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COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
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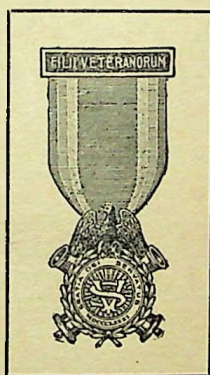
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Thirty-Seventh
Annual Encampment

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SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.



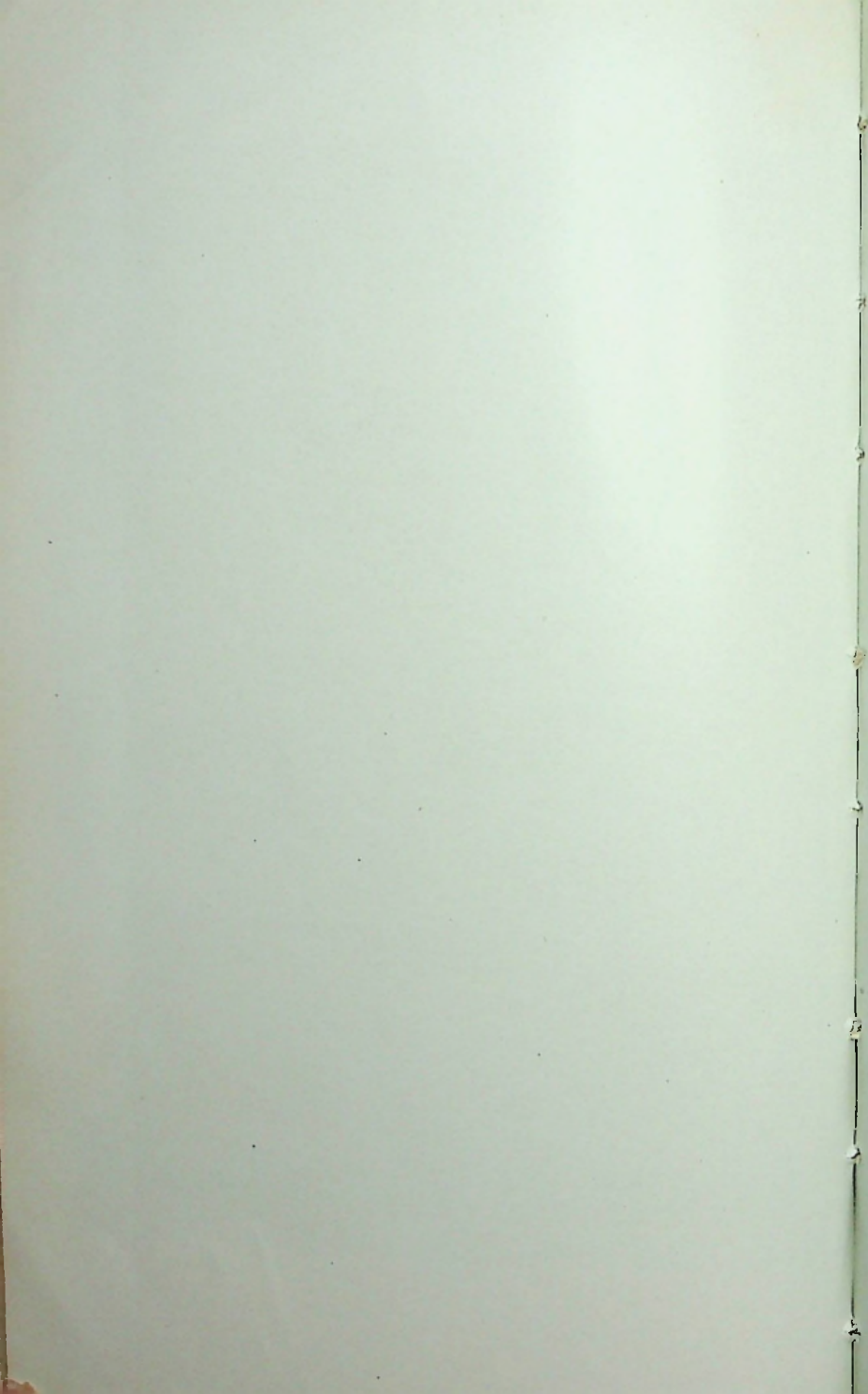
Held at
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20-21
1918



F. T. F. JOHNSON,
Past Commander-in-Chief.



FRANCIS CALLAHAN,
Commander-in-Chief.



COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Elected.	Name.	Division.	Address.	Deceased
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine		July 8, 1909
1883	†*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania		May 1, 1899
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania		January 12, 1889
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		October 19, 1901
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		October 19, 1901
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois		June 14, 1917
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois		June 14, 1917
1889	George W. Marks	New York	537 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana		December 21, 1902
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas		February 23, 1893
1891	*George T. Brown	New York		
1891	Edwin T. Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.	
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York	2 Rector St., New York, N. Y.	
1892	†Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	Hillsdale, Mich.	
1893	Joseph B. Maccaho	Massachusetts	198 Trenton St., Boston, Mass.	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio		August 16, 1903
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kansas	
1896	James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	Reading, Pa.	
1897	Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	610 Exchange Bldg., Boston, Mass.	
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.	
1899	A. W. Jones	Ohio	Burgh Hill, Ohio	
1899	†R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	2510 W. Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania		November 24, 1912
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	Clermont, Florida	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana		February 7, 1912
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island		November 3, 1915
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois		February 14, 1918
1905	Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C.	
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	Altoona, Pa.	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.	
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	Richmond, Va.	
1909	George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	113 Hamilton Ave., Paterson, N. J.	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.	
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1001 Law Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.	
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	203 Emerson Ave., Aspinwall, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	
1915	A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	42 Wiggins Block, Cincinnati, Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.	
1917	Fred. T. F. Johnson	Maryland	McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.	

*Deceased.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

‡Not a Member.

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OF THE
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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Encampment was called to order at 10:50 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, August 20, 1918, at The Cataract House, Niagara Falls, New York, with F. T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, in the chair.

Commander-in-Chief Johnson: The officers and members of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will now come to order. The National Secretary will call the roll of the officers.

ROLL CALL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS.

The roll-call showed the following National Officers present: Frederick T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief.

Charles H. Young, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Henry Bender, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (Reported present at afternoon session).

Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff.

William M. Anderson, Council-in-Chief.

William F. Chambers, Council-in-Chief.

Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, National Chaplain.

Rev. Edward H. Brewster, National Patriotic Instructor. (Reported present on second day, August 21, 1918).

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint the following acting officers:

Past Division Commander Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts, and Past Division Commander William H. Klein, of New York, Inspectors.

Delegate Samuel E. Lueck, of New Jersey, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Delegate F. A. McKelvey, of Pennsylvania, Color Bearer.

Past Division Commander E. E. Perry, of Vermont, Inner Guard.

The Encampment was opened in due form.

William F. Chambers, of Ohio, presented Mr. Gillet, Acting Mayor of the City of Niagara Falls, who was introduced to the Encampment by the Commander-in-Chief.

Acting Mayor Gillet expressed the regrets of the Mayor that he was not able to be present, and, in his behalf, as well as on behalf of the City of Niagara Falls, he extended the greetings of the city and bade all welcome. He explained the form of government under which the city is ruled, stating that it has a mayor and four councilmen, who are elected at large; that while the mayor presides at the meetings of the Council, the affairs of

the city are in charge of a city manager, selected by the Council, the manager appointing all city officials. He referred to the fact that some of the water of the falls has been diverted so as to provide power for the various plants in and about Niagara Falls, and that most of the factories in Niagara Falls are engaged, directly or indirectly, in war work for the Government. He urged all present not to be in a hurry to go away, but to remain and see all the points of interest; he closed by again extending a welcome to the city, and expressed the wish that all present would have a pleasant and profitable time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois, responded to the remarks of Acting Mayor Gillet, and referred to the fact that the whole country is interested in the Falls and in the development of the water power, and that the members of the Encampment are all interested in the war work which the city is doing; he thanked the Acting Mayor for the hospitality, and for the spirit of friendship displayed, stating that all would enjoy their stay in the city.

Acting Mayor Gillet was escorted from the hall.

Commander-in-Chief: The following will constitute the

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary.

E. E. Perry, of Vermont.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire.

J. T. Drake, of Wisconsin.

Walter C. Mabie, of Pennsylvania.

The Commander-in-Chief announced a recess of five minutes to enable the committee to prepare its report, after which the National Secretary presented the following report, signed by all the members of the Committee:

Temporary Headquarters, Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.
Cataract House, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1918.

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

Brothers:

Your Credentials Committee reports as follows:

The Division of Montana and Idaho having failed to forward reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1918, is not entitled to representation in this Encampment.

Following is a preliminary report of the Committee, showing Divisions entitled to representation and the representatives therefrom, which we recommend be accredited, placed on the roll of the Encampment, and that this report be accepted as the first roll-call of this Encampment.

(This and subsequent reports of the Committee on Credentials giving names of accredited representatives are embodied in the Official Roll-call, those present being marked with an *).

National Secretary: I move that the report be accepted and made the first roll-call of the Encampment.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The following committees of the Encampment are hereby announced:

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut.
Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania.
Arthur I. Vescecius, of New Jersey.
Theodore C. Cazeau, of New York.
Samuel E. Lueck, of New Jersey.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois.
Charles J. Miller, of Pennsylvania.
Henri E. Gobeille, of Rhode Island.
G. B. Lee, of Ohio.
W. N. Edgell, of Maryland.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York.
Ralph H. Burbank, of Maine.
Clifford C. Ireland, of Illinois.
Charles A. Davenport, of Rhode Island.
Robert J. Woodruff, of Connecticut.

COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

William T. Church, of Illinois.
Ralph Sheldon, of New York.
Rufus A. Soule, Jr., of Massachusetts.
Custer Snyder, of Ohio.
Harry Marion, of Michigan.

COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

Walter C. Mabie, of Pennsylvania.
J. Clinton Hiatt, of Maryland.

COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS (FRATERNAL RELATIONS)

John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania.
Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts.
A. S. Holbrook, of Illinois.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

National Secretary: The reports of the officers have been printed and they can be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports and read by the members of the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I hope that this Encampment will decide that the Commander-in-Chief shall read his report. Last year, because of the modesty of our presiding officer, he attempted to side-step the reading of his report, but there was an unanimous desire on the part of the members of the Encampment that he read it. This Encampment wants you, Commander-in-Chief, to read this report. If you trust to the brothers to read it, some of them will not know what it contains. I hope you will read it, and allow no one to go until it is read in full; then we will know the condition of the Order, and what it has done during the past year.

Commander-in-Chief: Like the Commander-in-Chief of last year, I would like to side-step the reading, not because of my modesty, but because I have some mercy for the members. However, if it is your desire, I will now read the

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Headquarters, Commandery-in-Chief,

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Washington, D. C., August 9, 1918.

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

Brothers:

A year ago you selected me for the high and honorable office of Commander-in-Chief, to guard the interests of the Order, and to manage its affairs for the term now closing, and I am now tendering you a report of my stewardship.

Since our last meeting great changes have been wrought in the affairs of our Country. Within the past twelve months there have been withdrawn from our normal industries some three millions of men for military service, and at least, perhaps, as many more for the production of ships, munitions, and other military necessities. The withdrawal of this vast number of men in so short a period from the ordinary pursuits has crippled and disorganized practically every line of trade, and has, in no small degree, resulted in a demoralization of business generally, with consequent privations and hardships to many of the people of our Country. However, these are, to a greater or less extent, the usual conditions of war and are so recognized by all, and the patriotism and adaptability of the American people are fast enabling them to adjust themselves to this new and abnormal state of affairs, but in the process of this adjustment the thoughts and interest of the people have been diverted from their usual trend into channels that pertain to the war, and to the necessary activities in connection therewith. Thus all institutions and organizations whose immediate objects have not been directed to war activities have been more or less affected, and in this respect our association does not seem to have been any exception. As to the extent of the effect that the war and resulting conditions have had upon our Order, you who have been actively engaged in its interests are amply able to judge for yourselves. In some respects our Organization has suffered from these conditions, but in others it has unquestionably been benefited, for opportunities have been presented to bring the Order more prominently before the public, and they have been seized and cultivated with the result that our Order is now more extensively and favorably known than ever before, and its standing and prestige has been increased a hundred fold. The opportunities that have led to this result are still with us and the cultivation thereof should continue, to the end that our standing and prestige may continue to grow.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The love and affection of the members of this Organization for the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC have grown from

year to year; and the good will and cordial relations that have subsisted between the members of this Order and those of the GRAND ARMY are believed to be closer and stronger today than ever before, as is indicated by the many courtesies and favors, and the faith and dependence that many of the Departments of the GRAND ARMY have placed in Camps of this Order located within their jurisdictions. On their part this Order and its members have lost no opportunity to serve the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC and its members, not only in very largely relieving them of the burdens incident to the observance of Memorial Day, and assisting in obtaining for them an increased recognition from the Government for their services of "long ago," but in many other ways have they rendered them all the assistance within their power. This is as it should be, for in rendering service to the GRAND ARMY we are merely fulfilling a duty that we owe and that is a pleasure to perform.

During the past year it has been my privilege, as well as pleasure, to meet the Commander-in-Chief of the GRAND ARMY on numerous occasions and have been impressed by his kindly expressions, and interest in the Order, and I wish to thank him for these, and for the courtesies he has extended me at the times that we have met at Division Encampments.

Owing to the fact that we have, unfortunately, been unable to hold our annual meeting at the same place as that of the GRAND ARMY, it became my duty to arrange for the provision of a Sons of Veterans Escort for the GRAND ARMY parade at Portland. This was accomplished through the courtesy of Past Division Commander Frank McCrillis of the Illinois Division who is a resident of Portland, and the acceptance of this commission by Brother McCrillis is an assurance that the Escort provided will be a credit to the Order. Brother McCrillis was also appointed Personal Representative of your Commander-in-Chief, and Chairman of the Committee to convey the greetings of this body and of the Order of Sons of Veterans to the National Encampment of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, and to the Encampments of all of the allied Societies that may be assembled at Portland.

THE ALLIED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

It has been my pleasure to meet on a number of occasions at the various State Encampments Mrs. Lois M. Knaufl, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Miss Anna B. Durham, the National President of the Daughters of Veterans, and Mrs. Mary E. Tarbox, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. These ladies are all very much interested in the success of our Organization, and their frequent expressions of willingness and desire to do all in their power to promote the interests of the Order, were very pleasing and gratifying. We are indebted to all of these allied Societies, not only for their many courtesies and friendly expressions, but for the assistance we have received from so many of their members during the past year. I wish to take this opportunity to again register my appreciation and thanks for these many services, and for the many courtesies received by me from their respective National Presidents.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Under the leadership of its National President, Miss Dwyer, and her very efficient corps of officers, the Auxiliary has taken

an advanced step in patriotic work, and in addition has rendered most valuable assistance to our Order. It is a real Auxiliary in every sense of the term, as has been shown by its work in behalf of the Order during the past year. Notable among its many accomplishments is the great assistance it has given in the accumulation of an Ambulance Fund, and it must share equally in the honor with this Order in the successful accomplishment of, perhaps, the greatest material patriotic effort that the Sons of Veterans have ever made. In this work the members of the Auxiliary have given liberally of their time and energy and have sacrificed many pleasures that the work might succeed. Our Auxiliary deserves well of the Order, not only for this particular work, but also for the many other services it has rendered, and I wish to take this occasion to extend to its members, one and all, my personal appreciation of what it has done for the Order during the past year. To Miss Dwyer, its National President, I am indebted for many courtesies, and for which I wish to express my sincere thanks.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WILLIAM G. DUSTIN (DECEASED).

In the death of Past Commander-in-Chief William G. Dustin the Order has lost one of its best known and well beloved members. Brother Dustin died, after a lingering illness, at his home, Dwight, Ill., February 14th, last. He became affiliated with the Order more than a quarter of a century ago, and became one of its most ardent and enthusiastic advocates, and devoted largely of his time to its welfare and upbuilding, and for a number of years was the Editor and Proprietor of its Official Organ, The Banner. In 1896 he was elected Commander of the Illinois Division, and in 1904 to the office of Commander-in-Chief, in both of which positions he rendered service of lasting benefit to the Order. He was a consistent attendant at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments, and was present last year at Boston.

ORDERS.

General Orders have been issued monthly, and published in The Banner, and fully set forth the activities and requirements of the Order, and its condition from month to month. Special Orders have been issued as occasion required.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the Commandery-in-Chief has been exceedingly voluminous, but by diligent application has been promptly handled. Every effort has been made by these headquarters to keep in close touch with Divisions, and which in most cases has been successful, and it is believed beneficial. A letter was sent from these headquarters to each Camp of the Order, and owing to the fact that a very large number of them were returned undelivered, was published in the February issue of The Banner. A very large amount of correspondence, involving additional time and considerable expense, was made necessary by the failure of many Camp and Division Officers to properly and promptly perform the duties of their offices. The time consumed in carrying on this part of the correspondence, made necessary by reason of the very lax discipline in the Organization, could have been very profitably employed by the Commandery-in-Chief Officers in devising and executing plans tending to the welfare of the Order.

AIDES.

The usual practice of appointing brothers as Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief for service in securing five or more new members during a single quarter has been continued, and during the present term forty-nine such Aides have been appointed.

Upon assuming office I appointed Brother Edward K. DePuy, of Washington, D. C., a Past Commander of the Maryland Division, my Personal Aide. The painstaking and whole-hearted assistance given by this brother has been of great advantage to me and to the Order, and I wish to here express to him my sincere thanks.

In October last I appointed Brother Frank McCrillis, of Portland, Oregon, a Past Commander of the Illinois Division, a Special Aide, for the purpose of looking after the interests of the Order on the Pacific Coast. In this position he has rendered valuable service to these Headquarters and to the Order, and is at this time acting as the Personal Representative of the Commander-in-Chief at the Portland Encampment of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. The services of Brother McCrillis have been such that he is entitled, not only to my personal thanks, but also to those of the Order, and they are hereby extended to him.

THE BANNER.

In pursuance of the action of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment in making a new contract for the publication of The Banner as the Official Organ, the formality of signing such contract was performed by your Commander-in-Chief, and duly attested by the National Secretary, and a duplicate thereof filed with the National Secretary. Under its provisions this contract became effective January 1, 1918, and runs for a term of five years. Under this new contract it was deemed advisable to have a new mailing list from every Camp in order that each member in good standing might appear upon The Banner's mailing list, and receive the paper monthly. Your Commander-in-Chief, therefore, issued an Order January 1, 1918, calling upon the Commander of each Camp to furnish a new mailing list of his Camp, on or before February 1, 1918, as it was realized that this was the only way in which a reliable mailing list for The Banner could be provided. The responses to this Order were neither prompt or numerous, in fact very little attention seems to have been given the matter, as only a few of the Camps furnished the required lists. Every effort has been made and is still being made to induce Camps to furnish these lists. As a general rule, it would seem, neither Camps, nor Divisions, make any particular effort to keep their Banner mailing lists in anything like an up-to-date condition, or even reasonably so. It was the purpose of the Commandery-in-Chief in making The Banner contract, that each member of the Order in good standing should receive monthly a copy of the paper, and this purpose should not be nullified by the indifference and neglect of Camp and Division Officers. There should be some provision made whereby the Division Commander, or the Commander-in-Chief, would be authorized to impose a fine upon any Camp Commander who fails to keep The Banner mailing list of his Camp in an up-to-date condition. If this is done it will tend to insure the de-

livery of the paper to every member of the Order who is entitled to receive it.

DISCIPLINE.

Discipline is as essential to the smooth and orderly running of a large organization as is a fly-wheel to that of a piece of machinery. The neglect of many officers of this organization during the past year to promptly carry out the orders issued by both Division Commanders, and the Commander-in-Chief, and the unnecessary delays in otherwise performing the duties of their offices, have greatly retarded the work of the Order, and plans designed for a betterment of the conditions of the Order. There would seem to be no proper or convenient provision for meeting these conditions, and pleading and begging have availed but little. A trial for neglect of duty under provisions of Article XXIV, of the C. R. & R., would be rather cumbersome, and would most likely prove a farce. This matter has been given careful consideration and the conclusion has been reached that the most effective way to deal with cases of neglect of duty is by the imposition of a fine, or by summary removal from office, neither of which would be any hardship on an officer whose deliberate neglect of duty retards or nullifies the accomplishment of work for the good of the Order, or interferes with the smooth and orderly conduct of its business. I am therefore of the opinion that it will be for the best interests of the Order that a Division Commander should be given the authority to impose a fine on any Camp or Division officer who neglects or refuses to comply with any Order issued by him, and that in the event of the failure or refusal of such officer to pay such fine, summarily remove him from office. I am also of the opinion that the Commander-in-Chief should be given authority to impose a fine on, or to summarily remove any officer of a Camp or of a Division who may neglect or refuse to comply with any Order issued by him, or who persistently neglects or fails to promptly perform the duties of his office, and I so recommend.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Boston, Mass., August 22-23, 1917, having failed to designate a meeting place for the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, the selection of such meeting place devolved upon the Commander-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief. Since December last communications have been received from members of various Divisions suggesting places for holding the present Encampment, and among the places suggested were: Portland, Ore.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Madison, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Cleveland, Ohio; Niagara Falls, N. Y.; New York City, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Atlantic City, N. J., and Washington, D. C.

In weighing the availableness of each of these places there was considered the matter of attendance; the fact that 95% of those entitled to seats in the Encampment are located east of the State of Colorado, and more than 66% east of the Mississippi River; the convenience to the greatest number of those entitled to seats in the Encampment; the ability of the Commandery-in-Chief to meet the necessary Encampment expenses; the time that would be consumed and the expense that would be involved to the individual member in getting to each of the above places,

and the fact that practically all of those entitled to seats in the Encampment are and will be very busy in their various employments, and unable to absent themselves therefrom for more than two or three days at a time. In these circumstances your Commander-in-Chief took counsel with the National Secretary, the National Treasurer, the Members of the Council-in-Chief, and members of various Divisions, and found the consensus of opinion to be that it would be an injustice to the members entitled to seats in the Encampment, and to the Commandery-in-Chief itself, to select any place that would make it impracticable, if not impossible, for at least eighty-five per cent of them to attend, and where the expense involved and time consumed in making the trip would be prohibitive to both, and, therefore, all places under consideration that would require an unusual expenditure in time and money on the part of the greatest number of individual members should be eliminated, and that the place that would be the most convenient and inexpensive for the greatest number of members, and for the Commandery-in-Chief, should be selected. A canvass of such places showed Niagara Falls to be the place that most nearly fulfilled the desired conditions, and it was, therefore, selected.

The above explanation for the selection of Niagara Falls is given for the reason that there have been made three formal protests by subordinate bodies of the Order, caused by the failure to select Portland, Ore., as the meeting place for the present Encampment. One of these protests came from the Division of California and Pacific, one from W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, of Los Angeles, Cal., and the third from the Division of Montana and Idaho, and a personal protest from the Commander of the Division of Washington and Oregon, and members of other organizations. Prior to the selection of the meeting place many protests were received against the selection of Portland, on account of the time necessary to make the trip, the expense involved, and the inability of so many to get away from their work for so long a time.

TRIALS.

There have been no trials held in the Order during the past year. Shortly after assuming office there was forwarded to me from the Division of Michigan the papers in a trial that had been held during the previous year, and reviewed by my predecessor, who had returned the same on account of the many informalities appearing therein. These papers were examined by me as a matter of courtesy, and as I found on looking them over that the essential requirements of my predecessor had not been complied with, I declined to review the matter, and so informed the authorities of the Division of Michigan, and at the same time suggested that if the matter was of importance that it would be advisable to hold a trial under the provisions of the amended Article on Discipline. Nothing further was heard from the Division of Michigan in the matter.

DECISIONS.

There have been no decisions registered by this Department during the past year.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Owing to war conditions the members of the Reserve, who

have not been called into active military service, have been so occupied in war activities and other work, that they have been able to devote but little time toward the continued upbuilding of this branch of the Order.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year eight Dispensations, to organize and institute Camps without first submitting the application for Charter to these Headquarters for approval, were granted, and six Camps were installed as a result thereof.

I have received no less than twenty requests for Dispensations to place on the Rolls without initiation the names of persons who have been elected to membership in Camps, but who had been called to military service before they could be initiated, and were so located that they could not be obligated either by a member of the Order, or by a Comrade of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. As the Commander-in-Chief has no authority to grant such Dispensations, the requests were necessarily declined. There should be some provision, and particularly at this time, to meet such cases, as well as cases arising from other causes that prevent the attendance of an elected applicant for initiation. I would, therefore, recommend that the Constitution be so amended as to vest in the Camps authority to place upon their Rolls the names of persons who have been elected to membership and who are not able to attend a meeting of a Camp for initiation. It is believed that this authority should be vested in Camps, and the following amendment is, therefore, proposed, and its adoption recommended:

Amend Chapter II, Article II, Sec. 2, of the C. R. & R., by striking out paragraph (c), and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

(c) Each application then shall be ballotted upon singly and alone by a secret ballot, at which not less than five ballots shall be cast. Three "black-balls" shall reject. Upon election the applicant shall be duly obligated, or initiated. Each applicant so obligated, or initiated, shall be presented with a regulation badge, and a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and his name shall be entered upon the Rolls of the Camp; provided, that the obligation or pledge may be given either in the Camp room, or by a communication in writing from the newly elected applicant.

NATIONAL DEFENSE SOCIETIES.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment, this Order became affiliated with the association known as the National Committee of Patriotic and Defense Societies, and the Commander-in-Chief was directed to formally register this affiliation. This formal act was duly performed, and the Order thereupon became a constituent member of that organization. Since the time of our affiliation the title of that organization has been changed by action of its Board of Directors with the consent of the constituent members, and is now known as the National Committee of Patriotic Societies.

In order that full advantage might be taken of the privilege acquired by membership in the association, the names and addresses of all of our National Officers, Past Commanders-in-

Chief, and Division Officers, as well as that of our Official Organ, The Banner, were furnished for its mailing list, and it is presumed that they all have received the literature distributed by said National Committee of Patriotic Societies, and those who have read it are unquestionably well informed as to the great patriotic work being done by the constituent members of the association. This placing the name of our Order, and the names of our Officers, upon the mailing list of the National Committee has been of considerable value to us in addition to that of receiving the literature distributed by it, for it has placed the name of our Order prominently before all of the great and active patriotic Societies of the United States, and has given it a National reputation and prestige that it has never before enjoyed.

The Second Annual Convention of the Committee of Patriotic Societies, was held at the City of New York on Saturday, January 26, 1918, and our Order being entitled to representation therein, the following brothers were appointed as delegates: Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, Past Division Commanders Franz Sigel and E. W. Estes, and William M. Anderson, Member of the Council-in-Chief.

In January last an invitation was received from the National Security League inviting our Order to participate in the Congress of National Service, to be held in Chicago, Ill., February 21, 22 and 23, 1918. This invitation was accepted, and the following brothers were designated to represent our Order at such Congress: Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, Past Division Commanders George B. Stadden and George B. Holmes, Commander Hugh C. Beelman, and Brother Charles J. O'Connor. The Report of this Committee is in the files, and is open to inspection.

THE ORGANIZATION.

This is one of the oldest National civic patriotic societies in the country; it has been in existence for the past thirty-six years; it has been conservatively estimated that there are at least six millions of persons eligible to its membership, and yet, after years of unceasing work by thousands of its members to build up the membership, it has to-day only about 54,000 members in good standing—much less than one per cent of those who are eligible to membership. During these thirty-six years there have been at least 300,000 persons initiated as members of the Order, and during the same period at least 246,000 members have severed their connection with the Organization. These figures show that we have lost during this period more than 85% of those who have joined the Order, and that less than 15% of them have retained their membership. This is a very remarkable state of affairs, and one that can be accounted for only on the ground that there is something basically wrong in the manner in which the society is conducted. It is manifest that there is some weakness, a something in the conduct of the Organization that fails to appeal to more than 99% of the persons eligible to its ranks, a something that has been so unsatisfactory to at least 85% of those who have joined the Order that they have given up their membership. The trouble that has caused this condition is known to most of us, and has been a subject of discussion among the older members of the Order for years.

This Order was founded some thirty-six years ago as a semi-

military secret association, and rules appropriate to such an organization were adopted for its government. Some twenty years ago the character of the Order was changed from a semi-military to that of a purely civic patriotic body, and yet, notwithstanding this radical change in character, it is still governed by practically the same rules of procedure that obtained during its semi-military existence. This is an anomolous condition, and entirely unsuited to the welfare of a civic association, and one that explains, to a very large extent, why the Order does not seem to appeal to the average eligible, and, therefore, why its numerical strength is no greater than it is at present. Here we have "in a nut-shell" the reason for the present condition of the Order—an antiquated and inappropriate procedure. It should be patent to those who will give this matter a moment's thought that this condition should be corrected at once, to the end that the growth and prosperity of our association may not be further retarded.

In the consideration of this question the fact that we are now actively engaged in the great world-war should not be lost sight of, for it is on this account that an immediate change in the plan of our rules and procedure is made all the more imperative. This war will either bring into existence one or more additional patriotic societies with which we will have to compete, or greatly strengthen some of our present competitors, such as, for instance, the Order of Foreign Wars, an organization much younger than our own, yet which, by the simplicity of its procedure in the acquisition of members is fast out-running us in the race for membership. While our principles and objects are of the highest, yet our rules are so inappropriate to an organization of the character of ours that it is not reasonable to expect any material progress in the increase of membership, or even that we shall be able to hold our own, in the future, unless we shall simplify our procedure—until our method of placing members upon our Rolls is as simple and up-to-date as is that of other societies of a similar character, and our subsequent procedure through the Commandery-in-Chief and subordinate bodies is similarly of a character in keeping with the objects and aims of an organization operating on patriotic lines rather than the purely fraternal, beneficial and cryptic bodies, whose rules of procedure we have in the past more closely followed.

To attain the end in view it has been suggested that the procedure of our Order be patterned along somewhat the same lines as that of the Sons of the Revolution, the Loyal Legion, the Order of Foreign Wars, etc., the principal objects of which are essentially the same as are our own, and which are now meeting with such marked success. If we make such change, and I believe it is essential to the welfare of our Order that we should, we will do away with our present anomolous rules of procedure and replace them by an attractive and up-to-date practice, and thereby place the Order upon a plane that will appeal more forcibly to that vast number of persons who are eligible to membership in our Order than it now seems to do.

The above suggested change would not affect in any way either our principles and objects, our eligibility to membership, or the character of our Organization—it would merely go to the manner and form of conducting the Order.

To accomplish this will call for a complete revision of our C. R. & R., and to meet the situation my recommendation would

contemplate the appointment by this Encampment of a Committee of not more than three members with instructions to report the results of their considerations for action by this body at this Session.

MEMBERSHIP.

On June 30, 1917, there were 1274 Camps and 57,824 members in good standing. During the year there has been a gross gain of 40 Camps and 5,244 members; and a gross loss of 152 Camps and 8,800 members, and an apparant loss, by failure of Montana and Idaho to report, of 9 Camps and 143 members additional, making an apparent total gross loss of 161 Camps and 8,943 members, and, therefore, an apparent net loss of 121 Camps and 3,699 members, leaving in good standing June 30, 1918, 1153 Camps and 54,125 members, as shown by the Report of the National Secretary. It is believed that the Report of the delinquent Division will reduce the apparent net loss to 111 Camps and 3,542 members, thus making the actual number in good standing June 30, 1918, 1,162 Camps and 54,268 members.

The gross losses in membership have for a number of years past been exceedingly large for an organization with no greater numerical strength than we have, and that of the past year has been in about the same proportion to membership as those of the preceding years. The acquisition of new members during the past year has fallen off about 50%, and has resulted in the net loss above indicated. The reason assigned by the various Divisions for this great falling off of new membership is "the war," and I presume the conditions brought about by the war; at least this is the explanation of the inactivity of our membership that comes from every quarter of the country. No matter what the reasons for an inactive membership may be, the fact remains that the net loss in Camp membership has been large, and the number of Camps dropped is deplorable. The explanations advanced from various sections as to the reasons for the great decrease in the number of new members is plausible, and is, perhaps, correct; but these "explanations" do not explain the dropping of the very large number of Camps that has occurred during the year. However there have been a large number of communications received at these Headquarters wherein complaints have been made that would indicate that many of these Camps could have been saved to the Order had their Division Officers promptly attended to their duties, and if they had visited and encouraged weak and struggling Camps.

The conclusion that must be drawn from these communications is that the inactivity in the Order has not been confined entirely to the general membership, but has been shared to a very large degree by some officers of some Divisions, and this is, we believe, the explanation for the loss of Camps.

It was freely predicted at the Encampment at Boston last year, that there would be a great loss in membership during the present year on account of the war, and this loss was variously estimated at from six to ten thousand. This prediction has been partly fulfilled, but the amount of the loss has fallen far short of the lowest estimate, as the net loss during the year has been about three thousand five hundred. In view of the mental attitude of our general membership that "there is no use of trying to do anything during the war," and the real conditions that have

confronted the Order, I believe we should congratulate ourselves on the fact that the net loss in membership has been so small.

THE AMBULANCE FUND.

Shortly after assuming office it became apparent to me that our Order—as an Organization—should take some step to align itself with the other great patriotic societies in assisting the Government in some material way in the winning of the war. The matter was taken up and discussed with members of every Division of the Order and with the Auxiliary, and the replies received were sufficiently encouraging to warrant an effort in this direction. Numerous suggestions as to the particular activity we should undertake were received from various quarters, and after a canvass of the various suggestions made it was determined to call on the membership for contributions for the purchase of ambulances, etc., for use of our soldiers and sailors overseas, and the request for donations was announced in the January Banner, as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENT.

A FLEET OF AMBULANCES FOR OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS "OVER THERE"

An Opportunity for the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in conjunction with its Auxiliary, To Do Its Bit.

It is the DUTY of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to take AN ACTIVE and AGGRESSIVE PART in the win-the-war ACTIVITIES that are NOW engaging the attention of ALL OTHER patriotic Societies, and civic organizations. I say it is the DUTY, and I should add that it is ESSENTIAL to THE FUTURE WELFARE and PROSPERITY of the Order.

The Commandery-in-Chief Officers after careful consideration of this matter, and after discussing it with Army and Navy Officials, representatives of the American Red Cross, Division Commanders and other prominent members of the Order, have decided to CALL UPON THE MEMBERSHIP of the SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., in conjunction with the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., to lend ENTHUSIASTIC AID and ASSISTANCE in BRINGING these ORGANIZATIONS to THE FRONT in WAR WORK.

At this time when the Nation is straining every nerve in preparing for war, AN OPPORTUNITY IS NOW PRESENTED to the SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.—AS AN ORGANIZATION,—and to ITS AUXILIARY, to render VALUABLE and NEEDED ASSISTANCE to our COUNTRY in helping it TO WIN THE WAR. The MOST valuable assistance that we can now render is the DONATION to the Army Ambulance Hospital Corps, the Navy Hospital Service, and the Red Cross, Ambulances and Hospital Equipment for our Soldiers and Sailors, both in this Country, and "Over There." These supplies will be of material aid in relieving the suffering of the sick and wounded, and in saving the lives of those who are fighting in our Country's cause. MANY of whom are MEMBERS of our own Order—our friends and Brothers.

To make this DONATION, and it is absolutely ESSENTIAL, to THE REPUTATION and STANDING of our ORGANIZATION

that IT BE DONE, it will be necessary for the Order, in conjunction with its Auxiliary, to raise a FUND of at least \$10,000. This is a very small amount for two great patriotic Orders, such as ours, to raise for this worthy and patriotic purpose, and it is, therefore, confidently expected that each and every member will be prompt and generous in the amount of his contribution, and that the FUND will be quickly raised.

Subscription Lists, for the raising of this fund, will be forwarded to Camps, and Auxiliaries, on January 15th. All contributions to this FUND should be MADE at the EARLIEST date possible, as the FUND will be CLOSED on March 31st, 1918. EVERY member of the Camp should be called upon and given an opportunity to contribute to this fund; canvas the Camp thoroughly--DO NOT OVERLOOK ANY BROTHER, for if you do he will have just cause for feeling slighted.

Contributions of Camps and their members will be in charge of the respective Division Commanders, and those of the Auxiliaries and their members will be in charge of the respective Division Presidents.

Camps will promptly forward their contributions, together with the contributions of their individual members, and their Subscription Lists, to their respective Division Headquarters, and Division Headquarters will promptly forward the same to the National Secretary, who will deposit them with the National Treasurer.

Auxiliaries will forward their contributions, together with the contributions of their individual members, and their Subscription Lists, to their respective Division Presidents, who will promptly transmit them to the National President, or such Officer as she may direct.

Every Camp and every Auxiliary, and each and every member of both the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., should deem it not only a privilege, but AN HONOR to contribute to this FUND.

All contributions to this Fund will be acknowledged in The Banner after April 15th, 1918.

DO YOUR BIT AND UPHOLD the REPUTATION of YOUR ORDER. LET US SHOW OUR COLORS.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

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

Washington, D. C., January 1, 1918.

Specific and detailed instructions were furnished to each Division Commander and to each Division Secretary, as a suggestion, as to the manner of handling the matter in their Divisions, and all Divisions that followed the suggestions made good returns. The funds were collected by the Camps, and turned over to their respective Divisions, which in turn forwarded them to the National Secretary, who receipted for them, and desposited the money with the National Treasurer, to the credit of the Ambulance Fund.

The response to this call for donations has been most gratifying to the Commandery-in-Chief, and particularly so in view of the fact that while a Fund of \$10,000 was asked for from the Order and Auxiliary, more than double that sum has been con-

tributed by the members of this Order alone, while the amount collected by the Auxiliary was more than half of the sum asked. The amount of the Fund raised by the members of our Order and in the hands of the National Treasurer, July 31, was \$20,226.64. The Fund raised by the Auxiliary amounted to \$6,200, and was held in the custody of its National Treasurer, who on August 3, 1918, turned this amount over to National Treasurer Rake, thus making the joint amount of the Ambulance Fund in the hands of our National Treasurer August 3, \$26,426.64. Of this amount, \$25,000 has been expended for ambulances, so that on August 3, there was an unexpended balance of \$1,426.64 in the hands of our National Treasurer to the credit of the Ambulance Fund, as will appear from the Report of the National Treasurer, under the title of "Ambulance Fund."

It is fitting, I think, that I should call the attention of the members of this body, and to those of the Order generally, to the beautiful and magnanimous spirit which prompted the Auxiliary to join its Fund with our own, and thereby materially increasing the amount of the Fund of this Order available for ambulances. This, Brothers, is but another instance of that great fraternal spirit that our Auxiliary has so often extended to the Order and to its members; the same spirit that has inspired its officers and members to work so persistently for the up-building and success of our Order. I wish again to thank the officers and members of our Auxiliary for their hearty co-operation in making the Ambulance Fund a pronounced success.

To administer this Fund a joint Committee of the Order and the Auxiliary was determined upon, and appointed: on behalf of the Order, the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and the National Treasurer; and on behalf of the Auxiliary, its National President, National Secretary, and National Treasurer. The Committee met and was duly organized, and on account of the unprecedented demand for ambulances at the "Front," decided to apply the Fund to ambulances, and the matter was placed in the immediate charge of National Treasurer Rake. Bids from many dealers and manufacturers were obtained. The matter was also taken up with Surgeon General, U. S. Army, in whose service these ambulances would, of course, be used.

At the Office of the Surgeon General we were informed that an extraordinary demand for ambulances exists, and that there was considerable difficulty in filling it, owing to the fact that at this time there is but a single make of ambulance now in use by the Medical Corps of the Army, and further that no make of ambulance other than this one could be accepted for use abroad. These ambulances when sent to France require parts and repairs. They have the repairs and parts in France for only this particular make of ambulance, and it would be a waste of time and money to send any other kind. The type adopted and used by the Army Medical Corps is the G. M. C. No. 4. It also developed that the Army Medical Corps has a contract with the General Motors Co., the manufacturer of the G. M. C. No. 4, under which ambulances were sold to the Medical Corps at a price far below that at which any jobber could possibly purchase, and the privilege of purchasing under this contract was extended to us, if we should desire to use it. There were two ways in which we found we could avail ourselves of this privilege, one was to donate the Fund to the

Medical Corps which would make the purchases direct, and examine, accept and ship them immediately to France and Italy, under which conditions they would be delivered, and in use at the "Front" in the quickest time; the other way was that we should get a permit from the Medical Corps to purchase the ambulances, and then purchase them, and notify the Medical Corps of this purchase, whereupon the ambulances would be inspected, and if found perfect, accepted, and shipped to the port of export. The procedure involved in this second way would of necessity require much more time than would the first way.

The Committee found that the bids furnished by manufacturers and dealers for this type of ambulance were from \$400 to \$500 more per ambulance, than we could get them for through the Medical Corps, and it was thereupon decided to avail ourselves of the privilege extended to us by that Corps. In view of the fact that the ambulances were so urgently needed abroad, and that time was one of the elements to be considered, it was decided to accept the first of the above propositions, and donate the Fund direct to the Medical Corps, and a tender thereof was, therefore, made to the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, as follows:

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

F. T. F. Johnson,
Commander-in-Chief,
Washington, D. C.

July 31, 1918.

To the Surgeon General,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., a patriotic association composed of male descendants of officers and soldiers who served in the Union Army and Navy during the Civil War, and the SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY, U. S. A., its auxiliary, desiring to assist the Government in a material way in the prosecution of the war, are now and have been collecting a Fund for the purchase and donation of Ambulances for use with the United States Army overseas, and have at this time on hand and ready for use an amount in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Realizing that now there is a most urgent demand for Ambulances at the various battle fronts, and knowing that the facilities of the Medical Department for promptly supplying and delivering these Ambulances, to the points where the need is the greatest, are unequalled, it is believed that the best interests of our soldiers will be subserved, and the sentiment prompting the raising of the Fund fulfilled, if advantage is taken of these facilities by turning this Fund over to you for its application; we therefore tender to you as a donation for the purchase of Ambulances the amount of the Fund we now have on hand, and ask that the Ambulances purchased therewith be used overseas. Any accretions to this Fund will be forwarded to you unless meanwhile we should be advised that further donations for this purpose are no longer desired.

The formal acceptance of this tender will lead to the imme-

date forwarding of a check by the National Treasurer, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Very respectfully,

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

By F. T. F. JOHNSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

(Seal)

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY, U. S. A.

By MAYME E. DWYER,
National President.

Attest:

KATE H. TEUFEL,
National Secretary.

(Brothers, we have here some photographs showing the check, etc., for those who wish to see them).

And was responded to by the following letter:

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

Washington, July 30, 1918.

Mr. F. T. F. Johnson,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of July 31, 1918, making formal tender of funds donated by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., for the purpose of providing ambulances for the Medical Department of the Army.

It is noted that you have on hand a sum in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars. This sum will purchase about fourteen complete G. M. C. ambulances.

The Surgeon General directs me to thank the Sons of Veterans for their generous contribution and to assure you that it is very much appreciated. In sending this money it is requested that you make the check payable to the Donations' Fund, Medical Department, U. S. Army, and mail it to Colonel C. R. Darnall, M. C., Surgeon General's Office, Unit F, Wing 5, 7th and B Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. R. DARNALL,
Colonel, Medical Corps, U. S. A.

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

J. L. Rake,
National Treasurer,
Reading, Pa.

August 3, 1918.

Colonel C. R. Darnall,
Medical Corps, U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Pursuant to correspondence passed between the Commander-in-Chief of this organization and the Surgeon General's Depart-



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

July 31, 1918.

To the Surgeon General,
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No. _____ JERSEY CITY, N.J. August 3, 1918.

THE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY
PEOPLE'S SAVINGS DEPOSIT BRANCH

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *J. L. Rake National Treasurer*

Sixty Two Hundred ————— DOLLARS

\$6200.00 *Elizabeth C. Hansen*

317 319 CENTRAL AVENUE

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July 31, 1918.

To the Surgeon General.

The formal acceptance of this tender will lead to the immediate forwarding of a check by the Treasurer, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Very respectfully,

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



Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, U. S. A.

Rayne E. Dwyer
National President.



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

August 3, 1918.

Colonel C. R. Darnall,
Medical Corps, U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Pursuant to correspondence passed between the Commander-in-Chief of this organization and the Surgeon General's Department, I have the honor to enclose herewith check in sum of Twenty-five thousand Dollars representing the bulk of the contributions to the Ambulance Fund by the members of this organization and its Auxiliary.

Very respectfully,

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

[Signature]
National Treasurer.



SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A.

Pay to the Order of Donations' Fund, Medical Dept, U. S. Army
Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 ————— Dollars

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Very truly yours,

[Signature]
C. R. DARNALL,
Colonel, Medical Corps, U.S.A.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, U. S. ARMY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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 J. L. RAKE,
 National Treasurer.

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

F. T. F. Johnson,
 Commander-in-Chief,
 Washington, D. C.

August 8, 1918.

To the Surgeon General, U. S. Army,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the donation for the purchase of ambulances made by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

In a letter from your office addressed to Mr. James Lewis Rake, of Philadelphia, Pa., under date of June 5th, appears the following:

"It is permissible to attach to the dash of a gift ambulance a metal plate 6x8 inches, bearing a suitable, engraved inscription. If you desire such plates attached to the ambulances purchased with funds which you donate, please advise me of the wording to be placed thereon."

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that a metal plate bearing the inscription:

Presented by the
 Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
 and its Auxiliary.

be attached to each of the ambulances purchased with the funds donated by this Society.

Very respectfully,
 F. T. F. JOHNSON,
 Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

(This letter forms no part of the report of the Commander-in-Chief, but is here inserted for convenient reference).

War Department,
 Office of Surgeon General,
 Washington.

September 11, 1918.

F. T. F. Johnson,
 McGill Bldg., 908-914 "G" St., N. W.,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We have been informed by our ambulance chassis' factory that shipment has gone forward of the fourteen (14) ambulance chassis which were purchased from the twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000.00) fund given to Colonel Darnall for this pur-

pose. A handsome name plate bearing the inscription that you desire was placed on the dash of each of these chasses. In the very near future, the ambulance bodies will be forwarded to the same Port of Embarkation. These bodies will be placed upon the chasses upon their arrival overseas.

We again desire to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to you and your Organization for the splendid display of patriotism. The Medical Department of the United States Army is in great need of ambulances at this time, and your gift has come at a most opportune time. We again thank you officially as well as personally.

By direction of the Acting Surgeon General:

C. R. DARNALL,
Colonel, Medical Corps.
By: W. T. FISHLEIGH,
Major Sanitary Corps, U. S. A.

Upon receipt of the acceptance of the donation by the Surgeon General, National Treasurer Rake immediately forwarded a check for \$25,000 as per directions in the letter from the War Department, to cover the cost of fourteen ambulances. The balance of \$1,426.64 will be held until the total collections have been received by the National Treasurer, when the aggregate amount then in hand will be used for the purchase of one or more additional ambulances.

Each of these ambulances will bear the inscription—

Presented by the
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
AND ITS AUXILIARY.

Thus announcing to the men at the front in a concrete manner the fact that the Sons of Veterans, as an organization, is giving them its united support.

Attention is invited to the Reports of the National Secretary and of the National Treasurer on the Ambulance Fund.

It is with considerable pride that I call your attention to the fact that not one cent of expense has been charged against this Fund either by the Commandery-in-Chief, or by the Auxiliary—every cent of this Fund received by the Commandery-in-Chief is to be expended exclusively for the purpose for which it was donated.

A CONTINUATION OF WAR WORK.

It is the patriotic duty of every organization, and particularly that of a patriotic Society, to lend its every effort in assisting the Government to win the present war, not only with its moral influence, but also in a material way. The hearty and generous response of the Order to the Call for an Ambulance Fund shows that our members are fully alive to their duty, both to our Country and to our Order, and that they have a set determination to assist in every possible way the cause for which our Country is fighting. I am firmly convinced that it is essential to the future welfare of our Order that we continue some form of material war-work during the remainder of the war. There are scores of channels in which our efforts along this line may be directed such as, "needs" for the Army, "needs" for the Navy, "needs" for the Red Cross, and the many other "needs"

resulting from war, and the war conditions. During the past year, we have established a reputation for "doing things" in the line of material war-work, and the great war-work societies of the Country have acknowledged our worth. We have a standing, a prestige, a reputation to maintain, but unless we continue in active material war-work we cannot succeed in doing it. We have but one course before us, and that is active material war-work, and I, therefore, recommend that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized and directed to require from each Division of the Order a contribution equal to one dollar per capita, each year, during the continuance of the present war; and that the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and the National Treasurer be constituted a Committee to see to the application of the Fund so raised.

CAMPS.

Camps are the units of our Organization, and upon their number, strength and stability depend largely the progress and standing of the Order. The disbanding and dropping of Camps has been a source of great weakness to the Order for years, and while efforts have been made from time to time to remedy this condition, they have all, apparently, been without result. The reasons for these losses are many, among which are: a procedure that does not seem to appeal to the membership as largely as it should; an inadequate membership fee, and the practice of organizing Camps with a small membership. The first of these reasons has been discussed elsewhere in this Report.

The organization of small Camps is, I believe, a detriment to the Order, and should be looked upon with disfavor, except in cases where it can be satisfactorily shown that a Camp is needed by a GRAND ARMY Post at a particular place and that its organization would be of benefit to the Order, but even in such instances the minimum number of members should not be less than twenty-five—no Camp should be organized with less than twenty-five members. The Camps that live and become worthwhile to the Order are those that start with a membership amply large to insure that there will be a sufficient number of members present at a meeting to carry on the work of the Camp, to meet its necessary expenses, and have a balance in its treasury. A Camp that does not fulfill these conditions has but a small chance of surviving, for its members will become discouraged, it will soon fall into financial straits, and become unable to pay its per capita tax, and as a consequence will be dropped. The moral effect on a community where a Camp is disbanded or dropped is not good for the Order, and therefore before a Camp is organized its likelihood of surviving should be well considered.

If we can devise a plan whereby we may prevent the enormous dropping of members from the Order we would soon become the largest patriotic Organization of the Country, for there is no membership that, under normal conditions, works as hard and as continuously for the up-building of an organization, as does ours. Our trouble does not seem to be so much in getting members, as it does in holding them, and this we know without question is due to a basic error in our plan of organization, which error must be corrected before the trouble will cease.

However, there is a partial remedy for this condition that will be apparent to all of us, a remedy that would prevent a large per cent of our losses if it were enforced—the prompt at-

tention of Camp Officers to their duties, and the prompt collection of dues by the Camp Treasurer. Fully seventy per cent of the losses in Camp membership is traceable directly to the Camp Treasurer permitting members to get so far in arrears that the delinquents will prefer to let their membership go rather than pay an amount sufficient to place themselves in good standing. In nine cases out of ten if the dues had been collected promptly and not allowed to accumulate there would have been no loss. In these days, men seem to think that their time is so valuable that they must have compensation for practically everything they do, and, therefore, it might be to the advantage of Camps to pay their treasurers a per-centage on the amount of dues collected. I believe if this were done much better results in the collection of dues would follow, and the Camp would be benefited in the end.

There are a number of Camps in the Order that have a plan designed to lessen losses, and which has been working with more or less success for some time—that of collecting from a new member a membership fee sufficient in amount to produce, when invested, a sum large enough to pay the Division per capita tax on such member. In this way the Camp would always be assured of the Division's per capita tax on this member, and therefore he would never be dropped for failure to pay per capita tax, although he might be suspended from the Camp for failure to pay his portion of the Camp's expenses. A Camp by turning this membership fee over to the Division could be relieved for all time from a further payment of per capita tax on such member and such member would then, practically, become a life member, as his per capita tax would be provided for for his life time. It is realized that this plan would not be feasible in all Camps or in all localities, and it is, therefore, given merely as a suggestion, and for the purpose of showing that the membership is not as idle in trying to hold the members, as it is in trying to get them in.

The membership fee of the Order should be such an amount as would tend to impress an applicant with the idea that he is going into an Organization that is worth something. The membership fee should be not less than five (5) dollars, for a person who really wants to come into the Order will be willing to pay that sum, and even more, to do so; those who would be unwilling to pay that sum would, as a general thing, be those who would come in and then drop out, and would be of little or no benefit to the Order. I know that efforts have been made from time to time for an increase in the membership fee, and that they have always failed, but notwithstanding this I am so thoroughly convinced that an increased membership fee would be for the benefit of the Order, that I recommend an increase to not less than five (5) dollars.

There is still another way by which Camps may lessen their losses in membership, and this is by making their regular meetings interesting and profitable, and to do this, I hold, Camps must cease the wasting of valuable time in discussing unsuitable and unprofitable subjects, which, we all know, invariably result in the loss of members; and must not confine themselves to the routine of going through with the regular order of business, and in recounting the valorous deeds of our ancestors, but must "localize," that is, they must take an active part in the

affairs of their respective localities, by working for the good of the community, and for good citizenship, and to see that none but those best qualified shall be placed in control of their local affairs. One of the cardinal principles of this Order is the teaching of patriotism, and this is the only practical way in these days of doing it, and it is the most effective way in which a Camp can impress the people of a community with its value and worth, and of interesting all the members of a Camp. Every man is interested in his home, and in his community, and in every organization whose efforts are actively directed to the betterment of local conditions, and therefore, it is the duty of Camps to make the interests of their respective communities their own, and thereby get the good-will and support of those among whom they are located. The adoption of the above suggestion would, I believe, raise the standing of the average Camp a thousand fold, would largely increase its membership, and would tend to diminish the losses that are fast sapping the life of so many of our Camps.

SPECIAL DAYS.

It is gratifying to be able to say, from reports received, that generally speaking appropriate exercises were carried out by Camps of the Order throughout the country on the anniversaries which our Organization is pledged to observe—Veterans' Night, Union Defenders' Day, Appomattox Day, Memorial Day, and Flag Day—clearly indicating the patriotic spirit that obtains among our membership, particularly at this time when our Nation is engaged as an important factor in the titanic struggle "over there."

VISITATIONS.

It is unfortunate that so many of our Division Encampments hold their meetings on conflicting dates. It seems to me that there should be some concerted effort on the part of the Division officers to so arrange the Encampment dates as to make it possible for the Commander-in-Chief to visit them all. Because of the lack of "team work" in this regard, and on account of sickness, the Commander-in-Chief was able to attend but ten Division Encampments. It was a privilege, as well as a pleasure, to be with the members of the organization at the Encampments at which I was present.

Your Commander-in-Chief had the pleasure of meeting the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, National President of Daughters of Veterans, the National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the National President of our own Auxiliary, at several of the Encampments.

NATIONAL OFFICERS.

The Commander-in-Chief appreciates to the fullest extent the loyal support he has received at the hands of the National Officers, both elective and appointive; each has performed efficiently and willingly the duties that have been required of him, and for which the thanks of the Order and of the Commander-in-Chief are now tendered. Their respective Reports will be read with interest by all. While it is not necessary to specify each Officer, yet I do not feel that the splendid work done by National Secretary Hammer, and National Treasurer Rake should be

passed unnoticed. These Brothers have given to the duties of their offices the most careful and painstaking attention; they have performed many services required of them, and have always responded to every request that has been made for advice and assistance, and it is largely due to their efforts that the standing and prestige of our Order has been raised to its present high position among the great patriotic societies. During the past three years National Secretary Hammer has devoted his time exclusively to the work of the Order, and every task, no matter how great, and every detail, no matter how small, has had his consideration and attention. He has a wide knowledge of the affairs of the Order, and possesses that rare faculty, the ability to apply his knowledge to the best advantage—and he does it, irrespective of the amount of work involved. His devotion to the interests and welfare of the Order is well known to all of you, but no member can fully appreciate just what Brother Hammer's work for the Order really means, except those who have served you as Commander-in-Chief, for none others have had the opportunity to see, nor can they realize the quantity, character and quality of the work that this efficient and painstaking Officer is called upon to give to the Order.

I take this occasion to extend to Brothers Hammer and Rake my thanks for their many valuable services to me and to the Order, and in doing this I am performing one of the most pleasant acts of my administration.

FINANCES.

The estimated income for the year 1917-1918, as made by the Council-in-Chief at our lasting meeting, has not been realized, in fact, it has fallen far short of expectations, while the amount of expenses directed by the last Encampment remain the same, with the result that the most careful financiering has been required to meet and care for obligations that have been presented, and indicating a deficit when the expenses of this Encampment have been paid and the outstanding obligations directed by the last Encampment are presented. It is quite clear from the Reports of the National Secretary and National Treasurer, to which your attention is invited, that there must be some provision made by this Encampment to provide additional revenue to take care of these obligations and to provide for those that will be incurred during the coming year. This additional revenue can be obtained only by an increase in the per capita tax.

I therefore recommend that the per capita tax for the year 1918-1919 be thirty-six (36) cents per annum, payable in quarterly installments of nine (9) cents each, beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 1918.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Commander of a Division, and the Commander-in-Chief, may at discretion fine, or remove from office, or both, any Camp, or Division, Officer who neglects or fails to promptly perform the duties of his office, or such others as he may be called upon to perform.

2. That Chapter II, Article II, Sec. 2, of the C. R. & R., be amended as set forth on page 13 of this Report.

3. That a Committee of not more than three members be appointed to consider that subject discussed under the title "The

Organization.", pp. 15, 16 and 17 of this Report, and to report the results of their considerations for action by this body at this Session.

4. That for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of the war, the Commander-in-Chief be authorized and directed to require from each Division of the Order a contribution of One (1) dollar per capita, per year, during the continuance of the present war; and that the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and the National Treasurer be constituted a Committee to see to the application of the Fund so raised.

5. That the per capita tax for the year 1918-1919 be thirty-six (36) cents per annum, payable in quarterly installments of nine (9) cents each, beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 1918.

6. That the membership or initiation fee charged by Camps shall not be less than Five (5) dollars, to become effective January 1, 1919.

The Office of Commander-in-Chief is the highest within your gift, and to him who is chosen to occupy it comes the greatest honor that any member of the Order may attain. In my selection to this office there was confided to me a trust, a confidence that I have held most sacred, and to which I have unstintedly given my very best efforts. If I have been, in any degree, instrumental in raising the standard of the Order and increasing its prestige, or if I have been able to revive the waning interest of any of our members, or awakened any of them to a realization of their duties to our Country, I shall believe the time devoted to my work has enured to the advantage and progress of our Organization, and that any sacrifices that may have been made, have not been made in vain.

In relinquishing this office and returning to the ranks in my own Camp, I shall carry with me many pleasing recollections of work in which I have been deeply interested and to which I have given practically all of my leisure hours, of new acquaintances formed and old renewed, and of old friendships made all the stronger by intimate association, and, I trust, the confidence, respect and esteem of the membership of the Order.

I wish to thank the Brothers for the great honor that was conferred on me by my election as Commander-in-Chief, and to those who have so loyally supported me during my term of office, I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation, and to bespeak for my successor the same loyalty and assistance they have given to me.

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

F. T. F. JOHNSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IX.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 30, 1917.

General Orders No. 9,
Series of 1917.

I. Having been duly elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief, at the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 'Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held in Boston, Massachusetts, August 22-23, 1917, command is hereby assumed.

II. The following officers were duly elected and installed:
Commander-in-Chief, F. T. F. Johnson, of Maryland.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles H. Young, of Rhode Island, 189 Clarence St., Providence, R. I.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Henry Bender, of New Jersey, 52 Liberty Place, Weehawken, N. J.

Council-in-Chief, Charles B. Martin, Parsons, Kansas; William M. Anderson, 68 S. Fourth St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; William F. Chambers, 519 Main St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

III. The following staff appointments are announced:

National Counselor, Herbert S. Siggelko, Madison, Wis.

National Chaplain, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, Millers Falls, Mass.

National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. Edward H. Brewster, Auburn, Me.

Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief, Edward K. DePuy, Division of Customs, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, is hereby reappointed National Press Correspondent, to have charge of publicity matters, as per action of the Thirty-fifth Encampment held at Kansas City. His address is 1652 Hobart Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

IV. Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois, is reappointed as a member of the Committee on Military Affairs for a period of five years.

V. The following elective officers continue in office for the remainder of their unexpired terms:

National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.

National Treasurer, J. Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa.

Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.

VI. The Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief are established at McGill Building, 908-914 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., to which address personal correspondence with the Commander-in-Chief should be sent.

VII. All general correspondence must be addressed to Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary, Reading, Pa. All remittances for charter fees, per capita tax and supplies must be sent to the National Secretary. Checks and money orders must be drawn in favor of Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary. The per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief is six cents per quarter.

Supplies, forms, etc., must be procured by Camps from the respective Divisions, upon proper requisition blanks. Division Commanders will see that an adequate supply is kept on hand to honor requisitions as received.

VIII. All Division Commanders are hereby directed to promptly forward to each and every Camp in their respective Divisions Forms 27 and 28 (reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers) for the quarter ending September 30, 1917. These forms, properly filled out, must be forwarded by every Camp to Division Headquarters immediately after the close of the quarter, together with the per capita tax on each and every member in good standing, as required by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Camp Commanders are held responsible that these reports are forwarded without delay, and Division Commanders are likewise responsible that the consolidated reports are promptly forwarded to the National Secretary.

Division Commanders will also send out Form 50 (Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report) in ample time. This report must be forwarded to the Division Patriotic Instructor immediately after December 31, 1917.

IX. All dispensations heretofore issued are hereby revoked, and returns must be made thereon within 20 days from this date.

X. All Special Aides heretofore commissioned are hereby relieved from duty. They are no longer entitled to wear the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon or exercise the duties of such office. Aides will be appointed for such service as may appear desirable. The Commander-in-Chief will be glad to receive recommendations to this end from Division Commanders.

XI. The attention of the members of the Order is called to the action of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment in designating November 19th of each year as "Veterans' Night." Camps are enjoined to fittingly observe that date—the anniversary of the day that the immortal Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. Camp Patriotic Instructors should arrange exercises befitting the occasion, to which the members of the Grand Army of the Republic should be invited and treated as honored guests. Camps are urged to see that on that date the faded and worn out flags on veterans' graves are replaced, as far as possible.

XII. A resume of the proceedings of the Encampment at Boston is published elsewhere in this issue of The Banner. Members will govern themselves accordingly.

XIII. Charters have been issued to the following Camps, instituted since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
April 10	24	Santa Monica, Calif. & Pacific	16
July 17	67	Windsor, Vermont	28
June 7	39	Ghent, Ohio	30

Applications have been approved for charters for new Camps since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Appl.
Aug. 10	30	Ghent, Ohio	30
Aug. 13		Iowa Falls, Iowa	52

By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. X.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.
Washington, D. C., Oct. 1, 1917.

General Orders No. 10,
Series of 1917.

I. All Camp Commanders will forward immediately to their respective Division Headquarters, Quarterly Reports for the quarter ending September 30th, on Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers Reports—together with the per capita tax. Division Commanders will give this matter their personal attention, and see that prompt returns from all Camps are made.

II. DIVISION REPORTS: Division Commanders will give special attention to the matter of making PROMPT RETURNS to the National Secretary, on Forms 37 and 38, of Division Secretaries' and Division Treasurers. Reports together with the amount of per capita tax due thereon for the quarter ending September 30th. All Division Commanders, their Secretaries and Treasurers have been notified, and it is expected that they will comply with this request PROMPTLY.

III. Delay in transmission and delivery of supplies is experienced owing to the congestion in transportation throughout the country. To be prepared with supplies during the busy and active period, Division officers ARE URGED to forward their REQUISITIONS NOW for such supplies as they may need during the next three or four months, rather than delay and have shipments made during the holiday season, when conditions will assume more troublesome features than even now. DO NOT WAIT until your stock of supplies is exhausted.

Camps should order at once all supplies from Division Headquarters on Form 1, in order to avoid delays.

IV. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS: Division Commanders are hereby directed to forward to each Camp in their respective Divisions Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report blanks. This must be done at once, and the Camp Commanders notified that they MUST see that these Reports are properly made and PROMPTLY forwarded to their respective Division Headquarters immediately after December 31, 1917.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL

Division	In Good Standing June 30, 1917.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate.	
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.						
			Camps	Members			Camps	Members					Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee...	11	200	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	11	
California and Pacific.....	15	514	1	22	...	...	...	1	22	16	
Colorado and Wyoming...	7	199	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	
Connecticut	41	2529	...	16	1	...	2	...	19	41	2	
Illinois	71	3001	...	27	...	...	...	...	27	71	3
Indiana	29	1119	...	40	...	...	...	...	40	29	1
Iowa	21	635	1	21	...	...	29	1	50	22	
Kansas	49	1619	...	32	...	...	...	...	32	49	1
Kentucky ...	7	131	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	
Maine	51	2431	...	15	1	...	15	...	31	51	2	
Maryland	21	688	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	21	
Massachusetts ...	161	7801	...	82	3	...	...	...	85	161	7
Michigan	34	1265	...	...	15	...	...	...	15	34	1
Minnesota	21	693	1	29	...	...	4	1	33	22	
Missouri	21	788	...	10	...	...	11	...	21	21	
Montana and Idaho.....	9	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	
Nebraska	12	288	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
New Hampshire	37	1267	...	10	1	...	3	...	14	37	1	
New Jersey	40	1972	...	11	...	...	1	...	12	40	1
New York	154	6621	...	161	4	1	22	1	187	155	6	
Ohio ...	111	5366	1	110	4	...	...	1	114	112	5
Pennsylvania	227	14846	...	121	27	...	...	...	148	227	14
Rhode Island	16	570	...	4	...	...	2	...	6	16	
Vermont	34	1037	1	46	1	...	4	1	51	35	1	
Washington and Oregon...	10	280	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Wisconsin	64	1821	1	36	...	...	3	1	39	65	1
Total	1274	57824	6	796	57	1	96	7	949	1281	58	

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1917.

Division	In Good Standing June 30, 1917.		GAIN						LOSS										In Good Standing September 30, 1917.		Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash in Division Treasuries.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treasuries.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved, and Families.										
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.		Aggregate.		By Disbanded.		By Death.		Honorable Discharge										By Transfer.		By Dropped.		Total Loss.				
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Veterans					
Alabama and Tennessee...	11	200	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	11	202	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	22	11	180	\$	11.18	\$	5.00	\$	60.00	\$	...	...
California and Pacific....	15	514	1	22	...	...	...	1	22	16	536	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	19	...	20	16	516	...	32.29	...	61.31	...	30.29	...	7.25	...
Colorado and Wyoming...	7	199	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	199	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	199	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Connecticut	41	2529	...	16	1	...	2	19	41	2548	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	37	...	47	41	2501	...	153.10	...	226.32	...	3208.04	...	52.25	...
Illinois	71	3001	...	27	...	...	...	27	71	3028	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	88	...	90	71	2938	...	181.41	...	470.07	...	...	...	...	...
Indiana	29	1119	...	40	...	...	...	40	29	1159	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	96	2	97	27	1062	...	71.32	...	572.54	...	1806.80	...	...	...
Iowa	21	635	1	21	...	...	29	1	50	22	685	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	20	49	1631	...	103.94	...	418.01	...	643.99	...	3.00	...
Kansas	49	1619	...	32	...	...	...	32	49	1651	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	20	49	1631	...	103.94	...	418.01	...	643.99	...	3.00	...
Kentucky ...	7	131	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	131	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	6	116	...	6.96	...	10.32	...	353.09	...	31.00	3	...
Maine	51	2431	...	15	1	...	15	31	51	2462	...	...	...	5	2	2	1	53	1	62	50	2400	...	147.75	...	101.54	...	838.59	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	21	688	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	689	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	73	3	74	18	615	...	37.09	...	292.52	...	1754.54	...	52.50	...	...	...
Massachusetts ...	161	7801	...	82	3	...	...	85	161	7886	...	...	...	16	9	6	...	83	...	114	161	7772	...	481.90	...	647.90	...	12678.50	...	302.65	3	8	...
Michigan	34	1265	...	15	15	34	1280	11	11	34	1269	...	76.14	...	291.98	...	544.00	...	578.29	
Minnesota	21	693	1	29	...	...	4	1	33	22	726	...	...	2	2	...	2	81	2	85	20	641	...	37.72	...	390.79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	21	788	...	10	11	...	21	809	1	38	2	1	27	1	68	20	741	...	46.11	...	135.37	...	231.19	
Montana and Idaho.....	9	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	143	...	10.58	...	2.27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska	12	288	12	288	
New Hampshire	37	1267	...	10	1	...	3	...	14	37	1281	1	17	...	18	37	1263	...	77.74	...	167.82	...	955.86	...	8.15	1	1	
New Jersey	40	1972	...	11	1	...	12	40	1984	2	33	6	2	1	34	2	76	38	1908	...	116.57	...	214.20	...	5292.76	...	430.40	5	...	
New York	154	6621	...	161	4	1	22	1	187	155	6808	10	2	...	5	223	5	235	150	6523	...	426.77	...	394.65	...	7195.93	...	196.09	15	14	
Ohio	111	5366	1	110	4	1	114	112	5480	6	1	261	...	268	112	5212	...	326.18	...	377.51	...	1618.42	3	2	
Pennsylvania	227	14846	...	121	27	148	227	14994	10	97	12	2	1	8	...	10	16	566	...	35.10	...	203.09	...	425.97	...	16.00	1	...	
Rhode Island	16	570	...	4	2	...	6	16	576	1	1	
Vermont	34	1037	1	46	1	...	4	1	61	35	1088	2	15	...	15	10	265	...	15.90	
Washington and Oregon...	10	280	10	280
Wisconsin	64	1821	1	36	3	1	39	65	1860	1	3	2	45	...	51	65	1809	...	115.22	...	42.59	...	470.70	126	33	
Total	1274	57824	6	796	57	1	96	7	949	1281	58773	14	183	70	32	26	15	1817	36	2327	1245	56446	\$3519.37	\$5655.54	\$74344.42	\$8821.39	126	33							

These blanks are furnished to the Camps by the Divisions. Divisions not having these blanks on hand will order the same at once from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½.

Division Patriotic Instructor's Report blanks—Form 51—must be procured from the National Secretary, and furnished by Divisions to their Division Patriotic Instructors so that they may render their Reports to the National Patriotic Instructor without delay. Let both Camps and Divisions BE PROMPT in this matter.

V. REMEMBER that PROMPTNESS prevents annoyance and saves labor. BE PROMPT.

VI. Requests for Ancestors' records: Division Commanders are hereby required to forward DIRECT to the Commander-in-Chief, McGill Building, Washington, D. C., all requests for Ancestors' records which MUST be on Form 16. Compliance with this requirement will save labor, and ensure prompt reports.

Attention is called to the fact that in all requests for Ancestors' records, the name or number of the Regiment and the STATE to which it belongs, or the Vessel or Ship, in or on which Ancestors served MUST BE STATED, otherwise the Government Departments will pay no attention to the request. Please remember this.

VII. It is earnestly suggested that all members wear the buttonhole decoration of the Order. This will show that you are a member of the Order and are proud of the fact; it will also call to the attention of others that there is an Order of Sons of Veterans, and this latter will be of great value to us as an organization. Be sure that your buttonhole decoration is on the lapel of your coat.

That all members may be promptly supplied with these buttons, Camps should at once order them from Division Headquarters on requisition Form 1. Divisions should order them from the National Secretary on requisition Form 1½, and should always have a stock on hand sufficient to supply the requirements of all Camps.

VIII. ROSTERS: Commandery-in-Chief rosters have been issued to all Divisions. Division Commanders will supply one to each Division officer.

IX. BONDS: Bonds of National officers have been duly filed with the proper officials.

X. At the 36th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Boston, Mass., August 22-23, 1917, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations was amended by the repeal of Secs. 1 to 6, both inclusive (constituting the entire chapter on Discipline), Art. XXIV, Chapter VI, page 76-80, and the substitution in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE XXIV.

DISCIPLINE

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall have jurisdiction over charges preferred against Members, Camps, or Divisions of the Order.

Sec. 2. Charges against the Commander-in-Chief shall be made to the Council-in-Chief, who shall act upon the same, subject to an appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Sec. 3. Charges may be preferred for violation of obligation, or the committing of any act tending to injure a Veteran, a Brother, or the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Sec. 4. Charges shall be made in writing, and addressed to the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 5. The Commander-in-Chief may, if circumstances warrant, summarily discipline a member, Camp or Division; and in the event of such action he shall appoint within ten days thereafter a Trial Commissioner to take testimony and make such recommendations as he may deem proper; or he may, without action, appoint such commissioner, who shall proceed as set forth in the following sections:

Sec. 6. When a Trial Commissioner is appointed, upon receipt of charges, he shall give at least ten (10) days notice to the prosecutor and accused by registered mail, and shall state in such notice time and place for hearing. He shall have the power to postpone hearing, or continue same, and shall be empowered to subpoena witnesses.

Sec. 7. The Commissioner shall impartially try to secure all the facts at issue, and when report is complete shall furnish a copy to both the interested parties, who shall then have ten (10) days time to make objections to his report to the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 8. Upon receipt of Commissioner's report, the Commander-in-Chief may order a re-hearing by the same Commissioner, or he may dismiss the charges; or inflict punishment, subject, however, to an appeal by either party interested to the Commandery Encampment, which may by majority vote of those in Encampment Session approve the act of the Commander-in-Chief; or they may dismiss the charges; reduce, or increase the sentence, or order a new hearing.

Sec. 9. No Counsel will be allowed at hearing before Commissioner.

Sec. 10. Where an appeal is taken to the Commandery Encampment, the prosecutor or accused, if brothers, or if not, any brother authorized by either party can appear before a committee, or the Encampment, or both, to represent the parties interested.

Sec. 11. Commissioners may employ a stenographer, and the expense of the trial shall be borne by the Camp of which convicted party is, or was, a member, or by the Division in which convicted Camp is a part; or be paid from the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief. The Camp or the Division shall have power to collect such expense from the guilty member or Camp.

Sec. 12. Sentence may be reprimand, fine, suspension from rights and privileges for a given time, or it may be expulsion. Fines shall be paid to such member, Camp, or Division as the Commander-in-Chief may direct.

Sec. 13. Commissioner shall first call on prosecutor to present evidence, after which the defense shall present its case. He alone shall have power to question witnesses, and must be obeyed and respected at all times.

This amendment became effective immediately upon its enactment, August 23, 1917. Camp and Division Commanders will govern themselves accordingly.

XI. The following proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, having been approved by the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, passed their first reading and were referred for further action to the 37th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

Substitute for Sec. 3, ARTICLE V, CHAPTER III, the following:

"Sec. 3. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Division Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the Camp in attendance at the encampment. The Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies."

Add the following paragraph to Sec. 4, ARTICLE I, CHAPTER II:

"Camps having been dropped for three quarters or less may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee to be determined by the Division and may retain their original charter."

Add the following paragraph to Sec. 2, ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER III:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped three quarters or less."

The foregoing proposed Amendments have not been enacted into law, and are, therefore, no part of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. They are still MERELY PROPOSED amendments.

XII. The following Past Rank and Past Honors as Past Camp Commanders were restored at the 36th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and Division and Camp Commanders will have record thereof made on their Division and Camp records as of August 23, 1917:

Division of Connecticut: J. Frank North, Camp No. 25.

Division of New York: John J. Hare, Camp No. 19.

Division of California and Pacific: F. R. McGregor, Camp No. 2.

Division of Massachusetts: Preston H. Sterrett, Camp No. 65; Albert E. Borden, Camp No. 150; Arthur C. Drew, Camp No. 150; Arthur W. Forbes, Camp No. 150; William E. Jennings, Camp No. 150; Joseph W. Webster, Camp No. 150.

Division of Maine: Charles C. Coburn, Camp No. 20; Lewis T. Harriman, Camp No. 19.

XIII. For obtaining five new members during a single quarter, the following brothers have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Alfred J. Clark, Camp 39, Pennsylvania.

A. R. Lewis, Camp 344, Ohio.

XIV. The attention of all Camps is again called to the observance of Veterans' Night, November 19th. The observance of this Veterans' Night will tend to bring the Veterans and the members of our Order together, provide a pleasant evening, and be a benefit to the Camp. Suitable exercises should be arranged and all Veterans and members urged to attend.

XV. Many of the Divisions are well into their winter's work, and it is hoped that the remainder will have started before this Order is published. We must work, brothers, for an increase in membership, to the end that our Order may exercise its rightful influence among the patriotic associations of the country. In order that we may assume this position let us work. System and team work bring results—results that count. Earnestness and persistency also count. Let us get busy and get new members, and new Camps.

XVI. Death Benefit Association: This society has so frequently been called to the attention of the membership, and its objects and purposes are so well known, that further reference thereto would be unnecessary, if it were not for the excellent and valuable features all can avail themselves of by joining it. In a number of Divisions, Camps have found that by joining this association they experience very much less trouble in keeping their members in good standing than they had before affiliating with it. The experience of those Camps that have joined the association would seem to be worthy the consideration of those that have not. Particulars and information relating thereto may be had from William R. McGirr, Secretary, 2628 West Somerset St., Philadelphia, Pa.

XVII. Let every brother start the new Quarter with the DETERMINATION to do something for the BENEFIT of his Camp. Make the meetings of your Camp interesting, and you will have good attendance. Get a NEW member, and see your Camp grow. Experience the satisfaction of being a member of a good, strong Camp, rather than of a weak one; the satisfaction of having your Camp looked up to by the other Camps of your Division—this is worth while. Try it.

XVIII. Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Aug. 27	29	Philips, Wisconsin	16
Sept. 4	4	Yankton, S. Dakota, Minnesota	25
Sept. 10		Tacoma, Wash., Wash. and Orc.	33
Sept. 28	39	Perry, New York	24

Camps instituted and charters issued thereto were:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Aug. 21 1916	4	Yankton, S. Dak., Minn.	25
Sept. 30	29	Philips, Wisconsin	16

STATEMENT NO. 1.

XIX. Report of the National Secretary, for months of August-September, 1917, inc.:

RECEIPTS		
Aug. 23, 1917, to balance.....		\$1652.04
Received for charter fees.....	\$ 10.00	
Supplies	203.02	
Junior Order—Supplies.....	4.13	
Total receipts		\$ 217.15
		<hr/> \$1869.19

EXPENDITURES

By general expenses.....	\$969.25
Office expenses	150.05
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	11.62
Total expenditures	<u>\$1130.92</u>
Balance, Sept. 30, 1917.....	\$ 738.27

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For stock	\$ 6.00
The Banner, September, 1917, subscription.....	852.46
Printing	25.50
Reserve	50.29
Bonds	35.00
	<u>\$ 969.25</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES

For stationery, National Officers.....	\$ 37.55
Rent, October-December, 1917, inc.....	112.50
	<u>\$ 150.05</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES

For postage, telegrams, office, express.....	\$ 11.62
	<u>\$ 11.62</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$1130.92</u>
Balance, Sept. 30, 1917.....	\$ 738.27

By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XI.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 1, 1917.

General Orders No. 11,
Series of 1917.

I. Copies of the new law on DISCIPLINE have been furnished all Division Headquarters for distribution to the Camps. Each Camp Commander is entitled to and should receive one, and paste it in his copy of the Constitution and Laws, under Article 24, Chapter 6, page 76, for the benefit and reference of his Camp. Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries will be governed accordingly.

II. The attention of Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers is directed to the use of FORMS 9, 10, 12 and 14.

These Forms are prescribed by the Laws of the Order, and **MUST BE USED**. The use of any other than these IS **FORBIDDEN**. It is hoped that it will not be necessary to again call the attention of Camp Commanders to this matter. These Forms may be obtained from Division Headquarters on Requisition Form 1.

III. Form "B" (Treasurer's receipts for Camp dues, etc.) **MUST** be used by Camp Treasurers, as it carries an order for the password and countersign. The use of any receipt as a substitute for Form "B" is **FORBIDDEN**. This Form may be obtained from Division Headquarters.

IV. Form "C" **MUST** be used by all Camps. It is an order drawn by the Secretary and approved by the Camp Commander, for disbursement of funds by the Camp Treasurer. It is designed to assist Camp officers in keeping their accounts correctly. Camp Commanders will see that this order is complied with. This voucher is to be obtained from Division Headquarters on Form 1.

V. Do not forget **VETERANS' NIGHT**, November 19th. Get out your full membership, have an interesting program, and invite the members of the **GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC** to be present; make a special effort to secure the attendance of all the Comrades in your neighborhood. Remember this is your **DUTY**—it should be a pleasure. Act **PROMPTLY** and make your celebration a success.

VI. **ATTENTION**. Brothers securing five or more **NEW MEMBERS** during any quarter will, upon recommendation of the Division Commander, be designated an Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and be privileged to wear the Ribbon of the Commandery-in-Chief on the membership badge. Do you wish this privilege? If so, get to **WORK**.

VII. Camp Commanders should impress upon the members of their Camps the necessity of securing **NEW** members, and should assist and encourage them in this work. A Commander who is earnest and active will have the enthusiastic assistance of the membership in the building up of his Camp, and he will have a good strong, active Camp! If on the other hand he is careless and indifferent, the members will grow disheartened and lose interest, and the Camp will become "a dead one." Commander be **EARNEST** and **ACTIVE** and the membership of your Camp will follow you, and you will have the **HONOR** of commanding a Camp "worth-while."

VIII. It is of the **FIRST IMPORTANCE** that the affairs of the Camp should be so conducted that all **NEW** members will be **FAVORABLY IMPRESSED**. Remember that a **NEW** member who is favorably impressed with the character and conduct of the meeting will attend regularly and become an enthusiastic member—if not favorably impressed his first meeting will **PROBABLY** be his last. Make your meetings interesting and sociable and you will bring out your old members, and **HOLD** the interest of the **NEW** ones. If this is done you will soon have a good Camp, and its influence will be felt in the community.

IX. It is the **DUTY** of every member of this Order to lend his every effort to the **CARRYING OUT** of the **SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES**: Increase in the production of food stuffs—conservation of foods—the elim-

ination of all waste—the discountenancing, and reporting of all acts tending to embarrass the Government in its plans for preparedness—the reporting of plots or conspiracies—the reporting of suspicious or treasonable actions of those believed to be disloyal to the Government, as well as the reporting of sedition, etc. In fact, it is OUR DUTY to strive in every possible way to encourage and support the Officers of the United States in their efforts to conserve the interests of the Country, and to win the War. Camps should discuss these matters, and devise plans to assist the Government in their respective communities. Patriotism dictates that we do this, and we can best show our patriotism by doing it. LET US DO IT.

X. Pursuant to the action of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has affiliated with the National Committee of Patriotic and Defense Societies. The several Division Headquarters have been placed upon the mailing list of this Association, and will receive the literature on public and patriotic subjects issued by it. As this literature contains many valuable suggestions as to what to do, and what not to do, in order to be of assistance to the Government, and also much valuable information as to what the Government has accomplished in war work, Division Commanders will see that such literature reaches the various Camps of their Divisions. The Headquarters of this Committee is located at 933 Southern Building, Washington, D. C., and will, upon request, forward an additional supply of such literature. It is suggested that Divisions and Camps avail themselves of this privilege.

XI. As the time for the election of Camp Officers draws near, the question as to who shall fill the offices should be given very CAREFUL consideration. You use great care in the selection of a person for a position of trust in your business—you consider his ability, his activity, etc.—his qualifications for the position. You do this because you consider it NECESSARY to the welfare of your business. Why not use the same care in the selection of your Camp Officers? They are, at least, as necessary to the welfare of the Camp, as is the trusted employe to that of your business. Haphazard selections are unprofitable, and unwise. Use care in the selection of your Camp Officers, and when you have elected them, give them your hearty and enthusiastic support—encourage them—advise with them—and help them in every way possible to carry out the work of the Camp. This is the way strong, healthy and harmonious Camps are created and maintained. The officers of Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer are the MOST IMPORTANT positions in the Camp, and upon the ability, enthusiasm, energy and faithfulness of those chosen to fill these positions will depend the growth and welfare of your Camp. Weigh well your candidates BEFORE you elect. Remember, before it is too late, that the activities and usefulness of your Camp are at STAKE for a whole year.

XII. Camp Treasurers who attend strictly to their duties are rarely called upon to report members who may be in arrears for dues. Select a Camp Treasurer who will attend strictly to his business. If, for any good reason, a member gets in arrears for dues, every expedient should be exhausted to get him to pay up. Do not drop him without giving him a good chance. Your Camp will grow if this rule is followed, even if you get

but one member a year. **DON'T DROP YOUR MEMBERS**, go after them and they will pay their dues.

XMI. It is suggested that Camps having members who have joined the Military or Naval forces, carry such members during their terms of service—**DO NOT DROP THEM**. Remember that they are fighting for our country, and in so doing they are **HONORING** your Camp.

XIV. There should be a Camp as an Auxiliary to every Post of the **GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**. Each Post needs a Camp to assist it on Memorial Day, as well as on other occasions—the smaller the Post, the greater is its need for a Camp. Division Commanders should make every effort to supply these needs. Do not delay, but get to work at once, and supply Camps to Posts that need them. This work is, of necessity, one of the objects for which we are organized. Commanders, **DO YOUR DUTY**.

XV. Division Commanders are requested to send to the Commander-in-Chief, and to the National Secretary, copies of their Division Orders; also copies of their Division Rosters.

XVI. Division Commanders are directed to procure Form 33 from the National Secretary, using Form 1½. Form 33 is the Camp Commander's Commission. Every Camp Commander **MUST** receive a Commission immediately after he has been installed. This **IS IMPERATIVE**.

XVII. Installation reports are required to be made on Form 22. Division Commanders are directed to order these Forms at once from the National Secretary on Form 1½. These blanks must be furnished to the Installing Officers for the Camps.

XVIII. The semi-annual password and countersign for the term January-July, 1918, will be sent promptly to all Divisions forwarding reports and per capita tax for the Quarter ending September 30th. These reports **MUST** be in the hands of the National Secretary on or before November 10th.

XIX. Form 45 **MUST** be used by Division Commanders in transmitting the password and countersign to Camps. This Form may be obtained from the National Secretary by use of Form 1½. The password and countersign will be transmitted **ONLY** to Camps forwarding Secretaries and Treasurers reports accompanied by the proper per capita tax for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1917. Division Commanders will see that this order is complied with.

XX. Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Reports—should be promptly forwarded by Division Headquarters to all Camp Patriotic Instructors. Camp Patriotic Instructors should compile their reports immediately on receipt of Form 50, and **FORWARD** the same on or before January 1, 1918, to the Division Patriotic Instructor. Camp Commanders will see that this instruction is complied with. Form 50 **MUST** be issued by Divisions. Divisions not supplied with these reports **MUST** secure **IMMEDIATELY** an adequate supply from the National Secretary, using Form 1½ for the purpose.

XXI. The following Aides have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

Frank McCrillis, Portland, Oregon.

Frank J. Clinton, Providence, R. I.

Chas. A. Davenport, Pawtucket, R. I.

XXII. Camp No. 85, Iowa Falls, Division of Iowa, was instituted September 7th, with 24 charter members and charter has been issued to said Camp.

XXIII. Reports of the organization of other Camps are due and it is requested that same be forwarded at once so that such Camps can receive their charters.

STATEMENT No. 2.

XXIV. Report of the National Secretary for month of October, 1917:

RECEIPTS

Sept. 30, 1917, to balance.....	\$738.27
Received for supplies.....	\$ 69.46
Total receipts	69.46
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	\$807.73

EXPENDITURES

By general expenses.....	\$747.19
Office expenses	14.75
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	26.16
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Total expenditures	\$788.10
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Balance, Oct. 31, 1917.....	\$ 19.63

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 9.00
The Banner, subscription, October, 1917, \$852.54	
(on account)	700.00
Printing	22.31
Reserve (Military Department).....	15.88
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	\$747.19

OFFICE EXPENSES

For stationery	\$ 14.75
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES

For postage, traveling, office, express.....	\$ 26.16
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Total expenditures	\$788.10
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Balance, Oct. 31, 1917.....	\$ 19.63
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By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XII.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 1, 1917.

General Orders No. 12,
Series of 1917.

I. The Commander-in-Chief extends to the members of the Order the Season's Greetings, with the wish that the coming year may be one of pleasure and prosperity to all.

II. Form 22, Camp Installing Officer's Report, Forms 27 and 28, Camp Secretaries, and Camp Treasurers Reports, and Form 50, Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report are furnished to Camps by their Division Headquarters. Camp Officers who have not received these Forms, will immediately call on their Division Headquarters for same.

III. Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers must make out their Reports on Forms 27 and 28, respectively, on the last meeting night of their Camps in December. These reports and per capita tax for the Quarter ending December 31, 1917, MUST be forwarded to Division Headquarters PROMPTLY. Camp Commanders are directed to see that this order is complied with.

IV. Camp Patriotic Instructors will forward their Reports on Form 50 to the Division Patriotic Instructor on or before December 31, 1917. Camp Commanders are required to see that this order is complied with.

V. Camp Officers will not be installed until AFTER the Camp Secretary's and Camp Treasurer's Reports and per capita tax for the Quarter ending December 31, 1917, have been forwarded to and received by Division Headquarters, or are placed in the hands of the Installing Officer. The Installing Officer will see that this order is complied with BEFORE installing Camp Officers.

VI. Form 22, Camp Installing Officer's Report, MUST be forwarded to Division Headquarters IMMEDIATELY after the meeting at which the Camp Officers are installed. Camp Commanders will give this their attention.

VII. Upon the receipt of the Installing Officer's Report at Division Headquarters, the Division Commander will issue the proper Commissions (Form 33), and PROMPTLY forward them to the Officers entitled thereto.

VIII. Camps desiring to hold open or public meetings for the installation of their officers, are granted permission to do so, and the Division Commanders are hereby authorized to issue a Dispensation for this purpose. To Camps availing themselves of this authority, it is suggested that the members of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, and those of ALL of the allied societies, as well as the general public, be invited, and that the occasion be made one of pleasure to the guests, and of benefit to the Camp.

IX. Every Camp should present its retiring Camp Commander with the Past Camp Commander's Cross or Badge. This should be a feature of the installation ceremonies, and its be-

stowal at this time will be a pleasure to him, and his friends. Do not forget this.

X. The following have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Dr. C. B. Lyman, Camp 26, Illinois.

O. R. McMillan, Camp 48, Indiana.

Rollo Pickell, Camp 48, Indiana.

Monroe Williams, Camp 161, Massachusetts.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

XI. National Press Correspondent Speelman has written each Division Commander requesting that he be furnished information as to Division activities, etc., for publication in the National Tribune, the official organ of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, and it is earnestly hoped that the Division Commanders will give him their hearty co-operation in this matter.

XII. The laws of the Order provide for certain supplies for the use of the Camps, and that these supplies shall be obtained from Division Headquarters. Division Headquarters are required to obtain their supplies, both for their own use and for the use of the Camps, from the National Secretary. The attention of Division Commanders is called to this matter, and it is hoped that it will not be necessary to again refer to it.

XIII. The ATTENTION of ALL Officers, Past Officers, and members of the Order is directed to the APPEAL of the Commander-in-Chief appearing in the present issue of The Banner. A survey of the general condition of the Order at this time SHOWS the NECESSITY for an appeal of this character, and it is earnestly REQUESTED that ALL give it THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION, and that SOMETHING will be DONE to AROUSE that INTEREST which all patriotic societies need and SHOULD HAVE at a time when THEIR SERVICES are really NEEDED by the Country.

XIV. It is desired that every Camp Commander will forward immediately to the Commander-in-Chief the NAME and ADDRESS of the member who has been elected to succeed him as Camp Commander. PROMPT compliance with this request is asked.

XV. Applications have been approved for new Camps since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Nov. 1	202	Plymouth, Pennsylvania	23
Nov. 22	55	Seward, Nebraska	60

Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Oct. 19	7	Tacoma, Wash. (Wash and Ore.)	33
Oct. 25	39	Perry, New York	21
Nov. 2	202	Plymouth, Pennsylvania	20

XVI. Following Camps, Dropped and Disbanded, will be noted accordingly. Their charters have been revoked:

Division of Indiana. Dropped: Camp No. 8, Huntington, 40 members; Camp No. 132, Loogootee, 39 members.

Division of Kentucky. Disbanded: Camp No. 24, Paducah, 15 members.

Division of Maine. Dropped: Camp No. 96, Clinton, 10 members.

Division of Maryland. Dropped: Camp No. 31, North East, Maryland, 16 members; Camp No. 10, Sisterville, W. Va., 17 members; Camp No. 11, Elkins, W. Va., 16 members.

Division of Minnesota. Dropped: Camp No. 1, Grand Forks, N. D., 29 members; Camp No. 3, Tower City, N. D., 22 members.

Division of Missouri. Disbanded: Camp No. 28, Hannibal, 38 members.

Division of Nebraska. Dropped: Camp No. 11, Grand Island, 31 members; Camp No. 112, Lexington, 37 members.

Division of New Jersey. Dropped: Camp No. 27, Burlington, 16 members; Camp No. 39, Bridgeton, 17 members.

Division of New York. Dropped: Camp No. 48, Pike, 14 members; Camp No. 99, Wappinger's Falls, 31 members; Camp No. 148, Highland, 15 members; Camp No. 172, Trumansburg, 14 members; Camp No. 179, Moscow, 11 members.

Division of Pennsylvania. Disbanded: Camp No. 70, Portersville, 10 members; Camp No. 111, Conneaut Lake, 14 members; Camp No. 119, Newport, 10 members; Camp No. 141, Dillsburg, 10 members; Camp No. 144, New Kensington, 10 members; Camp No. 147, Spartansburg, 10 members; Camp No. 153, Saxonsburg, 8 members; Camp No. 155, Apollo, 5 members; Camp No. 171, Petrolia, 10 members; Camp No. 187, Sligo, 10 members.

STATEMENT No. 3.

XVIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1917:

RECEIPTS

October 31, 1917, to balance.....	\$ 19.63
Received for per capita tax.....	\$3519.37
Charter fees	5.00
Supplies	163.94

Total receipts	<u>\$3688.31</u>
	\$3707.94

EXPENDITURES

By general expenses.....	\$1660.87
Office expenses	27.80
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	35.79

Total expenditures	<u>\$1724.46</u>
Balance, Nov. 30, 1917.....	\$1983.48

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For balance due subscription October, 1917,
(\$152.54) and November, 1917, subscrip-
tion, The Banner.....\$1007.66

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Division.	In Good Standing September 30, 1917.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate.		Camps
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.							
			Camps	Members		Camps	Members						
Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	
Alabama and Tennessee...	11	180	...	3	...	...	...	3	11	183	...	...
California and Pacific...	16	516	...	18	...	...	3	...	21	16	537	...	...
Colorado and Wyoming...	8	214	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	214	...	...
Connecticut ...	41	2501	...	27	...	...	...	...	27	41	2528	...	...
Illinois ...	71	2938	...	20	...	...	15	...	35	71	2973	...	...
Indiana ...	27	1062	...	18	...	...	3	...	21	27	1083	...	...
Iowa ...	22	685	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	22	687	...	...
Kansas ...	49	1631	2	80	...	...	...	2	80	51	1711	...	...
Kentucky ...	6	116	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	116	...	...
Maine ...	50	2400	...	32	3	...	1	...	36	50	2436	...	...
Maryland ...	18	615	...	3	...	...	2	...	5	18	620	...	...
Massachusetts ...	161	7772	...	98	6	...	...	...	104	161	7876	...	...
Michigan ...	34	1269	...	...	16	...	...	...	16	34	1285	...	...
Minnesota ...	20	641	...	13	...	...	...	...	13	20	654	...	...
Missouri ...	20	741	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	20	746	...	...
Montana and Idaho ...	9	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	143	...	...
Nebraska ...	10	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	200	...	...
New Hampshire ...	37	1263	...	9	2	...	...	...	11	37	1274	...	1
New Jersey ...	38	1908	...	15	...	...	3	...	18	38	1926	...	2
New York ...	150	6573	1	150	4	2	97	3	251	153	6824	...	...
Ohio ...	112	5212	...	81	59	...	...	...	110	112	5322	...	5
Pennsylvania ...	217	14366	1	215	69	...	...	1	284	218	14650	...	3
Rhode Island ...	16	566	...	4	1	...	...	...	5	16	571	...	...
Vermont ...	35	1069	2	76	...	...	...	2	76	37	1145	...	...
Washington and Oregon.	10	265	2	116	...	...	...	2	116	12	381	...	...
Wisconsin ...	65	1809	...	11	...	...	10	...	21	65	1830	...	...
Total	1253	56655	8	966	160	2	134	10	1260	1263	57915	16	...

* No actual loss—Correction of previous error.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY, QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

Division.	In Good Standing September 30, 1917.		GAIN						LOSS										In Good Standing December 31, 1917.		Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash in Division Treasuries.	Cash in Camp Treasuries.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved, and Families.						
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Total Gain.	Aggregate.	Camps	Members	By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.	By Dropped.					Camps	Members	Total Loss.	Camps	Members	Members	Veterans
Alabama and Tennessee...	11	180	...	3	3	11	183	2	...	2	11	181	\$ 11.43	\$ 5.00	\$ 90.00	
California and Pacific...	16	516	...	18	...	...	3	...	21	16	537	1	15	...	...	5	...	2	42	3	62	13	475	31.32	106.04	1.89	4.95	...	...
Colorado and Wyoming...	8	214	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	214	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	17	7	197	11.82	40.97	72.58	...	...	
Connecticut ...	41	2501	...	27	...	...	...	...	27	41	2528	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	...	67	...	73	41	2455	152.43	360.75	3075.24	106.75	...
Illinois	71	2938	...	20	...	...	15	...	35	71	2973	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	133	...	147	71	2826	173.36	310.63	...	...	...
Indiana	27	1062	...	18	3	...	21	27	1083	1	2	2	70	2	73	25	1010	64.02	617.97	1735.21	20.75	2	
Iowa	22	685	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	22	687	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	7	...	9	21	678	41.06	59.30	81.20	...	...
Kansas	49	1631	2	80	...	...	...	2	80	51	1711	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	...	76	51	1635	102.80	464.83	493.38	5.00	1
Kentucky	6	116	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	116	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	116	6.96	12.68	323.57	...	...
Maine	50	2400	...	32	3	...	1	...	36	50	2436	...	...	...	...	6	...	2	...	57	...	65	50	2371	148.34	144.70	1071.06	5.00	1
Maryland	18	615	...	3	...	...	2	...	5	18	620	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	58	2	60	16	560	34.17	352.55	2076.41	386.25	...
Massachusetts	161	7772	...	98	6	...	...	104	161	7876	...	...	...	13	32	10	...	...	116	...	171	161	7705	480.92	1213.30	12728.76	346.38	12	23
Michigan	34	1269	...	16	...	...	...	16	34	1285	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	...	88	34	1197	71.82	352.70	252.93	696.01	...	...
Minnesota	20	641	...	13	...	...	...	13	20	654	2	26	...	...	1	...	...	...	9	2	36	18	618	39.07	407.93	390.69	...	...	...
Missouri	20	741	...	5	5	20	746	2	1	1	17	...	21	20	725	44.45	195.82	314.90	
Montana and Idaho	9	143	9	143	9	143	8.58	3.69	
Nebraska	10	200	10	200	10	200	12.00	
New Hampshire	37	1263	...	9	2	...	...	11	37	1274	1	18	2	4	4	...	...	...	32	1	60	36	1214	74.55	248.43	881.93	...	...	...
New Jersey	38	1908	...	15	...	...	3	...	18	38	1926	2	39	2	...	...	...	...	54	2	95	36	1831	112.71	269.64	7007.31	20.00	2	...
New York	150	6573	1	150	4	2	97	3	251	153	6824	...	...	21	8	3	...	...	262	...	294	153	6530	428.37	856.53	6795.24	329.20	22	17
Ohio	112	5212	...	81	59	...	...	110	112	5322	5	50	9	4	3	...	...	...	202	5	268	107	5054	312.87	574.30	1352.52	30.28	...	...
Pennsylvania	217	14366	1	215	69	...	...	1	284	218	14650	3	50	18	1	2	...	...	385	3	456	215	14194	886.74	241.87	35443.59	6563.10	70	...
Rhode Island	16	566	...	4	1	...	...	...	5	16	571	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	23	...	28	16	543	32.96	240.34	408.94	9.40	2	...
Vermont	35	1069	2	76	...	...	...	2	76	37	1145	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	34	...	38	37	1107	67.86	394.85	398.89	...	3	...
Washington and Oregon.	10	265	2	116	2	116	12	381	1	40	...	41	12	340	13.44	167.30	
Wisconsin	65	1809	...	11	10	...	21	65	1830	1	1	1	...	28	...	31	65	1799	110.03	52.35	395.80	
Total	1253	56655	8	966	160	2	134	10	1260	1263	67915	15	213	88	87	29	7	1804	22	2211	1241	55704	\$3474.68	\$7854.88	\$75392.04	\$8523.02	112	43			

* No actual loss—Correction of previous error.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUNIOR ORDER.—Consolidated Returns for YEAR ending December 31, 1917.

Division.	In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1916.		Gain		Aggregate		Loss		In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1917.		Balance, Dec. 31, 1916	Amount Received from All Sources.	Amount Expended.	No Report
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members				
Colorado and Wyoming	1	20	...	...	1	20	...	...	...	91	\$ 2.00	...	...	No Report
Maine	3	102	...	...	3	102	...	...	3	91	\$ 12.77	...	...	\$ .....
Massachusetts	4	109	...	12	4	121	...	...	4	105	46.88	87.95	104.91	29.92
New Jersey	1	21	...	3	1	24	...	...	1	20	8.55	16.45	11.75	13.25
New York	1	15	...	...	1	16	...	...	...	...	4.30	...	...	No Report
Pennsylvania	8	326	...	...	8	326	...	...	8	316	401.53	...	82.92	338.61
Vermont	...	...	1	11	1	11	...	...	1	11	...	1.45	1.21	.24
Wisconsin	1	16	...	...	1	16	...	...	1	16	13.65	...	...	13.65
Total	19	609	1	26	20	635	...	41	18	559	\$489.68	\$105.85	\$180.79	\$395.67

Encampment—Printing, and promulgating Proceedings 36th (Boston, 1917) Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief		612.85
Printing		8.50
Reserve		22.86
Publicity Department		9.00
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OFFICE EXPENSES		\$1660.87
For stationery National Officers.....	\$	27.80
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES		
Postage, traveling, miscellaneous.....	\$	35.79
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Total expenditures		\$1724.46
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Balance, Nov. 30, 1917.....		\$1983.48

By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. I.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 1,
Series of 1918.

I. The password and countersign for the term beginning January 1, 1918, has been promulgated to all Divisions. Camps failing to receive same will report the fact to Division Headquarters. No Camp can receive the password and countersign until all reports, Forms 27 and 28 for the quarter ending December 31, 1917, and Form 50, Patriotic Instructor's report, have been received by the Division.

II. Camp Commanders are urged to see that their Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1917, are promptly forwarded to Division Headquarters. Prompt compliance with this request will save both the Division Secretary and the National Secretary an immense amount of work. Please be PROMPT.

III. Camp Patriotic Instructors who have failed to forward their reports (Form 50) to the Division Patriotic Instructors will do so immediately. It is the duty of the Camp Commanders to see that this order is complied with.

IV. Camp officers will not be installed until AFTER the Camp Secretary's and Camp Treasurer's reports and the per capita tax for the Quarter ending December 31, 1917, have been forwarded to and received by Division Headquarters, or are placed in the hands of the Installing Officer. The Installing Officer will see that this order is complied with BEFORE installing Camp officers, and he will PROMPTLY forward report to Division Headquarters.

V. Division Commanders will see that ALL Camp officers are duly installed during the month of January, and that Commissions are PROMPTLY issued to those entitled to receive them.

VI. The Encampment at Boston directed the National Officers to make a new contract with the publishers of The Banner commencing January 1, 1918, and this has been done. Under this contract it is necessary that a new mailing list be furnished to the publishers. Camp Commanders will see that the Camp Secretaries forward IMMEDIATELY a complete list showing each member in good standing on January 1, 1918, with present postoffice address. These lists must be in the hands of the Division Secretaries on or before February 1, 1918. Immediately upon receipt of these lists by the Division Secretaries they will promptly forward same to the publishers of The Banner. This is imperative, in order that every member shall receive his copy of the official organ. Division Commanders will see that this order is complied with.

VII. The attention of the members of the Order is called to the War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps now being issued by the Government of the United States. These Stamps are well within the reach of every member, and provide a means for small savings. They also will HELP WIN THE WAR. Full information furnished at any postoffice or bank.

VIII. The following have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Marion E. Rhodes, Camp 46, Missouri.

Elbert H. Loyd, Camp 17, Missouri.

William H. Forbes, Camp 166, Pennsylvania.

IX. In General Orders No. 12, Series of 1917, it was stated that the "National Tribune" is "the official organ of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC." This statement is incorrect. My attention has been called to it by Adjutant General McBride, who informs me that the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC has no connection with either the National Tribune or any other publication, and that the organization has now no official organ.

X. The ATTENTION of the membership is AGAIN CALLED to the APPEAL to the Officers and Members of the Order published in the December, 1917, Banner, and it is requested that the officers and members give this Appeal their THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION—and DO SOMETHING. Do not wait until "after the war is over," but DO IT NOW.

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

XI. The Division of Colorado and Wyoming having paid per capita tax and forwarded reports for quarter ending September, 1917, showing 8 Camps and 214 members in good standing, complete Consolidated Returns from all Divisions for quarter ending September 30, 1917, show:

Gain—	Camps	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report,		
June 30, 1917.....	1274	57824
Gained by organization and initiation.....	7	811
Gained by transfer.....		57
Gained by reinstatement from dropped.....	1	96
Aggregate	1282	58788

	Camps	Members
By camps disbanded.....	14	183
By death		70
By honorable discharge.....		32
By transfer		26
By dropped	15	1822
Total loss	29	2133
Number in good standing (Sept. 30, 1917.....)	1253	56655

XII. Application for charter for Camp No. 266, Wetmore, Division of Kansas, has been approved, since last announcement, with 19 applicants.

Charters have been issued to and Camps instituted as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Oct. 13	60	Elmdale, Kansas	16
June 29	266	Wetmore, Kansas	17

STATEMENT No. 4.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of December, 1917:

RECEIPTS.

November 30, 1917, to balance.....		\$1983.48
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 12.84	
Charter fees	2.50	
Supplies	184.81	
Junior Order—Supplies	2.40	

Total receipts	\$ 202.55
	<u>\$2186.03</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1718.32
Office expenses	192.09
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	102.44

Total expenditures	\$2012.85
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Balance, December 31, 1917.....	\$ 173.18
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ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock	\$ 6.00
The Banner, subscription, December, 1917.....	829.14
Printing	3.80
Reserve	20.09
Shipping supplies (Sept.-Dec., 1917, inc.).....	35.71
Salaries (Aug. 21-Dec. 20, 1917, inc.).....	766.67
Miscellaneous	56.91
	<u>\$1718.32</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, express, telegrams, stationery (September-December, 1917, inc.).....	\$ 79.59
Rent, (January, March, 1918, inc.).....	112.50
	<u>\$ 192.09</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, traveling, office.....	\$ 102.44
	<u>\$ 102.44</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$2012.85</u>
Balance, December 31, 1917.....	\$ 173.18

By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. II.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.

Washington, D. C., February 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 2,
Series of 1918.

I. The Encampment at Boston directed the National Officers to enter into a NEW contract with the publishers of The Banner, to become effective January 1, 1918, and this has been done. Under this contract it is deemed necessary that A NEW MAILING LIST be furnished to the publishers. Each Camp Commander will SEE TO IT that his Camp Secretary FORWARDS IMMEDIATELY a complete list of the NAMES and correct ADDRESSES of the members of the Camp who ARE NOW in good standing TO THE DIVISION SECRETARY. These lists MUST be in the hands of Division Secretaries on or BEFORE MARCH 1st, 1918. This is the second time that this request has been made in General Orders, and it is hoped that it WILL NOT AGAIN be necessary to refer to it.

II. Each Division Commander will SEE TO IT that EACH Camp of his Division COMPLIES with the foregoing BEFORE March 1st, 1918.

III. Division Secretaries will upon receipt of The Banner mailing list from each Camp, make a note of the name, number and location of the Camp, and the number of names appearing therein, and REPORT the same to the National Secretary on March 1st, 1918. Division Secretaries will upon the receipt of these lists from Camps forward the same to The Banner promptly. Division Commanders will see that their Division Secretaries comply with this Order.

IV. Union Defenders' Day will, as usual, be properly observed by ALL Camps, as will ALSO Washington's Birthday.

V. The Commander-in-Chief has arranged with the Committee on Public Information, No. 10 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., whereby patriotic literature will be supplied to all members of the Order requesting it. This Committee on Public In-

formation is a Government institution and is engaged in the publication and distribution of war information and patriotic literature. Many members of the Order have already received literature from this Committee.

VI. The National Committee of Patriotic Societies, of which this Order is an affiliated member, held its second annual meeting at the Hotel Astor, New York City, Saturday, January 26th. Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, Past Division Commanders Franz Sigel and E. W. Estes, of New York, and William M. Anderson, member of the Council-in-Chief, were appointed delegates to represent this Order at the meeting.

VII. An invitation having been received by the Commandery-in-Chief to participate in the Congress of National Service, to be held at Chicago, Illinois, at the Hotel La Salle, February 21, 22 and 23, 1918, the same was accepted, and the following Brothers have been designated to represent the Order at such congress: Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, Past Division Commanders George B. Stadden and George B. Holmes of Illinois, Commander Hugh C. Beelman, and Brother Charles J. O'Connor, of Camp No. 100, of Chicago.

VIII. The ATTENTION of ALL members is called to the Ambulance Fund. Each and every member of the Order should contribute to this Fund, and his contribution should be as generous as he can afford. Subscription lists for use in the collection of this Fund have been forwarded to Division Secretaries for distribution among the Camps. Brothers, contribute quickly and liberally. Do not delay, "lest you forget."

IX. Blank subscription forms for contributions to the Ambulance Fund, were forwarded to all Division Secretaries, January 18th, by the National Secretary together with the REQUEST that the receipt thereof be ACKNOWLEDGED. Such Division Secretaries as have FAILED to ACKNOWLEDGE the receipt of these Subscription Lists are REQUESTED to NOTIFY the National Secretary AT ONCE as to whether such Lists have been received by them, so that if they have not been received others may be sent them. Notify the National Secretary without delay, BE PROMPT.

X. Division Commanders and Division Secretaries have been notified by the National Secretary, by letter, to have their Reports and per capita tax for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1917, in his hands on or BEFORE a specified date. It is hoped that these Officers will NOT DELAY in this matter, and that they will SEE TO IT that Forms 35 and 37 of the Division Secretary, and Form 38 of the Division Treasurer, are correctly made out and the information called for in such Forms furnished in full—it is much easier and better to furnish the information required by these Forms in the first instance, than it is to have the Reports RETURNED for correction.

XI. All Camp Commanders, who have not yet forwarded the Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report to the Division Patriotic Instructor, ARE DIRECTED TO DO SO AT ONCE.

XII. All Division Patriotic Instructors WILL FORWARD their consolidated Reports (Form 51) to Rev. Edward H. Brewster, No. 24 High Street, Auburn, Maine, on or BEFORE March 1st, 1918.

XIII. Camps that are DELINQUENT in the matter of QUARTERLY REPORTS and PER CAPITA TAX for the De-

cember Quarter, will give the matter their IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, and FORWARD the same AT ONCE.

XIV. When the times and places for holding the Encampments of the respective Divisions have been decided upon, Division Secretaries will promptly notify the Commander-in-Chief.

XV. Reports received at these Headquarters, from a large number of Camps, indicate that SOME Division Secretaries ARE CONTINUALLY BEHIND TIME in forwarding Quarterly Report blanks to their Camps. Every Division Secretary KNOWS that IT IS HIS DUTY to forward these Report blanks to Camps BEFORE the end of EACH Quarter. Division Commanders ARE REQUIRED to see that their Division Secretaries attend to THE DUTIES of their offices.

XVI. Applications have been approved for charters for new Camps as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Jan. 4	4	Portland, Ore., Wash. & Ore.	65
Jan. 30	101	Dighton, Kansas	27

Charter has been issued to Camp No. 4, Portland, Ore., Division of Washington and Oregon, instituted with 34 members.

STATEMENT No. 5.

XVII. Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

December 31, 1917, to balance.....		\$ 173.18
Received for charter fees.....	\$ 5.00	
Supplies	217.82	
Miscellaneous .....	.50	
Junior Order—Supplies	3.60	
Total receipts		\$ 226.92
		<u>\$ 400.10</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$ 39.70	
Office expenses	26.94	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	14.25	
Total expenditures		\$ 80.89
Balance, January 31, 1918.....		\$ 319.21

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock	\$ 3.00	
Printing	10.50	
Reserve	18.93	
Shipping supplies	7.27	
		<u>\$ 39.70</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For postage, stationery, express.....		\$ 26.94

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, traveling.....	\$ 14.25
Total expenditures	\$ 80.89
Balance, January 31, 1918.....	\$ 319.21

By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. III.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
(SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.

Washington, D. C., March 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 3,
Series of 1918.

I. It is with a sense of personal loss, which will undoubtedly be shared by every member of the Order, that the Commander-in-Chief announces the death of Past Commander-in-Chief William G. Dustin, at his home in Dwight, Illinois, on Thursday, February 14th, 1918, following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 17th, and were attended by many members of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC and of the Sons of Veterans. Brother Dustin is survived by his wife and one daughter.

Brother Dustin has been a member of the Order for more than a quarter of a century, and has always been a most ardent and active worker in its interest, not only locally, but throughout the whole country. In 1896 he was elected Commander of the Division of Illinois, and was elected Commander-in-Chief, at Boston, in 1904. He was the Editor of The Banner, the official organ of the Order, for more than fifteen years last past. Brother Dustin has always maintained his interest in the Division of Illinois, and was its Treasurer at the time of his death. He was one of the best known and most popular members of the Order.

As a mark of respect for the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin, it is hereby ordered and directed that the Charter of the Commandery-in-Chief and the Charters and Colors of the several Divisions and Camps be draped with mourning for a period of sixty days.

II. JUNIOR ORDER REPORTS: The Annual Report of the Junior Order is NOW DUE. All Division Commanders having Camps of the Junior Order in their jurisdiction, will immediately make Report thereof on FORM 12 (Junior Order Report) to the National Secretary.

III. Division Commanders will report promptly to the National Secretary the dates and places selected for their respective Division Encampments for the year 1918. The following Encampments are announced:

Massachusetts, at Boston, April 9-10, 1918.
 Connecticut, at Meriden, April 17-18, 1918.
 New Jersey, at Atlantic City, June 20-21, 1918.
 Pennsylvania, at Scranton, June 18-19, 1918.

IV. For securing five, or more, new members during a single Quarter, the following Brothers have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

John Vosburgh, Camp No. 42, Wisconsin.
 Charles Vanfossen, Camp No. 17, New Jersey.
 Peter A. Seddon, Camp No. 17, New Jersey.
 Calvin A. Brainard, Camp No. 223, New York.

V. "EYES FOR THE NAVY." Under this headline the Navy Department has issued an URGENT APPEAL for the loan of binoculars, spy-glasses, and small telescopes, for use on its submarine chasers. Here is another opportunity, Brothers, for us to show our patriotism. Brothers, and others, who may have any of these desired articles, should tag them with their names and addresses and forward immediately to the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of Navy, care of Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C. These articles will be returned at the close of the war, if possible, with a certificate as to their use, and will then be a priceless memento of this great World War.

VI. AMBULANCE FUND. Brothers, there is now less than a month within which to contribute to this Fund, and ALL who have not already subscribed should do so without further delay. EVERY Brother can DONATE something—he should give his "mite." He should take pleasure in doing as much for the soldiers, if such a thing be possible, as the soldiers are doing for him. Remember, Brothers, your DUTY to your Country and to your Order. Give cheerfully and liberally, and make the Fund a great success.

VII. "Win-the-War" Day, April 6, (a suggestion by Mr. William Mather Lewis, Executive Secretary of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies), the first anniversary of the entry of the United States in the present war, and APPOMATTOX Day, April 9, the 53rd anniversary of the surrender of Lee, and the practical close of the Civil War, are two days that will ever be memorable in the life of this, the greatest Republic of all time. It is suggested to Camps that fitting patriotic exercises be held on these two days, as a prime opportunity is here presented to create and increase patriotic sentiment, and to bring home to the people that WE ARE AT WAR, and that victory can be obtained ONLY by the unselfish efforts of a united and patriotic people.

VIII. In every Division there is now being carried on a "DRIVE" for an INCREASE in membership. The success of these "DRIVES" depend on the energy and enthusiasm put into the work by the Camp members—they have it in their power to make these "Drives" a GRAND SUCCESS, or a dismal failure. The Division Officers MUST DO THEIR SHARE of the WORK but they CANNOT DO IT ALL—they MUST HAVE the HEARTY and ENTHUSIASTIC ASSISTANCE of the Camps and their members. EACH member of the Order CAN, if he wants to, BRING IN A NEW MEMBER, and if HE DOES HIS DUTY as a member of the Order should, HE WILL DO IT. A little LESS TALK, Brothers, and a LITTLE MORE WORK will accomplish wonders

for the Order. Encourage and support your Camp Commander by increasing the membership of your Camp, and you will thereby ASSIST and SUPPORT your Division Commander in the building up and the strengthening of his Division, and the Commander-in-Chief BY FULFILLING THE PROMISES THAT YOU HAVE MADE TO HIM.

IX. There are TWO elements that are NECESSARY to an INCREASE in membership—ONE the getting of NEW members and the other—HOLDING the members that we HAVE. The Camp Treasurer is the man WHO, in a greater or less degree, CONTROLS this LATTER ELEMENT. If he ATTENDS to HIS DUTIES, 90 per cent of the LOSSES WILL BE AVOIDED. Camp Commanders who have Treasurers who FAIL to properly ATTEND TO THE DUTIES of their offices, SHOULD NOT HESITATE to replace them by Brothers who will give the time and attention the office requires. In the life of a Camp, a good Treasurer is a priceless jewel. Every Camp should have one of these jewels.

X. Camps were instituted and charters issued to:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Oct. 27, '17	10	East Braintree, Vermont	15
Nov. 23, '17	11	Brattleboro, Vermont	37

XI. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, quarter ending December, 1917, the Charters of which are hereby revoked. Division Commanders and Secretaries will make record accordingly:

Division of California and Pacific. Dropped: Camp No. 19, Santa Rosa, 14 members; Camp No. 21, Monrovia, 22 members. Disbanded: Camp No. 24, Santa Monica, 15 members.

Division of Colorado and Wyoming. Disbanded: Camp No. 8, Ordway, 15 members.

Division of Indiana: Camp No. 15, Fortville, 10 members; Camp No. 107, Elkhart, 31 members.

Division of Maryland. Dropped: Camp No. 2, Morgantown, W. Va., 10 members; Camp No. 9, Wheeling, W. Va., 29 members.

Division of Minnesota. Disbanded: Camp No. 5, Minot, N. D., 16 members; Camp No. 10, Grafton, N. D., 10 members.

Division of New Hampshire. Disbanded: Camp No. 5, Newport, 18 members.

Division of New Jersey. Dropped: Camp No. 31, Boonton, 24 members; Camp No. 35, Livingston, 15 members.

Division of Ohio. Disbanded: Camp No. 22, Irondale, 10 members; Camp No. 54, Bergholz, 10 members; Camp No. 138, Shiloh, 10 members; Camp No. 263, Ottawa, 10 members; Camp No. 361, Liberty Centre, 10 members.

Division of Pennsylvania. Disbanded: Camp No. 152, Lewistown, 20 members; Camp No. 178, Delta, 20 members; Camp No. 196, Eau Claire, 10 members.

STATEMENT No. 6.

XII. Report of the National Secretary, for month of February, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

January 31, 1918, to balance..... \$ 319.21

Received for per capita tax.....	\$3462.68	
Charter fees	5.00	
Supplies	137.94	
Junior Order—Supplies	7.12	
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Total receipts		\$3612.74
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		\$3931.95
EXPENDITURES.		
By general expenses	\$1867.58	
Office expenses	102.80	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	37.61	
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Total expenditures		\$2007.99
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Balance, February 28, 1918.....		\$1923.96

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock	\$ 13.75	
The Banner, January, 1918, subscription.....	910.61	
The Banner, February, 1918, subscription.....	896.12	
Printing	5.00	
Reserve	35.00	
Shipping supplies	6.58	
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		\$1867.58

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, office.....	23.05	
Stationery (stock supply).....	79.75	
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		\$ 102.80

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office.....	\$ 37.61	
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Total expenditures		\$2007.99
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Balance, February 28, 1918.....		\$1923.96

By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IV.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.

Washington, D. C., April 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 4,
Series of 1918.1. Camps that have not forwarded their 'Secretaries' and
Treasurers' Reports, together with the per capita tax due there-

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT—QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1918.

Division.	No. in Good Standing December 31, 1917.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS						Total Loss.		No. in Good Standing March 31, 1918.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.							
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.						By Disbanded.		By Death.		Honorable Discharge.												By Transfer.		By Dropped.				
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama & Tennessee.	11	181	...	12	12	11	193	16	...	16	11	177	\$ 12.90	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00
California & Pacific...	13	475	...	15	2	...	1	18	13	493	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	18	...	22	13	471	31.11	128.71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5
Colorado & Wyoming.	7	197	7	7	197	7	197	17.73	
Connecticut	41	2455	...	41	2	...	2	45	41	2500	...	...	13	9	...	...	40	...	62	41	2438	154.07	265.08	3739.27	16.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Illinois	71	2826	...	45	...	...	5	50	71	2876	11	167	4	...	3	...	162	11	336	60	2540	160.95	941.44	109.08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indiana	25	1010	...	17	1	...	...	18	25	1028	1	38	1	2	...	...	21	1	62	24	966	61.19	594.87	2229.31	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	
Iowa	21	678	...	201	...	...	...	201	21	879	...	...	...	...	...	4	119	4	119	17	760	83.79	28.38	29.46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	51	1635	...	34	...	...	...	34	51	1669	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	17	51	1652	105.58	507.43	412.21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	6	116	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	116	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	6	114	6.84	4.17	311.59	12.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	50	2371	1	65	2	...	9	1	76	51	2447	...	...	3	...	4	...	48	...	55	51	2392	149.87	107.48	1000.92	22.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	16	560	...	8	...	...	...	8	16	568	...	...	2	...	1	...	38	...	41	16	527	33.14	374.11	2335.46	64.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	161	7705	...	98	18	...	...	116	161	7821	1	9	17	19	12	...	84	1	141	160	7680	479.42	413.98	13332.18	395.15	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	34	1197	1	31	9	...	1	40	35	1237	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	35	1225	71.64	519.11	249.62	417.27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	18	618	...	4	...	...	1	5	18	623	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	33	18	590	36.16	403.70	294.66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	20	725	1	42	...	...	...	1	42	767	3	80	2	1	...	...	27	3	110	18	657	38.90	174.42	247.18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Montana and Idaho...	9	143	9	9	143	9	143	8.58	34.61	
Nebraska	10	200	1	39	...	...	45	1	84	11	284	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	284	14.70	128.25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire	36	1214	...	24	2	...	3	29	36	1243	...	...	6	2	2	...	29	...	39	36	1204	76.80	208.72	987.24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Jersey	36	1831	...	55	...	...	13	68	36	1899	...	...	9	...	...	...	34	...	43	36	1856	121.81	212.36	4780.44	675.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New York	153	6530	...	65	2	...	4	71	153	6601	4	80	15	20	16	7	280	11	411	142	6190	383.75	638.22	6103.38	279.23	13	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohio	107	5054	...	64	28	...	...	92	107	5146	1	10	17	29	4	12	382	13	442	94	4704	294.40	542.05	1656.95	9.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pennsylvania	215	14194	...	285	23	...	...	308	215	14502	...	...	25	...	2	...	167	...	194	215	14308	912.63	506.97	35683.08	11234.86	128	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	16	543	...	2	1	...	...	3	16	546	...	...	2	2	...	...	9	...	13	16	533	32.36	274.12	416.77	4.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vermont	37	1107	...	25	...	...	1	26	37	1133	...	...	6	6	...	...	10	...	22	37	1111	71.41	341.19	351.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Washington & Oregon.	12	340	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	340	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	17	12	323	19.38	190.26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	65	1799	...	19	...	...	...	19	65	1818	...	...	2	1	2	...	46	...	51	65	1767	109.63	63.34	583.77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1241	55704	4	1191	90	...	84	4	1365	1245	57069	21	384	126	93	48	23	1609	44	2260	1201	54809	\$3488.74	\$7612.97	\$74954.32	\$13140.26	153	22	...	...	...	...	...

on, for the Quarter ending March 31, 1918, will do so AT ONCE. Camp Commanders will SEE that this Order is complied with.

III. Division Patriotic Instructor's Reports are now long overdue. Patriotic Instructors of the following Divisions have FAILED to forward their Reports to the National Patriotic Instructor, as required by the Constitution and Laws, and the Orders of the Commander-in-Chief:

Colorado and Wyoming, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana and Idaho, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and Oregon, Wisconsin.

The Division Commanders of the above named Divisions are hereby directed to see that the Reports of their respective Patriotic Instructors are FORWARDED AT ONCE.

III. The attention of the membership is called to the fact that one of the principal objects of this Order, as cited in its Constitution and Laws, is the proper observance of Memorial Day—May 30. It is not too early for Camps and members to arrange their plans for carrying out the work incident to the observance of this Day—the placing of flags and the strewing of flowers upon the graves of departed soldiers, and the holding of suitable exercises in memory of the soldier dead. It is a patriotic duty of every member of this Order, and especially so at this time, to aid and assist the Posts and members of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC in making the services of this Memorial Day even more impressive, if such be possible, than ever before. Let every member do his DUTY as a Son of a Veteran should.

IV. Reports of Camp Chaplains MUST be forwarded to Division Chaplains on or BEFORE June 5th. Camp Commanders are hereby charged with the DUTY of seeing that this Order is COMPLIED WITH.

V. The several Divisions of the Order will hold their Annual Encampments within the next three months. Immediately after the adjournment of a Division Encampment, the Report (on Form 49) of the Installing Officer must be forwarded (in duplicate) to the National Secretary. All names appearing in such Report must be legibly and properly written, and ALL information called for in such FORM must be furnished. These FORMS 49 must be obtained from the National Secretary on Requisition Blank No. 1½. Order these FORMS immediately so that there will be NO DELAY in making the REQUIRED Report.

VI. Newly elected Division Commanders are REQUIRED to furnish a SURETY COMPANY'S bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) dollars WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS after election. This bond must be made to run to "F. T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Washington, D. C." See Constitution and Laws, Chap. VI, Art. XI.

VII. Division Commanders will report promptly to the National Secretary the dates and places selected for their respective Division Encampments for the year 1918. The following Encampments are announced:

Connecticut, at Meriden, April 17-18.

Illinois, at Peoria, June 4-6.

Indiana, at Logansport, June 5-7.

Kansas, at Chanute, May 22-24.

Maryland, at Hagerstown, May 13-14.
 Massachusetts, at Boston, April 9-10.
 Missouri, at St. Joseph, May 7-8.
 Nebraska, at , May 15-16.
 New Hampshire, at Concord, April 11-12.
 New Jersey, at Atlantic City, June 20-21.
 New York, at Ithaca, June 25-27.
 Ohio, at Hamilton, June 17-20.
 Pennsylvania, at Scranton, June 19-20.
 Rhode Island, at Providence, April 10.
 Vermont, at Burlington, April 18-19.
 Wisconsin, at Ashland, June 18-20.

VIII. In General Orders No. 1, Paragraph VI, appearing in the January issue of The Banner, it was ordered that ALL Camp Secretaries should forward to their respective Division Secretaries NEW mailing lists of the members of their Camps, for The Banner Mailing List, in order that ALL members of the Order in good standing might receive The Banner, and it was intended that these NEW lists should be CORRECT as to NAME and ADDRESS of EACH member of EVERY Camp in good standing on the first of January, 1918. It was directed that these lists be in the hands of the Division Secretaries NOT LATER than February 1st, 1918. This Order still stands, and it is expected that Camp Secretaries will COMPLY WITH IT. Division Commanders are REQUIRED to ENFORCE this Order.

Special Orders have been issued to both Division Commanders and Division Secretaries to report to the National Secretary the Camps of their respective Divisions from which they have received NEW mailing lists. Eighteen (18) Division Secretaries have reported the receipt of NEW mailing lists from some of their Camps; and eight (8) Division Secretaries have made NO Report whatever. NONE of the Divisions, reporting NEW mailing lists, have received lists from ALL of their Camps—in MOST instances LESS than one-half of the Camps have furnished the REQUIRED LISTS. Under these conditions the members of Camps that have not furnished NEW mailing LISTS, who FAIL TO RECEIVE The Banner MUST hold their Camp Secretaries RESPONSIBLE. MANY Camps HAVE NEVER furnished ANY LIST whatsoever of the NAMES and ADDRESSES of their members for The Banner mailing list, and yet there are constant complaints that the paper IS NOT RECEIVED. Do NOT blame the publishers of The Banner BECAUSE your Camp Secretary HAS FAILED to perform his DUTY. Brothers, INSIST that your Camp Secretary FURNISH the Division Secretary a NEW LIST of the Names and Correct Addresses of the members of your Camp.

EVERY Camp should receive EVERY MONTH a copy of The Banner for its files, without cost. If any Camp FAILS TO RECEIVE a copy of the paper for its files, the fault will lie with the Division Secretary, for he has been DIRECTED TO FURNISH to the publishers of The Banner, the NAME, No., and LOCATION of EACH Camp, and the NAME and ADDRESS of its Secretary.

The seven (7) Divisions, WHOSE Secretaries HAVE FAILED to COMPLY with the Special Orders issued to them, are as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, California and Pacific, Colorado

and Wyoming, Michigan, Montana and Idaho, Nebraska, and Washington and Oregon.

IX. The following members have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Leroy H. Barnaby, Camp No. 17, New Jersey.
Harrison Neild, Camp No. 17, New Jersey.
Harry E. Garrett, Camp No. 28, Indiana.

X. A. S. Holbrook, of Dwight, Ill., has been elected and installed as Treasurer of the Division of Illinois to fill the unexpired term of William G. Dustin, deceased.

XI. Subscriptions to the Ambulance Fund having closed March 31st, Division Commanders will forward all contributions received by them to the National Secretary, and on receipt of which the National Secretary will issue a receipt therefor.

STATEMENT No 7.

XII. Report of the National Secretary, for month of March, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

February 28, 1918, to balance.....		\$1923.96
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 12.00	
Charter fees	2.50	
Supplies	256.29	
Supplies, Junior Order.....	5.85	
Miscellaneous	1.50	
Total receipts		<u>\$ 278.11</u>
		\$2202.07

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1560.04	
Office expenses	128.29	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	187.05	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1875.38</u>
Balance, March 31, 1918.....		\$ 326.69

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

The Banner, subscription, March, 1918.....	\$ 896.66	
Reserve	29.06	
Shipping supplies	9.32	
Salaries (Dec. 21, 1917, Mar. 31, 1918, inc.)...	575.00	
Miscellaneous	20.00	
Publicity department	30.00	
		<u>\$1560.04</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage and rent (April-June, 1918, inc.).	\$ 128.29
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, traveling, office.....	\$ 187.05
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Total expenditures	<u>\$1875.38</u>
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Balance, March 31, 1918.....	\$ 326.69
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XIII. Application for charter was approved March 12, for Camp at Sunfield, Division of Michigan, with 21 applicants.

By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.
Washington, D. C., May 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 5,
Series of 1918.

I. The Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief having failed to designate a meeting place for the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, the selection of such place falls upon the Commander-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief. After advising with the members of the Council-in-Chief, and others, your Commander-in-Chief has found the consensus of opinion to be that the Encampment should be held at some point reasonably convenient for the attendance of all of the members of the Commandery-in-Chief. In view of this opinion, so generally expressed, and the condition of the country and that of railroad travel, and the further fact that all members of the Order are now and will continue to be very busy, and therefore, will be able to spare but a few days for attending the Encampment, it has been deemed advisable, and for the best interests of the Order, to select a meeting place that will be the most convenient for the attendance of the greatest number of members, and with this end in view, Niagara Falls, New York, has been chosen for the purpose. The Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will, therefore, be held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., the week of August 18, 1918. Headquarters will be established at the Cataract Hotel Monday, August 19. Details of arrangements will be announced later.

II. The attention of Camps and their members is again called to the observance of Memorial Day, May 30. It is earnestly hoped that the members of this Order will endeavor to assist in making the observance of this day the most notable in our history. Every Camp and every member should take part in the ceremonies of the day to the end that their example may tend to create an increased patriotic sentiment throughout the country.

III. Reports of Camp Chaplains must be forwarded to Division Chaplains on or before June 5. Camp Commanders are hereby charged with the duty of seeing that this Order is complied with. Division Chaplains will forward their consolidated reports to Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, National Chaplain, Millers Falls, Mass., on or before July 1. Division Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that this Order is complied with.

IV. DIVISION PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS. In the last General Orders (published in the April Banner) a list of the Divisions whose Patriotic Instructors have failed to forward Reports to the National Patriotic Instructor was given. Commanders of the Divisions enumerated will see that their Patriotic Instructors send in such Reports IMMEDIATELY to Rev. Edward H. Brewster, 24 High Street, Auburn, Maine.

V. NEW MAILING LISTS FOR THE BANNER. This matter is not being complied with by Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries. Division Commanders and Division Secretaries are hereby required to give this matter their IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Each Camp that has not sent to its Division Headquarters a NEW mailing list, giving the NAMES and correct ADDRESSES of its members in good standing, will DO SO IMMEDIATELY, and the Division Secretary will promptly forward the same to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois. Division Secretaries will make due report of ALL such lists sent to The Banner to the National Secretary.

VI. AMBULANCE FUND. ALL Camps will make returns, AT ONCE, of their collections for the Ambulance Fund to their Division Headquarters. There must be no further delay in sending in these collections. Division Commanders will see that ALL returns and ALL funds collected and turned over to their Division Headquarters are forwarded AT ONCE to the National Secretary. In the May issue of The Banner appears a statement arranged by the National Secretary showing the status of the Ambulance Fund, and the attention of Camps and Divisions is called to this.

VII. Division Encampments, in addition to those announced in the last General Orders, will be held as follows:

California and Pacific, at Oakland, Cal., May 7-10.

Iowa, at Des Moines, June 11-13.

Kentucky, at Covington, May 8-9.

Maine, at Portland, June 12-13.

Nebraska, at Seward, May 15-16.

Washington and Oregon, at Tacoma, Wash., May 15-16.

No reports have been received from the Divisions of:

Alabama and Tennessee,

Colorado and Wyoming,

Michigan,

Minnesota, or

Montana and Idaho

as to the place and date of their respective Encampments. Commanders of these Divisions will report AT ONCE to the National Secretary.

VIII. CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION—FORM 49. These must be filled out, in DUPLICATE, and forwarded to the National Secretary IMMEDIATELY after the close of the Division Encampment. These Certificates comprise the NEW Roster of the Commandery-in-Chief, and any delay in forwarding the same to the National Secretary interferes with the prompt attention to and transaction of business.

IX. BONDS OF DIVISION COMMANDERS. Newly elected Division Commanders must file a SURETY COMPANY bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, made to run to F.

T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Washington, D. C., within thirty (30) days after their election. Upon receipt of such bond Commissions will be forwarded.

X. The following members have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

P. F. Sheeby, Camp 3, Wisconsin.
 Warren M. Carrier, Camp 80, New York.
 Albert J. Clark, Camp 43, New York.
 Louis C. Southard, Camp 43, New York.
 William Schmelia, Camp 17, New Jersey.
 Edward H. Hill, Camp 17, New Jersey.
 A. F. Foran, Camp 9, New Jersey.
 Martin E. Tilley, Camp 3, New Hampshire.
 Carl F. Brackett, Camp 30, New Hampshire.
 D. A. Cleveland, Camp 6, Ohio.
 George E. Cox, Camp 50, Connecticut.
 Charles R. Hale, Camp 50, Connecticut.
 Edward R. Woodhouse, Camp 50, Connecticut.

XI. Mr. R. Harris McGuire, son of Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Indiana Division, died April 19, 1918. Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire has the heartfelt sympathy of each and every member of the Order.

XII. Applications for charters for new Camps were approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
April 4	105	Kittery, Maine	27
April 8		Adel, Iowa	29
April 13	66	Tarkio, Missouri	34

New Camps were instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
March 14	55	Seward, Nebraska	39
March 23	105	Kittery, Maine	24
March 5	66	Tarkio, Missouri	34

STATEMENT NO. 8.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

March 31, 1918, to balance.....	\$ 326.69
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 343.22
Charter fees	7.50
Supplies	278.44
Total receipts	\$ 629.16

\$ 955.85

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$ 215.77
Office expenses	33.66
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	54.94

Total expenditures **\$ 304.37**

Balance, April 30, 1918..... **\$ 651.48**

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock	\$ 144.53
Encampment	35.32
Reserve	25.32
Shipping supplies	10.60

\$ 215.77

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, miscellaneous (insurance on stock)	\$ 33.66
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 54.94
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Total expenditures	\$ 304.37
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Balance, April 30, 1918	\$ 651.48
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By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

AMBULANCE FUND.

The following is a statement from the National Secretary showing the amounts received by him from the several Divisions for the Ambulance Fund up to and including April 30, 1918.

Those Divisions from which no contributions have, as yet, been received, are so indicated. So far reports have been received from twelve Divisions with an aggregate amount of \$11,830.05.

All Division Commanders who have not yet forwarded the contributions received from their Camps are URGED TO DO SO AT ONCE, as it is very desirable that this matter should be closed up at the earliest possible moment. Contributions received by the National Secretary on and after May 1 will be acknowledged in the June Banner.

RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS FOR THE AMBULANCE FUND—
APRIL 1-30, 1918, INC.

Division	Amount
Alabama and Tennessee—No Report	
California and Pacific—No Report	
Colorado and Wyoming—No Report	
Connecticut	\$ 1999.00
Illinois—No Report	
Indiana	250.00
Iowa—No Report	
Kansas	236.75
Kentucky—No Report	
Maine	254.50
Maryland—No Report	

Massachusetts	3000.00
Michigan—No Report	
Minnesota—No Report	
Missouri	146.10
Montana and Idaho—No Report	
Nebraska—No Report	
New Hampshire	500.00
New Jersey	475.00
New York	999.65
Ohio	1388.25
Pennsylvania	2226.75
Rhode Island—No Report	
Vermont—No Report	
Washington and Oregon—No Report	
Wisconsin	354.05
Total	\$11830.05

Contributions by Camps in above Divisions, Number of Camp, Location, and amount, were as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

No. 1—Division of Kansas:

Camp No.		
5	La Crosse	\$ 39.25
8	Independence	8.50
14	Sterling	2.50
18	Ellsworth	20.00
20	Manhattan	63.00
23	Parsons	30.50
45	Salina	18.00
91	Onaga	22.00
121	Gypsum	18.00
264	Hays	15.00

\$ 236.75

No. 2—Division of Indiana.....\$ 250.00

No. 3—Division of Ohio:

91	Alliance	26.00
72	Bucyrus	17.00
283	Cambridge	35.00
99	Castalia	22.00
*466	Cleveland	230.50
57	Columbus Grove	52.80
294	Cleves	13.00
34	Cutler	11.00
18	Defiance	61.00
45	Highlandtown	14.00
181	Jeromeville	15.00
219	Logan	25.00
344	Lorain	140.00
442	Mogadore	15.00
65	Marion	63.00
12	Mansfield	68.00
509	Marietta	13.45
5	New Philadelphia	32.25
81	Norwalk	35.00
104	Piqua	5.00

26	Portsmouth	48.00
464	St. Bernard	12.00
43	Salem	25.25
37	Springfield	5.00
110	Uhrichville	5.00
25	Waynesfield	20.00
50	Wooster	29.00
	D. of V., Lima, O.	5.00

*Includes \$40.00 from Camp's Auxiliary.

\$ 1043.25

No. 11—Division of Ohio:

27	Akron	50.00
51	Circleville	56.00
89	Dayton	41.50
68	Lisbon	40.00
219	Logan (additional)	15.00
16	Lois	5.00
93	Massillon	40.50
12	Mansfield (additional)	23.00
159	Steubenville	60.00
133	Toledo	14.00

\$ 345.00

No. 4—Division of Wisconsin:

1	Milwaukee	\$ 120.00
2	Prairie du Chien	50.00
7	Antigo	15.00
11	Stoughton	15.00
18	Baraboo	44.70
34	Kenosha	18.00
	Eau Claire	35.25
	Sheboygan	6.60
	Merrill	26.00
	Ashland	15.00
	Thorp	8.50

\$ 354.05

No. 5—Division of Massachusetts:

1	Lynn	\$ 25.00
2	Somerville	70.00
4	Plymouth	15.00
6	Beverly	48.00
9	Boston	8.50
10	Millers Falls	21.00
12	Hingham	11.00
15	Springfield	56.00
17	Brockton	4.50
18	Uxbridge	1.00
20	Colrain	14.00
23	Reading	1.00
24	Gloucester	18.00
25	Worcester	71.50
26	Taunton	35.00
27	Kingston	21.00
28	Fitchburg	53.50
29	Watertown	20.00
30	Dorchester	25.00

33	Amesbury	31.00
34	Wakefield	37.00
35	New Bedford	50.00
36	East Weymouth	12.50
37	Gardner	111.00
39	North Adams	100.00
40	Ayer	5.00
42	Foxboro	10.00
43	Berlin	21.00
44	Westfield	23.75
45	Arlington	45.00
46	Roxbury	75.01
49	Natick	20.00
51	Roslindale	15.00
52	Leominster	100.00
53	Orange	22.00
54	Medford	55.75
56	Cambridge	32.04
57	Easthampton	27.50
59	Framingham	150.00
60	Holyoke	52.50
62	Everett	16.00
63	Holliston	27.25
64	Ashland	47.00
65	Athol	41.25
66	Woburn	25.00
67	Abington	25.00
68	Winchenden	35.00
70	Bourne	20.00
73	North Brookfield	21.50
76	Amherst	20.00
77	Needham	13.50
78	Lowell	125.00
81	Chelsea	40.00
85	Webster	50.00
86	Barre	15.00
88	Scituate	15.00
89	Brighton	36.00
90	Fall River	21.00
93	Danvers	33.50
96	Boston	19.50
99	Shelburn Falls	17.00
101	Westminster	38.00
105	Lexington	11.00
108	Pittsfield	22.00
111	Andover	17.00
112	Oxford	6.50
113	Greenfield	16.25
114	Marion	16.00
115	Duxbury	29.00
116	South Hanson	9.50
117	Beverly Farms	16.00
118	Eastondale	13.00
120	Agawam	8.00
121	Northfield	21.00
122	Holden	15.00
124	East Templeton	15.80
127	Westboro	12.00

128	Ashburnham	16.00
129	Haverhill	32.00
132	Carver	23.00
134	Monson	41.00
135	Ashby	13.00
141	Somerset	18.00
143	Norwell	28.95
144	Bridgewater	17.00
145	Roxbury	26.00
147	Shrewsbury	32.00
149	Manchester	65.00
150	New Bedford	87.00
153	Winchester	25.50
154	Mctheun	31.00
156	Boston	14.00
158	Walpole	19.00
161	Holbrook	13.95
	D. E. Denny	5.00
	Daughters of Veterans	53.00

\$ 3000.00

No. 6—Division of New Hampshire.....\$ 500.00

No. 7—Division of Missouri:

46	DeSoto	\$ 5.00
4	St. Louis	15.25
	C. A. Dorsey, Camp 36	10.00
2	King City	2.75
12	Kidder	4.75
3	Augusta	13.50
42	Perryville	25.00
65	Melrose	12.00
36	Kansas City	50.00
5	St. Louis	5.75
35	St. Louis, Wm. Heintz	2.00

\$ 146.10

No. 8—Division of New York:

6	Rochester	\$ 56.00
8	Poughkeepsie	7.00
17	Port Byron	41.00
23	Brooklyn	75.50
26	New York City	95.00
34	Sandy Hill	10.00
61	Schenectady	15.00
67	Theresa	10.00
80	Oswego	50.00
89	Nlagara Falls	33.50
93	Binghampton	30.00
100	Rochester	54.00
104	Ossining	5.00
108	Port Chester	7.00
111	Jamestown	48.00
112	Watertown	60.00
113	Vernon	18.00
127	Matteawan	5.00
133	New York City	50.00
142	Rockland	37.00
146	Ovid	28.00

154	Albany	20.00
166	Syracuse	25.00
167	New York City	16.00
182	New York City	10.00
192	Dexter	3.40
201	Friendship	8.00
207	Geneseo	111.00
209	Cohoes	20.00

The Allied Association of S. of V. and S. of V. Aux-
iliaries of New York City..... 51.25

\$ 999.65

No. 9—Division of Maine:

2	Auburn	\$ 37.50
8	Farmington	10.00
15	Pittsfield	19.00
20	Saco	9.50
25	Bridgton	9.25
43	Belfast	9.25
44	Sanford	20.00
52	Augusta	65.00
53	Brunswick	12.00
67	Livermore Falls	26.00
79	Buckfield	21.00
92	Presque Isle	10.00
104	Union	5.00
	Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Camp No. 4.....	1.00

\$ 254.50

No. 10—Division of Connecticut:

1	New Haven	\$ 61.00
3	Lakeville	21.50
4	Norwich	33.00
6	Hartford	306.50
7	Meriden	14.25
9	Southington	103.50
11	Bridgeport	80.00
16	New Britain	62.00
17	New Haven	600.50
19	Mystic	15.00
20	New London	32.50
23	New Milford	13.50
25	Ansonia	211.00
26	Derby	47.25
27	East Hartford	23.00
29	Simsbury	14.25
30	Danielson	12.00
31	Bristol	32.00
32	Essex	20.00
33	Clinton	11.25
35	Naugatuck	50.00
38	New Canaan	10.00
39	Milford	25.00
40	Seymour	10.50
44	Stafford Springs	14.50
45	Rockville	36.50
49	Waterbury	77.50

50	Hartford	50.00
53	Middletown	11.00

\$ 1999.00

No. 12—Division of Pennsylvania:

2	Philadelphia	\$ 28.25
4	Rey, Philadelphia	32.00
4	Hays, Pittsburgh	5.00
5	Philadelphia	16.50
6	Allentown	250.00
8	Scranton	75.00
10	Philadelphia	25.25
12	Altoona	30.00
13	Philadelphia	100.50
14	Johnstown	70.00
15	Harrisburg	25.00
16	Reading	100.00
19	Lancaster	10.00
27	Philadelphia	10.00
33	Nevin, N. S. Pittsburgh	20.00
33	Ruhl, New York	30.00
39	Philadelphia	48.80
40	Philadelphia	76.00
43	Kittanning	27.00
44	Williamsport	13.00
61	Mauch Chunk	36.00
66	Wampum	10.00
72	Shamokin	22.00
79	Huntingdon	12.50
81	Quakertown	38.00
86	Donora	17.00
87	Middletown	10.00
90	West Chester	10.25
92	Lansdale	10.00
97	Coatesville	20.00
104	Beaver Falls	52.00
109	Chicora	12.00
112	Gettysburg	30.75
121	Milton	56.25
122	Somerset	7.50
123	Philadelphia	14.00
139	Sharpsburg	150.00
157	Palmyra	10.00
162	Harrisville	32.20
163	Unity Station	22.00
166	Franklin	15.00
169	Wilkes-Barre	21.00
181	Friedens	30.50
194	Frackville	12.00
198	N. S. Pittsburgh	6.75
204	Minersville	11.50
208	Emaus	25.00
210	South Fork	30.00
216	Slatington	16.50
218	Braddock	12.00
233	Easton	200.00
236	Frankford	30.00
254	Roaring Springs	9.50

265	Belle Vernon	18.25
273	Bangor	75.00
293	Gallitzin	10.00
295	Hellertown	25.00
	W. P. Baker, Camp 140.....	5.00
140	South Bethlehem	109.00

\$ 2226.75

No. 13—Division of New Jersey:

1	Hoboken	\$ 103.00
2	Elizabeth	10.00
4	Trenton	17.00
8	Paterson	113.10
10	Lambertville	7.50
11	Atlantic City	32.75
12	Montclair	23.00
17	Gloucester	20.00
18	Newark	29.00
19	Jersey City	14.25
32	Penns Grove	10.00
33	Union Hill	75.00
40	Perth Amboy	15.50
45	Mount Holly	4.90
		\$ 475.00

Total, April 1-30, inclusive.....\$11830.05

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VI.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.

Washington, D. C., June 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 6,
Series of 1918.

I. The following Circular has been issued to Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers:

The Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A., will convene at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 20-23, 1918.

This date will require unusual promptness in forwarding per capita tax and reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1918, to the National Secretary, and all other consolidated Division Reports required to the respective officers to whom they shall be made.

The importance and necessity for this promptness will be appreciated by you, since it is required that the reports of the National Secretary, National Treasurer, Commander-in-Chief and ALL OTHER National Officers MUST be printed and PRESENTED in PRINTED FORM to the said Encampment.

Therefore, if your per capita tax and reports for the quarter ending June 31, 1918, are not received promptly by the National Secretary, and the other reports from your Division to the re-

spective National Officers your Division cannot be shown in the reports of the National Officers nor in the records of the Encampment.

NO DIVISION CAN HAVE REPRESENTATION IN THE ENCAMPMENT UNLESS ALL REPORTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

These Reports comprise the following:

Division Patriotic Instructor, to be made on Form 51, to National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. E. H. Brewster, Auburn, Maine.

Division Chaplain, to be made on Form 43, to National Chaplain, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. Building, Newport, R. I.

Division Commanders will see that these reports are forwarded to these respective officers without delay.

It is also required that every Division Commander's Bond—**SURETY COMPANY BOND**—in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, be forwarded to and be approved by the **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**, within thirty (30) days after each Division Commander is elected.

This Bond must be made to F. T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Washington, D. C. No other can or will be accepted.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION—Form 49—must be forwarded to the National Secretary **IN DUPLICATE**, without delay, and immediately after a Division Encampment. From these the Encampment Roll will be made up. Without these Forms by the required time hereinafter stated, your Division's representation cannot appear in the Encampment Roster.

PER CAPITA TAX and REPORTS of Division Secretary and Division Treasurer for the quarter ending June 30, 1918, **MUST** be in the hands of the National Secretary **NOT LATER THAN JULY 31st**.

ALL checks and remittances must be made payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, and forwarded to Reading, Pa.

JULY 31, 1918—The books and accounts with every Division will be closed and balanced for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment; reports compiled and prepared for printer. No requests to extend the time can be considered or granted. It is absolutely necessary and required that, on this date all must be closed, and if you are late or delinquent beyond the date or time designated, it will be your responsibility. The Encampment dates make this action imperative.

There need be no cause or reason for delay on your part in forwarding tax and reports for the June Quarter. You will know whether or not you will have a Camp or Camps to **DISBAND**. You cannot "**DROP**" a Camp until it is "in arrears in the payment of per capita tax and with reports for one year or more." Therefore, there can be no reason for delaying the forwarding of the tax and reports for the June Quarter.

Forward to **ALL** your Camps **AT ONCE**, Forms 27 and 28 for quarter ending June 30, 1918. See that the Camps return them to you on **THE LAST MEETING NIGHT IN JUNE**, with per capita tax to your Division.

If Camps are dilatory in reporting and paying tax, report and pay tax on such Camps for the same number in good standing which each one of such Camps had and paid tax on last report (March Quarter, 1918). Such Camps, unless they are to

be disbanded, cannot be dropped, and under the circumstances can be reported in good standing and tax paid thereon.

REPORTS REQUESTED: It is desired to have your Division in our reports and reported to the Encampment, showing thereby that it is in good standing. If omitted from the reports, the responsibility is yours.

Therefore, it is necessary that not later than July 31, 1918, the following Reports **MUST** be in the hands of the designated National Officers:

The National Secretary:

Per capita tax for quarter ending June 30, 1918.

Division Secretary's Report (New Form) Form 37, for June Quarter.

Division Secretary's Report, Form 35, for June Quarter.

Division Treasurer's Report, Form 38, for June Quarter.

Certificates of election (in duplicate), Form 49.

Reports of the institution of new Camps outstanding and not forwarded, Camps instituted and no charters issued thereto, Form 23.

To the Commander-in-Chief: Division Commander's Bond.

To the National Patriotic Instructor: Division Patriotic Instructor's Report, Form 51.

To the National Chaplain: The Division Chaplain's Report, Form 43.

Failure to have ANY or ALL of the above reports in the possession of each and all the National Officers designated by July 31, 1918, will deprive your Division from representation in the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 20-23, 1918.

By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

Commander-in-Chief.

H. H. HAMMER, National Secretary.

II. Division Encampments in addition to those announced in previous General Orders, will be held as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, Birmingham, Ala., June 28, 1918.

Michigan, Saginaw, Mich., June 19-20, 1918.

Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., June 11, 1918.

Montana and Idaho at Helena, Mont., June 27-29, 1918.

III. The following Brothers have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

D. J. Snively, Camp 14, Pennsylvania.

W. W. W. Moore, Camp 14, Pennsylvania.

E. U. Daly, Camp 182, Pennsylvania.

H. J. Beahm, Camp 182, Pennsylvania.

M. H. Coleman, Camp 182, Pennsylvania.

Freemen H. Hoyt, Camp 18, New Hampshire.

Wm. A. Sparling, Camp 4, Michigan.

Frank O. Whiting, Camp 43, Maine.

Ralph H. Burbank, Camp 20, Maine.

IV. Encampments have been held in the following Divisions, and the following brothers have been elected:

Connecticut—Commander, Robert J. Woodruff, Box 364, New

Haven, Conn.; Secretary-Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, Box 1232, New Haven, Conn.

Kentucky—Commander, V. I. Cartwright, 1018, South 28th Street, Louisville; Secretary-Treasurer, E. B. Roebuck, 24 Washington Apts., Louisville.

Maryland—Commander, Harry L. Streib, 1612 North Broadway, Baltimore, Md.; Secretary-Treasurer, F. E. Cross, 319 9th Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

Massachusetts—Commander, Rufus A. Soule, Jr., New Bedford, Mass.; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 15 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Missouri—Commander, Louis Drechsler, 2701 Blair Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.; Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. Heintz, 4439 Athlone Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Nebraska—Commander, Wm. H. Smith, State House, Lincoln, Neb.; Secretary, H. B. Reed, Columbus, Neb.

New Hampshire—Commander, Stewart Everett Rowe, Exeter, N. H.; Secretary-Treasurer, S. S. Smith, Exeter, N. H.

Rhode Island—Henry E. Gobeille, 47 Washington Street, Providence, R. I.; Secretary-Treasurer, Alfred B. Carr, 47 Washington Street, Providence.

Vermont—Commander, Charles R. Davenport, Saxtons River, Vt.; Secretary-Treasurer, E. E. Perry, Barre, Vt.

V. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to thank the officers and members of the Order for their generous contributions to the Ambulance Fund. The amount of the contributions thus far received show that the Fund will be a magnificent success, and the sum called for largely oversubscribed. A Committee consisting of the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and National Treasurer, on behalf of this Order, and the National President, the National Secretary, and National Treasurer, on behalf of the Auxiliary, has been appointed and is now arranging for the purchase and presentation of the Ambulances. A statement of the National Secretary, in the present issue of The Banner, shows the contributions received for the Fund from May 1 to May 31, both inclusive.

VI. Arrangements for the meeting of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., the week of August 18, 1918, are now under way, and will be fully outlined in the July Banner. Hotel accommodations will be plentiful, with prices to suit; reasonable rates will prevail. Every brother should arrange his vacation so that he may attend the Encampment.

VII. Applications for charter for new Camps have been approved, since last announcement, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
May 1	165	Auburn, New York	52
May 16	284	Kansas, Illinois	27
May 16	20	Greenup, Illinois	114
May 17		Hamilton, Ohio	15
		York, Nebraska	24

Charters issued to new Camps since last announcement were as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
April 25	2	Dighton, Kansas	27
March 25	17	Sunfield, Michigan	31
May 10	165	Auburn, New York	67
April 9	284	Kansas, Illinois	25
April 12	20	Greenup, Illinois	113

VIII. Following Camps have been Disbanded and Dropped, and, in consequence the charters of said Camps are hereby revoked:

Illinois. Disbanded: Camp No. 3, Murphysboro, 12 members; Camp No. 11, Tiskilwa, 15 members; Camp No. 24, Tuscola, 33 members; Camp No. 81, Homer, 10 members; Camp No. 82, Elizabeth, 13 members; Camp No. 85, Monticello, 17 members; Camp No. 87, Bunker Hill, 7 members; Camp No. 88, Clay-ton, 29 members; Camp No. 174, East St. Louis, 10 members; Camp No. 288, Mount Erie, 13 members; Camp No. 412, Glasford, 8 members.

Indiana. Disbanded: Camp No. 170, La Porte, 38 members.

Iowa. Dropped: Camp No. 2, Andrew, 16 members; Camp No. 11, What Cheer, 24 members; Camp No. 70, St. Charles, 39 members; Camp No. 77, Osceola, 40 members.

Massachusetts. Disbanded: Camp No. 133, Sandwich, 9 members.

Maine. Camp No. 23, Freeport, Dropped, June, 1917. Camp No. 96, Clinton, Dropped, September, 1917.

Missouri. Disbanded: Camp No. 1, Sedalia, 25 members; Camp No. 22, Linn, 36 members; Camp No. 23, Byron, 19 members.

New York. Disbanded: Camp No. 11, Hamilton, 23 members; Camp No. 98, Utica, 22 members; Camp No. 119, White Plains, 22 members; Camp No. 124, Attica, 25 members. Dropped: Camp No. 54, Franklinville, 26 members; Camp No. 73, Schuylerville, 14 members; Camp No. 81, Greenport, 24 members; Camp No. 94, Johnsonburg, 12 members; Camp No. 97, Alle-gany, 17 members; Camp No. 158, Fayetteville, 21 members; Camp No. 197, Bolivar, 16 members.

Ohio. Disbanded: Camp No. 66, Middle Point, 10 members; Dropped: Camp No. 29, Fremont, 10 members; Camp No. 41, Tippecanoe City, 10 members; Camp No. 57, Columbus Grove, 10 members; Camp No. 63, Hue, 17 members; Camp No. 71, Lima-ville, 10 members; Camp No. 76, Bellville, 10 members; Camp No. 92, Vaughnsville, 10 members; Camp No. 97, Clyde (Hon. Dis.), 10 members; Camp No. 98, Bellevue (Hon. Dis.), 15 members; Camp No. 107, Troy, 10 members; Camp No. 113, Cadiz, 10 members; Camp No. 292, Cedarville, 10 members.

STATEMENT No. 9.

IX. Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1918:

RECEIPTS.		
April 30, 1918, to balance.....		\$ 651.48
Received for per capita tax.....	\$3127.79	
Charter fees	12.50	
Supplies	561.69	
Junior Order—Supplies	5.35	
Total receipts		<u>\$3707.33</u>
		<u>\$4358.81</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$1744.49
Office expenses	45.27
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	76.33

Total expenditures	\$1866.09
Balance, May 31, 1918.....	\$2492.72

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock	\$ 201.82
The Banner, subscription, April and May, 1918	1477.22
Printing	21.25
Reserve	24.87
Shipping supplies	19.33
	<u>\$1744.49</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For wrapping paper and twine, postage, telegrams, express, stationery	\$ 45.27
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office.....	\$ 76.33
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Total expenditures	\$1866.09
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Balance, May 31, 1918.....	\$2492.72
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By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER.

National Secretary.

AMBULANCE FUND STATEMENT.

Contributions to the Ambulance Fund from Divisions and Camps, received by the National Secretary, and held by the National Treasurer, since last announcement (The Banner, May, 1918, issue) are as follows:

Previously acknowledged, received during April.....	\$11830.05
Received during May	5745.44

Total received, to May 31, inc.....	\$17575.49
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Division.	Received April.	May.	Total to May 31, inc.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	\$	\$ 11.50	\$ 11.50
Cal. and Pac. (No Report)			
Col. and Wyo. (No Report)			
Connecticut	1999.00		1999.00
Illinois		1327.50	1327.50
Indiana	250.00	8.25	258.25
Iowa		170.15	170.15
Kansas	236.75	181.25	418.00
Kentucky (No Report)			

Maine	254.50	84.50	339.00
Maryland		334.00	334.00
Massachusetts	3000.00	1013.51	4013.51
Michigan (No Report)			
Minnesota		216.35	216.35
Missouri	146.10	10.00	156.10
Mont. and Ida. (No Report)			
Nebraska (No Report)			
New Hampshire	500.00		500.00
New Jersey	475.00		475.00
New York	999.65	496.25	1495.90
Ohio	1388.25	211.75	1600.00
Pennsylvania	2226.75	745.00	2971.75
Rhode Island		59.20	59.20
Vermont		786.23	786.23
Washington and Oregon....		75.00	75.00
Wisconsin	354.05	15.00	369.05

Total to May 31, inc....	\$11830.05	\$5745.44	\$17545.49
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No. 26—Division of Alabama and Tennessee:

Division of Alabama and Tennessee.....	\$	5.00
Camp No. 10, Memphis, Tenn.....		6.50
	\$	11.50

No. 19—Division of Illinois:

Camps Nos.

2	Apple River	\$ 25.00
6	Chicago	64.00
7	Chicago Heights	20.00
14	Decatur	42.00
15	Waukegan	30.00
16	McLean	100.00
17	Blue Island	50.00
19	Johnson City	50.50
21	Aurora	50.00
30	Hampton	35.00
39	Princeton	50.00
43	Joliet	114.00
44	Batavia	24.00
54	Geneseo	75.00
55	Momence	25.00
60	Belvidere	111.50
'61-'65	Chicago	13.00
100	Chicago	100.00
150	Champaign	175.00
270	Dwight	56.00
301	Oblong	112.50
400	Freeport	5.00

\$1327.50

No. 33—Division of Indiana:

Previously reported and published.....	\$250.00	
Additional: Division	8.25	
	\$	258.25

No. 24—Division of Iowa:

33	Waterloo	\$ 20.15
152	Spencer	150.00
	\$	170.15

No. 16—Division of Kansas:

Previously reported and published.....\$ 236.75

Additional:

5	La Crosse (additional).....	\$ 2.00
15	Auburn	17.25
69	Hutchinson	10.00
100	Elmdale	20.00
234	Valley Center	7.00

Camps not designated.....\$ 56.25
 No. 29: 49, Wichita.....50.00

125.00

\$ 418.00

No. 25—Division of Maine:

Previously reported and published.....\$ 254.50

Additional:

3	Bangor	\$ 75.50
51	Biddeford	9.00

84.50

\$ 339.00

No. 31—Division of Maryland:

1	Baltimore, Md.	\$110.25
2	Hagerstown, Md.	5.00
21	Smithburg, Md.	9.00
2	Washington, D. C.	100.00
30	Washington, D. C.	38.00
2	Wilmington, Del.	38.00
3	Wilmington, Del.	25.00
2	Mappsville, Va.	2.75
6	Grafton, W. Va.	6.00

\$ 334.00

No. 23—Division of Massachusetts:

Previously reported and published.....\$ 3000.00

Additional:

3	Somerville (additional)	\$ 68.10
6	Beverly (additional)	5.00
8	East Boston	40.00
11	Whitman	104.00
14	Cambridgeport	41.00
22	Middleboro	18.00
23	Reading (additional)	61.50
27	Kingston (additional)	3.00
32	South Braintree	5.00
41	Waltham	14.30
46	Roxbury (additional)	36.00
47	Norwood	5.00
48	Northampton	19.00
54	Medford (additional)	6.00
56	Cambridge (additional)	8.96
67	Abington (additional)	10.00
74	Milton	20.40

79	Melrose	65.75
80	Malden	14.50
81	Chelsea (additional)	31.25
82	Townsend	20.00
83	Plainville	9.50
94	Marlboro	15.00
95	Quincy	36.00
97	Adams	8.00
102	Sudbury	25.00
104	Saugus	10.00
106	Charlestown	9.00
108	Pittsfield (additional)	28.00
116	South Hanson (additional)	4.50
118	Eastondale (additional)	2.50
130	Lawrence	12.75
131	Medfield	1.00
137	Great Barrington	20.00
145	Roxbury (additional) .....	.50
151	Barnstable	4.50
159	Williamstown	15.00
	Woman's Relief Corps.....	57.00
	Ladies of the G. A. R.....	50.00

\$ 905.01

No. 30—Additional:

29	Watertown (additional)	4.50
64	Ashland (additional)	78.50
76	Amherst (additional)	5.50
80	Malden (additional)	1.00
91	Marblehead	15.00
150	New Bedford (additional)	4.00

\$ 108.50

\$ 4013.51

No. 22—Division of Minnesota:

Division of Minnesota.....	\$ 216.35
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No. 28—Division of Missouri:

Previously reported and published.....	\$ 146.10
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Additional:

Camp No. 4, St. Louis (additional).....	10.00
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\$ 156.10

No. 14—Division of New York:

Previously reported and published.....	\$ 999.65
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Additional:

Division of New York.....	\$100.00
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1	Kingston	17.50
7	New York City.....	70.00
19	Amsterdam	12.25
20	Brooklyn	10.00
23	Brooklyn (additional)	24.50
25	Newbergh	3.00
28	Brooklyn	27.00
55	East Aurora	14.00
56	Glen Falls	18.00
71	Fredonia	15.00

77	Elmira	13.25
92	Brooklyn	6.25
100	Rochester (additional)	6.00
122	Livonia	17.00
126	Oneida	15.50
131	Silver Creek	19.50
133	New York City (additional)	3.00
134	Fort Plain	5.00
140	New York City	50.00
167	New York City (additional)	2.00
168	Brooklyn	34.50
182	New York City (additional)	3.00
225	Granville	10.00
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		\$ 496.25
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		\$ 1495.90

No. 20—Division of Ohio:

Previously reported and published		\$ 1388.25
Additional:		
2	Youngstown	\$ 25.00
12	Mansfield (additional)	16.00
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		\$ 41.00

No. 32—Additional:

12	Mansfield (additional)	\$ 5.25
93	Massillon (additional)	39.00
100	Cincinnati	126.50
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		\$ 170.75
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		\$ 1600.00

No. 27—Division of Pennsylvania:

Previously reported and published		\$ 2226.75
Additional:		
1	Philadelphia	\$ 78.00
2	Philadelphia (additional)	200.00
9	(Clegg), Philadelphia	86.25
25	Berwick	10.00
28	Bristol	10.00
31	Brookville	38.50
32	Carnegie	25.00
39	Philadelphia (additional)	3.00
48	Northampton	5.00
52	Newmanstown	15.50
58	Kresgeville	5.00
77	Stroudsburg	5.00
98	Pittsburgh	10.00
103	West Chester	5.00
113	Slippery Rock	10.00
129	Fairmount Springs	10.25
131	Blairsville	15.00
182	Bethlehem	105.00
216	Slatington (additional)	8.50
249	New Castle	100.00
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		\$ 745.00
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		\$ 2971.75

No. 21—Division of Rhode Island:

Division of Rhode Island.....\$ 59.20

No. 17—Division of Vermont:

2	Wilmington	\$ 19.50
4	Rutland	192.00
9	Bennington	30.00
11	Brattleboro	10.00
14	Barre	20.00
19	Burlington	14.00
20	Chester	12.25
25	Wallingford	12.25
28	Chelsea	11.00
34	Springfield	2.00
39	Calais	27.00
56	Brandon	18.75
57	Poultney	186.63
60	Manchester Depot	20.00
75	Lyndenville	16.00
83	Huntington	10.00
84	Glover	39.35
88	Tunbridge	13.00
89	Middletown Springs	15.00
90	Montpelier	56.50
91	Saxtons River	60.00
1	Junior Order	1.00

\$ 786.23

No. 18—Division of Washington and Oregon:

2	Spokane, Wash.	\$ 25.00
3	Bellingham, Wash.	50.00

\$ 75.00

No. 15—Division of Wisconsin:

Previously reported and published.....\$ 354.05

Additional:

28	Milton	\$ 14.00
35	Eau Claire (additional)	1.00

\$ 15.00

\$ 369.05

Total\$17545.49

Total amount received April and May, inc.....\$17545.49

RECEIVED JUNE

No. 34—Division of New Jersey:

	Previously acknowledged	\$ 475.00
8	Paterson (additional)	1.00
		\$ 476.00

1.00

No. 35—Division of New York:

	Previously acknowledged	\$1495.90
32	Chatham	5.00

41	Dobbs Ferry	21.00	
46	Whitesville	6.00	
62	Flushing	5.00	
94	Johnsonburg	5.00	
195	Moriah Center	10.00	52.00

\$1547.90

No. 36—Division of Ohio:

Previously acknowledged	\$1600.00	
1 Columbus	13.80	
12 Mansfield (additional)	1.00	
Z. X. Corey, Bellefontaine.....	5.00	19.80

\$1619.80

No. 43—Division of Illinois:

Previously acknowledged	\$1327.50	
6 Chicago	12.00	
10 Canton	26.10	
12 Chicago	119.50	
25 Peoria	500.00	
26 Rockford	88.50	
31 Moline	200.00	
35 Marengo	15.00	
37 Pontiac	125.00	
46 La Grange	10.00	
48 Prophetstown	50.00	
89 Petersburg	151.00	
91 Hanna City	12.00	
100 Chicago	5.00	
110 Ransom	15.00	
216 Naperville	5.00	
270 Dwight	2.00	
291 Greenville	55.00	1391.10

\$2718.60

Total\$19009.39

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VII.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.

Washington, D. C., July 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 7,
Series of 1918.

I. The 37th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will convene at Niagara Falls, New York, in the week beginning Sunday, August 18, 1918.

Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Cataract Hotel, where accommodations may be had by all members of the Encampment. All those desiring reservations at the Headquarters Hotel (the Cataract) should make application therefor directly to the hotel management.

The Council-in-Chief will meet at the Cataract Hotel, at 3 o'clock P. M., Monday, August 19, 1918, for the purpose of examining and auditing the books and accounts of the National Secretary and National Treasurer, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

The first session of the Encampment will be opened on Tuesday, August 20, at 10 o'clock in the morning, in the assembly room in the Cataract Hotel. The sessions of the Encampment will continue from day to day until all business of the Encampment shall have been transacted.

HOTEL RATES

Cataract Hotel: European—Single room, with bath, per day, \$3.00; double room, with bath, per day, \$5.00; single room, without bath, per day, \$1.50-\$2.00; double room, without bath, per day, \$3.50-\$4.00.

Temperance House: American plan—Single room, with bath, per day, \$3.50; double room, with bath, per day, \$6.00; single room, without bath, per day, \$3.00; double room, without bath, per day, \$5.00. Not more than 100 persons will be accommodated at this hotel.

Tower Hotel: European—Single room, with bath, per day, \$2.00; double room, with bath, per day, \$3.50; single room, without bath, per day, \$1.50; double room, without bath, per day, \$2.50. Not more than 100 persons will be accommodated at this hotel.

The Prospect Hotel: European—Single room, with bath, per day, \$3.00; double room, with bath, per day, \$4.50; single room, without bath, per day, \$2.00; double room, without bath, per day, \$3.00. Not more than 50 persons will be accommodated at this hotel.

Hotel Clifton: European—\$1.50 per day without bath, each person; \$2.00 per day with bath, each person; \$4.00 per day with bath, two persons.

Rooms in private houses may be secured, if desired, at from \$1.00 per day up. Those wishing rooms in private houses can be accommodated by addressing Mr. A. N. Albee, Chairman of the local committee, 608 Elmwood Avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

II. Every member of the Commandery-in-Chief, both Past Officers of Divisions and Delegates, should make an effort and be present at the Niagara Encampment, as business of vital importance to the interests of the Order will be presented, and it is desirable that the various propositions presented shall have the earnest consideration of every member who is entitled to a seat in the Encampment. Brothers, please make a real effort to be present, and take part in the consideration of these various matters.

III. The Niagara Falls Camp is undertaking the provision of many pleasant features for the visiting members, and are anticipating a large and enthusiastic Encampment. Niagara Falls is one of the greatest "show places" of the country, and every brother who has never visited the place should take advantage of our Encampment and do so, for the memory of the visit will be one of the pleasures you will have in after years. Those Brothers who have heretofore visited the Falls will undoubtedly avail themselves of this opportunity to again enjoy

one of the most wonderful sights on the American continent. Come, Brothers, one and all, and enjoy yourselves, and help make the 37th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief one of the most notable in the annals of the Order.

IV. Proposed Amendments to the C. R. & R.:

The following proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, favorably reported at and adopted as of the first reading, at the 36th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Boston, Mass., 1917, were referred to the 37th Annual Encampment, 1918, of the Commandery-in-Chief, for action, viz:

From the Division of California & Pacific:

Substitute for Section 3, Article V, Chapter III, the following:

"Sec. 3. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Division Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the Camps in attendance at the encampment. The Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies."

From the Division of New York:

Add the following paragraph to Section 4, Article I, Chapter II:

"Camps having been dropped for three quarters or less may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee to be determined by the Division and may retain their original charter."

Add the following paragraph to Section 2, Article VII, Chapter III:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped three quarters or less."

V. The following new Amendments have been proposed to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and are hereby published in conformity with the provisions of Chapter VII of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations:

From the Division of Wisconsin:

In line 5, Section 2, Article XIX, Chapter VI, cancel the words "iron cross," and substitute therefor the words—bronze cross—.

From the Division of Kansas:

Article IV, Chapter I, strike out the words "during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65;"

From the Division of Maryland:

Line 2, Section 1, Article II, Chapter II, strike out the word "the" and substitute therefor the word "a"—; And at the end of line 5 add the following—, which form shall also contain the obligation.—

Paragraph (b), Section 2, same Article and Chapter, strike out the words "at a meeting subsequent to its appointment."

Paragraph (c), Section 2. Strike out this paragraph, and substitute therefor the following:

(c) Each application then shall be ballotted upon singly and alone by a secret ballot, at which not less than five ballots shall be cast. Three "black-balls" shall reject. Upon election the applicant shall be duly obligated, or initiated. Each applicant so obligated, or initiated, shall be presented with a regula-

tion badge, a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and a Certificate of Membership.—

Paragraph (b), Section 4, line 6, Article VII, Chapter II, insert before the word "initiation" the words—obligation, or—.

From the Division of Maine:

Section 2, Article XIX, Chapter VI, strike out the words "Iron Cross," in the fifth line, and insert in lieu thereof the words—"Past Camp Commander's Badge."

Section 8 (b), Article XIX, Chapter VI, strike out the words "Iron Cross" in the first line, and insert in lieu thereof the words—Past Camp Commander's Badge;—.

VI. The following Aides have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Charles Fithian, Camp 17, N. J.
 John Albert Owens, Camp 17, N. J.
 Walter C. Mabie, Camp 10, Pa.
 Lewis J. Brimmer, Camp 65, Mass.
 O. J. Parker, Camp 48, Ind.
 W. W. Stevenson, Camp 249, Pa.

VII. There are several Divisions from which no Reports have, as yet, been received in the matter of the Ambulance matter. The Division Commanders and Division Secretaries of these Divisions are urged to make their Reports without further delay. Every Division and every Camp in the Order should make some report, and every Camp should make some contribution to the Fund. This is a patriotic duty that every Camp owes to the Order and to the Country.

VIII. Camp Secretaries are again urged to forward to their Division Secretaries a list of the NAMES and ADDRESSES of the members in good standing.

IX. Many Division Secretaries seem to have failed to report to the National Secretary Camp Banner lists forwarded by them to The Banner, as required by Special Order No. 3, issued in March last. Compliance with this Order is required.

X. Divisions failing to send in ALL REPORTS (this includes not only Quarterly Reports, BUT ALSO Division Patriotic Instructor's and Division Chaplain's Reports) will not be entitled to representation in the National Encampment.

XI. Efforts are being made to secure a reduction in railroad rates to the National Encampment at Niagara Falls, but up to the present no concessions have been obtained. If any concessions are obtained Division Commanders will be promptly notified, and they in turn will notify the membership of their respective Divisions.

XII. Elections have been reported from the following Divisions for the year 1918-1919:

Alabama and Tennessee—Commander, Charles T. Stapleton, 714 N. 22nd St., Birmingham, Ala.; Secretary, M. D. Friedman, 1237 So. 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.; Treasurer, Valentine Glib, Jr., P. O. Box 146, Birmingham, Ala.

California and Pacific—Commander, Chas. Walter Tozer, Holbrook Bldg., 58 Sutter St., San Francisco; Secretary and Treasurer, A. J. Cloud, San Francisco.

Colorado and Wyoming—Commander, Edgar Payton, City

Hall, Colorado Springs; Secretary and Treasurer, G. L. Trippel, Colorado Bldg., Colorado Springs.

Connecticut—Commander, Robert J. Woodruff, Box 364, New Haven; Secretary and Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, Box 1233, New Haven.

Illinois—Commander, Royal N. Allen, Hamilton Club, Chicago; Secretary, A. D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Building, Peoria; Treasurer, A. S. Holbrook, Dwight.

Indiana—Commander, George Matthews, Richmond; Secretary and Treasurer, Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Law Bldg., Indianapolis.

Kansas—Commander, H. M. Lewis, 422 Butts Bldg., Wichita; Secretary and Treasurer, M. J. Sweet, 715 N. St. Francis Ave., Wichita.

Kentucky—Commander, V. I. Cartwright, 1018 South 28th St., Louisville; Secretary and Treasurer, E. B. Roebuck, 24 Wash. Apts., Louisville.

Maine—Commander, Ralph H. Burbank, Biddeford; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward K. Gould, 375 Main St., Rockland.

Maryland—Commander, Harry L. Streib, 1612 N. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.; Secretary and Treasurer, Francis E. Cross, 319 9th St., S. E. Washington, D. C.

Massachusetts—Commander, Rufus A. Soule, Jr., 226 Maple St., New Bedford; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston; Treasurer, Fred E. Bolton, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston.

Michigan—Commander, Harry Marion, 202 West North St., Kalamazoo; Secretary and Treasurer, George E. Cogshall, Norris Bldg., Grand Rapids.

Minnesota—Commander, W. J. Hiland, 765 Charlton St., St. Paul; Secretary-Treasurer, C. L. Peter, St. Paul.

Missouri—Commander, Louis Drechsler, 2701 Blair Ave., St. Louis; Secretary and Treasurer, William Heintz, 4439 Atholone Ave., St. Louis.

Montana and Idaho—Commander, Claude L. Benton, Deer Lodge, Mont; Secretary and Treasurer, J. A. Morrow, Deer Lodge, Mont.

Nebraska—Commander, William H. Smith, State House, Lincoln; Secretary, H. B. Reed, Columbus; Treasurer, E. P. Dussell, Columbus.

New Hampshire—Commander, Stewart Everett Rowe, Exeter; Secretary and Treasurer, Sam S. Smith, Exeter.

New Jersey—Commander, Ernest W. McCann, 2 Virginia Terrace, Atlantic City; Secretary and Treasurer, John L. Reeger, 1437 S. Broad St., Trenton.

New York—Commander, Theodore C. Cazeau, 1244 South Ave., Rochester; Secretary, Walter S. Beilby, 164 Woodbine Ave., Rochester; Treasurer, Herman L. Lange, 224 Church St., New York.

Pennsylvania—Commander, Walter C. Mabie, N. E. Cor. Broad and Arch Sts., Room 38, Philadelphia; Secretary, Wm. B. McNulty, N. E. Cor. Broad and Arch Sts., Room 38, Philadelphia; Treasurer, John E. Wightman, Mount Carmel.

Rhode Island—Commander, Henry E. Gobielle, 47 Wash-

ington St., Room 5, Providence; Secretary and Treasurer, Alfred B. Carr. 47 Washington St., Room 5, Providence.

Vermont—Commander, Charles R. Davenport, Saxtons River; Secretary and Treasurer, E. E. Perry, Barre.

XIII. Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
May 15	86	Adel, Iowa	16
Mar. 17	5	Mitchell, S. D., Minn.	38
May 27	15	Galion, Ohio	42
May 25	32	Kenton, Ohio	61
June 7	10	Money Creek, Minn.	15
May 10	77	Chillicothe, Ohio	34
June 22	39	Bridgeton, New Jersey	17

In addition to the foregoing, application was approved for charter for Camp at Harvard, Division of Nebraska, June 15, with 26 applicants.

STATEMENT No. 10.

XIV. Report of the National Secretary for month of June, 1918:

RECEIPTS

May 31, 1918, to balance.....	\$2492.72
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 17.73
Charter fees	17.50
Supplies	272.89
Junior Order—Supplies	3.60

Total receipts \$ 311.72

\$2804.44

EXPENDITURES

By general expenses.....	\$1380.08
Office expenses	130.97
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	392.13

Total expenditures \$1903.18

Balance, June 29, 1918..... \$ 901.26

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 78.25
The Banner, subscription, June, 1918.....	647.60
Printing	5.75
Reserve	63.44
Shipping supplies	10.04
Salaries—Mar. 21-June 20, 1918, inc.....	575.00

\$1380.08

OFFICE EXPENSES

For postage, telegrams, rent, July-Sept., 1918, inc.....	\$ 130.97
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES

For postage, telegrams, traveling.....	392.13
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Total expenditures \$1903.18

Balance, June 29, 1918..... \$ 901.26

By order of

F. T. F. JOHNSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

AMBULANCE FUND.

Contributions have been received to the War Ambulance Fund since last announcement as follows:

Division.	Previously Acknowledged.	Received June.	Total.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	\$ 11.50	\$	\$ 11.50
Cal. and Pac.—No report			
Col. and Wyo.—No report			
Connecticut	1999.00	106.00	2105.00
Illinois	2718.60		2718.60
Indiana	258.25	22.00	280.25
Iowa	170.15		170.15
Kansas	418.00	3.00	421.00
Kentucky—No report			
Maine	339.00		339.00
Maryland	334.00		334.00
Massachusetts	4013.51		4013.51
Michigan—No report			
Minnesota	216.35	30.00	246.35
Missouri	156.10		156.10
Mont. and Idaho—No report			
Nebraska—No report			
New Hampshire	500.00		500.00
New Jersey	476.00		476.00
New York	1547.90	666.50	2214.40
Ohio	1619.80	5.00	1624.80
Pennsylvania	2971.75	6.00	2977.75
Rhode Island	59.20		59.20
Vermont	786.23		786.23
Washington and Oregon.....	75.00		75.00
Wisconsin	369.05	5.00	374.05
Total	\$19039.39	\$843.50	\$19882.89

Contributions from Camps additional to previously published and reported, were:

No. 46—Division of Connecticut:

Previously reported and acknowledged.....\$1999.00

Additional:

Camp No.

1	New Haven (additional).....	\$ 8.00
2	Stamford	7.50
19	Mystic (additional)	40.00
22	Greenwich	30.00
25	Ansonia (additional)	2.00
26	Derby (additional)	1.00
34	Torrington	14.50

39	Milford (additional)	1.00	
49	Waterbury (additional)	2.00	
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			\$2105.00

No. 38—Division of Indiana:

Previously reported and acknowledged.....	\$ 258.25
Additional	22.00
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	\$ 280.25

No. 37—Division of Kansas:

Previously reported and acknowledged.....	\$ 418.00
16 Topeka (additional)	3.00
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	\$ 421.00

No. 44—Division of Minnesota:

Previously acknowledged and reported.....	\$ 216.35
Additional:	
8 Minneapolis	30.00
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	\$ 246.35

No. 39, 40, 45, 47, 48—Division of New York:

Previously acknowledged and published.....		\$1547.90
Additional:		
5	Batavia	\$ 4.50
6	Rochester (additional)	1.00
10	Riverhead	2.00
13	Gloversville	35.00
26	New York (additional)	13.00
40	Ithaca	2.00
42	Troy	25.00
43	Utica	16.50
47	Three Mile Bay	5.00
52	Syracuse	25.00
53	Adams	4.00
58	Rome	24.00
60	Rochester	50.00
64	Mount Vernon	42.50
71	Fredonia (additional)	10.00
74	Yonkers	10.00
78	Peekskill	100.00
126	Oneida	7.00
135	Brooklyn	7.00
149	Herkimer	17.00
171	New York	50.00
200	Albany	206.00
203	Springville	5.00
204	Otego	5.00
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		\$ 666.50

No. 41—Division of Ohio:

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Previously reported and acknowledged.....	\$1619.80
321 Newcomerstown	5.00
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	\$1624.80

No. 49—Division of Pennsylvania:

Previously reported and acknowledged.....\$2971.75

Additional:

2 Philadelphia (additional)\$1.00
 159 North East 5.00

6.00

\$2977.75

No. 42—Division of Wisconsin:

Previously acknowledged and reported.....\$ 369.05

31 Racine 5.00

\$ 374.05

SUPPLEMENTARY AMBULANCE FUND REPORT.

Contributions received to the Ambulance Fund since June 30, 1918, reported above, were as follows:

Reported to June 30, inclusive.....\$19882.89

Received since —(July), as follows:

Division of Illinois (additional).....\$ 60.50

Division of Massachusetts (additional)..... 254.00

\$ 314.50

Total to July 6, 1918, inc.....\$20197.39

No. 50—Division of Illinois:

Previously acknowledged\$2718.60

Camp No.

6 Chicago (additional)\$ 2.00

39 Princeton (additional) 50.00

45 Galena 3.50

100 Chicago (additional) 5.00

60.50\$2779.10

No. 51—Division of Massachusetts:

Previously acknowledged\$4013.51

3 Somerville (additional)\$11.90

5 Hudson 51.00

13 Stoughton 13.00

26 Taunton (additional) 6.00

30 Dorchester (additional) 11.60

45 Arlington (additional) 4.50

50 Rockland 50.00

54 Medford (additional) 4.00

56 Cambridge (additional) 11.00

67 Abington, (additional) 9.00

78 Lowell (additional) 22.50

121 Northfield (additional) 4.00

125 Fiskdale 12.00

131 Medfield (additional) 6.50

139 West Medway 15.00

150 New Bedford (additional) 22.00

254.00\$4267.51

AMBULANCE FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged—July Banner.....\$20197.39

Division of New Jersey:

Previously reported	\$476.00	
5 Trenton	\$21.25	
8 Paterson (additional)	1.00	
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		\$498.25

Division of Massachusetts:

Previously reported	\$4267.51	
34 Wakefield (additional)	\$4.00	
111 Andover (additional)	3.00	
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		\$4274.51

Total, to July 31, 1918.....\$20226.64

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VIII.

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

Department of Commander-in-Chief
McGill Building, 908-914 G St., N. W.
Washington, D. C., Aug. 1, 1918.

General Orders No. 8,
Series of 1918.

I. As heretofore announced, the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., during the week of August 18th, 1918.

Temporary Headquarters will be established at the Cataract Hotel. The Council-in-Chief will meet in the Headquarters rooms Monday, August 19th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

The first session of the Encampment will be called to order at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 20th, in the assembly room of the Cataract Hotel. The sessions of the Encampment will continue from day to day until all business shall have been transacted.

II. The Commander-in-Chief has been unable to obtain any concession in railroad rate up to the present time, and now has no hope of securing any.

III. The following are the Hotel rates, and are again published for convenient reference:

HOTEL RATES

Cataract Hotel: European—Single room, with bath, per day, \$3.00; double room, with bath, per day, \$5.00; single room, without bath, per day, \$1.50-\$2.00; double room, without bath, per day, \$3.50-\$4.00.

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The Prospect Hotel: European—Single room, with bath, per day, \$3.00; double room, with bath, per day, \$4.50; single room, without bath, per day, \$2.00; double room, without bath, per day \$3.00. Not more than 50 persons will be accommodated at this hotel.

Hotel Clifton: European—\$1.50 per day without bath, each person; \$2.00 per day with bath, each person; \$4.00 per day with bath, two persons.

Rooms in private houses may be secured, if desired, at from \$1.00 per day up. Those wishing rooms in private houses can be accommodated by addressing Mr. A. N. Albee, Chairman of the local committee, 608 Elmwood Avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

IV. Every member of the Commandery-in-Chief, both Past Division Commanders, Division Commanders, and Delegates, should make an effort and be present at the Niagara Falls Encampment, as business of vital importance to the interest of the Order will be presented, and it is desirable that the various propositions presented shall have the earnest consideration of every member who may be entitled to a seat in the Encampment. Brothers, please make a real effort to be present, and take part in the consideration of these various matters.

V. The following brothers have been appointed Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

William H. Dougherty, Sr., and Walter H. Major, both of Camp No. 1, Pennsylvania.

VI. The following are the newly elected Division Commanders for the year 1918-1919:

Alabama and Tennessee—Charles L. Stapleton, 714 N. 22nd St., Birmingham, Ala.

California and Pacific—Charles W. Tozer, 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

Colorado and Wyoming—Edgar Payton, City Hall, Colorado Springs, Col.

Connecticut—Robert J. Woodruff, New Haven, Conn.

Illinois—Royal N. Allen, care Hamilton Club, Chicago, Ill.

Indiana—George Mathews, Richmond, Ind.

Iowa—C. A. Bryson, Iowa Falls, Ia.

Kansas—H. M. Lewis, 422 Butts Bldg., Wichita, Kan.

Kentucky—V. I. Cartwright, 1018 S. 28th St. Louisville, Ky.

Maine—Ralph H. Burbank, Biddeford, Me.

Maryland—Harry L. Streib, 1612 N. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.

Massachusetts—Rufus A. Soule, Jr., 226 Maple St., New Bedford, Mass.

Michigan—Harry Marion, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Minnesota—Wm. J. Hiland, 756 Charlton St., St. Paul, Minn.

Missouri—Dr. Louis Drechsler, 2701 Blair Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Montana and Idaho—Claude L. Benton, Deer Lodge, Mont.

Nebraska—Wm. H. Smith, State House, Lincoln, Neb.

New Hampshire—Stewart Everett Rowe, Exeter, N. H.

New Jersey—Ernest W. McCann, 2 Va. Terrace, Atlantic City, N. J.

New York—Theo. C. Cazeau, 1224 South Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

Ohio—Custer Snyder, Lorain, Ohio.

Pennsylvania—Walter C. Mable, N. E. Corner Broad and Arch Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rhode Island—Henry E. Gobeille, 47 Washington St., Room 5, Providence, R. I.

Vermont—Charles E. Davenport, Saxtons River, Vt.

Washington and Oregon—Charles L. Chamberlain, Colfax, Wash.

Wisconsin—J. G. Bogart, 1315 Majestic Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

VII. The following proposed amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, favorably reported at and adopted as of the first reading, at the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Boston, Mass., 1917, were referred to the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, 1918, of the Commandery-in-Chief, for action, viz:

From the Division of California & Pacific:

Substitute for Section 3, Article V, Chapter III, the following:

"Sec. 3. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Division Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the Camp in attendance at the encampment. The Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies."

From the Division of New York:

Add the following paragraph to Section 4, Article I, Chapter II:

"Camps having been dropped for three quarters or less may be reinstated upon payment of required fee to be determined by the Division and may retain their original charter."

Add the following paragraph to Section 2, Article VII, Chapter III:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped three quarters or less."

VIII. The following new amendments have been proposed to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and are hereby published in conformity with the provisions of Chapter VII of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations:

From the Division of Kansas:

"Article IV, Chapter I, strike out the words "during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65;"

Recommends that the form of Ritual in use during the latter years of the '80 and the early '90s be used, instead of the one in use at present.

From the Division of Maine:

Section 2, Article XIX, Chapter VI, strike out the words "Iron Cross," in the fifth line, and insert in lieu thereof the words—"Past Camp Commander's Badge."

Section 8 (b), Article XIX, Chapter VI, strike out the words "Iron Cross" in the first line, and insert in lieu thereof the words—"Past Camp Commander's Badge;—

From the Division of Maryland:

Article II, Chapter II, Sec. 2. Strike out paragraph (c), and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

(c) Each application then shall be ballotted upon singly and alone by a secret ballot, at which not less than five ballots shall be cast. Three "blackballs" shall reject. Upon election the applicant shall be duly obligated, or initiated. Each applicant so obligated, or initiated, shall be presented with a regulation badge, and a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and his name shall be entered upon the rolls of the Camp; provided that the obligation or pledge may be given either in the Camp room, or by a communication in writing from the newly elected member.—

Article VII, Chapter II, Sec. 4, line 6, insert before the word "initiation" the words—obligation, or—

From the Division of Minnesota:

Article XIX, Chapter VI, Sec. 2, be amended by striking out the words "Iron Cross," and inserting the words—bronze Star—in their stead.

It is also recommended that the design of the Past Camp Commander's badge be changed.

From the Division of New Jersey:

Recommends the disapproval of the further or continued use of the Iron Cross as the badge, emblem or decoration of the Past Commanders, and that said Past Commander's badge, emblem or decoration be changed from that of an Iron Cross to some more appropriate and timely badge, emblem or decoration.

From the Division of Pennsylvania:

Chapter I, Article IV, after "1861-65," insert—and the descendants of the men who were members of, or eligible to the Grand Army of the Republic;—

Add the following Section:

—That all eligibles between the ages of twelve and eighteen years may be admitted to membership, but shall have no voice or vote until they reach the age of eighteen, it being optional with Camps as to whether they shall admit those under eighteen years of age.—

Chapter II, Article II, par. (c): Sec. 2:

Strike out the words "singly and alone;" and inserting after the word "cast" the words—that where more than one applicant is to be elected at a meeting, a trial ballot may be taken, and if not more than two black balls are cast, the applicants shall be declared elected, and where three or more are cast, then each applicant must be ballotted for singly and alone,—

Strike out Paragraph (d).

Strike out Section 3, and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 3. Each applicant for membership shall pay such fees as the Camp By-Laws may determine, \$10 of such fee must be paid to the Division of which said Camp is a member, this fee to be invested by the Division, who shall pay the per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief upon such member during his life time, or until he withdraws from membership, the Camp to pay no further tax on such member, his initiation fee making him a life member of the Order; provided, however, that each Camp may assess dues, and failure of members to pay dues would debar such members from all Camp activities, and the right to a voice and vote, but they would be entitled to the password, and the right to attend meeting.

Chapter II, Article III, strike out Section 1, and in lieu thereof insert:

Sec. 1. Any member upon written application to the Commander of his Camp or to the Commander of his Division, if not upon the Rolls of any Camp, shall receive a transfer card, or honorable discharge, properly attested and under seal, provided, however, that the Camp or Division set such a fee as they desire in their By-Laws to charge transferred members.

Strike out Sections 2 and 3.

Chapter II, Article IV, Sec. 1, strike out the words "Camps shall meet not less than once each quarter."

Chapter II, Article VI, Sec. 1, strike out paragraph (a), and insert in the first part of this section after the words "Camp Council" the words—Delegates and Alternates—.

Strike out Section 5, and in lieu thereof insert:

Sec. 5. No member shall be eligible for election to office unless present at the meeting, or unless he states in writing in advance of such meeting, that he desires to be nominated for said office.

Strike out Section 6, and in lieu thereof insert:

Sec. 6. The election of officers shall be by ballot except where the vote is unanimous, when it may be by acclamation, and where a ballot is taken a plurality shall elect.

Strike out Article III, Chapter III, Divisions, page 20, and in lieu thereof insert—Divisions shall meet in Encampment as provided by their By-Law.

Strike out Section 1, Article 5, page 22, and in lieu thereof insert—The Division Commander, Senior Vice Division Commander, Junior Vice Division Commander, Division Council, Division Secretary, and Division Treasurer, where they are elective, and Delegates, may be elected by acclamation where no objections are raised, and where objection is raised shall be by roll call of the Camps, and a plurality shall elect.

Strike out Section 5, Article 5, page 23, and in lieu thereof insert—No member shall be eligible for election to office at any meeting of the Division unless present, or where he has authorized in writing the use of his name for nomination and election.

In Article 3, Chapter 4, page 34, strike out Section 1, and in lieu thereof insert—The meetings of the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be in accordance with the action of the Commandery meeting.

Article 5, Chapter 4, pages 35 and 36, strike out the word "majority," and insert the word—plurality—, and also strike

out all after the word "choice" and in lieu thereof insert—officers may be elected by acclamation unless objection is raised.

Article 4, Chapter 6, pages 45 and 46, strike out the word "six," and in lieu thereof insert the word—two.

Article 7, Chapter 6, page 47, strike out the word "quarterly," and insert—semi-annually; and strike out the words "April" and "October," and in the latter part of this Article, insert—semi-annually—instead of "quarterly."

Article 8, Chapter 6, pages 47 and 48, strike out the words "Division Commander," and insert the word—Camp.

In Article 13, strike out the word "quarterly" and insert—six months. Strike out the word "four" and insert the word—two. Strike out the words "April" and "October."

Article 16, strike out the Sections on page 55, and in lieu thereof insert—the uniform of the Order shall be that worn by the several branches of the United States Service from 1861-65.

In Article 17, strike out all the Sections, and insert in lieu thereof—the insignia of rank worn by the officers of the Army and Navy from 1861-65.

Article 19, Section 1, strike out the Latin words, on the badge, and insert in lieu thereof English words.

Strike out Article 19, on page 58, and in lieu thereof insert section "Badges and Decorations." Each applicant shall be presented with a button-hole decoration upon his admission.

In Section 2, Past Camp Commanders, Division Commanders, and Commanders-in-Chief who have served a full term, or been elected to fill a vacancy then served to the end of the term, shall be presented with some appropriate badge or mark of the Order to distinguish their past rank.

Sec. 3. Brothers entitled thereto may wear the Bronze War Service Cross, attached to the Division ribbon. Brothers who have served the United States of America faithfully and honorably in the Spanish-American War, shall alone be entitled to wear this particular decoration, and such brothers shall obtain it only through proper application and by furnishing proof of such service.

Sec. 5. The ribbon to be worn by past officers upon their decorations shall be for the Commandery-in-Chief, the present ribbon; Past Camp Commanders shall wear the present Division ribbon, and Past Division Commanders the present Commandery ribbon.

Strike out Article 20, and in lieu thereof insert—The flag of the Order shall be the United States regulation flag, in bunting or in silk.

In Section 2, after the word "Camp" insert—provided, however, that such members of those organizations shall not be present during the ritualistic ceremony.

Ritual:—Members duly elected to membership may be obligated at some suitable place, outside of the Camp room, or the Commander, by some brother duly authorized to give said obligation.

A new Article, to be headed—Inspections:

There shall be an annual inspection of the Camps of the Division, the Division Commander having the power to appoint the Inspectors, who shall be furnished with blanks prepared by the Commander-in-Chief, and shall include the giving of ratings, as follows:

1. Proper rendition of the Ritualistic work.
2. Equipment of Camp room.
3. The having of necessary books and supplies.
4. The proper keeping of said books and records.
5. The prompt payment of per capita tax, and the forwarding of all necessary reports.
6. Observance of Union Defender's Day.
7. Observance of Memorial Day.
8. Representation at Division Encampments.
9. On increase of membership.

A new article creating two classes of membership.

New Article:

Camps may organize Citizens Patriotic Camps, who shall be governed by such By-Laws as the Camp may adopt, subject to the approval of the Division Commander, or the Commander-in-Chief. There shall be an obligation taken by the members of such Camps to uphold the principles and objects of the Order; they may attend Camps or other meetings of the Order, except during the conferring of ritualistic degrees.

Individual members, or Camps as a body, making the payment of a \$10 fee to the Division, become life members, and no further per capita tax will be assessed on them.

New Article creating new degrees, etc.

From the Division of Rhode Island:

Article 11, Chapter I, be amended as follows: Strike out after the word "and," in the second line, all words up to and including the numerals "1861-65," and inserting the following—The families of all soldiers, sailors or marines, in the service, or honorably discharged from the service of the United States Army or Navy.

That the following line in the pledge to the flag be left out: "One Flag, One Land, One Heart, One Hand, One Nation evermore."

From the Division of Wisconsin:

In line 5, Section 2, Article XIX, Chapter VI, cancel the words "iron cross," and substitute therefor the words—bronze cross—.

IX. A campaign for subscriptions to a new Liberty Bond issue will be opened the latter part of September, or the first part of October, and the assistance of all will be necessary in making this forthcoming loan as great a success as have been the previous ones. Every brother should show his patriotism and zeal for the country by actively assisting in the sale of these Bonds.

X. The Ambulance Fund contributed by the members of the Order now amounts to \$20,226.64. This, brothers, is a magnificent showing, and one that the Order may well be proud of. I wish to thank the members of the Order for what they have accomplished in this matter; it is truly inspiring. Brothers, this is one of the greatest things that the Order of Sons of Veterans has ever accomplished, and one that will not be forgotten. The Ambulance Fund collected by the Auxiliary is, in proportion to membership, almost as great as our own, and the members are deserving of the greatest credit for the splendid work they have done. We are proud of what the Auxiliary has accomplished.

XI. As this is the last General Orders that will be issued from these Headquarters, I wish to take the opportunity to thank

the officers and members of the Order for the assistance and support they have given me during the past year, and particularly do I wish to express my gratitude to the National Secretary, and to the National Treasurer, to both of whom I am under the greatest of obligations for both assistance and advice, and for the many acts of courtesy and friendship they have shown me during my term of office.

XII. New Camps have been instituted since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
June 18	11	Deer Lodge, Mont. (Mont. & Idaho)	27
May 25	12	Newfane-Townshend, Vermont	45
May 7	67	Maysville, Missouri	26

STATEMENT No. 11.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1918:

RECEIPTS

June 29, 1918, to balance.....	\$ 901.26
Received for per capita tax.....	\$2179.94
Charter fees	7.50
Supplies	233.32
Total receipts	<u>\$2420.76</u>
	\$3322.02

EXPENDITURES

By general expenses.....	\$1214.75
Office expenses	21.87
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	27.40
Junior Order	1.22
Total expenditures	<u>\$1265.24</u>
Balance, July 31, 1918.....	\$2056.78

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 154.50
The Banner, July, 1918, subscription.....	681.70
Printing	19.25
Reserve (Military Department).....	52.20
Shipping Supplies	7.10
Misc.—Encampment Appropriation (Past) Com- mander-in-Chief's Badge	300.00
	<u>\$1214.75</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES

For postage, express, stationery.....	\$ 21.87
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES

For postage, telegrams, traveling, stenographer.....	27.40
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JUNIOR ORDER

For shipping supplies.....	1.22
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Total expenditures	<u>\$1265.24</u>
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Balance, July 31, 1918.....	\$2056.78
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By order of

H. H. HAMMER,
Attest:

Commander-in-Chief.
F. T. F. JOHNSON,

National Secretary.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

(Continued)

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Providence, R. I., August 1, 1918.

To F. T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Brothers:

I have the honor to submit the following report of my activities as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief during the past year for your consideration.

At the request of Commander-in-Chief Johnson, I represented him at the Annual Muster of recruits by the Massachusetts Division, held in Faneuil Hall last November. I have also represented the Commandery-in-Chief innumerable times here in the Division of Rhode Island.

It was also my pleasure to have the privilege to install the newly elected officers of the Division of Rhode Island at their Division Encampment held April 16, 1918.

I have done what little was in my power to increase public interest in the work of our beloved Order, and while we have had to labor under a severe handicap, still I think on the whole the Division of Rhode Island has a little more than held its own.

We all realize war conditions must mean an increase in the work which our members are called upon to do not only for the Order but also for our Country, and the active part taken by the members of our Order in public affairs shows the influence of their training in patriotism by the Order of Sons of Veterans.

In closing this brief report I wish to thank the Commandery-in-Chief for the honor bestowed one year ago and to assure them that the honor was highly appreciated. I thank you and the members of the Order for the many courtesies extended.

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

CHARLES H. YOUNG,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Weehawken, N. J., August 1, 1918.

To Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson and the Members of the Thirty-seventh National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

In submitting my report as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief I will try to be as brief as possible.

There seems to be no special rules or work prescribed for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I therefore made it a point to do in my own way anything that I thought would tend to uplift the Order.

I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Division Commanders and National Officers held at the request of Commander-in-Chief Johnson at Hotel McAlpin on October 15. At this meeting Commander-in-Chief Johnson expressed the opinion that nothing could be of greater benefit to the Order than personal visits to the various Camps and personal letters from the Division Commanders and National Officers to the brothers. I promised Commander-in-Chief Johnson that I would do all in my power to follow his wishes, and now at the close of his term I can report having given at least two evenings a week to the visiting and having written one letter a day from the date of the above mentioned meeting up to and including this day. This all I have accomplished notwithstanding the fact that I was appointed and have acted on the committees for the various war drives.

After very tedious work and correspondence I managed to have a Camp in Bridgeton, N. J., reinstated with it's full membership. This Camp is about 135 miles from my home, and took three visits before I really had the desired result.

In closing my term as a National Officer, I thank all the brothers with whom I have come in contact for the many courtesies extended to me, which have helped so much to make the term one of the most pleasant in all my experience in the Order, and I want to pledge myself anew to live up to the objects and work of the Order, thereby to express my appreciation for the honors bestowed upon me one year ago at Boston.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & I.

HENRY BENDER,

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Reading, Pa., August 1, 1918.

F. T. F. Johnson, Esq.,

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

Dear Sir and Brother:

Report of the transactions of this Department during your term, is herewith submitted.

In the last annual report attention was directed to the unprecedented conditions existing in the Order due to the World War our Country is participating in. The circumstances are decidedly more acute now. All Divisions report that the war is responsible for the existing state of affairs. Indifference in the Order is prevalent. Members and Camps are not as interested as they should be. The Order does not attract as formerly. Officers appear to be unable to revive the spirit and create an interest. There are instances where they are responsible for a lack of interest. It is not unusual for Division officers to fail to give attention to the requirements demanded of them, and neglect their duties. They thereby retard the work and are detrimental to the Order. Action should be taken whereby a re-

newed interest will be aroused in the Camps as well as the membership.

The losses should be recovered, eligibles not in the Order should be secured for membership and Camps incited to an activity that will obtain for the Order its proper place in our Country. True, nearly all other societies have experienced losses and are having similar experiences to ours. But the Order of Sons of Veterans is so different from all others that, patriotism rife today, should be the governing feature for a great increase in our membership, since our Order is the channel for demonstrating that patriotism in the blood of every son of a Union Soldier and Sailor in the War for the Union.

Necessarily we must apply methods to meet conditions. The Order and our laws must meet the exigency. Any deficiency should be supplied. Every facility that can be applied should be made available. All advantages that can be taken should be developed, to the purpose that the coming term be one of great activity, achievements and results that would again permit of reporting gains and progress as in the past.

The routine of this department is the same. Records, correspondence, reports, requisitions to fill and supplies to ship, accounting for the finances and attention to detail business of the Order—summarizes it.

FINANCIAL.

August 23, 1917—July 31, 1918, inclusive.

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TO RECEIPTS.	
Aug. 23, 1917, to balance	\$ 1652.04
Received for:	
P. C. Tax...	\$12675.57
Charter Fees	75.00
Supplies	2579.62
Miscellaneous	2.00
Junior Order	
—Supplies..	32.02

Total receipts\$15364.21

\$17016.25

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BY EXPENDITURES.	
General Ex-	
penses ...	\$13118.04
Office	
Expenses.	875.71
Com-in-Chief's	
Expenses..	965.72
Total expenditures	\$14959.47
Balance, July 31, 1918	2056.78

\$17016.25

	1915	1916	1917	1918
Receipts ...	\$18810.67	\$18305.46	\$20187.46	\$15364.21
Expenditures	\$19473.44	\$16932.76	\$18123.11	\$14959.47

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

Division:	Per Capita Charter				Total	Jr. Order
	Tax	Fees	Supplies	Misc.		
Ala. and Tenn..	\$ 35.31	\$	\$ 11.82	\$	\$ 47.33	\$
Cal. and Pac....	127.31		49.18		176.49	
Col. and Wyo...	42.39				42.39	
Connecticut	613.14		128.55		741.69	
Illinois	688.11	5.00	105.77		798.88	
Indiana	196.53		45.18		241.71	
Iowa	220.27	2.50	135.65		358.42	
Kansas	312.32	5.00	34.36		351.68	
Kentucky	20.76		1.56		22.32	

Maine	445.96	2.50	101.11		549.57	
Maryland	137.28		9.56		146.84	
Massachusetts ..	1928.39		271.69	.50	2200.58	1.20
Michigan	275.36	2.50	72.75		350.61	
Minnesota	148.42	7.50	85.74		241.66	
Missouri	129.46	5.00	36.65		171.11	
Mont. and Idaho ..	25.74	2.50	22.84		51.08	
Nebraska	38.70	7.50	52.17		98.37	
New Hampshire ..	229.09		62.13		291.22	
New Jersey	466.89	2.50	42.86		512.25	
New York	1238.89	5.00	176.30	1.00	1421.19	.14
Ohio	933.45	10.00	280.82		1224.27	1.00
Pennsylvania	3586.16	2.50	489.89	.50	4079.05	23.55
Rhode Island ..	133.69		41.23		174.92	
Vermont	205.15	7.50	155.23		367.88	6.13
Wash. and Ore...	66.90	5.00	69.04		140.94	
Wisconsin	429.70	2.50	54.98		487.18	
S. V. Auxiliary ..			42.56		42.56	

Total	\$12675.57	\$75.00	\$2579.62	\$2.00	\$15332.19	\$32.02
Junior Order ..					32.02	

Total receipts\$15364.21

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 616.85
The Banner, subscription, September, 1917-	
July, 1918, inc.....	8899.17
Encampment	648.17
Printing	121.86
Reserve (Military Department).....	358.46
Shipping Supplies—Express	\$ 6.56
Mail	99.39
Salaries	105.95
Bonds	1916.67
Miscellaneous (Encampment Appropriation	
(Past) Commander-in-Chief, and other ex-	
penses not under caption).....	376.91
Publicity Department	39.00
	<hr/> \$13118.04

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For wrapping paper and twine.....	\$ 2.68
Postage	193.76
Express	2.71
Telegrams	21.40
Stationery (including National Officers).....	191.57
Rent	450.00
Miscellaneous (Insurance)	12.37
Junior Order	1.22
	<hr/> \$ 875.71

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage	\$ 139.90
Telegrams	14.21
Traveling	777.16
Office	7.90
Stenographer	15.40

Express	3.80	
Miscellaneous	7.35	
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		\$ 965.72
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		\$14959.47

PER CAPITA TAX.

The balance account clearly indicates that we are working under a per capita tax levy insufficient for our requirements under present conditions. The cause is quite apparent. Costs have without exception increased and by action of the last Encampment our expenses of operating were added to, without provision for additional revenue. Per contra, the losses from previous membership, decrease in new memberships in existing Camps, and the lesser number of new Camps instituted, with a marked decrease in the sale of supplies, has decreased the total receipts quite below the level of previous years.

These causes operating inversely, have affected the cash balance heretofore shown at the end of the year to an extent that, with the Encampment and other natural expenses to be provided, will show for the new Administration a deficit instead of the surplus balance, customary in former years.

It does not seem likely that improved conditions may be expected while the present World War obtains. To meet the present state of affairs and guard against further inroads from similar causes it is

Recommended: That the per capita tax for the term 1918-1919, beginning and effective for the quarter ending September 30, 1918, be fixed at the rate of thirty-six (36) cents per annum.

This sum represents the amount it formerly was before the gradual reduction began a number of years ago. If this will be found to supply the needs and meet with requirements expected, reduction can follow as promptly as permissible.

STOCK AND SUPPLIES.

Cost of supplies continues very high, indefinite and annoying. The articles of our stock are not on a fixed or established basis. Badges and decorations, owing to the metal market, books, paper, printed forms and blanks we require for our Camps, and Divisions, are all uncertain as to prices due to inability to procure material, cost of production, etc. Deliveries are uncertain and require long periods of time to procure the filling of orders. The stock on hand is lower than it has been for some time. Purchases were restricted to absolute necessities. The coming year will require larger expenditures for some items—particularly books—which will be costly and may compel an advance in requisition prices. Authorization to increase prices of supplies was provided last year. This was not necessary to resort to this term.

Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1917.....	\$3242.45
Cost of supplies purchased during 1917-1918.....	616.85
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Cost of supplies to account for.....	\$3859.30
Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1918.....	\$2727.69
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Cost of supplies sold during term 1917-1918.....	\$1131.61
Amount received for supplies, 1917-1918.....	\$2579.62

To cost of supplies, sold.....	\$1131.61
To cost of supplies sold to Commander-in-Chief, National Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Divisions	3.90
Cost of wrapping paper and twine.....	2.68
Cost of shipping supplies.....	105.95
Cost of express on supplies received.....	2.09

Total cost of supplies sold.....	\$1246.23
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Profit	\$1333.39
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Comparison of receipts for supplies:

1915	1916	1917	1918
\$4856.13	\$5207.48	\$5474.39	\$2579.62

NEW CAMPS.

Regretting that not more new Camps can be reported as having been organized and instituted the explanation therefor must be from those upon whom the responsibility rests and is "the war" as the cause. In several of the Divisions no effort was made to secure new Camps and nothing could induce action of the kind. No opportunity was neglected from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters to have this important work pressed and developed to the utmost. Correspondence was greater than ever for the organization of new Camps but the Divisions failed to respond.

Divisions organizing new Camps were:

Division:	Charters Approved	Number Applicants	Camps Instituted	Charter Members
Illinois	2	141	2	138
Iowa	1	29	1	16
Kansas	2	46	3	60
Maine	1	27	1	24
Michigan	1	21	1	31
Minnesota	3	85	3	78
Missouri	1	34	1	34
Montana and Idaho....	1	27	1	27
Nebraska	3	110	1	39
New Jersey	1	17	1	17
New York	2	76	2	88
Ohio	5	188	4	165
Pennsylvania	1	23	1	20
Vermont	3	98	3	97
Washington and Oregon	2	98	2	67
Wisconsin	1	16	1	16
Total	31	1064	29	945

Compared with:

1915	149	4968	147	4750
1916	115	3414	109	3073
1917	71	1893	70	1857

MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS—GAIN AND LOSS.

Division:	In Good Standing:				Gain		Loss	
	June 30, 1917	June 30, 1918	June 30, 1917	June 30, 1918	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.				
Ala. and Tenn..	11	200	11	176				24
Cal. and Pac....	15	514	13	473				
Col. and Wyo...	7	199	7	197			2	41
Connecticut	41	2529	41	2445				2
Illinois	71	3001	62	2661				84
Indiana	29	1119	23	942			9	340
Iowa	21	635	18	792			6	177
Kansas	49	1619	37	1241		157	2	
Kentucky	7	131	6	114			12	378
Maine	51	2431	50	2356			1	17
Maryland	21	688	16	529			1	75
Massachusetts ..	161	7801	160	7694			5	159
Michigan	34	1265	22	907			1	107
Minnesota	21	693	20	641			12	358
Missouri	21	788	19	670			1	52
Mont. and Idaho	9	143					2	118
Nebraska	12	288	10	270				
New Hampshire.	37	1267	36	1210			2	18
New Jersey	40	1972	36	1871			1	57
New York	154	6621	139	6124			4	101
Ohio	111	5366	98	4957			15	497
Pennsylvania ...	227	14846	215	14345			13	409
Rhode Island ..	16	570	16	526			12	501
Vermont	34	1037	38	1145	4	108		44
Wash. and Ore..	10	280	10	303		23		
Wisconsin	64	1821	50	1536			14	285

Total1274 57824 1153 54125

RECAPITULATION—GAINS AND LOSSES.

Number in good standing June 30, 1917.....1274 57824

Gain—	Camps	Members		
By Initiation	23	4418		
Transfer		380		
Reinstatement	7	446		
Total gain			40	5244

Aggregate			1314	63068
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Loss—				
By Disbanded	67	1232		
Death		364		
Honorable Discharge		248		
Transfer		120		
Dropped	85	6836		

Total loss	152	8800		
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Not included in above—Delin-
quent in payment of per capita
tax and reports for quarter end-
ing June, 1918; Division of:

Montana and Idaho.....	9	143	161	8943
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No. in good standing June 30, 1918.....	1153	54125
Loss from June 30, 1917.....	121	3699

Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.....	\$ 5966.66
Cash in Camp Treasuries.....	62137.40
Expended for Relief (Reported).....	36663.14
No. Members or their families relieved.....	472
No. Veterans or their families relieved.....	110

LOSSES AND REMEDY.

The losses—Disbanding and Dropping of Camps and members—is deplorable. For years we have been confronted with this humiliating and unsatisfactory condition. Legislation was enacted which, it was believed would overcome and prevent this to a great extent. In addition to possible lack of patriotic endeavor and failure to appreciate and rise to the sentiment exemplified by our Order, the more probable cause for this condition is a basic defect in our administrative detail. With the recommendations and suggestions by you to this Encampment with relation to these features and questions applying, it is hoped that this condition can be improved if not entirely cured.

OFFICE ROUTINE.

The duties of this department require daily and constant application, correspondence is increasing and the work is of a character that must receive prompt attention. Return promptness on the part of those applying, would be a pleasure. If communications were responded to in a reasonable time and matters given attention as requested more could be accomplished and better business methods prevail. Affairs would be on a more satisfactory basis.

JUNIOR ORDER.

There has been no progress and little interest in this branch the past year. One new Camp with 11 members was organized—in the Division of Vermont. Two Divisions—Alabama and Tennessee and New York each having one Camp—failed to render reports. This resulted in a loss of two (2) Camps and fifty (50) members.

	Dec. 31, 1916		Dec. 31, 1917		Cash Balance
	Camps Members		Camps Members		Dec. 31, '17
Ala. and Tenn.....	1	20	No report		
Maine	3	102	3	91	
Massachusetts	4	109	4	105	29.92
New Jersey	1	21	1	20	13.25
New York	1	15	No report		
Pennsylvania	8	326	8	316	338.61
Vermont			1	11	.24
Wisconsin	1	16	1	16	13.65
Total ..	19	609	18	559	\$395.67
Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1917.....					\$329.43
Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1918.....					308.76
Cost of supplies sold during term, 1917-'18.....					\$ 20.67
Amount received for supplies.....					\$ 32.02
Cost of supplies sold.....					\$20.67
Cost of shipping.....					1.22
Total cost of supplies sold.....					\$ 21.89
Profit					\$ 10.13

THE BANNER.

In a Special Order you directed all Camp Secretaries to forward March 1, 1918, NEW mailing lists of members in good standing to Division Secretaries, for The Banner, the official organ of the Order to be mailed to such members reported. The Division Headquarters were to report the number and location of each Camp, with the number of members or names therein, to the National Secretary—as having been forwarded to The Banner. This order was followed by numerous communications requesting compliance, and was also given prominence in General Orders. To date 583 Camps showing on their rolls or giving the names of 31,793 members—have been reported, to this department. This is indicative of how authority is regarded and attention given to important orders and communications. There is no other way to secure this information except through Camp Secretaries, by direction of Camp Commanders.

The Banner should be received by every member every month. Camp Secretaries as well as Camp Commanders, know their duty in this respect. Our official publication is at the service of all. Advantage should be taken of the opportunity to publish the news in a Camp by all Camps. Such action would be beneficial and of general interest. The Banner is an excellent medium for any and all aid it can render. It is of great assistance to Headquarters and is valuable in many ways.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

This splendid organization is of great assistance and a powerful aid to our Order. Its influence in our Ambulance Fund project has been used to great advantage and has been of no little consequence. As frequently in the past, it has again demonstrated to what extent and how valuable its assistance can be and is, and how much can be expected of it and how greatly it is to be relied upon. The members of the Auxiliary were enthusiastic in their services for the War Ambulance fund and their efforts show the benefit and help they are capable of rendering.

It is to be regretted that many Camps have no Auxiliaries. Every Camp that has an Auxiliary knows the assistance and value of the services rendered by this society. Better and more satisfactory results would obtain if every Camp would organize an Auxiliary.

WAR AMBULANCE FUND.

When the appeal for contributions from Camps and Members was made for the War Ambulance Fund there were 1241 Camps—from which it was expected response would be made. Approximately 260 Camps have contributed. Several Divisions subscribed direct and did not urge or request contributions from their Camps. A number of individual members added their contributions to some of the Camps. Several of our allied societies contributed to Camp and Division funds. All were promptly acknowledged in The Banner. The contributions from Divisions at this date are:

Division	Amount Contributed
Alabama and Tennessee.....	\$ 11.50
California and Pacific.....	
Colorado and Wyoming.....	
Connecticut	2105.00

Illinois	2779.10
Indiana	280.25
Iowa	170.15
Kansas	421.00
Kentucky	
Maine	339.00
Maryland	334.00
Massachusetts	4274.51
Michigan	
Minnesota	246.35
Missouri	156.10
Montana and Idaho.....	
Nebraska	
New Hampshire	500.00
New Jersey	498.25
New York	2214.40
Ohio	1624.80
Pennsylvania	2977.75
Rhode Island	59.20
Vermont	786.23
Washington and Oregon.....	75.00
Wisconsin	374.05
Total	\$20226.64

CONCLUSION.

The strenuous and constant application which you gave the Order merits confidence and appreciation and the membership values your services. In severing our official association many courtesies are acknowledged, which applies to the Officers and Staff and Division Officers having relations with this Department.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Of the National Secretary to the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 1-20, 1918, inc.

DR.

RECEIPTS.

July 31, 1918, to balance	\$2056.78
Received for:	
Per Cap. Tax..	\$1207.46
Charter Fees .	2.50
Supplies44
Int. on deposits of funds	35.32
Total receipts	\$1245.72

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EXPENDITURES.

By General Expenses	\$3124.09
Office Expenses	19.67
Com.-in-Chief's Expenses ...	17.36
Total expenses	\$3161.12
By Balance, Aug. 20, '18	141.38
	\$3302.50

\$3302.50

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For The Banner, subscription, August, 1918....	\$695.77	
Encampment	983.42	
Printing	10.50	
Reserve	20.00	
Salaries, and compensation to Aug. 20, 1918, inclusive	1383.34	
Expenses of National Officers, other than Com- mander-in-Chief, Chief-of-Staff, National Secretary and Treasurer.....	31.06	
		\$3124.09
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For postage and telegrams.....	\$	19.67
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.		
For postage, telegrams, stenographer.....	\$	17.36
Total expenditures		\$3161.12

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

Division	From August 1st-20th, 1918, inc.			Total
	For P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	
Ala. and Tenn.....	\$ 11.70			\$ 11.70
Col. and Wyo.....	6.01			6.01
Indiana	60.51			60.51
Iowa	1.84		\$.13	1.97
Kansas	75.69		.31	76.00
Kentucky	6.84			6.84
Maine	155.23			155.23
Michigan	1.32			1.32
Missouri	39.97			39.97
Nebraska	14.95			14.95
New Hampshire ..	76.02			76.02
New York	376.30			376.30
Ohio	311.66	\$2.50		314.16
Vermont	69.42			69.42
Total	\$1207.46	\$2.50	\$.44	\$1210.40
Interest on deposit of funds, from National Treasurer..				35.32
Total receipts				\$1245.72

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., August 1, 1918.

Honorable F. T. F. Johnson,
Commander-in-Chief.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit this as the report of the financial transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief for the year now closing.

The first statement following shows the cash balance merg-

ing from the preceding administration, with the receipts from all sources for the current year, through the National Secretary with which this department is debited:

1917—

August 23, balance	\$ 1,652.04
September 29, receipts	217.15
October 31, receipts	69.46
November 3, receipts	208.06
November 7, receipts	323.46
November 9, receipts	168.46
November 13, receipts	1,830.88
November 21, receipts	188.51
November 28, receipts	963.76
November 30, receipts	5.18
December 17, receipts	110.51
December 31, receipts	92.04

1918—

January 11, receipts	114.92
January 26, receipts	105.90
January 31, receipts	6.10
February 8, receipts	101.41
February 13, receipts	774.57
February 18, receipts	175.38
February 21, receipts	907.18
February 25, receipts	1,090.47
February 26, receipts	533.67
February 28, receipts	30.06
March 18, receipts	122.24
March 30, receipts	155.87
April 8, receipts	97.65
April 16, receipts	145.47
April 23, receipts	207.77
April 27, receipts	95.44
April 30, receipts	82.83
May 7, receipts	341.25
May 11, receipts	957.80
May 14, receipts	136.89
May 18, receipts	323.48
May 21, receipts	1,360.31
May 22, receipts	214.95
May 24, receipts	258.83
May 31, receipts	113.82
June 8, receipts	105.18
June 13, receipts	101.25
June 29, receipts	105.29
July 22, receipts	143.59
July 29, receipts	382.03
July 31, receipts	1,895.14

Total\$17,016.25

As credits to this department the following sums have been disbursed on vouchers certified by the National Secretary and approved by the Commander-in-Chief:

Voucher No. 1431.....	\$ 6.00
Voucher No. 1432.....	852.46
Voucher No. 1433.....	63.05
Voucher No. 1434.....	50.29

Voucher No. 1435	112.50
Voucher No. 1436	11.62
Voucher No. 1437	35.00
Voucher No. 1438	9.00
Voucher No. 1439	700.00
Voucher No. 1440	10.31
Voucher No. 1441	26.75
Voucher No. 1442	15.88
Voucher No. 1443	26.16
Voucher No. 1444	1,620.51
Voucher No. 1445	8.50
Voucher No. 1446	22.86
Voucher No. 1447	9.00
Voucher No. 1448	27.80
Voucher No. 1449	35.79
Voucher No. 1450	6.00
Voucher No. 1451	829.14
Voucher No. 1452	20.09
Voucher No. 1453	100.00
Voucher No. 1454	842.68
Voucher No. 1455	112.50
Voucher No. 1456	102.44
Voucher No. 1457	3.00
Voucher No. 1458	18.93
Voucher No. 1459	41.21
Voucher No. 1460	3.50
Voucher No. 1461	14.25
Voucher No. 1462	13.75
Voucher No. 1463	910.61
Voucher No. 1464	896.12
Voucher No. 1465	82.75
Voucher No. 1466	35.52
Voucher No. 1467	31.63
Voucher No. 1468	37.61
Voucher No. 1469	896.66
Voucher No. 1470	29.06
Voucher No. 1471	525.11
Voucher No. 1472	75.00
Voucher No. 1473	20.00
Voucher No. 1474	30.00
Voucher No. 1475	112.50
Voucher No. 1476	187.05
Voucher No. 1477	3.00
Voucher No. 1478	17.58
Voucher No. 1479	123.95
Voucher No. 1480	67.21
Voucher No. 1481	25.32
Voucher No. 1482	12.37
Voucher No. 1483	54.94
Voucher No. 1484	195.70
Voucher No. 1485	5.05
Voucher No. 1486	57.35
Voucher No. 1487	1,477.22
Voucher No. 1488	12.00
Voucher No. 1489	17.57
Voucher No. 1490	24.87
Voucher No. 1491	76.33
Voucher No. 1492	45.00

Voucher No. 1493.....	8.25
Voucher No. 1494.....	30.75
Voucher No. 1495.....	647.60
Voucher No. 1496.....	63.44
Voucher No. 1497.....	528.51
Voucher No. 1498.....	75.00
Voucher No. 1499.....	112.50
Voucher No. 1500.....	392.13
Voucher No. 1501.....	154.50
Voucher No. 1502.....	681.70
Voucher No. 1503.....	19.25
Voucher No. 1504.....	52.20
Voucher No. 1505.....	28.97
Voucher No. 1506.....	300.00
Voucher No. 1507.....	27.40

Total\$14,958.25

In addition to which there was disbursed for account of the Junior Order:

Voucher No. J-14..... 1.22

Total disbursements\$14,959.47

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Total receipts\$17,016.25

Total disbursements 14,959.47

Balance, cash on hand.....\$ 2,056.78

The cash balance is in direct relation to the decreased volume of business, as compared with the more recent years, due to influences following the Nation's active entry into the war. A comparison with the business of the preceding year when receipts aggregated \$21,989.10 with expenditures of \$18,123.11, and a cash balance prior to the Encampment of \$3,865.99, points to a deficit when the expenses of the present Encampment and the outstanding liabilities for expenses authorized by the former have been met. No one can enter safely into the realm of conjecture as to the ending of hostilities; the effect upon our Order in the direction of further increases in the cost of necessary purchases with decreased receipts indicates the necessity for an advance in per capita tax to meet existing conditions.

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

Pursuant to the action of the Encampment of 1917 the sum of \$2500 was invested in 4% Second Liberty Loan Bonds. Additional to that investment there is in the fund \$2,000 of Collateral Mortgage Notes of the International and Great Northern Railway Company and \$302.04 on deposit in the Savings Account of the Reading Trust Company at 3%, making the total to the credit of this fund at this time \$4,802.04.

AMBULANCE FUND.

As the more intimate details of this fund will be the subject of another report the account will be dealt with here simply in summary. This department is charged with the receipt of the following amounts:

From the National Secretary.....	\$20,226.64
From the National Treasurer, S. of V. Auxiliary.....	6,200.00
Total receipts	\$26,426.64
There was disbursed by check sent to the Surgeon General's Department of the United States Army for the purchase of ambulances.....	\$25,000.00
Leaving an unexpended balance on hand at this date of \$	1,426.64

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. RAKE,
National Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Of the National Treasurer, to the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 20, 1918:

To cash balance, July 31, 1918.....	\$2056.78
Receipts from all sources from the National Secretary..	1245.72
Total	\$3302.50

Against which, in accordance with the action of the Encampment, is charged the following disbursements:

Voucher No. 1508.....	\$ 59.32
Voucher No. 1509.....	58.50
Voucher No. 1510-1511.....	62.64
Voucher No. 1512.....	61.50
Voucher No. 1513.....	60.61
Voucher No. 1514.....	108.28
Voucher No. 1515.....	192.46
Voucher No. 1516.....	114.56
Voucher No. 1517.....	789.37
Voucher No. 1518-1519.....	1493.38
Voucher No. 1520.....	50.00
Voucher No. 1521.....	100.00
Voucher No. 1522.....	10.50

Total disbursements	\$3161.12
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August 20, 1918, final cash balance.....	\$ 141.38
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Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
J. L. RAKE,
National Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Madison, Wisconsin, August 1, 1918.

To F. T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Brothers:

It is quite usual that, during the term of office of the National Counselor, a one year term, he is called upon to decide

several questions of more or less importance that fall within his special jurisdiction. Oftimes they are matters of discipline relative to Court Martials.

This year seems to have been an exception to the general rule. Not a single opinion has been given by me, as National Counselor, for the good and sufficient reason that no question requiring my advice, counsel or opinion, arose. Either all matters arising had been passed on already, were so simple that they practically solved themselves or else, in the midst of a world war, our brethren were so calm, so law abiding and so peace loving over here that none of them had to be court-martialed but spent their energy in going over the top, literally or figuratively speaking, chasing the Germans out of France, Flanders and elsewhere, and starting them back towards Berlin.

When this appointment was first tendered me, I demurred, thinking, possibly, that the additional work, coupled with war and other activities, might be very burdensome. The only burden imposed upon me, however, and that is no burden but just the opposite, was the honor conferred.

Let me add that I was ready to do my bit. Had any question been submitted it would have received consideration, as carefully and as fully as I could give.

To our Commander-in-Chief I am, of course, deeply indebted for this honor conferred, and honor it is. The confidence reposed in me by him is very greatly appreciated. To all officers and brothers I owe gratitude and I thank them, one and all, for uniform courtesy and kindness at all times shown.

It is my purpose to serve our beloved Order, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in any capacity possible to the end that, with increasing numbers we may grow mightier in power and influence as the years pass by.

Submitted in F., C. & L.,
HERBERT S. SIGGELKO,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

Altoona, Pa., August 1, 1918.

F. T. F. Johnson, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and Officers and Members of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment.

Brothers:

The report of your Chief-of-Staff is herewith submitted. It is useless this year to encumber the Journal of Proceedings of this Encampment with a voluminous report. Because of the present situation of our country, matters in the Military Department have been conducted with a view to economy, it being almost impossible to recruit in the Reserve a fuller membership. We have been fortunate in almost holding our own, in so far as the growth of the Organization is concerned, a slight decrease in membership having been shown. The Organization is intact, and by careful and judicious management we expect to maintain it so.

In view of this situation I will not go into detail, but will

refer you to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

FINANCES.

The expense of this office has again been kept within the limit of the appropriation. The expenses incurred have been only those which were absolutely necessary and again I remind you that at no time have the expenses of this office exceeded our appropriation.

CONCLUSION.

We are all hoping that the end of the present war will soon come and that we will win it gloriously, and that loyalty, honor and democracy will prevail and that when the end does come we may resume our duties to the end that the Order shall go on to a strong and patriotic duty.

I again want to thank all those who have been associated with me in the administration of this office and to compliment the membership in general for their forbearance and patience in the crucial test through which we are now passing; and again I must compliment Colonel Stewart for his arduous labors and the painstaking care with which he has administered his office. It has been a trying year and yet notwithstanding all this he has attended faithfully to his duties and given the office extreme care and attention. To the officers generally I return my thanks for their courtesy and consideration and bespeak for myself a continuance of our pleasant relations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN M. AMIES,
Chief-of-Staff.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

Washington, D. C., August 5, 1918.

Hon. F. T. F. Johnson,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Commander:

Upon my appointment by you to the office of National Press Correspondent, I proceeded to outline and carry out a campaign of publicity in the interests of our Order. A communication was sent to each Division Commander, inviting co-operation along suggested lines. A number of replies were received, which were published in The National Tribune, the organ of The Grand Army of the Republic, which has been most generous to us at all times in the matter of according us space in its columns, and for which we are deeply grateful.

I also continued the practice of contributing to the columns of The Banner, our own official organ, which I have always believed to be beneficial to our Order and of interest to our membership.

The publicity work was proceeding with what I thought to be satisfactory results when it was suddenly interrupted by personal illness, with which I was afflicted a number of months ago

and from which I am now just beginning to get back into normal condition again. I feel that I will be in good shape for active service in the near future.

Permit me in this connection to express my deep sense of appreciation of the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy that have come to me during my sickness from my good Brothers of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Congratulating you upon your splendid administration, I am, with every good wish,

Fraternally yours,

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,

National Press Correspondent.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

July 1, 1918.

F. T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

On behalf of the Committee on Military Affairs, I beg to report that nothing requiring action by this committee has been presented during the past year. No formal report therefore has been submitted to the individual members for signature.

It is not out of order however, to state that the Order may well feel proud of its members of the Reserve who in such large numbers have entered the military service of the Nation, and their preliminary training in the Reserve ranks stand them in good stead.

By reason of the unsettled conditions due to the war, and the drain upon the membership, the efforts of the officers are directed more to maintain intact the military body, rather than along any other line. It is probable that the conditions subsequent to this great war, the policy of the Government as to universal military training, the restrictions as to uniform, etc., may have some resultant effect upon all military organizations similar to the Reserve. Until that time, when some official action may be required by this body in reference to the military feature, a close touch will be kept between the rank and file as to the best course to then pursue.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

E. R. CAMPBELL,

Chairman Committee on Military Affairs.

S. S. HORN, Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

To F. T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Brothers:

The year of 1917-18, for which I submit my report as National Chaplain, has been a patriotic one indeed, and the Divisions have seen the members of our Order answering the Nation's call in large numbers.

The intensity of the activity of the United States, in gathering an armed force to defend her rights, together with those of the Allies, has given our Camps a chance to represent and exemplify a true patriotic zeal; awakening in youth a desire to respond to the call for defenders.

The loyalty and devotion of sons and grandsons of the Veterans in recent decades bears fruit in these times, as from the homes of our land there steps forth an army of manhood true to the teachings of the Sons of Veterans.

The Grand Army of the Republic has taught well its love of patriotism to sons and daughters. To aid in the glorious task of perpetual ministry to its memory is a duty deserving of the largest contribution possible of love and devotion.

The Sons of Veterans must increase in worth as it becomes the custodian of a heritage rich in service and sacrifice.

The nation will never forget its defenders.

To the proper observance of Memorial Day the Sons of Veterans has a relationship of deepest sincerity.

From the activities and achievements of the Divisions throughout the year there has come to the Order a larger recognition of its patriotic influence.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN A. BRONSDON,

National Chaplain.

Army and Navy Y. M. C. A., Newport, R. I.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Auburn, Maine, August 1, 1918.

To Frederick T. F. Johnson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I take pleasure in submitting the following report compiled from statistics furnished by the Patriotic Instructors of twenty-two Divisions, the Secretaries of two, and the Division Commanders of two. All the twenty-six Divisions have reported to me.

The year has been one of great patriotic activities, surpassing in this respect any year probably in the history of the Order. Unfortunately the blanks upon which Division Patriotic Instructors reports are made are of such a character as to make impossible a complete listing of these activities, but they appear nevertheless between the lines and often in the miscellaneous column which to my mind is the most informing of all. Thus California & Pacific reports "Large number of members in service;" Illinois, "Big patriotic gatherings;" Nebraska, "Active in Liberty Loan, W. S. S. and Red Cross Drives;" Ohio, "Comfort kits provided for soldiers;" Rhode Island, "Assisting the Government in every way especially with men and money;" Massachusetts, "Active in Home Guards;" "Many in service." I do not believe a single Division has been slacking during this past year of great opportunities, and consequently the credit of the Sons of Veterans stands higher than ever before.

There has been the usual difficulty in securing prompt re-

Divisions.	Number of Brothers Belong- ing to Camp.	No. of Brothers Participating in Mem. Day Observances.	Number of Brothers Armed and in Line.	Number of Brothers Un- formed in Line.	Did Camp Furnish Firing Squad?	How many Addresses Deliv- ered by Sons of Veterans?	Number of Brothers Attend- ing Services Memorial Sun.	Did Camp Observe Union De- fenders' Day?	Number of Deaths in Camp in last 12 Months.	G. A. R.	S. V.	Number of Funerals attended by Camp in a Body.	G. A. R.	S. V.	Number of Burials conducted by Camp.	"A"	"B"	Number of cemeteries covered by members of the Camp.	Number of flags placed on Veterans' graves.	Number of graves of Veter- ans given attention.	Number of Camps Reporting.	Number of Camps Not Re- porting.	Per Cent of Camps Reporting.
Alabama and Tennessee.	180	150	0	0	8	15	161	9	2	112	0	2	2	0	3	0	24	6665	6090	11	0	100	
California and Pacific...	457	67	4	20	1	0	37	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	325	325	4	9	45	
Colorado and Wyoming..	197	60	0	0	0	2	78	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	57	
Connecticut	2290	1157	110	209	4	34	637	14	10	34	4	5	0	1	2	251	13513	11993	34	5	87		
Illinois	2543	1316	88	85	6	55	533	13	11	42	10	2	2	4	121	8566	8281	58	4	93½			
Indiana	883	426	93	25	3	16	299	5	4	15	3	0	3	4	1	74	7317	7323	18	5	78		
Iowa	349	229	15	7	2	6	167	1	1	28	1	3	.....	1	.....	4	163	.....	9	13	40
Kansas	408	225	225	3	1	10	140	1	1	7	1	2	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	12	40	23
Kentucky	131	76	0	27	0	4	38	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	22	5	2	71		
Maine	2120	1029	158	646	9	23	701	18	17	22	19	3	12	2	3	.....	.....	.....	37	11	77
Maryland	527	231	82	12	25	200	.....	9	4	5	3	3	2	2	.....	42	5813	8813	12	4	75
Massachusetts	7212	4130	705	2981	37	101	2587	57	58	127	41	16	8	21	15	761	40974	39705	147	13	91%		
Michigan	1225	620	166	152	12	26	456	19	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	74	12514	12471	20	15	57		
Minnesota	189	116	25	25	3	4	61	2	2	2	3	1	0	.....	1	16	221	2200	5	13	22	
Missouri	427	231	51	55	6	9	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	1665	.....	9	.....	.....
Montana and Idaho.....	76	50	0	0	1	5	36	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	5	171	171	4	5	44		
Nebraska	39	21	0	0	1	2	16	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	75	75	2	.....	.....
New Hampshire	798	439	85	256	5	20	281	8	9	15	7	3	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	20	15	57
New Jersey	1856	665	211	218	13	18	476	12	19	27	14	13	12	4	2	147	8750	5206	19	17	58		
New York	5467	2288	387	647	29	130	1541	44	47	102	36	25	35	26	11	510	31596	28975	92	52	64		
Ohio	3034	1194	387	242	14	57	890	15	27	44	14	4	4	4	2	160	7566	12275	31	67	31		
Pennsylvania	10768	4869	1985	2015	81	225	3289	70	97	236	66	78	62	40	19	758	43942	32771	114	101	53		
Rhode Island	334	161	63	102	6	0	99	5	7	0	1	0	0	3	0	83	3743	4051	9	7	56½		
Vermont	1041	415	40	92	1	6	317	2	12	12	6	3	3	7	4	123	3075	2213	22	16	57		
Washington and Oregon.	303	250	.....	.....	1	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	5	5	.....	
Wisconsin	588	509	135	54	½	2	194	.....	3	19	4	4	3	.....	.....	58	4553	4553	15	65	23
Total	43442	20924	5015	7933	269	972	13034	318	337	866	239	167	153	125	71	3257	555207	187513	718	474	.....	

SCHEDULE.

Annual Consolidated Report of National Patriotic Instructor for the year ending December 31, 1917. Divisions and Division Patriotic Instructors making this report.

	Date report received.	Number of Camps December 31.	1. Do all public schools have flags?	2. Flag salute — Daily or Occasionally.	3. Observe Patriotic Days.	4. Teachers show lively interest.	5. Number of flags donated.	6. Prizes offered by Camp or individual.	7. Gettysburg tablets presented to schools.	8. Sunday schools invited to hold special services.	9. Public schools invited Memorial Day.	10. Memorial Sunday observed by churches.	11. Objectionable school histories?	12. Amount expended for Patriotic instruction.	13. Do Camps offer services to G. A. R.?	14. Do Camps assume charge of Memorial Day?	Miscellaneous.
Alabama and Tennessee Fred M. Norcross.....	June 25		nearly all	yes-O	yes	yes	2000	no	no	yes	didn't accept	no	yes	none	yes	yes	Splendid program at National Cemetery, Memphis.
California and Pacific M. B. Estes.....	Jan. 7		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	not known	yes	not known	yes	yes	yes	no	not known	yes	no	Large number in service.
Colorado and Wyoming W. L. Spencer.....	July 22		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	none	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	none	yes	yes	Open meetings with G. A. R. with good results.
Connecticut W. B. Rossberg.....	Mar. 30		yes	yes-O	yes	yes	150	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	yes	50 per cent Camps reporting. Big patriotic gatherings.
Illinois Earl Hiatt	Mar. 25		nearly all	yes-O	yes	majority	333	few	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$425	yes	necessary	Home Guards, bought Liberty Bonds, joined Red Cross.
Indiana Frank A. McIntyre.....	Mar. 14		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	19	yes	in some	yes	yes	yes	no	\$80	yes	nearly all	G. F. Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer for ten years.
Iowa G. F. Taylor, Sec.....	May 31		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	8	no	some	no	yes	yes			yes	yes	
Kansas W. Y. Morgan.....	Dec. 31		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	2	no	3	some	yes	yes	no	\$125	yes	generally	
Kentucky Alexander Hamilton	July 8		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	not known	not known	not known	some	yes	yes	no	none	yes	no	Camps purchase Liberty Bonds. Assisted work of Red Cross.
Maine F. H. Leech.....	Feb. 4		some	yes 13-D 18-O	some	25 yes 1 no	57	4	10 yes 21 no	24 yes 7 no	29 yes 2 no	29 yes 2 no	no	\$42.50	30 yes 1 no	18 yes 9 no	Assist Posts in holding patriotic exercises.
Maryland S. M. Zinn.....	Jan. 31		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	3	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$135	yes	some	Active in Home Guard, Liberty Loan drive, many in service.
Massachusetts E. B. Simmons.....	April 10		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	447	few	few	generally	et. al.	yes	no	\$649	yes	nearly all	Grand Rapids Camp holds public patriotic meetings; 3 Camps reported.
Michigan Geo. E. Cogshall.....	April 22		yes	yes 4-D 4-O	some	majority	6	1	3	yes	yes	yes	no	\$21.80	yes	generally	All Camps active. Increased membership.
Minnesota A. L. Kinkead, Div. Com..	Jan. 19		yes	yes-O	yes	yes	15	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$100	yes	yes	Schools visited. Active in war work.
Missouri Walter H. Voss.....	Jan. 11		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	5	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$132.50	yes	yes	
Montana and Idaho E. S. Thomas.....	June 15		yes	yes D & O	yes	yes			yes	some	yes	yes			yes	some	Active in Liberty Loan, W. S. S. and Red Cross drives.
Nebraska E. C. Kemble.....	May 15		nearly all	yes-O	yes	yes	many	some	yes	generally	yes	yes	no		yes	often	Campfires and patriotic meetings held.
New Hampshire Martin E. Tilley.....	Dec. 31		yes	yes	yes	yes		no		generally	yes	yes	no		yes	yes	Civil War monument erected. Greater showing than ever of patriotic work.
New Jersey W. H. Cawley, Jr.....	April 26		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	25	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$300	yes	yes	Marked advancement along many lines. Suggests new form of report.
New York M. L. Clapp.....	June 18		yes	yes 65-D 38-O	yes	nearly all	721	yes 22 no 74	yes 43 no 73	84 yes 30 no	110 yes 4 no	110 yes 4 no	no	\$1950.55	yes	38 yes 36 no	Provided comfort kits. Dedicated McKinley Memorial. Provided lectures.
Ohio A. R. Lewis.....	Jan. 7		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	18	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$800	yes	yes	Assisting government both in men and money.
Pennsylvania J. Edw. Selpp.....	May 10		H. 1 yes 2 no	106 yes	106 yes	102 yes 5 no	40	33 yes 78 no	21 yes 85 no	92 yes 21 no	109 yes 2 no	109 yes 2 no	111 no	\$1839.62	113 yes	113 yes	State Home for Veterans visited. Active in securing respect for the flag.
Rhode Island Emerson L. Adams.....	Mar. 15		yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no		yes	yes	yes		\$35	yes	yes	
Vermont Fred W. Spear.....	April 15		yes	yes-D	yes	yes	8	no	no	generally	yes	yes	no	\$129	yes	nearly all	Active in assistance of G. A. R.
Washington and Oregon	Aug. 3		nearly all	yes	yes	nearly all	3	no	not in tablet form in many		no	yes	no		yes	some when allowed	Patriotic Instructor in the service. Campsco-operate with Council of Defense. Many lines of war work.
Wisconsin	Aug. 10		yes	yes-D	yes	nearly all		no			yes	yes	no		yes		

ports from some of the Divisions but many of the reports were made promptly, Kansas and New Hampshire having the honor of getting theirs first in. In several instances the reports have come from Army camps, where the officers making the reports are in the service of the Government. We are proud of course to have any of our members in active military service and can cheerfully tolerate any delay incident to this fact. It would be well if during the period of the war a question designed to secure information concerning the number of men from our Camps in the service appeared in the official blank. Such other questions as the following might well be inserted too. (1) State what part your Camp has taken in War Activities. (a) Liberty Loan subscriptions; (b) Red Cross subscriptions; (c) Y. M. C. A. and other works of patriotic benevolence. (2) Are there instances of disloyalty to the Government in your locality? What is their character? (3) State in general terms the attitude of your Camp toward Government measures for the conservation of food and the promotion of national efficiency. What we should strive to do is to bring our Order fully abreast of the times in which we live that the Sons of Veterans may be what it has the right to be, the greatest civilian patriotic Order in the country.

Before submitting the usual summary of the reports received, permit me to thank all who have made the report possible and to exhort the members of our Order to do their full share of patriotic service in these stirring days in which we live, conscious of our great obligation as Sons of Veterans to go the limit in service and sacrifice on behalf of the country which our fathers gave their lives to save and which is now imperilled by a foreign foe. The summary:

1. Twenty Divisions report that all public schools are supplied with flags; one reports that nearly all are, and one reports that some are.

2. Twenty-six Divisions report that the salute to the flag is given in the schools; fourteen report that it is given daily.

3. Twenty-four Divisions report that with the exception of McKinley and Grant days the usual patriotic days are observed. Memorial Sunday is not observed everywhere in Michigan and Flag Day is omitted in Iowa.

4. Teachers show a lively interest in twenty-one Divisions; "Nearly all" in five.

5. Eighteen Divisions report the giving of 3869 flags, Alabama being first with 2000 and New York second with 721.

6. Ten Divisions report prizes offered by individuals or Camps to public school pupils for patriotic essays; sixteen report none given.

7. Fifteen Divisions report Lincoln's Gettysburg tablets placed in public schools; ten leave the question unanswered or do not know.

8. Thirteen Divisions report Sunday Schools invited to hold special services on Sundays preceding national holidays. Two report "some were," and four say this is "generally" done.

9. All reports say "yes" to the question relating to public schools being invited as above.

10. All Divisions reporting save one say Memorial Sunday was generally observed. The exception is Alabama where the day is not observed.

11. Twenty-five Divisions say no objectionable histories are in use in the schools. Alabama says there are some in use in that state but no specific information is given. Pennsylvania reports several Camps asserting that histories are used containing "too much glory of Germany." The charge is probably true. We have here a new situation to reckon with.

12. Fifteen Divisions report a total of \$6,764.97 expended for patriotic instruction, New York being first with \$1,950.55 and Pennsylvania second with \$1,839.62. The total exceeds that of last year.

13. Twenty-four Divisions report that Camps offer their services to the G. A. R. for Memorial Day. Two report that nearly all their Camps do.

14. Eleven Divisions report that their Camps assume charge of Memorial Day services; two Divisions say that the majority of their Camps do not, Kentucky and California answering the question in this way. Thirteen report that it is quite general for their Camps to do so. On the whole the practice seems to be increasing for the Sons of Veterans to have charge of these exercises. This is as it should be and as it ultimately must be.

I am happy to record the above facts and considering that they come from every section of the country and represent the patriotic interest and service of the brothers of our Order are of real interest. Let us go on to better and broader patriotic service, each one standing at his post obeying the word of command from whatever source it may come, until the great conflict in which we are engaged shall be over and Liberty and Democracy secured to all mankind.

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

EDWARD H. BREWSTER,

National Patriotic Instructor.

CONSOLIDATION.

1. Are all public schools supplied with flags? 20 Divisions, yes; 5, nearly all; 1, some.

2. Is the salute to the flag given in schools? 26, yes. Daily or occasionally? 14 daily.

3. Is there observance of special Patriotic days? 24, yes; 2, some. Birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, Memorial Sunday, Memorial Day, Flag Day?

4. Do teachers show a lively interest in Patriotic observance? 21, yes; 5, nearly all.

5. How many flags have been donated to schools during the year? 18 Divisions report 3869; 1 reports many.

6. Are prizes offered by individuals or Camp to public school pupils for Patriotic essays? 10, yes; 16, no.

7. Has Lincoln's Gettysburg tablet been placed in any public schools? 15 Divisions, yes.

8. Were the Sunday Schools invited to have special services on Sunday preceding Memorial Day and other national holidays? 13 Divisions report yes; 2, some; 4, generally.

9. Were the public school pupils generally invited to take part in Memorial Day and other national holidays? 26 Divisions report yes.

10. Was Memorial Sunday generally observed by the churches with Patriotic services? 25, yes; 1, no.

11. Are there any objectionable school histories used in the public schools? 25, no; 1, yes.

12. What amount has been expended in furthering Patriotic instruction during the past calendar year? 15 Divisions report \$6,764.97.

13. Do the Camps offer their services to the Grand Army of the Republic for Memorial Day and other occasions? 24, yes; 2, nearly all.

14. Do the Camps assume charge of Memorial Day for the Post? 11, yes; 2, no; 13, generally.

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

EDWARD H. BREWSTER,

National Patriotic Instructor.

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Commander-in-Chief, as well as the reports of the other National officers, will be referred to the Committee on Reports of Officers.

National Secretary: The National Secretary's report as printed will be corrected as of this date, and the corrections will be inserted in the report as it appears in the proceedings of this Encampment. Some reports had not been received when the report was sent to the printer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I move that we recess until 2:30 p. m. this day.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Recess taken.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Encampment resumed at 3 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, August 20, 1918, with Commander-in-Chief Joanson in the chair.

Commander-in-Chief: I have here a bouquet of flowers presented to this Encampment by Mrs. Frawley, of the Daughters of Veterans, who extends the greetings of the New York Department, Daughters of Veterans, to this Encampment.

National Secretary: The Committee on Credentials reports the names of six additional brothers entitled to membership in the Encampment. (These will appear in the "Official Roll-Call.")

Commander-in-Chief: As you are aware the Order has lost one of its Past Commanders-in-Chief during the past year. I would like to invite the members of the Auxiliary to join us in a memorial service for Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin, and others.

It was moved and seconded that the Commandery-in-Chief invite the Auxiliary to join this body in a memorial service.

The motion was agreed to.

National Secretary: I have here several resolutions from various Divisions, including resolutions which were presented at the Boston Encampment last year.

Commander-in-Chief: These resolutions will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, or to whatever committee they should go.

The National Secretary called the roll of the Divisions in order that additional resolutions or communications might be presented.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I move that privilege be given to any members of the Encampment to present resolutions to any member of the Committee on Resolutions without the necessity of having them read at the Encampment in session.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection, all members having resolutions will present them to the Committee.

No objection was offered.

The National Secretary then read communications which have been received, as follows:

Greetings from Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton, stating that it will be impossible for him to be present at this Encampment.

Greetings from Past Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling, in which he says that he will be unable to attend the Encampment.

Greetings from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Camp-

bell, regretting his inability to meet with the Commandery-in-Chief this year.

Letter from A. W. McDaniels, Past Division Commander, of Indiana, regretting his inability to meet with the Commandery-in-Chief this year, and wishing a most harmonious and profitable Encampment.

Letter from William J. Hiland, Division Commander, Minnesota, extending greetings to the Encampment from the Division, hoping for a large and successful meeting, and inviting the Commandery-in-Chief, on behalf of the Minnesota Division, and Camp No. 1, of St. Paul, to hold the next Encampment in St. Paul.

Letter from Martin E. Tilley, Commander Capt. Thos. A. Hain's Camp No. 3, New Hampshire, and delegate from that Division, stating that while on his way to the Encampment a death occurred in his family, making it necessary for him to return home, and he therefore cannot attend.

Letter from Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, regretting exceedingly that he finds it will be impossible for him to attend the Encampment, and expressing the hope that the meeting will prove harmonious and beneficial to the Order.

Letter from Walter E. Smith, Past Division Commander, Pennsylvania, in which he stated that all was apparently arranged for him to attend the Encampment, but almost at the last moment he learned he could not leave; he extended his best wishes for a successful Encampment.

Fred J. McMurtrie, Past Division Commander, of Michigan, wrote that he had expected to be present at the Encampment, but serious illness in his family prevented.

Letter from Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens, regretting that important business prevents his presence at the Encampment, and expressing the wish for a successful meeting.

Letter from Charles B. Martin, Past Division Commander, of Kansas, and member of Council-in-Chief, dated Bordeaux, France, where he is engaged for the Post Office Department, in which he stated that he had arrived safely in that country, and extended his best wishes to the members of the Encampment, with the hope that it will be a successful and enjoyable one.

Telegram from W. A. Waterman, dated New York, regretting his inability to attend the Encampment, and sending regards.

Letter from Fred W. Spear, Past Division Commander, of Vermont, stating that at the last moment he finds that he cannot get away to attend the Encampment, and requesting that his best wishes be conveyed to the members and expressing the hope that there will be a prosperous and harmonious meeting.

Letter from Park F. Yengling, Past Division Commander, of Ohio, stating that he is sorry to miss the Encampment; is on his "honeymoon."

Greetings from Martha R. Lacey, Adjutant General, National Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, dated, Madison, Wis., August 14, 1918, stating that the organization in Encampment assembled at Madison sends greetings to the Sons of Veterans, with the wish for a most successful and profitable Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief announced that representatives from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary were in waiting in the ad-

joining room, and in accordance with the action of the Encampment, the members of the Auxiliary were escorted into the hall, headed by Miss Mayme E. Dwyer, National President, accompanied by Sisters Ida Patterson, of Illinois, and Blanche L. Beverstock, National Chaplain, for the

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Invocation by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, National Chaplain.

Ida Patterson, of Illinois, spoke, stating that she felt it an honor to pay tribute to the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief William G. Dustin, who was one of our best Sons, and that the Auxiliary as well as the Sons of Veterans realize that they have lost a very dear friend. She stated that the Auxiliary sympathized with the brothers in their loss; that Brother Dustin was a good friend of every member of the Order, and that he gained the respect of every one with whom he came in contact. She pledged the loyalty of the Auxiliary in carrying on the work which the organization of the Sons of Veterans has to do.

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, of Illinois, called attention to the fact that last year at this time Illinois Division, as well as every member of the Order, mourned the loss of one who might well be termed the "Father of our Order," one of the earliest Commanders-in-Chief, George B. Abbott, under whose leadership our Order had its first great growth, and who continued to do for the Order to the end, and that now Illinois is called upon to mourn the loss of another soul, William G. Dustin, Past Commander-in-Chief. He stated that at all times when the needs and interests of the Auxiliary and the Sons of Veterans required, Illinois has been ready, not only with the man power, but with the leaders as well, and that in the selection of its officers from time to time the organization has turned to Illinois, and never with greater success than when William G. Dustin was selected as Commander-in-Chief. He stated further that Brother Dustin was not one who was contented with holding office; it was necessary that he should know the details, that he should know all the facts, be acquainted with everything that was of consequence to his office and to the Order; that there has probably been no man at any time in our Order whose friendship was so great, whose knowledge was so extensive, and who did so much for the advancement of our Order; that he has served the organization for the past twenty-five years; that we believe that, in the future, somewhere, we will be able to renew that friendship; that the work he has wrought in the Auxiliary and in our Order will live on, guiding the members of the Auxiliary and us in loyalty and righteousness, and that as long as our Orders exist we shall continue to love and revere the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin.

George C. Gels, of Washington & Oregon Division, spoke also of the affection in which Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin was held, and stated that during the year Brother Dustin was Commander-in-Chief he was always working for the best interests of the Order, and carrying out the principles of the organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York, stated that while our hearts have been touched by the remarks with reference to the loss of Past Commanders-in-Chief Abbott and Dustin, he is reminded that our Order has suffered the loss

during the past year, by death, of not less than 304 members; that while he knew them not, personally, they were members of the Sons of Veterans in their humble way, or in a great way, and that we should not forget them on this occasion, but let our thoughts turn to them, because there were some known by those present, who loved them; and that, while we mourn the losses which our organization has sustained, we must not forget those sisters of the Auxiliary, because the heavy hand of death has also been laid on that organization, and that some here know of sisters who are not here to greet those present. He stated that his thoughts even go beyond those whose loss we mourn; that so many here are wearing the star, one, two or three, showing that they have loved ones in the service. As they read the morning paper they fear lest they shall see the one name. Let us remember those boys who are battling for us in this great war, and when our victorious boys shall have humbled the Teutons and sailed back over the deep, we will welcome them.

The services were closed with prayer by Mrs. Blanch L. Beverstock, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary.

The members of the Auxiliary were escorted from the hall.

Commander-in-Chief: The Encampment will resume.

Julius Isaacs, of New York: It would be fitting and proper for this body to send a telegram of greetings to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the allied organizations at Portland, Oregon. I move you, sir, that this be done.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The National Secretary announced that the Auxiliary will tender a reception to the Commander-in-Chief and staff this evening, to which all are invited.

Michael Crowley, Past Division Commander, of New Hampshire: I move that we take a recess until nine o'clock tomorrow morning, August 21, 1918.

The motion was seconded by A. S. Holbrook, of Illinois.

The motion was agreed to.

Recess taken.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Encampment resumed at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, August 21, 1918, with Commander-in-Chief Johnson in the chair.

National Secretary: The Committee on Credentials has to report additional names of brothers entitled to membership in the Encampment, including Brother T. G. Carlisle, for many years Adjutant General of the Order; the total number reported is 100. (The names will appear in the Official Roll-Call).

National Secretary: I have here a letter and a telegram from National Treasurer J. Lewis Rake, stating that after he had purchased his ticket to Niagara Falls important questions unexpectedly arose in connection with war activities which called for undivided attention, and he will, therefore, be unable to attend the Encampment.

Also a telegram from Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, saying that it will not be possible for him to attend the Encampment, and that Past Division Commander Frank Shellhouse will be unable to attend.

National Secretary: For the information of the Encampment, I desire to state that additional amounts have been received for the "Ambulance Fund:" From the Division of New York, \$9, and from Camps in the Division of Michigan, \$306.77. We have here photographs of the check and letter from the National Treasurer tendering the \$25,000, and photograph of the receipt from Colonel Darnall. They will appear in the next issue of The Banner. I will ask the Committee on Fraternal Relations to take these photographs to the meeting of the Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any unfinished business before the Encampment?

National Secretary: Nothing except the changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations submitted from the Divisions of California and New York last year.

Commander-in-Chief: They will be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

National Secretary: As per instructions, I wired to the representative of the Commander-in-Chief at Portland, Oregon, and to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now listen to the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg leave to make the following report: I will move that, unless

there is objection, the report of the Committee and its recommendations be adopted as the action of the Encampment.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut, continuing: The following amendments are from the Division of New York:

Add the following paragraph to Sec. 4, Article I, Chapter II:

"Camps having been dropped for three quarters or less may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee to be determined by the Division, and may retain their original charter."

Add the following paragraph to Sec. 2, Article VII, Chapter III:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped three quarters or less."

Your committee recommends their adoption.

No objection, recommendation of the committee approved.

From the Division of Rhode Island:

That Article II, Chapter I, be amended by striking out the word "and" in the second line, all words up to and including the numerals 1861-65, and inserting the following:

"The families of all soldiers, sailors or marines in the service, or honorably discharged from the service of the United States Army or Navy."

This is a proposed amendment which changes the preamble of our Order. The subject matter is to be considered by a committee to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. Your committee, therefore, submits this without recommendation.

No objection, action of the committee approved.

Another resolution from the same Division: That the following words in the pledge to the flag be left out:

"One Flag, One Land, One Heart, One Hand, One Nation evermore."

Your committee does not approve.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The Division of Illinois presents a resolution adopted at the Division Encampment, suggesting that during the period of this war, all applicants for membership in our Order who are at present in any arm of service of the Government, be received into full regular and good standing of membership by giving sufficient proof that they have taken the required oath of allegiance due to the United States of America, and that this oath be accepted during said period in lieu of the ritualistic oath prescribed by the regulations.

This is fully covered by the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief. I move you that we suspend all the Constitution, Rules and Regulations to the contrary, and that the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief that Chapter II, Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be

amended by striking out paragraph (c) and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

(c) Each application then shall be balloted upon singly and alone by a secret ballot, at which not less than five ballots shall be cast. Three "black-balls" shall reject. Upon election the applicant shall be duly obligated, or initiated, shall be presented with a regulation badge, and a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and his name shall be entered upon the rolls of the Camp; provided, that the obligation or pledge may be given either in the Camp room, or by a communication in writing from the newly elected applicant,"

and that we adopt this amendment by a rising vote.

E. M. Lowe, of Ohio, seconded the motion.

The motion was agreed to unanimously by a rising vote.

Commander-in-Chief: There being no objection and being an unanimous vote, the recommendation is adopted.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut, continuing: The Division of Pennsylvania has presented several suggested amendments. I expect they are the handiwork of its very efficient Secretary. The first one is—

To amend Article IV, "Eligibility to Membership," page 3, by adding after the figures 1861-65, "and the descendants of the men who were members of, or eligible to the Grand Army of the Republic."

To make a second section, "That all the eligibles between the age of 12 and 16 may be admitted to membership, but shall have no voice or vote until they reach the age of 18, it being optional with Camps as to whether they shall admit those under 18 years of age."

To amend Article II, page 6, paragraph (c) by striking out the words "singly and alone," and inserting after the word "cast" in the third line, the words "that where more than one applicant is to be elected at a meeting, a trial ballot may be taken, and if not more than two black balls are cast, the applicants shall be declared elected, and where three or more are cast, then each applicant must be balloted for singly and alone."

To strike out paragraph (d) for the reason that it is unnecessary, as the ballot is a secret one.

There seems to be no occasion for these proposed amendments. Your committee, therefore, reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

To strike out Section 3, Article II, page 7, and in lieu thereof to insert the following: "Each applicant for membership shall pay such fee as the Camp By-Laws may determine, \$10 of such fee must be paid to the Division of which said Camp is a member, this fee to be invested by the Division, who shall pay the per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief upon such member during his life time or until he withdraws from membership. The Camp to pay no further tax on such member,

this muster fee making him a life member of the Order, provided, however, that each Camp may assess dues, and failure of member to pay dues would debar such member from all Camp activities or the right to a voice or vote, but would be entitled to the passwords and attendance at meetings."

Your committee does not believe that it is competent at this time to pass upon this question, and we recommend that the matter should be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

To strike out Section 1, Article III, page 8, and in lieu thereof insert "Any member, upon written application to the Commander of his Camp, or to the Commander of the Division if not upon the rolls of any Camp, shall receive a transfer card, or an honorable discharge, properly attested and under seal, provided, however, that the Camp or Division set such a fee as they desire in the By-Laws to charge transferred members."

To strike out Sections 2 and 3, Article III, Chapter II.

This provides for a transfer fee, and under our Constitution, Rules and Regulations the Divisions have full charge of the question of fees to be charged. We do not think it necessary to change the Constitution, Rules and Regulations in this regard. We do not, therefore, approve.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

To strike out Section 1, Article IV, page 9, the words "Camps shall meet at least once each quarter."

Your committee recommends that this question be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article VI, Section 1, strike out paragraph (a), page 10, and insert in the first part of this section, after the words "Camp Council," the words "delegates and alternates."

This section has to do with the election of officers of the Camp. The suggestion that the delegates and alternates be elected at the same time as the Camp officers would put us back to the old rule. The committee knows of no reason why the present rule is not working satisfactory, and it does not approve of the proposed amendment.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

Strike out Section 5, Article VI, page 10, and in lieu thereof insert "No member shall be eligible for election to office unless present at the meeting, or unless he states in writing in advance of such meeting that he desires to be nominated for said office."

Your committee feels that the old rule requiring his presence should not be changed. The committee does not approve. No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

Strike out Section 6, Article VI, page 11, and in lieu thereof insert "The election of officers shall be by ballot, except where the vote is unanimous, when it may be by acclamation, and where a ballot is taken, a plurality shall elect."

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

Strike out Section 1, Article III, page 20, and in lieu thereof insert "Divisions shall meet in Encampment as provided by their By-Laws."

If this is adopted they can meet any time, July, September, December, or they need not meet at all. In other words they will hold their meetings according to their by-laws. The committee does not approve.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

Strike out Section 1, Article V, page 22, and in lieu thereof insert "The Division Commander, Senior Vice Division Commander, Junior Vice Division Commander, Division Council, Division Secretary and Division Treasurer, where they are elective, and Delegates, may be elected by acclamation where no objections are raised, and where objection is raised, shall be by a roll call of the Camp, and a plurality shall elect."

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

Strike out Section 5, Article V, page 23, and in lieu thereof insert "No member shall be eligible to election for office at any meeting of the Division unless present, or where he has authorized in writing the use of his name for nomination and election."

Your committee report unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article III, Chapter IV, page 34, strike out Section 1, and in lieu thereof insert "The meetings of the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be in accordance with the action of the Commandery meeting."

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article V, Chapter IV, pages 35 and 36, strike out the word "majority" and insert "plurality." Strike out all after the word "choice" and in lieu thereof insert "Officers may be elected by acclamation unless objection is raised."

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article IV, Chapter VI, pages 45 and 46, strike out the word "six" and in lieu thereof insert the word "two."

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article VII, Chapter VI, page 47, strike out the word "quarterly" and insert "semi-annually;" and strike out the words "April" and "October," and in the latter part of this Article insert "semi-annually" instead of "quarterly."

Your committee recommends that this be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article VIII, Chapter VI, pages 47 and 48, strike out the words "Division Commander" and insert the word "Camp."

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article XIII, Chapter VI, pages 52 and 53, strike out the word "quarter" and insert "six months," strike out the word "four" and insert "two," and strike out the words "April" and "October."

Your committee recommends that this be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article XVI, Chapter VI, page 55, strike out Section 1 and insert in lieu thereof "The uniform of the Order shall be that worn by the several branches of the United States service from 1861 to 1865."

Without discussion your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article XVII, Chapter VI, page 56, strike out all of Sections 1 and 2, and insert in lieu thereof "The insignia of rank shall be that worn by officers of the Army and Navy from 1861 to 1865."

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Article XIX Chapter VI, Section 1, page 58, strike out the Latin words on the badge and insert English words.

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

Strike out Article XIX, Chapter VI, page 58, and in lieu thereof insert section "Badges and Decorations," "Each applicant shall be presented with a button-hole decoration upon his admission."

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendments deal with the cutting out of all description of the badges. They are as follows:

Change Section 2, Article XIX, Chapter VI, so as to read "Past Camp Commanders, Division Commanders, and Commanders-in-Chief who have served a full term or been elected to fill a vacancy, then served to the end of the term, shall be presented with some appropriate badge or mark of the Order to distinguish their past rank."

Change Section 3 so as to read "Sec. 3. Brothers entitled thereto may wear the Bronze War Service Cross, attached to the Division ribbon. Brothers who have served the United States of America faithfully and honorably in the Spanish-American War shall alone be entitled to wear this particular decoration and such brothers shall obtain it only through proper application and by furnishing proof of such service."

Change Section 5 so as to read "The ribbons to be worn by past officers upon their decorations shall be for the Commandery-in-Chief, the present ribbon, for Division officers, the present ribbon. Past Camp Commanders shall wear the present Division ribbon, Past Division Commanders, the present Commandery ribbon."

Strike out Article XX, Chapter VI, and in lieu thereof insert "The flag of the Order shall be the United States regulation flag, in bunting or in silk."

Your committee has other resolutions affecting the same matter and reports unfavorably on this one.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

In Section 2, of Article XI, Chapter VI, after the word "Camp" insert "provided, however, that such members of those Organizations shall not be present during the ritualistic ceremony."

Your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

Ritual: Members duly elected to membership may be obligated at some suitable place, outside of the Camp room, by the Commander or some brother, duly authorized to give such obligation.

This matter has already been covered by the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief. The committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

New article to be headed "Inspections."

There shall be an annual inspection of the Camps of the Division, the Division Commander having the power to appoint the Inspectors, who shall be furnished with blanks prepared by the Commandery-in-Chief, and shall include the giving of ratings as follows:

1. Proper rendition of the ritualistic work.
2. Equipment of Camp room.
3. The having of necessary books and supplies.
4. The proper keeping of said books and records.
5. The prompt payment of per capita tax, and the forwarding of all necessary reports.
6. Observance of Union Defenders' Day.
7. Observance of Memorial Day.
8. Representation at Division Encampments.
9. On increase of membership.

There are some of our Divisions that have inspections, and there are others that have not. Your committee does not favor making it obligatory. Therefore, your committee reports unfavorably.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

New Article: There shall be two classes of membership; the first class to consist of the direct Sons of Veterans, the second class to consist of grandsons and other descendants, all to enjoy the same rights and privileges of the Order, except there shall be a distinction in the ribbon on the badge, and on the button-hole decoration.

Members who serve twenty years of membership shall be enrolled in what shall be known as the Old Guard Corps, and be entitled to wear either a different ribbon, or a button-hole decoration of this Corps.

Camps may organize Citizens Patriotic Camps, who shall be governed by such by-laws as the Camps may adopt, subject to the approval of the Division Commander, or the Commander-in-Chief. Camps may set a fee, or assess dues for such membership. There shall be an obligation taken by the members of such Camps, to uphold the principles and objects of our Order. They may attend Camps or other meetings of the Order, except during the conferring of ritualistic work.

Individual members or Camps as a body, making the payment of a \$10 fee to the Division become life members and no further per capita tax will be assessed on them.

There may be merit in the proposed changes. They are clearly some of those things that should be considered by the committee to be appointed. Your committee therefore recommends that the proposed changes be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The next proposed amendment is—

After three years membership in good standing, a brother may apply for admission to the Lincoln or Union Defenders Degree. The name of such brother will be forwarded under seal of the Camp, properly attested, to the Division Secretary, who shall see that it is printed either in The Banner, or in a Division or special order, or in both. If, within thirty days after such publication, no objection is sent to the Commander of the Division, or to the Commander of the Degree, he shall be elected to membership. The name of anyone sending objections will be kept secret, unless they agree to their reasons being known. The charge or objection shall be investigated by the officer in charge of said Degree, who shall be empowered to appoint one or more brothers to investigate, and after receiving their report, shall decide whether the brother should be admitted. Brothers will pay a fee of \$5 upon being notified of their election. Members of the Degree may be assessed to defray expenses of same.

The Camp must endorse the character and good standing in membership of the brother desiring to join.

The Degree to be conferred annually upon Lincoln's Birthday, and to consist of the conferring of the Degree, which will deal with the life of Lincoln, the officers and men of the Union Army and Navy from 1861 to 1865, and the war events of those days. It shall be followed by a social or patriotic session, or both, and wherever possible with refreshments, or a banquet. No business of any kind to be transacted at any meeting of this degree, it being purely patriotic and fraternal.

The degree team or teams shall be specially picked from the general membership of the Degree by its Commander, and no ritual will be used in conferring the same. The work must be memorized.

A member dropped from the Degree for any cause whatever can never be reinstated.

The Commander of the Degree may grant a dispensation to hold patriotic social sessions on other dates beside Lincoln's Birthday, or he may permit the degree to be conferred on some date as near as possible to February 12th.

Brothers from any Division of the Order may receive this degree although conferred in some other Division.

A special button-hole decoration may be worn by members of this Degree.

Part of the obligation of this Degree will include the Lincoln or Union Defender's word of honor, and any brother who gives this word to a member of the Degree and violates the same, shall be expelled, provided, however, it shall not be mandatory for anyone to pledge his word.

Your committee recommends that this be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

Sherman Arter, Camp No. 466, Division of Ohio, has submitted the following:

Resolved, That the name of the Order be changed to "Sons of Veterans," dropping the words "United States of America," or, as usually given, "U. S. A."

Your committee recommends that this be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

N. G. Lyon Camp No. 209, Division of New York, has suggested that the name of the Order be changed to "Sons of Civil War Veterans." Your committee recommends that this matter be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of the committee approved.

The following suggestion has come from the Minnesota Division:

That a competent and active committee be appointed by the National Encampment to make continued and specific effort to ascertain the eligibles of the Sons of Veterans in the United States Army, Navy and Marines, and make supreme effort to get them interested in this organization. That the Commandery-in-Chief formulate some method of mustering these eligibles into the organization while they are in service in foreign lands and attaching them to a National Camp until such time as they will return to the United States. To do this work effectively and promptly will require the temporary suspension of the three year rule. That the future growth and welfare of the Order depends in a very great measure upon the energy and efficiency shown in carrying out this or a similar plan having the same object.

The committee thinks this suggestion could be carried out by looking up those who are eligible and who are in the service, and under the rule that has been adopted, to permit them to become members upon signing the obligation. The idea that has been advanced is a practical one, and a good one. It might be taken up by the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

Division Commander Custer Snyder, of Ohio: I would like to say something about members of the Order who are in the service. I was approached by a brother who has a son in the Army, suggesting that steps be taken whereby the son, who was permitted by his commanding officer to wear on his uniform a badge representing the Spanish War Veterans, could wear the ribbon of the Sons of Veterans. The Organization understands that military orders are very strict. It would be a good idea to suggest that members of our Order in the service be permitted to wear a small bar containing the colors of our ribbon.

Commander-in-Chief: This idea was taken up with the War Department last fall, and the War Department has ruled that no insignia other than that given by the United States can be worn on the Army uniform. That was an official ruling which we got in October last. Requests had come from a number of Divisions that the members of the Order be permitted to wear a bar about

an inch or an inch and a half long with the colors of the Order on it. That request was refused on the ground that no insignia except that granted by the United States could be worn. It may be that some U. S. Army commanders have permitted the wearing of the badge; I do not know as to that, but it is a violation of U. S. Army regulation to do so. The Order cannot do anything further in the matter with the War Department, for they are getting more rigid than ever. Otherwise a soldier would be weighted down with badges.

J. Clinton Hiatt, of Maryland: That was brought up in our Camp, as one of our brothers was informed that the War Department permitted the Sons of the Confederacy to wear a mark.

Ralph M. Grant, Chairman Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, continuing: The Division of Kansas has presented a recommendation—

That Article IV, Chapter I, be amended by striking out the words "during the war of the Rebellion of 1861-65."

Your committee recommends that this be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The following proposed amendments from four Divisions, while somewhat different in form are alike in substance. They relate to a change in the form and name of what is known as the "Iron Cross:"

From the Minnesota Division: Consisting of a resolution passed by Shiloh Camp No. 3, Huron, South Dakota, of that Division, reference being made to the first sentence of Section 2, Article XIX, Chapter VI, viz:

That the use of the Iron Cross is decidedly Prussian, hence absolutely Un-American;

That the name and design of the Past Camp Commander's badge should be changed;

That the words "Iron Cross" in said Section 2 be stricken out and the words "Bronze Star" be substituted;

That the use of a five pointed star of the same design as used by the G. A. R. with the same emblems in the five points of the star, the star to be in size to compare with the medallion of our regular regulation badge; on the front of the center of the star shall be placed the regular Camp emblem, the same as in use on the Iron Cross Past Commander badge, but the star, instead of being hung from a bar between two of its points, as in the G. A. R. badge, shall be hung from an eyelet and link from the rear of one of its points, much as the medallion of the regulation Camp badge is hung; the star and emblem thereon to be of bronze metal, and attached to the regulation Camp ribbon the same as the present Past Commander badge.

This suggestion is accompanied by a letter from a member of the Division Council saying that the Division Encampment rejected the resolution as being hysterical and not practical.

The suggestion from the Division of Maine is as follows:

Amend Chapter VI, Article XIX, Section 2, by striking out the words "Iron Cross" in the fifth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Past Camp Commander's Badge."

Amend Chapter VI, Article XIX, Section 8 (b) by striking out the words "Iron Cross" in the first line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Past Camp Commander's Badge," and it is further recommended that the Iron Cross be dispensed with as an emblem of past rank and some other suitable design adopted as a Past Camp Commander's Badge that will not resemble the Iron Cross of Germany.

The resolution from the Division of New Jersey states that—

Because of the odium attached to the decoration of the Empire of Germany known as the iron cross, it is the wish and desire of those submitting same that the Past Commander's Badge, emblem or decoration be changed from that of an Iron Cross to some more appropriate and timely badge, emblem or decoration, and recommends to the National Convention of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that

Said Convention disapprove of the further and continued use of the iron cross as the badge, emblem or decoration of the Past Commanders, and that said Past Commander's badge, emblem or decoration be changed from that of the iron cross to some more appropriate and timely badge, emblem or decoration.

From the Wisconsin Division we have this resolution:

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates and Past Division Commanders to use their best efforts at the National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, to have Article XIX, Chapter VI, Section 2, line 5 of our Constitution. Rules and Regulations changed to read "bronze cross" instead of "iron cross," and that any other Article or section relating thereto be changed accordingly.

That the purpose of the resolution is to discontinue the use of the iron cross as the insignia of a Past Camp Commander and replace it with a bronze cross, it being the opinion of the members of the Wisconsin Division that the iron cross has been so thoroughly "Prussianized" as to make it out of place in the Order.

You will see that these suggestions are different in form but alike in substance. Your committee reports unfavorably upon the proposed amendment. In so doing I will state. This is a time when our patriotism is touched, our hearts are touched to the core, yet the iron cross which our Order adopted years ago is something to look forward to, to be worn on the breast of retiring Camp Commanders; something that they will cherish. What are we going to do with all these members that have these Past Commander's badges? Are we going to take them away because some Prussian on the other side is wearing something which translated from the German means iron cross, and of which ours is not a copy. I do not feel that we should give up to a Prussian. We should not give up that which we have a right to, and I don't want to surrender to a Prussian even our iron cross. What are we going to substitute for it? We must

give something else. If it is vital matter, or a matter of patriotism it would make a difference. That is a personal matter and I don't think it would effect our patriotism. Looking at it from a practical standpoint and realizing we are all patriots to the core, we have a perfect right to this cross, and it is something that every brother who has earned the right to wear it cherishes. I cherish the badges that have been presented to me. They were given to me and I don't want to have a substitute put in their place. Nothing can take their place. We all appreciate the sentiment which prompted the presenting of those resolutions. As stated, the committee reports unfavorably.

F. A. McKelvey, of Pennsylvania: Brothers, we ought to do away with the name of "iron cross;" we ought not to pin on the breast of a brother of our Order a cross which bears the same name as that which is pinned on the breasts by the Emperor or Kaiser for doing the devilish and hellish things which are being done in Germany. I don't believe we ought to continue the iron cross.

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, of Illinois: I am with the brother from Pennsylvania. We are all American citizens. Prussianism and German militarism stand today for everything that is undesirable, abominable and offensive known to the human mind, and the present emperor of Germany is, as we all know, guilty of inhuman cruelty. We are not making a surrender in making a change, but are showing our spirit and our contempt of that man, of his government and his methods. I therefore move you that this recommendation be not concurred in, but that this matter be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Ralph M. Grant, chairman, continuing: The committee has been presented this morning with the following report:

Niagara Falls, August 20, 1918.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Brothers:

At the Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division at Boston last April the committee on Junior Order Sons of Veterans of that Division made several recommendations, and in conclusion recommended that the Division Commander appoint a committee to present its several recommendations to this Encampment.

Having been assigned this task, I will present this matter, briefly, and move that the following recommendations be adopted:

First. That the ritual of the Junior Order, Sons of Veterans is too old for boys of 12 to 14 years of age, and should be changed accordingly.

Second. That the uniform of the Junior Order should be "uniform" and we recommend white duck pants, navy blue blouse, with white neck tie and gloves, and military cap.

Third. That members of the Junior Camp may join the Senior Camp after having reached the age of sixteen years, provided, that they shall join the Senior

Camp having jurisdiction over the Junior Camp to which they belong and remain a member of that Camp until they shall have attained their eighteenth birthday, provided, that said applicant shall have been a member in good standing for at least two years and still is a member of the Junior Order, provided said Senior Camp so wishes.

Fourth. That the National Committee of Junior Order, Sons of Veterans, prepare a suitable badge to be worn by the Junior Order when in uniform.

Fifth. That the Commandery-in-Chief urge upon the incoming Commander-in-Chief to impress upon the several Division Commanders the advisability of more activity along this line.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL F. BROWN,
Mass. Div., S. V., U. S. A.

Approved:

RUFUS A. SOULE, JR.,

Division Commander, Mass. S. of V.

It appears that this matter was brought up in the Massachusetts Division. This brother has formulated and presented the result of his consideration on the subject for our recommendation. The committee was unable to give him a hearing, and inasmuch as it is one clearly connected with our Order, we feel that the matter should be referred to the committee on the state of the order to be appointed, and we so recommend.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

D. F. Brown, of Massachusetts: This resolution was drawn up hurriedly. Referring to the age limit, the idea is that after the member of the Junior Order has reached the age of 16 he may join the Senior Order, provided he has been a member of the Junior Order at least two years previous to that time. This Order was started June 30, 1908, in Framingham, Mass., and we have the honor of having the first Camp, Number One. From that we probably have from fifteen to eighteen who would not have been in the Order had it not been for the fact that the Junior Order was organized. The Junior Camp is the foundation of the Senior Camp. We send out circulars having the sanction of the flag committee of our town. We get the names of the boys, getting their grandfathers' names, their service in the Civil War, and so on. We prepare slips which are given out in the schools. The scholars sign them giving this information. In this way we get members in the Junior Order; eligibles who we never knew were eligibles before. I am particularly interested in the Order, and I hope the Commandery will take this matter under serious consideration and try to frame up a Junior Order—it is a great feeder for the Senior Order. I hope the committee will thoroughly consider this matter. My experience for the last ten years would be a good guide for them.

Charles B. Miller, of Pennsylvania: The Junior Order, I believe, has been overlooked. I believe thoroughly in what has just been said. We in Scranton have a Camp of over 70 members. We have had an opportunity of observing what good the Junior Order has accomplished. We speak of being the legatees and not the heirs of the Grand Army. Our sons are our heirs. I believe this organization has not paid attention to the fact of getting in the Junior members of 12 years that it should. You

get a boy in when he is twelve years old and you have got him until he is eighteen. We organized in Scranton four years ago. We have nine in the service, on the firing line in France; eight or ten have been taken into our Order. I don't think we take this Junior Order seriously enough. Why can we not have an Order within our Order that stands for everything the Boy Scouts stand for, and those we get into the Junior Order we are reasonably sure of getting into the Senior Order.

D. F. Brown, of Massachusetts: When boys get to be sixteen years old or so it is almost impossible to get them into the Senior Camp, because they have lost their interest; that is the reason why we should have this Junior Order, and get the boys in at twelve years of age.

Ralph M. Grant, chairman, continuing: This concludes the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. It is signed by

RALPH M. GRANT, Chairman,
A. I. VESCELIUS,
S. E. LUECK,
EDWIN M. AMES.

I move you, sir, that the report be accepted, and the recommendations of the committee be adopted as a whole, except as to the recommendation of this Encampment with reference to the iron cross.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Division Commander Robert J. Woodruff, of Connecticut: With reference to admitting an applicant upon signing the obligation, does that mean the obligation taken from the ritual?

Commander-in-Chief: He may sign the obligation or take it in the Camp room. There are certain portions of the obligation as it appears in the ritual that perhaps would have to be omitted. The National Secretary will prepare the form that is to be used.

National Secretary: My idea is to put that obligation on the application for membership.

Robert J. Woodruff, Commander Division of Connecticut: I take it that this will be one of the forms to be issued by the Commandery-in-Chief on requisition.

Commander-in-Chief: I would say that it will be the duty of the incoming Commander-in-Chief to issue an order providing this pledge or obligation and that the National Secretary would promulgate it so that everybody will know of it. It is very easy to abstract the obligation. It is in the form now where it is given at the altar. It would be proper to have it on the application card. Any obligation that would cover the point.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, of New York: The obligation is in our ritual. There is only one obligation and that is the one in the ritual. The application which the Commander-in-Chief has in mind, I take it, will be a simple one.

E. M. Lowe, of Ohio: Are we going to have the obligation at the bottom, just above the signature?

Harry D. Sisson, Past Division Commander of Massachusetts: It seems to me that it will be improper for us to take the

obligation which appears in our ritual and make it a semi-public document.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Why could not our Committee on Ritual at this time consider the obligation which should be signed under those conditions, and report at this session. It seems to be the sense of the Encampment that there should be such a change.

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, of Illinois: There is nothing in this obligation that is necessarily secret, no more than the obligation of allegiance to the United States. There is no reason why this should not be inscribed on paper, hand writing, typewriting, or printing. The matter has been covered by the recommendation, and has already been adopted.

F. A. McKelvey, of Pennsylvania: Is this for eligibles in the service?

Commander-in-Chief: It applies to all.

We will now have the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York, chairman: Before submitting the report of the Committee on Resolutions, I move that the resolutions presented be considered as adopted as each resolution is presented, unless there is objection.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Niagara Falls, August 20, 1918.

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

Your Committee on Resolutions offer the following report:

Resolution No. 1, submitted by the New York Division:

Whereas, The National organization of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., as titled is not adequately descriptive of the war period or contesting forces which prompted its institution, and that the function of said Organization primarily is to emphasize the Historical, Commemorative, Educational and other features of that which by ancestral ties it represents.

Whereas, By virtue of the eventual need of competition or co-operation as a sequel to the World's War, with added veterans and sons of veterans organizations, it may be deemed expedient to create a more descriptive title to avoid public confusion, as well, possibly, to reconstitute the organization's form of activities that it may more specifically meet the demands of its distinctive field of patriotic endeavor in whole or in part as is at present best exemplified by the other patriotic hereditary organizations.

Whereas, It is further recognized that our obligations to the parent Order, the Grand Army of the Republic, while a single survivor remains, is in no wise curtailed, nor will it diminish in any degree effective co-operation with other allied or auxiliary bodies.

Whereas, It is further believed that if this Organization with its distinctive type of principles and objects is to operate in the most enduring manner in successful competition with other "specialists" of historic propaganda, a readjustment to some extent may be found necessary; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the representatives of the New York Division, Sons of Veterans, to the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief be requested to petition for the appointment of a committee from that body to make a special study of the subject and report at that or the following session, or at such time and place as may be designated.

I read that in full because your committee deemed it an important resolution, although it has been covered by the recommendation of your Commander-in-Chief, and will be acted upon by the Committee on Reports of Officers; therefore action by the Committee on Resolutions is unnecessary. Another resolution which has the approval of the New York Division was prepared upon the suggestion and request of a few representatives of the Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic.

(At this point Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles H. Young took the chair).

Charles F. Sherman, continuing: The request of the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic was that we should prepare for their use a suitable resolution, whereby the various Posts of the Grand Army in the State of New York could legally provide for the distribution of their property, that which has a sentimental as well as a physical value, so that the Sons of Veterans could actually come into possession of it, and that resolution was prepared by one of our Past Division Commanders and sent here for the approval of this Encampment, and your committee approves of the resolution. There is nothing therein which makes it mandatory; it is simply that if a Grand Army Post desires to dispose of its property to a Camp of Sons of Veterans, here is a way in which it can be done. The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, At sometime the flags, charters, mementoes, relics and other personal and real property belonging to the various Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the various Departments, as well as to the Commandery-in-Chief of the G. A. R., will necessarily pass into other hands from its present ownership, and

Whereas, The organization of Sons of Veterans is of the lineal blood of their sires of the G. A. R. and therefore are most interested in the preservation of these sacred things, as well as the memory of the men of the G. A. R.; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Division of New York, in convention assembled at Ithaca, N. Y., in June, 1918, that its representatives to the Commandery-in-Chief, which is to be held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 20-22, 1918, be and they hereby are instructed to bring the matter to the attention of that body that the same may be duly

considered and such action taken as will result in the legal method of accomplishing the desired purpose.

We approve of the resolution.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

Resolution No. 2, submitted by William B. Cushing Camp No. 30, of Washington (Maryland Division):

Whereas. As the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America had under consideration H. R. 9959, increasing the rates of pensions of soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, and

Whereas. As House Bill was most heartily approved by Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic throughout the United States; and

Whereas. As a brother of the organization of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., a member of Blinn Camp No. 82, Terre Haute, Indiana, the Hon. Everett Sanders, Representative from the Fifth Congressional District, made a most able and influential speech in its behalf, strongly urging the passage of the Bill by Congress, on Monday, May 6, 1918; therefore be it

Resolved. That, we, members of William B. Cushing Camp No. 30, in regular meeting assembled this 5th day of July, 1918, heartily approve the speech delivered by Representative Sanders in behalf of House Bill 9959, and highly commend his action, both as a statesman and a brother of Camp of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and congratulate him in his efforts in having the Bill become a law; and

It is further Resolved. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Representative Sanders and also to the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment to be held at Niagara Falls, New York, thereby informing them of the action of William B. Cushing Camp No. 30, and request that the Encampment endorse the action of the Camp.

J. CLINTON HIATT,

Attest:

Commander.

W. E. GARLICK,

(Seal)

Secretary.

Your committee deems it inexpedient to take any action upon this matter though in hearty sympathy with the speech of Congressman Sanders upon the pension bill.

Resolution No. 2½ from the Rhode Island Division:

Providence, R. I., August 5, 1918.

To National Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, S. of V.

Brothers:—At a regular meeting of Elisha Dyer Camp held at its quarters on June 27th, past, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried unanimously that this Camp ask the National Encampment to take such action at its annual session at Niagara Falls as will prevent the use of the Star Spangled Banner by street pianos, street organs and hurdy gurdys.

We therefore present this petition through the

proper channels of the Rhode Island Division praying that such action be taken by you.

ENOCH A. HOYT,
Commander.

RAYMOND FRYE,
Secretary.

HENRI E. GOBEILLE,
Division Commander.

While in sympathy with this resolution, we recognize that this is a legal matter, and until the Nation or State acts in the matter any action we might take would have no effect.

The resolution is therefore referred without recommendation. No objection, action of the committee approved.

A smaller number of requests for restoration of rank of Past Camp Commander has been presented to your Committee than usual, and in most cases they were supported by the necessary affidavits. They are as follows:

From the Maine Division:

John W. Keithley, of Camp No. 51, Biddeford, Me.
Clarence S. Chick, of Camp No. 105, Kittery, Me.
Ulysses G. Sweet, of Camp No. 105, Kittery, Me.
George R. Bowley, of Camp No. 44, Sanford, Me.
Frank Bowley, of Camp No. 44, Sanford, Me.

From the New Hampshire Division:

George K. Sanborn, of Camp No. 3, Portsmouth, N. H.

From the Rhode Island Division:

Chester E. A. Starrett, of Camp No. 7, Olneyville, R. I.

From the Pennsylvania Division:

James V. Stewart, of Camp No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa.
Harry G. Gaunt, of Camp No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa.
James G. Fink, of Camp No. 3, Pennsylvania.
Sylvanius Van Horn, of Camp No. 2, Pennsylvania.

From the Illinois Division:

Benjamin F. McClland, of Camp No. 1, Chicago, Ill.
J. Grafton Moss, of Camp No. 10, Canton, Ill.
Floyd F. Putnam, of Camp No. 10, Canton, Ill.
Arve K. Johnson, of Camp No. 31, Moline, Ill.
George R. Bryner, of Camp No. 31, Moline, Ill.
Samuel W. King, of Camp No. 43, Joliet, Ill.

Your committee recommends that the requests of the several Divisions be granted and the rank of Past Camp Commander be restored to the brothers named. The Division of California and Pacific requests similar honors for Charles C. Smith, of Camp No. 2, but no evidence being offered to your committee as to the reason for loss of rank, or for its restoration, we recommend that the request be referred back to the Division for further information.

No objection, recommendations of the committee adopted.

(Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson resumed the chair).

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution upon the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin:

This body hereby expresses its great loss by the passing of this big hearted brother. He was more close-

ly identified with the Sons of Veterans than any other of similar rank, and his association covered a very long period of actual service. He was the friend of all, and to know him intimately was but to love him the more. His life was consecrated to this organization, and he has left an enduring monument, "The Banner," which will always serve to remind us of the very close relation which existed for so long a time? We desire to publicly testify our appreciation of his worth, as a man and as a Son of a Veteran, and recommend that a suitable memorial resolution be prepared under the direction of our National Secretary for transmission to the family of Brother Dustin.

Your committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

Your committee offers the following resolution:

The crucial hour in our Republic's existence is at hand. Three millions of our best manhood are being trained or tried on the battle field, or high seas. Among them are countless numbers through whose veins course the soldier's blood, inherited from their grandsires who saved this nation in 1861. Because of this fact we look to them to uphold the best traditions of the brave and dauntless American soldiers and sailors.

We also recognize that they are fighting against a people and a system that would, if successful, perpetuate something worse than our American slavery as it existed in its worst form. But our only enemy is not the cohorts and menials of the Teuton horde, the Potsdam gang, hellish as is and as has been their worst efforts to hold back the rising tide of civilization which should ever rise higher and higher. We only have to look around to discover that the United States has enemies within our own borders, who by an insidious campaign would nullify the work of our brave soldiers. We desire to express to our own people, and to the world at large, that the Sons of Veterans are 100% American, and in the name of all that is just and equitable, while the spirit of the beloved Lincoln hovers over us, let us in no uncertain terms condemn all who would nullify the work our Nation is now doing.

Let our declaration go out to the world that we whole heartedly and unreservedly renew our fealty to the Flag, to the Republic, and to all liberty loving people and again pledge our service, our strength, our hearts in support of our Government to win the war.

We believe the one business, the great business and the only business is to win this war, to exterminate the vermin of the Teutonic Empire, and all other business must be subordinate.

We cheerfully respond to every call and acquiesce in every movement that will hasten the day when the principle for which the American Nation stands shall be accepted in the capitals of the world as right and prevailing.

Your committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.
No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

Your committee also presents the following resolution:

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to all our officers for their faithful service during the year, to the local Camp of Sons of Veterans who, through their committee, have done all they could to make our stay here pleasant, and to our ever loyal Auxiliary for their splendid co-operation at all times.

Your committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.
No objection, recommendation of the committee adopted.

The report is signed by the full committee.

C. F. SHERMAN,
RALPH H. BURBANK,
R. J. WOODRUFF,
CHAS. A. DAVENPORT,
CLIFFORD C. IRELAND.

I move the adoption of the report as a whole.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, of New York: I
move we take a recess until two o'clock p. m. today.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Recess taken.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Encampment resumed at 2:15 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, August 21, 1918, with Commander-in-Chief Johnson in the chair.
Commander-in-Chief: We will listen to the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

Division Commander Henri E. Gobeille, of Rhode Island, read the report, viz:

The Commandery-in-Chief:

Your Committee on Ritual begs to report that it has considered the subject of ritual, including the proposed change endorsed by the Kansas Division, and has also taken notice of the action of this Encampment in authorizing the appointment of a special committee of five to consider the state of the order and to report at the next Encampment its conclusions, together with such changes in the laws and ritual as it may find expedient, and in view of such action this committee deems it unwise to make changes in the ritual at this time and pending such report.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. LEE, Ohio

W. N. EDGELL,

CHARLES J. MILLER,

H. E. GOBEILLE,

FRANK L. SHEPARD, Chm.

I move its adoption.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

National Secretary: The Committee on Credentials has to make as a supplemental report that there is a total of 116 accredited members present. Past Commanders-in-Chief present seven out of twenty-four; Division Commanders present, eight out of twenty-six; Divisions not represented, twelve out of twenty-six.

Commander-in-Chief: If there be no objection, the members will be placed on the roll. The chair hears none; the Secretary will place them on the roll.

VISIT OF THE SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY

Commander-in-Chief: There is a message from the Auxiliary saying they would like to visit the Encampment. What is your

pleasure? There being no objection, the Committee on Greetings will escort the delegation into the hall.

Committee retired and escorted delegation, headed by Miss Mayme E. Dwyer, National President, Mrs. Minnie Groth, National Patriotic Instructor, and Miss Celeste Gentieu, of Maryland Division.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania, presented Miss Dwyer.

Ernest W. Homan, Past Division Commander, of Massachusetts, presented Mrs. Groth.

A. S. Holbrook, of Illinois, presented Miss Gentieu.

Commander-in-Chief: Miss Dwyer, and members of the delegation, we welcome you to our meeting.

Miss Mayme E. Dwyer, of New York: We came over here to extend the loving greetings of your Auxiliary. We are ready and willing at all times to help your organization. In these trying times through which our country is passing, you and everybody know the loyalty displayed all over this great land of ours by the best women in the world—the women of America. We are proud to represent these women. We bring to you the greetings of an organization that has the same principles as yours, having for its motto, friendship, charity and loyalty. We have the same right to membership that you have. We are ready at all times to do all we can for the women and men of this country and to bring up the children of this country in the way of fraternity. Commander-in-Chief Johnson, this delegation representing the Auxiliary wishes to say to you that we are thankful for the many courtesies received from you during the past year. We trust that you will continue your interest in the Auxiliary. I hope you will find time to come and see us. For several years back we have tried to show our appreciation by our presence with greetings and in a little more substantial way. We have brought you, Commander-in-Chief, a little gift. (Presenting a clock). As it ticks away the hours, we want you to feel that with every tick there are heart beats for you. I hope it will remind you of the loyalty of our organization and of the friendship of its members and of the members of your organization—the Sons of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief: Miss Dwyer, I accept this in the same spirit in which it is given, because I know it comes from the heart as a gift from the Auxiliary. During the past year the relations between the Auxiliary and the Sons have been extremely good, and the National Commandery has continued to do everything it could to create an increased interest in the Order for the Auxiliary. I must say that since assuming command of our organization I have, in a large measure, changed my mind as to the worth of the Auxiliary, for it has done this year things that I never realized it would do. The Auxiliary has a more than passing interest in the Order of Sons of Veterans; it has done for our Order during the past year many things which many of our own members have failed to do; created an increased interest in our Order. I thank you, Miss Dwyer, for this beautiful clock, a gift from the Auxiliary.

Brother Brewster, will you kindly respond to the address of Miss Dwyer.

National Patriotic Instructor: We are, of course, glad to

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have these dear sisters with us. It is often said that the church is a woman's church. Be that as it may, we could not get along without the women—the church would not want to get along without them. I am quite sure that no brother of our Order would want to get along without the women who compose the membership of the Auxiliary. In the collection of the Ambulance Fund they have done well. In this way they have not only expressed their interest in our Order but their love for the boys at the front. The report shows that they have raised \$6200 for that fund. We must acknowledge our debt to them for their response to the appeal of our Commander-in-Chief. We are always willing to give way to the women. On my way here I heard a man telling a story about the controversy between himself and his wife. He wanted to go to New York, and she wanted to come to Niagara Falls. They finally compromised by coming to Niagara Falls. The women of today occupy a different position than they have. The time is gone when we have no interest in what the women are doing. We are interested in what the members of the Auxiliary are doing, and we are glad to welcome you to that fellowship with us, with the hope that there will be closer relations between us. (Applause).

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief: There is a committee of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in the adjoining room. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Amies to see that the members of the committee are escorted into the hall.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania, presented Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Granville and Mrs. Mahoney, representing the Department President of the Department of New York, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief: Ladies, we are very glad to have you with us today.

Mrs. Smith: Commander, the Department President has asked us to extend her greetings to you. She would have liked to have been here today, but could not. I am also glad to extend the greetings of the Niagara Falls Circle No. 7, and wish you all success. Please accept this bouquet of flowers as a token of our esteem. (Presenting flowers).

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Amies, we will be glad to have you respond.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Ladies, in the name of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans we return our thanks for your attendance and for the interest you have shown in our organization.

The delegations of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and Ladies of the G. A. R. were escorted from the hall.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

William F. Chambers, of Ohio: The report is as follows:

Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 21, 1918.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-seventh Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Your Council-in-Chief, acting under the authority of the C. R. & R. for the term just closed make their report as follows:

Immediately after the close of the Encampment at Boston, the Council-in-Chief, consisting of C. B. Martin, Wm. M. Anderson and W. F. Chambers, assembled and elected Charles B. Martin, Chairman, and Wm. M. Anderson, Secretary.

Bonds of the various officers were fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	\$1,000.00
National Secretary	5,000.00
National Treasurer	5,000.00

Which were given, and are in our possession.

A careful audit was made of the books and vouchers of the National Secretary and National Treasurer, and we find that they are correct and in balance.

The balance at the beginning of year.....\$ 1652.04

RECEIPTS.

From Per Capita Tax.....	\$12675.57
From Charter Fees	75.00
From Sale of Supplies.....	2579.62
From Miscellaneous Receipts.....	2.00
From Junior Order Supplies.....	32.02

Total receipts 15364.21

Aggregate of receipts.....\$17016.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Expense	\$13118.04
Office Expense	875.71
Commander-in-Chief Expense	965.72

Total disbursements 14959.47

Net balance on hand July 31, 1918.....\$ 2056.78

This balance is subject to the month's charge of The Banner, estimated at \$700, and the expense of this Encampment, estimated at \$1800, salaries and rent, \$304.16—a total of \$2804.16, which will start the new year with a deficit of \$747.38, to be taken care of out of this coming year's receipts.

In addition to the regular financial examination of the above named officers, we had a new fund to audit, which was one called for by our Commander-in-Chief, and known as "The Ambulance Fund." The amount received from the various Camps of the Sons of Veterans was.....\$20226.64
From the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary..... 6200.00

A total of.....\$26426.64

Of this amount, \$25000 was paid to Col. Darnall, Chief of the Medical Corps of the U. S., to be used in purchase of automobile ambulances. The balance on hand in bank including interest is \$1518.24.

We have the Reading National Bank Cashier's Certificate that the above named amounts are in that institution.

This past year has developed a loss of over 4000 members and 121 Camps, which has reduced the income so much that we

start this year with a deficit, the first time in many years; and from reports a further reduction is to be expected this coming year.

We give as an estimate of the coming year's receipts as follows:

50000 members at 36 cents.....	\$18000.00
Charter Fees	125.00
Sales of Supplies	3000.00
Junior Order	25.00
Total	<u>\$21150.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Official Publications	\$10000.00
Supplies	2000.00
Salaries, Nat. Sec. and Nat. Treas.....	2300.00
Office Expense, Nat. Sec. and Nat. Treas....	1000.00
Commander-in-Chief, trav. and other exp...	1500.00
Additional Compensation National Secretary	1000.00
Encampment Proceedings, publication.....	850.00
Chief-of-Staff and Reserve.....	400.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge.....	300.00
Misc. Expense, Nat. Officers not inclu. above	100.00
Bonds of National Officers.....	35.00
Publicity	150.00
Total	<u>\$19635.00</u>

We figure at a per capita tax of 36 cents, and do not believe the Commandery-in-Chief can succeed on less, as we have in our recommendations asked to have cut off the membership fee of 25 cents, and the Camps will get the benefit of that sum annually, amounting in the average aggregate to over \$1300 per annum and allowing the Camps to retain that sum for its own use.

We think that this year, as last year, the National Secretary receive One Thousand Dollars additional compensation as all expenses are greater in every way and he is entitled to a fair pay for good work.

We recommend:

First. That Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution be amended by striking out all that portion beginning "twenty-five cents of that amount" leaving the Section to read "Each application for membership must be accompanied with a fee of not less than One Dollar," and move that the rules be suspended and this section become operative on and after October 1, 1918.

Second. That the per capita tax beginning on and after October 1, 1918, be 36 cents per annum, payable quarterly.

Third. We recommend that there be appropriated One Thousand Dollars additional compensation for the National Secretary for the ensuing year, payable monthly.

W. M. ANDERSON,

W. F. CHAMBERS,

Council-in-Chief.

W. F. Chambers, of Ohio: I move that the report and recommendations be adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection, the report will stand approved as read.

Ralph Sheldon, of New York: The Council-in-Chief has made recommendations, and they are supposed to turn them over to the Committee on Reports of Officers.

W. F. Chambers, of Ohio: Instead of adopting the report it can be referred to the Committee on Reports of Officers.

Commander-in-Chief: My understanding is, that the report of the Council-in-Chief has been acted upon by the Encampment. However, if there be no objection, it will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. There being no objection, it is so referred.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, of Illinois:

Niagara Falls, August 21, 1918.

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

Your Committee on Officers' Reports herewith submits to you its report as follows:

The committee realizes most fully that conditions have prevailed at the time of this Encampment, and during the past year, which were new in the experience of all our members, however long their service in the Order, and that the work of the present administration has been influenced in many ways, difficult even at this time for all to appreciate.

The comprehensive report of our Commander-in-Chief discloses the continued activities and earnest efforts he has put forth during his entire term of office to accomplish much for our Order and at the same time to do something of unusual importance required by the needs of our Government in the prosecution of the war. We commend in the highest terms the splendid results achieved by him in the collection of the Ambulance Fund and the purchase of fourteen ambulances with the funds so received for our Army in France. (Applause).

We also commend and appreciate the valuable assistance given in this behalf by our Auxiliary. To the national officers of both Orders much credit is due for this monumental work.

The report of the Commander-in-Chief presents certain recommendations which have received the consideration of the committee:

No. 1. Your committee concurs in the recommendation that the Commander-in-Chief should be given authority summarily to remove any officer of Camp or of Division who may refuse or neglect to comply with any order issued by him, or who persistently neglects or fails to promptly perform the duties of his office, and believe that legislation should be enacted to authorize this, which matter is respectfully referred to the committee on the state of the order to be raised.

No. 2. The recommendation for the amendment of Chapter II, Article II, C. R. & R. is approved and referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

No. 3. The recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief

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with reference to change of procedure, the organization and the state of the order are subjects for grave and serious consideration. Your committee, therefore, submits in reference to the same and recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the present Commander-in-Chief to consider the state of the Order and the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief on the losses in membership, and devise such remedies and report such amendments or revisions of constitution, procedure, laws and ritual as in their judgment are expedient to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

No. 4. The committee concurs in the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief that during the continuance of the war each Division be required to contribute the equivalent of one dollar per capita each year, and that the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer be directed to apply such funds to the needs of our Government.

No. 5. Your committee concurs in the recommendation that the per capita tax for 1918, 1919 be thirty-six cents per annum, payable in quarterly installments of nine cents each, beginning with the quarter ending December 31, 1918.

No. 6. The committee concurs in the recommendation in a membership fee for initiation of not less than five dollars.

REPORTS OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AND JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The reports of these two officers are approved. Their fidelity and loyalty to the Order is commended and they are congratulated for participating in the work of an administration which has accomplished so much for the assistance of our Government.

REPORT OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

The report of the Chief-of-Staff shows the traditions of the Order of Sons of Veterans are being maintained, except in so far as its members have entered the service of the United States. Your committee regards it as highly important that this department be continued. In the event our Government fails to establish universal military training and service our Order will, through a Reserve and its membership of trained officers from the present war be able to make this department the most important and active feature of the organization in the years to come, as well as the most useful to our country.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your committee approves most highly of the careful manner in which this officer has attended to all the details of the Order's work in the past year, and invites consideration to the economies instituted, the savings made and the work of this office so admirably performed. His recommendation for the increase of the per capita tax is also approved.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report again reminds us the funds of the Order are carefully guarded and jealously expended. It is regretted that our Treasurer is unable to meet with us at this Encampment.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

This committee also regrets the inability of the National Counselor to be present at this meeting, and appreciates that he,

during the past year, has been ready at all times to render any necessary assistance in the line of his duty to the Commander-in-Chief.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

The Order is fortunate indeed in securing the services of this officer in this capacity during the year that has passed. His long service and eminent position he has attained in the Church render him most capable for this important position, which his report shows is so well filled.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

This officer has submitted a detailed and comprehensive report of the work of his office for the past year, which invited the attentive study of officers and members, and points to avenues of activity that indicate wherein many of our Camps fail to reasonably exert themselves.

The committee concurs in the recommendation that during the period of the war a question designed to secure information concerning the number of members from each Camp in the United States service should be added to the report blank by the Division officers, and that this addition be made without reprinting and without expense to the Order.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

This report shows the continuance of the activity of this committee, more important now than at any previous time, and we one and all sincerely regret the necessary absence of the able chairman and secretary of the Committee on Military Affairs.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

Your committee regrets to note the illness of our National Press Correspondent, and his absence from this meeting, and indulge the hope that he will soon be restored to health and activity.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

This report has been presented to the Encampment and needs no consideration from the committee except as to the recommendations made therein.

No. 1. Your committee recommends that the first part of Recommendation No. 1 of the Council-in-Chief that the words "twenty-five cents of which amount" in Section 3, Article II, Chapter II of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be stricken out be concurred in, and recommends that the said section be further amended by striking out the word "one" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five," so as to agree with the recommendation made in the Commander-in-Chief's report. The section would then read: "Sec. 3. Each application for membership must be accompanied with a fee of not less than five dollars."

William T. Church, of Illinois: I move that this recommendation of the committee be concurred in, that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be suspended and that Section 3, Article II, Chapter II be amended so as to read: "Sec. 3. Each application for membership must be accompanied with a fee of not less than five dollars," and that this amendment be effective from this date.

The motion was agreed to by a rising vote, and by a roll-call of the Divisions, resulting in a vote of 82 yeas and 26 nays.

William T. Church, continuing: The second recommendation of the Council-in-Chief relates to the per capita tax. This recommendation has already been made by the Commander-in-Chief. The recommendation is concurred in by the committee.

The third recommendation of the Council-in-Chief relates to the appropriation for additional compensation for the National Secretary and is concurred in, and your committee recommends that it be adopted.

The report is signed by all the members of the Committee on Officers' Reports, as follows:

WILLIAM T. CHURCH, Chairman,
RALPH SHELDON,
RUFUS A. SOULE, JR.,
CUSTER SNYDER,
H. M. MARION.

William T. Church, of Illinois: This closes the report of the committee. Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of the report and the recommendations made by this committee as a whole.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

Sherman Arter, of Ohio: Is this per capita tax of one dollar to begin for the quarter ending December 31, 1918.

William T. Church, of Illinois: The per capita tax is not one dollar. The per capita tax, by action of this Encampment, is 36 cents, payable in quarterly instalments. The recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief is that each Division be required to contribute annually one dollar per capita for the duration of the war, and that recommendation has been concurred in. This is not a tax; it is a contribution levied on the Division; the Divisions are to get that one dollar per capita and turn it over to the Treasurer.

Sherman Arter, of Ohio: How are we going to get it.

William T. Church, of Illinois: During the past administration we collected more than \$25,000.

Sherman Arter, of Ohio: We knew what that was for.

William T. Church, of Illinois: This is for a similar purpose.

Commander-in-Chief: The Commander-in-Chief would be authorized to make a call for this money. Now, in making a call he would state specifically what the fund he proposes to raise would be used for. It will then be up to the Division to get the money. No doubt when the Divisions call upon the Camps they will respond just as they did this last year.

Robert J. Woodruff, Division Commander, of Connecticut: I offer this resolution, and move that it be adopted:

Resolved. That the contribution for war work be not required from members of the Order who are in the military or naval service of the United States.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The Division will be called upon annually for one dollar per member for all who are not in the military or naval service.

Commander-in-Chief: We have with us a member who is actively engaged in war work with the Y. M. C. A. I am sure we will all be glad to hear from our National Chaplain.

National Chaplain: We who are working with that great organization, the Young Men's Christian Association, learn from those who return from the great contest of the love that our soldiers and sailors have for that organization. It is fitting at this time that we bring the tribute of love and affection for the men who are identified with this magnificent and splendid organization, which is distinctly patriotic. It has been a joy and a delight to work among those fine men as the representative of the sons of the Civil War veterans. It has been a joy to have the opportunity of ministering to the patriotic youth—those boys who have gone from the homes. As we help these young fellows from the north, from the south, from the east and from the west, my desire to be of service has been caused by the love in my heart for my father's sacrifices and your fathers, when in the hour of need they went forth to be of service to Abraham Lincoln (applause). I have found it a pleasure to serve in the name of our Government, in the name of the Church, and for the homes of our land. There is a pride for us to build into the fabric of patriotism the love and devotion which is worthy of this magnificent organization known as the Sons of Veterans. A lad came to me not so many weeks ago and said, "Do you know anything about the Sons of Veterans?" I reached my hand across the counter and greeted him as a brother. We were comrades in an instant. We have been saying to these young men in the huts, as we minister to them by the sale of stamps, by furnishing them with paper and doing other things for them, and offering the hand of comradeship, that we are doing this in the name of the Civil War veteran. And so many men have responded to the spirit of patriotism. I have ministered to the Jewish boy, to the Catholic boy, and to the Protestant boy. I know of no organization that is performing a more useful service in this great crisis than the Young Men's Christian Association. (Applause).

National Patriotic Instructor: I propose the following toast, standing:

Here's to the blue of the wind swept north
When you're on the fields of France
May the spirit of Grant be with you all
As the Sons of the north advance.

Here's to the grey of the sun kissed south,
When you're on the fields of France
May the spirit of Lee be with you all
As the sons of the south advance.

Here's to the north and south as one
When you're on the fields of France,
May the spirit of God be with you all
As the sons of the flag advance.

This was followed by one verse of the "Star Spangled Banner," which was joined in by all present.

National Secretary: I would like to bring up this question of the reinstatement of Camps. If there is some way we can get Camps back, I think it ought to be done.

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, of Illinois: I know it was proposed at Washington, that a Camp be reinstated without the payment of charter fee.

William H. Klein, Past Division Commander, of New York: Why can we not suspend the rules and take some action.

Commander-in-Chief: If it is the will of the Encampment, it can be done.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: I move that the rules be suspended and that we refer this question back to the Encampment.

National Secretary: The proposition was published in the July Banner, in General Order No. 7, from the Division of New York:

Add the following paragraph to Section 4, Article I, Chapter II:

"Camps having been dropped for three quarters or less may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee, to be determined by the Division, and may retain their original charter."

Add the following paragraph to Section 2, Article VII, Chapter III:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped three quarters or less."

In other words a Camp can come back by paying per capita tax; where you could not get a new Camp.

Commander-in-Chief: Is this the amendment you propose, Brother Klein?

William H. Klein, of New York: It is practically the same thing. I would suspend the rules, and set the time for a year.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: Is this the first or second reading?

Commander-in-Chief: It is the second reading.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: I move that the rules be suspended and that this be considered as the third reading, and that it be passed and referred to the Encampment, the amendments to read as follows:

Chapter II, Article I, Section 4, be amended by adding:

"Camps having been dropped for one year or less may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee to be determined by the Division, and may retain their original charter."

Chapter III, Article VII, Section 2, be amended by adding:

"Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief \$2.50 for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped one year or less."

The amendments to be effective immediately.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: I now move the adoption of the proposed amendments, to take effect at the close of this Encampment.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

John Waste, of New York: I move that the resolution presented by our worthy brother, the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, concerning the crucial hour in our Republic's existence, and which was adopted by this Encampment be forthwith telegraphed to our President at Washington. It is a declaration of principles.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania, seconded the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The following telegram has been received from the Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic at Portland:

Portland, Oregon, August 21, 1918.

F. T. F. Johnson,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

I am directed by the National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic to acknowledge your telegram of greeting, and to assure you that we have an abiding faith in our boys that they will prove worthy of the inheritance we are leaving them.

ROBERT M. McBRIDE,

Adjutant.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I move that we proceed to the nomination, election and installing of officers.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ROLL-CALL OF DIVISIONS.

When Pennsylvania was reached—

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I understand that we are now under the head of nomination for the office of Commander-in-Chief. For this high and honorable position Pennsylvania presents again a name that we have honored for many years in our Division. Going back thirty years I can retell the service of him whom I will present. In the ranks as a humble servant, as a hard worker and as a true patriot and as a good and loyal Son of a Veteran. From the lowest office in the Camp to the highest in the Division he has rendered long, meritorious and patriotic service. He has occupied high and honorable positions in Philadelphia; he is serving the City of Philadelphia as one of its police captains, and one whose honor and integrity has never been questioned. Captain Callahan has remained true and steadfast as a Christian gentleman. Such a man I present to you as our candidate for this position. His service as a Son of a Veteran has been long

and continuous; 365 days of the year Captain Callahan is doing, thinking and working for our Order. Not only within the confines of the City of Philadelphia and county, but all around the State Captain Callahan has given his service. It has been my pleasure to present candidates for this office before, and I now again come to you with a candidate who, if elected, you will find a man who will measure up to the requirements of the high office; his work will be honest and sincere. What he does will come from the bottom of his heart, and will be to the honor and credit of our Order. I now present to you the name of Captain Francis Callahan, of the Division of Pennsylvania, for the office of Commander-in-Chief. (Applause).

E. M. Lowe, of Ohio: I take pleasure, coming from the Division of Ohio, to second the nomination of Captain Callahan, and to move that the nominations close and that the National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Captain Francis Callahan for Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint W. N. Edgell of Maryland, and Charles R. Hale, of Connecticut, as tellers.

National Secretary: I hereby cast 116 votes for Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania, for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Francis Callahan having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, I hereby declare him elected as such. (Applause). The National Secretary will call the roll of the Divisions for nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll. When Connecticut was reached—

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: I rise to place in nomination for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief a brother from one of the New England states. Those who have read the report of our Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary will know that there is one Division that has showed a gain last year of over one hundred—a gain of ten per cent. Vermont did so. It was the one Division which was able to accomplish this. That result was largely due to the efforts of one man. That is the man I propose to nominate. He has been Division Commander. He has been an efficient Secretary-Treasurer, and we know what a working Secretary-Treasurer can do for a Division. He is a man who you will please to honor with that office. He is a man worthy of the position, and I have always felt that any office that this Commandery-in-Chief can give should be given to nobody except a man worthy of it. When we find such a man of the Division that has made good we should place him where he will continue to do good work. It will, I am sure, be a great pleasure to honor the Vermont Division and to elect this worthy brother, Elmer E. Perry, of Vermont, to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I move that the nominations be closed; that the rules be suspended, and that the National Secretary cast the unanimous

vote of the Encampment for Elmer E. Perry, of Vermont, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

National Secretary: I hereby cast 116 votes for E. E. Perry, of Vermont, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Elmer E. Perry, of Vermont, having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, I hereby declare him elected as such. (Applause). The National Secretary will call the roll of Divisions for nomination for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll. When New York was reached—

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: It is my pleasure this afternoon to present the name for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief a brother who has stamped his individuality and personality upon all those with whom he has come in contact; he has had a long period of exceedingly active service in his Division, and served most successfully as Division Commander. Even previous to that time he had made a reputation in his Division because of his activity in the Commandery-in-Chief. I recall some years ago attending a Division Encampment and listening to a report of the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held in Chattanooga, and it was one of the finest reports that ever a delegate presented. The report was rendered by the brother who I propose to nominate. I believe he will add luster to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. If there is competition I should be pleased to enter into a more elaborate description of his capabilities, but rather than tire you with a long and rambling talk, I will present for your consideration at this time the name of Past Division Commander Charles H. Bissell, of Connecticut.

Division Commander Robert J. Woodruff, of Connecticut: I move that the nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be closed, that the rules be suspended, and that the National Secretary cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Charles H. Bissell for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

National Secretary: I hereby cast 116 votes for Charles H. Bissell for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Charles H. Bissell, of Connecticut, having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, I hereby declare him elected as such. (Applause). The National Secretary will call the roll of Divisions for nominations for Council-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll. When Ohio was reached—

Division Commander Custer Snyder, of Ohio: I do not propose to make a long speech in placing before you the name of the brother whom I propose to nominate. You have known him for years. I refer to our brother, William F. Chambers, who is serving his first term as a member of the Council-in-Chief. I

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believe it is customary to give a member of the Council-in-Chief a second term, and you will make no mistake if you do so this time. On behalf of Ohio Division, I present Brother William F. Chambers as a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Roll-call of Divisions continued. When Illinois was reached—Clifford C. Ireland, Past Division Commander, of Illinois: I desire the privilege of placing in nomination one member of the Council-in-Chief. In doing so, I wish to point to the fact that the Division of Illinois has made progress during the past two years largely due to one man. He, as Secretary of the Division, has been instrumental in bringing the membership up to over 3,000. I might further call your attention to the fact that the amount collected per capita from the Illinois Division for the Ambulance Fund is greater than any other Division, and that his Camp contributed more to that fund than any Camp in our Division. I know of no one better fitted for the office of Council-in-Chief than Past Division Commander A. D. Rhinesmith, and I place him in nomination.

Roll-call of Divisions continued. When Massachusetts was reached—

Division Commander Rufus A. Soule, Jr., of Massachusetts: Massachusetts presents the name of a man who you all know for member of the Council-in-Chief. The brother I have in mind is Past Division Commander Dr. Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts, and I take pleasure in nominating him.

National Chaplain: I rise at this time to state that Massachusetts looks with favor upon the nomination of the brother whose name you have heard, for we delight in honoring Doctor Homan.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: I move the nominations close, that the rules be suspended and that the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Brothers William F. Chambers, of Ohio, A. D. Rhinesmith, of Illinois, and Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts, for Council-in-Chief. I make this motion because of my regard for these three brothers. We could not find three brothers better qualified in the Commandery-in-Chief than the three which have been named. It has been my great pleasure to work with them in this organization, and I am sure you will never regret your action by electing them.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

National Secretary: I hereby cast 116 votes for each of the candidates named for members of the Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers William F. Chambers, of Ohio, A. D. Rhinesmith, of Illinois, and Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts, having received the unanimous votes of this Encampment for members of the Council-in-Chief, they are hereby declared elected as such. (Applause). That concludes the nomination and election of officers.

PRESENTATION OF BUTTON-HOLE DECORATION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHNSON.

National Secretary: With your permission, there is a little matter of sentiment that I wish to speak to you of. We have

been working together for 365 days. I do hope that something will be said when you retire from the position of Commander-in-Chief that will show you that your work is appreciated. I know how the work has piled up, and how you have kept things going. As a slight evidence of the appreciation of your untiring efforts, I am presenting you with a reproduction, in miniature, of the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge, to be worn as a button-hole decoration. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Hammer, I am very much obliged for this token. It is a beautiful thing, and I appreciate it.

PRESENTATION OF RING AND PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S BADGE TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHNSON.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Commandery-in-Chief. We have approached that period of our work when the principal business for which we have assembled has been completed, and very little remains to be done; only that of the installation of the newly elected and appointed officers. I desire at this time, even before the installation, to address a few words to our retiring Commander-in-Chief, Brother Johnson. My mind reverts back today to that scene one year ago, at Boston, when you received from my hands the gavel which is the emblem of authority over the Order of the Sons of Veterans. At that time you also witnessed the presentation to the brother who preceded you in that office, so what I have to say cannot in any sense be a surprise to you. My brother, no doubt during your long and very creditable career in the Sons of Veterans you have anticipated sometime that the royal purple of the Commandery-in-Chief should be the mark which should adorn you—when the power and authority that goes with the position of Commander-in-Chief should be yours. It has often been said that anticipation is oftentimes even greater, more pleasurable, than realization. While you have the satisfaction of contemplating the proud moment when you would be honored to command this wonderful organization of men, yet I am sure there has come into your heart a wonderful sense of satisfaction because of the service you have been privileged to perform, and your brothers—they are all your brothers—have now said that you are to step from this exalted position and become simply Brother Johnson—not Commander-in-Chief Johnson—you are to be shorn of the emblem of authority, but my brother, there will be with you that conscientiousness of having performed to the best of your ability every duty devolved upon you. Our Order has most wisely provided that all who have served in this capacity shall be entitled to wear an insignia which shall tell to their brothers that they have served the Order as its head. I have been asked to present to you this token (presenting the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge). It is from the Commandery-in-Chief. I wish I had the power possessed to such an extent by one of our Past Commanders-in-Chief who no longer is with us in the flesh who when he was called upon to present this emblem could speak so feelingly on such an occasion. We ask you to accept this token, not because of its intrinsic worth or value, but more particularly because of the period of service that it reminds you of, and of those with whom you have been associated. When you look upon this, you will think of the men who have had this

support before you; you will think of the men who are going to follow you in this station. And though this in no sense is given to you as a reward for your faithful service, because I assume that no gift can compensate a Commander-in-Chief for the arduous work. It is my proud privilege to pin this badge upon your breast, which will make you indeed a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. There is a somewhat small number of members of this Order who are entitled to admission into this charmed circle. This circle has not increased, because the heavy hand of death has been laid upon it, but, my brother, on behalf of the Past Commanders-in-Chief I give to you a most cordial and fraternal welcome. We know that this will in no sense mean a cessation of activity on your part, but that you will double your activity, in order that this great Order may be made stronger and its influence be widened. Accept this token, on behalf of your associates in the Commandery-in-Chief. Wear it with pleasure. I am asked also to present to you another reminder of the appreciation of your service—something that all of the time during your waking hours you can look at and realize the tie that binds you and your brothers in the Sons of Veterans. It is a ring; it is a circle, and a circle is that which is without end, and that we assume will be the relation between you and the members of the Order, and, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, and in the name of the members, with all their love and affection, I present to you this token, this ring which bears on it the insignia of a Past Commander-in-Chief. Accept it, and may it also be a source of great pride. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Sherman, and members of the Encampment. I feel exceedingly thankful for the emblem that has been bestowed upon me, through Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman. I appreciate also the welcome to the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief. I appreciate that which comes from this body—this organization—more than I have words to express. Some twenty-nine years ago I became a member of this Order. Since that time it has been to me what I might call a fad. There has been no second love—no love but the love for this Order. I have been one of the work horses in my Division and in my Camp for twenty-eight years. I have always thought that there is but one Order, and that Order, the Sons of Veterans. It is true that every Son of a Veteran who belongs to this Order should have an ambition—an ambition to rise to the head of the Order of which he is a member, but it has been only in recent years that I have had that ambition. It did not grow of itself—the idea was given me, but it was cultivated, and it grew. Last year when I was placed in this office it was not with the idea that I would become a Past Commander-in-Chief, or that I would receive an emblem or gift of any kind, but it was with the distinct idea that I would be able to do something to better the condition of the Order. With that idea in view we have worked hard, and I believe as a result, not by my individual efforts, but with the efforts of the members of my staff, we have done something worth while for the Order, and the wish that I had when I came into office has been to some extent fulfilled. I thank you, brothers, for this badge and for this ring. I will wear this beautiful badge long and proudly, but I will not need it to remind me of the work and of my pleasant relations. The ring is beautiful. It means something to me. It is, I understand, the only ring of its kind in the world. If you know how

the recipient of the only thing of its kind in the world feels, you know how I appreciate this. I assure you that I appreciate these tokens more than I can express. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I desire to announce the

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER,

authorized by this Encampment, as follows:

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts.
 John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania.
 Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut.
 Charles F. Sherman, of New York
 William T. Church, of Illinois.
 Charles Walter Tozer, of California and Pacific.

PRESENTATION OF WATCH TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHNSON BY MARYLAND DIVISION.

Edward K. DePuy, Past Division Commander, of Maryland: Commander-in-Chief Johnson, Maryland Division has felt a just pride because of the honor which has been conferred upon one of its members, and upon the Division itself, by your selection to the high office of Commander-in-Chief of this great Order of ours, and the members of the Division wish to show their appreciation of your excellent service during the past year, and the successes achieved by you, knowing, perhaps more than most of those present, how you have labored to the end that the influence and power of the organization would be even greater than when you assumed command last year at Boston. Therefore, Brother Johnson, I take great pleasure in presenting to you this watch, with the assurance that it carries with it the good wishes of each and every one of the members of your Division.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother DePuy, I appreciate this gift most highly as coming from my own Division, and from my native state. I thank you and the members of Maryland Division most heartily for this expression of their good will.

Commander-in-Chief: The next order of business will be the

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania, has been selected as the installing officer.

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire, will act as Inspector.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania, as Installing Officer, installed the following officers in due form:

Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania, Commander-in-Chief.

Elmer E. Perry, of Vermont, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Charles H. Bissell, of Connecticut, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

William F. Chambers, of Ohio, Council-in-Chief.

A. D. Rhinesmith, of Illinois, Council-in-Chief.

Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts, Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: Permit me, Commander-in-Chief Callahan, at this time to pin upon your breast the badge indicating your rank in this Order.

(Pinning Commander-in-Chief's badge). I do it with a great deal of personal pleasure because of my association with you. I am confident you will give this organization your wholehearted efforts; that you will give all your time and service to bring the Order of the Sons of Veterans even to a better standing than it is now, and that as a member of the Pennsylvania Division, none of us, and none of the members of this Encampment, shall one year hence regret that they have placed in your charge the affairs of this great Order. I congratulate you, Commander-in-Chief Callahan, and it is with great pleasure that I address you by that title, and am assured that by your personal efforts your administration will be a successful one. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Francis Callahan: I want to say to the members of this Commandery-in-Chief that my work for the organization will be continued with renewed vigor. This has been one stepping stone in my life. As a member of this great patriotic organization of the Sons of Veterans, brothers I want to say to you, it is a great patriotic organization, for the reason that you subscribed liberally at the call of the then Commander-in-Chief Johnson, to that great patriotic and just cause, the Ambulance Fund. I want to say to you, Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, that I appreciate all that you have said. I will use every effort to bring about results—all that is expected of this great institution at this time. Brothers, don't let us be pessimistic; let us be optimistic. We are an organization built on a foundation stronger than the Rock of Gibraltar, and we are going to stand. That is the great thing that we should keep in mind. My brothers, I want to thank you for my advancement in this Commandery-in-Chief. I appreciate it, and I want to say that my old father, now 94 years of age, will appreciate it too. He was in the war of the rebellion from 1861 to 1865. He certainly will be proud because he has a son who has been raised to the high and exalted position of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.—one of the greatest patriotic organizations that has ever existed—exceeded only by one, the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause).

Is there any further business to come before the Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: I move that the minutes of this Encampment as taken down by the official stenographer be approved without reading.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

PRESENTATION OF TOILET SET TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CALLAHAN.

M. F. Kane, of Pennsylvania: The Ladies Auxilliary of the Pennsylvania Division have asked me to present this toilet set to show their appreciation for services rendered to them in times past, and anticipating your election to the high office of Commander-in-Chief, they did not wait until you served your term. They therefore decided to present this in advance. It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Auxilliary, to present this toilet set. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Kane, I want to say that I desire you to express to the ladies my appreciation of the

thought which prompted them to make this gift. I really did not expect anything of the kind, and I accept it with many thanks.

Commander-in-Chief: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perry, have you anything to offer to this Commandery-in-Chief?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief E. E. Perry: I want to express my appreciation of the great honor that has been conferred upon me. I came to this Encampment not expecting any office; I came here for service—for such service as I might be able to render. I hope that during the year I will serve the Commander-in-Chief in any manner that he calls for me.

Commander-in-Chief: Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bissell, have you anything to offer for the good of the Commandery-in-Chief?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles H. Bissell: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers of the Order, I cannot say that during the coming year there will be more activity on my part than heretofore, because it has been a pleasure to me to be actively interested in the work of the Order of the Sons of Veterans in the years that have passed. I appreciate very much the honor. It will be my effort to assist the Commander-in-Chief in all matters in which he will desire my help. I feel the great responsibility. You men who have come here have probably come at a sacrifice of time, and perhaps money that you could ill afford to give. It does me good to see you and to be associated with the men who comprise this organization. We should do all in our power to further the cause, and perpetuate the work.

Commander-in-Chief: We will be glad to hear from William F. Chambers, member of the Council-in-Chief.

William F. Chambers: Speaking for myself, I know that we will do everything in our power to advance the interests of the Order and watching its finances to the end that we will have a successful administration.

Commander-in-Chief: A word from Brother Homan, member of the Council-in-Chief, will be appreciated.

Ernest W. Homan: The only thing I have to offer for the good of the Order is the desire in my heart to perform the duties of the office to which you have elected me, with the same loyalty and the same love I have in the past. I appreciate the honor, and it will be my desire to carry out the wishes of this organization, and to live up to the traditions of our Order.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Rhinesmith, of the Council-in-Chief, have you anything to offer for the good of the Order?

A. D. Rhinesmith: I wish to say that I will do my best to live up to what is expected of me—do all I can for the interests of the Order.

The Commander-in-Chief then called upon the following brothers for remarks, all of whom responded pledging their support of the administration, and felling of their interest in the Order:

Past Commanders-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois; William T. Church, of Illinois; Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania; Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut; F. T. F. Johnson, of Maryland, and John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania, and Past Division Commanders Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey; Charles J. Miller, of Pennsylvania, and D. J. Snavey, of Pennsylvania.

National Secretary: I move that the Encampment Committees of the Commandery-in-Chief be discharged.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: I move that 1500 copies of the Proceedings of this Encampment be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

TELEGRAM FROM SONS OF VETERANS AT PORTLAND, OREGON.

(Received after Encampment closed, and is placed here for record and ready reference).

Portland, Oregon, August 22, 1918.

National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Two hundred and fifty Sons of Veterans of the Pacific Northwest, who had the honor of acting as escort to the Grand Army of the Republic at their Annual Encampment parade in Portland, Oregon, send greetings to the National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, now in session at Niagara Falls. At a mass meeting of the Sons of Veterans representing the Pacific Northwest, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved. That we deeply deplore the fact that our National Encampment is not in session with our fathers, The Grand Army of the Republic, as we feel that our first duty is to follow their National Encampments. We trust that never again will we desert them;

Resolved. That we assure the members of the Grand Army of the Republic now in session that our hearts are with them, and we stand ready to perform any service we are called upon to render them; be it further

Resolved. That we tender our sincere thanks to the Portland Press Club for their courtesy in extending to us the use of their rooms for our headquarters.

Charles L. Chamberlain, Commander Washington and Oregon Division; Edgar Payton, Commander Colorado and Wyoming Division; W. C. Crum, Commander Montana and Idaho Division; Frank McCrillis, Past Commander Illinois Division; P. F. Yengling, Past Commander Ohio Division; Charles J. Schneabel, Camp Commander, Portland; E. D. Phelan, Camp Commander, Helena, Mont.; A. M. Twonbly, Portland, Oregon.

REPORT OF FRANK McCRILLIS, REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF AT PORTLAND, AND
SPECIAL AIDE TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
F. T. F. JOHNSON.

(Received after Encampment closed, and is placed here for record and ready reference).

Portland, Oregon, August 26, 1918.

Mr. F. T. F. Johnson,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to report that I did the best I could in my feeble way to represent you at the 52nd National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. As comrades were here from Washington you will see and hear from them and will form your own conclusions as to what I and Portland did. Commander-in-Chief Somers took the position that officially the Sons of Veterans were not here, but accepted warm sentiment for the organization and the hope in the future years that Sons would always be present at G. A. R. National Encampments. Our committees were most graciously received by all the other bodies and conveyed their tribute of love and esteem to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

It was my privilege not only to work hard for weeks on this Encampment, but to have very largely the responsibility of its success or failure on my shoulders. It is therefore very gratifying to me to have been told so many many times that no city in the Nation has ever entertained the Grand Army with such a degree of perfection as Portland. The Chairman of the Boston Executive Committee told Miss Flood and myself that while he thought they did particularly well, that Portland had them beaten a mile.

I thank you, Sir, for the privilege of acting on your staff and for the additional honor conferred in being delegated to head this wonderful parade and to represent the Commander and the Commandery before the various bodies which met here. The past week will always live in my memory as a particularly bright spot, and you, Sir, by making me your representative added largely to the honor and pleasure of the week.

With very best wishes to you and yours, always

Sincerely and Fraternally,

FRANK McCRILLIS.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any further business to come before this Encampment. If not, we will proceed to close.

The Encampment closed in due form.

OFFICIAL ROLL-CALL

Completed report of the Committee on Credentials, Roster and Roll-call of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 20 and 21, 1918, the * showing those present during the Encampment.

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Michigan	907	3
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Missouri	670	2
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