) Colorado, Wisconsin and West Virginia do not keep a record of dispensations; the rest do.
3. (f) Wisconsin, Illinois, Connecticut and Vermont are the only Divisions who do not possess a Black Book properly kept.
3. (g) An Adjutant's Cash Book is kept by all Divisions.
3. (h) All Division Quartermasters keep a Cash Book.
3. (i) All Divisions except Wisconsin and Massachusetts keep a Ledger.
4. All Divisions keep an accurate account with each Camp except Colorado.
5. At the time of this inspection all reports had been forwarded and duplicates were on file at Division Headquarters.

6. Division accounts are properly kept in all Divisions except Colorado.

7. The Divisions reported in debt are Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana and the Gulf; Iowa owing the least, \$30.00, and Kansas the most, \$350.00, the total indebtedness being \$736.78.

8. All Divisions except one have money in their treasury, the total cash balance being \$3,439.99, a decrease from last year of \$318.25, and an average of \$118.62. Massachusetts leads with the largest amount, \$850.00, Pennsylvania follows with \$441.00, and New York is third with \$406.46.

The smallest cash balance is shown by Maryland, who possesses \$13.10, while the Gulf reports a deficit of \$85.00.

9. All Divisions but Indiana have supplies on hand, the total value being \$1,519.00, an average of \$52.38.

10. All supplies in use are furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief, and are of current issue.

11. All Division Commanders have filed their bond with the Commander in-Chief, the average figure being \$2,000.00.

12. Oregon, West Virginia, Illinois and the Gulf are not secured by bond from their Division Quartermasters; all other Divisions have bonds averaging \$1,000.00 each.

13. There seems to be a great difference of opinion regarding the value of the services of the Division Adjutants and Quartermasters. Five Divisions pay no salaries and the remainder give compensation ranging from \$1.00 each in Kentucky and California, to the Division of Pennsylvania, whose salary list amounts to \$1,100.00, while Ohio allows its Adjutant twenty per cent of the dues collected, and its Quartermaster receives ten per cent of all supplies sold.

14. Pennsylvania has the honor of having the largest membership, viz., 5,947, and South Dakota reports 85 members in good standing, although the Division Inspector accounts for 151. Why this difference occurs, I am unable to say; the total membership amounting to 32,377, an average of 1,116.

15. 1,211 Camps were reported in good standing, an average of 42 to each Division.

16, 17, 18, 19. The total number of Camps organized is 4,936, the total number disbanded, 3,007; the total suspended and not reinstated, 869. Total number of Camps suspended during the last year, 418. Owing to the incompleteness of the records of several Divisions, these figures are approximate.

20. Twenty-six Divisions rendered the G. A. R. service the past year and three did not.

21. Seven Divisions held Field Days and twenty-two did not.

22. According to the reports of the Assistant Inspectors-General, all correspondence is promptly and thoroughly attended to.

23. All General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief are promptly forwarded from all Division Headquarters to their respective Camps.

24. All Camp requisitions are promptly filled by the Division Quartermasters.

25. (*a, b, c, d*) All Division Commanders, Adjutants, Inspectors and Mustering Officers are familiar with the secret work.

26. Twenty-seven Division Commanders issue circulars to, and correspond with the G.A.R. Posts relative to the organization of new Camps, and two do not.

27. On the whole, the G.A.R. is in hearty sympathy with our Order, although a few exceptions were reported.

28, 29. The L.A.S. is established in all but 7 Divisions, and has proved itself to be of great benefit in many ways.

30. In 15 Divisions the social feature predominates; 5 are more inclined to be military, while in 6 Divisions the sentiment is about equally divided.

31, 32. Two Divisions charge \$12.00 for a charter, 15 secure \$15.00, one asks \$18.00, nine demand \$20.00, and one obtains \$22.00. A charter and all Camp supplies are furnished and some Divisions include a Camp seal and the expenses of the Mustering Officer.

33. The total cost of the inspection of 29 Division Headquarters amounted to \$372.05, an increase over last year of \$93.08, and an average of \$12.83 to each Division.

After a careful study of the results obtained, I am of the opinion that the practice of sending an Inspector from an outside Division is a useless expenditure of money, and believe that the chairman of the Division Council, who visits his Division Headquarters at least once each year, is perfectly competent to perform the duties required of an Assistant Inspector-General and recommend that my successor make a test of this method of inspection.

It was deemed unnecessary to inspect the Headquarters of the Adjutant and Quartermaster-General, as this Department was fully aware of the splendid condition of these two offices.

The following is a correct list of my Assistant Inspectors-General, to whom I desire to extend my most sincere thanks for the prompt and intelligent manner in which they discharged their duties.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Asst. Inspectors-General.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
Alabama and Tennessee	V. Gilb, Jr.	Birmingham, Ala.
California and H.I.	F. P. Shipley	Oakland, Cal.
Colorado	C. Borin	Oberlin, Kan.
Connecticut	W. M. P. Bowen	Providence, R.I.
Gulf	Josiah Gross	New Orleans, La.
Illinois	Geo. E. Cogshall	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Indiana	James W. Noel	Indianapolis, Ind.
Iowa	Charles Townsend	Benton, Wis.
Kansas	William H. Russell	LaCrosse, Kan.
Kentucky	George H. Capito	Louisville, Ky.
Maine	Fred E. Bolton	Boston, Mass.
Maryland	Wildun Scott	Milton, Pa.
Massachusetts	George E. Cox	Hartford, Conn.
Michigan	William G. Dustin	Dwight, Ill.
Minnesota	W. J. Patton	Marinette, Wis.
Missouri	E. W. Raymond	St. Louis, Mo.
Nebraska	George F. Wolz	Fremont, Neb.
New Hampshire	R. L. Whitcomb	Portland, Me.
New Jersey	E. R. Campbell	Washington, D.C.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Asst. Inspectors-General.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
New York	Arthur B. Spink . . .	Providence, R.I.
Ohio	C. J. Deckman . . .	Malvern, O.
Oregon	R. J. Courtney . . .	Okobojo, S.D.
Pennsylvania	W. S. Oberdorf . . .	Dansville, N.Y.
Rhode Island	Edward T. Monahan . .	Underhill, Vt.
South Dakota	C. B. Cook	Arlington, S.D.
Vermont	H. O. Bixby	Chelsea, Vt.
Washington	E. W. Young	Seattle, Wash.
West Virginia	F. W. Myers	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Wisconsin	A. T. Wilson	Cedar Rapids, Ia.

CAMP INSPECTIONS.

Every Division except Ohio submitted reports of inspection, and the general average was fair. That more good does not result from our Camp inspections is due in a large measure to the carelessness and ignorance of the Assistant Inspectors. If they performed their full duty the present method would materially strengthen and build up the Order, instead of resolving itself into a farce, as is the case in many instances.

While the present blank is far from satisfactory, there are several reasons why no substitute is submitted, although such a course was contemplated at one time, and a request made in General Orders No. 1, series of 1898, of the Commander-in-Chief, for suggestions upon the subject.

Although this notification was supposed to reach every member, no responses were received, and the only inference to be drawn was that the membership at large were either satisfied with the present blank or indifferent as to the future progress of our Order.

Under our present C., R. & R., a Camp may be military or social, they may work the degrees or not just as they see fit; and the only way to properly inspect them would be to place each one in its own class and mark it accordingly.

Much as I should like to do this I am forced to admit that in my opinion such a method is far beyond the comprehension of the average Assistant Inspector, whose mental facilities are taxed to the utmost in order to fill out our present simple blank in a manner that can be understood by his superiors.

The reports of some Division Inspectors were models of neatness and accuracy, while others contained much room for improvement.

Some were practically of no value, containing many errors and omissions and causing considerable delay and annoyance, as it was necessary to thoroughly revise and correct them before they were of the slightest use.

The first Division to report was Rhode Island. The papers were received on Dec. 16, 1897, and the Inspector, William P. O'Flaherty, deserves much credit for his promptness.

In three Divisions, Rhode Island, Colorado and Iowa, every Camp in the Division was inspected.

Last year nine Divisions reported every Camp as having been visited by the Inspector or his assistants.

The greatest drawback met with was the inaccuracy of the Division

Inspectors' consolidated reports, fully fifty per cent of them containing errors of one kind or another. In addition to this two reports were on old forms and the fact that the questions and numbers did not correspond, entailed an enormous amount of labor upon this department.

A comparative statement of the results obtained from questions Nos. 1 to 20, inclusive, follows; one reason for the poor showing being the absence of Ohio from the calculations.

1. 434 Captains received a mark of Excellent on this question, a loss from last year of 45; 197 were marked Good, 190 Fair and 147 Poor.

2. 253 Captains were marked Perfect on their degree work, a gain of 30; 179 secured Good, 223 Fair and 292 Poor.

3. 323 First Lieutenants were Perfect in their ritualistic work, a gain of 7; 163 were Good, 267 Fair and 214 Poor.

4. 297 Second Lieutenants have committed their work to memory, a loss of 2; 163 were Good, 246 Fair and 252 Poor.

5. 264 Chaplains were Perfect, a loss of 13; 184 were Good, 247 Fair and 268 Poor.

6. 342 Sergeants of the Guard have memorized their parts, a gain of 9; 194 were Good, 235 Fair and 190 Poor.

7. But 436 officers were regular in their attendance, a loss of 37; 308 were Good, 163 Fair and 64 Poor.

8. 438 Camps show a gain in membership since last year, a loss of 6; 157 were Good, 117 Fair and 249 Poor.

9. 745 Camp Records were correctly and well kept, a loss of 67; 142 were Good, 60 Fair and 30 Poor.

10. It is evident that the Quartermaster Sergeants are gaining the confidence of their superior officers, as but 765 have filed bonds, a decrease of 73; 81 were Good, 50 Fair and 74 Poor.

11. 516 Camp officers are reported as uniformed, a loss of 23; while 115 were nearly so, 101 in part and 231 have none at all.

12. 439 Camp officers wear rank straps and side-arms, a loss of 49; 176 received a rating of Good on this question, 132 were Fair and 213 possessed none at all.

13. 735 Camp rooms are properly equipped, and are marked Excellent, a loss of 68; 131 were Good, 60 Fair and 37 Poor.

14. 497 Staff officers are reported as being provided with proper chevrons, a loss of 517; 44 were Good, 63 Fair and 344 Poor.

15. 472 Camps were reported as fully uniformed, a loss of 457; 122 were partly uniformed, 116 made a Fair showing and 238 possess none whatever.

16. 891 Camps always present their recruits with a badge, a loss of 87. It is strange that out of 970 Camps inspected, 79 should confess that they make no attempt to perform this simple yet important duty. 14 Camps present badges most of the time, 12 do it occasionally and 58 omit it entirely.

17. General Orders are read and filed in 94 per cent of the Camps inspected, 33 Camps read them generally, 16 only occasionally, and in 19 Camps no pretense is made of paying the slightest attention to the commands of their superior officers.

18. 866 of the Camps inspected observed Memorial Day; 32 were marked Good, 16 Fair and 49 disregarded the day entirely.

19. Reports and dues are forwarded promptly in 826 Camps; 32 are Good in this respect, 34 Fair and 30 Poor.

20. 828 Camps forwarded their Surgeons' and Chaplains' reports promptly, 31 received mark of Good, 28 were Fair and 38 Poor.

The following information is gathered from the replies to questions Nos. 21 to 37, and may be of interest to students of our progress:—

21. Total number of members in good standing, 30,429; average 1,049.

22. Number of members dropped during the last year, 2,988; average, 103.

23. Number of special meetings held, 1,302; average, 45.

24. Total value of Camp property, \$265,306.01; average, \$9,148.49.

25. Amount of funds over total indebtedness, \$137,181.31; average, \$4,730.39.

26. Amount charged for annual dues, \$2,463.21; average, \$84.94.

27. Amount charged for muster fee, \$1,945.05; average, \$67.07.

28. (a) Number of members relieved, 728; average, 25.

28. (b) Amount expended, \$8,821.40; average, \$304.19.

29. Money expended for the relief of veterans and their families, \$1,208.55; average, \$41.67.

30. Number of Camps equipped, 661, Cavalry, 23, Artillery, 29, Infantry, 608, Signal Corps, 1, Ambulance Corps, 1.

31. Number of members equipped with arms and accoutrements, 9,122; average, 315.

32. (a) Number of Camps who engage in regular company drills, 331; average, 11.

32. (b) Number who do not, 599; average, 21.

33. (a) Number of Camps who have aided the local G.A.R. or W.R.C., 495; average, 17.

33. (b) Number who have not, 663; average, 16.

34. (a) Number of Camps having a Ladies' Aid Society, 265; average, 9.

34. (b) Number who do not, 671; average, 23.

35. (a) Number of Camps where local G.A.R. attend meetings and encourage the Camp, 710; average, 24.

35. (b) Number who do not, 328; average, 11.

36. (a) Number of Camps who hold social gatherings, 726; average, 25.

36. (b) Number who do not, 309; average, 11.

37. Total cost of Camp inspection, \$1,532.53; average, \$52.85.

Not all of the Division Inspectors availed themselves of the opportunity of expressing their opinions relative to the inspection; the remarks of those who saw fit to do so are worth reproducing here.

CALIFORNIA AND HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

General Average, 56 per cent; First-class 2, Second-class 6, Third-class 1.

"As far as I have seen, this Division has good and efficient officers, fully qualified for the positions which they hold. I find that some of the Camps are backward in paying their dues, and are therefore suspended, which handicaps us greatly. I wish to commend Camp 7 of Pasadena, which is the best in the Division, with thirty-six members. They performed the entire work without the aid of a ritual and obtained a marking of 91 per cent."

F. C. HUNT, *Inspector.*

COLORADO.

General Average, 78 per cent; First-class 5, Second-class 2, Third-class 0.

"This report covers the inspection of every Camp in the Colorado Division, to which the assistant inspectors were appointed, and the general average, viz.: 78 per cent, is therefore the general average of the entire Division. The efficiency of the officers of the Division is good. Of the Camps, some are good and some are not. The Sons of Veterans Order here is not booming. The National Guard of the State catches all those who are fond of the military feature. In a majority of cases the enthusiasm dies out for want of the social feature in a short time after a recruit is mustered. In my judgment there should be legislation enacted making the organization a strictly military one, making it compulsory for each recruit to purchase a uniform, of whatever arm the organization may decide upon, before he is mustered in. More recruits would be secured, and better material than we now have."

HENRY C. LUTHER, *Inspector.*

CONNECTICUT.

General Average, 85 per cent; First-class 22, Second-class 3, Third-class 0.

"Was unable to secure an inspection of Camps 18 and 49."

W. A. CHASE, *Inspector.*

THE GULF.

General Average, 28 per cent; First-class 0, Second-class 4, Third-class 0.

"The camps in this Division are scattered and isolated. They extend from Florida to Louisiana and Mississippi, making an inspection difficult. The officers are zealous and faithful, but the absence of contact with brothers of the North prevents them from being as efficient as desirable. The Gulf Division is really a missionary field; it is holding its own, even more, it is growing stronger, but slowly."

WILLIAM JEFFERSON, *Inspector.*

INDIANA.

General Average, 33 per cent; First-class 34, Second-class 28, Third-class 0.

"All officers of this Division are working hard and doing all they can for the welfare of the Order, trying to get the weak Camps in line again. Some are coming and some are very far on the downward course. There are twenty-one Camps who were not inspected, the reasons being "that they did not wish to bother with it," and some have no place of meeting or have no property, and are not in shape to be inspected. Some of these twenty-one Camps are so far behind with their per capita tax that it is doubtful if they can ever be reinstated. All efforts to get them back seem to be of no use. All has been done that can be done, and forty-six Camps were inspected."

W. A. SMITH, *Inspector.*

IOWA.

General Average, 74 per cent; First-class 34, Second-class 28, Third-class 0.

"With permission from Inspector General, dated Oct. 26, 1897, and Dec. 6, 1897, the Division Inspector was given power to appoint assistant inspectors to inspect their own Camps where such a course was deemed absolutely necessary."

A. B. HANCOCK, *Inspector.*

KENTUCKY.

General Average, 82 per cent; First-class 11, Second-class 2, Third-class 0.

"The Division has increased in Camps and I believe in numbers also. The general work performed by the Camps is very much better and more enthusiastic than on inspection nights. The complaint in this Division is the long time consumed by the ritual, even for general business; "too much talk" in the general order of business, there being eighteen orders of business while in other orders seven or eight are considered ample. The degree work is so lengthy that no Camp, except possibly Camp 9, works the three degrees, and few even the first degree; they simply obligate the new member, condense the first degree and immediately obligate in the other two degrees."

CHARLES GERMAN, *Inspector*.

MAINE.

General Average, 69 per cent; First-class 25, Second-class 19, Third-class 2.

"The results of the inspection of the Camps of this Division shows that we are in practically the same condition as one year ago. We were unable to inspect four of our Camps so that the general average was kept down to about the same as last year. As a whole, the Division is in better condition than one year ago. The officers take more pride in their work, and a larger per cent have committed the work than on any previous year. The brothers of the Maine Division are loyal to the interests of the Order, and are endeavoring to increase more and more each year the efficiency and influence of the Division in our Commonwealth as well as in the National Councils of our Order."

E. N. CORSON, *Inspector*.

MARYLAND.

General Average, 62 per cent; First-class 9, Second-class 11, Third-class 4.

"Camps not reporting are classified in the third class and are marked zero in all questions except nineteen and twenty, which ratings were secured from Division Headquarters."

EDWARD R. FRENCH, *Inspector*.

MASSACHUSETTS.

General Average, 85 per cent; First-class 110, Second-class 20, Third-class 4.

"The Division on the whole is in better condition than last year. There has been a gain in membership, and fewer brothers dropped. The value of the property has increased \$11,690. There have been fewer calls for relief, both from veterans and brothers, consequently not so large an amount has been expended in that direction. The officers on the whole appear to understand their several duties, and are active and efficient."

FRED E. WARNER, *Inspector*.

MICHIGAN.

General Average, 61 per cent; First-class 30, Second-class 15, Third-class 3.

"The comparatively poor showing in ritualistic work is due to the fact that many of our camps are new ones. The membership of the Division has more than doubled during the past year."

GEORGE W. DAVIS, *Inspector*.

MINNESOTA.

General Average, 33 per cent; First-class 8, Second-class 12, Third-class 5.

"On January 1, 1898, there were fifty Camps in the Minnesota Division, thirty-two of which were in good standing and eighteen were in arrears. The thirty-two Camps in good standing reported a total membership of 804. The inspection shows that the Minnesota Division is in a very poor condition. Very few Camps are strong, either numerically or financially, and there is a general lack of interest and enthusiasm that will be the undoing of the Division. An earnest effort was made to have every Camp inspected. Where Camps could not afford the expense, the Division Commander appointed a local member as an assistant inspector, but even under this arrangement it was found that fifty per cent of the camps were too dead to even attempt to hold an inspection."

MILTON S. MEAD, *Inspector*.

MISSOURI.

General Average, 78 per cent; First-class 18, Second-class 14, Third-class 2.

"Three of the seven camps not inspected were not subject to inspection. My first report was received on October 20, 1897, and the last on February 26, 1898."

L. B. PHILLO, *Inspector.*

NEBRASKA.

General Average, 70 per cent; First-class 8, Second-class 11, Third-class 1.

"I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Inspector of the Nebraska Division. I cannot say that this is an A No. 1 Division. The inspection does not show it. We are second-class good and strong however. We have some especially strong Camps, and some too poor to pay the expenses of an inspection. One Camp reports itself \$1.85 in debt, another \$.10 on hand, etc. That the Assistant Inspectors have had compassion on these Camps is evidenced by the fact that it cost but \$11.85 to inspect the entire Division. Camp 12 at Wahoo stands highest with 96 per cent, Camp 5, Fremont, is second with 95 per cent, while Camp 72, South Omaha, is third, with 90 per cent. The "booby" Camp of the State is No. 3, located at Fairmount, having but 47 per cent. This, however, is a new Camp, which may excuse it somewhat, although at the time of its inspection it had been in existence some eight months. It seemed hard for its officers to get properly onto the ropes and get things moving smoothly. This is the only third-class Camp in the Division.

"Some Camps may consider their marking too low, but each had what it seemed to deserve. These are not padded returns. The work has been done on the presumption that the exact condition of each Camp was wanted. As to the officers, I can say but little. Much good work has been done by the Commander in organizing new Camps. The Division, I understand, is out of debt, and may now be said to have its head above water, ready to do some effective work."

R. M. TYSON, *Inspector.*

NEW YORK.

General Average, 83 per cent; First-class 76, Second-class 26, Third-class 2.

"I have the honor to submit the enclosed as my report of the inspection of the New York Division. I am glad to say that we are on the increase, and are gaining ground every day. The Division officers are competent and faithful, and deserve much praise for the splendid condition of the Order in this State. Many new Camps have been organized during the past year, and a large number of suspended ones reinstated. Some of the Camps inspected were not in good standing. This policy was adopted for the reason that it would tend to strengthen and encourage them, and the results fully sustained the belief. The ritualistic work and military features show a marked improvement over last year."

FRANK K. MAPLES, *Inspector.*

OREGON.

General Average, 52 per cent; First-class 1, Second-class 3, Third-class 1.

"In making this report of the Division inspection, I find that no P. W. or C. S. has been issued since January, 1897. That U. S. Grant Camp No 9 lost its entire Camp equipage by fire Dec. 3, 1897. That the G. A. R. Posts interest themselves only in one Camp, in the entire Division. That the Division officers generally are efficient and work hard and zealously to promote the welfare of the Order. That only through the assistance of the Division Commander is it possible to make this report, as all inspections have been made under the personal supervision of the Commander or a member of his staff."

CHARLES B. ORAI, *Inspector.*

PENNSYLVANIA.

General Average, 69 per cent; First-class 101, Second-class 13, Third-class 0.

"I have the honor to submit herewith my consolidated report of the annual inspection of the Pennsylvania Division, giving the total average and percentage

of all Camps inspected on each question. I also include tables, giving the Camps with a percentage of ninety-seven or over; the Camps with a valuation of \$1000 or over; the Camps with a membership of 100 or over; and a list of the Camps in good standing that were not inspected.

"I regret to have to record the fact that a number of the brothers detailed as assistant inspectors were careless and negligent in their work, while the instructions were ample and explicit, many of the assistant inspectors appear to have given but little attention to them, as they filled out the reports according to their own ideas, and this necessitated much additional labor upon this department. Some of the assistant inspectors failed entirely to perform the duties assigned to them. In marking the Camps I have been as lenient as possible, consistent with the proper performance of the duties of my office. Our main point of weakness is in the first six questions relating to the ritualistic work. The low percentage obtained by many of the Camps and the general average of the Division, are materially affected by the negligence or indifference of the five principle officers of the Camp. This ought not to be, and we hope that the present year will show a decided improvement in this feature of inspection. I am aware of the fact that the present ritual is not regarded with favor throughout the Division, especially by the Camps with a low percentage in the first six questions, but the importance of securing a good record for the Camps and Division at the annual inspection should be sufficient incentive for vigorous work in this direction. I have no particular recommendations to make in regard to the ritual, the work in it is grand and beautiful, and it is not beyond the abilities of the average Camp to render. As I said above, our main weakness is not in the ritual, but is in the first six questions, and when our Camps overcome this obstacle, success will be ours. We deem further comment upon the report unnecessary. In addition to the compilation of this report I personally inspected three Camps; made twenty official visits, and conducted a very large correspondence. In conclusion I desire to express to the Division Commander and staff and to the assistant inspectors my appreciation of courtesies received and assistance rendered in the performance of the duties of my office."

FOREST W. BRIGGS, *Inspector.*

RHODE ISLAND.

General Average, 83 per cent; First-class 14, Second-class 0, Third-class 0.

"The Division is in good condition considering the circumstances under which it has labored during the past year, although there is some lack of enthusiasm among a few Camp officers. Appeals have been made to the various G.A.R. Posts to aid and assist the Camps with the results as shown in this report. The Division Commander and staff, have been untiring in their efforts to increase the membership and welfare of the Division."

MICHAEL P. O'FLAHERTY, *Inspector.*

VERMONT.

General Average, 64 per cent; First-class 20, Second-class 12, Third-class 6.

"The Division is once more on the gain, not only in numbers, but in enthusiasm for the Order. The hospitality and hearty goodwill of the brothers is shown by the fact that nearly every Camp in good standing entertained the inspecting officer at its own expense. It is very noticeable that where the Grand Army assist and encourage the brothers by their presence at the meetings, there our best Camps exist, and the downfall of many Camps is traceable to the lack of this support."

IRA E. MORSE, *Inspector.*

WISCONSIN.

General Average, 68 per cent; First-class 17, Second-class 10, Third-class 0.

"The Camps in this Division are widely scattered, and are suffering from the depression of the times. Our best Camps are those in the small cities and villages, and those in the large cities are in very poor shape. Three of the Camps inspected are suspended and practically dead, and have been so for some time."

A. G. HALL, *Inspector.*

The general average and classification of the Divisions not included in the foregoing are as follows: —

State.	General Average.	First-class.	Second-class.	Third-class.
Alabama and Tennessee	33 per cent	2	6	1
Illinois	36 per cent	15	27	4
Kansas	48 per cent	31	10	0
New Hampshire	83 per cent	15	3	0
New Jersey	85 per cent	93	3	0
Ohio	No report			
South Dakota	34 per cent	6	4	0
Washington	77 per cent	17	2	0
West Virginia	28 per cent	0	4	1

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation of the uniform courtesy which I have met with, and to extend my thanks to Commander-in-Chief Darling, Adjutant-General Bolton and Quartermaster-General Loebenstein for many favors extended. Attached to this report will be found "Exhibit A and B," the first containing totals of the first twenty questions and the second showing the percentages.

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

J. FRANK DURSTON,
Inspector-General Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

EXHIBIT "A." — Continued
Table Showing Totals of Second Ten Questions.

Division.	11			12			13			14			15			16			17			18			19			20		
	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.			
Ala. and Tenn.	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1			
Cal. and H.I.	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1			
Colorado	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1			
Connecticut	19	4	3	18	4	3	17	4	3	16	4	3	15	4	3	14	4	3	13	4	3	12	4	3	11	4	3			
Guif.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Illinois	16	4	3	15	4	3	14	4	3	13	4	3	12	4	3	11	4	3	10	4	3	9	4	3	8	4	3			
Indiana	18	10	13	17	10	13	16	10	13	15	10	13	14	10	13	13	10	13	12	10	13	11	10	13	10	13	9	10		
Iowa	5	13	17	4	12	16	3	11	15	2	10	14	1	9	13	2	8	12	1	7	11	1	6	10	1	5	9	10		
Kansas	8	12	17	7	11	16	6	10	15	5	9	14	4	8	13	3	7	12	2	6	11	2	5	10	1	4	9	10		
Kentucky	6	12	17	5	11	16	4	10	15	3	9	14	2	8	13	1	7	12	1	6	11	1	5	10	1	4	9	10		
Maine	24	2	6	23	2	5	22	2	4	21	2	3	20	2	1	19	2	1	18	2	1	17	2	1	16	2	1			
Maryland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Massachusetts	23	5	4	22	5	4	21	5	4	20	5	4	19	5	4	18	5	4	17	5	4	16	5	4	15	5	4			
Michigan	35	3	1	34	3	1	33	3	1	32	3	1	31	3	1	30	3	1	29	3	1	28	3	1	27	3	1			
Minnesota	10	8	12	9	7	11	8	11	10	7	9	10	6	8	9	7	8	9	6	7	8	6	7	8	5	6	7			
Missouri	11	8	12	10	7	11	9	10	8	11	7	10	6	9	8	10	5	9	7	8	6	7	8	5	6	7	8			
Nebraska	2	4	6	3	5	7	4	6	8	5	7	9	6	8	10	7	9	11	8	10	12	9	11	13	10	12	14	11		
New Hampshire	12	3	2	11	2	1	10	2	1	9	2	1	8	2	1	7	2	1	6	2	1	5	2	1	4	2	1			
New Jersey	22	1	1	21	1	1	20	1	1	19	1	1	18	1	1	17	1	1	16	1	1	15	1	1	14	1	1			
New York	58	11	8	57	10	7	56	10	7	55	10	7	54	10	7	53	10	7	52	10	7	51	10	7	50	10	7			
Ohio	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Oregon	79	14	11	78	13	10	77	13	10	76	13	10	75	13	10	74	13	10	73	13	10	72	13	10	71	13	10			
Pennsylvania	13	1	1	12	1	1	11	1	1	10	1	1	9	1	1	8	1	1	7	1	1	6	1	1	5	1	1			
Rhode Island	2	4	3	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
South Dakota	24	3	1	23	3	1	22	3	1	21	3	1	20	3	1	19	3	1	18	3	1	17	3	1	16	3	1			
Vermont	8	4	5	7	3	2	6	3	2	5	3	2	4	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Washington	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
West Virginia	7	6	4	6	5	3	5	4	2	4	3	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Wisconsin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Totals	516	115	101	521	116	102	526	121	107	531	126	112	536	131	117	541	136	122	546	141	127	551	146	132	556	151	138			

EXHIBIT "B." --- Continued.
Table Showing Percentage for Second Ten Questions.

Division.	11		12		13		14		15		16		17		18		19		20		
	Excellent.	Poor.	Excellent.	Poor.	Excellent.	Poor.	Excellent.	Poor.	Excellent.	Poor.	Excellent.	Poor.	Excellent.	Poor.	Excellent.	Poor.	Excellent.	Poor.	Excellent.	Poor.	
Ala. and Temp.	13	5	11	5	28	11	11	11	11	11	44	5	44	5	44	5	50	5	50	5	
Cal. and H.L.	14	61	7	64	50	14	11	57	7	14	61	36	64	36	71	14	59	71	14	85	
Colorado	43	14	28	43	14	37	14	28	7	28	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	85
Connecticut	76	15	62	15	81	7	4	74	7	7	11	33	11	4	89	4	85	11	11	11	41
Illinois	19	51	33	11	35	23	11	41	11	11	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44
Indiana	27	15	11	12	61	7	1	24	11	5	24	45	6	42	7	1	65	1	3	1	92
Iowa	8	11	22	8	26	18	18	15	8	13	64	3	64	4	64	1	64	3	3	2	92
Kansas	13	29	13	17	15	22	41	10	10	17	10	3	37	10	79	11	2	67	3	3	1
Kentucky	46	16	31	39	30	39	54	7	39	15	62	2	61	2	61	3	74	39	7	66	3
Maine	48	1	36	12	22	72	16	4	4	38	40	12	20	20	77	15	2	44	24	18	36
Massachusetts	29	17	46	17	17	50	30	25	25	8	63	20	71	4	88	4	22	17	17	13	70
Maryland	90	4	82	7	94	4	7	88	3	3	39	3	3	17	96	7	86	86	86	86	100
Michigan	62	6	18	22	3	35	10	17	1	48	67	1	1	2	79	70	3	79	3	3	79
Minnesota	20	2	10	6	16	14	2	12	30	16	46	3	50	2	46	2	42	42	42	42	76
Missouri	27	20	27	27	27	27	12	27	43	20	46	2	26	10	73	3	36	36	36	36	76
Nebraska	61	18	63	16	11	5	39	60	11	58	59	6	59	7	95	3	89	89	89	86	95
New Hampshire	81	4	61	27	3	36	8	63	4	13	96	3	96	1	96	1	96	96	96	96	96
New Jersey	81	4	61	27	3	36	8	63	4	13	96	3	96	1	96	1	96	96	96	96	96
New York	55	11	54	12	15	8	5	64	1	8	38	16	38	1	96	1	100	100	100	100	100
Ohio	17	67	17	67	31	60	31	60	82	17	60	33	62	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	17
Oregon	55	10	50	13	7	5	3	61	3	57	13	8	52	1	78	1	33	33	33	33	17
Pennsylvania	62	17	57	35	7	8	4	73	14	13	16	1	92	1	78	1	78	78	78	78	17
Rhode Island	8	17	13	8	13	8	4	15	13	8	10	4	7	7	100	1	100	100	100	100	17
South Dakota	67	7	52	16	14	4	5	63	13	36	10	30	5	30	8	4	23	23	23	23	17
Vermont	38	13	27	33	15	8	15	28	14	33	6	30	0	0	86	5	13	13	13	13	17
Washington	38	13	27	33	15	8	15	28	14	33	6	30	0	0	86	5	13	13	13	13	17
West Virginia	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Wisconsin	23	16	13	35	61	27	3	55	10	13	10	42	81	3	68	6	85	85	85	85	3

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE-GENERAL.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Next in the order is the report of the Judge Advocate-General.

Judge Advocate-General Edward K. Gould of Maine, submitted and read the following report: —

To CHARLES K. DARLING, *Commander-in-Chief*.

Sir: I have the honor to submit my report as Judge Advocate-General for the present term.

Upon assuming the duties of this office my attention was early called to the urgent demand for a codification of the decisions of the Commanders-in-Chief and the opinions of the Judge Advocates-General. Scattered as they are through many volumes of proceedings, some of which are out of print and difficult of access to Camp officers, it was almost impossible to find precedents to guide in forming correct conclusions in regard to the innumerable questions that constantly arise in the administration of the affairs of the Order.

SONS OF VETERANS' DIGEST.

The condition of the finances had not permitted the publication of the Blue Book, and to provide a substitute that would be compact and within the means of the Order, and at the same time meet this urgent demand for a book of decisions, became the first duty of this Department. During seven years' continuous service as Judge-Advocate of the Maine Division, I had from time to time annotated and kept up in the form of an index-digest the official decisions of the Commander-in-Chief, as they appeared in the published proceedings.

I found this arrangement most convenient for ready reference, and in its completed state it has the value of being the result of years of experience and constant use. By the orderly and logical subdivision of topics such as is used in this digest, it is easy to find any and all decisions bearing upon a particular subject.

During the latter part of October I submitted a proposition to the Commander-in-Chief to take upon myself the task of preparing a digest of decisions for the use of the Order. The proposal at once met with favor at the hands of the Commander-in-Chief, who issued the necessary authority for the preparation of the work in Special Order No. 2.

I entered upon my task with zeal, and after two months of labor produced the digest now in use. In its preparation the greatest care was taken to eliminate obsolete and overruled decisions, so that those embodied in the work can be relied upon as authority. While in the arrangement of the topics the work follows the form and combines all the good qualities of an index-digest, it is something more than that, inasmuch as the necessity of referring to the original decision is obviated by the full and complete statement in the digest of each point decided.

I have endeavored, however, not to lose sight of the fact that the value of a digest depends upon the succinct and accurate statement of the exact point decided in each case. As one of the results of this purpose there has been compressed into seventy-two pages an amount

of matter which, if printed in full, would, I believe, cover between three hundred and four hundred pages of the same size and style of type as that in the digest.

In the preparation of the work I was very materially aided by the Commander-in-Chief and Quartermaster General Loebenstein. From the first the Commander-in-Chief manifested the greatest interest in the work, and the proof sheets were sent him and the Quartermaster-General as fast as received from the printer. These he critically examined and carefully revised, his rare legal training and experience as compiler of the early laws of Massachusetts making his assistance invaluable. The suggestions of the Quartermaster-General were always timely and I considered myself fortunate in having the aid of an officer of such ability and experience in the affairs of the Commandery-in-Chief.

At the suggestion of the Commander-in-Chief, Decisions I. to IX. and Opinions I. to VII. of the present Commander-in-Chief and Judge Advocate-General were included in the digest as an appendix.

The book was printed under my direct supervision, and such a number of copies as were needed for the immediate use of the Order, were turned over in bulk to the Quartermaster-General, who in turn supplied the Divisions on requisition. That the work is proving of value to the Order I have abundant evidence, and that it will bear the test of time and constant use I have no reason to doubt.

OFFICIAL OPINIONS.

The Commander-in-Chief has required of me twenty-four opinions upon various subjects, all of which have been submitted to and approved by him and are herewith subjoined. Each opinion has been prepared with a syllabus and digest of its contents, which I believe will meet with such favor with the Order that opinions hereafter drawn will conform to the practice established this present term.

COURTS-MARTIAL.

But three cases of courts-martial have been passed upon since my appointment, and of this number one was approved and two disapproved. The many errors and irregularities in the records of courts-martial are due to the carelessness of Judge Advocates in preparing them and could readily be avoided by a little care.

While technicalities should never be permitted to interfere with the speedy conviction and punishment of offenders against our laws, there are certain rules that must be observed in order to insure the impartial administration of justice. A departure from any one of them is fatal to any case. In at least two respects the faulty condition of the blanks used in courts-martial is responsible for errors, and the first of these that comes to my attention is the blank order convening the court and appointing its members. In this, blank spaces for the detailing of eight brothers are provided, when but five are authorized by the General Rules and Regulations, and the appointing of a larger number is fatal to the case.

One other serious defect in the blanks for courts-martial is the ambiguity in the instructions as to the method of procedure when the

accused is absent. To this cause may be assigned the very common and inconsistent error of reporting the accused absent and also that he was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. I am of the opinion that the blanks for courts-martial should be subjected to a thorough revision that the irregularities and inconsistencies in the record due to faulty construction may be eliminated.

I have been called upon in several instances to render informal opinions to the Commander-in-Chief, and have done so in each case. Questions have also come to me through irregular channels, and in every instance I have replied, giving instructions as to the proper course to pursue, or to save delay and for the general good of the Order, an informal opinion has been forwarded.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

It has been my pleasant duty, as a member of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, to be present at the reception tendered him by Shepley Camp No. 4, of Portland, Me., and to also be in attendance upon him during his official visits to the Encampments of the Massachusetts Division and of the Ladies' Aid Societies, at Boston, February 22. Together with Adjutant-General Bolton, I attended the annual Encampment of the Maine Division at Pittsfield, June 8 and 9, the Commander-in-Chief being absent at the time with his regiment in the field, rendering honorable service to his country in the conflict with Spain.

ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE.

I believe it to be proper to call attention to the importance of so framing the terms of the eligibility clause, as to remove all doubt that it embraces every person whose father is eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. There should also be such a clear and explicit limitation of the term, "The Civil War of 1861-1865," that it would be possible to give it but one construction. As it now reads, legal minds can widely differ in regard to just the exact point of time embraced in the term.

DUES OF VOLUNTEERS.

Legislation should also be passed authorizing Camps to remit the dues of members serving in the army and navy of the United States in time of war, and relieving Camps from *per capita* tax upon members whose dues are thus remitted.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report I must express my thanks to the Commander-in-Chief for his courtesy and consideration at all times, and for the very pleasant relations we have sustained as Commander and subordinate. To Adjutant-General Bolton and Quartermaster-General Loebenstein I am under obligations for many favors, and I beg that they will accept these assurances of my highest regard.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion I.—(Decision I., Commander-in-Chief).

CHARTER: Minimum number of members in good standing necessary to hold.

QUORUM: When the return of a Camp shows a less number than a, in good standing, the Division Commander should demand the surrender of its charter.

Commander Charles L. Pierce of the Division of California asks relative to the number of members in good standing necessary to hold the charter of a Camp.

If a Camp has a sufficient number of members in good standing to make a quorum, and complies fully with the law in regard to making returns and paying *per capita* tax to the Division, its charter cannot be taken from it. But should the returns of a Camp show less than a quorum of members in good standing, then I conceive it to be the duty of the Division Commander to demand the surrender of its charter, and all books, papers and property in its possession belonging to the Order.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., Sept. 23, 1897.

Opinion II.—(Decision II., Commander-in-Chief.)

COURTS-MARTIAL—PAST CAPTAIN—Original jurisdiction not in Commander-in-Chief to convene court for trial of.

PAST OFFICERS—Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past Grand Division Commanders are the only, over which the Commander-in-Chief has original courts-martial jurisdiction.

INDECENT AND UNBECOMING WORDS, although not actionable in themselves, when addressed to a veteran of the late war, make the user subject to courts-martial.

SENTENCE—One year's suspension from membership not excessive, for using indecent and unbecoming words to a veteran.

VETERANS—Rule of conduct that should govern members in their relations to.

In the matter of the courts-martial of Past Captain Charles F. Perkins of Camp No. 8, Division of Massachusetts.

This case comes up on appeal from the decision of the Commander of the Massachusetts Division, modifying the sentence of the court from two years' suspension from membership to one year.

The record of the proceedings and accompanying papers are respectfully returned with the following memorandum:—

The chief contention of the accused is that a courts-martial for the trial of a Past Captain can only be ordered by the Commander-in-Chief. Chapter V., Article VI, Section 3 of the Rules and Regulations, reads in part: "Courts-martial may be ordered by the Captains of Camps, Commanders of Divisions, or by the Commander-in-Chief, for the trial of alleged offenders in their respective jurisdictions. The Commander-in-Chief shall, whenever charges are preferred against any past officer, order a Court of Inquiry or courts-martial, as may be deemed advisable," etc. When the various parts of this section are considered together, it is evident that the Commander-in-Chief has control for courts-martial purposes over such officers, and past officers only, as are within his jurisdiction. This would embrace the Past Commanders-in-Chief and the Past Grand Division Commanders. A fair and liberal construction of this section cannot give him original courts-martial jurisdiction over the seven thousand or more Past Captains, scattered as they are over wide territory. To do this would be to cause grave injustice in many cases. It needs but a cursory comparison of this section as it now exists, and as it existed prior to its complete revision by the Commandery-in-Chief, to note the intent to curtail and limit the courts-martial jurisdiction of the Commander-in-Chief, and to enlarge that of the Camp Captain and the Division Commander.

The language which the testimony shows the appellant used toward a Grand Army comrade is grossly indecent, and unbecoming a member of our

Order, whose conduct toward the veterans of the late war should at all times be deferential and respectful. The words themselves would not be actionable in a court of law, nor does it appear in evidence that they were used in a public manner, or that any injury to the party addressed followed their use. But this case is peculiar, and the ordinary rules governing such matters cannot be applied to it. A soldier in the service addressing such language to an officer under the same circumstances would be summarily punished. The respect and deference paid by a private to an officer in the service, should be the rule of conduct governing members of our Order in their relations to the veterans of the Union. A member of our Order, when he takes upon himself the obligations of this organization, engages to assume toward old soldiers an attitude of reverence such as men whose memory it is our sworn duty to keep green, are entitled to have shown them. Any marked deviation from this rule is such an infraction of discipline as to call for punishment, and the case in issue is a flagrant violation of this rule. The sentence of the court, as modified by the Division Commander, is not excessive when compared with the nature of the offence. I am constrained, therefore, to recommend that the appeal be dismissed, that the record and proceedings of the court be declared regular; that the findings of court be approved, and that the decision of the Division Commander in modifying the sentence of the court to suspension from membership for one year be affirmed.

Rockland, Me., Sept. 25, 1897.

EDWARD K GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion III.— (Decision III., Commander-in-Chief.)

DISPENSATION—A Division Commander has no power to grant, to one Camp for the muster of a recruit of another Camp.

TRANSFER—A candidate who has only received the degrees of Friendship and Charity not entitled to a.

JURISDICTION—A Camp can surrender, over a recruit who has only received the degrees of Friendship and Charity, changes his residence and desires to take the degree of Loyalty in another Camp.

Capt. R. B. Howard of Camp 37, Division of Massachusetts, asks through the Commander of that Division for information on the following subject: One Lewis Cross paid the muster fees and received the first and second degrees in Camp 37 and then moved to Boston; now he wishes to know if he can take his third degree there, and then get a transfer from this Camp and join there. I fail to find any information in the C. R. & R., and thought perhaps we might get a dispensation to have the third degree conferred there.

The C. R. & R is silent upon the question raised here, nor are there precedents to guide in forming an opinion. It would seem to be the intent of the law to place a candidate who has been accepted absolutely and solely within the jurisdiction of the Camp that accepted him, and that Camp alone would have the right to confer all the degrees upon him. But a Camp may surrender its jurisdiction over a candidate if it so elects, even after it has conferred two degrees upon him. The case under consideration cannot be reached by dispensation from the Division Commander, who has no power to grant one in such cases, nor can it be facilitated by the issue of a transfer card by the Captain of Camp 37, as transfer cards can only be granted to *members* of the Order, and it is already a matter of decision that a recruit is not a "member" until he has received three degrees, or, under the recently amended article governing this matter (Chapter V., Article XX.), as changed by the Indianapolis Encampment, until he receives the obligation of membership, etc., in the degree of Loyalty. The only course for Lewis Cross to pursue, if he cannot take the degree of Loyalty in Camp 37, and then receive his transfer card, is to make application for membership to a Boston Camp, accompanied by the written statement that he has on a certain date or dates taken in due form the degrees of Friendship and Charity in Camp 37, Massachusetts Division, but has not yet received the degree of Loyalty. The Camp to which he makes application should by vote ask Camp 37, to waive jurisdiction, and on receiving the request Camp 37, may on formal ballot surrender its jurisdiction over this can-

didate and certify its action under the hands of its Captain and First Sergeant and the seal of the Camp, to the Camp preferring the request. Then the candidate should be balloted upon, and if elected, may become a member of the Order by receiving the degree of Loyalty in the Camp to which his last application was made. It is enjoined upon Camp 37, and the Camp in which Lewis Cross receives the Loyalty degree, to extend at large upon their minutes all documents interchanged with reference to this matter, together with the action taken thereupon, in order that the record may be as complete as possible.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., Oct. 23, 1897.

Opinion IV. — (Decision IV., Commander-in-Chief.)

COURTS-MARTIAL — A brother serving a sentence of suspension cannot be tried on another charge during the period of suspension.

There is in Camp No. 8, Division of Massachusetts, a case as follows: A brother who is under sentence of suspension, which will expire in June, 1898, has some property of the Camp which it is essential for the Camp to have, and immediately. He refuses to give the property to the Camp and we would like to know if the brother can be tried for this later offence while under sentence of former.

Answer no. See Opinion LXXVII., Blue Book, page 74. If all friendly measures have been exhausted in the endeavor to recover the property, perhaps legal proceedings could be resorted to in order to obtain possession.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., Nov. 2, 1897.

Opinion V. — (Decision VII., Commander-in-Chief.)

SUSPENDED MEMBER — When he becomes so by operation of law.

DROPPED MEMBER — When he becomes so by operation of law.

SUSPENSION — Vote of Camp not necessary for.

In the matter of the appeal of Camp No. 47, Division of Missouri, from the decision of the Division Commander, holding that members are illegally suspended when no vote of the Camp is taken thereupon, and that brothers must be suspended before they can be dropped, I would say:

That it is my opinion that the decision of the Division Commander should be reversed. Decisions IX. and XXVI. of Commander-in-Chief Russell, upon which his action is based, passes upon legislation that was repealed at the Louisville Encampment, consequently they cannot now be accepted as precedents upon the subject of suspension of members. Under Article IV., Section 3, page 53, C, R. & R., as it now reads, a brother six months in arrears in the payment of his dues is a suspended member, and a brother one year in arrears in the payment of said dues is "dropped." The fact that a brother may not have been reported suspended or dropped in the quarterly reports, and his name does not appear as "suspended" or "dropped" upon the Camp records does not alter the case whatever. The law governing this matter is mandatory. It is not in the power of Camps or their officers to control the suspension or dropping of members. If a brother is six months in arrears in the payment of his dues he is suspended. If one year in arrears he is dropped. The very fact of his arrearage for these specified periods constitutes suspension and deposition from membership within the meaning of the law, and the neglect of Camp officers to report him suspended or dropped, and to make the entry upon the records of the Camp, does not affect the case. In the matter under consideration seven brothers were reported suspended. No vote of the Camp was necessary to suspend them. Six members were reported dropped although some of them had not been previously reported as suspended. They were legally dropped notwithstanding this neglect of duty on the part of the Camp officers. Therefore, I am of the opinion that the appeal should be sustained.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., Nov. 20, 1897.

Opinion VI. — (Decision VIII., Commander-in-Chief.)

TRANSFER — Issued to a Division officer does not vacate the office under certain circumstances.

A member of a disbanded Camp receives a transfer card, as provided for in Section 4, Article III., C., R. & R. He at once becomes a charter member of a new Camp. When his former Camp disbanded he held the position of, say, Junior Vice-Commander. Can he, during the interim between the disbandment of the old and formation of the new, retain his position as Junior Vice-Commander, continuing as such until the end of the term?

Under the above statement of facts, where the Camp to which a Division officer belongs disbands, and he, being in good standing, is granted a transfer card and uses due diligence to keep in good standing in the Order by forthwith depositing it in another Camp, or by becoming a charter member of a new Camp, I am of opinion that the Division office held by him is not vacated.

EDWARD K GOULD,

Rockland, Me., Nov. 25, 1897.

Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion VII. — (Decision IX., Commander-in-Chief.)

PAST CAPTAIN — A sitting Captain must serve to the end of his term to attain past rank.

Commander W. P. Feder of the Kansas Division, submits the case of O. M. Lippert, who was elected Captain of Smith Semple Camp of that Division in December, 1896, and served until the early part of the following December when his Camp surrendered its charter. He received a transfer, which acknowledges him as sitting Captain, and deposited it in Camp 223, of the same Division. Is he entitled to honors as Past Captain?

I am constrained to answer in the negative. To attain the rank of Past Captain and to earn the right to the Iron Cross, a sitting Captain must have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end of the term. Captain Lippert's term did not expire until the first stated meeting of his Camp in January, and the surrender of its charter in December prevented him from completing a full term in the chair. The inequality of the law relating to past rank is made painfully manifest in this case, but the power to remedy it does not lie in the Commander-in-Chief. His duty, and that of his legal adviser, ends when the law as it exists is interpreted according to its terms.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Rockland, Me., Jan. 5, 1898.

Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion VIII. — (Decision X., Commander-in-Chief.)

COURTS-MARTIAL — When composed of seven members, proceedings fatally defective.

ADJOURNMENT — Without notice to the accused irregular.

DETAIL — Cannot be changed without notice to the accused.

In the matter of the courts-martial of Brother Adolph Derusha of Camp No. 25, Division of Wisconsin.

The proceedings are respectfully returned with the following memorandum: —

1. The courts-martial in this case consisted of seven members, two of whom were added after the regular detail had been made and without notice to the accused. A courts-martial should consist of just five members, and a change in the detail before trial cannot be made without notice to the accused.

2. It appears that the Court "adjourned from time to time to January 11, 1898," but notice of the adjournment was not given the accused and proof thereof incorporated in the record.

I am therefore of the opinion that the proceedings are fatally defective, and that the findings and sentence cannot be approved.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Rockland, Me., Feb. 5, 1898.

Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion IX.—(Decision XII., Commander-in-Chief.)

INFAMOUS CRIME — Defined.
BURGLARY — An "infamous crime."

My opinion is requested on the following question: Is the crime of burglary committed by a youth of the age of fifteen years, for which he was sentenced and committed to the State Reform School, under a law that offenders under the age of sixteen years be committed to such Reform School instead of State Prison, an infamous crime within the meaning of Section 1, Article V., of C. R. & R. of the S. of V.?

A crime punishable by imprisonment in the State Prison or penitentiary, whether the accused is or is not sentenced to hard labor, is an infamous crime; and in determining this, the question is whether the crime is one for which the statute authorizes the courts to award an infamous punishment, and not whether the punishment actually imposed is an infamous one. Burglary is an infamous crime, and persons of whatever age convicted of it are not eligible to membership in our Order.

Rockland, Me., Feb. 18, 1898.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion X.—(Decision XIII., Commander-in-Chief.)

TRANSFER — Member of a disbanded Camp entitled to, if in good standing, even if he has entered another Camp as a new member.

L. Lewy belonged to Logan Camp of the New Jersey Division and at the time of its suspension was a member in good standing, and when that Camp surrendered its charter and the majority of its members organized McClellan Camp No. 50, there were no transfer cards issued by the Division Commander. He has since applied to me for such transfer and claims that he should have been granted one by the Division Commander at the time of the surrender of the charter of Logan Camp. Meanwhile he has joined Wocmer Camp No. 1, as a new member, but says if transfer is granted he will resign and join on such transfer. He makes this application so as to retain his rank of Past Captain. Will you kindly give me a decision as to the legality of my issuing this transfer?

If this man was in good standing at the time of the *dissolution* of Logan Camp, he was clearly entitled to a transfer card, and one may issue to him now, which if deposited in Camp No. 1, will entitle him to past honors.

Rockland, Me., Feb. 18, 1898.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion XI. — (Decision XIV., Commander-in-Chief.)

BOND — A joint bond, or a bond from each member of the Camp Council, may be required in the discretion of the Camp.

"JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY"—Meaning of, as employed in Chapter V., Article VII., Section 2. C. R. & R.

"AND" and "OR"—Are convertible as the sense of a law may require.

My opinion is required on the following question submitted by Commander L. C. Couch of the Massachusetts Division:

Referring to Section 2, Article 7, Chapter 5 of the C. R. & R., I would request you to explain the following to me, namely: "members of the Camp Council holding the funds of their Camp shall be required jointly and severally to give bond." Does this mean that each member of the Camp Council shall give a bond, or that the three members jointly shall give one bond, or, that they shall give a joint bond and also an individual one?

The meaning of this section is obscure and it is difficult to determine the framer's intent. I am inclined to the opinion, however, that the well settled rule in the construction of statutes that the words "and" and "or" are convertible as the sense of a statute may require, should be applied to this case, so that "jointly and severally" shall read "jointly or severally." Then a Camp

could, if it desired, require all the members to join in one bond, or it could require each member of the Council to give a bond, as in its discretion seems for the best interests of the organization.

Rockland, Me., March 28, 1898.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion XII. -- (Decision XV., Commander-in-Chief.)

MEMBERSHIP— When father enlists under assumed name, son eligible how.

Commander J. M. Diven of the New York Division asks whether a man, whose father enlisted and was lost sight of, or presumably deserted, but afterwards re-enlisted and was honorably discharged under an assumed name, was eligible to membership?

Yes; the applicant should sign his own name, give his father's correct name, and also his alias, with an explanation, and satisfactory evidence that the applicant is the son of the soldier referred to. See Decision XV., Commander-in-Chief Russell, page 46, Digest.

Rockland, Me., April 7, 1898.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion XIII. — (Decision XVI., Commander-in-Chief.)

PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING— How the Division Encampment may legally fix same.

DIVISION COUNCIL— Can fix time and place of meeting only when no provision has been made for same.

DIVISION COMMANDER— May by vote be authorized to fix place or time of meeting.

My opinion is asked on the following matter submitted by Commander William W. Lapoint of the Vermont-Division.

At the last Division Encampment of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, held at Lyndonville in 1897, the question of place and date for the next Division Encampment was disposed of as follows: A motion was made that the place for the next Encampment be left to the next Division Commander, Senior Vice and Junior Vice Division Commanders. A brother raised the question as to the legality of such action when the C., R. & R. provided that in case the Encampment failed to act, the Division Council shall select place and date. The motion was not carried, although the "minutes" say it was. If the motion had been passed, would the three officers named in it had any power to select place or dates for the next Encampment? Is it not a matter that rests with the Division Council? Is it a subject that can be taken from the hands of one set of officers and given to another without a repeal of the Constitution? Would the placing of the matter in the hands of the Commander, Senior Vice-Commander and Junior Vice-Commander be such action by the Encampment as takes away the C., R. & R. provision that the Division Council shall select the place? Whether that motion was passed or not, would it give any other officer or officers of the Division power to take the place of the Division Council as provided in C., R. & R.? Please give me an immediate ruling on this point. Under the circumstances would there be any way for this Division to hold its annual Encampment this year, save by vote of the elective members of the Division Council?

This matter involves the construction of Section 2, Article III., page 24, C., R. & R. (Edition of 1894) which is as follows: "Section 2. At the said meeting provision may be made for the stated yearly meeting of the succeeding year, and a day (between the above named dates), place and hour designated. . . . In case of failure of the Encampment to make such provision, the Division Council is authorized to act." The practice has become universal in our Order for Division Encampments to authorize the Division Commander to fix the time of meeting of the succeeding Division Encampment, and to designate the place. While it might not be considered wise always to vest this power in the first three

Division officers, yet I can see no legal objection to its being done. Clearly the Division Encampment has under this section the power to make such provision for its annual meeting as in its wisdom the best interests of the Order demand. It may fix the place, day and hour by vote, or it may authorize the Division Commander to do so. It can, by vote, designate the place of meeting and leave with the Division Commander the naming of the day and hour. Only in case of failure of the Encampment to designate place, day or hour, or to direct the Division Commander to do so, is the Division Council authorized to act.

A copy of the printed proceedings of the Lyndonville Encampment has not been submitted to me, and I am unable to judge whether or not they have been approved, and become the legal record of that meeting. As there seems to be a question about the vote authorizing the fixing of the time and place of meeting, as it appears of record, I suggest that the first three officers decide upon time and place, and submit their decision to the Division Council for ratification.

Rockland, Me., April 7, 1898.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Opinion XIV. — (Decision XVII., Commander-in-Chief.)

MEMBERS SUSPENDED — By courts-martial liable for dues during period of suspension.

My opinion is asked on the following: —

The question has arisen as to whether a brother suspended by courts-martial is liable for his dues during the time he is so suspended. Will you kindly, at your early convenience, give me your opinion on the question?

Sect. 3, Article III., page 52, C., R. & R. (Edition of 1894), reads: "Sect. 3. Each Camp shall cause to be paid into the Camp fund by each and every member, such sums as dues as the Camp shall determine upon." A brother serving a sentence of suspension does not cease to be a member of the Order, but is merely precluded from participating in the affairs of the Order. Under the above section he is liable for dues during the entire period of his suspension.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., April 16, 1898.

Opinion XV. — (Decision XVIII., Commander-in-Chief.)

COMMISSION — A Camp officer not legally such if not commissioned.

Is the Captain of a Camp really in command if he has not received his commission, and would he be entitled to the honors of a Past Captain under the same circumstances? My reason for asking is that this Division has amended its by-laws so as to fix a charge of twenty-five cents for each commission issued; the result is that not more than half of the Camp officers will pay the fee, but serve without any commission.

A Division Commander for legal cause may withhold the commission of a Camp officer, but if by negligence upon the part of a Division Commander a commission is not issued to a Camp officer, such officer would have his remedy and would not suffer by the inches of his superior. It has already been decided that a Division Encampment has the power to establish a fee for the commission of a Camp officer (see Digest, page 38), and that a Division Commander has power to withhold the commission until such fee is paid. I am of the opinion, however, that a Camp officer cannot legally be such without a commission. That is his authority for acting. It is notice to him and to the Order that he has been legally elected, duly installed and that all regulations and laws relating to his election and induction into office, have been complied with. If the Captain-elect of a Camp refuses or neglects to pay the fee for his commission, established by the Division Encampment, the Division Commander, after notice to the delinquent, should decline to recognize him as Camp Captain, and if he still refuses or neglects to pay, he becomes a subject for discipline.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., April 16, 1898.

Opinion XVI.—(Decision XIX., Commander-in-Chief.)

DROPPED MEMBERS — Cannot be honorably discharged when.

My opinion is asked on the following matter submitted by Commander Couch of the Massachusetts Division.

A brother was dropped from the rolls of a Camp for non-payment of dues, but subsequently paid all arrearages in full, together with the muster fee, and wished to be again mustered in. He now finds that he is about to leave the city and is unable to be at any of the meetings of the Camp to be mustered, therefore he desires an honorable discharge, as he has paid all money due the Camp. Can the Camp Captain legally grant him one without his being remustered?

I must answer this question in the negative. I have no knowledge of any law of our Order that would authorize the issue of an honorable discharge by a Captain of a Camp to a brother who has been dropped, under the facts as stated above.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., May 20, 1898.

Opinion XVII.—(Decision XX., Commander-in-Chief.)

VOLUNTEERS — PER CAPITA TAX — DUES — Cannot be remitted.

Division Commander Dillon of Missouri submits, and you refer, for an opinion, a resolve adopted by the Encampment of that Division exempting from per capita tax and recommending that Camps remit the dues of all members in good standing, now in the army or navy of the United States. I regret to be compelled to give an opinion declaring this resolution unconstitutional, but such it undoubtedly is. Chapter V., Article IV., Section 3, C., R. & R., prescribes the only conditions under which a Camp is authorized to remit the dues of any of its members. (See Opinion V. of Judge Advocate-General Russell, page 10, S. V. Digest.) Nor is power given Divisions to remit per capita tax (see Decision XXV., Commander-in-Chief Maccabe, page 59, S. V. Digest). To honor our brave soldier members in the manner sought by this resolve, recourse must be had to the supreme legislative body of the Order.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., July 5, 1898.

Opinion XVIII. — (Decision XXI., Commander-in-Chief.)

CAPTAIN — Cannot remove permanently Camp records and property from chartered location of Camp.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE — Should be granted to Camp officers now in the army or navy by the Division Commander without formal application.

SUSPENDED MEMBERS — How reinstated when all the Camp officers are absent from the jurisdiction.

My opinion is asked on the following questions: —

Has the Captain the right to take the charter and other records and Camp property out of the State?

No.

Are the officers and members of a Camp composed of soldiers of the regular army now in Cuba, engaged in the war with Spain, absent without leave?

The Division Commander should grant a leave of absence to all officers absent under such circumstances, and local Camps should extend the same favor to members serving in the army or navy.

How can we get the records of a Camp composed of soldiers of the regular army, now at the front, with the Camp records in their possession, provided we are entitled to them?

The records should not be removed from the chartered location of the Camp. The Division Commander should demand the return of the records, designating some brother to receive them.

Is there any method by which the suspended members of this Camp, now residing in the city which is the chartered location of the Camp, can be reinstated?

It appears by the statement accompanying these questions that the Camp referred to was composed, with but a single exception, of soldiers of the regular army, and that but one member in good standing remains at the chartered location. Several suspended members desire to join him in keeping up the Camp. Under such circumstances the Division Commander can authorize this member to receive and receipt for the dues of the suspended members until a quorum is in good standing; then a meeting can be held, pro tem., appointments to the various offices made, and the active work of the Camp resumed. The person designated as Acting Captain can continue as such until the return of the Captain, or the expiration of the term, exercising all the powers and performing all the duties of a Camp Commander, as defined in the C., R. & R.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., July 5, 1898.

Opinion XIX.— (Decision XXII., Commander-in-Chief.)

OBIGATION OF MEMBERSHIP— Is the obligation in the degree of Loyalty.

My opinion is requested on the following questions:—

How many of the obligations in the present Ritual must be administered to a recruit to legally muster him in accordance with the amendments to Chapter V., Article XX., Section 2, C., R. & R., adopted by the 16th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief?

As amended the section referred to reads as follows: "Section 2. The full use of the ritualistic ceremonies in the muster of recruits is optional with Camps; but the obligation of membership, the closing instruction by the captain in the degree of Loyalty, in presenting the insignia of the Order, and the demonstration of the secret work shall never be omitted." Under this section I would hold that but one obligation need be taken by a recruit to legally muster him, and that one is the obligation of membership—or to be more definite, the obligation in the degree of Loyalty.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., July 5, 1898.

Opinion XX.— (Decision XXIII., Commander-in-Chief.)

PAST CAPTAIN— takes precedence in Camp he joins by transfer from date of his admission.

My opinion is asked on the following question: A Past Captain whose commission is dated in 1891 deposits his transfer in a Camp chartered in 1895. Does he rank as a Past Captain in the latter Camp from the date he attained to past honors, or from the date of his admission into said Camp by transfer?

I am of the opinion that he takes precedence in said Camp as a Past Captain from the date of his admission on transfer. This would be the date of his membership in the latter Camp, and it seems equitable that he take precedence as a Past Captain from the time he becomes a member of it, rather than from the time he acquired past honors in another Camp.

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., July 12, 1898.

Opinion XXI.— (Decision XXIV., Commander-in-Chief.)

DIVISION ENCAMPMENT—Printed Proceedings substituted for written record.

Commander J. W. S. Dillon of the Missouri Division requests and you ask an opinion on the following resolution adopted by the recent Encampment of the Missouri Division: That a printed copy of the Division proceedings be kept on file at Division Headquarters, same to be bound every four years into a volume, instead of recopying same in the record book.

I am of the opinion that a Division Encampment has the power to pass such a resolution as the above, but hope the practice thus established in this

Division will not become universal. Each printed copy of the proceedings of the Division Encampments so retained for filing and binding, should bear the written certificate of the Adjutant, or other officer preparing them for publication, under the seal of the Division, that it is a true and correct record.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., July 23, 1898.

Opinion XXII. — (Decision XXV., Commander-in-Chief.)

"PERSONAL STAFF." — Division Chaplain and Surgeon are on the personal staff of Division Commander.

INSIGNIA OF RANK. — Division Surgeon and Chaplain wear the insignia designated for the personal staff of the Division Commander.

My opinion is asked on the following question: —

Article XIV., Section 1, Page 69, General Rules and Regulations prescribes that the insignia of rank for members of the Personal Staff of Division Commander is a miniature rank strap with one bar; am I to understand that is the insignia intended for the Division Surgeon and Chaplain?

As the Division Surgeon and Chaplain are members of the personal staff of the Division Commander, and as no special provision is made for their insignia in the General Rules and Regulations, I am of the opinion that they would be entitled to wear the insignia provided for the personal staff of the Division Commander, i.e., the miniature rank strap with one bar.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., Aug. 15, 1898.

Opinion XXIII. — (Decision XXVI., Commander-in-Chief.)

PAST CAPTAIN — Rejoining his old Camp from another on transfer, takes precedence as a Past Captain from the date of his acceptance on transfer.

I am required to give an opinion on the following: —

A Past Captain whose commission is dated 1894, transferred from the Camp of which he was formerly Captain and deposited his transfer in a Camp in the Oregon Division. Now in 1898 he returns to his former Camp in this Division. Does he take precedence in same Camp as if he had continued his membership there, and rank as a Past Captain from the date he attained his past honors?

The question of precedence of a Past Captain in the Camp he joins on transfer is passed upon in Opinion XX. of Judge Advocate-General Gould. This case differs from the one stated in that opinion in that the Past Captain after taking out a transfer from the Camp in which he acquired his past honors, and depositing it in another, of which he continued a member for some years, again takes out a transfer and rejoins his old Camp. I am inclined to the opinion that the principle laid down in Opinion XX holds good in this case. A Past Captain who takes out a transfer and becomes a member of another Camp loses the right to take precedence as a Past Captain from the date he attained his past honors, even though he may rejoin on transfer from another Camp the Camp in which he acquired the rank of Past Captain. I can conceive of but one exception to this rule, and that cannot be brought into this case under the above statement of facts.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

Rockland, Me., Aug. 15, 1898.

Opinion XXIV. — (Decision XXVII., Commander-in-Chief.)

COURTS-MARTIAL — NOTICE TO ACCUSED — dated and served March 21, 1898, summoning accused to appear on the 19th day of the preceding February is irregular.

MEMBERSHIP OF COURT — Should consist of five; no more, no less.

ADJOURNMENT — If absent from trial, accused must have notice of adjournment.

RECORD OF COURT — Is irregular that states that accused was absent, yet he was arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

BURGLARY — Courts-martial has no jurisdiction to try a person for crime of burglary. It can pass on the fact that he has been convicted and sentenced for that crime by a court of competent jurisdiction.

SPECIFICATION — To make out a *prima facie* case of burglary the specification should set out the court record of his trial and conviction.

DOCUMENTS — In the record of a court must be marked as exhibits.

PUBLIC RECORDS — How proved before courts-martial.

COURTS-MARTIAL proceedings in the case of William E. Teetor of William Meade Camp, No. 46, Division of Ohio, are herewith returned.

The following irregularities appear upon the face thereof : —

1. The copy of the notice to the accused in the record is dated March 21, 1898, and cites the accused to appear before a courts-martial ordered by the "Ohio Division" to be held for his trial the "19th day of February" preceding the date of the summons. This notice was served by mail March 21, 1898.

2. The court consists of seven members: The C, R. & R. limits the number of members to five and no more.

3. The court met April 5, 1898, pursuant to the order convening it. Whereupon it adjourned to June 18, 1898, and at that time found the accused guilty, and passed sentence upon him although it does not appear by the record that notice of the adjournment was sent the accused.

4. The record states that the accused was not present at the trial, nor was he represented by counsel, yet according to the record he was arraigned and pleaded "not guilty."

5. The charge is: "The commission of a scandalous crime against the laws of the land," and the specification to the charge sets forth that the said brother did break into and enter the dwelling-house of a certain person named therein at a certain specified time and place, and with the aid of an accomplice, stole certain articles which are named and the value given. This specification is defective in that it sets out facts that constitute a crime over which courts-martial of our Order have no jurisdiction, and to assume it would be to usurp the functions of the criminal courts. It was evidently intended to make out a *prima facie* case against the accused, but the specification fails to set it forth in that it does not allege that the accused was convicted of the crime of burglary by a court of competent jurisdiction, and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the State penitentiary.

6. The only evidence that appears in the record is the statement that "The indictment rendered by the grand jury of Hamilton Co., State of Ohio, against Bro. Wm A Teetor was then read." Among the papers submitted is a document purporting to be a copy of an indictment found against one William A. Teetor, bearing as endorsements what purports to be certain docket entries in the case. It is not authenticated by the signature and seal of the clerk having the custody of the original, nor by the testimony of any witness who may have compared it with the court records. There is also a letter submitted purporting to come from the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton County, Ohio, which is not identified, and which would not be competent evidence in a case like this if it were. There are three ways by which a public record can be proved before a courts-martial: First, by the production of the record itself. Second, by a copy duly certified by the proper officer. Third, by an examined copy sworn or affirmed to by an unoffical witness who made the examination. Because lacking in one of these essentials, the so-called indictment would not be competent evidence were it properly made a part of the record of the court. Furthermore there is no evidence before the court that identifies the accused as the person charged with the crime of burglary in this document purporting to be an indictment. For these reasons the evidence is not sufficient to make out a *prima facie* case against the accused.

7. On the specification to the charge the accused is found guilty, but a finding is not recorded on the charge. The accused is then sentenced to be dishonorably discharged and dismissed from the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. Some of the irregularities in this record could perhaps be cured by reconvening

the court; others cannot be reached in this manner, and are fatal to the case, and I would therefore recommend that the proceedings, findings and sentence be disapproved.

As this court was improperly constituted in that it consisted of more than five members, and all its proceedings being null and void *ab initio*, the accused may now be brought before a proper court for trial. As it may be inferred from the record that the accused was guilty of the crime charged against him, I recommend that this be done.

Rockland, Me., Aug. 15, 1898.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Judge Advocate-General.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objections the report will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Next in order is the report of the Surgeon-General.

REPORT OF SURGEON-GENERAL.

Surgeon-General Dan S. Gardner of Ohio, submitted and read the following report: —

To CHARLES K. DARLING, *Commander-in-Chief, and the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.*

Brothers: For the second time it has been my honor to supervise the work of this department and I come to you at its conclusion with the same result — a year of earnest labor rewarded by inaction upon the part of many Division officials, gross incompetency with some, a condition bordering upon the discourteous in others, and with some again a disregard for the authority of the department and seemingly no fear of the penalties of the Commandery-in-Chief.

However, it is a great pleasure to know, as a compensating feature, that those Divisions which constitute the numerical bulk of the Order — who are the indirect financial strength of this Commandery — are not only well officered but, in addition to being prompt with their returns, present reports which are complete in statistical accuracy, and, thereby, useful for whatever purpose the Commandery-in-Chief may need them.

The statistical report is as follows: —

Number of members mustered (including charter members)	61,982
Number of members in good standing	25,420
Number of members mustered since last report	4,984
Number in State Militia	975
Number in U.S. Army	133
Number in U.S. Navy	18
Number of G A R members	962
Total number of drilled men	9,051
Number of members able to bear arms	23,330
Number of members over 45 years of age	1,070
Age of oldest member (Mass.)	83
Average age of all members	27½
Number of widowers	376
Number married members	11,776
Number of unmarried members	13,885
Number of deaths within one year	126
Number of cases of sickness during year	1,099
Number of injuries during year	291
Total number weeks disability (from sickness)	3,775

Total number weeks disability (from injury)	896
Number Camps paying funeral benefits	102
Average amount	\$90.43
Number Camps paying sick benefits	204
Average amount	\$3.05
Number of Camps engaging in regular drill	256
Number members foreign born	147
Number of clergymen	122
Number of physicians	190
Number of dentists	69
Number of attorneys	403
Number of teachers	338
Number of students	767
Number of artists and draughtsmen	170
Number of musicians	538
Number of merchants	1,591
Number of salesmen	1,338
Number of clerks and bookkeepers	2,599
Number of electricians	206
Number of telegraph operators	150
Number of mechanics	3,487
Number of engineers	462
Number of R. R. conductors	109
Number of printers	510
Number of sailors	69
Number of farmers	3,659
Number of miners	132
Number of skilled laborers	1,798
Number of laborers	3,926
Miscellaneous	1,665
Number of Camps in Divisions	1,439
Number of Camps reporting	895
Number of Divisions	29
Number Divisions reporting	23

It requires but a superficial analysis of the above to note its inaccuracies, which is in large part due to the fact that it contains but the reports from twenty-three Divisions, out of twenty-nine reported to be in good standing. At the time of making this report the following Divisions were in arrears to this Department: Colorado, Gulf, Indiana, Oregon, West Virginia and Wisconsin. This should not be a source for censure upon this department, for the Surgeon-General exerted every known means by which to secure reports and it is interesting to note that only a small per cent of those who did not promptly send in their returns, paid the slightest attention to numerous letters upon the subject.

In this connection I feel it is the intention of the Commandery-in-Chief that the reports to its several departments shall be of statistical value. To what purpose is not clear, but the fact still remains that it desires them made. To accomplish this wholly it will be necessary that we stipulate our wishes and attach to them certain penalties, for I understand it to be a general precept that laws are intended for those who break them and that a law without a penalty is without force. I might add in propriety that a penalty not executed and enforced is to make the law ridiculous.

A time limit should be agreed upon when the reports should be in the hands of the several departments, and I feel that a common date

would suffice for all departments as it would lead to less confusion among Camp and Division officers.

After such a date the report should be invalidated and the Division debarred from the deliberations of this body.

The necessity for having delinquent reports at an earlier time than the opening day of the Encampment becomes obvious when we understand that the consolidated reports from the several Commandery departments need to be received by the Adjutant-General at least thirty days before the Commandery convenes.

At least thirty days should be allowed the various staff officers in which to prepare reports, which should make July 1 of each year as the last day when reports to these departments should be accepted from Division officers.

The adoption and enforcement of a measure of this kind would have a two-fold effect. The first would be to stop Division Commanders or Surgeons who are delinquent with these reports, coming to a meeting of the Commandery with it in his pocket, or failing to come. The Commandery-in-Chief is entirely deprived of the report.

The second will insure the insertion of the report in the consolidated returns, a thing entirely impossible when it is not presented until the meeting of the Encampment, thereby making statistics of greater accuracy and value.

In leaving the subject I beg to present as my one recommendation the following resolution: —

Be it resolved, That the reports to the departments of the Inspector-General, Surgeon-General, and Chaplain-in-Chief, shall be made not later than July 1, of each year. The officers of these departments are hereby forbidden to accept reports after this date and all Divisions failing to report in accordance with this resolution shall be debarred from representation at the following meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

I have had no occasion to alter the conclusion arrived at two years ago and mentioned in my previous report, viz.: added benefits both financial and numerical would be derived from an insurance department, and by returning to the military order we would secure the discipline so necessary to effective work. I have no disposition to intrude these suggestions upon the Commandery, nor to keep repeating them, yet I know that the conclusions of every officer are the results of careful observation in his department and their deductions should be given a corresponding value.

As heretofore too much cannot be said in commendation of the reports from the Divisions of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maine, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Minnesota and Alabama and Tennessee.

It will be noted from the consolidated report that Massachusetts leads in point of oldest member, the age being 83 years, while New Hampshire holds first in point of average age, 29½ years.

The average age for all members in the Order is 27½ years, an increase of ½ year over the report of two years ago.

It is an interesting fact at this time to observe that of the 25,420 reported in good standing, 23,330 are able to bear arms. This should

be a source of satisfaction to the Order for I am informed through the report of the Surgeon-General of the United States Army that the constant non-effective list numbers 34.49 per thousand men, while that of our organization has but 23.14. From the same source I learn that non-efficiency from sickness amounts to 6.69, as against our 4.7 per thousand men.

It is to be regretted that but 256 Camps continue in regular drill as against 332 in 1897.

There is a material addition in the number of Camps paying death benefits as well as an increase in the amount paid. Especially is this noticeable in New Jersey, where of her 26 Camps, 18 pay death benefits, each to the amount of \$250.00. New York has 22 Camps who pay an average of \$127.95. Ohio has one paying \$150.00. Maryland one which pays \$250.00, and Pennsylvania 58 Camps paying an average of \$180.00 each.

Commander Darling, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me. I assure you that it will be in lasting remembrance that I recall our pleasant relations during this official year now closed.

Respectfully submitted,

DAN S. GARDNER, M.D.,

Surgeon-General.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the report will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, under the rule. I hear no objection and it will be so referred.

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

Next in order is the report of the Chaplain-in-Chief. Chaplain-in-Chief Veazey is not present. Is there any report from the Chaplain-in-Chief?

The Adjutant-General: Commander, I am advised by a communication from the Chaplain-in-Chief that at the last moment he found it impossible to get away, and therefore he is not with us at this Encampment. The letter was written from Woodsville, N.H., and he forwards the following report:—

To CHARLES K. DARLING,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

Dear Sir and Brother: In making my annual report of the achievements of our Order, of which record has been made in every department, I do so with sincere regret that the report is so incomplete. Every possible endeavor has been made to secure reports from every Camp in the Order, but in spite of this we are unable to form any idea that even approximates exactness of the observance of Memorial and other days, for the proper observance of which our Order exists. At this date, five Divisions, amongst them several of the largest in the Order, have failed to report to me, though one hundred days have passed since Memorial Day.

I feel, however, that the majority of the Division Chaplains have worked harder and have demonstrated a more earnest desire to make

our Order more efficient in the attainment of its objects than ever before. Many of them issued circulars in addition to the circulars of this department, calling attention to the sacred duties of Union Defenders' and Memorial Days. The subjoined statistical table will show to whom most honor is due for promptness and thoroughness in the work of gathering and submitting reports.

The reports evince a remarkable indifference to the especial day of our Order — Union Defenders' Day. It is a record in which we can take no pride. I trust that this fact may inspire in us the resolution to make next year's report one worthy of our high aims and heritage.

The Order is to be congratulated in the increased assistance given us by the clergy at the season of our especial public exercises, and in the fact that so many of our brothers are heard in words of loyalty upon the Nation's holy days.

Besides the routine work of this department, I attended, at your request, the Encampment of the Department of Georgia, G.A.R., where I made two addresses in behalf of our Order.

In view of the splendid loyalty and the unsurpassed bravery of our brothers who fell in order that the blessing of freedom might be with the people of Cuba, I would suggest that in our future observances of Memorial Day their memories shall be formally cherished and the tokens of our love manifested. They have been nobly true to the blood of their heritage, and have demonstrated the usefulness of the Order we love.

I regret exceedingly that business of most immediate and pressing importance will prevent me from being with the hosts at Omaha, and wish for every member of the Order there, and elsewhere, the fullest success and the highest happiness possible to men.

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

HARRY L. VEAZEY,
Chaplain-in-Chief.

DIVISIONS.	Number of Camps	Number of Brothers in Division.	Number of Brothers in Line Memorial Day.	Number of Brothers Armed and in Line.	Numbers of Brothers Uniformed in Line.	Number of Firing Squads.	Number of Addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.	Number of Brothers attending Service Memorial Sunday.	Number of Camps observing Union Descenders' Day.	Number of Deaths in Camps in last twelve months.	Number of Funerals attended by Camps		G.A.R.	Number of British Camps conducted by S.V.	Number of Camps "A.V."	Number of Camps "B.V."	Number of Camps Reporting.	Number of Camps not Reporting.	Percent of Camps Reporting.	Reports received.	DIVISIONS CHAPLAINS.
											G.A.R.	S.V.									
Ala. and Tenn.....	13	161	77	5	4	1	8	57	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	10	44.4	Aug. 26	F. W. Chapman
Cal. and H.I.....	13	265	146	42	30	4	8	142	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	83.3	Aug. 22	A. J. Wehner
Colorado.....	10	118	69	2	54	4	4	73	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	4	60	July 14	Samuel Ellis
Connecticut.....	25	706	415	175	381	2	3	316	5	6	4	4	4	2	2	2	22	3	88	June 30	Rev. J. E. Zeller
Gulf.....	95	1,176	817	397	452	12	20	694	18	3	19	12	2	2	2	2	31	58	36	Aug. 27	Rev. A. G. Blienik
Illinois.....	65	1,576	852	255	316	27	19	769	21	6	20	6	5	7	12	12	52	33	60	Aug. 18	S. A. Houston
Iowa.....	17	149	66	36	40	1	3	21	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	11	35.3	Aug. 13	(Geo. E. Field
Kansas.....	52	1,292	726	200	574	10	8	631	13	5	4	14	1	6	9	40	12	77	77	June 27	Chas. F. Paine
Maine.....	24	444	213	31	141	3	9	222	9	1	3	3	1	3	5	50	4	4	83.3	Aug. 22	Paul F. Newell
Maryland.....	135	4,102	3,072	627	2,757	16	29	2,206	40	22	22	19	3	5	13	132	13	13	90.1	Sept. 10	Rev. I. C. Smart
Massachusetts.....	65	1,486	1,040	449	662	24	13	704	25	7	20	9	3	5	3	61	14	14	86.7	July 10	J. A. Mabbs, M.D.
Michigan.....	54	1,647	827	117	172	15	3	227	9	3	4	3	1	3	6	21	13	61.7	Aug. 5	G. L. Woodworth	
Minnesota.....	44	901	288	28	130	6	8	211	9	3	6	3	1	3	3	19	10	51.1	Aug. 11	W. F. Anderson	
Missouri.....	26	332	209	63	339	2	1	226	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	16	2	92	Aug. 4	P. R. Borgquist	
Nebraska.....	21	557	368	63	339	5	6	252	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	19	2	92	Aug. 4	A. J. Kimball	
New Hampshire.....	27	734	446	352	394	11	11	385	14	4	23	5	3	6	3	23	4	96.3	June 30	Rev. W. K. Towner	
New Jersey.....	153	3,250	2,089	659	1,620	21	45	1,935	50	20	42	23	9	11	13	97	39	73	73	July 10	J. A. Biscoff
New York.....	74	332	284	121	166	5	1	238	3	5	12	2	1	4	5	13	61	17.6	Aug. 17	Rev. W. K. Towner	
Ohio.....	155	5,915	3,006	1,537	2,785	71	62	1,773	66	31	133	31	10	31	39	113	42	72.9	June 24	I. G. Detovler	
Pennsylvania.....	12	316	205	123	178	3	1	180	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	91.6	June 13	Rev. H. C. Dana
Rhode Island.....	23	252	182	74	73	4	6	140	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	15	8	85.2	July 7	Chas. R. Fisher	
South Dakota.....	41	481	272	70	207	5	5	279	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	10	22	46.3	July 30	W. E. Edwards	
Vermont.....	24	223	163	95	87	7	5	143	7	1	12	1	1	2	1	10	14	41.6	June 28	Rev. S. S. Sulliger	
Washington.....	24	223	163	95	87	7	5	143	7	1	12	1	1	2	1	10	14	41.6	June 28	Rev. S. S. Sulliger	
West Virginia.....	44	316	177	21	90	4	7	88	3	2	3	1	1	1	3	12	32	27	27	July 15	E. W. Thomas
Wisconsin.....	1,203	25,652	16,120	5,767	11,806	203	280	13,068	325	136	331	150	41	89	90	132	766	427	.....	.....	.....

The Senior -Vice-Commander: If there is no objection, the report of the Chaplain-in-Chief will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. I hear no objection, and it will be so referred. Has the Council-in-Chief any further report to submit?

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Not at this time, Commander.

RECEPTION AND REFERENCE OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM
DIVISIONS.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Then we will pass the report of the Council-in-Chief. The next business in order is the reception and reference of communications from Divisions, to be called in alphabetical order. The Adjutant-General will call the roll of Divisions.

The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions.

E. K. Gould of Maine: Commander, the Maine Division has a resolution it would like to offer, to be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, but unfortunately we haven't it with us, and we would like permission to refer it to the committee later on.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection permission is granted the Maine Division to present their communication later on.

E. R. Campbell of Maryland: Commander, the Division of Maryland had certain matters prepared to submit to this Commandery, but our delegate-at-large, who has charge of the papers, has not arrived, and we ask permission to file these papers later.

The Senior Vice-Commander: They may be submitted tomorrow, or at some future meeting, unless there is objection. The Chair hears none.

W. H. Adams of Minnesota: Senior Vice-Commander, on behalf of the delegates from Minnesota I would like permission to report tomorrow.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The permission is granted, unless there is objection.

J. O. Damm of Missouri: Commander, the Division of Missouri has a resolution which they would like permission to refer to the Committee on Ritual.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Present it to the chairman of that Committee.

E. W. Estes of New York: Senior Vice-Commander, New York has a resolution which we desire to submit to the Committee on Resolutions later, with the permission of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Permission is granted.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, the Ohio Division has some amendments to the Constitution to propose.

The Senior Vice-Commander: They will be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, of which the brother is a member, I believe.

R. M. J. Reed of Pennsylvania: Commander, with your permission and the permission of the Commandery we will hand our resolutions to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The resolutions from the Division of Pennsylvania will go to the Committee on Resolutions if there is no objection. The Chair hears none.

The Adjutant-General concluded the calling of the roll of Divisions.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CAMPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The reception and reference of communications from Camps and individuals is the next order of business. Are there any communications to be referred under this head?

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I would suggest that permission be granted Camps and individuals to submit whatever they have to the Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work, without calling the roll here. That will facilitate our work. I make that as a motion.

F. E. Ernst of Missouri: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

SONS OF VETERANS HOLDING COMMISSIONS IN U.S. ARMY.

Grant W. Harrington of Kansas: Senior Vice-Commander, after the reading of the report of the Adjutant-General, there was a motion passed to add to the list of names in the Adjutant-General's report of members of the Order who had enlisted and were holding commissions in the United States service, the names of any other members of the Order of Sons of Veterans who have enlisted in the army and are holding commissions in the volunteer service at the front. It seems to me that at this time the roll of Divisions ought to be called, in order that Division Commanders may report to the Adjutant-General the names of those in each Division who have enlisted and are holding commissions; or a list might be prepared by the Division Commanders and sent to the Adjutant-General. I move that the roll of Divisions be called, and as it is called, each Division report the names of its members who hold commissions in the volunteer service.

M. L. Cormany of Minnesota: Senior Vice-Commander, we are not ready to do that yet. It will take some time to prepare such a list. It should be done with care, in order that no one may be omitted.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair understands that matter has already been determined, and that any member of the Order who is conversant with any facts, or name of any brother who is holding a commission, will report the name of such brother or brothers to the Adjutant-General. It should be done at as early a date as possible. It may be done at once, but the Chair will rule that they may be submitted in writing to the Adjutant-General at any time during the Encampment. The Chair understands that was the intention of the motion and will rule accordingly.

P. A. Barrows of Nebraska: Senior Vice-Commander, is this list to be of those who enlisted, or does it mean just those who hold commissions?

The Senior Vice-Commander: All brothers of the Order who hold commissions. Captains and Lieutenants, and above those grades, are commissioned officers. They are warrant officers below that.

F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin: Commander, I wish to say it will be impossible at this meeting for the different delegations to make a full report of the Sons of Veterans who have been commissioned from the various States, and it seems to me unwise that only a portion should be reported on this list; and I would ask that some action be had either tomorrow or at some future meeting whereby a complete list from the various States of the members of this Order who have received commissions may be submitted to the Adjutant-General.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair will hold on that point that the names of brothers who are holding commissions in the United States army may be sent later to the Adjutant-General.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, I now move that we take recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

TUESDAY — MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY, Sept. 13, 1898, 10 o'clock A.M.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, you will come to order.

The Inspector-General will ascertain if all present are entitled to remain.

The Inspector-General: Senior Vice-Commander, I am satisfied that all present are entitled to remain.

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DARLING.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, there is a very pleasant surprise for the Encampment this morning. I have been requested by the Massachusetts delegation to bring before this Commandery-in-Chief the portrait of a gentleman whom we all love and respect, a gentleman whom we cannot see in fact, but whom we can see and love in this portrait — Major Darling [Applause]. The Massachusetts delegation presents this portrait of Major Darling to the Encampment.

The first business in order this morning is the report of committees. Are there any committees ready to report? I will not call for them in order, but if any are ready to report, let the chairman so announce.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Harlan Thomas of Colorado: Commander, the Committee on Resolutions had a meeting last evening and passed upon the only resolution, submitted by E. R. Campbell of the Maryland Division, which has been thus far presented to that committee. The resolution is in connection with the National Reunion Monument Association and the erection of a monument at Washington, D.C., in honor of the soldiers,

sailors and marines of the war of 1861-65. The resolution is as follows: —

Resolved, by the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., in Encampment assembled: That the "National Reunion Monument Association," composed of members of the several army corps, which was organized under the laws of the District of Columbia for the purpose of erecting a monument in the Capitol City to the private soldiers, sailors and marines who died fighting for the preservation of the government established by their forefathers, and whose valor gives to us the honorable title we are permitted to assume; and in view of the fact that our Order is delegated the same scope, power, limitation and authority in said Association as is given an army corps, and claiming the right to participate in the honor, and to share the expense of this great work, we hereby endorse this patriotic enterprise, and pledge ourselves to assist in soliciting funds for same; and that this resolution, together with the accompanying report,* which shows the status of said association, become a part of the proceedings of this Encampment.

The committee has concurred in the resolution, and I move its adoption.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to and the resolution was adopted.

* REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REUNION MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

THE NATIONAL REUNION MONUMENT ASSOCIATION. }
WASHINGTON, D.C. }

To the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade: At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Indianapolis in 1893, the National Reunion Monument Association of Washington, D.C., was recognized and charged with the work of raising the long-desired monument in the National Capital to the soldiers, sailors and marines of the War of the Rebellion, and the committee which the National Encampment had previously authorized for that purpose was discontinued. The Commander-in-Chief followed up this indorsement of the National Reunion Monument Association by a General Order, commending it and its objects to the comrades of the Order. The Association went ahead with new zeal and bright prospects of success, but the settling in of the financial depression of 1893 made hopeless the securing of any considerable contributions. It seemed that, for the time, the most urgent duty before all veterans and their friends was the care of the living comrades, rather than building monuments to the dead.

Consequently, the Association suspended active efforts until the outlook became more propitious. This seemed to be the case at the beginning of this year. The Association was then called together, and addressed itself anew to its great work. Scarcely had it gotten itself in shape, however, when the Spanish war became imminent, and it seemed useless to appeal to the people while their minds were so thoroughly engrossed by the momentous struggle.

But the Association has employed the time in getting ready for a sustained, comprehensive, far-reaching effort, which, it is sanguine, will win success. It has been perfecting plans and organizing machinery with a view of reaching, in the most effective way, every man, woman and child in the country, and securing his or her interest in and contribution to a monument which, in grandeur and artistic merit, will not be surpassed by anything of the kind in the world's history.

The Association aims at something that, in expensiveness, æsthetic value and artistic beauty will be far superior to any memorial erection now found in any country. It conceives something that shall be a work of genius—something that shall be so notable in every respect that the greatest artists of the world shall compete for the honor of furnishing the design. It must be something far above the hackneyed and conventional, so that when erected it will be

to the city of Washington and the whole American nation what grand cathedrals, abbeys, arches and columns, and other triumphs of art are to their respective countries. It desires something which will attract equal attention for its commemorative object and its artistic grandeur.

Nothing less than this will be worthy of the glorious host of citizen soldiers and sailors which it is intended to commemorate; nothing less will be worthy of the proud nation which they rescued from destruction and firmly started anew upon its splendid career.

It must be a monument whose magnificence will represent the offerings of 80,000,000 free, happy, prosperous, grateful people. It must be a monument worthy, as far as stone and bronze can go, of 2,500,000 young heroes, who left a half million dead to mark the way of duty, honor and glory, they followed over 2,600 sanguinary battlefields. It must be such a monument as wealth and fame can stimulate genius to conceive and create. In brief, it must be such a monument as the richest, proudest, greatest nation in the world should erect to testify to all ages to come, her appreciation of the men whose valor and self-sacrifice did most to make her rich, proud and great.

The erection of such a monument is possible, if gone about in the right way. The Association, filled with high conceptions of what can be and what should be, is faithfully striving to find and follow that right way, and it earnestly solicits the advice, sympathy, and enthusiastic support of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in carrying forward these conceptions to glorious fulfillment.

The Association is preparing for its work by the formation of committees which will present the scheme to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Veteran Legion, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Sons of Veterans, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G.A.R., the Daughters of Veterans, and each of the many other patriotic societies in the country, to the children of the public schools in every State, and to the public at large in all parts of the country. Each of these committees will work the field allotted to it thoroughly, and endeavor to secure the fullest coöperation of everybody who can help in the least. They will emulate one another in the amounts they can secure and the help given in furtherance of the enterprise. In the end we hope that no possible contributor will remain unsolicited, and in the most effective way.

The Association has secured, in addition to the cordial endorsement of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, that of the National Encampment of the Union Veteran Legion. It hopes to secure the same from the National Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G.A.R., and the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, and other patriotic organizations.

Last winter the Association secured the passage by both houses of Congress of a joint resolution recognizing the Association, and giving it the privilege of erecting a monument upon a public reservation in the city of Washington. This was approved by President McKinley, and is now part of the laws of the land.

The Association urgently appeals to the National Encampment to take extraordinary action in favor of this great enterprise. If we are ever going to build a monument to the soldiers, sailors and marines of the War of the Rebellion, now is the time to start the work with a vim and unity of effort that will secure its completion within a few years, that hundreds of thousands of our comrades may rejoice over it before they pass from earth. It seems to this Association that this is the most momentous subject that can come before the present National Encampment. It will be a great legacy for the Grand Army of the Republic to leave to posterity. It will be far more than an eternal testimonial to the valor, patriotism and fortitude of the men of 1861-'65. It will be a temple of patriotism, which will teach to every generation that is to come that the most glorious thing in the world is to be a true-hearted, public-spirited, self-sacrificing American man, ready at any call of his country to go forth and die, if need be, in defence of our laws and institutions. Such a monument, pre-eminent in magnificence and beauty among the stately buildings in the capital of the nation, will make every boy and girl under theegis of the Star Spangled Banner a better American.

The Association earnestly urges the National Encampment to lay this enterprise deeply to heart, and to take such steps as will bring it before the Grand Army of the Republic and the whole country, as the strongest wish and desire of the veterans of the Republic. Let us have this made one of the great objects of our Order, and so placed before the people. Let the Posts in every community be stimulated to work for it among their fellow citizens. If we do this with zeal and unanimity there will be no difficulty about collecting funds enough from the people to raise the finest creation that the sun has shone on since the Parthenon first raised its peerless columns.

The veterans of the War of the Rebellion deserve no meaner monument.

Yours in F, C and L.,

WM. H. MICHAEL,

President.

ATTEST:

ISRAEL W. STONE,

Recording Secretary.

ACCEPTANCE OF PORTRAIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DARLING.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, before we proceed further I think it would be in order at this time, and I make the motion, that the Commandery-in-Chief accept the splendid portrait of Commander-in-Chief Darling, and that we extend the thanks of this Encampment to the Massachusetts delegation for the same.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

GREETING TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DARLING.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, in this connection I make another motion, that the Adjutant-General be instructed to convey the greetings of this Encampment, by cablegram, to Commander-in-Chief Darling.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The following cablegram was forwarded:

OMAHA, NEB., Sept. 13, 1898.

DARLING,

Sixth Massachusetts, Ponce, Porto Rico.

Encampment's greetings.

COGSHALL.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Is the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations ready to report? Is the Committee on Ritual ready to report?

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, the Committee on Ritual is not ready to report yet, but will be shortly.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report further? The Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work?

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, the Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work reports progress.

The Senior Vice-Commander: What is the further pleasure of the Encampment?

George H. Hurlbut of Illinois: Commander, would it not be in order for the Committee on Credentials to make another supplemental report? One of our delegates, Past Colonel Orner, has arrived, but his

credentials have not been passed upon and he feels that until that is done he has no right to participate in the proceedings of the Encampment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Have the Committee on Credentials any supplemental report to make?

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Adjutant-General: On behalf of the Committee on Credentials, I would report that the credentials of ten additional brothers have been passed upon and approved, making a total of 127 votes in the Encampment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The statement of the Adjutant-General will stand as a supplemental report of the committee unless there is objection. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, we ought to know who they are, their names.

The Adjutant-General: S. C. Tipton and H. O. P. Klein of the Indiana Division, substitute delegates; H. J. Kline, Past Commander of the Missouri Division, James D. Rowen, Past Commander of the Iowa Division, J. H. Heine, Delegate-at-Large, Nebraska Division, R. Shaw Van, Alternate, Iowa Division, J. V. Lyon, Iowa Division, L. F. Schultz, Delegate, Indiana Division, C. T. Orner, Past Commander, Illinois Division, F. W. Briggs, Delegate, Pennsylvania Division.

The Senior Vice-Commander: What shall be done with the supplemental report of the Committee on Credentials?

Eugene Kreider of Washington: Commander, I move the adoption of the report of the committee.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

IN RELATION TO QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander and brothers, I ask permission to occupy the floor to say a few words in relation to our retiring Quartermaster-General, Brother Loebenstein. Those of us who are familiar with his daily work, who understand and appreciate all that he has done for this organization, desire to leave on record some testimony to his faithfulness and efficiency. His brothers of the Division of Missouri have undertaken to prepare some memento to be given him as a token of the high regard and esteem in which he is held in the organization. It has been contributed to quite generously, but I feel that the Order at large, as an Order, should be represented in that token, and for that purpose I will ask that this Commandery-in-Chief vote him the gold cross of the Order, and I will ask, as a special mark of distinction, that this Commandery-in-Chief contribute some amount to this end. Of course this is not usually done, but I ask it in order that this gold cross conferred upon Brother Loebenstein may have some special significance. The amount that the Commandery-in-Chief may appropriate is not essential; but I will move that the gold cross of the Order be conferred upon the retiring Quartermaster-General, Brother Loebenstein, and that the sum of fifty dollars be drawn from the treasury

of the Commandery-in-Chief to go towards paying for that cross. I make the motion with the particular understanding that the motion in respect to the amount is subject to amendment. I mention fifty dollars because it is an easy sum to mention, and because it is not an excessive sum to contribute from our treasury; but if brothers should see fit to reduce it, I shall take no exception. As I say, the amount of the contribution of the Commandery-in-Chief is immaterial. I am only desirous that it should be represented in some sum in the purchase of this gold cross for Brother Loebenstein.

W. H. Adams of Minnesota: Commander, I second the motion, and I would like to have included in the motion the reason for conferring the gold cross; that is, for faithful service performed as Quartermaster-General for six years.

The motion was agreed to.

SONS OF VETERANS SERVING IN THE U.S. ARMY.

W. P. Feder of Kansas: Commander, if it be in order at this time, I would like to suggest a change in the resolution adopted yesterday. Brother Bolton in his report as Adjutant-General, mentioned the names of a number of brothers who are holding commissions in the volunteer army. He went as far as the knowledge at hand permitted him. He didn't know of anybody else. Then we voted that the names of all other members of the Order who held commissions should be added to that list. I propose now that we increase that list a little bit, and not make a distinction between the poor fellow who went as a private, and the fortunate fellow who went with a commission. [Applause.]

I move you, Commander, that, following the line suggested in General Darling's order, a roster of the members of this organization participating in the Spanish-American war be compiled, giving the rank the brother held in the Order, and the rank he holds in the army. We have one Camp in the United States where all of them went. We don't know who were the officers or who were not, but the entire Camp, with the exception of one, went to the front. I believe the privates ought to have this recognition as well as the officers.

Charles L. Pierce of California: Commander, I second that motion.

R. M. J. Reed of Pennsylvania: Commander, I would state to Brother Feder that this matter will be provided for in the report of the Committee on Resolutions, and I would suggest to him that he withdraw his motion, or let it lay over until the matter comes up in the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

R. Shaw Van of Iowa: Commander, I rise to a point of order. We have a Committee on Resolutions, and this matter is being considered by that committee and can only come before the Encampment by report of the Committee on Resolutions.

The Senior Vice-Commander: In the opinion of the Chair, the point of order is not well taken.

W. P. Feder of Kansas: Commander, I was not informed that the Committee on Resolutions had taken the subject up. Inasmuch as they are considering it, and as I don't care how it comes before the Encamp-

ment, so that it is considered, with the consent of my second, I will withdraw my motion.

The Senior Vice-Commander: I hear no objection and the motion is withdrawn.

STANDING OF THE MINNESOTA DIVISION.

M. L. Cormany of Minnesota: Senior Vice-Commander, I ask to be heard a moment in relation to the standing of the Minnesota Division. I feel I would be derelict in my duty if I failed to state and explain the reasons why the Division of Minnesota came before this body in the shape that it did. Some three or four weeks ago our report was sent to the Adjutant-General and it was sent back to us for technical reasons; and not knowing how to cure the matter by correspondence, I left it open until I should come to this body, and we were here a little late. Our train arrived at 11.30. We made all possible speed to this room and did everything we could to put ourselves in shape for representation on this floor, and I believe we ought to have the record put in shape. We don't want to be put on record as being in arrears, or anything of that kind. We don't want the records of this Encampment to show the Minnesota Division in arrears when it wasn't so, because we had the money in our possession and were ready to pay it, and had sent it in, as the Adjutant-General will tell you, and it had been returned to us with the report when it was sent back to us for correction.

I move that the records of this Encampment show that the Minnesota Division squared itself with the Commandery-in-Chief upon the arrival of its delegation, and it was only because of our non-appearance upon the floor of the Encampment that the matter got in the shape it was. I move that the records of the Encampment show that the report of the Minnesota Division was filed immediately upon the arrival of the delegation from that State, and the reason for the delay, and the situation as it was.

James D. Rowen of Iowa: Commander, I second the motion
After discussion.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I move the previous question.

George W. Wolz of Nebraska: Commander, I second the motion for the previous question.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I also second the motion for the previous question.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The previous question is moved by Brother Speelman of Ohio, and seconded by brothers from the Divisions of Nebraska and Massachusetts. The question is, shall the main question be now put? Those in favor will signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed, the same sign. The previous question is ordered, and the question now is upon the motion of Brother Cormany of Minnesota. Those in favor of the motion will signify the same by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The ayes appear to have it. The ayes have it, and the motion is agreed to.

What is the further pleasure of the Convention?

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Senior Vice-Commander, I desire to submit a further report from the Council-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Adjutant-General will read the report submitted by the Council-in-Chief.

The Adjutant-General read the report as follows: —

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

Brothers: The Council-in-Chief herewith begs leave to present its report of the proceedings and transactions which were presented to the said Council-in-Chief during the past year.

At the Sixteenth Annual Encampment, held at Indianapolis in 1897, the Council organized by the election of H. H. Hammer of the Pennsylvania Division, as Chairman, and C. Borin of the Kansas Division, as Secretary.

The bond of Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling was fixed to be in the sum of ten thousand dollars, and duly approved after proper inquiry and investigation as to the sureties.

We carefully audited the books and accounts of the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General, which we found correct and neatly kept.

The financial management and accounts of the Commandery-in-Chief were administered with economy and ability, and are deserving of our highest commendation.

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief is a source of great gratification and we congratulate this Encampment and the Order at large upon the flattering prospects for the future. The excellent report and comparative statements made by the Quartermaster-General are sufficient for your information without further reference herein.

We beg leave to present to your honorable body a recommendation that the *per capita* tax remain as it now is — four (4) cents per quarter.

The Division of Oregon has presented to us a request that the expenses incurred in the inspection of the Headquarters of that Division be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief. We present the matter to you in the shape we received it by the communications hereto attached bearing on the subject. The proposition in our opinion is of such importance as to warrant the disposition of the case by the Encampment and not by the Council-in-Chief, unless by your instruction or direction.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
 GEO. E. COGSHALL,
 C. BORIN,
 JAMES W. NOEL,
 J. E. HAYCRAFT,
Council-in-Chief.

The letters referred to in the report bearing upon the expense incurred in the inspection of the Oregon Division Headquarters are as follows: —

CORVALLIS, ORE., Sept. 7, 1898.

CHARLES K. DARLING, *Commander-in-Chief*,
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir and Brother: I find that it will be impossible for me to be present at the Encampment, as I have been hoping and expecting to do.

I trust you will have the matter of the inspection of this Division brought up and settled in some way. I have had some correspondence with Brother Courtney, the Adjutant-General, and also the Inspector-General, but have as yet been unable to obtain any satisfaction regarding the matter, and hope it may be settled at the present session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

I shall state the facts in the case for the benefit of the officers and brothers, hoping to assist in an immediate adjustment.

The Division of Oregon was inspected in January by Brother Courtney of South Dakota, and reference to his report will show that there were then about (\$24.00) twenty-four dollars in the hands of the Quartermaster. During the stay of Brother Courtney in this place we made a requisition for supplies for nearly all the money then in the treasury, supplies which were *very much* needed.

The total expense of the inspection was about one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) of which O. L. Clark and myself paid fifty dollars, leaving Brother Courtney to bear the remainder.

I realize that the C., R. & R. requires the expense to be borne by the Division inspected, but since our treasury was without funds and my Adjutant and myself personally advanced nearly half of the expense; and also since such a rash thing was done as to send an Inspector nearly half way across the continent to inspect one of the *very* weakest Divisions, and over the most expensive part of the country, it seems to me to be anything but justice to expect individuals to bear this expense, simply because they happened to be in charge of the affairs of the Division.

I would simply ask that the Commandery-in-Chief pay the expenses of the Assistant Inspector-General for this Division, for 1898, and that some restrictions be made regarding such expenses in the future.

With the very best wishes for the officers and members of the Commandery, I remain

Yours very truly in F., C. & L.

L. W. OREN, *Past Commander*,
Oregon Division.

OKONJO, S.D., Sept. 8, '98.

CHARLES K. DARLING, *Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans*,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother: I had hoped to be with you at Omaha, but find that I will be unable to be present.

It is a great disappointment, as I had anticipated a good time at the Encampment, and of meeting the boys whose acquaintance was formed a year ago at Indianapolis.

Trust you will have a pleasant and prosperous meeting and a grand good time all around.

As you are aware, when Inspector Durston was making up his list of Assistant Inspectors, he asked me to inspect the Oregon Division, which was acceptable to myself and agreeable to that Division.

The Headquarters of the Division was inspected about January 18, '98, and was satisfactory to Colonel Oren and also to Durston. When it came to settle for my expenses it was found that there was not enough cash on hand to pay the amount in full, so Colonel Oren paid only a part of it.

The amount of the bill was one hundred and five dollars, of which Colonel Oren paid forty-five, leaving sixty dollars still unpaid. I after agreed to settle the amount still due for fifty dollars. The Division being small it was a large bill for it to pay, and on that ground I agreed to reduce the bill. In the deal I am out of pocket, if settled at \$95.00, about \$25.00.

The distance from Okobojo, S. D., to Corvallis, Ore., is nearly 2,000 miles, which you will see is no small distance, and besides board and lodging is no small item on such a long trip.

Had I been aware that each Division pays the expense of its inspection and that the Oregon Division was unable to meet the expenses of inspection, would not have accepted the position. As it was, neither Colonel Owen nor myself was able to say whether the Division or the Commandery paid the expense. It was a mistake in Duran's sending me that far, and is very much as you said at the Massachusetts Encampment, that "In the West it is a magnificence of distance."

Trusting that you will bring this matter before your Council, and that the amount, fifty dollars, still due me, may be amicably settled.

With best wishes to you and regards to all inquiring friends, I am

Fraternally

R. J. COURTNEY.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Council-in-Chief; what will you do with it?

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, the question presented by the report of the Council-in-Chief is one on which I, as a member of the Encampment, desire the opinion of the Council-in-Chief. Here is an item of expense which has been considered by the Council-in-Chief, and yet they give us no recommendation. They don't even suggest what ought to be done. I think this Encampment is entitled to the judgment of the Council-in-Chief on the subject, and for that purpose I move the report be recommitted to the Council-in-Chief with instructions that they make a recommendation, one way or the other, upon the subject.

E. R. Campbell of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

C. T. Orner of Illinois: Commander, I move as an amendment, that the report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brother Jones will state his point of order.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, my point of order is that the amendment is not germane to the original motion, and therefore is not in order.

C. T. Orner of Illinois: Commander, I move it as a substitute motion.

Isaac Cutter of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Commander, it is not necessary to pass that motion. If the Commandery-in-Chief want the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief on this question, we are perfectly willing to make one. I do not think it would be proper to refer the report of the Council-in-Chief to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Chair put the question on the substitute motion, and the motion was not agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The question now recurs on the original motion, to recommit the report to the Council-in-Chief, with instructions to make a recommendation. All those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The motion is carried and the report recommitted.

What is the further pleasure of the Encampment?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY RESERVE.

E. R. Campbell of Maryland: Commander, the Committee on Military Reserve is ready to report and the report is in the hands of the Adjutant-General.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Adjutant General will read the report of the Committee on Military Reserve.

The Adjutant-General read the report of the Committee on Military Reserve as follows: —

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: The Committee on Military Reserve, authorized by the Sixteenth Encampment of this body and announced in General Order No. 6, Dec. 18, 1897, has the honor to submit the following report: —

Pursuant to official notice of appointment, correspondence was had with my associates. F. B. Morse of Elizabeth, N.J., and W. E. Duncan of Philadelphia, Pa., and the committee was duly organized. Mr. Duncan made a trip to Washington and rendered valuable assistance in preparing the bill.

Bills having been introduced in the fifty-fourth and first session of the fifty-fifth Congress had been objected to, and a former committee had reported, and in compliance with the provisions under which this committee was established delegated to it the "power to draft a new bill, or to take other action to secure proper legislation in this matter," the following was introduced in the House of Representatives by Gen. W. W. Grout of Vermont, during the second session of the fifty-fifth Congress.

55th CONGRESS, 2D SESSION. H. R. 9510.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MARCH 26, 1898.

Mr. Grout introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

Authorizing the Secretary of War to recognize the organizations of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, as part of the military provincial reserve of the United States Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon application, made under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, any organization of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, in any State or Territory or within the District of Columbia, may be inspected by an officer or officers detailed by the Secretary of War for the purpose of becoming a part of the military provincial reserve of the United States Army.

SECT. 2. That any organized company to the number of fifty making application as hereinbefore provided, and which passes satisfactory inspection by the officer or officers detailed to make the inspection, shall, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of War may determine upon, be recognized as a part of the military provincial reserve of the United States Army.

SECT. 3. That after any organization of the said Sons of Veterans has been so accepted as a part of the military reserve, said organization shall be subject to all rules, regulations and discipline as the Secretary of War may prescribe.

SECT. 4. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to arm and equip any organization, after said organization has passed the required inspection, with any of the arms of the Government such as in his judgment will be consistent with the arming and equipment of a military reserve.

SECT. 5. That the Secretary of War may, in his annual estimates for appropriations, include appropriations for that portion of the military provincial reserve of the United States Army that shall have been created under the provisions of this Act.

SECT. 6. That this Act shall take effect from its passage.

In view of the declaration of war by this Government with the Kingdom of Spain and events of subsequent development, no report on said bill was made by the House Committee.

It may be proper to state that the bill introduced by Mr. McCall was referred to the Committee on Militia, while that presented by General Grout went to the Committee on Military Affairs.

It is recommended that before further action shall be taken looking to an authorized military rank in the Sons of Veterans, that a legal opinion be obtained from competent authority as to the rights of Congress to pass such a measure, and that a sufficient sum of money be appropriated to cover the legislative expense incurred.

My most grateful thanks are extended to the Commandery-in-Chief for the courtesy and distinguished honor conferred.

Very respectfully,

E. R. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

James R. Neeley of Illinois: Commander, I move that the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The recommendations contained in the report are now before you. What is the pleasure of the Encampment in regard to them?

H. V. Speechman of Ohio: Commander, I move that the recommendation be concurred in.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, do I understand that this involves an appropriation?

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair will state that it would so understand the recommendation; that it authorizes the obtaining of a legal opinion and the appropriation of a sufficient amount to pay the expense of the same. I would ask the chairman of the committee if that is correct.

E. R. Campbell of Maryland: Senior Vice-Commander, it was the intention of the committee that this matter be referred to some competent person to render an opinion as to the constitutional right of Congress to pass such a measure. If that can be handled in the body no expense will be incurred; otherwise it will be necessary to pay for that opinion. If it should be found that Congress has the right to pass

such a measure, an appropriation will be necessary to secure proper legislation.

Grant W. Harrington of Kansas: Commander, if this committee or any other wants legal advice, it should go to the Judge Advocate-General.

E. C. Parkinson of New York: Commander, I move an amendment to the recommendation of the committee, providing that it shall be done without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

W. H. Adams of Minnesota: Commander, as a substitute motion I move you that the recommendations contained in the report be laid upon the table indefinitely.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS.

The Senior Vice-Commander: There are a number of telegrams and communications that the Adjutant-General has received, and if there is no objection he will read them at this time. Is there any objection? The Chair hears none and the Adjutant-General will proceed.

The Adjutant-General read the following communications:—

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 12, 1898.

GEN. CHARLES K. DARLING,
Care of S. of V. Encampment.

Accept congratulations. Am sorry could not come. Regards to all.

FRANK O. WILKINSON.

CAMP MEADE, PA., September 12.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
Sons of Veterans, National Convention,
Omaha, Neb.

May success crown your deliberations. Remember me to all.

ARTHUR B. SPINK,
Lieut. Co. G., First R.I. U.S. Vol.

LINCOLN, NEB., Sept. 12, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the Sons of Veterans in National Encampment Assembled, Omaha, Neb.

Will you kindly accept the fraternal greetings of a resident of Nebraska, and a mother of a Son of a Veteran who enlisted at his country's call when the first appeal to arms was made in April last.

I hope for you a pleasant meeting in this State that we love so well, whose sons responded so promptly to the call that meant suffering and death for many.

We are glad to welcome you under the flags of peace. May your visit leave nothing but pleasant memories in the years to come. You have by your actions in the last few months bravely won the right to the noble name you bear. The heroes of the great Civil War may rest assured that the Republic they fought to save will remain safe in the hands of their sons and daughters, and in the keeping of the Eternal God.

May peace and prosperity, liberty and freedom, abide with you always is my earnest prayer.

Yours fraternally,

Mrs. EMMA B. MANCHESTER.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, I move you that the Encampment do now take recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Harlan Thomas of Colorado: Commander, before that question is put, I move that the Adjutant-General be instructed to return to these parties who have sent us these greetings, the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief — especially to the ladies.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Now, Commander, I renew my motion to take recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to and the Commandery took recess until 3 o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY — AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 o'clock p.m.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Encampment will please come to order. The Adjutant-General will call the roll. The Encampment will excuse me for running through the morning session without a calling of the roll. I overlooked this number in the order of business.

The Adjutant-General called the roll.

(Roll Call No. 2.)

GREETING FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DARLING.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Adjutant-General informs me that he has a cablegram from Commander-in-Chief Darling, which you will all no doubt be glad to hear at this time.

The Adjutant-General read the cablegram from Commander-in-Chief Darling as follows: —

SONS OF VETERANS,

Omaha, Neb.

PONCE, Sept. 14, 1898.

From Mountains Utuado, Commander sends fraternal greetings.

DARLING.

[Applause.]

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Adjutant-General: Commander, there has been presented to the Committee on Credentials since our last report, the credentials of J. C. Eliot, Past Commander of the Nebraska Division.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If the balance of the committee have no objection, the statement of the Adjutant-General will be entered as a supplemental report of the Committee on Credentials. I hear no objection and it is so ordered.

I believe the Council-in-Chief have a further report to submit, and we will now listen to that.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Senior Vice-Commander, the Council-in-Chief, on the matter recommended to us before the recess this morning, beg leave to submit the following report.

The report was read as follows: —

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

In the matter of the request of the Division of Oregon to be relieved from the payment of the expense of inspection of Division Headquarters in 1898, we feel that the small membership, limited means for recruiting, and general conditions in the said Division, warrant our leniency. We feel that the Division should pay a reasonable portion of the cost of its inspection, and recommend that it be the sum of \$25.00.

We also recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief extend a credit on account of *per capita* tax to the Division of Oregon, in the sum of \$25.00.

We do not desire that a financial hardship should be inflicted upon the Assistant Inspector-General, who acted under proper authority and according to orders, and therefore recommend that the sum of \$25.00 be appropriated by the Commandery-in-Chief to the said Assistant Inspector-General, R. J. Courtney, of the Division of Oregon in 1898. This sum to be paid on condition that it discharge the Division of Oregon from any further liability to Assistant Inspector-General Courtney on account of said inspection, and that no further request ever be made of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Assistant Inspector-General detailed for this work should not have gone so great a distance owing to the expense incident to travel being so large; and for the same reason he should not have been detailed or assigned for the work.

The Assistant Inspector-General should have taken into consideration the great expense this assignment for inspection would involve; the Commander of the Division of Oregon also should have advised or informed the proper authority that the Division was not in condition to have such an expense imposed upon it.

The assignment of the Assistant Inspector-General was an error and was explained by the Inspector-General, which in our opinion is the cause or reason that the recommendations herein presented are only considered and same acted upon.

A fair solution and proper disposition of the case would in our judgment be that all involved should be held responsible which we believe is of sufficient extent as set forth herein.

In order to avoid any similar case in the future we recommend that hereafter no Division shall be required to pay, and no Assistant Inspector-General shall be allowed to charge for expenses, for inspecting any Division Headquarters, more than his actual expenses, not to ex-

ceed \$25.00, and that this action be promulgated in the order or authority making the details or assignments of Assistant Inspector-Generals.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
C. BORIN,
J. E. HAYCRAFT,
GEO. E. COGSHALL,
JAMES W. NOEL,

Council-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice-Commander: This is a supplemental report to go with the report submitted by the Council-in-Chief this morning, or rather, it is in lieu of the portion of the report submitted this morning which returned to the Encampment without recommendation communications from the Oregon Division concerning the cost of inspection. Now what will you do with the report? The question is on the adoption of the report.

E. C. Parkinson of New York: Commander, I move the adoption of the report as submitted by the Council-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C., R. AND R.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Is the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations ready to report?

Edward K. Gould, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, submitted the following report: —

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment:

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg leave to submit the following report.

Upon the resolutions offered by Past Division Commander Marsh of the Illinois Division, the committee recommend the adoption of the following substitute as an additional section to Article III., page 53, Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 5. The dues of brothers who serve in the army and navy of the United States in time of war, may be remitted by the Camps of which they are members, during the time they are in the service, and while so remitted, Camps and Divisions shall not be required to pay *per capita* tax on such members. The names of all brothers whose dues are remitted shall be reported in the quarterly returns, together with the time said remission is to continue.

The resolution offered by the Surgeon-General in his report, concerning the time in which reports to the Inspector-General, Surgeon-General and Chaplain-in-Chief must be presented, and the penalty for failing to comply with the same, is returned to the Encampment without recommendation.

We recommend that the changes to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations proposed by the Division of Ohio, be non-concurred in.

We recommend that Article XXV., page 78 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations relative to the Quartermaster-General be amended so that it will read as follows : —

ARTICLE XXV.

SECTION 1. The Quartermaster-General's department shall be established and be made permanent, and the Quartermaster-General be made directly accountable to the Commander-in-Chief, indemnifying the Order against loss by a bond of ten thousand dollars, and there shall be upon said bond two or more sureties, each of whom shall qualify in a sum not less than five thousand dollars, and in the aggregate not less than twice the sum fixed in the bond; and the Quartermaster-General shall be elected by the Commandery-in-Chief, and his annual salary fixed at fifteen hundred dollars per annum. He shall hold office for three years.

This section shall take effect at the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief in the year 1892.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD K. GOULD,
JOSEPH B. MACCABE,
W. W. BISBY,
R. D. HOULIHAN.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations is before you. The question is on the adoption of the report.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, I beg leave to submit a minority report from the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brother Archer from the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations submits a minority report from that committee. It will be read.

E. H. Archer of Ohio read the minority report as follows : —

MINORITY REPORT.

To the Commandery-in-Chief:

The report of the majority is concurred in except as to the recommendations therein contained upon the proposed amendments to Constitution, submitted by the Ohio Division, as to which the following minority report is herewith submitted :

Recognizing the present condition of the Order as evidenced by the official reports made to this Commandery-in-Chief, of the failure to comply with the present forms of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, and a manifested disposition to conform to the spirit of the amendment made at the Sixteenth Annual Encampment to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and believing that the future interests of the Order require a further extension of that spirit to said Rules and Regulations, the following amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are herewith recommended : —

Adoption of Article VI., Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Adoption of Article II., Camp Constitution, Section 1, and repeal Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Adoption of Article III., Camp Constitution, Section 1. Articles III. and IV., Sections, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Repeal Sections 1 and 2.
 Adopt Article IV., Sections 1 and 2.
 Repeal Article V., Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
 Adopt Article V., Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
 Adopt Articles VI., VII., VIII., IX., X., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV.

DIVISION CONSTITUTION.

Article II., amend Section 1, parts 3 and 4, Delegates. Sections 4 and 5 amend.
 Article IV., Section 5, strike.
 Article V., Section 3, part 3.

COMMANDERY CONSTITUTION.

Article I., Section 4, amend.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Article I., amend Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4.
 Article III., amend Sections 1 and 2.
 Article IV., amend Sections 1, 2 and 4.
 Article V., amend Section 1.
 Article VII., amend Sections 3, 4 and 6.
 Article VII., amend Section 1.
 Article IX., repeal Section 2; amend Section 3 and No. 2.
 Amend 4 to 3, and 5 to 4.
 Article VIII., amend Section 1.
 Article XIX., amend Section 1.
 Article XX., repeal Section 1. Amend Section 2 to 1.
 Article XXV., amend Section 1.

Fraternally submitted,

E. H. ARCHER,

Minority Committee C., R. and R.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, you have heard the minority report from the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

W. H. Russell of Kansas: Commander, I move the adoption of the majority report.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, is this the final report from this committee?

Edward K. Gould of Maine: I will say, Commander, we have passed on all matters that have been submitted to us.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I understand there are some other matters to come before that committee that have not yet been submitted to the committee.

The Senior Vice-Commander: It is not necessary to discharge the committee simply because they have made this report.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, am I to understand that the question is on substituting the minority report for the majority report, or will it require a motion of that kind?

The Senior Vice-Commander: It will require a motion.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Then, Commander, I move that the minority report be substituted for the majority report in so far as relates to the recommendations from the Ohio Division.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion; and I suggest that the minority report be taken up and disposed of section by section.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The question is on the motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report in so far as relates to the recommendations from the Division of Ohio. If there is no objection the report will be considered section by section, but the question is now on the substitution of the minority for the majority report.

James W. Noel of Indiana: Commander, if Brother Archer will state the purport and effect of the amendments recommended by the Division of Ohio, and submitted in his minority report, the Encampment would be able to vote more intelligently.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection Brother Archer will be heard to explain the purport and effect of the amendments recommended by the minority report.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, the first article is a provision for acquiring membership, and that provision is similar to the action of the Encampment at Indianapolis, when it permitted the admission of candidates to membership in the Order by simply giving them the obligation and presenting the badge. That is to simplify the form under which we are at present attempting to operate. I do not believe that we are operating under it, but we are attempting to operate under it. It is to authorize the Commander-in-Chief, through the Division, to present a candidate, when he is admitted to membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans, a diploma of membership, so that he may have something to show, for which he has paid, and something with which to preserve a record to himself of his membership in the Camp. The same formula of application is to be followed, the same rule as to reference to a committee, and election to membership must be had at a regular or stated meeting, but he can be admitted to membership by orally assuming the obligation, or he may assume the obligation by subscribing to it in writing. It provides that membership shall not be less than three dollars, and the annual dues not less than one; and when he pays his dues he is to receive a membership card, and I might say in this connection, that this diploma is to bear a number, and that number is to stay with the brother so long as he lives and retains his membership. He will be known as No. 1 or No. 6 so long as he is a member of the Order.

It further provides that the present membership is to be provided with diplomas. The application and forms are to be provided by the Commandery-in-Chief, and through the Divisions they are to be furnished to the Camps, and the Camps shall return to the Divisions the names and numbers of the members who subscribed to these application forms, whereupon the Divisions shall issue and present a membership diploma; for which it is recommended that a fee of twenty-five cents shall be charged.

Now as to the Camp Constitution, the only change is that instead of requiring Camps to meet monthly, a provision is made that there shall be one annual meeting, and at that annual meeting the officers shall be elected and installed, and that the retiring officer, or any past officer, is authorized to install the new officers into office, without waiting to get a commission from the Division Commander. Special meetings may be called, as is provided for at the present time. The officers are to remain the same. Their duties remain the same and the only change further in the Constitution is in the First Sergeant's duties, and that is that he shall keep a record in which shall be entered these memberships in accordance with the numbers as they come from the Division.

In the Division Constitution, in Article II., in regard to membership, instead of using the words "Any representative" in part 4 of Section 2, it is intended to use the word "delegates," the same as in Section 3. For vacancies provision is made that the representation to a Division Encampment can be filled upon giving notice of twenty-four hours in writing, and calling a special meeting; and the representation to the Commandery-in-Chief shall be based upon the number of members in good standing at the annual meeting in December. Under the head of Division Officers it is provided that the Adjutant shall be required to keep his record of membership, maintaining this numerical order. Under Rules and Regulations the provision is made that the Commandery-in-Chief shall issue the charter upon the report of the Division Commander, or the mustering officer by him appointed, and that Division Commanders are authorized to approve and muster a Camp without the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

Camp charters may be surrendered by a Division Commander when the membership is less than ten and in his judgment the best interest of the Order requires it.

Under Article VIII., Rules and Regulations, Section 1, Compensation. The Adjutant-General shall receive an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars and the Quartermaster-General shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, said salaries to be paid monthly upon the order of the Commander-in-Chief.

The Quartermaster-General's department shall be established and fixed permanently for three years.

These, Senior Vice-Commander, are in substance and hurriedly, the proposed amendments to our Constitution, and it is intended that we shall, by our action at this Commandery-in-Chief, show a disposition to authorize the doing of that which will recognize the individual members as much as we recognize the Captain, the Division Commander, the Commander-in-Chief, or any other elective officer in any of the Divisions or the Commandery-in-Chief. It is to present to him a memorial that he can lay up and treasure and preserve, to show to his descendants an evidence that he was once a member of an Order which had courage enough to preserve the record of his father.

Charles S. Davis of Maryland: Commander, I move that the minority report of this Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations be laid on the table.

The motion was seconded.

James D. Rowen of Iowa: Commander, I rise to a point of order, and that is, if that motion prevails it carries everything, the majority report as well, to the table with it.

The Senior Vice-Commander: That is undoubtedly the case. The question is on the motion to lay the minority report on the table. Are you ready for the question?

Charles S. Davis of Maryland: Then, Commander, with the consent of my second, I will withdraw the motion.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Does the seconder of the motion consent to its withdrawal? [Cries of "Consent," "Consent."] The motion to lay on the table is withdrawn.

James D. Rowen of Iowa: Commander, I move as a substitute motion that the majority report, so far as there is no objection made to it in the committee, be taken up item by item and disposed of; and when we arrive at the point about which there is contention in the committee, all the other matter will be out of the way, and then this Encampment can proceed to the consideration of that. I move as a substitute that we take up the majority report and consider it section by section until we come to the report with reference to the recommendations from the Division of Ohio.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, we are already doing that.

The Senior Vice-Commander: That will be the procedure under the ruling of the Chair. If there is no objection the first thing in order is the consideration of the first section of the majority report.

James W. Noel of Indiana: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The brother will state his point of order.

James W. Noel of Indiana: Commander, my point of order is that the original motion was for the adoption of the minority report. The succeeding motion was that the majority report be amended by the introduction of the minority report. That motion is now before us and has not yet been voted upon, and has not been withdrawn. Then there was a motion to lay that motion upon the table, and by unanimous consent the motion to lay upon the table was withdrawn, and the question now before the house is upon the motion to adopt the minority report.

The Senior Vice-Commander: I think if the brothers will allow this matter to proceed in the manner suggested by the Chair, the Commandery will arrive at the point we want to arrive at much quicker than in any other way. If there is no objection I will rule that we take up the majority report and consider it section by section until we arrive at that part of the report which covers the recommendations from the Division of Ohio. That far there is no objection, and the minority concurs in the majority report. We can take up all these matters and dispose of them, and then consider the minority report on the recommendations from the Division of Ohio.

James D. Rowen of Iowa: Commander, I move if there be no objection to any section of the report of the committee, that it be taken as agreed to, without a vote of the house.

The Senior Vice-Commander: It is so ordered, if there is no objection. The Chairman of the Committee will proceed with the reading of the report section by section.

CONSIDERATION OF MAJORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C., R. AND R.

Brother Edward K. Gould, Chairman of the Committee, proceeded with the reading of the report as follows: —

“Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg leave to submit the following report: —

“Upon resolutions offered by Past Division Commander Marsh of the Illinois Division, the committee recommend the adoption of the following as an additional section to Article III., page 53, of the Rules and Regulations: —

“SECTION 5. The dues of brothers who serve in the army and navy of the United States in time of war may be remitted by the Camps of which they are members during the time they are in the service, and while so remitted, Camps and Divisions shall not be required to pay *per capita* tax on such members. The names of all brothers whose dues are remitted shall be reported in the quarterly return, together with the time during which said remission is to continue.”

The Senior Vice-Commander: Is there objection to this section of the report of the committee?

Charles L. Pierce of California: Senior Vice-Commander, as one of the members of the Committee on Resolutions, that came before us, I want to ask, does that go back, or will it commence with the beginning of this quarter?

W. A. Personius of New York: Commander, I don't know how we could take any action that would be retroactive. I don't believe we could make an amendment that would take effect before its passage.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: The back salary legislation in Congress was that character. Of course it can be done.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Is there objection? The Chair hears none. If there is no objection it will stand adopted. It is so adopted.

Chairman Gould continued the reading of the report as follows: —

“The resolution offered by the Surgeon-General in his report concerning the time in which reports to the Inspector-General, Surgeon-General and Chaplain-in-Chief must be presented, and the penalty for failing to comply with the same, is returned to the Encampment without recommendation.

“I will read the resolution: —

“*Be it resolved*, That the reports to the Departments of the Inspector-General, Surgeon-General and Chaplain-in-Chief shall be made not later than July first of each year. The officers of these departments are hereby forbidden to accept reports after this date; and all Divisions failing to report in accordance with this resolution shall be barred from representation at the following meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

“We submit this without recommendation.”

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, this section of the report is before you. What will you do with it?

James D. Rowen of Iowa: Commander, under the report of the committee there is nothing before us on that matter.

W. P. Feder of Kansas: Commander, I suggest that the date be made August 1, for this reason: The Camp Chaplain's report is not due until the 30th day of May; and you cannot get the quarterly reports of Division Quartermasters in much less than thirty or forty days; I think the time should be extended.

The Senior Vice-Commander: There is no motion before the body.

W. P. Feder of Kansas: Commander, I move that the date be made August 1, and then I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion was seconded.

The Senior Vice-Commander: That is a double motion. I will have to rule that it is not in order in its present form, as it embraces two propositions. With your consent, I will divide the motion and put the question first on the motion to change the date from July 1 to August 1. Is there objection? The Chair hears none.

W. W. Bisby of Iowa: Commander, I move to lay this motion on the table.

The motion was not seconded.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The question is on the motion to change the date from the first of July to the first of August. All those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed same sign. [Cries of "Division," "Division."] A division is called for. Those in favor of the motion will please rise and stand until counted. The Adjutant-General will count. Be seated. Those opposed will please rise. The Adjutant-General will report.

The Adjutant-General: Commander, there are thirty-two brothers voting in the affirmative and forty-five in the negative.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The motion is lost, thirty-two voting in the affirmative and forty-five in the negative. The question is now on the adoption of the resolution. Those in favor of the adoption of the resolution will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is not agreed to, and the resolution is not adopted.

Chairman Gould resumed the reading of the report as follows: —

"We recommend that the changes to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations proposed by the Division of Ohio be non-concurred in."

The Senior Vice-Commander: Better skip that for the present.

Chairman Gould resumed the reading of the report as follows: —

"We recommend that Article XXV., page 78, Rules and Regulations, relative to the Quartermaster-General, be amended so that it will read as follows: —

ARTICLE XXV.

"SECTION 1. The Quartermaster-General's Department shall be established and be made permanent, and the Quartermaster-General be made directly accountable to the Commander-in-Chief, indemnifying the Order against loss by a bond of ten thousand dollars, and there shall be upon said bond, two or more sureties each of whom shall qualify in a sum not less than five thousand dollars and in the aggregate not less than twice the sum fixed in the bond; and

the Quartermaster-General shall be elected by the Commandery-in-Chief, and his annual salary fixed at \$1,500 per annum. He shall hold office for three years.

"This section shall take effect at the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief in the year 1892."

Right here I might remark that this amendment touches simply the bonds. Under the old clause of the Constitution it is fixed arbitrarily that there shall be two sureties on the bond, and each surety shall be worth \$20,000. The committee considered that that might work a hardship on some brother, and we have given, in this amendment, the privilege to any man who may be elected and chooses to have more than two sureties, the aggregate liability of all shall be at least \$20,000, and the responsibility of each shall be at least \$5,000.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Is there objection to this section of the report of the committee?

F. J. Coates of Nebraska: Commander, I would move to amend that bond section so that it will read, "A bond in the sum of \$5,000 to be given by a Fidelity Company" instead of individual sureties.

George F. Wolz of Nebraska: Commander, I second that motion. The motion was agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The question is now on the adoption of Article XXV., Section 1, as reported by the committee amended by the amendment of Brother Coates. All those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes have it, and the section reported by the committee, as amended, is adopted.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I want to offer a further amendment to that section, and that is that the premium on this bond be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief for the Quartermaster-General.

F. J. Coates of Nebraska: Commander, I will accept that as a part of my motion.

The Senior Vice-Commander: That will have to be made as an independent motion.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I make that as an original motion.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was not agreed to.

Chairman Gould: That concludes the majority report. It is signed, "Respectfully submitted, Edward K. Gould, Joseph B. McCabe, W. W. Bisby, R. D. Houlihan."

The Senior Vice-Commander: That disposes of the majority report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. What shall be done with the minority report of Brother Archer of Ohio?

E. C. Parkinson of New York: Commander, I move that the minority report be laid on the table.

The motion was seconded.

E. C. Parkinson of New York: Commander, with the consent of my second I withdraw the motion in order to give Brother Archer a

chance to put the recommendation of his Division before the Encampment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the motion to lay on the table is withdrawn.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I understood that upon the conclusion of the consideration of the majority report, with the exception of the section in reference to the recommendations from the Division of Ohio, the minority report was to be taken up and considered section by section.

The Senior Vice-Commander: That was the understanding of the Chair. Brother Archer will proceed with the first part of his minority report.

CONSIDERATION MINORITY REPORT, C., R. AND R.

Brother Archer proceeded with the minority report as follows:—

“The minority report recommends the adoption of the following:—

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERSHIP, HOW ACQUIRED.

“SECTION 1. Membership in the Order shall be acquired by making application on the forms provided for that purpose by the Commandery-in-Chief to a Camp at a stated or called meeting of the same. Said application shall be referred to a committee of three by the Captain of the Camp. Said committee may make its report the same meeting, and a ballot may be had at that or any subsequent meeting of the Camp.”

R. Shaw Van of Iowa: Commander, I move the adoption of the section recommended.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I object to the adoption of the section and call for a vote.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Objection is made to the section of the report read. Brother Shaw Van moves its adoption. Is there any second to the motion?

W. H. Adams of Minnesota: Commander, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that the question is not upon the adoption of this report article by article and section by section, but it is upon the motion to adopt the majority report, which was a substitute motion offered by the brother over there, and by consent, we took up those portions where the two reports did not conflict. Now the question before this house is upon the adoption or non-adoption of the original report, on the matter covered by the minority report.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair will rule that the point of order is not well taken. The Chair will rule that it is in order to take up the minority report section by section and consider it in the same way that the majority report covering these matters was considered.

W. H. Adams of Minnesota: And the Chair rules that this minority report is before the house, and not the original question, not the question of the substitution of the minority report for the majority report?

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair holds that we must take up and consider both of them, section by section, clear through. We

considered the majority report with the exception of that part of it which referred to the recommendations from the Division of Ohio, and this minority report is concerning those recommendations; and the Chair rules that its consideration is now in order.

W. H. Adams of Minnesota: Then, Commander, I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The decision of the Chair is appealed from. Will the Junior Vice-Commander put the question on the appeal?

W. H. Adams of Minnesota: Commander, I withdraw the appeal.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander and brothers, if you will allow these sections to be read, and then if you want to discuss them all right, and if you want to adopt them all right, and if you don't want to adopt them, all right; but let us do business without undertaking to rehearse all the parliamentary law and usage that might have been in existence from the foundation of the world down to the present time. [Cries of "Hear them," "Hear them."]

James W. Noel of Indiana: Commander, in order to simplify the question, and keep the majority report unentangled from the minority report, I now move that the majority report, already considered, be now adopted as a whole.

The motion was seconded.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order. I submit that you can't take a part of a committee report in that way and act upon it.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The point of order, in the opinion of the Chair, is well taken. The motion is out of order. The question is now upon the section of the majority report which says it does not concur in the recommendations made by the Division of Ohio, which was passed at the time on the suggestion of the Chair. The chairman of the committee will read that section of the majority report.

Chairman Gould read the section of the majority report referred to as follows:—

"We recommend that the changes to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations proposed by the Division of Ohio be non-concurred in."

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, the Division of Ohio will endeavor to exist, and will endeavor to retain her membership in her Camps, notwithstanding you are refusing to listen to our suggestions. I now withdraw the recommendation from the Division of Ohio, and tell you to do what you please.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I object to the withdrawal of the recommendation from Ohio.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is objection, the withdrawal cannot be made.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I insist that this matter be decided upon its merits.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair asked for the reading of that portion of the majority report which bears upon this question, and it has been read. The recommendation of the majority report of the

committee is that the recommendation of the Division of Ohio be not concurred in. Do I hear any objection to the adoption of this section of the majority report?

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I object.

James W. Noel of Indiana: Commander, I move the adoption of the recommendation.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, on that motion I demand a call of the roll.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, long ago a motion was made to substitute the minority report for the majority report. Pending that motion, by unanimous consent, we said we would take up these matters section by section.

Quartermaster-General Loebenstein: Commander, Rule of Order No. 26 provides for this case exactly, and if that had been followed there would be no complications here at all. Rule No. 26 says, "When a majority report is followed by a report from the minority of the committee, the former shall lay upon the table until the latter is presented, after which on motion, either may be considered."

The Senior Vice-Commander: The question is now upon the minority report.

W. S. Oberdorf of New York: Commander, let us hear the minority report of the committee.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The motion is to substitute the minority report, and Brother Archer will proceed with the reading of the minority report.

Brother Archer proceeded with the reading of the minority report as follows: —

SECT. 2. The ballot shall be with white and black balls, and a clear ballot required for election to membership. Any application which may be rejected shall not be again received until the expiration of six months thereafter.

SECT. 3. After the election to membership the applicant shall, if present, orally assume, and in absence, in writing subscribe to the obligation of the Order; the Captain of the Camp shall forward to the Division Commander a copy of the application with a certificate of the election to membership of the applicant, who shall cause the same to be recorded in the Record of Membership, which shall be numbered in consecutive order received, and thereupon issue and return to the Camp a diploma of membership in form provided by the Commandery-in-Chief, and bearing the signature and seal attested by the Adjutant-General of the Commandery-in-Chief, and shall be countersigned by the signature and seal, attested by the Adjutant of the Division Commander.

SECT. 4. The Membership Fee shall be \$3.00, and annual dues not less than one dollar, which membership fee shall accompany the application and shall entitle the applicant, if elected, to diploma and badge, and in case of rejection of applicant the fee shall be returned to him.

SECT. 5. The Captain of the Camp shall forward to the Division Commander with each application for diploma and badge, \$1 00.

SECT. 6. Applications may be made to the Division Commander direct, and he is authorized upon satisfactory investigation to issue diploma and membership badges.

Such members shall be known as "members at large" and shall pay the same membership fee and annual dues direct to the Division headquarters, and upon request said member may be assigned to any Camp in the Division upon said Camp taking action the same as in cases of membership on transfer.

SECT. 7. Upon application of any member in good standing the Captain shall issue a transfer card of membership.

Membership may be acquired on transfer by making application to a Camp and depositing with said application the transfer card and payment of one year's dues.

SECT. 8. The Division Commander may issue an honorable discharge to any member of a Camp in good standing, and members of Camps who were in good standing at the time of dissolution shall be entitled to receive from Division Commander, transfer card or honorable discharge.

SECT. 9. Dues shall be paid in advance from date of admission to membership; and the Captain shall cause to be issued to each member, upon payment of dues, a membership card which shall be in the form prescribed by the Commandery-in-Chief, and bear the member's number, diploma number, and past rank by him held.

SECT. 10. The present membership of the Order shall be furnished diplomas by the several Divisions as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and blanks for records of members shall be forwarded to Captains of each Camp who shall cause each member to sign said application form and return same to Division Headquarters. The numbers given to members shall be in the order received at Division Headquarters. The fee for same shall be twenty-five cents for each member.

R. Shaw Van of Iowa: Senior Vice-Commander, I now move the adoption of the majority report.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The motion is out of order. The question is on the motion to substitute the minority report for the section of the majority report covering the recommendations from the Division of Ohio. Those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The noes seem to have it. The noes have it, and the motion is not agreed to. The question now recurs upon the adoption of the majority report as submitted. Those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and the majority report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations is adopted.

Next in order will be the report of the committee appointed at the last Encampment to prepare a new eligibility clause for the Constitution. Brother C. T. Orner of Illinois is Chairman of the Committee. Is the committee ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE.

C. T. Orner of Illinois, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed at the Sixteenth Annual Encampment to draft a new eligibility clause for the Constitution, submitted the following report:—

The Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

We, your committee, appointed by authority of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment to draft a new eligibility clause, would respectfully submit the following as our report, and recommend that it be adopted in lieu of

ARTICLE V. CHAPTER I.

SECTION 1. All male descendants not less than eighteen years of age, of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Union Army or Navy, and of such State troops as were called into active service under the command of United States officers, during the War of the Rebellion, and who were in the service at the close of said war, or who, by reason of death or honorable discharge,

severed their connection therewith before the close of said war, shall be eligible to membership, provided that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

C. T. ORNER, *Chairman*,
W. H. RUSSELL.

C. T. Orner of Illinois: Commander, I move the adoption of this article.

F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin: Commander, I second the motion.

J. D. Rowen of Iowa: Commander, I move an amendment to the article, to insert immediately after the words, "or whose father has ever," the word "willingly," so that the sentence will read, "Or whose father has ever willingly borne arms against the Government of the United States of America."

C. T. Orner of Illinois: Commander, the committee will modify the wording of the article a little, and beg leave to submit it in this form:—

SECTION 1. All male descendants, not less than eighteen years of age, of soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union Army or Navy, and of such State troops as served under the command of United States general officers during the Civil War, and who were in the service at the close of said war, or who by reason of death or honorable discharge severed their connection therewith before the close of said war, shall be eligible to membership, provided that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever willingly borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move to amend the wording of that article as reported by the committee, by striking out the words "male descendants" and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "sons not less than eighteen years of age." Strike out the words, "male descendants" and insert in lieu thereof the word "sons"; so that it will read, "All sons not less than eighteen years of age of deceased and honorably discharged soldiers," etc.; and strike out the words "Union Army" and insert in lieu thereof "United States service," so that it will read, "In the United States service."

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair hears no second to the amendments moved by the brother from Pennsylvania.

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Commander, I desire to submit the following amendment to the committee: To strike out the words, "male descendants" and insert in lieu thereof the word "sons," so as to make it read, "All sons not less than eighteen years of age of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines in the service of the United States during the Civil War."

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The brother will state his point of order.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, my point of order is that the rules require that all motions and amendments shall be submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief in writing, and Brother Hammer is not conforming to the rule.

The Senior Vice-Commander: There is such a clause in the Constitution, and no written resolution has been sent in.

E. C. Parkinson of New York: Commander, I move that the motion be laid on the table.

Charles L. Pierce of California: Commander, I second the motion.

W. H. Russell of Kansas: Commander, the committee have now modified the clause so as to read:—

SECTION 1. All male descendants not less than eighteen years of age of soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union Army or Navy, and of such State troops as served under the command of United States officers during the Civil War, and who were in the service at the close of said war, or who by reason of death or honorable discharge severed their connection therewith before the close of said war, shall be eligible to membership, provided that no person shall be eligible, who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

E. C. Parkinson of New York: Commander, by consent of the Commandery-in-Chief I will withdraw my motion to lay on the table.

Charles L. Pierce of California: Commander, as the seconder of that motion I do not consent.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, I move to amend the motion to lay on the table so as to make it read, "to lay this matter upon the table until the next session of this Encampment."

Charles L. Pierce of California: Commander, I am willing to accept that amendment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The amendment is then to lay this matter over until tomorrow morning. Is that amendment seconded?

The motion was not seconded.

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move to amend the section so as to make it read as follows:—

"All male descendants not less than eighteen years of age of soldiers, sailors or marines who were in the service of the United States, and of such State troops as served under the command of United States officers."

The Senior Vice-Commander: Is there a second to the amendment offered by Brother Hammer? The Chair hears none. The question is on the motion to lay upon the table. As many as are in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. [Cries of "Division," "Division."] Those in favor of the motion will so signify by rising to their feet. The Adjutant-General will count. Be seated. Those opposed to the motion will now rise. The Adjutant-General will report.

The Adjutant-General: Commander, there were thirty-three voting in the affirmative and fifty-seven voting in the negative.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The motion to lay on the table is lost. The question now recurs upon the adoption of the report.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: And on that question, Commander, I move the previous question.

The motion for the previous question was seconded by brothers from two other Divisions.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The question is, shall the main question be now put. Those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The previous question is carried. The question is now upon the adoption of the eligibility clause as reported by the committee. Those in favor of the adoption will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The noes seem to have it. [Cries of "Division," "Division."] A division is called for. Those in favor of the adoption of the eligibility clause as reported by the committee, will rise to their feet and stand until counted. The Adjutant-General will count. Be seated. Those opposed will rise.

The Adjutant-General: Commander, there are fifty-one voting in the affirmative and forty-three voting in the negative.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The clause as reported by the committee is adopted.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The brother will state his point of order.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, my point of order is that the Chair is in error in pronouncing the eligibility clause as reported by the committee adopted. It is a constitutional amendment, and under the rules requires a majority of the aggregate membership of the Encampment to adopt it. Fifty-one is not a majority of the membership of this Encampment, and the amendment is not adopted.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair must rule that the point of order is well taken, and the Chair was in error. Fifty-one is a majority of those voting, but is not a majority of the membership of the body, such as is required to pass a Constitutional amendment. The section is not adopted.

E. W. Estes of New York: Commander, I move that the Encampment now take a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

WEDNESDAY — MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 14, 1898, 9.30 o'clock A.M.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Encampment will please come to order. If there are any brothers present who have not yet presented their credentials they will please present them at once to the Adjutant-General, in order that they may be passed upon. I understand that some have come in this morning. The Adjutant-General will announce the names of brothers whose credentials have been passed upon by the committee since the last report; and if there is no objection from the other members of the Committee on Credentials, his announcement will be taken as a supplementary report of that committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Adjutant-General: Commander, the credentials of Past Commander W. H. Davis of the Nebraska Division, Delegate C. E. Sampson of the Nebraska Division, and Alternate H. A. Russell of the Kansas Division have been passed upon and approved by the Committee on Credentials, and these brothers accordingly are entitled to seats and votes in this Encampment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the brother's names will be accredited as members of this Encampment and placed upon the roll call this morning.

Before proceeding further with the business of the Encampment, the Inspector-General will please satisfy himself that all present are entitled to remain.

The Inspector-General: Commander, all present are entitled to remain.

The Senior Vice-Commander: I am informed that the Adjutant-General's book has not yet arrived, and we will defer the roll call for a few moments. Are there any committees ready to report?

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, the Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work is ready to report.

FREE ADMISSION TO THE EXPOSITION GROUNDS.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Before taking up the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports the Chair would announce that arrangements have been made whereby all members of this Encampment who present themselves, wearing the badge of the Order, at the east entrance of the Exposition grounds, between 10 and 11 o'clock, will be admitted to the Exposition free of charge.

PAST HONORS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DARLING.

There is one more matter to which I wish to allude. It has come to my ears, it has been stated to me, that in occupying this Chair as the presiding officer of this Encampment, I am taking from our Commander-in-Chief his past rank. I wish it understood positively that such is not the case. I take nothing from our Commander-in-Chief of his past honors. I am simply acting in his place and for him during this Encampment.

We will now proceed with the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, inasmuch as this is one of the most important reports that will come before this body, I think it should be heard by the entire Encampment, and I would suggest the probable absence of a quorum.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair will rule that even five members of the Commandery are a quorum for the transaction of business in the Commandery-in-Chief, if the number has not been prescribed. I know of no reason why the other members of this Encampment should not be present at this time. It is not our fault if they are not here.

E. W. Estes of New York: Commander, I rise to a point of order. Section 5, Article III., page 38 of the Constitution, Rules and Regu-

lations says, "A majority of all the officers and representatives reported present and entitled to a vote in the Commandery-in-Chief, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business." My point of order is that there is not a quorum present.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, I submit that it is assumed that there is a quorum present until a roll call shows that there is not.

GREETINGS FROM THE L. A. S.

C. T. Orner of Illinois: Commander, I am informed that a committee from the Ladies' Aid Society is in waiting to present the greetings of that body to our Order.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Up to the present time the roll call has not been called, and there is no proof that there is not a quorum present; but to obviate any question about that matter, if we will now receive this committee from the Ladies' Aid there will probably be a quorum present when we are ready to resume business.

C. T. Orner of Illinois: Commander, I move that the Encampment take a recess of five minutes for the reception of the committee from the Ladies' Aid Society, and that a committee be appointed to receive them.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair will appoint as such committee Brother Orner of Illinois, Brother Goulding of Massachusetts, Brother Church of Illinois, Brother Hayercraft of Minnesota and the Inspector-General. The committee will receive the ladies and escort them to the platform.

The Encampment now takes recess for five minutes.

The committee appointed by the Commander escorted the committee from the Ladies' Aid to the platform.

C. T. Orner of Illinois: Commander, I have the honor of introducing to this Encampment the committee from the Ladies' Aid Society, who have come here to give us their annual greeting.

I have the pleasure of introducing to you Miss Freemans of Colorado, Miss Wallace of Indiana, Miss Russ of Iowa, Miss Kuhn of Nebraska, and Miss Fielding of Ohio.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Ladies, it gives us pleasure to receive you at this time, and unquestionably the Encampment will be pleased to hear your greeting.

Miss Freemans: Sons of Veterans, Greetings. We are a committee to bring to you the greetings of your Ladies' Auxiliary. For your deeds in the past we congratulate you, and for your future we tender our best wishes. Recent tests have proven that with the freedom of our country entrusted to our Sons of Veterans, "our flag is still there." Our hopes for your Order can best be expressed by the simple lines:

"You meet again in council, your labors to review,

The present to consider, the future to construe;

May wisdom guide you in the right, in all you do and say;

That good fruit may oft be reaped from seeds sown here today."

[Applause.]

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, I fully realize my inability to respond to the greeting of the ladies in an appropriate manner. I have ordered out a detail to search for Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe and Past Commander-in-Chief Russell, and the detail has not succeeded in bringing them in.

I will say to the ladies on behalf of the Order that it gives us great pleasure at this time to receive their greetings. We know full well the work you are doing, and appreciate the assisting hand which you hold out to us as an organization. We hope that the future of your organization may be bright and prosperous, and that the help and assistance which you have extended to us in the past may ever be held out to us. You are heartily welcome. [Applause.]

The committee from the Ladies' Aid retired, escorted by the committee appointed by the Senior Vice-Commander.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Encampment will now come to order. The Adjutant-General will call the roll.

The Adjutant-General called the roll.

(Roll call No. 3.)

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Adjutant-General: Commander, the Committee on Credentials have to report that they have passed upon the additional credentials presented by the Division of Iowa certifying that Brother J. H. York has been appointed substitute for delegate-at-large.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The report will be received and adopted if there is no objection. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Noel will take the station of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, and Brother Parkinson of New York will act as Junior Vice-Commander.

The next business in order is the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work. We will hear from Brother Abbott, chairman of that committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS, ETC.

Chairman Abbott submitted and read the following report from the Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

Your Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work respectfully reports as follows: —

At the request of the Acting Commander-in-Chief we increased the membership of our committee, by adding to its membership, Past Col. H. E. Cowdin of Michigan. Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe was relieved by the Commander from serving on this committee. Much of the work of the Committee on Resolutions and on Constitution, Rules and Regulations was passed directly to said committees without passing through the hands of this committee.

While we would be pleased to dwell in particular upon the excellence of the report of each officer submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief, time and space will not permit, but that each has performed his duty faithfully and well is evident from the good shape in which we find the Order, and the Commandery-in-Chief should feel grateful for the fidelity and assiduity each has displayed in his particular field of work.

That our beloved Commander-in-Chief responded early to his country's call and is now away serving loyally in a foreign land, is sufficient commendation of his work, and a sublime example that the teachings of our Order are not vain words, and that as its chief representative he has placed our star high in the firmament of our Nation's glory, winning our sublime admiration and applause. [Applause.]

The Junior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the report of this committee will be considered under the rule adopted for the consideration of the reports of other committees of this Encampment, that is, section by section. You have heard the reading of the report thus far. If there is no objection it will be taken as concurred in. The Chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Abbott: Taking up the decisions of the Commander-in-Chief, we recommend that all the decisions of Commander-in-Chief Darling be approved, with the exceptions hereinafter noted: —

Decision XVIII. This decision holds that if a Division Encampment fixes upon a charge to be made for the issuance of commissions to Camp officers, and such officers decline to pay such charge, that the Division Commander may, after notice to the delinquent, order the officer next in rank to assume command of the Camp.

Your committee cannot concur in this decision for the reason that in our opinion when a brother is elected and duly installed in his office, his commission as such officer cannot be withheld for any reason by the authority whose duty it is under the supreme law of the Order to issue such commission, but that the law requiring the issuance of a commission to a duly elected and installed officer is mandatory and admits of no further contingencies.

This decision is reversed.

The Junior Vice-Commander: Brothers, you have heard this section of the report of the committee recommending the reversal of the decision, No. 18, of Commander-in-Chief Darling. Is there any objection to this section of the report of the committee?

Edward K. Gould of Maine: Commander, I wish to say that the recommendation of the committee is directly in opposition to the action of this Encampment taken some years ago. The decision of the Commander-in-Chief is right in line with the precedents.

The Junior Vice-Commander: There being objection, the question is on the adoption of this section of the report of the committee. Those in favor of the adoption of the report will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and the report of the committee is adopted.

Chairman Abbott: Decision XXIII. This decision holds that a Past Captain joining a Camp by transfer, takes precedence as such in said Camp from the date of his admission, rather than from the date when he acquired his past honors.

Your committee does not believe this to be the law, but would hold that such Past Captain would rank in seniority from the date of his attaining his past rank.

The decision is reversed.

The Junior Vice-Commander: Is there any objection to this section of the report of the committee? If not, it will stand as adopted. The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered.

Chairman Abbott: Decision XXVI. This decision is of the same tenor as Decision XXIII., and is reversed for the same reason.

The Junior Vice-Commander: Is there any objection? If not it will stand as adopted. The Chair hears no objection and it is adopted.

Chairman Abbott: Decision XI. In the Fremont Tietze case, while we sustain the right of the Commander-in-Chief to grant a rehearing in this case upon the ground of newly discovered evidence, we must hold that his action in trying and adjudicating the matter was unauthorized and void, and that such hearing should have been referred to this Commandery. However, we have taken jurisdiction of the case and having duly considered all the evidence, we find that the eligibility of said Fremont Tietze is clearly established. In view of such conclusion we recommend that said Fremont Tietze be permitted to make application to any Camp of the Order, and that any disabilities existing on account of any previous action of this body be removed.

The Junior Vice-Commander: Is there any objection? If not, it will stand adopted. The Chair hears no objection and it will stand adopted.

Chairman Abbott: The special orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief have been reviewed and their approval recommended.

The Junior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection this section of the report of the committee will be approved. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Chairman Abbott: In the matter of the recommendation of the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, that in view of the work of Adjutant Eddy of the Michigan Division, he be given a medal of honor; while we recognize his splendid and successful work in the raising of Companies "L" of the Thirty-third and "B" of the Thirty-fifth Michigan Infantry, many others have also done similar work, and it would not be just to single out one individual upon whom to confer this distinction. We recommend that it be not concurred in.

The Junior Vice-Commander: Is there any objection to this section of the report? If not, it will stand adopted. The Chair hears no objection and it is adopted.

Chairman Abbott: In the matter of the recommendation of the Adjutant-General, in regard to Gould's Digest. We consider it a creditable compilation of the opinions and decisions heretofore rendered by Commanders-in-Chief and Judge Advocates-General, and commend it as such to officers and members of the Order.

The Junior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the section will stand adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so adopted.

Chairman Abbott: In reference to the matter of bonds — that is, the question of giving surety bonds, giving Camps and Divisions and Commander-in-Chief authority to accept surety bonds in place of personal bonds, we recommend that in States where there is statutory provision for surety bonds, that Camps or Divisions may receive the same, and the paying for them shall be optional, or shall be a matter of arrangement between the parties to the bond.

The Junior Vice-Commander: Is there any objection to the section?

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, I understand from the chairman of the committee that he apprehends that in some States a surety company bond would not be good. I confess that I can't understand that situation. I am perfectly well aware that in many of the States there are conditions attached to official bonds in this, that they shall be signed by freeholders, etc., but that does not refer to this Order. There could be no question in the world in my judgment but what a surety company's bond anywhere in the United States is a good, common law bond; and therefore I see no purpose in discriminating with reference to States, if it make the distinction.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I move this section lay on the table. As I understand, this matter is explicitly covered by the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Chairman Abbott: In that case, Commander, it may be considered as withdrawn.

The Junior Vice-Commander: Is there any objection from any member of the Committee on Officers' Reports to the withdrawing of this section of the report? If not, it may be withdrawn. The Chair hears none and this section is withdrawn.

Chairman Abbott: The recommendation of the Surgeon-General regarding the date of submitting reports, was referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The Junior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the section read is concurred in. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Chairman Abbott: We recommend that the petition of Camp No. 9, Division of Connecticut, relative to a Past Division Commander receiving past honors or receiving an honorable discharge be denied, on the ground that we have no constitutional right to grant the same.

Chairman Abbott: The resolutions referred to in the last recommendation are as follows: They are in the form of resolutions, but it is really a petition.

WHEREAS, Lucien F. Burpee was duly elected a member of and initiated into Chatsfield Camp, Sons of Veterans, of Waterbury, New Haven County, Connecticut, in 1884, and continued an active member thereof until —, when said Camp disbanded, at which time, at his request, he was honorably discharged from our Order, holding the rank of Past Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Said Lucien F. Burpee became an active member of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 9 in 1896, July 13, which Camp was organized in 1894, and has since continued to be and still is an active member thereof; now, therefore

Be it resolved By this Camp that it is our firm belief and claim that said Lucien F. Burpee by said discharge did not forfeit his said honors, and that if he did he became reinvested with them, and all the rights and privileges incident thereto, upon his initiation into said Camp Abraham Lincoln No. 9, July 13, 1896; and

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly authenticated, be presented at the next annual Encampment of our Order, to be held at New Haven on the 11th day of February, 1898, with the request that they be adopted and forwarded to the next annual Encampment for action thereon.

Dated at Waterbury, this 7th day of February, A. D. 1898.

The Junior Vice-Commander: You have heard the recommendation of the committee. If there is no objection to this section of the report it will stand as adopted. The Chair hears no objection and it is so adopted.

Chairman Abbott: In regard to the eligibility clause recommended by the Judge Advocate-General, the same was referred to the special committee on that subject.

The Junior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the section of the report read will be adopted. The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered.

Chairman Abbott: We concur in the recommendation of Brother Stillings relative to military instruction in public schools.

Chairman Abbott: The recommendation of Brother Stillings referred to by the committee is as follows: —

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 8, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

Brothers: Having been detailed by the Commander-in-Chief in General Orders No. 6, to take charge of matters relating to the securing of national legislation furthering the interest of military instruction in public schools, I beg leave to report as follows: —

A bill was introduced in the Fifty-fifth Congress; in the House on Jan. 14, 1898, by Representative Hull and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; in the Senate on Jan. 25, 1898, by Senator Burrows, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Owing to the pressure of other legislation caused by the late war, it was deemed inadvisable to press this matter, as the main object, which was the detailing of officers of the army and navy (both commissioned and non-commissioned) to act as instructors in military drill in public schools, could not possibly be attained during this period.

Thus practically no advancement has been made, though the prospect for successful work during the coming sessions of Congress should be very good indeed.

I received communications from nearly all Division Headquarters, detailing brothers for duty in this work, but have not issued instructions for the reasons previously stated.

All papers and instructions are properly filed and ready for the continuation of the work.

In conclusion I would respectfully recommend that a similar detail be made by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, as the opportunity for advancement in this direction is doubly good; the lessons taught by our late war will not soon be forgotten.

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

CHARLES A. STILLINGS.

The Junior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the recommendation of the committee will be concurred in. The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered.

Chairman Abbott: Commander, that concludes the report. It is respectfully submitted in F., C. and L., and signed "George B. Abbott, Chairman, William E. Bundy, W. H. Russell, and H. E. Cowdin, Secretary."

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I move the adoption of the report of the committee as a whole.

L. E. Merchant of Michigan: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to and the report of the committee adopted as a whole.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON C., R. AND R.

E. K. Gould of Maine: Commander, the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations have another report they would like to make.

The Senior Vice-Commander (having resumed the chair): If there is no objection we will hear from the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. The Chairman will proceed.

Chairman Gould of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, submitted the following report:—

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations recommend the following amendment to Chapter V., Article VII., page 61, of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as follows:—

SECTION 8. In all cases where bonds are required to be furnished by officers of Camps, Divisions, and of the Commandery-in-Chief, the bond of any surety company authorized to do business in the State in which the officer is required to give the bond, or any company authorized to transact business under an act of Congress approved August 13, 1894, may be accepted as sole surety thereon; and the premium on the bond of the Commander-in-Chief shall be defrayed from the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, you have heard the supplementary report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. The question is on the adoption of the report. If there is no objection the report will stand as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered. The report will stand adopted as read. What is the further pleasure of the Commandery?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Harlan Thomas of Colorado: Commander, the Committee on Resolutions is prepared to make a partial report.

The Senior Vice-Commander: We will hear the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Harlan Thomas of Colorado, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the following report: —

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

The committee submit the following resolutions submitted to the committee by Camp No. —, Division of —, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.: —

WHEREAS, Recognizing the true patriotism, self-sacrifice and prompt obedience to the call of their country by the many Sons of Veterans, whether members of the Order or not, wish to record our appreciation, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the names of members of this Camp who are now, or have been, in the army or navy of the United States of America during the Spanish or Cuban-American War of 1898, be transferred to a roll of honor, and that they be relieved from payment of all dues.

That Sons of Veterans, not now members of the Order, who served in the United States army or navy in the Spanish or Cuban-American War of 1898 be invited to become members of the Order and this Camp, and upon favorable action being taken upon their application and their initiation, their names be entered on the rolls of this Camp as honorary members, and they be relieved from the payment of all dues.

That all honorary members shall have all the rights and privileges of active members (except the right to election as Captain, First and Second Lieutenants, and members of the Camp Council). Provided, however, if desiring to enter the line of office they may do so by tendering the dues, and shall thereafter become active members and subject to all dues.

That the foregoing does in no way relieve the Camps from *per capita* tax to the Commandery-in-Chief, which shall be the same as now, on all members in good standing in the Camp.

These resolutions are not signed and the committee does not recommend their adoption.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the report of the committee will be concurred in. I hear no objection and it is so ordered.

Chairman Thomas continued the reading of the report as follows: —

Resolved, That the rank of Past Captain be conferred upon John F. Jenkins of P. C. Van Wyck Camp, No. 104, Division of New York.

This resolution is offered by the New York delegation and is accompanied by the following statement from the Commander of that Division, and James R. Swain, Delegate-at-Large: —

“John S. Jenkins served as Captain of Post 92 of the Post System, Sons of Veterans, New York. His Camp was in existence a number of years prior to the consolidation in New York. Owing to dissension in the Post it was permitted to die, and Jenkins and the best class of the members of the Post formed a Camp in Sing Sing which is now

pursuing an honorable existence in the New York Division. Application was made to the Headquarters of the New York Division several years ago for information regarding the possibility of having past honors conferred upon Brother Jenkins, but the matter has never been presented to the Commandery-in-Chief until now. We cordially hope that there will be no objection to the request of the delegation being granted. If the committee cares to have any further information we will be pleased to impart it.

The committee recommend that the resolution be concurred in.

The Senior Vice-Commander: No objection being offered, the section will stand adopted as read. The Chair hears no objection and it is so adopted.

Chairman Thomas continued the reading of the report as follows:—

The following resolution and recommendation were passed by the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., and directed to be presented to the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:—

HEADQUARTERS GEN. GEO. G. MEADE CAMP No. 16, }
S. OF V., PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION, U.S.A. }
READING, PA., June 10, 1898.

To the Colonel, Officers and Delegates of the Eighteenth Division Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

Brethren: At the regular meeting of the Camp, held on Tuesday, May 31, 1898, the following resolutions were adopted:—

WHEREAS, On June, 1888, this Camp did court-martial Brother James Houser for conduct unbecoming a member in his relations to the Order, and

WHEREAS, Said James Houser has expressed his sincere repentance and has made a written request to be again allowed to become a member of this Camp, therefore

Resolved, That we, the brothers of Meade Camp, No. 16, S. of V., do respectfully petition the Eighteenth Division Encampment to instruct the delegates to the National Encampment to endeavor to have the verdict of "Dishonorable discharge" of said court-martial set aside and said James Houser reinstated as a member of this Camp.

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

GEORGE F. ECKERT, *Captain.*
BEN F. HOLLENBACK,
L. S. RAMSEY,

ATTEST:

H. A. GABLE, *1st Sergeant.*

Committee.

Your committee recommends favorable action by the Commandery-in-Chief on this resolution.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, you have heard the report of the committee; is there any objection? If there is no objection it will stand adopted as read. The Chair hears no objection and it is so adopted.

Chairman Thomas continued the reading of the report as follows : —

PHILLIPSBURG, PA., June 14, 1898.

Resolutions presented by direction of Captain Edgar H. Ruhl
Camp No. 33, S. of V., U.S.A.

Resolved. That this Division Encampment instruct its delegates to Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, to be held at Omaha, Neb., to ask that the honors and rank of Past Captain be restored to brothers John C. Hoffman and Robert S. Stahle, of Camp 33, York, Pa

The reasons for the above requests are hereunto set forth in Exhibits A and B.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

PAUL SMYSER, *Past Captain.*

H. G. LIGHTNER, *Past Captain.*

J. C. COLE, *Delegate.*

JOHN W. STAHLER, *Delegate.*

EDWARD W. NEUMAN, *Delegate.*

EXHIBIT A.

That Brother J. C. Hoffman having served faithfully and honorably as Captain of the aforesaid Camp, was through and by the carelessness or neglect of duty on the part of Quartermaster-Sergeant, dropped from the roll of the Camp.

Brother Hoffman is now a member of our Camp (for the past five years) and was the first Captain of our Camp.

EXHIBIT B.

Brother R. S. Stable was a member in good standing and was serving his second term as Captain when he was shot down in front of the Captain's station in the Camp room, by a member whom he thought his friend, without a moment's warning. His life hung in the balance for a long time and he allowed himself to be dropped owing to the repugnance he felt to visiting the scene of his shooting.

He is now a member again and we ask the restoration of his honors for the good of Camp 33.

The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Is there any objection to the resolution? If not, it will stand adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Chairman Thomas continued the reading of the report as follows : —

PHILADELPHIA, May, 1898.

*To the Officers and Delegates of Eighteenth Division Encampment,
Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans.*

Understanding that Congress is authorizing the construction of many new war ships for the United States Navy, some to be named after States and Territories and others after distinguished men; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, whose name as yet has not been honored in the selection of names for any vessel of the navy; who in life was one of the greatest and most honest Presidents of the United States, true to the trust

that God and his people had placed upon him; a man gentle in spirit and charitable to all men; having no selfish aim or ambition for his own future welfare, but a life devoted faithfully in love to the uplifting of a poor and down-trodden race, that they might be free to share and enjoy the blessings that their Creator had given them, and assured in the Declaration of Independence that all men were created "free and equal," and who gave his life as a final sacrifice, that we might have a united country under one flag, redeemed from slavery into liberty with a new birth of freedom, "that a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, should not perish from the earth"; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Eighteenth Annual Encampment, petition the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Omaha, Neb., to prepare a resolution and present it to Congress, asking them to make an exception and name a United States battleship "Abraham Lincoln."

(Signed) EDEN M. BALLANTINE.

Endorsed:

W. B. McNULTY, *Quartermaster*.

The committee recommends favorable action by the Commandery-in-Chief upon the resolution, but recommends the striking out of the word "Abraham" in the proposed name.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Is there objection to this resolution recommended by the committee? Objection having been offered, the question is on the adoption of the resolution.

L. W. Kennedy of Colorado; Commander, I move the adoption of the resolution as recommended by the committee.

The motion was seconded.

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I would suggest that the name of the Secretary of the Navy be substituted for "Congress" in the resolution.

The Senior Vice-Commander put the question on the motion to adopt the resolution as recommended by the committee, and the motion was agreed to.

Chairman Thomas resumed the reading of the report as follows:—

WHEREAS, The events of the past year in our national life have demonstrated to the world that the patriotic teachings of our Order have quickened into action that love of country and glory in our flag which is the heritage of every Son of a Veteran; and

WHEREAS, When the call to arms was sounded by our beloved President that Cuba might be free, there came from Camp and Division and Commandery-in-Chief a quick and unanimous response; and

WHEREAS, In nearly every regiment of volunteers and in many of the ships of our navy, in this war with Spain, were found Sons of Veterans, faithfully and valiantly defending the flag of our country, even unto death; and

WHEREAS, Desirous of showing its appreciation of those of our members whose privilege it was to be enrolled in the army and navy of our country in the Cuban War, and to take part in the conflict for human liberty and progress; it is hereby

Resolved, By the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., that the Adjutant-General of the Order is hereby directed to have prepared for publication in the proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment a roll of honor which shall contain the name, number of Camp, rank in Camp and rank

in the service of the United States of every member of the Order who volunteered in defence of our country in the late war; and be it further

Resolved, That Commanders of Divisions are hereby ordered to have rolls prepared by Commanders of Camps forthwith, which shall contain this information, and to have such rolls forwarded to the Adjutant-General, within sixty days, for such publication.

The committee recommend the adoption of this resolution.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection it will stand adopted. The Chair hears no objection and it is so adopted. The question is now on the adoption of the report as a whole.

Paul H. Limbach of Colorado: Commander, I move the adoption of the report as a whole.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The next business in order is the report of the Committee on Ritual. Is the Committee on Ritual ready to report?

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, the Committee on Ritual beg leave to submit the following report: —

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

The Committee on the Revision of the Ritual begs leave to submit the following report: —

This committee was appointed under the authority of a resolution adopted by the Sixteenth Annual Encampment.

Pursuant to this authority, the Commander-in-Chief, by Paragraph 3, General Orders No. 6, Series 1897, announced the membership as follows: —

C. D. Rooney, Massachusetts, William Y. Morgan, Kansas, and Clark J. Tisdell, Illinois.

The first act of the committee was a request to the Commander-in-Chief for the insertion in General Orders of a paragraph asking the co-operation of the members of the Order generally, and of the Division Commanders especially, in the work of preparing a Ritual that would be satisfactory to the Order at large. This request was promptly complied with, and in General Orders No. 1, Series of 1898, the following appeared: —

“ All brothers wishing to make suggestions with regard to the revision of the Ritual of the Order are requested to send the same to C. D. Rooney, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Ritual, 307 Carter Building, Boston, Mass. All matters to be considered should be typewritten, if possible, and three copies sent in each case. Division Commanders are requested to forward in triplicate, copies of resolutions bearing on this subject, which may be adopted by the respective Division Encampments, so that they may be considered in advance of being presented to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Omaha. Commanders of Divisions are also

requested to embody the substance of this paragraph as far as it pertains to communications from Camps and individuals in their next order."

So much having been done, the committee awaited results, hoping that it would secure such suggestions and advice as would put it in touch with the sentiment of the Order throughout the country in the matter of Ritual. The committee regrets to have to report that its hopes were not realized. No Division Commander seems to have taken enough interest in the matter to even republish, as requested, the paragraph which appeared in the General Orders.

Capt. A. T. Bogue of Hartford, Conn., deserves special mention in this particular, he having issued a circular in behalf of his Camp which was sent to every Camp in the Connecticut Division, and as a result of this effort nearly every Camp in that Division adopted special resolutions expressive of their desires in the matter of Ritual, and forwarded them to the chairman of the committee. A few scattered resolutions were received from Camps in the Division of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and one individual communication each from Massachusetts and Maryland, but other than this there was silence profound and oppressive. The committee has no comment to make, except to express a hope that if its report be adopted and the changes it may suggest be put in force, that the criticism of its work be equally silent.

Although somewhat discouraged by the lack of co-operation on the part of Camps and individuals, the committee fostered the hope that the Commanders of the several Divisions would heed the request and forward copies of whatever resolutions might be adopted by their Division Encampments relative to the Ritual or its revision. But again has hope deferred made the heart of the committee sick, for up to the date of this Encampment no Division Commander has been heard from along this line, although the committee has personal knowledge that resolutions were adopted and changes suggested by several of the Division Encampments.

As a result of all this indifference the committee was compelled to go to work according to their own ideas, assisted by whatever they could glean of the general sentiment of the Order by personal contact with representative members, and from expressions of that sentiment heard at former national gatherings.

At the outset the committee realized that there was something more to be accomplished than mere verbal and grammatical revision of the present Ritual. There was a deeper question involved. It is sadly true that our Order has not made progress in a numerical and financial way to the degree naturally to be expected. While the committee does not feel that it is its place to enter into a lengthy discussion of all the causes which have brought about this state of affairs, it does feel that the spirit if not the letter of its commission makes it desirable to look carefully at the question whether the ritualistic features of the Order have or have not contributed to the present conditions.

The ritualistic agitation which culminated in the appointment of this committee may be said to have really taken definite shape about 1890. In that year at the St. Joseph convention, various resolutions were submitted. Massachusetts, at its Encampment of that year,

appointed a committee whose duty was to revise the ritual which had been adopted by the Eighth National Encampment held in 1889, and correct the grammatical errors therein. This committee was requested to report directly to the delegates of the Division to the Ninth National Encampment, and these delegates were instructed to work for the changes indicated by the Division committee. Other Divisions agitated for other things and the pressure was strong enough to bring about the appointment of a Committee on Ritual by the St. Joseph Encampment, to meet with the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and report a form of Ritual which should be harmonious, and correspond with, the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations. All will remember the work of that committee; how it reported a Ritual which was submitted in proof sheets to the Order at large, and which "died in the burning." The agitation for a new form of Ritual did not cease, and at the Cincinnati Encampment of 1893 it was decided that all difficulties could be solved and solved finally by the adoption of a three degree Ritual. Of course, there was objection to such a Ritual, but at Davenport in 1894, the National Encampment adopted a three degree Ritual which is in force today. It is this the present committee was appointed to revise.

After careful consideration of all the points involved, the committee was obliged to conclude that a universal panacea for all ills was not to be found in elaborate ritualistic ceremony. As at present organized, the Order at large is not ready for the task involved in the proper preparation of long ceremonial. Many Camps are too small to carry out the task as it should be carried out, and nothing is more of a disgusting farce than pretentious ritualistic work poorly done; other Camps do not meet often enough to give its members the necessary practice needed for the proper conduct of the ceremonies; still other Camps will not perfect themselves in the degree work, and are content to use the short forms and in some cases have revised the Ritual on their own account to suit themselves. This action brought complaint to the committee from one Camp which, contrary to every other expression of opinion heard, prayed for the abolition of all short forms, on the ground that many visitors to this Camp, which always used the full forms, were unable to understand the ceremonies as exemplified, having never before seen the Ritual fully carried out. There were also objections raised of inability to procure, on account of lack of funds, the necessary paraphernalia to be used in the ceremonies attendant upon the higher degrees.

Taking all things into consideration it was evident that a spirit of discontent was abroad in the land, and the committee was forced to the conclusion that it was necessary that a radical change should be made, and in its judgment the only way to make a fair and successful change was to have the minority yield to the majority, the larger Camps to the smaller ones. No organization is stronger than the weakest of its component parts, and in legislating here we must consider the need of the little country Camp of ten members, rather than the great city Camp of one hundred members. We must have a Ritual that can be used at every meeting in its entirety, and according to which every

recruit taken into the Order, no matter where, can be mustered. Our Ritual must be one with which every officer can thoroughly familiarize himself by a fair amount of application. It must be simple and direct; compact and easily intelligible; clear and concise. The directions must be ample and so minutely set forth that absolute uniformity shall prevail. Condensation must be the watchword.

Formerly the cry was raised that this Order was obliged to compete with the general run of fraternal and social orders, and that to do so it was necessary that the Ritual of the Sons of Veterans should be as elaborate as those of the other Orders. That argument has been recognized and its fallacy thoroughly proven. A moment's thought will show that there can be no competition in the strict sense of the word between the Sons of Veterans and other organizations. We are a close corporation, so to speak; our membership is restricted to one class of men; while that of other Orders is limited to no special class and can draw for recruits upon the wide world itself. Our Order is based upon sentiment primarily; the others upon material advantage. The conditions that apply to them can never, under existing circumstances, apply to us. We must legislate for ourselves and must learn for ourselves what is for our best interests.

The committee has made the revision of the Ritual a subject for much thought. The members of it have realized that it is a question big with meaning for the Order and its material prosperity.

They have felt that the subject must be definitely settled at once, and that the various opinions of members of the Order should be officially made known to the Commandery-in-Chief to the end that the long continued agitation might be brought to an end, and has endeavored to place plainly before the body in a concise manner all the alternative propositions that have presented themselves. And in asking your attention to the result of its labors the committee begs to say that it has endeavored in the brief form of Ritual that it has prepared, to arrange a ceremonial suitable for all sorts and conditions of Camps. It hopes for a full and free discussion of the matter in order that the best interests of the Order we all hold so dear may be not only safely guarded, but furthered to the greatest possible extent.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In accordance with the committee's interpretation of the expressions of opinion of the representatives of the Order in various sections of the country it begs leave to offer the following recommendations:—

1. If the Commandery-in-Chief shall desire that the three degree Ritual be retained, the committee recommends the retention of the same Ritual as is now in use, subject, however, to careful editing by this or some other committee, without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

2. If the Commandery-in-Chief shall desire a brief Ritual the committee has prepared one for adoption, which is a condensation of the present three degree Ritual into one of a single degree, with three short changes by the commissioned officers of the Camp, an obligation by the Chaplain and the presentation of the badge to the recruit by the

Captain according to the form now in use. This Ritual contains an instruction that at a suitable point in the muster-in ceremony a scene or scenes from army life during the war *may* be introduced at the option of the Camp, which shall illustrate the three principles of the Order. A few slight changes have been made in the other parts of the Ritual, and the installation of officers of Camps have been shortened and improved and the installing officer furnished with an address to the officers in place of the present long series of charges.

3. In view of the fact that there exists a very strong feeling that ours is not a ritualistic Order, and that instead of providing for the preparation of a new Ritual, all ritualistic work should be practically abolished, which would virtually mean a reorganization of the workings of the Order, this question is respectfully referred to the Commandery-in-Chief, if it desires to take action to this end.

C. D. ROONEY,
W. Y. MORGAN,
C. J. TISDEL,

Committee on Revision of the Ritual.

Chairman Rooney: Commander, I might state that the committee presents three propositions, the adoption of any one of which settles the matter. The committee has found the sentiment very strong for each of these propositions, and would ask that they be considered in order. We ask that you consider first the third proposition, whether the total abolition of Ritual work is desirable.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, I move the adoption of the third resolution, the total abolition of all Ritual work in the Order.

J. B. Maccabe of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The chairman of the committee will read the third proposition.

Chairman Rooney read the third proposition as follows:—

“In view of the fact that there exists a very strong feeling that ours is not a ritualistic Order, and instead of providing for the preparation of a new Ritual, all ritualistic work should be practically abolished, which would virtually mean a reorganization of the Order, this question is respectfully referred to the Commandery-in-Chief, if it desires to take action to this end.”

Edward K. Gould of Maine: Commander, I move that the motion to adopt the third proposition in the committee's report be laid upon the table.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, what is the second proposition? We would like to have it read again.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The chairman of the committee will read the second proposition contained in the report.

Chairman Rooney read the second proposition as follows:—

“If the Commandery-in-Chief shall desire a brief Ritual, the committee has prepared one for adoption, which is a condensation of the

present three degree Ritual into one of a single degree, with three short charges by the commissioned officers of the Camp, an obligation by the Chaplain and the presentation of the badge to the recruit by the Captain according to the form now in use. This Ritual contains an instruction that at a suitable point in the muster-in ceremony a scene or scenes from army life during the war *may* be introduced at the option of the Camp, which shall illustrate the three principles of the Order. A few slight changes have been made in the other parts of the Ritual, and the installation of officers of Camps has been shortened and improved and the installing officer furnished with an address to the officers in place of the present long series of charges."

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I move the adoption of proposition No. 2.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, I desire to move an amendment to the report, and that is, that where they recommend that the Chaplain administer the obligation that the word "Chaplain" be stricken out and the word "Commander" be put in.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair hears no support to the amendment. The question is on the motion to adopt the second proposition of the report. Those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and the motion is carried.

Clark J. Tisdell of Illinois: Commander, in view of the fact that the action just taken by this Encampment settles the report of the committee, I move you, sir, that without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief, the same be continued to edit the proof sheets of the proposed Ritual.

The motion was seconded.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brother Tisdell's motion is out of order. The question is on the adoption of the report as amended. All those in favor of the adoption of the report of the committee as amended will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes appear to have it. The ayes have it, and the motion is carried.

Clark J. Tisdell of Illinois: Now, Commander, I renew my motion. It was seconded.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers, you have heard the motion that the same committee be continued to edit the proof sheets of this Ritual. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and the motion is carried.

Clark J. Tisdell of Illinois: Commander, it is necessary to make an appropriation for the printing and carrying into effect of this Ritual. I do not desire to make any motion to that effect as I am ignorant as to how many it will be necessary to have printed, and the expense, but I desire to call attention to the fact that an appropriation is necessary.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I move that the incoming

administration be empowered to promulgate this Ritual, and that it take effect on the 1st day of January, 1899.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Quartermaster-General Loebenstein: Commander, about furnishing these Rituals to Camps, what Camps shall receive them, and up to what time shall they receive them? I move that the new Ritual, upon its publication, be furnished free of charge to such Camps *only* as may be in good standing at the close of the quarter preceding the date of such publication.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

MEDAL FOR SONS OF VETERANS SERVING IN THE U.S. ARMY.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Are there any other committees to report? If not, what is the further pleasure of this Encampment?

Edward K. Gould of Maine: Commander, we have had many brothers who have honored this Order by their service for their country in this war, and we have seen fit to honor these brothers by placing their names upon the roll of honor. That is all right, but I believe we should go further than that, and that we should place upon the breast of each of these brothers a badge that will be a memento of their service in that war; and I move you that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to have prepared a medal of honor to be placed upon the price list of supplies and furnished by the Divisions to the soldiers who have served in the United States Army, and the sailors who have served in the navy, in the late Spanish War, who are members of this Order.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The Senior Vice-Commander: What is the further pleasure of the Encampment? If there is nothing to come up at this time the Adjutant-General has some telegrams which he will read.

The Adjutant-General read the following telegrams and communications: —

SUPERIOR, Sept. 12, 1898.

To the Sons of Veterans in National Encampment Assembled:

The Department of Nebraska, Woman's Relief Corps, extends greetings to your organization, fully realizing that when the great Order to which we stand auxiliary shall have answered to the last roll call, and its mighty phalanx shall have formed on the other shore, upon you will rest the responsibility of perpetuating and honoring the memory of their deeds.

May your Encampment prove successful in every particular and leave with each one a pleasant memory and a hope for future intercourse.

Yours fraternally,

ABBIE A. ADAMS,
Department President.

HASTINGS, Sept. 15, 1898.

To the Sons of Veterans, in National Convention Assembled.

Greetings: On behalf of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I tender the greetings of five hundred mothers, wives and sisters of the Department of Nebraska, and bid you Godspeed in your noble work.

Mrs. ANNA E. MARSHALL,
Dept. Pres. of the Ladies of the Grand Army.

OMAHA, NEB., Sept. 14, 1898.

To the Sons of Veterans in National Encampment Assembled.

Greetings: On behalf of the Garfield Circle of Omaha.

Mrs. ELLITT, *President.*

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 14, 1898.

CHARLES K. DARLING, *Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U.S.A.,*
Omaha, Neb.

Very important business prevents my coming. Greetings to the boys.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Sept. 13, 1898.

Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans.

Lincoln Camp in session extends greetings to Commandery now assembled.
F. W. PHILO.

MARINETTE, WIS., Sept. 13, 1898.

Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.,
Omaha, Neb.

Regret very much circumstances are such that I am unable to be with you. Wishing the Order much success, I remain yours,

COL. R. M. SMITH.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Sept. 13, 1898.

FRED. E. BOLTON, *Adjutant-General, S. V., U.S.A.*

Alabama and Tennessee Division sends fraternal greetings. Remember our brothers who are defending the flag.

H. T. COOPER, *Commander.*
E. E. CARTER, *Adjutant.*

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Sept. 13, 1898.

CHARLES K. DARLING, *Commander, S. V., U.S.A.*

W. P. Sanders, Camp No. 3, Division Alabama and Tennessee in session sends best wishes for a successful Encampment.

J. T. HENDERSON, *Captain.*

NEW YORK, Sept. 13, 1898.

GEN. CHARLES K. DARLING, *Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., Encampment.*
Omaha, Neb.

Greetings: Important business prevents my attending this National Encampment.

M. D. FRIEDMAN.

MILTON, PA., *via* MT. CARMEL, Sept. 14, 1898.

Gen. CHARLES K. DARLING,
Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., Encampment,
Omaha, Neb.

Sincerely regretting inability to attend. Congratulations on year's success.

WILDUN SCOTT,
CHARLES L. JOHN, } *Past Commanders.*
JOHN WIGHTMAN, }

James W. Noel of Indiana: Commander, under the head of Communications, Brother Charles A. Bookwalter, who is a life member of this Order, asked me to express his regret at not being present at this Encampment, and I also express the regrets of every one of the boys.

SENATOR JOHN M. THURSTON ELECTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

F. J. Coates of Nebraska: Commander, under the head of New Business I move that Section 5, Article II., page 36 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, be suspended, and that the Hon. John M. Thurston, a member of Camp No. 1 of this State, be made a life member of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

The Senior Vice-Commander: All those in favor of constituting Hon. John M. Thurston a life member of this body, entitled to a seat and vote in the Commandery-in-Chief, will please rise to their feet. Those opposed will please rise. The motion is agreed to unanimously.

What is the further pleasure of the Encampment?

C. D. Rooney of Massachusetts: Commander, I move that the Chair appoint a committee, and that Brother Coates be chairman of that committee, to notify Brother Thurston of the action of this Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair will appoint Brother Coates, chairman, Colonel Rawitzer, and Past Commander George Wolz, all of Nebraska, the committee for that purpose.

What is the further pleasure of the Encampment?

L. E. Merchant of Michigan: Commander, I move that we proceed to the election of officers.

[Cries of "Regular order," "Regular order."]

DETROIT NOMINATED FOR PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The election and installation of officers is the next order of business. No, the Chair is in error. The next order of business is the selection of a place for holding the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

C. T. Orner of Illinois: Commander, I move that the Commandery-in-Chief proceed to fix the place for holding the next annual Encampment.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Nominations for place of holding the next Encampment are in order. Junior Vice-Commander Noel will assume command.

Senior Vice-Commander Geo. E. Cogshall: Commander, when I arrived upon the scene of this Encampment I had no idea of asking anything at your hands for the Division of Michigan. Michigan had all she wanted at that time and asked for nothing; but after arriving upon the ground I was approached by a large number of the brothers

present, stating that they were not satisfied with any of the places that had been suggested at this Encampment for holding the next annual meeting. I proceeded at once to the telegraph office and wired Michigan. I have got the responses in my hands at this time from the Wolverine State, and, gentlemen of this convention, it gives me great pleasure at this time to present for your consideration that beautiful and elegant city of the Wolverine State, Detroit, for the next annual Encampment of this body.

I hold here a telegram from a friend of mine in Detroit, who is a member of our Camp. He telegraphs me: "Detroit will take the convention for next year and will give it a hearty reception." That is signed, "William Winchester." I have also in my possession a telegram from the Convention League of Detroit, made up of business men, who contribute toward a fund, which is kept complete all the time, for the purpose of entertaining such bodies as ours, and they telegraph me through their President: "Detroit asks for the next Convention of the Sons of Veterans, and will treat them royally."

I also have a communication from the Mayor of Detroit, William C. Mayberry, as follows: "George E. Cogshall, care of Sons of Veterans Convention. Detroit will be pleased to entertain Sons of Veterans in 1899, and promises a royal reception."

I also have a communication from that old war horse of ours up there, who is known the world over, sometimes for his crankism, but more often for things that he says and does that are good, Governor Pingree. He says: "The Commonwealth of Michigan would be pleased to entertain the Sons of Veterans Encampment at our metropolis, Detroit, in 1899." That is signed "H. S. Pingree, Governor."

Gentlemen of the Convention, it is needless for me to prolong this matter by stating to you the advantages which would attend your going to Detroit. You all know and appreciate them.

RECEPTION OF SENATOR THURSTON.

George F. Wolz of Nebraska: Commander, Your committee have the honor of introducing Hon. John M. Thurston. [Cheers.]

The Presiding Officer (Junior Vice-Commander Noel): I will appoint Past Commander Abbott and Brother Kennedy a committee to escort Senator Thurston to the platform.

Senator Thurston was escorted to the platform by the committee.

Senator Thurston: Commander and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans, I thank you with all my heart for this cordial greeting. I am delighted to see you gathered here in the city of my residence. I missed a great many of you last night at the camp-fire; I judged, although I knew nothing about it, that perhaps the K.O.C., of which I am a humble member, No. 309, had made demands upon you that you could not resist. [Laughter.] I take this opportunity, just for a moment or two, to report to you from the committee that was appointed by your Commander to visit the Grand Army Encampment at Cincinnati, and extend the greetings of this Order to them. Your committee was most kindly received, an audience given us, a generous welcome accorded, and as chairman of the committee I extended your greeting and assured those old dads of ours that the boys would stay by them for

everything they wanted [applause]; and I especially assured them that as long as their sons had the right to speak and vote we would see to it that their memories were cherished and preserved; that the cause for which they battled would never be lost sight of, and that there should be no injustice done to them by the legislation of the Congress of the United States, or by the action of any department of the Government of the United States. [Applause.]

They responded and returned to you their kindest greeting, and wished you Godspeed in this organization, and thanked you most sincerely for the kindness of sending to them a committee such as you did, and for the purpose you did. I was delighted to be at Cincinnati. It was the first Grand Army National Encampment I ever attended. It was the first grand parade of the old veterans I ever saw, and if anything had been needed to recall the love and adoration for the heroic men who fought the battles that kept the flag in the sky and gave us a country, who secured for us the inestimable blessings of liberty, equal rights and justice, that grand spectacle would have done it. [Applause.] We are in the midst of heroic times. Once again the old flag has gone to battle. Once again the American citizen-soldier has proved his valor on the death-swept field. While there has been but a short war, thank God! the boys can stand up today and say to the old heroes of 1861-65 that their glorious example has not been lost, and that the world today declares, and every nation of the world declares, that the American soldiers are the bravest soldiers that ever carried muskets. [Applause.]

All soldiers have been brave since the beginning of time, and while we accord our meed of praise to valor as valor, it is not simply brave deeds that we reverence and respect the most. All soldiers have been brave, especially those of the Caucasian race. They have fought with valor under empires and kings, for conquest and dominion; they have fought in good causes and bad causes, and always, history attests, they have been valorous and chivalrous, and distinguished in battle. But our soldiers, through the whole history of this Republic, have been something more. At the beginning they threw down the gage of battle to the reign of kings, and took up the cause of independent government, "of the people, by the people and for the people." [Applause.] And again, when the bugle called in 1861, and the cry went ringing through the land that the old flag had been fired upon, they took up another holy cause. When they laid down their arms the world respected and revered them; not alone for valor, but because they had fought to establish the liberty of man in this grand and glorious country. [Applause.] And again, when four months' war had swept two great navies from the sea, and when a quarter of a million of soldiers in arms had surrendered to a little army of the American Republic, and the world stood amazed at the most wonderful spectacle of successful war in all history, again civilization has applauded the American soldier, not for bravery alone, but because he carried the dear old flag to battle for humanity's sake, uplifting and ennobling the race. [Applause.]

So today you and I, as sons of the heroes of 1861-65, as brothers of the heroes of 1898, we renew that faith and loyalty to the flag, with

every star shining there, kept there by the muskets of the brave soldiers of the Republic; we renew our loyalty to the cause of independent government by the people; we renew our loyalty to the cause of human liberty, and thank God! we pledge our loyalty for all time to come to see to it that this great nation of the western hemisphere, the mother of republics, stands for the humanity and the uplifting of the human race, in every quarter of the globe. [Applause.] Today the dear old flag means more than it ever meant before. It meant independence at Yorktown. It meant liberty at Appomattox. It meant humanity at Santiago. And today it is respected as it never was respected before. Throughout the world, on land and sea, in both hemispheres, serenely uplifted through the empyrean blue, kissed by the sun of day, wooed by the stars at night, feared by all tyrants, beloved by all mankind, it serenely floats, the unconquered flag of all the great nations of the world.

[Applause, the members of the Commandery-in-Chief rising and singing "America."]

The Presiding Officer (Junior Vice-Commander Noel): Senator Thurston, on behalf of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, I have the high privilege of saying to you that this Commandery-in-Chief has deemed it a high honor to confer upon you life membership in this body. [Applause.] I will say to you that in times of National emergency this Order has looked to you in public service as the friend of the flag; as the friend of independence, and of liberty and humanity. We have looked upon you within the last year as the able advocate in public life of the great principles for which this Order is founded. I will say to you that we expect and hope that we will see you at every national meeting, that there you may sound the keynote of American patriotism to the Order that is devoted to loyalty and the principles that you have so well defended. We thank you for your presence and courtesy today. [Applause.]

Senator Thurston: Brothers, for this mark of your confidence and affection I sincerely thank you. The honor you have conferred upon me I will wear with a greater pride than was ever worn any jewelled bauble, the gifts of kings. [Applause.] I accept your invitation to attend every National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, and will do so as long as I am able to attend. [Applause.] I pledge to you my best endeavors in every possible way to the advancement of this Order and to the upholding of the principles that this Order represents. [Applause.]

The Senior Vice-Commander assumed command.

DENVER NOMINATED FOR PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Are there any other nominations for place of holding the next Annual Encampment?

Harlan Thomas of Colorado: Brothers, in 1893 it was my privilege to stand on the floor of the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Cincinnati, and there ask each and every one of you to come to Denver the next year. I now ask you again to come and visit us in our beautiful city of Denver. [Applause.]

Charles L. Pierce of California: Commander, I second the nomination of Denver.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Are there any further nominations? If not the Adjutant-General will call the roll of Divisions. Brother Kennedy and Brother Speelman will act as tellers.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of Divisions and the tellers announced the result as follows:—

(Roll call No. 4.)

	DETROIT.	DENVER.
Alabama and Tennessee	2	
California		2
Colorado		5
Connecticut	3	
Indiana	4	
Iowa		5
Illinois	16	
Kansas		10
Kentucky		3
Maine	3	
Maryland		2
Massachusetts	11	
Michigan	3	
Minnesota		3
Missouri		7
Nebraska		11
New Jersey	1	
New York		7
Ohio	7	
Pennsylvania	15	
South Dakota		4
Vermont	1	
Washington		1
Wisconsin		1
Total	66	61

DETROIT CHOSEN.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Detroit having received a majority of the votes cast, is the place of holding the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

LOCATION OF QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

R. M. J. Reed of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move you that we now proceed to fix the location of the Quartermaster-General's department.

J. B. Maccabe of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

W. S. Oberdorf of New York: Commander, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that we already have headquarters of the Quartermaster-General's department located, and that the question cannot come before the house in this way.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The point of order is overruled. The Chair will hold that the Commandery-in-Chief fixed the headquarters of the Quartermaster-General's department in their present location, and has power to change it if they see fit.

W. S. Oberdorf of New York: Commander, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The decision of the Chair is appealed from. Will the Junior Vice-Commander put the question on the appeal?

The Junior Vice-Commander: Brothers, the question is, Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained? Those in favor of sustaining the decision of the Chair will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. [Cries of "Division." "Division."] Those in favor of sustaining the decision of the Chair will please rise and stand until counted. The Adjutant-General will count. Be seated. Those opposed will please rise. The Adjutant-General will announce the result.

The Adjutant-General: Commander, the result of the vote is seventy-three in favor of sustaining the decision of the Chair, and forty-nine in favor of the appeal.

The Junior Vice-Commander: Seventy-three having voted in favor of sustaining the decision of the Chair and forty-nine against it, the decision of the Chair is sustained.

W. S. Oberdorf of New York: Commander, on behalf of the Division of New York, I ask for a roll-call.

The Division of New York having demanded a call of the roll, and the demand being seconded by members from two other Divisions, the roll-call was ordered, and the Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll.

The Junior Vice-Commander: The tellers will announce the result of the roll-call.

The tellers announced the result as follows: —

(Roll call No. 5.)

	AYE.	NO.
Alabama and Tennessee	1	1
California	1	1
Colorado		5
Connecticut	3	
Illinois	16	
Indiana	4	
Iowa	4	1
Kansas		10
Kentucky		3
Maine	3	
Maryland	2	
Massachusetts	11	
Michigan	3	
Minnesota	3	
Missouri		7
Nebraska		11
New Jersey	1	
New York		7
Ohio	7	
Pennsylvania	15	
South Dakota	2	2
Vermont	1	
Washington		1
Wisconsin	1	
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Total	78	49

The Junior Vice-Commander: The Chair seems to be sustained. The Chair is sustained. The motion is in order.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The motion is to proceed to fix the location of the Quartermaster-General's department. All in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be carried. The motion is carried. Nominations are in order. The Adjutant-General will call the roll of Divisions for nominations.

The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions.

When the Division of Kansas was called:

C. Borin of Kansas: Commander, Kansas presents the name of Chicago.

When the Division of Massachusetts was called:

Joseph B. Maccabe of Massachusetts: Commander, the Division of Massachusetts presents the name of Boston.

When the Division of Minnesota was called:

W. H. Adams of Minnesota: Commander, the Division of Minnesota seconds the nomination of Chicago.

When the Division of New York was called:

W. S. Oberdorf of New York: Commander, on behalf of the Division of New York I rise to second the nomination of Chicago.

The Adjutant-General concluded the calling of the roll, and a vote having been taken, the tellers announced the result as follows:—

(Roll call No. 6.)

	CHICAGO.	BOSTON.
Alabama and Tennessee	2	
California	1	1
Colorado	5	
Connecticut		3
Illinois		16
Indiana		4
Iowa	1	4
Kansas	10	
Kentucky	3	
Maine		3
Maryland		2
Massachusetts		11
Michigan		3
Minnesota	3	
Missouri	7	
Nebraska	11	
New Jersey		
New York	7	
Ohio		8
Pennsylvania		15
South Dakota		4
Vermont		1
Washington	1	
Wisconsin	1	
Total	52	75

BOSTON CHOSEN.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Boston having received a majority of all the votes cast at this Encampment, will hereafter be the location of the Department of the Quartermaster-General.

RESIGNATION OF DIVISION COMMANDER COGSHALL RETURNED.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, I have a little matter I desire to present to the Commandery-in-Chief, and I am sure every brother here will say that it is right. We came here the other day, and we were sorry that we did not meet our Commander-in-Chief. He is indeed our Darling, and will be for years to come; but in his absence we got a most excellent substitute; we have had a grand presiding officer during this Encampment; but somebody thought he ought to lay aside his honor as Commander of the Michigan Division. Manfully he laid his resignation upon the table and we accepted it. Now I want to move, Junior Vice-Commander, that the motion by which we accepted that resignation be reconsidered, and at the close of this meeting the resignation be returned to Commander Cogshall.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, I now move that at the conclusion of this meeting the resignation of George E. Cogshall as Commander of the Michigan Division be returned to him by the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF GREETING TO THE G.A.R.

E. C. Parkinson of New York: Commander, I now move that a committee of three be appointed by the incoming administration, in the usual manner, to greet the National G.A.R. Encampment in 1899, at Philadelphia, when they meet there during that year.

The motion was seconded.

H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move to amend the motion to the effect that that committee pay its own expenses.

E. C. Parkinson of New York: With the consent of my second I accept that amendment.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The next business in order is the election and installation of officers. Nominations for Commander-in-Chief are in order.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, I move that the nominating speeches be limited to three minutes, and the seconding speeches to one minute.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Adjutant-General will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

M. L. Cornumy of Minnesota: Commander, I move that the Commandery take recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

The motion was not seconded.

The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll.

When the Division of Alabama and Tennessee was called:

Valentine Gilb, Jr., of Alabama: The Division of Alabama and Tennessee will yield its place to the Division of Illinois.

Wm. T. Church of Illinois: Commander, the prairie State of Illinois in her vast fields, green with the growing food supplies of nations, her busy centers of industry and marts of commerce, has bred bold financiers, sagacious statesmen and invincible soldiers. She produces great men for great occasions. In that crisis of the nation, from the solution of which our Order sprang, she gave to the imperilled Government its matchless chief executive of State and its unconquerable leader of armies.

From her gently rolling prairies, her rich plains and peaceful rivers, there springs a patriotism as true as the yellow product of Colorado's mines, a courage as rugged as New England's hills, and an enterprise that is limited only by the capacity of man. The Illinois Division partakes of the character of the State in which it has jurisdiction. It has ever been ready to meet any demand for workers or leaders; and has always maintained a safe reserve from which to honor any draft of emergency. Not the least memorable in the records of the Order are the names and achievements of men of this Division.

And now while our fighting Commander-in-Chief and thousands of our brothers are serving under the flag our fathers made glorious, while the nation's pulse throbs with wild joy for liberty's latest victories; while the batteries of the Republic salute her simultaneous entrance at the east and west doors of the old world; the Illinois Division, conscious of the proud record to be maintained, hopeful for the expanding future of the Order, believing that she comprehends the needs of the present, and knowing that she deeply reveres the sacred memories of the past,— the Illinois Division presents to you for the office of Commander-in-Chief one of her sons, who like the great men of his State and Division, has been faithful in details, more than efficient in subordinate offices, and who is broad enough to meet and master affairs of commanding dignity and importance.

From his earliest manhood in Camp and Division and in the Commandery-in-Chief, he has been active and able in the counsels of the Order. From a cheerfully conceded leadership in her own Division, Illinois desires him promoted to the command of the Sons of Veterans, assured by his enviable record and his pre-eminent qualifications, that as he has won for her, so will he win for the united Divisions a larger place in the esteem and confidence of the people.

We know what manner of man he is. Fervent loyalty burns in his heart. Fireless energy rules his brain. He has been immersed in that heroic splendor which illuminates the departing days of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is consecrated to the higher duties of citizenship.

Under his command, the Sons of Veterans will this year enter with the Republic upon the accomplishment of that higher destiny which opportunity now offers to both.

In behalf of my Division, I have the honor to place in nomination, Col. Frank L. Shepard, the Prairie Chieftain of Illinois.

When the Division of Missouri was called :

H. J. Kline of Missouri : Commander, Missouri desires to second the nomination of Frank L. Shepard of Illinois.

When the Division of New York was called.

W. S. Oberdorf of New York : Commander, on behalf of the Division of New York, I second the nomination of Frank L. Shepard.

FRANK L. SHEPARD ELECTED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF UNANIMOUSLY.

E. C. Parkinson of New York : Commander, there seems to be but one candidate for Commander-in-Chief ; I therefore move that unless objection is made, the Adjutant-General cast one vote as expressing the sentiment of this Commandery-in-Chief, for Frank L. Shepard as our Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

A. W. Jones of Ohio : Commander, I take great pleasure in seconding the motion of the distinguished comrade from New York.

The Chair put the question on the motion and it was agreed to unanimously.

The Adjutant-General : Brothers, in accordance with the motion, I hereby cast the entire vote of this Encampment for Frank L. Shepard of Illinois, for Commander-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice-Commander : Frank L. Shepard having received the vote of this Encampment for Commander-in-Chief, I hereby announce him duly elected Commander-in-Chief of the Order for the ensuing year.

The next business in order will be a roll-call for nominations for the office of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio : Commander, I move the appointment of a committee of three to escort the Commander-in-Chief elect to the platform.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander : I will appoint upon that committee, Brother Oberdorf, Brother Jones and Brother Reed.

The Adjutant-General will call the roll for nominations for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

REMARKS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ELECT.

W. S. Oberdorf of New York : Commander, before the Adjutant proceeds to call the roll, it gives me pleasure to present to you our Commander-in-Chief elect, not only our Commander-in-Chief elect, but a brother who can go through a very spirited contest and come out of it without a single spot upon his character, one who is a thorough gen-

tleman. I take pleasure in introducing to you Gen. Frank L. Shepard, your incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief elect Shepard: Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment, it is with a mingling of gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility and care that I receive by your generous act this high honor — the office of Commander-in-Chief of our beloved Order. No one can accept the office of Commander-in-Chief of this splendid body of men, and from these patriotic and pushing workers of the Order, these tried and true brothers, without feeling that the honor carries with it care and work, as well as pleasure and comfort.

The work of the Commander-in-Chief, and the work of our Order, has always seemed to me to be eminently practical as compared with, or distinguished from, the sentimental and theoretical. Brothers, it is the work of building up the Camps; it is the work of making out and forwarding reports; of bringing in worthy and good members to the Order, and of retaining the old, that must make and keep our Order in the front rank: it is upon these details that our success depends.

I will not trespass upon your time at this hour to go into them in detail, in fact, I could not perhaps intelligently, but they must, with the assistance of those who are associated with me, be evolved and promulgated through the coming year, and I trust our efforts will be to advance and encourage the work for the Order. As we pause today, in the light of the history of this eventful year, we must all feel that we are confronted with a peculiar situation in reference to our Order. A situation, however, that seems to me to be of advantage. We are organized to perpetuate the memories and principles for which our fathers fought, and to revere and commemorate their deeds, to uphold our Order, and by upholding it, become better and more intelligent citizens. Since our last meeting another war has been declared and has been fought, and we may safely say has been completely won. If it were not for the fact that the brothers of our Order, — and we can refer to those here present as well as those who are absent in the discharge of duty, — took such a conspicuous part in the legislation preceding this war, and in carrying it on, we might feel some doubt as to the future of our Order; but our brothers, true to the traditions of our fathers and of our Order, did take such a conspicuous part that there can be no doubt about it. They followed the flag of their country; they went to a strange land, to a strange people, and carried with them inspiration, hope and high resolve; and their coming back to join with us in this work seems to me an inspiration. They have added lustre to the flag, and their record will enable us to do better work for the Order, inspire us with greater confidence in its principles, with a more fervent love of liberty and a higher sense of the privilege of citizenship in our country.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I trust one year hence when I lay down the office you have conferred upon me, that I will have so discharged the covenant of my obligation that I will have the honor of receiving from you then the assurance that I have kept the faith. [Applause.]

GEO. E. COX ELECTED SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Adjutant-General will call the roll of Divisions for nominations for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions.

When the Division of Connecticut was called:

J. D. Hotchkiss of Connecticut: Commander, the Division of Connecticut yields to the Division of Maine.

E. K. Gould of Maine: Commander, on behalf of the Division of Maine I desire to present the name of Brother George E. Cox of Connecticut, for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Are there any other nominations? If not, nominations will be closed.

E. H. Archer of Ohio: Commander, I move that the Adjutant-General be instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for George E. Cox for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

W. P. Feder of Kansas: Commander, I second the motion.

The Senior Vice-Commander put the question on the motion, and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brother George E. Cox of Connecticut having received the vote of the Encampment for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, I hereby declare him duly elected Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Order for the ensuing year. Nominations for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief are now in order. The Adjutant will call the roll of Divisions.

Z. C. GREEN ELECTED JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll.

When the Division of Nebraska was called:

A. H. Rawitzer of Nebraska: Commander, the Division of Nebraska desires to present the name of Past Commander F. J. Coates of the Nebraska Division, for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

When the Division of South Dakota was called:

W. A. Morris of South Dakota: Commander, the Division of South Dakota presents the name of Past Division Commander Z. C. Green for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

The Adjutant-General concluded the calling of the roll.

The Senior Vice-Commander: There being no other nominations, the Commandery-in-Chief will proceed to ballot.

The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll, when the Division of Nebraska was reached:

A. H. Rawitzer of Nebraska: Commander, I desire to withdraw the name of Frank J. Coates, and cast the vote of the Nebraska delegation for Colonel Green of Dakota. Eleven votes for Green.

The Adjutant-General concluded the calling of the roll, and the tellers announced the result as follows: —

(Roll call No. 7.)

	COATES.	GREEN.
Alabama and Tennessee	2	
California		
Colorado		
Connecticut		3
Illinois		16
Indiana		4
Iowa	1	3
Kansas	10	
Kentucky	3	
Maine		3
Maryland	2	
Massachusetts		11
Michigan	2	1
Minnesota		2
Missouri		6
Nebraska		11
New Jersey		
New York		6
Ohio		8
Pennsylvania		15
South Dakota		4
Vermont		1
Washington		1
Wisconsin		1
Total	20	96

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brother Green having received ninety-six votes, a majority of the votes of this Encampment, he is hereby declared duly elected Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, for the ensuing year. The Adjutant-General will now call the roll of Divisions for nominations for Quartermaster-General.

FRED E. BOLTON ELECTED QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll.

When the Division of Kansas was called:

W. Y. Morgan of Kansas: Commander, on behalf of the Division of Kansas I desire to present the name of Fred E. Bolton of Massachusetts, for Quartermaster-General.

R. M. J. Reed of Pennsylvania: Commander, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Division I desire to second the nomination of my esteemed and worthy friend from Massachusetts, Fred E. Bolton.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Are there any further nominations for Quartermaster-General? If not the Adjutant-General will call the roll and Division Commanders will announce the vote in their Divisions.

Wm. E. Bundy of Ohio: Commander, I move that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant-General be directed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brother Fred E. Bolton for Quartermaster-General.

The motion was seconded.

The Senior Vice-Commander put the question on the motion, and it was agreed to unanimously.

The Assistant Adjutant-General: Brothers, in accordance with the vote just taken I now cast the entire vote of this Encampment for Brother Fred E. Bolton of Massachusetts, for Quartermaster-General.

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brother Fred E. Bolton having received the vote of this Encampment for Quartermaster-General, I hereby declare him elected Quartermaster-General of the Order for the ensuing term.

The next business in order is nominations for Council-in-Chief. The Adjutant-General will call the roll.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of Divisions, and the following brothers were placed in nomination: —

- C. L. Pierce of California.
- James D. Rowen of Iowa.
- J. E. Hayercraft of Minnesota.
- W. Y. Morgan of Kansas.
- F. H. B. McDowell of Wisconsin.
- E. H. Hansford of Kentucky.
- H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania.

W. Y. Morgan of Kansas: Commander, I desire to withdraw my name, if holding a commission as Camp Captain renders me ineligible as a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Geo. B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, I would ask for a ruling by the Chair on the question of the eligibility of candidates who are now holding commissions in their Camps or Divisions, whether they can also hold, at the same time, a position in the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The Chair is of the opinion that he cannot hold two commissions. I would have to hold that way, in the light of my own case, which has been before you. I would have to say that this Commandery-in-Chief has ruled that holding a commission in a Camp or Division would render a brother ineligible to hold an office in the Commandery-in-Chief. I think the quickest way out of this would be for the brothers who hold commissions, who have been nominated for the Council-in-Chief, to indicate which office they would prefer to hold.

Geo. B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, simply to get a decision by the Commandery-in-Chief on this question, I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The appeal was seconded.

The Senior Vice-Commander: The decision of the Chair is appealed from. The Junior Vice-Commander will put the question on the appeal.

The Junior Vice-Commander: Brothers, the question is, shall the decision of the Chair be sustained. Those in favor of sustaining the decision of the Chair will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. [Cries of "Division," "Division."]

Those in favor of sustaining the decision of the Chair will please

rise to their feet and stand until counted. The Adjutant-General will count. Be seated. Those opposed will now rise.

The Adjutant-General reported sixty votes in favor of sustaining the decision of the Chair, and fifty in favor of sustaining the appeal.

The Junior Vice-Commander: The decision of the Chair is sustained.

Chas. L. Pierce of California: Commander, I desire to withdraw my name.

E. W. Estes of New York: Commander, New York under the existing conditions, desires to withdraw the name of Colonel Hansford of Kentucky.

The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll, and the tellers reported the result as follows:—

Roll call No. 8.	Hammer	Rowen	Hayeraft	Morgan	McDowell
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1		1		1
California.....	2	2			2
Colorado.....	5		5		5
Connecticut.....	3	3	3		
Illinois.....	15	15	15		
Indiana.....	4	4	4		
Iowa.....	4	4			4
Kansas.....	10		10		10
Kentucky.....	3		3		3
Maine.....	3	3	3		
Maryland.....					
Massachusetts.....	10	11	11	1	
Michigan.....	3	3			3
Minnesota.....	4		4		4
Missouri.....	7		7		7
Nebraska.....	11		11		11
New Jersey.....	1		1	1	
New York.....		7	7		7
Ohio.....	8	8		8	
Pennsylvania.....	14	14	14		
South Dakota.....	4	4	4		
Vermont.....					
Washington.....	1		1		1
Wisconsin.....	1	1	1		
Totals.....	114	79	105	10	58

The Senior Vice-Commander: Brothers H. H. Hammer, J. E. Hayeraft and J. D. Rowen having received a majority of the votes of the Encampment, are hereby declared the three members of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Harlan Thomas of Colorado: Commander, the Committee on Resolutions has a couple of additional resolutions that it desires to

report at this time. They are the customary resolutions of thanks and are as follows:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., are hereby tendered to the Division of Nebraska, and the local Camps of that Division, who through their committee of arrangements have contributed to the comfort of its members and helped to expedite the business of this session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Commandery are hereby tendered to the Press of Omaha, the Associated Press, the railroads entering Omaha, and the Trans-Mississippi Exposition for the favors granted and courtesies extended to this Encampment.

The Senior Vice-Commander: If there is no objection the resolution will be considered adopted as read. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered. What is the further pleasure of the Encampment?

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, I move that we proceed to the installation of officers.

H. J. Kline of Missouri: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senior Vice-Commander: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Bundy of Ohio to take the Chair and install the Commandery-in-Chief officers.

PRESENTATION OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S BADGE

Installing Officer, Wm. E. Bundy: Commander, I will ask Brother Gould, Judge Advocate-General on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Darling, to kindly come forward and receive on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief the badge that is always presented. It will be presented by Colonel Kline of Missouri.

H. J. Kline of Missouri: Brother Gould, this proceeding is a little out of order, but it is due to the demands of our country, and we will try to make the best of it. As you are all aware this Encampment has placed on record a vote of confidence in Commander-in-Chief Darling, whose term expires with the installation now about to begin. It was done in no half-hearted way. I am confident that it was an honest expression. We ask you, Brother Gould, to say to Brother Darling that we honor him as much for his loyalty to the Sons of Veterans as we do for the loyalty he has demonstrated towards his country. Say to him we have missed his kindly presence, and we hope God's providence will spare him to again be with his brothers in the Order; and say to him that we believe that this Order has never had a Commander-in-Chief who has been more honest in the discharge of his duties. Give him renewed assurance of our love and esteem, and this beautiful jewel, which is emblematic of his past rank.

E. K. Gould of Maine: Brother Kline and brothers of the Encampment, I am sure you share with me the profound regret that the man who so faithfully and so intelligently discharged the duties of the high office to which you called him a year ago, is not here in person to receive this crowning honor at your hands. I am sure his heart goes out to us on this occasion with yearning, but true to the patriotic principles for which this Order has been called into existence, true to the

loyalty that had been taught him at his fireside in Vermont, true to all the instincts of humanity, to all the splendid characteristics that go to make up that man you call Charles K. Darling, he has fulfilled the duties of this office in a manner that has received the commendation of the intelligent members, and they are all intelligent in this supreme body of our Order. Gentlemen, I regret that one so humble as myself is obliged to stand in the shoes of Charles K. Darling, and respond for the gift that is now bestowed upon him. A loyal man, a man who was willing to sacrifice every interest; to leave personal comfort behind, to leave lucrative employment, that the grand old flag of his father might continue to wave as the flag of liberty and humanity. We honor him today as the representative volunteer soldier of the Sons of Veterans. We honor him today because he stands for that great body of sons who have shouldered their muskets and added honor and glory to the history of this country.

Gentlemen, I am sure you do not want to be detained by a long speech. Let me say briefly that he will appreciate this gift; his honorable, generous nature will respond to this act of kindness on your part. He will treasure it as a bright oasis in the desert of his hard labor, as one of the dearest things to be cherished in the long life of usefulness which I hope is before him. Gentlemen, again I thank you, in his behalf, for this magnificent gift.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Installing Officer Bundy: In the absence of the Inspector-General, I will appoint Brother O'Brien of Nebraska Inspector-General *pro tem*. The Adjutant-General will call the roll of the officers elect, and they will present themselves at the altar.

The newly elected officers, with the exception of the Commander-in-Chief elect, were installed in due form, and escorted to their several stations.

Installing Officer Bundy: The Commander-in-Chief elect will please announce his staff.

Commander-in-Chief elect Shepard: The staff will be appointed and the names promulgated by General Order.

Commander-in-Chief elect Shepard was then duly installed and assumed command.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Geo. B. Abbott of Illinois: Commander, if there is nothing further before the Encampment, I move that we approve the minutes of this meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief as taken down by the stenographer, without reading.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

H. V. Speelman of Ohio: Commander, if there is no further business, I move that this Encampment do now adjourn *sine die*.

A. W. Jones of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the Encampment was closed in due form:

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 17, 1898.

The foregoing is a true and correct record and report of the proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., held in Creighton Hall, Omaha, Neb., Sept. 12, 13 and 14, A.D 1898, as recorded by the official stenographer.

ATTEST:

FRED E. BOLTON,
Past Adjutant-General.

GEORGE E. COGSWELL,
Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief

RECORD OF ROLL CALLS.

Seventeenth Annual Encampment
OF THE
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.

The following shows those members of the Encampment answering roll calls:—

P, present;— A, absent;— * Substitute Delegates.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS.	1	2	3
Commander-in-Chief, Charles K. Darling.....	†		
Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, George E. Cogshall.....	P	P	P
Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, James W. Noel.....	P	P	P
Adjutant-General, Fred E. Bolton.....	P	P	P
Quartermaster-General, R. Loebenstein.....	P	P	P
Inspector-General, J. Frank Durston.....	P	P	P
Judge Advocate-General, Edward K. Gould.....	P	P	P
Surgeon-General, Dr. Dan. S. Gardner.....	P	P	P
Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Harry L. Veazey.....	A	A	A
Councill-in-Chief, {	P	P	P
	P	P	P
	P	P	P
PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.			
A. P. Davis.....	A	A	A
George B. Abbott.....	P	P	P
Joseph B. Maccabe.....	P	P	P
William E. Bundy.....	P	P	P
William H. Russell.....	P	P	P
PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER.			
R. M. J. Reed.....	P	P	P
ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.			
Past Division Commanders, {	P	P	P
	P	P	P
CALIFORNIA AND H.I.			
Commander, Charles L. Pierce.....	P	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, E. Z. Brokan.....	P	P	P
COLORADO.			
Commander, Paul H. Limbach.....	P	P	P
Past Division Commanders, {	P	P	P
	P	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, Joseph Powell.....	P	A	P
Alternate, Samuel Reiss.....	P	P	A
CONNECTICUT.			
Past Division Commander, George E. Cox.....	P	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, J. D. Hotchkiss.....	P	P	P
Alternate, George W. Fletcher.....	P	P	P

† Absent in the military service at Porto Rico.

	1	2	3
ILLINOIS.			
Commander, William T. Church	P	P	P
Past Division Commanders, {	F. McCrillis	P	P
	C. T. Orner	P	P
	George B. Stadden	P	P
	George H. Hurlburt	P	P
	C. G. Marsh	P	P
	Frank L. Shepard	P	P
	William G. Dustin	P	P
John R. Neeley	P	P	
Delegate-at-Large, Isaac Cutler	P	P	P
Delegates, {	James Lidders	P	P
	R. D. Houlihan	P	P
	P. A. Durant	P	P
	Clark J. Tisdell *	P	P
INDIANA.			
Delegates, {	L. F. Shultz	A	P
	S. C. Tipton *	A	P
	H. D. P. Cline *	A	P
IOWA.			
Commander, W. W. Bisby	P	P	P
Past Division Commander, James D. Rowen	A	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, J. H. York *	A	P	P
Delegates, {	W. H. Miller	P	A
	R. Shaw Van	A	A
	J. B. Lyons *	A	A
KANSAS.			
Commander, John Redmond	P	P	P
Past Division Commanders, {	W. Y. Morgan	P	P
	Grant W. Harrington	P	P
	W. P. Feder	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, H. A. Russell *			P
Delegates, {	John F. Hauber	P	P
	Charles Richards *	P	P
	L. B. Price *	P	P
KENTUCKY.			
Commander, E. H. Hansford	P	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, J. M. Volmer *	P	A	A
Delegates, Owen T. Watts	P	P	A
MAINE.			
Commander, George E. Leighton	P	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, James S. Cooper	P	P	P
MARYLAND.			
Past Division Commander, E. R. Campbell	P	P	P
Alternate, Charles S. Davis	P	P	P
MASSACHUSETTS.			
Commander, Leonard C. Couch	P	P	P
Past Division Commander, D. F. Goulding	P	A	P
Delegate-at-Large, George N. Howard	P	P	P
Delegates, {	Thomas J. Hannon	P	P
	J. H. Fayerweather	P	P
	B. F. Cook	P	P
	Tilton S. Bell	P	P
	Charles D. Rooney	P	P
	P. L. Parker	P	P
	John F. Hargraves *	P	P

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MICHIGAN.			
Past Division Commander, H. E. Cowdin.....	P	P	P
Delegate, L. E. Merchant.....	P	P	P
MINNESOTA.			
Commander, M. L. Cormany.....		P	P
Delegate-at-Large, W. H. Adams*.....		P	P
Delegate, C. N. Rawitzer.....		P	P
MISSOURI.			
Commander, J. W. S. Dillon.....	P	P	P
Past Division Commanders, { H. J. Kline.....	A	P	P
{ Fred E. Ernst.....	P	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, S. G. Denny.....	P	P	P
Delegates, { J. O. Damm.....	P	P	P
{ H. H. Bronson.....	P	P	P
NEBRASKA.			
Commander, A. H. Rawitzer.....	A	P	P
{ F. J. Coates.....	P	P	P
{ F. P. Corrick.....	P	P	P
{ P. A. Barrows.....	P	P	P
Past Division Commanders, { George F. Wolz.....	P	P	P
{ F. A. Agnew.....	P	P	P
{ J. C. Elliot.....	A	A	P
{ M. P. O'Brien.....	A	A	P
Delegate-at-Large, J. Howard Heine.....	A	P	P
Delegate, J. A. Beck.....	P	P	P
NEW JERSEY.			
Commander, James M. Mathews.....	P	P	P
NEW YORK.			
Commander, E. W. Estes.....	P	P	P
Past Division Commander, W. S. Oberdorf.....	P	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, Joseph R. Swain.....	P	P	P
Delegates, { E. C. Parkinson.....	P	P	P
{ W. A. Personius.....	P	P	P
{ H. H. Parker.....	P	P	P
OHIO.			
Commander, Edward H. Archer.....	P	P	P
Past Division Commander, A. W. Jones.....	P	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, H. V. Speelman.....	P	P	P
Delegates, { W. E. Baldwin.....	P	P	P
{ A. B. Maynard.....	P	P	P
{ J. S. Tyler*.....	A	P	A
{ H. A. Green*.....	A	P	A
PENNSYLVANIA.			
Commander, A. S. Moulthrop.....	P	P	P
Past Division Commander, Robert E. Hopkins.....	P	P	P
Delegate-at-Large, T. C. Harter.....	P	P	P
Delegates, { F. W. Briggs.....	P	P	P
{ Walter E. Ross*.....	P	P	P
{ George W. Dubs*.....	P	P	P
{ B. E. Hover*.....	P	P	P
{ W. F. Fertig*.....	P	P	P
{ John Carl, Jr*.....	P	P	P
{ J. W. Bailey*.....	P	P	P
{ B. F. Hollenbach*.....	P	P	P
Alternate, A S. Rhodes.....	P	P	P

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ROLL OF HONOR
OF THE
SONS OF VETERANS,
U.S.A.

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

WHO ENLISTED IN THE
WAR WITH SPAIN.

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1899.



P R E F A C E .

NOTHING has occurred in the history of the organization of Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., which has given such glory to its record or brought to its name such honor as this roll of heroes who, following in the footsteps of their illustrious fathers, have courageously exemplified the principles and precepts of our Order by responding to their country's call and generously laying upon its altar their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. We are without fitting words to express our appreciation, and no phrase can be formed to convey our deep-felt gratitude. No act of ours can lend lustre to their heroic deeds, nor exalt the nobility conferred by their "honorable discharge." We are thankful for the privilege that permits us to take them by the hand and call them "brothers."

Nor does this Roll of Honor contain the names of all those of our brothers who stood ready to offer themselves for our country's defence. There were many companies, battalions and regiments made up of members of our Order, duly enrolled, whose services had been tendered through their respective governors, to march forth at the summons of the President. History does not record more eager response or bitter disappointment than that of those who offered themselves and were denied an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of their fathers. While it would be a pleasure to enumerate the many organized bodies duly enrolled, space will not permit.

A perusal of this Roll will show that these brothers served with honor and credit in every arm of the service, on land and at sea, and almost every rank, from the Hon. Cushman K. Davis, who served on the Peace Commission which brought to a successful termination our country's negotiations for peace with Spain, extending down through all grades of rank to the boy who carried the musket.

Charles K. Darling, at that time our honored Commander-in-Chief, set a worthy example by a creditable service in Porto Rico, receiving honorable mention in General Orders for "gallantry and coolness under fire," part of the time in command of his regiment. There is no organization in the United States that sent forth so large a percentage of its membership as did the Sons of Veterans, and it is doubted if any organization had as many members in our country's service.

As an example of the true patriotism throbbing in the breasts of our brothers who have gone into the service, the following letter from one of our brothers, a member of the California Division, now in the service in the Philippine Islands, is given.

BATTERY A, FIRST BATTALION H. A., CALIFORNIA U.S. VOLUNTEERS, }
IN THE TRENCHES AT NOVALITA ISTRMUS, }
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, May 24, 1899.

COL HARRY T. MOORE,

Commanding Cal. and H.I. Division, S.V., U.S.A.

Sir: The undersigned, a member of Wm. McKinley Camp, No. 12, most respectfully requests permission to turn over to the Division a Philippine flag which he took from the headquarters of the "Insurgent" General Estrella y Santos, at Caridad, on the day that San Roque and La Caridad were taken by the American forces (Feb. 9, 1899), Battery "A" being in the advance on that occasion.

All captures belong to the United States, of course, but in this instance, through the courtesy of the provost marshal the flag in question is permitted to become, if you will kindly accept it, the property of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.

Wrapped around the Philippine flag, which is sent to you by registered mail, is a boat flag which in aforesaid the Philipinos had captured from the Spanish. This "Banner of Castile" the Philipinos hung up as a trophy on the walls of the old cathedral of San Roque. One of our men took it from thence when the ancient church was in flames after San Roque had been evacuated by the Insurrectos. But it was thought by the donor that it might do to go along with the other flag as a souvenir of the "war."

The Sons of Veterans in the Philippines are now in a position to appreciate the heroic work which their fathers did in preserving the Union, and the lessons of war inspire us with new devotion to our noble Order. Our fights are insignificant compared with the mighty engagements of the Civil War, and what we have done is unworthy of mention alongside of the glorious achievements of the brave and loyal men of 1861-65. But God helping us, we are upholding the "Old Flag," and it is our determination to carry it on to victory. We will win in the end, this iniquitous rebellion will be crushed out, and under the Stars and Stripes peace, progress and liberty will bless and enlighten the Philippine Islands.

Arrangements have already been made for the suitable observance of Memorial Day in Manila, and members of the G.A.R. and the S.V. U.S.A. will unite in paying the tender tribute of reverence and respect to the nation's honored dead.

If Battery "A" is not actively engaged on the firing line at that time I will apply for a pass to go to Manila on Memorial Day, and if I attend I will try and send you a report of the services.

Owing to the immense amount of moving around by the various organizations, as yet I have had no opportunity to attempt the foundation of a new Camp.

Wishing you and the Order all manner of success and prosperity, I am,

Yours fraternally,

DAVID F. MORRIS,

Past Captain of McKinley Camp, No. 12.

FRANK L. SHEPARD,

Commander-in-Chief, S.V., U.S.A.

Official:

G. B. ABBOTT,

Adjutant-General.



Requiescat in Pace.

SUCH IS THE DEATH THE SOLDIER DIES.

ROBERT BURNS WILSON in *Atlantic Monthly*.

Such is the death the soldier dies :
He falls, the column speeds away ;
Upon the dappled grass he lies,
His brave heart following, still, the fray.

The smoke wraiths drift among the trees,
The battle storms along the hill ;
The glint of distant arms he sees,
He hears his comrades shouting still.

A glimpse of far-borne flags that fade
And vanish in the rolling din ;
He knows the sweeping charge is made,
The cheering lines are closing in.

Unmindful of his mortal wound,
He faintly calls and seeks to rise ;
But weakness drags him to the ground —
Such is the death the soldier dies.

Our Honored Dead.

DIVISION OF CALIFORNIA.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.
		Camp No. 3, Ventura.			
William S. Bell	Musician	May 5, 1898	Private	H	7th California
Frank H. Rodibaugh		May 5, 1898	Private	H	7th California
		Camp No. 12, Manila, P.I.			
R. S. Garrett		May 5, 1898	Private	A	10th Pennsylvania

DIVISION OF ILLINOIS.

		Camp No. 26, Rockford.			
Luman B. Lillie	Quartermaster	Apr. 24, 1898	Private	A	3d Illinois
		Camp No. 31, Elgin.			
Henry Damon		May 11, 1898	Private	D	3d Illinois

DIVISION OF ILLINOIS.—Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.
L. Burton Bradish	2d Lieutenant	May 7, 1898	Corporal	A	3d Illinois
Camp No. 110, Ransom.					

DIVISION OF IOWA.					
Emil Winegartner Oliver G. Hoover			Corporal	E B	13th Iowa 50th Iowa
W. E. Stah.			Wagoner	F	52d Iowa
Roy Humphrey				L	49th Iowa
Camp No. 120, Clinton.					

DIVISION OF KANSAS.					
D. Stewart Elliott	Jr. V. Div. Com.	May 6, 1898	Captain	G	20th Kansas
Camp No. 29, Coffeyville.					

DIVISION OF KANSAS.—Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.
Chas. Root		Camp No. 58, Russell. May 5, 1898	Private	I	21st Kansas
DIVISION OF MAINE.					
Geo. W. Young	Captain	Camp No. 7, Rockland. May 10, 1898	Private	H	1st Maine
Ardaction Smith	Lieutenant	Camp No. 26, Oakland.		C	1st Maine H.A.
Ivra Heal	Captain	Camp No. 43, Belfast. May 10, 1898	Private	H	1st Maine
Henry Houston		Camp No. 60, Gardiner.	Private	C	1st Maine H.A.

DIVISION OF MARYLAND, D. C.

NAME,	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U. S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.
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Camp No. 3, Frederick, Md.

Geo. W. Morgan Private Apr. 28, 1898 A 1st Maryland

DIVISION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Camp No. 9, North Adams.

Geo. E. Whipple Captain May 3, 1898 Corporal M 2d Mass.

Camp No. 10, Millers Falls.

Guy P. Lawson Private Private E 2d Mass

Camp No. 34, Wakefield.

Thos B. Rowe, Jr. Coxswain Apr. 23, 1898 } Minnesota &
Gov. Russell

Camp No. 60, Holyoke.

Frank G. Mattise Sergeant May 3, 1898 D 2d Mass.

DIVISION OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.
Myrus H. Warren		Camp No. 79, Melrose. May 6, 1898	Private	A	6th Mass.
Willis S. Marison	Musician	Camp No. 96, Boston. May 10, 1898	Musician	D	9th Mass.
Ralph P. Hosmer	Sergeant	Camp No. 133, Ashland. May 13, 1898	Sergeant	I	6th Mass.
DIVISION OF MICHIGAN.					
Ferdinand Sebright		Camp No. 11, Burnips Corners. May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Michigan
Arthur Malchm		Camp No. 14, Grand Rapids. May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Michigan

DIVISION OF MINNESOTA.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Post, Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.
E. O. Bennett		Camp No. 83, Wells.		M	12th Minnesota
DIVISION OF NEBRASKA.					
J. Howard Whitmore		Camp No. 5, Fremont. May 9, 1898	Private	L	1st Nebraska
Ralph K. Kells		Camp No. 72, South Omaha. Apr. — 1898	Private	L	1st Nebraska
DIVISION OF NEW YORK.					
William R. Clevinger		Camp No. 26, Brooklyn.	Artificer	C	8th New York
William R. Carner		Camp No. 64, Mt. Vernon.	Corporal	L	71st New York

DIVISION OF NEW YORK.—Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.
Camp No. 106, Newburgh.					
William Ostrander	Sergeant	July 21, 1898	Private	D	203d New York
Camp No. 199, Seneca Falls.					
Emmanuel H. Dill	1st Lieutenant	June 13, 1898	Private	G	3d New York

DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Camp No. 14, Johnstown.					
R M. Linton	Adjutant-General	July 8, 1898	1st Sergeant	I	5th Pennsylvania
Camp No. 49, Shenandoah.					
Francis Houser	Corporal	Aug 10, 1898	Private	B	21st U.S. Infantry
Camp No. 169, Wilkesbarre.					
Carver Jackson	Chaplain	Apr 23, 1898	Private	B	9th Pennsylvania

DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA. — *Continued.*

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.
Leroy E. Larue	Musician	May 10, 1898	Corporal	F	4th Pennsylvania
Roy W Mushiner		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pennsylvania
A W Stockholm	Corporal	May 12, 1898	Private	G	13th Pennsylvania
<p>Camp No. 204, Minersville.</p> <p>Camp No. 249, Newcastle.</p> <p>Camp No. 322, Franklin Forks.</p>					
<p>DIVISION OF SOUTH DAKOTA.</p> <p>Camp No. 51, Okobojo.</p>					
Geo. A. Keagle			Private	—	2d Illinois

Number of Deaths, 40

THE MAN WITH THE MUSKET.

HOWARD S. TAYLOR, Chicago, in the *Century Magazine*, July, 1886.

They are building as Babel was built, to the sky,
With clash and confusion of speech;
They are piling up monuments massive and high
To lift a few names out of reach.
And the passionate green-laureled god of the great,
In a whimsical riddle of stone,
Has chosen a few from the Field and the State
To sit on the steps of his throne.

But I—I will pass from this rage of renown,
This ant-hill commotion and strife,
Pass by where the marbles and bronzes look down
With their fast-frozen gestures of life,
On, out to the nameless who lie 'neath the gloom
Of the pitying cypress and pine;
Your man is the man of the sword and the plume,
But the man of the musket is mine.

I knew him! By all that is noble, I knew
This commonplace hero I name!
I've camped with him, marched with him, fought with him, too,
In the swirl of the fierce battle-flame!
Laughed with him, cried with him, taken a part
Of his canteen and blanket, and known
That the throb of this chivalrous prairie boy's heart
Was an answering stroke of my own!

I knew him, I tell you! And, also, I knew
When he fell on the battle-swept ridge,
That the poor battered body that lay there in blue
Was only a plank in the bridge
Over which some should pass to a fame
That shall shine while the high stars shall shine!
Your hero is known by an echoing name,
But the man of the musket is mine.

I knew him! All through him the good and the bad
Ran together and equally free;
But I judge as I trust Christ has judged the poor lad,
For death made him noble to me!
In the cyclone of war, in the battle's eclipse,
Life shook out its lingering sands,
And he died with the names that he loved on his lips,
His musket still grasped in his hands.
Up close to the flag my soldier went down
In the salient front of the line!
You may take for your heroes the men of renown,
But the man of the musket is mine!

* * * * *

There is peace in the May-laden grace of the hours
That comes when the day's work is done;
And peace with the nameless who, under the flowers,
Lie asleep in the slant of the sun.
Beat the taps! Put out lights! and silence all sound!
There is rifle-pit strength in the grave!
They sleep well who sleep, be they crowned or uncrowned,
And Death will be kind to the brave.

Old comrades of mine, by the fast waning years
That move to mortality's goal,
By my heart full of love and my eyes full of tears,
I hold you all fast in my soul!
And I march with the May, and its blossomy charms
I tenderly lay on this sod,
And pray they may rest there, old comrade in arms,
Like a kiss of forgiveness from God.





ROSTER OF MEMBERS
WHO ENLISTED IN THE
WAR WITH SPAIN.



Gratia Dei Servatus.



DIVISION OF ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 1, Birmingham, Alabama.							
Louis Mullen		May 1, 1898	1st Sergeant	H	1st Alabama	Nov., 1898	
Sam Mullen		May 1, 1898		H	1st Alabama	Dec., 1898	
Chas. F. Morgareidge	Captain	May 1, 1898	Bugler	C	1st Alabama	Nov., 1898	
Louis Blau		May 1, 1898	Corporal	A	1st Alabama	Nov., 1898	Re-enlisted
Camp No. 2, Cullman, Alabama.							
Herman Suttler		July 5, 1898	Private	I	2d Alabama	Oct. 31, 1898	
Camp No. 3, Knoxville, Tennessee.							
Edgar R. Carter	Colonel	July 14, 1898	1st Lieut.	H	6th U.S.V.I.	Mar. 15, 1899	
E. C. Ramage	2d Lieutenant	May 19, 1898	Major		3d Tenn.	Feb. 28, 1899	
Frank E. Murphy	1st Lieutenant	July 14, 1898	1st Lieut	L	6th U.S.V.I.	Mar. 15, 1899	
Wm. A. Knabe		June 25, 1898	Band Leader		4th Tenn.		
Joseph Hall	Color Sergeant	May 19, 1898	Corporal	F	3d Tenn.	Feb. 27, 1899	
Wm. E. Cooper	Camp Guard	May 19, 1898	Corporal	C	3d Tenn.	Feb. 28, 1899	

Leonard S. Goddard	June 27, 1898	1st Lieut.	B	4th Tenn.	Feb. 27, 1899
John S. Cooper	May 19, 1898	Private	F	3d Tenn.	Feb. 28, 1899
D. Harry Cooper	May 19, 1898	Corporal	C	3d Tenn.	

DIVISION OF CALIFORNIA.

Camp No. 2, Los Angeles.

Raymond Conley	May 5, 1898	Sergeant	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898
Geo. O. Lockwood	May 5, 1898	Sergeant	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898
O. F. L. Neitzke	May 5, 1898	Corporal	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898
O. L. Lockwood	May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898
H. E. Culver	May 5, 1898	Sergeant	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898

Camp No. 3, Ventura.

J. W. Jarmer	May 5, 1898	1st Sergeant	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
C. L. Sheldon	May 5, 1898	Private	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
A. W. Browne	May 5, 1898	Captain	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Albert Swasey	May 5, 1898	Private	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
O. T. Jones	May 5, 1898	Corporal	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
M. C. Hobart	May 5, 1898	Private	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
A. O. B. Browne	May 5, 1898	Musician	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Harry M. Hunt	May 5, 1898	Private	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Harry Wilson	May 5, 1898	Private	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Wm. S. Bell	May 5, 1898	Private	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Frank H. Rothbaugh	May 5, 1898	Private	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
A. L. Russell	May 5, 1898	Private	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898

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Camp No. 5, Oakland.

Geo. H. Wethern	June 23, 1898	1st Lieut.	G	8th Cal.	Jan. 31, 1899
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Camp No. 6, Orange.

Chas. K. Adams	May 1898	Private	L	7th Cal.	
Fred Lutz	May 1898	Private	L	7th Cal.	
Leonidas H. Adams	May 1898	Private	L	7th Cal.	

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NAME	Highest Rank in S. of V.	Rank or Past Rank	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 7, Pasadena.								
Ira A. Allen	Private	Private	May 5, 1898	Hosp. Stew.		7th Cal.		Not Discharged.
Albert C. Jones	Corporal Guard	Corporal	May 5, 1898	Corporal	I	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898	
Frank R. Jones	Musician	Musician	May 5, 1898	Musician	I	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898	
Delos Jones	Private	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	I	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898	
Jasper Osborn	Private	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	I	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898	
James F. Frennell	Private	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	I	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898	
Stephen J. Reed	Private	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	I	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898	
Chas. E. Clyde	Private	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	I	7th Cal.	Dec. 2, 1898	
Egar S. Barry	Private	Private	May 5, 1898	Private		7th Cal.	Jan. 25, 1899	
Camp No. 8, Modesto.								
George H. Ingte	1st Lieutenant	Sergeant	May 11, 1898	Sergeant	D	6th Cal. Vol.	Dec. 15, 1898	
Wm. E. Harris	Corporal Guard	Wagoner	May 11, 1898	Wagoner	D	6th Cal. Vol.	Dec. 15, 1898	
Arthur L. Hamlin	Private	Corporal	May 11, 1898	Corporal	D	6th Cal. Vol.	Dec. 15, 1898	
Wm. H. Arnold, Jr.	Private	Private	May 11, 1898	Private	D	6th Cal. Vol.	Sept. 28, 1898	
Camp No. 9, Fresno.								
Burt Russell	Sergeant	Sergeant		Hosp. Corps		6th Cal.		
Wm. Russell	Camp Guard	Camp Guard		Hosp. Corps		6th Cal.		
Camp No. 11, Manila.—Philippine Islands.								
Benj L. Chandler	1st Sergeant	1st Sergeant	Apr. 30, 1898			10th Pa.		
Clark S. Anderson	Captain	Captain	Apr. 30, 1898			10th Pa.		
John C. Anderson	Private	Private	Apr. 30, 1898			10th Pa.		
Jas. H. Brown	Private	Private	Apr. 30, 1898			10th Pa.		
John D. Joseph	Private	Private	Apr. 30, 1898			10th Pa.		
Ernest T. Clets	Q.M.-Sergt	Q.M.-Sergt	Apr. 30, 1898			10th Pa.		

Thos. G. Carlton	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Frederick Harsha	Apr 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Isaac A. Bennett	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Wm. Althouse	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Ehmer E. Barnes	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Chas. F. Miller	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Walter C. Hamilton	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Herman Veou	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Harry J. Watson	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Edwin H. Carey	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Blaine Aiken	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Frank B. Hawkins	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Richard Coulter, Jr.	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Samuel V. Uich	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Chas. I. Barr, Jr.	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.
Phillp B. Rush	Apr. 30, 1898	10th Pa.

Camp No. 12, Santa Paula.

Frank C. Hunt	May 5, 1898	Q. M.-Sergt.	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
G. C. Wells	May 5, 1898	Sergeant	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Chas. C. Bell	May 5, 1898	Sergeant	E	7th Cal.	Sept. 30, 1898
R. M. Conley	May 5, 1898	Sergeant	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
James C. Ross	May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
W. G. Cook	May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
H. C. Booth	May 5, 1898	Private	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
A. G. Russell	May 5, 1898	Private	H	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Bert Dimmitt	May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Roy Confer	May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Y. C. Tilden	May 5, 1898	Musician	II	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
D. F. Thompson	May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
G. E. Foster	May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
C. E. Fisk	May 5, 1898	Private	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
W. R. Morrison	May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
O. S. White	May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
E. M. Hopper	May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
H. W. Perkins	May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
F. W. Brabley	May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
F. G. Russell	May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
R. S. Garrett	May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898

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C. Freedman	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	F	7th Cal.	Dec 3, 1898	
P. D. Calkins	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
H. F. Higby	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	L	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
F. M. Sisson	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	L	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
H. A. Chase	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	L	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
T. E. Rosenberg	Private		May 5, 1898	Corporal	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
W. F. Davis	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
H. E. Wilson	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	H	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
R. Clark	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
Ortho Lockwood	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
G. Neff	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
A. E. G. Neitzke	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
W. White	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	D	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
C. H. Wood	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	C	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
A. J. Bruce	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
C. A. McEwen	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	C	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
M. C. Hobart	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	H	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
H. C. Ayers	Private		May 5, 1898	Sergeant	B	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
G. R. Brock	Private		May 5, 1898	Sergeant	L	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
M. B. Hawkins	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	D	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
Frank Prescott	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	A	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
F. W. Singer	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	K	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
D. G. Noble	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	C	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
S. B. Kurtz	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
J. H. Jeffs	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
F. M. Keesey	Private		May 5, 1898	Hosp. Stew.				
A. G. Marsh	Private		May 5, 1898	1st Sergeant	H	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
J. W. Garner	Captain		May 5, 1898	Hosp. Stew.				
J. A. Allen	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
A. J. Swift	Private		May 5, 1898	Private	C	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898	
A. R. Hazeltine	Private		May 5, 1898	Private				

Camp No. 12, Santa Paula.—Continued.

A. Gralinger	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
A. H. Wildes	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	E	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
C. B. Young	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	D	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Frank Harlan	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
J. W. Duboise	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	F	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Ed. A. Morris	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	M	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
O. T. Jones	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	H	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
J. M. Huff	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	K	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
Daniel F. Morris	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	A	L. A.	Dec. 3, 1898
Geo. M. Ewing	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	K	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898
W. H. Shredding	Private	May 5, 1898	Private	C	7th Cal.	Dec. 3, 1898

Camp No. 15, San Francisco.

Frank P. Boell	Private	May 9, 1898	Private	A	1st Cal. H. A.	
V. L. Duhem	Private	June 15, 1898	Private	M	14th U. S. I.	
John F. Hasson	Captain	May 3, 1898	Fireman		1st Cal.	Jan. 12, 1899
Vincent A. Brink					U. S. S. Independence	

Camp No. 19, Vallejo.

Peter Harmon	Coal Passer	1897	Concord	
Louis Dees	Coal Passer	1897	Concord	
Chas. Rook		1897	Concord	
Ira Hill		1897	Concord	
E. McIlherson		1897	Concord	
Wm. Daley			U. S. Army	

Camp No. 20, Los Gatos.

Fred H. Gould
1st U. S. Infantry

Camp No. 42, San Jose.

Frank Burgess	Private	B	8th Cal.
Orlo Phelps	Private	M	8th Cal.

DIVISION OF COLORADO.

NAME	Highest Rank in S. or V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
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Camp No. 1, Denver.

Chas. H. Anderson	Colonel	May 1, 1898	Major		1st Colorado		
R. F. Reid		May 1, 1898	Private	E	1st Colorado		
Ned Ladd		May 1, 1898	Corporal	B	1st Colorado		
A. H. West		May 1, 1898	Sergeant	E	1st Colorado		
M. C. Langton		May 1, 1898	Private	B	1st Colorado		
Frank Lyons		May 1, 1898	Private	K	1st Colorado		
W. D. Winslow		July 26, 1898	Private	A	Col. Battery	Nov. 15, 1898	
M. Nichols			1st Lieut.		7th U.S. Reg.		

Camp No. 13, Denver.

W. J. Currier		May 1, 1898	Private	E	1st Colorado		
Chas. E. Hooper	2d Lieutenant	May 1, 1898	Lieut	B	1st Colorado	Jan. 23, 1899	Resigned
T. G. Lawson		July 12, 1898	Private		Hosp. Corps		
Henry E. Norden, Jr.		June 18, 1898	Private	I	1st Colorado		

Camp No. 17, Pueblo.

Chas. V. West	Captain	May 1, 1898	Private	E	1st Colorado		
W. W. Guffin		May 1, 1898	Private	C	1st Colorado		
E. S. Edmouson		May 1, 1898	Private	C	1st Colorado		
B. C. McMillan		June 6, 1898	Musician	Band	2d U.S.V.C.		

DIVISION OF CONNECTICUT.

Camp No. 1, New Haven.

Winfred W. Benton	Color Sergeant	June 15, 1898	Seaman		Conn. Naval Mil.	Sept. 5, 1898	
William D. Hill	Private	June 17, 1898	Private	C	1st Conn. H.A.	Dec. 8, 1898	

Camp No. 4, Norwich.

Walter H Lamb	Corporal	June 22, 1898	Private	H	3d Conn.
Chas. T. Perkins	Corporal	May 22, 1898	Private	C	3d Conn.
Harvey Woodworth	Private	June 21, 1898	Private	C	3d Conn.

Camp No. 6, Hartford.

Gray F Rowland	Artificer	May 17, 1898	Private	K	1st Conn.	Nov. 1, 1898
Edward M Ward	Corporal	May 17, 1898	Private	K	1st Conn.	Nov. 1, 1898
Clinton F. Steele	Musician	May 17, 1898	Private	A	1st Conn.	Nov. 1, 1898
Chas. H Bosworth	Private	May 17, 1898	Private	H	1st Conn.	Nov. 1, 1898
Fred G. Blakeslee	Gun's Mate	June 15, 1898	Private		Naval Reserve	Aug. 25, 1898
C. C. Saunders	Seaman	June 15, 1898	Private		Naval Reserve	Aug. 25, 1898

Camp No. 7, Meriden.

Joe DeCantillon	Private	June 14, 1898	Private	I	5th U.S. Cav	May 2, 1899
Eugene C. Rogers	Private	June 22, 1898	Private	L	1st Conn.	Nov. 2, 1898
Clifford A. Hanschild	Private	June 22, 1898	Corporal	L	1st Conn.	Nov. 2, 1898
D. R. Jones	Private	June 22, 1898	1st Lieut.	L	1st Conn.	Nov. 2, 1898
Jos. G. Aichler	Private	June 22, 1898	Bugler	L	1st Conn.	Nov. 2, 1898
Chas Kline	Private	June 22, 1898	Private	L	1st Conn.	Nov. 2, 1898
Aug. O Kline	Private	June 22, 1898	Private	L	1st Conn.	Nov. 2, 1898

Camp No. 9, Waterbury.

*Larchen F Burpee	Colonel	July 21, 1898	Lt.-Colonel	D	Marine Corps	Jan. 1, 1899	Resigned
Jas. H. O'Donnell		Apr. 28, 1898	Corporal				

* Judge Advocate on Staff of Gen. Miles.

Camp No. 19, Mystic.

Walter T. Fish	Captain	June 27, 1898	2d Lieut.	H	3d Conn.	Jan. 5, 1899	Resigned
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Camp No. 21, Southington.

L. A. Frost	Private	May 4, 1898	Private	B	1st Conn.	Oct. 31, 1898
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Camp No. 25, Ansonia.							
George Lyon, Jr.	Private	June 15, 1898	Landsman		Naval Reserve	Aug. 25, 1898	
Robert H. Goodrich	Private	June 15, 1898	1st class Machinist		U.S.S. Seminole	Sept. 15, 1898	
Camp No. 42, Simsbury.							
Dwight E. Brown	Private	June 20, 1898		K	1st Conn.	Dec. 13, 1898	
Camp No. 45, Rockville.							
Frederick W. Chapman	Captain	May 4, 1898	2d Lieut.	C	1st Conn.	Oct. 31, 1898	
John J. Hecker	Private	May 4, 1898	Private	C	1st Conn.	Oct. 31, 1898	
DIVISION OF ILLINOIS.							
Camp No. 1, Chicago.							
Geo. V. Lauman	Captain	May 13, 1898	Lt.-Colonel		1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898	
Wm. F. Jenkins	Captain	May 16, 1898	1st Sergeant	M	2d Ill.	Nov. 1, 1898	
Dan. W. Renninger	Captain	Apr. 26, 1898	Private	A	1st Ill. Cav	Oct. 11, 1898	
John Phillips	Corporal	May 16, 1898	Private	A	2d Ill.	Apr. 26, 1899	
Camp No. 4, Springfield.							
W. J. Merrick		Apr. 26, 1898	Private	C	5th Ill.		Trans. to 20th U.S. Inf.
Wm. H. Roberts		Apr. 26, 1898	Captain	D	1st Ill. Cav.	Oct. 11, 1898	
F. A. Gibson		Apr. 26, 1898	Q.M.-Sergt.	D	1st Ill. Cav.	May 20, 1898	
Geo. W. Unsbic	Captain	Apr. 26, 1898	Private	K	1st Ill. Cav.	Oct. 11, 1898	

Camp No. 6, Chicago.

Frank L. Cheney	Captain	Apr. 26, 1898	Lieut.	E	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898
Ades B. Comer		Apr. 26, 1898	Private	C	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898
Geo. H. Wasson		Apr. 26, 1898	Private	B	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898
Walter E. Sheparl		Apr. 26, 1898	Private	E	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898
Daniel R. Sayles		Apr. 26, 1898	Private	D	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898
Chas. S. Frink		Apr. 26, 1898	1st Sergeant	K	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898
Fred L. Pray	Captain	May 21, 1898	Captain	E	1st Ill. Cav.	Oct. 11, 1898
John M. Claisby		May 18, 1898	Captain	L	7th Ill.	Oct. 20, 1898

Camp No. 14, Decatur.

J. W. Allen	Captain	May 6, 1898	Q. M.-Sergt.	H	5th Ill.	Oct. 16, 1898
J. F. Cassell	Captain	May 6, 1898	Captain	H	5th Ill.	Oct. 16, 1898
L. G. Chandler	1st Lieutenant	May 6, 1898	1st Lieut.	H	5th Ill.	Oct. 16, 1898
Arthur Gallagher		May 6, 1898	Lieutenant	H	5th Ill.	Oct. 16, 1898
Percy Ewing	Chaplain	May 6, 1898	Private	H	5th Ill.	Oct. 16, 1898
T. O. Kitchen		May 6, 1898	Corporal	G	5th Ill.	Oct. 16, 1898
Frank Wise		May 6, 1898	Private	H	5th Ill.	Oct. 16, 1898
Joe Reem	Corporal	May 6, 1898	Corporal	H	5th Ill.	Oct. 16, 1898
Sam May			Corporal	H	5th Ill.	Oct. 16, 1898
C. N. May			Private	H	1st Ill. Cav.	Oct. 16, 1898

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Camp No. 16, Chebanse.

Walter C. Schatz		Apr 21, 1898	Private	L	3d Ill.	Jan. 23, 1899
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Camp No. 21, Aurora.

Archie G. Sylvester	Captain	June 17, 1898	Corporal	D	3d Ill.	
Chas. M. Smith		June 17, 1898	Musician	D	3d Ill.	
Albert Lindsay		May 7, 1898	2d Lieut.	D	3d Ill.	
Eugene L. Moreau		June 17, 1898	Corporal	D	3d Ill.	
John Holslay		June 17, 1898	Corporal	D	3d Ill.	
Fred Bennitt		May 7, 1898	Colonel	D	3d Ill.	

Camp No. 24, So. Chicago.

John W. Lippert	Captain	May 18, 1898	2d Lieut.	E	7th Ill.	Oct. 19, 1898
J. M. Flynn	Corporal	May 18, 1898	Corporal	E	7th Ill.	Oct. 19, 1898
Henry Spalding	Private		Private		3d Ill.	
Geo. Drew	Private		Private		1st Ill.	

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Camp No. 25, Peoria.						
U.S.S. Oregon						
Arthur J. Sewell						Still in Service
Camp No. 26, Rockford.						
Frank M. Levings	Sergt. Guard	Sergeant	F	2d U.S. Eng.	Jan. 16, 1899	
Wm. H. McIntosh	Sergt. Guard	Private	K	3d Ill.	Jan. 16, 1899	Died at Ponce, P.R.
Luman B. Lillie	Q.M.-Sergt.	Private	K	3d Ill.	Jan. 16, 1899	
Wm. McDermaid	Sergt. Guard	Sergeant	K	3d Ill.	Jan. 16, 1899	
Geo. A. Whitmore	Corporal Guard	Private	K	3d Ill.	Jan. 16, 1899	
Lewis N. Miles	Musician	Musician	I	3d Ill.	Jan. 11, 1899	
Walter R. Burritt		Private	L	3d U.S. Cav.	Jan. 16, 1899	
Elmer A. Johnson		Private	K	3d Ill.	Jan. 16, 1899	
Frank Smith		Sergeant	K	3d Ill.	Jan. 16, 1899	
Geo. Shephard		Private	H	3d Ill.	Jan. 16, 1899	
Camp No. 28, Joliet.						
R. Dodge			B	3d Ill.	Jan. 24, 1899	
John Quick			B	3d Ill.	Jan. 24, 1899	
Joe C. Lang			B	3d Ill.	Jan. 24, 1899	
E. R. Spafford			B	3d Ill.	Jan. 24, 1899	
Ed. Stall			B	3d Ill.	Jan. 24, 1899	
F. E. Kemp		Corporal	B	3d Ill.	Jan. 24, 1899	
Geo. Quick			B	3d Ill.	Jan. 24, 1899	
M. E. Spafford		Corporal	B	3d Ill.	Jan. 24, 1899	
Camp No. 29, Fernwood.						
Chas. D. Coventry		Corporal	H	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898	
Geo. B. Holmes	Division Q.M.	Sergeant	H	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898	
Winton E. Holmes		Corporal	H	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898	
Robt. K. Thomas	Captain		H	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898	

Camp No. 31, Elgin.

Beuj. E. Gould	May 7, 1898	Captain	E	3d Ill.
F. J. Smailes	May 7, 1898	2d Lieut.	E	3d Ill.
James King	May 7, 1898	1st Sergeant	E	3d Ill.
H. Batterman	May 7, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
Ed. Dougherty	May 11, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
Warren Foote	May 7, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
Geo. Knott	May 7, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
Thos. McCarthy	May 11, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
Wm. McCarthy	May 11, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
A. L. Marcellus	May 7, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
C. C. Taylor	May 11, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
John Hennessy	June 15, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
E. C. Joslyn	May 7, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
U. J. Wannamaker	June 15, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
Geo. Brown	May 7, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
O. H. Gieske	May 7, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
Henry Damon	May 11, 1898	E	E	3d Ill.
J. R. Powers	June 6, 1898	Sergeant	D	3d Ill.

Oct. 28, 1898
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Camp No. 32, Nokomis.

May 10, 1898

E 5th Ill.

Rob't E. Manning

Camp No. 35, Long Point.

1st Lieutenant
Private
2d Lieutenant

June 18, 1898
June 18, 1898
June 18, 1898

A 3d Ill.
A 3d Ill.
A 3d Ill.

Jan 20, 1899
Jan 20, 1899
Jan. 20, 1899

Elmer Olmstead
Alonzo Olmstead
Jas. R. Lounsbury

Camp No. 39, Princeton.

June 20, 1898

K 6th Ill.

Marcus V. Taylor

Camp No. 48, Prophetstown.

Captain
1st Lieutenant

May 11, 1898
May 11, 1898
June 15, 1898

I 6th Ill.
I 6th Ill.
I 6th Ill.

Nov. 25, 1898
Nov. 25, 1898
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Clayton Pense
John C. Little
Olin Cargay

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Chas. P. Gant	Captain	Apr. 26, 1898	1st Lieut	A	3d Ill.	Jan. 20, 1899	
Camp No. 51, Streator.							
R. E. Frith		July 9, 1898	2d Lieut	F	24th U.S.I.		
Geo. G. Tronjo		May 7, 1898	2d Lieut.	I.	3d Ill.		
Camp No. 57, Kankakee.							
Henry Bostler		June 25, 1898		F	2d Ill.		
J. C. Phillips		June 25, 1898		L	2d Ill.		
Camp No. 61, Chicago.							
Wm. O. Glines	Captain	June 24, 1898	Sergeant	F	4th Tenn.		
Camp No. 65, Trilla.							
A. M. Chambers			Corporal	M	3d Ill.		
T. S. Murray				M	3d Ill.		
William Seeley				M	3d Ill.		
Elvin H. Wagner				E	6th U.S. Inf.		
Camp No. 69, DeKalb.							
Lee M. Olds			Major		161st Ind		
Jas. F. Wells			Private	K	1st Ill.		
Frank J. Strong	1st Sergeant			G	1st Ark.	Oct. 25, 1898	
Camp No. 87, Chicago.							
L. Burton Bradish	2d Lieutenant	May 7, 1898	Corporal	A	3d Ill.		Died in Porto Rico

James W. Price	Camp No. 117, Kewance.	May 11, 1898	Private	K	1st U.S. Cav.	Nov. 3, 1898
W. U. Stockwell	Camp No. 150, Champaign.	May 20, 1898		M	4th Ill.	
N. P. Stockwell		May 20, 1898		M	4th Ill.	
Clarence Morrow		May 20, 1898		M	4th Ill.	
W. D. Tuple		May 20, 1898	Sergeant	M	4th Ill.	
C. L. Golden		May 20, 1898		M	4th Ill.	
Frank Zimmerman	Camp No. 166, Chicago.			D	2d Ill.	
Chas. L. Thrall				K	2d Ill.	
J. W. Burns				B	1st Ill.	
Chas. C. Carrier	Camp No. 173, Oregon.	May 7, 1898	Private	M	3d Ill.	Jan. 17, 1899
Bert Newcomer		May 7, 1898	Private	M	3d Ill.	Jan. 17, 1899
Frank Nye		May 7, 1898	Corporal	M	3d Ill.	Jan. 17, 1899
Geo. Sanford		May 7, 1898	Private	M	3d Ill.	Jan. 17, 1899
Joseph Greener	Camp No. 174, E. St. Louis.	June, 1898		D	4th Ill.	
J. S. Palmer	Camp No. 224, Knoxville.	May 11, 1898		C	6th Ill.	
Bert Wolf		May 11, 1898		C	6th Ill.	
H. C. Griffling	Camp No. 254, Oak Park.	June 18, 1898	Corporal	F	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898
E. D. Bleknell		May 13, 1898	Sergeant	D	1st Ill.	Nov. 17, 1898
Chas. A. Schurenberg		July 2, 1898	Corporal	F	2d U.S. Eng.	Feb. 7, 1899

DIVISION OF ILLINOIS — Continued.

NAME	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks
Camp No. 270, Dwight.							
Jno. C. Snyder	Private	Apr. 26, 1898	Private	A	3d Ill.	July 18, 1898	Disability
E. D. Seymour		May 7, 1898	Hosp Stew.	E	5th Ill.	Oct. 19, 1898	
Camp No. 276, Columbia.							
Henry Rehg		May 31, 1898	Private	M	2d U.S. Cav.	Jan. 26, 1899	
Edw. Karger		May 31, 1898	Private	M	5th U.S. Cav.		
Camp No. 288, Mt. Erie.							
A. E. Frazier		July 5, 1898	Private	E	9th Ill.		
D. J. Wiltsey		July 5, 1898	Private	E	9th Ill.		
Camp No. 301, Oblong.							
Elmer E. Sheets	Private	June 17, 1898	Private	B	4th Ill.		
Camp No. 313, Rock Island.							
William McConochie	2d Lieut.	May 11, 1898	Captain	A	6th Illinois	Nov. 25, 1898	
L. E. Hemenway	1st Lieut.	May 11, 1898	1st Lieut.	A	6th Illinois	Nov. 25, 1898	
R. P. Hampton	1st Lieut.	May 11, 1898	Col Sergt.	A	6th Illinois	Nov. 25, 1898	
Chas. Refsmider		May 11, 1898	Private	A	6th Illinois	Nov. 25, 1898	
Robert McConochie		May 11, 1898	Sergeant	K	6th Illinois	Nov. 25, 1898	
Rev. J. W. Washington	Chaplain	May 13, 1898	1st Lieut.	K	8th Ill. Col. Regt.	Oct. 31, 1898	
James R. Mott	Chaplain	May 25, 1898	Private	G	1st Missouri Vermont	Sept. 12, 1898	Ill. Nav. Res.
Christian Handshaw			Landsman				
Camp No. 347, Reynolds.							
L. W. Titterton	2d Lieutenant	June, 1898	Private	A	6th Ill.	Nov. 30, 1898	
Will David		June, 1898	Private	A	6th Ill.	Nov. 30, 1898	

DIVISION OF INDIANA.—Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 58, South Bend.							
Benj. H. Huston			Private	F	157th Ind.		
William Flagie			Private	F	157th Ind.		
Camp No. 69, Rising Sun.							
Harry B. Redd			Private	II	1st Ohio Cav.		
Camp No. 82, Terre Haute.							
Will H. Hoff			Sergeant	B	159th Ind.		
Jas. E. Thomas			1st Lieut	B	159th Ind.		
Henry Haas			Private	B	159th Ind.		
Benjamin Winner			Private	B	159th Ind.		
Camp No. 85, Shelbyville.							
Wiley T. Moore		June 29, 1898	Artificer	C	161st Ind.	Apr. 30, 1899	
P. B. Griffin		May 19, 1898	Private	D	158th Ind.	Nov. 4, 1898	
Fred Vaught		June 29, 1898	Private	C	161st Ind.	Oct. 4, 1898	
John Itce		June 29, 1898	Private	C	161st Ind.	Apr. 30, 1899	
Camp No. 136, Laketon.							
Lewis Marshall		July 13, 1898	Private	D	157th Ind.		
Camp No. 146, Jonesboro.							
John W. Spence		June 21, 1898	Corporal		14th Ind. Sig. Corps	Nov. 2, 1898	Disability
Robert Schriber		June 16, 1898	Private	A	160th Ind.	Jan. 9, 1899	
David Carle		May 15, 1898	Private	A	160th Ind.	Apr. 15, 1899	

Camp No. 159, Fort Wayne.

Geo. W. Zollinger
Henry Zollinger
John P. Mooney

Corporal
Private
Private

28th Ind. Battery
28th Ind. Battery
157th Ind

Camp No. 190, Clayton.

James W. Bolen
Ernest Swindler
Hubert Wills
Frank Duncan
Chas. A. Clawson
Lee C. Reed

Sergeant
2d Lieutenant
1st Lieutenant
Private
Private
Private
Private
Sergeant
Sergeant

158th Ind
158th Ind.
158th Ind.
158th Ind.
1st Ohio
27th Ind. Lt. Bat.

Nov. 10, 1898
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Nov. 10, 1898
Nov. 10, 1898
Nov. 28, 1898

Camp No. 209, Greentown.

Robert L. Ayers

1st Lieutenant
Private

158th Ind.
Nov. 11, 1898

Camp No. 227, Plymouth.

Lee M. Kendall
E. Fields
Chas. S. Brown
R. B. Oglesbee

Sergeant
Private
Private
1st Lieut.

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Ill.
U.S. Signal Corps

157th Ind.
157th Ind

Camp No. 262, Warsaw.

Lawrence R. Harter
Vern V. Carr
Chas. McCarter
Harry R. Smith

Captain
1st Sergeant
2d Lieutenant
Major
Artificer
Private
Private

160th Ind.
160th Ind.
27th Ind. Battery

Apr. 26, 1898
June 23, 1898
Apr. 26, 1898
June 14, 1898

Apr. 25, 1899
Apr. 25, 1899
Apr. 25, 1899
Nov. 25, 1898

Camp No. 286, Anderson.

Isaac Bosworth
John Ellis
Geo W. Bond
Kenneth Burr
Frank L. Wilson
Delbert S. Musser

Musician
Sergeant
Private
Captain
Private
Private

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160th Ind.
160th Ind.
160th Ind.
160th Ind.
160th Ind.
27th Ind. Battery

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Sept. 25, 1898

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Jas. A. Corson	Private	Aug. 10, 1898	Private	L	1st Ohio	October, 1898	
Chas O. Webster	Private	May 12, 1898			28th Ind. Battery	Oct. 30, 1898	
Camp No. 306, Osgood.							
Camp No. 323, Jerome.							
Allen Newhouse	Private		Private	L	158th Ind.		
James Well	Private		Private	L	158th Ind.		
Camp No. 336, Indianapolis.							
Edward T. Ruby	Private		Private	F	161st Ind.		
Harry Mitchell	Private		Private	F	158th Ind.		
Frank Gray	Private		Private	A	158th Ind.		
Loren E. Fruit	Private		Private		27th Ind. Battery		
Fred. McCaw	Private		Private	D	U.S. Art.		
Camp No. 350, Bloomfield.							
Grant Sherman	Private		Private	C	139th Ind.		
Charles Faucett	Private		Private	C	139th Ind.		
Camp No. 356, Indianapolis.							
Harold C McGrew	Captain	June 28, 1898	Major		161st Ind.	June, 1899	
Carroll B. Carr	1st Sergeant	April, 1898	2d Lieut.	II	158th Ind	October, 1898	
DIVISION OF IOWA.							
Camp No. 3, Cedar Rapids.							
N. M. Hubbard, Jr.	Lieutenant	May 11, 1898	Lieutenant	UN.	Justin Oregon Miantonomoh	Nov. 19, 1898	
S. C. Cook	Lieutenant	Apr. 16, 1898	Lieutenant		5th Ia Battery	Sept. 5, 1898	
W. G. Dows	Colonel		Colonel		49th Iowa		

Camp No. 13, Marshalltown.

Frank M. Haradon	June 2, 1898	2d Lieut.	H	49th Iowa	May 13, 1899
Joe Oppice	June 2, 1898	Private	H	49th Iowa	May 13, 1899
Claud J. Watson	June 2, 1898	Private	M	49th Iowa	May 13, 1899
W. P. Watson	June 2, 1898	Private	M	49th Iowa	May 13, 1899

Camp No. 17, Davenport.

E. C. Winegartner	Private	B	50th Iowa	Died
Emil Winegartner	Private	E	13th Iowa	Died
Olin G. Hoover	Corporal	B	50th Iowa	
Chas. W. Hoover	Corporal	B	50th Iowa	
Wm. B. Fisher				

Camp No. 21, Des Moines.

E. C. Worthington	May, 1898	Captain	H	51st Iowa
Claude Tryon	June, 1898			Signal Corps
L. E. Myers	June, 1898	Private	H	51st Iowa

Camp No. 27, Kalo.

Ben McCluskey	June 23, 1898	Private	B	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898
Dwight Moore	June 2, 1898	Private	B	49th Iowa	May 13, 1899

Camp No. 29, Bancroft.

W. E. Stahl	May 25, 1898	Wagoner	F	52d Iowa	Died in Service.
John Wood, Jr.	May 25, 1898	Private	F	52d Iowa	Tr. to Amb. Corps.
Francis W. Winter	July 2, 1898	Private	F	52d Iowa	Nov. 15, 1898
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Camp No. 30, Estherville.

Leonard Anderson	May 8, 1898	Private	K	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898
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Camp No. 47, Creston.

W. H. Ickis	May 29, 1898	Captain	G	51st Iowa
James Klaburn	May 29, 1898	2d Lieut.	G	51st Iowa
F. T. Grounds	May 29, 1898	1st Sergeant	G	51st Iowa

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Camp No. 47, Creston.—Continued.							
W. A. McKee		May 29, 1898	Q. M.-Sergt.	G	51st Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898	
J. W. Hillery		May 29, 1898	Sergeant	G	51st Iowa		
Fred Ickis		May 29, 1898	Corporal	G	51st Iowa		
Chas. Grinnell		May 29, 1898	Private	G	51st Iowa	Nov. 15, 1898	
Henry Noble		May 29, 1898	Private	G	51st Iowa		
Camp No. 52, Miles.							
F. E. Tripp		June 20, 1898	Private	M	49th Iowa		
Camp No. 54, New York.							
Horace M. Havner		April, 1898	Corporal	I	50th Iowa	Dec. 1, 1898	
Camp No. 70, Bloomfield							
E. K. Pirtle		July 9, 1898	Private	G	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898	
Camp No. 80, Corydon.							
G. B. Herbert		June, 1898	Private	D	51st Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898	
Richard Tuttle		July 8, 1898	Private	F	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898	
I. T. Foster		July 1, 1898	Private	H	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898	
Zack Leazer		July 8, 1898	Private	H	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898	
C. W. Ames		July 8, 1898	Private	F	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898	
G. W. Leazer		May 17, 1898	Private	H	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898	
J. W. Petty		Apr. 26, 1898	Corporal	B	4th Mo.	Feb. 10, 1899	

Camp No. 90, Osceola.

W. L. Smith	May 5, 1898	Corporal	II	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898
Robert Young	May 5, 1898	Private	II	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898
A. E. Headley	May 5, 1898	Private	II	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898
Claude Calfee	May 5, 1898	Private	H	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898
Geo. Carlton	July 5, 1898	Private	II	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898
H. L. Mauger	July 5, 1898	Private	II	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898
Geo. Truax	July 5, 1898	Private	II	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898
W. E. Dalby	May 5, 1898	Private	K	49th Iowa	

Camp No. 114, Mason City.

Walter F. Paull	May 26, 1898	Sergeant	A	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898
Orle	May 26, 1898	Corporal	A	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898
Edward Loomer	May 26, 1898	Corporal	A	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898
Albert Church	May 26, 1898	Corporal	A	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898
Chas. Leeds	May 26, 1898	Private	A	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898
Arthur Thorn	May 26, 1898	Corporal	A	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898
A. L. Sortor, Jr.	May 26, 1898	Captain	A	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898
Wiley Rankin	May 26, 1898	Sergeant	A	52d Iowa	Oct. 30, 1898

Colonel

Camp No. 120, Clinton.

Roy Humphrey

L 49th Iowa

Died in Service

Camp No. 124, Onawa.

W. H. Ross

July 15, 1898 Private G 7th U.S. Cavalry

Camp No. 191, Russell.

Howard King	Apr. 26, 1898	Private	II	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898
Harry Clayser	Apr. 26, 1898	Private	H	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898
C. E. Lewis	Apr. 26, 1898	Private	II	50th Iowa	Nov. 30, 1898

Camp No. 207, Marengo.

J. E. Lindsay

June 17, 1898 Private A 51st Iowa

Nov. 12, 1898 Disability

Camp No 211, Nodaway.

W. F. Boo

May 20, 1898 Private B 51st Iowa

Jan. 12, 1899

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Camp No. 228, Gravity.							
Elmer Dutton		June 13, 1898	Private	I	51st Iowa		
Camp No. 250, Mapleton.							
Wm. H. Baker		Apr. 1, 1898	Corporal	C	1st Wyo.		
DIVISION OF KANSAS.							
Camp No. 2, Girard.							
C. C. Harming	Corporal Guard		Private	D	20th Kansas		
H. B. Orwig	Captain		Captain	D	20th Kansas		
Benj. Peach			Private	D	20th Kansas		
Fred Merriweather	Q. M.-Sergt.		Private	D	20th Kansas		
Jas. E. Wheat			Private	D	20th Kansas		
O. B. Woolley	Captain		1st Sergeant	D	20th Kansas		
D. J. Spence	Sergeant Guard		Private	D	20th Kansas		
Fred A. Gerken			Private	D	20th Kansas		
Ed. G. Pea	Corporal Guard		Private	D	20th Kansas		
R. M. Matteson			Private	D	20th Kansas		
Chas. Weltner			Private	D	20th Kansas		
Oscar P. Rever			Private	D	20th Kansas		
Camp No. 3, Pittsburg.							
W. J. Watson	Captain	April, 1898	1st Lieut.	D	20th Kansas		
John F. Bagley		April, 1898	Private	D	20th Kansas		
O. F. Blehey		April, 1898	2d Lieut.	D	20th Kansas		
G. M. McClure		April, 1898			3d Missouri		

Camp No. 7, Dunlap.

James A. Kealy 1st Lieutenant July, 1898 Corporal II 1st Terr. Feb. 1899

Camp No. 9, Great Bend.

J. E. Miller Sergeant May 7, 1898 A 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 Benton Courter Private May 7, 1898 A 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 Albert M. Thatcher Private May 7, 1898 A 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 Homer M. Wells Corporal May 7, 1898 A 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 M. Mayres Private May 7, 1898 A 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 W. M. Kellar Private May 7, 1898 A 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 Chris Ruhe Private May 7, 1898 A 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 C. F. Yonkin Private May 7, 1898 A 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898

Camp No. 11, Jefferson, Okla. Ty.

Everle Hancock Private July 1, 1898 L 1st Terr. Feb. 13, 1899
 Geo. S. Wasson Private July 1, 1898 L 1st Terr. Feb. 13, 1899
 Geo. W. Rains Private July 1, 1898 L 1st Terr. Feb. 13, 1899
 Ula G. Canfield Private July 1, 1898 L 1st Terr. Feb. 13, 1899

Camp No. 15, Neosho Falls.

Edwin Fricurance Musician May 10, 1898 E 20th Kansas Oct. 24, 1898
 Chas. Jackson Private May 10, 1898 E 20th Kansas

Camp No. 18, Ellsworth.

Geo C. Gebhardt Sergeant May 14, 1898 I 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 Clarence S. Thomas Private June 21, 1898 I 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 George E. Alden Private May 14, 1898 I 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 Chas. H. Andrews Private May 14, 1898 I 21st Kansas
 Ellis Stuart Private May 14, 1898 I 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898

Total Disability

Camp No. 21, Wilson.

Ed. A. Brenner Private I 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 M. L. Elhurney Private I 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898
 John McKittrick Private I 21st Kansas Dec. 10, 1898

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E. H. Murray	1st Lieutenant	May 2, 1898	Private	K	21st Kansas 10th Pa.	Dec. 10, 1898	
W. L. Phillips							
Camp No. 26, Derby.							
D. Stewart Elliott	Captain	May 6, 1898	Captain	G	20th Kansas		Killed in action.
James M. Padon	2d Lieutenant	May 6, 1898	Corporal	G	20th Kansas		
James R. Hazzard	Sergeant Guard	May 6, 1898	Captain	A	22d Kansas		
James I. Jeffries	Private	May 6, 1898	Private	G	20th Kansas		
Roscoe Baber	Private	May 6, 1898	Corporal	G	20th Kansas		
Camp No. 29, Coffeyville.							
Camp No. 33, Florence.							
Robert Mitchell	Chaplain				22d Kansas		
Stewart G. Smith	Capt. Ill. Div.				Texas Regiment		
Putnam Yeck					21st Kansas		
Camp No. 41, Belle Plaine.							
Emera E. Wilson	Lieutenant	May 4, 1898	Lieutenant	L	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898	
Camp No. 43, Dodge City.							
Herbert Hobbie	Captain	May 14, 1898	Corporal	B	21st Kansas	Dec. 9, 1898	
Nelson B. Hobbie		June, 1898	Corporal	II	1st Terr.	Feb. 9, 1899	
Camp No. 44, Washington.							
Roswell G. Emmons	1st Sergeant	Apr 27, 1898	Color Sergt.	II	3d Mo.	Aug. 5, 1898	
F. J. Fasko	2d Lieutenant	May 8, 1898	Private	I	22d Kansas	Nov. 15, 1898	

Camp No 49, Wichita.

Ezra E. Beard	May 2, 1898	Captain	K	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898
John J. Beard	May 2, 1898	Sergeant	K	21st Kansas	Dec 10, 1898
Jas. R. Bauman	May 6, 1898	Sergeant	L	12th Minn.	Nov 5, 1898
Chauncey S. Pratt		1st Sergeant	G	20th Kansas	
N. J. Sheplard		Private	F	7th U.S. Cav.	

Camp No. 57, Emporia.

Carl A. Jillson	May 4, 1898	2d Lieut.	E	22d Kansas	Nov. 4, 1898
Wilmer P. Burnap	June 13, 1898	Private	E	22d Kansas	Nov. 4, 1898
E. F. Loomis	June 13, 1898	Private	H	22d Kansas	Nov. 4, 1898
T. D. Smith	June 13, 1898	Private	E	22d Kansas	Nov. 4, 1898
Miles E Logan	May 4, 1898	Private	E	22d Kansas	Nov. 4, 1898
Chas. E. Finley	June 13, 1898	Private	E	22d Kansas	Nov. 4, 1898

Camp No. 58, Russell.

Henry Alms	May 5, 1898	Private	I	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898
Charles Root	May 5, 1898	Private	I	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898
Arthur Boyd	May 5, 1898	2d Lieut.	I	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898
R. G. Marr	May 5, 1898	Captain	I	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898
D. A. Gee	May 5, 1898	Private	I	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898
Joe Peaterson	May 5, 1898	Private	I	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898

Died in service.

Camp No. 67, Hutchinson.

Ed. Campbell	June 18, 1898	Private	H	14th U.S. Inf.	Dec. 10, 1898
Clarence Warren	Apr. 30, 1898	Private	E	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898
J. F. Lawson	Apr. 30, 1898	1st Sergt.	E	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898
Ed Swift	Apr. 30, 1898	Sergeant	E	21st Kansas	Dec. 10, 1898
Will Campbell	June 18, 1898	Drum Major	kaal	21st Kansas	Dec 10, 1898
Roy Jordan		Private		2d Mo.	

Camp No. 105, Saffordville.

Harry H. Makunson	June 14, 1898	Private	E	22d Kansas	Nov. 3, 1898
H. Walter Bennett	June 14, 1898	Private	E	22d Kansas	Nov 3, 1898
Ethelbert Osborn	June 14, 1898	Private	E	22d Kansas	Nov. 3, 1898
J. Ramah Lyles	May 3, 1898	Private	E	22d Kansas	Nov. 3, 1898
John S. Crook	June 13, 1898	Color Sergeant	C	20th Kansas	

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Camp No. 127, Leavenworth.							
Marcus Covel				C	20th U.S. Inf.		
T. M. Thorp				C	20th U.S. Inf.		
Joseph Tully				H	20th U.S. Inf.		
G. A. Westfallon				Band	20th U.S. Inf.		
Gus. Westfallon				Band	20th U.S. Inf.		
J. S. Reise	Captain			C	6th U.S. Cav.		
Wm. O. Dobbins	Q.M.-Sergeant			C	20th U.S. Inf.		
Harry Westfallon				D	20th U.S. Inf.		
James Tumeins				C	6th U.S. Cav.		
Geo. A. Lough				C	7th U.S. Cav.		
Chas. De Mass				E	20th U.S. Inf.		
Granville Teter				C	6th U.S. Cav.		
Rob't V. Johnson				C	20th U.S. Inf.		
Elmer Scally				C	6th U.S. Cav.		
Arthur Keys			Corporal	C	20th U.S. Inf.		
Paul McCormick				C	6th U.S. Cav.		
Rob't M. Hathaway				F	20th U.S. Inf.		
Frank P. Dees			1st Sergt.	C	6th U.S. Cav.		
D. Dinke				F	20th U.S. Inf.		
Chas. McClintock				C	1st U.S. Cav.		
W. M. Morrow				C	6th U.S. Cav.		
Jesse Dugan				C	6th U.S. Cav.		
C. H. Hoffman				C	6th U.S. Cav.		
J. A. Bishop				C	20th U.S. Inf.		
Wm. Ayres				C	20th U.S. Inf.		
H. W. Martin				G	20th U.S. Inf.		
J. L. Leeber				F	6th U.S. Cav.		
Camp 150, Reading.							
John Bailey	Private	May 3, 1898		E	22d Kansas	Nov. 3, 1898	
Minor Arnold	Private	June 1, 1898		B	22d Kansas	Nov. 3, 1898	
Frank Volz	Private	June 1, 1898		E	22d Kansas	Nov. 3, 1898	

Camp No. 157, Oberlin.

Clyde B. Parker
Chas. S. Griggs
Captain
Private G
22d Kansas
G
22d Kansas

Camp No. 223, La Crosse.

Willis W. Wade
Sergeant Guard
Private A
21st Kansas
Dec. 10, 1898

Camp No. 258, Keene.

Jay Lee McComb
2d Lieutenant
Sergeant B
U. S. Army
Regt. not given

Camp No. 270, Wathena.

James McPherson
Private
June 22, 1898
Private M
4th Missouri
Feb. 10, 1898

DIVISION OF KENTUCKY.

Camp No. 8, Somerset.

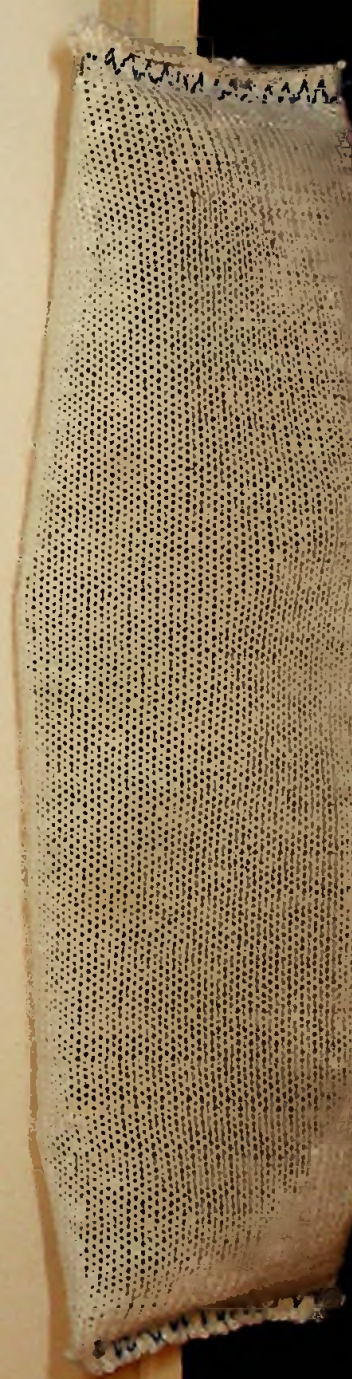
Vola G. Trimble
Chas. H. Morrow
Ed. Morrow
S. S. Morrow
Hays Brummett
Zeno G. Logan
Clifford Day
Chas. F. Zachary

Captain I
Lieutenant I
Lieutenant
Major I
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1st Kentucky
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4th Kentucky
4th Kentucky
1st Kentucky
1st Kentucky
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DIVISION OF MAINE.

Camp No. 1, Waterville.

Frank Ladlip
Corporal Guard
May 17, 1898
Private
1st Me. II A.
Mar. 17, 1899



DIVISION OF MAINE. — *Continued.*

NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U. S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 3, Bangor.							
W. T. Pierce		July 13, 1898	Corporal	D	1st Maine	Oct 30, 1898	
James E. Tuttle		Aug. 13, 1898	Private	A	1st Me. H. A.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Camp No. 4, Portland.							
J. R. Lowell	Captain	June 15, 1898	Sergeant		8th Signal Corps	Dec. 1, 1898	
J. H. Miller	1st Lieutenant	June 15, 1898	Corporal		8th Signal Corps	Dec 1, 1898	
M. H. Welch	1st Lieutenant	June 15, 1898	1st Sergt.		8th Signal Corps	Dec. 1, 1898	
F. B. W. Welch	Captain	May 10, 1898	1st Lieut.	A	1st Maine	Oct. 28, 1898	
R. C. Purinton	Corporal	May 10, 1898	Corporal	B	1st Maine	Oct. 29, 1898	
Le Roy Syphers	Private	May 10, 1898	Sergeant	B	1st Maine	Oct. 29, 1898	
H. L. Morrill	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	A	1st Maine	Oct. 28, 1898	
G. G. Gaudy	Private	Sept. 1, 1896	1st Lieut		5th U. S. Art.		
E. C. Webb	Private	Dec., 1896	Hosp. Stew.	E	7th U. S. Art.		
Charles E. Direly	Private	Apr. 21, 1898	Private	E	7th U. S. Art.	Mar. 2, 1899	
Casper Hill	Private	Apr. 15, 1898	Private	E	7th U. S. Art.		
Camp No. 5, Dexter.							
Buel D. French		May 13, 1898	Private	K	1st Maine	Nov. 10, 1898	
Camp No. 7, Rockland.							
Allie O. Pillsbury	Captain	May 10, 1898	Sergeant	H	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898	
E. Howard Crockett	1st Lieutenant	May 10, 1898	Corporal	H	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898	
Mont R. Pillsbury	Captain	May 10, 1898	Private	H	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898	Dead
Geo. W. Young	Captain	May 10, 1898	Private	H	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898	
D. L. Howard	Captain	May 10, 1898	Corporal	H	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898	
Arthur A. Newcomb	Captain	May 10, 1898	Corporal	H	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898	
George F. Crocker		May 10, 1898	Sergeant	H	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898	
L. S. Yeaton		May 10, 1898	Private	H	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898	
Fred A. Parkes		May 10, 1898	Sergeant	H	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898	

Camp No. 16, Skowhegan.

Richard H. Collins	Private	July, 1898	Sergeant	D	1st Mc. H. A.	Mar 31, 1899
Fred H. Wing	Private	1898			U.S.S. Lancaster	

Camp No. 19, Westbrook.

Harry F. Morris	Captain	May 11, 1898	Corporal	M	1st Maine	Oct. 28, 1898
Lewis T. Harriman	Color Sergeant	June 8, 1898	Private		8th Vol. Sig. Corps	Dec. 1, 1898
Arthur G. Harriman	Sergeant Guard	June 8, 1898	Private		8th Vol. Sig. Corps	Dec. 1, 1898
Chas. E. Walker	1st Sergeant	June 8, 1898	1st Lieut.		8th Vol. Sig. Corps	Dec. 1, 1898
Eugene I. Cummings	Private	May 11, 1898	1st Sergt.	M	1st Maine	Oct. 28, 1898
Henry D. Ward	Private	May 11, 1898	Private	M	1st Maine	Oct. 28, 1898
Benjamin T. Larrabee	Private	May 11, 1898	Private	M	1st Maine	Oct. 28, 1898

Camp No. 23, Freeport.

Maurice F. Foster	Corporal	May 4, 1898	Corporal	L	1st Mass. H. A.	Nov. 12, 1898
Clarence F. Foster	Private	May 2, 1898	Private	K	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898

Camp No. 24, Bridgton.

Fred W. Green				A	1st Mc. H.A.	Mar. 31, 1899
Chas. Welsh				A	1st Mc H. A.	Mar. 31, 1899
Bert Foster				E	U. S. H.A.	
Harry H. Webb				B	1st Maine	
John Shaw				F	1st Vermont	Oct. 28, 1898
Roy K. Hawkes	Surgeon				9th N.Y.	

Camp No. 26, Oakland.

Ardacton Smith	Lieutenant			C	1st Mc. H.A.	Died in Service
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Camp No. 28, Calais.

Ferd W. Hill	Quartermaster	July 10, 1898	Private	B	1st Mc. H.A.	
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DIVISION OF MAINE.— Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 36, Stoneham.							
L. W. McAllister	Musician	May 2, 1898	Musician	D	1st Maine	Oct. 20, 1898	
J. B. McAllister		May 2, 1898	Private	D	1st Maine	Oct. 20, 1898	
H. S. McAllister		May 2, 1898	Private	D	1st Maine	Oct. 20, 1898	
D. O. Brown		May 2, 1898	Private	D	1st Maine	Oct. 20, 1898	
Camp No. 41, New Sharon.							
Jas. W. Dutton	Captain	July 19, 1898	2d Lieut.	C	1st Me. H.A.		
Daniel Thing				C	1st Me. H.A.		
Camp No. 43, Belfast.							
Ivra Heal	Captain	May 10, 1898	Private	H	1st Maine		Died in Service
Wm. C. Whitehead		May 31, 1898	Seaman		Cassius	Sept. 17, 1898	
Camp No. 50, Old Town.							
Harold O. Brown	Chaplain		Private	D	1st Me. H.A.		
Camp No. 53, Brunswick.							
G. O. Hubbard	Captain	May 11, 1898	1st Lieut.	K	1st Maine	Jan. 15, 1899	
F. F. Hubbard	1st Lieutenant	May 12, 1898	Musician	Band	1st Maine	Nov. 11, 1898	
J. W. Stewart	Musician	May 12, 1898	Musician	K	1st Maine	Nov. 11, 1898	
J. N. Collins	Private	May 12, 1898	Private	K	1st Maine	Nov. 11, 1898	
Wm. Cates	Private	May 12, 1898	Private	K	1st Maine	Nov. 11, 1898	
John Walker	Private	May 12, 1898	Private	K	1st Maine	Nov. 11, 1898	
C. H. Fisher	Private		Private	K	6th Mass.		
Albert E. Southard	Cook		Cook	K	1st Maine		

G. Warren Pease	Private	Aug. 3, 1898	F	1st Maine	Oct. 30, 1898
Camp No. 59; East Wilton.					
Camp No. 60, Gardiner.					
Wallace Purnell	Sergeant		A	1st Me. H.A.	Mar. 31, 1899
Lin Lunt	Wagoner		C	1st Me. H.A.	Mar. 31, 1899
Edward Livermore	Sergeant		A	1st Me. H.A.	Mar. 31, 1899
Henry Houston	Private		C	1st Me. H.A.	Died in Service

DIVISION OF MARYLAND.

Camp No. 1, Baltimore.

Anton Housman	Private	May 11, 1898	C	4th U.S. Art.
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Camp No. 2, Hagerstown.

G. B. Donaldson	Sergeant	Apr. 26, 1898	B	1st Md.
H. C. Weber	Private	Apr. 26, 1898	B	1st Md.
Geo. Kaufman	Musician	Apr. 26, 1898	B	1st Md.
E. Taylor	Sergeant	Apr. 26, 1898	B	1st Md.

Camp No. 3, Frederick.

Geo. W. Morgan	Private	Apr. 28, 1898	A	1st Md.	Died in Service
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Camp No. 8, Easton.

Jos. T. White	Private	May 17, 1898	F	1st Md.
O. M. Saxton	Private	May 17, 1898	F	1st Md.

Camp No. 27, Annapolis.

John H. Busch	Colonel	Dec. 10, 1897		U.S. Navy
C. C. McGeehan	Captain	May 16, 1898	A	1st Md.
Jas. Johnson	Captain	May 17, 1898		U.S. Navy

DIVISION OF MARYLAND.—Continued.

NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment, or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 27, Annapolis.—Continued.							
Alex Evans	1st Lieutenant	Apr. 25, 1898	Sergeant	G	1st Md.		
R. W. J. Robinson	Color Sergeant	May 16, 1898	Corporal	A	1st Md.		
S. T. Cantler	Musician	May 12, 1898	3d Class Foreman		U.S. Navy		
Camp No. 1, Washington, D.C.							
C. L. Davison	Captain	May 22, 1898	Private	C	1st D.C.		
H. A. Dobson	1st Lieut.	May 22, 1898	1st Sergeant	D	1st D.C.		
R. J. Donnelly	Private	May 22, 1898	1st Lieut.	D	1st D.C.		
F. J. Hodgson	Private	May 22, 1898	Captain	G	1st D.C.		
E. R. Harlow	Private	May 22, 1898	2d Lieut.	A	1st D.C.		
A. C. Whipp	Private	May 22, 1898	1st Sergeant	E	1st D.C.		
Camp No. 2, Washington, D.C.							
W. P. Irving	Private	Apr. 19, 1898	Seaman		U.S.S. Columbia		
H. A. Hullfish	Q-M-Sergt.	June 1, 1898	Private		3d U.S. V.I.		
L. W. D. Kennon	Captain	June 1, 1898	Captain		U.S. Army		
E. W. Tanner	Lieutenant	June 1, 1898	Lieutenant		U.S. Army		
J. A. Bresnahan	Private	June 1, 1898	Private		1st D.C.		
Camp No. 25, Washington, D.C.							
Jas. A. Roston	1st Lieutenant		Hosp. Stew.	G	10th U.S. Vol. Inf.		
W. Pinkney	Private				8th U.S. Vol. Inf.		
Camp No. 30, Washington, D.C.							
— Steidel	2d Lieutenant		Engineer		3d U.S. Engineers		

DIVISION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks
Camp No. 8, Salem.						
Herbert T. Mallard	Musician	Private		U.S. Hosp. Corps	Feb. 17, 1899	
Henry G. Parsons	Chaplain	Private		U.S. Hosp. Corps		
Frank W. Robinson	1st Sergeant	Corporal	II	8th Mass.		
Chas. F. Perkins	Captain	Reg. Q. M.-Sergt.		8th Mass.		
Frank McLaughlin	Captain	Corporal	II	8th Mass.	Feb. 17, 1899	
Camp No. 9, North Adams.						
Geo. E. Whipple	Captain	Corporal	M	2d Mass.		Died in Service
Walter B. Graham	Private	Private	M	2d Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898	
Camp No. 10, Millers Falls.						
Guy P. Lawson	Private	Private	E	2d Mass.		Died in Service
Frank M. Buslin	Private	Private	L	2d Mass.		
Camp No. 15, Springfield.						
E. M. Bowen	Captain	Capt. & Asst. Surg.		7th N Y.		
H. S. Crossman	Lieut.-Colonel	Executive Officer		{ Minnesota and Prairie	Sept. 24, 1898	
Camp No. 17, Brockton.						
Harry S. Reed	Sergt. Guard	Corporal	I	1st Mass.	Nov. 14, 1898	
Chester W. Osborne	Private	Private	I	1st Mass.	Nov. 14, 1898	
Henry F. Chamberlaine	Captain	Private	I	1st Mass.	Nov. 14, 1898	
Wm. F. Churchill	Private	Private	I	1st Mass.	Nov. 14, 1898	
Arthur J. Taylor	Private	Sergeant	C	2d U.S. Art.		

Camp No. 19, Clinton.

Ernest J. Howe Private May 27, 1898 Private II 1st Maine Nov. 15, 1898

Camp No. 21, Lawrence.

Chas. F. Sawyer Musician Apr. 28, 1898 Private L 8th Mass. Apr. 28, 1899
 Geo. W. Flagg Chaplain Apr. 28, 1898 Private L 8th Mass. Apr. 28, 1899
 B. H. McKenney Captain Apr. 28, 1898 Private L 8th Mass. Apr. 28, 1899

Camp No. 23, Reading.

Geo. W. Braxton Captain May 6, 1898 Lieutenant L 6th Mass. Jan. 21, 1899
 John R. Bancroft 1st Lieutenant May 6, 1898 Private A 6th Mass. Jan. 21, 1899
 Chas. E. Mellen Chaplain May 6, 1898 Bugler A 6th Mass. Jan. 21, 1899
 Arthur G. Oliver 1st Sergeant May 6, 1898 Sergeant A 6th Mass. Jan. 21, 1899

{ Enlisted in Regular Army,
 Feb. 20, 1899.

Camp No. 24, Gloucester.

Zeno Elwell Camp Guard May, 1898 Private G 8th Mass.
 Wm. H. Thomas Picket Guard May, 1898 Private G 8th Mass.
 Alfred H. Brazier Picket Guard May, 1898 Private G 8th Mass.

Camp No. 28, Fitchburg.

Chas. K. Darling Com.-in-Chief May 6, 1898 Major 6th Mass. Jan. 21, 1899
 Clinton T. Lane 1st Lieutenant May 6, 1898 Corporal B 6th Mass. Jan. 21, 1899
 Edward C. Webb Chaplain May 6, 1898 Private B 6th Mass. Jan. 21, 1899

Camp No. 30, Dorchester.

Frank L. Drew Private June 13, 1898 1st Class Machinist U. S. S. Inca
 Harry E. Dustin Private June 7, 1898 Private M 7th U. S. Inf.
 Edwin A. Holmes 2d Lieutenant May 9, 1898 Private D 1st Mass. H. A.
 Wm. B. Hill Private May 9, 1898 Corporal L 1st Mass. H. A.
 Geo. H. Manks Captain Apr. 22, 1898 2d Class Q.M. { U. S. Coast and
 Signal Service

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Camp No. 30, Dorchester.—Continued.								
Fred L. Mason	Private	Private	May 3, 1898	Seaman		U. S. S. Prairie	Sept. 28, 1898	
Warren K. Snow, Jr.	Private	Private	June 9, 1898	Private	H	7th U. S. Inf.	Sept. 30, 1898	
Nathan G. Davison	Color Sergeant	Color Sergeant	June 13, 1898	Chief Yeoman	L	U. S. S. Gov. Russell	Feb. 16, 1899	
Carl E. Schultz	Private	Private	Aug. 19, 1898	Private		7th U. S. Inf.		
Camp No. 34, Wakefield.								
Augustus M. Baxter		Private		Private	A	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899	
Harry G. Brockbank		Private		Sergeant	A	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899	
Winfield S. Ripley, Jr.		Bugler		Bugler	K	1st Mass. H. A.	Nov. 14, 1898	
Harry F. Cameron		Private		Private		Ambulance Corps	Jan. 5, 1899	
Camp No. 35, New Bedford.								
Thos. B. Rowe, Jr.			Apr. 23, 1898	Coxswain		{ Minnesota and Gov. Russell		Drowned while in Service
William H. Rowe			June 16, 1898	Oiler		Catskill	Sept. 21, 1898	
Camp No. 46, Roxbury.								
Stephen D. Bradley	Private	Private	May 18, 1898	Musician		14th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Camp No. 52, Leominster.								
James C. Smith	Captain	Captain	May 6, 1898	1st Lieut	B	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899	
Geo. G. Hadley	Q. M.-Sergeant	Q. M.-Sergeant	May 3, 1898	Sergeant		6th Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898	
Frank L. Hucksins	Musician	Musician	May 3, 1898	Sergeant		6th Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898	
Fred R. Lutzer	Private	Private	June 16, 1898	Private	D	6th Mass.	Jan 21, 1899	

H. L. Gates	Camp No. 53, Orange.		Apr. 23, 1898	Private	E	2d Mass.	Nov. 23, 1898
John F. Cutler	Camp No. 54, Medford.		June 4, 1898	Private	E	1st Signal Corps	Dec. 10, 1898
F. R. Waterman			June 23, 1898	Sergeant	E	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899
W. G. Higgins	Camp No. 56, Cambridge.		May, 1898	Private	B	1st Mass.	Sept. 1898
Geo. Burckard	Camp No. 60, Holyoke.		May 3, 1898	Private	D	2d Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898
Earl J. Cain			May 3, 1898	Private	D	2d Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898
Frank A. Pierce			May 3, 1898	Private	D	2d Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898
Frank G. Matlice			May 3, 1898	Sergeant	D	2d Mass.	Died In Service
Edgar A. Fiske	Camp No. 63, Holliston.		May 13, 1898		M	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
W. Littlefield				Captain		Marine Corps	
Wm. B. Gould, Jr.	Camp No. 75, Dedham.		May 13, 1898	Sergeant	L	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Chas. S. Smith			May 13, 1898	Private	L	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Winthrop H. Ferry	Camp No. 77, East Hampton.		May 3, 1899	Private	I	2d Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898
Chas. E. Tilton	Camp No. 78, Lowell.		May 6, 1898	Private	C	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
A. J. Denis			May 12, 1898			Wabash	

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NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 79, Melrose.							
Myrus H. Warren	Private	May 6, 1898	Private	A	6th Mass.		Died in Service
A. J. Harris	Private	Apr. 29, 1898	Private	K	8th Mass.		
E. B. Riley	Camp Guard	May 18, 1898	Private	L	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899	
J. Warren Stewart	Private	June 1, 1898	Private		7th U.S. Inf.		
Camp No. 80, Malden.							
Eugene A. Colburn	1st Sergeant	June 30, 1898	Q.M.-Sergt.	A	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Calvin S. Mixer, Jr.	Captain	July 1, 1898	Musician	L	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899	
David H. John		July 1, 1898	Private	H	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Edwin W. Rand		July 1, 1898	Private	L	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Camp No. 81, Chelsea.							
W. L. Swan		Apr. 26, 1898	1st Lieut.	L	1st Mass.	Nov. 4, 1898	
B. E. Grant		Apr. 26, 1898	2d Lieut.	H	1st Mass.	Nov. 4, 1898	
H. G. Thayer		June 1, 1898	Private		U.S. Hosp. Corps	Feb. 1, 1899	
J. A. Rymill		Apr. 26, 1898	Private	L	1st Mass.	Nov. 4, 1898	
E. T. White		(late of Com. July 20, 1898)	Ensign		U.S.S. Seminole	Sept. 1898	
Camp No. 82, Boston.							
Walker J. Stevens	1st Lieutenant	May 13, 1898	Corporal	L	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899	
Camp No. 85, W. Boylston.							
F. W. Cheever		May 19, 1898	Private	B	12th U.S. Inf.	Oct. 27, 1898	

Camp No. 86, Stoneham.

Francis C. Ames	May 6, 1898	Private	II	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Henny Mercer	May 6, 1898	Private	II	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Ernest M. Bartlett	May 6, 1898	Private	II	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Dwight Denhurst	May 6, 1898	Private	II	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899

Camp No. 88, Scituate.

Geo. P. Clapp	July 2, 1898	Private	K	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899
Arthur L. Scaverns	July 2, 1898	Artificer	K	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899

Camp No. 89, Brighton.

John E. Day	May 9, 1898	Lieutenant	B	1st Mass. I.A.	Nov. 14, 1898
Thaddeus A. Whipple	May 18, 1898	Private	C	5th Mass.	
Theo. Inle	Jan. 13, 1899	Private		7th U.S. Inf.	
Everett Mann	Feb. 8, 1899	Private		1st U.S. Inf.	

Camp No. 94, Marlboro.

Charles H. Perry	May 6, 1898	Corporal	F	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Mason Allen	May 6, 1898	Private	F	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Ralph A. Parker	May 6, 1898	Private	F	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Lewis O. Sawyer	July 1, 1898	Corporal	M	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899
Geo. H. Paul	June 26, 1898	Private	G	12th N.Y.	Apr. 21, 1899
Robt E. Lee	June 15, 1898	Private	F	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899

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Camp No. 95, East Boston.

Thomas M. Devlin	May 25, 1898	Private	II	9th Mass.	Nov. 10, 1898
John T. Antcliff	June 25, 1898	Private	B	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899

Camp No. 96, Boston.

F. L. Hood	May 11, 1898	Private	C	9th Mass.	Nov. 26, 1898
E. M. Hood	May 11, 1898	Private	C	9th Mass.	Nov. 26, 1898
Willis S. Marlson	May 10, 1898	Musician	D	9th Mass.	

Died in Service

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NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Alexander A. Foote	Private	May 9, 1898	Private	M	2d Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898	
John F. Reardon	Color Sergeant	May 9, 1898	Private	M	2d Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898	
Camp No. 97, Adams.							
Harry A. Bullard	Sergeant Guard						
Harry C. King	Corporal Guard		Private	A	Hospital Corps 1st Rhode Island		
Camp No. 100, Walpole.							
Carl A. Raymond	Private	June 23, 1899	Private	E	2d Mass.	Jan. 20, 1899	
Camp No. 101, Westminster.							
Camp No. 106, Charlestown.							
William D. Barber	2d Lieutenant	July 1, 1898	Private	H	5th Mass.	Nov. 21, 1898	
Harry W. Huff	1st Lieutenant	July 1, 1898	Private	A	5th Mass.	Mar. 31, 1899	
G. Howard Bodge	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	M	8th Mass.	Apr. 28, 1899	
Camp No. 113, Groton.							
Howard B. Souther	Private	June 24, 1898	Private	I	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899	
Camp No. 123, East Douglas.							
Fred F. Mayor	Private	June 17, 1898		M	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899	
Camp No. 124, Baldwinville.							
Oren R. Williams	Captain	May 3, 1898	Bugler	F	2d Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898	
Clarence J. Williams		May 3, 1898	Private	F	2d Mass.	Nov. 3, 1898	

Camp No. 129, Haverhill.

Geo. H. Nason	Captain	Apr. 28, 1898	Corporal	F	8th Mass.	Apr. 28, 1899
Wm. T. Lang	Captain	Apr. 28, 1898	Private	F	8th Mass.	Apr. 28, 1899

Camp No. 133, Ashland.

Onley H. Harris	Color Sergeant	May 6, 1898	Private	E	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Ernest D. Howard	Sergeant Guard	June 15, 1898	Private	F	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899

Camp No. 135, Concord.

George P. Hagerly	Musician	May 13, 1898	Corporal	I	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Ralph P. Hosmer	Sergeant Guard	May 13, 1898	Sergeant	I	6th Mass.	Died in Service
James P. Hagerly	Private	May 13, 1898	Private	I	6th Mass.	
Francis T. Jackson	Private	May 13, 1898	1st Sergeant	I	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Harry R. Worthley	Private	May 13, 1898	Private	I	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
John W. Hagerly	Corporal Guard	May 13, 1898	Sergeant	I	6th Mass.	Jan. 21, 1899
Alfred O. L. Loring	Private	May 6, 1898	Private	A	1st Mass. II A.	

Camp No. 139, West Medway.

Edwin G. Morse	Rugler	M	6th Mass.
Walter L. Gilmore	Private	M	6th Mass.
Fred. E. Durfee	Private	M	6th Mass.

Camp No. 142, Rockport.

Sargent W. Carter	1st Lieutenant	Apr. 25, 1898	Electrician	Lancaster
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Camp No. 145, Boston.

Louis Epple	Captain	May 21, 1898	Ensign	I	Lehigh	Oct. 11, 1898
Homor N. Minard	Private	May 14, 1898	Private	II	9th Mass.	Nov. 26, 1898
Fred W. Mardekke	Sergeant Guard	May 9, 1898	Private	K	1st Mass. II A.	Nov. 14, 1898

DIVISION OF MICHIGAN.

NAME.	Highest Rank or Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 2, South Haven.							
Chas. E. Piper		May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	Now in Reg. Army
Herman Lafountaine		May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.		
C. E. Fitch		May 16, 1898	Private	K	34th Mich.	Jan. 2, 1899	
Camp No. 3, Hopkins.							
Herman A. Tiefenthal		May 15, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Raymon Tooker		May 15, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Lewis Ellinger		May 15, 1898	Private	M	34th Mich.	Jan. 2, 1899	
Chas. Norris		May 15, 1898	Private	M	34th Mich.	Jan. 2, 1899	
Camp No. 4, Tekonsha.							
Fred A. Thayer	Q M.-Sergeant		Private	K	35th Mich.		
Camp No. 6, Bangor.							
Laurence Culp		May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Byron Root		May 16, 1898	Musician	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Roland Phillips		July 2, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Roy Britton		July 2, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Harry Doherty		July 2, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Peter Sherrick		July 2, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
G. S. Beaver		July 2, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Camp No. 9, Lowell.							
Clarence C. Long	Sergeant	May 19, 1898	Sergeant	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
E. H. Rolf		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
U. A. Hawk		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Bert Fenning		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Maurice A. Lang		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	

Camp No. 11, Burnips Corners.

Ferdinand Sebright	Private	L	32d Mich.	
John E. Panches	Q.M.-Sergt.	K	34th Mich.	Dec. 9, 1898
Eugene Fauble	Private	E	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899

Camp No. 12, Hudson.

Wm. Lavarsa	Private	L	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Roy Waldorf	Private	K	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Roy Manier	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899

Camp No. 14, Grand Rapids.

Wesley T. Wilson	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Ottie Kelley	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Arthur Malchm	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Walter E. Gray	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Daniel G. Putnam	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Frank A. Williams	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Wm. E. Howard	Corporal	J	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Chas. A. Howard	1st Sergeant	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Franklin J. Whitbeck	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
John Heaton	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Leo M. Dean	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
John Verosh	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Wm. H. Rugg	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Harry S. Robens	Private	G	32d Mich.	Oct. 29, 1898

Camp No. 24, Marion.

Guy E. Dickinson	Captain	L	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
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Camp No. 25, East Jordan.

William Lase	Corporal	B	35th Reg.	Mar. 31, 1899
Henry L. Winters	Sergeant	B	35th Reg.	Mar. 31, 1899
Ray F. Ruddleck	Private	B	35th Reg.	Mar. 31, 1899

DIVISION OF MICHIGAN. — *Continued.*

NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 46, Bay City.							
Frank W. Koth	Corporal	Apr. 26, 1898	Corporal	C	33d Mich.	Dec. 22, 1898	
Geo. A. Cobb	Sergeant	May 18, 1898	Private	C	33d Mich.	Dec. 22, 1898	
Fred Marshall		June 20, 1898	Private	C	33d Mich.	Dec. 22, 1898	
Fred Hammond		June 20, 1898	Private	C	33d Mich.	Dec. 22, 1898	
John Holst	1st Lieutenant	May 16, 1898	Private	G	2d Ill.		
Camp No. 57, St. Joseph.							
Lewis Forec		July 12, 1898	Private	G	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
F. S. Reynolds		May 18, 1898	Private	I	33d Mich.	Jan. 17, 1899	
Camp No. 67, Williamston.							
Alvin G. Rouse	2d Lieutenant	May 14, 1898	Private	C	33d Mich.	Dec. 22, 1898	
Chas. N. Mattoon	Sergeant Guard	May 27, 1898	Musician	K	33d Mich.	Jan. 2, 1899	
Millford Brown		May 16, 1898	Wagoner	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
William E. Loranger	Captain	May 11, 1898	Private	A	33d Mich.	Dec. 18, 1898	
Camp No. 79, Kalkaska.							
Fred Simoson	Captain	July 18, 1898	Corporal	L	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Clayton Sherwood	Corporal Guard	July 18, 1898	Private	L	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Ernest Sherwood	Corporal Guard	July 18, 1898	Private	L	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Wm. R. Woolpert	Chaplain	July 18, 1898	Private	L	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
W. Simoson	Musician	July 18, 1898	Corporal	L	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
A. Tyner Woolpert	2d Lieutenant	July 18, 1898	Private	L	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Dean Lewis	Q.M.-Sergeant	July 18, 1898	Private	L	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Wm. Getty		May 20, 1898	Musician	B-M	34th Mich.	Dec. 10, 1898	
Camp No. 80, Trufant.							
Edwin T. Whitlow	1st Lieutenant	Apr. 25, 1898	Private	B	34th Mich.	Dec. 10, 1898	

Camp No. 81, Ironwood.

D. H. Hinds	May 17, 1898	Private	H	34th Mich.	Nov. 30, 1898
Emil Sasch	May 17, 1898	Private	H	34th Mich.	Nov. 30, 1898
Gus Sasch	May 17, 1898	Private	H	34th Mich.	Nov. 30, 1898
Richard Sasch	May 17, 1898	Private	H	34th Mich.	Nov. 30, 1898

Camp No. 89, Lawton.

Edward Brooks	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
James E. Crags	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Frank Rawson	May 16, 1898	Corporal	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
John Griffin	July 4, 1898	Private	G	35th Mich.	Mar 31, 1899
Adelbert Newell	Apr. 26, 1898	Musician		157th Ind.	Dec. 7, 1898

Camp No. 90, Ann Arbor.

Frank Garlinghouse	Apr., 1898	Corporal	A	31st Mich.	May 17, 1899
Don Turner	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Don Stark	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Harry Saunders	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Chas. Rooney	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898

Camp No. 109, Au Sable.

Frank L. Charbonneau	July 1, 1898	Private	E	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
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Camp No. 118, Holland.

William K. Hiler	May 16, 1898	Corporal	L	35d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Chas. F. Hiler	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Geo. W. Mooney	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Harry E. Nels	July 2, 1898	Private	G	32d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Oscar B. Wilms	June 14, 1898	2d Class March.		U S S Independent	Oct. 16, 1898

Camp No. 120, Coleman.

B. J. Ewins	June 30, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	July 6, 1898
J. K. Gardner	June 30, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	July 7, 1898
Frank Pearsol	May, 1898	Private		15th U.S. Inf.	

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NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 146, Allegan.							
Kerby Montagne		May 16, 1898	Corporal	K	34th Mich.	Jan. 2, 1898	
C. Lee White		May 16, 1898	2d Lieut.	K	34th Mich.	Jan. 2, 1898	
Geo. Wright		May 16, 1898	Private	K	34th Mich	Jan. 2, 1898	
Camp No. 148, Sand Lake.							
Augustus D. Thorp	Captain	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Glen M. Porter	Private	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Clifford H. Curtis	Private	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	Lost a Leg in Battle
Custer Borst	Private	May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Elic Kelly	Color Sergeant	July 7, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Camp No. 192, Birch Run.							
Emory C. Harding	Captain	June 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Jan. 1, 1899	
Camp No. 196, Twin Lakes.							
Chas. E. Petrie		May 16, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	
Camp No. 202, Manistique.							
Egbert H. Smith	1st Lieutenant	July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Jan. 24, 1899	
Fred Bills		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Albert Wilbur		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Camp No. 216, Port Huron.							
Chas. L. Boynton	S. V. Div. Com.	Apr. 25, 1898	Colonel	L	33d Mich.	Jan. 16, 1899	
Carl A. Wagner		May 19, 1898	Captain	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898	

Camp No. 227, Deerfield.

Edward C. Dalley	Corporal	May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Jan. 1, 1899
Geo. M. Beach		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Jan. 1, 1899
Fred Upell		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Jan. 1, 1899
Will A. Phillips		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Jan. 1, 1899
Geo. Mahlund			Private	L	31st Mich.	May 17, 1899
Stephen A. Crane	S.V. Com., Capt.	July 1, 1898	1st Sergeant	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Asa Stansberry	Picket Guard	July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
John Long		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
James Harris		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Jasper Berry		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Joseph Leach		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Fred C. Greenfield		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Clarence Beach		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Arthur D. Denier		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Theo. Cook		July 1, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899

Camp No. 228, Caro.

Albert Darbee	Camp Council	May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Mertius Wright			Private	M	34th Mich.	Dec. 9, 1898
Arthur Brock		June 30, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
William Thatcher		June 30, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899

Camp No. 236, Howard City.

James B. Hutton		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Reuben P. Carr		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Leo B. Perry		June, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Nov. 30, 1898

Camp No. 237, Cedar Springs.

Fayette B. Vangilder	Sergeant	July 2, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Nov. 24, 1898
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Camp No. 240, Bellaire.

Scott Leavitt	1st Lieutenant	May 16, 1898	Corporal	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
Alfred A. Hickox		May 16, 1898	Corporal	L	33d Mich.	Dec. 31, 1898
William E. Cooper		June 30, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899

DIVISION OF MICHIGAN.—Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Shlp.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 240, Bellaire.—Continued							
Herbert Marcus		June 30, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
William Bentley		June 30, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Henry Newberry		June 30, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Guy S. La Forge		June 30, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Camp No. 243, Grand Haven.							
John Sleighnis		Apr. 26, 1898	Private	F	32d Mich.	Oct. 31, 1898	
John Richardson	Sergeant Guard	Apr. 26, 1898	Private	F	32d Mich.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Camp No. 245, Carleton.							
Henry Brown		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Jan. 2, 1899	
John Graves		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Jan. 2, 1899	
Geo. Emerson		May 19, 1898	Private	L	33d Mich.	Jan. 2, 1899	
David McMillan		June, 1898	Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Camp No. 248, Augusta, Ga. (Disbanded.)							
Jesse F. Wright			Corporal	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Clyde Leavitt			Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Alvin W. Eddy			Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Herbert H. Moshler			Corporal	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
John A. Jenkins			Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Alvah Young			Private	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
James O. Young			Corporal	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Geo. F. Stringham			Q.M.-Sergt.	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	

Geo H. White	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Frank T. Collver	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Albert F. Cornell	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Samuel Millbourne	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Frank W. Wagouer	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Harry W. Pierce	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Edwin A. Genla	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Guy M. Rowley	K	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
F. D. Buckingham	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Geo. L. Rafferty	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Guy T. Johnson	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Newell E. Covert	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
James H. Doty	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Chas. S. Norris	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Verner H. Putney	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Geo Rickett	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Frederick M. Clinton	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Harley B. Smith	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Irving B. Bates	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Chris Rosen	C	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Frank E. Helmka	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Louis R. Messenger	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Edward J. Curley, Jr.	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Fred Brassel	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Bert J. Wadleigh	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Louis A. Ellinger	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
William H. Case	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
James A. Knece	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Wm. H. Stebbins	C	2d Ga.	Mar. 31, 1899
Espa A. Merrill	C	Hospital Corps	Mar. 31, 1899
Chas. P. Murphy	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Harry E. Monier	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Edward H. Wellman	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Harry C. Lear	M	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Frank Green	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Cornelius Howard, Jr.	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Earl H. Pryer	K	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Eddie W. Fine	H	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Ed. E. Bacon	B	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899
Harry H. Johnson	H	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899

DIVISION OF GEORGIA.—Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Post Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 248, Augusta, Ga. (Disbanded.)—Continued.							
Chas. A. Thomas			Private	H	35th Mich.	Mar. 31, 1899	
S. L. Plumb			Private		13th Penn.		
W. E. McKay			Private		13th Penn.		
Fred M. Clinton			Musician	B	35th Michigan	Mar. 31, 1899	
DIVISION OF MINNESOTA.							
Camp No. 1, St. Paul.							
Hon C K. Davis	Captain		Captain	L	12th Minn.		Served on Peace Commission
Paul E. Henninger	1st Lieutenant		1st Lieut.	L	12th Minn.		
Geo T Daly	2d Lieutenant		2d Lieut.	L	12th Minn.		
Geo T Drake			Sergeant	L	12th Minn.		
Edwd. Bardon			Sergeant	{	{		
J. F. Barber			Private	C	12th Minn.		
C. S. Colledge					13th Minn.		
W. W. Shaire					U.S. Navy		
W. R. Swartz							
M. S. Mead							
H. K. Shirk			Adjutant		13th Minn.		
H K. Sargent			1st Sergt.	L	12th Minn.		
Harry B. Drake			Q.M.-Sergt.	L	12th Minn.		
J. H. Keck			Sergeant	L	12th Minn.		
O. E. Swank			Sergeant	D	13th Minn.		
M. A. Kane			Sergeant	L	12th Minn.		
W. H. Gerlach			Corporal	L	12th Minn.		
Le Roy Lyon			Private	L	12th Minn.		
L. D. Tucker			Private	{	{		
A. F. Winship			Private	C	U.S.S. Sioux and Newport		
W. L. Cole			Private	K	13th Minn.		
H A Crego			Private	L	12th Minn.		
Hobart Sinclair			Private	L	12th Minn.		

Camp No. 4, Minneapolis.

Captain	L	13th Minn.
Surgeon		13th Minn.
1st Sergt.	K	15th Minn.
Hosp. Stew.		15th Minn.
Private	B	13th Minn.
Private	B	13th Minn.
Private	A	15th Minn.

Colonel

Alf S. Morgan
 Wallace G Skidmore
 Arthur L. Jones
 J. W Grant
 John B. Armstrong
 Frank B. Laikin
 Wm. G. Greiner

Camp No. 8, Stillwater.

Private
 Private

Warren Hoehnc
 Wm. Foster

Camp No. 10, Minneapolis.

Private K 12th Minn
 Private K 12th Minn.
 Private K 12th Minn.

C. C. Clemens
 Chas. Jaquinet
 Robert Streeter

Camp No. 13, Duluth.

Sergt-Major 14th Minn.
 1st Sergt. H 14th Minn.
 Sergeant C 14th Minn.
 Corporal C 14th Minn.
 Musician C 14th Minn
 Private C 14th Minn.
 Private C 14th Minn
 Private C 14th Minn
 Private A 14th Minn.
 Private 13th Minn.

Carl C. Weaver
 F. R. Holmberg
 Merton H Reed
 Roger M. Weaver
 J H Hoskins
 C. L. O Luckins
 W N Howes
 Will McGrew
 Leon Huntley
 Walter S Eividge

Camp No. 18, Faribault.

Private

1st Lieutenant

J. S Brand

DIVISION OF MINNESOTA — Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
G. G. Grove	Captain				13th Minn.		
G. E. Smith	2d Lieutenant		Private				
Camp No. 35, Howard Lake.							
I. C. Patterson	Colonel		Captain		14th Minn.		
Ben Mergel					14th Minn.		
Ed. Mergel					14th Minn.		
Chas. Sinclair					14th Minn.		
Jas. Donnelly					14th Minn.		
Bert Donnelly					14th Minn.		
Daniel W. Spalding					14th Minn.		
Everett Southard					14th Minn.		
Irving Southard					14th Minn.		
Claire A. Caley					14th Minn.		
Arthur C. Howard					14th Minn.		
John W. Anderson					14th Minn.		
Louis Applegate					14th Minn.		
Emory Norton					14th Minn.		
Ed. Hamilton					14th Minn.		
Arthur Laporte					14th Minn.		
Frank E. Patterson					14th Minn.		
Albert W. Kelley					14th Minn.		
Merton N. Smith					14th Minn.		
Chas. Smith					14th Minn.		
Camp No. 59, Pinceton.							
Camp No. 83, Wells.							
E. O. Bennett					12th Minn.		Died in Service

DIVISION OF MISSOURI.

(Not Reported.)

DIVISION OF NEBRASKA.

Camp No. 4, Shelby.

May 9, 1898 Private E 1st Nebraska Dec. 14, 1898 Disability

Wm. A. Ingalls

Camp No. 5, Fremont.

May 27, 1898 Color Sergeant F 3d Nebraska May 11, 1899
 May 27, 1898 Private F 3d Nebraska May 11, 1899
 May 9, 1898 Private L 1st Nebraska Killed in Action

McK S. Conover
 Henry Burtz
 J. Howard Whitmore

Camp No. 17, Sidney.

June 8, 1898 Corporal E 2d U.S. Inf.
 Corporal C 2d Vol. Cav.

Ed. J. Harbison
 W. A. Grosvenor

Camp No. 47, Wilber.

Private C 2d Nebraska Oct 24, 1898

Loren C. Kidd

Camp No. 72, So. Omaha.

Apr., 1898 Private L 1st Nebraska Killed in Action
 July, 1898 Private E 7th U.S. Cav.
 Apr., 1898 Private E 20th Kansas
 July, 1898 Private C 3d Nebraska
 June, 1898 Private E 2d U.S. Vol. Cav.

Ralph W. Kallis
 Ernest Libby
 Geo. W. Landis
 N. W. Freeman
 J. L. Parrotte

Camp No. 119, Hooper.

July 6, 1898 Sergeant Guard F 3d Nebraska Mar. 7, 1899

Wm. M. Zellers

DIVISION OF NEBRASKA. — *Continued.*

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Sbp.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Wm. S. Shamker					1st Colorado		
					Camp No. 127, Wilsonville.		
					Camp No. 134, Columbus.		
Chas. T. Minor	1st Lieutenant	May 9, 1898	Bugler	K	1st Nebraska		
John H. Brock	2d Lieutenant	May 9, 1898	Corporal	K	1st Nebraska		
					DIVISION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.		
					Camp No. 3, Milton.		
Chas. S. Wentworth		July 28, 1898	Private	H	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898	
					Camp No. 5, Newport.		
John F. Glynn		May 9, 1898	1st Lieut.	M	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Chas. H. Huntoon	Captain	May 9, 1898	1st Sergeant	M	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898	
L. C. Pike	Sergeant	May 9, 1898	Musician	M	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898	
E. L. Munroe	Sergeant	May 9, 1898	Private	M	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Geo. M. Hoisington	2d Lieutenant	May 9, 1898	Private	M	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Ernest I. Ladd	Musician	May 9, 1898	Private	M	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898	
					Camp No. 8, Hopkinton.		
John F. Carr		May 7, 1898	Private	C	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898	
					Camp No. 12, Nashua.		
Earnest S. Woods		May 12, 1898	Captain	I	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898	

Camp No. 14, Somersworth.

E. H. Swett	Captain	May 13, 1898	Fireman	U.S.S. Vulcan and Southern 1st N.H. Vol. Sig Corps	Dec. 31, 1898
O. S. Kinsman	Private	June 6, 1898	A		Oct. 31, 1898
L. B. Jones					

Camp No. 17, Plymouth.

Perley C. Morton		May 7, 1898	Private	K	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898
Alvin P. Burleigh		May 7, 1898	Private	K	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898
Arthur L. Gault		May 7, 1898	Private	C	1st N.H.	Oct. 31, 1898

Camp No. 18, Nashua.

Frank A. McKean	Corporal	June 29, 1898	Private	I	1st N.H.	Nov. 1, 1898
Eugene F. Colburn	Musician	June 17, 1898	Private	I	1st N.H.	Nov. 1, 1898
Geo. E. Fifield	2d Lieutenant	May 12, 1898	Artificer	I	1st N.H.	Nov. 1, 1898
P. E. Fifield		May 12, 1898	Private	I	1st N.H.	Nov. 1, 1898
Nelson G. Fosse		July 3, 1898	Private	D	5th Mass.	Mar 31, 1899

DIVISION OF NEW JERSEY.

Camp No. 1, Hoboken.

H. E. Clausen	Private	July 12, 1898	Private	M	4th N.J.
Richard Dahlem	Corporal	July 12, 1898	Corporal	M	4th N.J.
John Wright	Sergeant	July 12, 1898	Private	M	4th N.J.
H. C. Hall	Private	July 12, 1898	Private	M	4th N.J.

Camp No. 2, Elizabeth.

Richard F. Cross	Captain	May 2, 1898	2d Lieut.	C	3d N.J.
Max L. Reidinger	Captain	May 2, 1898	Corporal	C	3d N.J.
John V. Appar		May 2, 1898	Wagoner	C	3d N.J.

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NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 3, Beverly.							
J. R. Williamson	Color Sergeant		Private	K	7th U.S. Art.		
H. L. Fish			Private	K	3d N. J.		
E. E. Swanson			Private	K	3d N. J.		
Wm. Ward			Private	K	3d N. J.		
Camp No. 4, Trenton.							
John L. Reeger	Captain	July 2, 1898	Private	I	7th U.S. Cav.		
Chas. R. Bousenberry	Captain	July 2, 1898	Sergeant	L	4th N. J.		
Geo. A. Lawton	Color Sergeant	July 2, 1898	Private	L	4th N. J.		
E. J. Gilbert			Private		6th U.S. Cav.		
W. H. Kelly					U.S.S. Brooklyn		
A. E. Dickey		July 2, 1898	Private	L	4th N. J.		
Camp No. 5, Trenton.							
Chas. Hazlett		July 2, 1898	Private	L	4th N. J.		
Oliver Hazlett		July 2, 1898	Private	L	4th N. J.		
John Crumbley		July 2, 1898	Private	L	4th N. J.		
Chas. Ellicott			Private		6th U.S. Cav.		
Godfrey Ellicott			Private		6th U.S. Cav.		
Thomas Cook			Private		7th U.S. Art.		
Camp No. 6, Bayonne.							
A. S. Lawson	Captain	May 2, 1898	Private		3d N. J.		
Camp No. 7, Long Branch.							
R. J. Fanfar		May 12, 1898	Corporal	B	3d N. J.		
Fred Lippincott		May 12, 1898	Private	B	3d N. J.		
Oscar Cobb		May 12, 1898	Musician	B	3d N. J.		
William Miller	Camp Council	May 12, 1898	Private	B	3d N. J.		
Fred Thorn		May 12, 1898	Private	B	3d N. J.		

Camp No. 8, Patterson.

Rob't J. VanHouten	Captain & V. Hbr. Com.	May 13, 1898	Private	B	2d N. J.
Herbert Senior	Musician	May 13, 1898	Musician	E	2d N. J.
Henry Rifter	Sergeant Guard	May 13, 1898	Musician	E	2d N. J.
William Ridgeway		May 13, 1898	Musician	E	2d N. J.
Henry Lowenthal		May 13, 1898	Private	D	2d N. J.
Chas Kasse	Color Sergeant	July 7, 1898	Private	K	1st U.S. V. Eng.
Wilbur VanHouten		May 13, 1898	Private	B	2d N. J.
Edwin Pounds		June 22, 1898	Private	B	2d N. J.
Andrew Derrom, Jr.	Colonel	July 7, 1898	Captain	B	4th N. J.
David Sultar		May 13, 1898	Musician	E	2d N. J.
Edwin Kimble		May 13, 1898	Private	B	2d N. J.
Mark Henyan		May 13, 1898	Private	B	2d N. J.
Henry B. Ackerman		May 13, 1898	Private	K	2d N. J.
Geo. W. Vandervoort		July 14, 1898	Fireman		U.S.S. Glacier

Camp No. 9, Bloomfield.

Frank J. McCormick	2d Lieutenant	Apr. 27, 1898	Corporal	H	2d N. J.
Ernest Brown		Apr. 27, 1898	Private	K	2d N. J.

Camp No. 11, Atlantic City.

Harry E Pennell	Camp Council	July 14, 1898	Private	F	4th N. J.
Wm. E. Stephany		July 14, 1898	Corporal	F	4th N. J.

Camp No. 12, Woodbridge.

Ray R. Moore	Captain	May 2, 1898	Private	C	3d N. J.
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Camp No. 14, Hammonton.

Robert E. Miller	Sergeant Guard		Private	F	1st N. J.
Wm. Parkhurst			Private		2d N. J.

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NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 18, Newark.							
Geo. McDonald	2d Lieutenant	June, 1898	Private	B	1st N.J.		
H. J. Falk	1st Sergeant		Private	D	7th U S Art.		
John Gaffney	Q.M.-Sergeant	May 2, 1898	Private	H	1st N.J.		
F. E. Lower			Private	L	1st N.J.		
Camp No. 20, New Brunswick.							
John H. Payton	Captain	May 1, 1898	Artificer	D	3d N.J.		
David Bartholomew	Captain	May 1, 1898	Corporal	D	3d N.J.		
Jesse Tunison		May 1, 1898	Corporal	D	3d N.J.		
Andrew J. Crossley		May 1, 1898	Private	D	3d N.J.		
Geo. W. Danberry		May 1, 1898	Private	D	3d N.J.		
Camp No. 21, Trenton.							
Fred Gilkryson	Captain	June 12, 1898	Lieutenant		4th N.J.		Adj't. 2d Battalion
F. F. C. Woodward	Captain	June 12, 1898	2d Lieut.	L	4th N.J.		
Thos. H. Edmond	Colonel	July 2, 1898	Musician	L	4th N.J.		
M. B. T. Hoyle	2d Lieutenant	May 13, 1898			U.S.S. Resolute		
Elmer E. Royle	Q.M.-Sergeant	July 2, 1898	Private	A	4th N.J.		
Camp No. 28, Plainfield.							
Edward L. Day			Private	M	2d N.J.		
Camp No. 34, Rahway.							
John A. Brown	Chaplain	May 12, 1898	Sergeant	F	3d N.J.		
John W. Brown	2d Lieutenant	May 12, 1898	Sergeant	F	3d N.J.		
Wallace I. Vanpelt	Picket Guard	May 12, 1898	Private	F	3d N.J.		
Isaac H. Scherris	1st Sergeant	May 12, 1898	Private	F	3d N.J.		

Camp No. 38, Camden.

C. H. Durgin
 Corporal
 May 12, 1898
 Private
 M
 3d N.J.

Camp No. 40, Somerville.

W. C. Houston
 2d Lieutenant
 Private
 H
 3d N.J.
 E. E. Houston
 Chaplain
 Private
 H
 3d N.J.
 Jos. Vickery, Jr
 Sergeant Guard
 Sergeant
 H
 3d N.J.
 David Laree
 Captain
 Corporal
 H
 3d N.J.
 R. H. Simmonson
 Private
 H
 3d N.J.

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Camp No. 1, Kingston.

Jas. E. Phinney
 1st Sergeant
 May 1, 1898
 Private
 M
 1st N.Y.
 Jno H. Hurton
 Color Sergeant
 Jan. 1, 1899
 Private
 K
 12th U.S. Inf.
 Geo. Davis
 Corporal
 Jan. 1, 1899
 Private
 K
 12th U.S. Inf.
 John Kastner
 Color Sergeant
 Feb. 8, 1899
 Private
 I
 9th U.S. Inf.
 Feb. 27, 1899

Camp No. 2, Yonkers.

Thos. B. McCauley
 Daniel Casey
 July, 1898
 Private
 B
 203d N.Y.
 John D. Laut
 July, 1898
 Private
 D
 203d N.Y.
 July, 1898
 Private
 D
 203d N.Y.

Camp No. 4, Cohoes.

Eugene Herring
 Private
 May 2, 1898
 Private
 B
 2d N.Y.
 Oct. 25, 1898

Camp No. 7, New York City.

Chas. Brown
 Private
 Apr. 26, 1898
 Private
 F
 71st N.Y.
 John J. Hogan
 1st Sergeant
 Apr. 26, 1898
 Bugler
 M
 71st N.Y.
 Alphonso Shine
 Private
 May 2, 1898
 Private
 E
 69th N.Y.
 Geo. S. Gels
 Private
 May 28, 1898
 Private
 Astor Battery
 Feb. 2, 1899
 Disability
 Nov. 14, 1898
 Nov. 14, 1898
 Sept. 28, 1898
 Feb. 2, 1899

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Camp No. 8, Poughkeepsie.							
Charles H. Vossler	Corporal	May 2, 1898	Private	K	1st N.Y.	Feb. 22, 1899	
Joseph C. Alverson	Private	June 22, 1898	Private	K	1st N.Y.	Feb. 22, 1899	
Camp No. 9, Gloversville.							
Walter Zimmer	Private	May 13, 1898	Private	F	6th U.S. Cav.	Nov. 10, 1898	
Camp No. 13, Rochester.							
Karl E. Wilson		July 25, 1898	Private	I	202d N.Y.		
J Emery Dunklee		July 18, 1898	Private	C	202d N.Y.		
Fred L. Peiffer	Sergeant	July 25, 1898	Corporal	I	202d N.Y.		
Fred Lowe		May 1, 1898	Private	H	3d N.Y.		
Geo C. Lowe		May 1, 1898	Private	H	3d N.Y.		
S. Archambault		May 1, 1898	Private,	A	3d N.Y.		
H. E. Arnold		May 1, 1898	Private	A	3d N.Y.		
F. S. Richardson		May 1, 1898	Corporal	A	3d N.Y.		
Miles H. Barber					U.S.S. Alexander		
Camp No. 14, Newark.							
Olen E. Doty	Q.M.-Sergeant	May 1, 1898	Private	B	3d N.Y.	Nov. 30, 1898	
Camp No. 19, Brooklyn.							
Geo. D. Flink	Musician		Private		12th N.Y.		
Geo. Shuttler			Private		202d N.Y.		
Camp No. 20, Brooklyn.							
Rutherford Bosworth			Private	F	22d N.Y.		

Camp No. 21, Fulton.

G. F. Connell	1st Sergeant	May 15, 1898	Corporal	B	5th U.S. Art.	Feb 24, 1899
F. O. Richard	1st Lieutenant	May 15, 1898	Private	B	5th U.S. Art.	
Ralph Dutton	Private	May 15, 1898	Private	B	5th U.S. Art.	
Arthur Graves	Private	May 15, 1898	Private	B	5th U.S. Art.	
Geo. Watson	Private	May 15, 1898	Private	C	203d N.Y.	Mar 25, 1899
Harry McCarthy	Private	May 15, 1898	Private	B	7th U.S. Art.	Oct 20, 1898

Camp No. 22, Rhinebeck.

Chas. G. Fowler	Captain	May 20, 1898	Corporal	K	1st N.Y.	Mar 29, 1899
Alfred C. Griffith	Private	May 25, 1898	Private	D	6th U.S. Art.	
Walker Ostrom	Private	May 25, 1898	Private	D	6th U.S. Art.	
Arthur Merryweather	Private	May 25, 1898	Private	D	6th U.S. Art.	
Chas. S. Tator	Private	May 20, 1898	Private	K	1st N.Y.	Feb. 22, 1899

Camp No. 25, Albany.

Robert Blake	Private	May 2, 1898	Private	B	1st N.Y.
Chas. Flack					Eng. Corps

Camp No. 26, Brooklyn.

John Reimy	2d Lieutenant	July 20, 1898	Artificer		4th N.Y. Batty.	Oct. 21, 1898
Albert A. Bolster		July 20, 1898	Private		4th N.Y. Batty.	Oct 21, 1898
Wm. Walker, Jr.		July 21, 1898	Artificer		5th N.Y. Batty.	Oct. 24, 1898
Henry A. Andrews		July 24, 1898	Private	A	203d N.Y.	
Wm. R. Clevinger			Artificer	C	8th N.Y.	

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Camp No. 28, Brooklyn.

Thos. Flatherty	Private				47th N.Y.
Jas. J. Hanan	Private				47th N.Y.
Harry B. Kimball	Musician				47th N.Y.
Joseph F. Kenny	Private			A	201st N.Y.
Wm. Brown					
Wm. M. O'Brien, Jr.				A	47th N.Y.
Walter G. McComb				Recp.	201st N.Y.
				Corps	

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Camp No. 29, Poughkeepsie.							
Elmer E. Boshart	Corporal Guard	Jan. 19, 1899	Private	F	16th U.S. Inf.		
Chas. P. Hilliker	Private	Feb., 1899	Private		10th U.S. Inf.		
Camp No. 32, Carthage.							
Edw'd J. Westcott	Captain	July 14, 1898	Private	E	203d N.Y.	Jan 19, 1899	
E. C. Leckner							
Camp No. 33, Jamaica.							
Albert Rossback		May 14, 1898	Private	B	14th N Y	Oct 27, 1898	
Charles Koller		May 14, 1898	Private	B	14th N Y.	Oct. 27, 1898	
C. P. Covert		May 2, 1898	Private	G	47th N Y.	Mar. 31, 1899	
Camp No. 34, Fort Plains.							
Jesse C. Phillips	2d Lieutenant		Private				
Camp No. 35, Auburn.							
O. E. Mitchell				M	3d N Y.		
Camp No. 39, Brushton.							
Fred H. Allen	2d Lieutenant	July 20, 1898	Private	M	203d N.Y.	Mar. 25, 1899	
Camp No. 40, Ithaca.							
A. D. Hallenbeck	Private			M	203d N.Y.		

Camp No. 41, Dobbs's Ferry.

Corporal July 17, 1898 Private E 201st N.Y.

Camp No. 42, Lansingsburgh.

James D Magill Apr. 22, 1898 Private I 7th U.S. Art.
 Chas. Hagen May 17, 1898 Private 21st U.S. Inf.
 John J. Duffy Sept. 5, 1895 Baynan U.S.S. Helena

Mar. 23, 1899 Re-enl. 21st U.S. Inf.
 Oct. 25, 1898
 Sept. 4, 1898

Camp No. 43, Utica.

Geo. Brown Private C 1st Cal. H.A.
 Sam'l Nelson, Jr. Private B 1st Cal. H.A.

Camp No. 48, Cortland.

Aaron Sager, Jr. Q.M.-Sergeant July 23, 1898 Private A 7th U.S. H.A.

Camp No. 52, Syracuse.

C. M. A. Smith 2d Lieut.
 Frank Comstock Private D 3d N.Y.
 Gustave Orth Sergeant C 3d N.Y.
 John C. Mulligan 1st Lieut 201st N.Y.

Camp No. 60, Rochester.

James L. Whitley Sergt. Guard July 23, 1898 Sergeant 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 Anthony Andrews 1st Lieutenant July 23, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 Edward J. Harrison Chaplain July 23, 1898 Sergeant 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 William E. O'Leary Sergeant July 23, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 Fred Young Sergeant July 23, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 Jas. F. Dermiston Private July 23, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 Frank E. Doran Private July 23, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 Henry Killian Private July 23, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 Joseph J. Bauer Private July 23, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 Geo. McLaughlin Private July 23, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 Fred Wagner Private July 23, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 L. G. Cunningham Private Oct. 21, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 A. S. McDowell Private Aug. 10, 1898 Private 7th Batt. N.Y.V.
 I 202d N.Y.
 I 202d N.Y.
 M 6th U.S. Art.
 U.S.S. New York

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Chas. Adsit	Corporal						
		Camp No. 61, Cuba.					
			Bugler	E	13th N.Y.		
Frank T. Potter							
		Camp No. 62, Bath.					
			Private	L	202d N.Y.		
		Camp No. 64, Mt. Vernon.					
A. W. Mandeville		July 25, 1898	Q.M.-Sergt.	H	203d N.Y.	Mar. 25, 1899	
Edmund W. Holmes		May 23, 1898	Landsman		U S. S. Alexander	July 23, 1898	Discharged wounded
Wm. R. Carmer			Corporal	L	71st N.Y.		Died from wounds.
M. G. Hatfield			1st Sergt.	M	8th N.Y.		
Chas. C. Wilson							
		Camp No. 71, Baldwinville.					
		May 1, 1898	Private	C	3d N.Y.		
Seldon W. Mott	Captain	May 16, 1898	1st Lieut.	K	2d N.Y.	Oct. 29, 1898	
Loyal L. Davis	Captain	May 16, 1898	Captain	K	2d N.Y.	Oct. 29, 1898	
William Haller	Captain	May 12, 1898	Private	B	14th N.Y.	Oct. 27, 1898	
John Ehmer		July 19, 1898	Private	B	203d N.Y.	Mar. 25, 1899	
Jas. M. Mitchell	Captain	June 17, 1898	Private	L	3d N.Y.	Dec. 10, 1898	
		Camp No. 74, Yonkers.					
		Camp No. 72, Sandy Hills.					
		Camp No. 75, Erin.					

Camp No. 77, Elmira.

D. D. Bragg	Corporal	L	3d N.Y.	Disability
W. L. Benedict	Private	L	3d N.Y.	
Joseph Dickens	Seaman		Francisco	

Camp No. 78, Peekskill.

Private	May 10, 1898	Private	I	2d Georgia	July 10, 1898
Private	May 19, 1898	Private	I	8th N.Y.	Nov. 2, 1898

Camp No. 80, Haverstraw.

June 22, 1898	Private	L	1st N.Y.	Feb. 22, 1899
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Camp No. 84, Cazenovia.

May 1, 1898	Farrler		{ 1st City Troop	Nov. 21, 1898
			{ Phil. Cav.	

Camp No. 85, Buffalo.

	B	202d N.Y.
	B	202d N.Y.
	F	202d N.Y.
	A	65th N.Y.
		7th U.S. Art.

{ Major
{ Surgeon

Camp No. 86, Troy.

1st Lieutenant	May 2, 1898	Corporal	C	2d N.Y.	Oct. 25, 1898
	May 2, 1898	Private	D	2d N.Y.	Oct. 25, 1898
	May 2, 1898	Private	C	2d N.Y.	Oct. 25, 1898

Wm. Haight
Hiram Cassels

William Dawson

Wm. W. Ransom

Clement Levil
Andrew J. Hass
Edw. Hass
John Berst
Jos. Dossinger
C. Frank Bruss

Chas. S. Kane
Geo. McNab
C. E. Helms

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Camp No. 88, Waverly.							
Ed. Duell		July 16, 1898		K	7th U. S. Art.		
M. C. Coolbaugh		Apr. 1, 1898			U. S. S. New Orleans		
E. S. Gregory		July 1, 1898			1st U. S. V. Eng.		
Arthur McEwen		May 16, 1898			U. S. S. Albatross		
A. F. Kinney		Aug. 26, 1898			U. S. S. Marblehead		
Camp No. 92, Moravia.							
Theo. Cook				M	3d N. Y.		
Camp No. 101, Brooklyn.							
Henry F. Mackey					U. S. S. Minnesota		
Camp No. 102, New York City.							
R. B. Hayes Joel	1st Sergeant	May 2, 1898	1st Sergt.	G	9th N. Y.	Nov. 15, 1898	
Chas. Kuhn		May 2, 1898	Seaman		U. S. S. Baltimore		
Camp No. 104, Sing Sing.							
John F. Jenkins	Captain	May 2, 1898	Corporal	C	71st N. Y.	Nov. 15, 1898	
Camp No. 106, Newburgh.							
Wm. Ostrander	Color Sergeant	July 21, 1898	Private	D	203d N. Y.	Mar. 25, 1899	Died in Service
Robt Rainey	Private	July 12, 1898	Private	D	203d N. Y.	Mar. 25, 1899	
Wm. E. Russell	Corporal	July 12, 1898	Corporal	D	203d N. Y.	Mar. 25, 1899	

Reuben K. Way	Captain	May 3, 1898	Corporal	C	47th N.Y.	Oct. 14, 1898
Camp No. 115, Brooklyn.						
Jas. K. Eckert	Captain	July 21, 1898	Corporal	D	203d N.Y.	Mar. 25, 1899
Jos. W. Beaker	Private		Private	I	1st N.Y.	
Camp No. 120, Goshen.						
Geo E. Libbey	Captain	May 24, 1898	Captain	L	47th N.Y.	Dec. 14, 1898
Chas. Whytal	Color Sergeant	May 2, 1898	Corporal	G	47th N.Y.	Mar. 31, 1899
Camp No. 135, Brooklyn.						
Edward S. Fowler	Major		Asst. Paymaster		U.S. Vols.	
Henry Hall Forbes	Asst. Surg.		U.S.S. Nahant			
Frank H. Lord	Captain		{ Commissary officer		1st Brig.	
Louis C. Milliken			{ 2d Div. 1st Army Corps			
Fred S. Maxwell	Sergeant		{ 4th N.J.			
			{ Corp.			
			D		71st N.Y.	
Camp No. 140, New York City.						
Wm. H. Guernsey	Private	Aug. 4, 1898		G	203d N.Y.	Mar. 25, 1899
Camp No. 145, Rome.						
P. M. Boud	1st Sergeant	Apr., 1898	Private	B	2d U.S. Cav.	Feb. 1899
Camp No. 147, Honeoye Falls.						
Geo. Lauer	Private					
					Signal Corps	
Camp No. 168, Brooklyn.						
Win. H. Schrank	Private			G	47th N.Y.	
August Kaiser	Chief Musician				14th N.Y.	

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Camp No. 171, New York City.							
John R. Russell	2d Lieutenant	June 27, 1898	Private	D	1st U.S.V. Eng.	Jan. 25, 1899	
Philip Young		July 1, 1898	Private	L	1st U.S.V. Eng.	Jan. 25, 1899	
Camp No. 199, Seneca Falls.							
Geo. B. Thorp	Private	May 1, 1898	Private	B	3d N.Y.	Dec. 3, 1898	
Camp No. 230, Tonawanda.							
Emanuel H. Dill	1st Lieutenant	June 13, 1898	Private	G	3d N.Y.		Died in Service
Geo. P. Brunner	Color Sergeant	June 13, 1898	Private	G	3d N.Y.	Dec. 7, 1898	
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Camp No. 1, Columbus.							
J. J. Irwin	Captain	July 10, 1898	Asst. Surg.	E	10th Ohio	Mar. 20, 1898	
Geo. W. Leonard		Apr., 1898	Captain	E	3d Ohio	Oct. 1898	
Camp No. 2, Youngstown.							
John J. Cornell		Apr. 26, 1898	Corporal	H	5th Ohio	Sept. 1, 1898	Disability
Rob't S. Green		June 21, 1898	Private	H	5th Ohio	Nov. 5, 1898	
Arthur J. Schissler		June 27, 1898	Private	H	5th Ohio	Sept. 1, 1898	Disability

Camp No. 3, East Liverpool.

Wm. M. Hill	May 13, 1898	Captain	E	8th Ohio	Oct. 10, 1898
W. H. Kinsey	May 13, 1898	Sergeant	E	8th Ohio	Oct. 10, 1898
J. C. Davis	May 13, 1898	Corporal	E	8th Ohio	Oct. 10, 1898
Harry K. Davis	May 13, 1898	Private	E	8th Ohio	Oct. 10, 1898
Jos. Hackethorne	May 13, 1898	Private	E	8th Ohio	Oct. 10, 1898
Harry Farmer	May 13, 1898	Private	E	8th Ohio	Oct. 10, 1898

Camp No. 6, Hamilton.

John B. Sims	June 10, 1898	Private	H	2d Ky.	
Joseph C. Koon	June 27, 1898	Private	E	4th Ky.	Feb. 12, 1899

Camp No. 8, Feesburg.

Wm. B. Stratton	July 30, 1898	Private	A	1st Ohio	
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Camp No. 20, Covington.

W. H. Gross		Major		3d Ohio	Oct. 27, 1898
C. W. Smith		Corporal	A	3d Ohio	Sept. 7, 1898
J. H. Branson		Corporal	A	3d Ohio	Oct. 27, 1898

Camp No. 22, Irondale.

William Sexton	June 17, 1898	Private	F	8th Ohio	
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Camp No. 37, Springfield.

Downell H. Morris	June 27, 1898	Private	B	3d Ohio	Oct. 26, 1898
E. A. Bratton	Apr. 26, 1898	Musician	B	3d Ohio	Oct. 26, 1898
John C. Brown	June 20, 1898	Private	B	3d Ohio	Oct. 26, 1898
Ed. W. Manning	June 20, 1898	Private	B	3d Ohio	Oct. 26, 1898
W. C. Bakhans	June 13, 1898	1st Sergt.	A	2d U. S. V. Eng.	
E. B. Bakhans	June 13, 1898	Corporal	A	2d U. S. V. Eng.	

Camp No. 44, Friendship.

John O. Mershon	July, 1898	Corporal	K	2d U. S. Inf.	Feb. 1899
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NAME.	Highest rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 46, Harrison.							
Geo. Huber, Jr.		June 30, 1898	Private	M	1st Ohio		
John Huber		June 30, 1898	Private	M	1st Ohio		
Camp No. 47, Cincinnati.							
Frank J. Meyer				D	1st Ohio		
J. H. McGready				Inf.	1st Ohio		
John F. Grop				Corp.	U.S. Reg. Army		
Camp No. 48, Hillsboro.							
Geo. W. Barrere, Jr.	Adjutant	May 10, 1898	Sergeant	F	3d Ohio	Oct. 26, 1898	
R. H. Fullerton		May 10, 1898	Corporal	F	3d Ohio	Oct. 26, 1898	
Camp No. 61, Tontogany.							
James H. Pierce	2d Lieutenant	June 22, 1898	Private	K	2d Ohio	Feb. 10, 1899	
Addison E. Tanner	2d Lieutenant		Private	H	10th Ohio	Mar. 24, 1899	
Clarence M. Beverstock	Captain	Apr. 23, 1898	Corporal	K	2d Ohio	Feb. 10, 1899	
Camp No. 75, Cincinnati.							
Jos. B. Foraker, Jr.			Capt. & A. A. G.		U. S. V.	Dec. 31, 1898	
H. J. Pfeiffer			2d Lieut.	K	1st Ohio		
D. H. Chard	Captain	May 5, 1898	Sergeant	H	1st Ohio Cav.	Oct. 24, 1898	
Thos. Chard	Captain	May 5, 1898	Corporal	H	1st Ohio Cav.	Oct. 24, 1898	
Harry White	Captain		Sergeant		2d Ky.		
J. W. Keller			Private		1st Ohio		
Wilson Cross, Jr.			2d Lieut.		— Pa.		
C. J. Waterman		Oct. 17, 1898	Private	F	6th U.S. Inf.	Jan. 23, 1899	
Isaac Levy	Captain	1898	Sergeant		23d U.S. Inf.		

Camp No. 82, Malvern.

A. W. Deckman

Private 8th Ohio

Camp No. 89, Dayton.

A. G. Bickham
 Chas. Bickham
 Ben Boyer
 Wm. White
 Geo. Wood
 Walter Kline
 Robt. McKeaynolds
 Fred Rike
 C. Cochran
 Geo Bolander
 Wm. Crume
 John Parrott

May, 1898 Captain
 May, 1898 Captain
 Apr., 1898 Captain
 Apr., 1898 Captain
 Apr., 1898 2d Lieut.
 Apr., 1898 Private
 Apr., 1898 Private
 Apr., 1898 Private
 Apr., 1898 Musician
 Apr., 1898 Private
 Apr., 1898 Sergeant
 Apr., 1898 Sergeant

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 3d Ohio
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 1st Ohio Cav.
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Asst. Q.-M. Gen

Oct., 1898
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Nov. 17, 1898

Camp No. 91, Alliance.

Elliott L. Gyger
 Chas. S. Horne

Captain
 1st Lieutenant

Apr. 26, 1898 Captain
 Apr. 26, 1898 2d Lieut.

8th Ohio
 8th Ohio

Nov. 21, 1898
 Nov. 21, 1898

Camp No. 108, Frost.

Thomas Rowland

Private

Apr., 1898 Private

B 2d Cavalry

Camp No. 110, Uhrichsville.

John S. Berton
 James E. Berton

May 13, 1898
 May 13, 1898

2d Lieut.
 Color Sergt.

M 7th Ohio
 M 7th Ohio

Camp No. 130, Bucyrus.

Frank W. Monnett
 Cyrus H. Fisher
 Edward Rotzig

Private
 Captain
 Private

May 6, 1898 Corporal
 May 13, 1898 Private
 May 13, 1898 Private

I 1st N.M.V.
 A 8th Ohio
 A 8th Ohio

Jan. 12, 1899
 Nov. 21, 1898
 Nov. 21, 1898

DIVISION OF OHIO.—Continued.

NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 130, Bucyrus.—Continued.							
Jesse H. Minick	Private	May 13, 1898	Private	A	8th Ohio	Nov. 21, 1898	
Chas. F. Schaber	Private	May 13, 1898	2d Lieut.		8th Ohio	Nov. 22, 1898	
C. W. Deardoff	Musician	May 13, 1898	Musician	A	8th Ohio	Nov. 21, 1898	
Fritz T. Beer	2d Lieutenant	May 13, 1898	Corporal	A	8th Ohio	Nov. 21, 1898	
Harry Holland	Corporal	May 13, 1898	Private	A	8th Ohio	Nov. 21, 1898	
Camp No. 152, West Jefferson.							
John Hann		June 28, 1898	Private	E	3d Ohio		
Will Cartwright		June 28, 1898	Private	E	3d Ohio		
Wesley Cartwright		June 28, 1898	Private	E	3d Ohio		
Earl Culp				H	Ohio Battery		
Camp No. 226, Creston.							
Wilber J. Tanner	Private	Apr. 26, 1898	Private	G	8th Ohio	Nov. 21, 1898	
Jas. Shoup	Private	July 8, 1898	Seaman		U.S.S. Massachusetts	Jan. 1, 1899	
D. K. Gensemer	Private	May 11, 1898	Private	A	Ohio L. A.	Oct. 20, 1898	
Howard J. Mosely	Private	June 16, 1898	Private	D	8th Ohio	Nov. 21, 1898	
Camp No. 230, Byhalia.							
Albert J. Smith	1st Sergeant		Private	D	4th Ohio		
Camp No. 291, North Baltimore.							
P. M. Bender		May 10, 1898	Private	K	2d Ohio	Mar. 10, 1899	Tr. to 3d U.S.V. Eng.
E. J. Downs		May 10, 1898	Sergeant	K	2d Ohio	Mar. 10, 1899	
E. H. Downs		May 10, 1898	Sergeant	K	2d Ohio	Mar. 10, 1899	
W. S. Wilson		May 10, 1898	Lieutenant	K	2d Ohio	Mar. 10, 1899	
T. L. Wilson		May 10, 1898	Sergeant	K	2d Ohio	Mar. 10, 1899	

Camp No. 413, Fort Recovery.

L. V. Williams
G. G. Bambash

Captain
1st Lieut. 6th Ohio

Camp No. 464, Lockland.

T. Logan Riker

July 18, 1898 Private K 1st Ohio

Camp No. 513, Toronto.

Ira G. Mushrush

June 13, 1898 Private E 8th Ohio

Camp No. 516, Cygnet.

Jesse J. Lewis
Geo. Ingraham

June 22, 1898 Private H 2d Ohio
June 22, 1898 Private K 2d Ohio
Feb. 10, 1899
Feb. 10, 1899

Camp No. 518, Cleveland.

Henry Frazer
Geo. Hattinger
Geo. Skinner
Walter D. Rowley

Colonel
Captain
C 10th Ohio
C 10th Ohio
C 10th Ohio
C 10th Ohio

Disc. for Disability
Disc. for Disability

DIVISION OF OREGON.

Camp No. 15, Silverton.

Chas. McKinley
Wm. McKinley
Frank Bowers
A. Q. Desart

K 2d Ore.
K 2d Ore.
K 2d Ore.
A Ore. L.A.

Colonel

DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Davis Camp, Pittsburgh.							
Geo. F. Alstadt	Color Sergeant	May 13, 1898	Private	E	18th Pa.	Nov. 14, 1898	
C. C. McLain	Captain	May 13, 1898	Captain	A	14th Pa.	Mar. 1, 1899	
J. H. Mitchell	2d Lieutenant	May 13, 1898	Corporal	A	14th Pa.	Mar. 1, 1899	
C. A. Smith	Captain	May 13, 1898	Sergeant	A	14th Pa.	Mar. 1, 1899	
Camp No. 1, Philadelphia.							
Geo. W. Weaber	Captain	June 15, 1898	Private	E	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
Geo. S. Bennett	Private	May 11, 1898	Private	H	1st Pa.	Oct. 26, 1898	
Oscar Lauce	Private	May 10, 1898	Sergeant	K	1st Pa.	Oct. 26, 1898	
Camp No. 2, Philadelphia.							
E. Story	Private	June 17, 1898	Seaman		U.S.S. Arctic	Aug. 27, 1898	
J. E. Fisher	Captain	Apr. 28, 1898	Corporal	E	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
H. Rekalzky	Corporal	Apr. 28, 1898	Private	E	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
Win. Reeves	Camp Guard	May 7, 1898	Private	E	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
J. S. Cutler	Private	May 7, 1898	Private	E	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
J. E. Reinhardt	Private	May 9, 1898	Marine	I	U.S.S. Alliance	Jan. 23, 1899	
H. W. Burger	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	L	2d Pa.	Nov. 13, 1898	
F. E. Schuler	Private	May 13, 1898	Private	L	6th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898	
I. E. Schuler, Jr.	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	F	2d Pa.	Oct. 25, 1898	
Harry F. Simons	Private	May 13, 1898	Surgeon	{ Hosp. Corps	2d Pa.	Oct. 25, 1898	
J. B. Chambers	Private	May 13, 1898	Private	I	2d Pa.	Oct. 25, 1898	
J. E. Wilson	Private	May 18, 1898	Musician	G	1st Del.	Dec. 19, 1898	
H. W. Arnold	Private	June 10, 1898	Private	D	6th U.S. Cav.	Jan. 23, 1899	
J. H. Hughes	Camp Guard	June 16, 1898	Private	E	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
E. M. Jones	Musician	June 17, 1898	Seaman		U.S.S. Richmond	Aug. 24, 1898	
E. W. Craig	Private	June 18, 1898	Musician	G	1st Pa.	Oct. 25, 1898	
Roy E. Killey	Private	June 7, 1898	Private	A	2d Pa.	Oct. 25, 1898	

Camp No. 3, Lock Haven.

Wm. S. Role	Private	Apr. 23, 1898	Corporal	II	12th Pa.	Sept. 29, 1898
Roland Pedgriee	Private	Dec. 2, 1898	Private	M	10th U.S. Inf.	

Camp No. 5, Philadelphia.

Geo. W. Anthony	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	B	1st Pa.	Oct. 26, 1898
Wm. J. Fox	Private	June 21, 1898	Private	G	3d Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898
Morton Duncan	Musician	Apr. 28, 1898	Musician		6th Pa.	Oct. 18, 1898
Theodore A. Reed	Corporal	May 10, 1898	Private	E	1st Pa.	Oct. 19, 1898
Moses Tichenell	Private	July 29, 1898	Private	E	1st Pa.	Oct. 19, 1898

Camp No. 6, Allentown.

Harry Bower	Com.-Sergt.	Apr. 28, 1898	Com.-Sergt.	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898
Fred Richard	Private	Apr. 28, 1898	Private	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898
Ed. Goben	Private	June 14, 1898	Private	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898

Camp No. 8, Scranton.

Louis E. Reed	Private	June 28, 1898	Private	H	11th U.S. Inf.	
Fred Stevens	Private	June 28, 1898	Private	L	11th U.S. Inf.	
Dewey Boyce	Private	May 12, 1898	Private	D	13th Pa.	Nov. 25, 1898
Eli P. Whetstone	Private	May 12, 1898	Private	F	13th Pa.	Mar. 12, 1899
C. I. Roselle	Private	June 13, 1898	Private	C	13th Pa.	Mar. 12, 1899
Wm. Marvin	Private	June 13, 1898	Private	B	13th Pa.	Mar. 12, 1899
Chas. M. Thomas	Musician	May 12, 1898	Musician	B	13th Pa.	Mar. 12, 1899

Camp No. 9, Germantown.

Geo. J. Blum	Captain	Apr. 26, 1898	Gunner's Mate		U.S.S. Vixon	Nov. 2, 1898
Jas. F. Courtney	2d Lieutenant	May 13, 1898	Private	E	2d Pa.	Nov. 15, 1898
Edward B. McCauley	Private	May 13, 1898	Private	F	2d Pa.	Oct. 25, 1898
Jas. H. Chatham	Private	May 13, 1898	Private	C	1st Pa.	Oct. 24, 1898
Samuel K. Wolf	Musician	June 10, 1898	Musician	G	2d Pa.	Oct. 25, 1898
Warren Galyean	Private	June 11, 1898	Private	G	1st Pa.	Nov. 15, 1898
Harry F. Gilbert	Sergeant	June 14, 1898	Private	K	2d Pa.	Oct. 26, 1898
M. Hinfaggle	Private	June 16, 1898	Private	D	2d Pa.	

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NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Subp.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 9, Germantown.—Continued.						
Grant White	Private	Private	C	2d Pa.	Oct. 25, 1898	
Harry H. McKluney	Sergeant	Private	D	6th U.S. Cav.	Oct. 25, 1898	
Harry S. Wagner	Captain	2d Lieut.		8th U.S. Inf.		
John P. Lawn	Private	Private	B	3d N. J.	Feb. 1, 1899	
W. F. Devlinney	Private	Private	G	7th U.S. Art.		
Camp No. 9, Roxborough.						
Thos. J. Greene	Private	Private	L	6th Pa.	Sept. 17, 1898	
Camp No. 10, Philadelphia.						
Geo. W. Dean		Corporal	B	U. S. Marine Corps	Oct. 25, 1898	
John H. Lieser		Private		2d Pa.		
Camp No. 11, Altoona.						
Benj. H. Deturk		Musician	A	5th Pa.	Nov. 7, 1898	
E. J. Noland		Musician	A	5th Pa.	Nov. 7, 1898	
Ira A. Hollen		Private	C	5th Pa.	Nov. 7, 1898	
Camp No. 14, Johnstown.						
Reuben M. Linton	{ Co. Life Member	1st Sergt.	I	5th Pa.	Nov. 11, 1898	Died Mar. 14, 1899.
E. Leroy May	{ Adj.-General	Private	II	5th Pa.	Nov. 12, 1898	
Robt. F. Wolf		Private	II	5th Pa.	Nov. 12, 1898	
Geo. T. Huston		1st Lieut.	II	5th Pa.	Nov. 12, 1898	
Chas. C. Merritts		Private	G	2d U.S. Inf.	Feb. 1899	

Camp No. 15, Harrisburg.

Warren O. Foster	Captain	Apr 23, 1898	Private	Pa. Cav.	Nov. 21, 1898
Hugh L. McLaughlin	Private	Apr. 23, 1898	Corporal	Pa. Cav.	Nov. 21, 1898

Camp No. 22, Pine Grove.

John Rausch	Captain	May 10, 1898	Sergeant	G	4th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Geo. A. Snyder	Lieutenant	May 10, 1898	Sergeant	G	4th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Jas. T. Murphy	Lieutenant	May 10, 1898	Private	G	4th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Wm J Kendall	Private	May 10, 1898	Corporal	G	4th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Ross V. Huber	Corporal	May 10, 1898	Private	G	4th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Wm. Heiser	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	G	4th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Wm. J. Rump	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	G	4th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Chas. Barr	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	G	4th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Chas. E. Wade	Private	May 10, 1898	Corporal	G	4th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898

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Camp No. 25, Berwick.

Jas. W. Sult	Private			11th Pa. Art.
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Camp No. 27, Philadelphia.

William Wise	J. V. Div. Com.	July 21, 1898	Private	H	4th N.J.
John Larkins			Private	G	1st U.S. Art.
A. Whittingham			Private	G	1st U.S. Inf.

Camp No. 30, Athens.

H. E. Elsbree	Private	May 6, 1898	Private	D	1st Wash.
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Camp No. 33, Allegheny.

Harry S. Donald	Corporal	Apr. 27, 1898	Private	B	18th Pa.	Sept. 22, 1898
John Q. Davis	Captain	Apr. 27, 1898	Corporal	B	14th Pa.	Dec. 19, 1898
Robt. F. Hull	Corporal	June 19, 1898	Private	B	Pa. L.A.	Nov. 27, 1898

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NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Shlp.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 33, York City.							
Joseph Beaverson	Captain	May 10, 1898	Private	A	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Hope W. Strickler	2d Lieutenant	May 10, 1898	Private	A	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
B. Frank Durr		May 10, 1898	Private	A	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Frank F. Frey		May 10, 1898	Private	A	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Harry M. Ramer		May 10, 1898	Private	A	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Robt. J. Platts		May 10, 1898	Private	A	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Camp No. 34, Mt. Carmel.							
W. H. Bucher		May 1, 1898	Surgeon		U.S.S. Connecticut		
E. E. Kissingler		May 17, 1898	Private		6th U.S. Cav.		
A. Delcamp		June 17, 1898	Private	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
W. P. Kembel		May 8, 1898	Private	F	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	
David Wardrop		June 17, 1898	Private	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
R. W. Monteluis		May 1, 1898	Surgeon		8th Pa.	Mar. 8, 1899	
Joseph Jefferson		May 1, 1898	Private	I	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 1899	
Camp No. 38, Oil City.							
Matthew H. Welsh	Captain	May 15, 1898	Corporal	D	16th Pa.	Dec. 27, 1898	
Jas. E. Edwards		July 20, 1898	Private	I	16th Pa.	Dec. 27, 1898	
Roy C. Greenfield	2d Lieutenant	May 15, 1898	Private	D	16th Pa.	Dec. 27, 1898	
Camp No. 42, Lebanon.							
Marshall L. Case	Captain	May 10, 1898	Captain	H	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	
Harry P. Martin	1st Sergeant	May 10, 1898	Corporal	H	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	
Paul S. Ulrich	Q. M.-Sergeant	May 10, 1898	Sergeant	H	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	
Robt. S. Brown		May 10, 1898	Private	H	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	
Royal W. Wynings	2d Lieutenant	May 10, 1898	2d Lieut.	H	4th Pa.	July 22, 1898	Resigned
Harry W. Krumbeln		May 10, 1898	Private	H	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	

Camp No. 44, Williamsport.

Oscar Ord Olmit	May 12, 1898	Corporal	B	12th Pa	Oct. 29, 1898
Clarence V. Mills	May 12, 1898	Private	G	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
H. H. Russell	May 13, 1898	Lieutenant		12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898

Camp No. 47, Pittsburgh.

Jesse G. Walton	Apr. 27, 1898	Corporal	C	18th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898
William Norman	Apr. 27, 1898	Private	D	18th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898

Camp No. 49, Shenandoah.

John J. Beissell	May 3, 1898	Private	G	1st U.S.V Cav.	Sept. 15, 1898
John Jones	June 15, 1898	Private	E	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898
Geo. M. Peters	June 15, 1898	Private	F	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898
Ferdinand Gibson	June 10, 1899	Private	F	8th Pa.	Feb. 1, 1899
Wm. H. Derrik	Aug. 10, 1898	Private	E	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 16, 1899
Joseph Derrik	Aug. 10, 1898	Private	F	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 16, 1899
Allen M. Miller	Aug. 21, 1898	Private	B	3d U.S. Art.	Jan. 28, 1899
Howard Richeideifer	June 10, 1898	Private	F	8th Pa	Feb. 1, 1899
Albert G. Troutman	Apr. 28, 1898	Corporal	F	8th Pa	Feb. 1, 1899
Henry Keen	Aug. 10, 1898	Private	F	8th Pa	Feb. 1, 1899
Francis Houser	Aug. 10, 1898	Private	B	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 1, 1899
Isiah Woomer	Aug. 10, 1898	Private	F	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 1, 1899
John Monaghan	Apr., 1898			U.S.S. Iowa	Died in Service
Geo. E. Hoover	Aug. 21, 1898	Private	B	3d U.S. Art.	Feb. 16, 1899
John K. Enterline	Aug. 16, 1898	Private	A	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 16, 1899
Geo. Shney	Aug. 19, 1898	Private	B	3d U.S. Art.	Jan. 28, 1899
Wm. H. Lindenmuth	Aug. 10, 1898	Private	E	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 16, 1899

Camp No. 50, Conemaugh.

John W. Burk	Apr. 27, 1898	Corporal	H	5th Pa.
John S. Goddard	June 27, 1898	Private	H	5th Pa.

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NAME.	Rank or Highest Paid Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 51, Northumberland.							
Geo. S. Seasholtz		Apr. 27, 1898	Corporal	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
John H. Vincent, Jr.		Apr. 27, 1898	Corporal	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
Jos M. Lloyd		June, 1898	Private	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
Geo. Wilkinson		June, 1898	Private	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
Chas. B. Hawley		May, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
Camp No. 54, Mahanoy City.							
L. V. Rausch		Apr. 28, 1898	Lieutenant	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Geo Britz		Apr. 28, 1898	Lieutenant	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
John Brownmiller		Apr. 28, 1898	Sergeant	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Henry Hunsinger		Apr. 28, 1898	Sergeant	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Geo. Yarnell		Apr. 28, 1898	Corporal	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
L. Ed. Brownmiller		Apr. 28, 1898	Corporal	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Wesley Becker		Apr. 28, 1898	Private	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
William Scheafer		Apr. 28, 1898	Private	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
William Mathias		June 10, 1898	Private	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Samuel Tiley		June 10, 1898	Private	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Frank Warner		June 10, 1898	Private	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
William Davis		June 10, 1898	Private	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Edward Humes, Sr.		May 7, 1898	Private	E	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Harry Lugau		May 7, 1898	Private	K	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Camp No. 59, Fairfield.							
Geo. W. Musselman		July 15, 1898	Private	M	5th Pa.	Nov. 18, 1898	
Camp No. 62, Tamaqua.							
Geo. B. Kline		May 12, 1898	Captain	B	8th Pa.	May 7, 1899	
John Bartlett		June 10, 1898	Private	B	8th Pa.	May 7, 1899	
Geo. Reichelderfer		June 10, 1898	Private	B	8th Pa.	May 7, 1899	
Wm. Lush		May 8, 1898	Private	B	8th Pa.	May 7, 1899	
H. I. Silliman		May 12, 1898	Corporal	B	8th Pa.	Nov. 2, 1898	

Camp No. 63, Catawissa.

Jan., 1899 Private L 2d U.S. Cav.

W. C. Gensil

Camp No. 72, Shamokin.

Sergeant	July 20, 1898	Corporal	L	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 13, 1899
2d Lieutenant	July 20, 1898	Private	L	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 15, 1899
	July 29, 1898	Private	H	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 14, 1899
	July 20, 1898	Private	M	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 18, 1899
	July 27, 1898	Private	M	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 18, 1899
	June 24, 1898	Private	M	21st U.S. Inf.	Dec. 23, 1898
Sergeant	July, 1898	Private	I	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb
	Aug, 1898	Private	E	21st U.S. Inf.	Re-enlisted
	July 23, 1898	Private	L	21st U.S. Inf.	Tr. 9th U.S. Hos. Corps
Corporal	May 17, 1898	Private	A	21st U.S. Inf.	Re-enlisted
Chaplain	May 15, 1898	Private	K	8th Pa.	Re-enlisted II. Art.
Chaplain	July 23, 1898	Brigade Bugler	C	8th Pa.	Re-enlisted
Sergeant	July 13, 1898	Private	G	8th Pa.	
	May 15, 1898	Com.-Sergt.		8th Pa.	
2d Lieutenant	July 29, 1898			{ 4th Army Corps	
	July, 1898	Private	I	{ Res. Amb. Co.	Feb. 1, 1899
Captain	July 23, 1898	Private	E	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 1899
				8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899

Camp No. 75, Towanda.

July 12, 1898 Sergeant M 9th Pa.

Leon H. Stedje

Camp No. 77, Stroudsburg.

2d Lieutenant	July 7, 1898	Corporal	L	9th Pa.	Jan. 26, 1899
Musician	July 7, 1898	Private	L	9th Pa.	Oct. 28, 1898
	July 7, 1898	Private	L	9th Pa.	Oct. 28, 1898
	July 7, 1898	Private	L	9th Pa.	Oct. 28, 1898
2d Lieutenant	July 7, 1898	Private	L	9th Pa.	Oct. 28, 1898

H. G. Davis
E. R. Houck
S. C. Dixon
Louis Hull
Ed. Gordon

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C. B. Wilmol	Captain	Corporal	M	9th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
Camp No. 86, Rome.						
Abner T. Jones		Private	B	9th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
Camp No. 88, Shickshinny.						
Camp No. 89, Tyrone.						
Chas. B. Brown	Captain	Saddler		Sheridan Troop	Nov. 21, 1898	
J. Frank Moore	Captain	Corporal		Sheridan Troop	Nov. 21, 1898	
Wm. J. Hahn		Private		Sheridan Troop	Nov. 21, 1898	
Chas. F. Bateman		Private		Sheridan Troop	Nov. 21, 1898	
Chas. E. Morrow		Private		Sheridan Troop	Nov. 21, 1898	
Wm. E. Moore		Sergeant		Sheridan Troop	Nov. 21, 1898	
Horace C. Myers		Corporal		Sheridan Troop	Nov. 21, 1898	
Walker S. Meadville		Sergeant		Sheridan Troop	Nov. 21, 1898	
Thomas M. Cummings	Corporal	Marine		U. S. Lancaster		
Camp No. 92, Lansdale.						
Camp No. 97, Coatesville.						
Wm. E. Loomis	Captain	Musician	I	1st Pa.	Oct. 26, 1898	
Howard F. Loomis	Corporal	Musician	Band	1st Pa.	Oct. 26, 1898	
Chas. M. Clarek	Sergeant	Private	I	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
Preston H. Darlington		Private	C	6th Pa.	Oct. 7, 1898	
Camp No. 100, Phoenixville.						
Wm. Hays		Q.M.-Sergt.	C	10th Pa.	Nov. 17, 1898	
Louis Williams		Private	C	4th Pa.	Nov. 17, 1898	
Decosta Lightcopp		Private	C	4th Pa.	Nov. 17, 1898	
Charles Davis		Private	C	4th Pa.	Nov. 17, 1898	

Camp No. 104, Pittsburgh.

Chas. F. Prunkard	May 7, 1898	Corporal	C	8th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898
Sheridan Jamison	May 7, 1898	Private	C	8th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898
Richard Hatfield	June 30, 1898	Private	A	17th U.S. Inf.	
Max Beegle	May 7, 1898	Private	D	8th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898
John R. Harvey	May 7, 1898	1st Sergt.	D	8th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898
Peter Mayer	May 7, 1898	Private	G	14th Pa.	Feb. 7, 1899
T. M. Kurtz	May 7, 1898	Private	D	18th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898

Camp No. 107, Renovo.

Chas. A. Hall	Apr. 27, 1898	Private	II	16th Pa.	Oct. 1, 1898
Calvin B. Sherer	June 15, 1898	Private	II	12th Pa.	Oct. 25, 1898

Camp No. 108, New Bethlehem.

Earl R. Himes	June 20, 1898	Private	D	15th Pa.	Jan. 31, 1899
Jas. E. Martin	June 20, 1898	Private	D	16th Pa.	Jan. 31, 1899
Elmer E. Woodard	June 20, 1898	Corporal	D	16th Pa.	Jan. 31, 1899
Wm. Ed Hines	July 11, 1898	Private	G	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898

Camp No. 112, Gettysburg.

James Wise	July 20, 1898	Corporal	M	5th Pa.	Nov. 11, 1898
Geo. E. Shields	July 20, 1898	Musician	M	5th Pa.	Nov. 11, 1898

Camp No. 114, Philadelphia.

Thos. M. Lockhart	Apr. 28, 1898	Private	F	2d Pa.	Aug. 29, 1898
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Camp No. 117, Canonsburg.

Wm. Grubbs	May 8, 1898	Corporal	B	18th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898
Albert Grubbs	May 8, 1898	Private	B	18th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898
Robert Grubbs	May 8, 1898	Private	B	18th Pa.	Oct. 22, 1898
Samuel Moyers	June 24, 1898	Private	II	10th Pa.	
Wm. Jones	July 10, 1898	Private		17th U.S. Inf.	

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NAME.	Rank or Highest Post Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U. S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Harry W. Chamberlin		May 12, 1898	1st Lieut.	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Elmer Hans		May 12, 1898	Sergeant	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Edwin K. Baruman	1st Lieutenant	May 12, 1898	Sergeant	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Zeno V. Lynn		May 12, 1898	Corporal	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Asher D. Smith		May 12, 1898	Corporal	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Fred A. Godcharles	Captain	May 12, 1898	Corporal	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Wm. Stevenson		May 12, 1898	Corporal	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
John H. Keifer		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
John Barclay		June 16, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
F. Don Bogle		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Emerson M. Chisholm		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Chas. C. Cooper		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Amos Callenberger		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Harry Davis		June 16, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Minner H. Geiger		June 16, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Geo. D. B. Heddenberg.		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Luther Kaufman		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Chas. M. Longan		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Lewis Montague		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Harry Stroehcker	Corporal	May 10, 1898	Private	D	8th Pa.	Mar. 1899	
Robert G. Wilson		June 14, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Walter A. Wetzel		June 14, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Howard S. Vaniew		May 12, 1898	Private	C	12th Pa.	Oct. 31, 1898	
Wm. W. Paul		Dec. 10, 1898	Private	C	10th U. S. Inf.		
Camp No. 121, Milton.							
Dan'l A. Scurry		June 18, 1898	Private	E	13th Pa.	Mar. 1, 1899	
Camp No. 138, Carbondale.							
Camp No. 139, Sharpsburg.							
Alfred G. Loyd	Captain	Apr. 27, 1898	Q. M. Sergt.	B	Pa. L. A.	Nov. 27, 1898	
Chas. E. Ackerman	2d Lieutenant	Apr. 27, 1898	Musician	F	14th Pa.	Feb. 28, 1899	
Joseph W. Prose	Musician	Apr. 27, 1898	Musician	A	14th Pa.	Oct. 14, 1898	

Camp No. 140, So. Bethlehem.

May 9, 1898	Private	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898
May 9, 1898	Private	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898
May 9, 1898	Private	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898

Thaddeus H. Weaver
Edmund G. Lloyd
Harry H. Elliott

Camp No. 142, Dubois.

Aug. 27, 1898	Private	A	4th U.S. Art.	Mar. 3, 1899
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Perry Milliron

Camp No. 160, Sunbury.

Apr. 27, 1898	Lieut.-Col		12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
June 14, 1898	Private	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Apr. 27, 1898	Private	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
June 14, 1898	Private	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Apr. 27, 1898	Private	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Apr. 27, 1898	Private	A	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Apr. 27, 1898	2d Lieut.	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Apr. 27, 1898	1st Lieut.	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Apr. 27, 1898	Sergeant	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Apr. 27, 1898	Sergeant	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898

C. M. Clement
Chas. Bobb
M. B. Starkloff
Grant Lawrence
Chas. Dougherty
Stewart Mehafee
A. B. Wallaner
S. E. Elliot
E. E. Jacoby
John Lyon

Camp No. 169, Wilkesbarre.

Apr. 23, 1898	Private	D	9th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Apr. 23, 1898	Private	B	9th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Apr. 23, 1898	Sergeant	D	9th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Apr. 23, 1898	Private	D	9th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Apr. 23, 1898	Captain	D	9th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Apr. 23, 1898	Private	D	9th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Apr. 23, 1898	Corporal	D	9th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898
Mar. 8, 1898	Marine		Marine Corps	Oct. 10, 1898
Apr. 23, 1898	Private	H	9th Pa.	Oct. 10, 1898

J. A. Harkness
Carver Jackson
Chas. M. Jeffries
Phillip Dawson
E. D. Camp
Thos. W. Hegerty
Wm. A. McCarty
Lewis A. McDormott
Thos. English, Jr.

Camp No. 176, Selinsgrove.

May 12, 1898	Private	E	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
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Harvey A. Strawser

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N.A.M.E.	Highest Rank or Post Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 181, Franklin.							
Miron M. Cutshall	Corporal	Apr 28, 1898	Private	F	16th Pa.	Dec. 24, 1898	
Camp No. 182, Bethlehem.							
Arthur A. Ycamens	Private	July 6, 1898	Corporal	K	9th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
John W. Bloss	Private	May 9, 1898	Private	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 27, 1898	
Chas. Campbell	Private	June 14, 1898	Private	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 27, 1898	
John Burcan	Private	July 6, 1898	Bugler	K	9th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898	
Robt. Frantz	Private	May 9, 1898	Private	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 27, 1898	
Camp No. 204, Minersville.							
Leroy E. Larue	Musician	May 10, 1898	Corporal	F	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	Died in Service
Wm. Roberts	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	F	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	
M. J. Purcell	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	F	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	
Geo. A. Boyer	Sergeant	May 10, 1898	Private	F	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	
John J. Reynolds	Private	May 10, 1898	Private	F	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	
John I. Brennan	Captain	July 13, 1898	Private	M	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 21, 1899	
Chas. Taylor	Corporal	July 13, 1898	Private	I	21st U.S. Inf.	Nov. 16, 1898	
Harry Glauslen	Private	May 10, 1898	Musician	D	4th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
D. E. Kuehn	Private	Dec. 24, 1898	Private	I	4th U.S. Inf.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Otis Lost	Private	June 10, 1898	Private	I	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Wm. Weil	Private	June 10, 1898	Private	K	8th Pa.	Mar. 7, 1899	
Camp No. 206, Frankford.							
Edward C. Suetthen	Private	May 2, 1898	Private	I	2d U.S. Art.		
Camp No. 208, Emaus.							
Wm. A. Trump, Jr.	Captain	June 14, 1898	Private	B	4th Pa.	Nov. 16, 1898	

Camp No. 215, Beaumont.

Walter E. DeRemer 1st Lieutenant Sept. 11, 1898 Private B 3d U.S. Art. Oct. 9, 1898

Camp No. 216, Slatington.

Osville A. Yehl June 14, 1898 Private D 4th Pa. Nov. 16, 1898
 A. T. Schoenberger June 23, 1898 Private M 12th U.S. Inf.

Camp No. 224, Duncansville.

Harry Martin May 11, 1898 Corporal C 5th Pa. Nov. 8, 1898
 Samuel A. Andrews May 11, 1898 Corporal C 5th Pa. Nov. 8, 1898
 Asberry Kantner May 11, 1898 Private C 5th Pa. Nov. 8, 1898
 James W. Garland Dec. 6, 1898 Private F 12th U.S. Inf. Re-enlisted

Camp No. 225, Watontown.

Edward R. Krisher June 17, 1898 Private A 12th Pa. Oct. 29, 1898
 John R. Messinger May 12, 1898 Private C 12th Pa. Oct. 29, 1898
 John Batdorf May 12, 1898 Corporal C 12th Pa. Oct. 29, 1898
 Wm. H. Gray May 12, 1898 Private C 12th Pa. Oct. 29, 1898
 Ruckle Burrows May 12, 1898 Private C 12th Pa. Oct. 29, 1898
 Henry J. Hayes May 12, 1898 Private E 12th Pa. Oct. 29, 1898
 Wm. J. Smith June 25, 1898 Private C 12th Pa. Oct. 29, 1898
 W. A. Gardner June 12, 1898 Private D 12th Pa. Oct. 29, 1898
 Russell Love

Camp No. 228, Philadelphia.

Geo. Williams, Jr. June 13, 1898 Private F 2d Pa. Nov. 15, 1898
 Peter Stabb May 7, 1898 Private B 2d Pa. Oct. 25, 1898
 Bernard Scharles Dec. 4, 1897 Seaman U.S.S. McCullough Jan. 10, 1899

Camp No. 240, Luther's Mills.

Frank Francisco 2d Lieutenant Private M 9th Pa.

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N.A.M.E.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Shtp.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 244, Norristown.							
Albert S. Garner	Captain	Apr. 28, 1898	Private	F	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
Jos. Markley		Apr. 28, 1898	Private	G	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
Wm. J. Felner		June 2, 1898	Private	G	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
Wm. Diamond		June 2, 1898	Private	D	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
John L. McLean		June 3, 1898	Private	H	6th Pa.	Oct. 17, 1898	
Camp No. 249, Newcastle.							
Jos. V. Cunningham	Captain	July 5, 1898	Captain	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Wm. H. Dunlop	Lieutenant	July 5, 1898	1st Lieut.	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Jas. W. Cook	2d Lieutenant	July 5, 1898	2d Lieut.	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Chas. N. Clark	Sergeant	July 5, 1898	1st Sergeant	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Chas. H. Young		July 5, 1898	Sergeant	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
J. R. A. Pattison	Sergeant	July 5, 1898	Sergeant	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Frank G. Dunlop	2d Lieutenant	July 5, 1898	Sergeant	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Clarence E. Brown	Musician	July 5, 1898	Sergeant	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Malton S. Clarke		July 5, 1898	Corporal	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Frank H. Strohecker		July 5, 1898	Corporal	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Frank S. Nessler, Jr.		July 5, 1898	Corporal	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Frank J. Andrews		July 5, 1898	Corporal	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Rufus W. Bell		July 5, 1898	Corporal	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Lee C. Fisher		July 5, 1898	Corporal	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Fred S. Emery		July 5, 1898	Corporal	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Chas. Clark		July 5, 1898	Musician	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Truman D. Allen		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Howard C. Hasper		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Jas. H. Hoover		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Albert S. Leathers		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Harry E. McCaskey		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Roy W. Mushner		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Theodius C. Scott		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
John B. Shelar		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
James W. Vance		July 5, 1898	Private	B	16th Pa.	Dec. 28, 1898	
Clifford W. Fenton	Corporal	June 19, 1898	Corporal	E	15th Pa.	Jan. , 1899	Died in Service

Camp No. 250, W. Wyoming.

Wm. Hufford	Chaplain	Nov. 9, 1898	Private	E	4th U.S. Art.	
Edward Hoffman	Musician	May 11, 1898	Private	B	9th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898

Camp No. 254, Roaring Springs.

Harry Roush		Apr. 27, 1898	Private	C	5th Pa.	Nov. 7, 1898
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Camp No. 257, Conshohocken.

Jas. A. Haines	Corporal	Apr. 28, 1898	Private	F	6th Pa.	Sept. 17, 1898
Morris Lawrence	Corporal	Apr. 28, 1898	Private	F	6th Pa.	Sept. 17, 1898
Samuel Lawrence		Apr. 28, 1898	Corporal	F	6th Pa.	Sept. 17, 1898

Camp No. 267, Hazleton.

John F. Eroh	Corporal	May 11, 1898	Corporal	B	9th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Henry Eroh			Private		12th U.S. Art.	
James W. Hume			Private		12th U.S. Art.	
Jacob Oswaldt			Private		12th U.S. Art.	
James P. Shearer	Musician		Musician		Invincibles	

Camp No. 273, Bangor.

Chas. C. Ackerman		July 7, 1898	Private	L	9th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
E. M. Albertson		July 7, 1898	Private	L	9th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Elmer Frederick		July 7, 1898	Private	L	9th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898

Camp No. 288, Lewisburg.

Clarence H. Nesbit	1st Lieutenant	May 12, 1898	Corporal	A	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Robt M. Hood	Musician	May 12, 1898	Corporal	A	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Samuel Wolfe		May 12, 1898	Corporal	A	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Parsons Wertz	Sergeant	May 12, 1898	Private	A	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898
Bryant E. Bower	Musician	May 12, 1898	Musician	A	12th Pa.	Oct. 29, 1898

Camp No. 294, Jermyn.

Walter Snyder		May 9, 1898	Private	D	13th Pa.	Mar. 11, 1899
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NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 301, Ashland.							
Curtis E. Evans	Private	July 14, 1898	Private	M	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 16, 1899	
Joseph Grady	Private	July 24, 1898	Private	M	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 15, 1899	
Jas. B. Eltringham	Private	July 26, 1898	Private	I	21st U.S. Inf.	Feb. 21, 1899	
Camp No. 318, Spring Mills.							
Frank E. Krape	Private	May 11, 1898	Private	E	5th Pa.	Nov. 7, 1898	
Camp No. 322, Franklin Forks.							
A. W. Snow	1st Lieutenant	May 12, 1898	Private	G	13th Pa.	Mar. 11, 1899	
Fred. W. Knapp	2d Lieutenant	May 12, 1898	Musician	G	13th Pa.	Mar. 11, 1899	
Ira Stockholm	Chaplain	May 12, 1898	Private	G	13th Pa.	Mar. 11, 1899	Died in Service
A. W. Stockholm	Corporal	May 12, 1898	Private	G	13th Pa.		
Camp No. 523, Point Marion.							
Milbert Johnson	Private	May 12, 1898	Private	C	10th Pa.		
DIVISION OF RHODE ISLAND.							
Camp No. 2, East Providence.							
William A. Salisbury	Ordinary Seaman	May 25, 1898	Corporal	G	Manhattan	Aug. 25, 1898	
Joseph W. Oldenridge	Corporal	May 25, 1898	Musician	B	1st R. I. Inf.		
John W. Bowen	Musician	May 25, 1898	Private	K	1st R. I. Inf.		
Samuel W. Bowers	Private	May 25, 1898	Musician	Bat. A	1st R. I. Art.		
Fred G. Burt	Musician	June 9, 1898	Musician			Oct. 19, 1898	

Camp No. 5, Providence.

Francis G. Allen	June 9, 1898	1st Lieut.	Bat B	1st R. I. Art.	Resigned Sept. 1, 1898
Edwin M. Collamore	June 9, 1898	Nurse		Vol. Hosp. Corps	
Herbert E. Stevens	Apr. 15, 1898	Acting-Assistant Paymaster		Navy	

Camp No. 10, Woonsocket.

Chas W. Abbot, Jr.	May 15, 1898	Colonel		1st R. I. Inf.	Resigned Nov. 7, 1898 Resigned Sept. 23, 1898
Henry C. Card, Jr.	May 15, 1898	Captain	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Fred W. Salley	May 15, 1898	1st Lieutenant	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Arthur B. Spink	May 15, 1898	2d Lieut.	G	1st R. I. Inf.	
Michael P. O'Flaherty	May 15, 1898	2d Lieut.	A	1st R. I. Inf.	
Alonzo R. Williams	May 15, 1898	1st Lieut., Adj. 1st Bat.	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Joseph P. Burgess	May 15, 1898	Sergeant-Major		1st R. I. Inf.	
Earl C. Pierce	May 15, 1898	1st Sergeant	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Stephen S. Greene	May 15, 1898	Sergeant	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Walter L. Redfern	May 15, 1898	Corporal	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Burton E. Salley	May 15, 1898	Corporal	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Walter L. Grant	May 15, 1898	Corporal	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Edwin P. Tobie, Jr.	May 15, 1898	Corporal	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Edwin T. Arnold	May 15, 1898	Corporal	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Jeremiah T. O'Flaherty	May 15, 1898	Private	G	1st R. I. Inf.	
Charles T. Maguire	May 15, 1898	Private	G	1st R. I. Inf.	
Thomas F. Fallon	May 15, 1898	Private	G	Vol. Hosp. Corps	
John M. Lewin	Jan. 17, 1898	Private	C	U.S. Marine Corps	
Frank N. Monroe	May 15, 1898	Private	G	1st R. I. Inf.	
A. Tracy Hackett	May 15, 1898	Private	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
H. Mason Knox	May 15, 1898	Private	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Herbert A. Stearns	May 15, 1898	Private	L	1st R. I. Inf.	
Leroy C. Jillson	May 15, 1898	Wagoner	L	1st R. I. Inf.	

Camp No. 18, Apponaug.

Edwin E. Perkins	May 25, 1898	Chief Machist		Manhattan	Aug. 25, 1898
Geo. W. Townsend	May 15, 1898	Private	L	1st R. I. Inf.	

DIVISION OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. or V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 1, Redfield, S.D.							
Guy P. Squires			Corporal	F	1st So. Dakota		
Tom Squires			Private	F	1st So. Dakota		
Camp No. 2, Pierre, S.D.							
W. C. Nottmeyer			Private	A	1st So. Dakota		
M. D. McMahan			Private	A	1st So. Dakota		
Camp No. 8, Valley City, N.D.							
Waller L. Anderson			2d Lieut.	D	3d U.S. Vol. Cav.	Aug. 8, 1898	
Frank C. Drake			Corporal	D	3d U.S. Vol. Cav.	Aug. 8, 1898	
Bert Underhill			Private	D	3d U.S. Vol. Cav.	Aug. 8, 1898	
Camp No. 22, Grafton, N.D.							
Frank Henry			1st Sergeant	G	1st No. Dakota		
Ray Fairbanks			Sergeant	G	1st No. Dakota		
W. H. Arnold			Private	G	1st No. Dakota		
Theodore Thobson			Private	G	1st No. Dakota		
C. F. Mudgret			Captain	G	1st No. Dakota		
Bush			Private	G	1st No. Dakota		
Camp No. 28, Watertown, S.D.							
Osceola Carpenter			Corporal	II	1st So Dakota		

Camp No. 44, Blunt, S.D.

J. W. Laughlin
E. E. Graham
Arthur Bosnell
A. C. Dehart
H. A. Chase

1st Lieut.
Private
Private
Private
Private

E
E
A
A
A

3d U S V. Cav.
3d U S V. Cav.
1st So. Dakota
1st So. Dakota
1st So. Dakota

Sept. 12, 1898
Sept. 12, 1898

Camp No. 61, Okobojo.

W. H. Green
Chas. B. Green
Geo. A. Kengle
Robt. Coleman

Private
Corporal
Private
Corporal

A
A

1st So. Dakota
1st So. Dakota
2d Ill.
3d U.S.V. Cav.

Died in Service

Sept. 12, 1898

DIVISION OF VERMONT.

Camp No. 1, Barre.

Louis N. Gauthier
Chas. L. Gauthier
Paul Gladue

Captain
Sergeant

May 16, 1898
May 16, 1898
May 16, 1898

1st Sergeant
Corporal
Private

E
E
E

1st Vermont
1st Vermont
1st Vermont

Oct. 27, 1898
Oct. 27, 1898
Oct. 27, 1898

Camp No. 18, St. Johnsbury.

Herman A. Paige
Carl M. Morris

Corporal

May 6, 1898
May 6, 1898

Private
Corporal

D
D

1st Vermont
1st Vermont

Oct. 31, 1898
Oct. 31, 1898

Camp No. 24, Bradford.

Walter C. Androes

Corporal

G

1st Vermont

Camp No. 36, St. Albans.

Frank L. Greene
John G. Norton
Ora T. Culver

Colonel
Captain

May 16, 1898
May 16, 1898
May 16, 1898

Captain
Sergeant
Q.M.-Sergt.

B
B
B

1st Vermont
1st Vermont
1st Vermont

Nov. 5, 1898
Nov. 7, 1898
Nov. 5, 1898

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NAME.	Rank or Highest Post. Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 37, Randolph.							
Rodney H. Slack	1st Sergeant	May 16, 1898	Private	F	1st Vermont	Oct. 22, 1898	
Vernon L. Slack		May 16, 1898	Private	F	1st Vermont	Oct. 22, 1898	
Warren E. Slack		May 16, 1898	Private	F	1st Vermont	Oct. 22, 1898	
Camp No. 39, Calais.							
Herbert S. Foster	Colonel	July 1, 1872	Captain	C	20th U.S. Inf.		
Dustin L. George		May 16, 1898	Private	H	1st Vermont	Oct. 27, 1898	
Camp No. 46, Cambridge.							
Geo. M. Bixby		May 4, 1898	Private	M	1st Vermont	Nov. 5, 1898	
Camp No. 72, Danby.							
John E. Stearns		Aug. 21, 1895	Private	D	21st U.S. Inf.	Aug. 20, 1898	
Camp No. 75, Lyndonville.							
Gerald W. Mills	1st Lieutenant	May 16, 1898	Private	L	1st Vermont	Oct. 31, 1898	

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Camp No. 1, Moscow, Idaho.

F. I. Bremner	H	1st Idaho
Roscoe Treadwell	H	1st Idaho
J. F. Hilt	H	1st Idaho
W. B. Kimmell		Vol. Engrs.
T. T. Rutledge		61st Iowa

Camp No. 23, Walla Walla, Wash.

W. C. Gates	I	1st Wash.
C. G. Shumway	I	1st Wash.
C. W. Harmon	I	1st Wash.
G. M. Parmlee	I	1st Wash.
B. S. Embree	I	1st Wash.
W. J. Ward	I	1st Wash.

Camp No. 24, Olympia, Wash.

J. E. Ballaine	M	1st Wash.
E. M. Brown	C	1st Wash.
E. George		U.S.S. Charleston

DIVISION OF WISCONSIN.

Camp No. 1, Milwaukee.

Private
Private

1st Wis. L.A.

Camp No. 2, New Richmond.

Private	C	14th Minn.
Private	C	3d Wis.
Private	C	3d Wis.
Private	C	3d Wis.

Camp No. 25, Fond du Lac.

Private	E	2d Wis.
Private	E	2d Wis.

Camp No. 31, Racine.

2d Lieut.	F	1st Wis.
Private	I	1st Ill
1st Sergeant	E	8th Ill.

Robert Beebe
Elbert Hetherington
H. Turner
M. Brickley, Jr.

Emie Henoch
Darwin Favey

E. W. Clark
Frank J. Mueller

Geo W. Rickeman
R. F. W. Briggs
Oliver Davis

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NAME.	Rank or Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Date of Enlistment.	Rank in U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Frank Brainard Edward Woodard					Camp No. 34, Boscobel. Sergeant Private		
Henry J. Butchen			Private	C	2d Wis.		
Samuel Judd Allen W. Hutchinson Wesley W. Willey			Private Private	B B	13th Minn. 15th Minn. 15th Minn.		
Edward A. Golden		Apr. 28, 1898	Private	I	2d Wis.	Nov. 9, 1898	
Chas. Laufer			2d Lieut.	F	12th Minn.		

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ADDENDUM.

DIVISION OF ILLINOIS

NAME.	Highest Past Rank in S. of V.	Rank or U.S. Service.	Co.	Regiment or Shp.	Date of Discharge.	Remarks.
Camp No. 362, Chicago.						
E L Ingram	Lieutenant		D	2d Ill. Inf.	Apr. 26, 1899	
A. D. Rehm	Past Captain	2d Lieut.	F	2d Ill. Inf.	Apr. 26, 1899	
A. Jewett	1st Sergt.		D	2d Oregon	Apr. 26, 1899	
Fred L. Osborne			I	2d Ill. Inf.	Apr. 26, 1899	
G H. Abbott						

Total number reported, 1927.