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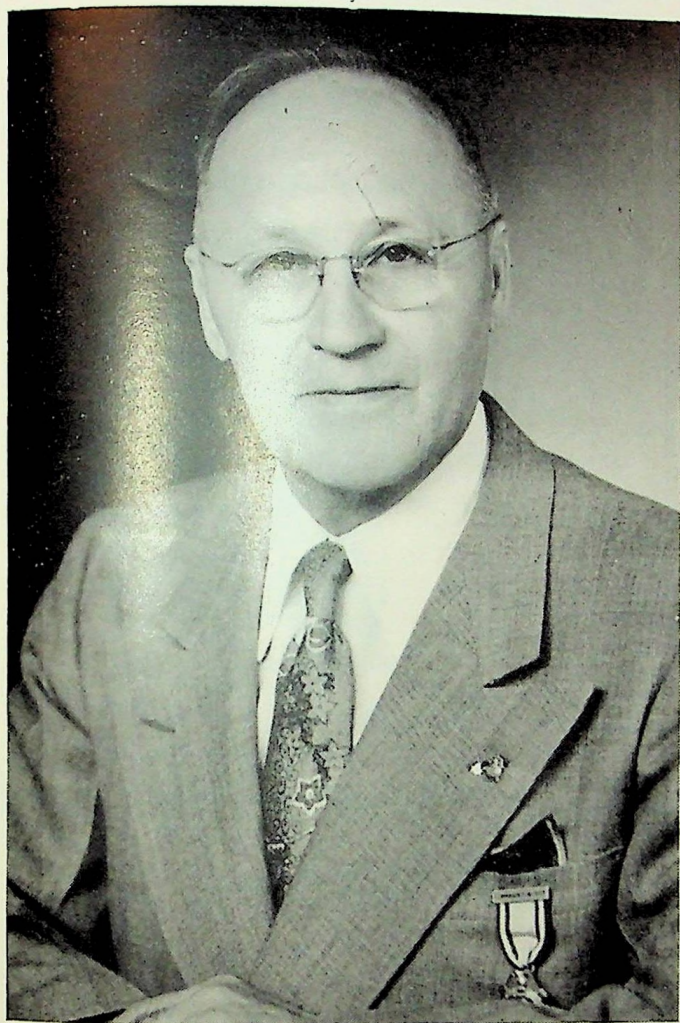
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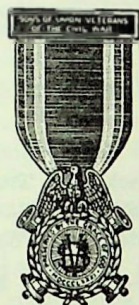
CLEON E. HEALD
Commander-in-Chief, 1950-1951



ROY J. BENNETT
Commander-in-Chief, 1951-1952

Proceedings

Seventieth
Annual Encampment
Commandery-in-Chief



Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

Columbus, Ohio

AUGUST 19-23

1951

National Officers—1950-1951

Commander-in-Chief—Cleon E. Heald, 21 High St., Keene, N. H.

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National Chaplain—Rev. Richard O. Partington, 2036 East Cumberland St., Philadelphia 25, Pa.

National Counselor—Richard F. Locke, P. C.-in-C., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

National Chief-of-Staff—C. Leroy Stoudt, 1410 Mulberry St., Reading, Pa.

Personal Aide—Homer L. Atkins, Jr., 57 Washington St., Keene, N. H.

PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary were held in the Main Ballroom of the Hotel Deshler-Wallick on Sunday, August 19 at 8 p.m., with the service in charge of Albert DeHaven, Past Department Commander, Maine, of the Sons, and National Chaplain Ellinore Konrad of the Auxiliary.

Program

- Sacred Music Mary Elliot
 Processional (Assembly rise)
 Invocation Albert DeHaven
 Past Department Commander, Maine.
 Reading, "Thy Will Be Done" Ellinore Konrad
 National Chaplain, Auxiliary
 Solo, "The 23rd Psalm" Jane Baxter Reedy
 Accompanist, Janet Burnstedt
 Litany Albert DeHaven
 Past Department Commander, Maine.
 Poem, "The Rose Beyond the Wall" Ellinore Konrad
 National Chaplain, Auxiliary
 Floral Tributes placed by Department Presidents and Department Commanders.
 Solo, "The Old Rugged Cross" Jane Baxter Reedy
 Tributes:
 To the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic—
 Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke.
 To the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief William H. Russell—
 Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter.
 To the memory of Mame E. Herbst, Past National President—
 Opal Conner, Department President, Ohio.
 To the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon—
 Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman.
 To the memory of deceased husbands of Past National Presidents
 and loved ones of National Officers and Past National Presi-
 dents.....Miss Mayme E. Dwyer, Past National President.
 To the memory of deceased Department Commanders and deceased
 Past Department Commanders—
 Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Runkle.
 To the memory of deceased Department Presidents and deceased
 Past Department President—
 Mrs. Katharine Joyce, Past National President.

Solo, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere".....Jane Baxter Reedy
 Silent Meditation.
 Benediction Albert DeHaven
 Past Department Commander, Maine.

**TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF
 THE REPUBLIC, BY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 RICHARD F. LOCKE**

In the minds and hearts of those who are congregated here tonight, there abides a deep appreciation of the services of the Grand Army of the Republic; of services to their own generation, and to those which were to follow. To those who have been reared in the Grand Army of the Republic atmosphere this comes as second nature; but generations have come and gone since the activity of the Grand Army of the Republic was closed by reason of the laws of nature.

We are proud of our heritage but too many of us have taken the position that it is sufficient, for all practical purposes to simply hold that pride. With this heritage that has come to us, we must continue to carry out our obligations to the Grand Army to the full extent; and in this performance we have not been as successful as we should have been.

It seems to me that the greatest service performed by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic was not the putting down of the Rebellion in their time, but the services they rendered to our country in the days which followed, during which they built up this great nation. We have taken that service for granted, and our duty and obligation to these men for the services of the Grand Army of the Republic must continue with greater efforts than ever before.

And so, I beg of you, I plead with you, I entreat you to so conduct yourselves in all affairs of a nature political, or otherwise, that you will bring credit upon your ancestry and also bring credit to your posterity.

**TRIBUTE TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WILLIAM H. RUSSELL
 GIVEN BY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 JOHN E. SAUTTER**

"They are passing away, the friends of old
 Like leaves on the current cast.
 We watch them as one by one they go
 Into the dreamland of the past."

These expressive words come to me at this time with compelling force. Since we last met two who had served our Order in the distant past, both very dear friends, have passed into the Beyond. One can best identify them when I say they were the two Senior Past Commanders-in-Chief, William H. Russell and Ralph Sheldon. Most of us were acquainted with Dr. Sheldon, loved and respected him, for he was always present at our annual meetings when his profession and health permitted, and he had endeared himself to all. I shall miss his annual contact as few shall. Of him, Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman, of his own Department, shall speak.

The other, William H. Russell, was known personally perhaps only by those of us who have attended Encampments in the long past, for he had not been present at a National Encampment since Des Moines in 1931, but his love for our Order and his interest in its welfare continued to the end. He was one of the bulwarks of our Order, one who wielded an influence in its pioneer days.

To me he was a very dear friend, one whose friendship I deeply appreciated. Brother Russell while long a resident of Kansas, and who was permitted to live and serve to an age of 83 years, was born in Pennsylvania. A member of our Order for 62 years, he served his Department, Kansas, as Department Commander in 1894 and at the National Encampment held in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1895 he was deservedly elected Commander-in-Chief, and his administration was one of progress equalled by few who have filled that office.

A gracious God who guided him, and whom he served his entire life, permitted him to live 55 years as a Past Commander-in-Chief, a period reached by none before, and which may never again be reached by another.

His devotion to the Comrades of his father, the veterans of the Civil War, was of a very deep and personal character. I was privileged to walk beside him in the parade at Des Moines in 1931, the last Encampment he attended. He had then reached an age that had permitted him to realize to the full their service to our country. I saw that he was deeply touched, as all of us have been who have been permitted to witness these dear old Comrades in parade.

A few days after returning home I received a clipping from the paper of his home city, LaCrosse, Kansas, the beauty of which I have never seen excelled, with this comment from the Editor: "General Russell's tribute to the Boys in Blue is beautiful, fitting and in our opinion, a literary gem." Would that time and space would permit me to quote it all, but I shall only quote its closing paragraph as indicative of his love and devotion to the Boys of 1861-65. I quote:

"And as I stood there and saw the indomitable will of those men, many of them ninety years of age and older, I understood better perhaps than I had realized before, the unconquerable spirit of the Union Soldier, that brought victory and freedom and peace and in their wake conquered the wilderness and prairies, and climbed the mountains towards the setting sun, as the builders of a greater country."

What a fitting eulogy to mark the last march of the Veterans he was to witness and participate in.

I have said his absence from our Encampments did not lessen his interest and love. This can best be shown by quoting again from one of his letters. Following receipt of a card signed by all Past National Presidents of our Auxiliary and all Past Commanders-in-Chief present at the Boston Encampment last year (may I add parenthetically that each year such cards are sent to all Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief not present at the Encampment) he wrote Brother Lambert, "How I would like to attend an Encampment and greet you all, but while my heart is young, my travelling days are over—maybe you didn't think it would stir my old heart to receive that card plastered all over with the signatures of such a lot of old buddies and girls whom I recall with deepest joy." How fitting he closed with what might well be his epitaph for he crossed the Bar but a short time later. "I have lived a happy and prosperous life; yes, I have had my share of life's tragedies and sorrow, these come to all, but I have a Friend and can lean on Him and I know He will keep me to the end."

Let us thank God for our dead who yet live in our memories to urge us on to a nobler existence.

"With such a Brother, such a Friend,
We fain would walk till journey's end—
And then—Farewell
We shall meet again."

**TRIBUTE TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RALPH SHELDON,
GIVEN BY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
CHARLES F. SHERMAN**

"We live in deeds, not years;
In thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We count time by heart-throbs.
He most lives
Who thinks most—feels the noblest,
Acts the best.
Life's but a means unto an end; that end
Beginning, mean, and end to all things—God."

Time passes and stays not its hand. Among the many men who have been called to leadership in our beloved Order was our dear friend Ralph Sheldon, whose passing we all so greatly deplore.

The January Banner contains a brief sketch of his long and useful life and need not at this time be repeated. Rather, let us think of his career as a physician and Brother of the Sons of Veterans.

What profession can be of more value to the race than that of ministering to the body? It was his life-long devotion to the suffering that so greatly endeared him to his associates. Never too busy, never too tired to hear the call from those in pain he responded willingly and gave of himself without stint. He loved his fellow-man, but more particularly the youth. Countless children, whose body he healed, recall his profound interest in their welfare and owe to him a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

The spirit of patriotism was born with him for his father had a most honorable career in the Union Army. As soon as he was of sufficient age he joined the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and during a long life, culminating at 80 years of age, he never lost interest in the Order. No other organization, and he was a member of many, meant so much to him as the Sons of Veterans. The members of this organization were in truth his brothers. He loved them and was greatly beloved by them.

Of magnificent proportion and perfection of figure he worthily represented our Order upon many occasions. As Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans in 1907-8 he was most generous of his time and attended most of the Department Encampments, thereby bringing the message of love of our country and loyalty to our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic.

The need of men like Dr. Sheldon is as great today, if not greater, than ever before. Men of devotion to high ideals, men who will not swerve from the high road of principles, men who dare to stand for the highest ideals of loyalty, men who put love of country next to their love of God, men who dare to stand alone if need be, to show their unwillingness to compromise.

Because we truly loved him we sincerely mourn his departure, but in a sense we have not lost him for his spirit hovers over us and we are conscious of his presence.

I believe he exemplified in his daily life the high ideals of Christianity and feared not the inevitable, and though death finally claimed the body the soul goes on as an immortal spirit. Did not the Master say, "Come unto me all ye that labor and I will give you rest." Rest for evermore, my dear friend, as we praise Almighty God for the richness of your life and may it be an inspiration to all of our membership as we rededicate our lives to more worthily serve our fellow man.

JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

The joint opening of the Sons and Auxiliary took place in the main Ballroom of the Hotel Deshler-Wallick on Monday, August 20, at 10 a.m. These exercises were in charge of Mrs. Pamela Elder, Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary and C. LeRoy Stoudt, Chief of Staff of the Sons.

The National Officers of both organizations, the Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary and Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons were escorted in and introduced.

Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald and National President Mrs. Lela B. Shugart were presented, and each addressed the meeting briefly. Mrs. Marian Heald, wife of the Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Irne Spathe, Chairman of the Convention Committee were also presented.

Greetings were extended to the sons and Auxiliary by Mr. Frank Kerns, a member of City Council of Columbus, in behalf of the city; also by Mrs. Esther M. Schooler, National President, Mrs. Lovell Faulkner, National Secretary and Mrs. Levan Howard, Department President of Ohio of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Services were held at the State Capitol Grounds, on Monday, August 20 at 7 p.m.

Program

Presiding Officer	Cleon E. Heald Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War
Invocation	Rev. Wm. Hallock Acting National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans
Musical Selection	Harrisburg Drum Corps
Remarks	Mrs. Lela B. Shugart National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
Musical Selection	Harrisburg Drum Corps
Wreath Laying	C. LeRoy Stoudt Chief of Staff, Sons of Union Veterans, and Mrs. Pamela Elder Chief of Staff, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.
Benediction	Rev. Wm. Hallock Acting National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans.

PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

HOTEL DESHLER-WALLICK — COLUMBUS, OHIO
AUGUST 19-23, 1951

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

AUGUST 20, 1951—2 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald: The Officers and members of the Seventieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will please come to order.

I appoint as Guide, Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts; Color Bearer, Department Commander J. Elmer Wohlgenuth, California & Pacific; and Guard, Past Department Commander James C. Tatman, Maryland.

The Encampment was opened in ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except National Chaplain, Rev. Richard O. Partington, and Personal Aide, Homer L. Atkins, Jr. Commander-in-Chief Heald appointed Past Department Commander Rev. Wm. A. Hallock, New York, as Acting National Chaplain; and Delegate Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts, as Musician.

All National Officers were introduced, and presented with a personal gift from Commander-in-Chief Heald. Gifts were also presented to Chairmen of Standing Committees.

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief Heald: At this time, I wish to appoint the following Committees:

Credentials

Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman.
Ludwig E. Manoly, Department Commander, Maryland.
Vernon S. Cheney, Past Department Commander, Calif. & Pacific.
Robert Lawrence, Department Commander, New Hampshire.
William O. Fuller, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
R. J. Williams, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

Resolutions

Wm. M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio, Chairman.
Charles F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.
Albert B. DeHaven, Past Department Commander, Maine.
John W. Emery, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

Officers' Reports

John H. Runkle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
 William C. Rule, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 Leslie W. More, Past Department Commander, New York.
 John H. Starr, Past Department Commander, Oregon.
 A. LeRoy Reynolds, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

Constitution & Regulations

Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
 Perle L. Fouch, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan.
 Chester L. Charter, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.
 Frank S. Reavey, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island.
 Chas. E. Katterman, Jr., Past Department Commander, Kansas.

Ritual & Ceremonies

Neil D. Cranmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York, Chairman.
 Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine.
 Andrew Richardson, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
 Theo. H. Mohr, Past Department Commander, Missouri.

Press

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.
 Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer.
 Harold M. Drown, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 Louis G. Blair, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

Restoration of Rank

Charles H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts, Chairman.
 Hugh H. Snider, Past Department Commander, Indiana.

1952 Encampment

Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman.
 C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
 Cleon E. Heald, Commander-in-Chief, New Hampshire.
 Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

Fraternal Relations

All past Commanders-in-Chief, with C. LeRoy Stoudt, National Chief of Staff as Chairman.

Is the Credential Committee ready with a preliminary report?

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—PRELIMINARY REPORT

Past Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney, Calif. & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee is happy to report 115 delegates registered.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Thank you, Brother Cheney. We are now ready for reports of officers.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief presided from his station, as the Commander-in-Chief read his report (as printed in Officers' Reports) with the exception that the following are to be added to Necrology, Page 8:

Charles W. Roberts, Past Department Commander, Connecticut.
 William H. Kline, Past Department Commander, New York.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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

Greetings:

One year ago this month, in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, at the Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment, I assumed the duties and responsibilities of the highest office within your gift. I herewith offer the following report of the activities of the office of Commander-in-Chief during the past year.

I accepted this office fully realizing the personal sacrifice in time and money necessary if one hoped to contribute anything of a constructive and worthwhile nature to the distressing conditions which have faced our order for the past several years. I assumed the office with no illusions as to spectacular results, as I have felt for many years that certain fundamental factors must be corrected if a firm foundation, with sustained growth and activity, is to be accomplished. The aims and efforts of this administration have been directed toward a start in building a long-range program rather than emphasis on immediate results. We have encouraged interest in modern techniques of procedure and have omitted emphasis on increased membership, believing that experience should have proven the folly of expending effort on obtaining and holding new members unless we first have a physical set-up in our Camps which meets the interests of each of our three generations of eligibles.

Membership Honor Roll

The following brothers have been reported as securing five or more new members, have been awarded the Gold Ribbon as Special Aides and their names have been published in The Banner. Congratulations and thank you for your service to our Order:

Harry Howard, Massachusetts	5
Howard L. Bryant, Vermont	5
Herbert Friot, Vermont	5
Wayne Bryant, Vermont	5
Alfred A. Brigham, Vermont	5
William F. Brigham, Vermont	5
Carl E. Welcome, Massachusetts	5
Thomas Drinkwater, Vermont	5
Carrol Thurston, Vermont	5
John H. Starr, Oregon	5
Linwood V. Miller, Maine	5
William C. Rule, Massachusetts	5
Wayne Wyman, New Hampshire.....	5
Richard Wyman, New Hampshire.....	5
Zane Thurston, New Hampshire	5

Special Aides

The Commander-in-Chief believes that the Chairman of Standing Committees and members rendering outstanding service to our Order should be recognized, and this group were appointed Special Aides, issued Gold Ribbons and their names have been published in The Banner.

New Camps

The following new Camps were organized during the past year:
Gen. J. K. Siegfried Camp No. 223, Pottsville, Pa., 40 charter members.

Granite State Camp No. 5, New Hampshire, 20 charter members.
San Diego Camp No. 26, San Diego, California, 15 charter members.

Visitations

The column "Traveling with the Commander-in-Chief" has been in each issue of The Banner. I have visited every Department with the exception of Minnesota (conflict in Encampment dates), Iowa and Nebraska (unable to arrange a called meeting while I was in those areas) and Michigan visit cancelled due to my being called to Columbus, Ohio, for National Encampment arrangements.

Several of the New England Departments, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania were visited on two or more occasions.

I spent an entire month in California & Pacific and Washington and Oregon Departments.

A minimum of one full day and evening was spent in each Department visited.

I made three trips to Columbus, Ohio, for conferences incident to this National Encampment.

If only one brother in each Department visited caught the vision of our golden opportunity, I shall feel well repaid.

Finances

Our financial condition should be a matter of grave concern to all. Under the heading "Survey of the Order," I have made some definite recommendations. One of two things must happen. Either we must face facts and act accordingly, or continue the dissipation of our financial resources until such time as we shall automatically cease to function because of lack of necessary funds. I trust that realistic action will be taken on this problem at this Encampment.

Officers

The Commandery-in-Chief and myself have been fortunate in having an outstanding group of elective and appointed officers this year. Several have rendered service beyond the call of duty. Would that space permitted me to call to your attention service rendered by each of these brothers from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief down the line. I would, however, feel negligent in my duty if I did not take this opportunity to express my admiration and appreciation to our National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, for the efficient and faithful performance of his duties, and his courteous, prompt and business-like attention to all matters which I have brought to his attention. May he serve our Order in this office for many more years.

Reports of all officers will be presented by each individual.

National Legislative Committee

Chairman Fred C. Colwell has been alert and active and this committee is a credit to our Order. In co-operation with the National Counselor, Richard F. Locke, further study has been given to the difficult task of securing a Congressional Charter for our Order. Conditions over which I had no control prevented desired progress on this project. Both Brothers Colwell and Locke attended the meeting of the American Coalition meeting in Washington.

G. A. R. Highway Committee

I am happy to report the completion of this great project with the signing of the appropriate legislation by Governor Russell of Nevada. The task now remaining before us is to make sure that U. S. Highway No. 6 is properly improved until one day it becomes the finest trans-continental highway in America. Only then will it serve as a fitting

memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. The late Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, Chairman of the G. A. R. Highway Committee, lived to see its completion. It is tragic that P. D. C. John Spielman, Chief Highway Engineer, passed away just a few months before the highway was completed. Both of these late brothers served our Order well on this project. The committee should be continued under a competent chairman.

National Americanization Committee

Under the Chairmanship of Allen Spink much work has been done in preparing the preliminary plans for a program which can be used by our Camps in Americanization projects. Brother Spink attended the American Coalition meeting in Washington.

Graves Marking Committee

Bertrand DeForest has continued his excellent work as Chairman of this important committee. This is an outstanding project and much credit is due this committee.

National Publicity

Harold Drown is eminently qualified for this position. Much of the exceptional publicity obtained from Coast to Coast has been the result of his untiring efforts. During the year he has never failed to have advanced publicity forwarded to cities on the Commander-in-Chief's itinerary.

Junior Order

Roy J. Bennett has continued his interest and efforts in behalf of this project. He was appointed a Special Aide in recognition of his service to our Order. I believe that in many localities this activity would be of great benefit. The problem is one of competent personnel to organize and direct this project. Financial appropriation is required for this activity.

Reserve, Reserve Band and Drum Corps

These units add much color and interest at National Encampments and a plan should be devised whereby the Commandery-in-Chief may furnish financial assistance. I suggest authorizing a Year Book or Program with paid advertisements.

Officers Assuming Duties Simultaneously

I am not concerned as to the month in which elections are held but I am convinced that it would be advantageous for all officers in the Commandery-in-Chief, Departments and Camps to assume office on the same date thereby eliminating two sets of officers during each administration. I suggest October 1st as the annual date for all officers in the Sons of Union Veterans to assume office.

Approved Procedures for Local National Encampment Committees

I suggest that the Commandery-in-Chief promulgate approved methods and practices governing the activity of local National Encampment Committees in formulating programs, special events, raising of funds and otherwise functioning as an official group in behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief National Encampments.

Death Benefit Association

A study should be made to ascertain if the D. B. A. might be developed on a National basis as a selling feature to eligibles. Insurance is a powerful motivation in many fraternal orders and is worthy of our serious consideration in the rebuilding of our Order.

Conflicting Encampment Dates

An effort should be made through the Regional Associations to arrange Department Encampment dates which do not conflict with

other Departments, thereby permitting the Commander-in-Chief an opportunity to visit all Departments with a minimum of travel and expense.

Departments Entertaining Commander-in-Chief

The travel allowance of the Commander-in-Chief is inadequate and all entertaining Departments should be expected to provide his hotel accommodations while a guest of the Department. Several Departments do not provide other than banquet tickets.

United Nations Flag

Definite action should be taken by the Commandery-in-Chief on the display of the U. N. Flag.

Changing Date of Memorial Day

Several states are considering legislation to change the date of Memorial Day to a fixed day in the week whereby the holiday may be observed over a week-end holiday. It is alleged that commercial interests are sponsoring this change in days and dates. The Commandery-in-Chief should take definite action on this proposal.

The Reserve Program

I believe in and am enthusiastic about this activity as a project which is of interest to many and especially younger eligibles and members. During the year I have encouraged the formation of uniformed Drill Teams as a start toward a Reserve Organization in Departments where the Reserve does not exist. More thought and attention should be given to this feature within our Order.

The Banner

Only words of commendation can be expressed to Allan Holbrook for his faithful and co-operative efforts in conducting this project. Many complimentary remarks have been received during the year regarding the current issues of this paper. However, the cost of publication is crippling our finances, and some action must be taken or soon lack of finances will automatically end its publication.

The Grand Army of the Republic

While the active days of our parent organization have ceased, the surviving members are still keenly interested in our Order. During the year I visited Comrades Hard, Story and Magee. Each were mentally alert and were happy and pleased that I paid them a visit. Their secretary, Miss Cora Gillis, has been most co-operative and helpful at all times. May the remaining years be ones of comfort and happiness to the six (6) remaining "Boys in Blue."

Our Auxiliary

Words fail to express to our National President, Mrs. Lela B. Shugart, and the officers and members of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, my thanks and appreciation for the untiring work which they have given to our Order this past year. I could not have had a more charming, competent and enthusiastic co-worker than their National President. We traveled from Coast to Coast and she was ever an inspiration to me and a helper to whom I shall always be indebted for her kindly understanding and words of encouragement.

Allied Orders

I regret that we were unable to arrange for simultaneous Encampments. I invited the National Presidents to meet with me last October at Columbus, at which time I extended our invitation and agreed to change our Encampment dates from August to September if they accepted our invitation. Our meeting was pleasant and harmonious but they did not choose to meet in Columbus in 1951. The main obstacle

seems to be the so-called "Rotation Plan" which I was not authorized to discuss. I hope that invitations will be extended annually but I do not feel it advisable to appropriate expense money incident to the extending of invitations in person by the Commander-in-Chief. I extend my personal greetings and my wish for a most successful Convention at Chicago to each of the National Presidents and the members of their organizations. I trust that my successor will attend or delegate someone to represent him at their Annual Conventions at Chicago in September.

Grand Army of the Republic

Our official records list the following surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Albert Woolson, Sr. V. C.-C., Duluth, Minn.
 James A. Hard, Jr. V. C.-in-C., Rochester, N. Y.
 Douglas T. Story, Los Angeles, Calif.
 William A. Magee, Van Nuys, Calif.
 Israel Broadsword, Samuels, Idaho.
 Lancing A. Wilcox, Cadoti, Wis.

Under date of July 5, 1951, each of the above comrades was extended an invitation to attend the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and our Auxiliary. The invitations were signed by James A. Rhodes, Mayor, City of Columbus, Ohio. The Deshler-Wallick Hotel at Columbus included in this invitation living quarters, without charge, for the veteran and his escort.

Necrology

The following Grand Army of the Republic and Commandery-in-Chief members have been reported to have answered the last Roll Call and passed to the "Great Beyond." May the influence of their lives remain as an inspiration to us in the days that lie ahead in this critical period of our Order.

Grand Army of the Republic:

Theodore Penland, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.
 Hiram Gale, Past Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.
 Robert Barrett, Sr.
 Joseph Clovese.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

William H. Russell, Past Commander-in-Chief, S. U. V., Kansas.
 Dr. Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief, S. U. V., New York.
 John Spielman, Past Department Commander, S. U. V., Cal. & Pac.
 Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, Past Dept. Commander, S. U. V., Penn.
 Michael J. Heintz, Past Department Commander, S. U. V., Ohio.
 Frederic A. Gentieu, Past Department Commander, S. U. V., N. J.
 William H. Klein, Past Department Commander, S. U. V., New York.

SURVEY OF THE ORDER

I feel that the Commander-in-Chief is charged with the duty of reporting his considered opinions and to offer appropriate recommendations without fear or favor and void of personal feelings as to any individual.

The cost of printing a professional report under this heading prohibits my rendering more than a brief outline, with the elimination of much related or explanatory information which should be included as relevant material.

I shall attempt to briefly state facts and conditions and I trust that same will not be construed as embodying defeatism or pessimism.

The physical set-up of our Order represents untold labor and expense and we are fortunate to have this established organization as a basis or foundation for future development. I am amazed at the loyalty, devotion and efforts of many members in several of our Departments. An attitude of defeatism exists in the majority of our Departments and in several this attitude has entirely submerged constructive effort and has obliterated the wonderful opportunity within our grasp. In my opinion, our Order is on the threshold of the greatest opportunity in our history if we can but catch the vision and realize the chance afforded us to become a great force for Americanism in this the most critical hour in our Nation's history.

In the past we have appointed Program and Policy Committees but they have been unrealistic and the result of their labors have been a voluminous theoretical report which dealt chiefly with abstractions and which were not concrete enough to catch the imagination of our Camps. I served on one such committee several years back and was compelled to offer a minority report containing definite, simple plans which could have been easily understood and executed by our Camps. The majority report was adopted but could not be put into operation for obvious reasons.

The time has long since passed when we may continue to live in a make-believe dream world and we should face realities as they exist today, rather than attempting to use techniques and ideologies that existed seventy years ago when our Order was founded. It should be obvious that something is drastically wrong, and that this condition cannot be corrected by a flow of sentimental oratory, or by a committee report which is difficult to promulgate and impossible to execute in the Camps and Departments.

I have yet, after three decades of Educational and Business Counseling, to discover failure caused from outside pressure. The fundamental cause of failure is always from within the individual or organization.

We are attempting to successfully operate our Order on sentiment and with an off-balanced membership and financial structure based on conditions which long since have ceased to exist. Anyone or any group who believe that one can do business in the year 1951 with the same techniques and half the income as in the year 1900, are fooling only themselves.

A conservative survey would reveal that 40% to 50% of our present membership is fictitious, remaining on our rolls through the charity of Camps or individuals.

The percentage of really active Camps is less than 50% in several Departments.

We have at least 20% of our existing Departments on the verge of disbanding and another 20% will soon be in that same condition if present procedures are continued.

Lack of constructive and energetic leadership and a sustained program embodying continuity of action and policy emanating from our National Organization has contributed to the present condition found throughout the Commandery-in-Chief. Each new administration announces its own program which often bears no relation to its predecessors, with the notable exception that all seem to have increased membership as a goal.

The present Commandery-in-Chief officers have attempted to carry on the policies of the last administration with the exception of em-

phasis on membership, believing that Camp program and activity is prerequisite to membership. We believe that it is time wasted to recruit new members without having activity which is of interest to the member.

I am convinced that our first consideration should be to decide on a definite program geared to conditions existing today, and the responsibility of executing this program should be delegated to specific elected and appointed officers. To make this program effective we should give serious consideration to our financial policies. The time to make these decisions is now while we still have the nucleus of an organization remaining upon which to build.

I make the following suggestions and at the end of this survey report I offer certain recommendations.

Commander-in-Chief should remain as the executive head of the Order, but he should be provided with a program which represents continuity of action over a period of years. Rearrangement of Department visitations would relieve him of some of the personal expense. He should have an allowance for postage and pre-Encampment arrangements. The six-point platform adopted at Boston was the most forward step taken in years.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief should be assigned definite duties and his efficiency should be determined by results of his activity. He should have a small expense account.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Same as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief—Under present set-up this office is one of auditing and budget. Cost to the Order is out of balance to the work done. Either their duties should include other responsibilities or an auditor should handle this report thereby effecting a saving in money by eliminating travel expense.

Appointed Officers—Present duties should be re-evaluated and other definite duties assigned if deemed advisable. Reasonable postage or expense accounts should be provided if needed.

Standing Committees—The chairman of the permanent committees should be given explicit instructions and provided with postage and expense accounts where travel and correspondence is required.

Council of Administration—We should create a new committee or enlarge the Council-in-Chief to at least five (5) men whose duty should be to formulate a three (3) or five (5) year plan with definite objectives for each of said years. This group should serve as advisors to the Commander-in-Chief and be responsible for all of the interests and welfare of the Order during the interim between National Encampments.

Eligibility—It should be clearly obvious that our eligibility should be broadened. I am not in favor of departing from our direct descendancy policy, but I believe we should consider admitting any direct male descendant of an Honorably Discharged United States War Veteran into our membership.

Name of Order—Experience would indicate that the changing of our name to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, accomplished only one thing and that was to confuse the public as to who we are and to have us become known as the little order with the big name. We should, in my opinion, readopt our former name, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (United States Army).

Camps—The majority of our active Camps fail to carry out the work of the ritual, hold meetings too frequently and operate using techniques and procedures which are relics of bygone days. Most Camps

should be encouraged to hold meetings not oftener than monthly and in many instances quarterly meetings well planned would be more effective. Consideration should be given to "Service Club" type of dinner meetings as a modern method of conducting a Camp meeting.

Password—I feel that a password is an outmoded technique and suggest a paid-up membership card as a means of admission, voting and holding office.

Membership—One of our basic difficulties is the fact that we are off balance in age groups. Many of our Camps have neglected to provide interest for grandsons, and more important great-grandsons, with the result that our losses from death exceed our gains. During the year I have, through public addresses and in articles in *The Banner*, called attention to this basic problem and have given examples of procedures to attract, interest and hold young members. Athletic teams, Drum Corps, Firing Squads, Drill Teams, etc., really produce results.

State Camps—Every Department should organize one or more of these Dinner Type Camps, meet quarterly and accept members from localities where a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans does not exist. Members of disbanded Camps should be automatically transferred to membership in a State Camp.

Finances—Our budget is off balance and is annually subjected to pressure from unqualified members who through flowery sentimental oratory sway the judgment of the attending delegates into voting financial expenditures which are unsound and destructive. I offer as an example the vote taken at Boston whereby the budget of the Council-in-Chief was not accepted and the Encampment voted funds which have necessitated cashing invested funds to the extent of \$1200.00. If this practice is allowed to continue, we will automatically become insolvent and be destroyed. The income from investments is greater than from any one Department and the loss of this interest revenue is a serious matter.

The Banner—The cost of this paper is out of proportion to our income and either the number of issues should be reduced or revenue obtained from advertisements. I believe limited space could be sold to those who offer supplies or possibly a few of our own members might buy advertising space. The make-up should be revamped to be more modern and attractive.

Salaries—The salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer is out of balance with the income of the Commandery-in-Chief. I have only commendation for the ability and efficiency in the conduct of this office by the one now holding the office, but the fact remains that the Order cannot apportion so large a percentage of its available budget for the operation of this activity. If we are to put our program on a sound basis we must have available funds for promoting the several projects. It is inconceivable to me that we accept financial aid while spending more for these offices than those who are furnishing us with financial help and our membership is several thousand less than our Auxiliary.

Recommendations

(Note: Recommendations involving change in C. R. and R. should, if adopted, be submitted in form of Resolutions by Resolutions Committee).

- No. 1. A. That future retiring Commanders-in-Chief be made No. 1 members of the Council-in-Chief because of their current knowledge of the State of the Order.

- B. That the Commander-in-Chief be allowed an additional \$100.00 annually for travel expense incident to making arrangements for the National Encampment.
- C. That the Commander-in-Chief be allowed an additional \$50.00 per year for stenographic and postage expense.
- No. 2. That the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief be assigned the responsibility for promoting the planned program as established by the Order under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief.
- No. 3. That the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be assigned the responsibility for membership and shall promote this activity under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief.
- No. 4. That the Council-in-Chief be enlarged to five (5) members to be known as or be charged with the duties of a Council-of-Administration.
 - A. To determine and issue a three (3) or five (5) year program.
 - B. To act as an advisory body to the Commander-in-Chief in his many and varied problems arising during his term of office.
 - C. To assign duties to the various officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, said officers to report to and be responsible to said Council-in-Chief.
- No. 5. That all officers and committee chairman with travel and postage expense shall be allowed an expense account not to exceed \$25.00.
- No. 6. That the Chief-of-Staff be allowed coach fare to and from National Encampments.
- No. 7. That the Council-in-Chief substantially reduce the cost of The Banner and that it be authorized to obtain additional funds through selling advertising space or reduce the number of issues or take such other action as may seem expedient to reduce the cost of same.
- No. 8. That the Council-in-Chief set the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer at an amount more nearly in line with that paid similar officers by our Auxiliary.
- No. 9. That the Council-in-Chief make allowance in the annual budget for replacing permanent funds withdrawn during this fiscal year, same to be replaced over a five-year period.
- No. 10. That proposed legislation requiring expenditures from our permanent funds shall be given notice to our membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the introduction of such legislation at a National Encampment.
- No. 11. That the use of and issuing of a password be discontinued and that in lieu thereof a member must show a paid up membership card to gain admission, vote or hold office in a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans.
- No. 12. That the name of our Order be changed to Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
- No. 13. That any direct male descendant of an Honorably Discharged American War Veteran may be considered eligible to join our Order.
- No. 14. That the Council-in-Chief be instructed to investigate and report on the possibility and advisability of merging the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans with our Order.
- No. 15. A. That we continue our membership in the American Coalition.
B. That we contribute \$25.00 per year to the Coalition.

- C. That the Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor, National Chairman of Legislative Committee and National Chairman of Americanization Committee each be allowed the sum of \$25.00 if they attend the Annual Coalition Meeting.
- No. 16. That an appointive officer to be known as a co-ordinator be appointed to work with the several Departments assisting in promoting our National Program. I recommend the present Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief as qualified for this office.
- No. 17. That the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary and the Council-in-Chief be authorized as a Time and Place Committee to secure and contract for future National Encampment cities.
- No. 18. A. That members of disbanded Camps shall be automatically assigned as members-at-large or members of State Camps within their Departments.
- B. That members of disbanded Departments shall be automatically assigned as members-at-large or members of a Commandery-in-Chief Camp.
- No. 19. That further consideration and action be taken relative to an authorized Junior Order within our organization.
- No. 20. That we continue our policy of extending invitations to the G. A. R. Allied Orders for the holding of their National Conventions at same time and place as the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary and recommend the same procedure to all Departments of the Order.

Suggestions (Itemized)

1. Continue Membership Special Aides and issue Gold Ribbons.
2. Continue Chairmen of Standing Committees and others who render outstanding service as Special Aides with Gold Ribbons.
3. Name all appointive officers at the National Encampment to ensure maximum recognition in the Departments.
4. Financial assistance to Reserve, Band and Drum Corps.
5. Commandery-in-Chief Greetings to Allied Orders Convention at Chicago.
6. All officers to assume office on same date.
7. Rules and regulations for local National Encampment Committees.
8. Death Benefit Association.
9. Eliminating conflict in Encampments dates.
10. Departments entertaining Commander-in-Chief.
11. Display of United Nation's Flag.
12. Changing day and date of Memorial Day.
13. Continue G. A. R. Highway Committee.
14. Continue National Publicity Office.
15. The Reserve Program.

Conclusion

I submit this report realizing that some may feel that certain suggestions and recommendations are rather drastic and involve changes which may seem startling. This report is based on considered judgment made after devoting over 60% of my time and effort to the business and operation of our Order during the past year. I have no personal

feelings involved, my only concern is for that which will benefit our beloved Order. The decisions and fate of the Sons of Union Veterans rests in your hands. I accept your decisions on this report in a spirit of brotherly love; my only request being that you have the courage of your convictions and that any actions you may take, are in your considered judgment, made in the best interests for the future of our Order.

It has been an honor and rare privilege to serve you as Commander-in-Chief. I shall treasure forever the many friends made from Coast to Coast and shall always be grateful for the courteous and sympathetic co-operation extended to me in the Departments which I visited.

We stand on the threshold of an unsurpassed era of opportunity to serve our Country if we but have the courage and vision to constructively build and promote our Order using modern techniques — "LET'S DO IT NOW."

I pledge to my successor and to you, my brothers, my interest and co-operation in the years to come.

May we catch the vision and build an order so strong that we may preserve to America the heritage bequeathed to us. Only then will we have kept the faith and carried out our obligation to perpetuate forever the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

CLEON E. HEALD, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: You have heard the report of the Commander-in-Chief. The chair would be glad to receive a motion that this report, and all others, be referred to the Committee of Officers' Reports, except those portions which refer to changes in the Constitution and Regulations, those portions to be referred to that Committee.

(A motion was made, amended and seconded that the various reports as submitted, be referred to the Committee of Officers' Reports, except portions affecting the Constitution and Regulations; and except recommendations on U. N. flag, which will be presented to the Encampment through resolution. Motion carried).

Greetings Committee From The Ladies Of The G. A. R.

A Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was presented consisting of:

Mrs. Clara E. Smith, Past National Junior Vice President, Ohio.
Mrs. Edna Brewsagh, President of Auxiliary No. 17, Columbus, Ohio.

They extended greetings from their National President, Mrs. Bessie Hart of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke responded.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer:

In National Encampment
August 20, 1951

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the 70th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

As a member of the Staff of Commander-in-Chief Heald, I have endeavored to help carry out his policy building up the prestige of

our Order by attracting to it men of high quality and by impressing the public with the patriotic work we are carrying on. With his approval, therefore, I have visited several of the Eastern Departments from one to three times each, and held informal conferences with the Department Commander and other key men in order to consider plans for attaining Commander-in-Chief Heald's objective. I expressly asked that these visits be not made social affairs, but actual business conferences.

My visits have revealed the fact that in many communities our Order needs a major housecleaning. In some communities the present personnel of the Camp are active and with a little help from the Department or the Commandery-in-Chief can carry the Camp onward and upward. In some cases the field is too small for a Camp to function independently, and I recommended that the Camp become a division of a near-by larger Camp, as now authorized by our Regulations, operating as a separate unit for Memorial Day and other local work, but getting the inspiration which would come from membership in a Camp large enough to hold worth-while meetings and patriotic observances. In some places the Camps are under control of men who cannot or will not adjust themselves to present day conditions, and in a few instances the evidence is convincing that the present members are averse to taking in new members, lest they themselves lose control. Such Camps are like a dog with a bad name, and lower the prestige of our Order in the public eye. Either entirely new personnel must be brought in and put in control or disbandment and formation of a new Camp is the only remedy. A case in point showing what can be done is that of a Camp in Massachusetts which was on the point of disbandment when Department Organizer Waite brought in through his own efforts 16 new energetic members, who put new life into the Camp. The work must be done at the Department level, but the Commander-in-Chief can give advice and assistance.

There have also been brought to my notice two cases of actual and two others of threatened diversion of Camp moneys into channels outside the purposes and objects of our Order. We are a charitable organization, as that term has been defined by the Supreme Court of the United States, and our moneys are impressed with a charitable trust. Ordinarily the Attorney General of the State is the person to enforce such a trust in case of actual or threatened mismanagement. Visitationary powers, however, are fully recognized in our law and have been upheld, notably in the celebrated Andover Theological Seminary case. In Massachusetts we have had cordial co-operation from the Attorney General's office, but as the same situation may not exist in some States, I recommend that visitationary powers be given to the Commandery-in-Chief and to the Department, and will submit to the proper committee an amendment of our Regulations covering this point. Such an amendment will give legal protection to our moneys without the necessity of calling on a public official.

In this connection I believe that the disciplinary powers conferred by Article VI of Chapter V of our Regulations should be broadened, and the sword of justice cleaned of some of its rust. If a Camp knows that the Regulations of the Order will not or cannot be enforced, there is no inducement for it to obey the Regulations. I will submit to the proper committee an amendment to the Regulations covering this point.

The pleasant part of the work of my office has been the contacts with outstanding men in our Order, both on the visits referred to

above and at various public and social functions which I have attended. I represented the Commander-in-Chief at the annual Encampment of the New Jersey Department and was impressed by the high quality of the men in attendance. I also attended, as official representative of the Commander-in-Chief, the outstanding observance of Dedication Day arranged by Commander Rothschild of Phil Kearny Camp of New Brunswick and participated in by neighboring Camps. Such observances increase the prestige of our Order with the public and are highly creditable to those arranging them. The time is past when our Order can afford to allow its name to be connected with any function which is not of the highest order, and celebrations like that at New Brunswick show the standard which we can and should attain. Of like high character was the annual memorial service at General Grant's tomb which I attended with the Commander-in-Chief.

At his request I accompanied him to a district meeting at Manchester, N. H. His work the past year in New Hampshire, including starting a State Camp, will redound to his credit and that of the Order.

The foregoing are in addition to attending several Camp and Department functions of a more or less social nature and giving addresses at meetings of our own and kindred organizations.

I believe that at least the larger Departments should be incorporated as charitable corporations under the laws of their respective States. Massachusetts was incorporated many years ago, and the administration of the Department under a board of 13 members, having the powers of a Board of Directors of a business corporation, has not only put the Department's affairs on a more businesslike basis, but has more than doubled the income from its permanent and trust funds.

My relations with the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary-Treasurer, and the other National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief with whom I have had contact have been most cordial.

In conclusion, I desire to express to the Commandery-in-Chief my appreciation of the honor it did me in electing me to this high office.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief:

Cleon E. Heald, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

A little less than a year ago it was my pleasure to be chosen by the National Organization as their Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and for this great honor to my Department, to my Camp and to myself. I wish to thank the members most sincerely.

To the very best of my ability, I have performed all of the duties assigned me during the year, representing the Commander-in-Chief at our Department Encampment, have visited most of the Camps in our Department at least twice, attended all of the District meetings of District No. 1, and most of District No. 2, as well as the joint

District meeting held in Fresno in October; attended all installations possible. On all occasions I have been received with courtesy and respect due the office.

On Decoration Day, it was my privilege to be a guest on the platform at the Sawtelle Soldiers Home, where 3,000 were in attendance. Our Comrade, Douglas T. Storey, arrived in a car and was seated in front of the platform during the service. The National and Department heads of all Veterans organizations or their representatives attend this service every year.

I have visited both our old Comrades many times during this past year and to know them is to fully appreciate the very fine organization of which they are both members, the Grand Army of the Republic. They have been an inspiration to go forward and try to do greater things for the Sons of Union Veterans.

It was my pleasure to help entertain our Commander-in-Chief for a short time during his visit in California Department. We, here, will never forget his visit and feel that it was for our Department a starter for gains both in interest and membership.

I have not been able to organize a Camp of Sons of Union Veterans in Las Vegas, Nevada, although I have worked very hard on this score and will continue my efforts this fall. Distance has been the barrier.

The highlight of my year as your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief was the Instituting of a New Camp in our Department, San Diego Camp No. 26, with 15 Charter members, as well as a new Auxiliary. This meeting was well attended and I am sure from the send off this Camp and Auxiliary received they will grow in numbers many times over. It was my pleasure to be the organizer of this Camp.

I would be amiss if I did not mention my appreciation to our Commander-in-Chief for suggesting that I contribute to the front page of The Banner.

Thanking you again for the privilege of serving our beloved organization, and wishing you a most successful Encampment,

Sincerely in F. C. & L.

EARL F. RIGGS,

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Combs:

Cleon E. Heald, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Council-in-Chief held a meeting and examined the books and accounts of the National Secretary-Treasurer, and found them properly kept and in perfect balance.

The following is a letter from the First Mechanics Bank of Trenton, N. J., showing the balance as of Augst 14, 1951:

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

August 15, 1951.

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. Albert C. Lambert, National Treasurer, Trenton, N. J., we hereby advise that the balance in the account of

the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the close of business August 14, 1951 was \$2,985.85.

Yours very truly,

(Roy M. Crockett)

Ass't Manager

Chambersburg Office."

Respectfully yours in F. C. & L.

FRED H. COMBS, SR.,

HOMER L. YOUNG,

HAROLD E. ARNOLD,

Council-in-Chief.

(No objections, adopted as read).

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

National Patriotic Instructor Davis:

August 19, 1951.

Cleon E. Heald, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

It has been a very interesting experience to be on your staff as National Patriotic Instructor. From this station one gets a bird's-eye view of the Organization's activities and receives revealing comments from many Departments. My work has been a three-way task.

1. One assignment was to solicit contributions for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund. In doing this I carried out the suggestion that I send a letter about the Fund to as many Camps as possible, and to prominent members. The detailed results of this solicitation are embodied in an attached statement. The amount collected from each Department is as follows:

California	\$ 64.20
Colorado & Wyoming	6.20
Connecticut	22.00
Illinois	100.00
Indiana	20.00
Iowa	
Kansas	5.00
Maine	31.40
Maryland	11.00
Massachusetts	41.40
Michigan	25.00
Minnesota	12.60
Missouri	28.00
New Hampshire	23.00
New Jersey	82.00
New York	45.00
Ohio	17.00
Oregon	103.00
Pennsylvania	53.00
Rhode Island	26.00
Vermont	24.41
Wisconsin	15.00

Total

\$755.21

If the National Patriotic Instructor next year renews this solicitation, he must continue to have worthy projects to present.

The Grand Army of the Republic Highway is a magnificent undertaking with further possibilities. It seems to me, also, that some money from the Fund could well be used for patriotic publicity such as the Grand Army would commend if in the high tide of its existence.

2. Another task has been that of collecting and summarizing the annual reports of Department Patriotic Instructors. My consolidated report covering that material is attached hereto. The number of Camps reporting was very incomplete, being only 211 out of nearly 500 Camps, but the activities reported are substantial.

Camps reporting	211
Flags placed on graves	153,204
Cemeteries covered	1,304
Headstones placed	84
Memorials erected	4
Public Programs	261
Radio programs	24
Flags presented	23
Funerals attended or conducted	244
Children joining in Memorial Day programs	338,806
States not requiring school use of flag pledge	3
Parade participated in	271
Members who gave talks on Memorial Day ..	70

3. My third important task was to contribute a page to each issue of The Banner. I met that assignment less as a historian, and more as a commentator on current issues, than has been customary—thus testing whether our members are prepared for a change.

My views on various subjects of concern to the nation or to our Organization have been stated in The Banner. Several comments that occur to me would be so similar to the statements made in his report by my predecessor last year that they would be a needless repetition.

It has been a great honor to be on the staff of a Commander-in-Chief so well-informed, so able, and so enterprising as yourself, and I shall always retain pleasant memories of this friendly association.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK K. DAVIS,

National Patriotic Instructor.

August 20, 1951

Cleon E. Heald, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Supplementing my other reports, I invite attention to the following:

1. If Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund contributions are solicited the coming year, it would be advantageous, in my opinion, to have the contributions go direct to the National Treasurer, who would also provide receipts. He is better prepared than any other officer is likely to be to receive and record such contributions.

2. Our lack of a folder describing our Order and its objects is a most serious shortcoming and one that has often been criticized. We

also need aggressive publicity material in keeping with our patriotic objectives, which are in harmony with the spirit of the Grand Army. If the following recommendation does not come within the province of the Committee of Officers' Reports, I request its reference to the Council-in-Chief:

\$500 is hereby made available from the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund to the Committee on Program and Policy for the purpose of publishing a folder about our Order; also, if money permits, other publicity material the Committee may agree upon. Quantities to be sold as cheaply as feasible and receipts to be returned to the Grand Army Fund.

2. As you well know, thinking people all over our country are alarmed by the threat to the principles which animated the Founding Fathers of our nation. Corruption in high places, lax integrity among officials, the penetration of Communists into positions of authority, the trend toward usurpation of the rights of States and of the people—all call for action. In many Southern and Northern States there is a special awareness of these conditions and an eagerness for action. I propose, therefore, the following resolution and urge that the utmost publicity be sought for it in the papers and otherwise:

Believing it to be an urgent need for the good of our Republic, and with the cherished object of keeping America American in accordance with the principles established by the Founding Fathers of the nation, we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, endorse and encourage a new cooperative alinement of voters in the North and South.

3. In the May issue of *The Banner*, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer analyzed the effect of treaties upon the United States. The alarming facts he presented are unknown to most people, and apparently little recognized by Congress. He pointed out that "all treaties . . . shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding." Very disturbing developments are now resulting from this situation because of our international entanglements; hence a very present danger exists. Accordingly, I recommend the adoption of the following resolution and subsequent wide publicity for it.

Inasmuch as treaties now are the law of the land, superseding Federal and State laws and even the Constitution itself, and whereas treaties made by the President are now so numerous, and regulations made by the United Nations may be, and have been, classed in court as treaties, we believe these facts constitute such an immediate and present danger to the rights and security of the American people that we propose an amendment to the Constitution expressly forbidding that any treaty may supersede or outrank our Constitution or Federal and State laws.

With the hope this communication may be stimulative and result in productive thought by the National Encampment and that it may promote the feeling that we are a national patriotic organization, with national responsibilities, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

FREDERICK K. DAVIS,

National Patriotic Instructor.

DETAILED REPORT OF GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL FUND

Department of California & Pacific:		Total
Camp No. 2, Los Angeles	\$ 5.00	
Mrs. Langdon by Camp No. 2, Los Angeles	5.00	
Podrasnik Camp No. 15, Ontario	5.00	
Earl F. Riggs, Ontario	5.00	
Hooker Camp No. 9, Pomona	2.60	
California Department	41.60	\$ 64.20
Department of Colorado & Wyoming:		
Colorado Springs Camp No. 5, Colorado Spr.	2.80	
Colorado State Camp No. 1, Denver	1.40	
Department of Colorado	2.00	6.20
Department of Connecticut:		
H. F. Haft, Groton	1.00	
Upham Camp No. 7, Meriden	15.00	
Allen F. Spink, Hartford	1.00	
Bertrand O. DeForest, Derby	5.00	22.00
Department of Illinois:		
Illinois Department	100.00	100.00
Department of Indiana:		
Indianapolis Camp	2.50	
Connersville Camp	2.50	
Richmond Camp	2.50	
Muncie Camp	2.50	
Winchester Camp	2.50	
LaFayette Camp	2.50	
Fort Wayne Camp	2.50	
Kokomo Camp	2.50	20.00
Department of Iowa:		
Department of Kansas:		
Shiloh Camp No. 30, Newton	5.00	5.00
Department of Maine:		
Russell S. Beckwith, Belfast	4.00	
Camp No. 30, Sherman Mills	3.40	
Camp No. 44, Sanford	5.00	
Albert B. DeHaven, Sanford	1.00	
Charles C. Webster, Springvale	1.00	
Wade Camp No. 19, Westbrook	3.00	
Chamberlain Camp No. 69, South Paris	2.00	
Charles York, Norway	1.00	
Robert Hunt, Norway Lake	1.00	
Forest L. Deane, Bangor	1.00	
Charles F. Morton, Augusta	1.00	
Leon Merritt, Portland	1.00	
Harold Higgins, Oakland	1.00	
Clayborn Wellington, Liberty	1.00	
Henry Towle, South Portland	5.00	31.40
Department of Maryland:		
Charles R. Weldin	1.00	
Garfield Camp No. 1, Baltimore	5.00	
Shaw Camp No. 3, Wilmington, Delaware	5.00	

Department of Massachusetts:

Camp No. 112, Oxford	7.00	
Camp No. 5, Hudson	2.00	
Henry C. Gates, Hudson	2.00	
Bond Camp No. 104, Saugus	5.00	
Camp No. 143, Norwell	6.00	
New England Regional Assn., Malden	5.00	
Couch Camp No. 26, Taunton	7.40	
Harold Drown, Stoughton	2.00	
Plymouth County Assn., Rockland	5.00	

41.40

Department of Michigan:

Finch Camp No. 14, Grand Rapids	15.00	
Urien W. Mackey, Grand Rapids	5.00	
Nathen F. Sprague, Detroit	5.00	

25.00

Department of Minnesota:

Dewey B. Mead, Minneapolis	2.00	
George E. Bailey, Minneapolis	2.00	
St. Paul Camp No. 1, St. Paul	3.60	
Minneapolis Camp No. 8, Minneapolis	5.00	

12.60

Department of Missouri:

Missouri Department	28.00	
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28.00

Department of New Hampshire:

Griffin Camp No. 10, Keene	2.00	
New Hampshire Department	21.00	

23.00

Department of New Jersey:

Dayton Camp No. 5, Trenton	5.00	
Albert C. Lambert, Trenton	5.00	
Parker Nichols, Trenton	2.00	
Garfield Camp No. 4, Trenton	5.00	
Camp No. 12, Bloomfield	5.00	
George H. Grove, Sr., Morrisville	10.00	
New Jersey Department	50.00	

82.00

Department of New York:

Camp No. 2, Brooklyn	5.00	
Koltes Camp No. 171, New York City	1.00	
Camp No. 93, Binghamton	2.00	
Camp No. 64, Mt. Vernon	5.00	
New York Department	32.00	

45.00

Department of Ohio:

Camp No. 91, Alliance	2.00	
Camp No. 2, Youngtown	5.00	
C. Edward Wetzel, Dayton	5.00	
Camp No. 89, Dayton	5.00	

17.00

Department of Oregon:

Eugene Camp No. 17, Eugene	15.00	
Frederick K. Davis, Eugene	25.00	
John L. Mikesell, Eugene	1.00	
Roy E. Morse, Eugene	2.00	
Lester G. Hulin, Eugene	5.00	
Dr. W. E. Buchanan, Eugene	4.00	
Austin D. McReynolds, Eugene	1.00	
Owen Summers Camp No. 4, Portland	20.00	
E. W. Madison, Portland	1.00	
W. R. Baugh, Portland	1.00	

S. P. Olin Portland	1.00	
M. E. Eldred, Portland	1.00	
Salem Camp No. 6, Salem	6.00	
Walter C. Harmon, Grants Pass	5.00	
Dr. L. L. Baker, Eugene	5.00	
Oregon Department	10.00	103.00
Department of Pennsylvania:		
George T. Love, Pittsburgh	3.00	
Pennsylvania Department	50.00	53.00
Department of Rhode Island:		
Wm. M. P. Bowen, Providence	2.00	
Rhode Island Department	5.00	
Past Commanders' Association	5.00	
Dyer Camp No. 7, Providence	10.00	
Enoch A. Hoyt, Providence	1.00	
Charles N. Cobb, Providence	2.00	
Clarence E. Young, Providence	1.00	26.00
Department of Vermont:		
Vermont Department	24.41	24.41
Department of Wisconsin:		
Witte Camp No. 37, Sheboygan	5.00	
Franklin S. Hubbard, Kenosha	3.00	
Roy R. Lewis, Milwaukee	3.00	
Ed Browning, Milwaukee	2.00	
Harvey Camp No. 34, Kenosha	2.00	15.00
Total		\$755.21

(Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa, explained why no report or contribution had been received from the Department of Iowa; after which the report was Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.)

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert read his report (as per copy in Officers' Reports).

Trenton, N. J., August 1, 1951.

Mr. Cleon E. Heald,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

As fiscal officer of this organization, I have the honor and responsibility to present to you, and to the members, a report of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer, with facts and observations that appear to me to be indicated.

This will be my last report in this capacity, inasmuch as increased demands on my time, together with the advice of my physician, makes it necessary to resign the office, and relieve myself of its many responsibilities. You will kindly consider this my official resignation, effective at the conclusion of this Encampment.

Upon accepting this office three years ago, I did so with the full realization of the confusion that I found. Mismanagement and inefficiency were so prevalent that it has taken all this time to put the affairs in workable condition. By personal financing, and much planning and thought, the Commandery-in-Chief was spared embarrassment.

I have had to invest a sizable amount in supplies, particularly during the past year. Due to the restriction on strategic metals, our badge manufacturer informed me to order sufficient for a couple of years, which I have done. I cannot anticipate any great expense for supplies in the near future, and for that reason, our financial condition will benefit.

At our Encampment in Boston last year, you did not heed my warning, and for that reason more expenditures were authorized than we had income to cover. As authorized at Boston, it was necessary to cash \$1,200.00 in U. S. Bonds during the past year.

With the increased per capita tax (.60c yearly) to take effect with the September, 1951, quarter, I feel that the budget can be balanced for the immediate future. However, with continuing decrease in purchasing power of the dollar, additional increases must be anticipated.

The following statistical reports will disclose the transactions covering period from July 1, 1950, to June 30, 1951:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1950, to June 30, 1951

	General Fund	G. A. R. Fund	Legis. Com.	U. S. Gov. Bonds
July 1, 1950—To Balance	\$ 31.85	\$1,436.12	\$138.00	\$6,700.00
RECEIPTS:				
Per Capita Tax	\$5,312.20			
New Members Fees	145.50			
Charter Fees	15.00			
Camp Reinstatement Fees	5.00			
Supplies	1,177.62			
National Auxiliary—Gift	200.00			
Registration Fee	336.00			
Interest on U. S. Bonds.....	158.75			
Miscellaneous	10.57			
Premium on Dept. Com. Bonds....	45.11			
U. S. Bonds cashed	1,152.30			
National Patriotic Instructor Nemitz.		622.80		
National Patriotic Instructor Davis		302.00		
	\$8,589.90	\$2,360.92	\$138.00	\$6,700.00
DISBURSEMENTS:				
1949-50 Vouchers No. 52-73				
1950-51 Vouchers No. 1-45				
General Expense	\$4,912.21			
C.-in-C. Runkle Exp.....	250.00			
C.-in-C. Heald Exp.....	750.00			
Encampment Expense	908.85			
Dept. Com. Bonds	107.86			
Supplies	1,591.73			
	8,520.65			
Congressional Record			36.00	
G. A. R. Highway Com.....	\$ 112.58			
Grave Marking Com.....	25.00			
Printing	6.00			
Harrisburg Drum Corps...	25.00			
Penna. Brigade Band	25.00			
Arlington Hall	50.00			
		243.58		
Bonds Cashed				1,200.00
Balance June 30, 1951.....	\$ 69.25	\$2,117.34	\$102.00	\$5,500.00

Stock and Supplies Account

Cost of Supplies on hand June 30, 1950.....	\$2,316.41
Cost of Supplies Purchased	1,591.73
	<u>\$3,908.14</u>
Cost of Supplies on hand June 30, 1951.....	3,296.28
Cost of Supplies Sold	\$ 611.86
Received for Supplies	\$1,177.62
Cost of Supplies Sold	611.86
Profit on Supplies	<u>\$ 565.76</u>

Fifty-Year Badges Issued

Connecticut, 6; Maine, 2; Massachusetts, 2; New Hampshire, 6; New Jersey, 3; New York, 15; Pennsylvania, 18.

Twenty-five Year Pins Issued

California & Pacific, 15; Connecticut, 10; Illinois, 20; Indiana, 1; Iowa, 5; Maine, 13; Massachusetts, 25; New Hampshire, 1; New Jersey, 30; New York, 105; Pennsylvania, 21; Vermont, 20; Rhode Island, 19.

War Medals Issued

California & Pacific, 2; New York, 9.

New Camps

During the year the following new Camps were organized:

April 8, 1951, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.....40 members

May 13, 1951, Hillsboro, New Hampshire....20 members

June 23, 1951, San Diego, California.....15 members

Itemized Receipts from Departments

July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951

Department:	New Memb'r Fees	Per Capita Tax	Camp Char. Reinst. Fees	Supplies	Dept. Comd. Bond	Total
Calif. & Pacific...	\$ 21.50	\$ 226.56	\$ 5.00	\$ 126.05		\$ 379.11
Colo. & Wyoming.	2.00	37.44		23.40		62.84
Connecticut ...	1.00	309.24		35.25		345.49
Illinois	3.50	122.88		20.86		147.24
Indiana		100.92		14.09	6.48	121.49
Iowa	6.50	85.68		23.80	6.51	122.49
Kansas	3.00	68.64		20.68	6.69	99.01
Maine	9.50	298.44		61.24		369.18
Maryland	2.50	75.24		2.05	6.51	86.30
Massachusetts ...	20.50	910.08	5.00	174.39		1,109.97
Michigan	5.50	161.16		16.90		183.56
Minnesota .....	.50	48.36		3.56		52.42
Missouri		31.00		1.76		32.76
Nebraska		30.36				30.36
New Hampshire ..	7.00	129.60	5.00	55.59		197.19
New Jersey	2.50	220.20		59.55	6.43	288.68
New York	17.50	515.40		138.18	6.49	677.57
Ohio	4.00	426.36		31.00		461.36
Oregon & Wash...	8.00	68.52		32.00		108.52
Pennsylvania ...	18.00	1,033.32	5.00	238.02		1,294.34
Rhode Island	1.00	96.72		23.60		121.32
Vermont	10.00	188.88		45.00		243.88
Wisconsin	1.00	117.48		24.65	6.00	149.13
At Large .....	.50	9.72		6.00		16.22

\$145.50 \$5,312.20 \$15.00 \$5.00 \$1,177.62 \$45.11 \$6,700.43

Vouchers—1950-1951

1. Sept. 6—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	\$ 34.00
2. Sept. 6—Harrisburg Drum Corps—Donation.....	25.00
3. Sept. 12—Penna. Brigade Band, S. V. R.—Donation.....	25.00
4. Sept. 22—Arlington Hall, Des Moines, Iowa—Donation.....	50.00
5. Sept. 26—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	3.25
6. Sept. 30—The Banner—September issue.....	391.72
7. Sept. 30—A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—3rd quarter salary...	340.90
8. Sept. 30—Collector of Internal Revenue, Camden, N. J.—with- holding tax.....	60.00
9. Oct. 23—Dept. of Oregon—Flowers for Comrade Penland.....	25.00
10. Oct. 14—Annamae Berhalter, Reading, Pa.—Bal. stenog. service	105.57
11. Oct. 20—Collector of Internal Revenue—Social security.....	9.00
12. Oct. 13—Cleon E. Heald, Keene, N. H.—Convention expense...	50.00
13. Oct. 21—Aug. C. Frank Co., Phila., Pa.—Supplies.....	125.51
14. Oct. 21—Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa.—Supplies.....	130.90
15. Nov. 20—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	2.50
16. Nov. 21—The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—November issue.....	388.75
17. Dec. 1—Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C.—Congres- sional Records.....	18.00
18. Dec. 11—The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—Rosters.....	42.48
19. Dec. 15—Cleon E. Heald, Keene, N. H.—C-in-C. travel expense	250.00
20. Dec. 18—The American Coalition, Washington, D. C.—dues...	25.00
21. Dec. 30—A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—4th quarter salary...	340.00
22. Dec. 30—Collector of Internal Revenue—Withholding and so- cial security.....	69.00
23. Jan. 11—Cleon E. Heald, Keene, N. H.—Encampment expense...	50.00
24. Jan. 11—A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—Encampment Expense	50.00
25. Jan. 19—Prior Typewriter Co., Trenton, N. J.—Repair.....	19.50
26. Jan. 19—The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—January issue.....	439.12
27. Feb. 2—Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Supplies.....	83.01
28. Feb. 7—Cleon E. Heald, Keene, N. H.—C-in-C. travel.....	250.00
29. Feb. 14—Illinois Secretary of State—Annual report.....	1.00
30. Feb. 19—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	6.00
31. March 1—The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—Proceedings.....	638.29
32. March 12—Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Supplies....	425.00
33. March 19—Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Supplies....	120.63
34. March 22—Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Supplies....	111.74
35. March 30—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	20.00
36. April 7—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	44.50
37. April 30—The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—March issue.....	432.84
38. May 2—Cleon E. Heald, Keene, N. H.—C-in-C. travel.....	250.00
39. May 2—A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—1st quarter salary....	360.00
40. May 2—Collector of Internal Revenue—Withholding tax.....	40.00
41. May 8—Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Supplies.....	306.80
42. May 10—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	2.50
43. May 22—The Banner, Dwight, Ill.—May issue.....	425.64
44. June 11—Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Supplies....	204.95
45. June 12—Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J.—Supplies.....	6.50

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic—July 11, 1951

California:

Douglas T. Story, 1228½ S. Brockton Ave., W. Los Angeles
 Birthday, November 24—age 106.

Wm. A. Magee, 7135 Hazeltine Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.
 Birthday, August 19—age 104.

Idaho:

Israel Broadwords, Samuels, Idaho.
 Birthday unknown, 104 years old.

1951 - GAINS AND LOSSES BY DEPARTMENTS

Camps	By Dropped		Total Loss.		In Good Standing June 30, 1951		Net Gain.		Net Loss.		Balance in Department Treasuries	Balance in Camp Treasuries
	Members	Camps	Members	Camps								
5	6	1	16	..	..	..	..	..	5	\$	307.03	946.79
20	50	19	480	1	3	..	..	..	..		47.50	66.02
2	4	4	78	..	..	..	..	..	..		4.59	2,584.49
23	70	21	592	..	..	2	67	..	16		49.62	985.65
12	21	17	248	..	..	1	16	..	16		212.61	503.80
9	18	12	198	..	..	..	..	..	16		143.98	..
8	16	12	173	..	..	..	5	..	5		137.09	..
99	100	9	109	..	..	4	96	..	96		22.42	1,184.93
37	57	25	593	..	..	..	36	..	36		83.89	769.61
20	23	7	145	..	..	..	15	..	15		208.27	14,550.33
46	129	86	1841	..	..	1	82	..	82		157.22	513.31
12	18	12	336	..	..	..	1	..	1		18.82	..
..	2	6	100	..	..	..	1	..	1		119.82	310.78
1	6	4	63	..	..	..	5	..	5		7.02	..
..	1	4	63	..	..	..	1	..	1		218.77	239.22
21	38	14	273	..	..	..	4	..	4		1,455.69	2,487.80
17	36	17	442	..	..	1	27	..	27		1,123.10	899.07
85	159	43	1019	..	..	3	113	..	113		454.81	671.25
73	149	37	808	..	..	6	135	..	135		87.79	..
19	43	5	127	..	..	2	25	..	25		106.98	19,010.34
139	226	70	2085	..	..	1	151	..	151		120.21	743.97
13	21	14	191	..	..	..	18	..	18		290.12	995.09
23	35	19	374	..	..	..	21	..	21		1,048.49	..
38	43	10	229	..	..	..	39	..	39		\$6,425.84	\$47,462.45
722	1271	468	10583	1	3	21	879					

Quarterly reports had not been received from the Department for these two Departments are taken from the

Camps	Members
483	11,459
3	395
491	11,854
23	1,271
468	10,583

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Departments	In Good Standing June 30, 1950		GAIN					
			By Organization and Initiation		By Transfer.		Total Gain.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	By Reinstatement	Camps	Members
At Large	1	21	1	53	1	1	1	1
California & Pacific	18	477	1	4	1	1	1	53
Colorado & Wyoming	4	78	1	2	1	1	4	2
Connecticut	23	659	1	3	2	1	3	2
Illinois	18	264	1	2	1	1	5	1
Indiana	12	214	1	2	1	1	2	1
Iowa	12	178	1	10	1	1	11	1
Kansas	13	205	1	4	1	1	4	1
Maine	25	629	1	18	1	2	21	1
Maryland	7	160	1	8	1	1	8	1
*Massachusetts	87	1923	1	38	9	1	47	1
Michigan	12	337	1	11	6	1	17	1
Minnesota	6	101	1	1	1	1	1	1
Missouri	4	68	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nebraska	4	64	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Hampshire	14	277	1	34	1	1	34	1
New Jersey	18	469	1	8	1	1	9	1
New York	46	1132	1	32	13	1	46	3
Ohio	43	943	1	11	1	2	14	4
Oregon & Washington	7	152	1	16	2	1	18	2
*Pennsylvania	71	2236	1	51	24	1	75	2
Rhode Island	14	209	1	3	1	1	3	1
Vermont	19	395	1	13	1	1	14	1
Wisconsin	10	268	1	3	1	1	4	1
Total	488	11459	3	326	4	65	3395	16

* This consolidated report was completed July 30th, at which time the Department of Massachusetts and the Department of Pennsylvania. The March reports.

RECAPITULATION

Good Standing June 30, 1950.
GAIN

LOSS

Good Standing, June 30, 1951.
NET LOSS—20 Camps, 876 Members

Minnesota:

Albert Woolson, 215 E. 5th St., Duluth.
 Birthday, February 11—age 104.

New York:

James A. Hard, 31 Portsmouth Terrace, Rochester, N. Y.
 Birthday July 15—age 110 this year.

Wisconsin:

Lansing A. Wilcox, Veterans Hospital, King.
 Birthday, March 3,—age 105.

These men, and their comrades in the great beyond, look to us to maintain a strong organization pledged to tell the story of the G. A. R., its influence for good, its traditions, and heritage. To this end, I shall continue to work regardless of pessimism or discouragement.

As always, I have received splendid co-operation and friendly assistance from Miss Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic. She has rendered an invaluable service to the Grand Army, and should be recognized for this.

The Banner

My association with The Banner, Editor Holbrook, and his staff has again been most cordial and efficient. Their understanding and co-operation leaves nothing to be desired, and I wish to publicly thank and commend them.

Our Auxiliary

Year after year, our Auxiliary has proven to be a bulwark of strength and encouragement. National President, Sister Lela B. Shugart, has shown every courtesy and consideration, and has proven her love and affection for our organization as well as her own. She and her organization have devoted a year of fine service, and are to be commended heartily.

Allied Organizations

Correspondence and relationships have been cordial and co-operative. I have had very little occasion to meet them personally, but fully appreciate their activities and interest in behalf of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund

With the proceeds of this fund, we have done much to keep alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and much more can be done in the future. Our general fund does not provide for more than current expenditures, therefore we must turn to the G. A. R. Fund for money to do things in their memory. I sincerely trust that the practice of soliciting funds for the G. A. R. Memorial Fund will be continued.

State of the Order

Many Departments and Department Officers are guilty of gross negligence in the conduct of their duties. As a result their Camps are neglected and ignored, and receive nothing for that share of per capita tax that is retained in Department Headquarters. Many instances are known where Departments do not forward Proceedings, Rosters, etc., and do not even submit financial reports and issue Department Orders to Camps. Perhaps a system of Regions to replace or consolidate Departments would be worth consideration.

Much of our procedure as controlled by both the Constitution and Regulations should be reviewed and modernized. The very name of the organization is ineffective, and in my opinion should have reference to the G. A. R., or to Abraham Lincoln in its title.

Much has been said about eligibility, and I feel that the base for same should be broadened. However, I am firmly convinced that such eligibility must be restricted to descendants of Civil War Veterans, or we would lose our very purpose of existence. I would prefer being associated with a small group dedicated to Grand Army tradition, than a large group that would tend to minimize this heritage.

Much has been said about dinner-type Camps that meet quarterly. While I feel that there are places for such Camps, and they should be made welcome, I do not feel that it is wise to pressure our Camps into any such procedure. The backbone of this organization is made up of the many Camps and loyal members that meet regularly, and perform their duties with credit to themselves and their communities.

I have felt for some time that the great cost of annual National Encampments is not warranted, in comparison with the amount of work accomplished. I also feel that it takes a Commander-in-Chief his full year before he has become fully acquainted with the problems of the office. With these thoughts in mind, perhaps a bi-annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief would be worth considering.

As these are all matters that deserve much study, and must be presented in proper form, I offer the following

RECOMMENDATION—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of ten, such committee to be known as the C. & R. Revision Committee, and that this committee meet between now and the next National Encampment at their own expense, for the purpose of preparing suggested changes to the C. & R. for action at the 1952 Encampment.

I realize that this committee must arrange to be together for several days in the preparation of such a lengthy and important report. I am also sure that there will be enough men sufficiently interested in the future of this organization to attend such a meeting at their own expense.

A recent communication received by me from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion discloses that they too have a similar committee functioning. The following is a quote from that communication—"our-eligibility is limited to descendants of Commissioned Officers who served in the Northern Forces in the Civil War. With the possibility that the eligibility rules might be broadened to include descendants of men who served in any capacity in the Northern Forces in the Civil War, and who were honorably discharged—I hope to develop something which will be helpful to both of our Orders." The above suggested committee from our Organization might well investigate this matter further.

Conclusion

You have given us a year of splendid service at a great personal sacrifice, for which we must ever be grateful. The great knowledge and experience gained by you will be helpful in guiding the future destinies of our beloved Order. I am very grateful for your courtesies and co-operation, and wish to express my appreciation.

The co-operation and fraternal interests of my colleagues—the National Officers—have been encouraging and appreciated.

To my successor in this office, I pledge my co-operation and assistance. I trust that you will have confidence in him, and appreciate the many untold things that he will be called upon to do in your behalf.

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1951 to August 31, 1951

	General Checking Account	G. A. R. Fund Pat. Inst.	U. S. Legislative Com.	C. in C. Gov't Memorial Bonds	C. in C. Memorial Fund
Balance, June 30, 1951....\$	69.25	\$2,117.34	\$102.00	\$5,500.00	
RECEIPTS:					
Per Capita Tax.....	1,243.88				
Membership Fees.....	34.50				
Supplies	105.13				
Colorado Overpayment..	15.80				
Registration Fee.....	286.00				
Auxiliary Gift	200.00				
N. P. I. Davis		453.21			
C. in C. Memorial Fund					575.00
	<u>\$1,954.56</u>	<u>\$2,570.55</u>	<u>\$102.00</u>	<u>\$5,500.00</u>	<u>\$575.00</u>

DISBURSMENTS:

(Vouchers 46-62)

General Expense \$1527.07

C. in C. Travel.

(Heald) 250.00

Encamp. Exp. .. 370.52

Colo. Overpay. ... 15.80

2,163.39

G.A.R. Com. Exp. 51.66

Grave Mark. Com. 25.00

Harrisburg Drum

Corps 50.00

Lincoln Univ. .. 50.00

176.66

Balance, Aug. 31, 1951....\$ 208.83* \$2,393.89 \$102.00 \$5,500.00 \$575.00

* Deficit.

Vouchers

No.

46	Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J. (Supplies)	\$ 3.00
47	Collector of Internal Revenue (Social Security)	6.00
48	Aug. C. Frank Co., Phila., Pa. (Supplies)	297.39
49	Dept. of Colorado & Wyoming (Overpayment)	15.80
50	Cleon E. Heald (Travel)	250.00
51	A. C. Lambert (Salary-Apr., June)	360.00
52	Collector of Internal Revenue (With. Tax & Social Sec.) ..	46.00
53	Frederick K. Davis, Eugene, Ore. (GAR Committee Exp.) ..	51.66
54	Bertrand O. DeForest, Derby, Conn. (Grave Marking Comm.)	25.00
55	A. C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., (Postage, shipping, Tel. & Tel. one year)	70.22
56	C. R. Schlecter, Reading, Pa. (C. in C. Badge)	151.80
57	Encampment Expense (Officers travel., part pay. stenog.) ..	370.52
	Harrisburg Drum Corps	50.00
58	The Banner, Dwight, Illinois (July subscription)	420.44
59	The Banner, Dwight, Illinois (Officers' Reports)	149.75
60	Seigel Bros., Trenton, N. J. (Supplies)	11.47
61	Lincoln University, Harrogate, Tenn.	50.00
62	Edw. S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J. (Stationery)	11.00

COMMUNICATONS — GREETINGS

National Secretary Lambert read the following communication from Albert Woolson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Jamestown, N. Y., August 18, 1951

Mr. Cleon Heald, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Deshler-Wallick Hotel,
Columbus, Ohio

Greetings and best wishes for a most successful Encampment. I trust that much good will come from your deliberations and that your organization may grow during the coming year.

Accept the thanks of the National Grand Army of the Republic for the splendid work done in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. We are glad to know that it is now completed from coast to coast.

May God's richest blessings be yours.

Yours in F. C. & L.

(ALBERT WOOLSON)

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
Grand Army of the Republic.

AW/CEG

National Secretary Lambert called attention to the fact that the following members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who were invited to be the guests of the City of Columbus during this Encampment, were unable to attend because of their physical conditions and had so advised the Hon. James A. Rhodes, Mayor of Columbus by letter:

Albert Woolson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Duluth, Minn.
James A. Hard, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Rochester, N. Y.
W. A. Magee, Van Nuys, California.

Communications, telegrams of greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment were received from.

Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary, Grand Army of the Republic.
Mary Harrison, Past Department President, Auxiliary, Wisconsin.
Mrs. Alma Cheesman, Dept. Sec'y. to G. A. R. for L. A. Wilcox,
Department Commander of G.A.R., Wisconsin.
Laurence E. Bunker, Colonel, Aide-de-Camp for General Douglass MacArthur.

U. S. Grand, 3rd.
Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, Connecticut.
Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Massachusetts.
Past Commander-in-Chief J. Kirkwood Craig, D.D., New Hampshire.
Past Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale, Massachusetts.
Thomas A. Chadwick, Commander, New England Regional Ass'n.
Past Department Commander Vernon W. Miller, Maine.
Past Department Commander Clarence P. Renell, Maine.
Past Department Commander Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Maine.
Past Department Commander Thomas L. Bufter, Maryland.
Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota.
Past Department Commander George E. Bailey, Minnesota (extended by Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minn.).
Past Department Commander Ernest R. Eddy, Vermont.

The report of Arlington Hall was also read by the National Secretary. It was moved by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Moran that it be accepted and placed on file. (Motion carried).

RESOLUTIONS

National Secretary Lambert presented the following Resolutions, which were referred to Committees:

From the Department of Colorado & Wyoming—"Relative to Certificate of Membership." (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules & Regulations).

From Col. Charles L. Russell Camp No. 26, Derby, Conn.—"Relative to change of date for Memorial Day to the last Monday in May". (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Central Region—"Requesting establishment of an order of Junior Grandsons of the Civil War". (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations).

From the Department of Illinois—"That the name of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be changed to Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules & Regulations).

From Cushing Camp No. 30, Maryland Division—"Relative to U. N. flag." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Massachusetts—"Proposed constitutional amendment on admitting collateral descendants." (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules & Regulations).

From the Department of New Hampshire—"Relative to restoration of rank." (Referred to Committee on Restoration of Rank).

From the Department of New York—"Relative to elimination of password." (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules & Regulations).

From the Department of Oregon—"Referring to change in ritual in conferring the degree upon a candidate." (Referred to Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies).

From the Department of Rhode Island—"That the Commandery-in-Chief add an officer to be known as the Rehabilitation Officer". (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules & Regulations).

Resolution presented by Mrs. Margaret Worrell asking the Encampment go on record against the United Nations Charter.

(Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations).

A communication from Merritt Wheeler, relative to a scenario of a movie of Andersonville Prison. (Original motion that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to look into this matter was lost. It was then moved by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, seconded by several, and carried, that the National Secretary acknowledge a receipt of the letter and state that we are not in a position to subsidize this film at this time).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I move that we recess until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts and Department Commander Chas. F. Morton, Maine, and carried).

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

AUGUST 21, 1951 — 1:40 P. M.

The Encampment opened with prayer by Acting National Chaplain Rev. Hallock.

The Commander-in-Chief then presented a War Medal, for service in the First World War to Delegate Judson N. Knappen, Maryland Department.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: The first order of business for this session is the Reports of Standing Committees.

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell New York: Commander-in-Chief, as Chairman of the National Legislative Committee, I am ready to submit that report:

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Rochester, N. Y., Friday, August 10, 1951.

Clean E. Heald, Commander-in-Chief
70th National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Columbus, Ohio
August 19-23, 1951.

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

Shortly after the first session of the 82nd Congress convened in Washington last January, Congressman Kenneth B. Keating, 40th District of New York, the man who has so consistently and without prompting fought for what he has characterized as our "worthwhile legislation", introduced his H. J. Res. No. 23: "To establish November 19th of each year, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day thruout our nation, its training stations and our schools." There was no intent whatever to make this day a holiday, rather a special day on our calendar designated to the dedication of ourselves, our fellow citizens and our school children to the ideals and principles of Abraham Lincoln. Soon after Congressman Keating introduced his second bill, H. R. 481: "A bill to authorize hospitalization, whenever necessary to all veterans of the Civil War in the hospital of their choice at government expense." Neither of these bills would have overtaxed the time or the attention of the members of the committee to which they were referred. The first one would have enabled us to provide appropriate programs for the benefit of our fellow citizens and our school children with respect to Abraham Lincoln and all that he stood for, and would have given the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War some measure of recognition as a patriotic organization patterned after that greatest of all patriotic organizations, the Grand Army of the Republic. The second bill would have been but a fitting tribute of a grateful nation to the noble defenders of our glorious Union who made possible the very positions these committee members now hold, and who can say that they may ever again have the opportunity to extend their nation's thanks to the mere handful of Grand Old Men, now reduced

to only six in number, who volunteered their all in defense of their country when they were needed? I can but report to you that these bills are today languishing in Congressional Committee and that "all Committees as you know are controlled by the Majority Party and the scheduling of all legislation is completely under their jurisdiction."

Much exacting and time-consuming work is necessary for the proper filing of an application for a Congressional Charter and the very foundation of any charter application is its list of incorporators. Such a list was started more than a year ago but it never reached me until five weeks ago, July 12th. of this year to be exact. This left little or no time for its proper screening and checking for written authorization of the use of wanted names as incorporators with adjournment of Congress so uncertain as at present. It now seems advisable to go over this list name by name and work it into the best possible condition for presentation at the opening of the second session of the 82nd Congress next January which would be necessary in case Congress should adjourn in the near future. I regret the necessity of this part of my report but without the very important list it would have availed nothing; in fact it would be folly to think of any application to Congress without the most complete list of incorporators possible to obtain.

Your first of three assignments found me in Lyons, N. Y., last November 26th, as your representative at the funeral of Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon. Past Department Commander Rudolph M. Genther, Past Department Commander Walter S. Beilby and Past Department Commander Rev. Wm. A. Hallock of Rochester, and Past Department Commander Judson French of Batavia, N. Y., together with Junior Vice Department Commander Robert McMahon and Past Department Patriotic Instructor John H. Waste, made up the Rochester delegation who were more than surprised to find that we were the only members present of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—the Order to which Ralph Sheldon gave his best thru the years. His sole surviving brother, Albert F. Sheldon of Orlando, Fla., immediately pressed us into service as honorary pallbearers. We were grateful for the privilege of paying our last respects to the pride of our Department of New York, "Doc" Sheldon, who had long been the personal friend and trusted advisor of each of us; and also to have been the representative of our National Commandery in whose councils Ralph Sheldon had long occupied a position of respect, confidence and honor for more than half a century.

On January 13th, I was in Albany, N. Y., as your representative at the installation ceremonies of our beloved Auxiliary. This gathering, as well as their meeting of deputies held the following Sunday afternoon, were fine examples of the interest and loyalty of our Sister organization. On January 25th I joined you at the American Coalition luncheon at Hotel Mayflower in Washington. This proved to be an outstanding patriotic gathering of unusual interest and was attended by eight other Sons of Union Veterans from our various departments. We all were convinced that our Order should retain its present status in the Coalition movement and increase its attendance at all future meetings.

Congressman Keating's tenacious activities in our behalf over the past four years cannot be overlooked. His continued and active interest in our desired legislation will be carried on by him so long as we furnish him with all necessary data. The completed list of incorporators for our coveted Congressional Charter must be in

his hands before he can do anything for us, but once completed I can assure you he will do everything to further our interests.

Yours in F. C. & L.

FRED E. COLWELL, P.D.C., N. Y., Chairman
National Legislative Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: You have heard the report of the Legislative Committee. What is your pleasure?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move you that the report be received, and the Committee commended for the work which has been accomplished. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, and carried).

Past Department Commander R. J. Williams, Ohio: As the Chairman of the Americanization Committee is not in the room, I will read his report:

REPORT OF THE AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE

Hartford, Conn., August 10, 1951.

Cleon E. Heald, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

When I was asked by you to be the Chairman of this most important Committee, I had but a very vague idea of the duties of this Committee.

After making several inquiries from Brothers who could not give definite duties, I thought that if rules were established that a new Chairman would have some definite plan to start with. Therefore, with your approval and this thought in mind, I have endeavored to start such a program and I am in hopes that future Chairmen will enlarge and improve my humble efforts.

My first step was to contact the members of the Committee making the same suggestion to them and asking for their advice, suggestions and co-operation. The result, to me at least, has been most satisfactory and I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee for their help.

We suggest that future Committees continue to support the resolutions passed by the Sixty-ninth Encampment at Boston; namely:

1. Universal Military Training both military and for Civil Defense.
2. Penalties for war profiteering.
3. Federal financing of current defense requirements on a "pay as you go" basis.
4. Additional Federal appropriations for the "Voice of America."
5. Opposition to World Government.
6. Immediate outlawing of Communism as a political party in the United States.

In addition:

7. Combat all anti-American tendencies, activities and propaganda.
8. Inculcate the ideals of American Government, heritage and history in the citizen population and to the youth of these United States.

Attached is an Americanism Manual, prepared and distributed by the National Americanism Commission, American Legion. Much may be gained by further study of this Manual, especially with regard

to youth education and activities. I suggest that the incoming Chairman be given the Manual that he may find therein ideas that will be applicable to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I am confident that each member of your Committee this year have followed the above and have done all in their power to combat anything and everything "UNAMERICAN" that has come to their attention.

I want to acknowledge the assistance received from the Connecticut Department, American Legion; the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and the American Coalition in which we have a membership.

Respectfully submitted,

(ALLAN F. SPINK), Chairman.

Committee on Americanization.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: You have heard the report of this Committee. I believe it contains some recommendations, does it not? If the report is adopted as read, you will adopt the recommendations contained therein.

Past Department Commander R. J. Williams, Ohio: They are suggestions, not recommendations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move that this report be received, and referred to the incoming administration. (Seconded by Department Commander Chas. F. Morton, Maine and carried).

Past Department Commander R. J. Williams, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to announce that the degree team from Camp No. 91, Alliance, Ohio, will confer the degrees at the exemplification of the Ritual tonight at 7 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Thank you, Brother Williams. I hope that you will all be present at the exemplification of the Ritual at 7 P. M. tonight, which will be followed by the Garden Party in the ballroom at 9 P. M.

Are there any other committees ready to report at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, the work of this committee has not been at all arduous in that we have had but one matter submitted to us:

From the Department of Oregon - Relative to the proposed change in the Ritual, "that more leeway be extended to all Camps in our Order, in conferring the degree to the candidates. One special point should be that of surrounding the Altar, at the time of the obligation, by a circle, composed of every Officer and member of the Camp not busy with that part of the work, the right hand of each member on the left shoulder of his right hand brother. If desired, the Officers and members in breaking this circle, would march twice around the hall, singing some rousing patriotic song, before returning to their seats. This should be led by the colors, just after the obligation is given."

Your Committee does not concur, for these reasons:

(1) This would involve the expenditure of money for printing; and we feel that the state of the treasury being what it is, we should

not change the Ritual and incur this additional expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

(2) In the second place, we feel that any Camp which desires to make this addition to the ceremonial is privileged to do so without any change in the Ritual, and in no way violating the provisions of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

NEIL D. CRANMER, Chairman, New York
ANDREW RICHARDSON, New Jersey
THEODORE H. MOHR, Missouri
HENRY TOWLE, Maine.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move you the adoption of the report of the Committee on Ritual, but striking out that portion of their report which covers non-concurrence in the recommendation of the Department of Oregon. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon.)

Past Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: In presenting this recommendation to you, Brothers we are not attempting to do away with the Ritual which we now have, but I think this change would add to it.

Department Commander J. Elmer Wohlgemuth, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I am in full concurrence with the idea that this would add impressiveness to our ceremonies, but I cannot concur in their belief that we should add this to our Ritual. I think this is covered in our present Ritual, on page 24 (reads from the Ritual) and there is no reason to make an addition to it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I do not see any objection at all to permit Camps to do as they want in this respect. I do not believe that it is necessary to have any addition to the Ritual, involving any printing expense to incorporate the addition. (Motion carried, and report of the Committee on Ritual adopted, but striking out that portion of their report which covers non-concurrence with the recommendation of the Department of Oregon).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Are there any other Committee reports at this time?

Past Department Commander Harold M. Drown, Massachusetts: I am ready to submit the Report of the Public Relations Committee:

REPORT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Stoughton, Mass., August 21, 1951.

To the 70th. National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Columbus, Ohio, August 19-23, 1951.

Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald and Brothers:

It has been most pleasant serving my first full year as a National Officer and to be the first incumbent of the office thus served. Appointment by a native of a spot dear to my heart, was more than accidental, may I dare to hope. Stewardship with Cleon Heald and in our splendid Order, is not held lightly I can assure you all. I have found our Commander-in-Chief always devoted to and efficient with his trust.

Through co-operation of ardent officials, tasks have been made easier. Secretary-Treasurer Albert Lambert has been punctual in furnishing vital records and statistics. We are fortunate in having such an executive, with his keen perception and interest. This Encampment could not give me of the time it would take to eulogize Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook, Editor of The Banner. How he gets editions complete or out on time is a mystery. He does both.

National Patriotic Instructor Davis, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Riggs, and especially Fred E. Colwell, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, have been in constant contact with the publicity required. Result is four complete sheets, news size, 17x22 inches reduced to 8½x11 inches photostat; and one more at least is to come. This is equivalent to 680 column inches. This is concrete evidence with, of course, other material not even seen. Several articles have been contained in The Banner aside from a full page per month as publicity Secretary of the Massachusetts Department.

Almost every week contact has been kept with our Commander-in-Chief, in person or thru correspondence, representing him on more than a dozen occasions, and with him and or other National Officers on a dozen others. This does not include innumerable times at smaller functions.

A brief of Commander-in-Chief Heald's Sons of Union Veterans career was circulated in advance of itinerary and used entirely, or in part, for a large number of publications.

Some of the most prominent events covered for Commander-in-Chief Heald and the Commandery-in-Chief were:

Lincoln Exercises at Boston, with Mayor Hynes and Public Celebrations Committee of that City, February 12; Meeting with General Douglas MacArthur, Hall of Flags, State Capitol of Massachusetts; Dedication of Fuller Memorial Drive, New Bedford Mother's Day, with Mayor Arthur Harriman; Dedication of plaque at Stoughton (my home town) in memory of War dead on Memorial Day; Anniversary Observance of Boston Massacre by City of Boston on March 5th, in conjunction with Equal Rights League and 25th Anniversary, North Met. Dist. Assoc., Sons of Union Veterans.

The New Hampshire Department extended to me the courtesy of writing the reception story concerning the fine testimonial which Cleon Heald received; and the Keene Camp also seconded the motion and further requested I write the account of their installation by their member, Brother Cleon. These gestures are valued by me more than I can ever express.

In several visits to New Hampshire my hosts have been Past Department President of the Auxiliary, Maud B. Russell, and Past Department Commander (same year as I served in Massachusetts) Darold E. Whitney. Cleon and Marion also entertained on one visit. Mrs. Drown and I appreciate these favors heartily.

A duty which perhaps pleased me most was promotion of a campaign to serenade our oldest veteran, James A. Hard of Rochester, N. Y. It was a huge success, as the response was like a chain letter.

I finish a tiresome but very enjoyable year feeling guilty that I have not had strength to further "renew the obligation, taken at the time of my initiation."

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. DROWN,
National Publicity Chairman.

Chairman Drown: I have been trying for forty years to make the Sunday sections of the newspapers. I am happy to report to you that the Memorial Day edition of the Boston Sunday Globe accomplished that. In that issue, we have a picture of a Veteran of the Civil War, the Commander-in-Chief and the National President of the Auxiliary.

I am not trying to cast any reflections on the Ohio Department but when I visited the offices of the newspapers here yesterday, I saw no concrete evidence of any publicity and haven't seen any until about fifteen minutes ago. There was a picture of the Commander-in-Chief and National President, and a short article, that's all we have gotten up to the present moment in the way of publicity here in Columbus.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: You have heard the report of the National Public Relations Chairman. What is your pleasure?

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: I move that it be accepted and printed in the proceedings.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I would like to second that motion, with an amendment, that we give Brother Drown a rising vote of thanks for his efforts during the past year. (Motion carried, and rising vote given).

Mrs. Margaret Worrell, National Counselor of the Ladies of the G. A. R., was escorted in and introduced. Mrs. Worrell spoke on behalf of action relative to the United Nations; urging that we awaken people to the dangers of the United Nations and put forth a consolidated effort to drive the United Nations out of this country, HR Resolution No. 5080. Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin responded to her message.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: We will have a supplementary report of the Credential Committee at this time.

Past Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, your Credentials Committee reports 130 delegates registered at this time.

RESIGNATION OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, yesterday afternoon, our National Secretary-Treasurer had read only one paragraph of his report until I had a sinking sensation in my heart. The second paragraph was his resignation as National Secretary-Treasurer of this organization, and that was a distinct shock to me. The more I thought of the possibility of Brother Lambert leaving this office, at this particular time, the more I was concerned; so I took it upon myself to talk with him, and good friends of his, because I felt sure every person in this hall had the same reaction as I did when he read his resignation. We were deeply concerned as to what might happen if Brother Lambert found it necessary to hold to his resignation. Although we could understand his reasons for resigning, we felt that at this particular time we need the services and ability of Albert Lambert more than ever before in this organization.

I am very happy to say to you at this time, that Brother Lambert has consented to make the needed sacrifice for the good of the organization. That portion of his report relative to his resignation will be withdrawn, and he will continue as our National Secretary-Treasurer. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Thank you, Brother Sautter. Are there any other Committees ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Resolutions is ready to submit a partial report consisting of the papers or documents which were handed to us. I referred to papers which were handed to us, as a number of them were not in the form of Resolutions. However, we are not going to make a technicality of it.

(1) From Col. Charles L. Russell Camp No. 26, Derby, Conn., relative to resolution adopted by Wm. H. Gordon Post, American Legion, of Ansonia, requesting change of date for Memorial Day from the 30th of May to the last Monday in May; the reason being given that a long week-end would enable ex-service men ample time to travel to their home towns to take part in Memorial Day observances.

Col. Russell Camp voted to go on record publicly as opposed to such change, and further appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief to take the matter up with our National Legislative Committee to protest should this matter ever be presented to Congress for action.

Any such action would not come before Congress as it is not a national holiday, by Act of Congress. The Committee, therefore recommends that this be filed without action.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: What is your pleasure?

National Secretary Lambert: I move that where there are no objections on all of these committee reports, the recommendations of that committee be adopted. (Seconded by Delegate Carder A. Perkins, Massachusetts, and carried).

Committee sustained, after which the report was suspended for presentation of Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY.

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary, consisting of the following were escorted in and presented:

Mrs. Blanche Beverstock, Past National President, New Hampshire.

Mrs. Anne Cheney, Department President, California & Pacific.

Mrs. Ethelyn Tucker, Past National President New Hampshire.

Mrs. Earline Palmer, Department President, New Hampshire.

Mrs. Marion Heald, Wife of the Commander-in-Chief.

And the New Hampshire Delegation.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I am thrilled and delighted to have the girls from New Hampshire and the Department President of California here this afternoon. I know that Brother Earl Riggs joins me in expressing appreciation for your coming to visit us today.

It now becomes my happy privilege to present to you a girl from my own home town of Keene, and I hardly know how to choose the words I would like to use in introducing her to you. About the time I became Commander of my local Camp, she became the National President of the Auxiliary; and all down through the years she has been a great inspiration to all of us in Keene, and especially to me. She is the type of person who lives her organization day in and day out. I don't think there has been a year in which she wasn't an officer in her own Auxiliary, and she is always doing something for the good of the organization. I am proud and happy to have her here, and to present to you Past National President Blanche Beverstock.

Past National President Blanche Beverstock: Brother Cleon, I had some nice things I was going to say to you, but you have taken my breath away with that beautiful introduction; and my only hope is that I am worthy of all the nice things you said.

As we were coming over here, I was wondering why I was appointed Chairman of this Committee and I am beginning to think that it was because I was not only a member of your Department of New Hampshire, but that I was a member of your own Auxiliary in Keene, and a close personal friend. Brother Cleon, I want you to know that the membership of your Camp and Auxiliary have watched, with a great deal of interest, your work for the Sons. Perhaps not all have been accomplished that you would have liked, but you have worked unceasingly throughout the year and I know that what you have given to this organization during the past year will come back to you. We are very proud of the work you have done in building up this organization.

I wish it were possible for the members of the Sons who are back home to be here today to see this enthusiastic group of Sons assembled here. Brothers, it is through your efforts that this enthusiasm must be created in your home Camps; and it is your obligation to go back from this Encampment and assist in creating that enthusiasm.

I want you to know that the National Organization of the Auxiliary is standing right behind you, and we are ready and willing to do anything at all to help build this organization.

Brother Cleon, in behalf of the National Organization I am extending you their greetings; and we thank you for all the courtesies you have extended to our National President, and to our members from coast to coast.

We brought with us this little gift from the National Auxiliary, and as it ticks away the hours may it remind you of the happy hours you have spent and the service you have given this organization. We hope you have a successful Encampment, which I know you are going to have, and we in Keene will be very glad to have you come back home.

Commander-in-Chief: I am going to show you the contents of this package, but I am going to reserve that for a little later. Blanche, I am again at a loss of words.

Will you go back to your National President and express to her, and the girls there my deep appreciation for the lovely gift which this package contains. As it ticks away, you may be assured that I shall constantly be reminded not only of my pleasant association with your National President, but the many acts of kind consideration shown to me during the past year. The National President asked me what I would like and I told her I wanted something that could be with me all of the day, so I selected a wrist watch. You may be assured that this wrist watch will be with me every day, and I will be thinking constantly of all you nice people in the Auxiliary. Thank you so much.

I am going to tell a little story on Blanche. She was an outstanding National President, and I recall that at her National Convention this remark was made, "National Presidents will come and go, but there will never be a National President who will excell Blanche." I am sure that you agree that the statement has really come true. Thank you, Blanche.

Now, we have another Past National President from New Hampshire, Ethelyn Tucker.

Past National President Ethelyn Tucker: Commander-in-Chief, and members of this nice organization when people say they are at a loss for words, I believe that. There are words that I am not able to say

because there are so many things which I could say. Many, many years ago, I told you that I hoped the day would come that I would see you in this position and I am more than happy to know that you have succeeded. I said last night to Cleon, "We in New Hampshire are pretty proud to see you in the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, and we are proud of New Hampshire." We want to thank the members of this organization for electing our boy from New Hampshire, as it is the first time this has been done. I have been very much interested in watching your work, and you have been a credit to New Hampshire. I know how much they thought of you in California, and everywhere in this nation, and it pleased me to hear the nice things they said about you. I am happy that I could come in with this Committee and greet you as one from the old "Granite State."

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Now, we have the Department President of California & Pacific, Anna Cheney, wife of Vernon Cheney.

Department President Anna Cheney, California & Pacific: Brother Commander-in-Chief, when Sister Lela asked me to be a member of this Committee I felt pretty much out of place, being the only one who was not from New Hampshire. I want to extend the greetings of the California and Pacific Department and wish for you a happy and prosperous convention.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: And now, I present my own Department President Earline Palmer.

Department President Earline Palmer, New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, after all these lovely remarks which have been made there is little left for me to add. We just want to agree entirely with them, and I can assure you the Department of New Hampshire has been very proud of Cleon this year. I extend to you the greetings of the New Hampshire Department, and hope for you a very pleasant Convention. (Presents beautiful picture to the Commander-in-Chief as a gift from the New Hampshire Department; and Department Commander Robert Lawrence presented a gift of money in behalf of the New Hampshire Department of the Sons).

Past Department President Maude Russell, New Hampshire, presented a gift to Commander-in-Chief Heald in memory of the "Boys in Blue" in New Hampshire.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: The day would be complete if a member of the Department of New Hampshire Grand Army of the Republic were here. However, I want you to know that I appreciate all this from the bottom of my heart.

You have heard a lot of nice things about the Commander-in-Chief, but the Commander-in-Chief would have been a miserable failure had it not been for the girl who has sacrificed, and given her 100% support this year. When I say "sacrifice" I mean it literally, because she has done just that in more ways than one. Everything has been secondary to the position of Commander-in-Chief, and she has seen to it that this job has come first. The correspondence which came from my office was dictated to and typed by this girl, and she has done everything in her power to support and assist me in this job as Commander-in-Chief. I want you to know the girl that I wouldn't trade for any girl that I have seen from coast to coast—the girl I married, Marion Heald.

Mrs. Marion Heald: Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brothers all, I feel you are my Brothers.

As I address the Commander-in-Chief here this afternoon, I believe it will be almost the last time I will have that pleasure in public and

after Thursday he is not going to be the Commander-in-Chief any longer—I will be his boss.

We have had a wonderful time this year. I don't know what has happened in past years but I challenge anyone, anywhere, to have had a better time than we have had. It was a pleasure to accompany your Commander-in-Chief on this travels during the past year, and wonderful to find you people who have been so good and so understanding. I thank you all, and I thank my Commander-in-Chief, because he didn't have to take me with him.

I sincerely hope that sometime, in the years to come, we will have the opportunity to repay you for your kindness. We live in Keene, in a woodshed, and have a hound dog named "Butch," and all of us will be glad to see any of you—do come and see us. Thanks a lot.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I will ask a friend of mine for many years, Past Commander-in-Chief Locke to respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: This is a most difficult assignment but, at the same time, one of the most satisfactory assignments given to me during my time in the organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

This seems to be a New Hampshire excursion. There is no one who has spoken here in the last few minutes, except one persons, who was not from New Hampshire. My ancestors first settled in America in New Hampshire, and maybe I am continuing a tradition here this afternoon. At any rate, I feel perfectly at home with these folks from New Hampshire.

Many years ago, I first met Cleon Heald. From the time of our first meeting until now, he and I have been great friends. I am proud of his friendship. I am proud of what he has done for the Sons of Union Veterans, as I know you are also proud. The work he has done during the past year has been most satisfactory and really gratifying to anyone who has been deeply concerned with the affairs of our Order, and particularly to me. He has performed a splendid service, always on call, has kept in close contact with the membership throughout his term; and it is with pride and with satisfaction that we contemplate the results of his work.

The most of you have heard me say many times that the spirit of comradeship among the members of the Grand Army of the Republic was the strongest and most steadfast of any organization; and that that spirit of comradeship has been handed down to later generations is proved at every Encampment of this Order. We hold to our bonds of fraternal friendship and affection which exists in our organization and others affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is unnecessary for me to say any more about what Cleon has done for this organization this year; but there is another individual, to whom great credit is due for doing so much in our behalf, and this is to his good wife, Marion. What a wonderful set of women we have in this organization of ours. If you look back over the years, you will find many to whom equal credit is due. Here and now, let us pledge our support and full appreciation to such women as Marion Heald for the work done in our behalf. We are grateful to both Cleon and Marion for their services and the tokens of affection and friendship which have been presented to them are as gratifying to the general membership as to the immediate recipients.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF PRESENTED

Commander-in-Chief Heald: May I ask all the Past Commanders-in-Chief to assemble at the altar. At this time, I am introducing all

the Past Commanders-in-Chief present and am requesting them to escort this delegation back to the Auxiliary, and to be the official Greeting Committee to the Auxiliary, with Chief-of-Staff C. LeRoy Stoudt as Chairman.

The following were presented: Past Commanders-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Charles F. Sherman, Wm. M. Coffin, Walter C. Mabie, Allan S. Holbrook, Richard F. Locke, Albert C. Lambert, Henry Towle, C. LeRoy Stoudt, Neil D. Cranmer, Charles H. E. Moran, Perle L. Fouch and John H. Runkle.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Restoration of Rank is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF RANK

Your Committee on Restoration of Rank has but one petition submitted to it—that of the Department of New Hampshire, asking the restoration of rank of Past Department Commander to John B. Davis, a member of W. W. Brown Camp No. 1.

Your Committee approves the request, after payment of a fee of \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. E. MORAN, P. C.-in-C., Chairman.

HUGH H. SNIDER, Indiana.

Committee on Restoration of Rank.

Chairman Moran: I move that the report be accepted, and that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon, and carried).

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, as the Chairman of the Committee is not present, I will read the report of the Committee on Marking Graves at this time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Derby, Conn., August 7, 1951.

Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sir:

Again it becomes my duty and privilege to report the activities of the busy office of the National Grave Marking Committee. The regular routine business of handling a volume of correspondence, assisting Camps, individual members and Department Grave Marking Chairmen in obtaining information, supplying headstone applications, instructing in proper procedure for registering and marking veterans' graves, and a number of other requests, has been promptly and methodically dispatched throughout the term. Augmenting the usual requests made upon this office, there have been several matters in which the committee has been called upon to assist in behalf of organizations outside our own ranks. One of these concerned the locating of a grave of a veteran who had removed from New England in the early 1900's to settle in California. This information was sought by The United Workers of Norwich, Connecticut, and the task of research was assigned to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs, whose efforts to locate the grave were of considerable assistance to the Norwich institution. The Committee has on many occasions been of material assistance to municipal grave registration officers, and to similar committees of the American Legion as well as other veteran organizations.

It is difficult to render an accurate report of the actual accomplishment of our task throughout the Departments of the Commandery-in-Chief, or to submit actual figures to substantiate the progress we have made in our work of registering and marking veterans' graves. This is due in part to the fact that in some Departments there is no departmental committee to compile such reports and each Camp in its own way carries on independently this work, week after week, reporting only to its own membership. The general apathy toward the rendering of reports which seems to exist throughout our organization, and which is acknowledged by Department and National Officers, and which the attempts made by this office to receive reports of the progress of the grave marking project. Letters of appeal and report blanks sent from this office to the several Departments were returned only by a few. But, from the correspondence received, and the requests made for application blanks for headstones, there is little doubt concerning the vast extent to which our work is daily being executed.

Encouraging reports have been received from Department Committees and from individual members busily engaged in the grave marking task in various parts of the country, however, and some of these are particularly interesting.

In CALIFORNIA, Podrasnik Camp No. 15 of Ontario, and General Rosecrans Auxiliary's Charter Club of Los Angeles, have placed headstones from their own funds. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs and Brother Dumser, son of the late Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, have been very active in this work.

In MAINE, Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster, Chairman of the Department Grave Marking Committee, who has done such splendid work for many years along these lines, has placed 12 more headstones at veterans' graves in and about Bath and Sanford, and has assisted the Ladies of the G. A. R., by furnishing headstone applications for veterans graves in Bangor and in Harmony.

In NEW JERSEY, Department Chairman John C. Beihl, Sr., of Trenton, reports that every veterans' grave in his State has been marked that he has any knowledge of, and the work there is complete in-so-far as headstones are concerned. His Committee is busy, however, with the regular routine work of maintaining their veterans' graves.

In CONNECTICUT, much credit is due Past Camp Commander Benjamin H. Rose, a member of the Department Grave Marking Committee for his all-out efforts in having the State replace a headstone on a veterans' grave in a little country-side cemetery in the eastern part of the State. This he accomplished with the assistance of this office, after he learned that the stone had been delivered and unclaimed by an unauthorized cemetery official and was deviated by a transportation company to parts unknown. Brother Rose made periodical trips covering many miles until he accomplished his job and saw the stone properly set. Past Camp Commander Samuel W. Morrell serves as graves registration officer for the city of Stamford, and traveled more than 1,000 miles during the year, checking records, seeking out families for information and permission to erect veteran headstones, visiting cemeteries, mostly by bicycle. Your Chairman is also Department Chairman for Connecticut.

In MASSACHUSETTS, Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland with Past Camp Commander Earl W. Harrington are doing a job in and about Rockland. Brother Harrington in his 35 years service to the Order has caused to be erected some 62 gravestones, so that there are but two veterans' graves in their section remaining unmarked.

In OHIO, newly elected Department Commander Harold H. Peters, as almost his first official act, requested complete information of this office concerning the marking of veterans' graves, in order that the unfinished work in the "Buckeye" State might be continued and accelerated in his term of office.

There are of course many, many others faithfully conducting this work, whose accomplishments not being reported, cannot be recorded in this report. Every one of these Brothers we are proud to cite and to commend in this report, for these members are truly exemplifying their obligation to help perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Through the medium of our official organ THE BANNER your Chairman has promulgated helpful instructions for procedure in the matter of procurement of State and Federal headstones for veterans, and has offered the facilities of this office to assist in obtaining same.

From all indications and from personal observation, it is the opinion of your Chairman that the objective to have every veterans' grave marked with a headstone, is far from being completed. There is much work still to be accomplished. Each individual case requires much time, much patience, much careful follow-up effort, until a headstone is actually set in place. But, we have come a long way toward that objective and some day it will be a realization.

This office is many times called upon to endorse official documents from State and Federal sources requiring an official title. In order to simplify such requirements and to conform to other veteran organizations having similar duties, it is respectfully recommended that the National Chairman of the Committee on Marking of Veterans' Graves be hereafter known by the official title of NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER, with the privilege of wearing the yellow-centered ribbon of the Commandery-in-Chief on his membership badge.

In conclusion, may I reiterate that it has been an honor and a privilege for me to have served our Order for the past several terms, supervising the work of registering and marking the graves of the Nation's heroes of 1861-1865. It has been a matter of great interest to me since my honored grandsire introduced me to this work when I was scarcely large enough to follow him through the cemeteries that he had in charge for the Grand Army of the Republic locally.

I trust my stewardship will again meet with the approval of my Brothers, and I thank you sincerely, Commander-in-Chief Heald, for the appointment you conferred upon me, as well as for the privilege of serving our beloved Order.

Expenditure of the \$25 annually allocated to this work, has been necessary for postage, envelopes, typing and ditto machine copying for the report blanks, copy of which is attached and made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

BERTRAND O. DEFOREST, P.D.C., Conn.

National Chairman—Grave Marking Committee.

National Secretary Lambert: The Chairman of this Committee recommends that the future Chairman of the Grave Marking Committee have the title of National Graves Registration Officer. There are two ways in which we could take care of this matter. First, if we wish to create a new National Officer, this would have to be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The alternative would be that this body could authorize the Chairman of that Committee to be known as the National Graves Registration Officer.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: What is your pleasure?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I would move the adoption of the second suggestion of the National Secretary-Treasurer—that the Chairman of this Committee be known as the National Graves Registration Officer as requested. (National Secretary Lambert seconded the motion).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: The motion is that the recommendation in this report, as read by the National Secretary, be adopted.

Delegate Howard E. Waite, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to call attention to one or two matters in connection with this report. From the report of the Chairman of this Committee last year, which is printed on pages 49-51 of last years' proceedings, the importance of the Grave Registration Committee was brought out.

In one paragraph of that report, he stated that flat headstones had to be supplied in some cemeteries as others were not permitted and this caused the Federal Government to discontinue supplying the high-type stones. I am in a position to clarify the words of the Chairman on that point, and I would like to make it clear that all types of headstones are obtainable from the United States Government, without cost, from the Government.

In regards to the G. A. R. markers (reads from proceedings) "that standing temporary metal grave markers are frowned upon by cemetery associations, and flat or ground-flush markers must be substituted for the old flag-holder type of G. A. R. metal marker so familiar to most of us for many years," this can be and is, to a large degree eliminated by having the marker cemented into the ground immediately adjacent to the stone. This has been accepted in Worcester, and it is definitely an asset in this work.

(Motion carried).

National Secretary Lambert: I also have the report of the Radio Committee, to be presented at this time:

REPORT OF RADIO COMMITTEE

Boston, Mass., August 19, 1951.

To the Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

During your year of service it was gratifying to note your emphasis on the use of radio to carry publicity as to our patriotic cause directly to the people. The sad truth is that we have been suffering from lack of touch with the public more and more, during recent years, while the veterans of the G. A. R. have been declining in numbers to a mere handful; and new press and radio officials scarcely mention them except perhaps to note their birthday anniversaries, dating well over a century. But you, as our National leader, with a few others, have proved to our membership that the much needed publicity CAN be secured for the deserved recognition we have sought for the Lincoln Volunteer, and what he did in days of great peril.

You possess a friendly voice, you have a pleasing personality and you have had radio experience. These important assets doubtless

contributed to the marked success you achieved. For instance, at a San Francisco TV show, the presentation was a remarkable success. But we are sure too, that your several radio addresses over the air by the more common transmission, gave many listeners a more definite appreciation of the enduring mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Incidentally, we noted your participation in activities for the formation of a new Camp at Las Vegas, Nevada. Very likely your appearance there reminded folks in that region of the recent completion of the G. A. R. Memorial Highway, by Nevada's supplying the missing link.

Here in New England, your worth while western trip prevented you from participation in the two New Haven radio programs we presented for the New England Regional Association. But, at the Department of Massachusetts Worcester Encampment, you were heard over two powerful radio stations, WTAG and WORC in two fine, informative talks. Then, on the eve of Dedication Day (November 18), you appeared at Boston's 5000 watt Station WMEX and gave patriotic inspiration to its listeners.

From what we know of your efforts to extend informative publicity during your term, we feel you have definitely advanced our standing and relations with the general public. It has afforded this member of your staff much satisfaction to have co-operated with you in employing the important facilities of radio to a greater degree than ever before. May these progressive efforts continue.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARDING HALE, Past Commander-in-Chief,
Chairman, Radio Committee.

(Adopted as read).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I would like to supplement that report by giving credit where it is due. The appearance on a TV show in San Francisco was arranged by Brother Vernon Cheney. It was an outstanding event in my year, and it was due to the efforts of Vernon Cheney that it was made possible. He had assembled all sorts of Civil War relics, and I was interviewed by the master of ceremonies on the show. We were to be given ten minutes, but we used well over twenty minutes on that program.

I also want to say that we had a half hour radio show in Ontario, California, which was arranged by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs.

If I recall correctly, I was on the air twenty-seven or twenty-eight times during the last year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Commander-in-Chief Heald: One of the Committees will not render a report at this Encampment due to the deaths of the Chairman, and one of the leading members of that Committee; and the serious illness of another member. I refer to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee.

I am thrilled, as I know you must be, in the realization that an organization such as ours could have successfully completed such a gigantic project. I don't know how many of you are aware of the many difficulties which were encountered on that project. Some

portions of that highway had already been designated in memory of organizations or individuals, and we had two cases in which we had to go before the legislatures asking that they rescind the former name and re-name it the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

J. Clark Mansfield of Pennsylvania was the Chairman of that Committee and while Captain Mansfield was on his death-bed, he sent a card to me, in California, stating that the last link of the Highway had been completed with the signature on the proposed legislation by Governor Russell of Nevada. I am so grateful that Brother Mansfield was spared to see the Highway project completed, and I am saddened by the fact that J. G. Spielman of California, Chief Engineer of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway passed away just a few weeks before the project was completed. Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. Ralph R. Barrett is a member of that Committee and, if he were present at this Encampment, we would have a report from this Committee. While in California, I visited him in the hospital where he was confined at that time. I understand that he is improved, but that he is not able to get around too much, and his condition is such that he is not able to be here today.

I think we should be proud and thrilled to think that we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, had the initiative and the will to take that project and see it through to a successful completion.

While I hesitate about speaking in the first person, I was thrilled that, when I was Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, representing Commander-in-Chief Locke in 1936, I spoke at the dedication in Providence, Rhode, Island, which was the beginning of this project; and, while I was in California, as your Commander-in-Chief the last link was completed.

I understand that Governor Russell of Nevada is to become a member of our Order, in the Las Vegas Camp which is to be organized this fall.

I wanted you to know these facts in the absence of a report from the Committee on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: At our Massachusetts Department Encampment we received word that the Roosevelt Highway Association in Pennsylvania, which exists for the purpose of nullifying this action, will do whatever is in their power to have this highway changed back to the Roosevelt Highway. Of course, we could do nothing about it in Massachusetts and we sent it on to Pennsylvania. We don't know if anything happened there relative to it or not.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I was present at the Department Encampment in Altoona, Pennsylvania, when this subject was discussed. Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle was appointed a Committee on checking into this matter. If he is present, I would like him to answer the question.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Brother Runkle is not in the room, but I can tell you that he is working on it. There are some danger spots there, and a definite problem exists. This is a bona fide association known as the Roosevelt Highway Association. It was originally named for Theodore Roosevelt, and has been operating under that name for a good many years. It was one of the toughest spots that Mansfield had to tackle in his work on the Highway in Pennsylvania.

We were surprised to hear of this in Pennsylvania; and I can assure you that Brother Runkle will work on it. I think we have

just the man in Brother Runkle, who will see that something is going to be done.

What has happened is this: There is a large G. A. R. sign at the beginning of the highway in Pennsylvania, and another just like it at the end of the highway. The "Roosevelt" signs are popping up everywhere along the highway. These signs say "Roosevelt Highway" in large letters, and below it "G.A.R. Highway" in small print. Brother Runkle intends to see that this condition is rectified and is now working on it.

Austin Benner, Pennsylvania: While Brother Mansfield was Chairman of this Committee, I was appointed to go into Scranton to the Dedication ceremonies, which would dedicate this highway through Pennsylvania; but we ran into difficulties and it was not dedicated.

This Roosevelt Highway Association is a powerful group, and have \$10,000.00 in bank. They argued on the sign and won out, so the signs carry the two names. We do not have the money available that the Roosevelt Association has at their disposal so we must be a little patient, but Brother Runkle will do what he can.

National Secretary Lambert: What does the Highway Commission call the highway?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Austin Benner, Pennsylvania: The Highway Commission plays ball on both sides.

Past Department Commander J. H. Wentzel, Pennsylvania: I want to report that for two years, I was a member of this National Committee. While I was a member of that Committee, Brother Mansfield met with me and told me about his many problems in connection with this Highway Project. The whole thing is this; a lot of individuals and business establishments are trying to commercialize on the name, "Roosevelt Highway", by naming their business, "Roosevelt Highway Garage" or whatever other business they are engaged in. Automatically, all these people make up a big organization and that's the source from which they are drawing the \$10,000.00. Of course, we have much to fight; but I am hopeful that we will find the help of enough people in the Legislature that our name will prevail.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Brothers, you must remember one thing about this project—it is not yet completed. It is only begun and until the highway is properly marked and constantly improved—only then will it be a fitting memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee and that we will not let up on our efforts for that Highway now.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: May I ask a point of information. If the Theodore Roosevelt family were approached, I am wondering if they would object to giving the highway to the Grand Army of the Republic. Perhaps they might even make this request.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I would suggest that you discuss that with Brother Runkle.

National Secretary Lambert: The Constitution and Regulations does not provide for standing Committee for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Therefore, I move you that we express the opinion of the Encampment—that the incoming administration appoint a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO AUXILIARY

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to report for the Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary, composed of your Past Commanders-in-Chief. We went over to their Convention, were warmly received, carried out your wishes, had an enjoyable time, and bring back the love and commendation of the Auxiliary for your work this year, and their pledge for continued support to this organization.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Thank you Brother Stoudt and all of the Past Commanders-in-Chief.

I want to say a word concerning the two passwords which came from my office this year. The password used during the first half of the year was my Grandfather, who served in Company I, 9th New Hampshire Volunteers. The one you are now using is the name of the last elected Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in New Hampshire. It might be of interest to you to know that for many years during my term as Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic in that Department, I traveled with this man to National Encampments. He had two valuable possessions—a pocket railroad watch and his Officers' sword which he prized above all other worldly possessions. Many times he would take the watch out and tell me some incident which happened while he was an Engineer, and he also told me many interesting things about the sword. When his will was read, those two things were given to me. I want you to know that the watch has attended each National Encampment since that time, and is here with me today.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: We have already discussed the first paper, before the Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary was admitted, which we called No. 1.

No. 2 & 2A—From the Maryland Division, signed by the Department Commander, relative to the use and display of the flag of the United Nations.

Your Committee has re-drawn this Resolution and present the following, with the recommendation that it be adopted:

WHEREAS, there has been public discussion relative to the display of the flag of the United Nations, and

WHEREAS, in some cases, various flags have been displayed or proposed to be displayed in positions or in a manner violative of the flag code of the United States; and

WHEREAS, our Fathers fought for the re-establishment of the unity of our Country and the supremacy of the "Star Spangled Banner" as the symbol of our national unity, strength and sovereignty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled in Columbus, Ohio, that we protest any use or display of any colors or flag which violates the principles of said Flag Code, or give to such flag or colors precedence over the flag of the United States of America;

That we oppose any effort to modify the present official flag code to accomplish such a purpose.

(Adopted).

(Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer assumed the station of Commander-in-Chief).

No. 3—Relative to a Resolution presented by Mrs. Margaret Worrell, asking the Encampment go on record against the United Nations Charter.

Your Committee suggests that this be placed on file. (Committee sustained).

Chairman Coffin: That completes all matters formally given us up to this time. This is a partial report and if anything further comes to us, we will submit that later.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Are there any other Committees ready to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Our Committee is ready to present its report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS

Seventieth Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations wishes to submit the following report:

No. 1—From the Central Region, relative to establishing an order of Junior Grandsons of the Civil War.

The Committee does not approve, believing that in 1949 the different Departments were given authority to organize Camps of Grandsons and, at that time, the cost was discussed and the above action taken by that Encampment. We see no reason to go into printing of rituals, etc., now for the Grandsons when costs are a great deal more than they were in 1949, and we do not approve.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Is Brother Roy Bennett in the room? I think he should speak on this matter.

Past Department Commander Roy J. Bennett, Iowa: On this recommendation which was presented at our regional conference and endorsed by us after being written by Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch, we have authorized the Iowa Junior movement. We presented this Resolution in our Regional meeting and it was unanimously accepted.

We feel that the perpetuation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War lies in the Junior movement. We can refer you to Pennsylvania where they realize that—their Reserve are very successful in that Department. We, in Iowa, would like the same privilege. We do not intend to ask for one penny of money. All we are asking is that the National organization go on record as endorsing this movement, so that our time will not be wasted. Should we go into this work and carry it on for a number of years, then have the National body turn it down, we will have accomplished very little. These boys will have the same eligibility as that of the senior organization, and you will certainly benefit by it. We feel that if you want this organization to grow, this is the time to endorse this movement. Endorse it now, and when you have funds finish the rest of the project.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Do I understand that you wish to present a substitute motion to cover this subject? (Past Department Commander Bennett replied, "Yes").

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: What point of the Constitution does this involve? We are now hearing the report of the Constitution on Constitution, Rules and Regulations which has to do with Committee amendments to the Constitution and Regulations. As no amendment to the Regulations has been presented, I think we should continue with the report and refer to this matter later.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I think this matter does refer to the Constitution, as it affects the eligibility clause. Our eligibility, with respect to age, at the present time is sixteen years or more, and it would have to be lowered for these Junior Grandsons; but I assume that we could give temporary help in this matter if we choose to do it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I think it was enclosed in the original motion that this, and any other debatable motion, be laid on the table until the whole report is finished and then considered at that time. I move that this matter be laid on the table until the complete report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations has been submitted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan, and carried).

No. 2—From the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—An addition to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 4 of the Regulations—Charters:

In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a charter, all the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Department Commander or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department. Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita tax shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its members."

Your Committee approves this change to the Constitution and Regulations. (Adopted).

No. 3—From the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, proposing that Section 4, Article 1, Chapter 1 of the Regulations, as most recently amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"For the purpose of enforcing the trust above declared and any other trusts, express or implied on which money or other property may be held, visitatorial powers are hereby conferred upon the several Departments. In the case of incorporated Departments having a Board, with the powers of a Board of Directors, such board shall be the Board of Visitors. In the case of other Departments, the Department Commander and the members of Department Council shall be the Board of Visitors."

Chairman Mabie: We asked Brother Bauer to come over and explain this to our Committee when we were working on this report, and I think it would be well if we would have him explain it to you.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: If the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will take command, I will explain this matter. (Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Riggs presides). This charge is relative to diversion of Camp moneys into channels outside the purposes

and objects of our Order. Our moneys are impressed with a charitable trust. Visitation powers given to the Departments would allow them to go into court, if necessary, to investigate fully such a case of diversion of Camp moneys. In case of such mismanagement of funds, the Attorney General of the State is usually the person to enforce such a trust. Visitation powers are fully recognized here and have been upheld in New England. We have the co-operation of the Attorney General's office in Massachusetts, but that may not exist in other States; and this proposed amendment would give us greater legal protection, give more power to our Departments, and would eliminate the necessity of calling on a public official in such a case.

Chairman Mabie: Your Committee recommends non-concurrence, as we felt that the laws, as they are in your present regulations, cover the matter fully.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Are there any objections?

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Acting Commander-in-Chief, this organization is organized under the corporate laws of the State of Illinois; and I think our regulations now in force are sufficient for all purposes, or for any occasion which might present itself, under the laws of the State of Illinois. The laws of all States are not the same, and I understand that in Massachusetts it would be desirable to have this amendment included in the Regulations of our Order. As far as common law is concerned, I see no objection whatever to the adoption of this amendment and I think it desirable that it be adopted.

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: I object.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: All those in favor of the recommendation of the Committee that this proposed amendment be disapproved, please rise:

For recommendation of the Committee, 48.

Against the recommendation of the Committee, 39.

No. 4—Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer submits the following amendment to the Regulations—Section 6, Article VI, Chapter V, Page 56, shall read:

"The Commander-in-Chief may in extraordinary cases which seem to him to justify such action summarily suspend from all rights in the Order a member, Camp or Department, and in the event of such action he shall appoint within ten days thereafter a Trial Commissioner, who shall proceed as set forth in Section 4. A member under such suspension shall cease to exercise the powers of any office he may hold and shall have no vote in a Camp or Department. A Camp or Department under such suspension shall hold no meetings without the written permission of the Commander-in-Chief, who shall specify the matters which may be considered or acted upon at such meeting."

Your Committee does not approve of this substitution.

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: We have a proposed change in the Constitution and Regulations, but the Chairman of the Committee has not explained why they do not approve.

Chairman Mabie: The Committee does not approve of this substitution, as we believe it is not necessary to change the Regulations to include this amendment—our present regulations are sufficient.

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: Are we entitled to an explanation from the originator as to why it was presented?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I suppose so, but that would be considered debate and, in that case, I shall again have to ask the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to take this chair.

(Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Riggs presides).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief, I thought we should clear up the present regulations. This definitely says that a Member, a Camp or a Department can be suspended. As already said in my report, where members and Camps are spread out over a large territory and regulations are not enforced, this would give the Commander-in-Chief the power to suspend them for such action. We had a case, in Massachusetts, of a man who was breaking up a Camp and I discussed this matter with the Commander-in-Chief. This simply says that the Commander-in-Chief can stop dangerous action by a Member, Camp, or Department; and would enable him to really do something about such a situation.

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: In his capacity as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Bauer has presented to you a proposed change in the regulations to carry out what was contained in his report. It seems to me that you do not want what he presents to you, and even though something of value you don't want to consider it. I think this would be a method of broadening our existing laws, so that such cases may not come into existence in the future.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: This substitution in the Regulations was referred to our Committee on Constitution and Regulations. In the first place, it hasn't complied with existing rules and regulations as it is not in proper form. In the second place this sort of thing is much too radical for our organization. This sounds as if we might be in Russia, and if we adopt such radical measures we are conducting ourselves as if we were in that country. Appointment of a Trial Commissioner to call a meeting and hear the defense in such cases is certainly not in line with the ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and we can certainly not afford to sanction such radical suggestions—Our Departments and Camps would not stand for it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I think most of us are confused, although we are trying our best to understand. As I understand it, the amendment is to re-write Section 6. Article VI, Chapter V, of the regulations. It now reads, (reads from C. & R., page 56). What is it that is proposed in lieu of this; and how does it better what is already printed in our existing regulations? I move that we adopt the recommendation of the Committee. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, and carried).

No. 5—From the Massachusetts Department—that Article III of the Constitution be amended by changing the period at the end of Section 3 to a semicolon and adding the following: "provided, that where a soldier, sailor or marine who served as aforesaid left no lineal male descendants, descendants of a brother or sister of such soldier, sailor or marine, otherwise qualified as herein provided may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Commandery-in-Chief may impose, be admitted to membership to represent such veteran."

Your Committee does not concur. (Committee sustained).

No. 6—That Article VII, of Chapter V of the Regulations be amended by numbering the present section of said Article as Section 1, and by adding a new section reading;

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief has the right to call a meeting of any Department Encampment or Camp, and to preside at any meeting of either; and the Department Commander has the same right over any Camp in the Department.

Your Committee does not approve.

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: Aren't we entitled to an explanation from the Committee telling us why they do not approve?

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: We didn't approve it because we didn't think it necessary as our present laws are sufficient; and for the further reason that it would be an indignity to the Commander-in-Chief to call and preside over such meeting of a Department Encampment or Camp.

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: Would the maker of the petition explain it.

(Commander-in-Chief Heald returns and assumes his station).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Baurer: That is one of the amendments I had submitted. I believe that the power already exists but our members do not know it does, and this would make it a little stronger. At the time I was Department Commander, I did just what this amendment requests. We all know there are Camps which do not meet and Officers who do not call meetings; and this would give the power to the Commander-in-Chief or Department Commander. Meetings could be called and it would give an opportunity to see that something is done about such a Camp; and I think it would serve to keep such Camps alive in our various Departments. The power exists, but we do not know it does. If you put it in the regulations, that will bring it to the attention of the membership and they will know that it may be exercised in case of need. I doubt if the Commander-in-Chief would ever find it necessary to go into a Camp but if he must, we would be able to exercise that right.

Department Commander Charles F. Morton, Maine: I would like to make a motion that we do not adopt the Committee recommendation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Whether I have objections to this amendment as offered is beside the point, but I am wondering why it is made as an addition to Article VII, page 57 of the Constitution and Regulations. I can't see that it is necessary to make an addition to this at all, as it does not seem to be the proper place for it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: The only reason I wrote it for that section was that it was the handiest place to put it. The Encampment should decide if it is to go there.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, I am not opposed to such a change, but I wonder whether we need it. Colonel Bauer says he did it when he was Department Commander; and if such a condition exists in a Department we know the Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief will do everything in their power to correct such condition, so I wonder if we need any additional regulation to cover it.

Department Commander Chas. F. Morton, Maine: Suppose the Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief should call a meeting and they don't come out, what can you do? If the Camp won't meet, what then?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: You would do nothing. If the Commander-in-Chief called a meeting in the Department of

California and they didn't come out, his authority would be no good. In such a case, you might as well drop the Camp.

Past Department Commander Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin: While we are a military organization, I believe we can reach a point where our membership might rebel against strict regulations. It is true we must have a method of disciplining a Camp, Department or Member but we have sufficient regulations for such action. I further believe that we can fill up our Constitution and Regulations with a lot of technical passages which, to the ordinary layman who is not an attorney, necessitates an explanation of the terms of these proposed regulations. Personally, I am in favor of keeping as few regulations as possible, and I believe we have sufficient regulations at the present time.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: The motion is to not sustain the report of the Committee. (Committee sustained).

No. 7—From the Department of Colorado & Wyoming—that the Commandery-in-Chief shall issue a certificate of membership to each member in good standing.

Your Committee does not approve. (Committee sustained).

No. 8—From the Department of New York—To memorialize the Commandery-in-Chief to delete Chapter V of the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1 and 2, Pages 53-54 which regulates the formulation and distribution of the Password to members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Your Committee does not approve.

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: Would the Committee explain why?

Chairman Mabie: The reason was this; the Brothers on the Committee felt that we had worked under a password for so many years; and that there are a lot of the members who still want the password, and only a few who do not. If the majority wants it, we believe it should remain.

Past Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: If the law of the Commandery-in-Chief demands it, and if we want it let us have it. I would like to suggest that we have a resolution to cover this matter, and shorten the password.

National Secretary Lambert: I think we can facilitate matters by approving the recommendation brought in by this Committee, as this same matter is handled in the report of the Commander-in-Chief and when that is presented, I shall speak in favor of it. Since this is a duplication, why not concur with the Committee now and take it up tomorrow.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: As explained by the National Secretary, the recommendation in the report of the Commander-in-Chief pertaining to this will be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, as it belongs to that Committee.

Chairman Mabie: There were three recommendations in the report of the Commander-in-Chief, on page 12 of the Officers' Reports which were referred to us. The one about the password is as follows. (Reads Recommendation No. 11 in the Commander-in-Chief's Report).

National Secretary Lambert: I think that recommendation has merit. In the old days when we had a secret organization, it might have been a logical thing but we have discontinued the secret ritual, retaining only the password. In our Camps it is not collected or if

it is, someone says it so loud that everyone else hears it so there is no point to it at all. I would like to see action for a paid up membership card, and I think the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief should receive your consideration.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Riggs: I make a motion that we use a paid up membership card.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I think it would be better to state the motion as the National Secretary has suggested.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move that we do not sustain the Committee. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt).

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: I believe this organization is capable of standing on its own feet and taking action here and now to have issued a paid up dues card which you carry with you at all times. It is definitely time that you do such a thing.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I rise to a point of order. It is not presented in proper form. In effect, it eliminates Article IV, Section 1 and 2 and in lieu thereof you would present your membership card. With keen regret I say this—I agree in thought but it is not presented in proper form.

National Secretary Lambert: What is the proper form?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Offering in regular form that Sections 1 and 2 of Article IV, pages 53-54 be repealed; and in lieu thereof we shall adopt the use of a paid up membership card. You should only amend the Constitution and Regulations with specifically giving the proposed change, and how it affects our present Constitution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: The motion now is only that we do not concur with the Committee, and throws it back on the Encampment floor. (Motion carried).

Chairman Mabie: I don't think that Brother Sautter heard this. The Department of New York has, in a sense, submitted it as you suggest (reads resolution from New York Department).

National Secretary Lambert: I rise to a point of order. We are not talking about this resolution from the New York Department—we are talking about the report of the Commander-in-Chief. What we have done is not concurred in by the Committee. I agree with Brother Sautter as to its not being presented in proper form. If you will note, the Commander-in-Chief says at the start of these recommendations in his report that recommendations involving changes in the C. R. and R. should, if adopted, be submitted in the form of Resolutions by the Resolutions Committee.

Chairman Mabie: I still maintain that we had read this, and we do not approve. We have not yet come to the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief. We are working on our No. 8, the one from the New York Department.

National Secretary Lambert: I move you that both of these matters referring to the password, be referred back to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, to draw it up properly and bring it in with it in proper form. (Seconded by Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: All that is asked now is that not a resolution be offered but that an amendment to the regulations, in proper form, be submitted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: You have not sustained the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations; and the En-

campment is now under obligation to the New York Department to present a proper amendment to the regulations to make it sufficient, and request that it be adopted.

(Motion to refer back to Committee carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move that we recess until tomorrow morning at 9 A. M. (Seconded by several, and carried).

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

AUGUST 22, 1951—9:10 A. M.

The Encampment was opened by prayer by Acting Chaplain Rev. Wm. Hallock.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: We have on the platform this morning a gentleman connected with this hotel. During the year, it was necessary for me to come to Columbus on several occasions and I have had extensive correspondences with him. He is Mr. Max Lord, of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, who has aided and assisted me all during the year and he has left no stone unturned to make sure you will be comfortable and properly entertained here in Columbus. At this time, I would like you to meet Mr. Lord.

Max Lord: Thank you, Mr. Heald. I thought it proper that I come down to welcome your Encampment to the hotel and to the city of Columbus. I want you to know that we sincerely appreciate the attitude you have had, and the co-operation you have given us here. You noticed one of the doors, in the rear of the room, was being replaced yesterday—that was one of the things left over from an American Legion group which met here. You haven't torn any doors off and haven't caused us any trouble of any sort; and I want to thank you and say that we really appreciate it. We sincerely hope you will come back to Columbus and to Deshler-Wallick Hotel many times in the future. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF MEMERSHIP BANNER

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I would like to make a presentation of a Banner which hangs on the table in front of me.

This administration has stressed certain fundamental things other than membership, believing that if those fundamentals were corrected an increase in membership would automatically follow. So, if you recall, little has been said about increased membership.

In California they have an honor banner given to the Camp showing the largest gain in membership for the year. I liked the idea and I asked Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Riggs if he could have one made up for me so that I might present it to the Department showing a net gain this year.

We have gone over the figures very carefully and the National Secretary-Treasurer informs me that we have one Department showing a net gain in membership, and this banner is awarded to the Department of California, and I present it to Brother Earl Riggs. Brother Riggs, you can take this honor roll banner back to the Department of Californai & Pacific for one year, but I have a feeling you will only have it this year as next year it is going to New Hampshire.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Riggs: Commander-in-Chief, I certainly never expected to take this banner back to California with me, but I can assure you that it is indeed an honor. We have one presented by the Department to the Camps in California, and Long Beach has held that one for two years. We will do the best we can to hold this one in California.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: We have a tremendous amount of work before us, and we will now proceed with the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

Chairman Mabie: Several of the Brothers have been good enough to re-write this Resolution of the New York Department concerning the elimination of the password. However, keep this in mind—if you eliminate the password you will come up against the proposition of having a new ritual printed, and will have to take time out to re-write and re-word a ritual and I believe under these circumstances, the best way to handle this to be adopt the report of the Committee and that the resolution be not approved.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: The Encampment yesterday did not sustain the Committee on that very thing and referred the matter back to them to draw up a resolution covering it. Now, with the consent of the New York Department, I offer to you and to this Encampment, as a substitute for the suggestion of the Committee, the following:

That Article IV "Password" of Chapter V, General Regulations be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the title and all of Sections 1 and 2 of said Article IV, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Membership Card"

Section 1. Each member upon payment of his dues, will be issued by the Camp Secretary an official membership card certifying that the member to whom it is issued is in good standing, having paid his dues for the period indicated thereon.

Section 2. Any member may be required by the Camp Commander to exhibit his current official membership card in order to gain admission to vote, or hold office in a Camp of the Order.

Section 3. The National Secretary-Treasurer is charged with the responsibility of supplying Camp Secretaries with suitable membership cards, and developing an appropriate system for the issuance and accounting thereof.

I move the adoption of this resolution. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Locke).

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I would like to say that this carries out the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief and I do not agree with Brother Mabie that it will necessitate a change in the ritual and, furthermore, I put into this Resolution a clause requiring the National Secretary-Treasurer to supply it, which is quite in order. He may change the card if he so desires.

Past Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: Commander-in-Chief and members, there is one addition I would like to have included in this resolution—that in addition to the membership card we have a place on the card for the signature of the member and his home Camp. It is a precautionary measure, and I think it should be included. In the case of a member visiting another Camp when away from home, you would not only have him show his membership card but you would immediately know from which Camp he came. You should also have members register when visiting a Camp when away from home.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: His present membership card has a place for him to sign his name.

Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, you know and so does the National Secretary-Treasurer, how many of these various resolutions are presented at both Department and National Encampments. In many cases, they are not worded properly or not presented properly and, for that reason, fail to pass even though they may have some merit. Brother Coffin, the Department of New York highly appreciate your services and efforts in behalf of this resolution, and accept the resolution as prepared and presented by you.

National Secretary Lambert: I think I spoke favorably yesterday on this matter of a paid up membership. However, we cannot disregard certain facts. The Ritual says, "Guard, you will ascertain, etc. (reads from Ritual). We have certain rules in the Ritual which must be followed. If those rules are to be changed, it must be included in this resolution so that provision is made for the change. Your National Secretary cannot re-write this; it must come from the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Let me call your attention to this fact. The supreme law of this Order is our Constitution and Regulations. By changing the Constitution and Regulations, as provided for in this amendment, you automatically change the ritual and make it conform. Secondly, you do not want to go to the expense of having a new ritual printed. There is no reason why you should not adopt this amendment.

Past Department Commander Elmer P. Corrie, Maryland: In the ritualistic work of our Order you will find this phrase, "to keep green the memory of those who served from '61-'65". To me, it seems as if we are taking away a great deal from that ritual when we take away that password, as it has always been based on those who served, by using their names as our passwords. Also, if we adopt a card we are reducing our organization to a club status. We already have the receipt for dues where you can put your signature and, if your receipt says you are paid for the current year you can be admitted to any Camp of the Order in the United States.

I belong to several groups where the card system is used; and by the presentation of that card you are admitted to the meetings without any question. They admit you upon presentation of the card, and assume that everything is all right. In this Encampment, we have already spoken about the "fellow travelers" in our midst. How easy it would be for one of those "fellow travelers" to secure a card and be admitted to a body similar to this, and see the inner workings of the organization.

As a member of the Maryland Department, I will vote "no" on this particular amendment for the reasons I have just given. As I understand it, there are five or six members of the Grand Army of the Republic still living. While they continue to live, and even after they are gone how can be better keep "green" their memory than by using their name in a password for six months of the year. Furthermore, I object to bringing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to a club status.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, I wonder whether we are really benefitting by having a password if it isn't used. I think I can safely say that 90% of the Camps do not use it. Also, I am sure that 75% of the Brothers here didn't have the proper

password when they came to this Encampment. Anybody can give you the password, as well as a membership card and it is done more easily than transferring a card to someone else, especially if your signature is affixed. I can't see that the use of the password does us one bit of good, and it only adds additional expense.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: It seems to me that we are spending useless time in talking about unimportant matters. We are organized for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the men who served the Union, and yet we spend our precious time discussing such a matter as not admitting anybody to our meetings unless they have a password, rather than doing things which will be for the good of the organization as a whole.

It has been suggested that some subversive individuals might come into our meetings if we adopt a membership card. Let any subversive try to come in and express his views in this organization and see what happens to him. We, in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War teach patriotism, but not in secret as in Russia. We are out in the open, and want the world to know that we stand for American principles and institutions. If you will pardon the statement, it is pure and simple "poppycock" when you say that having a secret password is being patriotic and that we are perpetuating the memory of our fathers by having such password. Let us be out in the open. Let us be Americans, and let the world know that we are Americans. Let us be reasonable and sensible and get back to true American principles.

Past Department Commander Allen B. Howland, Massachusetts: I move the previous question, to stop debate on this matter. (Seconded by several, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Brother Coffin's motion is now in order. The motion is that resolution as presented, be adopted and the membership is no longer required to give a password. (Motion carried).

Chairman Mabie: Our No. 1 section of our report which has to do with the Junior Grandsons was deferred yesterday. However, I believe Brother Bennett wants to say something about it at this time.

Past Department Commander Roy J. Bennett, Iowa: Since our presentation of the resolution relative to establishing an order of Junior Grandsons of the Civil War, I have been informed that the subject is covered on Page 84 of last years' proceedings, in its entirety and, therefore, we wish to withdraw our resolution. (No objections).

No. 9—From the Department of Illinois—that the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be changed to Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Your Committee does not approve. (Committee sustained).

No. 10—From the Department of Rhode Island—that the Commandery-in-Chief have added to its Roster of Officers an Officer to be known as the Rehabilitation Officer; this Officer to work in conjunction with the Rehabilitation Officers of the National Auxiliary and other veteran and patriotic organizations.

Your Committee does not approve. (Committee sustained).

No. 11—From the Report of the Commander-in-Chief, his recommendation No. 4—That the Council-in-Chief be enlarged to five (5) members, to be known as, or be charged with the duties of a Council of Administration.

A great deal of work and expense would be entailed to put this into effect and get it in working order and your Committee, therefore, does not approve. (Committee sustained).

No. 12—Also, from the report of the Commander-in-Chief—his recommendation No. 11, relative to password.

This has been taken care of by a Resolution just passed and, therefore, requires no further action.

Department Commander Chas. F. Morton, Maine: Does this password remain in effect until we have official notification as to the action taken by this Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: By your action, this morning, you have changed the law of this Order. There is no longer a password necessary for admission to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meeting.

(Committee sustained).

No. 13—From the report of the Commander-in-Chief—his recommendations Nos. 18A and 18B, relative to members of disbanded Camps and Disbanded Departments.

Your Committee does not approve. (Committee sustained).

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. MABIE, Chairman, Pennsylvania.

PERLE L. FOUCH, Michigan.

CHESTER L. CHARTER, Minnesota.

CHAS. F. KATTERMAN, Jr., Kansas.

Chairman Mabie: That completes the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. I move you that the report of the Committee be accepted. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Moran, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Is any other Committee ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle:

To the Seventieth Annual Encampment

Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports wish to submit the following report:

Commander-in-Chief's Report

Commander-in-Chief Heald, during his term of office has displayed an untiring effort in the performance of his many and varied responsibilities. Continuity of effort and "Let's do it now" have been his theme throughout the year. He is deserving of only the highest commendation of each and every member of our beloved Order for the time and effort put forth in an endeavor to promote the welfare and interests of our Order and to plug the loss gap. Only those who have served in the office of Commander-in-Chief can recognize the many responsibilities and sometimes heartaches, that go with the position. While we fully recognize that his desires and ambitions were not fully realized, we do feel that he has accomplished some results, and the appreciation of the Commandery-in-Chief is extended to our Commander-in-Chief for a job well done.

His report offers the following recommendations, and we report as follows:

No. 1A—That future retiring Commanders-in-Chief be made No. 1 members of the Council-in-Chief because of their current knowledge of the State of the Order.

Your Committee feels it is not in order for the Past Commander-in-Chief to be continued in office after he has served the highest office to be conferred upon him by the Commandery-in-Chief; and that the knowledge and experience of the retiring Commander-in-Chief is available to the Council-in-Chief and Commandery-in-Chief without the necessity of being in office. We recommend non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

No. 1B—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

No. 1C—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

No. 2 & No. 3 combined—Responsibilities to be assigned the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief.

The Committee recommends non-concurrence by reason of the fact that both the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief have their duties defined by the Constitution and Regulations, and both officers are automatically subject to assignment of any duties by the Commander-in-Chief. (Committee sustained).

No. 4A, B & C—Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

No. 5—That all officers and committee chairmen with travel and postage expense shall be allowed an expense account, not to exceed \$25.

The Committee is heartily in accord with the thoughts of the Commander-in-Chief in this recommendation. However, realizing the financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief and the vital necessity of reducing, rather than increasing expenditures of the Commandery-in-Chief, we recommend non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

No. 10—That proposed legislation requiring expenditures from our permanent fund shall be given notice to our membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the introduction of such legislation at a National Encampment.

Your Committee concurs.

National Secretary Lambert: This is not entirely an objection to what they are trying to accomplish but the acceptance of such a recommendation does not compel its use; and unless submitted in proper form does not become the law of the organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Might I suggest this thought—that this recommendation, if accepted, is an expression of the will of the Commandery-in-Chief, by which the Commander-in-Chief should be governed.

National Secretary Lambert: I can specifically tell you what is objectionable. What we do today will be remembered tomorrow; but two or three years from now it will not be remembered. When it comes time for the Commander-in-Chief to render opinions on the Constitution, Rules and Regulations on what has happened in years gone by, he cannot be expected to remember the contents of each proceedings. He will not remember when and where various things have been done, and he will be at loss to make a decision.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Any Commander-in-Chief who fails to know what the Commandery-in-Chief has done in preceding

years is a negligent official. If he is on the job, he will know what action has been taken.

National Secretary Lambert: I would like to concur with Past Commander-in-Chief Locke on that point, but I cannot. I do not understand, if this were true, why so many of the Past Commanders-in-Chief have come to me during this, and other Encampments, asking what happened two years ago because they can't remember what action was taken at that time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I ask the National Secretary a question. This recommendation refers to expenditures from our permanent fund. May I ask just what we are acting upon?

National Secretary Lambert: At present, there is no permanent fund; but this would take care of it if one should exist.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: We come to Encampments to take action on such matters which will be of assistance and value to our organization. I am quite confident that it will be impossible for anyone to give us thirty day notice, prior to our Encampment, as to the expenditures which will be acquired by, and during, that Encampment. If it was in the mind of the Commander-in-Chief that this referred to the U. S. Government Bond account, and the National Secretary is correct in his statment that we have no permanent fund, what is the necessity of taking action relative to something that we don't have.

National Secretary Lambert: In addition, this Encampment cannot bind future Encampments, unless it is done in accordance with the Constitution, requiring forty days.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Objections have been raised, and we will now bring this matter to a vote. (Committee not sustained).

No. 11—Elimination of Password.

Your Committee concurs with this recommendation, but refers the matter to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

No. 12—That the name of our Order be changed to Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Your Committee is unable to see what can be gained by changing the name of our organization as recommended, and we definitely feel that, after more than twenty-five years of endeavoring to establish our identity as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the name which was approved by the Grand Army of the Republic, our identity would be lost by such change and we, therefore, recommend non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

No. 13—That any direct male descendant of an Honorably Discharged American War Veteran may be considered eligible to join our Order.

Our Organization was founded for the express purpose of assisting the Grand Army of the Republic and the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Now, with the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic it is all the more important that we, direct descendants of these men, do all in our power to perpetuate their traditions and ideals. Your Committee feels that by extending eligibility in our organization to the Sons of Veterans of all wars, eventually there would be a definite split in the objects of our organization, whereas we now have one expressed object. We, therefore, recommend non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

No. 14—That the Council-in-Chief be instructed to investigate and report on the possibility and advisability of merging the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans with our Order.

We recommend non-concurrence, for the same reason as expressed in answer to recommendation No. 13. (Adopted).

No. 15A—That we continue our membership in the American Coalition.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted).

No. 15B—That we contribute \$25.00 per year to the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies.

In concurring with No. 15A, your Committee, likewise, concurs with No. 15B, and have referred this to the Council-in-Chief for their consideration. (No objections).

No. 15C—Referred to Council-in-Chief.

No. 16—That an appointive Officer, to be known as the Co-ordinator, be appointed to work with the several Departments assisting in promoting our National program.

Whereas, the Commander-in-Chief has authority to appoint subordinate Officers to assume certain duties and responsibilities, we feel this recommendation is taken care of by the Constitution and Regulations and, therefore, recommend non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

No. 17—That the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary and the Council-in-Chief be authorized as a Time and Place Committee, to secure and contract for future National Encampment cities.

This Committee feels that the thoughts of this recommendation are thoroughly covered by recommendations of previous Encampments and we, therefore, recommend non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

Nos. 18A & 18B—Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

No. 19—That further consideration and action be taken relative to an authorized Junior Order within our organization.

We are heartily in accord with the thought of the Commander-in-Chief with respect to further consideration relative to the Junior Order of the Sons of Union Veterans. However, recognition of the Junior Order of Sons of Union Veterans was authorized by action of the 68th Annual Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana; and as no definite plan is set forth in this recommendation, your Committee feels no action is necessary. (Committee sustained).

No. 20—That we continue our policy of extending invitations to the G. A. R. Allied Orders for holding their National Conventions at the same time and place as the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary, and recommend the same procedure to all Departments of the Order.

We concur with this recommendation, subject to previous actions covered by the Commandery-in-Chief. (Committee sustained).

Report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The efforts put forth by our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief exemplify his zeal and desire to further the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is to be commended for his interest in our Order and for ever willingness to carry out the program laid down by the Commander-in-Chief. The recommendations set

forth in his report have been referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is to be highly commended for his activities during the past year in performing the duties of his office and in representing the Commander-in-Chief. The efforts of Brother Riggs in the institution of another Camp in the California Department at San Diego, California; and his untiring efforts to organize a new camp in Las Vegas, Nevada, are an exemplification of his love for our Order and proof that "It can be done." Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs deserves the sincere thanks and gratitude of the Commandery-in-Chief for his untiring efforts. There are no recommendations in his report.

National Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

The report of the National Secretary-Treasurer is one that should deeply concern each and every member of the Sons of Union Veterans. Brother Lambert deserves the highest commendation of the Commandery-in-Chief for the time and effort put forth in the fulfillment of his duties. No more important office exists than the office of National Secretary-Treasurer.

The only recommendation submitted by Brother Lambert is as follows: "That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of ten, such committee to be known as the C. & R. Revision Committee, and that this Committee meet between now and the next National Encampment, at their own expense, for the purpose of preparing suggested changes to the Constitution and Regulations, for action at the 1952 Encampment."

Your Committee questions the necessity of a complete revision of the Constitution and Regulations but, if it is deemed advisable, we suggest that revisions of the Constitution and Regulations be placed in the hands of a Committee of three, to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, and to render a report at the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. (Adopted).

Patriotic Instructor's Report

The report submitted by National Patriotic Instructor Frederick K. Davis, in our opinion, is one of the finest reports ever submitted by a Brother holding this important office in our Order. The sincere thanks and appreciation of the Commandery-in-Chief is extended to Brother Davis for a job well done.

The only recommendation submitted by the National Patriotic Instructor is as follows: "\$500.00 is hereby made available from the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund to the Committee on Program and Policy, for the purpose of publishing a folder about our Order; also, if money permits, other publicity material the Committee may agree upon. Quantities to be sold as cheaply as feasible, and receipts to be returned to the Grand Army Fund."

While the Commandery-in-Chief has abolished the Committee on Program and Policy, this Committee is in accord with the thoughts expressed by the National Patriotic Instructor, for we do feel that it is important to advertise the organization. We also feel that an expenditure from the Grand Army of the Republic Fund for this purpose would be of much benefit to the Sons of Union Veterans and, in reality, would operate as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic by publicizing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In keeping with the thoughts of the National Patriotic Instructor,

we would like to recommend that a sum, not to exceed \$500.00, we made available from the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund for the purpose of publishing a folder publicizing our Order; and including in the folder a short form application setting forth the required information necessary for membership in our Order; and that the National Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to arrange for said folder, subject to the approval of the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Lambert: This is not an objection, but this thought just occurred to me; a lot depends upon the judgment of one man in arranging for this folder, and I question the advisability of allowing one man to prepare it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I had the same thought in mind, and agree completely with Brother Lambert.

Chairman Runkle: In answer to National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert and Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, our recommendation was that the National Secretary-Treasurer arrange for it. We didn't say he had to prepare it alone. We feel that no one is more qualified to prepare this folder, or to supervise the preparation of such a folder than our National Secretary-Treasurer and, for that reason, we leave it in his hands. It might be necessary to secure the services of someone, for a nominal sum, to help prepare it and if this is necessary, I feel that the National Secretary, by this recommendation, is granted such authority. That places a great burden on you Al, but I personally feel, in your position, you will think before you step and I know you would not, in any way, have anything prepared unless you feel sure that it will be accepted 100% by this organization. Brother Lambert can under this recommendation, secure the services of the National Patriotic Instructor, or anyone else to assist in the preparation of this folder which, of course, should have the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

(Committee sustained).

Two resolutions contained in the Report of the National Patriotic Instructor have been referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. RUNKLE, Chairman, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM C. RULE, Massachusetts.

LESLIE W. MORE, New York.

JOHN H. STARR, Oregon.

A. LEROY REYNOLDS, Iowa.

Chairman Runkle: I would like to move that the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports be adopted. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, and carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEY OF THE ORDER

Chairman Runkle: As Chairman of the Committee on Survey of the Order to handle the several items that were referred to that Committee by action of the Encampment in Boston, I would like to say that there were several things which referred to amendments in the Constitution and Regulations, regarding Life Membership and Commandery-in-Chief Camps. In view of action taken by this Encampment and the vital necessity of careful consideration to legislative changes, we would like to have you continue that, or refer it to a Committee to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, for further consideration and action at the 1952 Encampment, and

possibly for action of the Committee to be appointed for revision of the Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Do I hear any objections?

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: May I just help this along. I move you that the Committee be continued; and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to increase the Committee and consolidate with the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

(Seconded by Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts, and carried).

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT LELA SHUGART OF THE AUXILIARY

The National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Lela B. Shugart and her personal aide, Chrystel Powell, of Indiana, were escorted into the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: My Brothers, this is the outstanding moment of my Encampment when I have the privilege of officially introducing the one who has been by co-worker during the past year. It is a difficult moment for me, because of the limitation with which I am handicapped in the use of the proper vocabulary and sufficient adjectives to describe this person to you.

I have said this before, and I want to repeat it now, if I would have had the opportunity and privilege of "hand picking" the National President with whom I was to serve, I could not have picked a finer person. I want you boys to know that she has not only been the National President of our Auxiliary, but I think she has devoted an equal amount of time and effort to the interest of our organization. You should be very proud of her, as I am, because, from coast to coast, she has left a deep impression on her audiences and she has the love and esteem of her entire organization; and I hope that she holds the same esteem from our organization.

At this time, it is a pleasure for me to present to you the National President of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary, Mrs Lela Shugart of Marion, Indiana.

National President Lela Shugart: Brother Commander-in-Chief and Brothers all; if your Commander-in-Chief is at a loss for words, I hope you don't expect much from me because I feel that he has "thrown the book" at me, and I accept it in all humility and with a great deal of thankfulness.

Knowing and working with your Commander-in-Chief and my Commander-in-Chief, and realizing the high ideals he has carried and aspired to throughout the year, has been a privilege and if I have met any of his expectations, in any small degree, I am truly grateful.

We do not all have the same talents and privileges extended to us but, this year, I am sure the Commander-in-Chief and I have given our "all" whenever and wherever we could. It has been a pleasure for me to serve with Cleon Heald. It has been one of the privileges of a lifetime to know him; to know his sterling qualities, and his high ideals of patriotism and manhood. He is a gentleman, and everything that implies. During this entire year, I have never had an embarrassing moment; and he has extended every little courtesy that a lady could expect from a gentleman; and boys, I appreciate, very, very much, your giving me Cleon Heald as my co-worker.

We have had some rugged times, not because of the conditions in this world, and the tension in which everybody seems to be caught. We didn't know, many times during the year, what to expect from day to day. We have been where war threatens on both coasts, east and west. We have been where Communism is running rife, we have felt it, we have seen it, have heard it and have fought it with every weapon. We have power. It would be repetitious for me to stand here and tell you of the many meetings and social functions we have attended this year, and of what we have attempted to accomplish; but we have worked hand in hand for the same principles and the same cause.

Women have a unique place in the world. We look to the men, wanting always to be by their side and to be their helpmates, as was God's plan. In the early pages of written history you will find that God created man, then created woman to be a help-mate; so we are divinely authorized as your co-workers. We take this very seriously and very sanctimoniously, as a divine order. Women always have lived for love and love alone. Without love, a woman is a failure. Without inspiration there is no love and you know how feeble and weak we are, and how much we depend on our men. Given the full measure of devotion and love, we have been credited by poets as giving to you our best; and you can be sure that we, of your Auxiliary, will always do that. We are proud to be your Auxiliary, and we love to serve you.

Yesterday, when the Commander-in-Chief sent into our meeting the Past Commanders-in-Chief in this body, we were honored to have them with us. We felt that the spirits of their fathers came with them, and we accepted them in that light. It left a deep impression on your Auxiliary that we should be so favored, to have met in the same room and under the same roof as the Grand Army of the Republic has met and inspired us. I want to thank you, Cleon, for your thoughtfulness in sending that wonderful group of men.

If we had our choice of what we, as an Auxiliary, wanted to do regarding the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we would like to marry you all over again, and be your help-mates. We are not like this little story. The husband in the story seemed to get a little cold in his affections for his wife. She didn't receive the courtesies she longed for, and was a very lonely person. Daily, she read the newspaper column of Dorothy Dix, giving advice to people with problems such as theirs. So, one day she said, "John, I wish you would take a little time and read the Dorothy Dix column in the newspaper." John thought he could certainly do that for her, so she gave him several copies which she had laid aside for him. He read the papers she gave him, and said nothing. The next day he took flowers and candy with him when he went home. She met him at the door, believing that he was not sober. He said, "Oh Mary, I'm so glad to be home today. I've had a rough day at the office and home is such a refuge, and you look so sweet. You know, if we had our lives to live over again, I wouldn't change it a bit, I would marry you all over again." Her reply was, "That's what you think." However, your Auxiliary doesn't feel that way—we would do it all over again. We accept your responsibilities and share them with you, we know your problems, and we want to continue to serve you.

Cleon, your Auxiliary has sent me as their emissary to bring to you, in a small measure, an expression of our love. They say money talks, but I don't think this can talk very loud. Just the same, we want you to have it as it is the annual presentation of our "love gift" to you boys.

Thank you for the privilege of coming here the morning. I know you are busy, and we are busy; but it was the high-light of my year to be able to come into your Encampment to visit with you, and I do appreciate it more than I can tell you. For the girls of your Auxiliary, I bring you love, deep everlasting love, and devotion, from our hearts.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I want you to know that we deeply appreciate your coming here and talking to us; and I can say that your love gift will, to the best of our ability, be used to further promote the interest and growth of our organization. Thank you so much.

I think it is a wonderful thing that the National President has her personal aide with her this morning; and I want to introduce to you Chrystel Powell of Indiana.

Personal Aide Chrystel Powell: I am very pleased and honored to come here with our National President this morning and it is the wish, deep in the heart of every Auxiliary member, that the Sons prosper because, as the Sons prosper, so does the Auxiliary. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter to respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, and National President of the Auxiliary, I am wondering if it wouldn't be better if John Sautter would simply say "amen" and sit down. I say that to you because I feel that anything I might say to you now could not compare with the things which have already been said.

Our Commander-in-Chief, in most appropriate words, has told you how the National President of our Auxiliary has conducted herself this year as his co-worker. You believe, and I believe, that those words came from the heart of Cleon Heald. Then, after he had "thrown the book" at the National President, she speaks and, in equally beautiful words, has told how our Commander-in-Chief has conducted himself this year. What more can be said beside this; what they both did is simply what it was their duty to do, what we expected them to do; and they didn't need to tell us that they had done it, as we had evidence of it all through the year.

I said yesterday when the Past Commanders-in-Chief visited the Auxiliary that I paid my first visit to them thirty-eight years ago. I formed an impression of the value of the Auxiliary to our organization at that time but, in each of the years that have come and gone since that time, I have constantly revised my opinion of the Auxiliary; and each of the thirty-eight years have added to my respect, my admiration and my love for that organization because I have had ample opportunity, in that time, to learn what they had constantly done for us.

If you will permit a personal reference, I should like to say this—fifteen years ago, my good wife filled the honored position of National President of the Auxiliary. Through that office, held by my wife, I had a little closer knowledge of the tasks, the arduous duties that went with the office; and I am fully conscious of the fact that, in the fifteen years intervening, the duties have increased, not decreased.

We are deeply grateful Sister Lela, that you found time to leave your organization to come to us. Rarely has it been the privilege of this organization assembled in Encampment to hear words from a National President such as you have given to us today. I am sure there is in the minds and heart of every man in this room greater respect and a little closer admiration for the splendid body that you represent that has meant so much to us in the past. I am confident that, with the help of Almighty God, they will mean all the more to us in the future. May God, in his goodness, bestow to the Auxiliary all those things to which they are entitled. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I want you to know what was in the envelope—a check for \$200.00 from the Auxiliary. (Applause).

Mrs. Margaret Worrell, President General of the Wheel of Progress was then escorted in, and presented greetings from that organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Memorial Fund is ready to report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL FUND

To the Officers and Members of the
70th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

The Committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to review the proposed "Memorial Fund" submits herewith the following revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations: Page 37, Constitution and Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI—

Section 1—Present paragraph in C. & R. headed "Finances."
Section 2—

- (A) The Commandery-in-Chief shall create a fund to be known as "The Commandery-in-Chief Memorial Fund."
- (B) This fund shall be invested, and the interest only is to be used for welfare and patriotic work of the Commandery-in-Chief.
- (C) Establishment of Funds.
 - (1) By subscription from members of the organization and any other person or persons, in memory of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, or a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the amount of not less than ten dollars.
 - (2) By inheritances or gifts.
- (D) All monies for this fund shall be received and held by the National Secretary-Treasurer who, with the Council-in-Chief, shall be vested with full authority to invest the funds in such manner as may be deemed by them most profitable, and only in such investments as are approved for investment of funds by National banks.
- (E) No expenditures shall be made from the principal except by a majority vote of members attending an Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief; and a thirty (30) day notice of such intentions shall be promulgated either through General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief of the Organization Publication.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. RUNKLE, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
JOHN W. EMERY, Massachusetts.

Chairman Runkle: I move the acceptance of this report, and the adoption of this change in the regulations. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery Massachusetts).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I think those members of the Commandery-in-Chief who are interested in the practice of law will have considerable objection to hasty action of this character. I don't believe we have laid the proper foundation. I am in favor of the adoption of some such plan as has been suggested, but I do not want to see it done until careful thought and consideration has been given to the subject matter, and also to the means in which the fund shall be administered. This particular article which it is proposed shall

be amended: is Article VI, which has to do only with per capita tax. I want you to give certain consideration as to what you are doing, because we don't want to establish a permanent fund, that is the same thing as suggested by previous Encampments. Let's go easy on this matter, and take time to give it careful consideration.

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment, I take exception to the remarks of Past Commander-in-Chief Locke, I believe this subject has been before us, and has been thoroughly discussed at the past three Encampments. I think it is about time we adopt it, and put it into practice. It will be of help to our National Organization and to the treasury of this organization. In addition, it will be a means of stimulating interest in our Order. I think it is time that we adopt it and not delay any longer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I might say that Past Department Commander Emery has said what is in my mind and heart on this subject.

Brother Emery, together with several others and myself, were appointed to a Committee two years ago to consider the questions of "Memorial Trust Fund" and "Survey of the Order." I was unable to attend the Encampment last year but the report, a copy of which was sent to each member of the Committee, to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer, is printed on pages 55-57 of the Boston Encampment proceedings. It was called a "Trust Fund" and objections were raised because of the legal and technical problems involved in establishment of a Trust Fund.

The legality of this matter has been questioned; but it seemed to me to be very much along the line of action taken by another Order of which I am a member. They established such a fund when in a situation somewhat similar to ours, and it is administered very much the same way as proposed here.

This change as presented may or may not be perfect, but adoption of the plan will at least make a start in the right direction. I recommended this twenty-six years ago, and something should have been done at that time, in which case we might not be faced with our present financial problems. I heartily join in seconding the motion to adopt the Memorial Fund plan.

Chairman Runkle: I would like to say that I recognize and appreciate the experience and advice of Brother Locke, but we have spent many hours of thought and given much consideration so that we might submit to you something simplified and not too lengthy. I might say, in passing, that Brother Emery and I spent more than six hours working on that short recommendation.

Originally the idea was to get subscriptions, in memory of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and our thought was that perhaps someone would like to subscribe to this fund, in memory of a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. This would work in the following manner, and I trust you will pardon the personal reference as it is used only as an illustration. Should something happen to me my Son, who never knew his great grandfather, might want to do something like this, in memory of his Dad.

There is also another thought which we want to bring out vividly; that is, establishment of this fund through inheritances and gifts. Many organizations have built a sizable permanent fund by gifts of members leaving something, in their wills, to the organization for carrying on its work. These inheritances could be invested in such a manner that the interest could be used by the organization. We feel this

should be a permanent fund and should be invested in this manner. Frankly, if this had been done twenty-five or fifty year ago, today we might have \$50,000.00 or \$100,000.00 to invest, the interest of which could be used for patriotic welfare work and to help us run our organization.

National Secretary Lambert: This matter was discussed last year, and the year before; and was delayed because it was not presented in proper form. When you hear the report of the Council-in-Chief, our financial condition will startle you. I think if we continue to procrastinate on this proposal, it will be too late. If we continue to again today, it will never become a reality.

I appreciate what Brother Locke has said, and I agree with him that proper precautions must be taken; and I think we can start this plan now. Let us operate it for one year and see what results we get during that time. If we can get the money, proper legal precautions can be recommended at our next Encampment. Are you willing to gamble on it?

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I am very anxious that my position in this matter is not misconstrued by the members of this Commandery-in-Chief. John Emery will tell you that I encouraged him all that I could in Indianapolis, and I have given him all the help I could in connection with the matter. I believe sincerely in the idea; provided proper safe-guards are thrown around it. I had not seen and knew nothing about what was presented here this morning in this report, and I am not positive that the plan as presented is sufficiently safe-guarded. However, I believe sincerely in the plan and perhaps, as Brother Lambert has suggested, we can go along with this for a year, but I want it to be done in the right way.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I heartily agree with the preceeding speakers. There is one serious error in the report, which refers to inheritances. A group cannot inherit anything. We can only get money from deceased persons by legacies and bequests stipulated in a will, and that substitution should be made. If we get anything it would be by will, and must be worded that way and I assume that Brother Runkle is willing to accept this correction. While safe-guards need to be put around it, I see no reason why we can't make a beginning.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I am heartily in sympathy with the establishment of such a fund but i quite agree that serious consideration should be given to the administration of any trust fund. If my memory serves me correctly, we incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. Therefore, any Trust Fund committed to the Sons of Union Veterans must be administered under the law of the State where we are incorporated. Today, under the law of prudent man, investments are being recognized quite generally; but we should consider how this fund is to be administered and how it can be safe-guarded. Many times such funds have been created only to be dissipated, and if we create this fund I feel we should use every precaution to protect it.

Chairman Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, this is not a trust fund. We are establishing a permanent fund, to be known as the Commandery-in-Chief Memorial Fund. It is not a trust fund and there is nothing to indicate that the money is being placed in trust.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: You may call it a permanent fund, but it is not permanent as you propose it.

Chairman Runkle: We do not know what this fund will bring forth. We will assume here, that it works out well and in twenty-five

or fifty years has accumulated a worth-while amount. By that time, our organization might dwindle and our members might feel that this money should be given to some good cause, in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. If it is a trust fund, you cannot do that.

As we understood it, the greatest objection to the entire matter was calling it a "Trust Fund." We have presented it in this form in order to eliminate the legal entanglements which would be brought about by the establishment of a Trust Fund; and we have also arranged for expenditures to be made from the principal of this fund only by majority vote of an Encampment, not only by a few.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I still believe it needs further consideration as to its operation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: There have been quite a number of speeches here, all of them giving 'lip service' and hurling every manner of objection at this proposition. In my first remarks, I wanted to be brief and yet give you a bit of the history of this matter. Two years ago, had this same discussion and the Committee about which I spoke before was appointed to thoroughly go into this matter of Memorial Trust Fund and Survey of the Order. I would like to read you a portion of the letter which I sent to every member of that Committee, to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary and which I dictated four days after I came out of the hospital last year. (Reads portion of the letter (page 56 of last year's proceedings). Now then, Brothers, as I told you I was not present at the Encampment last year and this matter was deferred until this year when it was to be presented in detail. This Resolution as presented to you by Brother Runkle and his Committee accomplishes the purpose, and should be adopted. What you set up here today is really only a beginning and may have to be changed next year but let's get it started now.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: We are wasting a lot of time, and for no good reason. No matter what you call this fund, if you ever have any trouble over it the Courts will give it the real title.

I have been a member of this organization for many years and have never had any doubt of the sincerity of the Officers in presenting such a proposition. We haven't got any such Fund and I am highly in sympathy with starting it, trying it for one year and then, if necessary, changes can be made. If the people who had presented this Resolution had paid some attention to the advice of previous years, they would have presented it with all the safe-guards. As I see it we can add the safe-guards if it becomes necessary but let's get the plan in operation.

Chairman Runkle: That section about "inheritances and gifts" will be changed to "Legacies and Bequests" as suggested by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Report of Committee adopted with the above change).

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: As to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Pennsylvania, I will briefly report on that.

I have just recently been appointed to carry out some of the work of the late Brother J. Clark Mansfield, who you all knew. The situation is this—the Highway Department officially designated Route 6, from one end of the State to the other, as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

However, in Pennsylvania that highway has been known as the Roosevelt Highway which does not refer to Franklin D. Roosevelt—it was a memorial to Theodore Roosevelt. In connection with that high-

way, a group of business men has been organized, known as the Roosevelt Highway Association. It is a very powerful group, so let's not fool ourselves on that point. They have a lot of connections and can put a lot of pressure on the "big boys" in Harrisburg. They have gone to the Secretary of Highways and have demanded that "Roosevelt Highway" be placed on those signs. I had a long talk with Brother Mansfield about it and in spite of the fact that he didn't like it, he felt that we should take a little time on this matter as this Association has been formed and in operation for many years. Many of those people have named their business establishments after the highway and they could muster a great deal of opposition. Personally I haven't talked to the Secretary of Highways as yet and do not know what the final outcome will be, but the actual decision of the Secretary was that it be known as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and there was no reference to the Roosevelt Highway. It was only on the demands of this Association, and to keep peace in the State of Pennsylvania, that the words "and Roosevelt Highway" were placed on these signs.

I hope we can eliminate this, and yet I feel sure that it is going to take a long time to get the members of that Association, who are commercially and financially interested in it, to go along with us. Brother Mansfield told me of these existing conditions and that the Secretary of Highways would probably wait until the thing dies down a little before taking any further action.

We have the signs up and they do say 'Grand Army of the Republic Highway' but, by demand and pressure also read, "and Roosevelt Highway." I am sorry I cannot give you a more complete report than that. Maybe, in due time, we can eliminate it but it will take time. When you consider that we are a small organization with little capital against 1,000 business men with a great deal of capital, we must be a little patient. We don't want them to get too mad at us, or they might push us out of the picture entirely. I am not a politician, but I believe it can be accomplished. If it is at all possible, we do want to carry through the dedication of that Grand Army of the Republic Highway with the Secretary of Highways and some important officer of the Roosevelt Highway Association present at that dedication. If they are there at that time, I think the issue will be settled once and for all.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Thank you, rother Runkle. May we have a supplementary report of the Credential Committee at this time?

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Past Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney, California & Pacific: The Credential Committee reports a total of 139 members on the roll at this time, with 19 Departments represented.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I move that we recess until 1:30 P. M. (Seconded by several, and carried).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 22, 1951 — 1:35 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

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

National Secretary Lambert: Inasmuch as you have only two Committee reports remaining which will not affect our financial condition in any way, we could now have the report of the Council-in-Chief.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Combs: Your Council-in-Chief has given much thought to the financial condition of this organization, and have considered carefully the recommendations offered in this report. We offer the proposed budget, and our recommendations; and we feel that this budget can be carried out this year without any deficit:

Proposed Budget for 1951-1952 Term

Receipts:

Per Capita Tax, 10,000 Members at .60.....	\$6,000.00
Membership Fees, 300 Members at .50.....	150.00
Charter Fees—3 New Camps at \$5.00.....	15.00
Registration Fees—150 at \$2.00	300.00
Sale of Supplies	1,035.00
Total	\$7,500.00

Disbursements:

The Banner—General Orders (Basis of 20 cents per member)	\$2,000.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses (Basis of 10 cents per member)	1,000.00
National Secretary-Treasurer Salary (Basis of 10 cents per member)	1,000.00
Supplies	600.00
Encampment Expense (1952)	800.00
Shipping Expense (Supplies)	40.00
Rent for National Headquarters	300.00
Miscellaneous, including P. C.-in-C. Badge	200.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	150.00
Proceedings	600.00
Officers' Reports and Rosters	200.00
American Coalition	25.00
Deficit—1950-1951	585.00
Total	\$7,500.00

Recommendations:

(1) That the following appropriations be made from the G. A. R. Memorial Fund:

- \$50.00 for Lincoln University.
- \$50.00 for Harrisburg Drum Corps.
- \$25.00 for Committee on Marking Graves.
- \$25.00 for Americanization Committee.
- \$25.00 for Legislative Committee.
- \$25.00 for Publicity Committee.

(2) That travel expense to the 1952 Encampment be allowed as follows:

Coach fare for Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer.

Mileage at rate of two cents (.02) per mile for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Council-in-Chief, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Chief-of-Staff and Counselor.

(3) With the uncertainty of expenses for the coming year, we feel that a return of money to the U. S. Bond account should be held in abeyance until the end of the fiscal year.

(4) We feel that the incoming Commander-in-Chief should be empowered to re-invest our U. S. Bonds into more productive investments as would be approved by National Banks.

(5) We suggest that thought be given to arranging for Camps and Departments to render semi-annual, instead of quarterly reports.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED H. COMBS, Sr.,

HOMER L. YOUNG,

HAROLD E. ARNOLD,

Council-in-Chief.

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

Past Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: I move the report be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Did I hear a recommendation as to the amount of the per capita tax to be levied at 60 cents?

Council-in-Chief Combs: Yes, that is included in our budget.

(Motion carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 1952 ENCAMPMENT

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers; I would like to report for the Committee appointed to select a place of meeting for the Encampment next year.

The Committee has had invitations from the following cities: San Francisco, California; Washington, D. C.; Chicago, Illinois; Springfield, Illinois; French Lick, Indiana; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Atlantic City, New Jersey; Cedar Point, Ohio; Cincinnati, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As is usually the case, quite a number of them are routine invitations from the Chamber of Commerce or a local hotel, with no mention of what will be done for us. Several of them were very interesting, and we felt that those worthy of further consideration

were Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Atlantic City, New Jersey.

I had lunch with the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and a representative from the hotel in Cedar Rapids. The first fact that we took into consideration was that the bulk of our membership is on the east coast; and we likewise took into consideration the fact that this hotel had no ballroom or hall large enough to accommodate the Auxiliary. We knew, immediately, that would be an obstacle as the ladies do not like to go out of the hotel wearing their long gowns and, in case of rain, it would not be at all satisfactory to them. However, the gentleman attempted to overcome that by providing free bus service from the hotel to their meeting place. We felt that arrangement would be undesirable to them also. Your Committee feels that it is almost a requisite to have a meeting place for the Auxiliary in the Headquarters Hotel. Therefore, your Committee recommends that the 1952 Encampment be held in Atlantic City, N. J., the fourth week in August; and I move that we accept that invitation from Atlantic City. (Seconded by Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts).

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: May I ask a question and a point of information? The hotel rates there are \$15.00 to \$20.00 per day, are they not?

(National Secretary Lambert gave detailed information on hotel accommodations, facilities and prices which are about equal to other hotels where we have met, provided it is not a hotel right on the boardwalk).

Department Commander J. Elmer Wohlgemuth, California & Pacific: We would rather go to Milwaukee; as the distance is prohibitive if you meet in Atlantic City.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: The motion of the Time and Place Committee is that our 1952 Encampment be held in Atlantic City, the fourth week of August. We will take a rising vote on this motion. (Result: For Atlantic City, 63; Not for Atlantic City, 49). (Motion carried).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: The Committee on Resolutions submits the following supplementary report; on three additional matters which have been referred to this Committee:

(1) From the Department of Nebraska—That Phillip Sheridan Camp No. 2 of Schuyler Nebraska, be designated as the State Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Nebraska instead of being joined with some other State Camp.

The action of the Committee is to recommend that it be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary for the appropriate action under existing rules and regulations of the Order, which we believe cover this completely.

In doing that, I think perhaps the stenographer should take what your Committee's interpretation is of their request. It is a communication addressed to the National Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the letter accompanying it asks that the Commander-in-Chief bring it to the attention of all assembled at the National Encampment. The communication is signed by twenty-one persons; the first three of which sign as State Department Commander, Department Secretary-Treasurer and Department Counselor. I might explain that they claim there are four other Camps, in addition to the one writing the resolution. It is apparent there is only one active Camp in that State, and that Camp and the Department Headquarters are

combined. Our records show there are four Camps in the Department of Nebraska, with a total membership of 64. This is below the requirements of our Constitution, in both respects, and subject therefore, under our rules and regulations to be summarily canceled by the Commandery-in-Chief.

It is difficult to determine what they really want (reads letter). We interpret this to be a request that this one active Camp be designated as a State Camp at Large, under the jurisdiction of the Commandery-in-Chief. What they have said contemplates lifting of the Charter of the other Camps, transfer of their members to this Camp and revocation of the Nebraska Charter, all of which is covered under existing laws. I read from the Constitution, Article VI, Section 2 4 and 5, which covers it completely. This is our interpretation and we are only trying to carry out what we think they want. I think we understand it, but we feel that the National Secretary should communicate with them to get further information; and then this matter can be taken care of after we ascertain just what they want. (Committee sustained).

(2) A Resolution presented by the National Patriotic Instructor—"Believing it to be an urgent need for the good of our Republic, and with the cherished object of keeping America American in accordance with the principles established by the Founding Fathers of the Nation we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, endorse and encourage a new co-operative alinement of voters in the North and South."

The Committee recommends no action. The several members of the Committee have their individual ideas about this matter; and it occurs to us that this is not the time, place, or method for bringing about any such happy action.

National Patriotic Instructor Davis: May I make an objection. There are two basic themes or doctrines of government. The first one is that all authority and rights belong to the people, and that the people transfer or dedicate some rights and authority to the Government. By this theory we regard the Government as a servant of the people, and this is the theory under which we are established. It was Lincoln who called this government "of the people, by the people and for the people." The other doctrine is that the people belong to the government. Under this theory you have the government of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin. The old governments of the Monarchies and the Czar were based on that theory of government.

Today we are faced with a situation in which government officials seem to be deplorably neglectful of their duties and are not in conformity with the principles upon which we are established, even to the point of advocating the totalitarian theory. However, there is an awareness of this drift in many places and is especially felt in the South. The Southerners are very actively engaged in the fight for States Rights at this time. They realize what the results will be if the rights are taken away from the majority and only given to a few.

In order to do something about this situation and to keep America American we can try to bring about, at this time, a real alinement between the voters of the South and the North. The southern voter cannot support the Republican party and the Republican party in the north cannot support the Democratic party in the south, but there is a possibility of a new alinement and that is why I submitted this Resolution. This would have a two way significance:

(1) To preserve the government "of the people, by the people and for the people," as Lincoln said.

(2) It would give the publicity director an opportunity for publicity for this organization. The Sons of the American Revolution passed a

Resolution that the United States withdraw from the United Nations, and they got a great deal of publicity for their organization through that Resolution. This one has the same possibility for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as it is worthy of great publicity.

Not many years ago, we were in a war with Japan and now we are seeking Japan as an ally; and the same is true with Germany. A hundred years ago, there was a conflict between the North and the South, but now we should do something to bring about their re-alignment. I would move non-concurrence with the Committee, and the adoption of the Resolution. (Seconded by Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California & Pacific).

Chairman Coffin: I had hoped not to take too much time on this matter. I thought that the action of the Committee was rather objective and, as I indicated in my remarks, it was personal. We agreed with the National Patriotic Instructor and, speaking for myself personally, I agree with him but to do this matter justice would require time and money and would entail a pretty long historical and political philosophical discussion. It involves the matter of States Rights, which was brought up seven or eight years ago by the Brothers from Minnesota in connection with the American's Creed.

All life is a paradox. At every turn we are confronted with the irony of situations. Perhaps the circumstances which fundamentally separated the States eighty or ninety years ago now bring them together for the common good of our Country; and those who once were enemies will now stand side by side to fight the new threat to our government and our freedom, which now presents itself.

The principles for which our Fathers fought have all but been trampled into the dust during the past twenty years. This thing we refer to as Communism has filtered into our National and State Governments, into our local towns, and even into our individual hearts; and we have been unaware of the rapid strides the Communists have been making in this country. Communism had as its foundation the theoretical teaching of Marx which originated over a hundred years ago in England. The control of power is vested in the hands of a few, as in Russia, and it denies every single concept of Government, and of order, as we know it in this country.

Brother Davis, I agree with you; but we do not feel that this is the time and place or method for our expression on this matter.

National Patriotic Instructor Davis: I am still not clear on your objection. If the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons of the Confederates can work together, and I believe they can, why not the voter of the North and the South?

Commander-in-Chief Heald: The motion is not to concur with the Committee, but to adopt the resolution of Brother Davis. (Vote—for adoption 39, against adoption 38. Adopted).

(No. 3)—From the report of the National Patriotic Instructor—"Inasmuch as treaties now are the law of the land, superseding Federal and State laws and even the Constitution itself, and whereas treaties made by the President are now so numerous, and regulations made by the United Nations may be and have been, classed in court as treaties, we believe these facts constitute such an immediate and present danger to the rights and security of the American people that we propose an amendment to the Constitution, expressly forbidding that any treaty may supersede or outrank our Constitution or Federal and State laws."

The Committee on this Resolution suggest that no action be taken for much the same reason as on the first Resolution of Brother Davis;

and also because we question whether or not it is in proper form as far as wording is concerned.

I do not know that any court has held a regulation of the United Nations is a treaty. Furthermore, it says that the treaties shouldn't supersede or outrank the Constitution. We, of the Committee, assume that treaties would not conflict with the Constitution. I think it would be dangerous to adopt this at this time, with so little thought. I also think the time and place to go into this is not now; because if you want to propose an amendment to the Constitution, it should be drawn differently and presented to Congress.

Delegate Edward W. Carmichael, California & Pacific: This is an objection against this Resolution. What is the use of proposing an amendment to the Constitution? There are three branches of Government—Supreme Court, Judicial and Representative and yet, at present, we seem to have none of these. To put this amendment in the Constitution at this time would do no good.

National Patriotic Instructor Davis: I would like to offer an objection to the recommendation of the Committee, but I am going to ask Brother Bauer to give his opinion.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: I am thoroughly in sympathy with the resolution recommended by the National Patriotic Instructor. I think we all are in sympathy with it. We cannot violate the Bill of Rights or Constitution by these treaties, and I do think this resolution gives it a little broadening. In the Senate, I think the Chairman could simply request that the Senate ratify no more treaties, except with a clause showing that the same will not infringe on any rights guaranteed by the Constitution, or reserved to it by the States. I think we could prepare a resolution and present it properly in that manner and I think we would all be in favor of it. That type of action has been recommended by the American Bar Association, and I believe we could prepare a resolution to cover it. I, therefore, move that it be referred back to the Committee to draw up and present such a resolution. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan).

Chairman Coffin: I will be leaving the Encampment very shortly, but I would like to inform you that I could draw a suitable substitute resolution in three minutes.

As it is the desire of the Commandery-in-Chief to express ourselves on this subject, may I move you that the substance of this resolution be declared to express the sentiment of the Encampment; and that it be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and to our Legislative Committee in Washington to bring to the attention of Congressmen and Senators.

(Previous motion of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer withdrawn by him and by the second to the motion; after which Brother Bauer seconded this motion of Chairman Coffin. Motion carried).

(4) The following Resolution is presented by the Resolutions Committee:

We desire to express the appreciation and thanks of all members of the 70th Annual Encampment to all who have contributed in any way to our comfort and pleasure, or who have participated in extending to us the hospitality of the city of Columbus, and the State of Ohio, during our sojourn at this Encampment; more particularly to Irene Spathe and R. J. Williams co-chairmen, and their respective local Encampment Committees, to Councilman Kearns, representing the city government of Columbus; and to Senator Marshall, representing the

State of Ohio; to the manager of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel and the local Convention Bureau; and to the public press of Columbus for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. COFFIN, Ohio, Chairman,
CHAS. F. SHERMAN, New York,
ALBERT DEHAVEN, Maine,
JOHN EMERY, Massachusetts,

Committee on Resolutions.

Chairman Coffin: I move the adoption of the Report of this Committee. (Seconded by Department Commander Chas. F. Morton, Maine, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Very briefly, I would like to bring this matter to your attention. In past Encampments we have had distributed leaflets which contained discussion and information on the matter of "War Between the States." A great deal of historical data was recorded in this leaflet, and much interest has been manifested in it. I was going to offer it for the purpose of getting it into the proceedings at this time, as it hasn't been done before. I think that Brother Louis G. Blair of Cincinnati, Ohio, wants to present this matter, as a memorial to Brother Michael Heintz.

Past Department Commander Louis G. Blair, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, I appreciate the fact that we are crowded for time and I will not use any more than necessary; but I think it is no more than right that we spend a few minutes paying tribute to a brother so uniformly well liked. About the time Brother Heintz passed away an Attorney friend said, "I don't believe there is a man in Cincinnati more universally liked than Michael Heintz," and since coming to this Encampment I find that quite a number of the Brothers feel the same way.

For a number of years, the name of Brother Heintz has been carried on our Ohio stationery as Department Historian; and you know by reading The Banner that he has contributed many articles of historical interest pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic, and to our Order.

He compiled this "War Between the States" leaflet and it is my impression that the first of those leaflets were printed during the year that I was Department Commander. Since then, additional copies were printed and, on one or two occasions, I have distributed these leaflets at our National Encampments. I have been asked by more than one person if we were going to carry out the objective of Brother Heintz and continue to distribute the leaflet referring to the "Civil War" rather than the "War Between the States." The idea of Brother Heintz was that when we heard this term used on the radio, at public meetings, or elsewhere that we send a copy of this leaflet and ask that they refrain from using the term in the future.

I know of only one way to continue to carry out this objective of Brother Heintz; and that is to keep on sending these leaflets. I know too, that the Commandery-in-Chief may not be in a position to assume the expense of printing and mailing or assume the responsibility of sending out these leaflets. However, I realize the importance of the continuation of this project and I want to know if the Commandery-in-Chief will accept the proposition which I want to make. I have not, as yet, expressed myself to the Ohio Department relative to this matter; but I feel sure they will back me up. My proposition is this—I will print these leaflets to be distributed, when and if necessary; and all that I ask is that the Commandery-in-Chief have a notice put in The

Banner that when we hear the reference to the Civil War as the "War Between the States," they will take the name of the person and the occasion and send it to me, and I will see that they get a copy of that leaflet without any cost to the Commandery-in-Chief. I will, personally, assume the expense of this printing, as a memorial to Brother Heintz. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Brother Blair was a very close friend of Brother Heintz. I am sure we all appreciate this generous offer of Brother Blair.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Since this gracious offer has been made by Brother Blair, and recognizing the spirit in which it was made, I move you that we accept the proposition which involves no expense to the Commandery-in-Chief. (Seconded by several, and carried).

Drummer Boy Dave Keen of 805 S. 21st St., Lafayette, Indiana, was presented to the Encampment and played several musical selections.

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: According to the Council-in-Chief report, the appropriation for The Banner is to be cut to \$2,000.00. How many copies does this include, and what steps are to be taken to keep it within that appropriation?

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: There will be two more issues of The Banner as it is now constituted; the September issue which will be the Encampment issue, and then the regular issue in November. Following that, the contract under which we have been working with the Commandery-in-Chief will cease, as it has not been renewed. There will be no further issues of The Banner after the November issue.

Past Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: I don't see how we are going to do without that Banner. We, on the west coast have got to keep in touch with you fellows on the east coast and that is our only way of doing it. Therefore, I make this motion, that beginning January 1st the Council-in-Chief will provide means by which we may continue the Banner having it published the first month of the year and quarterly every three months thereafter. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Massachusetts).

National Secretary Lambert: First of all, we must take into consideration that you have adopted the report of the Council-in-Chief, and this motion would be contrary to that action.

Being in the position that I am, I can inform you that the action that was taken was based on these three things:

(1) Brother Holbrook informs us that should we attempt to continue The Banner after January 1st, the price per issue would be 8 cents instead of 4 cents, on the basis of six issues per year, which would take all of our per capita tax.

(2) He is not sure that he will be in The Banner office after that date, and we would have to designate someone to accept, edit and publish the news.

(3) It was not to the best interest of The Banner, and they would not consider publishing it quarterly.

There will be a question as to what is to be done to replace The Banner. It is the thought of the Council-in-Chief that a supplement will have to be provided, perhaps in the form of General Orders or a monthly letter from the Commander-in-Chief, to be sent directly by National Headquarters to each Camp and to each Department Officer and to attempt to keep in contact with the membership in that manner. This motion relative to The Banner deserves a lot of consideration, and it should not pass in its present form.

Past Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: Undoubtedly there is common sense enough in the heads of the men in this organization to do something about publication of news of our Departments and National organization to our entire membership. I don't see why we can't do a little advertising in our Department or National publication, paying for the paper that way.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer, presiding while the Commander-in-Chief is out of the room: The motion is that The Banner be continued after January 1st, having it published quarterly. (Motion lost).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: May I offer a thought. The Pennsylvania Reserve have their publication known as "The Target." (Displays copy). We pay for this paper through advertising.

(Commander-in-Chief Heald returns to his station).

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: Was any attempt made to provide General Orders.

National Secretary Lambert: Yes.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I am not attempting to dictate to this body what they may or may not do, but if we do not complete our business, elect and install officers, we will have to hold a meeting tomorrow and the attendance will be extremely small. It is my hope that at 4 p. m. we may nominate and elect officers, so that the incoming Commander-in-Chief will have an opportunity to speak to us and tell us a little bit of what he expects of us during this coming year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: In accordance with your request, I offer a motion that the business of the Encampment be completed and that all committees be discharged. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried).

Delegate Howard C. Waite, Massachusetts: I would like to read an article published in a newspaper relative to the Dyer-Flaherty Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Bath, Maine, who refused to march in a Memorial Day parade there because they were assigned a place behind non-veteran members of the Bath Chapter of the Sons of Union Veterans (reads newspaper article).

I move that this National Body of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now in Convention, instruct the Secretary to write the National body of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, citing this incident, and asking that the National body of the Veterans of Foreign Wars take action to notify all of its subordinate Posts that the National body of the Veterans of Foreign Wars desires that all of their Posts co-operate fully with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camps for the observance of Memorial Day, and that any further incidents such as this be avoided. (Seconded by Department Commander Chas. F. Morton, Maine).

Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, New York: I believe this motion is entirely out of order, as presented. The rules and regulations of all parades are in the hands of the marshal of the parade, the only exception being that the Army, or members of the Armed Forces must lead a parade when participating in that parade.

(Motion carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I have a matter which I would like to bring before you. I cannot boast, as did Brother Sautter, of having 38 National Encampments to my credit—I only have 19. In those nineteen years, I have noticed that about 85% of our membership are men of fifty years or over. Year after year, we see younger men at our Encampments and, as we have nothing in our Encampment of interest

to them, they no longer attend the Encampments. Having given that matter some thought, some of us who are interested in the younger men feel that some entertainment might prove of interest to them. As it now stands, you have only the entertainment in connection with the banquet, provided by the Sons and Auxiliary.

We felt it might be well to have additional entertainment and so, for several years, the Pennsylvania Reserve has sponsored a military ball on Monday night, and have attempted to have a floor show because many of you do not dance. However, a floor show and orchestra costs from \$200.00 up, and we didn't feel that we wanted to continue that procedure this year so we only attempted a dance and we just broke even on the deal.

Your National Chief-of-Staff in the Auxiliary, through her Aides, raises over \$2,000.00 each year; and I was wondering if you feel that it would be worth-while if your incoming Chief-of-Staff would be authorized, through your action, to raise a fund. This fund would be known as the National Chief-of-Staff fund, to be raised by the Department Senior Vice Commanders and Camp Senior Vice Commanders, for this purpose. From that fund, your entertainment for Monday night could be paid and the balance turned over to the treasury. I am wondering if there is any merit to the thought or not. We could use additional money and I am sure we could raise quite a bit. I should like to add this—I am no longer in favor of the Reserve furnishing this entertainment on a Monday night, through subscription.

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Commander-in-Chief, I may be guilty of starting this Monday night party in 1944 when Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt was Commander-in-Chief; and the reason was that Monday night is usually a dead evening.

When I was Department Commander in the State of Pennsylvania, I recommended that the Chief-of-Staff be authorized to do just what Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt has proposed as National Chief-of-Staff. It is no fun to come here, dispose of those tickets, and raise \$100.00, or more, to get that party together; and yet we deeply appreciate the co-operation given to us by the members of the Sons and Auxiliary in helping to raise that money to provide an evening of enjoyment for you. I would like to correct one thought: some of the people were under the impression the boys were raising this money for the benefit of the Reserve, but it was for the Monday night party. I am heartily in accord with the suggestion of Brother Stoudt, providing one thing—if he is Chief-of-Staff that he doesn't "pass the buck" on to me. If you had this fund and the Chief-of-Staff had only raised \$125.00 and only needed a little more, it wouldn't be such a rough job to raise the additional amount.

I think it is a very good idea and I make a motion that the National Chief-of-Staff be authorized and empowered to raise a fund, during his term of office, to be used for entertainment purposes; and any balance shall be refunded to the National Secretary-Treasurer and placed in the general fund for general Encampment expenses. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle: I just want to take a moment to tell you about something which you can take back to your homes, and something which you can give some thought in your home Camps.

As you know, we have our Drum Corps and Band which creates a lot of interest. On Memorial Day, we had eighty men in blue uniform in the parade.

I just want to pass on to you another thing which we started which helps to increase interest. You know, as well as I do, that an interest in children by an organization is a tremendous asset to the organization. We joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars by supporting a baseball team of fifteen boys, in the name of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Those boys play every day and advertise the Sons of Union Veterans. We are proud to say that out of our team, coached by my son, Harry, we placed five boys in the "All Star" V. F. W. finals. Why not go back to your home Camps and resolve to sponsor some youngsters in a similar project, and get advertising and prospective future members for this organization.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I believe the Credential Committee is ready with their final report at this time.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT

Past Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney, California & Pacific: The Credential Committee presents a final report:

Number of members enrolled, 143, composed of:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	13
Past Commander-in-Chief (Registered, not present). ..	1
Past Department Commanders	58
Department Commanders	13
Delegates	52
Alternate Delegates	2

Total143

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT, Chairman, New Jersey,
LUDWIG E. MANOLY, Maryland,
VERNON E. CHENEY, California & Pacific,
ROBERT LAWRENCE, New Hampshire,
WILLIAM O. FULLER, Massachusetts,
R. J. WILLIAMS, Ohio.

Report adopted on motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoult. (Complete report, as per Encampment Roll).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Action was taken by this Encampment to continue the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee; and I move you that an expenditure, not in excess of \$100.00, be authorized from the G. A. R. Fund, for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: If there is no other business to come before this Encampment, all Committees are now discharged, with the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move you that we now proceed with nomination, election and installation of officers. (Seconded by several, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Heald: National Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called California & Pacific, when Department Commander J. Elmer Wohlgenuth gave way to Iowa. Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa, gave way to New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the 70th National Encampment, those of you who attended the last three National Encampments held in Des Moines are familiar with one of our Brothers who had been very active as a member of the local Committee on Arrangements, not only in the details of the Encampment but he put in many hours previous to the Encampment in preparation for our meetings there, and it was work exceedingly well done. They had a saying in Des Moines, "Let Roy do it," and I am sure that he did more than his share for those Encampments.

If he doesn't deserve the title of "Father of the Junior Camp," he at least deserves the title of supporter of Junior Camps because he has made a great success of those Camps in Des Moines. He started with a small group of boys and has built it up into a real Junior organization in Des Moines. He tells me that he strictly adheres to the eligibility rule as a basis for admission to the Order, admitting only those who have eligibility based on those who served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

He has been a member of our organization since 1922. He was Department Commander of Iowa in 1936, and he is endorsed by the Department of Iowa for the high office of Commander-in-Chief. He is a business man, who started at the bottom and has succeeded to the point where he is now able to leave his business and devote his time to traveling over our country in the work of the office of Commander-in-Chief. He has been urged to join other organizations but it was his desire to give all his time to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He served you as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1948-1949. Twice he has withdrawn for Commander-in-Chief in order that others might have that office.

The Department of Iowa has never had a Commander-in-Chief in the seventy years of our history and I count it a high privilege to present for the office of Commander-in-Chief the name of my long time friend and Brother, a man of unblemished character, high ideals and devotion to the organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Past Department Commander Roy J. Bennett of Des Moines, Iowa.

Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I have belonged to this beloved organization a short time compared with that of Brother Bennett; and he has almost raised me in the work and the principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. During the last two years when I was serving as Department Commander, he has stood by me and co-operated with me, last year serving as my Chief-of-Staff. In that office, his activities were most outstanding; one of which was a project to erect a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic of Iowa and to the last Civil War veteran of Iowa. This project was a remarkable success.

By the unanimous vote of the Iowa Department at our last Encampment, he was endorsed for the office of Commander-in-Chief and, on behalf of the Department of Iowa, I second the nomination of Brother Bennett.

The National Secretary called the roll to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment, the man whom I am about to place in nomination for the position of Commander-in-Chief of our Beloved Order is a man eminently qualified for the position.

He has been a member of my Department for thirty years. He has served as Department Commander on two occasions and is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Department, which Committee acts as a Board of Directors. He is a man who has seen service as an officer in the Army of the United States. He has served you this year as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and you know his ability.

He is a Brother who, if elected to the office, will devote his entire time to the organization as he is retired from active business. His tour of duty in the office of Commander-in-Chief would not be chargeable to the treasury of our organization as he would travel at his own expense, as he did in all other offices. On behalf of the Department of Massachusetts, I present the name of Colonel Frederic G. Bauer for Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Michigan seconds the nomination of Brother Bennett.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: It is a great pleasure, on behalf of the Brothers of the New York Department, to second the nomination of Colonel Frederic Bauer for Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

National Patriotic Instructor Davis: On behalf of the Department of Oregon, I second the nomination of Brother Bauer.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I appoint as Judge of Tellers, Past Department Commander Julius Isaacs, New York; and as Tellers, Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa, and Department Commander Herbert L. Smith, Massachusetts.

After a five minute recess, the National Secretary called the Departments with the following

Result of Vote

Departments:	Bennett	Bauer
California & Pacific	8	0
Connecticut	2	2
Illinois	1	3
Indiana	4	0
Iowa	2	0
Kansas	1	0
Maine	2	2
Maryland	0	9
Massachusetts	1	18
Michigan	5	0
Minnesota	1	0
Missouri	3	0
New Hampshire	3	3
New Jersey	6	1
New York	6	8
Ohio	19	1
Oregon	0	2
Pennsylvania	8	8
Rhode Island	3	0
Wisconsin	1	0
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Recapitulation

Roy J. Bennett.....76

Frederic G. Bauer.....57

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bauer: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to move that the vote of the Encampment be made unani-

mous in favor of Brother Bennett. I want to congratulate you and I am sorry that I can't promise you much personal help. Plans for travel by my wife and I were delayed when it was thought I might occupy this office next year, which we will now carry out; but you have my best wishes, and I shall be glad to help to any extent that I can. (Seconded by several). Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I declare Brother Bennett elected Commander-in-Chief of this organization. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Roy J. Bennett, Iowa: I accept, Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Illinois, when Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook gave way to Oregon.

Past Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: The man I want to present to you as a candidate for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is a man you all know and love, Brother Frederick K. Davis, of Eugene, Oregon. (Seconded by National Secretary Lambert, New Jersey).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: There being but one nomination before the Encampment, I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Frederick K. Davis and, further, that in election of other officers where there is one nomination, that the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment. (Seconded by Department Commander William G. Simpson, New Jersey, and carried).

National Patriotic Instructor Davis: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I believe this nomination has been suggested as one of honor rather than activity. I certainly am not a candidate for this, or any other office; and I promised my family and myself that I wouldn't accept any office. If you understand this to be an honorary office rather than one of arduous activity, I will accept, but only on that basis.

(National Secretary cast 142 votes for Frederick K. Davis for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Brother Davis, you have been elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

National Patriotic Instructor Davis: I do.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(The National Secretary called the roll to Ohio).

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief and brothers of the 70th Annual Encampment, in deference to custom to honor the host Department, I give you the name of a man who has been endorsed by our Department for this, or any other appropriate office. This man is very active in our Department and has a great interest in this order and who has been a Past Department Commander in Ohio. I offer you the name of Louis G. Blair for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(National Secretary cast the Encampment vote).

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I hereby declare Louis G. Blair elected as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Louis G. Blair, Ohio: I do.

Council-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Heald: Nominations are now open for Council-in-Chief.

(The National Secretary called the roll to Illinois).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: In the Department of Illinois, we have a member of this Order of whom we are very proud, not only for his qualities as a man, as a citizen and as a friend, but because of his great zeal for the Sons of Union Veterans. We know what a fine fellow he is and feel that he will be a credit to this organization, and we take pleasure in presenting the name of A. LeRoy Reynolds, a Past Department Commander of Illinois for the office of Council-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Elmer P. Corrie, Maryland: Commander-in-Chief and members of this Encampment here assembled, much has been said in previous remarks during this Encampment by our members about the youth in this organization. We have a member in our Department who has served as Department Commander for two successive terms and he has worked diligently for the success of our Department. He is of the fourth generation in succession of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. He has been favorably received by the National Encampments which he has attended. He has been honored by being the Guard for this Encampment and we feel this is a stepping stone to the position which our Department has in mind. I present to the members of this Encampment the name of James C. Tatman, Past Department Commander of Maryland for Council-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Frank S. Reavey, Rhode Island: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, it is an honor and a privilege for me to present the name of a young man who has served his Department very, very well. He is a great-grandson of a Civil War Veteran and the Arnold's in Rhode Island have a very famous name. His Father, and his Brother Fred have served as Department Commander, and he has also served in that office. He is a very friendly boy and a fine young man of great ability. It is my pleasure, at this time, to present to you the name of Harold Arnold, Past Department Commander of Rhode Island for Council-in-Chief. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Runkle, Pennsylvania).

The National Secretary cast the Encampment ballot.

Commander-in-Chief Heald: I declare Brothers Reynolds, Tatman, and Arnold elected to serve as Council-in-Chief. Do you accept? (Each responded affirmatively).

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief-elect Bennett was escorted to the station of Commander-in-Chief. He appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch as Installing Officer and Past Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa, as Installing Guide.

He appointed:

Patriotic Instructor—Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts.

Chaplain—James A. B. Young, California.

Counselor—Past Commander-in-Chief Neil Cranmer, New York.

Chief-of-Staff—Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania.

Personal Aide—Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly-elected officers (complied with and

Commander-in-Chief—Roy J. Bennett, Iowa;

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Frederick K. Davis, Oregon;

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Louis G. Blair, Ohio;

Council-in-Chief:

A. LeRoy Reynolds, Illinois,

James C. Tatman, Maryland,

Harold E. Arnold, Rhode Island;

National Patriotic Instructor—John W. Emery, Massachusetts;

National Chaplain—James A. B. Young, California;

National Counselor—Past Commander-in-Chief Neil Cranmer, New York;

National Chief-of-Staff — Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania;

Personal Aide—Homer L. Young, Iowa;

were installed in Ritualistic form).

PRESENTATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: One year ago in Boston, Massachusetts, my predecessor pinned upon my breast this Commander-in-Chief's badge; and I am extremely happy to have the opportunity to, at this time, pin it on you, Brother Bennett. You and I have had the privilege of serving this order together. When Brother Fouch, your Installing Officer, was Commander-in-Chief we both served as National Officers on his staff. It is an extreme pleasure to have the privilege of handing over to you this badge and I know it will mean to you what it has meant to me—the highest honor you could ever receive from this organization.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Thank you, Brother Heald. At this time, I will recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Past Commander-in-Chief Heald, will you rise.

I have again been asked to perform what is to me a most pleasant duty. Another man has passed into the ranks of Past Commanders-in-Chief and I am privileged to present to him now the badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief. This has not been an unusual presentation, upon my part, but Past Commander-in-Chief Heald may I say this—to the number of brothers upon whom I have been privileged to pin this badge through all the years, there has never been more pleasure than I have at this moment when I pin it upon your breast. I say that because we have had an unusual Commander-in-Chief this year—a brother who, one year ago through lack of time, was prevented from saying the things he wanted to say to you; but instead of making promises he went right ahead and did his job well, and that's what counts. I am sure that I am but echoing the thought in the hearts of every member of this organization in this room when I say that Past Commander-in-Chief Heald has performed a magnificent job this year. He has proved himself to be worthy of the honor that has been bestowed upon him.

I don't like the designation of "has been" because it has always occurred to me that when a Brother of this organization has been given the honor of the highest office, and he passes out of that office, that he does not become a "has been." Rather, he should dedicate himself to the continuance of the work he was doing, losing no interest in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, ever striving to increase its influence and prestige.

I have not asked any pledges from Past Commander-in-Chief Heald because I am convinced that it will be unnecessary for him to make any pledges as to what he will do in the future. I feel sure he will continue as a devoted, interested member of this Order, working harder as a Past Commander-in-Chief than as a Commander-in-Chief, until God sees fit to call him to other shores.

On Sunday evening, it was my privilege to speak at the Memorial Service of a man elected as Commander-in-Chief back in 1895, and who was permitted to serve for 55 years as a Past Commander-in-Chief. Way back in 1913, you elected me to this office so that now I have passed the 37th year that I have been permitted by God, in his goodness, to serve you as a Past Commander-in-Chief. Brother Heald, as the oldest man present occupying that honorable position, as I so regard it, I take pleasure now in presenting you the badge that you are now authorized to wear, that of a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. No one knows what lies ahead and I close with the fervent hope and prayer that God will permit you to serve in this capacity for many, many years because I feel, in my heart, that every year will be but the continuance of the interest in our organization which you now have.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief Bennett, Brothers of this Encampment, my friend and my inspiration, John Sautter; in 1923, I attended my first National Encampment in Milwaukee and from that time, down through the years, I have come to know, to respect and to love John Sautter. One year ago, as my Installing Officer, he started me on my way as your Commander-in-Chief and I am so happy and thrilled to think that it was possible for Brother John Sautter to be here today to pin this badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief on my coat. I want to say that it is my hope that John Sautter may be spared to be with you for at least another 37 years, to continue to be an inspiration to this organization and its members.

I want to say to those who have served with me as Officers, and all of you who, in the slightest degree, contributed to the work of the past year, thank you very much.

To our new Commander-in-Chief, I want to wish him a most successful administration as I have had and if, in any way, I can contribute to his success or to the advancement of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I stand ready and willing, at all times, to offer that assistance and co-operation.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief Bennett, with your permission I would like to say just a word to Past Commander-in-Chief Heald. I want to express my appreciation to Cleon for his many courtesies to me throughout the past year. He has not alone served you well, but he has had the foresight to get along well with his fellow man, and that means much in this, or any other organization.

Quite a number of years ago, Horace Hammer established a custom of presenting a Past Commander-in-Chief's gold lapel pin to the retiring Commander-in-Chief. I present it to you, Cleon, as my personal gift and I hope you will wear it with pride. With it goes my wish for good health for many, many years.

Past Commander-in-Chief Heald: Thank you, Brother Lambert. You and I have worked closely together this year and I want the Brothers to know that never, in any business experience, has it been my pleasure to be associated with one who was more business-like, more cooperative, more understanding or more helpful than you have been to me.

I am happy to accept this personal gift from you and, furthermore, I am extremely happy to think that you are continuing to carry out a custom instituted by Horace H. Hammer, a great man in our organization. To me this gift has a dual significance—that of your gift to me which I consider as a memorial to Horace H. Hammer.

Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Brothers of this organization, I never realized when I came here to Columbus that I was going to receive this high honor which you have bestowed upon me; and I feel that, for me, it is a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.

My work for many years has been with the Grand Army of the Republic. I loved, and worked for and with those boys of the Grand Army, visited with them, served as their Adjutant at their Post for ten years and heard stories from them which inspired me to carry on the work which was left for us to do.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for what you have done today, and I am going to try to live up to the obligation which I have taken and fulfill my mission to you as your leader. I want to thank all the officers for accepting the offices to which you have been elected and appointed; and it is my hope that we may accomplish the things we set out to do. I know I have a big task ahead of me, and I am going to try to live up to the standards of my Grandfather, whom I was never able to see, and to those of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am going to ask everyone of you, as Brothers of this organization, to go back home and work, and work, and work to serve this beloved organization.

To my mind, in the Junior organization rests our heritage. If we do not train these boys to honor their fathers, who is going to do it? These little lads come into the world, grow up, and never know their fathers fought in the Civil War. In fact, they know very little about the Civil War itself. In our Junior Order in Des Moines, we are now studying the history of the Civil War, and we hope to teach them to respect their fathers and grandfathers. In the short time that our organization has been in existence in Iowa, one boy has gone through the chairs and is now a member of the senior Camp and, if we continue to do that, I am sure that we will perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and build the organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I thank you.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Davis: Commander-in-Chief, you stated that you are a grandson, and I think Cleon Heald is also a grandson. It is extremely gratifying that the grandsons are taking an active part in our organization and are obtaining the highest office in the organization. I am a son. My father was a Captain in Co. K, 79th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. We Sons are certainly glad to relinquish the responsibility of carrying on the work of this organization to you grandsons.

I have taken the obligation, and accepted this office, with considerable reluctance but, having done so, I assure you of my full co-operation to the extent of my possibilities; and hope you have a very fine and successful administration.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Blair: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I deeply appreciate the honor conferred upon me, and my Department, by my election as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I am also a Son, as my father served in the 4th Massachusetts Cavalry. This was the Company that captured Jeff Davis, and my father rode as a body-guard to Jeff Davis.

To you, Commander-in-Chief, I pledge my entire support to help you in your administration, and I hope it will be a success.

National Patriotic Instructor Emery: When I came into the Encampment this afternoon, I had no idea that I would now occupy this office. I accept it very humbly, and promise you my full support to do the best I can to fulfill the high requirements of this office.

National Chaplain Young: Brother Commander-in-Chief and brothers, it has been a great privilege to be present at this Encampment. It is only the second Encampment I have been able to attend since 1947, as I have been handicapped with bad eyes. I have been happy to be here, and I promise you my full support and will do anything that I can for the good of this organization.

National Aide Young: Commander-in-Chief, I realize time is getting short so I will be brief. Speaking as Department Commander of Iowa and on behalf of the Department of Iowa, I want to thank the Brothers of this Encampment for the election of my very dear friend and Brother, Roy Bennett, to the highest position in this organization, that of Commander-in-Chief.

A delegation from the Auxiliary, including the wife of Brother Bennett, and members of the Department of Iowa Auxiliary were escorted into the Encampment, introduced and extended their greetings to the Commander-in-Chief and his staff.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I move that the proceedings as taken by the stenographer, when approved by the retiring Commander-in-Chief, be the official proceedings of this Encampment; and that we do now adjourn. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Emery, and carried).

The National Chaplain led in prayer, and the Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Seventieth Annual Encampment.

CLEON E. HEALD,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary.

ANNAMAE D. BERHALTER,
Official Stenographer.

Representation

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations:
 " * * one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership,
 and one additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction
 thereof * * * "

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1951 Membership.	Delegates
California & Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	480	11
Colorado & Wyoming	23	Mar. 22, 1929	78	3
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	592	13
Illinois	10	July, 1883	248	6
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	198	5
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	173	4
Kansas	9	June, 1883	109	3
Maine	4	Apr. 10, 1883	593	13
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	145	4
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	1841	38
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	336	8
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	100	3
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	63	2
Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884	63	2
New Hampshire	11	Aug. 1883	273	6
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	442	10
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	1019	21
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	808	17
Oregon	22	June 8, 1923	127	4
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	2085	43
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	191	5
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	374	9
Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	229	6

SEVENTIETH ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Columbus, Ohio August 19-23, 1951

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS

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- *Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Earl F. Riggs,
1371 West 7th St., Ontario, California
- Council-in-Chief:
 - *Fred H. Combs, Sr., 105 Slack Ave., Trenton, N. J.
 - *Harold E. Arnold, 759 Washington St., West Warwick, R. I.
 - *Homer L. Young, 1129 Bertch Ave., Waterloo, Iowa
- *National Patriotic Instructor, Frederick K. Davis,
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- National Chaplain, Rev. Richard O. Partington,
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- *National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert,
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- *National Counselor, Richard F. Locke, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
- *National Chief-of-Staff, C. LeRoy Stoudt,
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- Personal Aide, Homer L. Atkins, Jr., 57 Washington St., Keene, N. H.

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- *Frank C. Huston, 1071 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
- *Richard F. Locke, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
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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

Seventieth Annual Encampment

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
		Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
49th	1930	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
60th	1931	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
61st	1932	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
62nd	1933	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
63rd	1934	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
64th	1935	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
65th	1936	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
66th	1937	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
67th	1938	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
68th	1939	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
69th	1940	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
60th	1941	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
61st	1942	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
62nd	1943	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
63rd	1944	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
64th	1945	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
65th	1946	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
66th	1947	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
67th	1948	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
68th	1949	Aug. 20-24	Boston	Massachusetts
69th	1950	Aug. 19-23	Columbus	Ohio
70th	1951			

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