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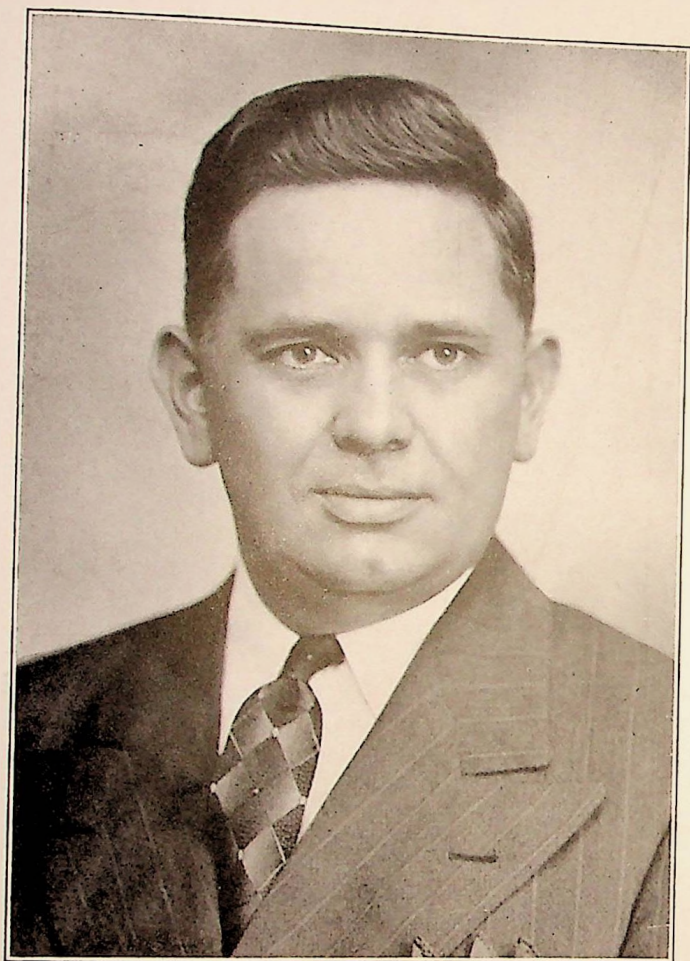


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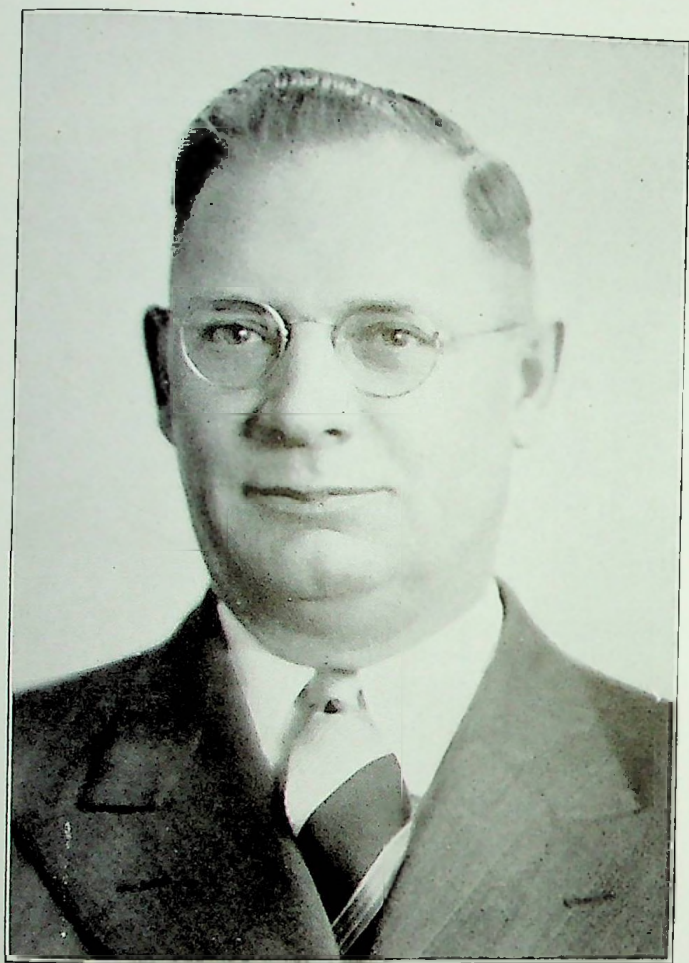
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C. LEROY STOUDT
Commander-in-Chief 1943-1944

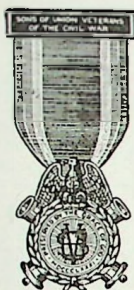


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Commander-in-Chief 1944-1945

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PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the National Federated Patriotic Societies was held in the Grace Ransom Tea Room, Des Moines, September 10, opening with the Annual Banquet, followed by a business meeting. President Albert C. Lamber, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War presiding.

The attractively decorated room was filled to capacity, with more than 200 in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was followed by invocation by Mrs. Gladys W. Newton, Chaplain.

National Officers in attendance in addition to the President were: Vice President, Mrs. Louise Haider; Chaplain, Mrs. Gladys W. Newton; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Eva Blackman; and Acting Historian, Mrs. Edwina Trigg. There were also several Past Presidents of the Society present.

An outstanding feature was the guest speaker, Captain Frances Marquis of the Women's Army Corps, Commanding Officer of the first detachment of WACS to go overseas. She had an extremely interesting message.

National President Lambert read a splendid report of the year's activities. A minute of silence was observed in memory of Past National President Ida Lewis.

Speakers were: C. LeRoy Stoudt, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Maude B. Warren, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Acting Historian Mrs. Edwina Trigg.

We were delighted to have Past Commander-in-Chief George A. Gay of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his gracious wife in attendance. Both gave us timely and interesting remarks.

Officers elected for the coming year were:

President—Mrs. Louise Haider, Woman's Relief Corps.

Vice President—C. LeRoy Stoudt, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Chaplain—Miss Theo Redfern, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Patriotic Instructor—Mrs. Anna Anschutz, Woman's Relief Corps.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Maude B. Warren, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

Historian—Mrs. Edwina Trigg, Ladies of the G. A. R.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY-TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Department Secretary-Treasurers Association was held September 13, 1944, at the Bishop Cafeteria, Chairman Dewey B. Mead, of Minnesota, presiding. Others present were: Union W. Mackey of Michigan, the Encampment choice for Commander-in-Chief; Albert W. Foust, Department Commander of Nebraska; and Secretary-Treasurers, A. W. McDaniels, Indiana; R. J. Snodgrass, Iowa; Charles B. Martin, Kansas; James W. Lyons, Maryland; Elmer

E. Cram, Nebraska; Julius Isaacs, New York; and R. J. Williams, Ohio.

Discussion on matters affecting the work of the Department Secretaries and Treasurers, particularly forwarding of reports to the National Secretary-Treasurer on time, was instructive. As the Department officers have to receive the reports from the corresponding officers in the various Camps, all were agreed that it was an impossibility to forward authentic reports as promptly as desired. The lack of response to communications to Camps also had considerable attention. Some Department Secretaries told of sending mail to Camp officers with stamped, self-addressed envelopes to facilitate replies, but had come to the conclusion that the Camp officers removed the stamps and used them for other purposes.

The Association again chose Dewey B. Mead as its chairman.

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SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM, DES MOINES, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1944

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

September 12, 1944

Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt: The officers and members of the Sixty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will please come to order.

To fill the vacancies I appoint as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander H. Harding Hale, Massachusetts; Guide, Past Department Commander John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania; Color Bearer, Delegate James Y. Ledwith, Connecticut; Musician, Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania; and Guard, Past Department Commander Charles E. Ross, Iowa.

The Encampment was opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of officers showed all present except Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief J. E. Gallagher, Illinois.

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief:

Credentials

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman.
Cloy V. Smith, Past Department Commander, Michigan.
James W. Lyons, Past Department Commander, Maryland.
Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York.
W. T. Alstrand, Department Commander, Iowa.

Constitution & Regulations

Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman, New Jersey.

John A. Ruggles, Department Commander, Pennsylvania.
Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
Ernest E. Barnum, Department Commander, Connecticut.
Charles C. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine.

Ritual & Ceremonies

Urien W. Mackey, Past Dept. Commander, Michigan, Chairman.
Delegate Andrew Richardson, New Jersey.
Dewey B. Mead, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.
Louis E. Winchell, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
Edgar M. Linsley, Department Commander, Michigan.

Resolutions

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California & Pacific, Chairman.
 William C. Kronmeyer, Department Commander, New Jersey.
 Delegate Andrew F. Burns, Pennsylvania.
 Fred E. Colwell, Department Commander, New York.
 William W. Haskeii, Department Commander, Massachusetts.

Reports of Officers

Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
 Delegate Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts.
 Ernest L. Eddy, Department Commander, Vermont.

Press

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.
 H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer.
 Roy J. Bennett, Past Department Commander, Iowa.

Greetings to Grand Army of the Republic

Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman, and all Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Woman's Relief Corps

Theo. H. Mohr, Past Department Commander, Missouri, Chairman.
 Delegate C. Edward Wetzel, Ohio.
 Harvey A. Flock, Past Department Commander, Illinois.
 Delegate Myrle E. Randlett, New Hampshire.
 Delegate Norman U. Jones, Pennsylvania.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Perle L. Fouch, Past Department Commander, Michigan, Chairman.
 Delegate John C. Yocum, Pennsylvania.
 Hugh I. Snider, Past Department Commander, Indiana.
 Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois.
 Allen F. Spink, Past Department Commander, Connecticut.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

Frank L. Kirchgassner, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts, Chairman.
 John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
 The Massachusetts delegation.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Leonard S. Hopfield, Past Dept. Commander, Oregon, Chairman.
 Fred E. Colwell, Department Commander, New York.
 Cleon E. Heald, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.
 Delegate Floyd W. Crouse, Michigan.
 George A. Laduke, Past Department Commander, Vermont.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE— ROLL CALL

National Secretary: The Credential Committee presents a preliminary report—one hundred twelve members present and accredited. (The roll was called). I move that this report, with additions during the Encampment, be the official roll.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the usual courtesy be extended to the Commander-in-Chief to read his report; and that all other printed reports of officers be referred without reading, with the exception of the Commander-in-Chief and the Council.

Seconded by Delegate Thomas J. Murphy, Massachusetts, and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lewis, Wisconsin. (Motion carried).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, please assume this station. (Commander-in-Chief read his report, as printed).

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

A year has rapidly sped by since you extended me the honor and privilege of serving as your Commander-in-Chief. When assuming this office in Milwaukee, I did so with a sincere desire and determination to do my best to further the interests of the Order. With my administration now coming to a close, I am thoughtful of the words spoken by me at the time of my installation, "...and one year hence, regardless of how lengthy my report might be, it will impress you little; but should the report of the National Secretary, for the first time in many years, show a gain or even a low loss—that will impress you."

State of the Order

I, like many of my predecessors, did not reach my goal, but I am happy to report we have reduced our net losses to 579, which is the lowest in 20 years. Another point to consider my Brothers, is the fact that you have set this fine record with the aid of but one New and two Re-instated Camps. The two charters granted, as contained in Brother Hammer's report, will not show on the records until instituted. There were a number of other possibilities for New Camps but as usual, they did not materialize. It is to be regretted that we were unable to form more New Camps, but I would rather see you hold our old and established ones. Many times do we have New Camps started and in a year or two they drop by the wayside. I know of a Camp instituted two years ago with 68 members, that has now ceased to function.

It is interesting to note from the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer that we obligated 217 more candidates than last year, and our net loss was almost 800 less than the same period. This year we had a net loss of 15 Camps, compared to 33 last year. Likewise our balance in the General Fund is higher than last year. These figures are outstanding in view of the fact that today we are in this war deeper than ever, with several million more men in the service. In other words, contrary to the opinion of many, the war has *not* hurt us. There are still many thousands of eligibles available if YOU have the desire and initiative to seek them.

Activities

It has been my pleasure during the past year to attend many receptions, dinners and social affairs, and I'm sorry I could not accept all the invitations extended to me. My visits to the Mid-Winter and Regional Meetings, as well as to the various Department Encampments, were indeed most interesting and inspirational. I wish at this

time to express my sincere appreciation to the Sisters and Brothers for the many courtesies and the hospitality accorded me.

Future of the Order

I am not alarmed about the future of our Order as much as I am about the laxity with which the officers perform their duties. The life of an organization depends upon its officers, and I am sorry to state many of ours are dead. Especially do I deplore and denounce the refusal of many of our members to answer communications. When someone writes to you, seeking information, they need that information or they would not have written to you. People do not write letters just to waste time.

When I assumed office I wrote every Department Commander a personal letter concerning conditions in his Department, and the plans he had for his administration. I especially asked for a reply and was much surprised and disgusted to receive but eight replies from the 25 Department Commanders. What a fine enthusiastic start for a Commander-in-Chief! I'll venture to say I have not had one letter from half of the Commanders. In some cases when I wrote informing a Commander I planned to attend his Encampment, and asking him to reserve a room for me, I was not even accorded the courtesy of a reply, and in two instances there was no room for me when I arrived. In one Department where I had an experience of this kind, they re-elected the Department Commander for another year. I was not surprised to learn from the report of the Department Secretary, they took in but one new member during the entire year. How can we hope to prosper or advance the Order if we continue to elect men of this kind to office.

I'm sorry to state this condition exists from the Commanders down to the lowest Camp officer. If they have no desire to perform their duties, why do they accept the office? National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer informs me he has had to write four and sometimes five times to get the reports of the Dept. Patriotic Instructors. P. C.-in-C. Frank Kirchgassner states, as Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee, he has been unable to accomplish any good because people do not answer letters. It is really pitiful to note the additional and unwarranted time and effort Brother Hammer is required to put forth writing, and practically begging, the Dept. Secretaries to get their reports to him, so he can get them to the Commander-in-Chief and The Banner. Likewise, I know the Dept. Secretaries have the same trouble getting the reports from the Camp Secretaries. Just as soon as our officers start "doing the trick," just that soon will the future of our Order look brighter.

Grand Army of the Republic

During the past several months while visiting the various Department Encampments, it was a pleasure to find three and four Comrades in attendance at some of the Departments. Their presence inspired everyone and gave to the occasion that Grand Army spirit that was lacking in the Departments not quite so fortunate. I trust we shall have this pleasure for many years to come.

The G. A. R. is to be congratulated and commended for having such a fine and efficient Secretary, in the person of Miss Katharine R. A. Flood. I wish at this time to express to her my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me.

Our Auxiliary

One must become Commander-in-Chief, and visit the various Departments, to appreciate the splendid work being done by the Aux-

illaries. They stand ready at all times to assist the Camps and Departments, and they are truly a helpmate. I'm confident the Auxiliary could not have selected a better National President than they did when they chose Sister Maude B. Warren. I'm indeed delighted that I should be fortunate enough to have her as a co-worker. She is sincere, ambitious and co-operative in every way, and it was a real pleasure working with her. I wish for her and her Auxiliary a most pleasant, harmonious and profitable convention.

The Allied Orders

I'm happy to report that I have enjoyed to the fullest, the friendship and co-operation of our Allied Orders, and I'm grateful to their respective National Presidents for that co-operation. I wish to extend my sincere good wishes for a splendid convention to Mrs. Anna Anschutz, W. R. C.; Mrs. Theo Redfern, L. G. A. R.; and Miss Ora Cox, D. U. V. C. W. Our pleasant associations shall always have a place in my "book of memories."

Federated Patriotic Societies

To P. C.-in-C. Albert C. Lambert, National President of the "Federated," I extend my warmest wishes for an outstanding dinner and meeting of his organization. While much is yet to be accomplished by the "Federated," I know Albert has put forth every effort to promote the interests of the Society. To him and his wife I am deeply grateful for the kindness and hospitality shown my wife and I during the past year.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Having been a member of the S. V. R. since joining the Camp 22 years ago, I cannot urge too strongly the advancement of this branch of our Order. I am firmly convinced it is the best advertising medium we have.

The Banner

Too much cannot be said of the value of The Banner, and the fine job of editing P. C.-in-C. Allan S. Holbrook is doing. His assistance and co-operation have been all one could hope for, and I'm anxious to say "Thank you, Allan." It is quite interesting to note the many letters sent in by the members, to The Banner, which shows reader interest. However, it is amusing to notice the Brothers who criticize and condemn the Order for doing one thing, or for not doing another, are the ones who never offer any helpful or constructive suggestions.

Competition

Competition is that which creates and improves an article, and the same holds true of an organization. Through a casual remark of P. C.-in-C. Frank Kirchgassner I encouraged competition in membership between Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Departments, and soon New York and Ohio were engaged in "combat." While Ohio was the only one to show a gain, the other three Departments showed such a marked decrease in their losses, that I am confident the contest was a success. Congratulations to Ohio for being the only Department in the nation to consistently show an increase every quarter, and for leading those showing a net gain for the year. Even though not entered in any competition, it was gratifying to note that Illinois, Nebraska and Vermont also showed a net gain for this term.

Necrology

It is with regret we again look down the long list of those who

have answered the last roll call. Their passing behooves us to be as good a Son of a Union Veteran as they, by remaining a member until our death. To their families and friends we extend our sincere condolences.

Salute to the Flag

Last year, an effort was made to have the National Encampment adopt the new Flag salute—that of placing the hand over the heart, instead of extending the arm. The action was defeated and the organization thrown into confusion. I have attended Encampments where some of the members used the old salute, and some of them the new. I have attended affairs with the Allied Orders when we all used the new salute, and when in attendance at public affairs when the "Pledge" was given, not one of our members, your Commander-in-Chief included, cared to be conspicuous by using the old salute. Why do we do one thing behind closed doors and something different in public? I therefore hope you will act favorably upon the resolution being presented relative to this subject.

Recommendations

When a Commander-in-Chief retires from office he is presented with a lovely Past Commander-in-Chief's badge—one that he will probably wear two or three times a year. However, during his administration he has traveled around the country, and attended many functions practically unknown, unless he meets someone he knows personally. I therefore offer as

Recommendation No. 1. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three (3) to design a badge in keeping with the high rank of Commander-in-Chief, to be worn by that officer, and that said badge be procured as soon as available.

I believe you will all agree with me that the receiving of large Greetings Committees is a waste of time, and in many cases boring. I'm confident our Committees prove to be the same to our Allied Orders. Therefore I submit as

Recommendation No. 2. That Article 7, Section 1, of the Regulations, have added to it the words "except the Committee on Fraternal Relations, which shall consist of three (3) members only."

This recommendation requires the action of the Committee on C. R. & R., and I respectfully request the Committee on Officers Reports to promptly submit it to the proper committee for their consideration.

My Staff

Had I been permitted to select my Staff, I could not have chosen a better one, and I want to say "Thank you" for the fine support you have given me. It is with a heart full of sadness that I offer my deepest sympathy to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Roy R. Lewis, upon the recent death of his good wife, Past National President Ida Lewis, of the Auxiliary. She will be sadly missed not only by her husband and family, but by the Department of Wisconsin and the National organization.

Many have been the words of praise that have been spoken and written during the past 40 odd years, concerning the valuable services rendered to the Order and to each respective Commander-in-Chief, by National Secretary-Treasurer H. H. Hammer. Therefore, what is there left for me to say? Each succeeding Commander-in-Chief has eloquently paid tribute to the assistance and advice given to them by Brother Hammer. It has been my privilege and pleasure to have the

benefit of his counsel, not for one year but for twenty years, and many are the kind acts performed by he and Molly on behalf of my wife and I. For that reason I'm eager and happy to say "Amen" to all the nice things said about him. Horace, I am grateful to you.

Conclusion

With the closing of this report and the subsequent coming Encampment, I write "THE END" to the grandest year of my life. At no time had I dared harbor the thought of ever becoming Commander-in-Chief of this fine organization, but thanks to my friends in the Order, this was made possible. While I have not accomplished that which I had hoped to, I sincerely trust you have not regretted your action. The friendships formed and those that have grown during the past year, are to me the outstanding events of a most enjoyable term of office.

To my successor, whoever he may be, I pledge my loyal support and extend my best wishes for a most successful administration. To all our members I humbly say "Thank you for your kindness, I shall always be grateful to you."

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

C. LEROY STOUTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: I present the reports of the various officers and the committees, as printed, in compliance with the motion just passed. (All were referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Jacksonville, Ill., August 22, 1944.

C. LeRoy Stoutt, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander:

In rendering to you my report on the activities of the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, it is hardly necessary to say that those activities have been very limited, due chiefly to the fact that, at the time of my election, I was very busy closing up my business affairs in Chicago, preparatory to my moving to Jacksonville, Ill.; and since have been very busily engaged in working up a business here.

My activities have been confined chiefly to work here in my own Department, the results of which I believe will compare favorably with any other Departments.

Was privileged to attend the presentation of a charter to a New Camp at Decatur, Ill., on which there were over sixty names. It was a very fine affair, attended by members of other patriotic organizations and citizens, and was done up in a fine manner. I wish it might be done as well at every charter presentation in our organization.

Have enjoyed the very intimate and most friendly co-operation of Our Auxiliary, which I might say in passing is chiefly responsible for the onward progress of the Sons in our Department. Our Auxiliary is co-operating with us through the efforts of a joint committee of our Program and Policy Committee, and it would pay other Departments to investigate our plan and adopt something similar in nature.

Have also enjoyed the very close friendship of the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, through the very fine work of their splendid Secretary, Clara F. Hoover of Chicago, and have attended many functions in their honor.

Our Department is truly grateful for having had the honor of your presence at our annual Encampment in Bloomington on June 23rd, and trust that we made a favorable impression by the manner of our conduct of the business thereof.

Have had the honor and pleasure of attending many social affairs, installations, etc., but hardly think it necessary to burden you with the enumeration of dates and places.

In closing this report I would like to say that it has been a pleasure serving on your staff this year, and trust that what effort I have put into my work has in some degree helped make your year a little more successful.

Please convey my deep appreciation and thanks to the National Encampment for honoring the Illinois Department and myself, in selecting me to serve as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief this year, and trust that my small efforts will have the approval of the 63rd Annual Encampment.

I want to pledge my continued help and support to our beloved order, and to wish for you a most pleasant, harmonious and constructive Encampment.

Sincerely and cordially in F. C. & L.,

DR. J. E. GALLAGHER,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Milwaukee, Wis., August 7, 1944.

Brother LeRoy Stoudt,
Reading, Pa.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Realizing that Officers' Reports is important to our National Organization to show our membership what their officers have accomplished during the year, I feel it is necessary to report to you the following small things I have done to promote our organization.

Due to the limited gas regulations it was impossible to do all I intended. I did however attend the Illinois Department Mid-Winter sessions in Chicago which was largely attended by members of various Camps throughout the state. Visited the following Camps in state of Wisconsin—Eau Claire, Madison, Baraboo, Plymouth, Sheboygan—was very pleased with the attendance present each time. I have been accorded the honors of my office wherever I visited.

I have kept in touch with our Department Commander and Secretary to keep alive the various holidays through the year, sacred to the memories of our Fathers.

In closing I wish to thank those who made it possible for the honor conferred upon me. And to you, Sir, my Commander-in-Chief, I wish to express my appreciation for the opportunity of having served as a member of your official family, and perhaps having assisted you in a small way.

I pledge my loyalty to our order and hope for you a successful convention.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

ROY R. LEWIS,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mr. C. LeRoy Stoudt,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 1, 1944.

My Dear Commander:

I have the honor to present the following report of the transactions, finances and details of this office in and for your term.

The policy for economy and careful financing stressed to the Encampment of 1943, was strictly adhered to resulting in a more favorable aspect at the end of your term than expected. The World War in which our Country's armed forces for the third year in all parts of the World outstanding for successful achievements, maintaining American traditions for bravery and accomplishments, in which many of our Members are participants, affecting personal, social, financial and industrial elements, naturally has its effect upon our Order.

Many officers and Camps are unable to perform their duties, members compelled to be absent from meetings, obliged to continue at their employment for production of war material and other connected obligations, thereby preventing quorums for meetings. Necessarily these conditions interfere and greatly reduce activities, prescribed and proper routine customs and functions of Camps, etc.

Notwithstanding the obstacles to contend with we have reason for encouragement and to carry on with prospects more substantial for the next and following years. This term's receipts were about the same as last year. Disbursements approximately \$1500 less. Membership Fees were approximately \$100 more than last term. Revenue from Supplies was nearly \$300 greater.

Membership again shows a loss—number of deaths an alarming item. Your personal efforts with Departments and Camps for initiations and to prevent losses were largely responsible for 100 more initiations over last term. While all possible was resorted to by you to prevent decrease in membership it was approximately 600 less than last year. It is gratifying to report that the loss this term is the smallest in our history. It should stimulate determined efforts to eliminate loss for gain.

Financial

	General Fund Checking a/c	War Fund	Perma- nent Fund	Organization- Historial Marker Fund Org. School His. Essay	U. S. Gov't "G" Bonds
Sept. 23, 1943,					
To Balance	\$ 501.65	\$ 23.06	\$3487.27	\$611.85	\$76.24
Receipts	8135.35				\$3000.00
Donations to G. A. R. Fund	500.00				
Interest		112.50	17.75		
Contributions		9.90			
Transferred from School Essay Fund				76.24	76.24
Total Receipts	\$9137.00	\$145.46	\$3505.02	\$688.09	
By Disbursements	\$7954.28				
September 14, 1944,					
By Balance	\$1182.72	\$145.46	\$3505.02	\$688.09	\$3000.00

Itemized Receipts from Departments

Department:	Membership Fees	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fees	Sup- plies	Misc.	Prem. Bonds	Total
Ala. & Tenn...	\$	20.90	\$	\$.80	\$	\$	\$ 21.70
Cal. & Pac....	12.50	211.40		51.27			275.17
Colo. & Wyo...	1.00	34.30		31.69	2.53		69.52
Connecticut ..	5.00	409.30		21.06			435.36
Illinois	10.50	214.00		48.25			272.75
Indiana	4.00	157.00		24.43		2.50	187.93
Iowa	5.00	97.70		18.31	.24	2.50	123.75
Kansas	2.00	88.50		9.70		2.50	102.70
Maine	17.50	277.50		50.68	.22		345.90
Maryland	3.00	150.70		21.60		2.50	177.80
Massachusetts..	19.50	1176.70		88.99	1.39		1286.58
Michigan	12.50	170.90		33.98		2.50	219.88
Minnesota ... ..	.50	61.00		17.29			78.79
Missouri ... ..	.50	91.80		17.09	.18	2.50	112.07
Nebraska	9.00	41.80		20.10	.93	2.50	74.33
New Hampshire	6.50	184.80		34.18	9.36		234.84
New Jersey ...	18.00	264.60		119.40	.30	2.50	404.80
New York	20.00	636.10		135.90	4.58	2.50	799.28
Ohio	25.50	537.40		62.10		2.50	627.50
Oregon	3.00	70.30		14.32			87.62
Pennsylvania..	41.00	1338.60	5.00	153.10	1.67		1539.37
Rhode Island..	1.50	112.90		34.54			148.94
Vermont	14.50	185.70	5.00	75.85	.09	2.50	283.64
Washington ...	2.50	24.50		4.03		2.50	32.52
Wisconsin	8.50	137.00		32.60		2.50	180.60
Misc. (Refund) .					11.00		11.00
Total ...	\$243.50	\$6695.60	\$10.00	\$1121.26	\$32.49	\$32.50	\$8135.35
Donations to G. A. R. Fund—Members, Camps, Departments..							500.00
Total Receipts							\$8635.35

Itemized Expenditures

GENERAL EXPENSES:

For: Supplies	\$ 247.53
Federal Social Security	37.00
Federal Tax Withheld on Salary	245.20
Penna. Unemployment Compensation Fund.....	37.20
The Banner, Subscription Oct. '43-Aug. '44, inc...	2099.77
Encampment — Printing, Promulgating Proceed- ings 1943 Encampment, etc.	395.94
Encampment, 1944—Expenses, \$786.81; Donations to G. A. R. \$500.00	1286.81
Printing	46.64
Salary, Nat'l Sec. Treas., July, '43, June, '44, inc..	1604.80
Shipping Supplies	30.60
Bonds—Premium Dept. Commanders, Nat. Officers	65.00
Miscellaneous, Lincoln Memorial University, Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief, etc.	272.50
Committee Marking Graves	25.00
Officers except Commander-in-Chief	8.41
	<u>\$6402.40</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES:

Wrapping Paper and Twine.....	
Postage	\$ 4.54
Telegrams	62.13
Stationery	3.11
Rent	89.15
Miscellaneous	420.00
	12.95

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES:

Postage	
Telegrams, Telephone	\$ 27.00
Traveling	31.00
Stenographer	812.00
Miscellaneous	60.00
	30.00

\$ 960.00

Total\$7954.28

World War Victory Fund

The last Encampment directed that this Fund be closed and no additional contributions solicited. Contributions were received from Camps in the Department of Massachusetts, viz:

No. 9, Boston	\$5.90
37, Gardner	2.00
49, Natick	2.00

Total\$ 9.90

Previously from Department of Massachusetts..... 227.78

Total from Department of Massachusetts.....\$237.68

Total amount contributed\$2997.96

September 23, 1943, To Balance.....\$ 23.06

Interest on Bonds 112.50

Department of Massachusetts Contributions..... 9.90

September 14, 1944, Total in War Fund.....\$145.46

Interest on U. S. Government Bonds credited to War Fund for accumulation of sufficient amount to purchase additional Bonds.

Permanent Fund

September 23, 1943, To Balance.....	\$3487.27
Interest	17.75

September 14, 1944, By Balance.....\$3505.02

Organization Fund

September 23, 1943, To Balance	\$ 611.85
Transfer School Essay Fund Balance	76.24

September 14, 1944, By Balance.....\$ 688.09

U. S. Government Bonds

September 23, 1943 } Series "G"	\$3000.00
September 14, 1944 }	

The Frozen, Impounded Funds—1933

For the record: Reverting to the status of our funds (\$4408.84) frozen impounded in the Reading National Bank and Trust Co., Reading, Pa., in 1933, as shown in the Report of this office in the printed Journal of Proceedings of the Fifty-second Annual Encampment, 1933, of the Commandery-in-Chief, all accounts were closed out during this term with the payment of forty (40) per cent total sum to holders of certificates of deposit. (The Commandery-in-Chief having received the entire amount on deposit sustained no loss).

Vouchers

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Baltimore, Md., Bond Position Commander-in-Chief		\$ 2.50
2.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Social Security Tax July-September, Nat. Sec.....		11.00
3.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Withheld Tax Salary, July-September, Nat. Sec.....		78.80
4.	Colonial-Berks Real Estate Co., Reading, Pa., Rent October-December, inc.		105.00
5.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa., Salary, July-September, inc.		471.20
6.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation Fund, Harrisburg, Pa., Tax, July-September		14.85
7.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Sub. Oct. '43—16,862 copies....		337.24
8.	Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Stationery Nat. Officers		48.24
9.	Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Supplies, Printing....		253.89
10.	C. LeRoy Stoudt, Com.-in-Chief. Exp. a/c to December, '43		100.00
11.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Sub. Dec., 16,715, \$334.30; Printing Rosters, \$30.02		364.32
12.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Social Security Tax, Oct.-Dec. '43, inc., Nat. Sec.-Treas.....		11.00
13.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Withheld Tax Salary, Oct.-Dec. '43, inc., Nat. Sec.-Treas.....		78.80
14.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation Fund, Harrisburg, Pa., Oct.-Dec. '43, inc., Nat. Sec.-Treas.....		14.85
15.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa., Salary Oct.-Dec. '43, inc.		471.20
16.	S. W. McClelland, Pres. Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., Scholarship		100.00
17.	Colonial-Berks Real Estate Co., Reading, Pa., Rent Jan.-March, 1944, inc.		105.00
18.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio, Supplies.....		4.01
19.	Howard J. Hughes, Sec. of State, Springfield, Ill., Annual Incorporation Fee, 1944		2.00
20.	C. LeRoy Stoudt, Commander-in-Chief, Reading, Pa., Exp. a/c Dec.-Jan. '44		100.00
21.	Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Stationery.....		8.69
22.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Printing, Shipping, 62nd Annual Encampment (1943) Proceedings, Commandery-in-Chief		393.64
23.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Sub. Feb. '44, 16,691 copies.....		361.63
24.	C. LeRoy Stoudt, Com.-in-Chief, Reading, Pa., Exp. a/c March		100.00
25.	Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Stationery		20.32
26.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Social Security Tax, Jan.-March '44, Nat. Sec.....		7.50
27.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Withheld Tax Salary Nat. Sec.-Treas., Jan.-March '44.....		43.80

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Departments	IN GOOD STANDING JUNE 30, 1943		GAIN										L											
			By Organization		By Initiation in Camps		By Transfer.		By Camps Reinstated		By Reinstatement in Camps		Total Gain.		By Disbanded.		By Death.		By Hon. Discharge.		By Transfer.		By Suspended.	
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Ala. and Tenn.....	4	53																2						
Calif. and Pac.....	18	530			25	1				6		32						21	5					
Colo. and Wyo.....	4	93			2					1		3						1						
Connecticut.....	29	1084			10	1				3		14	1	14				41	2					
Illinois	23	476	*1	58	21	18				31	1	128	1	2				9	8	17				
Indiana	18	422			10					2		12						11	1	1				
Iowa	14	255			10					1		11						3						
Kansas	14	226			4							4						7		1				
Maine	29	699			35	2				17		54						14	4	1				
Maryland	12	385								6		6						11		1				
Massachusetts	114	3023			39	4				13		56	2	18				87	10	3				
Michigan	14	436			25	1				3		29						6						
Minnesota	8	159			1							1						5		1				
Missouri	10	242			1					5		6						9						
Nebraska	5	99			18					4		22						1						
New Hampshire	19	473			13					1		14						21	2					
New Jersey	23	671			36					16		52	3	28				23						
New York	68	1681			40	6				30		76						62		2				
Ohio	58	1330			51					46		97						26	3					
Oregon	8	192			6	2						8	2	20						2				
Pennsylvania	94	3441			82	1	1	5	27	1	115	3	24	88	5									
Rhode Island	15	290			3							3		12										
Vermont	22	440			29		1	10	28	1	67	1	5	10	3	2								
Washington	4	66			5					1		6									1	10		
Wisconsin	13	351			17					4		21	2	13	12	5	2							
Total.....	640	17117	1	58	483	36	2	15	245	3	837	15	124	482	48	33	1	10						
1942-43 Total	671	18489	2	40	297	30	4	66	187	6	620	23	184	514	67	19	5	60						

* Instituted in last term—not reported by Department.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1943-1944—GAINS AND LOSSES, ETC., BY DEPARTMENTS

Departments	IN GOOD STANDING JUNE 30, 1943		GAIN						LOSS						IN GOOD STANDING JUNE 30, 1944		Net Gain.		Net Loss.		Balance in Department Treasuries	Balance in Camp Treasuries	Amount Expended for Relief	No. Relieved or Their Families.									
	Camps	Members	Camps Members	By Initiation in Camps	By Transfer.	By Camps Reinstated	By Reinstatement in Camps	Total Gain.	Camps Members	By Disbanded.	By Death.	By Hon. Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Suspended.	By Dropped, Camps with Members	Dropped by Camps	By Dishon. Disch.	Total Loss.	Camps	Members				Camps	Members	Veterans	Families						
	Camps	Members	Camps Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps Members	Camps Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps				Members									
Ala. and Tenn.....	4	53																															
Calif. and Pac.....	18	530		25	1		6	32			21	5				10		36	18	526		4											
Colo. and Wyo.....	4	93		2			1	3								9		10	4	86		7											
Connecticut.....	29	1084		10	1		3	14	1	14	41	2				61	1	118	28	980													
Illinois.....	23	476	*1	58	21	18	31	128	1	2	9	8	17			47	2	88	22	516	40	1											
Indiana.....	18	422					2	12			11	1	1			26		49	17	385		1											
Iowa.....	14	255		10			1	11			3				1	10		33	14	233		37											
Kansas.....	14	226		4				4			7	1				5		13	14	217		9											
Maine.....	29	699		35	2		17	51			14	4	1			46		65	29	688		11											
Maryland.....	12	385					6	6			11	1				2		14	12	377		8											
Massachusetts.....	114	3023		39	4		13	56	2	18	87	10	3			73	2	191	112	2888	2	135											
Michigan.....	14	436		25	1		3	29			6					27		33	14	432		4											
Minnesota.....	8	159		1				1			5	1				4		10	8	150		9											
Missouri.....	10	242		1			5	6			9					13		22	10	226		16											
Nebraska.....	5	99		18			4	22			1							1	5	120	21												
New Hampshire.....	19	473		13			1	14			21	2				14		37	19	450		23											
New Jersey.....	23	671		36			16	52	3	28	23					14	3	65	20	658		13											
New York.....	68	1681		40	6		30	76			62		2			109		173	68	1584		97											
Ohio.....	58	1330		51			46	97			26	3				26		55	58	1372	42												
Oregon.....	8	192		6	2			8	2	20						8	2	30	6	170		2	22										
Pennsylvania.....	94	3441		82	1	1	5	27	1	115	3	24	88	5		138	3	255	92	3301		2	140										
Rhode Island.....	15	290		3				3			12					5		17	15	276		14											
Vermont.....	22	440		29		1	10	28	1	67	1	5	10	3	2	27	1	47	22	460	20												
Washington.....	4	66		5			1	6								4		1	14	3		1	8										
Wisconsin.....	13	351		17			4	21	2	13	12	5	2	1	10		2	38	11	334		2	17										
Total.....	640	17117	1	58	483	36	2	15	245	3	837	15	124	482	48	33	1	10	2	21	698	18	1416	625	16538	123	15	579	\$6305.58	\$52008.22	\$11543.49	195	2
1942-43 Total.....	671	18489	2	40	297	30	4	66	187	6	620	23	184	514	67	19	5	60	9	119	929	36	1992	640	17117	2	14	33	1386				

* Instituted in last term—not reported by Department.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
28.	Void.		
29.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa., Salary Jan.-March '44, inc.		
30.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Reading, Pa., Rent April-June '44, inc.		331.20
31.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Baltimore, Md., Premium Dept. Commander Bond		105.00
32.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Sub. April '44, 16,485 copies....		2.50
33.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation Fund, Harrisburg, Pa., Tax January-March '44, inc.....		357.17
34.	Ida L. Lewis, Nat. Treas., Milwaukee, Wis., Dues Federated Patriotic Societies, 1944.....		3.75
35.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Baltimore, Md., Premium Dept. Commanders Bonds.....		15.00
36.	C. LeRoy Stoudt, Com.-in-Chief, Reading, Pa., Exp. a/c April-May '44, inc.		15.00
37.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Baltimore, Md., Premium Dept. Commanders Bonds		150.00
38.	Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Printing		17.50
39.	C. L. Stoudt, Com.-in-Chief, Reading, Pa., Exp. a/c June..		2.00
40.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Sub. June '44, 16,406 copies....		75.00
41.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Baltimore, Md., Premium Dept. Commander Bond		355.46
42.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Social Security Tax, April-June '44, inc., Nat. Sec.-Treas.....		2.50
43.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Withheld Tax Salary Nat. Sec.-Treas., April-June '44.....		7.50
44.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation Fund, Harrisburg, Pa., Tax April-June, '44, inc.		43.80
45.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa., Salary, April-June '44, inc.		3.75
46.	Colonial-Berks Real Estate Co., Reading, Pa., Rent July-September '44, inc.		331.20
47.	C. LeRoy Stoudt, Com.-in-Chief, Reading, Pa., Exp. a/c June		105.00
48.	C. LeRoy Stoudt, Com.-in-Chief, Reading, Pa., Traveling Encampment		325.00
49.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Baltimore, Md., Premium Nat. Sec.-Treas. Bond, 1944-45		79.00
50.	Chas. R. Hale, Chairman, Hartford, Conn., Exp. Committee Marking Graves		25.00
51.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Sub. Aug. '44, 16,337 copies....		25.00
52.	C. R. Schlechter, Reading, Pa., Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief		353.97
53.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa., Exp. a/c 1943-1944		150.00
54.	Donation to Grand Army of the Republic, Des Moines, Iowa, Encampment		137.28
55.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Printing Officers' Reports for 1944 Encampment, Des Moines, Iowa.....		500.00
56.	C. LeRoy Stoudt, Com.-in-Chief, Reading, Pa., Exp. a/c Sept. \$35.00; Encampment Exp., Des Moines, Ia., \$90.00		93.07
57.	Roy R. Lewis, Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Milwaukee, Wis., Encampment Expenses, Des Moines		125.00
58.	Wm. O. Fuller, Council-in-Chief, New Bedford, Mass., Encampment Expenses, Des Moines		17.18
59.	R. J. Williams, Council-in-Chief, Columbus, Ohio, Encampment Expenses, Des Moines		66.75
			59.81

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
60.	Allen F. Spink, Council-in-Chief, Meriden, Conn., Encampment Expenses, Des Moines		57.52
61.	Neil D. Crammer, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor, Elmira, N. Y., Office Exp., \$8.05; Encampment Exp., Des Moines, \$49.87		57.92
62.	H. H. Hammer, Nat'l Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa., Encampment Expenses, Des Moines		77.82
63.	John E. Sautter, Nat'l Counselor, Wilksburg, Pa., Encampment Expenses, Des Moines		29.30
64.	John H. Runkle, Acting Chief-of-Staff, Harrisburg, Pa.		51.35
65.	Dolly Berhalter, Stenographer, Report, Reading, Pa., Encampment Expenses, Des Moines		190.00
66.	Rev. Luther W. Childs, Nat'l Chaplain, Centerville, Iowa, Encampment Expenses, Des Moines, \$4.14; Office, 0.36..		4.50
Total			\$7954.28

Supplies, Stock Account

A slight increase in the number of Requisitions for supplies and transactions indicated more activity in Camps. It is regretted that Departments treat the supply for Camps so indifferently. Every Department should have a stock of forms, supplies of all kinds on hand to immediately ship a requisition to a Camp forwarding same. On the contrary the prevalent method is to secure supplies from the Commandery-in-Chief before a Department can supply a Camp ordering and, which is delayed in receiving its order filled.

Receipts from supplies were nearly \$300 higher this term than in the last.

Cost of Supplies on hand, August 30, 1943.....	\$2789.20
Cost of Supplies Purchased	247.53
Cost of Supplies to account for.....	\$3036.73
Cost of Supplies on hand August 30, 1944.....	\$2375.02
Amount received for Supplies, 1943-44.....	\$1121.26
Cost of Supplies Sold.....	\$703.88
Cost of Shipping Supplies	30.60
Cost of Supplies to National Officers }	
Cost of Supplies to Departments free }	2.22
Total	736.70
Profit	\$ 384.56

Fifty Years Membership Badges Issued

To the Departments of California & Pacific, 1; Kansas, 1; Maine, 1; Maryland, 1; Massachusetts, 4; Minnesota, 2; New York, 12; Ohio, 3; Pennsylvania, 4. Total, 29. (Five less than last term).

War Medals Issued

The Department of Massachusetts, 1; Michigan, 3; New Jersey, 25; New York, 4; Pennsylvania, 6; Vermont, 1. Total, 40. (Increase over last term 35).

Membership

It is imperative that we increase our membership. It is the definite duty of Department and Camp Officers to make this the important

feature of their term in office. It is their responsibility. Membership in numbers is the basis, foundation for the existence and effective operation of the Order—as a business. The fact that four Departments showed a gain this term—Illinois, Nebraska, Ohio, Vermont—as compared with one (Maryland) last term, should impress all other Officers of the various Departments of what active, determined efforts can produce, and that it is not confined to limited sections. Every Officer should consider deeply what he can and ought to do to secure members for his Camp and Department Officers that they owe an obligation for service to organize New Camps.

Reinstatement of Camps—Recommendation

Prospects are favorable for the reinstatement of Camps in several Departments under certain conditions. As inducements to secure such Camps it is

RECOMMENDED That: The words “for one year or less” in Section 6, Article 1, Chapter 1, Regulations, Page 8, and the words “one year or less” in second paragraph of Section 2, Article VI, Chapter 2, Page 28, C. & R., be stricken out.

New Camps

Interested in securing New Camps, all sections were contacted and every effort made to have Department Officers in action to organize a Camp(s). Contacts exist with prospects which as yet have not matured. The war resorted to for failure to develop what we anticipated and represented as responsible for not being able to report successfully.

Camp No. 1, Westminster, Dept. of Vermont, was instituted in this Quarter.

Camp No. 13, South Londonderry, Dept. of Vermont, has been reinstated in this quarter after non-existence of some time.

Camp No. 54, Mahanoy City, Dept. of Pennsylvania, is in readiness for institution.

Camp No. 8, Independence, Department of Kansas, recently disbanded has been reinstated effective this quarter.

Camp No. 10, Everett, Department of Washington, has been reinstated in the present quarter having been suspended.

Income Tax Return—Form 990

The National, all Department and Camp Secretaries are required by Act of Congress to file Income Tax return in calendar year on Form 990. Many inquiries are received annually presenting excuses, protesting and reasoning as to no necessity for such reports. For the record and general information to this Encampment, for the benefit of those represented here, it should be definitely impressed upon all Secretaries to file this Report with the Internal Revenue Collectors in their respective districts from whom blank form is obtainable.

The Banner

Many times and now emphasized, we have complimented THE BANNER, Past Commander-in-Chief A. S. Holbrook, Editor, and his colleagues for their assistance and interest in affairs. It is a pleasure to reiterate appreciation of their services. The Banner, our Official Organ, should be resorted to by Department and Camp Officers to attract active co-operation of the members for publicity beneficial to the Order as well for the upbuilding, and increase in membership.

Revision of lists of Members of Camps, corrections, should be im-

pressed upon Camp Secretaries by Department Secretaries, and compliance save expense and unnecessary labor.

The Grand Army of the Republic

We have seen it—in its full glory, pride and strength. What an inspiration! What a lesson! Now—"a detail"—"a squad" in comparison—a glorified remnant. The Bugle is persistently sounding "Taps" for them for their final "Grand Review" and, mustered out—their memories to cherish, honor and perpetuate and, to "Tell the Story when the Boys in Blue are Gone." The Old Guard dies—but never surrenders.

Acknowledgements—Appreciation

In recognition of valuable service in our behalf always assured by Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, grateful acknowledgement and sincere appreciation is tendered. A patriotic, efficient Daughter of a Union Veteran, an estimable friend, her important and valuable service to the G. A. R., is a testimonial to her competency to continue in organized form and existence the remnant of that Order. She is to be highly commended.

Our Auxiliary

Our Auxiliary under the able leadership of National President Mrs. Maude B. Warren, closes a successful administration. It has demonstrated through its Departments and local units its consistency to be an Auxiliary to our organization in practical application in many ways and occasions.

Affiliated Orders

Our relations with the other affiliated Orders Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Daughters of Union Veterans, are cordial and in harmony with the purposes we mutually carry on for. Their work and accomplishments have been of a high character, distinguishing them in the present World War for achievements beneficial to servicemen, as distinctive patriotic organizations. We are honored in being affiliated with them.

Conclusion

You will pardon the personal reference summarized as informative and an inspiration to the membership to emulate.

When you joined the Order at the eligible age you became interested and active at once and have been all these years. An influential factor in Camp, seldom absent from a meeting then, on engagements for the Order, it is a record for attendance.

From local activities you were advanced to the Department. Your abilities were recognized by your elevation ten years ago to Department Commander. Interests and service in a field more extensive brought National recognition, by your unanimous selection to the highest office and honor—Commander-in-Chief.

Faithfully devoting your energies to the duties and responsibility of the office it is a fine tribute to you that numerous testimonials from many members as to your services, efforts for achievement, ambition to advance the Order, all cordial endorsements of your Administration. A fine spirit of harmony and approval of your conduct of affairs prevails.

Our official association ceases. I am deeply appreciative of your courtesies and favors; it was a pleasure to serve you. For years ours have been a close personal relationship. The years contact has de-

veloped a higher regard, affection, for you and a tie of friendship which will always be cherished.

Appreciation of Courtesies

My acknowledgement is tendered to the National and Staff Officers and the Department Officers, for courtesies, co-operation and the accord in which our mutual duties have been and are transacted.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER.

National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Elmira, N. Y., August 18, 1944.

To C. LeRoy Stoudt, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The proof of the pudding is the eating. The real test of a Son of a Union Veteran, is the depth of his loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic. When the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Milwaukee voted that a fund should be raised by the National Patriotic Instructor to be presented to our fathers annually, at their National Encampment, your National Patriotic Instructor had no idea as to how much opposition he would encounter in the project. To the date of this report, 171 Camps have responded with contributions out of a total of more than 600 Camps.

In addition, 39 individual members have contributed to this Fund—the total now being \$386.84. Contributions by Departments are as follows:

Department of New York	\$ 68.00
Department of Maine	40.00
Department of Pennsylvania	40.00
Department of Michigan	28.00
Department of California	24.00
Department of Ohio	23.00
Department of Iowa	20.10
Department of New Jersey	20.00
Department of Wisconsin	19.00
Department of Oregon	11.00
Department of Minnesota	10.00
Department of New Hampshire	10.00
Department of Rhode Island	10.00
Department of Connecticut	21.00
Department of Vermont	7.00
Department of Maryland	5.00
Department of Missouri	5.00
Department of Washington	1.00
Department of Kansas	4.50

Total\$386.72

Interest to date12

Grand Total\$386.84

The opposition in some quarters centered around the idea that the Grand Army of the Republic did not need any funds. The National Patriotic Instructor does not have in his possession the last financial report of the Grand Army of the Republic, but he does have the figures

of the Columbus Encampment of 1941. There was in the General Fund \$941.51 and in the Southern Memorial Fund \$743.78. The expenses for the term ending August 11, 1941, were \$5,727.87. From this you can readily see that if it were not for the contribution made each year by the affiliated Orders, the Grand Army of the Republic could not continue to do business. They have an invested fund of \$4000.00 in City of New York Corporate Bonds, but it would be unwise for them to cash these bonds unless it is absolutely necessary.

My ardent thanks are due Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle, and National Secretary Horace H. Hammer for the assistance they have given me in the project. Department Patriotic Instructor Charles F. Dexter of Michigan was the first to reply to my letter. Department Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert was the first to send in the contributions of the 20 Camps of New Jersey. My Department Patriotic Instructor of New York, Fred E. Howe, receives credit for raising the largest amount. I liked a lot of the thought expressed by Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, speaking at the Department Encampment of New York, when he said, regardless whether the Grand Army of the Republic needed the funds or not, we ought to make them a love gift in return for their valor and sacrifice.

The complete report of the contributions for this fund, including payments made at Encampment, is as follows:

REPORT OF NATIONAL G. A. R. FUND

DEPT. OF NEW YORK

Camp 42, Troy	\$ 1.00
Camp 43, Utica	1.00
Camp 26, New York City	1.00
Camp 52, Syracuse	1.00
Camp 89, Niagara Falls	1.00
Camp 64, Mount Vernon	1.00
Camp 54, Jamaica	2.00
Camp 11, Auburn	2.00
Camp 60, Rochester	2.00
Camp 108, Port Chester	1.00
Camp 118, Batavia	1.00
Camp 223, Buffalo	1.00
Camp 77, Elmira	1.00
Camp 40, Ithaca	2.00
Camp 127, Beacon	1.00
Camp 225, Granville	2.00
Camp 140, New York City	5.00
Camp 100, Rochester	1.00
Camp 154, Albany	1.00
Camp 15, Rochester	1.00
Camp 6, Rochester	1.00
Camp 126, Oneida	2.00
Camp 133, New York City	1.00
Camp 209, Cohoes	2.00
Camp 100, Fulton	1.00
Camp 93, Binghamton	1.00
Individual Contributions:	
Charles Z. Perrin, Rochester	1.00
Floyd Doland, Elmira	1.00
Frank J. MacLean, New York	1.00
J. Gordon Wilcox, Elmira	1.00

Frank S. Cole, Waverly	1.00
C. L. Messer, Albany	1.00
E. J. Coleman, Webster	1.00
Arthur Rapp, Rochester	1.00
William Johns, Syracuse	1.00
Dr. A. G. Courtney, Syracuse	1.00
Dr. Ralph Sheldon, Lyons	3.00
Rudolf Genthner, Rochester	1.00
R. E. Simon, Syracuse	1.00
A. L. Harper, Batavia	1.00
Charles Taggart, Batavia	1.00
William Richards, Fulton	1.00
Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira	1.00
Robert W. Doughty, Beacon	1.00
Edwin W. Sanford, Albany	1.00
E. A. Van Voast, Troy	2.00
Fred E. Howe, Niagara Falls	1.00
Department of New York	7.00
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DEPT. OF ILLINOIS

Not itemized\$50.00

DEPT. OF MAINE

Camp 1, Waterville	\$ 1.00
Camp 4, Portland	1.00
Camp 7, Rockland	1.00
Camp 8, Farmington	1.00
Camp 14, Liberty	1.00
Camp 15, Pittsfield	1.00
Camp 30, Sherman Mills	1.00
Camp 43, Belfast	1.00

Camp 44, Sanford	1.00
Camp 51, Biddeford	10.00
Camp 53, Brunswick	1.00
Camp 69, Bethel	1.00
Camp 72, Livermore Falls..	1.00
P. C.-in-C. Henry Towle ...	5.00
P. D. C. Wm. E. Southard..	5.00
P. D. C. Frank E. Small...	3.00
P. D. C. Frank A. Downs..	1.00
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DEPT. OF PENNSYLVANIA

Davis Star. Pittsburg.....	\$ 1.00
Camp 16, Reading	1.00
Camp 15, Harrisburg	2.00
Camp 44, Williamsport ...	2.00
Carlisle Camp, Carlisle...	1.00
Camp 233, Easton	1.00
Gettysburg Camp, Gettysburg	1.00
Camp 163, Verona	2.00
Camp 295, Hellertown	3.00
Camp 34, Mt. Carmel	1.00
Camp 27, Philadelphia ...	2.00
Camp 160, Sunbury	1.00
Camp 31, West Chester...	1.00
Camp 208, Emmaus	1.00
Camp 10, Chester	2.00
Camp 200, Philadelphia ..	5.00
Camp 33, York	1.00
Individual Contributions:	
H. H. Hammer, Reading...	1.00
John A. Ruggles, Carlisle..	1.00
P. C.-in-C. Walter Mabie,	
Philadelphia	5.00
C.-in-C. C. LeRoy Stoudt,	
Reading	5.00
Camp 87, Middletown	1.00
Camp 265, Belle Vernon ..	2.00
Camp 9, Philadelphia	1.00
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DEPT. OF IOWA

Camp 154	\$ 1.00
Camp 84	1.00
Camp 15	1.00
Camp 33	1.10
Marshalltown Camp	1.00
Camp 75	1.00
Camp 152	1.00
C. C. Carpenter, Ft. Dodge	5.00
Camp 77	1.00
Individual Contributions:	
Roy J. Bennett	1.00
W. T. Alstrand	1.00
Harrison LeGrand	4.00
Jacob Kirchner	1.00
C. F. Marker, Spencer ....	.50

Roy Frad, Spencer .....	.50
Y. E. Yates, Spencer	1.00
S. R. Axer, Spencer.....	2.00
C. L. Sheuer, Spencer	1.00
Howard King, Spencer....	1.00
Archie McCoy, Spencer....	1.00
William Becket, Spencer ..	.25
Ray Green, Spencer .....	.50
Dan Green, Spencer .....	.50
William Green, Spencer ...	.50
Carl Seibel, Spencer	1.00
M. M. Jones, Milford.....	1.00
Homer Pitcher, Spirit Lake	1.00
O. T. Bailey, Royal.....	.50
George Bailey, Royal.....	1.00
J. A. King, Spencer	1.00
Lester J. Winn, Spencer...	.50
C. T. Runion, Spencer	1.00
Cliff Bowman, Spencer ...	.25
William J. Long, Spencer..	.25
D. T. Howe, Spencer.....	1.00
K. R. Tuttle, Spencer	1.00
R. M. Tuttle, Spencer.....	1.00

\$39.35

DEPT. OF MICHIGAN

Camp 7	\$10.00
Camp 8	2.00
Camp 10	8.50
Camp 12	2.00
Camp 14	1.00
Camp 22	2.00
Dept. Pat. Inst. C. F. Dexter	2.50

\$28.00

DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA

Camp 1, San Francisco ..\$	1.00
Camp 2, Los Angeles.....	2.00
Camp 5, Santa Cruz	5.00
Camp 7, Pasadena	2.00
Camp 9, Pomona	2.00
Camp 10, Long Beach	2.00
Camp 12, Santa Ana.....	1.00
Camp 15, Ontario	2.00
Camp 23, Riverside	2.00
Camp 36, Pasadena	5.00

\$24.00

DEPT. OF OHIO

Camp 1, Columbus	\$ 3.00
Camp 2, Youngstown ...	1.00
Camp 5, New Philadelphia	1.00
Camp 9, Findlay	2.00
Camp 12, Mansfield	2.00
Camp 13, Zanesville	1.00
Camp 19, Shelby	1.00

Camp 21, Lancaster	2.00
Camp 26, Portsmouth	2.00
Camp 27, Akron	1.00
Camp 43, Salem	1.00
Camp 53, Cleveland	1.00
Camp 89, Dayton	2.00
Camp 100, Cincinnati	1.00
Camp 110, Uhrichsville	1.00
Camp 207, Mt. Vernon.....	1.00
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DEPT. OF NEW JERSEY

20 Camps, not itemized...\$20.00

DEPT. OF CONNECTICUT

Camp 1, New Haven.....	\$ 1.00
Camp 11	5.00
Camp 49, Waterbury	3.00
Camp 7, Meriden	10.00
Individual Contributions:	
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Dept. Com. E. E. Barnum..	1.00
S. V. D. C. F. W. Reimann.	1.00
William C. Dickinson, New Haven	2.00
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DEPT. OF INDIANA

Camp 1, Kokomo	\$ 1.00
Camp 20, Muncie	5.00
Camp 28, Richmond	1.00
Camp 40, Martinsville ...	1.00
Camp 44, Winchester	2.00
Camp 72, Danville	1.00
Camp 82, Terre Haute....	1.00
Camp 86, Connorsville ...	1.00
Camp 116, Valparaiso	1.00
Camp 146, Jonesboro	1.00
Camp 171, Ft. Wayne	2.00
Camp 210, Frankfort	1.00
Camp 251, Lafayette	1.00
Camp 356, Indianapolis ...	1.00
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DEPT. OF WISCONSIN

Camp 1, Milwaukee	\$ 5.00
Camp 2, Madison	5.00
Camp 7, Madison	1.00
Camp 18, Baraboo	5.00
Camp 37, Sheboygan	2.00
Camp 47, Plymouth	1.00
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DEPT. OF OREGON

Camp 4	\$ 4.00
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Camp 17	3.00
Camp 9	1.00
Individuals Contributions:	
J. A. McKee	1.00
Auxiliary	1.00
Rosetta Buchanan	1.00
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DEPT. OF MINNESOTA

Not itemized\$10.00

DEPT. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Camp 1, Manchester	\$ 1.00
Camp 3, Portsmouth	1.00
Camp 4, Troy	1.00
Camp 7, Penacook	1.00
Camp 10, Keene	1.00
Camp 15, Hillsboro	1.00
Camp 18, Nashua	1.00
Camp 28, Exeter	1.00
Camp 35, Bennington	1.00
Camp 38, Milford	1.00
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DEPT. OF RHODE ISLAND

Not itemized\$10.00

DEPT. OF MASSACHUSETTS

Not itemized	\$25.00
William O. Fuller	1.03
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DEPT. OF VERMONT

Not itemized\$ 7.00

DEPT. OF MARYLAND

Appomattox Camp, Wilmington, Del.	\$ 3.00
Garfield, Camp, Washington, D. C.	2.00
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DEPT. OF MISSOURI

Camp 5	\$2.00
Camp 4	1.00
Camp 36	1.00
Theodore Mohr (individual)	1.00
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	\$ 5.00

DEPT. OF KANSAS

Camp 23, Parsons	\$ 1.00
Camp 13, Kansas City....	2.50
W. H. Fairchild (individual)	1.00
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DEPT. OF NEBRASKA

Camp 5, Fremont.....	\$ 1.00
Schuyler	5.00
Lincoln	1.00
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	\$ 7.00

DEPT. OF WASHINGTON

C. H. Thorpe, Wenatchee...\$ 1.00

DEPT. OF ALABAMA & TENNESSEE

No Contributions Received.

DEPT. OF COLORADO & WYOMING

Interest\$.12

Not itemized\$ 5.00

Grand Total\$500.00

The first message of your National Patriotic Instructor in the columns of The Banner urged a widespread observance of Veterans Night. He suggested that if no Civil War Veterans were living in the Community that Spanish War Veterans should be asked to attend, they being the next ranking veterans. Many splendid reports were received, one of which was outstanding at Grand Rapids, Michigan, where three members of the Grand Army of the Republic were in attendance.

Lincoln's Birthday: Tribute to "The Great Emancipator in the February issue, same being penned by Marie V. Cranmer, wife of the National Patriotic Instructor, and a member of Auxiliary No. 49, of Elmira, N. Y.

Memorial Day: Memorial Day exercises were carried out in practically all Departments. The Sons of Union Veterans playing an important part in many communities.

Flag Day: A unique and interesting article concerning the history of the American Flag was presented by Past Department Patriotic Instructor of New York, Percy Durrell, now living at Bluefield, West Virginia.

Constitution Day: Constitution Day was the theme of the National Patriotic Instructor in the August Banner. He also suggested a study of the battle of Antietam, which took place on the same day—the 17th of September.

Civil War History: From time to time, the erroneous terminology of "The War Between the States" has reared its ugly head. Past Department Commander of Ohio, Michael Heintz, called our attention to the use of this phrase by Walter Lippman in the New York Herald Tribune of December 20th. Result was that Mr. Lippman was set right on this matter by several brothers who wrote him letters.

It was a high privilege to attend Commander-in-Chief Stoudt's reception at Reading, Pa., on December 4; The Eastern Regional Conference, April 28 at Philadelphia, and the Grant's Birthday observance on Riverside Drive, New York City, on April 29. At the Department Encampment, Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon and your National Patriotic Instructor responded to the address of Commander-in-Chief Stoudt.

ALABAMA & TENNESSEE—Rev. J. M. Thompson. Days observed—Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Memorial Sunday, Memorial Day. Memorial Day addresses given by Rev. W. B. Bird, Rev. J. A. Brown, Florence Pete, Beaufort, S. C. In Memorial Day parade was a Marine Band, Firing Squad, Companies of Marines and Sailors, Boy Scouts, Daughters of Union Veterans and W. R. C. Past Dept. Com. J. A. Salter and Dept. Com. Oliver Swords, St. Petersburg, Fla., delivered addresses.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC—Col. George E. Lance. Patriotic days

observed were Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Armistice Day and July 4th. Addresses were given by Past Commander-in-Chief D. B. Bowley, Past Department Commander George Ruple, Dr. A. J. Cloud and Rev. Hiram Pitmer, all of San Francisco; Past Commander C. C. Caves and Mayor James Pettit, of Pomona; Past Commander William Vollman and Loyal C. Kelley, Riverside. Col. George Lance, Department Patriotic Instructor, Patriotic address at Tremont Baptist Church, Pasadena, October 10, 1943, also address at Cemetery on Memorial Day. The war has taken all the solicitation pep out of members, and their thoughts are running in other channels.

CONNECTICUT—George W. Tabor. Days observed, Lincoln's birthday, Flag Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day. Addresses by Commander Charles O. Wedge, Harold L. Scott of Bristol; Lt. Col. Arthur C. Bennett, Major D. S. Simmons, Brothers Morrell, all of Stratford; Major Charles H. Sprague, Judge Paul Miller, Judge Frank L. Wilder, Judge Carl Foster, all of Bridgeport; George J. Fisher and Andrew J. George, of Middletown; Bertrand O. DeForest, P. D. C., and Judge Carl Foster at Derby. Suggestions—That The Banner be sent direct to the homes and not to places of business as it will receive more attention at home. Reinstate The National Essay Contest. Invite all Sons and Grandsons to participate in Memorial Day exercises regardless of Camp membership. Make The Banner a magazine worth while and charge a reasonable subscription price.

COLORADO & WYOMING—W. S. Whitney. Days observed, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Veterans Night and Flag Day.

ILLINOIS—S. W. Livingston. Days observed, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Appomattox Day, Grant's birthday, Flag Day and Veterans Night. Flags are not always hung correctly with the blue field to the left of the observer. The proper salute is not always given by observers as the flag passes in parade. Addresses given by: Past Department Commander E. Baxter Travis and Department Commander Alex Levy at Chicago. Department Patriotic Instructor Livingston spoke over the radio station at Bloomington on eight holidays. His report at the Department Encampment was pronounced one of the best ever given.

INDIANA—Parker E. Thornburg. Days observed were Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Flag Day and Appomattox Day. Addresses given by Arch H. Hobbs and R. Lloyd Colleg, of Muncie; Charles Ellis at Martinsville and W. J. Coppoch of Jonesboro. Suggests that Camp Patriotic Instructors stress the loyalty the Civil War veterans held for Memorial Day and our own obligations for that day. Urges newspaper publicity for Memorial Day including editorials in the local papers. Have talks before schools and other Patriotic Organizations.

IOWA—Roy J. Bennett. Days observed: all patriotic days. We were honored in having a place in The National Essay Contest on General McClellan. Co-operated loyally in the Grand Army of the Republic Fund.

KANSAS—Walter H. Fairchild. Days observed, Flag Day, Veterans Night, and Memorial Day. Addresses by Charles W. Lowden and Walter H. Fairchild, of Kansas City, Kansas. Suggests more advertising for Memorial Day especially among school children.

MAINE—Frank A. Downs, P. D. C. Days observed, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Veterans Night and Memorial Day. Addresses given by Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Marlboro. Mass.; Rev. George E. Leighton, West Somerville, Mass.; William H. Cressey, P. D. C., Westbrook, Maine; Frank A. Downs, P. D. C., Belfast, Maine; Burleigh Martin, Earle R. Hayes, Robert A. Cony, P. D. C., Augusta, Maine;

Arthur Hunt, Capt. Fred W. Rowell, South Paris, Maine; Frank E. Small, P. D. C., Coopers Mills, Maine; Bradford C. ReDonnet, Wiscasset, Maine.

MASSACHUSETTS—Vernard L. Gordon. Days observed, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day Armistice Day and Veterans Night. Addresses were given by several Past Department and Camp Officers, too many to list according to Department Patriotic Instructor.

MARYLAND—Thomas L. Butfer. Occasions observed, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Appomattox Day, Memorial Day, Union Defender's Day, Veterans Night, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, and some Camps observed Douglas' birthday. Addresses were given by former Judge Allan Cleavland, Com. Amos Fries, Washington, D. C. Robert K. Foster, Wilmington, Del. Suggestions: first, that the Camp should take the leading part in arranging Memorial Day services and parades; second, that members should read The Banner more thoroughly; third, that Camps hold group meetings and invite eligibles to attend. Past Department Commander John T. Bateman placed a flag on the grave of Brigadier General Massey. Brother Faye E. Palgrove placed a flag on the grave of John Howard Payne, author of "Home Sweet Home."

MICHIGAN—Charles F. Dexter. Days observed, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Flag Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Night, Union Defenders Day. Camps raised money for Red Cross, War Chest and High School bands. Held Patriotic meetings at which outstanding speakers were heard. Addresses were given by Charles F. Dexter and Nathan F. Sprague, of Detroit; Lawrence Richmond, Charles Hammond and Don E. Hoch, Jackson; Union W. Mackey and Edgar M. Linsley of Grand Rapids. Suggestions: first, that the public schools system should put more stress on teaching American history. Second: Parents of school children should encourage them to take part in all Patriotic programs. Third: that the purposes and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans should be read at every meeting and at Department Encampments to refresh our minds what our real objects and purposes are. Fourth: That all Camps have a moment of silent prayer for our boys in the Armed Forces. Fifth: That the "Flag Charge" be given at public schools and Scout gatherings. The Department Patriotic Instructor presented an American Flag to the Camp making the best showing in Patriotic activities.

MINNESOTA—William J. Hiland. Days observed, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Memorial Day, Armistice Day, Flag Day, Veterans Night. Addresses were given by Judge V. A. Day, Judge William A. Anderson, Earl W. Boyce, Dewey B. Mead, Commander Francis Smith and A. S. Harding. Department Patriotic Instructor Hiland of St. Paul spoke at nine schools and assisted in presenting four flags to schools. He also took part in the Veterans Day program at the State Fair.

MISSOURI—Conrad F. Kissling. Days observed, Washington and Lincoln's birthdays, and Veterans Night. Major Leo Rassauer Camp contributed \$15.00 to the Memorial Fund with which to purchase wreaths placed at the main gate of the cemetery with card attached reading "In Memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the War of 1861-65."

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA—George C. Gage. Days observed—Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays and Armistice Day.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Orion H. Hardy. Days observed, Lincoln's

and Washington's birthdays, Flag Day, Armistice Day, and Fourth of July, Union Defenders Day, and Veterans Night. Addresses were given by John S. Miller, Rev. William H. Rittenburg, William L. John and Alfred J. Clark, of Manchester; Orion H. Hardy, Carlos M. Hardy and Daniel P. Webster, of Penacook; Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, of Franklin; William A. Chase, Ralph A. Wheeler, of Nashua. Suggests renewing the Essay Contest with a prize large enough to encourage entries.

NEW JERSEY—Robert L. Gerke. Days observed, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Armistice Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Grant's birthday and Appomattox Day. Addresses given by Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, Ezra T. Beers, Andrew Richardson, Trenton; Com. O. Bergman, F. Williams, H. Schroeder, Fred Hansen, Hoboken; Lt. Wells Bliss, U. S. Marine Corps, Hon. John Ried, Rev. Dr. J. Pitts, Bloomfield. Several Camps submitted newspaper clippings showing activities and participation in Memorial Day work. Madison Camp was instrumental in influencing school authorities to close schools on Memorial Day.

NEW YORK—Fred E. Howe. Days observed, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Armistice Day. Addresses given by Jonathan G. Huston, Cold Spring; Thomas J. Doughty, Beacon; Robert W. Doughty, Beacon; Fred E. West, William H. Pease, Major Wm. F. S. Root, Walter K. Cooley, Bronson H. Purdy, all of Mt. Vernon; Edmund Taylor, Yonkers; W. A. Waterman, Tuckahoe; W. W. Seeley, Dr. A. C. Emmet, Charles F. Sherman, all of Mt. Vernon; Edward J. Coleman, Webster; Capt. Julius Isaacs, New York; John Waste and Rev. Thomas H. Langdon, of Rochester; Fred Diemer, Niagara Falls; Henry Shank, Auburn; M. Kloss, Past Commander, G. F. Connell, Past Commander, C. L. Messer, Past Commander, all of Albany; Fred E. Colwell, William C. Kelly, Rev. William A. Hallock, all of Rochester; Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira; William Walter, Long Island City; H. Kassebaum and Andrew H. A. Thompson, New York City, and Francis P. Addy, Utica.

OHIO—Campbell M. Voorhees. Days observed, Memorial Day, Armistice Day, Veterans Night, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays. Addresses given by C. M. Voorhees, Rev. Warren H. Sando, Hon. Charles A. Jones, Hon. Cecil J. Randall, Hon. Edward S. Matthias, Past Commander-in-Chief U. S. W. V., of Columbus. The report was given in the greatest detail, and was attractively bound in covers. Suggestions: first, that all Camps comply with the regulations providing for a welfare committee, whose duty it shall be to prepare lists of eligibles and suggest ways and means of creating and maintaining an interest in each Camp. Second, open Camp meetings promptly. Third, have speakers in school prior to Memorial Day. Fourth, visit other Camps, particularly at inspection and installation. Fifth, have an active Past Commanders Association. Sixth, have a degree team. Seventh, have at least a Color Guard of at least six men in Civil War Blue. Eighth, teach Civil War History whenever possible.

OREGON—J. A. McKee. Days observed, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, and Grant's birthday. Enclosed with report were pictures of Department Commander of the G. A. R., T. A. Penland, age 99 years, and Comrade Henry Hopkins, 97 years old, Civil War musician. Addresses by Philip H. Parrish, Rev. John M. Paxton, Thomas West, Ben Bear, Thomas C. Watson, Dr. Raymond B. Walker, H. J. Davis, Rev. C. C. Rarick, and Lt. Col. L. S. Hopfield, all of Portland, Oregon; Frederick K. Davis, and H. V. Johnson, Eugene.

PENNSYLVANIA—John A. Ruggles. Days observed, Washing-

ton's and Lincoln's birthdays, Appomattox Day, Grant's birthday, Flag Day, July 4th, Union Defender's Day, Veterans Night. Addresses given by Carl Ruhe, William Elliott, Paul Sandus, Charles Locke, Harry McClure, A. R. DeLancey, Hon. A. L. Wolk, Geo. J. Retutzek, J. J. Tehan, William J. Blakely and Hon. W. H. Detrich, all of Pittsburgh; J. P. M. Stiger, Herman Polker, Sr., Herman Poehler, Jr., Harry Weinstock, William M. Romick, Wm. M. Sayers, all of Philadelphia; Charles Thompson, Jr., Chas. Thompson 2nd, Thomas Palmer, Rev. Walter Canon, A. J. Kynett, William Adkins, John E. Larkin, Francis E. Larkin, Rev. F. W. Bonyng, Walter C. Mabie and Horace Docker; G. W. Lutz, Jr., J. W. Dixon, G. W. Johnson, Sr., G. W. Johnson, Jr., and Albert Vogel, all of Philadelphia; S. T. McDowell, J. B. Lafferty, of Altoona; Chas. B. Crosby, J. H. Runkle, Chas. Honich, Frank M. Hessinger, Ed T. Rudy, all of Harrisburg; James M. Smith, Carl M. Ruth, Harold H. Maurer, J. L. Geist, John Scott and Howard P. Shotts, all of Mt. Carmel; Prof. J. W. Potter, Hon. M. F. Hummel, C. D. Macgregor, Capt. Wm. C. Griffiths, all of Carlisle; Richard S. Widdows, Leo T. Wagner, W. T. Bateman, Richard Nuttle, John H. Yocum, James Yocum, all of Darby; Raymond Andrews Kresgeville; A. Prescott, Willis Berkstresser, Sr., Middletown; Hon. Howard F. Borse, Lansdale; F. A. Godcharles, J. A. Gray, Harry Rissel, A. L. Schwartz, Milton; P. C-in-C. John E. Sautter, R. C. Wickline, Esper Ashoup, Sharpsburg; D. P. C. Frank H. Heacock, William Griffith, William Roberts, Media; Charles Stickser, Rev. Walter Veit, Hon. William A. Frack, Easton. Suggestion: That Camps have talks and discussions on battles and Generals of the Civil War.

RHODE ISLAND—Harry J. Geer. Days observed, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Flag Day, Memorial Day, McKinley's birthday, Veterans Night, Grant's birthday, MacArthur's birthday, Mother's Day and "I Am An American" Day. Addresses given by Mortimer A. Sullivan, Newport; Frank S. Reavy, Enoch H. Hoyt, William H. McCormick, Providence; Forest D. Mowry, Woonsocket; Fred J. Arnold, West Warwick; Rev. Dorrance B. Lothrop, Cranston; Harry J. Geer, Hoxie. Memorial Day was well observed, although many members are in war work. Appropriations from cities and towns were generous. The local press did not give much publicity. The Department would like more space in The Banner.

VERMONT—Elmer E. Monroe. Days observed, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Memorial Day, Armistice Day, Flag Day, Veterans Night. Suggestions: Invite school children more generally to parade and attend services on Memorial Day. One Camp has initiated twenty members, all secured by one brother. Print The Banner monthly, and publish more articles on the Civil War.

WASHINGTON—C. H. Thorpe. Is doing war work in Portland, Oregon, and is therefore handicapped in carrying on work in the Department.

WISCONSIN—W. J. McMahon. Days observed, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Flag Day, Veterans Night.

Many Department Patriotic Instructors are doing a fine piece of work under handicaps. It has been an inspiration and pleasure to have had correspondence with them, and come to know them much better.

"Be strong. We are not here to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift."

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
NEIL D. CRANMER,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Centerville, Iowa, August 1, 1944.

Mr. C. LeRoy Stoudt,
Commander-in-Chief.

Dear Brother:

Herewith my report: On the 22nd day of February I received a communication from you asking if I would accept the appointment as National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans. I very graciously accepted the appointment and on the 22nd day of March I was installed into the office by L. C. Neff, Past Department Commander of Iowa, also Commander of King Camp 154, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Since my installation. I have attended the Dept. Encampment at Fort Dodge, Iowa, officiating as Dept. Chaplain, also at an impromptu service conducted "D" Day, the morning of June 6th. This service was held jointly by Sons and Auxiliary. My only other activity, since my appointment, has been in carrying on correspondence with you, and our National Secretary.

We are arranging plans with Mrs. Minnie M. O'Harrow, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans, for a Joint Memorial Service at this Encampment. During the past year, ten Dept. Commanders have passed on, and one of this number was a former Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles P. Hall of Rhode Island. The other names will be given at the time of the Memorial Service.

I hold membership in King Camp No. 154, Ottumwa, Iowa, there being no Camp in Centerville, and it is indeed with a great deal of pleasure we are welcoming the Sixty-third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to the great state of Iowa, where the "TALL" corn grows.

Fraternally, in F. C. & L.,

LUTHER W. CHILDS,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Wilksburg, Pa., August 4, 1944.

Mr. C. LeRoy Stoudt,
Commander-in-Chief.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The duties actually pertaining to my office that I was called upon to perform did not prove very arduous. Your own thorough acquaintance with our Order and the Constitution and Regulations was such that it was not necessary to submit a single question for formal decision. And again it can probably be said that our membership are versed in our Constitution and Regulations requiring little inquiry. Such questions as came to me were largely for information, rather than decision. I am also happy to say that no questions involving discipline were submitted. So that my duties were entirely of an advisory character, and if as such I have been of assistance to you in meeting the duties of your office, made more difficult this year because of the conditions existing in our Country, I am happy.

Because of their rather unusual nature I feel justified in adding the following of a more personal character. It was my good fortune and pleasure to spend, with my wife, more than five months in St. Petersburg, Florida. In this city of the far south there is a Camp of our Order, not strong in membership, a Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Tent of the Daughters of

Union Veterans of the Civil War. The women's organizations are especially active and receive generous publicity in the papers. They invited me, in what I was informed was the first affair jointly sponsored by them, to deliver the address at their Washington and Lincoln observance, a task I was very agreeable to perform. All of the meetings of these organizations are held in what is called G. A. R. Hall, which is of sufficient importance to be shown as one of the points of interest by the Chamber of Commerce of the city. This visit also permitted me to learn of conditions existing in the South, as they pertain to the Orders of the Grand Army family, and some of the difficulties experienced because of the location. But that this very fact offers opportunities of value is apparent. I trust I was of some assistance.

It was also my privilege to be a spectator at the observance of Confederate Memorial Day, April 26th, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy. While a holiday in the state of Florida it is not observed as such by the Banking or Business interests of the city. Held in the oldest cemetery in the city, in a most convenient location, the attendance was small and the exercises of a simple and interesting character. It was especially noticeable that the speaker, a minister and the grandson of a Confederate veteran, in his every reference to the Civil War referred to it as "the war," never as the "war between the states," no exceptions could be taken to any of his utterances.

May I express to you my appreciation of having been permitted to serve as one of your staff. We have long been associated in the work of our Order, and this official connection has but increased my high esteem of you and your devotion to our Order, so ably shown in this period of extreme stress.

Thank you for the privilege it was to again serve as National Counselor.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN E. SAUTTER,

National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZER

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 19, 1944.

To C. LeRoy Stoudt, Commander-in-Chief.

My Dear Commander:

Organization work for this year has not been very encouraging. At the start of the year it looked like we would institute several New Camps. Our Department Organizers were most optimistic in the work. As work progressed on organization, the more and more was felt the pull of Uncle Sam's drafting of grandsons into military service. These grandsons were to form the backbone of several New Camps. Perhaps after the war is over we will be able to organize these Camps.

It is a pleasure to report that there was a new Camp instituted at Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, in July.

Due to the hard work of Brother Lester H. Rhoades, Department Organizer of Vermont, on the opening day of their Encampment, the application of a New Camp at North Westminster was submitted. What a very fine way of opening an Encampment. Brother Rhoades also reports he has about completed the reorganization of Camp No. 13 of South Londonderry, Vermont.

From the work completed this year trust it will be possible to organize several New Camps the coming year.

U. W. MACKEY,

National Organizer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Hartford, Conn., July 28, 1944.

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Commander-in-Chief,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

My Dear Commander:

As Chairman of the Grave Marking Committee, I submit to you and members of the Sixty-third Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, the annual report for the term 1943-1944.

We have 263 Camps with active Grave Marking Committees. They are distributed among all Departments except one. In the past many of them have done a remarkable work in locating, identifying and marking of soldiers' graves, especially those of Civil War Veterans. In some Departments the work is practically completed. Maps or charts of the cemeteries or burial plots in the various cities and towns of the Department were made, and on them where each veteran is buried a mark is made, and given a number. Then a list is made of all veterans buried in said cemetery, with that number is the war he served in, name, service, date of death and age, and in case the veteran is buried without a headstone marking his grave, a memorial soldier's headstone has been placed at his grave. By this method his grave is always decorated on Memorial Day, and will to future generations be known as the grave of a veteran.

While this work has become dormant (except decorating graves) due to war time conditions, of which we have no control, I do not doubt but that it will be completed when the war is over, and our brothers are free again to take up this work. It is a hobby with members of a Grave Marking Committee, but a hobby that honors our fathers, that their final resting place shall not be lost or forgotten, a hobby that has brought many favorable comments that our Order is doing something worthwhile.

In order that you may know why the marking has been so successful in Connecticut, and in hopes some of our laws may be copied by other States for the location, and care of soldiers' graves, I attach copies of laws we have:

(A) All undertakers and sextons of cemeteries shall report each month, the death and burial of all veterans.

(B) Form used in report of undertakers and sextons to the Town Clerks, and in case the death is that of a veteran, a copy must be sent to this office.

(C) Law for Soldiers' memorial headstones (free to the family).

(D) Form showing properly and improperly marked soldiers' graves.

(E) Chart or map of a cemetery showing the location of a veteran's grave and service.

(F) Law for the care of veterans' graves.

While at present, due to the war conditions, the work is slow, yet with so many Camps interested, and the small cost of maintaining a Grave Marking Committee, I recommend that a Grave Marking Committee be continued.

The cost for the past year has been for typing and postage, \$25.00.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHARLES R. HALE, Chairman,
Grave Marking Committee.

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SEC. 66c (Cum. Suppl.) IDENTIFICATION OF VETERANS' GRAVES

(A) The undertaker, or other person, in charge of the burial of any deceased person, shall ascertain, and set forth in the certificate required of him, whether such deceased person was a veteran of any war in which the colony of Connecticut or the United States of America was engaged, and, if so of what war.

(B) Each person having charge of any burial place, upon the monthly returns to the registrar of births, marriages and deaths of the interments made by him during the preceding calendar month, shall set forth whether any person, whose body was so interred, was a veteran of any war; and if so, of what war.

(C) Each registrar of births, marriages and deaths shall, on or before the seventh day of each month, send to the state librarian an attested copy of each certificate of death received by him for the calendar month next preceding, if such certificate shall set forth that the deceased was a veteran soldier, sailor, or marine of any war; and each registrar shall return to the state librarian a list of names, and places of interments of the bodies, of all deceased veterans of any war, appearing upon the sexton's reports for the calendar month next preceding.

(D) Any person who shall violate any provision of Section 66c shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars.

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SEC. 1962. HEADSTONES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE STATE.

When the grave of any person, who, in time of war, served in the military or naval forces of the English colonies in America, prior to 1776, or the grave of any veteran which is located in this state, shall be unmarked by a suitable headstone, or shall be marked by a bronze marker erected by this state or by a marker furnished by the United States government, the adjutant general shall, upon application, cause to be erected at such grave a headstone of material and design approved by the governor, marked with the name of the deceased, the date of his death and his age, if the same be furnished to the adjutant general, and the organization to which he belonged. The expense of such headstone shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be paid by the comptroller. The adjutant general, upon application, may furnish headstones for the graves of persons specifically mentioned in this section, when such graves are located outside the limits of this state, provided the applicant has, prior to shipment, agreed to pay transportation charges to destination and costs of erection of such stone. Upon proof furnished to the adjutant general by the commission that the grave of any veteran who has been buried in the cemetery plot owned by this state in the Spring Grove Cemetery at Darien is unmarked by a suitable headstone, the adjutant general shall cause to be erected at such grave a headstone such as is furnished under the provisions of this section.

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SEC. 486. GRAVES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

In each city and town there shall be appointed annually, by the mayor of the city or by the selectmen of the town, a citizen of the city or town, preferably a veteran of the Civil War, the war with Spain or the World War, whose duty it shall be to see that the grave of any person who served in time of war in the military or naval forces of the English colonies in America, prior to 1776, or of the state

of Connecticut or of the United States, shall be suitably kept and cared for. If the cost of such care and maintenance shall not be paid by private persons, or by the trustees of the cemetery where any such grave is situated, it shall be paid by the city or town; and cities and towns are authorized to appropriate money for such purpose. Money so appropriated may be expended directly by the city or town or may be paid to the trustees or manager of the cemetery in which any such grave is located; but the sum paid in any year shall not exceed for any such grave the sum usually charged for the annual care and maintenance of a grave in the same cemetery, or, if no such charge shall be made in that cemetery, then it shall not exceed the sum charged in other cemeteries in the same city or town for such service.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION

To Commander-in-Chief C. L. Stoudt, Officers and Members of the Sixty-third Annual Encampment Commandery - in - Chief, Des Moines, Iowa.

Greetings:

On account of residence distance between members of your committee it has been impossible to hold any regular stated meetings. Such contact as your committee has had with each other has been by correspondence. However some very effective work has been done in their specific districts by the individual members of your committee.

Reports show that the Departments and their Camps have been faithful in this time of stress and trial in specific efforts in the promotion of American concepts and ideals. Many of our younger members are making the supreme sacrifice in this regard, and those members at home are working with the energy of the zealot for its preservation.

The activity of the Americanization Committee, and that of the Patriotic Instructor in many respects, are closely parallel, and in some cases nearly identical, and yet there is a field of endeavor, distinctly Americanization, that is being promoted by some Departments and Camps that deserves special mention.

The third clause of the preamble to our Constitution and Regulations says "To promote the maintenance of unqualified American Citizenship." There is a lot of activity in this direction by a multiple of organizations, however there are one or two specific fields not being covered that offers to the Sons of Union Veterans an opportunity for effective resultant activity.

Our Government has set aside a specific time—May the eighteenth—for the celebration of "RECEPTION OF NEW VOTERS." This ceremony is presented especially for those who have become Citizens by virtue of their twenty-first birthday. Many communities are making much of this day. Brother Bert Hammond reports that they are especially active in Michigan. Your Committee recommends to Camps and Departments a further inquiry into the possibilities of promotion in communities where it is not already being observed.

Another piece of strictly Americanization activity is a ceremonial reception of the newly naturalized foreign born into his new civic relationship. Every community of any size has one or more activities on this occasion, but there is one place that is not being covered, and offers to the Sons of Union Veterans an opportunity to fulfill the intent of that clause of the preamble where it says "To promote the maintenance of unqualified American Citizenship," as well as doing a most excellent piece of Americanization work.

In order to present this program we will recite in epitome the proceedings of the foreign born in becoming an American Citizen. At any time after his arrival in the United States he may go before the Courts and declaim his intention of becoming an American Citizen. He then receives what is known as his "first papers." After five years he again appears before the courts for his regular "Certificate of Citizenship." He is then examined by the United States "Examiners" as regards his qualifications. If he "passes" he is ordered to appear before the Federal court on a given day, when he takes the oath of allegiance. He is now a Citizen of the United States. Later the clerk of the court mails him a certificate of Citizenship. There is an opportunity for the Sons of Union Veterans to build around the presentation of the certificate a ceremony comparable with presentation of a diploma from a college to its graduate.

E. A. Hicky (committee member) reports that at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where they held this kind of a ceremony, they had an attendance of over two thousand. Peoria, Illinois, has a program of this nature three times a year, and will be glad to send copies of programs to any one interested.

There has been no official report from any Department to this Committee concerning its activities in Americanization work, and as a result we have no evidence upon which to base an opinion as to which Department has merited the award of the General U. S. Grant and Major Fredrick Dent Grant trophy for outstanding patriotic activity during the year. Your Committee awaits the reports to be presented at the Des Moines Encampment, where an unprejudiced decision may be made.

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

E. BAXTER TRAVIS, P. D. C., Illinois, Chairman.
 FRED H. COMBS, Sr., P. D. C., New Jersey.
 LOUIS G. BLAIR, P. D. C., Ohio.
 WILLIAM J. HIGHLAND, P. D. C., Minnesota.
 BERT HAMMOND, P. D. C., Michigan.
 E. A. HICKEY, Wisconsin.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Fairfax Park, Springfield, Virginia, July 10, 1944.

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Commander-in-Chief.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

As Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, I herewith submit a report on the following bills that have come before the 78th Congress of the United States in behalf of Civil War veterans and a few veterans of our Order:

BENEFITS TO DEPENDENTS OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS IN THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS

On July 13, 1943, the President signed H. R. 2703 which is now known as Public Law No. 144, Seventy-eighth Congress.

This law provides a more adequate pension law for veterans of all wars and their dependents by providing uniform rates. Thus, if a veteran of the Civil War dies of a service-connected disease or injury the widow is entitled to \$50.00 per month from July 13, 1943, provided she was in receipt of a pension prior to that date. If her claim was filed subsequent to July 13, 1943, and more than one year after the date of the veteran's death, the commencement date will be the date the widow's application is received in the Veterans Administration.

Of course, if the veteran died subsequent to above date and claim is filed within one year of his death, the beginning date of the pension award would be the next day after the date of veteran's death.

On April 1, 1944, the President signed S-662 which is now known as Public Law No. 280, Seventy-eighth Congress.

This law removed an inequality in existing law for the benefit of those helpless children of the veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish War, including the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion and the Regular Establishment where service was prior to April 21, 1898. The prior laws excluded an unestimatable number of these children because even though helpless prior to attaining 16 years of age they were over 16 years of age when their father, the veteran, died or when filing a claim.

Whereas under Public Law No. 280, Seventy-eighth Congress pension may be paid to these helpless children irrespective of the date of the veteran's death provided they were physically or mentally helpless prior to attaining 16 years of age. It also follows that date of filing claim is immaterial, provided that the helplessness existed prior to the age stated above and their condition existed at date of filing claim. The commencement date of pension is the date the application was received in the Veterans Administration and the rate of pension, if there is no widow is \$30.00 per month plus \$6.00 for each child. Therefore, the rate for one child where there is no widow is \$36.00 per month. If there is a widow, however, there would be only \$6.00 per month allowed additional for each helpless child. The payments for the child continue during the period of helplessness, except, if the child marries, the pension will be discontinued as of the date prior to date of marriage.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions conducted extensive hearings on the several bills introduced to extend relief to the widows of the Civil War veterans now denied a pension by reason of the June 27, 1905, delimiting marriage date, and decided to report out H. R. 86. This bill provides that a widow of a Civil War veteran shall be granted a pension if her marriage to him was contracted ten years prior to his death, and that they lived together continuously from the date of marriage to the date of his death, except where there was a separation which was due to misconduct of or procured by the veteran without the fault of the widow. The rate of pension would be \$30.00 per month to the widow under 70 years of age and, after attaining that age, the rate would be increased to \$40.00 per month.

The report from the Veterans' Administration endorses the principle incorporated in this legislation, namely, the 10-year marital requirement and the rule as to continuous cohabitation which are preferable to any delimiting marriage date.

H. R. 86 passed the House of Representatives April 17, 1944, and it is believed that if this bill passes the United States Senate the President will sign same.

PUBLIC LAW 242—78TH CONGRESS (SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS)

Public Law 242 Seventy-eighth Congress, enacted March 1, 1944, provides for increase in pension payable to veterans of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection or the China Relief Expedition. Pension formerly paid in the amount of \$60.00 for total disability was increased to \$75.00. Likewise pension paid for attained age 65 years was increased to \$75.00 monthly.

Section 2 of this Act provides "For pension purposes, as to the

widow of any deceased veteran of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the China Relief Expedition, the marriage date is defined as "January 1, 1938" instead of September 1, 1922, as set forth in the Act of May 1, 1926. In brief if a man marries a woman on or before January 1, 1938, she will be considered his widow for pension purposes.

Pension to widow is increased from \$30.00 monthly to \$40.00 monthly. Further, when the widow becomes 65 years of age the pension is increased to \$50.00 monthly.

Section 9 of this Act provides: No pension or increase in pension shall hereafter be allowed to the widow of a veteran of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the China Relief Expedition, under any law unless there was continuous cohabitation from the date of marriage to the date of death with the person who served, except where there was a separation which was due to the misconduct of or procured by the person who served, without the fault of the widow."

INDIAN WAR VETERANS

Public Act 246, Seventy-eighth Congress, was enacted March 3, 1944. This act liberalized the furnishing of proof of service during the Indian Wars and campaigns. It also provided for the payment of pension from \$20.00 for one-tenth disability to \$60.00 for total disability. It also provides for the payment of pension of \$30.00 for attained age 62 years and \$60.00 for attained age 65 years. Increase pension for widows is also provided.

WORLD WAR I VETERANS

Public Act 312, Seventy-eighth Congress, was enacted May 27, 1944. It provides an increase of 15% in the compensation received by veterans of World War I on account of diseases or injuries incurred in service.

This Act also provided for increases in the pension received by widows and children.

Public Act 313, Seventy-eighth Congress, was enacted May 27, 1944. This law provides for an increase in pension to veterans who are permanently disabled on account of diseases or injuries not incurred in service and totally disabled. The former rate was \$40.00 monthly and this was increased to \$50.00 monthly. This act also provided for the payment of pension in the amount of \$60.00 monthly to veterans of World War I who have reached age 65 years or who have been permanently and totally disabled for a period of 10 years.

VETERANS RECEIVING RETIREMENT PAY

Public Law 314, Seventy-eighth Congress, was also enacted on May 27, 1944. This law provides that anyone who is in receipt of retirement pay in the regular military or naval service may apply for pension or compensation. Provided he file a waiver of so much of his retired pay and allowance as is equal in amount of pension or compensation. A veteran who receives retirement pay must pay an income tax on the amount received whereas if he receives pension or compensation on account of disability he does not have to pay a tax. In brief this law saves veterans tax payments.

WORLD WAR II VETERANS

On June 22, 1944, the President approved the so-called G. I. Bill of Rights No. S-1767. This bill covers Hospitalization, Claims and

Procedures, Unemployment Allowances, Loans, and Education or Training of Veterans of World War II.

On June 27, 1944, the President approved as Public Law No. 357, a bill giving Veterans preference to Veterans of all wars in Federal Government employment.

MICHAEL G. HEINTZ.
CHARLES COLFAX LONG.
MICHAEL CASEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Huntington Park., Calif. July 26, 1944.

To C. LeRoy Stoudt,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to submit the following report for your Commandery-in-Chief year:

This being an off year for the Sessions of State Legislatures, the main thing to be done was the furthering of our cause by urging the members of our organization to be alert as to future Legislation work already started, dealing with dedication and promoting plans for the future. I have made contact with the members of the Committee, through mail, as to plans for this year.

We, of California, were able to have the work completed here by the erecting of the Markers at conspicuous points along U. S. Highway No. 6, from the Pacific Ocean at Long Beach, to the Nevada State line. Dedication programs were conducted at Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, on December 19, 1943, (Sunday) at two in the afternoon. As I was unable to attend owing to being in bed with a case of flu, Past Dept. Commander of California & Pacific, Mr. Harrie Collins, acted as Master of Ceremonies. It was a very rainy day, yes it rains in California, and this one poured, which made it very bad, but in spite of the rain a fair crowd attended. Exercises had to be held inside the building, and the Marker was placed in front of a large window. The prepared address of your National Chairman was read. The Unveiling of the Marker was a most inspiring service. The Marker with the words, "Grand Army of the Republic Highway" which stood outside the window, was draped with an old afghan used by Major David A. Kerr, of the Second Iowa Cavalry, and tied with his sash in such a manner that it could be released by a cord running through the window and into the office.

"At a given signal, each Comrade grasped the cord attached to the drape and by their efforts, unveiled this marker, linking the Pacific with the Atlantic, representing the Grand Army as the tie which held this nation as one solid united people, whose destiny is in the hands of God to render that service probably which shall free the world from political slavery as they freed the world of slavery and servitude." Taken from a report by Chairman of the day, Harrie Collins.

The Civil War Veterans participating in this service, possibly one of the largest groups of Veterans that could be brought together on such a stormy day, for an occasion they had been looking forward to for some time, were: Oliver H. Castle, Department Commander of California & Nevada Grand Army of the Republic (lately passed away), age 96, a soldier of Ohio; Darwin Wolcott, age 96, a soldier of Ohio; James F. Martin, age 96; Elisha Ames, Past Department Commander,

age 100, a soldier of Michigan (living in West Los Angeles); John M. Ferguson, age 104, of Long Beach; Charles L. Chappell, age 96, also of Long Beach.

And so six Veterans of the Civil War unveiled this Marker in Los Angeles on U. S. Highway No. 6, as a memorial to that splendid organization of which they are members. The Comrades were called upon for remarks, each leaving a thought for those present to ponder upon. Many letters were received with messages of congratulation including Commander-in-Chief Stoudt and Past Commander-in-Chief William Anderson. Remarks were made by Past National President of the Auxiliary, Mamie Deems, and many others. Past Department President of California Lena Barrett was called upon to make the closing remarks for herself and Doctor Barrett. I, of course, had many regrets after the years and effort I had put forth to be deprived of the pleasure of the day. But I was happy that another milestone in this program had been reached.

However at the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Department, Sons and Auxiliary, in February at the above address, I was privileged to be with a large number and we again gave approval of the Highway and had Past Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin, age 96, of Los Angeles, who said in his characteristic manner, "Good Stuff" among other remarks. It was a fine sunny day and many pictures were taken of the Veterans present beside the Marker.

The Department Encampment of the Grand Army and the Affiliated Organizations met there also in April and once again a large company were delighted to see the Marker and give messages of satisfaction. Members of the Grand Army and Sons of Long Beach inspected the last Marker under the leadership of Past Department Commander of California John G. Spielman, who has given much time, thought and encouragement, and whose influence was felt in getting the legislation over in California.

The last Marker in California is located at the foot of American Avenue, Long Beach, on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, where many hundreds of folks pass every day in the year, thus making its location a stimulation to thought of this valiant Army, who fought the battles to give us a United States of America. A picture and comments may be found in the May 25, 1944, issue of the National Tribune, of the location of the above Marker and three Civil War Veterans of Long Beach. They are Charles L. Chappel, Department Senior Vice Commander of California & Nevada, with his cane pointing to the Marker, and with him are George Huntington, Commander of the Long Beach Post, and John M. Ferguson, Vice Commander.

A recent communication from Alexander L. Levy, Department Commander of the State of Illinois, that they propose to start action to get the Legislature to appropriate money to mark the Highway in their State. He indicates that many State Officials are in favor of it and that he has appointed Dr. J. E. Gallagher, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief as Chairman, and adds we may be sure of action.

A hopeful word as to Iowa, from Department Commander W. T. Alstrand, also member of the Highway Committee, is that they have promise of one of their Senators that he would be glad to introduce legislation to make U. S. Highway No. 6 through Iowa. Grand Army of the Republic Highway. We must plan to help the Department of Iowa all that we can and hope for success this time.

No special word as to the prospects in Nebraska has been received at the time of filing this report, but we surely hope that the Department Officers take this legislation matter up soon.

Colorado has difficulty in getting an appropriation to mark the Highway, also it seems that the Highway Commission does not approve of marking its highways. We hope some way may be found to overcome this objection.

Utah and Nevada, we hope to be able to get the legislation through this next session of Legislature.

Sir: I have had the honor to file this report for this Commandery-in-Chief year, in behalf of the Members of the Committee, appointed by you: James S. Wason, Past Department Commander, Iowa; W. T. Alstrand, Department Commander of Iowa; L. Elwood Keach, Department Commander of Colorado; Fred Stanley, Department Commander of Nebraska.

May your Encampment be a most successful one.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

RALPH R. BARRETT, M. D., Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

The National Secretary called the roll of the Departments for Resolutions. The following were presented and referred to committees:

From the Department of Minnesota: "That the word 'political' be stricken out wherever it appears in Article IV of the Constitution and Regulations, and that the word 'partisan' be substituted." (Referred to Committee on Constitution & Regulations).

From the Department of New Jersey—"Relative to admitting associate members." (Referred to Committee on Constitution & Regulations).

From the Department of Connecticut—"Reinstatement of National School Essay Contest." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Maryland—"Reduction of Camps and membership to maintain a Department." (Referred to Committee on Constitution & Regulations).

From the Department of Massachusetts—"Relative to Applications for War Medals, Form 5 being made applicable to veterans of World War II." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the New England Regional Association—"Relative to Flag salute." (Referred to Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies).

From the Department of New Jersey—"Relative to Flag salute." (Referred to Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies).

From the Department of New York—"Relative to per capita tax on members serving in the Armed Forces," (Referred to Committee on Constitution & Regulations).

From the Department of New York—"Relative to fifty year badge." (Referred to Committee on Constitution & Regulations).

From the Department of Pennsylvania—"Relative to Flag salute." (Referred to Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies).

From the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution—"Relative to observance of Constitution Day." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Wisconsin—"Relative to representation in the Commandery-in-Chief of any member who has received the fifty year badge." (Referred to Committee on Constitution & Regulations).

COMMUNICATIONS—GREETINGS

SHERMAN'S SCHOOL
Mount Vernon, N. Y.

September 8, 1944.

To the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
In National Encampment Assembled.

Greetings:

Distance from my home and multiplicity of years all tend to make it impossible for me to attend this annual meeting. But I take this opportunity to extend my greetings to the members who attend. I should greatly enjoy another opportunity to greet the friends of the years long gone, but I am afraid that will be denied me, especially as so many of your meetings are held at a point that is not anywhere near the center of the membership.

I have watched with great regret the progressive diminuation of our membership, and fear that soon it must reach the vanishing point. I shall always feel grateful for having had a part in the work of this organization when it had a membership of about 50,000. But with the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic, the public at large as well as the descendants of the Union Veterans seem to have very little interest in an hereditary patriotic society such as ours.

Anyway, I salute the men who have toiled in the past and still are willing to assist in carrying the burden of membership. May Heaven's richest blessing be their portion.

Sincerely and fraternally,

CHARLES F. SHERMAN,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1944.

Horace H. Hammer, Esq.,
National Secretary, S. U. V. of Civil War.

My Dear Hammer:

I have enjoyed intensely your visit. It is good to have an hour with you and recall our meetings extending over fifty years and the able members we have known and who have now passed on.

Please extend to the Commander-in-Chief and the members of the Encampment my most sincere regrets at being unable to attend; also my best wishes for a happy and harmonious session.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
454 Federal Building, Jacksonville, Fla.

September 11, 1944.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,
Brown Hotel, Des Moines, Ia.

Dear Horace and all the Boys:

As the time is here when our grand bunch of fellows get together, once a year, at least, I am almost overwhelmed by the thought that I must miss another Encampment. But I shall be there in spirit, and shall join you in some of your activities, notwithstanding the hundreds of miles which intervene..

You may, or may not know that I am doing my dead level best to help win this war, so far as I am able. In my full time work in

the Volunteer Port Security Unit of the Coast Guard, I am releasing a regular Coastguardsman for combat or active sea service—for full time, and have been doing so now since one year ago last July 26.

I am praying that you may have a pleasant and highly profitable Encampment. May the Heavenly Father of us all, grant to you every good thing.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

FRANK C. HUSTON, CBM.

Rocky River, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1944.

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Brown Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I regret that I cannot be with you personally to congratulate you on your very successful year as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We SONS need have no fear as to the future of our Order, when the GRAND SONS carry on as you have done during the past year.

Circumstances over which I have no control make it impossible for me to be with you again this year.

Please convey to the Commandery-in-Chief my very best wishes for a very successful meeting, and my regrets at not being able to be with them.

Fraternally yours,

PARK F. YENGLING,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

40 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass., Sept. 8, 1944.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer,
National Secretary, S. U. V.,
Brown Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Brother Hammer:

Trust that some action will be taken at the Encampment, to have Departments secure records of all members in the armed forces, and send same to the National for future references, and have same published in The Banner. I regret that I cannot be with you.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1944.

C. L. Stoudt, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Hotel Brown, Des Moines, Iowa.

Regret unable to reach Des Moines this time. Hope you have successful meeting.

W. M. COFFIN,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12, 1944.

Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, Care Horace H. Hammer,
National Secretary, Encampment Headquarters, Des Moines, Iowa.

Regret could not be present this year. Met some Sons at Spanish

War and Veterans of Foreign Wars Encampments. American Legion meets in Chicago soon. Regards.

GEORGE S. GEIS,
First National President and
National Historian Philippine Veterans.

Jacksonville, Ill., Sept. 10, 1944.

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Commander-in-Chief,
S. U. V., Brown Hotel, Des Moines.

Regret illness prevents my attendance at Encampment. Cancel or use my reservation.

DR. J. E. GALLAGHER,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: It would be well to refer to the proper order of business and decide about the parade tomorrow morning. The Reserve, under command of Lieutenant John Runkle, will parade. Anyone in uniform, please report to him.

PARADE—ESCORT TO G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: I have obtained permission to have a civilian body parade, so we can all participate. We are to wear dark trousers and white shirts.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I believe we should all go; and I move that this body, so far as possible, march in the parade.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Towle, and several. Motion carried).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Our business is well in shape and, if it is at all possible, I would like if we could recess at 3 p. m. and go out to Fort Des Moines to witness the review of the WAC's. If you are receptive to this suggestion, I think we can arrange for special bus service. I found that to visit the Post itself is most inspiring. It is an old Civil War Post, and it is well worth the trip to see it.

G. A. R. HIGHWAY

Past Department Commander Arthur Robinson, Vermont: It seems to me that Dr. Barrett has just come in with the "big news" of the day and I think we should get it while it is fresh.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I am speaking as National Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee. Most of you know I have worked on that project for some time; in fact, for a number of years. You will find our report in the Officers' Reports, but here is a report that has come in since I arrived that is very important; and it is very possible that it will influence some of the plans you are now making. I sincerely wish this word could have gotten to us a few minutes earlier.

There are two States, Iowa and Nebraska, in which we have been working to have Highway No. 6 designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Yesterday, we had a meeting here in Des Moines and we learned that through arrangements of the Legislative Committee of this State, that if we could have somebody visit them and bring our matter before them that perhaps the Executive Council of the State could do some important business on their own. This body is made up of important men in this State; and so we asked our good friend the Commander of the Camp in Des Moines to visit the State House and find out what could be done. He has interviewed Governor

Hickenlooper, visited the State Secretary and members of the Executive Council, and they have just passed it this morning.

U. S. Highway No. 6, through the State of Iowa, this morning, has been designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. That makes me feel pretty good, and I think you will have to take my name off the other committee, so that I can devote my time to the Highway Committee.

Now, our good friend, the Commander of the Camp in Des Moines, also brings a message—that the Governor and the members of the State Council want to come here between three and four o'clock this afternoon and you will see the fellows, after all these years of work, who have made it possible for this highway to be designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. That's the story. Now, Commander-in-Chief, I make the announcement in behalf of the Commander of the Camp in Des Moines, and ask that you receive the Governor and members of his staff this afternoon.

Past Department Commander Arthur W. Robinson, Vermont: I am pleased to hear what Dr. Barrett has just said. Years ago, they gave me a real project in Vermont. They wanted the Grand Army Highway in Vermont, and I was chairman of the committee. I had on that committee Brother George A. Laduke, and together we carried it through three legislatures with the result that today we have the Grand Army of the Republic Highway across the State of Vermont.

I feel that, after all the work that has been done on the highway project by Dr. Barrett, we should as an Encampment, give the State and Department of Iowa recognition in preference to the WAC's. I think it is of far more consequence as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to receive the Governor and his staff here this afternoon, in response to what they have so generously done for us.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We are going to see if we can get them to come in tomorrow afternoon.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: No, if they want to come this afternoon, we will receive them.

Past Department Commander Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire: I can appreciate how thrilled Dr. Barrett must be, and I share his feelings; and I heartily agree that we should receive this delegation.

I feel that the Commander-in-Chief should appoint a committee to assist Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett in arranging to have them here, and consideration should be given to the time we receive them. It will be impossible for the Grand Army of the Republic to receive them this afternoon because of the review and I would submit for your consideration that we wait until tomorrow so that they may also see the Grand Army.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We are going to find out.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: If they do not come, I will be very unhappy to have missed the review. If they are sincere and definitely coming, we will be glad to greet them.

PUBLICITY THROUGH RADIO WORK

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: During my administration, upon two occasions it was my pleasure to visit the northeastern states. Both of those times, I participated in a broadcast arranged by Past Department Commander H. Harding Hale, who has been a director of radio activities for the past ten or eleven years; and I know that the radio programs that he has been putting on have been of great value to the organization in bringing it before the public. While it

has not seemingly increased our membership, it has been a definite advantage to us in keeping our name before the public. I ask him to give you some of the details of his work.

RADIO PROGRAM

Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: Perhaps this is the first time that some of you have heard anything definite about efforts within our order to promote the cause of patriotism, and particularly our brand of it, by means of merely the human voice; and so the Commander-in-Chief has taken this means of getting before you the sketching information that I may be able to give in a few minutes of what has been accomplished, something of what we have learned, and a good deal of what we forget in regard to radio.

Back in 1933, we began to agitate the ether in radio work and a committee was appointed by the Department Commander of Massachusetts to undertake the presentation of programs by radio. Time was secured from a local station; and one member in particular bubbled over with enthusiasm and filled the ear of the program director of the station with information that our order in Massachusetts was full measure, and running over, with musicians who could play, choruses who could sing, and that an unbounded resource of talent was available. He also said something about some talks along the lines of patriotism, particularly in the field of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The program director was impressed, and gave us time.

Well, we started and programs were prepared and music was presented. I remember one band which we presented; and after they had done their "stuff" the announcer came up to us and said, "If that band was doing a burlesque it would make a hit with the audience, but as a band it has a lot to learn about radio."

We had two or three bands, quartettes, individual singers and players; all of them were a part of our exploring in the field of radio. We had experience with that station, and then we went on to another and another. The result of our experimenting was on eight different stations, and we really got some experience.

It takes experience in order to present a program today. To present such a program, a person must have some experience in reaching the public with the voice. Nobody sees you and you do not see anybody. If you were blind it would be just as good as if you had full possession of your sight; and it is well that you are talking as it were to blind people, in order to focus your thoughts on your audience.

Entertainment is a big word in radio, and some entertainment is almost necessary every time a program is presented. We had to weed out the sour note musical combinations, singers, and scrubbed quartettes, and find something suitable for such a program.

Our audience is not purely a Sons of Union Veterans, Daughters of Union Veterans, Auxiliary, Woman's Relief Corps, or Ladies of the Grand Army folks; take them all together and you have a very small fraction of the people who listen to such a program.

The radio concerns in this country are not in it entirely for their health. They make great outlays and must get a return on their investment; so we had to learn to put out a program that would "measure up" to what had gone before and what was coming after. The program director must hold his audience—a bad program will lose an audience because, as you know, you can change a program if you do not like it.

We had to go through all these experiences. We were in a field with which we had to become acquainted. We had to get the radio management point of view.

After all these long, disappointing experiences, we have finally emerged from that experimental field, to a large extent. In the eleven years, we have been able to do this much with the stations in Massachusetts, most of which we have used—we have established ourselves as better than average groups. They realize that we have a story that is peculiar with its own interest to audiences—the story of the hero of the Civil War, many of which have been forgotten. What way is equal to an eye witness story of the conflict of the 1860's to that of radio by which we can reach a wide audience.

We have presented veterans of the Civil War to tell their own experiences in camp, on the battlefield, the life they lived and the heroism they saw; and the great moments of strife. We have been able to get a considerable number of those on the air, and some of them have been recorded.

In Milwaukee, we had an experience in being able to use the Blue Network station there, at which time we were privileged to present Comrade John Dumser who was the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and ninety-four years old. He did some reminiscing about his experience in the Civil War and then the program ended by his singing the "Battle Cry of Freedom," which I felt was very timely. He was remarkable in his ability to make the most of his time by condensing his story. He was most responsive to questions asked so that, at the end of the program, the head man of the station came down and stated that he wanted to meet the Commander-in-Chief, and he wanted to tell us that the program was exceptionally good. We were strangers in Milwaukee, and, yet, we were able to score something that the other affiliated bodies did not do during that week. We have a fine way of remembering Comrade Dumser and the Milwaukee Encampment, because we carried back to Boston the recording of his story.

Copies of this recording have been made, one of which we have at Cambridge High School at their request after our presentation of this story. I feel that such a story in this period is of great value to give students more knowledge about the Civil War. However, we have just scratched the surface on educational work; there is still a great deal to be done.

We have a very popular and most lovable Past Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in Massachusetts; Channel L. Robinson. He knew how to tell stories, and so he used to go to the schools in Melrose with experiences of his own or those of others who fought in the Civil War. He was much sought after to give his experiences on Memorial Day, as a part of the exercises for that day. He became bed-ridden; and we got a recording, which was played before twenty-five hundred Melrose school children. It made a profound impression and received an enthusiastic reception from the girls and boys, particularly as they knew him and knew that the story was true. We are still reaching out to get new candidates, and new opportunities to carry the story of the Civil War especially to students in the schools.

In the New England Regional District, we were able to produce a hero story in Maine and in New Hampshire that tells the story of the men from their own community; so we are carrying the "message to Garcia" and endeavoring to make better known the Civil War story that no longer is found in school books. Occasionally, the papers will publish a story about Buffalo Bill or someone else in the

Sunday supplements, but newspapers carry very little about the Civil War except when a Comrade dies. Ours is the only method that seems to afford an opportunity to tell the story when the "Boys in Blue" have almost gone.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thank you, Brother Hale, for telling us what is being done in the New England District.

GRANT TOMB EXERCISES

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: May I take a few minutes to tell you what the New York Department is doing. I call special attention to the exercises at Grant's Tomb, which are held each year on the Sunday nearest April 27th. Originally, one or two New York Camps held services there, and by degrees interest was lost.

For the past twelve years I have had charge of that program; and last year many of the brothers attended those services—from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts—and they agree that it is an excellent program. In that connection; I think this is one of the finest tributes that could be paid to it—our good National Secretary-Treasurer promised that he will travel to New York yearly to attend these ceremonies.

I consider it one of the finest programs gotten up by our organization. Our program is very patriotic; with a representative of the U. S. Government, the City Government, as well as an outstanding speaker from both the Army and Navy. This year we had something which we never had the privilege of having before, something unusual for a patriotic organization like ours: We had a double firing squadron from the Army—sixteen men from Governor's Island, with a Lieutenant and a bugler.

Our Commander-in-Chief, who was one of our speakers, will bear me out that programs of this character are needed to bring our name before the public.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thank you, Brother Isaacs. I can certainly say "amen" to what you said concerning that program. I will entertain a motion to recess until 1:30 p. m.

Past Department Commander Hugh Snider, Indiana: I move we recess until 1:30 p. m. (Seconded by Delegate Thomas J. Murphy, Massachusetts. Motion carried).

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 12, 1944—1:30 P. M.

The session opened in regular form, with prayer by National Chaplain Rev. Childs.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Have we any committees to report at this time?

Delegate Myrle Randlett, New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, I can report that your Greetings Committee has visited the Woman's Relief Corps. The National President sent her personal greetings. In connection with this committee, there is a co-incidence which you may not have known when you appointed us. There was a son, a grandson and a great-grandson on the committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thank you, Brother Randlett. Are there any other committees to report?

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF PRELIMINARY REPORT

Council-in-Chief Fuller: Commander-in-Chief. I submit the following preliminary report:

THE READING TRUST COMPANY

Reading, Pa., Sept. 11, 1944.

To the Council-in-Chief,
Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The balances to the credit of H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the close of business September 11, 1944, were:

General Fund	\$2,012.94
Organization Fund	688.09
Savings (Permanent) Account	3,505.02
War Fund	145.46
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	\$6,351.51

Very truly yours,

THE READING TRUST COMPANY,
(L. S. Hoffman, Treas.)

WILLIAM O. FULLER,
R. J. WILLIAMS,
ALLEN F. SPINK,
Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, Illinois: I move that we accept that as a preliminary report of the Council-in-Chief, and await a final report. (Seconded by Department Commander Albert W. Foust, Nebraska. Motion carried).

METHOD FOR RECRUITING MEMBERS

Past Department Commander James S. Wason, Iowa: I have something which I would like to bring to your attention. We have

been doing it, and it has brought in at least ten applications for new members. We have used a return postage card appealing to men eligible to become members.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S COMPLIMENTS

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I do not believe in "buying" votes, but since I am not a candidate it is safe to pass out cigars.

Throughout the year you have all been grand to me and I am very grateful, and while, within the next few days, I will just be a "has been," I should like you to remember this Encampment. In order that you might have a reminder, I have had some blotters printed, and they will also be passed out at this time.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the printed reports of the Committee on Legislation, Americanization, Marking Graves, be accepted, and the committee discharged. (Seconded by Delegate John H. Cohoon, Pennsylvania. Motion carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: This coming Saturday, I believe, will mark another anniversary in the history of our nation. I have asked Past Department Commander Heintz of Ohio to present an article to give to you certain data relative to this occasion.

CONSTITUTION DAY OBSERVANCE

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, you heard read this morning the communication from the Sons of the American Revolution, asking co-operation in the observance of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

They realize that it has been neglected and it was very commendable of them to start this movement. They are most directly connected in years with it; but we are also concerned and, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, should be interested because their Fathers saved the Constitution when it was in its greatest peril.

Next Monday is the anniversary. In order to limit myself to ten minutes, I have prepared the article in writing. (Reads from his copy the following):

One hundred and fifty-seven years ago next Monday, the doors of the convention hall in Philadelphia swung open and the thirty-nine signers of the proposed Constitution of the United States of America came out on the street. The convention had been in closed session since May 25th, lacking eight days of four months. There had been no press conferences, press releases or broadcasts of any kind. There had not even been the expected leaks. Nobody on the outside knew what had gone on within. The Constitution had been written by hand with quill pens and there were no duplicate copies for distribution.

Naturally there was interest and anxiety on the outside. As the delegates came out, a citizen spied the venerable Benjamin Franklin. He was the oldest member of the convention, having passed his eighty-first birthday. Of all the delegates in the convention, he was the most experienced in governmental affairs. He was well known in the capitols of Europe before some of the other members of the convention were born.

The citizen rushed up to Mr. Franklin and asked, "Dr. Franklin, what kind of a government have you given us?" The answer of the wise old statesman was, "A republic, if you can keep it."

My text today is "A republic, if you can keep it." In the one hundred and fifty-seven years of our tenure of the constitution, it came

nearest escaping our keeping in the dark days of 1861-65. But your Fathers and mine, held to the faith and kept the republic. Of your Fathers and mine, some gave much and lived, and some gave all and died that government "of the people, by the people and for the people" should not perish from the earth. The charge to keep the republic handed down to us by the "founding Fathers" and preserved for us in 1865 by our natural fathers is especially binding on the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The constitutional convention of 1887 was called to meet in Philadelphia on May 14. The delegates came by coach, on horseback and in boats whose only power was wind in the sails. It was not until May 25 that a majority of the states were represented and the convention got down to business. Rhode Island was not represented. General George Washington, a delegate from Virginia, was elected president.

It was a distinguished group of fifty-five men. Among the most prominent were Rufus King and Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts; Oliver Ellsworth and Roger Sherman of Connecticut; Alexander Hamilton of New York; William Paterson of New Jersey; Benjamin Franklin, James Wilson and the two Morris of Pennsylvania; Luther Martin of Maryland; General Washington, James Madison, Edmund Randolph and George Mason of Virginia; and the two Pinckneys, John Rutledge and Pierce Butler of South Carolina. There sat in the convention two future presidents of the United States, one vice president, two chief justices of the Supreme Court; not to mention senators, congressmen and governors of the States. There were eight who had signed the Declaration of Independence.

The greatest difficulty the convention had was over the representation of the states in the congress, the division of powers between the three co-ordinate branches of the government, and the method of the election of members of Congress and particularly the President.

In the Continental Congress, each colony had one vote no matter what its population. The small colonies or states wanted to write that provision into the Constitution. They were so insistent on that claim that, more than once, it seemed that the convention would break up and fail to report a constitution. The differences as to Congress were settled by providing for equal representation in the Senate, with two Senators from each State, and with representation according to population in the lower house.

The most important feature of the Constitution was the division of the powers of government into three independent, co-ordinate branches; the legislative, the executive and the judicial. This idea was not new, at least in theory. It had been advocated by Montesquieu in France, many years before, but it had never been put into practice, at least in so large a country as that of the proposed United States of America.

We speak of the co-ordinate branches of the government as independent of each other, but that is hardly so. For instance, the executive appoints the members of the judiciary, subject to the confirmation of the Senate. The executive, likewise, has the power of veto of acts of the Congress, but this power of veto is not absolute because the Congress may pass the act over the executive's veto, if done by a two-thirds majority. The lower house has the power of impeachment, and the Senate has the judicial power of deciding impeachment cases, but these restrictions on the independence of the co-ordinate branches of the government are limited and perhaps are necessary. With this provision of the Constitution in mind, we can imagine Dr. Franklin giving a more detailed answer to the citizen something like this—

"We have given you a republic, if you can keep it and you can keep it, at least as against internal aggression, if you will maintain the independence of the three co-ordinate branches of the government, as we have provided."

We have spoken of the fifty-five members of the convention and the thirty-nine signers. Sixteen members of the convention did not sign the Constitution. Some packed their baggage and went home before the convention adjourned, as did Messrs. Yates and Lansing of New York. This left New York with Alexander Hamilton as its only delegate. After his colleagues withdrew, Hamilton did not vote but he signed the Constitution when it was completed. Subsequently he rendered the most valuable service in securing the adoption of the Constitution by the States. Under the name of Publius he wrote most of the eighty-five issues of the *Federalist*. Hamilton believed in a strong national government, with limited powers in the states. He submitted his ideas in what is called the Hamilton plan, Mr. Edmund Randolph submitted the Virginia plan, and Mr. Paterson the New Jersey plan. It is impossible to discuss these plans within our limit of time. One of the interesting features of the Hamilton plan, was that if the President departed the United States, his office was abdicated.

The wisdom of the delegates was shown on the opening of the convention by the election of General Washington as their presiding officer. No citizen of the colonies stood as high as he in the estimation of the people. The fact that he was the president of the convention and was one of its thirty-nine signers brought great support in the state conventions called for ratification.

A wise feature of the Constitution is the provision for its amendment. No sooner had the Constitution been submitted for ratification than a storm of protest arose because there was no declaration of rights of the individual. It seemed for a while as though the Constitution would be rejected because of this omission. If it had been sent back to the convention or to a new assembly for amendment, there is no knowing what would have happened to it. It was John Hancock of Massachusetts who proposed that the Constitution be adopted and that subsequently a bill of rights be added by amendment. This method was adopted and the first ten amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, were speedily added.

There is but one provision in the Constitution which can not be amended, without the consent of the State concerned, and that is the right of equal representation in the Senate. The Constitution provided that it would become effective when ratified by nine states. Delaware was the first and New Hampshire was the ninth state to ratify, and the Constitution became effective on the 21st day of June, 1788. Rhode Island did not ratify until the summer of 1790.

The last speech made in the convention was by Benjamin Franklin. While the delegates were signing the Constitution, he pointed to the sun that was painted at the back of the President's chair and said: "Painters have found it difficult to distinguish in their art a rising from a setting sun. I have often in the course of the session, and the vicissitudes of my hopes and fears, looked at that behind the President without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting. But now, at length, I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun."

Let me repeat the words of the wise Franklin quoted at the beginning of this talk "What kind of a government have you given us? A republic if you can keep it."

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Many thanks, Brother Heintz. I am sure that from your article there is something that everyone of us did not know regarding the Constitution; and, therefore, it has been a decided addition to our Encampment program.

GRAND ARMY FUND

National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers of this Encampment, so much has come in since my report, as printed in the Officers' Reports, that it seems wise that it should be supplemented.

The total amount received in the report as printed was \$386.72 plus interest of .12, making a grand total of \$386.84. The subsequent amounts which have come in and with what has been handed me since I arrived here has enabled us to reach our goal of \$500.00; and I have that amount with me today to turn over to the National Secretary.

The check for \$500.00 was presented to the Grand Army of the Republic last night, and I am proud to be able to turn over this amount for that fund. (Complete list of contributions were listed in Patriotic Instructor's Report on pages 22-26).

I should also like to supplement my report by saying that the Department Patriotic Instructor's reports of Nebraska and Alabama & Tennessee came in to complete all reports; that makes it 100%.

I was surprised to find in our membership some opposition to our fund, and particularly to personalities in connection with this fund. However, the strongest reason that we didn't get more money and which, in itself, was our greatest enemy—our general indifference.

I do not have the last financial report of the Grand Army of the Republic; but I do have a resume of the 1941 report at Columbus, through the courtesy of Past Commander-in-Chief Towle. At that time, the balance in the general fund was \$900.00. The expenses for the year were \$5700.00, so that you can see that they do need the money to carry on their work and maintain their organization. Year after year, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War have given approximately \$1,000.00 each, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War \$500.00 and the Sons \$250.00; so we were glad this year that we were able to give the same amount as the Auxiliary. I am sure that good use can be made of the \$4,000.00 to maintain their organization and carry on their work.

Those of you who have been chagrined because the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War gave so little, or nothing, were pleased and happy when our National Secretary last year recommended that we raise this fund by contributions and it has accomplished a distinct purpose. We have been able to raise enough money to do it.

There are those of us who have seen the Grand Army of the Republic in its hey-day, those who attended the National Encampment in Rochester and saw 25,000 Grand Army men parade—now there are around nineteen or twenty. So that when we give this fund to the Grand Army of the Republic, I hope we will remember their sacrifices on the field of battle, the long marches they made both in heat and cold and the giving of their life, if necessary that our nation might be preserved.

I realize all that they have done—the heritage that they have passed down through the generations. It contributed six presidents of the United States, men in the Spanish-American War, in the first

World War, and men in this war, who had in their veins the blood of their fathers.

I have been happy to work on this project, and I feel that it has been worthwhile. I think if every member of our organization would give \$1.00 to this fund, we would do a lot better than \$500.00 for the coming year. I have been handed the first contribution for the coming year from Department Commander Colwell of New York. If there are any of the brothers who want us to get an early start, I will be glad to receive it and turn it over to whoever is in charge of it for the coming year.

And now, it is a pleasure and privilege to turn over to the National Secretary a cashier's check in the amount of \$488.07, and the balance in cash to make the \$500.00.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Many thanks to you, Brother Cranmer, for the splendid job. I do not think there is anybody who can appreciate the huge job he has done, better than I, because, as I told you in my report, I have had a lot of trouble in getting answers to letters and I am sure he has found the same thing. In spite of it, he kept on working hard and never failed to inform me just how the fund was progressing.

Many thanks to each and everyone of you boys in helping to put this thing over.

In spite of the amount of money received last year, the Grand Army of the Republic appealed to the women's organizations for additional funds. It costs a great deal of money to run this organization.. Just as an example; I had three trips to Des Moines this year to arrange for this Encampment. Miss Flood also had these trips, and it costs her more since she was coming from Portland, Maine. That is just one of the things you encounter in running an organization such as ours.

Past Department Commander James S. Wason, Iowa: It is clear cut as to how the \$500.00 was made up. I will go back to my Camp and, if we didn't raise enough, we will endeavor to do better next year.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary was presented, consisting of:

Gertrude Sautter, Past National President, Pennsylvania.
Maude B. Warren, National President, Massachusetts.
Edith B. Nile, Past Department President, Ohio.
Anna I. Stoudt, Department Council Member, Pennsylvania.
Martha Suter, Department President, Pennsylvania.
Anne O. Clayton, Past Department President, New Jersey.
And the Pennsylvania Delegation.

Past National President Gertrude Sautter: Commander-in-Chief Stoudt and my brother members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it gives me great pleasure to come here this afternoon.

My National President honored me greatly by sending me, and it is a pleasure to be meeting so many of the boys from the eastern and western states. Some of you, I presume, remember me from when I was traveling through the western states. My Commander-in-Chief wouldn't travel with me, but introduced me to you through letter and it proved to be a wonderful success, for which I can thank Brother Frank Kirchgassner. This year he did the same thing for Maude; a wonderful thing to do.

I know you boys from the west, as well as the east, are doing

wonderful work; but we want you to continue your work for the Grand Army of the Republic will soon be no more. We must work together, the Sons and the Auxiliary; and we of the Auxiliary stand ready to assist you to make our organization one of the largest in the United States.

I know it will be hard to get new members after the boys come home from the war; but you can do good work with the sons, and grandsons and, I hope, some day your nephews, because you will have to spread your eligibility in order to get members. I would like to see you grow by taking in younger members, always an asset.

It is a pleasure to bring my National President with me, and you to meet our Maudie. She has been a wonderful President, and we want you to know her and learn to love her.

National President Maude B. Warren: Captain Roy, my Commander-in-Chief, your Commander-in-Chief, National Officers, all distinguished guests, and members of the Pennsylvania Department who came over with me; I did not know that I was to have this pleasure, but I appreciate it very much. I appointed a committee that would be acceptable to your convention and Commander-in-Chief, knowing that you were partial to Pennsylvania girls, I put them on that committee.

Fortunate indeed is this organization in having a man of the type as our Captain Roy for Commander-in-Chief. It was unfortunate however, that he was not able to visit your various Departments, but I tried to bring my greetings, in his place, when he was not there. Captain Roy, your co-operation has been wonderful, your courtesy, just grand, and you have been a splendid Commander-in-Chief.

Our organization each year, presents a gift to the Commander-in-Chief; something that he will always keep, something that will remind him of the year just passed, and his Encampment. It was hard to know what to give, but we selected something that is useful. Although it may not be costly, it may be something that he will appreciate. I attended his reception in Reading, and it seemed that he had everything he needed, and it didn't seem right to give War Bonds. There are some who like things that glitter, although they say, "all that glitters is not gold," but I found something that glittered nicely, and is gold. Captain Roy, I present this with best wishes, congratulations, and the love of the national organization of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Presents gold wrist watch).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thanks a lot, Maude.

Department Council Member Anna Stoudt, Pennsylvania; I am not much of a speech-maker but, LeRoy, I want you to know that I have been very proud of you during the past year. I wish for you a happy Encampment, and hope this will be one of the happiest weeks of your life.

And now, I present to you this little gift, with all my love. (Presents onyx ring, with the insignia of a Past Commander-in-Chief mounted thereon).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Last year, when Brother Frank Kirchgassner congratulated you, Anna, he said he was glad that I would have the benefit of a good wife during the year. I can now realize what he meant when he said that because I know now what a big help you have been during the past year. There were many things that you did, that lightened my work and I hope this, in some way, will say "thanks a lot." (Presents her with a gift).

Past Department President Edith B. Nile, Ohio: All you Past

Commanders-in-Chief, Officers, and Brothers; it was a happy privilege for me to come as a member of this committee, especially to wish you well in your Encampment. I hope, too, that you boys will continue your interest because the Grand Army of the Republic needs you, and your Auxiliary will be back of you for anything you want and we can do for you.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thank you; and since you will be the new National President of the Auxiliary, may I say that you have an invitation to come to Reading to our Appomattox banquet next April.

Past Department President Anne Clayton, New Jersey: Brother Stoudt, all National Officers of the Sons, Brothers and Sisters; it is a pleasure and a great privilege for me to spend a few minutes with you this afternoon to extend personal greetings and best wishes of those from the small Department of New Jersey.

We have formed some wonderful friendships during the past year, and I hope they will continue. I sincerely hope that you and Anna will come to New Jersey often.

I do hope your Encampment will be "tops," and when you go back to Reading, I trust you will be able to enjoy the best of health; and that you will have very pleasant thoughts of this Encampment which, I hope, will be just grand.

Department President Martha Suter, Pennsylvania; Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I bring the greetings of the Pennsylvania Department; also my personal greetings.

For me, this is a double pleasure; it is like coming to one of my own Lehigh Valley boys, because Brother Stoudt is only thirty miles away from us. He is practically one of us, and Sister Anna Stoudt, his wife, is a member of my Council this year.

I extend best wishes for a happy and harmonious Encampment, and I hope that, next year, your wife will see more of you.

Past National President Kate E. H. Carr: Commander-in-Chief; of course, I don't need to tell you that your Auxiliary and the Pennsylvania Department in particular, is very proud of you as their Commander-in-Chief. You have left nothing undone this past year for the best interest of your organization.

We wanted to present you with a little gift and we were going to give you a War Bond but, after some consideration, we thought we would like to present a gift with which you could buy something. I present this little gift from the Pennsylvania Department of the Auxiliary, and we want to wish you both the best of luck and health. We hope that, while you are resting next year, you will be able to attend some of our functions. (Presents \$100.00 in cash).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I haven't forgotten, eight years ago, the splendid support you girls gave me. I haven't forgotten, either, how many of you pleaded with me not to retire in favor of my opponent. Now, I can truly say that I am glad that I did not.

To properly thank you, I would truly need the words of "Molly Hammer," who could express more eloquently what I would like to say, but "thanks a lot" for all the lovely things you have done.

Maude, I can't say enough to you to thank you. I'm glad that you have selected this committee since "our Molly" could not be here.

Past National President Gertrude Sautter: It is not very often that we have an opportunity to admit a new member to our own special society. At this time, and with a great deal of pleasure, I want

to accept Mrs. Stoudt into the ranks of the wives of the Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Past Department President Carrie Heabner, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, you know what we, from back home, think of you; so I just bring the greetings of not only the Sons and Auxiliary, but all the Allied Orders back in Reading. (Presents gift).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thanks a lot, Carrie. We have been extremely fortunate in having a splendid allied organization at home; one which always co-operates with us. Incidentally, the G. A. R. Memorial Hall Association back home, of which I am the Secretary, recently presented me with a life membership in that organization.

I am deeply grateful to all of my friends who have been so loyal, and I hope that I have merited the confidence you have placed in me. I can only say, "thanks a million."

Now I ask a man from Massachusetts to respond to you, Brother H. H. Hale.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: Chairman of the Committee, National President, your Committee, and this splendid delegation from the Pennsylvania Auxiliary; as we look on you, we find that you have the past, present, and future here today—Mrs. Sautter, for whom I hate to use the word "past" because she is still going gloriously strong; the present—the Massachusetts girl who is the leader of our Auxiliary; Mrs. Stoudt, the wife of our first official and the "first lady" of our organization; and the future, the lady from Ohio who will be your next National President.

It is, indeed, a most happy moment as we receive your greetings and good wishes this afternoon, with the sunshine trying hard to add to our pleasure.

Mrs. Sautter, as you know, has a husband; and it is a little hard to rate the relative virtues and abilities of the two, but you know them both and you also know that you have in those two a very large part of the brains of both organizations. They remind us, vividly, of that splendid partnership of "Horace and Molly" who were partners for life and who did so much for our organizations.

As to the Massachusetts girl, she was telling me about her trips about the country and, on one of those, she had to get in the aisle and sit down on her suitcase. During that ride, she had seven hours to plan for the meeting she was going to attend and, whether standing or sitting, Maude is on the job thinking and planning most efficiently. Her background is remarkable. For several years, she was the National Secretary, so it was easy for her to put her finger immediately on the problems and weak spots in the organization.

She has lead and inspired us, she has lifted up our sense of responsibility to the cause in which we are all engaged. She had selected a cause which has to do with the present emergency as her project, and she has met it well. This cause was the blood plasma campaign which she has started, promoted, and brought to an outstanding success.

How can we express, in a moment, all that we feel toward our women? It was a Massachusetts poet who had something to do about a relationship, which I believe was similar, when he wrote:

"As unto the bow the cord is,
So unto the man is woman,
Though she bends him, she obeys him.

Though she draws him, yet she follows,
Useless each without the other!"

—From "The Song of Hiawatha"

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Our indispensable Auxiliary; we hail you, we revere you, and will always remember your service.

PRESENTATION OF COMRADE GALE

Comrade Hiram R. Gale, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Washington and Alaska, was escorted in and presented to the Encampment.

At the same time, the following committees were also presented:

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Pearl C. Cooke, Past National President, Illinois.

Wilma M. Raman, Illinois.

Martha Chappell, Department President, Pennsylvania.

Adele Dean, Department President, New Jersey.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Mrs. Estelle M. H. Underhill, Past National President, New York.

Mrs. Agnes Upell Boyce, Past National President, Minnesota.

Mrs. Stella Francis, Department President, North Dakota.

Miss Almeda Booth, Department President, Pennsylvania.

These committees extended greetings and presented the Commander-in-Chief with a gift.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Comrade Gale, do you have something to say to us at this time?

Comrade Hiram Gale: I am glad to have the opportunity to talk to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My home is in Seattle, and I am the Department Commander of Washington and Alaska. This is my third term as Commander. I speak of that because we do not have an organization of Sons in Seattle. In fact, at our State Encampment this year, there was not a Son present and I am, therefore, glad to talk to you because I want you to be guided in your future work by what the Grand Army of the Republic has requested. They have asked you to take up their work and carry on. It is true that we have our Auxiliary to carry on the work; but the Grand Army of the Republic designated the Sons to take their place, and our Auxiliary can't object to that because we need both men and women working together to make our work pleasant but, naturally, the Sons will be the ones to follow us and carry out their father's work.

It is very important that you organize because it is not only to perpetuate the memories of your fathers; because this country, if it is to endure has got to have patriotic societies. There is no getting away from that. There is nothing more true than that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and it can be attained through your organization.

One feature which I will stress is to give as much time as you can to the training of the young. There is nothing more badly needed on earth than more honesty, and it must begin by training in the young. If our children are not going to be brought more honest than those of the past and present, what hope do we have for the future? Children have been inclined to get into all kinds of wrong doing.

You know all about women in government work, and no one to care for the children. The result is that they wander off and get into trouble. It is a very serious problem, and the best brains in the country are not sure of the best way to stop it. But you patriotic people can do your part; and the best place is to go to schools where you can make the most of it through convincing, by every means and argument, that the only life worth living is an honest life. There never was a successful life as the result of dishonesty. There was never a person on this earth who lived a dishonest life, approaching a serious nature, that ever made a success of themselves—never. Success isn't money; it is the happiness, the enjoyment and satisfaction of getting out of this life all that is worth living for.

I go to High Schools and services on Memorial Day and find no one from any other patriotic order. No one seems to be paying any attention to that and I am surprised, and so I say to you boys of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that you have a background that no others have and you should take advantage of it.

I hope you will prosper and increase your membership. I ask you not to forget me although I may be some distance away and any of you who come to Seattle, look me up. Now, I thank you for the privilege of being here and talking to you boys and with best wishes to all.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thank you for your most inspiring words and I hope that later you will have more to add to your message.

(Response was by National Chaplain Childs).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: While this seems to be the day of gift giving, we might as well continue it.

All of you know the service rendered this organization by H. H. Hammer. It has been my pleasure and privilege to be associated with him for the past twenty years and, during that time, he has done many nice things for me. I wanted to do something nice for Horace this year, but I couldn't find out what to give him. I do know he enjoys "Robert Burns" cigars; and I hope when he smokes them he will think of the many nice things he has done for my wife and me during the past twenty years.

National Secretary Hammer: Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. I'll use them for holidays, or for some special occasion.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Past Department Commander Perle Fouch, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief, your committee to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have delivered your message, done their duty and ask to be discharged.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

Past Department Commander L. S. Hopfield, Oregon: The Committee to the Daughters of Union Veterans arrived at the same moment as the Auxiliary Committee.

I am privileged to bring your greetings to Sister Ora. They were very happy that I was chairman of your committee; and they accepted your gift most graciously and return your good wishes.

G. A. R. FUND—LARGEST CONTRIBUTION

National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer: When I made my supplementary report, I failed to report the Camp which contributed the largest amount in the G. A. R. Fund. It was the Camp in Spencer, Iowa. The amount was \$19.25 and Senior Vice Commander Howell solicited the members and friends and is responsible for this amount.

Past Department Commander Arthur W. Robinson, Vermont: I move that we recess until 1:30 p. m. Wednesday.

(Seconded by several and carried).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 13, 1944 — 1:30 O'Clock

The session opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Inasmuch as we were under Reports of Committees, we will resume business under that heading.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Department Commander Wm. C. Kronmeyer, New Jersey: In the absence of Dr. Barrett, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, I report for that committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: In considering these reports, action will be taken on each part of the report separately and if there is no motion to the contrary, the committee recommendations will be sustained.

September 13, 1944.

(1) A resolution from the Department of Connecticut that the National School Essay Contest be reinstated. The Committee unanimously recommends non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

(2) Several communications from Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, Camp 200, Philadelphia, Chairman of Committee on Observance of Constitution Day of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution involving the same matter. They ask our co-operation in the observance of Constitution Day on September 17th.

The Committee recommends compliance with the request, and their efforts to memorialize Constitution Day; and further, that the Departments be requested to co-operate with them in celebrating Constitution Day on September 17th. (Committee sustained).

(3) From the Department of Massachusetts—that applications for War Medals, Form 5, be made applicable to the Veterans of World War II.

Committee recommends concurrence. (Committee sustained).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, our applications say all wars.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: We have already granted many for this war, so this is unnecessary. However, we will accept it.

Acting Chairman Kronmeyer: Those are the only recommendations submitted by this committee.

RALPH R. BARRETT, Chairman.
WM. C. KRONMEYER, N. J.
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Mass.
ANDREW F. BURNS, Penna.
FRED E. COLWELL, N. Y.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: There is one Resolution which you have overlooked; the one of thanks to the President and Congress for the Marine Band, to the Governor of Iowa and Mayor of Des

Moines, the Press, the Convention Bureau and the people of Des Moines for all the courtesies extended to us.

Department Commander Kronmeyer: It will be prepared and presented tomorrow.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Are there any other committees to report at this time?

While we are killing a little time, may I just pass on to you a few words spoken to me yesterday morning which I consider quite a compliment and which I would like you to know about. Mr. Wilkinson, Manager of the Brown Hotel, was telling me that it was a pleasure to have us at the hotel. He said that you really were a fine group and he didn't know when they had guests who were as agreeable and as nice to get along with as you people. I thought that was pretty nice for him to say.

You have all been grand, and I certainly do appreciate it.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

Past Department Commander Frank Heacock, Pennsylvania: I don't know whether I will be out of order or not, but it seems that everytime I go somewhere I find something such as this.

I happened to buy a newspaper at noon in which there was an article about the parade. I was very much distressed to find, in reading the article, that the Grand Army of the Republic and the WACs plus the musical organizations were the only ones in line. I would like to read you the article. (Reads article).

It has been suggested that there is criticism due the Press Committee. Perhaps it is due ourselves instead, because unless we knew what the Blue uniform meant in line, there was no way of knowing what it was.

We had approximately one hundred eight men in line, who acted as an escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, yet the newspaper has seen fit to say that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were not in line. I feel this very keenly; not because of my own participation, but because of the organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the miles that you have traveled to be acknowledged by those who failed to consider the publicity which is due the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I hated to take this stand; but in future Encampments, I hope we see that this shall not happen again and that we will be given due consideration.

Delegate Judson W. Knappen, Maryland: In connection with this matter of publicity, we can still contact the papers. I would suggest that you get the proper story to the newspaper, and, perhaps, it can be corrected.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I can understand how that happened. A newspaper plays up to "reader interest," and the public was interested in the Grand Army of the Republic and the WACs. I can see why the press would play up that angle of it. I refer it to the Press Committee.

Are there any other committees ready to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The members of the State official family have been invited to come here this afternoon and they have been informed that we will give them time. They are to bring a special message to us. The press has also been invited to be here so that they might hear what they have to say. They are coming around three or four o'clock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, 1 present the report of the Committee on Constitution & Regulations.

(1) In the report of the Commander-in-Chief—that Article VII, Section 1, Page 37, of the Regulations have added to it the words "except the Committee on Fraternal Relations, which shall consist of three members only."

Your Committee unanimously concurs in this recommendation. (Committee sustained).

(2) In the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer—the words "for one year or less" in Section VI, Article I, Chapter I, Page 8, of the Regulations, and the words "one year or less" in second paragraph of Section II, Article VI, Chapter II, Page 28, C. & R., be stricken out.

Your Committee unanimously concurs.

Delegate Wm. McMahon, Wisconsin: What will be the purpose of that change?

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: The intention of the National Secretary is to permit Departments to reinstate a Camp, at any time, upon payment of a fee. As it now stands, any Camp out more than a year must come back as a new Camp.

Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois: I think that is a very good thing to put through. We have lost several Camps that way.

(Committee sustained).

(3) From the Department of Maryland—to have Section 3, Article VI, changed to read "five or more Camps and a minimum aggregate membership of one hundred fifty members" to retain a Department.

An examination of the Secretary's report will disclose that there are Departments that have violated the present regulations in this respect. We admire the sincerity and the conscientious feeling of the Maryland Department and feel that their request should be granted. Therefore, your Committee unanimously concurs in the proposed change to the Constitution, and would recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief enforce and endeavor to have all Departments adhere strictly to the new minimum prescribed in this recommendation.

(Committee sustained).

(4) From the Department of Wisconsin—various communications for an addition to the Constitution and Regulations, Chapter III, Article II, Section 1, that any member having received the fifty year badge; and in good standing is worthy of, and entitled to, the honor of representing his Department at the annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Your Committee reports that these communications were submitted in such a manner that we could feel justified in not taking action. The form in which the proposed change was drawn is not correct, and does not show any action by the Wisconsin Department. However, your Committee feel the desire to report unanimous concurrence with the requested changes in the regulations. We feel that this would affect very few individuals; and, we further feel that the mere passage of time would not qualify a member to have the same rights and privileges as a Past Department Commander or an accredited delegate.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Would you please read the pro-

posed resolution or change, so that we might get it clear in our minds? What was the original request?

Chairman Lambert: Perhaps I had better read what was sent in and what they want. (Reads communications). Their idea is that every man who receives a fifty year badge is to receive a vote in the Commandery-in-Chief. We non-concur because we feel that he should not have the same rights as a Past Department Commander or an accredited delegate.

Delegate William N. Nichol, Wisconsin: I think that man should at least be permitted to have the pleasure of attending the Encampment.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lewis: That was passed at the Department Encampment in June, and our Secretary was instructed to present it. I handed the form to Secretary Hammer, but I thought it had been sent in in proper form.

In Wisconsin, we have seven members, some of whom are not fortunate enough to be a Past Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief, whose business has kept them from attending some of the activities of the Camp, but they are active. Three of them have been Past Department Commanders and we feel that, due to the age of the men, and the support they have given to their order, we could give them a vote in the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: If a man is a Past Department Commander, he has a vote.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lewis: Three or four are not.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I wonder, if whenever we go to National Encampment this isn't true; there are hardly any Departments who have all their delegates present at the Encampment. I believe that it will affect but very few people, because in this Encampment, for instance, every Department here with the exception of Iowa has room to fill in for delegates not present.

Chairman Lambert: Your Committee took that same point in consideration, and that is the reason we say that it would affect so few individuals. Merely through a period of time elapsing since they have been in the order should not entitle them to a voice on the floor.

Delegate Wm. McMahon: I cannot see very much objection to the resolution because of its being poorly drawn.

Those men have given many years of their service, and this little courtesy isn't too much to give.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I move that the action of the Committee be sustained.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Elmer E. Cram, Nebraska. (Motion carried).

(5) From the Department of Minnesota—that the word "political" be stricken out wherever it appears in Article IV of the Constitution and Regulations, and that the word "partisan" be substituted.

Your Committee has given considerable thought to this request. We have carefully examined the standard dictionary definition of the words and also have consulted the Grand Army Blue Book to ascertain the manner in which they treat the subject. We have come to the conclusion that the position taken by the Minnesota Department is correct and we, therefore, unanimously recommend concurrence. (Committee sustained).

(6) From the Department of New Jersey—relative to associate members.

Your Committee studied this question long and studiously, realizing the deep significance and importance of a proposed step to be taken. We have studied correspondence voluntarily sent by Camps and individuals all of which requested approval of the recommendation. The consensus of opinion seems to be that such action would be a definite help to the Camps, the Departments, and the Commander-in-Chief. We realize that any proposed action at this Encampment would have its advantages and disadvantages. The question that we were to decide was whether the advantages would offset the disadvantages. In view of the fact that most national and international organizations have associate membership and enjoy many advantages therefrom, your Committee feels that this proposed action could very well mark this Encampment as being one of our most important ones and could prove to be the turning point toward a healthy numerical increase in our organization. Therefore, we unanimously and enthusiastically concur with this resolution with the following changes:

(a) Change Article VIII to Article IX and substitute therefor: **ARTICLE VIII—ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**—Any male citizen of the United States of America over sixteen years of age who has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime, or whose ancestors have never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States of America shall be eligible. All regulations shall apply to this class of membership with the exception of eligibility. Associate members shall not hold office, shall not vote, and shall not have any property rights in Camp property.

(b) Add to Regulations, Page 27, Section 3. The Department Secretary shall designate Associate Members on all reports to the National Secretary.

(c) Add to Regulations, Page 20, Article IX, **CAMP SUPPLIES**—The number of Associate Members shall be so designated on all reports by Camp Secretary.

(d) Add to Regulations, Page 43, Article II, Section 1—**BADGES AND DECORATIONS**—Associate Members may wear the Regulation badge of the order, in center of which shall be a bar inscribed "Associate Member."

Your Committee further recommends that, if and when this resolution is adopted by this Encampment and by ten Departments in accordance with the rules of amending the Constitution, the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to immediately notify the Departments and put this associate membership into immediate existence.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: This is action of great importance to us, and I feel we should take time to give it plenty of thought before acting.

A change in the Constitution cannot be made by us alone; but must be submitted to every Department, and after ten Departments have accepted it, the Commander-in-Chief is empowered to make it a law.

This matter has been before us many times before and, at no time has it been in proper manner. Now it is in proper form, and we are ready for your action. Are there any questions or objections?

Delegate J. O. Smith, Wisconsin: As I understand it, the desire of the Grand Army of the Republic boys in 1861 was that when they passed from the scene of action that the sons and grandsons should carry on, and pass it on down the line.

As a friend indeed is a man who has something in common with you, and as we have the same common heritage, I think there is a

bond of fraternity that holds us together. I do know that this common heritage has been an inducement for several candidates back in Wisconsin.

Three things of importance should be kept in mind by all of us: First, enrich our numbers for our Camps from the available men we now have; Second, make each member feel when he has joined that he is part of and responsible for the success of his organization, and Third, make our influence felt as we should in our community. I tell you, we cannot fail. There is a great deal to be done, and I think we can go forward by doing those things.

Past Department Commander George A. Laduke, Vermont: We discussed this at our last Regional meeting and I have the same objection as I had then.

I realize that our organization needs building up; but if it can be done in Vermont, it can be done in any Department. We all know that there is plenty of material in the United States to build up our organization if we just go after it in the right way.

I am very jealous of my ancestry; that my grandfather helped to preserve this nation, and that I am eligible to belong to this organization. With the associate member coming in, we will soon be made a second. That has happened all through our states because of the fact that they can come in just the same as I—a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. Their badge or pin does not tell you that they have no vote in our Encampment—it doesn't designate as being that kind of member.

As long as I am a grandson, I object to have someone else come in and take a position in this organization equal to myself.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: At the eastern regional meeting held April 29 in Philadelphia, with representatives of the Departments of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, this matter was discussed.

Brothers, I assure you there is no one who feels his eligibility any more sincerely than I do, and no one loves any more deeply the purposes of this organization. I cannot see where the proposed change will affect or change our standards.

How many of our Congressmen, Senators, General Assemblymen and county officials are present at the sessions. It would be much the same here.

If we would go through this group, we would find laymen, the same as myself with an exception or two, whose ideas and ideals are the same.

We are here for the purpose of perpetuating the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic and we cannot fail them. We will not be failing them if we invite good citizens to join with us. Would that not be of assistance in our organization? Sixty-three odd years elapsed since we have started having Encampments and if, in those sixty-three years and if one-fifth of the population of the United States is eligible and we have not gotten them, we will not get them in the next ten years.

I am speaking as a kid in the organization, but I am looking forward to our one hundredth annual Encampment and I hope to be there, but as long as we have petty individuals in the organization who say these members can't come in, how are we going to continue?

How about the man whose wife may be a daughter or granddaughter and there is a son in that family? Had this been in existence, this man would have been a member of this organization. No man

adored the Grand Army of the Republic more than my father, yet he had no eligibility. I speak from the heart when I say that we must look to the future sons to be charitable for the ideals of the organization, so that those who carry on will have a principle to go forward to.

At the meeting the decision was unanimous that we endorse this movement, and I solicit your support for the proposed change.

Delegate Andrew F. Burns, Pennsylvania: Our Past Department Commander has said, very forcefully, practically every idea that I had in mind. I want to add something about one of my best freinds. He and his brother went with me to the 75th reunion in Gettysburg in 1938. We left Gettysburg, drove on down to Vicksburg, Mississippi, and back to Philadelphia at a cost of \$150.00 and lost time. Those boys were of Austrian parentage yet they, in their studies in the American schools, had conceived such love and admiration for the boys in the Civil War that they wanted to be part of it. They had such love for the Grand Army of the Republic that, at that cost plus their loss of time, they traveled that distance so that they might see at first hand some of the history of the Civil War. That type of man is worthy of membership in this, or any organization.

Should we say that you are not welcome in my church because you were born in China, Japan or Ireland?

Are we so closely bound that we can't admit our fellow Americans into this organization to give them an opportunity to go around and see some of the initiation work and co-operate with us. I heartily concur in the motion and speech of Brother Heacock.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Objection has been raised. For that we should have waited for question on the motion and, up to the present time, there has been no motion.

Department Commander Wm. Kronmeyer, New Jersey: I move that the action of the Committee in the recommendation be concurred in. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania).

Delegate Samuel W. Livingston, Illinois: I think we have forgotten something. I know a good many nephews who love their uncles and I know, by their works and actions that they would like to belong to the Sons, but they are not blood relatives. Are we going to follow the D. A. R. who do not need direct lineage or the Woman's Relief Corps who admits anyone? I believe first things should come first; and I believe the nephews should come in in preference to anybody.

Department Commander Robert R. Rankin, California & Pacific: I concur with what the last brother has said, and I think we can do it through sons and grandsons.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: That is not the question; nephews have nothing to do with it.

Past Department Commander Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire: I rise for a point of information. I am greatly surprised at some of the things I have heard because I felt we could take associate members into our Camps. It has been done in New Hampshire and other Departments. I am inclined to think that some of these Drum Corps are on a status of Associate membership. I would like to ask Secretary Hammer about that.

Chairman Lambert: The committee discussed that angle of it. There is nothing in our regulations to provide for such a type of membership. That was one reason why we were recommending it; the fact that there are a great many Camps and Departments that are

doing it, whether right or wrong, and it must be what they want or they would not do it.

This doesn't affect our eligibility or our standards, but it helps us to do the thing we are organized for. It will add numerical and financial strength on the books of the National and Department Treasurers. The best example that we could state to justify limited membership is the Grand Army of the Republic. They had many judges, lawyers, doctors and men of note on their books as associate members.

Are we going to stand by and see five hundred members dropped per year?

I maintain that with associate members, you will influence eligibles to join the Camps, men you cannot reach now. If you now want a speaker for a special occasion, you go to politicians and they are outsiders. Why not be able to say that your speaker is an associate member of your Camp? That will make your Camp attractive. As I see it, we are adding to—not taking anything away. Weigh the advantages and disadvantages and do not let the problem get away from you.

Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois: I think you are overlooking a very fine possibility. How about your Auxiliary members who have husbands who do not belong to the Sons, under our present regulations. They would make good members.

Past Department Commander Perle Fouch, Michigan: I have been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans for many years, and I am decidedly opposed to it. This is what you are going to get. You will see sons and grandsons being pushed aside by these fellows who will use the Civil War and the organization to further their own gains, fellows who are too yellow to fight, pushing themselves forward; and when I must live in a community and see a son or grandson being brushed aside, then I will quit the Sons of Union Veterans and I will quit them forever. Just as soon as you get a yellow fellow into the Sons of Union Veterans, he will try to run it even if he hasn't got a vote. In many instances, you are going to have more trouble than you anticipate and you will have gained nothing.

I have come to these Encampments for a good many years. I will say, gentlemen, if our finances are low, I would be in favor of contributing to keep them up; but I resent going begging to fellows who would come in for the purpose of furthering their own advancement in the community in which they live. I say, by doing that, you will be killing the organization.

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: When this matter came before our committee, I didn't quite know how I felt about it. However, there are great possibilities in having associate members.

In the past two years, there has been a revival of the Civil War. Books are being constantly written and special articles are now being prepared for all the magazines next February relating to the Civil War. Are these books written, and read, only by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War? Have we a monopoly on the history of the Civil War?

I am thinking of a man in my home town. He and I are "buddies" and we read about the Civil War together. He can't go with me to my Camp and cannot be a member.

Now, I also recall, in my Camp, we celebrated Lincoln's birthday and had, as our speaker, a United States Senator. His father wasn't a soldier; yet he was the best speaker on Lincoln that I have

ever heard. Would you exclude him because his father didn't fight in the Civil War?

If that passes, I know I can put into my Camp a man who could do a great deal for the Sons of Union Veterans.

We do not have a monopoly on the history of the Civil War. We could get help that we could not otherwise, and we will not be doing any harm to this organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I have thought considerably about this proposition and I have failed to find anything that prompted me to feel that such a resolution could be adopted as yet.

I fully believe in the organization from its beginning down to the present day. I am a believer in following the directions and purposes of the Grand Army of the Republic, and endeavor to do whatever is necessary, so long as it exists. That is my own personal feeling in the matter.

You have struggled by physical effort and inconvenience, in many cases to come here to pay tribute to our Fathers; and this morning you gave a wonderful demonstration to this city—yet, down deep, we all know that it is we, their sons, who have come here and we are proud of it. It is very evident, sir, that there is determination throughout this Commandery-in-Chief, as there was a National Encampment this year, under trying circumstances, yet few of you came short distances. I see this evidence as I look about and I say there is not a lack of enthusiasm in the affairs of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and I hope that we do not make this change right now.

I wonder just how much direct benefit you are going to have from this type of member. My good friend, Brother Heintz, knows a man who is an influence for the Camp even though not a member. If he was a member would he be more of an influence? This type of member cannot vote, hold office, or participate in any monetary benefit; but he will enjoy the privileges of the Camp and all that. I just wonder how many of them will be content to sit by and see you and I getting up and doing all the business, spend all the money—and like it. If he does, he is an exceptional American citizen.

Whatever is for the good of the organization, that is what I want but I could not see fit to accept that sort of proposition. The Grand Army of the Republic challenged the Sons of Veterans, they helped and stood by us as long as they were able to do it; and as long as one of them lives, I hope we will not change the Constitution to take in associate members.

I love a lot of these men who would be eligible under this proposition and, perhaps, we would like to take them in. In most cases they can have practically the same thing now because a separate program is put on for special times. When an outsider speaks on Memorial Day—that is the privilege of an American citizen but, be as it may, I still say just as I have before that we have a well attended, enthusiastic Encampment, under trying circumstances; and I know what I am talking about because I came from California.

I just hope, brothers, that we will take time to think it over before we take any action on this matter.

Past Department Commander Hugh I. Snider, Indiana: To me, this question is very deep and very serious. I feel it could be solved if each of us would do our duty. There are thousands of sons and grandsons available if we would go out and get them.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Please confine your remarks to the question.

Past Dept. Com. Snider: I believe if the Sons would work on those who have the eligibility, we could carry on. If we do not ask them, we will not gain members. Therefore, if we do not do that, we should do something different to build our organization on the sons and grandsons.

Delegate William H. Warner, Connecticut: How would that affect a member of the Reserve?

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: In the Reserve, they cannot hold a commission unless they are a member of the Camp.

Past Department Commander John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania: I do not think associate membership would help my Camp. However, I can appreciate that it would help in certain localities. I have no personal objection except that I am proud of my eligibility and I am in a position to appreciate that you must be a blood relative to belong. However, there has been nothing in this resolution with reference to limiting the number of associate members in comparison to the other members. If we are going to adopt this, there should be a number set as a limit; otherwise, we may just get associate members.

Past Department Commander H. H. LeGrand, Iowa: I move that the matter of associate membership be laid over until tomorrow morning. (Seconded by Delegate Vernon Gordon, Massachusetts). (Motion carried).

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was escorted in and introduced to the Encampment:

Mrs. Nellie Fuerst, Past Department President, Missouri.

Mrs. Fred Korupp, National Field Officer, Minnesota.

Mrs. Gertrude McLean, Department President, Indiana.

They extended the greetings of the National President and their organization, and presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter responded.

PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION OF SONS

The Pennsylvania delegation of the Sons of Union Veterans was then presented.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I want to present to this Encampment the best bunch of guys on the face of the earth—the Pennsylvania delegation.

Past Department Commander John H. Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, for twenty-two years you have served the Pennsylvania Department, continuously. You have served as Department Commander, you are active in the Reserve, and in all that time you have never stopped "doing" for the good of the organization. There is no need for me to say that you should keep "plugging" when you retire from office because I know you will continue giving as much as you have during the past twenty-two years.

And now, to show you our appreciation, the boys from Pennsylvania present to you this little testimonial gift from us to you; and we hope that you and Anna enjoy it for many years to come. (Presents dinner service of sterling silver).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Many thanks, John, and you boys from Pennsylvania. It has been a splendid way in which you boys have co-operated with me as Department Commander, and through all these years. Thanks a lot.

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

PARADE REPORT OF ACTING CHIEF-OF-STAFF

Past Department Commander John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I will make a verbal report as Acting Chief-of-Staff. This morning exceeded all expectations. The members of the Encampment turned out splendidly. There were one hundred ten Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in line of march. Of that number, sixteen wore uniforms; the remainder were in civilian garb. That shows what can be done when we make up our mind. You are to be commended, and I feel that the turn-out was a credit and an honor to our national organization.

I wish we could have had more members of the Reserve. Perhaps when this war is over we can get them back again; but until then—next year, and the year after, come to the National Encampment with full expectations of taking part in the parade. We are all Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and we all have a right to take part in that parade, perhaps not in the escort at all times. Nevertheless, we as an organization should parade; and I sincerely hope that if there is a parade wherever we go next year that you will respond as you did this morning.

My personal thanks for listening to and heeding the appeal, because of that the Acting Chief-of-Staff was able to go into that parade with a fine body of men.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, I present the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief's Report

(1) That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three (3) to design a badge to be worn by the Commander-in-Chief. Your Committee unanimously concurs. (Committee sustained).

Chairman Combs: As to the report of the National Secretary, it goes without saying that it is always one of the best and most complete reports submitted; and he should be commended by every member of this organization for the splendid and efficient work he does.

No other officers made any recommendations. However, they are all doing a good job. They have all done things for the good of the order throughout the year, and they are all to be commended.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED H. COMBS, Sr., Chairman, N. J.
CARDER A. PERKINS, Mass.
ERNEST L. EDDY, Vermont.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thank you, Brother Combs. As that is your complete report, your Committee is discharged, with sincere thanks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES— FLAG SALUTE

Past Department Commander Union W. Mackey, Michigan, Chairman of the Committee, reported:

(1) Three resolutions relative to the Flag salute were presented: one from the New England Regional Association and one from the

Department of Pennsylvania for it to remain as it is; one from the Department of New Jersey that it be changed; also the statement of the Commander-in-Chief in his report that he hopes favorable action will be taken on this matter.

The Committee reports majority for the approval of the resolution which is to leave the Flag salute as it is now.

These were the only resolutions referred to this Committee.

URION W. MACKEY, Michigan (Chairman)
ANDREW RICHARDSON, New Jersey.
DEWEY B. MEAD, Minnesota.
LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Massachusetts.
EDGAR M. LINSLEY, Michigan.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will you assume this station. I wish to speak on this matter.

Please believe that I have no desire to be arbitrary in any action you may want to take, but I believe you are making a mistake in adopting the report of this committee. I feel that I am in a position to judge this matter in view of what I have seen this past year while traveling about the country. I told you, in my report, that by your action last year you threw the organization into confusion; and you did just that.

At Encampments I attended, some members used the old and some used the new salute. I have participated in outdoor exercises, in public official openings of Department Encampments. In one particular case, the Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary led the salute and she asked which one we should use. We used the new salute because we did not care to be conspicuous. I am at a loss to see why we should do something contrary to law.

One of the reasons it was defeated last year was that it was good enough for the Grand Army of the Republic for seventy-five years and should be good enough for us. How about the horse and buggy, and kerosene lights?

I honestly believe that it should be done as the law requires; if it is not being used any other place than in our Camps, because it tends to create a great deal of confusion. I have noticed here today that some of you did not know just what to do. I am at a loss to understand why we should do one thing in public and another behind locked doors. I sincerely believe that we will make it much easier for everyone by the adoption of the new salute.

Delegate Andrew F. Burns, Pennsylvania: I am in favor of the adoption of the resolution for this reason. There appears to be a tendency in this organization to drift away from the Grand Army of the Republic. If we are going to represent the Grand Army of the Republic, let us look like it and act like it.

In the privacy of our Camp room let us use the old salute; in public, the new one. There are many things we do in the privacy of our homes that we do not do in public. We are ancestor worshipers to some extent; let us try to maintain the traditions of those ancestors. In my own Camp and in the presence of my Brothers, I want to conform to and adhere to the rules of the Grand Army of the Republic. If we continue to change our rules, within ten years or so people will not know whether we are sons of the Grand Army of the Republic or just what organization we are trying to represent.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lewis: I had a similar experience to that of Commander-in-Chief Stoudt when appearing in public.

In Wisconsin, I attended a Lincoln dinner with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Auxiliary to the Sons, and all affiliated associations. When the salute came, I was at a loss to know which one to use.

Let us have some form in our ritual which states clearly what we do inside and outside. If you conform with the ritual, you will have to do it the same when you are outside as you do in your Camp.

Department Commander John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania: I would like to concur in the remarks of our Commander-in-Chief. Our Grand Army of the Republic used the military salute. I know, in Carlisle, when we have anything in public we always give the military salute so that we are in harmony with the rest of the organizations. Why not make it the military salute, both inside and outside of the Camp room?

Delegate Samuel W. Livingston, Illinois: I like that old military salute of the Grand Army of the Republic. Things get out of date, it is true. For instance; if you remember, we used to hang the Flag with the blue field east or north. That was the rule, but after the first World War there was a committee of all military organizations who met and decided on a new Flag code. As a result, the blue field is to the left. It just didn't make sense, but you conformed and recognized the military orders.

Perhaps we should use the new salute on the outside; when we gather as Sons we like to go back to the Grand Army of the Republic salute. To my mind, if you conform to that, it doesn't make sense but may be we could try it. There are some things which should be reserved in our organization. Lincoln stuck to the Constitution but he admitted slavery, and we fought a war. There are some things we should reserve for the Grand Army of the Republic and other things to which we should conform. If we should conform so that we are not a laughing stock to the world, then most certainly we should do it.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: This does not concern the military salute.

Delegate William N. Nichol, Wisconsin: Reference was made to the law. The Supreme Court ruled that type of salute. The salute we have is the one of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is the only authority we have. We take orders from the Grand Army of the Republic and, as Sons, we should follow exactly what they said until after their death. The salute that we are using is the one they gave us; it is the one that has come down from them and is the salute we should use.

Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Massachusetts: One year ago at our Encampment, a motion was made to change to the civilian salute; and most of you know of the action that was taken.

Why change after all these years? We have always given the salute with the hand extended. Along came World War II, Hitler came into power and he said, "You shall salute me." Now, why in the world buckle down to Hitler? Our boys are taking care of him.

We should stand by our guns and follow the Grand Army of the Republic; and if we are full blooded, real Americans, follow the Grand Army of the Republic, we should insist on saluting the Flag as we always did.

Some societies were instrumental in getting certain members of Congress to handle this matter. Congress has no right to say what we shall do. You can stand at attention, take no other action, and you show due respect to the Flag of the United States. The Supreme Court backs that up by their action in 1942-43.

Extension of the right arm in the salute to the Flag is not the Nazi salute. The Nazi extends the arm straight to the front, palm downward; the Fascists do the same except they raise the arm slightly higher.

Now, Brothers, I believe that if we adhere to the old salute that we can eventually get these other organizations to come along with us. I know our Auxiliary feels that way; and, as you know, there are many divisions of opinion as to where the heart is located. If we are going to give the pledge, let us do it as the Grand Army of the Republic does it.

Delegate Edward McBride, Pennsylvania: I am one hundred per cent in agreement with that.

Delegate Myrle E. Randlett, New Hampshire: I resent the remarks made by Brother Winchell.

Council-in-Chief Fuller: I don't think it makes a serious difference which salute we settle on, but we do have a salute that the Grand Army of the Republic handed down to us. If you respect your Flag enough to salute it, then be man enough to salute it.

Past Department Commander Winchell: One year ago, direction was made requiring the incoming Commander-in-Chief to promulgate the action of our Encampment and I feel if that had been done, in a larger measure, it might have prevented some of the organizations from adopting the civilian salute. I wish now, that by some similar vote, we would do the same thing so that we can tell the people where we stand. If we will let the world know, we can influence others.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: That action was not on the Flag salute last year; it was the parade rest.

Delegate Andrew F. Burns, Pennsylvania: Perhaps some of you would like to know of the origin of the upturned palm. The Patriotic Instructor, for forty-five years or more, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in visiting schools, showed the children this modern salute. The upturned hand would receive the gift of Liberty from Almighty God; that was the origin of the salute.

(Committee sustained).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Is the Americanization Committee ready to report? Are there any other reports at this time?

THE WAR MEDAL

Past Department Commander Jonathan Michelbacher, California & Pacific: I rise to a point of information. In addition to myself, there are some of our other members in the armed forces. Can anyone in the Sons of Veterans receive the war medal when in the Army during this War; and can they receive it when out of the country, or must they be in the country?

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: They can receive it at any time. Several have been given for this war up to the present time.

Delegate Vernon Gordon, Massachusetts: As to form 5 regarding the War Medal—it sets the dates of the Indian War, the Spanish-American War and World War No. 1. Men in this war should be entitled to that medal as well as the man in World War No. 1. Up to the present time we have nine, and we want to present those medals but I find the form restricts it to three distinct wars.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Our regulations clearly say that the Brother is entitled to wear the war medal—"Brothers entitled thereto, may wear the Bronze War Medal, attached to the De-

partment Ribbon. Brothers who have served the United States of America faithfully and honorably in War, shall alone be entitled to wear this particular decoration." It does not refer to any war.

Those forms were printed before this war started; when the next ones are printed they will provide for this war. (General Orders in The Banner announced the War Medal could be worn by members serving in the present war from the date of Declaration of War by Congress).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: It is only to be added on the form.

"WAR BETWEEN THE STATES"

Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: It is well for us to follow up the things we have previously approved.

I understand that the Des Moines Register of yesterday, in a story, referred to the Grand Army of the Republic veterans here and used the term "war between the states."

Most of you remember that, last year, we re-affirmed a resolution of the Grand Army of the Republic in which they condemned the use of that term as historically incorrect.

It strikes me that, unless we follow up these things, our influence will not be felt where it is needed. Therefore, to bring this matter to focus, I move that it is the expression of this Encampment that the use of the term, "war between the states" is historically incorrect, and that we register disapproval; and instruct our Secretary to address a letter to the newspaper informing of our action; also a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Rochester, New York Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, in 1934.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, what heading are we under?

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: We are under reports of committees. That is out of order.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I move that we return to new business. (Seconded by several).

National Secretary Hammer: Let us have that in writing. It can then be referred to the Committee on Resolutions and we can get a report on it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: That is correct; but it struck me that it was necessary to get an expression of the 1944 Encampment. I feel that this is important. If that is the only proper way, I would make a motion that it be drawn up and presented to the Resolutions Committee.

Council-in-Chief Fuller: How will they take care of the specific case?

National Secretary Hammer: The Encampment Proceedings of last year tell all about our action on this matter of "war between the states." Let us re-affirm for the newspapers our protest against use of the term "war between the states."

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Would it be acceptable to you if we have our Press Committee call the newspapers about it?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I think a letter would be better.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: No other business, I declare a recess until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

September 14, 1944 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment was opened in regular form.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION

National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Americanization presents the following report:

The Americanization Committee went over the material submitted by the various Departments concerning the Grant Trophy, presented by Brigadier General U. S. Grant 3rd, Past Department Commander, Department of Maryland. Four Departments submitted material. Next year we should have more Departments who will bring in their work, and compete for this prize. In reaching our decision, your acting chairman of the committee did not vote because his Department was competing for the prize. The Committee decided that the trophy should go to the Department of New York for this fine scrap book it has submitted. There has been a vast amount of material and work put into it. A great amount of effort has been put forth by Past Department Commander Robert W. Doughty, N. Y., as demonstrated by the letter which appears on the first page of the scrap book and sent to all Camps in the Department on last October 28th. It is an outstanding scrap book, and merits the award of the Grant Trophy to the Department of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

NEIL D. CRANMER, N. Y., Acting Chairman.
FRED H. COMBS, Sr., New Jersey.
BERT HAMMOND, Michigan,
LOUIS G. BLAIR, Ohio.

National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer: Now, to Department Commander Colwell, I will make the presentation for the Americanization Committee. In recognition of your work, it affords me great pleasure to present this trophy to you and I am glad that you are present to receive it. In the year just past, it was won by the Department of Massachusetts, and I am now happy to present it to you.

Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: Commander-in-Chief and National Patriotic Instructor, to have won the Department Commandership of New York only last June and now, in September, to take back to New York this marvelous bronze trophy, finds me at a loss for adequate words to express my feelings.

The best I can say is that I am going back to New York and we are going to put in the biggest and best year that we can hope to have.

Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Massachusetts: As runner-up for the trophy and representing the Department of Massachusetts, I congratulate the Department of New York. It is too bad that more Departments do not compete for this trophy; more of them should make an attempt to get it.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: That, I believe, will complete the report of the Americanization Committee; and it is discharged, with thanks.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: While we are waiting for the other committees to report, I would like to refer to new business just to fill in. I find myself in an embarrassing position.

Last year, Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner told me that Pennsylvania had better be careful or Massachusetts would pass it by showing a larger gain in membership. While I was in Boston, Louis Winchell, who was then Department Commander, issued a challenge to Pennsylvania to compete in a membership campaign, to close in June, 1944; and the net gain in membership would determine the winner. I thought that would be a good opportunity to establish a little competition, and I promised a prize to the winning Department, to be presented by me at the National Encampment. Pennsylvania accepted the challenge, and later, New York and Ohio joined in the contest.

I feel the contest was a decided success, due to the decrease in the losses. Three Departments did not show a gain—their net loss was as follows: New York, 25; Pennsylvania, 104; and Massachusetts, 117. I am happy to announce that Ohio has won with a net gain of 41.

As to the award, I couldn't make up my mind what was to be given. I thought of something that could be used at headquarters but found no place in many Departments to display it, so I felt that a War Bond would be a good thing. About a month ago, I made application for a Series F. Bond. It was referred to Philadelphia and then returned to us because we did not have a permanent address and they wanted the man to whom it was made payable. I prepared a lengthy outline of our organization, and explained just how it would be. Up to the present time, I haven't received the bond, or a reply to the letter. So, as a result, I find myself in an embarrassing position.

The Department of Ohio will receive it when it comes, or something else will be given.

I want you to know that I appreciate the work of Ohio, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York in this contest. I know, too, that Past Department Commander Winchell did a great deal for it.

Rest assured, Ohio, that you will get your award.

Past Department Commander Louis Winchell, Massachusetts: The Commander-in-Chief was a guest of the Department of Massachusetts in Boston when the competition between his Department and mine was started. Down deep in my heart, I was hoping that Pennsylvania would beat us and I congratulate that Department.

I think we should have more of these competitions as an incentive to increase our Camps and Departments.

Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: I offer the congratulations of the Department of New York to the Department of Ohio, and challenge it to renew the competition for the coming year.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Do you accept the challenge?

Department Commander M. H. Bennett, Ohio: I do, and we will do the best we can to defeat them next year.

Council-in-Chief Fuller: Commander-in-Chief, did I understand Brother Winchell to say that Pennsylvania beat Massachusetts?

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: They had a lower loss.

Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report?

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF REPORT [Continued]

Council-in-Chief Fuller: Yesterday, we gave a partial report when we presented the statement from the bank in Reading. I now present the final report, the proposed budget, and our recommendations which, in most cases, are just carried over from other years.

(Reads proposed budget which had to be corrected as a result of discussion which follows). (Corrected budget appears after discussion).

Recommendations:

(A) That the per capita tax be continued at 40 cents per annum.

(B) That the G. A. R. Testimonial Fund be raised by subscription through the office of Patriotic Instructor, and that not more than sufficient funds be drawn to make the amount \$250.00 (after discussion changed to \$500.00) in event of shortage in subscription.

(C) That The Banner contract be renewed at the rate of thirteen cents per member per year—six issues.

(D) That \$100.00 scholarship to Lincoln University and \$50.00 to Arlington Hall be renewed.

(E) That portion of Section 5 of the amended Constitution and Regulations adopted by the 60th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, be suspended until such time as we again have parades.

The reason for doing it, at this time, is that we feel it is an unnecessary expense.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: What do you mean, "since we are not having parades?"

Council-in-Chief Fuller: We mean that we haven't had parades with the Reserve units. We feel that it isn't necessary for the Commander-in-Chief to appoint an aide until he comes to the next Encampment; if you appoint him at that time, you will eliminate that extra expense. This is only for the present—until the Reserve is out again and need the aide.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: You have heard the report of the Council-in-Chief, together with the budget and their recommendations. Are you ready to adopt it as a whole?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: So that there may be no misunderstanding, I want to ask a question or two about the Grand Army of the Republic Fund.

As I recall, there were \$250.00 estimated receipts to be credited to the G. A. R. Fund; also an expenditure of \$250.00 with a proviso that, if we do not reach the \$250.00 by the Patriotic Instructor's collection, we draw from the general treasury an amount to make up the \$250.00. I wonder why we are so pessimistic. This year, we received \$500.00, and presented it to the Grand Army of the Republic. What would we look like if we handed them \$250.00 next year? I think we should be more optimistic. The Patriotic Instructor through contacting members, will not only reach the \$500.00, but will exceed it.

I offer this motion: That the report of the Council-in-Chief, together with its recommendations be approved by the Encampment, except the \$250.00 shown as receipts and expenditures for the G. A. R. Fund in both instances, be increased to \$500.00. (Seconded by Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois).

Council-in-Chief Fuller: It was the recommendation of Secretary Hammer that the amount not exceed \$250.00. If you want to change it, you will have to destroy that. I am wondering, since we are going

to have this collection for the G. A. R. Fund if we couldn't take it out of the budget altogether? (Above motion carried).

Proposed Budget—1944-1945 Term

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, Sept. 11, 1944.....	\$ 2,012.94
Membership Fees—500 members at 50c.....	250.00
Per Capita Tax—16,500 members at 40c.....	6,600.00
Charter Fees—5 New Camps at \$5.00.....	25.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Premium on Bonds	40.00
Estimated Receipts—Patriotic Instructor's G. A. R. Fund	500.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Total Receipts	\$10,447.94

DISBURSEMENTS—

GENERAL EXPENSES:

Supplies	\$ 800.00
The Banner	2,200.00
Encampment	1,000.00
Printing	60.00
Shipping Supplies	40.00
Salaries	1,500.00
Premium on Bonds	70.00
Federal Tax	50.00
State Unemployment Compensation Fund.....	75.00
Committee on Marking Graves	25.00
Miscellaneous, including P. C.-in-C. Badge.....	200.00
G. A. R. Testimonial Fund	500.00
Scholarship (Lincoln University)	100.00
Arlington Hall	50.00
	\$6,670.00

OFFICE EXPENSES:

Postage, etc.	\$100.00
National Officers' Stationery	100.00
Rent	420.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
	650.00

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES

Total Expenditures **\$ 8,320.00**

Balance **\$ 2,127.94**

Balance	\$2,127.94
Permanent Fund, Sept. 11, 1944.....	3,505.02
Organization Fund	688.09
War Fund	145.46

Total **\$6,466.51**

This budget includes bills payable since September 1, 1944.

We take this opportunity to compliment our National Secretary-Treasurer for the efficient manner in which his books are kept.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

WILLIAM O. FULLER,

R. J. WILLIAMS,

ALLEN F. SPINK,

Council-in-Chief.

REPORT OF GREETINGS TO THE G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: Your Committee to extend greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic was very graciously received. Three Past Commanders-in-Chief were there, and response to us was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Gay of Massachusetts.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Yesterday, we had a recommendation from the Committee on Constitution and Regulations on associate membership. Objections were raised, and the matter was held over until today. Are you ready to speak on the question of that motion? If there are no objections, the recommendation of the Committee will be accepted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I have asked for the floor, not as Chairman of the Committee, but reporting for the New Jersey Department which submitted the subject.

We have given this matter a lot of thought and are convinced, from the various talks given yesterday, that we apparently all want to get to the same goal. We are all interested in the future of this organization, in maintaining the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. We, of New Jersey, submitted this resolution in the firm belief that the proposed change would facilitate matters and would make this organization a greater power in doing the good you want it to do.

The Grand Army of the Republic, it is true, recognizes as their official Auxiliary, first and above all other, an organization of women that are not related by blood relation, an organization of patriotic women—the Woman's Relief Corps.

But, in view of the apparent opposition, misunderstanding and with no wish for further deliberation, we have come to the decision that we would like to amend the motion now on the floor. We feel, that rather than take hasty action, that you might like some time to think it over and consider it, together with all the advantages and disadvantages it presents. I, therefore, on behalf of the New Jersey Department offer that the entire matter be tabled until the next Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I inquire if that is independent of the Committee report on Officers' Reports? If I remember correctly, we were debating on a favorable recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I am speaking as an individual.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Is it withdrawn from the Committee on Constitution and Regulations?

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: If it is tabled; it is out.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: In other words, he wants to hold it over until next year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Regardless of what you did here, there is nothing to prevent you from presenting it next year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: None at all.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: We are now ready to vote on the amended motion. Are you ready for the question?

(Motion carried).

TRIBUTE TO MEN IN SERVICE

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: While we are passing a few moments, let us pause in reverence to our men in service. Let us rise and have National Chaplain Childs offer a short blessing for them.
(Prayer offered by the National Chaplain).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY [Corrected Copy]

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner:

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 14, 1944.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-third Annual Encampment:

For many years, since the project was adopted in 1934, this committee has annually reported little interest in the project; and as reported last year, no progress has been made.

At the Milwaukee Encampment some of the members suggested that we abolish the Committee, but the majority, believing there was some merit in the project, thought that a smaller committee might accomplish more. It was, therefore, suggested that the membership of the committee be reduced to five, which was adopted.

This change, however, has brought no further success; as some of the members who were appointed on the committee did but little to carry out the instructions and recommendations—some did not answer letters written to them.

This was equally true of some other Department officers, whose advice was asked, but from whom no response was received. The Department Commander of Illinois was contacted prior to the Encampment there in June stating that, inasmuch as the project had been suggested by the Department, they take some action that might continue interest in the project. As no reply was received, Illinois is no longer interested.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the National Committee on Program and Policy be abolished, and that Article VII, Section 2, pages 37-38 of the Regulations be stricken out, and that Section 3 become Section 2; also that Article VII, Section 2, page 29 of the Regulations be stricken out.

This will not deprive Departments who might see any merit in such a project from appointing a committee.

We submit the following ideas and suggestions that were submitted to the Chairman, and these ideas can be taken up by Departments if they see any merit in them.

(1) That efforts be made by Camps to sponsor Boy Scout Troops, giving them financial and moral support; and in return, using them in Memorial Day parades and other patriotic work.

(2) That some form of associate or club membership be approved whereby sons-in-law, nephews, or others interested in assisting Camps of Sons of Union Veterans might join.

(3) That special attention be given to County or group Camps, thereby consolidating the smaller Camps now struggling for existence.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. KIRCHGASSNER, Mass. (Chairman).

F. M. HEACOCK, Pennsylvania.

C. B. MARTIN, Kansas.

L. S. HOPFIELD, Oregon.

Chairman Kirchgassner: I move the adoption of the report with its suggestions. (Seconded by Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have no desire to be technical, but we must deal with our Constitution and Regulations in proper manner.

Last year, you amended Section 2, Article VII, by changing the make-up of the Committee on Program and Policy. The recommendation is now that we entirely wipe out the committee. If we want to do that, let us do it right—by amendment to the Constitution and Regulations. I am only asking that things be done right. I have no objections to the recommendation, but I do think that it is not in proper form, as submitted by the committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter is correct, and it should be handled through a change in the Constitution and Regulations.

Chairman Kirchgassner: I agree with Brother Sautter in the matter. Our Committee felt that the matter should be presented at this Encampment and see if you feel it should be adopted. If you do not approve, we can continue as it is now. If we approve of it, we can move that the regulations be amended.

National Secretary Hammer: Include it in your report. I move that the report be referred back to the Committee for correction. (Seconded by several).

(Corrected by Committee to include second paragraph, and accepted in that form by the Encampment).

SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN SERVICE

Delegate Myrle E. Randlett, New Hampshire: I request that we see how many sons and daughters this organization has in the armed services today.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Since there are no Committees to report, we will refer to new business and find out. Result: Forty-six in service.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Massachusetts: I present the following motion, a copy of which is in the hands of the Secretary:

WHEREAS, This Sixty-third National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has gone on record for the second consecutive year to retain the present form of giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, as provided in our Ritual; therefore, be it ORDERED:

That this action be given wide publicity and promulgated to the Units of our Order, and that the National Presiding Officers of the so-called Grand Army family be so informed.

(Seconded by Delegate Wm. McMahon, Wisconsin, and carried).

"WAR BETWEEN THE STATES"

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: It seems that the newspapers and I have tangled since I arrived; and since Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie is not here to take exception to what I have at my finger tips, I would like to call to your attention a sentence which appears in the Des Moines Register. It is with reference to this Comrade who has been denied by the Grand Army, and it says, "White-haired and feeble, he had protested that he had accom-

panied his father to the war between the states and actually had served under fire."

Year after year, we assemble and offer resolutions on this matter and then we return to our homes and let it idly go by. Each year we go on record as opposing the phrase, "war between the states" and we say it is an insult to the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am going to stick my neck out, Commander-in-Chief, and offer a motion that the organization, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled at the Sixty-third Annual Encampment, go on record as opposing the phrase "war between the states;" that it be given to the press that we definitely oppose it and that we consider it a gross insult to our Fathers.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: We have adopted that so often already that it is just a repetition. Congress can't even compel us to salute the Flag; how can we stop the newspapers from using that phrase? When you call it to their attention you can do no more and, regardless of what action you take, you cannot compel them to not use it. However, if you want to adopt it, that's all right with me.

(Seconded by Delegate Samuel W. Livingston, Illinois).

Delegate Samuel W. Livingston, Illinois: Yesterday afternoon, when I came into the room, the brother was speaking in regard to the newspapers. I am not a lawyer, or a public speaker, but I was a little surprised that the brother took such a stand in regard to the Sons of Union Veterans having proper recognition in the parade yesterday. I bought an afternoon edition, and the first thing I saw was in regard to the parade. It spoke about the Marine Band and the WACs, but not about the Sons, and I feel something should be done about that.

Past Department Commander Heacock: I rise to a point of order. The motion pertains to the "War between the States," not the newspapers.

Commander-in-Chief: I sustain it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I should like to ask if the record of this Encampment does not show that, after some discussion yesterday afternoon, the matter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions to re-affirm the action of last year's Encampment as to the disapproval of the use of the term "war between the states." Is it not true that such a motion was made?

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: As I recall, it is.

Past Department Commander Louis Winchell, Mass.: Would it be out of place to have Brother Hale interview the editor of the paper and try to put it right?

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: There is some merit to the suggestion.

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania: With the consent of Brother Livingston, who seconded the motion, I would like to withdraw the motion, for the time being. (Motion withdrawn).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Last year we had letters from Alan J. Gould of the Associated Press, Paul White of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Dorothy A. Kemble of the Blue Network and Miller McClintock of the Mutual Broadcasting System, all in regards to action taken at our Encampment last year. We have contacted all the national hook-ups and the Associated Press.

Past Department Commander Winchell, Mass.: I move that Broth-

er Hale interview the editor of this paper. (Seconded by Delegate Thomas J. Murphy, Mass.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I just say that we are getting nowhere fast. I don't think we want Brother Hale to go to the editor of this paper. What will it mean? Suppose, instead of helping us, that editor might take a blast at the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War next week when we are not here.

Let me make a statement about this matter. I have spent some time in the South. Five years ago, I was able to be in Chattanooga, Tennessee, when they were observing the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga, and I was gratified that the newspaper referred to the war as the "Civil War."

This last winter I spent in Florida. As I said in my report, I was privileged to attend Confederate Memorial Day Services sponsored by the Daughters of the Confederacy. It is recognized as a holiday in that city. The speaker at this memorial service referred to the fact, with pride, that his grandfather was a Confederate veteran; yet he always referred to the Civil War as "the war" and the newspapers of St. Petersburg never used the term "war between the states."

Let us keep on in a slow process of education, and we will get there quicker than this way.

(Motion withdrawn).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: It seems that, just now, is a good time to bring out another factor about this matter of "War between the States."

The network head stations, and the leading stations, are all very sensitive to what the public thinks.

There are some parts of New England, as well as the other sections of the country where the term is used, but it is being used less and less on the radio. It is the duty of the humblest, as well as the most influential member of this organization to write his own letter of objection to the network using that offensive term whenever they hear it. Every member here at this Encampment has the opportunity to assist in educating the networks to the fact that the term is inappropriate and historically incorrect. The point is that some of us do not seem to care enough to spend postage to let the station know, because they do not want to offend anybody. Just remember that, every one of us, if he hears that term used, should, in loyalty to our cause, write his feelings about the matter to the head station.

NEXT ENCAMPMENT

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thank you, Brother Hale. I have an announcement which I am sure will be of great interest to you. The Grand Army of the Republic has accepted the invitation of Columbus, Ohio, for the 1945 Encampment.

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: I want to pledge to you now that the newspapers in Columbus will not use the term "war between the states."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

[Continued]

Department Commander Wm. C. Kronmeyer, N. J.: The Committee on Resolutions presents the following additional Resolutions to complete our report:

(A) RESOLVED, That this, the Sixty-third Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War re-affirm the action

taken at the Sixty-second Annual Encampment held at Milwaukee, when it was recommended that the Press and certain Broadcasting Systems be notified that the War of 1861-1865 be not erroneously designated as a "War between the States" but be designated as the "Civil War."

Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I move that we adopt this Resolution. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Louis Winchell, Massachusetts(and adopted).

(B) RESOLVED, That the sincere appreciation and thanks of this, the Sixty-third Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be extended to Congress, the President of the United States and Captain Santelman, leader of the United States Marine Band for music provided by that outstanding band; to the Governor of the State of Iowa and the Mayor of Des Moines for their whole-hearted co-operation; to the Press of Des Moines for the extensive publicity and news pertaining to the Encampment; to Mr. Arthur Brayton, Secretary, and Miss Katherine Moody, of the Convention Bureau for their efforts in securing hotel reservations; and to the management of the Brown Hotel, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the people of the city of Des Moines for their courtesies and many acts of kindness. (Adopted).

(C) RESOLVED, That our sincere appreciation and thanks be extended to the Governor of the State of Iowa and his staff and the U. S. No. 6 Roosevelt Highway Commission for their interest and efforts in the matter of securing the enactment of proper legislation for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in the State of Iowa; and for their going on record in favor thereof. (Adopted).

(D) From the Department of New York, relative to some action whereby the date of membership shall count from date member originally joins in order that he may be entitled to receive Fifty Year badge, even though there has been a break in the continuous membership of that member.

The Committee feels that this Resolution should be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: It will be referred to that committee.

(E) From the Department of New York, relative to Per Capita Tax on men in service.

The Committee recommends that this also be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Penna.: If this resolution pertaining to per capita tax is acted upon, would it not involve the report accepted from the Council-in-Chief?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: This Committee simply recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. Let us wait and see what they do with it, if anything.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: It will also be referred to that committee.

Department Commander Kronmeyer: Those are all of the Resolutions presented to and submitted by this Committee.

RALPH R. BARRETT, Cal. (Chairman).
WM. C. KRONMEYER, New Jersey.
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Massachusetts.
FRED E. COLWELL, New York.
ANDREW F. BURNS, Pennsylvania.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Commander-in-Chief, I present this Resolution, as an additional report on the highway, and which has been accepted by the Resolutions Committee.

RESOLVED, That we hereby assure the Directors of the U. S. 6 Roosevelt Highway of our approval of their proposed change in the name of the highway to U. S. 6, **GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That after such change is made, on all future memorial markers prepared for the highway, the words U. S. 6 be shown in addition to those appearing on the present memorial markers.

RALPH R. BARRETT, Cal. (Chairman),
WM. C. KRONMEYER, New Jersey.
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Massachusetts.
FRED E. COLWELL, New York.
ANDREW F. BURNS, Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We would like to have U. S. 6 in addition to what we have. I feel quite satisfied, after these conferences, that they are ready to go "to bat" for us and use their influence to get this legislation. We are asking your approval on that—the U. S. 6, only in Iowa and Nebraska, and I make a recommendation to that effect. (Committee sustained).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Have you anything more to come under new business?

REPORT OF GREETINGS TO THE AUXILIARY

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: As head of your Committee to visit the Auxiliary, we carried out our duties. The National President was very happy to receive our greetings; and the response by the chairman of their committee was very interesting.

Another interesting thing—there was an attempt by some of the Auxiliary members to organize Junior members of the Sons, and they asked if we could give them authority.

They were very cordial, quite appreciative for all that you have done for the National President; and I am sure that the combination of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts has been a happy one.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Here's a peculiar thing I thought you might like to know. The chap with whom I have been dealing these last few days here is the son of a Confederate veteran.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: It certainly shows that some of them have forgotten about the Civil War.

Delegate Andrew Richardson, N. J.: I understand that someone has been selling memberships here.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I don't know about that, but I know of a number of applications that have come into the local Camp. I had a call from a man by the name of Hunt, who is now living in Des Moines, and I told him to get in touch with your Camp in Des Moines.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

[Continued]

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Your Committee reports on the following:

(A) From the Department of New York—that some action be

taken to relieve the Camps and Departments from paying per capita tax on those members now serving in the Armed Forces.

Your Committee reports that we can take no action because it is not presented in the proper form; it is ambiguous. Committee recommends non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

(B) From the Department of New York—relative to the Fifty Year badge; that the Commandery-in-Chief take some action whereby the date of membership shall count from date of member originally joining our organization, in order to be entitled to receive said fifty year badge, even though during that period Camps have disbanded causing a break in the continuous membership of that member.

Your Committee unanimously reports non-concurrence. This resolution requests that a member be granted a fifty year badge, dating from the time he joined the organization. It makes no provision for the time which he might have been out. In other words; a man might have joined fifty years ago, the Camp disbanded two years later, he joined again forty years later and is still entitled to wear the fifty year badge. It is unfair to those who wear the fifty year badge. We feel that if a Camp disbanded, their members should have transferred to another Camp. (Committee sustained).

ALBERT C. LAMBERT, Chairman, N. J.
JOHN A. RUGGLES, Pennsylvania.
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Ohio.
ERNEST E. BARNUM, Connecticut.
CHAS. C. WEBSTER, Maine.

FINAL REPORT — CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee submits its final report.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—ENCAMPMENT ROLL

The Committee on Credentials presents its report as follows:

(Complete report appears at end of book. Members present indicated by asterisk).

National Officers (Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief absent)	9
Past Commanders-in-Chief	7
Past Department Commanders	64
Department Commanders (11 absent)	14
Delegates	35
Alternate Delegate	1
Substitute Delegates (Appointed)	25

155

National Officers	8
Past Commanders-in-Chief	7
	15

Encampment Roll 140

Department not represented: Alabama & Tennessee,
Rhode Island,
Washington.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER, Nat. Sec., Chairman,
W. T. ALSTRAND, Dept. Com., Iowa.
JAMES T. LYONS, Past Dept. Com., Md.
CLOY V. SMITH, Past Dept. Com., Mich.
JULIUS ISAACS, Delegate, New York.

(Report was accepted and the Committee discharged on motion of National Secretary).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: All committees have reported. They are discharged with sincere thanks.

LINCOLN-LAMON HISTORICAL

Past Department Commander G. A. Ruple, California & Pacific: I have a communication from Lincoln University regarding Marshal Ward H. Lamon, which I would like to read.

"Past Commander George A. Ruple, of California & Pacific Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has in his possession a five-barreled Webley-Scot Revolver, cap and ball type, double trigger, to which is attached a very unique Civil War history.

On the handle of the weapon there is an inscription as follows: 'Marshal Ward H. Lamon.' Who was that man, Ward H. Lamon?

Commander Ruple has succeeded in obtaining some particulars about him, which are herein set forth:

Ward Hill Lamon was a Danville, Illinois lawyer, and a close friend of Abraham Lincoln. Personally, he was a physical giant—taller and heavier than Lincoln. When Lincoln left Springfield, Ill., he took Lamon along with him to Washington for the inaugural and made him his Marshal. Rumors had been rife that Lincoln would be assassinated before he ever reached Washington. On the private car in which sat Lincoln, Mary his wife, the two sons, and others, including Lamon, the latter found a carpet bag which he picked up and threw off the rear platform. It contained a grenade. Necessarily, the Inaugural Party was greatly concerned over this incident, but the President-elect maintained his usual calm.

Lamon escorted the President to the Gettysburg Cemetery, where he made his famous address. He continued to act as Marshal until the death of Lincoln, when he returned to Illinois and resumed his law practice. He wrote a biography of the martyred President.

It is not generally known, but it is authentic history that it was Ward Hill Lamon, Marshal to the President, who introduced him to the audience at Gettysburg upon the occasion which, because of the simple but lofty eloquence of the President on that day, will live forever in the annals of our country.

It is not known just why Lamon had the honor of so introducing the President, in view of the really distinguished company that was on the Speakers' Platform at the dedication ceremony. Perhaps Lincoln himself, picked his old hometown friend for the job, or perhaps the Committee of Arrangements had intentionally tried to snub the President by not providing some one of higher national standing than the bodyguard of the President; but the fact remains that Ward Hill Lamon, Marshal, did it, and George A. Ruple is the possessor of Ward Hill Lamon's pistol."

TO MEET WITH G. A. R.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I move that when we adjourn, we do so to meet at the same time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1945.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Towle. (Motion carried).

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll, to Michigan.

Past Department Commander Cloy V. Smith, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief and Delegates of the Sixty-third Annual Encampment, it gives me great pleasure in behalf of the Department of Michigan to present the name of a man who has been among us for several years.

He is a high school graduate and has taken a business course. He is employed and holds a responsible position with the Bell Telephone Company of Grand Rapids, and a member of the "Chatterers" of the telephone company.

He started National Encampments at Rochester, and has attended since that time on different occasions. He served you last year as National Patriotic Instructor.

I present the name of Urien W. Mackey of Michigan as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

Past Department Commander Dewey Mead, Minnesota: For the first time, Michigan has the opportunity to put it over Minnesota. They have a rare piece of crockery down there, challenged by both the Sons and Auxiliary, who have been going "to town." They have it this time, and I am wondering what they have in that little brown jug, but we forgive them. As a native of Michigan, I second for Minnesota the nomination of Urien W. Mackey for Commander-in-Chief.

(Nomination seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert, New Jersey; Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York; Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois; Delegate Charles F. Casey, Oregon; Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania; Department Commander Ernest L. Eddy, Vermont; Department Commander Edward G. Kaestner, Wisconsin).

Delegate Thomas J. Murphy, Massachusetts: There being only one candidate, I move that the Secretary cast the ballot, and that it apply to all nominations where there is only one nominee. (Seconded by several and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I appoint as tellers Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York; Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner, Massachusetts, and Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Massachusetts.

National Secretary Hammer: I cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for Past Department Commander Urien W. Mackey, Michigan.

Department Commander Winchell, Massachusetts: The tellers find the unanimous vote for Urien W. Mackey for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Brother Mackey, I declare you elected as Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Mackey, Michigan: I accept, and will do the best I can. I want to thank you, Brothers, for the confidence you have placed in me by this action.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Secretary Hammer called the roll, to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: It is a very happy privilege to present, for your consideration, a man for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, who will soon be entitled to wear the fifty year membership badge, a man who began in Hudson, Massachusetts, when the

Grand Army of the Republic did not exist—they organized a fund and presented a memorial. In 1912, he was elected Department Commander; his service was renewed by the Department in 1913. He gave splendid service, and the Massachusetts Department went forward under that administration. It was recognized by your national organization—I know because I was National Counselor.

He has never stopped in his efforts for the organization, has always been an active member. During last few years, he has been keeping alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic by means of radio and press, a work that means a lot of detail, time and effort.

He is a man of the legal profession. I am very happy to present the name of H. Harding Hale, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Perle Fouch, Michigan; Department Commander Wm. C. Kronmeyer, New Jersey; Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York; Delegate Gail P. Dibel, Oregon; Past Department Commander Arthur W. Robinson, Vermont; Past Department Commander Harold V. Kemery, Wisconsin).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: For myself, and on behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania, I want to second the nomination of Brother H. Harding Hale who, thirty years ago, was Department Commander when I was Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

(The National Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment).

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: The tellers find the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for H. Harding Hale of Massachusetts for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Brother Hale, I declare you elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Hale, Massachusetts: In accepting this office, I am deeply grateful; and think in connection with my purposes for the coming year of a motto of a chain station on the radio—"When duty calls, there you will find us," and the same is true of me.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Secretary Hammer called the roll, to Iowa.

National Chaplain Childs: Commander-in-Chief, I present the name of a dear brother. I have been in the Department for about twenty years, not recognizing that I was eligible to this order until called upon to make an address at a social gathering where Civil War Veterans lived. I made the remark to Judge Brant of Fort Dodge, Iowa, that I would like to be a member, and discovered that I could be. I have been in the order since that time, and I have tried to attend regularly.

I became acquainted with this brother, and I know he is a faithful, good member, has been Department Commander, and, at the present time, is Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Iowa. It affords me great pleasure to present the name of Roy I. Snodgrass of Waterloo, Iowa.

(Wisconsin seconded the nomination).

(The Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment).

Delegate Julius Isaacs: We find the unanimous ballot of the

Encampment for Roy I. Snodgrass, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: You have been elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Snodgrass, Iowa: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I face you a little nervous. This is the first time I have the responsibility of serving this national organization of ours. I trust that, at the end of the year, I will not only be able to give you a better speech, but also show some action. I do appreciate the honor and trust and hope that I can live up to it.

Council-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett, California & Pacific: It is a pleasure for me to nominate as a member of the Council-in-Chief, one of our outstanding Sons of Union Veterans of California; a man who has been a member twenty-six years, who has filled various offices in his Camp and in our Department, is a Past Department Commander, and has served on the Council of the Department many times.

He is a business man of good judgment and careful consideration, is one of those men who raises splendid oranges in a large grove and happens to belong, in that industry, as a member of one of the largest packing houses in the country. Whether that has anything to do with his qualifications or not, he is a "cracker jack" of a fellow.

I am happy to present the name of Edward J. Parker.

(Iowa seconds the nomination).

Department Commander Ernest E. Barnum, Connecticut: I present the name of a young man who has worked diligently for our order, is a Past Department Commander, and a man you all know, who has already served on the Council-in-Chief. I present the name of Allen F. Spink of Connecticut.

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: By way of transmission, Past Commander-in-Chief Grant had hoped to be at this Encampment that he might nominate his Brother, and I am very happy to do it for him. Judge Grant was Commander-in-Chief when Brother Spink was Department Commander. I, therefore, second that nomination.

Department Commander Wm. C. Kronmeyer, New Jersey: I had in mind the presentation of a young man from the state of New Jersey; one who has been a member of his Camp for thirty-three years—the largest Camp in the state, which has taken in nineteen members in the past year.

He has served as Secretary in his Camp two years, has been serving other Camps in the State and outside the State, and his committee handles the ritualistic work in a grand manner.

He has served in this Encampment as Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports. He was unanimously selected at the Department Encampment in June for presentation to this body as a member of the Council-in-Chief. I take pleasure in presenting the name of Fred Combs, Sr.

(Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York, seconded the nomination).

Past Department Commander Hopfield, Oregon: With a full delegation for the first time, Oregon takes pleasure in seconding the nomination of the three members for the Council-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Heacock, Pa., Vermont and Wisconsin).

The Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: I find the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Edward J. Parker, Allen F. Spink and Fred H. Combs, Sr., for the Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Parker: I certainly will. I have come a long time to the Encampments, but the last three years I have been unable owing to ill health. I am very proud to serve the national body.

Council-in-Chief Spink: I will, to the best of my ability.

Past Department Commander Combs: I thank the members for the honor it has bestowed on my Department and myself, and I hope I can carry out the work to the satisfaction of all.

Past Department Commander Cloy V. Smith, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Mrs. Mackey, wife of the newly elected Commander-in-Chief. As this is their first wedding anniversary, I think it proper she should be up front for the installation.

(Delegations from the Auxiliary and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Michigan Department also were presented).

Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: May I present Mrs. Mackey to the Encampment—the “first lady” of our organization; I know that my wife was thrilled to be a part of these closing ceremonies, and hope you will also be.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief-elect Mackey appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert, New Jersey, as Installing Officer; Past Department Commander Lynn A. Tiffany, Michigan, as Installing Guide.

He announced the appointment of the following:

Counselor—Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Pennsylvania.

Patriotic Instructor—Past Department Commander Neil D. Cranmer, New York.

Personal Aide—Past Department Commander Cloy V. Smith, Michigan.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers (complied with) and

Commander-in-Chief—Urien W. Mackey, Michigan;

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—H. Harding Hale, Massachusetts;

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Roy I. Snodgrass, Iowa;

Council-in-Chief—Edward J. Parker, California;

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Fred Combs, Sr., New Jersey;

National Counselor—Past Commander-in-Chief John A. Sautter, Pennsylvania;

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were installed in Ritualistic form.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, I appreciate the office to which you have called me more than I can express to you. First of all, I extend my appreciation to those who have made it possible for this honor to be given to my Department and myself. I fully appreciate the responsibility and sacrifice

that will be required of me. I look forward with cheerful anticipation to the coming year.

I know I need not call your attention to the impossibility of any Commander-in-Chief to attempt to visit all the Camps in the various Departments, and so I would like to relate a few facts I have observed through my lodge work.

I always feel that when Camp officers have been chosen, it is then the duty of every member to do all within his power to further the best interest of the Camp by actively assisting his officers and it is also equally important that Camp officers co-operate and actively support their Camp, Department, and National officers.

Your Commander-in-Chief must depend, in a large measure, upon communications from the Department Commanders and Secretaries and other members in order to keep in touch with the affairs of the Camps. Let me quote a thought expressed to me some time ago by our good Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer: "Now that we are back to normalcy the big thing is to Keep Going. Camps that are headed in the wrong direction should 'about face,' and take advantage of every opportunity afforded them. Every Camp has suspended members who can be brought back into the fold, and every Camp has splendid men within its jurisdiction who should be members of the Order. Your Camp needs these men and they need the Camp. Hundreds have stood at our altar the past year, which shows that it can be done. Get busy and stay busy."

There are many occasions during the year on which special programs should be held and at these times, the meeting may be open to the public. I have reference to the month of February when each Camp should celebrate the birthday of Washington and Lincoln, as the lives of these men splendidly illustrate a lesson in Patriotism, a cardinal principle of our Order. Moreover, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas are occasions that may be used to bring to us the realization that among our fraternal duties, we must not forget that an all-wise Creator largely guides the destiny of men. At such times, we can especially make it known that our organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has respect as well as a reverence for religion. My attention has been called to the fact that many Camps have special programs in which honor is paid to some Grand Army man, or to a member or members of a particular Camp. At such times, it is well to publicly relate the particular service that the Brother has rendered his Camp. I recommend that each Camp find some occasion on which some member of the Camp would be so rewarded, nor am I forgetting that each year Memorial exercises should be held. At such meetings, a special effort should be taken to have every member present.

During the coming year, other National officers as well as myself, will address you upon varied subjects with the hope that you may know our aims and aspirations, and thus by co-operation, one with another, we can carry the banner of our Order into new fields of endeavor and with the same earnestness and sincerity of purpose as it has been carried during the past year by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt.

PRESENTATION TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF STOUT

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, may I ask Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt to rise.

Brother Stoudt, thirty years ago, I believe eight years before you were eligible to membership, a member of your own Camp who had

been honored as you were and as I was, performed for me and to me, that same day, the same duty that I am now called upon to perform for you. At that time, Past Commander-in-Chief James Lewis Rake of your Camp, who has long since passed on, presented me with the badge of the Past Commander-in-Chief.

I need not say to you that I had no expectations, at that time, that many years later, I might have the privilege of presenting this same emblem to a member of his Camp, but you may appreciate that it gives me a peculiar pleasure to do this.

You are the fourth one from Camp No. 16 to receive this emblem—before you—Past Commanders-in-Chief James Lewis Rake and Edgar W. Alexander, who have passed on. We still have that little fellow in physical stature, but big in every other way, upon whom this title was conferred five years ago, Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer. I question whether this record will ever be reached again.

I think you will permit me to say this is the tenth time that I have been privileged to perform this duty; the fifth time to members of my own Department, three members from the Department of Massachusetts, one from Illinois, and one from the Department of Minnesota, at that time a resident of Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, I have been privileged to know you through all the years of your membership in this organization. As such, I have observed your interest and activity so that when you aspired, and properly so, it was my privilege to support and assist you in the election as the Department Commander of Pennsylvania. It is needless to say that you filled that office in a proper manner; and then one year ago, I had the privilege of offering your name to the Encampment for the high office of Commander-in-Chief. I do not propose to make any promises for you; I do not believe it is necessary for you to make any promises.

I believe the Brothers appreciate the service you have rendered to them during a trying year, and that you leave the office of Commander-in-Chief with the realization that you owe this organization a greater love; and that you will meet the obligations and the duties of the future as you have met them in the past.

Roy, it is more than a privilege, it is a personal pleasure, that I pin upon you this badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief; and as one who has served in that office long ago, as we measure time, it is with the hope and prayer that you will be permitted to wear it longer even than I have worn it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thanks a lot, John. Brother Sautter called to your mind the obligations that I owe to this organization. This Brother, and the organization, have been grand to me in the support you have given me and it is most deeply appreciated.

I am glad that Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter was selected to present this badge; for other than our own "Horace," there is no one else I would rather have to present it. My deep gratitude to all of my officers.

At this time, Commander-in-Chief Mackey, I present to you the badge of the Commander-in-Chief. I know the brothers and sisters will co-operate with you as they have with me. Congratulations, good luck, and God bless you.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you.

National Secretary Hammer: Roy, I present to you the lapel button for the Past Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Thank you, Horace.

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE AUXILIARY

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I have the honor to present to you the National President of our Auxiliary, Sister Edith B. Nile of Ohio. I know you will feel it is a privilege to receive her and hear from her.

National President Edith Nile: My Commander-in-Chief, and all you brothers, I wanted to come to your assembly before you adjourn to extend my best wishes and congratulations to you, Commander-in-Chief, and to pledge to you all the support and co-operation of your Auxiliary. I hope that your Commander-in-Chief and I are going to do something for our organizations; at least, we are going to try.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Do any of the officers have anything to offer at this time?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale:: Commander-in-Chief, I will say the thing I shouldn't say; but I am glad to tell you that my heart and soul are wrapped up with yours, in a deep devotion and love to our order.

You have my heartiest and fullest co-operation. All of us including the mighty and humblest member here has two things to bear in mind, and I hope that we will keep them before us as we go back home. First, our eligibility that came to us, blood bought by our Fathers. Second, a challenge from the old hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have." Let us remember throughout the 365 days of this year that each and everyone of us has "a charge to keep."

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Snodgrass: Commander-in-Chief, and National President of the Auxiliary, except to say that I do deeply appreciate the honor given me. My own personal desire—as I am occupying the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, you are to issue the orders and I will see that they are executed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: May I have the floor? I felt we would not want to leave Des Moines without showing our gratitude and thanks to the young lady from the Y. M. C. A. who has been so kind and helpful to us. I think her capacity here is "Program Secretary," but I think she is the whole works around here. May I present to you Miss Vashti Lott.

Miss Lott: Thank you very much. It has been a pleasure to work with you. It has been nice to have you, and I hope that you will use the Y. M. C. A. facilities in the future when in other cities. I think your National officers are grand, and it has been nice to meet all of you. We will be very happy to have you come back to Des Moines again.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: It is a great pleasure to see the girls from Michigan, both from the Auxiliary and the Daughters. I would like them to all stand, and the brothers can give you a big hand. (Applause).

Has any brother anything to say before we proceed to close?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move that the minutes recorded by the stenographer, constitute the official record of this Encampment, that they be approved without reading; that they be edited by the National Secretary and distributed to the members of the Encampment, Departments and Camps.

Seconded by Delegate Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts. (Carried).

Delegate Thomas J. Murphy, Massachusetts: I move that a rising

vote of thanks be given Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt for his good work. (Seconded by several). (Rising vote given).

The Encampment closed in Ritual form.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the Proceedings of the Sixty-third Annual Encampment.

C. LEROY STOUTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
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1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kan.
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
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1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	18 Asylum S., Hartford, Conn.
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1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	

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1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
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1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	40 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass.
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1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
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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
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-5-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa

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