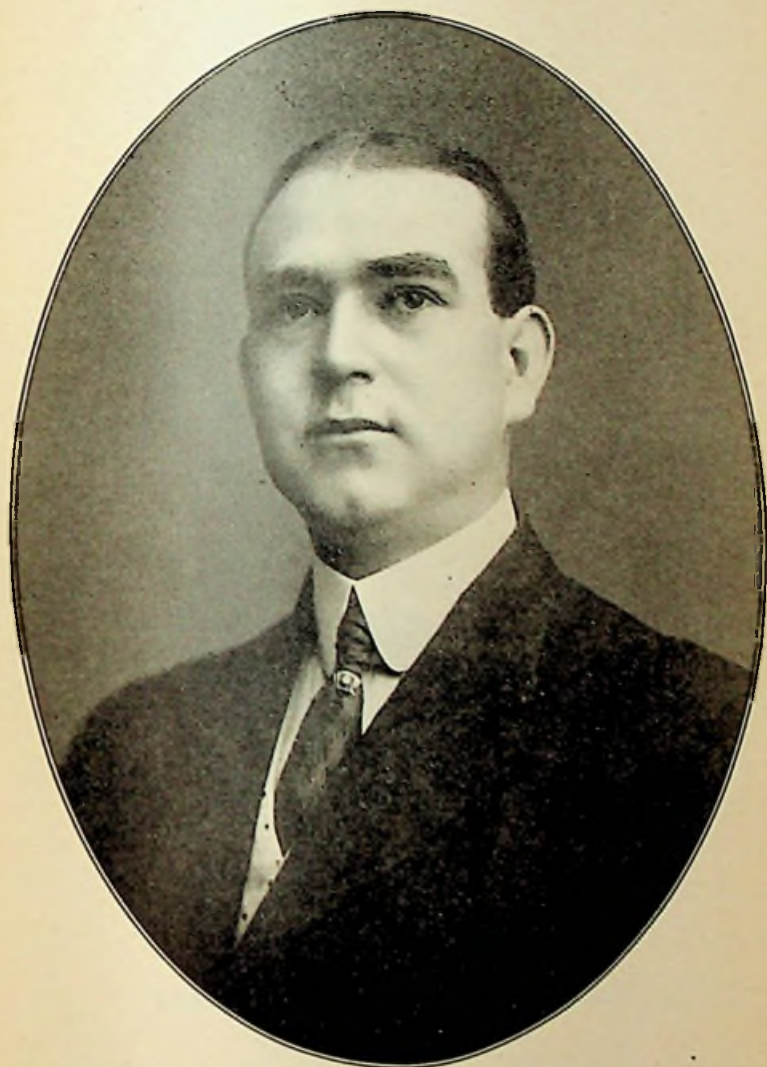


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GEORGE W. POLLITT
Commander-in-Chief.



EDGAR ALLAN, Jr.
Past Commander-in-Chief.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
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Twenty-Eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Held at Washington, D. C., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
August 24th, 25th and 26th, 1909

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Encampment was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m.,
August 24, 1909, at the Arlington Hotel assembly room, with
Edgar Allan, Jr., in the chair.

Roll-call showed the following national officers present:

Edgar Allan, Jr., Commander-in-Chief.
Arthur I. Vescelius, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
Thomas J. Hannon, Council-in-Chief.
Felix A. Kremer, Council-in-Chief.
John A. Bommhardt, Council-in-Chief.
Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary.
Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff.
D. C. Tillotson, National Counselor.
Rev. Benjamin F. Jones, National Chaplain.
Arthur J. Boutwell, National Inspector.

Roll-call showed the following Past Commanders-in-Chief
present:

George B. Abbott, Illinois.
Edward R. Campbell, Maryland.
Frank Martin, Indiana.
Arthur B. Spink, Rhode Island.
William G. Dustin, Illinois.
Edwin M. Amies, Pennsylvania.
Dr. Ralph Sheldon, New York.

The Commander-in-Chief announced the following temporary
appointments to fill the chairs of the officers not answering
roll-call:

Robert C. Woerner, of New Jersey, as Junior Vice Com-
mander-in-Chief.

Benjamin J. Northcott, of Maryland, as National Patriotic Instructor.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed the following brothers to fill the offices designated:

Dr. Charles W. Roberts, of Connecticut, Color Bearer.

Major F. S. Hodgson, of Maryland, Inner Guard.

After the National Inspector had made the rounds of the Encampment and found all present entitled to remain, the Encampment was opened in due form.

COMMITTEES.

The Commander-in-Chief then announced the following committees:

ON CREDENTIALS—H. H. Hammer, Pennsylvania, National Secretary, chairman; Frank E. Watson, Indiana; George E. Hunt, Massachusetts; John D. Hopper, New Jersey; H. O. Wing, Minnesota.

ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS—Edwin M. Amies, Pennsylvania; E. R. Campbell, Maryland; Arthur B. Spink, Rhode Island; Dr. Ralph Sheldon, New York; Frank L. Shepard, Illinois.

ON RITUAL—George B. Abbott, Illinois; Horace E. Shaw, Alabama and Tennessee; William Schneider, Missouri; Frank H. Challis, New Hampshire; LeGrand T. Meyers, Indiana.

ON RESOLUTIONS—William T. Church, Illinois; E. R. Campbell, Maryland; D. C. Tillotson, Kansas; E. L. Kelley, Vermont; William F. Alcorn, Connecticut.

ON OFFICERS' REPORTS—Charles F. Sherman, New York; R. M. Grant, Connecticut; F. T. F. Johnson, Maryland; Hy. D. Davis, Ohio; George H. Hurlbut, Illinois.

The Commander-in-Chief then announced the appointment of the following special committees:

ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS—A. E. B. Stephens, Ohio; Arthur B. Spink, Rhode Island; Dr. D. Sherman Smith, Pennsylvania; M. M. St. Clair, Colorado and Wyoming; Edwin C. Irelan, Maryland.

ON PRESS—Charles A. Sidman, Maryland; L. W. Friedman, Alabama and Tennessee; Frank Lee Carl, Maryland.

The Commander-in-Chief announced the following special aides for the Encampment: Everett F. Warner, Commander, Lincoln Camp No. 2, Maryland; Milton W. Drennan, Commander, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, Maryland.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, chairman of the Committee on Credentials, made a preliminary report as follows:

We find that there are present representatives from the following divisions: Alabama and Tennessee, Colorado and Wyoming, Connecticut, and other divisions, a more detailed report of which will be made later.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the report be received, the delegates accredited to the Encampment, and the committee continued.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

At this point Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief L. M. Alexander and National Patriotic Instructor H. V. Speelman were

reported present, and the brothers filling their offices were relieved.

Commander-in-Chief: The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will please preside at the Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief then read his report to the Encampment, as follows:

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the 28th Annual Encampment
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

In tendering you this, my annual report, I am performing a pleasant duty required of me by the constitution of our order.

God in his wisdom has spared and permitted us to meet again in annual encampment. We will review the past, consider the present and plan for the future welfare of our beloved order.

I was elected as your Commander-in-Chief at the 27th Annual Encampment held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 25th-27th, 1908. My election was gratifying beyond measure, and though at that time overwhelmed and embarrassed by the honor which you conferred upon me, I at least found sufficient words to pledge to you my best efforts. In all matters I have acted honestly, fearlessly, untiringly, conscientiously, and to the best of my ability.

In addition to the aid of two clerks, whose joint services I secured for a period of at least five hours a day, I have given in person to the work, an average of over eight hours per day. During the year I have traveled over 20,000 miles, visited twenty divisions and attended seven division encampments. The work has been tiresome and expensive, but has done much good to the order.

Immediately after my election I established headquarters at 210 McGill Building, Washington, D. C., two doors from the office of F. T. F. Johnson, Past Division Commander, whom I appointed my personal aide. A clerk was kept in charge at these headquarters three hours a day.

I realized from the outset that great effort was absolutely necessary. I knew that actual results was all that could be reckoned in computing what had been accomplished. I therefore carefully considered the past, viewed the present, as it was presented to me, and based upon my experience of a year, I shall recommend to you certain plans for the future.

I claim no personal credit for what has been accomplished. but I unhesitatingly state that I believe the order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is, in all respects, in better condition today than ever before in its history. This condition is gratifying, and the result is due to the hearty co-operation in the work on the part of each and every brother, and the wonderful skill and ability of your national officers who have preceded me. If I have maintained the precedent set by them, I am glad; if I have failed, it is due to lack of ability and not because of indolence or inattention.

It now remains for us to go on in our glorious work, and therefore, without further preliminary remarks, I will proceed to such matters as to me appear pertinent to this report.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

This noble body of shattered and torn living monuments of that great civil strife, the Grand Army of the Republic, whose valiant service in defense of our glorious country made possible our existence, is entitled to, and shall receive from me, my first consideration. I refer to them with deepest reverence and conspicuous pride, for my father and your father were members of, or eligible to, their ranks.

Immediately after my election I left for Toledo, Ohio, where the National Encampment of the G. A. R. was in session. As your representative I called upon nearly all of the Past Commanders-in-Chief who were present. I visited every patriotic organization which was in session at that time and place. I remained around the Sons of Veterans' headquarters, established by the local camp, as much as time would permit. I extended your official greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic at the public meeting held in that city at the Valentine Theater. I viewed the parade from the platform with Mr. Taft and personally paid to him my respects as your Commander-in-Chief. These facts and circumstances, in my opinion, will help our order. I also attended the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Salt Lake City and performed similar duty as your representative.

In Salt Lake City the Sons of Veterans acted as escort to each department of the G. A. R. At a given point they fell out of line and formed around the large 80x60 foot flag of Ft. Douglas. They were headed by a drum and fife corps of thirty pieces. Your Commander-in-Chief and Camp Commander P. E. Connor, Jr., led the line, and the Sons of Veterans brought up the rear of one of the most magnificent parades ever given by the Grand Army of the Republic.

The crowning feature of the G. A. R. National Encampment held at Toledo, Ohio, was the election of General Henry M. Nevius, of Red Bank, New Jersey, as Commander-in-Chief. In him I found a true and loyal friend to the Sons of Veterans. I discovered that he was a friend of my father and a member of his regiment during the war. He has espoused our cause in every speech he has made and continually writes words of praise in our behalf. He has done more to advance the interests of our order than any other of our friends. We have had many friends, but General Nevius has truly been one of our best friends. We owe him a debt which we can never repay. He has brought the Sons of Veterans closer to the G. A. R. than ever before, and the friendly relations which previously existed are now cemented into affectionate regard and fraternal love which can never be broken. By his act we will in future years meet in annual encampment with the G. A. R. His voice has declared that we, by reason of our sex, are the natural heirs to the parent body, to lead in carrying on in future years the work laid out by the Grand Army of the Republic. It is hardly necessary for me to say that the dozen or more meetings at which he and I appeared were exceedingly pleasing to me and that the relations between the sons and their fathers is stronger by reason thereof.

We should ever be ready to serve them, and we should make them feel that our strength is behind them in all of their laudable plans and undertakings. We should step aside for them on all occasions, because they, and they alone, are entitled to all of the honor and glory of their victory which made this reunited country

possible. We shall do reverence and honor to them until the last one shall have answered the final roll-call, and when they shall be no more, we will preserve the traditions which they have handed down, cherish the record they have made, preserve the honor they have won and keep green their memory.

KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS.

The relations between the Sons of Veterans and all other kindred organizations have been exceedingly pleasant. This is due partly to the fact that constant correspondence during the past year has been carried on between your Commander-in-Chief and the officers of the various patriotic bodies.

Special mention is made of the fact that your Commander-in-Chief has distributed to six of the best schools of Virginia beautiful bunting American flags (5x8 feet). They were donated by the W. R. C. for the purpose of extending the influence of patriotism.

The action of the ladies of the G. A. R. in admitting members of our organization into their meetings, upon obligation, is also referred to with special mention of closer relationship and deep gratitude.

The Daughters of Veterans have rendered valuable assistance to our order in the work in which we are engaged, and by act and deed have expressed their best wishes and most kindly feeling.

Last, but by no means least, I call attention to our auxiliary. The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary has made greater strides this year than ever before. Their work is confined to our assistance, and through us, the assistance of the Grand Army of the Republic. They have assisted in all of the patriotic work in which we have been engaged and have contributed liberally of their time and means to our work. They are deserving of our most hearty co-operation and earnest support. A great deal of their success, for the past year, is due to the magnificent work of their able and efficient corps of officers.

Each of the foregoing organizations, including the G. A. R., has had special aides on the staff of your Commander-in-Chief, and have rendered valuable assistance.

OFFICERS AND STAFF.

I vie with pleasure with my predecessors in proclaiming the virtues of my respective officers and staff. They have all performed their full duty. They have been faithful, fearless, honest and prompt. To make special mention of the work of any one in particular would be an unjust reflection upon the others. Such results as have been accomplished during the past year are largely due to their able efforts.

SPECIAL AIDES.

Special aides were appointed in each division, upon recommendation of the Division Commanders, whose duty it was to look after organization work. These aides, upon the whole, have done excellent work and accomplished wonderful results.

Charles A. Sidman was appointed special aide in charge of the press. He performed his duty admirably.

I suggest that the incoming Commander-in-Chief, as soon after his election as possible, appoint a special aide in charge of

press, and keep the work of our order constantly before the public.

C. O. Howard was appointed clerk to the Military Committee and special aide in charge of the Sons of Veterans Reserve in the inaugural parade. He performed the duties assigned to him faithfully and successfully.

Colonel Wm. H. Daniels, Frances M. Woerner, Annie M. Kelly, Jennie I. Berry and Margaret A. Stevens were appointed as special aides on my staff, representing the G. A. R., S. V. Auxiliary, D. V., W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. respectively. They have all performed their duties with proficiency and with gratification to your Commander-in-Chief.

PERSONAL AIDE.

This report would be incomplete were I to overlook mentioning the valuable assistance rendered me by F. T. F. Johnson, my personal aide. His experience as Division Commander and National Counselor, and his training as a lawyer, made it possible for him to relieve me of much of the tedious and trying work of my office.

DIVISIONS.

No divisions have been organized during this administration. Several states are ready for the organization of divisions, but this being nobody's special work, and your Commander-in-Chief being crowded with other duties, there has not been sufficient time for the same to receive proper attention, demonstrating thereby the necessity for a national organizer.

CAMPS.

Care should be taken in the selection of camp officers, because they are the real workers of the order. The members, when thus honored by election, should feel the responsibility of their positions and perform their duties faithfully. Division Commanders should encourage action along this line.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

I find that in many localities the Sons of Veterans Reserve is the life of our order, while in other sections the military feature does not appear to meet with favor. The condition, however, works out well, and I have nothing but praise to offer regarding the Reserve.

I had the pleasure of inspecting the Reserve Camp and reviewing the troops at the Milton, Pennsylvania, encampment. The showing made by the Reserve was not only creditable, but exceedingly remarkable. There I found nearly 1,000 officers and soldiers in camp, fully armed and equipped, and at their own expense. It was a sight of itself, fully worth my trip.

The parade was a feature of the encampment. People for miles around turned out to witness the maneuvers. Prominent guests were present, and the Pennsylvania constabulary turned out in full force to insure proper decorum and prevent the enthusiastic spectators from crowding upon the parade ground.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve had a provisional battalion in the parade of honor which escorted President Taft from the White House to the Capitol. This was the first time in the history of

our country that any soldiers other than regulars or veterans have participated in this parade. This invitation was a distinct honor to our order. It is also to be noted that your Commander-in-Chief had the honor of making six staff appointments for the regular inaugural parade.

ORGANIZATION.

Our organization can be improved, both as to system and procedure. We are carrying too many forms and preserving too few records. We have no way of showing the work we have accomplished and the good we are doing.

We should have a department engaged in national organization work. Reports should be rendered by camps to the divisions, and consolidated reports should be rendered by the divisions to the National Secretary. These reports should show a complete record of each camp and division, and should be entered, filed and kept of record by the National Secretary. This would do away with the necessity of camp and division inspections.

We are fortunate in having an able, efficient, active, thorough and aggressive National Secretary, a man who does the work of his office in a most satisfactory manner. I am of the opinion, however, that our National Secretary should give his entire time to the work of the order, and I am convinced of the fact that we should have permanent headquarters at which the National Secretary should be located. If this plan should be adopted, I can see no reason for the Commander-in-Chief having any headquarters other than the regular permanent headquarters, where the Secretary would perform the detail work of the order. The Commander-in-Chief would thereby be enabled to give his attention to organization work and matters of greater importance to the order; at the same time the order would save much in expense and the most humble member would at all times, and no matter where located, know just how to reach the fountain head of the organization. It is a distressing fact that some of our members do not know the name of their Commander-in-Chief, and many of them under the present plan are unable to furnish his address.

I believe that the Sons of Veterans should keep a record of their members and the work being done by the various camps and divisions. This would enable us to furnish complete data upon any given subject, and for any period whenever required. The record would be of untold value, and we could at all times tell who are, and have been, members of our order. The record being once completed, it would not require much work to be kept up. It would be of great value as a mailing list and for organization purposes. It would enable the Commander-in-Chief to reach every individual member should he so desire.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

A new constitution is essential. It should be brief and clear. It should not be gotten up hurriedly, and should be carefully considered before adoption. The by-laws should be full and complete, and subject to change from time to time, but the constitution should never be changed unless deemed absolutely necessary, and then only upon at least a four-fifths' vote of a national encampment.

Court martial proceedings, in present form, should be dispensed with, inspections should be discontinued and the offices

of National Inspector and Division Inspector should be abolished. This should be done by resolution.

I am in favor of following the constitution as far as it is practical, but in view of its many defects, by reason of the progress and changes made in the order, resolutions should at this time be passed, irrespective of the constitution, which would mean the material welfare of the order.

I suggest that the name of the National Commander be substituted in the new constitution for that of Commander-in-Chief. Likewise, National Council for Council-in-Chief.

I believe that more confusion is created than good done by changing the password and countersign every six months. Once a year is sufficient. I commend this idea to the Committee on New Constitution.

MEMBERSHIP.

Owing to a lack of interest on the part of our members, and the disregard to duty of a few of our officers, we are still suffering from suspensions. Better system and better organization will largely remedy this condition. The greatest effort should be made to prevent suspensions.

The holding of division encampments late in the summer has also affected our membership and increased the number of camps and members suspended from the order. This should be remedied. A statement of the actual condition of the order regarding membership will be rendered by the National Secretary.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

I have given to this subject much thought and the deepest consideration. Immediately after my election I visited the institution in order that I might get a clear conception of what the property consisted, and the work being done at the institution. The results of my observation reached far beyond my expectations. The University is worthy of our most earnest support. A plan has been prepared, and will be presented to this encampment, the adoption of which I commend.

THE BANNER.

THE BANNER, our official organ, has improved remarkably during the past year. It is a larger, better paper, contains more news and is cheaper in price than in previous years, although labor and material, necessary in the printing business, have advanced. Many claim to receive great benefit from THE BANNER, while some entertain a different view. This is natural in a great organization like our own. We are at present carrying out our contract with the editor of THE BANNER, and we should get all the good out of same that is possible. It is a serious question whether the taking of THE BANNER should be obligatory or optional. This you should carefully consider, and when the contract with THE BANNER runs out you should be prepared to meet that issue.

THE DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

The Death Benefit Association, while an independent organization, is confined exclusively to Sons of Veterans. Its work is spreading and progressive. It has supplied, in many sections,

a long-felt want. I cheerfully commend it to those camps which are so located that they require an insurance feature.

MEMORIAL DAY AND UNION DEFENDERS DAY.

These days were properly and fittingly observed by our organization during the past year. Tribute was paid to the memory of our sacred soldier list and praise and patriotic speeches were poured out in commemoration of the birth of our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln. The reports of other officers will show in detail the work performed.

FLAG DAY.

It has become a popular custom to observe June 14th, the birthday of our flag, as our National Flag Day. This day should appeal to every son of a veteran. It is particularly pleasing to see that the public schools have adopted the observance of this day. It comes as an impressive and fitting close to the scholastic year. Your Commander-in-Chief had the honor and pleasure of addressing two meetings on last Flag Day.

MOTHERS' DAY.

The second Sunday in May has been accepted by the people of this country as "Mothers' Day." The plan was originated by Miss A. Jarvis, of Philadelphia, Pa., for the purpose of setting aside one day in the year in which we can do honor to our mothers. The same is observed by the wearing of a white carnation on said date. It is a beautiful idea, and I cheerfully commend it to you for future observance.

COMMITTEES.

RITUAL—The Committee on Ritual, of which Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott was chairman, made its report to the Niagara Falls Encampment. Their work being approved, the new Ritual was adopted and ordered to be edited, revised and promulgated by said committee. This has been done and the work of said committee has been completed.

NEW CONSTITUTION—The following committee was appointed for the purpose of preparing a new constitution: Edwin M. Amies, chairman; Arthur B. Spink, E. R. Campbell, Ralph Sheldon and Frank Shepard. The foregoing committee will render its report to this encampment.

MILITARY—The following committee was appointed upon military affairs: E. R. Campbell, chairman; Herbert S. Foster, Alf. G. Lloyd, W. S. Reeder and Charles K. Darling.

This committee has prepared, approved and promulgated rules and regulations governing the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Their action having been submitted to and approved by the Chief-of-Staff, the same was approved by your Commander-in-Chief. This committee will also make report to this encampment.

ORDERS.

General orders have been published monthly in **THE BANNER**. Those who have read same have been kept well informed as to the condition of the order. I would earnestly recommend that all camp secretaries be careful to read the general orders issued by

the Commander-in-Chief. This should be done at the first meeting of the camp after receipt of same.

INSPECTIONS.

Camp and division inspections should be discontinued and the offices of National Inspector and Division Inspector abolished. They are useless and expensive. Inspection may be necessary with the Reserve, but with the organization proper it is out of place, exceedingly expensive, of no value, and absurd. It is usually an expensive farce.

ENCAMPMENT DATES.

I am of the opinion that all division and national encampments should be held at the same time and place as the G. A. R. It is usually the case at present that as many as five divisions are meeting at different places at the same time, thus making it impossible in such cases for your Commander-in-Chief to get to more than one or two of your division encampments. Besides this, better results can be accomplished by meeting with the parent body. In this respect we have been somewhat selfish, and we can better show our true selves and observe our principles by getting in closer touch with our parent body. This is commended to the various divisions for consideration.

RESIGNATIONS.

During the present administration, John Harrison, Commander of Minnesota Division, resigned, and his resignation was accepted. His resignation was a source of regret to the division and to your Commander-in-Chief. On January 13, 1909, the Division Council elected H. A. Wing, of Duluth, Minn., as his successor, and Commander Wing filled out the unexpired term with honor to the division and credit to himself.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL HALL.

Nearly every city and county has its memorial hall. Why some one has not inaugurated a plan for a National Memorial Hall, I cannot understand. I am in favor of the idea and am anxious to assist in providing a plan. I believe that same should be erected at our national capitol. I feel that it should be so constructed as to provide accommodations for the national encampments of the G. A. R., and meeting rooms for the local posts. It should have stores on the first floor and be built so as to bring in revenue. It should do more than support itself. It can be built on the "Baby Bond" plan, and would afford a valuable investment to investors, and eventually become the actual property of the Sons of Veterans. The National Headquarters and office of the National Secretary should be located in this building.

FINANCES.

A detailed account of the finances of the order will be given by the National Secretary and the National Treasurer. It is fitting, however, for me to state that same are in excellent shape and the administration has been conducted along economical lines. The general orders, published in THE BANNER, have contained the reports of the National Secretary and National Treasurer up to the present time.

PER CAPITA TAX.

Although the finances of the organization are in splendid condition, still, the reduction of the per capita tax cannot be recommended at this time.

DECISIONS.

The plan adopted by your Commander-in-Chief, which required all questions to be first submitted to the respective division commanders, before being submitted to him, and then only upon appeal has relieved him of a great deal of unnecessary work. This plan is commended to the incoming Commander-in-Chief. The following is a list of decisions rendered.

1. Any member of the order, who is present at the encampment, is eligible to election to any office, although he may have no vote in the encampment. If not present, he is not eligible to election to office under our law. In many cases this works harm, but until the constitution is changed the same is the law of the Order.
2. A majority vote on any original question coming before a camp is sufficient to carry a motion, unless the by-laws of said camp require a greater number of votes on the particular question.
3. A brother being dropped from the Order for non-payment of dues loses his past honors and same cannot be restored except by action of the Commander-in-Chief.
4. A man having been convicted of felony and having served his time, is not eligible to membership in our order, no matter how exemplary his subsequent life may have been.
5. The son of a legally adopted daughter of a soldier is not eligible to membership.
6. Construction of paragraphs 2 and 5 of Act. 24, Constitution and Laws, that there is no military standing in the order other than the S. V. Reserve.

DISCIPLINE.

Two cases of court martial are now pending, but mention of facts concerning same might cause prejudice.

U. S. Grant English, of Camp 162, Division of Pennsylvania, was dishonorably discharged by court martial and same was approved November 12, 1908, by your Commander-in-Chief.

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The proceedings should be printed each year. The custom of printing and promulgating our encampment proceedings is excellent. It enables us in a way to preserve our records.

IN MEMORIAM.

On July 9th, 1909, Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, died suddenly, at Dorchester, Mass. He was the second Commander-in-Chief of the order, and was always aggressive and enthusiastic in his work. His death was a deep shock to the membership and a great loss to the order.

Proper respect will be paid to his memory at the regular memorial services.

PEACE MONUMENT.

Your Commander-in-Chief has been in constant correspondence with Past Commander-in-Chief Apperson and Commander-in-Chief Owens, of the order of U. S. C. V. He is in possession of beautiful letters from both of these gentlemen, approving of a plan which he has proposed, for the erection of a "Peace Monument." The plan places no financial obligations on either order. The monument, when erected, will be dedicated to our Reunited Country, in commemoration of "Peace," by our respective bodies and simply dated. It may take years to complete, but I am anxious to start the work, and appeal to you for co-operation. It will be another step in the direction of perfect peace and should have our hearty support.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In offering the recommendations hereinafter set forth, I am convinced that same are absolutely necessary and even though disapproved at this time will eventually be adopted by our organization. I trust that same may be approved, and we will then be able to answer the oft-repeated question, "What are the Sons of Veterans doing?"

1. The rate of per capita tax to remain as at present.
2. That an engrossed parchment testimonial be prepared, at an expense not to exceed \$50.00, by a committee to be appointed by your present Commander-in-Chief, to be presented to Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius, as a token of our high regard and deep appreciation of his efforts in our behalf during the past year.
3. That the Rules and Regulations, prepared by the Military Committee and approved by your Commander-in-Chief, be approved by the Commandery-in-Chief, as the law of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
4. That a Committee of five be appointed by the present Commander-in-Chief, to ascertain the feasibility and advisability of establishing permanent national headquarters, and that said committee shall report to the next National Encampment.
5. That should permanent national headquarters be deemed advisable, then and in that event, the National Secretary be required to have his office at said headquarters and to give his entire, undivided time to the work of the order.
6. That the Committee on Constitution be authorized to so frame the new law of our Order as to do away with all forms of inspection and court martial. That they prepare a form for a simple camp report and a consolidated Division report, and that the law be so constructed as to cause the information contained in these reports to be preserved by the National Secretary.
7. That the proposed plan of organization work, in which the Memorial University is interested, be approved.
8. That we hold our national encampments in future at the same time and place as the G. A. R.
9. That a Committee of three be appointed by the present Commander-in-Chief to formulate a plan for the erection of a national memorial hall, and that said committee shall report its progress to the next National Encampment.

10. That the sentence of dishonorable discharge in the case of U. S. Grant English, of Camp 162, Division of Pennsylvania, be approved.

11. That fifteen hundred copies, in pamphlet form, of the proceedings of this encampment, be authorized to be printed under the direction of the present administration, for the purpose of distribution to the various camps and divisions.

12. That a committee of three be appointed to draft and cause to be engrossed, a suitable set of resolutions, or testimonial, concerning the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, at a cost not to exceed \$50.00, and that same be presented to his widow, as a token of our love and respect.

13. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to appoint a Committee on New Constitution, of which the chairman of the present committee shall be a member.

14. That a committee of three be appointed by the present Commander-in-Chief, to co-operate with a like committee from the U. S. C. V. to ascertain the advisability and feasibility of inaugurating plans, ways and means for the erection of a monument in the City of Washington, "dedicated to a reunited country in commemoration of peace," and directed to reports its progress to our next national encampment.

15. That resolutions be passed doing away with courts martial, and providing for a trial board, and also for dispensing with inspections and the abolition of National and Division Inspectors. This may be done by recommendation to the New Committee on Constitution and Laws, when proper forms for reports can be promulgated.

CONCLUSION.

Having rendered you an account of my stewardship, nothing remains to be done by me other than to submit the same to you for such action as you may deem fit and proper. It is with a feeling of relief, mingled with sadness, that I cast aside the ermine of authority which you placed upon my shoulders one year ago. I deeply appreciate the honor and again thank you. I have done my best, my conscience is clear and I pledge to you a continuance of my undying affection and untiring support.

I have the honor, sirs, to be

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR., Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Commander-in-Chief; what is your pleasure? If no objection is offered, all reports of officers will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports as read.

The Commander-in-Chief's report was thereupon referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that we take a recess until the sound of the gavel in order to enable us to receive our invited guests at the opening ceremonies.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess taken.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Milton W. Drennan, Commander, Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, Maryland Division, presented William F. Gude, president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce. The Commander-in-Chief turned the meeting over to Mr. Gude, who extended the greetings and welcome of that body, and introduced the following speakers:

Charles W. Clagett, who welcomed the delegation on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the commissioners of the District of Columbia, announcing that, owing to a death in the family the chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland, would not be able to extend the greetings of that body in person.

Colonel Edwin H. Holbrook, Commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., on behalf of that organization.

General Thomas J. Shannon, National Commander, Union Veteran Legion.

Miss Molly Donaldson, President of the Sons of Veterans Auxillary, responded to the greetings on behalf of that organization.

Mrs. Mary H. Crenshaw, President of Ellen Spencer Mussey Tent, Daughters of Veterans, welcomed the delegation to Washington.

She was followed by Mrs. Marian M. Lewis, Senior Vice President of the Department of Potomac, W. R. C.

Mrs. Laura V. McCullough, President, Legion of Loyal Women.

Mrs. Mackenzie, President of the Union Veteran Legion, Auxillary No. 32.

Colonel S. G. Mawson, Senior Vice Commander, Department of the District of Columbia, United Spanish War Veterans.

To all of which Commander-in-Chief Edgar Allan, Jr., responded on behalf of the Sons of Veterans.

The exercises were closed by a benediction delivered by Rev. J. H. Bradford, chaplain of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

(CONTINUED)

The encampment resumed business at 12:30 o'clock.

The following officers rendered their reports, in the order named, and as they were read they were referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

August 24, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the 28th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

I herewith submit my report as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the year now ending.

Elected and installed to that position, I immediately notified Commander-in-Chief Allan I was ready for any duty to which he might assign me. The territory west of the Mississippi river having been assigned to my special direction, I immediately opened correspondence with the commanders of the several divisions in that section of the country, the object being to secure the names of brothers and comrades of the G. A. R. in the different divisions, with the view to starting new camps and building up those already in existence. The results were disappointing so far as they appear at present. There is no doubt that the future will show that this work was not in vain. I visited a number of division encampments in my official capacity in company with your Commander-in-Chief and was received with respect due to the position I held.

I would like at this time to thank the Commander-in-Chief and the national officers for the many courtesies extended by them.

The present flourishing condition and the bright prospects for the future of the New Jersey Division show that the Sons of Veterans of that state appreciate the compliment of my election.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ARTHUR I. VESCELIUS,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

August 23, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the 28th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

I herewith submit my report for the year just closing.

The work during the year has been mostly by correspondence,

112 letters having been written, besides numerous postal cards. Personal work necessarily has been confined to my own division. Fifteen camps have been visited and one camp personally mustered; several weak camps have been strengthened and are now in a healthy condition.

Considerable work has been done, the result of which will not be apparent until the fall.

My election as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief was greatly appreciated not only by myself, but by the New York Division. What ever work has been assigned to me has been attended to promptly.

I wish to thank Commander-in-Chief Allan for the kindness and courteous treatment accorded me, and all those with whom I have had correspondence.

I again thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

L. M. ALEXANDER,

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Reading, Pa., August 21, 1909.

To Edgar Allan, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report of the transactions of this department for the year as follows:

The duties of this office are similar and the work along the usual lines each year. Correspondence, filing of requisitions, etc., have been given the attention required.

The various statements contained herein will show in detail the conditions and results in the finances and other channels of the order.

The uniform courtesy accorded me throughout the order compels me to take cognizance of the same, and I gratefully acknowledge it. I am also deeply sensible of the many favors shown me by yourself and the national officers and staff, and sincerely thank all.

In severing official relations with yourself, as Commander-in-Chief, I can only impress upon the order that we have had a most arduous working, active, brilliant and energetic leader the past year, whose efforts were ever at the service of the order, and whose every desire and ambition was its welfare and success. Too much appreciation of the services of our Commander-in-Chief cannot be shown him.

For the untiring labor, energy and sacrifices a better showing should have been reported here. Our reports show a loss, yet we have the membership in the order, so that actually we have not had a loss. There were 63 camps suspended in the June quarter with their entire membership of 1,337 members. This was principally due to several of the larger divisions having held their division encampments late in June and one extending into July. Late encampments are always harmful to us in respect to suspensions. Newly elected division officers are unable to get into communication with their camps, camps with the new officers, and delinquents become suspended.

I have heretofore called attention to this matter, previously suggesting that legislation be enacted whereby division encampments be held not later than June 10th of each year.

Then again, some camps of which division officers are members happen to be suspended, no tax and reports received. This can be avoided where the penalty is imposed in such cases—depose such officers.

FINANCES.

RECEIPTS:

August 27, 1908, to balance, as per supplementary report..	\$ 1414.45
August 27, 1908, to August 21, 1909, to amount received for	
Per capita tax.....	\$12573.59
Supplies	4566.29
Charter fees.....	605.00
Total receipts.....	\$17744.88
To Am't due from Divisions, charged 1905 Encampment, account supplies, excess cost of shipments:	
Indiana	\$10.49
Minnesota	\$15.43
	\$ 25.92
	\$19185.25

EXPENDITURES:

By general expenses.....	\$15473.37
Office expenses.....	680.31
Commander-in-Chief expenses.....	1543.91
Total expenses.....	\$17697.59
By amount received from Minnesota Division 1905 account settled in full.....	15.43
By balance due from Indiana Division.....	10.49
By balance cash August 21, 1909.....	1461.74
	\$19185.25

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES:

For Stock and Supplies.....	\$3265.79
Memorial University, 1908 Encampment Appropriation and New Camps.....	2315.00
The Banner, Subscription September, 1908, to August, 1909, inclusive.....	6319.86
Encampment, 1908 Proceedings, \$364.88; Roster 1909 Encampment, \$27.00.....	391.88
Printing	48.55
Reserves	162.75
Shipping Supplies.....	180.52
Salaries	2300.00
Bonds	35.00
Miscellaneous—Expenses of Committee on Constitution, Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge, Etc.	454.02
	\$15473.37

OFFICE EXPENDITURES:

Light	\$ 2.72	
Paper and Twine.....	4.37	
Postage	177.35	
Telegrams	4.84	
Express	24.69	
Stationery	108.34	
Rent, October, 1908-September, 1909, inclusive..	276.00	
Miscellaneous—Janitor, Porter, Etc.....	82.00	
		\$ 680.31

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES:

Rent	\$ 160.75	
Postage	146.54	
Telegrams	38.65	
Traveling	993.25	
Office—Stenographer, Supplies, Etc.....	192.32	
Express	12.40	1543.91
Total Expenditures		\$17697.57

CAMPS AND MEMBERS MUSTERED IN DIVISIONS.

Following number of new camps with their membership were mustered:

Division.	No. of Camps.	No. of Members.
California and Oregon.....	5	131
Colorado and Wyoming.....	2	54
Connecticut	3	84
Illinois	7	216
Indiana	1	32
Iowa	13	390
Kansas	8	315
Kentucky	4	125
Maine	5	117
Maryland	4	138
Massachusetts	3	149
Minnesota	3	53
Nebraska	2	46
New Hampshire	4	124
New Jersey	3	105
New York	20	480
Ohio	16	603
Pennsylvania	11	322
Rhode Island	3	96
Vermont	1	38
Wisconsin	3	77
Total	121	3695

No new camps were mustered in the Divisions of Alabama and Tennessee, Michigan, Missouri and Washington.

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division.	June 30, 1908.		June 30, 1909.	
	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee...	9	154	9	154
California and Oregon.....	10	411	13	422
Colorado and Wyoming....	5	204	5	169
Connecticut	19	619	23	838
Illinois	43	1413	43	1304
Indiana	26	887	29	839
Iowa	20	545	30	899
Kansas	28	743	22	711
Kentucky	8	148	8	205
Maine	36	1430	32	1233
Maryland	8	285	13	500
Massachusetts	132	5062	133	5100
Michigan	12	167	8	155
Minnesota	24	706	22	530
Missouri	20	680	12	480
Nebraska	6	95	8	107
New Hampshire	35	1130	35	1197
New Jersey	31	1399	31	1495
New York	93	3891	100	3991
Ohio	81	2920	77	3018
Pennsylvania	172	11001	144	10144
Rhode Island	11	375	14	467
Vermont	22	621	23	653
Washington	4	129	4	118
Wisconsin	14	437	15	409
Aug. 21, 1908—Total.....	869	35425	853	35139
Mustered since June 30, 1909.....			8	176
Total membership Aug. 21.....			861	35315

SUSPENSIONS—JUNE 30, 1909.

The number of camps in the several divisions, with the entire camp membership suspended, are:

Divisions.	Camps.	Members.
Colorado and Wyoming.....	1	28
Illinois	4	73
Iowa	2	67
Kansas	5	93
Kentucky	2	40
Maine	6	149
Missouri	3	53
New Hampshire	4	74
New York	11	352
Pennsylvania	22	610
Wisconsin	3	98
Total	63	1337

GAIN AND LOSS.

July 1, 1908-June 30, 1909, inclusive.

GAIN.		Camps.	Mbs.
By Muster in	.....	121	7764
Transfer	.....		220
Reinstatement	.....	68	1867
Total gain	.....	189	9851
Loss.			
By Disbanded	.....	15	360
Death	.....		176
Honorable discharge	.....		181
Transfer	.....		129
Suspended	.....	189	9291
Total loss	.....	204	10137
Number of members dropped	.....		150
Number members or their families relieved	.....		545
Number of veterans or their families relieved	.....		58
Expended by camps for relief	.....		\$24,372.96
Cash on hand at Division Headquarters	.....		2,366.37
Cash on hand in Camp Treasuries	.....		45,474.06

A number of divisions fail to give these statistics, keep no record, and consequently these items are not fully shown.

STOCK AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

August 20, 1908, (to cost of stock and supplies on hand	.....	\$3336.87
Purchased during year, 1908-1909	.....	3265.79
To value of stock and supplies to account for		\$6602.66
August 21, 1909, (to cost of stock and supplies on hand	.....	\$3660.13
To cost of stock and supplies sold during year	.....	\$2942.53
Expended for freight and express on stock and supplies purchased during year	.....	13.61
Expended for shipping supplies	.....	180.52
Expended for wrapping paper and twine	.....	4.37
To total cost of stock and supplies sold	.....	\$3141.03
To amount received for stock and supplies	.....	\$4566.29
Total cost of stock and supplies sold	.....	3141.03
Profit	.....	\$1425.26

Compared with other years the profit is reduced, owing to the promulgation of the new (present) Ritual to camps gratis.

Comparatively few divisions carry anything like a reasonable, if any, quantity of stock and supplies on hand. The consequence is that in most divisions when a requisition is received from a camp for supplies, that order of the camp's is requisitioned on National Headquarters. Every division should carry stock and supplies on hand to promptly fill requisitions from camps.

In this connection it might be well to report that about 280 camps (from the requisitions filled) have purchased the banners required by the new Ritual. It is unnecessary to add that it is obligatory upon every camp to have a complete set of these banners and that the responsibility for this is a matter for division commanders and division officers.

THE RITUAL.

The new Ritual was promulgated at the time specified by the 27th Annual Encampment. Naturally a work of this kind could expect criticism. This has, however, been comparatively little. Suggestions to this department are that a secret work should be provided, the initiatory ceremonies in some parts, and the charges to the officers and staff should not be as lengthy as at present. Generally, the Ritual has been favorably received and is well regarded.

REGULATIONS.

We are now urgently in need of regulations for the definition of our laws. The Constitution is ample and need not be considered. Opinions and decisions should be uniform. Regulations should be framed so that those having jurisdiction would have a basis or authority to be governed by and to govern. Our laws are very deficient and silent on so many subjects and questions that arise. Provision should be made for such matters so that all may be informed as to the legality and what is or is not permissible according to the laws. With well-defined regulations, harmony and unity might frequently prevail, be promoted, and much discord in camps avoided.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Of the National Secretary, 28th Annual Encampment.
Washington D. C., August 26, 1909.

RECEIPTS.		
August 21, 1909, to balance.....		\$1461.74
Received for per capita tax.....	\$315.05	
Supplies—Balance due Indiana Division, 1905 account	10.49	
Miscellaneous—Interest on deposits, from National Treasurer.....	47.78	
Total receipts		\$ 373.32
August 26, 1908, Total.....		\$1835.06

EXPENDITURES.

By General expenses	\$785.31
Office expenses	30.15
Commander-in-Chief's expenses.....	191.65
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Total expenditures	\$1007.11
August 26, 1909, Balance cash.....	\$ 827.95

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Encampment, 1909	\$ 785.31
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OFFICE EXPENSES.

Stationery and postage, National Inspector, National Patriotic Instructor, and Council-in-Chief.....	\$ 30.15
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

Rent	\$ 16.25
Postage	15.20
Telegrams	16.75
Traveling	119.05
Office stenographer, etc.....	24.40
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	\$191.65
August 26, 1909, Total expenditures.....	\$1007.11

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,
H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

Reading, Pa., August 21, 1909.

EDGAR ALLAN, JR., Esq.,

Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to submit the following as the report of the financial transactions of the Comuandery-in-Chief for the current year.

Below please find the gross receipts beginning with the balance carried over from the previous administration, under date of August 27, 1908, with which this department has charged itself:

Balance August 27th, 1908.....\$1,414.45

RECEIPTS, 1908.

Sept. 12th	\$ 114.89
Sept. 19th	139.41
Sept. 30th	31.31
Oct. 10th	127.42
Oct. 17th	119.27
Oct. 31st	158.17
Nov. 4th	370.60
Nov. 5th	169.59

Nov. 14th	106.02
Nov. 21st	201.72
Nov. 30th	615.76
Dec. 5th	1,120.74
Dec. 9th	845.37
Dec. 19th	209.19
Dec. 31st	202.95

RECEIPTS, 1909.

Jan. 9th	109.91
Jan. 16th	158.78
Jan. 23rd	117.53
Jan. 28th	96.33
Feb. 6th	542.55
Feb. 13th	858.28
Feb. 27th	259.04
Mch. 3rd	1,561.02
Mch. 8th	295.02
Mch. 13th	293.41
Mch. 20th	169.39
Mch. 31st	239.92
April 8th	130.51
April 13th	233.96
April 23rd	218.56
April 30th	204.33
May 4th	261.38
May 12th	407.57
May 18th	150.15
May 22nd	317.74
May 29th	537.50
June 1st	1,710.69
June 5th	527.66
June 11th	101.98
June 19th	163.01
July 3rd	166.78
July 20th	190.01
Aug. 2nd	1,203.99
Aug. 7th	782.39
Aug. 10th	1,107.29
Aug. 16th	32.79

Total receipts \$19,169.33

There has been disbursed on certified warrants of the National Secretary, approved by the Commander-in-Chief, the following, for which this department has taken credit:

Voucher 311	\$ 43.80
Voucher 312	13.78
Voucher 313	125.00
Voucher 314	524.64
Voucher 315	11.05
Voucher 316	35.00
Voucher 317	28.03
Voucher 318	23.89
Voucher 319	97.74
Voucher 320	83.52
Voucher 321	9.30

Voucher 322	40.80
Voucher 323	524.52
Voucher 324	14.50
Voucher 325	17.53
Voucher 326	12.40
Voucher 327	42.95
Voucher 328	9.30
Voucher 329	12.00
Voucher 330	524.62
Voucher 331	19.11
Voucher 332	6.45
Voucher 333	11.08
Voucher 334	50.00
Voucher 335	7.00
Voucher 336	112.50
Voucher 337	88.50
Voucher 338	65.60
Voucher 339	1,543.35
Voucher 340	17.65
Voucher 341	12.56
Voucher 342	15.80
Voucher 343	69.00
Voucher 344	237.74
Voucher 345	3 10
Voucher 346	122.50
Voucher 347	300.00
Voucher 348	944.47
Voucher 349	8.50
Voucher 350	26.01
Voucher 351	16.30
Voucher 352	40.50
Voucher 353	153.00
Voucher 354	24.80
Voucher 355	700.00
Voucher 356	528.59
Voucher 357	14.99
Voucher 358	33.73
Voucher 359	20.50
Voucher 360	25.00
Voucher 361	252.05
Voucher 362	70.20
Voucher 363	300.00
Voucher 364	74.90
Voucher 365	19.69
Voucher 366	56.83
Voucher 367	511.71
Voucher 368	65.51
Voucher 369	15.53
Voucher 370	18.49
Voucher 371	6.75
Voucher 372	69.00
Voucher 373	12.00
Voucher 374	73.08
Voucher 375	154.80
Voucher 376	6.20
Voucher 377	21.00
Voucher 378	500.00
Voucher 379	514.90

Voucher 380	19.86
Voucher 381	29.59
Voucher 382	66.61
Voucher 383	15.50
Voucher 384	3.60
Voucher 385	517.02
Voucher 386	12.00
Voucher 387	7.80
Voucher 388	46.70
Voucher 389	22.13
Voucher 390	26.02
Voucher 391	201.82
Voucher 392	125.00
Voucher 393	15.50
Voucher 394	500.00
Voucher 395	519.51
Voucher 396	16.05
Voucher 397	35.33
Voucher 398	69.00
Voucher 399	135.49
Voucher 400	32.85
Voucher 401	90.00
Voucher 402	285.00
Voucher 403	6.20
Voucher 404	175.00
Voucher 405	522.46
Voucher 406	16.00
Voucher 407	29.81
Voucher 408	12.37
Voucher 409	26.66
Voucher 410	300.00
Voucher 411	379.78
Voucher 412	315.00
Voucher 413	546.33
Voucher 414	17.18
Voucher 415	2,006.05
Voucher 416	300.00
Voucher 417	69.00
Voucher 418	25.00
Total disbursements	\$17,697.59

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Total receipts	\$19,159.33
Total disbursements	17,697.59

Cash balance on hand this date. \$ 1,461.74

The expense incident to holding the present encampment will have to be taken out of the above balance, which will leave the incoming administration practically without finances to start with. This result was foreshadowed by the action of the Niagara Falls encampment, when the sum of \$2,000.00 was voted as a contribution to the Memorial University. If this encampment indulges in similar lavish expenditures, an increase in the per capita tax will become necessary, or the national treasury will soon be confronted with a deficit.

In the circumstances, it is needless to point out that the action of the last encampment with reference to the recommendation of this department looking toward a permanent sinking fund has been nullified by the practical disappearance of a cash balance.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER.

Washington, D. C., August 26, 1909.

The following is a supplemental report of the financial transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief to close of the encampment August 26, 1909:

August 21, 1909, cash balance.....	\$1461.74
Receipts from all sources through National Secretary...	373.32
Total	\$1835.06

Against which should be charged the following disbursements:

Voucher 419	\$ 67.15
Voucher 420 ..	64.07
Voucher 421	65.78
Voucher 422	70.50
Voucher 423	46.10
Voucher 424	67.40
Voucher 425	34.54
Voucher 426	85.35
Voucher 427	62.64
Voucher 428	43.09
Voucher 429	75.64
Voucher 430	195.75
Voucher 431	28.00
Voucher 432	75.00
Voucher 433	26.10
Supplemental disbursements	\$1007.11
August 26, 1909, Final cash balance.....	\$ 827.95

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. RAKE, National Treasurer.

REPORT OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

August 24, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A. Brothers:

I submit herewith my report as Chief-of-Staff from the time of my appointment as such up until the present time.

A vacancy having occurred in said office, by resignation of my predecessor, I was duly elected by the Council-in-Chief of the Commandery-in-Chief, in June, 1907. At the encampment held

in Niagara Falls, N. Y., last year no report, other than verbal, was submitted by the present incumbent, for the reason that no material work in the administration of the office had been performed, and I therefore submit the following as a synopsis of all of the work done during the time of the incumbency of myself.

Upon assuming the duties of this office, no records, papers, books, or other matter containing any history or record of the Reserve came into my hands, nor have any yet, and it was therefore incumbent upon your Chief-of-Staff to obtain from the various divisions and departments what information he could, so that the proper record could be made of the different establishments in the different departments of Reserve, and a thorough organization of the Reserve made. In attempting to do this work it was fortunate that I could call to my aid Colonel Henry Stewart, of the Pennsylvania department, whom I appointed Acting-Adjutant General, and with his assistance we have at this moment a perfect working basis of the Reserve of the Sons of Veterans.

We found that only in one division was there a complete organization of Reserve, that of Pennsylvania, which today is completely organized and ready for service. In no other division was there any organization. It is true that in several of the divisions there were uniformed companies of Reserve, but within themselves constituted nothing but a company, under the control and order of no one, and conducting their business in a haphazard, unmilitary way. Today we have three departments, fully officered and maintained, namely, departments of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. That of Pennsylvania being under the command of Brigadier-General Fred Tschudy; that of New York under the command of Colonel F. A. Soper, and that of Ohio under the command of Colonel Park F. Yergling. In the departments of New Jersey, Massachusetts, Colorado and Kansas units are established with a recognized head, but with not sufficient companies to constitute formation of a battalion or regiment.

In addition to the above, we have information of commands in California, Minnesota and Illinois, of which we have reports of commands, but not yet in shape to establish even a provisional department.

The recapitulation of the officers and men so far established is as follows:

	Officers.	Men.
Pennsylvania	219	2562
New York	32	295
Ohio	15	134
New Jersey	6	89
Massachusetts	3	33
Colorado	2	26
Kansas	3	29

The above recapitulation shows that we have a total of 280 officers and 3168 men, fully equipped and ready for service, and all under direct command, and under the command of the present Chief-of-Staff. While possibly most of these officers and men were in existence prior to the assumption of office by the present Chief-of-Staff, yet there was no military control of which this office had any knowledge, and through the persistent efforts of the executive department of this office, we have been able to have this

large body of men in a correct military establishment. It is also true that there may be other companies of Reserve in existence. In fact, we have knowledge of their existence, but for some reason or other they have not taken advantage of our organization and come into the Reserve as a body. It is to be hoped that all armed troops unite themselves, so that the uniformity which we so desire may be obtained.

A more minute summary of the strength and composition of the Reserve may be had by reference to the report of the Acting Adjutant-General, which is hereto attached and made part hereof.

COMMENT.

After an incumbency of over fifteen months in the office of Chief-of-Staff, I am compelled to come to the conclusion that the Reserve as a body is of incalculable value to the order at large. From personal observation, your Chief-of-Staff is able to report that where there is a company of Reserve, fully armed and equipped and perfectly organized and attached to a camp that camp is a good one and is successful, and the Reserve makes of itself an incentive to eligibles to become members of the order. It creates an interest in the order which no other one thing does, and seems to draw to the camp members who otherwise would not ordinarily become members. That this is so can be best proven by reference to the largest camps of the department of Pennsylvania.

That the Reserve as a body is come into its own, can be best verified when I refer you to the inaugural ceremonies of President Taft, on March 4th last at Washington. For the first time in the history of our country a body of troops escorted the President-elect from the White House to the Capitol, and that honor was accorded to the Sons of Veterans. That the Reserve conducted themselves well on this occasion is best evidenced from the fact that they were mistaken for regular troops, and the press of Washington accorded them high praise and credit for their appearance and deportment.

As a remedy for weaker divisions, it is suggested by your Chief-of-Staff that more attention be paid to the Reserve, and in this I can say that those divisions which are now weak, and which will organize companies of Reserve, will, in a short time, become strong and healthy.

FINANCES.

At the meeting of the Council-in-Chief held at Niagara Falls last year there was appropriated to the use of the Chief-of-Staff the sum of \$250.00, to be used as required. From June, 1907, up until this date there has been expended for the use of the Chief-of-Staff and his office the sum of \$160.51, leaving a balance of said appropriation unexpended, and in the hands of the National Treasurer, \$89.46.

The expense of the office consisted of postage, traveling, printing, etc. The office has equipped itself with a full line of blanks, and otherwise accommodated itself to the running of the office. These expenditures include the expense of the office of the Chief-of-Staff as well as the office of the Acting Adjutant-General. It has not been necessary for your Chief-of-Staff to make visits to neighboring departments, but if the Reserve still

continues to grow, it will be only a short time when the Chief-of-Staff will have to make visitations to the various departments, as well as the Commander-in-Chief to the various divisions.

CONCLUSION.

In the foregoing I have endeavored to give a plain, business-like statement of the organization of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and it seems to me that under all the circumstances that is all that this Commandery-in-Chief would want and desire. But I want to add this, that from personal experience the Sons of Veterans, as an organization, needs something to keep and maintain interest, so that it may develop and grow, and in no other one thing can I see so much that would result in this end than by giving to the organization of the Reserve much attention. As heretofore suggested, if the weaker divisions would organize their membership into Reserve, it would tend greatly to increase its numbers. The spirit of patriotism happily abides, especially in most of us, and it only requires or needs such an organization to bring out its fulfillment. The organization of Reserve now is on a business basis, and as nearly perfect as we can make it, and if it is kept and maintained to its present standard, I am satisfied that our membership will be largely increased.

I want to thank all with whom I have come in contact with during my administration as Chief-of-Staff. Universal courtesy and kindness has been extended me from all sources, and endeavor has been made by all to conform with the rules and regulations. It is true that some little friction has occurred, but I am happy to say that all this has passed away, and the general desire to enter into the work for the good of all is now being made. I want especially to return thanks and give praise to Acting Adjutant-General Henry Stewart. The administration of his office has been conducted upon a most thorough business-like, military plan, and in all his transactions he has been prompt, able and efficient.

All of which is fraternally submitted,
 EDWIN M. AMIES, Chief-of-Staff,
 Sons of Veterans Reserve.

ACTING ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

HDQS. SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.
 ADJT. GEN'S OFFICE.

Gettysburg Pa., August 1, 1909.

The Chief-of-Staff, S. V., U. S. A.,
 Altoona, Pa.

Sir: I have the honor to submit the following report of the work of the Adjutant-General's office and as far as practicable, the condition of the Reserve at this date.

When we took up this work, at your request, about the 1st of December last, there was no record whatever of the essential items of the existence of the Reserve during the previous five years since its establishment, saving the Pennsylvania Brigade.

With the assistance of Colonel Soper and Lieutenant-Colonel Yengling in the departments of New York and Ohio respectively, we have established the following facts relative to the Reserve, based on the semi-annual reports for May 1, corrected as nearly as possible to date:

	Officers.	Men.
Pennsylvania Brigade	219	2562
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, FIRST REGIMENT.		
Field and Staff.....	13	8
A Co., Rochester	3	39
B Co., Dalton	1	26
C Co., Watertown	3	41
D Co., Ztica	2	48
E Co., Pine Valley	3	31
G Co., Wilson	2	26
H Co., Brockport	3	50
L Co., Corning.....	2	26
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	32	295
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.		
Field and Staff.....	3	
A Co., East Palestine.....	2	27
E Co., Mechanicsburg	3	38
F Co., East Liverpool	2	26
H Co., Dayton	2	24
K Co., Marietta	3	19
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	15	134
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.		
A Co., Hoboken	2	30
B Co., Camden	1	31
A Battery, Trenton	3	28
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	6	89
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.		
A Co., Quincy	1	15
C Troop Waltham	2	18
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	3	33
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO.		
A Co., Denver	2	26
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.		
A Co., Parsons	3	29
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Total	280	3168

The foregoing commands have complied with the present requirements of the Reserve. In addition thereto, there are commands of which we have more or less authentic information in California, Minnesota and Illinois which have not done so, and of which no cognizance will be now taken.

It is earnestly recommended that the revision of the constitu-

tion of the order be so framed as to make the continued existence of such commands impossible, as being Sons of Veterans, they are indistinguishable to the passing observer from the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and the multi-varieted uniforms and plurality of officers of most of such commands are certainly detrimental to the credit of the organized military branch of the order.

OFFICERS.

The following officers are recognized as legally in commission, having been commissioned from this office, or properly reported as having been previously commissioned, giving number, date, name, company and department:

COLONEL.

No. 1, Jan. 31, '07, F. A. Soper, New York.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS.

No. 1, Jan. 31, '07, Walter S. Beilby, New York.

No. 2, Jan. 8, '09, Park F. Yengling, Ohio.

MAJORS.

No. 1, Jan. 11, '07, G. E. Wright, 2nd Battalion, New York.

No. 2, June 22, '07, T. E. Long, 2nd Battalion, Ohio.

No. 3, ———, Geo. E. Snyder, 1st Battalion, New York.

No. 4, ———, Chas. S. Allen, surgeon, 1st Regt., New York.

CAPTAINS.

No. 1, June 1, '04, L. C. Havens, B, New York.

No. 2, March 8, '06, J. A. Yawman, A, Kansas.

No. 3, July 17, '06, Geo. H. Wakefield, A Troop, Massachusetts.

No. 4, July 17, '06, Geo. L. Hooker, A, Colorado.

No. 5, Dec. 26, '06, Wm. M. Guelph, H, New York.

No. 6, Jan. 2, '07, Chas. Harned, A, New York.

No. 7, April 2, '07, Geo. C. Smith, C, New York.

No. 8, April 9, '07, John L. Reeger, A Battery, New Jersey.

No. 9, April 12, '07, H. A. Danforth, Adjutant, New York.

No. 10, June 24, '07, C. A. Boscoe, Quartermaster, New York.

No. 11, Aug. 30, '07, C. A. Lentz, A, Ohio.

No. 12, Sept. 5, '07, S. J. Witherow, F, Ohio.

No. 13, Dec. 9, '07, F. W. Coombs, K, Ohio.

No. 13, April 23, '09, John W. Huffman, I, New York.

No. 14, May 4, '09, Harry B. Jones, E, New York.

No. 15, May 4, '09, Frederick G. Reilly, A, New Jersey.

No. 16, May 18, '09, J. Burt Webster, Chaplain, New York.

No. 17, May 18, '09, Fred Bigalow, A, New York.

No. 18, June 1, '09, P. W. Hendrix, E, Ohio.

No. 20, July 15, '09, H. W. Frederick, H, Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

No. 1, Sept. 14, '05, L. B. Reed, A Battery, New Jersey.

No. 2, Jan. 2, '06, Jno. R. Seigfried, A, New York.

No. 3, March 8, '06, A. V. Howell, A, Kansas.

No. 4, July 17, '06, F. W. Holbrook, A Troop, Massachusetts.

No. 5, Feb. 21, '07, Edw. O. Fitzgerald, H, New York.

No. 6, April 2, '07, H. E. Phelps, C, New York.

No. 7, May 13, '07, O. S. Salisbury, Bat. Adjutant, New York.

No. 8, May 13, '07, Francis S. Caswell, Bat. Q. M., New York.

No. 9, May 13, '07, G. N. Smith, Asst. Surgeon, New York.

No. 10, May 13, '07, A. C. Bigalow, Bat. Inspector, New York.

No. 11, Sept. 5, '07, C. B. Applegate, F, Ohio.

- No. 12, Aug. 7, '07, Elmer Weaver, H, Ohio.
 No. 13, Dec. 9, '07, Jas. H. McKenna, K, Ohio.
 No. 14, March 27, '08, Wm. M. Kane, B, New Jersey.
 No. 15, May 18, '08, W. G. Bowen, D, New York.
 No. 16, Nov. 27, '08, W. C. Anger, Bat. Adjutant, New-York.
 No. 17, April 23, '09, Wm. J. Freeman, L, New York.
 No. 18, May 1, '09, Paul M. Sutherin, Act.Ass't Adj.-Gen., Ohio.
 No. 19, May 4, '04, Fred L. Murphy, E, New York.
 No. 20, May 4, '04, Walter Thomas, A, New Jersey.
 No. 21, May 6, '09, Theo. C. Fields, Bat. Adj't, Ohio.
 No. 22, June 1, '09, Roy M. Creamer, E, Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

- No. 1, March 8, '06, E. L. Groff, A, Kansas.
 No. 2, April 24, '06, E. B. Litchard, G, New York.
 No. 3, Aug. 17, '06, Kenneth A. Coon, A, Colorado.
 No. 4, Jan. 2, '07, Henry Fritz, A, New York.
 No. 5, April 9, '07, Lyman R. Titus, A Battery, New Jersey.
 No. 6, April 26, '07, J. W. Warrington, D, New York.
 No. 7, Aug. 30, '07, W. A. Ward, A, Ohio.
 No. 8, Dec. 9, '07, Wm. A. Trickle, K, Ohio.
 No. 9, April 19, '09, Frank M. Chubbuck, A, Massachusetts.
 No. 10, May 4, '09, Richard Paulman, E, New York.
 No. 11, May 19, '09, Ernest N. Felt, C, New York.
 No. 12, June 1, '09, Geo. C. Lemon, E, Ohio.
 No. 13, ———, Lewis A. Wilson, H, New York.

HEADQUARTERS PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

A. A. G. O., Circular No. 2.

Gettysburg, Pa., June 7, 1909.

THE CHIEF-OF-STAFF, SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Sir:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the Brigade:

SECOND REGIMENT.

Colonel, Wm. P. Baker, Northampton Heights, South Bethlehem.
 Surgeon, Maj. E. W. Richards, Berwick & Center Sts., Easton.
 Adjutant, Capt. E. G. Ritter, Central Hotel, Easton.

	Officers	Men
Field and Staff.....	6	5
Band, Allentown.....		26
Hospital Corps, Easton.....		14
A Co., Capt. Horn, Easton.....	3	44
B Co., Capt. Van Billard, South Bethlehem.....	3	28
C Co., Capt. Luckenbach, Mauch Chunk.....	2	42
D Co., Capt. Boyer, Bangor.....	3	34
E Co., Capt. Carl, Allentown.....	3	63
H Co., Capt. Lever, Slatington.....	2	26
I Co., Capt. Fowler, Scranton.....	3	34
Total	25	316

FOURTH REGIMENT.

Colonel, Frank A. McKelvey, 137 Zara St., S. S., Pittsburg. Sur-
 geon, Major G. W. Miller, 222 W. Newton Ave., Greensburg.
 Adjutant, Capt. Henry W. Mays, 1519 Garfield Ave., Allegheny.

	Officers	Men
Field and Staff.....	9	4
Band, Braddock		17

FIRST BATTALION.

C Co., Capt. Ferry, Turtle Creek.....	2	30
E Co., Capt. Steel, Dubois.....	3	34
G Co., Capt. Lea, Sharpsburg.....	3	36
I Co., Capt. Koesler, New Kensington.....	2	32
K Co., Lieut. Reutzler, (Pgh) Allegheny.....	1	17

SECOND BATTALION. Major R. D. Harr, Latrobe.

A Co., Capt., Wentzel, Greensburg.....	3	48
Co., Capt. Benson, Braddock.....	3	48
D Co., Lieut. Schaaf, Donora.....	1	27
F Co., Capt. Jenkins, Irwin.....	1	27
M Co., Capt. Goughenour, Belle-Vernon.....	3	31
Total	31	351

THIRD REGIMENT.

Colonel, George S. Brown, 1 North Eighth Street, Shamokin.
Surgeon, Major L. H. Ross, Millon.

	Officers	Men
Field and Staff.....	7	3
Band, Lieut. Trate, Watertown.....	1	29
Hospital Corps, Williamsport.....		11
A Co., Capt. Stepp, Shamokin.....	3	34
B Co., Capt. Miller, Gettysburg.....	3	43
C Co., Capt. Smyser, York.....	2	38
D Co., Capt. Linderman, Shamokin.....	3	36
E Co., Capt. Straus, Williamsport.....	3	45
F Co., Capt. Levan, Minersville.....	3	39
G Co., Capt. Cruse, Milton.....	3	42
H Co., Capt. Diehl, Watsonstown.....	3	41
I Co., Capt. Hinch, Mahoney City.....	3	37
K Co., Lieut. McBride, Bloomsburg.....	2	34
L Co., Lieut. Eisenhower, Shenandoah.....	1	28
M Co., Capt. Bobb, Sunbury.....	3	55
N Co., Capt., Montgomery.....	2	35
Total	42	553

FIRST REGIMENT.

Colonel, Charles S. Becker, 805 Penn Street, Reading. Adjutant.
Capt. Fred J. Fegely, 631 Washington Street, Reading.

	Officers	Men
Field and Staff.....	10	8
Hospital Corps, Philadelphia.....		15
Band, Lieut. Yocum, Reading.....	1	24

FIRST BATTALION. Major Baldwin, Wayne, Pa.

B Co., Lieut. Clark, Philadelphia.....	1	30
D Co., Capt. Jones, Reading.....	3	40
F Co., Capt. Lawrence, Conshohocken.....	3	29
I Co., Capt. Noll, Newmanstown.....	3	31
K Co., Lieut. Aldinger, Manayunk.....	1	23

SECOND BATTALION. Major Younger, Philadelphia, Pa.

C Co., Lebanon.....		22
G Co., Capt. Myers, Philadelphia.....	3	44
H Co., Capt. Macklem, Chester.....	2	22
L Co., Capt. Stearn, Philadelphia.....	2	23
M Co., Capt. Brown, Lansdale.....	2	38
Total	31	349

FIFTH REGIMENT.

Major Harry Williams, 912 Brown Street, Philadelphia.

Field and Staff.....	2	
B Co., Lieut. Waits, Philadelphia.....	1	44
C Co., Capt. Hubirt, Wilmington, Del.....	3	37
D Co., Capt. Stevenson, Wilmington, Del.....	2	57
E Co., Capt. Boardley, West Chester.....	3	32
F Co., Capt. Hilton, West Chester.....	3	48
G Co., Capt. Gross, Allegheny.....	1	19
Total	15	237

EIGHTH REGIMENT.

Major Palmer, Rear 722 Sherman Street, Johnstown. Adjutant,
Lieut. Bruce Ebersole, 1010 Howard Street, Altoona.

	Officers	Men
Field and Staff.....	2	2
Field Music, Altoona.....		13
A Co., Lieut. Postlethwait, Reynoldsville.....	1	28
B Co., Lieut. Burkhardt, Gallitzin.....	2	29
C Co., Lieut. Stineman, South Fork.....	2	39
E Co., Capt. Shaner, Bellwood.....	3	44
F Co., Capt. Neill, Punxsutawney.....	2	32
G Co., Lieut. Collins, Johnsonburg.....	2	26
H Co., Capt. Stambaugh, Altoona.....	3	45
I Co., Capt. Lee, Johnstown.....	3	52
M Co., Capt. Holden, Union City.....	3	34
Total	23	341

PHILADELPHIA BATTALION.

Field and Staff.....		
A Co., Capt. Goodwin, Philadelphia.....	3	33
C Co., Capt. Martin, Audubon, N. J., Philadelphia..	3	33
D Co., Capt. McCrystal, Philadelphia.....	3	37
E Co., Capt. Gretz, Philadelphia.....	3	31
F Co., Capt. Tretbar, Philadelphia.....	2	41
Total	14	175

ARTILLERY.

Major Jos. DeG. Andrews, 2610 Tulip Street, Philadelphia.

	Officers	Men
A Bat., 1st., Lieut. Gerrish, Philadelphia.....	1	16
B Bat., 1st., Lieut. Townsend, Philadelphia.....	1	12
A Bat., 2nd, Capt. Miller, Easton.....	3	21
C Bat., 2nd, Lieut. Dinan, Williamsport.....	1	10
Total	7	59

CAVALRY.

A Troop, Capt. Wright, Philadelphia.....	3	29
B Troop, Capt. Fritz, Philadelphia.....	2	33
C Troop, Capt. Savery, Wilkesbarre.....	3	35
D Troop, Capt. Alexander, Carbondale.....	3	36
Total	11	133

LOSSES.

COMPANY DISBANDED.

C Co., 4th Inf., Lieut. Campbell, Pittsburg.....	1	25
D Co., 4th Inf., Lieut. Beaty, Scottsdale.....	1	17
B Bat., 2nd Art., Lieut. Jones, Philadelphia.....	1	13

B Co., 1st New Jersey, has been detached from the First Reg't.

SUMMARY.

	Officers.	Men.	Enlisted Men.	
			Gain	Loss.
Brigade Staff	9	10	2	
Second Regiment	25	316		10
Fourth Regiment	31	351	22	
Third Regiment	42	553		13
First Regiment	31	349	21	
Fifth Regiment	15	237	67	
Eighth Regiment	23	344	29	
Philadelphia Battalion	4	175		3
Artillery	7	59		14
Cavalry	11	133	2	
	209	2527	143	40

A net gain of 103 men, the largest in the history of the Brigade. Proportion of officers to men: 1 to 12.06, a rise of .15 over last report.

MUSTERED SINCE LAST REPORT.

H Co., 1st Inf., Chester, Capt. Macklem, 2 officers, 21 men.
I Co., 1st Inf., Newmanstown, Capt. Nolf, 2 officers, 24 men.
C Co., 4th Inf., Turtle Creek, Capt. Ferry, 2 officers, 40 men.
D Co., 4th Inf., Donora, Lieut. Schaaf, 1 officer, 27 men.
C Co., 5th Inf., Wilmington (Del.), Capt. Hubert, 2 officers, 25 men.
E Co., 5th Inf., West Chester, Capt. Boardley, 3 officers, 32 men.
B Co., 8th Inf., Gallitzin, Lieut. Burkhardt, 2 officers, 26 men.

DELINQUENT FOR CURRENT REPORTS.

K Co., 3rd Inf., Lieut. McBride.
D Co., P. B., Capt. McCrystal.
I Co., 4th Inf., Capt. Koessler.
F Co., P. B., Capt. Tretbar.
A Bat., 1st Art., Lieut. Gerrish.

FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE REPORTS.

Band, 3rd Inf., Lieut. Trate.
Commended for first completion of regimental returns on the 8th, Col. Becker.

By command of
 BRIGADIER-GENERAL TSCHUDY,
 HENRY STEWART, Col. S. V. R.,
 Brigade Chief-of-Staff.

The records of officers are kept, in addition to the filed duplicates of all applications for commission from organized departments, and the originals from commands reporting directly to this office, in two card indices—one by organization, the other by seniority.

The enlistments of all men, of commands reporting directly to this office are recorded and filed.

BLANKS.

Of the mass of blank forms received from your predecessor, there was not one perfectly suited to the work of the Reserve, and but two that were usable at all—the commission, and the semi-annual report, which latter was a close copy of the similar form originally devised for the Pennsylvania Brigade.

We are fortunate in having the forms of the Pennsylvania Brigade available—which with pen changes were used while as rapidly as possible we got out similar forms with the necessary modifications—two varieties of each being required—one for organized departments, and one for commands in divisions without organized departments.

9,325 forms were printed, costing as follows:

Special furniture	\$ 6.21
Linotype composition	1.85
Linotype metal	3.60
Paper	4.99
Electros	1.33
Press work	17.80

\$35.78

an average of \$3.83 per thousand, which in itself is not high, as compared with the cost of work in the open market, and taking into account the future production of these blanks at practically the cost of paper and press work, a certain amount of linotype work previously on hand for the Brigade Blanks, also kept the cost lower than it would otherwise have been. There still remain a few necessary forms to be gotten out.

COMMISSIONS.

177 commissions have been issued, at the following cost:

Wrapping paper and twine.....	\$.35
Gilt Seals .....	.90
Mailing tubes	4.36
Wrappers .....	.50
Postage	5.40

\$11.51

an average cost of 6½ cents per commission—a notable contrast to the claims made for this work in the past—especially considering the fact that a very considerable stock of the above supplies remain in stock.

REGULATIONS.

Probably the most important work was the issuance of the Regulations of the Reserve—without which, and its predecessor,

the Pennsylvania Brigade Regulations, it would have been impossible for one man to handle the work of this office. I think it is no exaggeration to say that this was the greatest stride toward the production of a homogeneous unit of the Reserve that has been made.

In conjunction with the Military Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Pennsylvania Brigade Regulations were adapted to the Reserve at large, as far as was possible to meet all conditions. The work was adopted as prepared in this office by the committee, approved by the Commander-in-Chief and the final sanction of the Commandery-in-Chief—in the removal of all the old piece-work legislation from the constitution—is all that remains, and it is respectfully urged that the Chief-of-Staff be on his guard and use his influence to the utmost to prevent our being thrown back "to the flesh pots of Egypt" in the Regulations failing to receive the final approval.

500 copies were printed, at the following cost:

Paper	\$ 2.40
Press work	6.25
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Composition	2.00
Linotype metal	2.00
Leads	1.06

\$14.11

an average of less than 3 cents per copy. The text of the previous edition of the Brigade Regulations being available, very materially reduced the cost to about one-half to what it would have otherwise been, and future editions can be produced at about 2 cents per copy, not taking into account any alterations which may be found necessary.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT SUMMARY.

(Items previously reported in monthly invoices.)

RECEIVED FOR COMMISSION FEES.

Lieut. Reed, Department of New Jersey.....	\$ 1.00	
Lieut. Chubbuck, Department of Massachusetts.....	1.00	
Capt. Reilly, Department of New Jersey.....	1.00	
Lieut. Thomas, Department of New Jersey.....	1.00	4.00

RECEIVED FOR WARRANTS.

Capt. Wakefield, Dept. of Massachusetts, 5 @ 25c....		1.25
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RECEIVED FOR BLANKS FROM

Lieut.-Col. Yengling, Department of Ohio.....	\$ 1.98	
Capt. Reeger, Department of New Jersey.....	1.00	
Col. Soper, Department of New York.....	1.12	
Capt. Frederick, Department of Ohio.....	.75	
Lieut. Chubbuck, Department of Massachusetts.....	.60	
Brother Showman (Kans.), Reynolds, (N. Y.).....	.20	5.65

	\$10.90	
Received from the Chief-of-Staff.....	80.54	

\$91.44

Postage on supplies issued (blanks).....	\$ 1.06	
Postage on commissions	5.40	
Postage on general correspondence.....	7.37	
Press work (blanks and regulations).....	24.05	
Type metal and composition, furniture and electros	18.05	
Paper (blanks, regulations, stationery, envelopes)..	16.25	
Traveling expenses (under orders of Chief-of-Staff..)	11.00	
Sundry office expenses (including mailing tubes, freight and express, transfer cases).....	8.26	\$91.44

CONCLUSION.

While the results obtained seem small, compared with the expenditure of time and money, yet we believe that what has been done has been done thoroughly, and that the Reserve has been placed on a sound, commonsense business basis. The prospects are bright in a number of sections of the country, and we hope and believe that the near future will show a material growth of the Reserve in men and organizations properly enrolled and recorded, and of a bona fide existence.

Permit me to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in calling me to this work, of the full confidence accorded to me, and the many courtesies shown.

Very respectfully,

HENRY STEWART, Colonel S. V. R.,
Acting Adjutant-General.

REGISTER PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE, SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.
BRIGADIER-GENERAL FRED ISCHUDY, COMMANDING.
July 21, 1909.

NO.	COM.	COLONELS.	STAFF OR REG.
1	Jan. 1, '00	William P. Baker	2nd
2	March 26, '04	Frank A. McKelvey	4th
3	May 1, '04	George S. Brown	3rd
4	Aug. 4, '05	Charles S. Becker	1st
5	April 1, '09	Henry Stewart	Brig. Chief - of - Staff
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS.			
1	March 26, '04	W. S. Harvey	4th
2	May 1, '04	Wildun Scott	3rd
3	March 10, '07	A. W. Scott	1st
4	Feb. 10, '09	W. T. MacDonnell	Ass't Surgeon Gen.
MAJORS.			
1	Jan. 2, '05	E. W. Richards	Surgeon 2nd
3	Oct. 1, '05	Jos. DeG. Andrews	Chief of Artillery
4	Oct. 30, '05	George J. Palmer	8th
5	Jan. 26, '06	Geo. W. Klosterman	Phila. Battalion
6	Jan. 2, '07	L. H. Ross	Surgeon 3rd
7	May 29, '07	Harry Williams	5th
8	June 6, '07	C. P. Baldwin	1st
9	Oct. 1, '07	Chas. A. Herring	Ass't Q. M. General
10	Jan. 18, '08	Ray D. Hart	4th
11	March 25, '08	G. H. Younger	1st
12	June 12, '08	Wm. M. G. Tawney	3rd
13	Oct. 10, '08	G. W. Miller	Surgeon 4th
14	July 1, '09	Jesse A. Ryan	Brigade Chaplain

CAPTAINS.

1	Jan. 1, '00	Samuel S. Horn	A	2nd
2	Aug. 7, '01	Thos. W. Boyer	D	2nd
3	April 7, '02	John Miller	A Battery	2nd
4	April 2, '03	Richard M. Wright	A Troop	
5	Nov. 18, '03	Eugene G. Ritter	Adjutant	2nd
6	Jan. 1, '04	Paul Smyser	C	3rd
7	March 1, '04	John H. Hilton	F	5th
8	March 15, '04	J. J. Shaner	E	8th
9	April 5, '04	Thomas Stearn	L	1st
10	May 17, '04	George W. Strauss	E	3rd
11	Aug. 13, '04	Wm. Ray Goodwin	A Phila. Battalion	
12	Aug. 13, '04	George L. Martin	C Phila. Battalion	
13	Aug. 13, '04	John J. McCrystal	D Phila. Battalion	
14	Aug. 13, '04	William Trelbar	F Phila. Battalion	
15	Oct. 3, '04	G. H. Gretz	E Phila. Battalion	
16	Jan. 18, '05	Samuel B. Lawrence	F	1st
17	Feb. 2, '05	John W. Stepp	A	3rd
18	March 19, '05	Willard E. Le Van	F	3rd
19	March 20, '05	E. M. Neill	F	8th
20	April 6, '05	J. W. A. Kelly	Chaplain	3rd
21	June 1, '05	William Carl	E	2nd
22	June 15, '05	Tnaddeus Weaver	Quartermaster	2nd
23	Aug. 1, '05	IL. W. Mays	Adjutant	4th
24	Oct. 6, '05	Samuel Little	Commissary	2nd
25	Oct. 30, '05	William H. Diehl	H	3rd
26	Nov. 13, '05	Abram Lee	I	8th
27	Nov. 15, '05	Jacob Myers	G	1st
28	Jan. 27, '06	S. C. Shannon	Quartermaster	1st
29	Feb. 24, '06	Stanley M. Parks	Ordnance Officer	
30	March 28, '06	O. P. Benson	B	4th
31	April 12, '06	C. H. Linderman	D	3rd
32	May 1, '06	John H. Brown	M	1st
33	June 1, '06	Wm. T. Cruse	G	3rd
34	Oct. 6, '06	A. H. Luckenbach	C	2nd
35	Jan. 3, '07	W. L. Bird	Adjutant	3rd
36	Jan. 8, '07	John Van Billiard	B	2nd
37	Jan. 21, '07	B. A. Bealor	Ass't Surgeon	3rd
38	March 9, '07	John E. Coughenour	M	4th
39	March 11, '07	Harry B. Koesler	I	4th
40	April 18, '07	Fred M. Gordon	Chaplain	4th
41	May 11, '07	Samuel B. Sparks	Commissary	1st
42	June 8, '07	Chas. W. Bobb	M	3rd
43	June 14, '07	W. H. Stambaugh	H	8th
44	July 9, '07	George Stevenson	D	5th
45	Sept. 5, '07	C. S. Alexander	D Troop	
46	Oct. 12, '07	E. F. Mickey	Quartermaster	4th
47	Dec. 5, '07	Harry G. Jones	D	1st
48	Jan. 1, '08	Wm. E. Rooker	I. R. P.	2nd
49	Jan. 16, '08	Geo. W. Fritz	B Troop	
50	Jan. 16, '08	Wm. J. Sheffley	Chaplain	1st
51	March 6, '08	Abraham Hinch	I	3rd
52	April 13, '08	Samuel Steel	E	4th
53	April 25, '08	William C. Jenkins	F	4th
54	Aug. 6, '08	Norton C. Miller	B	3rd
55	Sept. 4, '08	Wm P. E. Lever	H	2nd
56	Oct. 10, '08	L. P. Wentzel	A	4th
57	Oct. 15, '08	Henry Beyerle	Aide de Camp	

58	Nov. 21, '08	Edward Gross	G	5th
59	Jan. 1, '09	Wm. R. Harvey	Inspector	4th
60	Jan. 15, '09	Fred J. Fegely	Adjutant	1st
61	Jan. 26, '09	L. B. Fowler	I	2nd
62	Feb. 19, '09	Wm. J. Macklein	H	1st
63	Feb. 25, '09	John L. Hubert	C	5th
64	March 1, '09	Wm. J. Croll	Alde de Camp	
65	March 2, '09	Geo. H. Savery	C Troop	
66	March 19, '09	John E. Noll	I	1st
67	April 8, '08	S. E. Ferry	B	1th
68	April 9, '09	John M. Boardley	E	5th
69	April 29, '09	Harry C. Lea	G	4th
70	May 19, '09	B. A. Holden	M	8th
71	June 2, '09	Harry C. Coder	N	3rd
72	June 4, '09	D. L. Steen	II	4th
73	June 8, '09	W. C. Crawford	C	8th
74	June 17, '09	Pharon H. Snyder	Inspector	3rd
75	June 30, '09	Gustav Schaaf	D	4th

FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

1	May 11, '99	Thomas Clark	B	1st
2	March 2, '03	H. C. Gerrish	A Bat.	1st
3	April 2, '03	J. E. Fisher	A Troop	
4	Jan. 1, '04	Hiram T. Nickel	C	3rd
5	March 1, '04	John D. Rolon	F	5th
6	March 1, '04	Edward Waits	B	5th
7	March 15, '04	W. E. Shaner	I	8th
8	Aug. 13, '04	Wm. H. Daugherty	A Phila. Battalion	
9	Aug. 13, '04	David Williams	C Phila. Battalion	
10	Aug. 13, '04	Robert M. Green	D Phila. Battalion	
11	Jan. 18, '05	M. F. Lawrence	F	1st
12	March 19, '05	Allan Kellar	F	3rd
13	May 29, '05	Allan Henry	L	1st
14	June 1, '05	Charles S. Adams	E	2nd
15	July 27, '05	James Collins	G	8th
16	March 31, '06	Harry Zimmer	E	3rd
17	April 1, '06	Joel Reber	E Phila. Battalion	
18	Oct. 6, '06	J. P. Kishbaugh	C	2nd
19	Oct. 12, '06	Elmer Haas	G	3rd
20	Jan. 7, '07	Chas. E. Trate	Band	3rd
21	Jan. 8, '07	Dalley Krise	B	2nd
22	March 12, '07	E. H. Sampson	I	2nd
23	May 18, '07	J. F. Eisenhower	L	3rd
24	June 8, '07	Jesse E. Wray	M	3rd
25	July 15, '07	Sumner T. Stevenson	Bat. Adjutant	5th
26	July 16, '07	P. R. Nichols	Bat. Adjutant	1st
27	Aug. 6, '07	H. Rumberger	A	3rd
28	Aug. 9, '07	Ira B. Lafferty	H	8th
29	Sept. 5, '07	L. H. Becker	D Troop	
30	Sept. 13, '07	Edwin Goodwin	F Phila. Battalion	
31	Jan. 16, '08	Clyde H. Harrison	II	3rd
32	Feb. 1, '08	Bruce Ebersole	Bat. Adjutant	8th
33	March 4, '08	Harry Sisco	B	4th
34	March 6, '08	Frank Warner	I	3rd
35	March 20, '08	L. G. Murray	F	8th
36	April 1, '08	Frederick H. Roll	G	1st
37	April 22, '08	H. F. Boorse	Bat. Adjutant	1st
38	April 30, '08	W. P. Horn	A	2nd

39	May 11, '08	Chas. S. Aldinger	K	1st
40	May 21, '08	O. M. Stineman	C	5th
41	May 25, '08	Hector Dinan	C Bat.	2nd
42	June 10, '08	Arthur Yocum	Band	1st
43	Aug. 6, '08	John F. Walter	B	3rd
44	Sept. 4, '08	Lovelle L. Kern	H	2nd
45	Sept. 14, '08	Warren S. Harvey	K	3rd
46	Oct. 10, '08	John M. Baker	A	4th
47	Sept. 30, '08	John P. Jamison	N	3rd
48	Nov. 11, '08	J. G. H. Reutzell	K	4th
49	Jan. 1, '09	John G. Sacks	A Battery	2nd
50	Jan. 1, '09	Rue J. Arnts	D	2nd
51	Feb. 4, '09	Wm. Jones, Jr.	D	1st
52	Feb. 4, '09	J. S. Burkhardt	B	8th
53	Feb. 25, '09	Charles Hollis	C	5th
54	March 2, '09	William Hufford	C Troop	
55	March 8, '09	Claude A. Drake	E	4th
56	March 17, '09	J. H. Wentzel	Bat. Adjutant	4th
57	March 19, '09	G. W. Brooks	I	1st
58	April 9, '09	Harry Miller	E	5th
59	April 10, '09	Ethan A. Culp	M	4th
60	April 22, '09	E. E. Startzel	D	3rd
61	April 23, '09	Robert Wolf	I	8th
62	April 29, '09	Clarence Thompson	G	4th
63	May 11, '09	J. C. McCutcheon	C	4th
64	May 19, '09	L. C. Bassett	N	8th
66	June 4, '09	E. J. Sexton	H	4th
67	June 30, '09	Minor H. Day	D	4th

SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

1	April 2, '03	T. O. Dost	A Troop	
2	Aug. 13, '04	William Swartz	C	Phila. Battalion
3	Aug. 13, '04	William N. Fleming	D	Phila. Battalion
4	Jan. 18, '05	John Herron	F	1st
5	March 19, '05	William Roberts	F	3rd
6	June 1, '05	Herbert J. Kramer	E	2nd
7	Sept. 21, '05	Joseph Meconnahey	B Troop	
8	Oct. 30, '05	Harry Fordesman	H	3rd
9	April 1, '06	George Selpp	E	Phila. Battalion
10	Dec. 6, '06	R. M. Fagley	E	8th
11	Jan. 28, '07	George Yarnell	I	3rd
12	March 11, '07	L. C. Hicks	I	4th
13	March 12, '07	Chester Canmer	I	2nd
14	March 13, '07	John A. Henry	F	3rd
15	May 27, '07	Morris S. Jones	E	4th
16	May 31, '07	Wm. H. Sauerwine	B	2nd
17	June 8, '07	Edward B. Zerbe	M	3rd
18	June 14, '07	F. V. Fowler	H	8th
19	July 9, '07	Isaiah Hopkins	D	5th
20	Aug. 6, '07	B. Frank Startzel	A	3rd
21	Sept. 5, '07	R. S. Mills	D Troop	
22	Nov. 2, '07	Samuel F. Tomkins	A	Phila. Battalion
23	Jan. 23, '08	John H. Folk	A	2nd
24	April 6, '08	J. C. Schreiffer	E	3rd
25	May 15, '08	John W. Riehl	G	1st
26	May 12, '08	Robert P. Biblye	G	3rd
27	May 22, '08	Theo. G. Drake	M	1st
28	Aug. 6, '08	Russel Coulson	B	3rd

29	Aug. 11, '08	F. C. Brown	G	8th
30	Sept. 14, '08	Wm. McBride, Jr.	K	3rd
31	Oct. 10, '08	D. F. Smith	A	4th
32	Sept. 30, '08	Harry R. Fowler	N	3rd
33	Jan. 1, '09	Charles L. Buck	A Bat.	2nd
34	Jan. 1, '09	O. W. Stackhouse	D	2nd
35	Feb. 4, '09	Clinton G. Addams	D	1st
36	Feb. 4, '09	J. W. Croons	B	8th
37	Feb. 19, '09	Chas. E. Williamson	H	1st
38	Feb. 25, '09	Chas. W. Bowser	C	5th
39	March 2, '09	Luther Kniffen	C Troop	
40	April 9, '09	Clifford Washington	E	5th
41	April 16, '09	Alfred King	M	4th
42	April 20, '09	Fred W. Garrett	I	1st
43	April 22, '09	A. F. Derk	D	3rd
44	April 23, '09	H. Lee Wilson	I	8th
46	April 29, '09	B. W. Williams	B	4th
45	April 28, '09	Benj. J. Sleigh	G	4th
47	May 11, '09	Stephen A. Martin	C	4th
48	May 19, '09	H. T. Dick	M	8th
49	June 3, '09	C. E. Luckenbach	C	2nd
50	June 4, '09	J. W. Beadling	H	4th
51	June 8, '09	H. C. Weaver	C	8th
52	June 11, '09	George Litsinger	C	3rd
53	June 16, '09	William Goodwin	F Phila. Battalion	
54	June 30, '09	Chas. V. Teeple	D	4th
55	June 21, '09	Wilson Luff	Band	5th

The Committee on Credentials made a supplemental report, showing 127 credited delegates and members of the Commandery-in-Chief so far reported present, as disclosed by first roll-call.

On motion the report was received.

Dr. Ralph Sheldon, of New York, moved that the encampment take a recess until 3 o'clock today.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess taken.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The encampment resumed at 3 p. m., Tuesday, August 24.
Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to the report of
the National Chaplain.

The National Chaplain made his report as follows:

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24, 1909.

Commander-in-Chief Edgar Allan, Jr., and members of the 28th
Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A.

My Dear Sir and Brothers: I hereby submit to you my
report as National Chaplain for the term ending with the close
of this Annual Encampment.

During the year I have faithfully tried to fulfill the duties
of this high office by obeying orders of my superiors to the letter
whenever called upon to do so.

Acting upon the instructions of the Commander-in-Chief I
have been permitted to attend one State Encampment of the
Grand Army of the Republic to carry to them and their allied
and kindred orders the personal greetings of our Commander.

For him, I also attended one Division Encampment of the
Sons of Veterans and there performed the same pleasant duty.

I want it distinctly understood that any mistakes I made
at these two encampments and extraordinary pledges that I made
to them are to be taken purely in a representative character and
it is "up to" our most excellent Commander-in-Chief to make
good.

I have written something like five to six hundred circular
and personal letters and postal cards in trying to further the
interests of the order. I am sorry to add that many of them were
evidently so satisfying and complete that it seemed that no
answer was needed; at least none was ever received. Still, I
have tried to believe that it was like the bread cast upon the
waters which will return after many days.

Brother Patton's statement in his last years report, about the
prodigious and almost profligate waste of postage stamps, is in
no sense of the word overdrawn.

Were I making recommendation to the committee on Officers
Reports it would be this, that no Camp Commander be permitted
his past honors until he see that all reports for the time of his
incumbency of office were in the hands of the proper parties,
and that this same action apply to Division Commanders.

After great difficulty I have finally received Consolidated Reports from all but three Divisions and herewith present a tabulated statement covering the vital points of our work.

A cursory glance will reveal to you that while we have not "burned up any rivers," or wrought any revolutions in our work for the year, nevertheless we have made some substantial gains all along the line in almost every Division, and that on the whole it has been a fairly fruitful year.

Without going into details, suffice it to say that we have a higher percentage of reports, a good increase in membership, more brothers in line on Memorial Day, more brothers attending Memorial Sunday services, furnished more Firing Squads, delivered more addresses on Memorial Day than we did last year.

It is an interesting and I think a promising fact also that more Camps observed Union Defenders Day this year than last.

While we felicitate ourselves on the evident fact that we are growing in grace along the line of a better observance of Memorial Day, Union Defenders Day and the attendance upon Sunday Memorial services, it seems to me that there is abundance of room for improvement yet. I am sure that many of our Divisions and Camps need stirring up along these lines.

I trust that the incoming Commander-in-Chief and his staff will carefully look after this peculiar need previous to the annual recurrence of these important anniversaries in our beloved order.

It seems to me that special mention should be made of the fact that the following Divisions and their Chaplains have placed themselves on the honor roll by having made a perfect or 100 per cent report.

Alabama and Tennessee, Division Chaplain, W. B. Samuel.

Connecticut, Division Chaplain, Willis A. Moore.

Indiana, Division Chaplain, Somerville Light.

Minnesota, Division Commander, Geo. W. Turner.

Rhode Island, Division Chaplain, Herbert C. Dana.

Table No. 2—Showing percentage of Camps reporting from each Division.

Division.	Percentage.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	100
California and Oregon.....	93
Colorado and Wyoming.....	
Connecticut.....	100
Illinois.....	56
Indiana.....	109
Iowa.....	
Kansas.....	40
Kentucky.....	
Maine.....	90
Maryland.....	75
Massachusetts.....	87
Michigan.....	
Minnesota.....	100
Missouri.....	34
Nebraska.....	40
New Hampshire.....	94
New Jersey.....	65
New York.....	98
Ohio.....	54
Pennsylvania.....	70
Rhode Island.....	100
Vermont.....	53
Washington.....	
Wisconsin.....	57

Table No. 3—Showing which Camp in each Division has largest membership.

Division	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1	60
California and Oregon.....	4	73
Colorado and Wyoming.....	2	34
Connecticut.....	6	185
Illinois.....	26	135
Indiana.....	44	109
Iowa.....	300	72
Kansas.....	9	43
Kentucky.....		
Maine.....	4	123
Maryland.....	30	60
Massachusetts.....	11	176
Michigan.....		
Minnesota.....	8	128
Missouri.....	14	102
Nebraska.....	82	26
New Hampshire.....	10	101
New Jersey.....		
New York.....	78	312
Pennsylvania.....	16	500
Rhode Island.....	9	61
Vermont.....	19	54
Washington.....	31	75
Wisconsin.....	466	230
Ohio.....		

Table No. 4—Showing which Camp in each Division had the greatest number of brothers in line Memorial Day.

Division	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1	20
California and Oregon.....	2	35
Colorado and Wyoming.....	7	22
Connecticut.....	6	148
Illinois.....	26	64
Indiana.....	41	75
Iowa.....	300	41
Kansas.....	223	22
Kentucky.....		
Maine.....	62	52
Maryland.....	2 & 3	each 25
Massachusetts.....	11	100
Michigan.....		
Minnesota.....	8	60
Missouri.....	14	41
Nebraska.....	134	16
New Hampshire.....	10	87
New Jersey.....		
New York.....	168	80
Ohio.....	1	62
Pennsylvania.....	16	309
Rhode Island.....	9	35
Vermont.....	19	42
Washington.....		
Wisconsin.....	37	35

Table No. 5—Showing which Camp in each Division furnished the greatest number of brothers armed and in line.

Division	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	3	12
California and Oregon.....	2	16
Colorado and Wyoming.....	1	7
Connecticut.....	7	12
Indiana.....	58 & 85	each 18
Illinois.....	21	20
Iowa.....	29	25
Kansas.....	23	15
Kentucky.....		
Maine.....	26	23
Maryland.....	2	25
Massachusetts.....	129	25
Michigan.....		
Minnesota.....	1	27
Missouri.....	14	9
Nebraska.....	134	9
New Hampshire.....	34	9
New Jersey.....		
New York.....	26	48
Ohio.....	466	28
Pennsylvania.....	100	130
Rhode Island.....	10	30
Vermont.....	13	10
Washington.....		
Wisconsin.....	2	12

Table No. 6—Showing which Camp in each Division had the greatest number of brothers in uniform on Memorial Day.

Division	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee.....		
California and Oregon.....	2	19
Colorado and Wyoming.....	1	8
Connecticut	7	12
Illinois	21	20
Indiana	125	23
Iowa	29	19
Kansas	23	14
Kentucky		
Maine	46	40
Maryland	2 & 3	each 25
Massachusetts	11	100
Michigan		
Minnesota	8	60
Missouri	42	30
Nebraska	119	4
New Hampshire	38	62
New Jersey		
New York	20	50
Ohio	466	28
Pennsylvania	16	156
Rhode Island	10	30
Vermont	19	42
Washington		
Wisconsin	10	18

Table No. 7—Showing number of Camps in each Division furnishing Firing Squads on Memorial Day.

Division	Squads.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	6
California and Oregon.....	6
Colorado and Wyoming.....	1
Connecticut	3
Illinois	4
Indiana	12
Iowa	6
Kansas	6
Kentucky	
Maine	9
Maryland	5
Massachusetts	23
Michigan	
Missouri	2
Nebraska	2
New Hampshire	6
New Jersey	12
New York	32
Ohio	21
Pennsylvania	97
Rhode Island	6
Vermont	
Washington	
Wisconsin	3
Minnesota	26

Table No. 8—Showing number of addresses delivered in each Division by members of the order on Memorial Day.

Division.	Number.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	8
California and Oregon.....	12
Colorado and Wyoming.....	4
Connecticut.....	15
Indiana.....	25
Illinois.....	15
Iowa.....	9
Kansas.....	1
Kentucky.....	
Maine.....	25
Maryland.....	4
Massachusetts.....	77
Michigan.....	
Minnesota.....	10
Missouri.....	3
Nebraska.....	1
New Hampshire.....	20
New Jersey.....	14
New York.....	192
Ohio.....	71
Pennsylvania.....	114
Rhode Island.....	3
Vermont.....	1
Washington.....	
Wisconsin.....	14

Table No. 9—Showing Camp in each Division having the greatest attendance at Memorial Sunday Services.

Division	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1	30
California and Oregon.....	36	40
Colorado and Wyoming.....	7	16
Connecticut.....	6	100
Illinois.....	26	65
Indiana.....	44	50
Iowa.....	300	30
Kansas.....	23	20
Kentucky.....		
Maine.....	4	46
Maryland.....	3	36
Massachusetts.....	11	46
Michigan.....		
Minnesota.....	8	40
Missouri.....	35	25
Nebraska.....	32	14
New Hampshire.....	38	47
New Jersey.....		
New York.....	65 & 112	each 60
Ohio.....	1	80
Pennsylvania.....	72	175
Rhode Island.....	9 & 10	each 30
Vermont.....	19	38
Washington.....		
Wisconsin.....	10.	28

Table No. 10—Showing number of Camps in each Division observing Union Defenders Day.

Division	Numbers.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	6
California and Oregon.....	5
Colorado and Wyoming.....	2
Connecticut	13
Illinois	9
Indiana	13
Iowa	3
Kansas	3
Kentucky	
Maine	20
Maryland	5
Massachusetts	72
Michigan	
Missouri	7
Minnesota	13
Nebraska	1
New Hampshire	17
New Jersey	18
New York	69
Ohio	24
Pennsylvania	91
Rhode Island	7
Vermont	4
Washington	
Wisconsin	6

Table No. 11—Showing number of deaths in each Division during the last twelve months.

Division.	No. Deaths.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1
California and Oregon.....	3
Colorado and Wyoming.....	1
Connecticut	2
Illinois	5
Indiana	11
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	
Maine	6
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	29
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Missouri	3
Nebraska	
New Hampshire	7
New York	24
New Jersey	12
Ohio	12
Pennsylvania	59
Rhode Island	1
Vermont	
Washington	
Wisconsin	3

Table No. 12—Showing number of funerals attended by Camps in a body.

Division.	Number	
	G. A. R.	S. V.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	15	1
California and Oregon.....	7	0
Colorado and Wyoming.....	0	1
Connecticut	1	0
Illinois	7	6
Indiana	13	8
Iowa	10	0
Kansas	1	1
Kentucky		
Maine	23	6
Maryland	1	2
Massachusetts	54	39
Michigan		
Minnesota	20	0
Missouri	5	5
Nebraska		
New Hampshire	14	6
New Jersey	26	9
New York	88	37
Ohio	36	11
Pennsylvania	224	46
Rhode Island	9	1
Vermont	2	0
Washington		
Wisconsin	6	1

Table No. 13—Showing number of burial services conducted by Camps.

Division	Number	
	G. A. R.	S. V.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	2	1
California and Oregon.....	0	0
Colorado and Wyoming.....	0	0
Connecticut	1	0
Illinois	0	4
Indiana	1	4
Iowa	2	0
Kansas	1	1
Kentucky		
Maine	4	1
Maryland	0	1
Massachusetts	1	9
Michigan		
Minnesota	0	0
Missouri	0	4
Nebraska	0	0
New Hampshire	2	0
New Jersey	2	7
New York	17	17
Ohio	14	4
Pennsylvania	55	37
Rhode Island	0	0
Vermont	3	0
Washington		
Wisconsin	1	1

Table No. 14—Showing number of Camps using Memorial Services.

Division	Number.	
	A.	B.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	3	0
California and Oregon.....	1	1
Colorado and Wyoming.....	1	1
Connecticut.....	1	0
Illinois.....	1	3
Indiana.....	10	4
Iowa.....	1	1
Kansas.....	1	1
Kentucky.....		
Maine.....	6	7
Maryland.....	2	2
Massachusetts.....	20	11
Michigan.....		
Minnesota.....		
Missouri.....	1	2
Nebraska.....		
New Hampshire.....	4	4
New Jersey.....	3	4
New York.....	19	45
Ohio.....	3	7
Pennsylvania.....	40	31
Rhode Island.....	1	0
Vermont.....	1	1
Washington.....		
Wisconsin.....	1	1

In closing my report, let me say that I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by Commander-in-Chief Allan in appointing me to the office of National Chaplain. I also desire to thank Brother Hammer and the various Division Officers for the assistance they have rendered me. If not always an easy task, it has at least been a pleasant one.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

BEN F. JONES, National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

DEPARTMENT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Cincinnati, Ohio, August 21, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers: Three years ago at the Peoria Encampment, the Department of Patriotic Instruction in the Order of Sons of Veterans was established. The wisdom of such action has been proven beyond all question, as shown by the work that is being done, and which is rapidly growing in magnitude, all over the land.

Taking the reports of the several Division Patriotic Instructors as a basis for this report, it is gratifying to note that in almost every instance where a Camp of Sons of Veterans is

located, the people have profited because of that fact, the influence of an organized body of men descended from the heroes of 1861-1865 being felt to the advantage of the community.

The year nineteen hundred and nine has been one of unusual interest in patriotic circles. February 12 marked the Centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, and with pride it can be said that the memory of our patron saint, the great Commoner and Emancipator, was duly observed by the Nation for which he gave his life. From reports received it is shown that our members did their part and did it well on that occasion.

It has been the effort of this Department to keep in touch with the rank and file of the Order, so far as possible, during the year. This has been done through communications in our official organ, by means of direct correspondence, and personal contact. Many hundreds of letters have been written, and forty-four addresses delivered by your Patriotic Instructor since his installation a year ago.

During the year I have, by order of our Commander-in-Chief, attended encampments of the Divisions of Kentucky and Michigan, and desire to express my appreciation for the fraternal courtesies accorded me at each encampment.

Under date of January 15th, 1909, by request of Commander-in-Chief Allan and President Patton, a letter was addressed to our membership in the interest of Memorial University, that splendid institution founded by our Order and deserving of our united and energetic support. This letter asked for contributions to the "Lincoln Memorial Endowment Fund," plans for the creation of which had been agreed upon by our Commander-in-Chief and the officers of Memorial University. A copy of this letter was mailed to each Camp, also to National and Division officers. It is hereto attached and made a part of this report. Doubtless, President Patton will inform the Encampment as to the results of the effort thus made. It is hoped that they are satisfactory and the seed sown will be productive of a rich harvest.

Under the new Ritual, in operation since January 1, 1909, the office of Patriotic Instructor ranks in importance with that of any other in the Camp. Lack of attendance at Camp meetings heretofore was largely attributable to want of interest. Not so now. With a live, energetic Patriotic Instructor, every meeting can be made attractive and interesting. It is his duty to arrange appropriate programs, both for closed and open meetings, also to aid the Commander in having the ritualistic ceremonies made impressive. Not only this, but it is his further duty to arrange with the schools of his community for patriotic exercises on all appropriate occasions. In all school programs, the following features should constitute an important part:

FLAG PLEDGE.

I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation, evermore.

All salute the Flag.

WHAT THE FLAG SIGNIFIES.

The Red, the unstinted streams of blood shed that the blessings of a free government might be our heritage.

The White, speaks of the peace which with honor may our country ever enjoy.

The Blue, tells us of that true faith and allegiance which our fathers held to their country and to each other.

Our flag should stand out prominently in all patriotic exercises, whether in parade or on the platform, "Old Glory" is always entitled to the "right of line." Flag presentations at the dedication of buildings, schools especially, are always in order, and no organization occupies a more fitting position to take the lead in this beautiful service than the Order of Sons of Veterans. Our fathers fought to preserve the flag in its original beauty and glory—it is for us to teach the rising generations what it represents, and the story of the sufferings endured by its defenders. "Hats off, the flag is passing by."

No Camp should allow any one of the following five days to go by unobserved:

February 12, "Union Defender's Day."

February 22, "Washington's Birthday."

May 30, "Memorial Day."

June 14, "Flag Day."

July 4, "Independence Day."

There are many other days that may be appropriately observed, by the public in general and the children of our schools in particular. Calling their attention to the occurrence and the date serves to fix in the minds of the children an important event in our country's history. Following is a list of important days to Americans:

Sept. 10, Perry's Victory.

Sept. 19 and 20, Chickamauga.

Sept. 19, Saratoga and Winchester.

Sept. 17, Battle of Antietam, 1863.

Sept. 17, Adoption of the Constitution by Convention.

Oct. 8, Battle of Perryville.

Oct. 12, America Discovered in 1492.

Oct. 17, Surrender of Burgoyne in 1777.

Oct. 19, Surrender of Cornwallis in 1781, Yorktown.

Oct. 19, Battle of Cedar Creek.

Nov. 7, Battles of Tippecanoe and Ft. Royal.

Nov. 24, Battle of Lookout Mountain.

Nov. 25, Battle of Mission Ridge.

Dec. 13, Battles of Fredricksburg 1862, and Ft. McAlister 1864.

Feb. 12, Birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 16, Capture of Ft. Donelson.

Feb. 22, Birthday of George Washington.

March 7 and 8, Battle of Pea Ridge.

March 9, Monitor and Merrimac.

April 1, Battle of Five Forks.

April 6 and 7, Battle of Pittsburg Landing or Shiloh.

April 9, Lee's Surrender.

April 13, Battle of Ft. Sumter. Birthday of Henry Clay.

April 19, Battle of Lexington.

April 25, Capture of New Orleans.

April 26, Surrender of Johnston.

April 27, Birthday of General Grant.

May 1, Manila Bay—Dewey Day.

May 8, Battle of Wilderness.

May 14, Battle of Resaca.

May 30, Memorial Day.
 June 3, Battle of Cold Harbor.
 June 14, Flag Day.
 June 19, Alabama and Kearsarge.
 June 27, Battle of Kenesaw Mountain.
 July 1, 2 and 3, Battle of Gettysburg.
 July 4, Independence Day.

Teaching true history is vitally essential. Three Division Patriotic Instructors—Boutwell, of Alabama and Tennessee; Abbott, of Illinois; and Gordon, of Pennsylvania, report that objectionable histories are in use in the public schools of their respective states. It certainly is the duty of the Sons of Veterans of those states to have this evil eradicated through the enactment of the right kind of laws. It must not be forgotten that the result of the War of the Rebellion was a victory for the North and that the honor of winning it belongs to the "Boys in Blue."

In the estimation of your Patriotic Instructor, one of the needs of the Department is a revision of the report blanks, both Camp and Division, the present blanks not being in harmony with the character of the work. In their reports, a number of Division Patriotic Instructors express a like opinion.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Legislation leading to the eradication of objectionable school histories, where such exist.
2. Preparation of a revised set of blanks for use of Camp and Division Patriotic Instructors.
3. Presentation of flags to schools whenever practicable.
4. Creation of a special fund by all Camps for the benefit of Memorial University.
5. Holding of open meetings of a patriotic character, the general public to be invited.
6. Team-work in Camps for the proper exemplification of our ritualistic ceremonies.
7. Universal observance by our Order of "Memorial Day" and "Union Defender's Day."

Ours is a great Order. It deserves a high place in the estimation of the people, being second only to the greatest of all organizations—The Grand Army of the Republic. As the years go by, the duties devolving upon us multiply and grow more important. We must meet them bravely, loyally, unitedly. Our ranks must grow and we must keep them intact. All legislation should be in the interest of the rank and file, for it must not be forgotten that the hard-working boys in the Camps constitute the back-bone of our Order.

Let us ever bear in mind that we possess a priceless heritage, that our title is a badge of honor, bestowed by the services of men whose patriotism was given a true test in the fire of battle.

To you, Commander-in-Chief Allan, I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred when you made me a member of your staff. Likewise to my associates of your official family, to Division and Camp Officers, Patriotic Instructors in particular, and to the general membership of our Order, am I grateful for the many courtesies shown and favors bestowed. In the language of the great Joseph Jefferson, "May you all live long and prosper."

Fraternally submitted in F. C. & L.

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,

National Patriotic Instructor.

February 12, 1809-1909, Union Defender's Day program. For use of Sons of Veterans Camps.

1. Instrumental Music.
2. Invocation.
3. Song—"The Red, White and Blue."
4. Sketch—"The Boyhood of Abraham Lincoln."
5. Recitation—Selected.
6. Vocal Music—(Solo, Duet, Quartet or Glee Club.)
7. Address—"Life and Character of Lincoln."
8. Vocal or Instrumental Music.
9. Reading—"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address."
10. Recitation—"Our Memorial."
11. Song—"America."
12. Benediction.

Fraternally submitted,
HARLEY V. SPEELMAN.
National Patriotic Instructor.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF S. V., U. S. A.
DEPT. OF NAT'L PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR
U. S. SUB-TREASURY, CINCINNATI, O.

Cincinnati, Ohio, January 15, 1909.

To the Membership of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Brothers: As loyal members of our patriotic organization, duty calls us to united action in a most worthy cause. Memorial University, that splendid institution of learning which was founded by our Order, needs and deserves our support, financial as well as moral.

The proposition to create a "Lincoln Memorial Endowment Fund" is both feasible and practical, because it means something of permanent value to Memorial University. Only through earnest and united effort on the part of our entire membership can the movement prove successful. To this end, the hearty cooperation of all Brothers of the Order is cordially invited, and it is to be hoped that each individual member will hold himself personally responsible for the discharge of the duty that belongs to him in this vitally important work.

It is recommended that the month of February, 1909, be taken as the period during which the Camps of the Order shall devote their energies to the interests of this "Lincoln Memorial Endowment Fund." Wherever practicable let special effort be made on the 12th day of February, the Centennial Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. That will be a most appropriate occasion for our organization to add glory to its name by the discharge of a sacred duty. All Camps are urged to arrange "Union Defender's Day" programs for the entertainment of the public, and let it be known that the proceeds are to go to this fund. Here is an opportunity for good work on the part of Camp and Division Officers, particularly Patriotic Instructors. Every Camp, every brother can help.

Enclosed find outline for a suitable "Union Defender's Day" program. It can be changed to meet conditions.

Brothers, this is *our* call to *duty*. Let us see that it is answered in the same spirit of loyalty that animated our fathers

when Abraham Lincoln called them to the defense of their country in 1861-1865.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,

Approved: National Patriotic Instructor.

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,

Commander-in-Chief.

THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Commander and Brothers: The November 1908 issue of THE BANNER contained an article, on page two, which suggested plans for the observance of Union Defender's Day in a manner and with a dignity of purpose fitting to the occasion and creditable to our Order, which we would respectfully call to your attention.

The plan has received favorable consideration at the hands of many of the leaders of the Sons of Veterans, and our Commander-in-Chief has given it his unqualified endorsement in the following letter:

Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

McGill Building.

Washington, D. C. December 15, 1908.

Dr. W. J. PATTON.

President Memorial University,

Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Sir and Brother: I have thoroughly investigated the plan which you and your co-workers have inaugurated for a patriotic observance of Union Defender's Day, and I think the plan an excellent one for the Order of Sons of Veterans, and the good of Memorial University. I commend the same with all that there is in me to every loyal Son of a Veteran and patriotic person who is interested in the welfare of our order, the teaching of patriotism in this country, and the erection of a national monument to the Grand Army of the Republic and the loyal women of the Civil war. I am,

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,

Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.

In pursuance of this recommendation and under the direction of Commander-in-Chief Allan, National Patriotic Instructor H. V. Speelman has prepared a suggestive programme, a copy of which is inclosed, and the University likewise presents a recitation, entitled, "Our Memorial," which in chaste language and in beautiful form reveals the ideals and the aim of our Order as set forth in Memorial University. The latter should be recited by the very best elocutionist that can be obtained.

The package of blank pledges inclosed is for use in connection with the proposed endowment fund. It is hoped that all may be used and that a second supply may be required. In order to save time and postage in collecting these gifts it is desired that they may be made payable all at the same office or bank in any given city.

In addition to our own membership, there are philanthropic friends of our Order and of Patriotic Education in every community who would willingly assist us if the subject were care-

fully presented to them. All that is secured from these sources, after the legitimate expenses of the campaign are paid and the deficiency, if any, of the current year is met, will be immediately invested in gilt-edged security, drawing from five to six per cent. interest, and become the nucleus of our permanent endowment fund.

Should any question arise concerning further details of the plan, correspondence with National Patriotic Instructor H. V. Speelman, or with the University will receive prompt attention.

Fraternally yours for the advancement of the Order.

W. J. PATTON.

NATIONAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

To Commander-in-Chief Allan, Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

With your kind indulgence, I will render an account of my Stewardship, as National Inspector, for the term ending with this Encampment.

According to General Order No. 10, Series 1908, each Division Commander was granted the privilege of selecting the Assistant National Inspector, for their respective Divisions.

The following named brothers, were selected and appointed, as Assistant National Inspectors, and so far as known performed the work in a very satisfactory manner.

Alabama and Tennessee, Past Div. Com. L. W. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.

California and Oregon, H. B. Woodward, Soldiers Home, Los Angeles, Cal.

Colorado and Wyoming, Past Div. Com., John H. Head, 1845 W. 33rd Ave., Denver, Col.

Connecticut, Div. Com., C. F. Sherman, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Illinois, Past Div. Com., J. E. Seabert, Dwight, Ill.

Indiana, J. M. Browne, Winchester, Ind.

Iowa, A. F. Tomlinson, Sen. V. C., Galesburg, Ill.

Kansas, Past Div. Com., R. L. Rickard, Valley Center, Kan.

Kentucky, Michael G. Heintz, Cincinnati, O., Room 408 Bell Block.

Maine, W. B. Mennealy, Lewiston, Me.

Maryland, Past Com.-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.

Massachusetts, National Inspector, A. J. Boutwell, Concord, N. H.

Minnesota, H. A. Wing, Duluth, Minn., 302 Palladio Bldg.

Michigan, Rolla B. Cook, Battle Creek, Mich., R. F. D. No. 11.

Missouri, Past Div. Com., E. E. Schoening, St. Louis, Mo., 200-02 South 8th Street.

New Jersey, Div. Com., C. F. Sherman, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Nebraska, Past Div. Com., Geo. F. Wolz, Fremont, Neb.

New Hampshire, National Inspector, A. J. Boutwell, Concord, N. H.

New York, Div. Com., Dr. H. H. Gorton, Naugatuck, Conn.

Ohio, Past Div. Com., Newton J. McGuire, Indianapolis, Ind., 1005-8 Law Bldg.

Pennsylvania, Past Com.-in-Chief, E. R. Campbell, Washington, D. C.

Rhode Island, Past Div. Com., James H. Wentworth, Newton, Mass.

Vermont, E. H. Shepard, Burlington, Vt.

Wisconsin, H. S. Siggelko, Madison, Wis.

Washington, Frank C. Shipley, Seattle, Washington.

The following is a consolidated report of the Inspection of Division headquarters:

- 25 Division Headquarters in Commandery-in-Chief.
- 25 Division Headquarters Inspected.
- 20 Divisions have adopted By-Laws.
- 25 Division Records correct.
- 25 Division Membership records correct.
- 25 Division records of Charters, Commissions, Dispensations, etc., correct.
- 25 Division Treasurer's books correctly kept.
- 24 Divisions keep cash account with each camp.
- 25 Divisions fill requisitions promptly.
- 25 Divisions answer correspondence promptly.
- 23 Divisions reported free from debt.
- 2 Divisions report indebtedness of \$262.50.
- Value of supplies on hand \$1,615.26.
- Amount in Treasury \$2,519.05.
- 11 Commanders receive salaries.
- 18 Secretaries receive salaries.
- 17 Treasurers receive salaries.
- 14 Secretaries are elected.
- 13 Treasurers are elected.
- 11 Divisions have combined the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.
- 23 Treasurers are bonded, and 24 Divisions issue commissions to all officers.
- The relations of the 25 Divisions with the G. A. R., W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R. and S. of V. Auxiliary are reported to be very fraternal.
- 25 Divisions are reported to send reports to National Headquarters promptly.
- 12 Divisions paid an expense of \$59.60 for Headquarters Inspections.
- 13 Divisions report no expense.

The following is the consolidated report of the inspection of Camps:

Number of Camps in Divisions.....	870
Number in good standing	826
Number inspected	695
Number properly equipped	661
Number having necessary paraphernalia.....	671
Number in which secret work is committed.....	361
Number keeping records correctly.....	682
Number keeping accounts correctly.....	682
Number forwarding all reports.....	712
Number having roster complete.....	668
Number paid all dues to Headquarters.....	721
Number having password and countersign.....	694
Number members in good standing last quarter.....	32355
Number members gained.....	3411
Number members suspended.....	2215
Number members dropped.....	980

CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

of inspection of Camps of.....

Division, U. S. A.

.....190..

Division Inspector.

TO

National Inspector.

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National Inspector.

ROSTER OF DIVISION OFFICERS.

Counselor

Inspector

Patriotic Instructor

Past Commanders-in-Chief:

Past Grand Division Commanders:

Past Division Commanders:

REPORT OF INSPECTION

OF

..... DIVISION

.....190..

National Inspector.

By

Assistant Natl. Inspector.

ROSTER OF DIVISION OFFICERS.

Division Commander

Address

S. V. Div. Commander

J. V. Div. Commander.....

Chaplain

Secretary

Address

Treasurer

Address

Patriotic Instructor

Address

I,, do solemnly swear on my honor as a brother and a member of
.....Council that the foregoing is a true copy of the Report of the Inspection of
.....Division, S. V., U. S. A., made by me on the.....day of
.....190..

..... Council.

Signed and sworn before me this.....day of

To be signed in the presence of a Notary Public, or Commandery-In-Chief Officer.

Division Inspection Report

(To be made out in duplicate, one copy to be furnished to Division.)

Office of
National Inspector, Sons of Veterans.

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF Division.

The Charter of this Division was issued by Commander-in-Chief, Sons
of Veterans, U. S. A., dated.....

.....
Division Commander.

1. No. of Members in good standing last report quarter ending
2. No. of Camps gained since last inspection.....
3. No. of Camps suspended and dropped since last inspection.....
4. Are the records correct and in good order.....
5. Is bookkeeping or card system in use for keeping records
6. Are the Treasurer's books correctly kept and a cash account kept with each Camp.....
7. Are all requisitions promptly filled?.....
8. Has the Division permanent headquarters?.....
9. Are the Secretary and Treasurer elective officers and what is the term of office?.....
10. Has the Division any indebtedness? If so, has same been reduced during the year?.....
11. Is correspondence promptly answered?.....
12. To whom and what amount of salaries are paid?.....
13. In what amount is bond required of Treasurer?.....
14. What amount of cash in treasury?.....
15. Value of supplies on hand?.....
16. Is there a copy on file of the following reports:—Chaplain, Inspector, Patriotic Instructor.....
17. Has the Division a sufficient supply of Badges, Buttonhole Decorations, Constitutions and other supplies on
hand
18. What are the relations of the Division with the Kindred Organizations?.....
19. Are reports promptly sent to National Headquarters?.....
20. What is the expense of this Inspection?.....

Consolidated Inspection Report

Headquarters Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
To....., National Inspector.
Sir:—I have the honor to submit the following Report of the inspection of Camps in the.....
Division, S. V., U. S. A. Division Inspector

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| No. of Camps in Division..... | Value of property of Camps..... |
| No. of Camps in good standing..... | What amount in Camp Treasury..... |
| No. of Camps inspected..... | No. Camps having Ladies Auxiliary..... |
| No. of members in good standing last quarter..... | No. Camp Commanders having Ritualistic work to memory..... |
| No. members gained since Dec. 31st last..... | No. S. V. Commanders having Ritualistic work to memory..... |
| No. of members dropped since Dec. 31st last..... | No. J. V. Commanders having Ritualistic work to memory..... |
| No. Camp Treasurers under bond..... | No. of Chaplains having Ritualistic work to memory..... |
| No. Camps not free from debt..... | No. Sergeants of the Guard having Ritualistic work to memory..... |
| No. Camps have Co. of S. V. Reserve..... | No. of Camp Secretary's Records correct..... |
| No. observing Union Defender's Day..... | No. of Camp Treasurer's Records correct..... |
| No. Camps observing Flag Day (June 14th)..... | No. of Camps having room properly equipped..... |
| No. Camps having supply of Constitution, Badges, Etc..... | No. of Camps paid all dues to Headquarters..... |
| No. Camps having By-Laws..... | No. of Camps having copy of Quarterly Report, Chaplain's
Patriotic Instruction Reports on file..... |
| No. Camps contrib. to Memorial University..... | No. of Camps whose officers are regular in attendance..... |
| Amount contributed to Memorial University..... | No. of Camps having sufficient amount of supplies on hand..... |
| Average attendance of members..... | No. of Camps presenting Badge and Constitution to Recruit..... |
| Expended for relief of members and families..... | |
| Expended for relief of members of G. A. R. and families..... | |

Camp Inspection Report

(To be made in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded the Camp.)

To Inspector Division.
 Sir and Brother:—I have the honor to herewith submit report of the inspection made this.....
 day of 190.. of.....Camp.
 Assistant Inspector. Address.

Question.	Answer.	Question.	Answer.
1. Have the Officers committed the Ritualistic work to memory?...	Yes or No. Percentage.	6. Have the following reports been forwarded to the proper officers and a copy kept on file? Quarterly reports? Chaplain reports? Patriotic Inst. reports?.....	Yes or No. Percentage.
2. Are the Secretary's books correctly kept?		7. Are the officers regular in attendance?	
3. Are the Treasurer's books correctly kept?		8. Is the Roster of the Camp complete, all officers elected, and all staff officers appointed and installed?	
4. Is the Camp room properly equipped?		9. Has the Camp a sufficient supply of Badges, Buttonhole Decorations, Constitutions and other supplies on hand?	
5. Have all remittances due Headquarters, per capita tax, supplies and other indebtedness been paid?		10. Is the regulation Badge and Constitution and Laws presented to each recruit when mustered?..	

General Information

Question.	Answer.	Question.	Answer.
1. How many members in good standing last quarter ending		12. What amount has been expended in relief since Dec. 31st?.....	
2. How many gained since Dec. 31st?.....		(a) For members and families?.....	
3. How many dropped since Dec. 31st?.....		(b) For members of G. A. R. and families?.....	
4. What amount charged for dues monthly?.....		13. Value of Camp property.....	
5. Has the Camp Treasurer given bond?.....		14. Does each member receive THE BANNER regularly?	
6. Is the Camp free from debt?.....		15. What amount in Camp Treasury?.....	
7. Has the Camp a company of S. V. Reserve connected with it?.....		16. Has the Camp a Ladies' Auxiliary?.....	
8. Does the Camp observe Union Defender's Day, Flag Day, (June 14th) and hold patriotic exercises in Public Schools and elsewhere?.....		17. What is the expense of this inspection?.....	
9. Has the Camp adopted By-Laws and are they approved by the Division Commander?.....			
10. What amount, if any, has been contributed to Memorial University the past year?.....			
11. What is the average attendance of members at meetings?			

INSTRUCTIONS

To Assistant National Inspectors.

The Inspection is to be made by a member of the Camp Council and when all members of the Camp Council are present the Chairman of the Camp Council should inspect the Camp.

The first ten questions are based on a percentage basis of 10 per cent. to each question in the first question give 2 per cent. to each officer who has committed his work to memory and 0 per cent. to those who have not. The sixth question for forwarding quarterly reports promptly, give 4 per cent. and 3 per cent. for each of the other two questions.

The last seventeen questions are for General Information and are *not* to be given on a percentage basis; they are for the guidance of the Division and National Inspectors. Be prompt in forwarding this report.

These inspections are ordered, not as a mere matter of form, but to encourage the Camps that are doing well and to strengthen those that are in a weak condition. To this end you are to report fully to the Division Inspector that assistance may be given when needed.

Take nothing for granted, but satisfy yourself by actual inspection and examination of all books and records to answer all questions correctly.

Inspection must be made prior to December 31st.

REPORT OF

.....
Assistant Inspector.

FOR

..... Camp.

No. Division

of

Located at

INSPECTION MADE

..... 190..

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Division Inspector.

ROSTER
OF
CAMP OFFICERS.

Commander

Address

S. V. Commander

J. V. Commander

Chaplain

Secretary

Address

Treasurer

Address

Patriotic Instructor

Address

Meeting Place

Meets

Evenings.

PAST OFFICERS.
Past Commanders-in-Chief:

Past Division Commanders:

Past Camp Commanders:

I,, do solemnly swear on my honor as a brother and member of
..... Council that the foregoing is a true copy of the inspection of
..... Camp, No. made by me on the day of
..... 19.....

..... Council.
Signed and sworn to before me this day of 19.....
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(To be signed in the presence of a Notary Public, Division or Commandery-in-Chief Officer *not* a member
of the Camp Inspected.)

Number of Camps not having By-Laws approved.....	163
Number presenting badge to recruits.....	623
Number audit accounts.....	578
Total value of property of Camps.....	\$204384.00
Total indebtedness of Camps.....	\$10442.00
Number of Camps not free from debt.....	47
Total amount invested.....	\$76415.00
Number of Camps having military companies.....	100
Number of Chaplains forward reports promptly.....	682
Number in charge Memorial Day exercises.....	320
Number of Camps attending divine service.....	503
Number having Ladies Auxillary.....	174
Number in harmony with G. A. R.....	696
Number observe Union Defender's Day.....	475
Number Camps beneficial.....	144
Amount paid since Dec. 31 for death benefits.....	\$550.00
Amount paid since Dec. 31 for sick benefits.....	\$1101.00
Number of Camps attending funeral of members.....	465
Expended for relief of G. A. R.....	\$1684.00
Expended for relief of Veterans.....	\$241.00
Expended for relief of Sons of Veterans.....	103.00

These consolidated reports are as near correct as was possible to make them, as three Division Inspectors failed to make any report and some of those reporting failed to make out the report complete. What estimates were made of these Divisions not reporting, were taken from the National Secretary's report as printed in THE BANNER.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. That the custom of holding the Annual Inspections, during the last quarter of the Calendar year be continued.

2nd. That the Inspection of Division Headquarters, be made by a member of the Division Council and that one copy of the report be forwarded to the National Inspector and that any Division failing to file the said report, will not be entitled to representation in the National Encampment.

3rd. That Inspection blanks as per copy herewith submitted be adopted as the official Inspection blank.

In conclusion I will say for the information of the members, that only one Division and that one Alabama and Tennessee, out of the 22 sending Division Inspectors consolidated reports, was returned on form No. 53, which is the proper form, but on forms that have been obsolete for some time.

I wish at this time to extend my sincere thanks to the Assistant National Inspector, Division Inspectors, Division Commanders and brothers who have so freely assisted me during the past year.

Commander-in-Chief Allan, please accept my heartfelt thanks for the honor you conferred on me one year ago, as well as for the kind suggestions and assistance.

If I have not rendered the service that you expected, it has been for lack of time and ability.

Cordially yours in F. C. & L.,

ARTHUR J. BOUTWELL.

National Inspector.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Washington, D. C., August 24, 1909.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, S. of V.:

As the duties of National Counselor are purely advisor, a report of advice given is hardly necessary, especially as the report of the Commander-in-Chief covers the same ground. Nothing has occurred out of the ordinary routine of such duties. A commendable record of harmonious activity has been made during the present administration.

I have noticed that there is a tendency in this, as in some other orders for one Commandery-in-Chief to attempt, by legislation, to limit the powers or method of procedure of its successors. This can only be done as to matters sounding in contract. Such limitation might be followed by subsequent Commanderies-in-Chief, but they cannot be compelled to do so. Put in any form except as to matters of contract it is only advisory legislation. My official connection with this Commandery-in-Chief has been of the most pleasant character, and I desire to thank our Commander-in-Chief and the officers and members of the order for much kindness.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. TILLOTSON, National Counselor.

E. R. Campbell, of Maryland: I desire to present at this time, Colonel John McElroy, Past Department Commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R. I am sure you will be interested in what he has to say.

Commander-in-Chief: We will be glad to hear from Colonel McElroy.

Colonel John McElroy: Comrades, I am here at this time to bring to your notice the aims and plans of the Maine Monument Association, and to ask your sympathy and support in raising a fund for the purpose of erecting a monument in the national capital to the men who lost their lives on the battleship "Maine," in the line of duty, while the vessel was lying in the harbor of Havana. Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, who commanded the "Maine" at that time, is the president of the association, and Major Lewis Merriam is here to represent the same. This monument, it is proposed, will be erected to the memory of the 255 officers and sailors who perished on board that vessel. We ask your active co-operation in building this monument. Upon the payment of one dollar, a certificate of membership, and a souvenir badge made of metal taken from the wreck of the "Maine" will be furnished you. We want you to take an interest in the association.

W. G. Dustin, of Illinois: I move that this matter be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, with the recommendation that a resolution be adopted to encourage the further promotion of this enterprise.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report?

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: The Council-in-Chief would like to have until tomorrow to make its report, as it is necessary

for us to hear the reports of the several committees, and the recommendations they will make; but as a preliminary report we will say that we have audited the books and papers of the National Secretary and National Treasurer, and find them complete and in splendid condition.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection, the Council-in-Chief will be given further time in which to make their complete report.

G. B. Abbott, of Illinois: As chairman of the Committee on Ritual, I wish to ask that if there are any communications to be referred to that committee, we would like to have them in our hands before we make our report.

Commander-in-Chief: We will proceed to that order of business and call a roll of the encampment, by divisions, to receive communications, which will be turned over to the National Secretary for reference to the proper committees.

The roll of the divisions was called and communications presented from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and further time was granted New York, Ohio and Wisconsin in which to present communications.

Commander-in-Chief: The time has come for our memorial exercises. I am going to turn the encampment over to the National Chaplain. We have lost during the past year a number of brothers, and we are particularly distressed because of the fact that among those who have been called hence was Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, of Maine, who died at Dorchester, Mass., on July 9, 1909. I desire that all brothers who can will remain, in order that they may assist in paying the proper respect to the memory of our comrades who have left us during the past year. I will ask Brother Speelman, of Ohio, and Brother Spink, of Rhode Island, to escort the ladies into the hall.

On motion of G. B. Abbott, of Illinois, which was duly seconded, a recess until tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m. was taken.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Rev. B. F. Jones, National Chaplain: We will begin the services by singing one verse of "Nearer My God to Thee," after which we will be lead in prayer by Rev. W. J. Patton, President of the Memorial University.

Invocation by Rev. W. J. Patton.

The National Chaplain: It is my pleasure and privilege to introduce to you at this time Mrs. Ethel M. Gilman, National Chaplain of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, who will speak on the subject of "Our Departed Sisters."

Mrs. Ethel M. Gilman, National Chaplain, S. V. Auxiliary: Sisters and brothers, it is a pleasure and privilege to meet and learn of the progress of our beloved order, to review our work and plan for the future.

In doing this it is fitting that we should stop long enough to say a few words concerning those who have been called away; to pay them a tribute. Fifty-seven members of the auxiliary have answered the roll-call up yonder during the past year. They were the wives, daughters and nieces of veterans. They came in their youth to work with us. We should think of them as gone to a larger life. They have ceased their labors, but their influence goes forward. Let us strive to emulate their virtues.

The National Chaplain: I will announce at this time that the Sons of Veterans have lost 173 of our members during the year by death; some of them were walking in the humble paths of life, some occupied higher positions. At this time we will hear of one of our departed brothers. I want to introduce Brother Arthur M. Soule, of Maine.

Arthur M. Soule, of Maine: Mr. Chairman, brothers and sisters. It is not usually my custom to confine my remarks to the written page, but today my heart is so full, and I could say so much in remembrance of the brother whose memory I am to speak on, that I will read what I have to say:

It has been given to me on this occasion to offer a brief memorial tribute to the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Pierce Merrill, of Dorchester, Mass., a charter, and, in fact, a life-long member of A. C. Pray Camp No. 2, of Auburn, Me., who died suddenly July 8, 1909, from apoplexy, while on his way home from his office in Boston. Although in poor health the past two years, we had never thought that the end of a useful career was so near; in fact, he himself had such a love of life, and his was a life of service, that he was counting on many more years of active usefulness, having made such a remark to friends only a few days before his passing out from this life into the larger and more glorious life.

His funeral was held July 11th from the residence in Dorchester, and was well attended, a goodly delegation of A. C. Pray and other camps of the Maine Division, headed by our Commander, also Past Commander-in-Chief McCabe, of Boston, with officers and members of the New Hampshire and Massachusetts divisions, being present.

The services were beautiful in their simplicity, and the floral tributes, which were beautiful and in profusion, testified in a small way to the friendship borne this brother by only a few of his friends, for had there been more time in which to acquaint others of the fact that he had passed out, the attendance at the funeral would have been larger and the floral tributes would have been in greater profusion.

Following the services at the house, Camp No. 30, of Dorchester, furnished pall-bearers and accompanied the body to the cemetery. Division Commander Warren, of Massachusetts, also serving as one of the bearers. At the mortuary chapel in Forest Hills Cemetery the ritual services of our order were performed in an impressive manner by the officers of the Dorchester camp.

In accordance with the oft-repeated request of Brother Merrill his body was cremated and his ashes are to be buried on the family lot in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Frank Pierce Merrill was born in Buckfield, Me., November 19, 1852, the son of Thomas and Jane (Fields) Merrill. Early in the fall of 1861 his father enlisted in Co. D, of the 2nd Regiment, known as "Berdan's Sharpshooters," for a period of three years, or during the war, and at the expiration of his enlistment he re-enlisted and was assigned to the 17th Maine Infantry, another of the Pine Tree State's fighting regiments. While his father was at the front, his mother, that she might give her children the advantages of a better education than the schools of Buckfield then afforded, moved to Hebron, where they received an academic training. After the war, his father moved to Auburn, Me., and engaged in the shoe-making business, and for two years Brother Merrill worked at this trade, but he tired of it and took up the printing business, going to work for the Lewiston Gazette then owned by Colonel Waldron.

In 1880 he formed a partnership with Allen P. Moore under the name of Merrill & Moore, and engaged in the printing business in Auburn, continuing until the fall of 1883, when he entered the employ of John Carter & Co., of Boston, as a traveling salesman, covering Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, and continuing in this capacity for twenty-five years, or until called to answer the roll-call from on high.

Brother Merrill was also an author of no mean repute, publishing in 1881 a book on "Guard Mounting," and "The Duties of a Soldier," both volumes being highly commended by authorities on these subjects.

In 1869, when but 17 years of age, Brother Merrill joined as a charter member the re-organized Auburn Light Infantry of the National Guard of the State of Maine, serving in various capacities until 1880 when he was unanimously elected to the captaincy and bringing the company to a high state of efficiency and prominence. Also the first duty his company was called upon to perform under his command was in the winter of 1880, in the famous "Count-out War," when for sixteen days the result of the state election was in doubt, and Brother Merrill with his company was on duty at the State House to preserve order among the

people during the excitement which centered about the capitol, as the outcome of the election was being anxiously looked for.

In 1883, at Columbus, Ohio, Brother Merrill was elected as the Second Commander-in-Chief of the order as it then existed, and the first under the present form of organization.

Brother Merrill in 1883 resigned his captaincy in the National Guard to devote his entire time to our order, and his devotion to the organization he loved so well is best known to those of you who have known him longer than I have.

In 1882 General I. S. Bangs, of Waterville, Me., the Provisional Commander of the First Grand Division of the Sons of Veterans, which then consisted of the New England states, interested Brother Merrill in the work of the infant order, and in the winter of 1882-3 he assisted in organizing camps in Maine. Brother Merrill at that time printed all the supplies needed by the order. He formed A. C. Pray Camp No. 2, of Auburn, in January, 1883, and became a charter member.

In the winter of 1882 he was appointed Commander of the Maine Division, and when the division was permanently organized in April, 1883, he was elected its first commander, this giving him the distinction of being the first commander of the first division of our order to organize.

I will not dwell at length on his long and useful career with our order, but suffice it to say that in 1883 he, as Commander-in-Chief, worked incessantly, laboring many a day from 6 o'clock at night until 4 o'clock the next morning writing letters and endeavoring to promote the welfare of the order. The treasury was low in those days, and the commandery was indebted to Brother Merrill several hundred dollars, but by careful management he placed the organization on a solid basis and today "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

For a number of years past he had not maintained an active interest in the commandery, as he could not endorse many of its methods, but always has he been a firm supporter and defender of the Maine Division and of A. C. Pray Camp, to which he belonged, and during his long and useful career with our order it was to his credit that he never missed but two division encampments and then his business would not permit his attendance. Brother Merrill was also a member of Commercial Lodge No. 37, Knights of Pythias, of Boston, and of the White Mountain Travelers' Association, but his heart's love and devotion was given to the Sons of Veterans.

My acquaintance with Brother Merrill dates back twenty years, to the time of my initiation into the order, and for fifteen years it has been my privilege to be intimately associated with him. To many of us he was indeed a friend and brother, and while we mourn his loss, we now unite in paying a humble tribute to his memory. He was a man generous to a fault, as many a brother can testify. By his going a wife and son are left with us to mourn the loss of a devoted husband, father, brother and friend.

Brother Merrill had his faults, and who has not? "but over them we cast the mantle of fraternity, charity and loyalty, and look forward with faith to the time when all shall be redeemed as the children of an All-Wise God. Brother Merrill passed over to the other life with the conviction that this life does not end all, for he, with us, in the language of the poet, could feel to say:

"There is no Death! the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore."

The National Chaplain: We will call upon Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott to add a word.

G. B. Abbott, of Illinois: Brother Chairman, I would be very much remiss if I failed to respond to your invitation to speak of Frank P. Merrill, of Maine. He was almost a life-long friend. I met Frank first at the fourth encampment of the Sons of Veterans in 1885. I think the only other person present at that encampment who is with us today is Brother Hamner. Frank Merrill was the life of the order, the life of the camp, one of the grandest souls that ever stepped up to the altar and took the obligation. Everybody who knew him, loved Frank Merrill, and everybody knew that nothing was nearer to his heart than the order of Sons of Veterans. While he and other brothers differed at times on certain points, as we do today in our order, no one who ever differed with him questioned the honesty of his opinion or doubted the true devotion that dwelt in Brother Merrill's heart. Nothing has pained me in connection with the organization for years as the reading of the notice of the death of Frank Merrill. It was startling, because we had so long looked upon him as the father of the organization.

The worldly possessions of the Commandery-in-Chief when he was elected at Columbus, as he has told so many times, he carried away in a shoe box, which consisted of a seal and a few small things. Frank Merrill started the organization on the right road. He built it up. Perhaps it was providential that Frank Merrill was elected Commander-in-Chief at Columbus because few men would have had the courage to take hold of an infant organization with a doubtful future, receiving but a little encouragement from any source, and in debt, and nurse it to his bosom, taking his personal funds to provide it with the nourishment it needed and put it upon its feet so that it has walked alone ever since. All glory to Frank P. Merrill! It leaves me so much alone. I am fairly the last one of the old commanders. Some have come between Frank's and my administrations that have gone. I believe I am the oldest living commander. You can see, friends, how deeply his loss impresses me.

I say these words, and I want you younger men of the organization, and the sisters, who have worked so loyally with us, to know that when a man goes in with his whole heart and soul to win he is bound to succeed. Frank went in with all his force, with the strength of a strong man, and he did for our organization in its weakness and its young days, what perhaps no other man would have done for us. We can not hold him in too deep veneration for what he has done for this organization of the Sons of Veterans. The bright twinkle of that eye is gone, but for some of us the influence of Frank P. Merrill is left; his grand loyalty and his great heart will abide with us as long as time lasts.

The National Chaplain: Maryland, too, has lost one of its faithful workers. I will call upon Brother DePuy, Past Division Commander, to say a few words respecting the life of that brother.

Edward K. DePuy, of Maryland: In October last there passed away one of Maryland Division's most worthy and active brothers, John G. Wackerhauser, of Garfield Camp No. 1, Baltimore. At

the time of his death Brother Wackerhauser was a member of the Division Council—one of my colleagues—as I was also a member of that body. Brother Wackerhauser, while not so well known outside of Maryland Division, was one of the faithful in that Division, attending practically all of the division encampments, as well as the meetings of his camp. If he missed a meeting of the camp while in good health, I do not know of it. He held various offices in the division and in the camp. One of those brothers whose influence is felt in a quiet way. He was buried with Sons of Veterans honors as the leaves were falling, in that early fall when nature is so gorgeous. There were in attendance at his funeral many Sons of Veterans, not only from his own camp, but division officers came from other cities to do honor to a faithful brother. He was a past camp commander.

The National Chaplain: From the statements made by the National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, and the statements made by me, you have learned that 226 of our brothers and sisters have fallen asleep during the year. It seems not inappropriate that we should ask at this solemn moment what is the present condition of our brothers and sisters who have passed out from our sight? Shall we think of them as having passed away, as having perished, sunk into oblivion? or shall we think of them as sleeping a long, lasting sleep that shall know no awakening? or shall we think of them as living still? It seems to me that a belief in the great promise of immortality is one of the first instincts of our human life from the earliest history of the most primitive men to the most profound of the present day, as well as of all ages; all have asked this question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Sages and astrologers in the olden time have said that they can read the answer in the stars. The Hebrew shepherds who followed their flocks by the day time, could read the same answer in the vast stillness of the oriental night. The hermit in his hut and the millionaire in his palace have in their heart the hope of an immortal life, and I do not wonder, nor do you wonder that they should have this hope? For I think we are all ready to agree this afternoon that it is a question of transcendent importance, "If a man die, shall he live again." My brothers and sisters, let me charge you this afternoon, that the very question itself carries its own answer; else why should you ask such a question? It is unthinkable that a God of goodness and mercy, the Creator who has placed within our bosoms the instinct of immortal life, did not intend to minister unto us. One day in the olden time, the Man of all men, in the presence of the hungry-hearted woman asking that question, said: "I am the resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Then, how shall we think of these, our brothers and sisters? It seems to me that the teachings of the New Testament scriptures are plain enough. They show Jesus, the Christ, after death and after the grave, walking and communing with His fellowmen, and He had the same loving tones, the same voice, the same beautiful resplendent features, and, best of all, He had the same affection for His friends that he had when He went away.

There is one thought I want to leave with you, and that is this, that this whole question of the realization of the immortal life may be cultivated. That is to say, we can think of life in its larger scope, or in its more limited one. Let us look beyond

our little circle; let us gaze on the glories of the hills and mountains, as the woman did whose vision was impaired; and let us accustom ourselves to this wider vision of things. We see our dear ones going from us, and we feel their loss, but the instinct of the soul tells us that, please God, we shall hear the cry from above, as the captive eagle when its wings had grown. Our brothers and sisters have fallen asleep, but their deeds will follow them.

Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Benediction, Rev. W. J. Patton.

CAMP FIRE

At 8 o'clock in the evening, Tuesday, the 24th, the Executive Committee in charge of the arrangements for the encampment tendered a camp fire to the visiting delegates, on which occasion addresses were delivered by prominent citizens of Washington, prominent officers and past officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, Spanish war veterans, etc., as well as by the Commander-in-Chief, the division commander of Maryland Division, and several past commanders-in-chief.

Wednesday morning, August 25th, was devoted to automobile riding, sight-seeing trips, etc.

WEDNESDAY SESSION

Encampment resumed at 1 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, August 25, 1909, with Commander-in-Chief Allan in the chair.

Commander-in-Chief appointed William T. Raley, of Wm. B. Cushing Camp No. 30, to act as Inner Guard.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any committees ready to report?

E. R. Campbell, of Maryland: I have here the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, which I will read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Washington, D. C., August 25, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the 28th Annual Encampment, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers:

I have the honor to submit a report of the work of the Committee on Military Affairs during the year just closed.

Regulations for the government of the military department (the Reserve) have been compiled, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and published without cost to the commandery. A copy of same is hereto attached.

General Fred Tschudy, commanding the Pennsylvania Brigade, S. V. R., and Colonel Henry Stewart, Acting Adjutant, are entitled to the thanks of not only the committee, but of the commandery, for the vast amount of work they have performed in compiling and printing said regulations.

To my associates on the committee, and to the officers of the Reserve, I extend cordial thanks for the assistance they have rendered in this important work.

Fraternally Submitted,

E. R. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

REGULATIONS SOVS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Washington, D. C., November 25, 1908.

MAJOR-GENERAL E. M. AMES, Chief-of-Staff,
Altoona, Pa.

Sir: The inclosed Regulations are approved with the recommendations that the same apply to other divisions, as far as practicable, and in all cases where a brigade does not exist, the

ranking officer be designated to carry out, so far as possible, the Regulations above mentioned.

Very respectfully,

E. R. CAMPBELL,
H. S. FOSTER,
ALFRED G. LOYD,
W. S. REEDER,
CHAS. K. DARLING,
Committee on Military Affairs.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

Gettysburg, Pa., January 5, 1909.

MAJOR E. R. CAMPBELL,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to hand you herewith a modification of the Regulations of the Pennsylvania Brigade to make them applicable to the government of the Reserve.

By command of MAJOR-GENERAL AMES,
HENRY STEWART, Maj. & Act. Adjt.-Gen.

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

Washington, D. C., January 14, 1909.

The within Regulations approved by the Committee on Military Affairs November 25th, 1908, and the modifications hereto attached, provided for by said committee are approved.

EDGAR ALLAN, JR., Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS SON'S OF VETERANS RESERVE.

General Orders No. 2.

Altoona, Pa., March 1, 1909.

Pursuant to the foregoing authority, the following Regulations are promulgated for the government of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

By command of MAJOR-GENERAL AMES,
HENRY STEWART, Maj. & Act. Adjt.-Gen.

REGULATIONS SON'S OF VETERANS RESERVE.

ARTICLE I.

ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. The several primary units of the Reserve will maintain, for the stated number of officers, a minimum strength of enlisted men as follows:

	Officers		1st			Total	
	Capt.	1sts.	Sgt.	Sgts.	Cps.	Pvts.	enlisted Men
Infantry	1	2	1	3	3	24	31
Cavalry	1	2	1	3	3	24	31
Artillery							
For two-gun battery.....	1	2	1	2	4	18	25
For each additional gun..				1	1	9	
Signal Corps		1	1	1	1	10	13
Hospital Corps	*	*		2	2	12	16
Engineer Corps		1	1	1	1	10	13
Bands	**	1	**1	1	1	12	15

Drum Corps may be assigned to regimental or battalion organizations, at the discretion of the Brigade Commandant, and will be under the command of a Drum-major.

*Hospital Corps have no officers, but are under command of the regimental Surgeon. The Hospital Steward of the regimental N. C. S. is the "first sergeant" of the corps.

**The leader ranks as a First or Second Lieutenant, at the discretion of the Brigade Commandant—the "first sergeant" of the Band is the Chief Musician.

Commands unable to maintain these minimum numbers will be officered at the discretion of the Brigade Commandant as to grade, in the following ratios: For less than 30 but more than 20 men, 2 officers; for less than 20, but more than 10 men, 1 officer.

Sec. 2. When any organization shall have remained for a period of six months below the above specified minimum, or upon inspection shall be found to have fallen below the required standard of efficiency, the Brigade Commandant may order its disbandment or consolidation with another command, and shall be empowered to order the honorable discharge of the officers thus rendered supernumerary.

Sec. 3. A battalion shall consist of not less than 3 companies, and shall be commanded by a Major. His staff shall consist of an Adjutant, with the rank of First Lieutenant, a Sergeant-Major, and a Bugler, rated as a Principal Musician.

Sec. 4. A regiment shall consist of not less than 7 full companies. If of less than 10 companies, it shall be commanded by a Lieutenant-Colonel; if of 10 or more companies, it may be commanded by a Colonel, and is entitled to a Lieutenant-Colonel. It may be organized as two or more battalions, at the discretion of the Brigade Commandant.

A regimental staff shall consist of an Adjutant, a Quartermaster, a Commissary, an Inspector of Small Arms, and a Chaplain with the rank of Captain, if the Commandant be a Colonel; of First Lieutenant, if he be a Lieutenant-Colonel, and the following medical officers: A Surgeon, with the rank of Major, if the regiment be of 10 or more companies; of Captain, if of less than 10 companies; and an Assistant Surgeon, with rank of First Lieutenant—provided that after serving three years, he may be re-commissioned as Captain, if the regimental Surgeon be of the grade of Major.

The non-commissioned staff of a regiment shall consist of a Sergeant-Major, a Quartermaster Sergeant, a Commissary Sergeant, a Hospital Steward, a Color Sergeant (if the regiment has a full stand of colors, two Color Sergeants), and a Bugler, rated as a Chief Trumpeter.

Sec. 5. When any separate battalion shall have remained below the minimum for a period of one year, the resignation of the Major shall be at the call of the Commanding Officer, and the disposition of the component units at his discretion. If the battalion be of a regiment, it shall be consolidated with another battalion, and the discharge of the officers thus rendered supernumerary, be ordered by Brigade Commandant.

When any regimental organization shall have remained below the minimum for a period of one year, the resignation of the Commanding Officer shall be at the call of the Brigade Commandant, in order that an election for a Commanding Officer of appropriate grade may be ordered.

Sec. 6. When in any division of the order there shall be organized two full regiments of infantry, with one or more troops of cavalry and batteries of artillery, a brigade may be organized by the Chief-of-Staff, which shall be designated by the name of the state in which it exists; provided that the troops of two or more divisions may be combined in a brigade, which shall be designated by the name of the state in which the majority of its component units are located.

If the brigade consist of two thousand (2,000) or more officers and men, the Brigadier-General may appoint the following staff: A Chief-of-Staff, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Surgeon-General, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; an Assistant Adjutant-General, an Assistant Quartermaster General, an Assistant Commissary General, an Assistant Inspector General, an Assistant Judge-Advocate General, a Chief of Artillery, a Chief of Cavalry, and a Chaplain, with the rank of Major; an Engineer Officer, an Ordnance Officer, a Signal Officer, and Aides de Camp (not exceeding 5), with the rank of Captain. If the brigade be of smaller size, the Chief-of-Staff will be omitted, and the Assistant Surgeon-General will be of the grade of Major.

Chiefs of artillery and cavalry, signal and engineer officers will not be appointed on a brigade staff unless two or more units of those arms of the service exist in the brigade.

Non-commissioned officers may be appointed in the several foregoing staff departments, as necessity arises, with the rank of regimental or battalion Sergeant-Major of the arm of the service in accord with their specific duties.

Sec. 7. In states wherein a brigade organization is impracticable, the senior field officer shall exercise all the functions prescribed for a Brigade Commandant, except the appointment of a staff other than that in keeping with his own command. His Adjutant and Quartermaster will perform the duties of Acting Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals.

The terms "Brigade Commandant" and "Commanding Officer" when unqualified, wherever they occur in these Regulations shall be held to mean the senior field officer in any state not attached to any regular brigade.

Isolated companies in states without a battalion organization will be under the immediate command of the Chief-of-Staff, or may be assigned to other division organizations, at his discretion.

Sec. 8. The Chief-of-Staff may appoint such staff officers as he may deem desirable, of the grade of Colonel in the Adjutant-General's, Quartermaster General's and Surgeon-General's department—of Lieutenant-Colonel in all other staff departments, and Aides de Camp of the grade of Major.

Non-commissioned officers may be appointed in the several staff departments, as may be necessary, of the grade of regimental Sergeants-Major.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS—ELECTIONS.

Section 1. For line officers shall be by the enlisted men of the command; for Majors, by the line officers of the companies composing the battalion; for Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels, by the elective officers of the command; and shall be for a term of three years; the Brigadier-General shall be elected by the elective officers of the brigade, for a term of five years.

Elections for field and line officers will be held pursuant to special orders issued by the Brigade Commandant; for general officers, pursuant to special orders of the Chief-of-Staff.

Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:

A majority of the votes present shall determine the election. The total vote to be not less than two-thirds of the qualified electors.

Regimental Commandants may, under the election order, detail any officer, not a candidate, to conduct the election.

Date of election must be set at least two weeks prior to such election and each elector notified.

Returns will be made by the election officer, through regular channels to brigade headquarters, on the regulation blank, and will include the application of the officer-elect for commission, with the prescribed fee. The election officer will on receipt of the application for commission, administer the oath as prescribed on the application for commission. Returns of elections for field officers will include a roster of the officers present, and, in a sealed envelope, the final ballots.

All returns must be completed within thirty days of date of an election.

In elections for field officers, where it is impracticable to convene a quorum of electors, the election may be conducted by mail—each elector being notified that nominations will be received by the election officer, and a further notice of time limit for filing votes shall include a statement of all nominees.

APPOINTMENTS.

Sec. 2. Staff officers are appointed for a term of three years, provided that all such commissions expire with that of the officer making the appointment. Should such officer be re-elected, the staff commissions may remain in force, at the pleasure of the appointing officer.

All regimental staff officers are appointed by the Regimental Commandant, provided that battalion officers are appointed only on recommendation of the Major. All appointments are subject to the approval of the Brigade Commandant, as hereinafter provided. The resignation of any staff officer is at all times at the call of the appointing officer.

APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION.

Sec. 3. All officers shall make such application on the prescribed blank, accompanied by a fee of \$1.00, through regular channels, within thirty days of election or appointment. Until such application has been made, no person shall exercise command of troops or serve as staff officer. All applications for commission are subject to the approval of the Brigade Commandant—Regimental Commandants having the right of appeal to the Brigade Board of Officers, from any such disapproval.

EXAMINATIONS.

Sec. 4. All officers, either before or after having been commissioned, are liable to an examination as to technical qualifications before a board appointed by the Brigade Commandant.

DISCHARGE.

Sec. 5. An officer may be honorably discharged upon acceptance of resignation by the Chief-of-Staff, disbandment of his command, removal from station of his command, or upon report of a

board that he failed to pass an examination, as heretofore provided. The supernumerary officers of a command which fails to conform with Sections 1 and 2, Article I, may be so discharged. An officer may be discharged "without honor" on refusal or failure to appear, without adequate excuse, before a board of examination. An officer may be dishonorably discharged ONLY on sentence of a court-martial, approved by the Chief-of-Staff.

ARTICLE III.

ENLISTED MEN.

Section 1. All enlisted men shall subscribe to the following pledge of enlistment:

"I do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted as a soldier in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, to serve until discharged by proper authority. And I do solemnly promise that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will obey the orders of the officers elected and appointed over me, according to the Regulations of the Sons of Veterans Reserve."

This pledge shall be administered by a commissioned officer, with uplifted hand, and shall be subscribed to on duplicate blanks, and shall not be held to be completed until one copy thereof is filed at Brigade Headquarters.

Sec. 2. This enlistment shall be held to continue in force at the pleasure of the immediate commandant, PROVIDED that at any time after the expiration of three years, the enlisted man SHALL be entitled to an honorable discharge on request, if there be no charges, nor indebtedness to his command standing against him.

CONTINUOUS SERVICE.

Sec. 3. For each three years of continuous service, an enlisted man may wear the service chevron as hereinafter provided. Company Commandants will be held responsible for any unauthorized wearing of this distinction by the men of their commands.

DISCHARGES.

Sec. 4. Discharges are issued on authority of Brigade Commandant on application on prescribed blanks, on the blanks furnished with the approval of the application. Discharges will be signed by the Regimental Commandant, and will not be issued for men discharged for causes not creditable. Men may be discharged "without honor," on recommendation of their immediate Commandant, stating non-attendance, insubordination, or non-compliance with properly approved by-laws. A man so discharged has the right of appeal to the Regimental Board of Officers. A man cannot be dishonorably discharged except on sentence of a court-martial, approved by the Brigade Commandant, as hereinafter provided.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Sec. 5. Non-commissioned officers are appointed by the Regimental Commandant.—those of a battalion, on recommendation of the Major; of a company on recommendation of the Captain. No enlisted man shall wear the chevron of a non-commissioned officer until he is in possession of a warrant, properly signed by the Regimental Commandant, as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE IV.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT.

1. The following regulations for dress uniform will not be deviated from in any particular: Full dress caps with bands, uniforms with piping, aiguillettes, etc., will not be worn during service with the Reserve.

The dress uniform will be worn for all ceremonies. The service uniform with or without coat, may be worn during guard duty, if the entire guard is so equipped.

For drill, the service uniform may be worn by companies or battalions, provided the entire battalion or company is so equipped.

Articles of the dress and service uniform will not be worn mixed.

An officer is required to equip himself in accordance herewith, within ninety days of date of commission.

BADGES.

2. No badges will be worn except those recognized by the C. R. & R., by these regulations, or of a recognized military character. Convention and similar badges must not be worn while on duty, and should not be worn on the uniform at any time. Badges will be worn in one line, four inches below the point of the shoulder, on the dress uniform, in the following order of precedence, from right to left of wearer; decorations awarded for actual service in war, badges of the order (the membership taking precedence), the service badge, markmanship badges, the badges of military societies.

No badges of any kind will be worn on the service uniform or shirt.

OFFICERS.

3. For General Officers:—The uniform and equipment will conform to the U. S. Army Regulations of 1903, G. O. No. 132. Headquarters of the Army Series 1902, except as applies to the full-dress uniforms, and the following paragraphs applicable to "all officers."

DRESS COAT.

4. For All Except General Officers:—A sack coat of dark blue cloth, with standing collar fastened with two hooks and eyes, coat to close with nap containing suitable concealed fastenings, a slit not to exceed three inches for hooking up sabre, a vertical opening at each side at the hip. Trimmed with lustrous flat black mohair braid $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, as follows: edged all around the bottom, the front edges, the collar, and for 6 inches upward from the bottom along both side openings of the shirt.

5. For Chaplains:—The material will be of blue-black cloth.

DRESS TROUSERS.

6. General and Brigade Staff and Medical Officers:—Of dark blue cloth, without stripe welt or cord.

7. For All Other Officers Except Chaplains:—Of sky blue cloth, with stripes $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, welted at the edges of the color prescribed for the facings of the respective corps or arm of the service as hereinafter prescribed.

8. For Chaplains:—Of black or blue-black cloth, without stripe, welt or cord.

CAP.

9. For All Officers Except Chaplains:—Of dark blue cloth, with three welts, total depth $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter across top $8\frac{3}{4}$

inches for a cap of size 7, $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch larger or smaller for each other size. Between the lower welts a band of lustrous black mohair braid, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide. Visor of black patent leather $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches deep at center, of green color, underneath, to droop at an angle of 45 degrees. A flat gold cap strap $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wide, held at each end by two small regulation buttons. The cap badge shall be the coat of arms of the United States, embroidered in gold, and so placed that the tips of the eagle's wings shall be $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch below the top welt, except that the breast of the eagle shall bear, in red velvet, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch high the distinctive division device, as prescribed in Section 42.

10. For Chaplains:—A black hat, similar to the service hat hereinafter prescribed, with a cord of black silk and gold bullion interwoven.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

11. For All Officers:— $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches wide, 4 inches long, bordered with an embroidery of gold $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide.

For Brigade Staff and Chaplains:—On dark blue cloth.

For All Other Officers:—On cloth of the color of the facings of the respective arm of the service or staff corps as hereafter prescribed. All to bear the insignia of rank as hereafter prescribed.

INSIGNIA.

12. Collar Insignia for All Officers:—A coat of arms of the United States of gold or gilt metal, with the following modifications: The shield on the breast of the eagle shall bear a monogram composed of the letters, in bold relief, S. V. and R.; and the sun burst will be replaced by a scroll rising from the eagle's beak, bearing the words "filii veteranorum,"—all according to the pattern on file at Headquarters of the Reserve. To be worn on the collar, 1 inch from each end.

13. Insignia of Staff Corps or Arm of Service:—To be of metal, placed $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch from the collar insignia, as follows:

Brigade Chief-of-Staff:—A gold division device.

Adjutant-General's Department:—A gold shield.

Quartermaster's Department:—A sword and key, crossed on a wheel, surmounted by a spread eagle, of gold, platinum and enamel.

Commissary Department:—A silver crescent.

Inspector General's Department:—A sword and fasces, crossed and wreathed, of gold.

Judge-Advocate General's Department:—A sword and pen, crossed and wreathed, of gold.

Aides de Camp:—A device 1 1-3 inches high—a shield of the United States of properly colored enamel—surmounted by a gold eagle—the blue field of the shield bearing a silver star.

The field for Aides of the Chief-of-Staff bears two silver stars.

Medical Department:—A caduceus, of gold.

Ordinance Department:—A shell and flame of gold.

Regimental Staff Officers:—Wear the device of the arm of the service, with the regimental number above the intersection, and the device of the staff departments below the intersection, all in gold.

Chaplains:—The pendant design is a Latin cross.

Inspectors of Small Arms:—The pendant design is the "target," worn by Inspectors of Rifle Practice in the State Service.

Signal Corps:—Two crossed signal flags and a burning torch, of gold and silver.

Engineer Corps:—A turreted castle, of silver.

Cavalry:—Crossed sabres, 1 inch high, with number of regiment above the intersection, of gold. Letter of troop is not worn.

Artillery:—Crossed cannons, of gold, 1 inch high, an oval with scarlet center at the intersection.

Infantry:—Crossed rifles, of gold, design 1 inch high, number of regiment above intersection. No company letter.

14. Insignia of Rank:—Worn on shoulder straps:

Colonel:—A silver embroidered spread eagle, 2 inches between tips of wings, having in the right talon an olive branch; in the left talon a bundle of arrows, an escutcheon on the breast as represented in the Arms of the United States, beak of the eagle to the front.

Lieutenant-Colonel:—A silver embroidered leaf at each end, each leaf extending $\frac{1}{8}$ inch from end of strap.

Major:—As for Lieutenant-Colonel, except of gold embroidery.

Captain:—At each end two silver embroidered bars, of the same width as the border, parallel to the end of the strap, distance between bar and from border equal to width of border.

First Lieutenant:—One silver embroidered bar as above.

Second Lieutenant:—A blank field.

Chaplain:—A plain Latin cross of silver embroidery in the center.

15. Colors of Facings:—

Brigade Staff:—Dark blue.

Engineer Corps:—Scarlet, piped with white.

Signal Corps:—Orange, piped with white.

Medical Corps:—Maroon.

Cavalry:—Yellow.

Artillery:—Scarlet.

Infantry:—Light blue.

SHOES.

16. For All Officers:—Of polished black, black enamel or patent leather.

BOOTS.

17. For All Officers When Mounted:—Black leather boots, in accordance with the pattern now worn in the regular service, or boot tops.

SPURS.

18. For All Officers When Mounted:—According to the pattern now in use in the regular service—of white metal, with half-concealed rowel, showing on the upper side only—worn with black straps, and without chains.

GLOVES.

19. For All Officers:—When dismounted, white gloves; when mounted, drab leather gloves. Gauntlets will not be worn.

SABRES.

20. For All Officers Except Chaplains:—According to the pat-

tern prescribed by the U. S. A. Regulations of 1903—that are now in use.

BELT.

21. For All Officers Except Chaplains:—Of black leather, not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide nor more than 2 inches wide, provided with detachable slings, and a buckle—all metal of dull bronze finish—to be worn under the dress coat.

SABRE KNOTS.

22. For All Except General Officers and Chaplains:—Strap and acorn to be of black silk interwoven with gold bullion. With the service uniform the sabre knot, if worn, will be of russet leather.

The following articles are not required as a part of an officer's equipment, but when worn, will conform to the subjoined regulations.

OVERCOATS.

23. For All Officers:—A double-breasted ulster of dark blue cloth, lined with dark blue flannel or black Italian cloth, closing by means of four black mohair netted olives and loops of black mohair square cord, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, on each side, down the front, with a frogging of the same cord at the end of each loop and at the throat, with a long loop of the same cord, with three knots and two slides of netted mohair, fastened at the left side with a netted mohair olive, and closing on the right with the same. The black slit up from the bottom from 20 to 25 inches, according to height of wearer, and closing at will by buttons and button holes in a concealed flap; bottom of the skirt 9 to 12 inches from the ground, a rolling collar of the same material as the coat, broad enough when turned up to protect the ears; two horizontal pockets on the outside, just below the hip, covered with flaps to be worn inside or out; sleeves loose with cuff or slit; back straps, each about 8 inches long and 2 inches wide, let into side seams at back of coat; left hand strap to have a button hole, the right strap to have 2 buttons, about 2 inches apart; a vertical slit about 6 inches long at the side of the hip, large enough to admit the sabre slings. The belt will be worn under the coat, the sabre on the outside, sling attached to belt through slit.

Insignia of rank to be on the sleeves, of flat black mohair braid, $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch wide, as follows: General, five braids, double knot; Colonel, five braids, single knot; the following all single knots, for Lieutenant-Colonel, four braids; for Major, three braids; for Captain, two braids; for First Lieutenant, one braid; for Second Lieutenants and Chaplains, without braid.

CAPIES.

24. For All Officers:—To be worn when not on duty with troops under arms. Of dark blue cloth, without braid or binding, reaching at least to the tips of the fingers, and not below the knee, with a rolling collar of black velvet 3 inches broad, closing at the throat with a long loop of black mohair cord. To be lined in accordance with the color of the arm of the service for field and line officers, for all other officers, with dark blue.

ENLISTED MEN.

25. Dress Coat:—Of dark blue cloth, buttoned to the neck with five regulation buttons, the lower one at the waist, with rolling collar, cuffs ornamented with three small regulation buttons—no collar ornaments are worn.

26. Trousers:—Of light blue cloth, without welt cord or stripes, except for non-commissioned officers and musicians.

27. Cap:—Of dark blue cloth of shape and pattern as prescribed for officers with black enamel leather chin strap, secured with two small regulation buttons. Cap ornaments to be of yellow metal of the following designs:

Brigade N. C. S.:—A gold wreath, enclosing the appropriate department device according to Section 13; for men not thus specified, a red enamel division device $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high, as prescribed in Section 42.

Signal Corps:—Crossed flags and a burning torch in white metal.

Engineer Corps:—A silver turretted castle, surmounted by company letter

Hospital Corps:—A caduceus, surmounted by the regimental number.

Cavalry:—Crossed sabres, with number of regiment above the intersection and troop letter beneath.

Artillery:—Crossed cannons, otherwise as above.

Infantry:—Crossed rifles, otherwise as above.

Band Musicians:—A white metal lyre, surmounted by number of regiment.

Field Musicians:—A trumpet, surmounted by the regimental number—for company musicians, the loop of the trumpet, enclosing the company letter.

Regimental N. C. Staff:—As above according to the arm of the service, omitting letter.

28. Trouser Stripes:—For corporals, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide; all other non-commissioned officers except musicians, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide, of colors as prescribed in Section 15.

Brigade N. C. S. officers will wear the colors in accordance with their staff department as follows:

Quartermaster's Dept., buff; Commissary Dept., cadet gray; Ordnance Dept., black, piped with scarlet; Hospital, Engineer and Signal Corps, as per Section 15; others of the arm of the service consistent with their specific duties.

For All Musicians:—A double stripe, each stripe $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide.

29. Chevrons:—Will be worn by non-commissioned officers, according to the pattern now in use in the regular service, points upward, above the elbow on all coats and the service shirt, of the same color as the trouser stripes, as follows:

For N. C. Officers attached to the General Staff:—The chevron of a Regimental Surgeon-Major, including between the bars and the tie the specific corps device, and immediately beneath the ties, two stars placed side by side.

For Brigade N. C. S.:—The chevron of regimental or battalion Sergeant-Major, to include between the bars and the tie, the specific corps device, and immediately beneath the ties the division device, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high, as prescribed in Section 42.

For Regimental Sergeant-Major:—Three bars and an arc of three bars.

For Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant:—Three bars and a tie of three bars.

For Regimental Commissary Sergeant:—Same as foregoing, with a crescent just below the inner angle, points to the front.

For Battalion Sergeant-Major:—Three bars and an arc of two bars.

For Chief Musicians:—As foregoing, with a bugle in the center.

For Chief Trumpeter:—Three bars and an arc of one bar, with a bugle in center.

For Principal Musician:—Three bars with a bugle beneath.

For Hospital Steward:—Three bars and an arc of one bar, enclosing a caduceus embroidered in maroon silk, all to have a narrow white border.

For Color Sergeant:—Three bars and a star.

For First Sergeant:—Three bars and a lozenge.

For Quartermaster Sergeant of Company, Troop or Battery:—Three bars and a tie of one bar.

For Sergeant:—Three bars.

For Corporal:—Two bars.

All enlisted men of the Engineer, Signal and Hospital Corps wear the corps device on the arm, for non-commissioned officers surmounted by the appropriate chevron.

Service Chevron:—An enlisted man is entitled to wear, for each three years continuously served, as a mark of distinction upon both sleeves of dress coat, below the elbow, a diagonal half chevron, of the color of the arm of the service in which he served, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch wide, extending from seam to seam, midway between the elbow and wrist, the front end nearest the cuff.

An enlisted man who has served in the United States Army, may wear for each term so served, a similar chevron, piped with white.

30. Gloves:—Of white cotton for dismounted service; for mounted service of drab leather.

31. Belt:—A blue woven belt to which the bayonet scabbard is attached by a hook.

32. Shoes:—Of black leather.

33. Leggings:—Of the type prescribed in Section 57, will be worn by enlisted men when mounted, and for field duty by commands not equipped with the service uniform. They will not be worn with the blue uniform under any other conditions.

34. Spurs:—Of yellow metal—worn only when mounted.

35. Overcoats:—Are not compulsory. When worn they will conform to the following regulations:

Of sky blue cloth, double-breasted, with cape, lining to correspond with facings of arm of the service, except for infantry, which shall be dark blue—the cape attached to coat by means of hooks and eyes, all according to the pattern in use in the United States Army, under the regulations of 1887. The cape may be worn detached when not on duty under arms.

FOR OFFICERS AND MEN.

40. Saddles:—To be black leather of the McClellan type, late regulation of the U. S. A.

41. Saddle Cloths:—For All Officers:—Of dark blue cloth, worn over the saddle blanket, trimmed as follows:

For Brigade Staff:—An edging of gold lace, 1 inch wide, in each flank corner the insignia of staff department, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, in metal as prescribed in Section 13.

For All Other Officers:—An edging of enameled leather, 1 inch wide of the color of the arm of the service, with the number of the regiment in the same enameled leather, 2 inches high, in each flank corner, except that

For Officers of Artillery:—The device shall be that worn on the dress coat, 2 inches high.

For Chaplains:—A white metal cross, 2 inches high, placed diagonally.

Enlisted men use the saddle blanket alone, folded in accordance with the Cavalry Drill Regulations.

DIVISION DEVICE.

42. The division devices herein referred to shall be as follows:

(All designs in red, with a gold border.)

Connecticut:—A tre-foil.

Illinois:—a quinque-foil.

Indiana:—four bastion fort.

Kansas:—a sunflower.

Michigan:—a crescent.

Minnesota:—Maltese cross.

New Jersey:—a diamond.

New York:—fan-leaved cross.

Maine:—Greek cross.

Ohio:—a star.

Pennsylvania:—a keystone.

For the states not above specified, such of the Army Corps devices as may be hereafter adopted, with the approval of the Chief-of-Staff.

SERVICE UNIFORM.

The use of the service uniform is optional with commands. Officers on duty will wear it only when their command is so equipped, and serving as a separate unit. When used, it will conform to the following regulations. The dress and service uniforms will never be mixed.

OFFICERS.

The material will be of khaki-colored cotton cloth, or of olive-drab woolen cloth.

45. Coat:—A single-breasted sack coat, with two outside breast patch pockets, and two outside patch pockets below the waist, covered by flaps and closed with small bronze buttons. A falling collar, 1 to 1¼ inches wide—a shoulder loop reaching from shoulder seam to edge of collar, with a small bronze button at upper end—loops 1 inch wide at collar, 2 inches wide where let into the shoulder seam. To fit closely at the waist, and loosely around chest, and be closed with five bronze buttons.

46. Trousers:—Without stripe, welt or cord.

47. Insignia:—The same collar insignia as prescribed in Sections 12 and 13, except that it shall be of dull bronze finish.

Insignia of rank are the same as worn on the shoulder strap, of gold or silver metal—worn on the shoulder loop, base of device toward and near the shoulder seam (bars are parallel to the seam), when the coat is not worn, the same insignia may be worn on the shirt collar, base downward (bars parallel to end of collar).

48. Shirt:—Of dark blue flannel—officers not on duty with troops may wear khaki-colored flannel shirt. Suspenders must not be worn over the shirt if the coat is not worn.

49. Hat:—Of the standard service pattern, ornamented with a double cord, ¼ inch in diameter, of black silk interwoven with gold bullion, with acorn ends.

50. Cap:—Officers when not on duty with troops under arms, may wear a cap of design similar to that prescribed in Section 9, made of the material of the service uniform, with black cap strap and bronze ornaments.

51. Leggings:—Of russet leather, of the type known as "strap puttee."

52. Belt:—As per Section 21, except of russet leather.

53. Shoes:—Of russet leather.

54. Gloves:—Of drab leather.

ENLISTED MEN.

Material shall be of khaki-colored cotton cloth. The uniform will conform to the foregoing regulations, with the following exceptions:

55. Hat:—Will be ornamented with a worsted cord, of the color of the arm of the service, and on the front will be worn the regimental number and company letter in bronze, number placed diagonally above and to the left of the letter.

56. Coat:—No collar ornaments will be worn.

57. Leggings:—Of cotton duck or canvas, of the color of the service uniform.

COLORS AND GUIDONS.

58. Infantry:—Regimental organizations are entitled to:

The National Color:—Of silk, 5 feet 6 inches fly, 4 feet 4 inches on the pike, which shall be 9 feet long, including spear head and ferrule; the union to be 2 feet 6 inches long, with stars embroidered in white silk on both sides, the edges to be trimmed with a knotted fringe of yellow silk, 2½ inches wide; a cord 8 feet 6 inches long with two tassels, composed of red, white and blue strands. The official designation of the regiment engraved on a silver plate on the pike.

The Regimental Color:—Of blue silk, of the same dimensions as the National color—the field shall bear the coat of arms of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, embroidered or painted in suitable colors, and of appropriate size—above the coat of arms a scroll bearing the inscription "Sons of Veterans Reserve"—below the same a scroll in two parts, the left hand scroll bearing the words "——— Regiment;" the right hand scroll, the words "——— Brigade"—all scrolls in red with white letters—between the scrolls a red division device, as prescribed in Section 42—all according to a photograph on file at Headquarters of the Reserve. Fringe as for National Color, cord and tassels of blue and white strands.

For regiments not a part of a regular brigade, the word "Division" will be substituted for "Brigade."

59. Cavalry:—Of silk or bunting—cut swallow tailed, 15 inches to the fork, 3 feet 5 inches fly, and 2 feet 3 inches on the lance, having two horizontal stripes, each half the width of the flag, the upper red, the lower white, the red stripes bearing in the center on both sides the regimental number in white; the white stripe bearing the troop letter in red; the letters and numbers block shaped, 4¾ inches high. The lance 1½ inches in diameter and 9 feet long, including spear head.

60. Artillery:—Of shape and dimensions as for cavalry, of scarlet silk or bunting, having on both sides two crossed cannons,

device about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, with number and letter as for cavalry, all in yellow silk.

61. The Brigadier-General:—A guidon of dimensions as above—field white, bearing the division device in red, 15 inches high— device to have a 1-inch sky blue border, and to bear a 5-inch 5-pointed star, pointing upward in white.

SERVICE BADGE.

62. Service badges to be issued for actual service in field encampments may be established in the several brigades—the design and restriction on the issue thereof to be submitted to the Chief-of-Staff for approval.

ARMAMENT.

63. Infantry:—The .45-70 Springfield rifle, with bayonet.

64. Cavalry:—The light cavalry sabre and .50 carbine.

65. Artillery, Mounted:—The regulation artillery sabre, and Colt's revolver, with black leather holster. Dismounted—the knife and scabbard as worn by the Hospital Corps.

66. Hospital, Signal and Engineer Corps:—As per 1903 regulations, U. S. A., the "side arm knife."

ARTICLE V.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Section 1. The following are enumerated as the essentials of a system of reports and records:

Form 1. Enlistment blank.

Form 3. Muster-roll (semi-annual report).

Form 4. Application for discharge.

Form 5. Discharge.

Form 8. Application for commission.

Form 18. Resignation.

The forms and system of reports of the several brigades will conform to the foregoing, specimens of which will be forwarded on request to the Adjutant-General's office, whence they can be procured at cost of production.

Any other forms deemed necessary by the several Brigade Commandants will, on approval of the Chief-of-Staff, become a part of these Regulations for that command.

Sec. 2. Brigade Commandants will, on the first days of June and December, render to the Chief-of-Staff a consolidated report of their command, showing number of officers and men of each company, and totals for regiments and brigade, with the location of companies, name and address of commanding officers.

Sec. 3. All official correspondence must be conducted on paper $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 inches, folded in three equal folds, and indorsements made in accordance with the customs of the regular service. All letters must be acknowledged or transmitted within seven days of receipt.

ARTICLE VI.

FINANCES.

Section 1. The expenses of the Chief-of-Staff incurred in the issue of commissions and correspondence shall be met by appropriations by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commission fees received from commands under his direct

supervision, as heretofore provided shall be accounted for to the National Secretary.

Sec. 2. The revenue of brigades shall consist of commission fees, receipts for collar insignia, service badges and bars, contributions, subscriptions or donations. All receipts will be accounted for by the Assistant Quartermaster General, in semi-annual reports, published in circular.

Sec. 3. Disbursements shall be made by the Assistant Quartermaster General on vouchers issued by the authority of the Brigade Commandant only, for the following purposes:

Stationery, blanks, printing of orders and circulars, purchase of supplies of collar insignia and service badges, or for any specific purpose for which a donation or contribution shall have been made, or authorized by the Board of Officers.

Sec. 4. Regimental revenues shall consist of a fee of 25 cents for each non-commissioned warrant, and of such regular assessments on the several companies as shall be levied by the Regimental Board of Officers, all receipts and disbursements being accounted for to the Regimental Board. Disbursements shall be for purposes authorized by said board.

ARTICLE VII.

BOARD OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. Brigade Boards of Officers shall be composed as follows:

The Commanding Officer, ex-officio President; the Commanding Officer of each regimental or separate battalion organization, the Chiefs of Artillery and Cavalry; one additional officer from each unit consisting of seven or more companies, to be designated by the Regimental Commandant; an additional officer of the Brigade Staff designated by the Brigade Commandant; the Chief of Staff of the Brigade (or the Assistant Adjutant General), who shall be the Recorder of the board.

The board shall meet annually in the field, at the call of the Commanding Officer—in the interim any necessary business will be submitted by the Recorder in circular letter.

The relation of the Board to the Commanding Officer shall be of an advisory character, on matters not of a tactical nature or not covered by these Regulations. It shall have cognizance of any appeal made by a Regimental Board of Officers from any act of the Brigade Commandant, or recommendations made to the Chief-of-Staff by such boards, and shall make final recommendation on any proposition for legislation, originating within the Brigade, made to the Committee on Military Affairs of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Commanding Officer has the veto power over actions of the Board, subject to an appeal to the Committee on Military Affairs, through the Chief-of-Staff.

Sec. 2. Regimental Boards of Officers shall be composed of the commissioned officers of the command, and shall have cognizance, with the Commanding Officer, who shall be the President of the Board, of all matters within the jurisdiction of the regimental organization, according to the customs of the state service. The Adjutant shall be the Recorder of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII.

COURTS-MARTIAL.

Section 1. Courts-martial may be appointed by the Brigade Commandant for the trial of officers and men, for military offenses. Such courts shall have cognizance of military offenses only—nor shall they be empowered to impose any sentence involving the standing of an officer or man in the order.

Sec. 2. The penalties which may be imposed by such courts are:

For enlisted men, fines, reprimands in general orders, reduction to ranks of non-commissioned officers, and dismissal from the service.

For officers, fines, reprimands, or recommendation for annulment of commission to be made to the Chief-of-Staff by the Brigade Commandant.

Sec. 3. Summary courts may be appointed by Regimental Commandants in the field, to have jurisdiction over enlisted men in offenses not of sufficient gravity to warrant a General Court, and shall be empowered to impose sentences of fines, detention in guard house for a period not exceeding twenty-four hours, and reduction to ranks of non-commissioned officers.

Sec. 4. Rules of procedure shall be as laid down in the "Manual for Court Martial, 1905, Government Printing Office," and the "Military Laws of the United States," except that when the court shall have assembled, and three members thereof are present, it shall be lawful to proceed with the trial.

ARTICLE IX.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Section 1. Brigade Boards of Officers may adopt Regulations covering matters not herein laid down, and not inconsistent with these Regulations, which on approval of the Chief-of-Staff shall become a part of these Regulations for the Brigade originating same.

Sec. 2. Companies or regiments may adopt, subject to the approval of the Brigade Commandant, by-laws for their government, not inconsistent with these Regulations.

Sec. 3. The duties of all officers shall be co-relative to those of similarly designated officers of the regular and state service, as far as consistent with the conditions of the Reserve service.

Sec. 4. The system of drill, field exercises and discipline of the United States Army shall be observed as far as the conditions of the Reserve service permit.

Sec. 5. Brigade Commandants may issue General Orders covering matters not laid down in these Regulations and not inconsistent therewith.

Sec. 6. Propositions for amendment of these Regulations will be made to the Committee on Military Affairs, through the Chief-of-Staff, by Brigade Commandants or Brigade Boards of Officers.

Sec. 7. Any member of the Reserve has the right of appeal to the highest authority, through regular channels, and no officer shall withhold from, or delay the transmission of such appeal to its destination.

MEMORANDA—PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE.

Original prepared in the office of the Commanding Officer.

Approved by the Board of Officers, at Scranton, June 18, 1907, as a proposition for amendment of Article XXIV, C. R. & R.

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Officers at Williamsport, June, 1908, revised in the A. A. G. O., in conjunction with the Commanding Officer, as to be applicable to this Brigade alone.

Submitted to the members of the Board, September 20, in circular letter.

Adopted by the Board by the following vote:

Yea.	Yea, with exceptions.	Nay.	Not voting.
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Submitted to the Chief-of-Staff October 16, 1908.

HEADQUARTERS SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Altoona, Pa., November 12, 1908.

These Regulations are approved, and the Commanding Officer of the Pennsylvania Brigade is hereby authorized to promulgate same for use of the said Brigade, for trial.

E. M. AMES, Chief-of-Staff.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the report. What is the pleasure of the encampment?

Frank K. Maples, of New York: I move that the report be received and approved, and that the committee be discharged with the thanks of this encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

PRELIMINARY REPORT COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

RELATING TO MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

William T. Church, of Illinois: The committee desires to report at this time upon a matter which the members of the committee regard as of the highest importance and great interest to every member of the encampment. The matters embodied in the resolutions which I am about to read originated in a plan formulated by your Commander-in-Chief, and has reference to the welfare of the order as well as of our school, the Memorial University. It has been discussed for the past eight months, largely in the various divisions and in many of the camps, and by many of those who are present here today, and the committee feels that these resolutions, as now presented to you, embody the consensus of many minds, and feels that in giving you these resolutions with its approval it is according to you something not at all new and something which probably the larger part of those present have already endorsed. The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, it appears most desirable to make an earnest and systematized effort to extend and enlarge the work of patriotic instruction through the proper officers of the Sons of Veterans, for the advancement of the order in all the divisions;

And, whereas, it is believed that active, aggressive and intel-

ligent work in the department of Patriotic Instruction under the direction of the National Patriotic Instructor, carried on by him and by the assistance of the division and camp patriotic instructors can be made in the extension of the order and at the same time produce substantial contributions from patriotic friends to a permanent endowment fund for Memorial University, the income from which shall be forever used for the support of the school;

And, whereas, friends at Mason City and patrons of the institution have promised to raise and contribute to the general fund of Memorial University the sum of \$2,500 per year for two years from this date, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., do hereby request the Commander-in-Chief to be elected at this 28th National Encampment, and at the 29th National Encampment to appoint Walter J. Patton, the president of Memorial University, to be National Patriotic Instructor for the Sons of Veterans, so that he shall hold that office for two years from this date; and be it further

Resolved, That there be hereby appropriated by the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V. U. S. A., the sum of \$2,000 per year for the period of two years from the date of this encampment, which shall be applied, \$1,500 thereof per annum to the salary of the Patriotic Instructor, and \$500 per annum to the payment of the printing, traveling and other expenses of the National Patriotic Instructor and expense of his department, it being understood that the remainder of the salary and expenses of the Patriotic Instructor will be paid by Memorial University; and that the National Patriotic Instructor and President of Memorial University for said two years shall be one and the same person, and receive from both sources only the same salary in the aggregate as is now paid to said president; and be it further

Resolved, as follows:

1. The Department of Patriotic Instruction shall, in addition to the other duties heretofore performed by it, promote the growth of the order in the strengthening and organization of camps and divisions, and solicit and collect contributions to the permanent endowment fund of Memorial University, contributions to the general fund of the university, and shall be allowed for expenses five per cent of all amounts collected by the department for the permanent endowment fund, one per cent to go to the National Patriotic Instructor and four per cent to be applied to expenditures only in conducting the work of the department.

2. All contributions received for the endowment fund of the university shall be deposited in bank to the credit of Memorial University Endowment Fund, shall not be withdrawn for or applied to any other use, and shall be invested in income-paying securities by the trustees of the university, and said trustees shall make an annual report to the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the amount, items, nature, character and place of deposit of such securities. The income from such endowment fund shall be used by the university for its general expenses.

3. The Department of Patriotic Instruction shall report on suitable blanks to the National Secretary of the order the work done by the department, and publish the same once each quarter in The Banner, showing the number of divisions, camps and

recruits mustered, the number of divisions, camps and recruits reinstated where the same have been out of the order as much as four consecutive quarters, giving the location and number of camps, and names of members with any other data pertinent to a proper system of carrying out the plan.

4. The following fees shall be allowed and paid by the National Treasurer, and paid on the voucher of the National Secretary, the same to be paid semi-annually, commencing in the third quarter, when the payments shall be made for the first two quarters; and in the first quarter of the succeeding year payments shall be made for the last two quarters, said fee to be used for expenses for the Department of Patriotic Instruction in connection with the organization work:

For mustering each member.....\$.25

the same fees to be paid for reinstatement of a camp, division or member who has been out of the order for four consecutive quarters.

5. Fees named in the preceding paragraph shall be paid only to the National Patriotic Instructor for work done by and reported on the blanks of the department and the National Patriotic Instructor and he may disburse such fees in any manner he may see fit to promote organization work.

6. The National Patriotic Instructor shall have direction over and supervise the work of Division and Camp Patriotic Instructors and they shall report at least quarterly to the Department of National Patriotic Instruction. It shall be the duty of this department, as well as of the Division and Camp Patriotic Instructors, to build up the Order of Sons of Veterans, increase and retain its membership, spread its influence, advertise its virtues, promote its welfare, promote the welfare and objects of Memorial University, solicit for contributions to its endowment fund, work in its interest in every possible way, it being the general purpose of the Department of National Patriotic Instruction to promote the interests of the Order of Sons of Veterans and of Memorial University founded by the order.

7. And, be it Further Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief approves of giving representation on the Board of Regents of Memorial University to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Daughters of Veterans, and the Grand Army of the Republic, provided these organizations elect to accept the same.

The Committee on Resolutions recommends the adoption of the within resolutions. Wm. T. Church, E. R. Campbell, D. C. Tillotson, W. F. Alcorn, E. L. Kelly, Committee.

Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: I move the adoption of the resolution by this encampment.

The motion was seconded.

Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: Brothers, the plan involved in these resolutions is not strange to many. It has been developed as an effort to give assistance to the school without taking something for nothing from the order. It has been conceived by some that a movement is as broad in extent as the order itself, for the promotion of the interests of the order, and development of its work, and that it will bring additional members to this grand and noble organization of ours. It is probably true that the order can not afford at this time a force of organizers in the field; it is

also true that our school needs some assistance this year? With a Department of Patriotic Instruction, having a name that is dignified and yet does not by its character suggest in the minds of those approached the idea making an appeal. The patriotic instructors of the order will be able to secure hearings in divisions where agents, or organizers, if you wish to call them that, would not. The organizer creates the same impression as a book agent. The first idea that comes into the mind of a person approached by an organizer is to get away, slam the door in the face of the solicitor, or organizer; but an officer who is created by this order as Patriotic Instructor, national or division, or from the camp, is charged with certain duties which are not definitely defined by the name or title which he bears. There is no reason why that department, commendable as it has been in the past, doing a great work for our order in the limited sphere in which it has operated, shall not be extended to include organization work, as well as the mere teaching of patriotism. It is necessary in the very nature of the thing for the school to keep some one in the field to solicit for it and to work in its interest. There appears to be no reason why the person who must be in the field for the school can not at the same time, drawing the same salary and the same expense money, make the same trips carry on the promotional work of the order. We believe that the one who has been suggested for this position is well qualified for this work; that he is able to carry on the duties of both offices at one and the same time, and that he can do it for one expense money. If you will permit me to refer very briefly to some of the monetary features of this resolution, we have prevailed upon the people at Mason City to pledge a contribution of \$2,500 a year for two years, to the general fund of the school, which fund is used for the expense of its promotion and the payment of salaries, on condition that the plan as embodied in these resolutions would be adopted here and carried out. That will enable the school to meet all the expenses not provided for by the funds to be contributed by the order. We feel that, in advocating these resolutions at this time and in asking the adoption of this plan, that we are not asking more than the order is able to undertake. We are imposing no burden upon any individual member of the order, upon any camp or upon any division, and increasing the per capita tax is the farthest possible idea from the minds of every one of us at this time. There is no thought or suspicion in our minds of suggesting any such thing. This money can be appropriated from the treasury of the Commandery-in-Chief. Influential officers of the order have been consulted upon this proposition, and they do not disapprove of this plan. On the contrary, it has been approved by them. It has been approved by some of your divisions. It has been approved by many of you who are here on the floor today. It will be necessary for this department of patriotism, in order to carry on and systematize the work, to have some printing done, have some blanks, etc., and it should have an expense fund. There is no proposition contained in these resolutions to take from the Commandery-in-Chief any fee earned by any part of the order, except this Department of Patriotic Instruction in the system which shall be adopted by it for its work. If this order acquires 10,000 new members during the next year in the usual way the fees from those members will go into the national treasury just as they have in the past. If the Department of Patriotic Instruction through its efforts adds 2,000 or 5,000 or

10,000 to the order it will receive under this plan 25 cents per member for such members as it brings into the order, as shown by the reports. This 25 cents per member will be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief, and it will form the working expense fund of the order. This will give the Department of Patriotic Instruction something to work on; and its efforts in the line of expense will be supplemented by money appropriated for the use of the National Patriotic Instructor and President of the school.

It seems that there is merit in this plan. It has received much consideration. It has been talked over, and after all of this consideration, after all this reflection, the substance of the original plan remains as it was in the beginning. It may be that you will ask what assurance of success can be given at this time. We can only give this assurance, which is founded in the experience of the order, and when this order starts out to make a systematic, earnest effort to accomplish something, it rarely fails to complete it. The spirit underlying our organization, the sentiment upon which it is founded, will be enlisted in this work. The patriotic instructors will no longer be merely teachers of patriotism, but they will be official organizers of the order as well. They will be charged with specific duties, and the National Patriotic Instructor will bear the responsibility of making a success of this department, as the National Patriotic Instructor has had the responsibility of making a success of the position which he has held for the past four years. It is in the hope of accomplishing something in this department that will redound to the benefit of the Order of Sons of Veterans that this plan has been devised. It is in that hope that it is presented to you now, and to show you just what systematic work in the way of organization will do. I would like to call your attention to some figures in the report of the National Secretary for the past year. In two divisions systematic work in that line has been carried on. In the beginning of the year Connecticut had 19 camps and 619 members. By reason of the systematic work performed by the division organizer, on June 30, 1909, the report of the National Secretary shows that division to have 23 camps and 838 members.

Charles W. Roberts, of Connecticut: That covers only three months instead of twelve.

Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: I am very glad to make the correction. The division of Iowa on June 30, 1908, had 20 camps and 545 members; the National Secretary's report made to this encampment shows that it now has 30 camps and 899 members, as the result of the organizer's work there.

It will not be necessary that the work of the department of Patriotic Instruction shall interfere with or detract from the effective work that has been done in these two divisions. That work will go on just the same. But the work of the department can supplement and aid them and it can start the same character of work in the weak divisions where nothing of the kind is now being done.

Brothers, give this matter that consideration which it merits and demands. For the past ten years I have tried to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of this school, without any particular adaptability for the work, without any knowledge of educational matters. I have tried to do what this body ordered when I was placed on the board, and I believe that everyone of my fellow members on the board has tried to serve it in the same manner. We have come here from time to time and reported

to you the condition of affairs in our school. Once we came to you and said we had made a mistake in the beginning, and we wanted to have that mistake rectified, and have this order assume for a time certain responsibility. You did not care to adopt the suggestion, and we laid it aside. We are not doing it now, and do not expect to. The school belongs to this order. This order is credited with having established the school, and in all the patriotic orders throughout the country today this order is respected because it established that school. We are asking you now to start a work for the benefit of the order, which will incidentally aid it and enable the trustees of the school, by the prestige of the aid which comes from this body to secure the necessary funds to keep it going. I believe that the plan embodies much of good for the grand order of the Sons of Veterans, and that it will incidentally aid that institution without taking anything from the order. [Applause.]

Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts: I rise with a great deal of diffidence. I have not been active in the affairs of the commandery for some years, and I dislike very much to interpose any objections to the resolution as offered. I heartily endorse every word that Brother Church has said. It seems to me that the constitution of this order can not be amended by resolution. Am I right there?

Commander-in-Chief: I believe that this body is supreme and can legislate as it sees fit.

Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts: I was under the impression that it would not be binding on the incoming Commander-in-Chief to divert any part of the fees that might be received for initiations. I say this reluctantly. I believe that we should do everything in our power to support the institution. As this resolution was read it seems to me it should go to the committee on constitution and that a hearing should be given. I can not tell, and I doubt if any individual here can tell, just now much of the work of the Patriotic Instructor will contribute to bringing in recruits in the camps. It seems to me that we are at once going to open a great field of contest, and it may result in damage to the university. If it is the rule that we may amend the constitution by resolution without previous notice, I for one will vote for the resolution very gladly, provided it is hedged about by proper safeguards.

Commander-in-Chief: I will say for the benefit of Brother Darling that this report of the Committee on Resolutions has been made after carefully considering it for many hours, and that the matter has been the subject of discussion for the past twelve months in The Banner. I hold that this convention has a perfect right to make any law that it sees fit.

Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts: I yield to the ruling of the chair.

Geo. B. Abbott, of Illinois: I just want to ask for information. I do not clearly understand one point in the report of the committee, and I would like to inquire what authority the National Patriotic Instructor will have over the Division Patriotic Instructors?

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Brother Church to reply to that.

Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: By necessity the work of this

department must be a matter of development. It would not be practicable for the framers of this plan to present a code. I want, however, to reiterate my statement that the National Patriotic Instructor will be more than an organizer. He is entitled to more dignity than the title of organizer. It can not be stated at this time what his authority will be. The system must be planned out and developed for the promotion of this work by the head of the department, through the Division Patriotic Instructors and through the camp Patriotic Instructors. I do not think it would be wise, if we had the time and the data on which to elaborate such a plan, to lay down a hard and fast rule by which this work should be governed. It is patriotic work, and it is promotional work.

Commander-in-Chief: I am somewhat responsible for this plan, and I would like to state for the benefit of the encampment that it was my idea that there would be public addresses made by the Patriotic Instructor throughout the country. When these gatherings are had, the question of organizing a camp of the Sons of Veterans can be brought up; but the main object is to extend the influence of the Sons of Veterans by putting ourselves before the public and at the same time do organization work. As Brother Church has said, it is nearly impossible to lay down definite laws that would be followed. We do not put upon the Sons of Veterans one thing more than we did last year, and we have a pledge of \$2,500 to help build up the Order of Sons of Veterans. It strikes me, as a matter of diplomacy, that this encampment should adopt this resolution without objection.

Geo. B. Abbott, of Illinois: I am the Patriotic Instructor of my division. I naturally feel that my allegiance is to my Commander on all occasions. I can see that occasions might arise when instructions from the National Patriotic Instructor might conflict with my duties to my Division Commander, and that is one of the reasons why I wanted that question passed upon. As Patriotic Instructor of the division, as in the past, I will probably be invited to go out and organize new camps from my Division Commander. I feel that will be purely a division matter, and the National Patriotic Instructor should not be entitled to any recompense whatever for work that originated on our doorstep. That strikes me as just and proper. The resolution is rather indefinite, and that is why I asked the question. I want to know "where we are at." I believe that expression originated here at the capital of the nation. I am going to preface what I am about to say in regard to this proposition, by saying that Brother Church is one of the most thorough and earnest brothers of this order. He is a thorough believer in the university. To him is due the honor of raising \$500 in the camp of which he and I are members, to the sinking fund, and I think two other camps in the division furnished practically all the money that was raised for that sinking fund, about the 14th of February. That is the position of Illinois, and particularly the position of Brother Church. Personally, I am not in harmony with this proposition. We have been complaining for years, and we have had the complaints brought to our notice very forcibly by our National Secretary of the leaks in the organization. We have mustered over 200,000 men into the Order of the Sons of Veterans. Where are they? I am Irish, and one old Irish maxim is, "never buy a pig in a poke." Let us find out what we are going to buy, because we are buying a proposition. It is a question whether we are buying a "gold

brick" or not. We have bought a few "gold bricks" in the past, and they have made us some trouble. It strikes me that we do not want to do that. I believe that we should do something for that university. If we are going to have such a wonderful success in the organization department by this new proposition; if those who propose it have confidence in their pledge to increase the membership, why not do it in this way, (we will do better than we did last year), give them \$2,000, as we did last year; just let it go at that, with the further privilege that the money go for organization purposes, that is, literature, etc., which would not be a great sum. Let them have the privilege of making requisition for such forms and printed matter as they require, upon the National Secretary; he would pay for them. At the end of the year, let us see what they can show us in the line of organization, and if they can come here and show us that they have an organization that can do things, why, perhaps you could not count the amount of money you would appropriate next year; if they make good. You always say to a man who wants a job, "we want a man that has made good." It strikes me that is the way to do it. I believe Brother Estes, who employs men, would say so. Let us have a little experimental work first. Let us see what can be done. Let us make this a business proposition; transact it just the same as if we are going to hire men. Let him show what he can do. At the end of the year, if he makes good, we will agree on the salary. The Sons of Veterans ought to be run on a business way. We ought to think over this matter thoroughly. That proposition can not interfere with the promise of the people out in Mason City. I am in favor of giving the university \$2,000., and let them get their printed matter from the Commandery-in-Chief; that will start them all right. I will vote for most any reasonable amount they will ask for.

George H. Younger, of Pennsylvania: Does this conflict with anything in the constitution?

Commander-in-Chief: I am not in position to state. I will ask Brother Darling to answer that question.

Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts: My answer is that the diversion of the 25 cents might conflict with the constitution? I am informed by Brother Church that the 25 cents is paid to the Treasurer of the association, and then is applied by the Treasurer to the work; I am not certain but that would get around the constitution.

George H. Younger, of Pennsylvania: Does it conflict with the duties of the National Patriotic Instructor? I want to take exception to your ruling.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: I think it is up to the chair to give us a ruling.

George H. Younger, of Pennsylvania: Article 25 of the Constitution regarding changes has not been complied with.

Commander-in-Chief: Do you ask for an appeal from the chair?

George H. Younger, of Pennsylvania: I claim the resolution is out of order, inasmuch as it provides for an amendment to the constitution, which has not been properly taken up.

Commander-in-Chief: I rule that the report of the committee is in order.

E. W. Estes, of New York: First thanking Brother Abbott

for the way in which he has brought my name in this discussion, what I would like to say is this. I do employ men, whom I have sent out to secure business for me. But I never yet had the faith to say to a man who applies for employment, yes, I need the work to be done, possibly you can do it; I will give you \$10 for your week and expenses; you can go out and try to do this work, but don't you tell anybody that I authorized you to do it. That is the situation that Brother Allan has placed before you. There seems to be a little doubt as to the constitutionality of this. I don't understand that we are offering anything in the way of an amendment that would conflict with the constitution. We have authority to appropriate \$2,000, and did do so last year. Have we not the same authority this year to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of building up the organization? Does it need any special provision of the constitution for this encampment to say to any particular brother, "Go out and organize; do what you can." We are saying that to every single member of the Order, from the top to the bottom every day of the year. We have appropriated certain amounts of money year after year that are within the same scope, and does that conflict with any section of the constitution? I hope this convention will not quibble over that possibility. Brother Abbott has paid one of the greatest tributes that could be paid to Brother Church, as a man who has done things. He has studied this plan for six months, he says, and then almost in the next breath he intimates that he is giving you a "gold brick." I don't believe it. It is proposed to ask the next Commander-in-Chief to appoint Brother Patton the National Patriotic Instructor. That gives him a prestige and dignity of an office, and it places behind him the power and influence of the organization; it enables him to ask and receive the recognition of the Order that we are entitled to, which we can not get if he goes around, as has been intimated, like a book agent. Don't let us vote against the report of the committee. Don't let us quibble over details. They are not going to ask for a single cent for musters that they are not entitled to. Don't think that Brother Patton is going to put into effect any scheme that will enable him to defraud this organization. It is not right that he should even think of it. The plan is as definite as can be found at the present time. Let us take the report as made by the committee, that has spent so much time on it and knows more about it than we do.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: The point I wanted to make is that I wanted to be sure that the department of patriotic instruction would produce results. That is one point. My other point is, which I still insist on as the Patriotic Instructor of my division, that I shall not be under the orders of the National Patriotic Instructor so far as organization work is concerned, and if I organize a camp on my own hook, or by direction of the Division Commander, that it shall be credited to my division.

William A. Gray, of Pennsylvania: It seems to me that a careful consideration of this resolution will show us that we are not up against a sharp practice. It has been said that this convention as the supreme body would have the right to appoint this organizer, unless done in accordance with the constitution. I do not believe that in any sense this resolution violates the provisions of the constitution. In the first place objections have been made to the payment of the 25 cents. As to this matter,

as I understand the resolution, the money goes where it is provided that it shall go by the Constitution and Laws. That is practically all we are doing in the resolution. We have, it is true, a National Patriotic Instructor, and we also have a Memorial University. This convention has no right to say to the incoming Commander-in-Chief that he shall appoint Doctor Patton as National Patriotic Instructor. No doubt the incoming Commander-in-Chief will recognize the resolution passed by this body. We have such an office and if the resolution lays down the duties of that officer, it makes no difference whether he is at the head of the Memorial University or not. I am heartily in favor of the resolution, and will call for the question.

Commander-in-Chief: National Secretary, you will call the roll of the divisions.

The roll was called, with the result that the motion was carried, 131 to 7.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to Doctor Patton.

Rev. W. J. Patton, of Wisconsin: I have only to say that I don't know just how we are going to come out on this plan. I consented to it because I hoped it might result in good. I want now to place before you the report to the Board of Regents, which belongs to you.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

Mason City, Iowa, August 1909.

To the Board of Regents of Memorial University:

Gentlemen: In submitting this, my third, annual report as president of your Board and the second as administrative head of the University, I find myself more than ever weighed down with a sense of the great responsibilities placed upon me, and equally impressed by the grandeur of the possibilities which are wrapt up in Memorial University.

The year closing with June 30th, 1909, has been one of normal growth and enlargement so far as the educational interests of the University are concerned. While the cost of maintenance has remained substantially the same, yet we have so re-arranged the various courses of study and given additional work to our teachers that, while the members of our faculty are teaching more classes than the rules governing schools of collegiate grade allow, yet we have thus been enabled to multiply our courses and make our work more attractive to prospective students.

According to the courses as outlined in the catalog for 1909-10 I am satisfied that we are offering work, at the hands of a faculty, neither of which is second to any undergraduate institution in the land. In addition to this fact, in that for which Memorial is peculiar, namely, in the College of American History in particular, as well as in other departments, we are unique and in a class by ourselves.

THE FACULTY.

No college president ever had a more loyal and devoted faculty than that which now composes the teaching staff of Memorial. The salaries paid are no criterion of the worth and ability of those devoted men and women, whose sincerity has been severely tested by many months of long waiting for unpaid sal-

aries A loyalty that will stand the money test is a pretty reliable kind.

Early in the year Professor W. A. Ellis, Latin and Mathematics, who last fall came to us from Vermont, resigned, for family and business reasons, and in the emergency, and in order to save expense, I was compelled to take the freshman class in American history, and the sophomore class in philosophy. This necessitated additional and confining work, and prevented very much field work, but saved hundreds of dollars and enabled me to attend to much constructive work in the University.

With our present faculty we are capable of caring for several hundred students without extra cost, save laboratory supplies, yet, at the same time, I have reduced our working force to the minimum, both in number and in expense.

After a most careful consideration of the question in all its bearings, I am convinced that we may not dispense with a single teacher without making impossible our entire curriculum.

ATTENDANCE.

The total number in attendance in all departments for the year was 146. They were divided as follows:

College 12 (Freshman and Sophomores)
Academy, 32.
Normal, 28.
Commercial, 31.
Specials, short terms etc., 43.

For an institution but seven years young, and especially considering the struggle it has been compelled to make for a bare existence, such an enrollment in so short a time is highly gratifying.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The contributions from the Orders show a very satisfactory gain for the year. Had it not been for the payments necessitated on old bills in order to maintain our credit and secure supplies, we should very nearly have met expenses. As it is we are \$4663.46 in arrears for two and one half years. The fact is, we are within \$3000 of a financial success of the most magnificent and, in its possibilities, far reaching enterprise ever undertaken by any patriotic organization in the history of our land.

REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1908 TO JUNE 30, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Womans Relief Corps.....	\$1422.09
Ladies of the G. A. R.....	159.75
Daughters of Veterans.....	285.50
Sons of Veterans (Individuals).....	977.80
S. V. Auxiliary.....	973.64
Sons of Veterans (Camps).....	2510.63
Grand Army of the Republic.....	200.50
Commandery-in-Chief	2000.00
Tuition	2849.28
Supplies	263.02
General Sources	105.75
College Plays	230.05
Miscellaneous	150.25
Loans	1625.00

\$13,753.26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries	\$3290.42
Field Expense	474.49
Miscellaneous (drayage, postage, express, etc.)	401.13
Fuel	464.37
Light	95.80
Telephone	39.60
College Supplies (Text books, etc.)	355.08
Equipment (Furniture, laboratories, etc.)	165.12
Repairs	138.62
Interest	58.36
Printing and Advertising	98.45
Lectures	24.30
Old Accounts (previous to June 30th, 1908) ..	2914.88

 \$13,520.62

Balance on hand June 30, 1909..... \$ 232.64

Liabilities—General	\$2188.42
Bills payable (Notes in bank)	705.00

DUE ON SALARIES:

Dr. W. J. Patton.....	\$512.82
Prof. Barsalou	297.00
Prof. Jackson	251.20
Miss Cunningham	213.00
Prof. Weigle	125.49
Prof. Cram	241.41
Miss Keerl	110.70
Corp. H. A. Olson.....	22.00
Prof. Kersey	193.39
Miss Carpenter	110.00
Miss Elder	153.77
(1907-08)	
Prof. Cole	25.01
Prof. Donot	42.70
Prof. Shaver	55.09

 \$2353.49

\$ 5,246.91

ASSETS.

Cash Balance	\$ 232.64
Inventory	112.09
Bills Receivable	238.72

 \$ 583.45

Total Liabilities for two and one half years.. \$ 4,663.46

In my annual report one year ago, I recommended that the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws be conferred upon Gen. G. M. Dodge, as the last survivor of that coterie of general officers in the Civil War who rose from the ranks of volunteers. In conformity with your action I secured the necessary parchment, and the following is his reply on receipt of the same. I embody it in this report because I believe that it should become a part of our permanent records.

Council Bluffs, Ia., March 29, 1909.

MR. W. J. PATTON.

President Memorial University,
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of yours of March 25th, also the diploma, giving me the degree of LL. D. from the Memorial University. I wish to extend my thanks to the University for the great honor conferred, and I appreciate it more fully, coming as it does, from an organization representing the Sons of Veterans.

Every day I get letters from some one telling me of the passing away of an old comrade; while their loss is a great grief, the knowledge that the Sons of Veterans are to follow them and keep their history and deeds alive is a satisfaction. I do not think the people fully appreciate the importance of this, and it is for this reason that I take so much interest in your University, and also accept the diploma, extending my sincere thanks for it, and the kindly spirit and greeting with which it is presented.

Will you please extend to your University my acknowledgment, and also thanking you personally for your courtesy, I am,
Truly and cordially,

GENEVILLE M. DODGE.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

No. 1. That the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic be requested, each year, to make an official visit to Memorial and that at that time the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws be conferred upon him.

No. 2. That the same privileges regarding the appointment of scholarships which are now granted to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Sons of Veterans, be extended to the Daughters of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary; namely, that the Department Presidents of those Orders shall have the right to appoint a student from year to year from their respective Departments.

Since the above report was written, I have attended the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Salt Lake City, and while there met Mrs. Lane, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. She announced that in her annual report she had recommended that their organization should adopt Memorial University as part of their great national work, and should at once set on foot a movement for the acquirement of a permanent fund. Their report blanks to be revised to include Memorial University as one of the objects of their benefactions. If our own Order shall unqualifiedly recognize Memorial University as our great national work and adopt some practical plan for permanent support, I am persuaded that the action above referred to, means the beginning of the end of our financial troubles, and the ultimate success and permanency of all our plans.

W. J. PATTON, President.

Referred to Committee on Officers Reports.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of the Committee on Ritual.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: The report of the Committee on Ritual is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Washington, D. C., August 24, 1909.

To the Officers and Brothers of the 28th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.:

Brothers: Your Committee on Ritual begs leave to report as follows:

In view of the fact that the new ritual has but recently been placed in the hands of the camps—not one camp in fifty has given the ritual a full and complete trial in all its forms—and that any change in the ritual at this time would entail great expense upon the Order, we recommend that no change be made in the ritual at this time. There are several typographical errors which can be remedied when it receives a general revision.

The Committee desires, however, to recognize that one or two Divisions complain about the curtailment of the secret work, and this should be considered when it is believed that the ritual should be revised.

If the brothers had read carefully the report of this committee last year, they would have better understood why the secret work was made shorter.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
 G. B. ABBOTT,
 HORACE SHAW,
 WM. SCHNEIDER,
 LEGRAND T. MEYER,
 FRANK H. CHALLIS.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move the adoption of the report.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws:

PARTIAL REPORT COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: This report will be in the nature of a disappointment to you all, but in making it I do so believing that the best interests of the Commandery-in-Chief and the order at large will be best subserved; that the experienced gain by the meeting of the members of the committee here today at this encampment will be a benefit to the order. It must be understood that for three, possibly four, years delegates to the different encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief have been clamoring for a new constitution, ever since the abolition of the Bundy constitution, and that in order to submit to you a constitution and laws which would meet all of the requirements, requires an absolute and accurate revision of not only the constitution which is now in force, but, under the circumstances, should include the constitution known as the Bundy constitution, as well as all of the other necessary requisites that go to make up a constitution. With all due respect to all of the committees who have heretofore served, and with all due respect to the committee which reported the constitution now in force, I am con-

strained to say, or in other words, must say, that in order to obtain a complete history of the order, or the method of conducting the business of the order, as well as the Commandery-in-Chief, commencing with the camp, it is almost a physical impossibility to obtain data from the present constitution to carry on the work of the order. I say that with all deference to the committee which prepared this constitution. It seems that this committee in endeavoring to present to the Commandery-in-Chief a concise, or snort, constitution and laws, overlooked the fact that the material part of the work of the order has been eliminated. I am going to call your attention to one paragraph, so that you will understand the point I make. If you will refer to the 1905 Constitution, page 3, Art. V, "Camps," you will find that Section 1 reads as follows:

"A camp may be formed by the Division Commander, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

"When a new camp is mustered the membership thereof shall not be less than fifteen, except in cities of 100,000 inhabitants or more, when thirty members shall be required."

There is not a word in the constitution which provides for the forms, other than by reference to page 4, which says: "Each application for membership shall be made on the forms furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief, and in compliance with the instructions printed thereon." There is nothing in the book, there is nothing anywhere which prescribes the forms; there is nothing which prescribes the printed matter which shall be used. Enormous work is entailed upon a committee to furnish a constitution which would be a credit to yourself as well as a credit to the committee. Therefore, I say to you, that this report of the committee will be in the nature of a disappointment, because we have not a proper constitution to furnish you. On the other hand, the statement has been made to this committee that all that we want is a constitution which will not be added to or taken from at each succeeding encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. To do it right, requires considerable work, in order to eliminate from the constitution the laws, so that what would be the constitution would be the constitution in fact. The salient point is that we make a constitution that will remain. Under the head of the constitution you will see a lot of material which really does not belong to the constitution.

I therefore make this report in the manner which I do. I want you to believe that this committee has given thought to the matter, and it has come to the conclusion that it can not submit to you at this time a constitution that will be a matter of pride. We have in this room today past commanders-in-chief, past commanders of division, commanders, patriotic instructors, gentlemen who should be versed in the law of the order, who should be ready to say to this committee what it should and what it should not do. Up to the present time there has not been one suggestion from a past commander-in-chief, from a division commander, or from a camp commander, until last night, when General Abbott made a suggestion. The report is as follows:

Washington, D. C., August 25, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the 28th National Encampment,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations begs leave to submit the following report:

After appointment the chairman of the committee caused to be inserted in THE BANNER a notice of the appointment of said committee, and requested in said notice that any member who had suggestions to make should send them to the chairman, or any member of the committee. Up to the present time but three communications were received which could with propriety be considered worthy of consideration. Several resolutions have been received from different divisions. These resolutions pertain more to the laws than to the constitution.

At the suggestion of the Council-in-Chief, a meeting of the committee was called to meet in Philadelphia on or about Union Defenders' Day. This meeting was attended by Brothers Sheldon, Campbell and your chairman. Nothing of material nature was done at this meeting, other than a general discussion of procedure. On Saturday last the committee again convened, and continued from day to day, with the result that this committee comes to the conclusion that it is a physical impossibility that this committee, with credit to itself, submit a completed C. R. and R. at this time.

While in session during this encampment, your committee has endeavored to submit something to this encampment which might be called a C. R. and R., but so many questions and interpretations have arisen that to submit what might be called a C. R. and R. would be an imposition upon the membership.

In addition to many other reasons which might be advanced as to why no final report can be made at this time, your committee will add that so many important recommendations have been made to this encampment by the Commander-in-Chief and other officers, that what might be submitted would have to be rewritten.

Your committee, however, is of the unalterable opinion that a new C. R. and R. is imperative. A C. R. and R. must be had, and that soon, and a complete revision of what is now called our present law must be made.

Your chairman at least, and he is sure that his co-members entertain the same opinion of themselves, is jealous of his standing and reputation as a Son of a Veteran, and he will not submit a C. R. and R. which is not a credit to the committee as well as to the order.

EDWIN M. AMIES, Chairman,

RALPH SHELDON,

E. R. CAMPBELL,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,

Committee on C. R. and R.

William A. Gray, of Pennsylvania: I move that this committee be continued, with instructions from this body to prepare a proper constitution and set of by-laws, to report at the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held in 1910.

The motion was seconded.

William A. Gray, of Pennsylvania: I was Division Counselor of Pennsylvania for two years several years ago, and during the time I was the incumbent of that office it became necessary to consider various portions of this constitution, and it became necessary to pass upon by-laws adopted by various camps, and it was then that I saw and have since recognized the many ways in which this body is insufficiently governed. It is an exceedingly

difficult job to draft a constitution which a body like this would accept and which would serve the purpose for a long time to come without being lacking in some particular. Brother Amies, when he said that the laws should be separate and distinct, was right. That committee needs a good deal of time. It is a matter that should have a great deal of attention. I think the men who are on that committee are as able, and probably more able, than any of the others connected with this organization, to draft a proper constitution. I hope that they will be continued for the purpose of accomplishing the result they aim at.

D. C. Tillotson, of Kansas: One other objection to this constitution that I ran across, is found on page 10, where it refers to the duties of all camp, division and Commandery-in-Chief officers, and states that they shall be as defined in the ritual, and as indicated by the books and blanks supplied by the Commandery-in-Chief. The man that prepares the blanks, then, fixes the duties. There is another matter, and that is that in certain places in the constitution different constructions will be placed on different sections. This should all be made clear in the new constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: We all agree that we need a new constitution. The only question is as to whether the committee shall be continued.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I don't want to be put in the attitude of opposing the reappointment of this committee. I have the greatest respect for the chairman and the individual members of that committee, but what I do say is that we were entitled to a specific report. I am heartily in favor of continuing this committee, because I know of their ability, and I know also that they are good Sons of Veterans and always have the interests of the order at heart above everything else. I hope that this committee will be continued. I am heartily in favor of this motion. I have no apologies to make for the present constitution. Unfortunately, perhaps, I was a member of the committee that drafted it, after a week's careful consideration, day and night, in the city of Boston; with the full knowledge of those who were there this constitution was drafted and unanimously adopted. It seemed at that time to be the wish of this organization, and the demand as well, that we have a constitution and laws that will give the greatest amount of "home rule." The constitution was drafted along those lines. I believe that this constitution should be revised. I am also in favor of the continuance of this committee, and I hope and believe that we will receive a favorable report of the same at the encampment next year.

William T. Church, of Illinois: Brothers, I only want to make this suggestion in regard to the continuance of this committee: You all know, as Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman has stated, of the ability of the membership of that committee. The report that this committee has made is the best evidence for the continuance of the committee. It shows that that committee appreciates the enormity of the work to produce a constitution which will be satisfactory to this encampment.

William B. Moynihan, of New York: I just want to suggest, it is immaterial who comprises the personnel of that committee; in the end the Commandery-in-Chief adopts the constitution. The Boston constitution was adopted by a practically unanimous vote. The Commandery-in-Chief assumes the responsibility itself.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The National Secretary: I have a resolution here—just a few lines—I would like the encampment to endorse:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO ARLINGTON HOTEL MANAGEMENT
AND TO MESSRS. A. GUDE AND BROTHER.

WHEREAS, The Twenty-eighth National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has received most excellent accommodations, courteous treatment, exceptional appointments, including the decoration of the place of meeting, from the management of the Arlington Hotel, Washington, Mr. Peter Taylor, Jr., proprietor, and

WHEREAS, Messrs. A. Gude & Bro., of Washington, have presented to the said encampment beautiful bouquets, and tendered the use of palms, etc., for decorating the halls and other rooms used during this encampment, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a rising vote of thanks be extended by this encampment to Mr. Peter Taylor, Jr., for such courteous treatment, etc., and that a similar rising vote of thanks be extended to Messrs. A. Gude & Bro. for the flowers, decorations, etc., all of which have added greatly to the pleasure and comfort during our stay at the nation's capital.

Too much praise cannot be paid to these two enterprising, active, aggressive and up-to-date business institutions of this great and beautiful city of our grand and glorious country.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I move the adoption of the resolutions by a rising vote.

The motion was seconded and agreed to, and a rising vote taken.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Hannon, chairman of the Council-in-Chief, will now make the report of the Council-in-Chief.

Thomas J. Hannon, of Massachusetts: Before proceeding with the report, I would like to have the attention of those assembled here, as there are some radical recommendations in the report of the Council-in-Chief. In relation to the election of the Council-in-Chief for three years, if three new members are elected each year, as at present, they are practically figureheads. Unless you prescribe some power which they have, which cannot be over-riden by your existing officers, your Council might just as well be bilged, and the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to audit the books. We do not contend that the Council-in-Chief should have jurisdiction over the officers.

The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Washington, D. C., August 25, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the 28th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Brothers: A record of the proceedings of your Council-in-Chief for the past year is submitted herewith, for your consideration and approval.

Following the adjournment of the 27th Annual Encampment our first meeting was held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and the Coun-

cil organized, with Thomas J. Hannon, of Boston, Mass., chairman, and Felix A. Kremer, of Madison, Wis., secretary.

Bonds were fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief, \$1000.00.

National Secretary, \$5000.00.

National Treasurer, \$5000.00.

It was voted that the sum of \$1000.00 be allowed the Commander-in-Chief for expenses and travel.

It was voted that the sum of \$250.00 be allowed the Chief-of-Staff for his department.

Early in the year an additional sum of \$250 was allowed the Commander-in-Chief.

By action of the Council-in-Chief, August 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1909, was decided upon as the date for holding the 28th Annual Encampment, at Washington, D. C.

The books and accounts of the National Secretary and National Treasurer, together with the vouchers and requisitions pertaining thereto, have been audited and found correct.

These two officers have again demonstrated the wisdom of the Commandery-in-Chief in their election, by the plain, thorough and accurate methods adopted by them in the performance of their duties.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

No. 1. The Council-in-Chief recommends that the office of National, State and Camp Inspectors be abolished.

No. 2. That the Constitution and Laws of the Commandery-in-Chief be so amended as to prescribe accurately the duties of the Council-in-Chief.

No. 3. That Section 2, Article XVIII, page 14, of the Constitution and Laws, which reads—

"Sec. 2. Divisions shall pay the Commandery-in-Chief five dollars for each Camp charter, which amount shall accompany the application, one-half to be paid to the permanent endowment fund of the National Memorial University."

be amended to read—

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief ten dollars for each Camp charter, which amount shall accompany the application, one-half to be paid to the permanent endowment fund of the National Memorial University."

No. 4. That Section 10, Article XIII, page 10, which now reads—

"The term of office of the National Secretary, the National Treasurer and Chief-of-Staff each shall be five years."

be amended by adding the following—

"One member of the Council-in-Chief for three years, one member for two years, one member for one year, and thereafter at each annual encampment one member for a term of three years."

also that part of Section 6, Article XIII, page 9, which reads—

"except for members of the Council-in-Chief, who may be chosen by a plurality vote."

be stricken out.

No. 5. The Council-in-Chief recommends that the per capita

tax for the coming year be fixed at 36 cents per member, the same as heretofore.

THOMAS J. HANNON, Chairman.
FELIX A. KREMER, Secretary.
JOHN A. BOMMHAARDT.

The report was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I move that we take a recess until 8:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess taken.

In the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, the Executive Committee in charge of the arrangements for the encampment, tendered a reception and ball at the Arlington Hotel to the Commandery-in-Chief and its auxiliary, which was largely attended.

THURSDAY SESSION

Encampment resumed at 9 o'clock a. m., Thursday, August 26, 1909, with Commander-in-Chief Allan in the chair.

The roll of the Encampment was called, with the result as shown by the roll-call following the proceedings.

Commander-in-Chief: We are in receipt of several communications from the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of Veterans extending to our encampment their greetings. What is the wish of the encampment in regard to same?

George W. Pollitt, of New Jersey: I move that the communications be received, that the Secretary acknowledge their receipt, with the thanks of the encampment, and that the same be spread upon the minutes of the encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The communications are as follows:

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Red Bank, N. J.; July 7th, 1909.

Edgar Allan, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
Richmond, Va.

My Dear Allan: Your postal inviting the G. A. R. to attend your encampment to be held in Washington, D. C. Aug. 23 to 27 is before me. If I have returned home from the West by that time it will afford me great pleasure indeed to be with you. I cannot at this time state just when I will return as I anticipate making a visit through the Yellowstone after the Encampment. I would suggest that you prepare an invitation for my successor in office for this notable event. I am sorry that I missed you in Washington last week. The unveiling was a grand success. I shall look for you, however, at headquarters in Salt Lake City and have written Comrade Ell Torrance that I have selected him to respond to you at the semi-official meeting, and when you call upon me I will see to it that you are provided with the necessary pass-ports for your entertainment. I can safely say to you now, I think, that I will be in good shape at Salt Lake.

Yours fraternally,

H. M. NEVUS.
Commander-in-Chief G. A. R.

Salt Lake City, Sunday Aug. 15, 1909.

Edgar Allan, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans.

My Dear Allan: I am just pulling myself together and will write you later. I only want to say my report was approved, every line. The Sons of Veterans are recognized and they are in-

vited to hold their national encampment in future at the same time and place with the Grand Army of the Republic. I was very sick part of the time, but my strong will kept me up. I ran the Encampment the last day myself. I have the handsomest badge ever given, and Mrs. Nevius has a beauty. I am tired. Say to the Sons I have impressed upon Governor Van Sant his duty to the Sons.

Ever your truly, devotedly and in F. C. & L.,
H. M. NEVIUS.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Aug. 20, 1909.

Edgar Allan, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief: Kindly accept my best wishes for the general success of things at your annual encampment. May the week be a satisfactory culmination of your year of work for the order, which is high in the esteem of all members of the Woman's Relief Corps. Very cordially yours,

JENNIE I. BERRY,
National President, W. R. C.

(Telegram.)

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 25, 1909.

To Edgar Allan, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, Washington, D. C.: On behalf and in name of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I extend cordial greetings to National Encampment of the sons of those who preserved the nation. May your meeting be pleasant and profitable. We pledge our boys' hearty co-operation.

DELLA R. HENRY,
National President.

(Telegram.)

San Jose, Cal., Aug. 23, 1909.

H. H. Hammer, Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C.: Greetings to Sons of Veterans in National Encampment assembled from California and Oregon Division.

T. V. BROWN, JR.,
Division Commander.

(Telegram.)

Victor, Colo., Aug. 24, 1909.

Edgar Allan, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, Washington, D. C.: Greetings and best wishes for a pleasant and profitable convention. Extend same to Auxilliary.

MINNIE T. GUITTARD,
National President, Daughters of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any business to come before the encampment while we are waiting for the reports of the committees on officers' reports and resolutions which I understand will be ready in a few minutes?

SONS OF VETERANS CADETS.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I wish to speak on the subject of the organization of what I would call the Sons of Veterans Cadets. Out in Illinois they call them the Grand Sons of Veterans. They are all young boys. I think we ought to take charge of that matter and get those boys lined up so that when they reach the age of 18 they will drift into the Order of Sons of Veterans. I think we ought to bring them up in the way they should grow. We ought to have some specific plan. They are a great help, particularly when we turn out for a parade. They like to parade. It is a good thing for some of the older Sons to direct the rising generation. I throw this out in the hope that it will bring forth some results. I believe such an organization would be of assistance to the camps, as well as a source of revenue to our organization. We can get them in as fast as they become of age.

Arthur M. Soule, of Maine: I for one heartily endorse what Brother Abbott has said. For four years the Maine Division has been on record in favor of the Junior Corps system. We have, I think the honor of having the first Junior Corps in the United States, having organized five years ago. We have five corps in Maine, and the work is being taken up in other parts of the state. In our own city we have a membership of 155. It is a camp of education, and when they go into camps they are fully prepared to assume their full responsibility. If we desire to perpetuate the principles and objects for which we stand, we can do it in no better way than by the encouragement of these young boys. Instruct the youth of the land in patriotic work, and you will be surprised at the results. As it is, our Junior Corps Camp has a reputation throughout the state. We heartily endorse the organization of Junior Corps. We trust that this Commandery will take favorable action in the direction of establishing such an organization. Two years ago we offered an amendment to the constitution taking up in detail such an organization.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection, the brother from Maine will submit the matter to the committee on new constitution, with request that it consider same.

We will now have the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell will please take the chair.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I would move you at this time that the report of the committee be accepted, unless there be objection when the same is read.

Acting Commander-in-Chief: That course will be pursued, unless there is objection.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: As I come to them in our report, I will first read the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief and follow the recommendations by the committee's conclusions.

The report is as follows.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the 28th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Convention Assembled.

Brothers: Your Committee on Officers' Reports beg to submit the following:

We have carefully examined all reports and such suggestions or recommendations as belong to other committees have been so referred.

First. Report of the Commander-in-Chief.

We believe that Brother Allan has from the day of his election given unsparingly of his time, and has exhibited a willingness to do all he possibly could, if by so doing the Order would be the gainer. He has traveled extensively and brought the Commandery-in-Chief into closer touch with many Divisions than for some time. He has inaugurated some plans which will undoubtedly have a far-reaching effect, and we feel that if every member of the Sons of Veterans could and would show a similar disposition to act as aggressively the results shown would be a sufficient remuneration.

As to his recommendations:

No. 1. Concur.

No. 2. We recommend its adoption, with the substitution of \$25.00 instead of \$50.00.

No. 3. Concur.

No. 4. Non-concurrence.

No. 5. Concur.

No. 6. Recommend reference to Committee of Constitution.

No. 7. No recommendation necessary, because of the approval of the Encampment yesterday.

No. 8. We suggest that the recommendation be changed to read, "It is the sense of this encampment that our future national encampments be held at same time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic.

No. 9. Non-concurrence.

No. 10. Concur.

No. 11. We recommend its adoption, with the substitution of 1,000 copies instead of 1,500.

No. 12. We recommend its adoption, with substitution of \$25.00 instead of \$50.00.

No. 13. No recommendation necessary, because of the action of the Encampment yesterday.

No. 14. Your committee has considered this recommendation very carefully, and while it is directed to a great and noble end, yet your committee realizes that the undertaking recommended will require an exceedingly large amount of money, and in view of the many obligations and undertakings that the Order is now carrying, your committee deem it inadvisable at this time to enter upon a project that will obligate the Order to so vast an expenditure as would be necessary for this purpose. Therefore we recommend action be referred to a future meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

No. 15. Recommend reference to Committee on Constitution

Second. The Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief have always been ready and willing to share the burdens, and they both brought to the work a record of faithfulness and zeal. We commend their earnest efforts.

Third. The report of National Secretary Hammer is surely a model one, and we feel that our Order owes very much to

Brother Hammer for the unusually able administration of his office. His unfailing courtesy, his unequalled promptness, together with his mastery of detail, makes him a very valuable man and officer. We hope the suggestions and admonitions he made orally may be remembered.

Fourth. The report of National Treasurer Rake, like all similar documents which have emanated from the same source, are standards of accuracy. They evidence the trained mind of an adept and one of many years' familiarity with our Order.

Fifth. The report of the Chief-of-Staff is so typical of the gentleman and brother who presented it that no words of this committee can add nor detract from its effectiveness. We only have to say that we count ourselves fortunate in having for this office one who in every way is so ably qualified to fill the position.

Sixth. The report of the National Patriotic Instructor is on a par with those of his honored predecessors in this honorable position. As to his recommendations also.

Nos. 1, 2 and 3. We concur.

No. 4. Non-concur.

Nos. 5, 6 and 7. Concur.

Seventh. It is difficult to express our appreciation of the splendid report of our Chaplain-in-Chief. His known fidelity to our Order was a guarantee that only a first-class report would be forthcoming. We were not disappointed, and in presenting this report he so mingled the statistical with the entertaining that it was a pleasure to listen to it.

Eighth. The report of National Inspector represents a work in excess of that which is apparent on the surface. We know that Brother Boutwell has given many hours to the work, and we commend his zeal. As to his recommendations:

No. 1. Concur.

Nos. 2 and 3. Recommend reference to committee on constitution.

Ninth. By the report of the National Counselor we learn that he was always at the command of his chief, ready and willing to do all he could, and we accept this willingness in lieu of any need of performance.

Tenth. As to the report of the Council-in-Chief. They have with fidelity performed such duties as were in line with their work, even though they had to draw on their large supply of common sense, rather than prescribed rules of conduct as laid down in the Constitution.

Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Recommend reference to Committee on Constitution.

No. 5. Previously disposed of.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. SHERMAN, *Chairman*,

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

RALPH M. GRANT,

HY. D. DAVIS.

G. H. HURLBUT.

Committee on Officers' Reports.

No objection was made to the committee's report on the Commander-in-Chief's recommendations Nos. 1 to 3, both inclusive.

When the report of the committee on recommendation 9 of the Commander-in-Chief was read--

Commander-in-Chief Allan, speaking from the floor, said:

Brothers, I will not take much of your time, nor will I attempt to elaborate on what appears to me to be a very reasonable recommendation of mine. I think it would be a shame if we pass the recommendation of the Committee on Officers' Reports in the way presented. Perhaps I was a little previous in the recommendation, but if the Order of Sons of Veterans does not get the credit for erecting a national memorial hall, some other order will. I want to see the Sons of Veterans go on record as being in favor of the recommendation, even if they do not appoint the committee. I have prepared a substitute, which I contend in no way, shape or form injures or affects the Sons of Veterans, but the effect will be that it will go out broadcast that we are in favor of such a hall. Your committee recommends that the committee of three recommended by the present Commander-in-Chief to inquire into the feasibility or advisability of this plan be not appointed.

There is absolutely nothing in this recommendation to hurt the Order of Sons of Veterans. We would simply stand before the world as being in favor of the national memorial hall. I ask that this recommendation be offered as a substitute for the recommendation of the committee:

Your committee recommends that a committee of three be appointed by the present Commander-in-Chief to inquire into the feasibility and advisability of erecting a national memorial hall in the city of Washington, D. C., and should said committee consider the project both feasible and advisable that they report the result of their investigation to the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief for its consideration.

Acting Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the substitute. What is your pleasure? If there is no objection, the substitute will be adopted.

Objection raised.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Your committee, and I speak for the committee, carefully considered the question, and our minds instinctively reverted back to years ago when the proposition was presented to use the Commandery-in-Chief for the building of a memorial university. This committee, if appointed, even though it may never do anything, it seems, might open a wedge for a committee to come to us at some future time with a project that no one will care to father or support. We have a memorial hall at Mason City, and what advantage will there be to have another memorial hall in the city of Washington? Where will the Sons of Veterans gain anything by it? The committee by a unanimous vote decided that it was inadvisable to concur in the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief. That is the reason why we have recommended non-concurrence.

Commander-in-Chief Allan: I just want to say one word more. The object of the committee is to do the best for the Sons of Veterans. That is also my object. As I said before, we do not want to adopt the recommendation the committee on officers' reports has made, that is, non-concurrence in a project of that kind. This substitute that I have asked you to adopt will give you an opportunity to put the matter over until another encampment. Now, brothers, you are going into the building of a mem-

orial hall. We are not now ready for that. The committee to be appointed can report progress and ask to be continued. If you lay it over, then you do not have to take it up unless you want to. Let us have it get out that we are in favor of a memorial hall. That is all I ask. It looks to me, as a matter of diplomacy, that this encampment should adopt this substitute.

E. W. Estes, of New York: In order to bring this matter before the encampment, I move that the report of the committee in this regard be sustained by the encampment.

The motion was seconded.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: I rise to a point of order. My point is this. The committee has moved the adoption of their recommendation. The Commander-in-Chief has moved the adoption of a substitute. It seems to me that the substitute should be first considered.

Acting Commander-in-Chief: The substitute has been seconded.

C.F. Sherman, of New York: The motion of Past Commander Estes that the action of the committee be sustained is the question before the house.

Acting Commander-in-Chief: I am of the opinion that the substitute must be considered first.

Frank K. Mapes, of New York: I move that the substitute as offered by Commander-in-Chief Allan be laid upon the table.

Michael Crowley of New Hampshire: The motion to second the committee's report was seconded previous to the substitute of Commander-in-Chief Allan, and that should be considered first.

Acting Commander-in-Chief: I will rule that the report of the chairman of the committee is the question to be voted on at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Allan: I would ask that the recommendation of the committee and my recommendation be read again.

The motion to adopt the report of the committee was put by a rising vote, with the result that there were 68 ayes and 44 nays.

Acting Commander-in-Chief: The ayes have it; so ordered.

No objection was made to the committee's report on the Commander-in-Chief's recommendations Nos. 10 to 15, both inclusive.

The committee then continued its report, and no further objection was made to the committee's report on recommendations of the various officers.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I move that the report of the committee on officers' reports be adopted as a whole, as amended.

The motion was seconded.

Frank K. Mapes, of New York: I believe that the committee have done such excellent work that the thanks of the Encampment are due the members, and I desire to have that included in the motion.

Acting Commander-in-Chief: That will be added to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief Allan resumed the chair.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: I have to announce that a greetings committee from the Auxiliary are in waiting.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint the following as a committee to receive the committee from the Auxiliary:

E. R. Campbell, of Maryland.

Frank Martin, of Indiana.

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey.

Commander-in-Chief: I will declare a recess in order to receive the committee from the Auxiliary.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers, I take pleasure in introducing to you Miss Kate G. Raynor, Past National President; Miss Francis Fox, Past Division President, and Mrs. Kate Hardeastle, Past National President, as the greetings committee from our Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief: I am sure that we will be delighted to hear from Miss Raynor. You will please give her your careful attention.

Miss Raynor: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers of the Sons of Veterans—This committee has the very great honor of bringing to you the greetings of your Auxiliary. We are your wives and sisters, and it is only fitting that we should bring to you the love and good wishes of devoted helpmates. We want you to know that we have been working along the same lines as you have in patriotic work. We are proud of the work that our patriotic instructors are doing. The seed that has been sown has fallen on good ground and brought forth fruit. We are heart and soul in this work. Your Auxiliary during the past year has expended over \$3,000 for the relief of the old soldiers and their dependents. We gave over \$1,100 to the Memorial University. We expended over \$300 on Memorial Day. We want you to know what your Auxiliary is doing and what it can do.

Commander-in-Chief Allan, we are informed that you have a little treasure at home. We desire to present to Edgar Allan, Thiru, this gold spoon, on behalf of the Auxiliary. Edgar Allan, Thiru, will therefore be practically born with a "gold spoon in his mouth." We want the son to have all the good things, and we want to help you bring this little boy up a loving, loyal son.

Commander-in-Chief: In behalf of Edgar Allan, Thiru, who is unable to be present, I desire to thank you most heartily and to say that both he and his mother will appreciate this. I assure you he is all right.

Miss Fox: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers—As I have said at former encampments, this is the pleasantest time of the encampment to me. Sister Raynor has really covered the ground, and I am going to say that I hope everything you do will be for the best of the organization you represent—second only to the Grand Army. I trust that your deliberations will be just and wise, and that success will follow everything you undertake.

Mrs. Hardeastle: Brothers—I can only endorse what the

other sisters have said, and extend to you the greetings of the Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief: I will call upon Frank Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief, to respond to the ladies.

Frank Martin, of Indiana: Commander, ladies and brothers—We have in our encampments become used to these greetings, and year after year they become better and sweeter to us. You have said to us that you look forward to these greetings; we look forward to them with double pleasure. As in life the ladies go with us, and help us do the work we are doing, so in this Order you have been a source of encouragement and joy and pleasure to us, and we hope that as our Order grows and increases in numbers and in strength, so will yours grow in numbers and strength, and that as these two institutions, founded for patriotic purposes, will have to take hold of the work of those whose memories we revere. We thank you for the splendid words of greeting, and hope that we may have many, many more of them.

The committee was escorted from the hall and the encampment resumed.

Commander-in-Chief: By our action in adopting the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief we have selected Atlantic City, N. J., as the place for holding the next meeting.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: If it is in order, I would like to present, on behalf of the city of Cincinnati, the invitation for the encampment to be held in that city in 1910, and while doing this I wish to say that we do not ask and we do not desire to take issue with the action of the encampment. I do this as a matter of courtesy to the mayor of our city, to the Cincinnati Convention League and to the Sons of Veterans camps of that city, who have all kindly invited this body to meet in the "Queen City of the West" in 1910. I would like to have these invitations appear on and become a part of the encampment's records. I wish to say in this connection that the Ohio delegation, which fully represents the sentiments of the Division of Ohio, that we most heartily concur in the action of this body in accepting the invitation of our parent organization to hold our next annual encampment at the same time and place as theirs, which will be in Atlantic City, in 1910.

INVITATION FROM CITY OF CINCINNATI FOR NEXT ENCAMPMENT TO BE HELD IN THAT CITY.

City of Cincinnati, Ohio.
Mayor's Office.

August 21, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the Sons of Veterans, National Encampment Assembled in Convention at Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: Being informed that the Cincinnati Convention League, which represents fully the commercial and social interests of the city, has tendered to your association an invitation to hold your next meeting in Cincinnati, I have the pleasure, upon the part of the municipal authorities, to say that the gates

of Cincinnati are always open to strangers with most courteous hospitality, and we shall esteem it a special compliment should your association decide to act favorably upon our invitation.

Very cordially,
JOHN GALVIN,
Mayor of Cincinnati.

THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION LEAGUE.
Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 21, 1909.

To the Officers and Member of the Sons of Veterans National Encampment, Assembled in Convention at Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: The undersigned has pleasure in presenting to your association, on behalf of the commercial organizations of Cincinnati, a cordial invitation to hold your next meeting in our city.

The tender of hospitality is made on behalf of the civic authorities, the hotels, the commercial societies and the citizens generally, all of whom unite in the desire to welcome you and all of whom will join in the effort to make your sojourn in Cincinnati pleasant and your meeting a notable one.

Cincinnati is central, both geographically and with reference to population. It is only a night's ride from the principal centers of the Middle West, and about eighteen hours from the Seaboard, Gulf and Eastern frontier cities.

Being a terminal point for 200,000 miles of first-class railways, delegates from all sections of the country are assured of through sleeping cars, adding to their convenience.

The well known reputation of the citizens of Cincinnati for hospitality, the diversity and excellence of her hotels, as well as the many points of interest within her boundaries, all conspire to emphasize this invitation, and to make it a desirable one, both from the standpoint of business and pleasure.

A letter from our mayor endorsing this invitation is also submitted.

Anticipating your favorable action, and assuring you of a cordial reception and successful meeting, we are,

Yours very truly,
THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION LEAGUE.
Wm. B. Mellish, President.

U. S. GRANT CAMP NO. 100, OHIO DIVISION,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1909.

To the 28th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.

Brothers: By the unanimous vote of the U. S. Grant Camp, No. 100, Ohio Division, Sons of Veterans, a resolution was adopted extending an invitation to the Commandery-in-Chief of our Organization to hold its 29th Annual Encampment at Cincinnati in 1910. In this connection, permit us to say that this invitation expresses the desire not only of the entire membership of U. S. Grant Camp, but also of all the brothers throughout this section, as well as the citizens in general of our city and state.

We bid you come to our "Queen City of the West," and guarantee to you a genuine "Buckeye" welcome.

Fraternally yours in F. C. and L.
W.M. L. POE Commander.

Attest:

EARL R. PASSEL, Secretary.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I wish to say in this connection that next year, if conditions are favorable we hope that the Encampment will deem it wise and proper to accept our invitation.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I move you that the communications be received and that the citizens of Cincinnati be thanked for same.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Chaplain took the chair.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: Owing to the fact that we are now going to Atlantic City, I wish to state that I would like to have an invitation from the good people of Madison, Wis., for the Encampment to be held in that place in 1911, spread upon the minutes.

Frank H. Challis, of New Hampshire: I move that it be done. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief resumed the chair.

The National Chaplain: During your absence an invitation for the Encampment to be held in Madison, Wis., in 1911 was received. I might say for the benefit of the Encampment that at the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Salt Lake City, St. Louis was a very strong contestant for the honor of entertaining that organization next year. It was their purpose and intention, and the purpose of the Grand Army Posts and the Sons of Veterans Camps, in conjunction with the mayor and authorities of St. Louis, to ask for the next Encampment following the one next year, to be held in St. Louis. They are going to ask the Grand Army encampment following the one at Atlantic City to be held in St. Louis, and also the Sons of Veterans, and on behalf of the Missouri delegation we want to invite you for 1911 in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Resolutions:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions, Commander-in-Chief and members of the Encampment, has received a large number of resolutions and communications. It held an open session last night, and heard those who desired to be heard in favor of the resolutions and against them. It has taken into consideration the source of the various communications and resolutions, the manner in which they are certified to this Encampment from the respective divisions, and the last of proper certification. If it is agreeable, Commander-in-Chief, the communications and resolutions will be considered separately and the conclusions of the committee upon each individual resolution or communication

will be stated, and unless there is objection, or some other action taken, it is suggested that the recommendation be adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: Unless there is objection as each recommendation is read, they will be passed.

Resolved, That one evening during the 29th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief be set apart for the exemplification of the ritualistic work of the order, under the direction of some one detailed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

The committee recommends concurrence. No objection.

The Iowa Division has submitted, properly certified, resolutions adopted by that division, as follows:

At the 26th Annual Encampment of the Iowa Division, Sons of Veterans, held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 9th and 10th, 1909, the following resolutions were adopted and are presented to the next Encampment for consideration:

First. That the Iowa Division desires the abolishment of division headquarters inspection, deeming it a useless expense, as the work is done by the Division Council, and it desires its representatives to so vote.

Second. That Harry J. Green, now a member in good standing of E. I. Weiser Camp No. 23, of Decorah, Iowa, having for a number of years been a member of a former camp of that city, and while a member served well and faithfully as Camp Commander and well and faithfully served the Division as Division Commander, and for two years after the Camp was dead, paid its dues to the Division to retain its charter; receiving no encouragement, the charter was finally allowed to lapse, and he lost his rank as Past Division Commander. The Iowa Division now asks that the rank of Past Division Commander be restored to Harry J. Green, of Decorah, Iowa.

Third. That while we (Iowa Division) do not wish to keep alive or do any act that will continue the division of 1861 to 1865 between North and South, and while we respect the bravery and courage of those whom we opposed in the awful struggle of the Civil War, we do deplore and condemn the perpetuation by monument or shaft of the memory of Capt. Henry Wirz, who placed himself beyond the pale of respect of any generous foe by the brutality and inhumanity, which would outrage even the lowest civilization. The Iowa Division recommends the adoption of this resolution by the Commandery-in-Chief, and requests its representatives so to vote.

On the first resolution no action is recommended.

The committee recommends that the second resolution be concurred in, and that the rank of Past Division Commander be restored to Harry J. Green, of Decorah, Iowa.

On resolution third the committee recommends no action.

No objection to recommendation of committee in above cases.

The following communication has not been certified by the Division of California. Your committee, however, desires to present same to the Encampment for its action:

Whereas, the Committee on Resolutions at the 27th National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans recommended that the rank of Past Division Commander be restored to Brother G. W. Conart, of the Division of California and Oregon, and

said Encampment failed to pass said resolution, owing to the lack of information on the subject.

And Whereas, Our Commander-in-Chief informs this committee that he has investigated the case and believes that justice would be done by the restoration of said honors to said brother. Now therefore,

Be it Resolved, That this Encampment do hereby restore to Brother G. W. Conart, of the Division of California and Oregon, the rank of Past Division Commander.

National Chaplain: I move that the past honors be granted.

Commander-in-Chief: I investigated the matter at Oakland and at Los Angeles. The case is a meritorious one.

William G. Dustin, of Illinois: Brother Conart was Division Commander when I was Commander-in-Chief, and I considered him one of the best Division Commanders we had.

The motion was seconded and unanimously agreed to.

The following communication has been received from Col. Fred Taylor Camp, No. 2.

Whereas, Owing to the revocation of the charter of the former camp of which we were members, namely Capt. P. R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, we were out of the organization only long enough to apply for and have granted us a charter to be remustered into the organization, which was only two weeks.

Whereas, It has come to our notice that the records of the Organization have only given us the date of June 24, 1905, as joining the Order, when in fact seventy names or more joined the organization many years previous. Some were charter members of the other Camp. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention be and are hereby requested to have the records of all our former members entered on the books as per their respective dates of muster into the Organization. We feel that we are justly entitled to this request, as we were anxious to remain members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

HENRY BEYERLE.

GEO. W. RICE.

R. M. WRIGHT.

THEO. C. DOST.

FRANK P. SCHUNKEL, SR.

This communication is not certified to in proper form, and there is no written evidence of action at the Division Encampment upon this subject. However, it appears to this committee that this is a matter that may properly be disposed of by the Division of Pennsylvania. It is an application from a large number of members of that camp to have the records of their membership at the time they became members of Phillip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, the predecessor of this camp. It is the recommendation of this committee that the matter be referred to the Division of Pennsylvania, with authority to take such action as the Division sees fit.

No objection.

The Division of New Jersey presents the following resolution:

Whereas, In our nation's capital city, Washington, D. C.,

there is erected a handsome monument to the memory of the immortal President, George Washington, and

Whereas, On the interior walls of said monument there are placed scores of tablets by the various states of this Union, many of the cities and organizations of a benevolent and religious character, and

Whereas, Among the few organizations conspicuously without such a tribute on those walls is our Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8, S. of V., U. S. A., of Paterson, N. J., do hereby express our regret that our Order has not as yet recognized the Father of Our Country in any such substantial and worthy manner; and be it further

Resolved, That we request the representatives from our Division of New Jersey to the Commandery-in-Chief to meet at Washington, D. C., in August, 1909, to present the matter to our national body, and there urge the erection of a tablet in the said Washington Monument as a tribute to the organized Sons of Veterans of the great Civil War, 1861-65.

The recommendation of your committee is that this matter be referred to a special committee, to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, to investigate the feasibility and cost of the same and report to the next Encampment.

No objection.

The next resolution is also from the Division of New Jersey, in which it asks the restoration of past rank to several brothers. The committee has investigated the matter, heard the facts relating to the loss of rank.

Whereas, The following brothers of this Division, Brother Eugene Darrah, of Fred W. Dayton Camp No. 5, and Brother Wm. F. Aumack, of Camp No. 6, having honorably served a full term as Commanders of their respective Camps, and

Whereas, Through unavoidable circumstances they lost their past honors; be it therefore

Resolved, That the 28th Encampment of the New Jersey Division instruct its delegates to the National Encampment, to be held at Washington, August 23d to 27th, 1909, to present resolutions, properly attested by the Division Commander and Division Secretary, with the view of having the past honors restored to these brothers.

Your committee recommends that the past rank of the brothers be restored.

No objection.

The Division of Massachusetts presents properly certified resolutions recommending the restoration of past honors to Chas. F. Cook, as follows:

Be it resolved, That Brother Charles F. Cook, now a member of George A. Custer Camp No. 11, in good standing, is entitled to and should have restored to him the rank and title of Past Camp Commander; be it therefore

Further resolved, That Brother Cook, having shown by past performances that he is a good, faithful and true brother of our Order, this convention here assembled do instruct and hereby does instruct its delegates to the coming National Convention

to present to said National Convention resolutions demanding and setting forth the reason therefor, the restoration of Brother Charles F. Cook to the rank of Past Camp Commander, together with all honors and advantages to be derived therefrom. Be it further

Resolved, That this convention assembled do honestly believe that said Brother Charles F. Cook has nobly earned and rightfully deserves the rank of Past Camp Commander, and that the delegates to the next National Convention are hereby instructed not only to present said resolutions to the coming National Convention, but are hereby further instructed to give their earnest efforts towards the passage of the same, thereby upholding the good name of this Division of Massachusetts for fairness and impartiality.

The committee has investigatated this case, and recommends that the past rank be restored.

No objection.

The Division of Maine presents the following:

That at the encampment of the Maine Division, Sons of Veterans, held at Bangor, June 8 and 9, 1909, it was voted to recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief to restore the rank of Past Commander to E. W. Blake, of Camp 68.

The committee recommends approval of the resolution and that the past rank be restored to Brother Blake.

No objection.

The next resolution is from the Division of New York, as follows:

At the annual encampment of the New York Division, held June 14, at Corning, N. Y., the following resolution was unanimously adopted and is herewith presented for the consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief:

Resolved, That our delegation to the National Encampment at Washington be instructed to request the Commandery-in-Chief to restore the rank of Past Commander to Brother Thomas W. McKnight, of Camp 102, and Brother Charles L. McBride and Brother Fred E. Norcross, of Camp 133.

The committee has likewise investigated this application, and recommends approval of the request and restoration of past rank.

No objection.

Maryland Division presents the following resolution:

Whereas, Mansfield Camp No. 2, Maryland Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., located at Hagerstown, Md., has recently been reorganized, largely through the efforts of William A. Keefauver and Walter B. Mobley, who were at the time of the disbandment of the said Camp past commanders thereof; and

Whereas, Said Brothers Keefauver and Mobley, with two or three other brothers, kept said Mansfield Camp together, against great odds, paying per capita tax from their own funds in order that the Camp might be kept alive; and now that the said Camp has been reorganized on a firm basis it seems just and proper that such steps should be taken as will result in the past rank being restored to said brothers. Therefore, be it

Resolved, by Maryland Division, in encampment assembled at Baltimore, Md., June 22 and 23, 1909, that the Commandery-in-

Chief be requested to restore to said brothers the past rank lost by them through no fault of theirs, and as a recognition of their services in reorganizing said camp; and be it further

Resolved, That the delegation of the Maryland Division to the 28th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held at Washington, D. C., August 23-27, 1909, be instructed to use all honorable means to bring about such restoration to Brothers Keefauver and Mobley.

The committee has investigated this case, and recommends restoration of past rank to the brothers named.

No objection.

The following resolution, pertaining to the Maine Monument Association, has been presented to the committee:

The purpose of this association is to erect a monument in the national capital to the men who lost their lives on the battleship Maine, in Havana Harbor, February 15, 1898.

Membership fee of \$1 may be paid now, or sent at your convenience to the Treasurer, Major Lewis Merriam, U. S. A., 1692 Q Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

A certificate of membership and a beautiful souvenir badge made of the metal taken from the wreck of the Maine will be sent to each member as soon as finished.

The committee recommends that the object of this association be most heartily endorsed by this Encampment, and that this matter be referred to a committee of brothers of this Order who are also members of the Spanish War Veterans, to be named by the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

No objection.

The committee has had referred to communications from the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce and from the general manager of the Victory, Put-in-Bay Island, Lake Erie, inviting the Commandery-in-Chief to hold its next encampment at those places.

The committee recommends that these communications be acknowledged, and the writers informed that the place for holding the next Encampment has been determined.

No objection.

The following resolution has been presented to the committee:

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief is under peculiar obligations to the loyalty and zeal of the members of Lincoln Camp No. 2 and Cushing Camp No. 30, of the city of Washington, and to their executive committee. They have contributed much, not only to our personal comfort and entertainment, but to the success of this meeting.

We will bear to our homes the most kindly remembrance of our visit to the nation's capital, and of the fraternal greetings of our brothers, assisted by the loyal women of this city. "May they live long and prosper."

The committee recommends its adoption.

No objection.

A communication from the Division of Pennsylvania has been presented to the committee. It is not in the form of a resolution, but comes as a communication from the officers of the Division. There was presented with it a series of resolutions signed by a committee of the Pennsylvania delegation relative to this

matter. The substance is that it seeks reinstatement to the Order, with honors lost to him by reason of proceedings of court martial, of James H. Tawney. As this matter comes to the committee in this informal way, as it has not been presented to this committee that James H. Tawney would discontinue the legal proceedings he has instituted against the Order, or accept his reinstatement the committee sees no reason why this should be made a record of this Encampment. The matter comes to this committee in such an informal way that it is unable to make a recommendation upon the subject.

No objection.

A communication has been received from the officers of the Pennsylvania Division, which is in due form, seeking to have conferred upon Brother F. Tschudy the gold cross of the Order, for meritorious service. In the opinion of the committee it is regrettable that a matter relating to meritorious service by a member of the Order should come before the Commandery-in-Chief in this informal manner. The committee, after giving much consideration to this matter, wishing to recognize its importance to the Division of Pennsylvania, would make this recommendation, that the Division of Pennsylvania be authorized to, at its own expense, confer a special medal or decoration upon Brother Tschudy for meritorious service rendered that division.

George H. Younger, of Pennsylvania: I would like to ask— I infer from the recommendation that we have no right to award the gold cross of this Organization. Is that correct? Does the committee recommend that the Division of Pennsylvania secure such mark of honor as they may see fit?

Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: That is substantially correct.

Wm. T. Church, of Illinois: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of the Committee on Constitution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: As I said yesterday, the report which the committee made then was not final, because we understood from the nature of the proceedings that there would be many references made to us by the different divisions and various officers and the members of the Commandery-in-Chief. Therefore this will be a supplemental and final report to this Encampment.

Washington, D. C., August 26th, A. D. 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the 28th Annual Encampment of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers: We, your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, beg leave to submit the following, as our final report of the business of this Encampment:

The various matters submitted to your committee are herewith reported with due regard to the action of this Encampment relative to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and therefore of necessity many of the matters referred are deferred pending the final action of said committee, which has been

continued until the next annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

1. Recommendation No. 6.

"6. That the Committee on Constitution be authorized to so form the new law of our Order as to do away with all forms of inspection and court martial. That they prepare a form for a simple camp report and a consolidated division report, and that the law be so constructed as to cause the information contained in these reports to be preserved by the National Secretary."

First sentence concurred in.

Second sentence concurred in.

Recommendation No. 15.

"15. That resolutions be passed doing away with court martial, and providing for a trial board and also for dispensing with inspections and the abolition of national division inspectors. This may be done by recommendation to the new Committee on Constitution and Laws, when proper forms for reports can be promulgated."

That part of said recommendation ending with "trial board" is concurred in.

That part after the word "board" is deferred as per recommendation, pending action to be taken by the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Recommendation No. 1.

"1. The Council-in-Chief recommends that the office of national, state and camp inspectors be abolished."

This recommendation has been previously disposed of.

Recommendation No. 2.

"2. That the Constitution and Laws of the Commandery-in-Chief be so amended as to prescribe accurately the duties of the Council-in-Chief."

Concurred in.

Recommendation No. 3.

"3. That Section 2, Article XVIII, page 14, of the Constitution and Laws, which reads:

"Sec. 2. Divisions shall pay the Commandery-in-Chief five dollars for each camp charter, which amount shall accompany the application, one-half to be paid to the permanent endowment fund of the National Memorial University."

be amended to read:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief ten dollars for each camp charter, which amount shall accompany the application, \$2.50 to be paid to the permanent endowment fund of the National Memorial University."

Action upon the above recommendation is postponed pending receipt of reports of the action of the different Divisions.

Recommendation No. 4.

"4. That Section 10, Article XIII, page 10, which now reads:

"The term of office of the National Secretary, the National Treasurer and the Chief-of-Staff, each shall be five years."

be amended by adding the following:

"One member of the Council-in-Chief for three years, one member for two years, one member for one year, and thereafter at each annual Encampment one member for a term of three years."

Also that part of Section 6, Article XIII, page 9, which reads: "except for members of the Council-in-Chief, who may be chosen by a plurality vote." be stricken out."

This is concurred in.

Recommendation No. 5.

"5. The Council-in-Chief recommends that the per capita tax for the coming year be fixed at 36 cents per member, the same as heretofore."

Previously disposed of.

REPORT OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR.

Recommendation No. 2.

"2. That the inspection of division headquarters be made by a member of the Division Council, and that one copy of the report be forwarded to the National Inspector, and that any Division failing to file the said report will not be entitled to representation in the National Encampment."

This has been previously acted upon.

Recommendation No. 3.

"3. That inspection blanks, as per copy herewith submitted, be adopted as the official inspection blank."

Previously acted upon.

REFERRED FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

"That the delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment be instructed to use all honorable means to abolish the granting of commissions to the officers of the civic branch of the order."

Concurred in.

"That Section 4, Article XVIII, Finances, page 15, Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, be altered or amended to read:

"Said tax shall be payable in two equal installments and be forwarded to the National Secretary on or before the last days of July and January."

Concurred in.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OHIO.

"Add to Section 3, Article XXI, of the C. & L., that the Division Commander be given authority to suspend, pending investigation, any officer of such Division for failure to perform any duties required by the C. & L., or for any violation of the same."

This is not acted upon for the present, unless the rule of the Commander-in-Chief relative to the authority of this body having original jurisdiction, be changed so as to alter the publication of amendments to the C. R. & R. as to time.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Recommendation No. 1.

"Resolved, That this Division respectfully recommends to the Commandery-in-Chief that Article XVI of the Constitution and Laws be so amended as to permit of the business of nomination and election of officers taking place at 10 a. m. on the second day

of the Encampment, the installation of officers to take place just previous to adjournment, as at present.

This is not concurred in for the reason that the business of a Division or the Commandery-in-Chief can be transposed, altered or changed by a two-thirds vote.

Recommendation No. 2.

"Resolved, That the New Hampshire Division respectfully recommends to the Commandery-in-Chief that Article XIII of the Constitution and Laws be so amended as to make it permissible to choose but one elective officer from a Division. And be it further

"Resolved, That only such members of the Order as are entitled to the rank of Past Division Commander shall be eligible to the office of Commander-in-Chief."

These are not concurred in.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN M. AMES, Chairman.

RALPH SHELTON.

E. R. CAMPBELL.

ARTHUR B. SPINK.

Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief which were left to your committee are embraced in recommendations 6 and 15. Recommendation 6 has been divided into two parts, and the committee concurs in both of them.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: It strikes me that this business should be done in a business manner. I would move that the committee in constructing these blanks be instructed to attach a form of jurat, which shall make it necessary for the reports to be sworn to before a notary public by the officers making them. This is a very simple matter, inexpensive, and will of itself be evidence that the report is correct. I think that is the way we conducted our inspections years ago.

E. W. Estes, of New York: Do I understand that the Committee on Constitution is now recommending some changes in the Constitution?

Commander-in-Chief: No, sir.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I don't see that we ought to act on anything of this kind today. This committee reported that it wanted to give the matter of new Constitution the utmost consideration. They asked for another year. They then propose to present to us next year a perfect Constitution, one that will be a credit to the committee and to the Order. All matter with reference to that new Constitution and amendments to the old to be taken up by the committee during the year and presented to this body one year hence. What is the use of making recommendations covering a section or two at a time, when a year hence we will have a new Constitution? I move you that all matters relating to changes in the Constitution be referred to the Committee on New Constitution.

The motion was seconded.

William T. Church of Illinois: Do I understand that the

effect of this motion will be to refer all matters relating to amending the laws of the Order to a committee which will not report under a succeeding Encampment. I understand that there is one matter in the hands of this committee that is of importance to the financial interests of the Order this year, and I think this motion should not prevail for that reason. I hope I am speaking to the question. The matter to which I refer is a recommendation of the Council-in-Chief that in the future the divisions be required to pay \$10 upon the organization of a Camp. This does not act as a burden upon the members of the Order in any way, and it is an additional source of revenue the Council-in-Chief deems desirable and advisable. I trust that the brothers will consider this, and will, if the motion should prevail in other matters at least, except this matter, which has been requested by the Council-in-Chief. There is considerable sentiment among the members of this Encampment and the members of the Order that the organization of Camps has been made too cheap in the past. There is some sentiment; I do not know how strong it is. I know that it exists. It has been mentioned to me since I have been in this Encampment several times. I think that it is a matter which the members of this Encampment ought to consider. The recommendations of your Council-in-Chief are entitled to serious consideration. I am only asking that this Encampment will not now adopt a motion which will prevent it from considering that recommendation at this time.

Commander-in-Chief: Do you offer that as an amendment to the motion, or as remarks?

William T. Church, of Illinois: I move you that the motion before the house be amended so as to except that recommendation of the Council-in-Chief relating to the Camp charter fee.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I rise to a point of order. My point is that the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief as amended can not be acted on.

Commander-in-Chief: The point is not well taken at this time. When that matter comes before the convention, then you can raise your point. Brother Church has moved that you refer all these matters to the Committee on Constitution, but that you leave one of them out for further consideration.

Hy. D. Davis, of Ohio: I don't want to object to Brother Church's action, but we have a matter from Ohio before the Committee on Constitution and Laws. If we are going to consider anything, I think we should be granted the privilege of having that matter considered. If we are going to treat all alike, then Brother Church's matter should come along with the rest. If it is in accordance with the law to have these matters passed upon by the Commandery-in-Chief, I think it is all right.

H.V. Speelman, of Ohio: Does the matter referred to in the question of Brother Church contemplate an amendment to the Constitution?

William T. Church, of Illinois: The amendment to this motion prepared by myself contemplates an amendment, unless this Encampment shall at this time, in its action on this motion, reserve the right to consider that matter at this session. It will come up when this recommendation of the Council-in-Chief is presented for action.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: My judgment is that it does not contemplate a change. Article 25 of the Constitution and Laws says that all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws

shall be submitted in writing by divisions, camps or committees on Constitution and Laws to the Commander-in-Chief, at least sixty days before the first session of each Commandery-in-Chief, and that such proposed changes be made the subject of an order or circular to be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, copies to be mailed to all who are entitled to a seat in the Encampment at least fifteen days before the first session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion of William T. Church was seconded.

Hy. D. Davis, of Ohio: I move as an amendment to Brother Church's motion that the matter referred to the Council-in-Chief by the Division of Ohio be excluded from the motion made by Brother Estes.

The National Secretary: The point I want to bring out is this. When a new camp is organized, either by the University organizer or otherwise, let us have the benefit of the \$10 now.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now vote on the amendment offered by Brother Hy. D. Davis, of Ohio.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now vote on the amendment of Brother Church, of Illinois, that the matter referred to in the Council-in-Chief's report regarding the amount paid by camps as charter fee be excluded from the motion of Brother Estes.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now take up the original motion of Brother Estes.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: A motion was made to refer all matters in the report of the committee to the committee on New Constitution. Afterwards a motion was made to except the section referred to in the Council-in-Chief's report and also to except a proposition made by the Division of Ohio. That having carried, the motion, as I understand it, is on the adoption of a portion of the report of the committee, and that the rest be referred.

Commander-in-Chief: We are going to vote on it now. The question now is on the adoption of the motion made by Brother Estes, of New York. It has been moved that all matters, other than the two matters excepted, be referred to the committee on New Constitution for its consideration and action.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The Committee on Constitution and Laws will proceed with the report.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: On the recommendations of the Council-in-Chief we report:

The committee recommends postponement of action on recommendation No. 3 of the Council-in-Chief.

The National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, the only revenue we receive from the Commandery-in-Chief is the per capita tax and the profit on supplies. We have a contract now to pay \$2,000 for the National Organizer. We ought to get some revenue out of that. I really think camps are organized too cheap. We send out blanks and get fifteen names on the applications for charter, instead of 115 or 215. In my judgment, we do not get enough money out of these new camps. When camps are

organized, sometimes they collect 50 cents from each applicant, or perhaps \$1. They ought to collect more, and we should have at least \$10, and then the camps ought to have some money to start with, for unless they do have some money as soon as a camp is instituted the division gets all the money. The members, then, when they find there is no money in the treasury, lose interest. That, of course, is not a matter for us, but is a matter for the divisions. If the Commandery-in-Chief can get 5,000 more, why can't the division get 5,000 more? My idea is that instead of charging 50 cents or \$1 from each man on the application for charter we should get at least \$2, or better \$3 or \$5. It should be worth it to become a member of this Organization, and the consequence is that the camp will have some money when it starts business, and they can afford to pay the \$10 to the Commandery. That is the reason, in my humble judgment, why you are reporting so many camps suspended just after they have been mustered, because the camp has no money. Let us give it a trial. Let the new camps pay \$10. Let them collect more money, so they can do it. Then, when the new Constitution comes up, we can reject that if we want. I believe the reason so many new camps are suspended is because they have no treasury. They are starting business without any capital, which you all know is not a good principle.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I rise to a point of order. My point is this, as to whether the matter under discussion contemplates an amendment to the Constitution. I hold that it can not be considered at this time because it has not been published as required by Article XXV, page 33, of the Constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: I hope that you will not press that point of order until further discussion, because if we are I am bound to rule according to the view expressed earlier in these proceedings as to the right of this body, and I don't want to do it. I can, however, get all the authority of law I want. I rule that this convention as the supreme body has the right to here adopt a new Constitution if it sees fit.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I appeal from that decision. The Constitution of the Order is supreme and can only be amended in a legal way.

Commander-in-Chief: The decision of the chair has been appealed from. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will please take the chair for a few moments.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: The question is now, shall the decision of the chair be sustained?

E. W. Estes, of New York: I am in favor of properly adhering to the law. The law is plain and specific relative to amendments to this Constitution. The section of the Constitution is also specific—Section 2, Article XVIII—"Divisions shall pay the Commandery-in-Chief \$5 for each camp charter, which amount shall accompany the application, one-half to be paid to permanent endowment fund of the National Memorial University." Are we, as a matter of expediency, going to follow the Constitution, not only this section, but the section which provides for amendments? It has been the custom before this particular section relating to amendments was adopted for a committee to come here in the last hours with an amendment which they desired acted on. I think it was a very wise provision to have all amendments printed in THE BANNER, so we can read

them and act accordingly. Several divisions have already had their encampments. If this amendment now prevails, you will place upon the divisions a burden such as they have not provided for. For this reason, and for the reason that the decision of the chair is illegal, the said decision should not be sustained.

The National Counselor: The attorneys of this body who have looked the matter up have found just one line of decisions, and that is that one legislative body by its action can not bind its successors. The Congress of the United States could not pass a law to prevent the next Congress from passing a law.

E. v. Estes, of New York: Can the Congress of the United States amend an article of the Constitution of the United States?

The National Counselor: They can not do it, because that is in the Constitution.

Walter E. Smith, of Pennsylvania: Point of order. Is this the question of appeal? Let us have the question on the appeal. Shall it be sustained or shall it not. I ask this Encampment to now decide upon the question of the appeal, nothing else. I demand the question.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: The Encampment has decided to allow discussion.

The National Counselor: The question we are discussing is, can this body by calling part of its legislation a Constitution make it something other than a by-law? The first question I referred to has been decided by the supreme court of Illinois, holding that one legislative body can not tie the hands of its successors. In the courts of Indiana it was held that because a society called its laws a Constitution it did not make it anything but the passing of legislation. The court held that one convention could not tie the hands of another. This body can do as it pleases, but the ruling of your Commander-in-Chief is in accord with the law.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: The question before the house is, shall the Commander-in-Chief be sustained?

The motion was put and lost.

The Commander-in-Chief resumed the chair.

Commander-in-Chief: The point of order of Brother Speelman, of Ohio, is well taken. You will now listen to the further report of the Committee on Constitution.

Edwin M. Amies of Pennsylvania: It is understood that goes over until next Encampment.

E. W. Sanford, of New York: As I understand, the Committee on Constitution that is now reporting was appointed by order of the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. Was it understood that their recommendations, in order to be presented at this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief should be printed in THE BANNER at least sixty days before this Encampment met, and that that printed report should be sent to the delegates before any action on their recommendations could be taken?

Commander-in-Chief: The members of this Encampment have decided that the recommendations should have been printed.

George H. Younger, of Pennsylvania: Having voted against your action, I wish to withdraw that vote, and move that same be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: I move that that motion be laid on the table.

The motion was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: It has been moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which motion has been seconded.

George H. Younger, of Pennsylvania: Article XX, page 16 of the Constitution, provides that "The Commandery-in-Chief shall be the supreme source of power for the Sons of Veterans," and that "No form of government shall be considered as legally established until the same has been submitted to and duly approved by the Commandery-in-Chief at a stated meeting of the same."

Commander-in-Chief: The question is, shall the motion to reconsider be laid on the table?

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The chairman of the Committee on Constitution will proceed.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Recommendation No. 4 of the Council-in-Chief has been referred to the Committee on New Constitution.

No objection.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I will now read the committee's recommendation on the report of the National Inspector, as well as on the changes proposed by the Divisions of Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Hampshire.

No objections were made to the committee's recommendations as read.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: That completes the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws on all matters which have been brought to its attention, and concludes the report, with this exception. The committee was under the impression, basing our authority on the section of the Constitution just read by Brother Younger, that the action of this body was supreme, and that a Constitution and By-Laws which would have been submitted to this meeting would have been subject to your ruling and adoption. Relying upon that section of the Constitution, that the authority of this body was supreme, the committee concluded that it was not necessary for it to publish the proposed new Constitution and Laws sixty days before the Encampment. It has been the will of this Encampment to rule that the decision of the chair was out of order, and that therefore publication must be had of any amendments to be proposed. I am therefore constrained to ask this Encampment that the committee be authorized to publish the proposed new Constitution in pamphlet form, which must be done at least sixty days before the next Encampment.

George B. Abbott of Illinois: I am going to ask the unanimous consent of this Encampment to suspend our Constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: This Encampment has said that it is not the law.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I propose to ask that the following be done, to facilitate the work of that committee at the next encampment. If I am not mistaken, any part of our constitu-

tion may be suspended by unanimous consent. I believe that is in the constitution. The particular part that I would ask to be suspended is where it requires publication sixty days in advance. I want to obviate the necessity of publishing the entire proposed constitution sixty days before the encampment, which would be an expensive affair. Would such a motion be out of order?

Commander-in-Chief: If we entertain such a motion it will make our records appear very ridiculous, but this encampment can pass that resolution or that motion, and the next encampment can take cognizance of it if it wants to. If you choose to make a motion to that effect, I will put it, unless there is objection.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: There is, I believe, in the constitution a section which says that the rules may be suspended by unanimous consent.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I can not find anything of the kind here. As has been stated before at this encampment, the constitution provides that "The Constitution and Laws and the Ritual of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall only be altered or amended by the Commandery-in-Chief by a majority vote of the members reported present and entitled to a vote at a stated annual meeting thereof."

B. J. Northcott, of Maryland: Point of order. That the reference in the constitution to amendments does not apply to a proposed new constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: I rule that the point of order is well taken.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: A committee was appointed last year to submit a new constitution. That has been advertised throughout the whole order of the Sons of Veterans. The committee was appointed to change the constitution. It does not require any publication according to my idea of a constitution. It does not need to submit that new proposed constitution sixty days before the encampment by publication.

Commander-in-Chief: I rule that the point of order of Brother Northcott, of Maryland, was well taken; that it does not have to be published sixty days.

The National Counselor: For the purpose of getting a final ruling on that question, I appeal from the decision of the chair.

William A. Gray, of Pennsylvania: There is nothing before this house to appeal from.

Commander-in-Chief: I ruled upon a point of order. I ruled that the committee did not have to publish a new constitution.

George H. Younger, of Pennsylvania: Is it not proper that sixty days prior to our meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief changes in the constitution will be published in THE BANNER, by the authority of this Commandery-in-Chief?

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief took the chair.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: The question before the house is: Shall the Commander-in-Chief be sustained?

The Commander-in-Chief was sustained.

The Commander-in-Chief resumed the chair.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I move that the proposed constitution be printed in pamphlet form and be distributed so we can

have them at the next encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief—300 copies.

The motion was seconded.

George W. Pollitt, of New Jersey: I think if it is necessary for the delegates it is equally necessary for the members of the order, even the fellows who can not come here to vote; they should have in their hands copies of the proposed constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: I believe in publicity. Every humble brother of our order ought to know what is proposed, so he can send in amendments if he desires. This encampment has decided, nearly unanimously, that the printing of this new constitution is not required. There is a motion before the house that the committee print 300 copies of the proposed constitution before submitting same to the encampment.

Hy. D. Davis, of Ohio: I move to amend the motion, by authorizing the Committee on Constitution to publish at as small a cost as possible, either in *THE BANNER* or in pamphlet form, a sufficient number to furnish each camp with a copy.

William G. Dustin, of Illinois: If the committee will furnish me with a copy of their proposed report in time to publish in *THE BANNER*, I will take pleasure in printing it without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is on the motion of Brother Estes that the committee have 300 copies of the proposed constitution printed in pamphlet form.

The motion was lost.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief and brothers of this encampment, it has been a matter of great gratification to me to see the composition of this encampment. This discussion has been of great value to this committee. These matters have been thrown upon you for a purpose. Whether or not the committee is compelled to publish this constitution according to law, as some construe it, is a question which might in the future be raised. Your committee was, therefore, anxious that some expression would be made as to the law governing the new constitution when it was published. I see in this convention more lawyers than I have ever seen before in a meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and I can see that if this report of the committee comes here next year and in any way conflicts, possibly, with the views of some of them, they might invoke the law and raise the question that the whole work of the committee was unconstitutional and void, so that the expressions from this encampment and the sustaining of the ruling of the chair relative to the legality of it is all that your committee wants. I move the adoption of the committee as a whole as amended.

The motion was amended and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Before we proceed to new business, Captain Cross, of Maryland, has a few remarks to make.

PRESENTATION OF CANE TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SPEELMAN.

Francis E. Cross, of Maryland: I will ask Brother Speelman to step forward. This is the first time I have seen Brother Speelman since the twenty-fourth annual encampment at Gettysburg, where I told him I had something for him. I take pleasure in presenting a cane made from a girder used in the construction of the White House. The girder was charred by the fire in the

White House when the British set fire to it in 1814. The girder was removed from the building in 1902 when the White House was remodeled. I have had several canes made from it, and this is one of them. The metal of this ferrule was taken from the "Maine," which was sunk in the Harbor of Havana on the morning of February 15, 1898. I will thank you to accept this as a token of the highest regards from the Maryland Division.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I remember very distinctly when the cane was presented. I have thought the brothers of Maryland Division may have been waiting for the actual presentation until the time should come when I needed the cane on account of old age. I wish to express to you, Captain Cross, and through you, to the members of Maryland Division, my appreciation of this token. For many years it has been my good pleasure and good fortune to be closely associated with a large number of the brothers of the division now entertaining this encampment. I hold every one of them in the highest esteem. I assure you I appreciate this token because of the fact that it bears with it your love and affection. I will always keep it, and it will be a cause of gratification to me to know that I have the friendship of the brothers of this great and good division of Maryland.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALLAN.

Francis E. Cross, of Maryland: The Executive Committee has not failed to recognize the worth of one of its members; in fact, I will say the chairman, who is now our Commander-in-Chief. While I did not help to elect him, I helped to do some of the work. I have prepared at this time a little souvenir gavel, which I want to present to him on behalf of the committee. This wood is the same as the cane. The handle of this gavel is made from a piece of the floor. There is no "fake" about any of this wood. I know, because I took it from the White House myself. It was my privilege and pleasure to procure some of the wood that I might present to friends articles made therefrom. I assure you it would give me great pleasure if I could present each of you with something made from it. -I now present this gavel, on behalf of the committee, to Commander-in-Chief Allan.

Commander-in-Chief Allan: Captain Cross, I don't believe it is necessary to say anything further than I thank you. The boys of the Maryland Division know me, and know how I feel towards them.

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALLAN.

F. T. F. Johnson, of Maryland: I will ask your indulgence. One year ago the Division of Maryland was honored by having one of its members elected to the high office of Commander-in-Chief. Maryland Division feels that he has made good. It wishes to show to the Commandery-in-Chief at this time its appreciation of the honor it has bestowed upon the division by presenting to the Commandery-in-Chief a portrait of Brother Allan, to be hung on the walls of Memorial University along with his illustrious predecessors.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Brother Amies to accept this.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I don't know that it comes with good grace that a Past Commander-in-Chief should be asked to respond to the presentation by Maryland Division of

a portrait of the Commander-in-Chief, for the reason that in the words of the presenter he refers to your *illustrious* predecessors. However, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, I wish to express our appreciation and our thanks for this portrait. It was my pleasure to visit Memorial University, and while there I had the pleasure of seeing in the halls of that institution the likenesses of those who have preceded you. It was a pleasure, because I knew them all personally; it was my privilege to have associated with them, to know them well, and I assure you, as I looked upon them I felt that I was again with the "old war horses" of this order of ours. We accept it, of course, not as a matter of form, but because we hope to preserve, if possible, the memory of the men who at least gave one year of conscientious service so that this order might be benefitted and its principles promulgated throughout the world.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Credentials.

National Secretary: The report of the Committee on Credentials shows the following members of the encampment present:

(See roll-call at end of proceedings.)

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection we will adopt the report of the committee as read. It is adopted.

George S. Whitmore, of Maryland: I move that we proceed to the election of officers, the nominating speeches to be limited to five minutes and the seconds to one minute.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ROLL-CALL OF DIVISIONS.

Alabama and Tennessee Division gave way to New Jersey.

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief and members of this order, I wish to speak as a representative of the New Jersey Division, and in presenting a candidate for Commander-in-Chief I will be brief. New Jersey as a division is as old as this Commandery-in-Chief, being received at the first annual encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. We have never had a head of this order from New Jersey. When we decided to come before this encampment with a candidate, we looked around and found that we had the proper man—a man who can take care of the business. We have no apologies to ask for this candidate from our division. New Jersey Division has never gone backward, and it now stands five in membership, about 1,700. The candidate whom I will present to you has been highly honored in his division, occupying all of the offices, and he has conducted the affairs of the various offices in a manner that has been satisfactory to his brothers. He has also been honored, occupying various positions in the Commandery-in-Chief. He is active in camp affairs. He comes from a camp in New Jersey that is acknowledged as being one of the best in the order; a camp that was put into the order about twenty-two years ago, with thirty charter members, and which has steadily increased until it now numbers about 225. We have never gone backward, nor have we ever

missed a report; the camp has always had money, and has always been active in division and patriotic matters. We think the progress of this camp in New Jersey should be considered by this Commandery-in-Chief, and some honors given to New Jersey on account of this and on account of the candidate we present. While our camp does not claim to be larger than any other camp in the order, we claim that we have so conducted our affairs from a business standpoint, through the work of the candidate I am going to present to you, so that Camp 8, Hugh C. Irish Camp, is worth about \$40,000, owning its own four-story building, and it has the assistance of an auxiliary of about 150 members. I will not tell you what he has done, because you are all familiar with those matters. He is a foremost citizen in the community in which he lives, highly honored, and known to every brother of the New Jersey Division. I now have the pleasure of presenting for your favorable consideration the name of George W. Pollitt, of Camp 8, New Jersey, for Commander-in-Chief.

John D. Hopper, of New Jersey: I rise to second the nomination of George W. Pollitt for Commander-in-Chief. The reason why we have presented such a man as George W. Pollitt is because we have arrived at an age that we want to hold that man, a man we can look to with pride, a man who will administer the affairs of the Commandery in such a manner as will reflect honor and credit upon our order.

When Indiana was reached:

LeGrand T. Meyers, of Indiana: In the state from which I come we have a conception that the office of Commander-in-Chief of this order should be held by a man who has distinguished himself in the way of sacrifices, time, money and effort for the perpetuation of the order. With that conception of the office, with that conception of the man to hold the office, the Division of Indiana at its last regular encampment selected and endorsed the name of one with whom you are all familiar. For more than twenty-two years he has been an active member of this order, doing everything in his power to advance its interests for the love he bears to it. In 1892 he was selected as Commander of the Indiana Division. His administration was such that he was unanimously re-elected to fill that office for another year. The history of our division at that time shows that it was in a critical state, and but for the sacrifices of time and money made by our candidate at that time, Indiana would not have been represented here today, in all probability. When his time was up he did not become a "has been." It is not in him to be. You know that he is a Son of a Veteran for the love of the Order. He wears on his coat a button presented to him for the efficient manner in which he has reported his camp to the Division Secretary and Treasurer.

He will make good as Commander-in-Chief if you elect him. He has in him hard working qualities that will stand him in good stead in administering the affairs of the Commandery. Such a man is the man that Indiana presents to you today. I take great pleasure in nominating and commending to your favorable consideration, for the office of Commander-in-Chief, the name of Newton J. McGuire, of Indiana.

When Kansas was reached—

D. C. Tillotson, of Kansas. Commander-in-Chief, the Division of Kansas desires to second the nomination of Brother McGuire.

a brother who has always been found on the firing line, one whose banner always flies for the Sons of Veterans.

When Massachusetts was reached—

Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts: It seems to me that nothing can give more assurance to the permanency of this order than that there are three nominees for the position of Commander-in-Chief. Massachusetts comes here today to present enthusiastically a brother of that division who from the very earliest days of the Order has been active and earnest in his work; a brother who has done as much as any brother of the Order to build it up in the nation and in the state; a brother who has always given his earnest efforts and earnest support to every cause which may be for the well being of our organization. We have embarked this year upon a new course; before this year is up I predict that there will be at the helm of this Order a brother who is known by the Commandery-in-Chief as well if not better than any other. I take pleasure in nominating Brother Fred E. Bolton, which brother Massachusetts presents enthusiastically, because his experience and his standing as a member of the Order and of the Division of Massachusetts.

E. W. Estes, of New York: Twenty-two years ago George W. Pollitt was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and since that time he has always visited a camp of the Sons of Veterans if he comes within 25 miles of it. I believe that if he is elected he will give you the same enthusiastic interest that he has given to his work ever since he became identified with the Order.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I move that we proceed to ballot.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask the Commanders of Indiana, New Jersey and Massachusetts to select tellers.

George E. Hunt, of Massachusetts; Harry E. Pennell, of New Jersey; and Frank E. Watson, of Indiana, selected as tellers.

A ballot was taken, with the following result:

Newton J. McGuire, 42 votes.

George W. Pollitt, 59½ votes.

Fred E. Bolton, 52½ votes.

Commander-in-Chief: None of the candidates received a majority of votes cast, there was no election. We will proceed with the roll-call.

The second ballot resulted as follows:

Newton J. McGuire, 26 votes.

George W. Pollitt, 87 votes.

Fred E. Bolton, 42 votes.

Commander-in-Chief: By virtue of the vote cast for George W. Pollitt, I hereby declare him elected Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

Newton J. McGuire, of Indiana: It affords me a great deal of pleasure to rise at this time to move that the election of Brother Pollitt be made unanimous. I have got kind of in the habit of this. I assure you that I will do all I can to further the success of Brother Pollitt's administration, and to build up the Order of the Sons of Veterans, in my state and in national affairs. From the time when I first joined this Order, 22 years ago, I have always had a warm spot in my heart for the Sons

of Veterans. Nothing can ever occur that will change me in that thing. I assure you, gentlemen, I appreciate your support. I have not one jot or tittle of feeling in my defeat. I thank you, and hope for a prosperous year.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Unlike Brother McGuire, I have not got in the habit. I want to assure Brother Pollitt that the contest has been a friendly one. I will always think of him as a brother. I give you my assurance, and the assurance of Massachusetts Division, that you will have our hearty support. May I be permitted to thank the brothers for their support, and also to second the motion of Brother McGuire.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now proceed to the nomination and election of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief:

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I move that the call of the roll be dispensed with, so far as nominations are concerned.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Arthur B. Spink, of Rhode Island: I desire to place in nomination the name of Charles W. Roberts, of Connecticut, for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Charles W. Roberts, of Connecticut: I desire to express my appreciation of this nomination. I have just entered on a year's work in the Connecticut Division. I believe that will take all of the time which I can devote to the Order; I want to devote my energies to my division. The prospects for the year in our division were never brighter, and I believe that we will show something for our work. I must decline this honor, for I believe my duty is to my division, as its commander.

Commander-in-Chief: In view of the remarks of Division Commander Roberts, will you withdraw his name, Brother Spink.

Arthur B. Spink, of Rhode Island: I will.

Commander-in-Chief: The name of Division Commander Roberts is withdrawn.

Arthur M. Soule, of Maine: I believe that New England is deserving of recognition. The brother whose name I am going to present has not been consulted on this matter. He is a brother who is well known to you all, and I place in nomination at this time Brother Arthur J. Boutwell, of New Hampshire, for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Frank E. Warren, of Massachusetts: Massachusetts seconds the nomination of Brother Boutwell. I will move that the National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Arthur J. Boutwell for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot, as instructed, the tellers announced the vote as being unanimous, and Arthur J. Boutwell was declared elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

E. R. Campbell, of Maryland: Following the usual custom, it is expected that the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief properly belongs to the Division of Maryland, and we have a brother who is eminently qualified to fill that place. He has been endorsed

by his Camp for this place, anticipating this opportunity. He is chairman of the entertainment committee, of which you have seen the results here during the past week, and I have great pleasure in behalf of the local camps to place in nomination our esteemed brother, Francis E. Cross.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: I move that the nominations close, and that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Francis E. Cross, of Maryland, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot, as instructed, the tellers announced the vote as being unanimous, and Francis E. Cross was declared elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now proceed to the nomination and election of the Council-in-Chief.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: The present Council-in-Chief has served with remarkable ability, as shown by their report. We could not have a Council-in-Chief without Brother Hannon on it. That makes, so far, all the officers in the east. We ask a little out west, and I would suggest that we have Brother Bommhardt, from Ohio, and our good brother from Wisconsin, Felix A. Kremer. I therefore nominate our present incumbents.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I want to second the nominations that have been made by Brother Abbott. I want to say to you that we in Ohio believe that one good turn deserves another, and for that reason we would greatly appreciate it if you would elect John A. Bommhardt for another year.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I rise to place in nomination for the office of Council-in-Chief a brother who we in New York feel would perform the duties of that office, not only to the best of his ability, but as required and contemplated by the laws of the Order. He would bring to this position a trained mind. He would bring to it the most successful division administrations we have had for years. The position of Council-in-Chief ought not to be held by one set of brothers from year to year. New York desires to present for your consideration the name of Charles F. Sherman, of New York, for this position.

The roll of the Division was called.

Brothers Thomas J. Hannon, of Massachusetts, Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin, and John A. Bommhardt, of Ohio, received a majority of all the votes cast, and they were declared elected.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I take great pleasure in moving that the unanimous vote of this encampment be cast for the three brothers who are now Council-in-Chief—Brothers Hannon, Kremer and Bommhardt.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for Brothers Hannon, Kremer and Bommhardt for Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

Commander-in-Chief: Nomination and election of the Chief-of-Staff is now in order.

William A. Gray, of Pennsylvania: If it is the only pleasure I can get out of this encampment, I would feel well repaid for coming here if I came only to nominate for the office of Chief-

of-Staff the brother whose name I will mention. I want to place in nomination Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania, for that office, and I want to say that he has his whole heart and soul in this work.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I second the nomination.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I move that the rules be suspended and the National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Edwin M. Amies for Chief-of-Staff for five years.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot as instructed, the tellers announced the vote as being unanimous, and Edwin M. Amies was declared elected Chief-of-Staff, for five years.

PRESENTATION OF GOLD CROSS TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALLAN.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I rise to the most pleasant duty. By reason of circumstances we have suspended the constitution, and transposed the regular order of business, and I want to take up a matter which I have in mind. I am satisfied there will be no objection to it. Commander-in-Chief Allan, you are about approaching the end of your term as Commander-in-Chief of this Order of ours, which we love so much. It has been customary for years gone by for this Commandery-in-Chief to call upon the friends of the Commandery to in some manner recognize the work and ability and love which the brothers bear to the retiring Commander-in-Chief, and in doing that they do it in some substantial manner. Your term, we all must admit, has been a brilliant one and full of successful work. You have demonstrated your fitness for the position. I know how you feel now. I know how you will feel in the next six months of your time. I know you will feel that you ought to be in the harness. You will feel that the letters to be answered ought to be on your desk every day. Now, as you are about to retire, this Commandery-in-Chief, by vote has appropriated a certain sum of money, which shall be applied to the purpose of some emblem to be given to you as a mark of their esteem. Realizing that enough has not been appropriated for that purpose, many of your friends in your own Division, knowing how well you have performed your work, have contributed substantially to the amount already provided by the Commandery-in-Chief, and a better badge has been procured for you, which they desire you to accept with their love and esteem. I now have the pleasure of presenting to you on behalf of this Commandery-in-Chief, and your friends of the Maryland Division, this beautiful emblem, or medal, as a Past Commander-in-Chief. I can have no greater pleasure, Brother Allan, in pinning this on your breast, than to welcome you in the ranks of those who have gone before. In this badge is embodied more than can be expressed. It is the love of this body; it is the love of your brothers of the Maryland Division. I can only say now, in the words of our ritual, "May you wear this long and proudly, and may you wear it with honor to yourself as a Son of a Veteran and with credit to yourself as a man and a citizen."

Commander-in-Chief Allan: Brother Amies, and brothers of the Encampment. I joined the Order nearly 20 years ago, in Massachusetts. Since that time I have been a consistent member, never once being dropped for nonpayment of dues, although for

the past ten years I have been living 116 miles from my camp. When you elected me as your Commander-in-Chief I promised that I would give you the best that there was in me. This I have done, and I feel when I look back that I am able to say that through your efforts I have been able to secure recognition for this Order from President Taft and Ex-President Roosevelt, and through your efforts I have seen our magnificent Reserve act as escort in parade of honor for President Taft from the White House to the Capitol, and I have also had the pleasure, as your representative, to speak in 20 Divisions of this Order, and make enumerable speeches in behalf of the Order, and we also have secured recognition from the Grand Army of the Republic that will materially enhance the welfare of the Order. We have been invited and have been accorded the privilege of meeting at the same time and place as the Grand Army; that invitation was of itself a recognition to be proud of. I am glad my efforts have been crowned with success. I say to you that I am proud of the fact that I have been your Commander-in-Chief, and I hope to see greater results from the work that I have done. (Applause.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott was selected as installing Officer and he installed the following officers in due form:

George W. Pollitt, of New Jersey, Commander-in-Chief.

Arthur J. Boutwell, of New Hampshire, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Francis E. Cross, of Maryland, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Thomas J. Hannon, of Massachusetts; Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin and John A. Bommhardt, of Ohio; Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Pollitt announced the following appointments:

Rev. William A. Hallock, of New York, National Chaplain.

Edward K. Gould, of Maine, National Counselor.

Rev. Walter J. Patton, of Wisconsin, National Patriotic Instructor.

They were, with the exception of Brother Gould, duly installed by the Installing Officer.

The Commander-in-Chief also announced Arthur I. Vescellius, of New Jersey, as his Personal Aid.

Installing Officer Abbott before turning the chair over to Commander-in-Chief Pollitt stated: It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to this office. I know that no mistake has been made. Your reputation and your work shows for itself; your general worth needs no statements from me. Assume command, and may your administration be a grand success.

Commander-in-Chief Pollitt: Brothers, this is one of the occasions when a man is tempted to make a long speech. This is a very high office, and is one that I have sought. I have no patent scheme for increasing the members. I have no patent for keeping members in the Order after they once get out. The

proposition which will cause those brothers who are in to take an interest in the order is the thing that we want. I want every brother in the order, whether he is present or not, to turn out and do all the work he can during the next twelve months, and thereafter to build up the order. Let us continue to go in the upward direction. One of the business houses in Philadelphia has this motto—"Keeping everlastingly at it brings success." That ought to be our motto. Perseverance and head work is what we want. Do what you can in your division, and thus show your regard and love for the Order.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for elevating me to this position. I have thought for several years that I would like to hold this office. In a little while I will join the noble order of martyrs, together with Abbott. Twenty years after I quit my office as Commander-in-Chief I hope to be just as active as George B. Abbott, of Chicago, is today. (Applause.)

The National Secretary: I move that the minutes of this encampment be approved as taken down by the official stenographer, and that they be adopted as so taken, and that all committees not provided for as standing committees be discharged.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary: I move we adjourn.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

ROLL-CALL OF THE ENCAMPMENT

Showing members of the Commandery-in-Chief, delegates and alternates present at the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Washington, D. C., August 23-26, 1909, and entitled to vote, as reported by the Committee on Credentials from time to time during the encampment:

Commander-in-Chief, Edgar Allan, Jr., Richmond, Va.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Arthur I. Vescelius, Paterson, N. J.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, L. M. Alexander, Buffalo, N. Y.

National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.

Council-in-Chief: Thomas J. Hannon, Dedham, Mass.; Felix A. Kremer, Madison, Wis., and John A. Bommhardt, Cleveland, O.

Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.

National Counselor, D. C. Tillotson, Topeka, Kan.

National Chaplain, Rev. Benjamin F. Jones, Kirksville, Mo.

National Inspector, Arthur J. Boutwell, Concord, N. H.

National Patriotic Instructor, H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, O.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

Louis M. Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.

George B. Abbott, Chicago, Ill.

R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles K. Darling, Boston, Mass.

Edward R. Campbell, Washington, D. C.

Frank Martin, Indianapolis, Ind.

Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I.

William G. Dustin, Dwight, Ill.

H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, O.

Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.

Ralph Sheldon, Albany, N. Y.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Frank H. Challis, Manchester, N. H.

R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBER.

R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.

DIVISIONS.

Alabama and Tennessee:

Past Commander L. W. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.

Delegate Horace E. Shaw, Birmingham, Ala.

Colorado and Wyoming:

Delegate M. M. St. Clair, Fort Collins, Colo.

Connecticut:

Commander Charles W. Roberts, Hartford, Conn.
 Past Commander C. E. Batchelor, Ansonia, Conn.
 Delegate Ralph M. Grant, Hartford, Conn.
 Delegate William F. Alcorn, New Haven, Conn.

Illinois:

Commander W. T. Rawleigh, Freeport, Ill.
 Past Commander G. B. Abbott, Chicago, Ill.
 Past Commander George H. Hurlbut, Shoreham, L. I.
 Past Commander William G. Dustin, Dwight, Ill.
 Past Commander William T. Church, Chicago, Ill.
 Past Commander Richard F. Locke, Rockford, Ill.
 Delegate L. A. Duncan, Aurora, Ill.
 Delegate A. M. Reininger, Galesburg, Ill.

Indiana.

Commander John D. Miller, Winchester, Ind.
 Past Commander Newton J. McGuire, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Past Commander Frank Martin, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Past Commander Frank E. Watson, Goldsmith, Ind.
 Delegate LeGrand T. Meyers, Hammond, Ind.
 Delegate Joseph Segó, Valparaiso, Ind.
 Delegate R. J. Bosworth, Winchester, Ind.

Iowa:

Delegate James G. Blythe, Mason City Ia.

Kansas:

Commander M. Jay Sweet, Wichita, Kan.
 Past Commander D. C. Tillotson, Topeka, Kan.

Kentucky:

Past Commander George H. Stebbins, Cincinnati, O.
 Delegate Fred Osborne.

Maine:

Commander Wm. H. Cressey, Cumberland Mills Station, Me.
 Past Commander L. L. Cooper, Augusta, Me.
 Past Commander Arthur M. Sbulé, Portland, Me.
 Past Commander Clarence H. Cram, Augusta, Me.
 Delegate George W. Gragg, Quincy, Mass.
 Delegate Orrin Ricker, Gardiner, Me.
 Delegate George L. Anderson.

Massachusetts:

Commander Frank E. Warren, North Abington, Mass.
 Past Commander Charles K. Darling, Boston, Mass.
 Past Commander Fred E. Bolton, Roxbury, Mass.
 Past Commander Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield, Mass.
 Past Commander Leonard C. Couch, Taunton, Mass.
 Past Commander James H. Wentworth, Newton, Mass.
 Past Commander William O. Cutler, Natick, Mass.
 Delegate George E. Hunt, Boston, Mass.
 Delegate Herbert A. Mayo, Washington, N. J.
 Delegate J. M. Brown, Gardiner, Mass.
 Delegate W. E. Garlick, Williamstown, Mass.
 Delegate Frank H. Chubbuck, Atlantic, Mass.
 Delegate W. E. Choat, Beverly, Mass.
 Delegate A. G. Patterson.
 Delegate H. J. Perrie.

Delegate A. A. Brady.
 Delegate J. E. Wilcox.
 Delegate J. E. Strattard.

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Commander B. J. Northcott, Washington, D. C.
 Past Commander Edward R. Campbell, Washington, D. C.
 Past Commander Edward K. DePuy, Washington, D. C.
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 Past Commander Francis E. Cross, Washington, D. C.
 Past Commander Edwin C. Irehan, Baltimore, Md.
 Delegate Frank Lee Carl, Cumberland, Md.
 Delegate W. C. Whitley, Baltimore, Md.

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Past Commander H. O. Wing, Duluth, Minn.
 Delegate John Gunther, St. Paul, Minn.

Missouri:

Past Commander Wm. Schneider, St. Louis, Mo.
 Delegate A. J. Albright, St. Louis, Mo.
 Delegate John C. Berthold, Kirkwood, Mo.

Nebraska:

Delegate F. H. Abbot, Washington, D. C.

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 Past Commander Michael Crowley, Charlestown, Mass.
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 Delegate F. O. Packard, Hinsdale, N. H.
 Alternate C. L. Stackpole, Exeter, N. H.

New Jersey:

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 Past Commander Richard F. Cross, Elizabeth, N. J.
 Past Commander F. M. Cunningham, Atlantic City, N. J.
 Past Commander Robert C. Woerner, Hoboken, N. J.
 Past Commander John W. Robbins, Paterson, N. J.
 Past Commander Harry E. Pennell, Atlantic City, N. J.
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 Delegate John A. Corcoran, Gloucester City, N. J.
 Delegate Charles Mead, Paterson, N. J.
 Delegate W. H. Good, Trenton, N. J.

New York:

Commander George E. Snyder, Albion, N. Y.
 Past Commander Clarence E. Holmes, New Rochelle, N. Y.
 Past Commander E. W. Estes, Jersey City, N. J.
 Past Commander Ralph Sheldon, Albany, N. Y.
 Past Commander R. M. Genter, Rochester, N. Y.
 Past Commander W. B. Moynihan, Rochester, N. Y.
 Past Commander Frank K. Maples, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
 Past Commander Charles F. Sherman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
 Delegate Rev. Wm. A. Hallock, Honeoye Falls, N. Y.

Delegate E. W. Sanford, Albany, N. Y.
 Delegate Niel Andrews, Corning, N. Y.
 Delegate H. A. Close, Rochester, N. Y.
 Delegate George Sigler, Geneva, N. Y.
 Delegate W. C. Rice, Ossining, N. Y.
 Alternate John S. Eisman, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Alternate L. B. Havens, Dalton, N. Y.

Ohio:

Commander Hy. D. Davis, Cleveland, O.
 Past Commander A. E. B. Stephens, North Bend, O.
 Past Commander H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, O.
 Past Commander John A. Bommhardt, Cleveland, O.
 Delegate H. A. Thompson, Cleveland, O.
 Delegate A. L. Scheiblich, Columbus, O.
 Delegate Isaac Levy, Middletown, O.
 Delegate C. H. Weber, Columbus, O.
 Delegate W. S. Watson, Youngstown, O.

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 Past Commander Louis M. Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.
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 Past Commander Charles J. Miller, Cynwyd, Pa.
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 Past Commander Walter E. Smith, Allentown, Pa.
 Past Commander S. S. Horn, Easton, Pa.
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 Past Commander Paul Smyser, York, Pa.
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 Delegate Henry Beyrle, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Delegate A. J. Cyphert, Du Bois, Pa.
 Delegate W. J. Croll, York, Pa.
 Delegate J. E. Stetler, Middleburg, Pa.
 Delegate N. A. Glosser, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
 Delegate John H. Folk, Easton, Pa.
 Delegate J. Harry Kresge, South Bethlehem, Pa.
 Delegate A. P. Kester, Slatington, Pa.
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 Delegate L. D. Haupt, Sunbury, Pa.
 Alternate Francis Callahan, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Alternate John M. Strause, Bethlehem, Pa.
 Alternate William A. Gray, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Alternate Henry Stewart, Gettysburg, Pa.
 Alternate H. Edgar Sherts, Strasburg, Pa.
 Alternate G. R. Scott, Washington, D. C.
 Alternate Charles T. Charters, Harrisburg, Pa.
 Alternate Titus Ruch, Hellertown, Pa.

Rhode Island.

Commander Charles A. Davenport, Cranston, R. I.
 Past Commander Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I.
 Delegate Thomas S. Schofield, Phoenix, R. I.
 Alternate John W. Bailey, Jr., Woonsocket, R. I.

Vermont:

Commander E. L. Kelley, West Salisbury, Vt.
Delegate A. W. Getchel, North Montpelier, Vt.
Alternate George E. Carley, Burlington, Vt.

Wisconsin:

Past Commander Rev. W. J. Patton, Mason City, Ia.
Past Commander Felix A. Kremer, Madison, Wis.
Delegate E. B. Mattoon, Sheboygan, Wis.



GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS No. IX.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., September 1, 1908.

Orders No. 9—Series 1908.

Having been duly elected and properly installed as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., I hereby promulgate as my first general order the following:

In plain language and without any display of words, permit me to again express my sincere thanks to the brothers of the encampment for the honor conferred upon me and to reiterate my promise made at the time of my election, to do all that is in my power to make this year one of the most successful in the history of our order. The battle leading up to my election left no scars and I trust that such is an omen of a prosperous year to come with a united effort on the part of all for success.

I shall do my duty as I find it, fearlessly and impartially. My aim will be to increase our membership and as far as possible improve our personnel. I do not desire to be burdened with unnecessary correspondence, because of its annoyance and expense, but so far as is possible I shall answer every communication addressed to me. Take your matters up first with your Division Commander and then, if necessary, write to me.

Later on I shall have something to say of our encampment and my official visit to the G. A. R. encampment.

APPOINTMENTS.

I hereby appoint as officers on my staff, and they shall be obeyed and respected accordingly, the following brothers:

Rev. Ben F. Jones, National Chaplain, Trenton, Mo.

A. J. Boutwell, National Inspector, R. F. D. No. 9, Concord, N. H.

H. V. Speelman, National Patriotic Instructor, United States Sub-Treasury, Cincinnati, O.

D. C. Tillotson, National Counselor, 531 Kansas avenue, Topeka, Kan.

As provided by the 27th national encampment, I hereby appoint as members of the Committee on Constitutional Revision, and they are directed to proceed with their duties, the following Past Commanders-in-Chief:

Edwin M. Amies, chairman; E. R. Campbell, Ralph Sheldon, Arthur B. Spink and Frank L. Shepard.

I desire to request that the various Division Commanders keep me posted as to the happenings in their respective divisions,

and that they make a special effort this year to increase their numbers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Officers were elected at the 27th annual encampment at Niagara Falls N. Y., as follows, viz:

Commander-in-Chief, Edgar Allan, Jr.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Arthur I. Vescelius, 89 Broadway, Paterson, N. J.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, L. M. Alexander, 233 West Genessee Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Council-in-Chief: Thomas J. Hannon, Dedham, Mass.; Felix A. Kremer, Madison, Wis.; John A. Bommhardt, 231 The Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio.

Other officers (holding over) are:

National Secretary, H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.

National Treasurer, J. L. Rake, Reading, Pa.

Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.

All remittances—checks, money orders and drafts, must be made payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa., and all orders for supplies must be accompanied by remittances and made on Requisition Form 1½.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Since last announcement applications for new Camps have been received as follows:

Date	No.	Location	Division	Appl.
August 8	113	Tarentum, Pennsylvania		29
August 28	..	Winterset, Iowa		20
August 31	..	Algona, Wisconsin		22

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Camps have been mustered as follows:

Date	Mus.	No.	Location	Division	Mus.
June 12		14	Painesville, Ohio		55
July 21		17	Woodston, Kansas		33
July 23		31	Limerick, Ohio		18
August 11		13	Hillburn, New York		31
August 21		16	Perry, New York		17

By order of,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. X.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., October 1, 1908.

General Orders No. 10—Series 1908.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following letters speak for themselves. They should be carefully read by every member of the order, as they contain in

rough my plan of organization for the upbuilding of the order. The first letter addressed to Arthur I. Vescelius, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, is a fac simile of a letter to L. M. Alexander, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, except that in paragraph four the word "west" should be read "east."

September 16, 1908.

ARTHUR I. VESCELIUS, ESQ.,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
85 Broadway, Paterson, N. J.

My Dear Brother Vescelius:—Your letter of the 14th instant received and contents carefully noted. For many years past the positions of Junior and Senior Vice Commanders-in-Chief have been largely ornamental. Such will not be the case this year, if my valued associates will do their duty and attend to the work which I shall assign to them. Full co-operation on your part in the work which I will hereinafter assign you will result in great good to the order and honor to our administration. If I have my way, there will be no laggards in camp this year. My plan in short is to look largely to division commanders for work in their respective divisions; see that they do their work and keep in constant touch with every camp commander in their division; while it will be the duty of the camp commander, with the assistance of his working force, to keep in touch with every member and urge his army of co-workers along the lines of securing new members and encouraging old ones. Of course, all officers will assist in organization of camps and divisions, and the securing of new members as far as possible. I shall appoint personal aides to assist the Commander-in-Chief, Junior and Senior Vice Commanders-in-Chief.

Each division commander will suggest to me for appointment such aides as they will need in their work.

Members will report to camp commanders, camp commanders to division commanders and division commanders to the Commander-in-Chief.

You are to have special charge of the work in the divisions west of the Mississippi.

You should request of the respective division commanders that they send you a copy of their report that they send me.

You should encourage them from time to time in the work they are performing. Write as often as possible.

You will receive a copy of my letter to them and it will be your duty to see that they perform their work.

You will be required to assist me as far as possible in organizing new divisions.

It is your duty to call to the attention of every G. A. R. post in your territory the work of our order and its objects. You should urge them to assist you in organizing camps and divisions. Get from the various department commanders their rosters and take the matter up direct with the post commanders. In doing this you will be following the work of the Commander-in-Chief and the division commanders. The system will work. Do your part. Work through all patriotic orders. The W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of Veterans can all help wonderfully.

You will be expected to represent me at such division encampments and fraternal functions as I will be unable to attend.

Your position is an exalted one and too much importance cannot be attached to same.

Now, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, you have my first letter of instructions. I know that you will get to work and do your full duty. If you follow out the lines suggested you will find me tagging behind you at every turn and you will be known, loved and admired by every member of our noble order. Get to work today. Get a place where you can work, and remember at all times your oath to the order.

With best wishes for you and yours, and kindest regards to all my friends, believe me,

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

P. S.—Alexander will have charge east of the Mississippi.

This is a copy of the letter sent to each of the division commanders. Make an effort to assist in this work and carry out the objects contained in said letter.

Washington, D. C., September 25, 1908.

My Dear Commander:—In order that we may set the "ball rolling" early, I have decided to address you this personal letter. I want the fight for progress and prosperity to the order to start now, and I want it kept up until every son of a veteran in your division has been canvassed by some live, wide-awake brother and forced to give a reason, if such he can, why he is not enlisted in the noble work. I shall not at this time attempt to suggest argument, but am going to hold you personally responsible for results in your division during the coming year. I am going to make some suggestions and keep in touch with you as far as possible. I am going to keep a special file of the work being done in your division, and if it isn't pushed satisfactorily, shall want to know the reason why. Now, remember, at the outset I am not complaining or criticising, but have simply determined to make good and to help see that your division does likewise.

Here are a few suggestions as a starter and a few things that I want you to do:

First. Send me the names and addresses of such brothers of your division as you want me to appoint as "Special Aides." I want good, live workers, not personal or order friends. I want these brothers as my staff to assist you in the upbuilding of the order in your division. When you send in their name, write them a letter that you have made this request of me, and tell them to report to you from time to time as to what they have accomplished, and when you find time, not neglecting your duties to the order, drop me a summary of what your selections are doing. I am putting division work up to you, brother, because it is your duty, and further because I am going to confine my work to a number of matters of equally great importance. Have your list in as soon as possible. My plan is to organize. The division commanders working under the Commander-in-Chief, the camp commanders under the division commanders, and the members under camp commanders. The aides to work their respective localities and report direct to you. Keep at them by visits and personal letters. Get results.

Second. See that a proper mailing list is sent to THE BANNER. This is important. Read THE BANNER. See that your brothers read it. Introduce reading from same in your camp meetings, if only for the General Orders, articles by the National

Patriotic Instructor, and your own communications. Send something every month to THE BANNER. Many of the members of your division get THE BANNER, and seeing nothing from you, drop it in the waste basket. Keep a file of THE BANNER.

Third. See that all camps are inspected and reports are in the proper hands not later than December 31, 1908. Urge your division inspector to push this work and have it completed earlier if possible.

Fourth. Your division inspection must be completed by December 31, 1908. Send name of brother whom you wish to inspect your division to National Inspector A. J. Boutwell, R. F. D. No. 6, Concord, N. H., without delay. Select a good man who will not scan over the work, but one who will show you your inefficiencies, errors and shortcomings, and thus improve conditions in the future. He should be close to your division headquarters, unless you are able to pay for an expensive man from far away. You pay the fiddler in this case.

Fifth. If you have not already done so, appoint your advisory board on Memorial University. Your Division Patriotic Instructor is chairman of this board and there should be two other members. See that they inaugurate a scheme to aid this noble institution. If each camp in your division would ask for a pledge from each member of one cent a week, and secure same, payable semi-annually, the University, with our present membership, would be an assured success. We must have an object for which to work. The University is a great monument which we should preserve and not permit, if possible, to crumble away. Personal taxation through the Commandery-in-Chief may be dangerous, and we can avoid it if we will carry out the above plan. A few hours' work on the part of each of your camp commanders will accomplish the work. Do this, brother. I am for the maintenance of the University, except at the sacrifice of the order, and I am unable to say what will be the ultimate result to the order should the University fail. I can truthfully say, upon the statement of the facts presented to me, that we should be able to support the University and we can certainly do so if each brother will stop crying "stinking fish" and do his part. One cent a week, and as much more as you can spare without feeling it, and we will never hear of increased taxation in this order again. The truth is, our membership being on the increase, we would then look for a reduction in the per capita tax.

Sixth. See that your per capita tax is paid promptly. Don't be lax in this. Select the best "Door-Sill Dunner" you have for treasurer. I don't mean any harm, but I mean a man that will do his full duty. Then you will not have your camps suspended and your members dropped. Hang on to your members and your camps until the "puckering string" breaks. Encouragement along this line will hold hundreds of good members. Think of the bad habits of which you have broken yourself. Your brother, if a hand is held out to lift him up, may turn over a new leaf and break himself of the habit of forgetting to pay his dues.

Seventh. Send me a roster of your division, if possible. Send me the time and place of holding your next encampment. I shall want to attend if possible, and must arrange my schedule and prepare to be with you. Send me a roster of your G. A. R. department. I can use it and can help you.

Eighth. Keep your eye on the Union Defenders and Memorial

Days. See that same are properly observed. Addresses on these occasions add life to the members. Entertainments at other times break the monotony of the ordinary work under the ritual. Introduce entertaining and instructive features in your camp meeting. Getting members to recite details of certain battles in which their fathers were engaged helps to impress the speaker and instruct the camp.

Ninth. Your Division Chaplain should have his report relative to Memorial Day into the proper hands not later than June 30, 1908.

Tenth. See that the Mustering Officers' report is returned to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa. Sending same to the Commander-in-Chief entails extra work and expense.

Eleventh. See that your division orders are of the proper size and color. The last national encampment required same to be uniform. Size $5\frac{1}{4} \times 8$ inches; color of paper, white; ink, black.

Twelfth. Don't be in a hurry to propose constitutional amendments, but if you have to do so, don't forget to promulgate same for sixty days previous to the next national encampment.

Thirteenth. Make remittances and order supplies from the National Secretary, not from the National Treasurer.

Fourteenth. Take up camp organization with your Department Commander of the G. A. R. and the various Post Commanders. Get their roster and go to work. Organize your division into a working army along these lines. Get all of the other patriotic organizations, especially the ladies, to help you in this work. Secure recruits. That is what counts.

Fifteenth. Send me an account of the condition of your division. Advise me where good work can be done. Write me what you have done, are doing and will do. Write me of your plans of what you propose to undertake. Write fully, as I may get some good idea to suggest to some other brother.

Sixteenth. If possible, have mimeograph copies made of this crude letter and send to every camp in your division with instructions that same be read.

Seventeenth. Have the members of your division take up first with you any matter which they want brought to my attention, and you take it up with me.

This is a fumbled-up epistle of advice, instructions, commands and requests. See if you can do everything I want done. I am sincere in this matter and mean well, so don't be offended, my brother, if it strikes you as being a little different from the usual appeal.

With best wishes for the success of your division, the health and prosperity of its members, and with personal regards to yourself, believe me,

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,
EDGAR ALLAN, JR., Commander-in-Chief.

INSPECTIONS.

Having read the above letters, you are advised about inspections. See that you comply with Article XXII, C. R. & R. Inspection blanks may be secured on form 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ from the National Secretary. You should send a copy of your report of camp in-

spections to your Division Commander. For further information relative to inspection, apply to A. J. Boutwell.

BONDS.

The bond of the Commanders-in-Chief has been filed with the Council-in-Chief. The bonds of the National Secretary and the National Treasurer have been filed with the Commander-in-Chief. All bonds are in amounts fixed by the Council-in-Chief, and same have been approved.

RITUAL.

Division Commanders will be prepared to issue the new ritual by January 1. As soon as edited and printed the new Ritual will be promulgated to such divisions as have paid their per capita tax and forwarded their reports for the quarter ending September 30, 1908. This tax and the reports must be in the hands of the National Secretary by October 31, as per Article 18, of the Constitution.

No division not in good standing, by having all amounts due the Commandery-in-Chief paid, will receive the new rituals. No camp not in good standing can be provided with the new rituals. No member not in good standing December 31, 1908, can be furnished with the new ritualistic work. All dues or monies due the Commandery-in-Chief, due from camps by divisions and due from members to camps must be paid before the new ritualistic work can be imparted to divisions or camps. Divisions must be in good standing with the Commandery-in-Chief; camps must be in good standing with divisions and members must be in good standing with camps, to receive the new ritualistic work. All will be governed accordingly.

Upon recommendation of the committee and adoption thereof by the Commandery-in-Chief encampment at Niagara Falls, camp commanders will send their rituals in use (the old or present rituals) to the division commander by mail. Upon receipt of the present rituals the division commander will immediately send the new rituals (five in number) to the camp returning the old rituals. Division commanders will be careful to secure ALL copies of the old ritual or rituals now in use. Upon receipt of same division commanders will destroy those received from camps. Division commanders will be held responsible for this order. They must give this their careful attention and care must be exercised to comply with these instructions.

Camps will pay the postage on the five (5) new rituals to be furnished them and should accompany the old rituals with postage sufficient to cover mailing of the new ritual to them.

Division commanders will be supplied with five (5) copies of the new ritual for each camp in their division direct from the printer, for the number of camps in good standing September 30th quarter, and upon which tax is paid and reported on. Additional copies will be supplied upon advice to the National Secretary by division commanders of camps reinstated, if any, by January 1.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

The new password and countersign will be issued promptly to those divisions paying tax for September quarter, 1908. This password and countersign will only be issued to camps in good standing December 31 quarter, and will only be given to the members of camps in good standing (paying their dues and all

amounts due), December 31, 1908. The password and countersign should be imparted at the first meeting of the camp in January.

INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

Installing officers will make prompt report of the installation of officers of camps in January, and division commanders will be prepared to furnish commissions without delay to the newly installed elective officers of camps. Commissions or warrants will also be issued to staff officers of camps by camp commanders immediately after installation. All can be secured from the National Secretary on form 1½.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS AND MUSTERS.

Date	No.	Location	Division	Appl.
September 11	..	Johnstown, Pennsylvania		28
September 26	13	Ogema, Minnesota		18
September 26	14	Pipestone, Minnesota		16
September 26	..	Brandon, Vermont		25
September 29	29	Laurens, Iowa		26
September 30	..	Willmot Flat, N. H.		30

CAMPS MUSTERED SINCE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT.

Date	Mus.	No.	Location	Division	Mus.
August	27	13	Ogema, Minnesota		18
September	1	14	Pipestone, Minnesota		16

SOLDIER'S RECORDS

It is impossible to secure from the War and Navy Departments the record of soldiers or sailors, where same is asked for on Form 16, unless the regiment, ship or vessel is given. See that this is done.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

If you don't like my plan in regard to Memorial University, then devise one of your own. The object is the same, and the University deserves our support. Make this one of your main efforts this year.

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

I appoint as Committee on Military Affairs the following brothers: E. R. Campbell, 28 T street N. W., Washington, D. C., chairman; Herbert S. Foster, North Calais, Vt.; Alf. G. Loyd, 2000 Union Bank Building, Pittsburg, Pa.; W. S. Reeder, Dayton, O.; Charles K. Darling, Federal Building, Boston, Mass.

STAFF.

The following additional staff officers have been appointed and they are to be obeyed and respected accordingly:

PERSONAL AIDES.

F. T. F. Johnson, Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL AIDES.

Charles H. Loyd, 317 West 121st street, New York City, N. Y.; Newell B. Austin, Camp 14, Cambridgeport, Mass.; Alpheus A. Braley, Camp 35, New Bedford, Mass.; Fredk. E. Burnham, Camp 15, Springfield, Mass.; Thomas H. Burton, Camp 35, Worcester, Mass.; Ellsworth Curtis, Camp 100, Hanover, Mass.; Rev. Dudley

H. Ferrell, Camp 49, Brockton, Mass.; Alden C. Fiske, Camp 64, Ashland, Mass.; John E. Gilman, Jr., Camp 46, Roxbury, Mass.; Chas. H. Hayden, Camp 48, Northampton, Mass.; Chas. A. Larry, Camp 11, Whitham, Mass.; Chas. P. Lebaron, Camp 59, South Framington, Mass.; Frank J. Lounsbury, Camp 56, Cambridge, Mass.; Frank L. Kirchgassner, Camp 51, West Somerville, Mass.; Horace R. Parker, Camp 1, Lynn, Mass.; Arthur Pattison, Camp 56, Webster, Mass.; Rev. James A. Phalen, Camp 106, Charlestown, Mass.; Geo. W. Schleicher, Camp 49, Natick, Mass.; James C. Smith, Camp 52, Leominster, Mass.; Stephen F. Stone, Camp 46, Boston, Mass.; Fred E. Warren, Camp 3, Somerville, Mass.; James G. Wolf, Camp 89, Brighton, Mass.; John E. Wilcox, Camp 81, West Somerville, Mass.; Harry H. Ham, Camp 30, Dorchester, Mass.; Edward L. Stevens, Camp 31, Wellesley Hills, Mass.; Harry E. Pennell, Box 694, Atlantic City, N. J.; Henry J. Bender, 653 Jefferson Place, Weehawken, N. J.; John D. Hopper, 145 Broadway, Paterson, N. J.; William H. Good, Newton, N. J.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

There seems to be considerable doubt as to the advisability of holding the next national encampment at Salt Lake City, Utah. The question will be properly presented to the Council-in-Chief, and after due consideration will be decided.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

I had the esteemed pleasure at Toledo, Ohio, of presenting in person to the retired officers of our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic and the other patriotic societies, the greetings of the Sons of Veterans.

I now have the honor, in behalf of our entire membership, being mindful of our sacred obligation, our principles and our objects, to extend to the present officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Daughters of Veterans and all other patriotic organizations our most hearty fraternal greetings. May we all work in unity and in harmony, to the end that great honor may be paid to our grand heroes of '61-'65, in whose achievements we all glory.

MEMBERSHIP.

Camps should elect good officers. The same rule applies to divisions. If this is done your membership will increase. The success of Memorial University depends upon our membership. The strength and wealth of our order depends upon our membership. The amount of our per capita depends upon our membership. Yea, the order and everything pertaining to it depends upon membership. Now, brothers, this is the recruiting season. Further argument is unnecessary. "Get results and see the order grow." Let this be our motto.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR., Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS No. XI.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., November 1, 1908.

General Orders No. 11—Series of 1908.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Officers and Members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Now that the great battle of ballots between the two most prominent political parties has been terminated, we should all settle down to hard work, as the recruiting season is at hand. If our leaders and members will put one-half of the time on organizing and recruiting in the Sons of Veterans as we did in behalf of our political party we will see such results were never before accomplished in the history of the order.

With the loyal Sons of Veterans, every day should be New Year's day and a personal resolve should be made, and carried out, that each day some good, some thought and some attention would be given to the upbuilding of the order which we love so well and of which we are so justly proud. Our order, brothers, is one of the few orders existing which is limited to an exclusive number of members. There are many persons who would love to join our ranks but can not do so. Let us see that no man who is eligible is refused the opportunity of becoming a Son of a Veteran.

Make your camp a Christmas present of one or more new members, and then make it so pleasant for them that they will join with you in securing additional new members for a big time on New Year.

Division commanders, organize your division into working squads. Enlist my aides in the work and give them a certain jurisdiction. Encourage a spirit of friendly rivalry amongst the various heads of your organization and see which one can secure the most recruits. Divide your division into Red, White and Blue squads with a captain over each. Let your captain select his own lieutenants from the ranks of the Sons and other patriotic organizations. Let the battle proceed and let us see who will capture the greatest number of recruits. Let each camp organize along the same lines. Do this. Don't just think about it and say it is a good plan if we could get it started. I cannot do it single-handed, but with your co-operation it can, must and will be done. Go to work today.

Sit down today and write ten letters; it only costs a quarter, and urge the "Old Guard" and prominent "Has Beens" in your division to come back into the firing line. Ask them to write to ten of their friends who are members or eligibles, and urge them to get in the game. Let them make the request that the addressees of their letters do the same as they are doing, and so on down the line, so that every Son and eligible will start the chain moving. Keep this up and where it is possible make personal visits. Call on your brother and the eligible and sit up with him. Now for results. Let me know what you have done, are doing and expect to do. Perhaps I may be able to assist you further by a personal letter.

Send me the place and date of your next division encampment, if you have not already done so.

Send me your division roster and your Department G. A. R. roster, if you have not already done so.

Inspections must be completed by December 31, 1908. See that you have a good inspector and a thorough inspection.

Camp elections take place next month and see that you elect officers who will carry out your orders. I expect to give out quite a number during the next year and don't want any good looking, congenial drones.

Advertise what you are doing in the papers. Invite your eligible friends to your entertainments. Get them to say something. It makes a fellow feel good when he opens his mouth, whether it is to breathe, say something, or put something into it.

Memorial University is one of our worthy and deserving objects. See that your pledge to same is paid and a new one made. Life is not worth living if we haven't something for which to strive.

Staff aides have been appointed to work. Don't wait for a letter from me giving you some special work. Your duties are defined when I say you must co-operate with your division commander and produce healthy results. See that every man in your division carries out my instructions.

Flowery thoughts may be added to what I say to suit your personal taste, but do the things I am suggesting.

I mean business, and you have got to organize and necessarily progress, or it will be your fault.

RIBBONS OF THE ORDER.

There was no change at the last encampment regarding the ribbons to be worn by the members of the order. Reports to the contrary are misleading and erroneous. The recommendation to change certain ribbons was referred to the new Committee on Constitution. You will therefore act and be governed accordingly.

GENERAL ORDERS.

All orders must be printed on white paper and black ink must be used. Don't forget that the size must be 5¼x8 inches.

REMITTANCES AND SUPPLIES.

All remittances and orders for supplies should be made to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa. You can get from him your ribbon as a member of my staff, if such you be.

NUMBERING CAMPS.

Your attention is called to the fact that in numbering new camps you should use the number of some discarded camp. This is necessary to prevent our files from becoming so large. For example: A division has twenty camps and the number of the last camp mustered is 30. This shows that there has been ten camps to go out of business and their numbers may be any number from one to thirty. Use the discarded number for your new camp. Don't number consecutively.

NATIONAL INSPECTOR.

Your attention is called to a letter from our National Inspector which speaks for itself and is as follows:

Concord, N. H., September 29, 1908.

To the Division Commanders:

Brothers: It becomes my agreeable duty as the National Inspector of our order to supervise the inspection of all division headquarters and of the camps of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and to make a report of the results thereof to the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Article XXII of the Constitution and Laws provides: "There shall be an annual inspection of the camps and division headquarters during the last quarter of each year.

I am informed that any camp not inspected in conformity to this law will not be entitled to representation in their respective division encampments.

Assistant national inspectors will be appointed and assigned to inspect the several division headquarters.

It is the duty of the division inspectors, with the approval of the division commander, to detail assistant inspectors to inspect the camps in their respective divisions, a report of which (consolidated) will be made to the Division Inspector, on or before December 31, 1908.

It is the desire of the Commander-in-Chief that prompt, careful and conscientious inspections be made.

It cannot be urged upon you too strongly, the importance of having the work faithfully performed. The welfare of the order, of every division and each camp therein, demands that the provisions of Article XXII be carefully observed.

I therefore suggest, and request, that you direct your division inspector to make certain to appoint as assistant inspectors those brothers that are not only loyal Sons of Veterans, but who are also competent and qualified to instruct and advise our camps in this work.

The National Inspector will be pleased to render any assistance in his power.

Cordially yours in F. C. and L.,

ARTHUR J. BOUTWELL,
National Inspector.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The question of where we shall hold our next national encampment is now in the hands of the Council-in-Chief, and it is hoped that by the next order the information of the place and time selected may be promulgated.

THE NEW RITUAL.

The new rituals (five for each camp) will be promulgated to each division commander. A number sufficient to supply the camps will be furnished according to the number of camps reported in good standing, and for which tax is paid by divisions for the quarter ending September 30, 1908. Rituals for these camps will be supplied promptly and without delay.

Division headquarters will be supplied on the basis of the September quarter's division secretary's report.

Division commanders will not supply or promulgate the new ritual until reports and tax have been received from a camp for the quarter ending December 31, 1908.

After the last meeting of a camp in December, the camp commander will at once forward by mail, to the division commander, all of the present rituals now in use, together with the reports and

per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31, 1908. Division commanders will issue to such camps without delay the new rituals which are to be promulgated January 1. There must be no delay in this matter. The new rituals should be in possession of each camp commander who returns the present or old rituals for the first meeting of a camp in January, 1909, and the new rituals should and must be used on that occasion, viz: The first meeting in January.

Camp commanders will give this their personal attention. They will be held responsible for the return of the present rituals. Division commanders will be held responsible for the proper observance and enforcement of this order. Division commanders will destroy the old rituals as they are received at their headquarters.

Camps will remit postage to division commanders with the return of the old rituals to pay postage on the new rituals to camp commanders. Division commanders will instruct camp commanders accordingly, viz: To forward postage for the new rituals.

Only such members of camps in good standing December 31st, that is, such as have paid their dues, etc., will be given the new ritualistic work, and only such camps that have forwarded their tax to pay all indebtedness to division headquarters will be supplied with the new rituals, and such divisions that have forwarded reports and paid their tax and all indebtedness to the Commandery-in-Chief for the quarter ending September 30, 1908, will be supplied with the new rituals.

All will be governed accordingly.

September reports and tax must be received by the National Secretary from divisions, and December quarterly reports and tax must be received by division commanders from camps to obtain the new rituals.

All elective officers and staff officers of a camp must be provided with commissions immediately after installation in January, 1909. Division commanders will give this their personal attention.

NEW CAMPS.

Applications for charters for new camps have been approved and camps have been mustered since last announcement as follows:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location	Division	Appl.
	113	Tarentum, Pennsylvania		
October 8	24	Millport, New York		25
October 10	27	Chenoa, Illinois		32
October 17	22	Hornell, New York		16
October 20		Marion, Iowa		57
October 21	72	Bethel, Maine		28
October 23	115	Hastings, Pennsylvania		17
October 27	33	Waterloo, Iowa		27

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	Mus.	No.	Location	Division	Mus.
August 19		113	Tarentum, Pennsylvania		27
October 14		24	Millport, New York		25
August 11		27	Chenoa, Illinois		32
Sept. 30		22	Hornell, New York		16
			Marion, Iowa		
October 2		72	Bethel, Maine		28

STATEMENT No. 2.

Report of National Secretary for October, 1908:

RECEIPTS.	
To balance September 30, 1908.....	\$ 797.13
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 63.71
Charter fees	45.00
Supplies	296.15
Total receipts	404.86
	<u>\$1201.99</u>
EXPENDITURES.	
By general expense.....	\$670.58
Office expenses	31.99
Commander-in-Chief	42.95
Total expenditures	\$ 745.52
Balance October 31, 1908.....	\$ 456.47
ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.	
GENERAL EXPENSES.	
Stock	\$130.72
THE BANNER, October, 1908, subscription	524.52
Shipping supplies	15.34
	<u>\$ 670.58</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
Light, postage, telegrams.....	\$ 16.69
Stationery and printing	15.30
	<u>31.99</u>
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
Rent, postage, telegrams, office, stenographer, express	42.95
Total expenditures	\$ 745.52
Balance	\$ 456.47

H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.

The National Inspector has been authorized to make appointment of such assistance for the work of inspection as to him seems proper. He is progressing nicely with his work and the parties appointed are being notified. If your division has not already selected some one to inspect same, do so at once. Communicate with Arthur J. Boutwell, National Inspector, R. F. D. No. 9., Concord, N. H.

All of which is respectfully ordered.

Fraternally yours,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. XII.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., December 1, 1908.

General Orders No. 12—Series of 1908:

Before my next General Order Christmas will have come and gone. I want to extend to every member of the order my very best wishes for a "Merry Xmas and Happy New Year." I wish you all would give me a Christmas present. I am going to be frank and tell you what I want. Get a new recruit for your camp before the holidays commence and I will, in part, get the benefit of it. That would be the grandest present I ever received and the giver and receiver alike will rejoice in the event while the present will pleasingly participate in your holiday proceedings.

NOTES.

Attention is called to the change of location and address of National Chaplain Rev. Ben F. Jones. His present address is No. 516 Washington street, East, Kirksville, Missouri. Division Chaplains and others having business to transact with the National Chaplain will be governed accordingly.

THE BANNER.

Read THE BANNER carefully. It will give you more information and do you more good than the five hundred broken promises you have made to yourself to brace up. Read everything in it pertaining to the order and I will take chances on your performing promises.

I am going to take a trip to Ohio, Illinois and Iowa this month in the interest of the order. I hope that this will result in great good to the same. Nothing can do good unless the rank and file make the effort. The manufacturer cannot succeed without the clerk and the mechanic. There must be system and uniformity of action. Are you doing your part? Do you so much as make ten inquiries in one year looking to the increase in your camp? Go to work, brothers. It is a credit to you and an honor to your father to make the influence of your order, your camp and yourself felt in your community.

THE RITUAL.

The new rituals have been promulgated and sent to each division paying per capita tax and forwarding quarterly reports for the quarter ending September, 1908.

Division Commanders not receiving same will know that the reason thereof is that the tax and reports have not been received by the National Secretary for the quarter designated.

Shipment of the ritual was prepaid in each instance by direction of the national encampment held at Niagara Falls.

The supply to each division covers five (5) rituals for each camp in good standing, as reported by the Division Secretary for quarter ending September 30, 1908.

No ritual will be sent out to a camp until the camp pays per capita tax and forwards Camp Secretary's and Camp Treasurer's reports and until all indebtedness of a camp to division headquarters for quarter ending December 31, 1908, is PAID.

Division Commanders will govern themselves accordingly

and will be held under their bonds personally responsible for the execution of this order.

Only divisions, camps and members in good standing December 31, 1908, can have the new ritual, or have the work of the new ritual conferred.

The new ritual in the opening ceremony calls for the use of a set of three small banners. These banners will be carried in stock by the National Secretary and may be secured from him on the usual requisition form. For work under the new ritual special attention should be paid to the selection of Patriotic Instructor.

Camp Commanders will promptly forward to division headquarters December 31st the old or present rituals. Division Commanders will issue the new rituals (5) in number to each camp returning the present or old rituals, and having forwarded reports and paid per capita tax for December quarter 1908.

No camp will receive the new rituals until tax is paid and reports are received for quarter ending December 31, 1908.

In returning the present or old rituals, postage to the amount of ten (10) cents must be sent or enclosed to division headquarters for mailing the new rituals. Camps must remit postage for sending the new rituals to them.

Every camp should be supplied by the Division Commanders with the new rituals for the first meeting night in January, 1909.

Immediately upon receipt of the rituals at present in use at division headquarters, they will be destroyed—burned—by Division Commanders.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

Pay your pledge made at Niagara and all other pledges to the University at your earliest possible opportunity. If you haven't all of the fund on hand send what you have. If you haven't any at present, drop a line to the president of the University and tell him what you are doing and when he can expect a remittance. Don't put this off, but attend to it now, today, at once.

There are reasons of considerable moment which I do not care to publish in a general order why we should do everything possible for the University at this time and during this year. Take my word for it, brothers, it is up to us to attend to this matter at once. Make this effort honestly, persistently and liberally and close your promises up before the first of the year and I promise you that a plan will be devised during this year that will relieve your anxiety for next year if same is possible to be performed by man.

Get something in your local paper and keep it there about your camp, if it is only to keep notices of meetings published therein. Keep the order before the public. Make your influence felt, and where everything else is equal, do your brother a favor, if one is to be done.

Charles A. Sidman, State Department, Washington, D. C., is my Special Aide in charge of press and correspondence. If you don't know how to proceed, ask him.

I am in favor of giving to divisions and Division Commanders as much power as possible. I am also an advocate of home mission work first and foreign mission afterwards. See that your camp is in good shape and then organize a new one. After doing this get in touch with other sections of your division and get others to do likewise.

Direct your correspondence, on all subjects possible, first to your Division Commander, and if not satisfied with his reply, take the matter up with the Senior Vice or Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, according to your location. Remember the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief has supervisory jurisdiction over all divisions west of the Mississippi, while the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief has supervisory jurisdiction over all divisions east of the Mississippi. They are to relieve me, as far as possible, of the general work of the order, but if you can't get satisfaction through them, you will find me doing business, to the best of my ability, at the same old stand.

Inspections must be completed before December 31, 1908.

Your attention is called to February 12, 1909, which is Union Defenders' Day and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. See that arrangements are made for the proper observance of this important event.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

The password and countersign for the next term beginning January 1, 1909, have been issued to such divisions as have forwarded to the National Secretary all reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending September 30, 1908. All camps in good standing on December 31, 1908, will be furnished with the new password and countersign. See that your camps attend to this duty promptly in future and receive the benefits of the order to which you are entitled. The tax is now due.

COMMISSIONS.

Commissions have been issued and sent to all aides and letters of acknowledgment have been received from most of the appointees. These letters have not been answered by me, as I did not think they required it.

AIDES.

Special Aides have been appointed with a view of assisting in the upbuilding of and the bringing about of closer relations between the various fraternal bodies as follows:

Colonel William H. Daniels, Department Commander of New York, Ogdensburg, N. Y., from the G. A. R.

Frances M. Woerner, Division Secretary of New Jersey, 162 First street, Hoboken, N. J., from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Annie M. Kelly, National Senior Vice President, 1003 Berkley avenue, Pueblo, Col., from the Daughters of Veterans.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Since last announcement applications for charters for new camps have been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	Division	Appl.
November 3	6	Manchester, Iowa		39
November 10	66	Rest, Kansas		34
November 10	16	Delhi, Iowa		28
November 11	155	Apollo, Pennsylvania		29
November 16	12	Mansfield, Ohio		48
November 24		Long Branch, New Jersey		26
November 25	40	Ottawa, Kansas		64

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	No.	Location	Division	Appl.
October 3	69	Algona, Wisconsin		25
October 24	111	Johnstown, Pennsylvania		34
October 15	32	Wilmot Flat, New Hampshire		32
October 2	115	Hastings, Pennsylvania		19
October 24	66	Rest, Kansas		34
October 26	40	Ottawa, Kansas		64
November 15	12	Mansfield, Ohio		48

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Report of National Secretary for November, 1908:

RECEIPTS.

To balance October 31, 1908.....		\$ 456.47
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1,212.50	
Charter fees	35.00	
Supplies	216.19	
Total receipts		\$1,463.69
		\$1,920.16

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$ 622.80
Office expenses	16.76
Total expenditures	\$ 639.56
Balance November 30, 1908.....	\$1,280.60

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock	\$ 18.30
THE BANNER, November, 1908, subscription...	524.62
Printing (P. & U.).....	3.00
Reserves	19.11
Shipping supplies	7.77
Miscellaneous (court costs)	50.00
	\$ 622.80

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, freight postage	\$ 9.76
Stationery	7.00
	16.76

Total expenditures	\$ 639.56
Balance	\$1,280.60

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	June 30, 1908		Sept. 30, 1908	
	Camp	Members	Camp	Members
Alabama and Tennessee...	9	154		
California and Oregon...	10	411		
Colorado and Wyoming...	5	204	5	195
Connecticut	19	619	19	608

Illinois	43	1413	40	1240
Indiana	26	887		
Iowa	20	545	22	580
Kansas	28	746	27	723
Kentucky	8	148	6	111
Maine	36	1430	33	1360
Maryland	8	285	9	297
Massachusetts	132	5062	129	4921
Michigan	12	167		
Minnesota	24	706	13	497
Missouri	20	680	17	613
Nebraska	6	65	5	55
New Hampshire	35	1130	34	1120
New Jersey	31	1399	32	1457
New York	93	3891	93	3857
Ohio	81	2920	81	2810
Pennsylvania	172	11001	163	10778
Rhode Island	11	375	11	367
Vermont	22	621	21	610
Washington	4	129	4	114
Wisconsin	14	437	19	541
Total	869	35425		

Now, brothers, take a new hold and put your shoulder to the wheel and let us "Get Results."

Fraternally yours,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
Commander-in-Chief.

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. I.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., January 2, 1909.

General Orders No. 1—Series 1909:

COMMUNICATIONS.

Your attention is called particularly to this article on communications, which must be observed strictly. The object of this order is to insure a business plan to be observed by the members of the order in future concerning communications, and to properly classify the work amongst the various heads.

All communications of a general nature pertaining to the order, and for information desired concerning same, shall be addressed to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa.

Applications for information, where it is possible to secure same from division headquarters, should be first addressed to your division commander, before taking same up with the National Secretary.

Communications to settle controversies must first be taken up with your division commander for decision and the party aggrieved may appeal directly to the Commander-in-Chief. No com-

munication concerning a dispute will be answered by either the division commander or the Commander-in-Chief, unless the same contains a complete record of the case. Same must come on appeal to the Commander-in-Chief.

Communications from division commanders concerning the good of the order, conditions of their divisions, requests for dispensation and all communications of a purely personal nature should be addressed direct to the Commander-in-Chief.

In case of doubt, address communications to National Secretary.

DIVISION INSPECTION.

Division inspection should be completed and inspectors, where same has not already been done, are hereby ordered to forthwith make their report to National Inspector Arthur J. Boutwell, R. F. D. No. 9, Concord, N. H.

NEW RITUAL.

The new rituals have been shipped to all divisions forwarding tax and reports for quarter ending December 31, 1908, and should be used exclusively by all camps. Division commanders will destroy the old rituals received from camps.

The paraphernalia provided for in the new ritual will be furnished by the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½ as soon as the Committee on Ritual will have supplied the same, which, it is anticipated, will be by the end of this month, or early next month.

MEMBERSHIP.

Brothers, a new year is upon us. Did you make that resolve? Are you going to carry it out? Don't leave it to me, your division commander or the other fellow. Not a single battle in the history of the world was ever won by the officers alone. The men must help, and according to their deeds will they become officers. Do your duty.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

In my last General Order concerning Memorial University, I promised "that a plan would be devised during this year that will relieve your anxiety for next year, if same is possible to be performed by man." This plan has been devised.

Through the department of patriotic instruction, and with the assistance of Dr. W. J. Patton, president of Memorial University, you will be appealed to as divisions, camps and members to properly observe Union Defenders' Day. You will be requested to use as much of your time as is possible during the week in which Union Defenders' Day comes for the purpose of securing contributions to the "Seed Fund," from which we propose to grow a great self-sustaining endowment fund for Memorial University. You will also be requested to get up entertainments and the fund derived from same is to be placed in this "Seed Fund."

The University is not going to ask you for any per capita tax or contribution at our next national encampment. Think of that, brothers, and consider. The University, through the assistance of the individual members and other patriotic persons is going to work out its own salvation, and that means we are all going to work for the "Endowment Fund."

From now until the encampment of 1910 every effort possible will be made to secure this endowment of Memorial University, and in order to accomplish this end numerous patriotic instructors will be placed before the public to talk patriotism and what the Sons of Veterans are doing in that behalf. The order will be built up and the endowment secured. A great army of workers will be in the field and we will accomplish the desired result.

The details of the plan proposed will save money to the order and the University; will increase our numerical strength materially; will talk patriotism and advertise the order from one end of the land to the other; will increase the "College Spirit" at the University; will establish direct courses of study along commercial, industrial and normal lines and at a reduced cost to the University; will make the University self-sustaining through its endowments; will establish a powerful influence for the future of the order of Sons of Veterans and will erect and permanently establish the grandest monument ever erected to the noblest men and women who ever lived.

Now, brothers, help to carry out this plan and be a party to its success. It is going to be accomplished and we want you to be an active worker and a personal sharer in the glory of the result of the undertaking. Further information on the subject may be obtained from Dr. W. J. Patton, but the plan will be further discussed later on by the Commander-in-Chief.

CAMP WORK.

Many of the camps do a great deal of good for the order out of special work in the interest of the order, entertainments and functions of various characters.

One of the most striking examples of the good that can be accomplished by special work is illustrated by the action of Lieutenant-Colonel C. R. Nudge Camp No. 1, of Lynn, Mass. This camp, through its committee, of which Brother George H. Bray was chairman, has arranged and published a 1909 "Patriotic Calendar." It is one of the handsomest calendars published anywhere in the country and is a vast store of valuable information and popular patriotic quotations. They sold these calendars for 50 cents each, and, I understand, have a few left which may be purchased. They are well worth the price, and I consider mine a valuable asset to my library. I take pleasure in commending this kind of work to the order in addition to my many appeals for entertainments and social functions to create enthusiasm amongst our membership.

NOTES.

Don't forget your per capita tax due at the office of the National Secretary December 31, 1908. Reports must accompany your tax and promptness in reporting affects your rating in the order. Get a good rating.

The new password and countersign should have already been promulgated to camps having paid their tax.

All elective officers of camps should be supplied with commissions at once and camp commanders should commission their appointive staff officers at once. I desire to congratulate the officers and members of the order for the manner in which they are working. It does my heart good to see how quickly they have recovered from the effects of a strenuous presidential campaign. Keep it up brothers, and let us show the most material gain dur-

ing the coming year ever shown in the order. I am with you, brothers, and am going to do my part and give the best there is in me.

Write a few letters to the "weak-kneed," "lukewarms," "prominent has-beens" and "forgetfuls," and get them back into the firing line of action.

Make your influence felt in your community, and publish everything you can get in the papers about your work and your principles. Make membership worth while.

Attend your meetings and take part in the discussions.

Insist on your secretary reading aloud to the camp my General Order. Read *THE BANNER yourself* and if you see something good in it, read it to your camp. You can make a scrapbook from *THE BANNER* which will be a valuable asset to your library.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Report of National Secretary for December, 1908:

RECEIPTS.	
To balance November 30, 1908.....	\$1,280.60.
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1,910.09
Charter fees	30.00
Supplies	433.16
Total receipts	<u>\$2,378.25.</u>
	\$3,658.85.
EXPENDITURES.	
By general expense.....	\$1,846.01
Office expense	78.95
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	237.74
Total expenditure	<u>\$2,162.70.</u>
Balance December 31, 1908	\$1,496.15

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
Stock (including rituals for camps).....	\$1,225.41
<i>THE BANNER</i> , December, 1908, subscription.....	584.54
Shipping supplies	20.26
Transcribing, etc., Ritual	15.80
Total	<u>\$1,846.01</u>
OFFICE.	
Postage, light, express, telegrams.....	\$ 9.95
Rent October-December, 1908.....	69.00
Total	<u>\$ 78.95.</u>
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.	
Rent, November and December; postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer, express	\$ 237.74:
Total expenditure	<u>\$2,162.70.</u>
Balance	\$1,496.15.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Applications for charters and new camps have been approved and new camps have been mustered as follows since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	Division	Appl.
December 3		Van Etten, New York		16
December 14		Derry, New Hampshire		56
December 17		Easthampton, Massachusetts		26
December 22	116	Elderton, Pennsylvania		28
December 24	119	Bendertown, Pennsylvania		20
December 26	46	Whitesville, New York		21
December 31	289	Gatchelville, Pennsylvania		29

CAMPS MUSTERED.

No.	Location	Date Mus.	No. Mus.
56	Brandon, Vermont	October 30	38
6	Marion, Iowa	October 12	32
155	Apollo, Pennsylvania	November 14	62
16	Delhi, Iowa	November 24	27

Wishing every member a prosperous and happy New Year, and many of them, I am,

Fraternally yours,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. II.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building,
Washington, D. C., February 2, 1909.
General Orders No.2—Series 1909.

THE RESERVE.

1. The committee on Military Affairs has been busy. They have prepared and approved the regulations governing the Reserve and the same have been submitted to and approved by the Commander-in-Chief. For further information on the subject address Major Henry Stewart, Acting Adjutant-General, Gettysburg, Pa.

AIDES.

2. It has been my pleasure to appoint such aides on my staff as were properly recommended by the various division commanders. As a result of these appointments, much good is being done. I want to congratulate all of the aides for the effort they have already made and the work they have accomplished. I desire to urge them to continue their efforts and "let no stone remain unturned" in the work they are doing for the "Good of the Order."

COURT MARTIAL.

3. J. S. Grant English, of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 162, of the Division of Pennsylvania, having been tried for conduct

unbecoming a gentleman and the commission of heinous offense, was convicted and sentenced by the court to be dishonorably discharged from the order. The sentence was submitted in due form to the Commander-in-Chief and has been approved. All camps and brothers are hereby notified and will act accordingly.

PUBLICITY.

4. Your attention is again called to the fact that it is to the interest of the order to keep the dates of your meetings in the newspapers. Keep your brothers posted as to the time of your meetings, and don't forget that others may be interested in the good you are accomplishing. See that there is always something in THE BANNER from your division and read THE BANNER. It will do you good.

ENCAMPMENT DATES.

5. The Council-in-Chief have decided on Washington, D. C., as the place of holding the next national encampment.

Same will be held during the week commencing August 23.

Division commanders are requested to publish in THE BANNER the time and place for holding their division encampments and to notify the National Secretary of same as soon as possible.

RESIGNATIONS.

6. Brother John Harrison has resigned as Division Commander of Minnesota Division, and his resignation has been accepted. The Senior Vice Division Commander has been placed in charge and the Division Council has been ordered to fill the vacancy. The resignation of Brother Harrison is regretted, but it is to be hoped that the division may secure the services of a Commander of equal worth.

NEW RITUAL.

7. For the information of all concerned, it is hereby announced that the cipher in the new ritual is not wrong and that no error exists in same.

When the current password and countersign was issued, it was not known whether or not the rituals would be in the hands of Camp Commanders in time for issuing the new password and countersign to the membership. Therefore, old forms OO and OOO apply to the password and countersign present in use—and not the cipher in the new ritual.

The banners required by the new ritual as a part of the paraphernalia of the camp, will be supplied to divisions at \$2.70 per set and divisions will furnish same to camps at \$3.00 per set (three comprise a set). Order same on requisition Form 1 through division headquarters. Division headquarters will order from the National Secretary on Form 1½—as all supplies are now ordered.

Delay was caused in furnishing the banners above referred to owing to the first consignment having been rejected. A limited supply is now available and will be issued as requisition is made for them and as the supply is received.

NEW OFFICERS.

8. All elective and appointive officers should have commissions—the former from division headquarters—the latter from camps, signed by the officers respectively.

All officers are reminded of the fact that the responsibility of the condition of their camp rests largely upon themselves. They should all strive to make a great record. Let every new officer do his very best and the result will be satisfactory. "Well enough" never pays. **MAKE A RECORD.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

9. Report of National Secretary for January 1909:

RECEIPTS.

To balance December 31, 1908.....		\$1,496.15
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 109.16	
Charter fees	55.00	
Supplies	318.39	
Total receipts		<u>482.55</u>
		\$1,978.70

EXPENDITURES.

By general expense	\$1,443.41	
Office expenses	20.97	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1,464.38</u>
Balance January 31, 1909.....		\$ 514.32

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock	\$ 178.11	
Memorial University (on account) appropriation, encampment of 1908.....	300.00	
THE BANNER, January, 1909, subscription.....	530.08	
Encampment, 1908, proceedings, shipping, etc.	364.88	
Printing	8.50	
Reserves, Military Department.....	26.01	
Shipping supplies	17.02	
Miscellaneous	18.81	
Total		\$1,443.41
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
Postage, light, express, telegrams.....	\$ 20.97	20.97
		<u>\$1,464.38</u>
Balance January 31, 1909.....		\$ 514.32

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

10. Applications for charters for camps have been approved and camps mustered since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	Division	Appl.
January 1	32	Elsinore, California		21
January 4	10	Fort Dodge, Iowa		25
January 6		Hagerstown, Maryland		43
January 3		Stockton, California		41
January 7	47	Three Mile Bay, New York		15
January 8		Cumberland, Maryland		15
January 23	40	Ayer, Massachusetts		47

January 26	3	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	50
January 26	23	Decorah, Iowa	29
January 26	13	Tripoli, Iowa	15
	29	Laurens, Iowa	
	33	Waterloo, Iowa	
	6	Manchester, Iowa	
	25	Van Etten, New York	
	116	Elderton, Pennsylvania	
	119	Bendertown, Pennsylvania	
	46	Whitesville, New York	

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date Mus.	Location	No. Mus.
December 12	Elsinore, California	21
January 6	Three Mile Bay, New York	29
October 26	Laurens, Iowa	27
November 13	Waterloo, Iowa	34
November 14	Manchester, Iowa	23
December 28	Van Etten, New York	18
January 12	Elderton, Pennsylvania	22
January 9	Bendertown, Pennsylvania	19
December 29	Whitesville, New York	23

NEW CONSTITUTION.

11. The Committee on New Constitution has been called to meet in Philadelphia on the 13th instant. A great deal of the work of said committee will be done at that time. However, the work will not be completed and the constitution will not be adopted until the next annual encampment. Brothers are urged to advise Edwin M. Amies, Past Commander-in-Chief, Altoona, Pa., of any changes they care to suggest.

CLERK TO MILITARY COMMITTEE.

12. Brother C. O. Howard, of Cushing Camp No. 30, Division of Maryland, has been duly appointed as clerk to the Military Committee. As such he has been made a Special Aide on my staff, and in addition to his duties as clerk of said committee, he will have charge of all arrangements concerning the Sons of Veterans at the inauguration.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

13. I have the honor of announcing that I have appointed Mrs. Jennie I. Berry, National Chief-of-Staff, W. R. C., as a Special Aide on my staff. Her address is 602 First avenue, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her duties will be to assist in bringing about closer relations between the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans. The relations at present are exceedingly close, but it is my desire to unite our efforts, as far as possible, in the noble work in which we are both so earnestly interested and eagerly engaged.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

14. See that your division encampment elects live Commanders.

See that your reports are sent in promptly.

See that the bonds of your officers are promptly executed and sent to the proper custodian. Your Division Commander's bond

must be sent at once to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa.

The proceedings of the 27th annual encampment have been printed and sent to the various Commanders.

The Sons of Veterans at the Paterson, N. J., national encampment gave the name of "Union Defenders' Day" to Lincoln's birthday. We should be proud of this fact. Our National Secretary was the brother who selected the name and in doing so he has made himself famous for all time to come. Brother H. H. Hammer is a great Horace after all.

Some of the camps and divisions recently made a resolve that during the year they proposed to double their membership. It is gratifying to note that in many cases they are going to succeed. It proves what work will accomplish. The best results come from personal application to prospective members.

A great galaxy of prominent men are becoming members of the order. Get the rest of them. They belong with us.

Before reading this order you will have observed Union Defenders' Day. If you have failed to do so, you have made a great mistake. Do so at once.

Memorial University is coming to the front and it is believed that its future success is assured. The entire month of February has been set aside as a month to make an effort to raise a permanent endowment fund for the University and the sum raised will be called the "Lincoln Endowment Fund of Memorial University." Every brother is urged to contribute to this fund according to his means. After we endow the University and put it on a strictly business basis it will be self-sustaining. Then we can build another great monument in some other interesting and novel way. Don't forget; don't forget.

Attend the meetings of your camp. Get interested and make your presence felt. Let the order be a power of influence in your community. Band yourselves together for the good of the order and stick together.

Each and every brother is urged to exert himself for the good of the order. Don't sulk. Be cheerful. Encourage each other. If you don't get all you want, abide your time, and remember that no one is ever fully satisfied. Should anyone become fully satisfied he will be void of ambition.

All of the foregoing is respectfully ordered in F. C. and L.
 EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
 Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.
 Official: H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. III.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
 Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., March 5, 1909.

General Orders No. 3—Series 1909.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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of the order in future concerning communications, and to properly classify the work amongst the various heads.

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Communications to settle controversies must first be taken up with your Division Commander for decision and the party aggrieved may appeal directly to the Commander-in-Chief. No communications concerning a dispute will be answered by either the Division Commander or the Commander-in-Chief, unless the same contains a complete record of the case. Same must come on appeal to the Commander-in-Chief.

Communications from Division Commanders concerning the good of the order, conditions of their divisions, requests for dispensation, and all communications of a purely personal nature should be addressed direct to the Commander-in-Chief.

In case of doubt, address communications to National Secretary.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

2. The time and place for holding the 28th national encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has been fixed for the last week in August, 1909, in the city of Washington, D. C. The encampment will be called to order at 10 a. m. on the morning of August 24, 1909. Headquarters will be established later. The various committees on arrangements have been selected and will be found published elsewhere in THE BANNER.

The greatest encampment in the history of the order is assured and every Son of a Veteran should make an effort to be present. Your presence and influence is desired and your advice and interest will be of great benefit to the delegates in deciding the various important questions which will arise. Don't forget the date and make your arrangements now so that you may be able to be with us on this important event in our history.

SPECIAL AIDES.

3. Are you doing your duty? You have been appointed on my staff for work along the lines of recruiting. Have you gotten a new camp for your division? How many recruits have you brought in? You are a part of my administration. If you have not done your full duty, "Get Busy," and show results. If your Division Commander don't urge you on, it is no excuse why you should not act independently of him and urge him on. I depend on you. Get out and "Hustle." Don't read this and say "the other fellow will do this," but do it yourself. You are the fellow I am watching, and I will know, and the order will know, who has merited the commission and honor awarded you.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

4. I am proud of the work that is being done at the University, and every member should be proud of the noble effort being made in behalf of same. It is not a failure and is coming to the front every year. It is true that, like other similar institutions, it requires funds to carry on the work, and we should be liberal

in our donations. Brothers, do your individual duty regarding the University and don't depend on others, and then all will be well. The University is going to succeed and we are going to be the cause of its success. We are going to endow it without a per capita tax or a direct donation. That will mean its success. Be in Washington at the encampment and hear my plan discussed. I say, and positively believe, that my plan means the success of the University and 100,000 members to the order in less than five years. It can be done in one year.

MEMBERSHIP.

5. The membership of the order depends largely upon the election of proper officers and the hearty co-operation of the members. Stop your bickerings, if you have any, and don't let the other fellow kick. Insist that no personalities be indulged in in the camp. In selecting your officers, camp and division, don't elect a man simply because he is a good fellow, or a personal friend, but look to the "Good of the Order," and pick out workers. In several places real efforts have been made to increase the membership and in each and every place real results have been accomplished. In Hartford, Conn., Camp 6, went out after the eligibles and the result was that in less than a month they doubled their membership of 82 and had about 60 on the waiting list. This is being done in other places and the outlook at present is that not less than four divisions will double their membership this year. The G. A. R. is with us and we want them to lean on us, as we love to carry their burdens, and when they ask for aid to widows and orphans and state their numerical strength, don't let them forget that our membership, which is nearly 40,000, is behind them. We have about 5,000,000 eligibles. Get them interested and working together and they will be able to protect the old soldier, his widow and his orphan in all matters of legislation. The Grand Army of the Republic has fathered and the Sons of Veterans have assisted in the securing of every pension law on the statute books. Eligibles should come in with us for this reason, if nothing else.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

6. Get your Division Inspector's report in by April 1, 1909. Neglect of duty in this regard may cause your division to lose its representation in the next national encampment. It is the duty of the Division Commander to see that this is done.

MOTHER'S DAY.

7. A great movement has been inaugurated to do honor to our mothers. Our mothers are our best friends. No day has ever been set aside for the honoring of their heroic deeds and memory. Those in charge of the event have set aside the second Sunday in May as the day of celebration and the emblem of observance is designated by the wearing of a white flower. You will do honor to yourselves, your father and your mother by observing this event in an appropriate way. No word of mine can add to the many laudable reasons why we, as Sons of Veterans, should honor this event.

STAFF OFFICERS.

8. Just a word of encouragement and recognition to my many staff officers. To those representing the Sons of Veterans and belonging to other patriotic organizations let me extend to

you my best wishes for long life, good health and prosperity. May God be with you in your noble work. I wish I could write all of you a personal letter every few days, but time will not permit. I am delighted with the existing pleasant relationship between the various orders.

TRAVELING.

9. During the past two weeks I have visited Trenton, Philadelphia, Reading, New York, Boston, Providence, Pawtucket, Worcester and Hartford. I attended important events in each of these places and believe that good has resulted from my visits. I wish to thank the parties in charge of these occasions for the opportunity afforded to better the conditions of the order and the pleasant time accorded me. I shall continue these visits as far as conditions will permit. I expect to go to Salt Lake City to represent the order before the G. A. R. encampment, having received an invitation from Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius. If I don't happen to get to see every one, remember that I am working on a few large propositions, my time is limited and I can't be in two places at the same time. The strong divisions can do without a visit from me. I hope to get to many of the smaller ones before my term is up.

RESIGNATIONS.

10. John Harrison resigned as Division Commander of Minnesota Division, and his resignation was accepted, and the vacancy filled by the Division Council, by the election of H. A. Wing as Division Commander. Address, P. O. Box 627, Duluth, Minnesota. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

PER CAPITA TAX.

11. Per capita tax and reports from all divisions for the quarter ending December 31, 1908, are over due. Same must be forwarded to the National Secretary at once.

SUPPLIES.

12. The banners required for the camps as per the new ritual will be furnished on Requisition Form 1½, by the National Secretary, at \$2.70 per set (three to a set), and by divisions to camps at \$3.00 per set.

The flags required in the initiatory ceremonies will be furnished by the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½, at \$1.00 per hundred to divisions and by divisions to camps at \$1.25 per hundred.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

13. The following camps have been mustered and applications have been approved for charters for new camps since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	Division	Appl.
	25	Long Branch,	New Jersey	
	36	Derry,	New Hampshire	
	33	Stockton,	California-Oregon	
February 3		Gloversville,	New York	17
February 5	73	East Boothbay,	Maine	31
February 5	8	Bristol,	Rhode Island	40
February 24	9	Mechanicsburg,	Ohio	36
February 25		Pike,	New York	19
February 26	35	Alturas,	California-Oregon	15

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date Mus.	Location	No. Mus.
1908		
December 3	Long Branch, New Jersey	55
December 28	Derry, New Hampshire	53
December 16	Stockton, California-Oregon	41
December 18	Bristol, Rhode Island	43
1909		
January 14	East Boothbay, Maine	18
February 12	Alturas, California-Oregon	15

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

14. Report of National Secretary for February, 1909:

RECEIPTS.

To balance January 31, 1909.....		\$ 514.32
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1,170.21	
Charter fees	20.00	
Supplies	507.96	
Total receipts		<u>\$1,698.17</u>
		<u>\$2,212.49</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1,455.00	
Office expenses	45.61	
Commander-in-Chief	252.05	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1,752.66</u>
Balance February 28, 1909.....		<u>\$ 459.83</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock and supplies.....	\$ 177.80	
Memorial University on account appropriation	700.00	
THE BANNER, February, 1909, subscription...	526.53	
Shipping supplies	15.06	
Miscellaneous, Constitution Committee, etc...	35.61	
Total		<u>\$1,455.00</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, postage, expressage, telegrams, janitor, etc.	\$ 45.61	
Total		<u>\$ 45.61</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

January and February, 1909—rent, stenographer, postage, telegrams, express and traveling	\$ 252.05	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1,752.66</u>
Balance February 28, 1909		<u>\$ 459.83</u>

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	Sept. 20, 1908		Dec. 31, 1908	
	Camp	Members	Camp	Members
Alabama and Tennessee..	9	154	9	154
California and Oregon....	8	337	10	389
Colorado and Wyoming...	5	195	5	169
Connecticut	19	603	19	584
Illinois	40	1240	38	1148
Indiana	25	791	24	768
Iowa	22	580	26	697
Kansas	27	723	22	589
Kentucky	6	111	6	118
Maine	33	1360	37	1420
Maryland	9	297	9	314
Massachusetts	129	4921	129	4809
Michigan	10	144	9	162
Minnesota	13	497	22	614
Missouri	17	613	16	567
Nebraska	5	55	4	45
New Hampshire	34	1120	36	1218
New Jersey	32	1457	31	1480
New York	93	3857	92	3815
Ohio	81	2816	17	2618
Pennsylvania	163	10778	160	10633
Rhode Island	11	367	11	379
Vermont	21	610	22	622
Washington	4	114	4	116
Wisconsin	19	541	17	504
Total	835	34286	829	33932

All of the foregoing is respectfully submitted and ordered.
Fraternally yours,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. IV.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., April 1, 1909.

General Orders No. 4—Series 1909.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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Communications from Division Commanders concerning the good of the order conditions of their divisions requests for dispensation and all communications of a purely personal nature should be addressed direct to the Commander-in-Chief.

In case of doubt, address communications to National Secretary.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

2. The 28th national encampment will be called to order at 10 a. m., August 24, 1909, at the Arlington Hotel, in the City of Washington, D. C. Members of the Council-in-Chief and officers of the Commandery-in-Chief will meet at the same place on August 23, 1909, at 3 p. m. All brothers entitled to seats in the encampment are urged to be prompt and to be present at the encampment. All members of the order are urged to attend and lend the aid of their presence and advice. Members are entitled to seats in the encampment and the privilege of "lobbying" and "boosting" as much as they please. Come and catch the "encampment fever." It is a splendid antidote for the "Mulligrumbles."

Division and Camp Commanders are requested to advertise the encampment in a suitable manner and to assist in getting out full delegations and attendance. Plan your arrangements now.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

3. Division and Camp Commanders are requested to see that all donations to the University, or the Endowment Fund of same, are turned in at once. This matter should not, and must not, be delayed.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

4. Dates and places of holding division encampments, of which these headquarters have notice, have been fixed as follows:

- California, at Pasadena, April 15, 16, 17.
- Colorado, at Trinidad, May 18, 19, 20.
- Illinois, at Aurora, May 18, 19, 20.
- Indiana, at Terre Haute, June 8, 9.
- Iowa, at Fort Dodge, June 8, 9, 10.
- Kansas, at Ottawa, May 11, 12, 13.
- Kentucky, at Covington, May 19, 20.
- Maine, at Bangor, June 8, 9.
- Massachusetts, held, February 16, 17.
- Minnesota, at Painsville, June 2.
- Missouri, at Joplin, May 12 and 13.
- Nebraska, held, March 25.
- New Hampshire, at Concord, April 14, 15.
- New York, at Corning, June 8, 9, 10.
- Ohio, at Newark, June 15, 16, 17.

Pennsylvania, at Milton, June 28, 29, 30.
Vermont, at Burlington, May 12, 13.

It will be seen by the foregoing that I will be unable to be at many of the division encampments. I can't be in two places at one time. My heart will be with you just the same, and I will meet you in Washington.

Those brothers who have not contributed to the University this year are urged to do so. Do it now. Those of you who have made promises should see that they are fulfilled today. Those who can afford to, should contribute again. Give one-tenth to this splendid object that you would give to any worthy charitable object in your church, and it would flourish. We must help them today. They need and deserve our support. I am sending what I can afford by mail. Do likewise. Don't depend on the other fellow. I appeal to you, brothers. Help them because I say so, if for no other reason, and assist me in my administration by so doing.

Read my letter in this issue of THE BANNER. It is a copy of a letter sent to each of the Division Commanders. Help me to have this resolution passed. It means much to the order and to the University. I promise that I will convince you of this when we meet in Washington. It leads up to a great organization plan I have on foot.

MEMORIAL DAY.

5. Memorial Day is near at hand. We have many sacred duties to perform. Division and Camp Commanders will see that the day is properly and appropriately observed. Make a record this year.

Preparations should be well under way by all Camps and special efforts should be made by all for the proper and sacred observance of the day. All Camps are hereby ordered and directed to prepare to attend divine services on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, viz.: May 23, in a body, in uniform, and to observe in regulation manner Memorial Day, in conjunction (where practical) with G. A. R. Posts. Where impracticable, Camps will attend to and observe the day under their own auspices in accordance with the Ritual.

Reports pertaining to Memorial Day must be promptly made to Division Chaplains and Division Commanders will promptly report to National Chaplain, Rev. Ben. F. Jones, Kirksville, Missouri. Division Commanders will give this their personal attention.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

6. The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary are to the Sons what the Woman's Relief Corps is to the Soldier. Their first object is to assist us and through our order, assist the Grand Old Veterans. It would take volumes to publish the many kindnesses they have bestowed upon us and chapter upon chapter could be written of the good they are doing and have done. Brothers, we should encourage them to the utmost. We should make this year, to them, the brightest of their existence. Their National President, Miss Donaldson, "Our Mollie," as we love to call her, is ever awake to our wants and is untiring in her efforts in our behalf. They are going to have a fine "Bunch" of ladies with them in Washington this year and let's give them a rousing good time. All together, Brothers.

L. OF G. A. R.

All members of the Sons of Veterans in good standing are privileged to visit and attend the meetings of Circles of the Ladies of the G. A. R., by their action. This is highly appreciated by the order of Sons of Veterans in general.

NEW DIVISION AND CAMP OFFICERS.

7. Officers, the condition of your Camps and Division depends upon your efforts. The responsibility rests largely upon you. I congratulate each and every one of you upon your election and wish that I could give you the good hand of fellowship. You have been honored. Your term is short but you can accomplish much. Do your full duty. Don't depend upon others to do your work. Make a record by getting results. That is the only thing, after all, that counts.

Newly elected Division Commanders, will immediately after installation of Division officers forward Form 49 in duplicate and in accordance with the Constitution, file bond within thirty (30) days after their installation. Upon the approval of the bond, by the Commander-in-Chief, commissions will be issued to the newly elected Division Officers. No commissions will be issued until Form 49 in duplicate and the bond of the Division Commander is received, and approved.

Devise a good plan of organization work and have your Division adopt same or some other good one. If it costs a little, so much the better, it will soon pay for itself.

Camp Commanders might organize recruiting squads. Do something and do it now. Time is flying. See that the coming June quarter shows the largest membership in the history of your Camp. You can do it. Be a "Leader" and prove that you "can." Report to your Division Commander regularly, what you are doing. He will report to me and we will all rejoice.

See that the fee of Five Dollars always accompanies the charter application. See that the Division Commanders issue all Camp officer's commissions without delay.

RECRUITING.

8. This is our best recruiting season and I have decided to start the campaign. For the past few months your National Officers have been working for substantial recognition of the order from several sources. The result has been accomplished and great good has been done. Now for other good work. I shall do my duty to the best of my ability. I shall expect every Brother to do all in his power. Now, Brother, "Get Together" and let's see what we can do. We have our organization. Let every man work.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries are requested to send me a list of the Camps suspended in their Divisions during the past two years. Have same give the name and address of the Camp Commander and Camp Secretary. I will write each one of them a personal letter urging them back into the "Firing Line." Before sending me the list, or as soon thereafter as possible, you, also, write to them.

Aides and Special Aides, you are requested to do your duty. Get to work. Recruiting is duty now. Report what you are doing to your Division Commander. If you can't do anything I advise that you surrender your commission and request that

some one be appointed that can. Don't be a wall flower. The campaign is on and you have a special duty to perform. If you have any drones in your community, "Sting 'em," that's the way our best workers, the bees, do.

ENCAMPMENT RATES.

9. The Trunk Line Association, embracing the several lines in Trunk Line Territory, have authorized a fare and three-fifths for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment to be held in Washington, D. C., August 23-27, 1909.

Certificates must be obtained from ticket agent at starting point (or nearest station issuing through tickets to Washington); to be valid for the reduced fare returning (from Washington) must be endorsed by H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, and the Trunk Line Agent.

As members of the order arrive at Washington, they will present their certificates to the National Secretary, with the visiting fee (25 cents.)

Tickets at the regular full one-way first-class fare to Washington may be secured within three (3) days (excluding Sunday) prior to and during the first two days of the meeting, consequently tickets can be obtained for Washington, with certificate, on August 19 to August 24 (from stations which it is possible to reach Washington by noon of August 25, tickets may also be sold for morning trains of that date.)

Be sure that, when purchasing your going ticket, you request a certificate. Do not make the mistake of asking for a receipt. A certificate will be necessary to secure the reduced rate returning home.

Apply for ticket and certificate at least 30 minutes before departure of your train, if you cannot obtain the ticket and certificate before the day of departure.

Certificates are not kept at all stations. Inquire at your home station whether tickets and certificates can be obtained, and, if not, the ticket agent will inform you at what station same can be secured and issued to you. In such case purchase a local ticket to the nearest place where you can obtain ticket and certificate and there purchase through ticket and secure certificate.

The Special Agent of the Trunk Line Association will be in attendance at the Encampment from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. on August 25. After the departure of the Special Agent certificates cannot be validated and reduced rate will not be given. Consequently it is important to have the National Secretary have your ticket and certificate promptly upon your arrival at Washington.

It is earnestly requested that traveling be by certificate.

TRUNK LINE TERRITORY.

New York state (east of and including Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Salamanca) New Jersey, Pennsylvania (east of and including Erie, Oil City and Pittsburg, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia, east of and including Wheeling, Parkersburg and Huntington.)

New England—Territory east of New York State.

Territory west of Buffalo, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Parkersburg and Huntington, to and including Chicago and St. Louis, and north of the Ohio River, including Cincinnati, Louisville and Cairo.

Territory south of Ohio and Potomac and east of Mississippi River.

Territory west of Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis to and including Denver, Colo., and Cheyenne, Wyo.

Territory southwest of St. Louis, including Texas, Arkansas, Oklanoma, Missouri (south of Missouri River) and Louisiana (west of Mississippi River.)

SUPPLIES.

10. Attention is called to the persistent and frequent requests to have supplies shipped direct by the National Secretary to camps. This cannot be complied with. The action of the Council-in-Chief and the Commandery-in-Chief, prevents compliance with all such requests. Supplies must be shipped to Division Headquarters. Divisions should have at all times sufficient supplies on hand to fill requisition and should not be obliged to forward requisitions to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters when a requisition is received at Division Headquarters. Supplies will be shipped to Division Headquarters and not to Camps. Emergency cases naturally do not apply.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

11. Report of National Secretary for month of March, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

To balance February 28, 1909.....		\$ 459.83
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1,936.21	
Charter Fees	65.00	
Supplies	519.25	
Total receipts		<u>\$2,520.46</u>
		\$2,980.29

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1,115.84	
Office expenses	104.77	
Commander-in-Chief expenses	73.08	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1,293.69</u>
Balance March 31, 1909		\$1,686.60

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock and supplies.....	\$ 507.37	
THE BANNER, March 1909, subscription.....	511.71	
Printing (receipt books)	14.25	
Reserves	31.71	
Shipping supplies	17.00	
Miscellaneous (constitution committee).....	33.80	
		<u>\$1,115.84</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, postage, expressage, stationery, rent (January-March, inc.), insurance stock... 104.77		\$ 104.77
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

Rent, postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer, express	\$ 73.08	\$ 73.08.
Total expenditures		\$1,293.69
Balance March 31, 1909.....		\$1,686.60

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Applications for camps have been approved and camps have been mustered since last announcement as follows:

Date Ap.	No.	Location	No. Appl.
	289	Gatchelville, Pennsylvania	
	13	Gloversville, New York	
	9	Mechanicsburg, Ohio	
March 1	34	San Bernardino, California	18
March 3	34	Richland Center, Wisconsin	34
March 4	187	Canisteo, New York	15
March 9	38	Bicknell, Indiana	32
March 12	51	Millerton, New York	21
March 19	7	Providence, Rhode Island	37
March 20		Pitcher, New York	30
March 24		East Aurora, New York	16
March 26	25	Lynne, New Hampshire	23
March 27	28	Chicago, Illinois	19
March 27	86	Donora, Pennsylvania	19
March 30		Brooklyn, New York	19

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date Mus.	Location	No. Mus.
January 28	Gatchelville, Pennsylvania	28
March 11	Gloversville, New York	25
February 3	Mechanicsburg, Ohio	33
March 15	Canisteo, New York	18
March 20	Millerton, New York	18
January 15	Providence, Rhode Island	37
January 15	Chicago, Illinois	19

Respectfully ordered and submitted,
Fraternally yours,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., May 1, 1909.

General Orders No. 5, Series 1909.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Your attention is called particularly to this article on communications, which must be strictly observed. The object.

of this order is to insure a business plan to be observed by the members of the Order in the future concerning communications and to properly classify the work amongst the various heads.

All communications of a general nature pertaining to the Order, and for information desired concerning same, shall be addressed to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa.

Applications for information, where it is possible to secure same from Division Headquarters, should be first addressed to your Division Commander, before taking same up with the National Secretary.

Communications to settle controversies must first be taken up with your Division Commander for decision and the party aggrieved may appeal directly to the Commander-in-Chief. No communications, concerning a dispute will be answered by either the Division Commander or the Commander-in-Chief, unless the same contains a complete record of the case. Same must come on appeal to the Commander-in-Chief.

Communications from Division Commanders concerning the good of the Order, conditions of their Divisions, requests for dispensation and all communications of a purely personal nature should be addressed direct to the Commander-in-Chief.

In case of doubt address communications to National Secretary.

MEMORIAL DAY.

2. Your attention is again called to the laws of our order concerning Memorial Day. See that the sacred memories of this day are properly solemnized.

REPORTS.

3. The consolidated report of the Division Secretaries and Treasurers and the per capita tax is ordered to be in the hands of the National Secretary on or before the 25th inst. Division Chaplain reports regarding Memorial Day must be forwarded to the Chaplain-in-Chief not later than June 30th. This applies to Division Chaplains appointed and acting on, or prior to, Memorial Day. Remember that all per capita tax and reports must be filed to entitle Divisions to representation in the National Encampment.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

4. Since the promulgation of the last General Orders dates and places for Division Encampments have been fixed as follows: Connecticut, at Bridgeport, May 20th; Michigan, at Battle Creek, June 23rd-24th; New Jersey, at Rathway, May 12th-13th; Rhode Island, held; Washington, at Seattle, June 19th.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

5. Make your arrangements to attend the National Encampment during the last week in August at Washington. Great event. Big time. Elegant headquarters. Largest encampment. Come, come, come.

NOTES.

6. Your Commander-in-Chief has distributed to prominent schools in the state of Virginia six beautiful bunting flags. The gift was made by Mrs. Nettie McGowan, National Patriotic Instructor, representing the Woman's Relief Corps. The State

Superintendent of Public Instruction rendered valuable assistance in this matter.

The personal appeal of your Commander-in-Chief to the Officers of suspended camps has resulted in much good. It is hoped that the Division Commanders will follow up the work.

A Camp of 33 charter members was mustered in Richmond, Virginia, on the 3rd instant. Major E. R. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief was mustering officer.

You are advised to hold your Encampment at the same time and place as the G. A. R. If this is inadvisable in your Division you should at least fix the same date. This is to avoid present conditions. Four Division Encampments, in different parts of the country are fixed for the same dates in two instances. I can't divide myself in four parts. I have been able to hold down the work pretty well up to this time, but can't accomplish this without serious injury to one of the officers of the order.

We are principally a civic organization and camp and Division Inspection should be largely discontinued. It is useless and expensive. Reports will suffice. Think it over and be prepared to act in Washington.

I am going to Salt Lake City to extend the greetings of the Sons of Veterans to the Grand Army of the Republic. Am invited by Commander-in-Chief Nevius and an opportunity has been afforded me to address them in the Tabernacle on our relations to the G. A. R. Something else is going to happen out there which you will learn later.

Memorial University is doing very nicely but is in need of your contributions. Subscriptions to the University and the Endowment Fund should be sent in at once. The plan this year is a good one and means much to the Order of the Sons of Veterans. Take some action regarding same in your Division Encampment.

See Connecticut grow. I hope other Divisions will follow suit. They went after them and got them.

The Committee on Andersonville Prison, of which the Commander-in-Chief is a member, reports conditions splendid. The Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, visited the property and rendered a full and complete report to all members of said committee. This is "Results Accomplished" by the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Commander-in-Chief has been working, is working and will continue to work. He requests you to do likewise. Only four months left for recruiting. "Get Busy" is my command.

Attention is called to the fact that no supplies will be issued from Commander-in-Chief headquarters after July 31st. Division Commanders and Camps govern themselves accordingly. Requisitions for supplies should be made out and forwarded to the National Secretary in good time so that all Divisions and Camps will have on hand supplies in ample quantity by July 31st. Timely notice is given so that all may be prepared.

Per Capita Tax and Consolidated Reports of Divisions for the quarter ending March 31st, are overdue. Such Divisions that have not forwarded same to the National Secretary will do so at once. This is imperative. Failure to comply with this immediately will cause announcement of suspension, in next General Order.

When Division Encampments are held retiring Division Commanders will see that Certificates of Election (Form 49) in

duplicate, are immediately forwarded to the National Secretary after installation. Division Commanders elect will also observe that the Constitution fixes thirty (30) days in which to have bond filed at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. This requirement will be given careful and prompt attention and will be complied with.

RESERVE.

7. The Sons of Veterans is composed of the civic body and the Reserve. The Reserve to amount to anything must have power and authority. In many places the military branch is the life of the Order.

The following has therefore been promulgated:

"There is no legalized military organization, of any character or description, recognized under the laws of the Order of Sons of Veterans, other than the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Uniformed bodies may exist, as firing squads, under the officers of the Camp, but can have no military standing in the Order of Sons of Veterans—as the Sons of Veterans recognize only the one military organization, and that is, the Sons of Veterans Reserve."

Paragraph 2 of Art. 24, which is apparently in conflict with the rest of the Article, refers only to the right of camps to make use of firing squads on certain occasions without, however, any military power or authority."

"You will act and be governed according to the foregoing decision so long as the law remains as at present or until changed by the proper authority."

(Signed)

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
Commander-in-Chief.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

8. Since the last announcement the following applications for camps have been approved, and camps have been mustered as follows:

Date	Ap.	No.	Location	No. Appl.
		57	Easthampton, Massachusetts	
		4	Cumberland, Maryland	
		2	Hagerstown, Maryland	
		40	Ayer, Massachusetts	
		23	Decorah, Iowa	
		3	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	
		48	Pike, New York	
		37	Lyme Centre, New Hampshire	
March	9	38	Bicknell, Indiana	32
		55	East Aurora, New York	
		86	Donora, Pennsylvania	
April	3	60	De Graff, Ohio	51
April	5	82	Loup City, Nebraska	26
April	6	9	Louisville, Kentucky	35
April	8		Quincy, Massachusetts	24
April	9		Sandy Hill, New York	20
April	13	8	Owensboro, Kentucky	40
April	14		Eau Clair, Wisconsin	36
April	20	21	Warren, Rhode Island	16
April	21		Camden, New York	26
April	23	18	Mohican, Ohio	19
April	23	32	Buchtel, Ohio	30
April	26	11	Lancaster, Kentucky	23
April	27	207	Mt. Vernon, Ohio	109

April 28	6	Richmond, Virginia, Maryland	29
April 30	36	Whittier, California	36

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date Ap.	No.	Location	No. Mus.
April 9	18	Mohican, Ohio	19
January 6	57	Easthampton, Massachusetts	41
January 9	4	Cumberland, Maryland	56
January 15	2	Hagerstown, Maryland	37
January 21	40	Ayer, Massachusetts	65
February 5	23	Decorah, Iowa	25
February 16	3	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	51
March 12	48	Pike, New York	15
March 12	37	Lyme Centre, New Hampshire	20
April 1	38	Bicknell, Indiana	32
April 1	55	East Aurora, New York	16
April 9	86	Donora, Pennsylvania	18
March 25	60	De Graf, Ohio	51
March 9	9	Louisville, Kentucky	35
March 10	8	Owensboro, Kentucky	40
April 15	21	Warren, Rhode Island	16
April 6	36	Whittier, California	36
April 14	32	Buchtel, Ohio	30
April 13	11	Lancaster, Kentucky	23
March 24	207	Mt. Vernon, Ohio	109

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

9. Report of National Secretary for month of April, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

To balance March 31, 1909.....		\$1,686.60
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 178.91	
Charter fees	75.00	
Supplies	533.45	
Total receipts		\$ 787.36
		<u>\$2,473.96</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1,218.05	
Office expenses	28.30	
Commander-in-Chief	66.61	
Total expenditures		\$1,312.96
Balance April 30, 1909.....		\$1,161.00

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock and supplies	\$ 182.00
Memorial University, Encampment, 1908 ap- propriation	500.00
THE BANNER, April, on account 27th, 1909, sub- scription	514.90
Shipping supplies	21.15
	<u>\$1,218.05</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, postage, expressage, miscellaneous (binding reports), etc.	\$ 28.30
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.	
Rent, postage, telegrams, office, stenographer..	\$ 66.61
Total expenditures	<u>\$1,312.96</u>
Balance April 30, 1909.....	\$1,161.00

Respectfully ordered in F. C. and L.,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER.
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. VI.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., June 1, 1909.

General Orders No. 6—Series 1909.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

1. 'ON TO WASHINGTON' is the slogan. Make your arrangements to go. There is more to be seen in Washington than any city in the world, and you should not miss this opportunity. Come and make new friends and renew old acquaintances. The several camps in Washington, who have charge of the entertainments, promise a most interesting program. Don't forget, the last week in August is the date. Encampment called to order at 10 a. m. Tuesday, August 24. Headquarters, Arlington Hotel.

REPORTS, PER CAPITA TAX AND BONDS. (IMPORTANT.)

2. Division Commanders are hereby directed to have the Mustering Officers' reports of all camps mustered in the hands of National Secretary by July 31st, so that all camps may receive their charters previous to the national encampment, and so that record can be made and report of the muster of all camps made in the report of the National Secretary to the national encampment. All reports must be in by July 31st.

All Division Commanders and Camp Commanders must have their reports and tax for June quarter at their respective headquarters promptly this quarter—ending June 30th. Owing to the national encampment, it will be necessary to have per capita tax and reports for June quarter in the hands of the National Secretary not later than July 31st. Timely notice is given. Division Commanders, give every effort to get tax and reports in so that they can make their returns to the national headquarters by July 31st.

Immediately upon installation of division officers, Form No. 49 in duplicate will be forwarded to the National Secretary. Give this matter prompt attention, and retiring Commanders should see to this.

Newly elected Division Commanders will have their bonds executed to Edgar Allan, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Sons of Vet-

erans, U. S. A. If this is done, it will be necessary to return bonds and avoid delay and trouble.

PASSWORD.

3. The new password and countersign has been issued to all divisions in good standing. This will only be furnished to camps paying tax and forwarding reports and members in good standing June 30th.

SUPPLIES.

4. Attention is again directed to the fact that no supplies will be issued or requisitions filled after July 31st. All divisions requiring supplies will order and forward requisitions so that they reach the National Secretary prior to July 31st. This is necessary owing to closing up the books for the national encampment.

DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

5. The Death Benefit Association which is conducted by and composed of Sons of Veterans, is a source of much benefit to the order in many sections where it is adopted. The Commander-in-Chief is a member of same and takes pleasure in commending it to those members of the order who believe in an insurance feature and desire a modest and cheap policy of insurance. It seems to have a tendency to hold the boys in line.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

6. The University has about completed a most successful year. It deserves our support and a plan for its future, which means much to the order, will be fully discussed at our national encampment. All brothers interested in the question should attend the encampment at Washington.

The University is by no means heavily in debt, but those of us who have not contributed this year should do so at once, as they have excellent use for funds at this time.

Donations and contributions should be sent in at once.

Send Dr. Wm. J. Patton, president of the University, at Mason City, Ia., a money order for fifty cents or more and he will feel better. If every brother that reads, or hears read, this appeal, which is meant from the bottom of my heart, will send fifty cents or more, we will have an excellent balance to our credit for next year to add to our fund which is now fairly under way. This is a good pie, brothers. Get a finger in it.

THE BANNER.

7. Read THE BANNER more closely and stop kicking. If you have any legitimate protest to make, let it come in due and proper form to the national encampment. Division and Camp Secretaries will get THE BANNER if they see to their lists being correct once or twice a year.

Have the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief read in the camp room and discuss what he is doing and trying to do and either help him or send in your protest.

THE BANNER is a source of much pleasure and information to the Commander-in-Chief and does much good for the order. Investigation shows that the price is reasonable, but whether this is true or not, we have an honorable contract and we should get all the good we can out of same. The time to discuss the continuance of THE BANNER is not at hand, but when it comes up you

have a perfect right to be heard and can bid on the contract if you so desire.

MEMBERSHIP.

8. Officers and brothers, I appeal to you to continue the good work. You have done well and I want you to keep up the effort. Our card depends on the showing as made on June 30, 1909. Don't stop then, but, from now until then, make the effort of your life for the increase in our membership. I am with you heart and soul, and we must, shall and will show wonderful results.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

9. Since last announcement applications for camps have been approved and the camps have been mustered as follows:

Date Ap.	No.	Location	Division	No. Appl.
	58	Ft. Dodge, Iowa		
	13	New Tripoli, Iowa		
	34	Richland Centre, Wisconsin		
	56	Pitcher, New York		
	23	Brooklyn, New York		
	34	Sandy Hill, New York		
	35	Eau Claire, Wisconsin		
	18	Camden, New York		
	6	Richmond, Virginia, Maryland		
May 5	24	Alton, New Hampshire		23
May 5	177	New Carlisle, Ohio		32
May 5	20	Manhattan, Kansas		89
May 5	24	Galena, Kansas		40
May 6	58	Plattsburg, New York		29
May 8	26	Dover, New Jersey		17
May 15	7	Annapolis, Maryland		25
May 15	109	Potsdam, New York		21
May 17	53	Wisner, Nebraska		48
May 17	122	Somerset, Pennsylvania		33
May 18	27	Hinton, Oklahoma, Kansas		28
May 19	74	Caribou, Maine		22
May 19	30	Redfield, Iowa		40
May 24	26	Pittsburg, Kansas		23
May 27	123	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		41
May 27		Middletown, New York		55
May 28	14	Lexington, Kansas		27
May 27	17	New Haven, Connecticut		41
May 27	49	Stanford, Connecticut		26
May 28		Trinidad, Colorado and Wyoming		25
May 28		Albuquerque, New Mexico		26
May 28	14	Lexington, Kansas		27
May 31	250	Newark, Ohio		46
May 31	63	Gambier, Ohio		27
May 31	62	Centersburg, Ohio		23
May 31	65	Ashland, Ohio		41

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date Mus.	No.	Location	No. Mus.
January	13	58 Ft. Dodge, Iowa	28
February	6	13 New Tripoli, Iowa	24
March	15	34 Richland Centre, Wisconsin	29
April	23	56 Pitcher, New York	21

April	19	23	Brooklyn, New York	37
April	21	34	Sandy Hill, New York	22
April	22	35	Eau Claire, Wisconsin	23
May	4	18	Camden, New York	26
May	3	6	Richmond, Virginia	30
April	6	177	New Carlisle, Ohio	23
April	8	20	Manhattan, Kansas	89
April	18	24	Galena, Kansas	40
May	18	58	Plattsburg, New York	25
April	9	26	Dover, New Jersey	17
May	11	27	Hinton, Oklahoma	28
April	10	74	Caribou, Maine	22
May	10	26	Pittsburg, Kansas	23
May	24	14	Lexington, Kentucky	27
April	30	250	Newark, Ohio	46
May	28	63	Gambier, Ohio	27
May	10	62	Centersburg, Ohio	23
May	28	65	Ashland, Ohio	41

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	Dec. 31, 1908		March 31, 1909	
	Camp	Members	Camp	Members
Alabama and Tennessee ..	9	154	9	154
California and Oregon....	10	389	13	450
Colorado and Wyoming..	5	169	5	150
Connecticut	19	581	19	669
Illinois	38	1148	40	1148
Indiana	24	768	27	816
Iowa	26	697	29	861
Kansas	22	589	21	589
Kentucky	6	118	8	191
Maine	37	1420	36	1340
Maryland	9	314	11	432
Massachusetts	130	4955	132	4951
Michigan	9	162	5	123
Minnesota	22	614	21	527
Missouri	16	567	16	550
Nebraska	4	45	5	55
New Hampshire	36	1218	37	1242
New Jersey	31	1480	31	1511
New York	92	3815	103	4060
Ohio	71	2618	66	2576
Pennsylvania	160	10633	162	10662
Rhode Island	11	379	13	453
Vermont	22	622	23	645
Washington	4	116	4	118
Wisconsin	17	504	14	442
Total	830	34078	850	34704

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

Gain—	Camps	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report,		
December 31, 1908.....	830	34078
Gained by organization and muster-in.....	30	2132
Gained by reinstatement.....	24	661
Aggregate	884	36925

Loss—	Camps	Members		
By camps disbanded.....	4	57		
By death		54		
By honorable discharge....		47		
By transfer		38		
By suspension	30	2034		
Total loss	34	2221	34	2221
Number in good standing March 31, 1909.....			850	34704

STATEMENT No. 9.

Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1909:

RECEIPTS.

To balance April 30, 1909.....		\$1,161.00
Received for per capita tax.....	\$868.88	
Received for charter fees.....	110.00	
Received for supplies	769.09	
Total receipts		\$1,747.97
		<u>\$2,908.97</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$602.71	
By office expenses	24.26	
By Commander-in-Chief	225.62	
Total expenditures		\$ 852.59
Balance May 31, 1909.....		<u>\$2,056.38</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock and supplies	\$ 16.10
THE BANNER, May, 1909, subscription.....	517.02
Printing	22.80
Reserves	22.90
Shipping supplies	23.89
	<u>\$ 602.71</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, postage, express, telegrams.....	\$ 24.26
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Rent, postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 225.32
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 852.59</u>
Balance May 31, 1909.....	<u>\$2,056.38</u>

Respectfully ordered in F. C. and L.,
 EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
 Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. VII.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., July 1, 1909.

General Orders No. 7—Series 1909.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. On July 20, 1909 the Commander-in-Chief will leave for the west. He expects to visit the divisions of Washington, California and Oregon, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. Patriotic meetings will be held at a central and convenient point in each of the divisions.

In view of the foregoing, on and after July 20th *all communications pertaining to the order shall be addressed to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa.*

I had hoped to publish my itinerary at this time, but conditions will not permit my doing so.

MEMBERSHIP.

2. The membership of the Order is steadily and materially on the increase. This should be an incentive to all of us to work. There is room for improvement and opportunity for further increase. We are near the 40,000 mark. A little extra work on the part of each brother will accomplish the result.

Brothers, I desire your loyal support, and if I get it for the next two months this will be our banner year. Come to my support. Get a camp. Get a recruit. Do something. *Try.*

DON'T'S.

3. Don't forget the national encampment date: Washington, D. C., August 23-27. Headquarters Arlington Hotel. Rate \$1.50 to \$2.50 European plan, and \$3 American plan.

Don't forget the excursion to Richmond to take place at end of encampment. Rate \$2.75 round trip. Side trips to Fredericksburg (\$1.20 extra) and Petersburg (60 cents extra). Two days.

Don't forget to get in your report for quarter ending June 30 promptly. Have this report show up nicely. Your standing and representation depends on same.

Don't fail to have your Division Consolidated Chaplain's and Patriotic Instructor's reports in the hands of the proper national officers on or before August 1st, 1909.

Don't lose any camps this year by suspension. Get after them at once and see that they are in for the June quarter. This is where we sustain our great loss. Get them back into the order.

WESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

4. The fares to Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis from a large part of the territory in Western Passenger Association, are on a basis of two cents per mile. If persons desiring to attend the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Washington, D. C. will purchase tickets to those points and then rebuy at the reduced fares authorized therefrom they will secure practically the same reduction in the territory of the Western Passenger Association as would be accorded by fare and one-third on the basis of the old rates. These fares will no doubt satisfactorily take care of persons desiring to attend the Encampment, and, on behalf of the individual lines interested, it is impracticable under existing

conditions to announce any further reduction from points in the Western Passenger Association territory.

Summer Tourist tickets will be on sale to Chicago and St. Louis from a large number of points in Western Passenger Association territory. Those intending to attend the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment should confer with their local ticket agents relative to this matter, and regarding rates, routes and limits of tickets.

The Western Passenger Association Territory embraces the territory west of Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis to and including Denver, Colorado, and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

SUPPLIES.

5. As previously announced no supplies will be issued from Headquarters after July 31st, until after the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. Requisitions for supplies, must of necessity be received by the National Secretary prior to that date.

TAX AND REPORTS.

6. Per Capita tax and quarterly consolidated reports of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers., must also be received by the National Secretary not later than July 31st, for Division representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

7. Certificates of Election (Form 49) in duplicate must be forwarded at once to the National Secretary so that the roll for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment can be prepared.

BOOKS AND BONDS.

8. The books of the National Secretary and National Treasurer will be closed July 31st, and all indebtedness of Divisions to the Commandery-in-Chief, must be paid by that time, for representation of said Divisions in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Bonds of all Division Commanders must be filed with the National Treasurer at once.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

9. The Council-in-Chief will convene for audit of the books, accounts and papers of the National Secretary and Treasurer, at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C., August 23rd, at 3 o'clock.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

10. The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary is composed of a most magnificent body of patriotic women. They are accomplishing great results and are deserving of our most hearty support.

There should be an Auxiliary connected with every camp. Where we find a healthy, live, progressive and up-to-date camp, we usually find them backed up by the Auxiliary.

Look into this, brothers, and see that an Auxiliary is gotten up in connection with your camps and then "Watch It Grow." If you don't know how to start, address a letter to "Our Molly, Paterson, N. J." and you will be furnished with full information.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

11. The University has accomplished more this year than ever before in its history. It has also curtailed its expenses

while the corps of teachers have, in many instances, performed double duty. The President will, from time to time, publish in THE BANNER, detailed accounts of the results accomplished.

We should give the University our hearty and earnest support. We should assist them as far as our means will permit. The project is as meritorious as the duty we owe our church, and deserves our financial assistance as much.

They owe a few thousand dollars to square up this year's expense account. They are not complaining and are very grateful for what has been done. Would it be asking too much of you to request that you send them a money order or check for \$1.00? I don't think so. Do this, brother, if you can afford to.

SPECIAL AIDES.

12. I again appeal to you to be up and doing. Locate a convenient place and get up a camp. You can do so if you will try. Some of you have already accomplished the desired result. A few more camps and we smash the record. I shall depend on you to hustle from now on, as never before.

G. A. R.

13. By special invitation from Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius, your Commander-in-Chief will visit the G. A. R. National Encampment, and extend greetings to our parent body.

I appreciate this personal invitation very much and shall do my best to represent us with honor to our order and credit to myself. We should all appreciate this marked overture.

INVITATIONS.

14. I hereby officially invite every member of the Order of Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxillary and other patriotic organizations to be present at our National Encampment to be held in Washington, D. C., August 23-27.

Members of the G. A. R., W. V. L., L. L., W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R., and Daughters are specially invited.

DIVISION OF MAINE.

15. The following communication has been received from the Division of Maine:

Division of Maine, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Rockland, Maine, June 25, 1909.

This is to certify that the following report of the Committee on Ritual was submitted at the 27th annual encampment held at Bangor, Maine, June 8th and 9th, 1909, and was unanimously adopted as follows:

Bangor, June 9, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the 27th Annual Encampment:

Your committee on Ritual and Ceremony beg leave to report that as a whole the new Ritual is a decided failure, doing away with many of the good points in the old book, and is entirely unsuited and inadequate, being in some cases inappropriate to the cause we represent, and we

Recommend that our delegation to the National Encampment endeavor to secure the passage of an act, to have the old Ritual restored; if necessary with side degree or form two of the present Ritual annexed.

At any rate return to some of the simple secret work taught us when boys.

The continual change in this line retards our progress.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
Division Sec.-Treas.

True Copy. Attest.

NEW LAWS.

The New Hampshire Division asks by resolution that a change be made in the time of election of officers to 10 a. m., the second day of encampments.

Also that the Commandery-in-Chief elective officers be more equally distributed; that there be only one from a division, and that no one be elected Commander-in-Chief who is not entitled to the rank of Past Division Commander.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

16. Applications for new Camps have been approved and Camps mustered since last announcement, as follows:

Date	No.	Camp	Location	No. Must.
April 12	82	Loup City,	Nebraska	25
May 31	109	Potsdam,	New York	55
June 17	53	Wisner,	Nebraska	20
May 25	122	Somerset,	Pennsylvania	22
April 28	30	Redfield,	Iowa	47
June 9	123	Philadelphia,	Pennsylvania	41
May 28	2	Middletown,	New York	24
April 13	17	New Haven,	Connecticut	41
April 30	49	Stamford,	Connecticut	26
May 27	1	Albuquerque,	New Mexico	32
May 28	4	(Colorado and Wyoming Division.) Sioux Falls,	South Dakota	19
May 11	59	(Minnesota Division.) Quincy,	Ohio	41
May 15	75	Bar Mills,	Maine	29
June 2	76	West Summer,	Maine	20
May 20	25	Lakin,	Kansas	21
May 27	6	Marysville,	Ohio	31
May 18	116	Kent,	Ohio	31
June 9	64	Mt. Gilead,	Ohio	27
April 8	29	Bloomington,	Illinois	77
May 13	30	Rochelle,	Illinois	19
May 28	31	Moline,	Illinois	29
May 17	42	Harvey,	Illinois	25
April 30	218	Oquawka,	Illinois	15
June 18	38	New Canaan,	Connecticut	17

APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN ADDITION TO ABOVE.

Date	No.	Camp	Location	No. Appl.
June 17	124	Le Rayville,	Pennsylvania	27

Mustering Officer's Reports of all Camps mustered or to be mustered in this administration must be forwarded at once; and all must be in the National Secretary's hands prior to July 31st.

Reports of the muster of Camps are due from the following Divisions:

Massachusetts, for Camp at Quincy.

Maryland for Camp at Annapolis.
Colorado and Wyoming, for Camp at Trinidad, Colorado.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

17. Report of the National Secretary for the month of June, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

To balance May 31st, 1909.....		\$2,056.38
Received for Per Capita Tax.....	\$1,824.50	
Received for Charter Fees.....	100.00	
Received for Supplies	344.40	
Total receipts.....		<u>\$2,268.90</u>
		\$4,325.28

EXPENDITURES.

By General Expenses.....	\$1,177.27	
By Office Expenses.....	103.12	
By Commander-in-Chief's Expenses.....	135.49	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$1,415.88</u>
Balance June 30th, 1909.....		\$2,909.40

ITEMIZED EXPENSES.

Stock and Supplies	\$ 140.50	
Memorial University, Balance due on appropriation of 1908 Encampment in full.....	500.00	
THE BANNER, June 1909, subscription.....	519.51	
Shipping Supplies	17.26	
		<u>\$1,177.27</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, Postage, Express, etc., Rent, April, June, 1909, inc. Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	\$ 103.12	
Rent, Postage, Telegrams, Traveling, Stenographer, Express	135.49	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$1,415.88</u>
Balance June 30th, 1909.....		\$2,909.40

DIVISION COMMANDERS 1909-1910.

- Alabama and Tennessee—Bert G. Covell, Birmingham, Ala.
California and Oregon—Theodore V. Brown, Jr., San Jose, Cal., 400 W. Santa Clara Street.
Colorado and Wyoming—George L. Hooker, Denver, 1219 South 9th Street.
Connecticut—Chas. W. Roberts, Hartford, P. O. Box 860.
Illinois—W. T. Rawleigh, Freeport.
Indiana—John D. Miller, Winchester.
Iowa—Herbert C. Ring, Cedar Rapids.
Kansas—M. Jay Sweet, Wichita.
Kentucky—Wm. M. P. Ramsey, Louisville, 424 E. Gray St.
Maine—Wm. H. Cressey, Cumberland Mills.
Maryland—B. J. Northcott, Washington, D. C., 1348 A Street,
S. E.
Massachusetts—Frank E. Warren, Boston, 15 Beacon Street.
Michigan.

Minnesota—George W. Turner, Minneapolis, 401 Corn Exchange Building.
 Missouri—Nicholas Iwig, St. Louis, 3719 Arkansas Ave.
 Nebraska—H. B. Reed, Columbus.
 New Hampshire—Fred L. Trask, Portsmouth.
 New Jersey—Chas. Schmidt, West Hoboken, 585 Summit Ave.
 New York—George E. Snyder, Albion.
 Ohio—Hy. D. Davis, Cleveland.
 Pennsylvania—J. Sherman Smith, Lancaster.
 Rhode Island—Chas. A. Davenport, Providence, 47 Washington Street, Room 3.
 Vermont—Ernest L. Kelley, West Salisbury.
 Washington—Chas. B. Wood, Seattle.
 Wisconsin—J. F. Smith, Bloomer.

In conclusion let me appeal to you to continue the good work.
 Fraternally ordered,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
 Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER.
 National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VIII.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.
 Room 210 McGill Building.

Washington, D. C., August 1, 1909.

General Orders No. 8, Series 1909.

ENCAMPMENTS NOTES.

1. The 28th Annual Encampment will be held in Washington, D. C., August 23rd to August 27th, 1909.

Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief have been ordered to be established at the Arlington Hotel. The National Secretary, National Treasurer and Council-in-Chief are ordered to meet at said hotel at 4:00 p. m., August 23rd, 1909, for the purpose of going over the books and auditing the accounts.

The Encampment will be called to order at 10:00 a. m., August 24th, 1909.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, is hereby appointed Chairman of the Committee on Credentials. Delegates should present their credentials to him immediately upon their arrival, in order that the roll may be made up promptly.

Hotel rates have been published in THE BANNER but for further information address E. R. Campbell, 28 T. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Those who can should arrange to take advantage of the trip to Richmond, Virginia. Round trip \$2.75. Side trips to Petersburg and Fredericksburg. Train leaves Washington August 26th at 3:45 p. m., returning, leaves Richmond August 28th at 3:45 p. m., arriving in Washington at 7:00 p. m.

Committee appointments other than the foregoing, will be made at the opening session of the Encampment.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

2. The Grand Army of the Republic held its Annual Encampment in Salt Lake City, August 10th to August 14th inclu-

sive. Your Commander-in-Chief attended and extended your greetings, upon the special invitation of Commander-in-Chief, Henry M. Nevius. Sons of Veterans headquarters were established, under the direction of Camp Commander, P. E. Connor.

SPECIAL MENTION.

3. Your Commander-in-Chief is deeply indebted to Past Division Commander, Frank T. Sibley, of Pawtucket, R. I., for the handsome and appropriate souvenir postal cards which contains the picture and invitation of your Commander-in-Chief to be present at the National Encampment. These cards have been sent out to each Division and have done a world of good. I thank you, Brother Sibley, in the name of "The Good of the Order."

IN MEMORIAM.

4. Death has again entered our ranks. A sad and distressing calamity has befallen us. It is with a sorrowful heart that I announce the death of Past Commander-in-Chief, Frank P. Merrill, which occurred at Dorchester, Mass., July 9th, 1909. Frank P. Merrill was the second man to be elected Commander-in-Chief of our noble Order. He was able and affectionate, kind and gentle, constant and conspicuous in all of his efforts for the Order. The Order has lost a true friend, able worker and beloved brother. While our loss is great, the keenest pangs are felt by his devoted family to whom we extend our sincere sympathy in this sad hour of their deep bereavement.

Frank P. Merrill was born in Buckfield, Maine, November 19, 1852. His father, Thomas Merrill, was a member of Company D, Second Regiment, Berdan's Sharp Shooters. At the close of the war his father moved to Auburn, Maine, and engaged in the shoe business. Brother Merrill followed this occupation for about two years, when he left to engage in the printing business. He met with good success until 1884, when his health failing him, he accepted a position with John Carter & Co., of Boston, Mass., in whose employ he remained until the day of his death.

At the age of 16 Brother Merrill joined the Auburn Light Infantry as one of its charter members, serving in every grade until elected Captain. During the political trouble of the winter of 1880, his Company was under arms 16 days and served with great credit. During 1881 he published a book, "On Guard Mounting," and "The Duties of a Soldier," which were well received. In the fall of 1882 his attention was called to the organization of Sons of Veterans by General Bangs, then Provisional Commander of the First Grand Division. During the winter of 1883 he assisted General Bangs in organizing the state of Maine, and printed all the supplies needed by the Order in the whole country, taking his chances of receiving his pay. The debt thus incurred aggregated more than \$500. He formed the A. C. Pray Camp No. 2, of Auburn, and on April 10th, 1883, was elected Commander of the Maine Division, the first permanent Division organization in the United States. At the second annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief at Columbus, Ohio, August 6, 1883, he was unanimously elected Commander-in-Chief of the Order.

When he assumed command he found the Order confined to a few states only. A large debt was also against the Commandery, the treasury was empty and supplies were scarce and Brother Merrill found a difficult task before him, but he was equal to the emergency. The Commandery debt was reduced. The Quarter-

master General's Department was stocked with supplies, and the membership of the Order was greatly increased. Although many years out of office, he has never missed but two Encampments of the Maine Division since its organization. Although a citizen of Massachusetts, he always maintained his membership in his home Camp, A. C. Pray, No. 2, Auburn, Maine.

His funeral was held at his home in Dorchester, Mass., Camp 30, of that place, performing the funeral service. A delegation was present from the Maine Division and the New Hampshire and Massachusetts Divisions, also from his home Camp. All these organizations furnished floral tributes.

Among those present were Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph B. Maccabe, of Boston, and Past Grand Division Commander Frank H. Challis, of Manchester, N. H.

Special memorial services are hereby ordered at the regular session of the Encampment that we may appropriately pay respect to his memory.

All camp and division charters are hereby ordered to be draped for a period of thirty days in honor and respect to the memory of Frank P. Merrill, Past Commander-in-Chief.

PROGRAM.

The 28th annual encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., will be held at Washington, D. C., August 23-26, 1909.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23.

Meeting of Council-in-Chief, 3 p. m.

Assembling of delegates and informal reception at Arlington Hotel, 7 p. m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

Opening Ceremonies (public), 9:30 a. m.

PROGRAM.

Opening of encampment, 11 a. m. Appointment of committees. Recess.

Reassembling of encampment, 3 p. m. Report of officers.

Memorial exercises, 4:30 p. m.

PROGRAM.

Camp fire, 8 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

Automobile ride, 9:30 a. m. Sight-seeing trips, etc.

Reassembling of encampment, 1 p. m. Reports of committees.

Reception and ball, 8 p. m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

Reassembling of encampment, 9:30 a. m. Unfinished business. Election of officers.

Excursion to Richmond, Fredericksburg and Petersburg, Va., leaving Union Station at 3:45 p. m.

WESTERN TOUR

5. You will note that I have ordered all correspondence, on and after July 20th, 1909, to be sent to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa. You will act accordingly.

My object in issuing this order was to give me all the time possible for work in the west during the last month of my administration.

I started for the west on July 24th. I visited about a dozen different divisions in the interest of the order. Before you will have read this order I will be homeward bound. I will have something to say in my annual report concerning my trip, but will give a full account of same in an article which will appear later in THE BANNER.

CAMPs MUSTERED.

Since last announcement camps have been mustered as follows:

Date	Camp No.	Location	Division	No. Appl.
May 20	7	Annapolis, Maryland		15
July 1	5	Trinidad, Colorado and Wyoming		22
July 6	124	Le Raysville, Pennsylvania		33
July 21	125	Big Run, Pennsylvania		24
July 23	62	Clifton Springs, New York		15
July 24	66	Potter, New York		20
May 26	50	Elks' Falls, Kansas		18
July 28	59	Addison, New York		16
April 15	95	Quincy, Massachusetts		43

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Applications for charters have been approved as follows, in addition to the above:

Date	No.	Location	Division	No. Appl.
July 14	..	Addison, New York		16
July 30	50	Elks Falls, Kansas		24

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1909:

RECEIPTS.

To balance June 30, 1909.....		\$2,909.40.
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1,036.19	
Received for charter fees.....	20.00	
Received for supplies.....	337.81	
Total receipts		\$1,394.00.
		\$4,303.40.

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1,438.10	
By office expenses.....	25.43	
By Commander-in-Chief's expenses.....	412.63	
Total expenditures		\$1,876.16.
Balance July 31, 1909.....		\$2,427.24

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

Stock and supplies.....	\$ 556.20	
THE BANNER, July, 1909, subscription.....	522.46	
Reserves	45.84	
Shipping supplies.....	13.60	
Miscellaneous (badge for Commander-in-Chief —encampment appropriation)	300.00	
		\$1,438.10

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, postage, express	\$ 25.43	
		\$ 25.43:

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.		
Rent, postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 412.63	\$ 412.63
Total expenditures		\$1,876.16
Balance July 31, 1909.....		\$2,427.24

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

9. In coming to the encampment you should do so with the idea of giving this subject your most careful attention and prayerful consideration. You should carry out the plan of your Commander-in-Chief if it is plausible and feasible. It is not, then do the very best you can, according to the dictates of your conscience, for the proper solution of this very important question.

CONCLUSION.

10. One year ago, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., you elected me your Commander-in-Chief. For this great honor I thank you. At the time of my election I promised to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. This I have done. I have served you faithfully, fearlessly and honestly. I have no excuses to make or apologies to offer. If I have fallen short in any of my efforts it is due to the lack of ability or the fewness of the hours of the day. Had I commenced earlier on organization work I would have shown a larger numerical increase, but I would have left undone matters of the greatest importance.

The following results have been accomplished and plans inaugurated during the present administration:

1. Recognition of a material nature from the Grand Army of the Republic and closer and more friendly relations, culminating in the recommendation of Commander-in-Chief, Henry M. Nevius, that we hold our annual encampment with them in the future.
2. Closer relations with the other kindred patriotic organizations. The Woman's Relief Corps have presented through their Commander-in-Chief six beautiful bunting flags to as many of the excellent public schools of Virginia—thus extending patriotism. The Ladies of the G. A. R. have opened their meetings to the admission of members of our order. This act of recognition we deeply appreciate.
3. Recognition to members of our order from ex-President Roosevelt and President Taft, in issuing orders granting leave of absence for attendance upon unweavings to members of the order of the Sons of Veterans rather than to sons of soldiers who do not think enough of their fathers' records to join our order.
4. The inauguration of the work looking to the securing of arms and equipment for the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
5. Material recognition to the Sons of Veterans Reserve, they having been invited to participate in the parade in honor to President Taft; the first time in the history of the country that any one but Union soldiers have participated.
6. A special and personal invitation to extend greetings to the G. A. R.
7. Visiting about twenty of the twenty-five divisions.
8. Personal visit to Memorial University and devising a plan which may mean its success and does mean the eliminating of the per capita tax feature at this time.

9. The culmination of a great national organization plan, worked out in detail, which, if approved, may mean a great increase in our numerical and social strength.

10. A large increase in the number of members and camps.

11. A scheme for the erection of a "peace" monument by the S. of V., U. S. A., and the U. S. C. V., at Washington, D. C.

12. A plan for the establishment of permanent headquarters at the national capitol and the erection of a Memorial Hall upon the "Baby Bond" plan, to be the property of the order, and in which the National Headquarters will be located, the building to be self-sustaining from rentals received.

Brothers, let us go on with the work. Our future is bright and we are destined to become the greatest patriotic organization in the world. It means much to us and to our fathers whose memory we cherish and whose record in the defense of this glorious Union is our precious heritage. I ask that you forget your differences, give up your petty bickerings, if you have any, and give to my successor that same loyal support which you have given me, and in laying aside my official pen, I pledge to you the same loyal support which I have given you continuously for the past twenty years.

May God be with you in all your laudable efforts and crown them with success, preserving you for a long and useful career in the order, is the honest prayer of,

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

Richmond, Va., August 27, 1909.

The foregoing is a true and correct record and report of the proceedings of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Washington, D. C., August 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1909, as reported by Edward K. DePuy, official stenographer.

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

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