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PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

The joint opening exercises of the Sons and Auxiliary were held at 8:30 p. m. September 30, 1945, in the Hotel Fort Hayes, in charge of the Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Hazel Moushey.

The National Officers of both Sons and Auxiliary were escorted in and introduced, the officers of the Auxiliary assuming their stations.

Commander-in-Chief Urion W. Mackey and National President Edith B. Nile were presented, and each made a short address.

Mrs. Eunice Rash, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, and Mrs. Beatrice Manning, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, were introduced, and spoke briefly.

It was a beautiful ceremony, well planned and carried out efficiently.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons and Auxiliary was held Monday, October 1, at 4:00 p. m. in the Gold Room of the Fort Hayes Hotel. The National Chaplains of each organization were in charge of the services.

Past Department Commander Fred C. Barnard, New York, paid the following

Tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer

National Chaplain, Sisters and Brothers: Owing to my close friendship with William Allan Dyer, I have been asked to make a few remarks in his memory.

It was my good fortune to get acquainted with William Allan Dyer while I was Department Commander. He had joined the Sons of Union Veterans sometime previous to that. I became better acquainted with him as we met on various occasions until 1937, or '36-'37. While he was Commander-in-Chief, he appointed me his personal aide. It was my privilege at that time to travel with him. I had to be free, more or less, and I made a great many visitations with him throughout the United States.

I could give his history from the cradle to the grave, which he had given to me. I will not go back so far, but tell you how he became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. He went to the funeral of some relative while we were in Massachusetts. There he found a flag on the grave of his father. He inquired who placed the flag on the grave. He was told by the Sons of Union Veterans. Immediately on his return home to Syracuse, he made application for membership. That began his career as a Son of a Union Veteran; I will not go back and tell of his leading my reception, while I was Department Commander, and from that time to 1936 or 1937.

The greatest thing about William Allan Dyer was his love for his fellowmen. He was a great believer in democracy. He thought all men were like one. He was brought up and lived that way; it made no difference to him whom he came in contact with, for, if he was a

person, interested in life and pursuits and things he was interested in, he considered him a friend.

I jotted down a few of the things he believed in with regard to democracy:

It gives man the right to shape his own destiny.

It permits him to cry out against injustice.

It typifies the family the greatest unit of civilization.

It seeks to protect man against wrongs to his body or soul.

It places the greatest value upon improving human welfare.

It helps men to work with one another toward the better things.

It believes that men are brothers and not subjects or slaves.

With those few words, I ask the blessing of the Supreme Being of the Universe to rest upon his soul.

Mrs. Ramel paid tribute to Past National President, Mrs. Elizabeth H. R. Davis, of the Auxiliary.

Past Department Commander H. Harding Hale, Massachusetts, spoke for the deceased Comrades of the G. A. R.; Past Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson, Sr., spoke for all deceased members of the Sons; Past National President Eva Blackman, Illinois, spoke for all deceased members of the Auxiliary; and Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph R. Barrett, California & Pacific, spoke for all Sons who made the Supreme Sacrifice.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

October 1, 1945

Commander-in-Chief Union W. Mackey: The officers and members of the Sixty-fourth 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 John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania; Color Bearer, Past Department Commander Charles H. Wright, Michigan; Musician, Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania; and Guard, Department Commander Paul E. Grate, Ohio.

The Encampment was opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of officers showed all present.

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief:

Credentials

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman.
 R. J. Williams, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
 Julius Isaacs, Delegate, New York.
 C. B. Martin, Past Department Commander, Kansas.
 Ernest E. Barnum, Department Commander, Connecticut.

Constitution and Regulations

Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief, N. J., Chairman.
 Arthur W. Noll, Department Commander, Pennsylvania.
 Thomas Horn, Department Commander, Indiana.
 Charles R. Brush, Department Commander, Illinois.
 James W. Lyons, Past Department Commander, Maryland.

Ritual and Ceremonies

Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Past Commander-in-Chief, Mass., Chairman.
 Chester L. Charter, Department Commander, Minnesota.
 Floyd E. Jewell, Department Commander, Michigan.
 Ernest E. Eddy, Past Department Commander, Vermont.
 Charles S. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine.

Resolutions

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California & Pacific, **Chairman**.
 Edward G. Kaestner, Department Commander, Wisconsin.
 Lawrence D. Riley, Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 Francis P. Addy, Department Commander, New York.
 Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

Reports of Officers

Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pa., **Chairman**.
 Louis E. Winchell, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 Thomas A. Chadwick, Department Commander, Vermont.
 Andrew F. Burns, Delegate, Pennsylvania.

Press

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, **Chairman**.
 H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer.
 Charles C. York, Department Commander, Maine.

Greetings to Grand Army of the Republic

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, who may select their own **Chairman**.

Woman's Relief Corps

Wm. L. Anderson, Past Commander-in-Chief, Mass., **Chairman**.
 D. T. Howe, Department Commander, Iowa.
 Charles M. Skinner, Department Commander, Rhode Island.
 Rhode Island Delegation.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California & Pacific, **Chairman**.
 Charles B. Martin, Past Department Commander, Kansas.
 T. E. Perry, Past Department Commander, Kansas.
 C. E. Katterman, Jr., Past Department Commander, Kansas.
 Kansas Delegation.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander, Ohio, **Chairman**.
 The Michigan and Ohio Delegation.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pa., **Chairman**.
 Ernest E. Barnum, Department Commander, Connecticut.
 Thomas Horn, Department Commander, Indiana.
 The Connecticut Delegation.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE— ROLL CALL

National Secretary: A preliminary report of the Credential Committee—seventy-nine members accredited. (The roll was called). I move that this report, with additions during the Encampment, become the official roll.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert, New Jersey, and carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will you assume this station while I read my report. (Read, as printed, and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports).

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Members and all those attending the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend Greetings, Salutations and Good Wishes.

Peace has come sooner than most of us dared hope it could come. We are all grateful that the war is behind us, that ours is the victory and that we can now turn our hearts and minds to the constructive ways of peace once more.

Today at this our Victory Session I am humbly proud of the members of the Sons of Union Veterans, who have served in the armed forces of our country. Several of them made the supreme sacrifice that we who remain, and those who follow us, may live our lives as free men in a free world. We shall honor them always and shall take inspiration from them for the tasks that lie ahead.

No words of mine can be adequate to thank the men and women of the organizations we represent, who carried on at home and did their job magnificently. Their spirit and their devotion to the difficult duties which war imposed on them measured up to and beyond the best of service tradition.

As we enter upon the long awaited era of peace, there are many new tasks and new responsibilities, and many new opportunities, for all of us, and for our organization. I have every confidence that the future can hold no challenge which Sons of Union Veterans cannot meet and master.

Our year together will soon be over and the Book of Time will turn its final leaf on this fraternal year at this Victory Session. I sincerely trust that even when the officers of this year retire, their interest in the Order will continue and that our work will flourish and prosper in the future as it has in the past.

May I take this opportunity to personally thank each of you for your loyal co-operation and the support given to the projects placed before you this year.

Thirteen months ago, in the beautiful city of Des Moines, Iowa, you elected me unanimously to the highest office within your power to give, and I, in return, pledged a year of service. That promise has been fulfilled to the best of my ability. I have tried to maintain the honor and dignity of the office.

After thirteen months of faithful endeavor to fulfill to the letter the promise I made, I stand before you today to give an account of my stewardship of the sacred trust you committed to me. In reviewing the work of the year it will be impossible to give a perfect account of all things accomplished. How happy and proud I was to bring this high honor to Michigan. So, if perchance I have failed to live up to your expectations, I am sure that the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty will prevail and you will overlook my shortcomings.

The work of the Order has been a blessing to me and I have given my time, thought, strength and labor, and the best that was in me to "Go Forward" in the Order, dear to your hearts and mine.

The Allied Bodies

Grand Army of the Republic: The only men entitled to wear the

Little Bronze Button. They are the only organization of its kind in the whole wide world. Men may join other orders by the payment of a fee, but in this an honorable discharge card must be shown, proving that they gave service to their Country.

How our hearts thrill at the mention of their name, and how grateful we are to them for the privilege of being their Sons organization. No word of mine can express the gratitude of our Sons. I have visited many cities where tablets, trees and boulders have been placed and dedicated in honor of these noble men, who served that we might live in a free and undivided nation.

Many of our dear comrades have answered the call during the year. To the Grand Army of the Republic we extend our sincere sympathy over the loss of these noble men.

May God Bless you and keep you all.

My love and appreciation is extended to Katharine Flood, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the many courtesies shown me this year. Katharine, as we all know her, has served the Grand Army of the Republic as National Secretary, with many other duties assigned, and has performed them well. I will miss her very much in the future.

The Woman's Relief Corps, our "Mother" organization, has extended every courtesy to me throughout the United States. Their National President, Mrs. Laura I. Smith, is a woman who commands the respect of all, for her loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic. You Brothers from Rhode Island should be proud of her.

To the Ladies of the Grand Army and to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: It has been a great pleasure to meet and know the National Presidents. Sister Mrs. Eunice Rush of Kansas, and Sister Mrs. Beatrice D. Manning of Connecticut. I am deeply indebted for many invitations that have come to me through them. To know these two sisters is to love them; my only regret was that we were not able to see more of each other.

Our Auxiliary. What more can I say than I don't see how Camps get along without an Auxiliary. In so many ways they can assist us. I have so often said, "Show me a good Camp and I will show you a good Auxiliary."

Our National President, Mrs. Edith B. Nile, and her staff have been ever on the job to assist and encourage me. True they won the Membership Contest. They are worthy of our support and effort.

May all the splendid achievements they have had in the past be continued and may their future be crowned with even greater success. We have worked together in harmony and with mutual appreciation this past year.

Brothers, I am impelled to pay special tribute to that dependable and devoted "war-horse" of our Order whom we know as National Secretary and Treasurer, H. H. Hammer. None except those who have carried responsibilities of executive leadership are in a position to appreciate fully how large a portion of the load he has to bear and is carrying year after year, in spite of handicaps which would make most of us feel, were we in his place, that we were doing our part by staying in the office, keeping books and writing letters. Not so with Horace. He has responded cheerfully to every request made of him to go here and there to perform special duties for your Commander-in-Chief.

The year's work has served to give me an even deeper appreciation of the many fine qualities of our National Secretary. It is only

fair to make mention here of the readiness with which the National Secretary has responded to the calls for special reports, and information he has turned over to me this year. Horace, I want you to know how deeply I appreciate your thoughtfulness and advice.

The Banner. To Brother Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief and Editor of The Banner, I am more than grateful for the cooperation and help you have been to our Order this year.

The messages that have been prepared and arranged, I hope have attracted your attention and been enjoyed by all. We get too little publicity. We are indeed very grateful to the managers for the fine publication which we have. Again, I thank them.

Visitations. It was my privilege during the year to attend a large number of fine meetings which took me to nearly every state in our jurisdiction. In accordance with the custom of recent years I forbear going into details, though many of the meetings were so outstanding as to deserve special mention. I wish to express my appreciation to all who had a part in arranging for them.

Conclusion

I started this report with a tribute to every one who had any part in the past war, I close with my thanks to every member of the Sons of Union Veterans who helped teach me the value of the Order by helping the best friend any boy ever had, my Mother.

And so I dedicate all my efforts this year in these words:

"Not only for ourselves, but for those who have gone before, and to those who will come after us."

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, in Charity, in Loyalty,

U. W. MACKKEY,

Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I present printed reports of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain and National Counselor. I move they be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, Pennsylvania, and carried).

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To Union W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The past year I have endeavored to enlarge my stock of ideas that might be useful in the present state of our Order that I might apply some of those ideas to my own service as well as to pass them along to my fellow members. "Actions speak louder than words." One doesn't have to go around in fraternal orders very much to see the force of that old saying.

Patriotic effort today, it struck me, needs somewhat different direction from that of the days when our veteran fathers were strong in numbers and influence. We hear members complaining that our patriotic appeal has lost its effectiveness. But my conviction is that we can make our appeal effective now, IF we will to make it so, that is, if we will face realities. Changed conditions call for changed methods. There are leaders and there are Camps that I know, that

in 1945 are giving a good account of themselves. Why? Because they are observing and have met present conditions.

Not only in The Banner but also in my correspondence and visitations have I tried to point out the importance of carefully selecting and vigorously pursuing modern methods for instilling wholesome activity in groups of our Order. As for personal effort in that line I have sought opportunities to demonstrate the practical worth of some of the ideas I have advocated, among them securing new members and providing meetings with interesting content. As my efforts have reaped real success in both I felt confident in recommending certain planned action.

To adequately commemorate the heroic achievements of our Union soldiers and sailors is a problem of increasing importance, as I see it. Although I had, previously to assuming this office, given much thought to this subject, particularly to secure a better understanding among people of today of the great cause and the kind of men who fought and died for it, through the medium of radio, I have been consistently active during the year in the production of air programs calculated to achieve just that objective. Press notices of these broadcasts have played their part in acquainting the public with our patriotic labors. Altogether numerous evidences have come to hand that these vocal reminders of the historic figures and events produced in the Civil War have been worth while.

Another continued service has been the carrying on of correspondence with editors of newspapers and magazines, also radio program producers, to furnish them with the convincing reasons why the term, "War between the States" is not properly descriptive of the Civil War. Distinctively favorable replies have been received by those associated with me as well as myself, from Liberty Magazine, Christian Science Monitor, "Doctor I. Q.," Dave Elman, "The Answer Man," Ben Grauer, Lyman Bryson, Director Dept. of Education, Columbia Broadcasting System, to mention just a few of them. We were mindful that our fathers until very recent years jealously guarded the proper designation for the war in which they served. So it was gratifying to learn that the agencies serving the public, a dozen or more of them, by word or deed have since used the rightful designation.

Situations of slowed-down Camps have also had my serious attention and restorative measures have, in several instances, been started. My conviction is strong, after looking into some cases of inaction, that no Department, no District Commander, can afford to leave such Camps to drift toward the inevitable non-existence.

Our Commander-in-Chief being unable to make a visit to New England, due to war difficulties, I visited in a representative capacity, four of the five Department "Conferences" held last Spring, and all of them urged that real effort be made to definitely move forward. Similar appeals were made at the sessions of the New England Regional Association.

Looking back over these contacts of the year I am greatly impressed with the spirit of sturdy devotion of the average member. There is, I believe, more potential strength right now in our Order than some of our Commanders and leaders seem to realize. The right leadership can bring this latent strength into reconstruction efforts that would go far towards restoring the kind of Camp that you and I would feel was worth the while of anybody who could qualify for membership. But such a condition calls for study and persistent shepharding. That objective is being attained in many communities where we have Camps, not by a drifting Camp but by other organizations led by men of vision and willingness to labor ceaselessly until

the goal is reached. General Grant is said to have told his soldiers "When you are in doubt, move to the front." May that be our watchword now that battles are over and normal conditions are returning.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARDING HALE,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Waterloo, Iowa, August 3, 1945.

Mr. Urion W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief,
417 Ardmore St., S. E.,
Grand Rapids 8, Michigan.

Dear Brother Mackey:

Nearly one year ago I received the highest honor ever given to me by the organization in which I am most interested; even though I have occupied one of the minor offices, I have been very appreciative of the honor, and in spite of my efforts to increase the strength of our Order, I feel disappointed in my accomplishment.

I feel that the State of Iowa has been very appreciative of the office of a National Officer. I have had the pleasure of representing the Commander-in-Chief at many meetings in the State during the past year, not only in our own organization but in several meetings of other orders, who have entertained me as their guest, and as a National Officer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I have done my best to uphold the dignity of the office of the Commander-in-Chief in his absence.

Considering the handicap of the general conditions of the past year, I do feel proud of my personal accomplishment in my own Camp. Through my own efforts I have received the reward of twelve new members; that number added to a membership of nineteen means an increase in spite of the loss from unavoidable circumstances. I do not feel that the credit is due me, but rather it is due to the fact that the State of Iowa was honored with a National Office.

In closing this report let me say that it is with much regret that I have not accomplished more toward the progress of our organization, but I am only one individual, and I am very proud to have had the honor of occupying the office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. If I have assisted in any small degree to the progress of our Order, I feel that I have been amply repaid for all my efforts.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

R. I. SNODGRASS,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Reading, Pa., Sept. 30, 1945.

Mr. Urion W. Mackey,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the term:

Conditions were naturally affected and influenced by the great World War, now, happily ended in victory and success for our valiant armed forces.

Department:	Membership Fees	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fee	Sup. plies	Misl.	Prem. Bonds	Total
Maryland	4.50	150.00		12.96		2.50	169.96
Massachusetts..	25.00	1128.60		124.00	9.27		1286.87
Michigan	7.00	172.00		31.44		2.50	212.94
Minnesota	2.00	60.30		5.33			67.63
Missouri	1.00	78.50		3.54	.35	2.50	85.89
Nebraska	4.50	50.90		12.36		2.50	70.26
New Hampshire		173.70		15.40	11.73		200.83
New Jersey ...	3.50	259.90		20.80		2.50	286.70
New York	18.50	623.50		81.85	2.11	2.50	728.46
Ohio	14.50	542.00		89.50		2.50	648.50
Oregon	5.00	68.50	5.00	35.15			113.65
Pennsylvania...	22.50	1264.20		123.37	11.88		1421.95
Rhode Island ..	1.50	109.50		5.15	1.84		117.99
Vermont	13.00	184.00		30.95		2.50	230.45
Washington ...	1.00	28.40		1.31		2.50	33.21
Wisconsin	8.50	137.40		46.24	.28	2.50	194.92
Total	\$199.50	\$6474.40	\$5.00	\$890.54	\$38.73	\$37.73	\$7645.90

** 1 Member at Large—no fee.

Itemized Expenditures

GENERAL EXPENSES:

For Supplies, Stock	\$ 68.00
Federal Social Security Tax.....	37.50
Withheld Federal Tax on Salary Nat. Sec-Treas..	236.10
Penna. Compensation Fund Tax on Salary, Nat. Sec-Treas.	18.75
The Banner, Subscription, Oct. '44-Aug. '45, inc.	2084.19
Encampment—Printing, promulgating Proceedings, 1944 Encampment	408.01
Encampment, 1945, Expenses.....	825.98
Printing	50.65
Shipping Supplies	25.90
Salary Nat. Sec-Treas., July '44-Sept. 30, '45, inc.	1638.90
Premium on Bonds, Com-in-Chief, Nat. Sec-Treas., Dept. Coms.	68.98
Committee on Marking Graves.....	25.00
G. A. R. Highway Committee Expense.....	27.80
National Patriotic Instructor, Postage.....	10.54
Miscellaneous—Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief \$150.00; Lincoln Memorial University, \$150.00; Arlington Hall, \$50.00; State of Illinois Incorporation Fee, \$1.00.....	351.00
	<u>\$5877.30</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES:

Postage	\$ 76.45
Telegrams	1.44
Stationery (including National Officers).....	111.85
Rent	420.00
Miscellaneous	14.30
	<u>\$ 624.04</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES:	
	\$ 32.00
Postage	24.99
Telegrams and Telephone	744.29
Traveling	62.00
Stenographer	5.15
Miscellaneous	\$ 868.43
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Total	\$7369.77

Vouchers

No.	To Whom:	Address:	Account:	Amount
1.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Maryland Casualty Co., Baltimore, Md., Bond, Commander-in-Chief.....		\$	2.50
2.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Federal Social Security Tax			7.50
3.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Withheld Tax Salary National Secretary-Treasurer			43.80
4.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation Fund, Harrisburg, Pa., Unemployment Tax			3.75
5.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa., Salary July-September, 1944, inc.....			331.20
6.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Reading, Pa., Rent, October-December, 1944, inc.			105.00
7.	Urion W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Rapids, Mich., Expense a/c September-October, 1944, inc.....			245.47
8.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Subscription, October, 1944, 16,267 copies at .02 1/4			352.45
9.	W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Supplies, Printing, Stationery (National Officers)			90.12
10.	S. W. McClelland, President Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., Scholarship			150.00
11.	Arlington Hall Association, Des Moines, Iowa, Donation..			50.00
12.	W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Stationery, Nat. Pat. Inst.			10.82
13.	Urion W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Rapids, Mich., Expense a/c November, 1944.....			103.10
14.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Social Security Tax			7.50
15.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Withheld Tax Salary National Secretary-Treasurer.....			43.80
16.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation Fund, Harrisburg, Pa., Unemployment Tax			3.75
17.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Sub. Dec. '44, 16,162 copies....			350.18
18.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa., Salary, October-December, 1945, inc.			331.20
19.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Reading, Pa., Rent, January-March, 1945, inc.			105.00
20.	Urion W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Rapids, Mich., Expense a/c December, 1944			95.87
21.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Baltimore, Md., Premium Extension Bond Department Commander.....			.23
22.	W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Stationery Nat. Sec.-Treas.			15.46
23.	Urion W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Rapids, Mich., Expense a/c January, 1945.....			109.28
24.	E. J. Barrett, Secretary of State, Springfield, Ill., Annual Corporation Fee (1945).....			1.00
25.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill., Sub. February, 16,086 copies (\$348.50); Printing, Promulgating Proceedings 63rd Encampment (\$406.63); Printing Roster (\$29.40).....			784.53

No.	To Whom:	Address:	Account:	Amount
26.	Urion W. Mackey,	Commander-in-Chief,	Grand Rapids,	
		Mich., Expense a/c	February, 1945.....	60.07
27.	U. S. Collector	Internal Revenue,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	
		Social Security Tax		7.50
28.	U. S. Collector	Internal Revenue,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	
		Withheld Tax Salary	National Secretary-Treasurer.....	49.50
29.	Penna. Unemployment	Compensation Fund,	Harrisburg,	
		Pa., Unemployment Tax		3.75
30.	H. H. Hammer,	Nat. Sec.-Treas.,	Reading, Pa.,	
		Salary January-March,	1945, inc.	325.50
31.	Lehnert, Griffin &	Anderson, Inc.,	Baltimore, Md.,	
		Premium Department	Commander's Bond.....	2.50
32.	Colonial-Berks	Real Est., Co.,	Reading, Pa.,	
		Rent April-June,	1945, inc.	105.00
33.	Urion W. Mackey,	Commander-in-Chief,	Grand Rapids,	
		Mich., Expense a/c	March, 1945	18.40
34.	Beatrice Crowell,	Reading, Pa.,	Insurance on Stock,	
		etc... ..		6.60
35.	The Banner	Dwight, Ill.,	Sub April, '45,	
		16,028 copies....		347.27
36.	Lehnert, Griffin &	Anderson, Inc.,	Baltimore, Md.,	
		Premium Department	Commanders' Bonds.....	10.00
37.	Urion W. Mackey,	Commander-in-Chief,	Grand Rapids,	
		Mich., Expense a/c	April, 1945	29.66
38.	Lehnert, Griffin &	Anderson, Inc.,	Baltimore, Md.,	
		Premium Department	Commanders' Bonds	20.00
39.	Urion W. Mackey,	Commander-in-Chief,	Grand Rapids,	
		Mich., Expense a/c	May, 1945	17.76
40.	W. C. Mabie,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	Supplies, Printing.....	66.00
41.	U. S. Collector	Internal Revenue,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	
		Social Security Tax		7.50
42.	U. S. Collector	Internal Revenue,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	
		Withheld Tax		49.50
43.	Penna. Unemployment	Compensation Fund,	Harrisburg,	
		Pa., Unemployment Tax		3.75
44.	The Banner	Dwight, Ill.,	Sub. June, '45,	
		15,917 copies....		344.87
45.	H. H. Hammer,	Nat. Sec.-Treas.,	Reading, Pa.,	
		Salary April-June,	1945	325.50
46.	Lehnert, Griffin &	Anderson, Inc.,	Baltimore, Md.,	
		Premium Department	Commander Bond	2.50
47.	Colonial-Berks	Real Est. Co.,	Reading, Pa.,	
		Rent July-September,	1945, inc.	105.00
48.	Urion W. Mackey,	Commander-in-Chief,	Grand Rapids,	
		Mich., Expense a/c	June, 1945	71.04
49.	Lehnert, Griffin &	Anderson, Inc.,	Baltimore, Md.,	
		Premium National	Secretary-Treasurer Bond	25.00
50.	Charles R. Hale,	Chairman,	Hartford, Conn.,	
		Committee on	Marking Graves, Expenses	25.00
51.	Urion W. Mackey,	Commander-in-Chief,	Grand Rapids,	
		Mich., Expense a/c,	July, 1945.....	32.28
52.	The Banner	Dwight, Ill.,	Sub. August, '45,	
		15,735 copies.		340.92
53.	Lehnert, Griffin &	Anderson, Inc.,	Baltimore, Md.,	
		Premium Commander-in-Chief	Bond	6.25
54.	Urion W. Mackey,	Commander-in-Chief,	Grand Rapids,	
		Mich., Expense a/c	August, 1945.....	37.30
55.	U. S. Collector	Internal Revenue,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	
		Social Security Tax		7.50
56.	U. S. Collector	Internal Revenue,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	
		Withheld Tax		49.50

No.	To Whom:	Address	Account:	Amount
57.	Penna. Unemployment Tax	Pa., Unemployment Tax	Fund, Harrisburg,	3.75
58.	G. Raymond Schlechter	Reading, Pa.,	Badge (Past) Com- mander-in-Chief	150.00
59.	H. H. Hammer	Nat. Sec-Treas., Reading, Pa.,	Expense a/c term, August, 1944-September, 1945	125.04
60.	H. H. Hammer	Nat. Sec-Treas., Reading, Pa.,	Salary July-September, 1945, inc.	325.50
				Encampment Expense
61.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill.,	Printing Officers Re- ports, Encampment Roll	\$154.43	154.43
62.	See G. A. R. Fund Report).			
63.	Urien W. Mackey, Com-in-Chief,	Grand Rapids, Exp. a/c September, \$48.20	48.00	96.20
64.	H. Harding Hale, Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief,	Boston, Mass.	31.72	31.72
65.	R. I. Snodgrass, Jr. Vice Com-in-Chief,	Water- loo, Iowa	29.96	29.96
66.	Geo. E. Bailey, National Chaplain,	Minneapolis, Minn. (inc. flowers Memorial Service \$10.50)	44.60	44.60
67.	John E. Sautter, Nat. Counselor,	Wilkinsburg, Pa.	7.25	7.25
68.	N. D. Cranmer, Nat. Pat. Inst.,	Elmira, N. Y., Postage, \$10.54	19.41	29.95
69.	E. J. Parker, Council-in-Chief,	Santa Ana, Calif.	180.85	180.85
70.	Fred H. Combs, Sr., Council-in-Chief,	Trenton, New Jersey	35.90	35.90
71.	Allen F. Spink, Council-in-Chief,	Hartford, Conn.	35.93	35.93
72.	Ralph R. Barrett, Chm.,	Huntington Park, Calif., Exp. G. A. R. Highway Committee		27.80
73.	Dolly Berhalter, Stenographer,	Reading, Pa.	184.95	184.95
74.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec-Treas.,	Reading, Pa., Postage, \$6.53	52.98	59.51
Total			\$825.98	\$7369.77

Organization Fund

September 14, 1944, To Balance	\$688.09
Voucher No. 1—Reading Trust Co., Reading, Pa., U. S. War Bond, prize award Membership Contest to National Auxiliary, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	18.50
October 4, 1945, By Balance	\$669.59

Grand Army of the Republic Fund

October 4, 1945, To amount received from National Patriotic Instructor Neil D. Cranmer, donated by Camps, Departments Members	\$834.51
Voucher No. 62—Donation to Grand Army of the Republic	500.00
October 4, 1945, By Balance	\$334.51

Supplies—Stock Account

War conditions are responsible for the decreased business and revenue from disposal of supplies. Prices are unstable, delivery very uncertain and delayed. Some of our Badges are not obtainable due

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Departments	IN GOOD STANDING JUNE 30, 1944		GAIN								LOSS							
			By Organization		By Initiation in Camps		By Transfer		By Camps Reinstated		By Disbanded		By Death		By Hon. Discharge			
			Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
**Ala. & Tenn.....	4	51																
Calif. & Pac.....	18	526		12	1			3		16			12	5		1		
Colo. & Wyo.....	4	86		4	1			1		6			4	3				
Conn.....	28	980		13				6		19			33	5				
Illinois.....	22	516		12	3			4		19			11	2		1		
Indiana.....	17	385		27				18		45	1	10	4	2				
Iowa.....	14	233		20						20			6					
Kansas.....	14	217		5		1	12		1	17			8					
Maine.....	29	688		43				17		60			16	1				
Maryland.....	12	377		9				2		11			8					
Massachusetts.....	112	2888		50	5			17		72	2	21	85	12	3	1	13	
Michigan.....	14	432		11	1			1		16			13	1				
Minnesota.....	8	150		4				1		5								
Missouri.....	10	226		2				1	3	3			5	1		3	53	
Nebraska.....	5	120		9				1		10								
New Hampshire.....	19	450			1			1		2			22					
New Jersey.....	20	658		7				1		8			17					
New York.....	68	1584		37	41			16		94			41		*40			
Ohio.....	58	1372		29				13		42	1	9	35	1				
Oregon.....	6	170	1	16	10	2		1	1	29			7					
Pennsylvania.....	92	3301		45	1			27		73	1	10	123	10		2		
Rhode Island.....	15	276		3						3			5					
Vermont.....	22	460		26	1			11		38			20	1	1	2	19	
Washington.....	3	58		2		1	10			1	12		2					
Wisconsin.....	11	334		17	6	1	10	4	1	37			12	1	2			
Total June 30, '45	625	16538	1	16	400	63	3	32	146	4	657	8	96	489	45	52	6	85
Total June 30, '44			1	58	483	36	2	15	245	3	837	15	124	482	48	33	1	10

** At Large in Alabama & Tennessee.
 * One Camp with 40 members.

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Departments	IN GOOD STANDING JUNE 30, 1944		GAIN						LOSS						IN GOOD STANDING JUNE 30, 1945		balance in Department Treasuries	Balance in Camp Treasuries	Amount Expended for Relief	No. Relieved or Their Families																								
	Camps	Members	By Organization Members	By Initiation in Camps	By Transfer.	By Camps Reinstated	By Reinstatement in Camps	Total Gain Members	By Disbanded Members	By Death.	By Hon. Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Suspended.	By Dropped, Camps with Members	Dropped by Camps Members	By Dishon. Disch. Members				Total Loss. Members	Camps	Members	Net Gain.		Net Loss.																			
																							Camps	Members	Camps	Members																		
**Ala. & Tenn.....	4	51						3	16									3	46		3	46	\$	\$	\$																			
Calif. & Pac.....	18	526		12	1		3	16		12	5	1							35	18		19	507		1	744.69	1155.97	9.85	2	1														
Colo. & Wyo.....	4	86		4	1		1	6		4	3								7	4			85			39.81	113.14																	
Conn.....	28	980		13			6	19		33	5								56	28		37	913		60	219.94	3142.61	25.00																
Illinois.....	22	516		12	3		4	19		11	2	1							79	22			456			579.13																		
Indiana.....	17	385		27			18	15	1	4	2								19	1			391	9	1	243.96	477.90	247.00	2	2														
Iowa.....	14	233		20				20		6									4				243	10		283.32	206.62																	
Kansas.....	14	217		5		1	12	1	17										8	15			226	1	9	52.09																		
Maine.....	29	688		43			17	60		16	1								31	29			714	26		510.54	2274.64	1.85	1															
Maryland.....	12	377		9			2	11		8									8				372		5	112.87	1856.09																	
Massachusetts.....	112	2888		50	5		17	72	2	85	12	3	1	13					161	109		3	2796		92	131.41	12879.63	213.49																
Michigan.....	14	432		14	1		1	16		13	1								5				429		3	186.05	291.68	11.68																
Minnesota.....	8	150		4			1	5											4				151	1		59.77	41.40	2.75																
Missouri.....	10	226		2			1	3		5	1		3	53					3	3			167	3	59	251.26	239.30	2.00																
Nebraska.....	5	120		9			1	10											5				130	10		73.50																		
New Hampshire.....	19	450			1		1	2											27	19			425		25	44.90	285.40	11.00	3															
New Jersey.....	20	658		7			1	8		17									28	20			638		20	532.77	3446.14	829.90																
New York.....	68	1581		37	41		16	94		41		*10							144	66		2	1534		50	805.46	1144.58																	
Ohio.....	58	1372		29			13	12	1	9	35	1							21	11			1348	1	24	307.33	1203.74	10.77	3	1														
Oregon.....	6	170	1	16	10	2		29	1	7		2							8				182	1	12	43.94																		
Pennsylvania.....	92	3301		45	1		27	73	1	10	123	10	2						149	1			3080		1	221	687.93	22214.12	7219.15	201	1													
Rhode Island.....	15	276		3			3	5		5									8	15			271		5	215.51	932.86																	
Vermont.....	22	460		26	1		11	38		20	1	1	2	19					9	2			448	2	12	304.38	85.95	15.20	3															
Washington.....	3	58		2		1	10	1	12	2									4				64	1	6	21.35																		
Wisconsin.....	11	334		17	6	1	10	4	1	12	1	2							21				335	1	1	436.80	614.31	30.50	1															
Total June 30, '45	625	16538	1	16	400	63	3	32	146	4	657	8	96	489	45	52	6	85	1	5	479	1	16	1252	613	15943	4	84	16	679	\$6940.81	\$52606.08	\$	8630.14	216	8								
Total June 30, '44			1	58	483	36	2	15	245	3	837	15	124	482	48	33	1	10	2	21	698		18	1416	625	16538	123	15	579	\$6305.58	\$52008.22	\$	11543.49	195	2									

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to ruling of certain Federal Government authorities, the material having been required and necessary for war purposes for example:

Past Camp Commanders' Badges are not permitted to be made of the material, color as provided. A different substance was allowed, but at a prohibitive price, over \$1.00 each. Such Badge would not be in accordance with our Regulations as prescribed.

Orders for Badges placed last November have not yet been delivered and doubtful as to when. Past Department Commanders' Badges are due since that date and awaiting delivery.

Membership Badges are uncertain as to furnishing and delivery.

We have been able to supply all these Badges except Past Camp Commanders', during the term.

Receipts from supplies were approximately \$400 less than last term.

Cost of Supplies on hand, August 30, 1944.....	\$2375.02
Cost of Supplies Purchased	68.00
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Cost of Supplies to account for.....	\$2443.02
Cost of Supplies on hand September 30, 1945.....	\$1931.07
Amount Received for Supplies	\$ 890.54
Cost of Supplies Sold	\$569.45
Cost of Shipping Supplies	25.90
Cost of Supplies to Departments free.....	.94
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Total	596.29
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Profit	\$ 294.25

Fifty Years Membership Badges Issued

Connecticut, 5; Massachusetts, 13; Minnesota, 1; Missouri, 1; New Hampshire, 3; New Jersey, 4; New York, 2; Pennsylvania, 9; Vermont, 2. Total, 38.

War Medals Issued

Connecticut, 2; Maine, 3; Massachusetts, 5; New York, 10; Ohio, 4; Pennsylvania, 20; Vermont, 2. Total, 46.

Returns on Proposed Amendments to Constitution

Department Encampment:	Submitted by Dept. of Maryland: In Section 3, Page 5, Art. VI: Strike out ten Camps, and 250 members and substi- tute "Five Camps and 150 members."		Submitted by Dept. of Minnesota: In Article IV (Page 3) strike out the word political wher- ever it occurs and substitute the word "partisan."	
	No. of Votes: In Favor	Not in Favor	No. of Votes: In Favor	Not in Favor
California & Pacific	23		23	
Illinois	5	21	24	2
Iowa	14		Unanimous	
Maine	32		32	
Michigan	25		25	
Minnesota	18		18	
Nebraska	15		15	
New Hampshire		20		20
New Jersey	45		45	
New York	39		4	31
Ohio	35		35	
Oregon	17		17	
Pennsylvania	96			96
Rhode Island	26		27	
Vermont		22		22
Total by Encampments.....	390	63	265	171
Connecticut (No Encamp- ment) 14 (of 28) Camps....	113	1	113	1
Total Reported	503	64	378	172

No Encampments

Departments not holding their usual Annual Encampment owing to War restrictions but transacted necessary business by assembling their Department Officers, Councils, etc., were: Colorado & Wyoming, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Washington. Officers chosen at Encampments in 1944 continue, hold over for term of 1945-'46.

The Banner—Official Organ

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, Editor of THE BANNER, has manifested more than usual interest in our affairs, helpful, thorough. The Banner's policy—constructive, informative, beneficial assistance in the conduct of affairs. He has always been active in the ranks and higher places and an influence for accomplishment through the medium of the Official Organ, to be of service. Department Secretaries are reminded that it is their duty to have mailing lists under control, carefully supervised that all members entitled thereto receive the paper; those not in good standing not to receive it, should be stricken off the lists and such who dropped from the Order deprived of the benefit thereof and removed from such benefits.

Grand Army of the Republic

All hail the remnant of the Boys in Blue and all honor to those preservers of the Union and the shadow of a mighty host we had the

honor for many years of mingling with and treasuring their presence. Few are still with us. Rapidly the column is thinning and as time goes on for them—they will soon be a memory. Let us all pay our tribute to the living in paying them the honor due.

Miss Katherine R. A. Flood, National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, has favored us greatly as always, in advising and informing as to matters relating to the mutual interests. Tribute is paid her for her service to us and that honored Order for many years and to her favors and interest in our behalf.

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary

The National Auxiliary under the leadership of National President, Mrs. Edith B. Nile, has been a constructive, substantial subsidiary, rendering valuable assistance to many Camps and Departments. No request for her co-operation, service of some nature, was neglected but always cheerfully granted. We are obligated to the National President for her interest in and many favors to our organization.

Allied Orders

The co-operation of the Officers and various units of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, helpful in the mutual interests and in harmony in all affairs, is pleasing and of value and appreciation thereof is expressed to the respective National Presidents and Officers.

Reminiscent—Forty Years

Indulging in personal reference (your pardon)—with the close of this term my service as National Secretary covers forty (40) consecutive years (and two (2) prior thereto) and as National Treasurer twenty-six (26) successive years. Forty years ago the numerical strength was 789 Camps and 29,879 members.

The Commanders-in-Chief, whom it was an honor and privilege to serve, were splendid Officers. Association with them established as sincere and enduring ties as friendship can prevail. Thousands of members of Camps, Departments, and in the Allied Orders are personal friends, an asset in life to be favored with as has been my fortune, throughout our distinctive Order. It is cherished beyond description and my everlasting obligation.

Conclusion

Due to the World War condition you have had unusual trying complications and conditions to confront you. Results did not materialize as planned and anticipated in activities hoped to increase the number of Camps and members. Under the circumstances preserving, maintaining the status we now have will be the satisfaction to you that your service, personal sacrifice to lead the Order in the unsettled and chaotic conditions throughout the Country will meet the approval of the members of the Order.

For the cordial consideration, courtesies you have constantly shown me I express my deep appreciation and to the National Officers, Department Commanders and Secretaries-Treasurers for their co-operation and assistance it is a pleasure to acknowledge.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Elmira, N. Y., August 7, 1945.

To Union W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The heart of your National Patriotic Instructor is just about bursting with pride over the way our brothers have responded in contributions to our National G. A. R. Fund, far exceeding the amount given last year. Our Department Patriotic Instructors, for the most part, have worked very hard to secure their result and to them largely goes the credit. A finer, more loyal group than these men does not exist anywhere.

It will seem good not to have to go to Columbus and solicit brothers in the lobby of the hotel to bring this fund up to the \$500 mark as I had to do last year at Des Moines. Many Departments have given twice or three times the amount of last year and we have gone gloriously over the top. Part of this is due to using a quota basis in each Department. I did not anticipate the Department of Pennsylvania would take the honor away from my own Department of New York, the honor which they held last year of the largest amount, but they did. All hail, Pennsylvania, my native state!

The grand total as of this date is \$656.41. Departments showing spectacular gains were Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Vermont, Indiana and Colorado. A few times I have been asked, "Will the G. A. R. spend this money wisely?" I do not think we ought to inquire too closely into the details of the way they shall spend this money. After all, I feel it is our love gift to them and let them use it as they please. It will all be accounted for in their report of expenses. At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Des Moines, in 1938, the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, the financial condition of the Grand Army of the Republic at the present time makes it necessary that the Encampment resort to methods to secure sufficient funds to operate in the future, therefore, be it resolved, that the incoming administration, by its Commander-in-Chief, appoint a committee of three members for the purpose of conferring with our recognized organizations with reference to such donations as we have already received from these; and further to confer with those who have not contributed in any manner or form and endeavor to get some arrangements which will assure the Grand Army of the Republic a definite income from that source."

The above resolution speaks for itself and is the basis of our G. A. R. Fund.

Although the energy of your National Patriotic Instructor has been largely centered on securing this G. A. R. Fund, he has not neglected the other duties of his office. In every issue of The Banner he has endeavored to place material of value to Camp Patriotic Instructors for patriotic meetings and observances. In October I stressed Veterans' Night; in December, a Christmas project of sending cards to the survivors of the Grand Army and urging support of the bill in Congress to make November 19 Dedication Day; in February, of course, the theme was Lincoln's Birthday; in April Grant's Birthday and Memorial Day received attention. In June was presented an article from Dept. Com. Fred E. Colwell describing the Transfer of Flags Ceremony in the schools of Rochester, and the address of Comrade William C. Morey, delivered there on February 22, 1889. In

August Brother Howard W. Post of Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp of Buffalo, N. Y., wrote the history of the "Star Spangled Banner."

I am profoundly grateful to Editor Holbrook for the wonderful co-operation given in The Banner, especially in publicizing our National G. A. R. Fund. To Commander-in-Chief Mackey and National Secretary Hammer hearty thanks for courtesies and support.

On April 29, through the courtesy of the Commander-in-Chief I represented him at the birthday anniversary of General U. S. Grant at Grant's Tomb on Riverside Drive, New York City. This was a red letter occasion attended by several thousands of people. Department Secretary Julius Isaacs and Past National President Miss Mayme Dwyer have for years given of their best in arranging this marked event. Past Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson of Massachusetts was among the speakers.

I had occasion to write his Excellency, Ellis Arnall, the Governor of Georgia, concerning his error in a magazine article referring to "the War Between the States." His courteous reply was published in The Banner.

REPORT OF NATIONAL G. A. R. FUND

Department of Colorado & Wyoming:

Not itemized\$ 17.00

Department of Illinois:

A. W. Britten, Chicago\$ 5.00

P. C.-in-C. Wm. T. Church, Chicago 5.00

P. C.-in-C. Allan S. Holbrook, Dwight..... 5.00

Dept. Pat. Inst. S. W. Livingston, Bloomington..... 21.00

Department of Illinois 25.00

\$61.00

Department of Indiana:

Not itemized\$ 43.00

Department of Kansas:

Parsons Camp No. 23.....\$ 1.00

Engle Camp No. 78, Laurence 2.00

Wyandotte Camp No. 13, Kansas City..... 3.00

W. H. Fairchild, Kansas City 2.00

\$ 8.00

Department of Maine:

P. C.-in-C. Henry Towle, South Portland.....\$ 5.00

Dept. of Maine—not itemized 28.75

\$ 33.75

Department of Maryland:

Not itemized\$ 5.00

Department of Massachusetts:

Dept. of Massachusetts—not itemized\$ 8.00

Camp 2, Worcester 2.00

P. C.-in-C. William L. Anderson 1.00

Bay State Camp No. 61, Boston 5.00

\$ 16.00

Department of Michigan:

Not itemized\$ 28.00

Department of Minnesota:	
Minneapolis Camp No. 8	\$ 5.00
Minnesota Department	5.00
P. D. C. Dewey Meade	2.00
Chester Charter	1.00
P. D. C. Irving Best	1.00
William Flack	1.00
Dr. Soper, Minneapolis	5.00
Brooking Camp, South Dakota	2.00
Major Wm. Boyce	1.00
George Sueheimer	1.00
Dr. G. E. Wolf	1.00
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	\$ 25.00

Department of New Jersey:	
Dept. Com. William Kronmyer	\$ 10.00
Ray D. Harr	1.00
Camp 1, Hoboken	2.00
Camp 4, Trenton	4.50
Camp 5, Trenton	2.00
Camp 12, Bloomfield	2.00
Camp 43, Somerville	10.00
Camp 32, Union City	2.00
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	\$ 33.50

Department of New York:	
Dept. Com. Fred E. Colwell, Rochester	\$ 1.00
Camp No. 88, Waverly	1.00
Diven Camp No. 77, Elmira	1.00
Com. J. G. Wilcox, Elmira	1.00
P. C. Floyd E. Doland, Elmira	1.00
P. D. C. Neil Cranmer, Elmira	1.00
Merriam Camp No. 52, Syracuse	2.00
William A. Carey No. 54, Jamaica	1.00
Timothy M. Carey, Jamaica	1.00
Lafayette Camp No. 140, New York City	2.00
Sniper Camp, Syracuse	4.00
Winchell Camp No. 43, Utica	1.00
King Camp No. 42, Troy	2.00
Berry Camp No. 89, Niagara Falls	1.00
Fred E. Howe, Niagara Falls	1.00
Camp No. 93, Binghamton	1.00
O'Rorke Camp No. 60, Rochester	2.00
Edwin Sanford, Camp 93	2.00
Howland Camp No. 127, Beacon	2.00
Seward Camp No. 11, Auburn	2.00
Burdick Camp No. 40, Ithaca	2.00
Nordquist Camp No. 64, Mt. Vernon	2.00
Bradley Camp No. 25, Newburgh	1.00
Cook Camp No. 223, Buffalo	2.00
Henry Lomb Camp No. 100, Rochester	1.00
P. C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Sheldon, Lyons	1.00
Lacy Harris, Webster	3.00
L. J. VanAlystine, Sr., Webster	1.00
Ralph Witmer, Webster	1.00
G. R. Witmer, Webster	1.00
Dr. Earl Baxter, Webster	3.00
P. C. Edward J. Coleman, Webster	2.50
James Eaton, Webster	6.00
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	1.00

Department of New York:	
Charles Trumble, Webster	1.00
Allen Trumble, Webster	1.00
P. C. Charles Messer, Albany	3.00
Charles Perrin, Rochester	1.00
W. E. Kelley, Rochester	1.00
W. J. Leary, Rochester	1.00
Pierce Camp No. 15, Rochester	1.00
J. R. Houston, Beacon	1.00
W. J. Faulkner, Binghamton	1.00
P. D. C. A. G. Courtney, Syracuse	1.00
Arthur Rapp, Rochester	1.00
P. D. C. Robert W. Doughty, Beacon.....	1.00
Department of New York	5.50
Camp No. 199, Seneca Falls	2.00
A Friend	1.00
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	\$ 78.00
Department of Vermont:	
Not itemized	\$ 32.00
Department of Wisconsin:	
Kenosha Camp	\$ 2.00
Val Lobel, Milwaukee	5.00
Baraboo Camp No. 18.....	2.00
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Plymouth Camp No. 47.....	1.00
Keshena Camp No. 17	1.00
Prairie du Chien Camp	1.00
Wisconsin Department	37.00
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Department of Connecticut:	
Isabell Camp No. 35, Naugatuck	\$ 1.50
W. L. Steele Camp No. 34, Torrington	5.00
Franklin Bartlett Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	15.00
Sedgwick Camp 4, Norwich	3.00
Col. Chas. Russell Camp 26, Derby.....	2.00
D. C. Rodman Camp 27, East Hartford	5.00
Charles Upham Camp 7, Meriden	15.00
Dept. Com. Ernest Barnum, Bridgeport	5.00
Dept. Pat. Inst. George Tabor, East Hartford.....	3.00
Dept. of Connecticut—not itemized	5.25
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	\$ 59.75
S. O. V. Club, Delaware County, Pa.	
(Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland).....	\$ 19.00
Department of Ohio:	
Not itemized	\$ 35.10
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Department of Pennsylvania:	
Camp No. 200, Philadelphia	\$ 5.00
Camp No. 9, Germantown	1.00
Camp No. 16, Reading	1.00
Camp No. 320, Sheffield	3.00
Camp No. 87, Middletown	2.00
Camp No. 33, York	2.00
Camp No. 208, Emmaus	1.00

Department of Pennsylvania:	2.00
Camp No. 19, Lancaster	5.00
Camp No. 149, Media	1.00
Camp No. 60, New Oxford	1.00
Camp No. 50, Carlisle	5.00
Camp No. 10, Chester	1.00
Camp No. 106, Oil City	1.00
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Camp No. 15, Harrisburg	2.00
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Sons of Union Veterans Club of Delaware Co.....	5.00
Camp No. 233, Easton	5.00
Camp No. 44, Williamsport	5.00
Davis Star Camp	1.00
Camp No. 51, Darby	5.00
Camp No. 27, West Philadelphia.....	2.00
Camp No. 31, West Chester	5.00
Encampment Committee, Philadelphia	1.00
O. M. Borden, No. 320, Sheffield.....	1.00
F. L. Borden, No. 320, Sheffield	1.00
Charles Knecht, No. 233, Easton	3.00
F. Geo. Paul, No. 233, Easton	2.00
Elwood Shultz, No. 33, York.....	1.00
Sherman Miller, No. 33, York.....	1.00
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Alvin Nickel, No. 33, York	1.00
Wm. Knakey, No. 33, York.....	1.00
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Robert Smyser, No. 33, York.....	10.00
Geo. H. Moore, Dept. Pat. Inst., No. 33, York.....	1.00
John A. Ruggles, Dept. Com., Camp No. 50, Carlisle.....	1.00
Arthur Noll, Sr., Vice Dept. Com., Camp No. 6, Allentown..	1.00
John H. Runkle, No. 15, Harrisburg.....	2.00
Leo Long, No. 60, New Oxford	1.00
Jacob Wentzel, No. 180, Uniontown	1.00
Maynard Herbert, No. 20, Nazareth	1.00
John H. Cahoon, No. 34, Mt. Carmel	2.00
Andrew Burns, No. 9, Clegg, Philadelphia.....	1.00
R. F. Witman, No. 204, Minersville	1.00
Col. Edwin J. Prettie, No. 200, Philadelphia.....	1.00
Robert Arnold, No. 182, Bethlehem	5.00
P. C.-in-C. Leroy Stoudt of Camp No. 16, Reading.....	1.00
Edwin McBride, Frankfurt	1.00
John H. Runkel, Harrisburg	1.00
	\$112.00
Grand Total — All Departments	\$656.41

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California & Pacific—Col. George E. Lance. Days observed: Memorial Day, Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Flag Day. Speakers: D. B. Bowley, Rev. H. R. Pittman, Dr. A. C. Cloud, George A. Ruple, Walter A. Smith, San Francisco; Dr. Ralph Barrett, Harrie Collins. John Gunder, James Young, Los Angeles; P. D. C. Robert R. Rankin; Dept. Pat. Inst. George E. Lance, Dept. Chaplain Rev. Charles Water-

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Connecticut — George W. Tabor. Days observed were Washington's, Lincoln's and Grant's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day and Columbus Day. Addresses by Lt. Col. Arthur C. Bennett, Major Charles H. Sprague, Major Donald Yannis, Judge Paul Miller, Judge Frank L. Wilder, Judge Carl Foster and Dept. Com. Ernest E. Barnum, all of Bridgeport; P. C. S. W. Morrell, P. C. W. F. Nemetz, of Stamford; Com. B. O. DeForest, P. C. Charles Rotteck, Sr., of Derby; Com. Wm. E. Hotchkiss, Harold J. Scott and Joseph Weeks, of Bristol.

Suggestions: Issue The Banner in a nice cover with photographs of Civil War Generals—increase the pages, increase the price, publish monthly. Go to schools with banners and relics as Camp 11 did. Interest the Boy Scouts in placing flags on Civil War graves. Teach Americanism—not nationalism. More news about Camp activities in local papers.

Colorado & Wyoming—W. S. Whitney. Days observed—Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and Memorial Day. Colorado Springs Camp No. 5 reports no Memorial Day parade but the Sons and allied orders held services at the Grand Army Plot in Evergreen Cemetery. Camp Chaplain gave address and G. A. R. ritual was used. V. F. W. assisted and 2nd Air Force Band played.

Illinois—Samual W. Livingston. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Constitution Day, Veterans Night, Appomattox Day. Suggestions: The greatest discourtesy in public is indifference to the Flag. It is usually hung correctly but hats are not doffed when it passes. The war has stepped up patriotism.

Indiana—Louis King. Days observed: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Flag Day, Armistice Day. Nine of 16 Camps reported.

Iowa—Ward R. Evans. Days observed—Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays, Grant's Birthday, McKinley's Birthday, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Night, Armistice Day. Speaker—Ward R. Evans, P. D. C., Sioux City. Suggestions: American History should be taught more in the schools.

Kansas—W. H. Fairchild. Days observed: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Night. Public very careless in displaying flags. The Kansas legislature passed a law this year permitting games and races on Memorial Day. It had hitherto been held sacred. Addresses by Albert Lozier and Walter H. Fairchild, of Kansas City; Dept. Com. Frank A. Hobble, Dodge City; C. B. Martin, of Parsons.

Suggestions: Have a committee of Sons visit other organizations during the year in the interest of Memorial Day. More news from local Camps in The Banner.

Maine—Arthur H. Hunt. Days observed: Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays, Memorial Day and Armistice Day, Grant's Birthday, Independence Day. Addresses given by Rev. Walter Smith, Bath; Walter Shepard, Skowhegan; Marshall Charles and Charles York, Nor-

way; P. D. C. Frank A. Downs and P. C. Jackson W. Palmer, of Belfast. Essay contest in high schools in Lincoln. Three prizes of war bonds awarded. Winning essays read on Lincoln's Birthday.

Maryland—Thomas L. Ruffer. Days observed: Lincoln's, Washington's and McKinley's Birthdays, Appomattox Day and Veterans Night. Speakers—Former Judge Allan Cleveland and Major Theodore R. Rankin, of Baltimore; Brothers Benjamin F. Hubert and Dr. W. Henri Pipes of Wilmington. Com. Walter H. Horn, of Cushing Camp, read the Gettysburg Address. Suggestions—Use Boy Scouts as Aides, Color Bearers and Buglers.

Michigan—Laurence C. Haner. Days observed: Union Defenders Day, Lincoln's, Washington's and Grant's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Night, Appomattox Day.

Missouri—Conrad Kissling. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Armistice Day, Veterans Night. Camp members of Federated Unit No. 2, St. Louis, placed 33 wreaths in 33 cemeteries.

Nebraska—George C. Gage. Days observed: Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays and Armistice Day.

New Hampshire—Robert Lawrence. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day.

New Jersey—James C. Steenworth. Days observed: Memorial Day, Armistice Day, Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Appomattox Day, Grant's Birthday. Speakers: P. C.-in-C. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton; Dept. Com. Wm. C. Kronmyer, P. D. C. Henry Bender, S. V. Dept. Com. Andrew Richardson, Wm. T. Pearson, Jr. Vice Dept. Com. Wm. T. Bryan, Lewis A. Varick, Jr., Leo C. Compton, Rev. Jones and Major Reed of Bloomfield, Judge Hartshorn, Rev. Father Burke of Bloomfield, Vincent Hayden, Wm. Severns, Russell Black, Harry Lowe, P. D. C. Fred Hansen, P. D. C. Herman Schroeder. Camp No. 1, Hoboken, sponsors contest for boy or girl to recite Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on Memorial Day. Camp No. 4, Trenton, sponsors a Boy Scout Troop who assist in grave decoration. Camp Patriotic Instructor has special program at each meeting. Camp No. 5, Trenton, sponsors a program at McClellan School on the life of General McClellan, who is buried in Trenton. Camp presented school 10 volume set of Civil War History. Camp No. 43, Somerville, works with Principal of the school to select a boy or girl to recite the Gettysburg Address.

New York—Edward J. Coleman. Days observed: Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Appomattox Day and Armistice Day. Speakers: Dept. Com. Francis P. Addv, Utica; Dept. Pat. Inst. Edward J. Coleman, Webster; H. Kassebaum, N. Walter and George Walter, N. Y. City; Nat. Pat. Inst. Neil D. Cranmer, Elmira; George G. Kelley and Samuel Kirkpatrick, Troy; P. D. C. Herman Brockway, Ithaca. Dept. Pat. Inst. Coleman protested flags being taken from graves in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester and strewn carelessly about the grounds. National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer spoke over Radio Station WENY, Elmira, on "I Am an American Day."

Ohio—Hartsel Evans. Days observed: Memorial Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Veterans Night, Memorial Sunday, Union Defender's Day, Flag Day, Grant's Birthday, Constitution Day, Appomattox Day. Speakers: Judge Cecil J. Randall, State Senator Roscoe R. Walcutt, Hon. James A. White, Judge Edward S. Mathias, John H. Cooper, James W. Thatcher, Congressman Homer A. Ramey, Columbus. Akron Camp has three representatives on the Summitt Council of American War Veterans. All veterans graves are covered with a flag and a large wreath placed in each cemetery. Card file records

are being compiled of each veteran buried in the county. There are 73 Revolutionary, 350 War of 1812, 43 Mexican and 2300 Civil War graves. Camp 9, Findlay, is represented in the Soldiers Council which formulates plans for Memorial Day. Camp 26, Vienna, is affiliated with Scioto County Memorial Day Association, Camp 1. The appointment of a Welfare Committee as provided by the Constitution, Standing committee on marking graves. A new flag for each grave each year. Additional speakers: Judge Vernon Smith and John R. Skelton, Portsmouth; W. G. Myers and Com. W. E. Corbin, Akron. Pat. Inst. Campbell Voorhees of Camp 1 suggests contest among high school pupils in the rendition of the Gettysburg Address, winner to receive \$25 U. S. Bond. Speakers G. F. Ackerman and A. A. Bowers, New Philadelphia.

Oregon—Dr. L. L. Baker. Camp in meetings take notice of patriotic days. Speakers: Dr. L. L. Baker, L. H. Hanson and I. P. Inman, Eugene. To increase respect for Memorial Day. The public must have greater respect for the fundamentals of life, more loyalty to patriotic organizations, churches and the flag. School children must receive this at home first. Less time spent in traveling, fishing and golf which occupy those who otherwise could devote more time to the living and dead. Camp membership can be increased if those who are eligible will forego many pleasures and practice Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Good entertainment at each meeting of Camp.

Rhode Island—Harry J. Geer. Days observed: Washington's Lincoln's and McKinley's Birthdays, I Am An American Day, Flag Day, Veterans Night and Memorial Day. Suggestions: First, that General Douglas MacArthur's birthday be observed by our organization. He is a Son of a Union Veteran; second, that our organization adopt the song, "Your a Grand Old Flag," by George M. Cohan, as our theme song to be sung at our many gatherings. (Permission of copyright owner requested).

Vermont—S. D. McCullough. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day and Sunday, Veterans Night.

Washington—C. H. Thorp. Days observed: Lincoln's Birthday and Memorial Day. A memorial plaque to the Yakima Memorial Hospital is to be presented by the Sons and Daughters, \$1000 having been raised for this purpose. Dept. Sec. Denton secured the closing of the schools on Memorial Day in his community, after putting up a stiff fight.

Pennsylvania—George H. Moore. Days observed: Lincoln's Birthday (25 Camps), Washington's (15), Union Defenders Day (3), Memorial Day (25), Independence Day (5), Armistice Day (9), V. E. Day (1), Appomattox Day (12), Veterans Night (4), American Day (2), Army Day (1), General Grant (1), Camp Memorial Day (1). Many able and talented speakers. Every member urged to put his shoulder to the wheel and show honor and respect to the G. A. R. who gave their all. In York every child is given a flag to carry in the Memorial Day parade. Receive a lot of good from articles in The Banner.

Massachusetts—Leon H. Palmer, Acting. Days observed: Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day. List of members who gave Memorial Day addresses and other patriotic addresses during the year: Howard A. Coolidge (Camp 14), 148 Minot St., Dorchester. Camp 24—P. D. C. Elias R. Sweet, 483 Washington St., Gloucester; Samuel B. Hodgkins, 322 Washington St., Gloucester; Walter Hodgkins, 9 Western Ave., Gloucester; George A. Reed, 141 Essex St., Gloucester; Alex D. Troy, 410 Western

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The year has been an unusual one, in many respects the most unusual in our history. Our beloved country, saved from division in the eventful days of the sixties by our forbears, was engaged in its greatest struggle, requiring sacrifices from all. Restrictions preventing our usual activities and mode of living were, until recently imposed, and willingly met. Happy victory as was confidently expected was ours, and we may soon be engaged in our wanted and normal procedure. To you, as Commander-in-Chief, these restrictions prevented much activity enjoyed by all your predecessors, and made your task much more difficult. However you met the problem cheerfully, with no thought of self, and the deep gratitude of our membership is yours.

It was my privilege again to spend half of the year in the city of St. Petersburg, Florida. It was with deep regret that efforts made, and assistance offered, failed in holding the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, which, for many years, with the gradual and regrettable loss by death of some of the more interested members, has been declining, making necessary the disbanding of the Department. While the direct loss in Camps and members was slight it will be regretted that our Order thereby lost, to an extent, its identity in a section of our country where it would be most telling. However the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic will be perpetuated for Memorial Day is properly observed under the guidance of an organization, composed largely of veterans of the later wars, bearing the honored name—Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day Association, Inc. Thus, perhaps properly, will the teachings of the Grand Army of the Republic, for many years actively supported by our Order, and our allied Orders, be continued.

After giving the question considerable thought and study I feel constrained, in my official capacity, to refer to the action of the Sixty-second Annual Encampment, Milwaukee, 1943, as shown on pages 22 and 67 of the proceedings. Our National Secretary-Treasurer in his report recommended that Section 3, Article V, Chapter 3, Constitution & Regulations, page 35, as it referred to the compensation of the National Secretary, be *suspended*. He gave as his reason the then financial condition of our Order. His recommendation was regretfully approved. The validity of such action was open to question, but none was raised since it was taken at the request, and upon the insistence of the one person affected. However since this year marks the end of the present elective term I feel the matter should again be reviewed. It will be noted that the action of the Encampment was for the *suspension* of the provision of the regulation affected—the recommendation using the word “suspended,” and was acted upon as such. For the reason above expressed, and since we will enter upon a new term of office, I, Recommend that Section 3, Article V, Chapter 3, Constitution & Regulations, page 35, be restored to its former reading and status, thereby annulling the suspension effected by the action of the Sixty-second Annual Encampment.

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I may be permitted, in conclusion, to express my indebtedness to you in being permitted to again serve our Order, so close to my heart over a long period of years, through your appointment. My thanks to you for the confidence so shown. That it was a pleasure is cheerfully said. You are to be commended for the efforts so successfully put forth by you in meeting the unusually difficult duties imposed upon you.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Huntington Park., Calif., August 1, 1945.

Commander-in-Chief U. W. Mackey,

My dear Commander—Sir:

I have the honor to report to you and through you to the Commandery-in-Chief, the following for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, for the Commandery-in-Chief year, 1944-1945.

Soon after reaching home and after thinking the matter over, it seemed advisable to have a rather large Committee. I contacted all members of the Committee advising early organization of the campaign in the States involved. Due to the fact that this was a Legislative year with State Legislatures, and due to the fact that States had turned down our Highway dedication and marking programs of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, U. S. 6, I knew that much work would be necessary. Soon reports were coming, indicating that members were busy, that all allied organizations were becoming interested, and doing much effective planning. We hoped for success. Since there were two far western States through which U. S. 6 crossed in which we were not represented by our organization, and knowing there would be considerable correspondence, I asked Past Department Commander John G. Spielman of Long Beach, a near neighbor, to assist me as Secretary of the Committee. Much credit is due him for consistent labor, printing letters and material as to the Highway project, making blue prints and other detailed work.

So the stage was set for performance. Who would send in the first encouraging report?

We will start in the West just over the border of eastern California State line at which point there is a Grand Army of the Republic Highway marker.

Nevada: I had felt from correspondence of a year before and knowing by that means that the Governor was favorable and that the highway Commission of that State was also favorable, that there was a possibility in the reply to my first letter to the Department of Highways. I received a letter from the State Highway Engineer stating his interest and advising that I contact the Governor, sending to

him a copy of the California Act passed in 1943 and other material. The Governor replied at once assuring me he was interested and made very complimentary remarks as to our organization for good Government and that Civil War Veterans should be thus recognized for its long service. He passed the matter on to the Highway Engineer for action with recommendations, etc. The Bill was introduced. It was referred to the Sifting Committee or Roads Committee of the Assembly. They refused to consider the designation of U. S. 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. So, that was that! That was the first try out. California went to bat on a similar one three times, before it finally passed. So try again on Nevada.

Utah: We are now moving eastward. We had an interested helper, Mrs. E. E. Erickson, State Senator and a member of the Woman's Relief Corps. She introduced a Joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives for establishing a Memorial Highway to the Grand Army of the Republic. It was referred to the Sifting Committee and there it remained. So we lost out there. However, it was given a great deal of publicity. There was one Grand Army man in that State then living in Salt Lake City. The communications I had from State Road Commission of Utah was to the effect, that they had taken down many names or designations of highways, as the Lincoln Highway, Midland, Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway, etc. He thought it impossible to put through such Legislation now. But time will tell!

Colorado: As all Highway markers are down in Utah except those of numbers, we hurry along to Colorado and as we enter the State, there are no markers. The Committee is doing its best to get Legislation passed in order to have Markers placed. As I understand at this date, the Legislation was passed, but the Highway Chairman did not want to erect the Markers. Mr. Coffee reports that he hopes to get a more favorable statement to me later in the year.

Nebraska: The members of the National Highway Committee from Nebraska got down to work as soon as Congressmen were assured of election and contacted Sen. William A. Crosslan and Sen. Earl J. Lee and had them prepare for introduction, a resolution naming U. S. Highway through Nebraska as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. They drew up a resolution and enlisted the help of other Senators from the districts crossed by No. 6. The resolution was passed unanimously by the Nebraska Legislature. All the heads of the Orders affiliated with the Grand Army were contacted and asked to have all their members write their local Congressman, asking him to support the Resolution. They responded with many letters from all over the State.

They met some difficulty as to marking the Highway. The State Highway Commission could not see the need of expense of new Marker now, so that clause which appropriated money for the markers was omitted. That can come up at some other Session. I want to thank the Department of Nebraska on their success and much praise is due Elmer E. Cram, Department Commander, and Albert W. Foust, Past Department Commander, for their untiring efforts in the accomplishment of this State's taking favorable action, as of this date. They certainly got the matter to the people and had many fine endorsements for the project. Thank you, Nebraska.

Iowa: At the beginning of the Highway Legislation, the Department Commander, W. F. Alstrand, asked Captain W. A. Hathaway, of Des Moines, to take the Chairmanship of the Department Committee. He organized the workers and proceeded to build up the campaign work and much along that line was accomplished. Many people

became vitally interested, including members of the allied organizations of the Grand Army Family. A Resolution was introduced in the Senate by Senator Berg. The Bill was put into the hands of the Sifting Committee. Brother Hathaway and many prominent people kept contacting the Committee to bring the Bill on the floor. On April 16, 1945, I received word from the Chairman that the Legislature had adjourned without taking any action on the Bill, since it had remained in the hands of the Sifting Committee. We were glad to learn however, that Miss Amy Noll, Secretary of the Grand Army, was a great help and we appreciate it, as also the interest taken by Commander Alstrand and Brother Wasson and the Executive Council of the State, which was in favor of it. Once again, Iowa Department was disappointed as we all are in that the Resolution failed to get through. We trust that Iowa will not give up but start to plan early for the next campaign.

Illinois: We cross the Mississippi River into Illinois. It has always been a disappointment to learn that while the Legislative body of that important State had dedicated U. S. 6 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway, it had not been marked as such, and so the Committee of that Department worked on the project. Commander Alexander Levy had Brother Harvey H. Flock, Past Department Commander, make some investigations as to the matter in Legislative Halls as to the status of Highway markers. They have been told that Illinois cannot or does not permit naming of highways, but are marked by numbers, without act of Congress (?). I quote a paragraph from a ruling secured by Brother Flock from the Chief Highway Engineer of Illinois:

"I regret, therefore, that under the existing Illinois statutes, I see no way in which the Department of Public Works and Buildings could authorize the erection of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway marker described in the correspondence which you submitted to us."

At this time, I am not sure as to the former Legislation in Illinois regarding this matter, however we will have it investigated. It looks as though the Highway matter is a hard one in this Department. I want to thank Past Department Commander Harvey Flock for the work he has done in his investigations.

Indiana: Commander Horn appointed a Highway Committee, according to his letter, and they reported that Legislation had been passed a few years ago, but they could not get the Highway Commission to agree to anything. They turned thumbs down on all proposals.

Aug. 3, 1945. Further report from Department Commander Horn: "In a few words I will give a brief summary of what has been done. I find that the Legislature acted favorably on this proposition, several years ago, the hitch seems to be with State Highway Commission or Department. So far have been unable to swing them over, but now there is better hopes of getting the markers up."

Seems they have a new Governor, and with A. C. Thornburg, they will have a conference with the Governor, and hope to get favorable action soon.

Ohio: We cross Ohio, my native State, over U. S. 6 and it is marked Grand Army of the Republic Highway. I am proud of beautiful Ohio and of my adopted State California (here I come) which is marked from the Pacific Ocean to the Nevada State Line.

Pennsylvania: I was certainly disappointed to learn that the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was not marked after all of these years. Inquiries came to me asking why U. S. 6 was not marked.

I contacted the Department Secretary, Frank M. Heacock, and received a reply. He had made some investigation and from personal knowledge gave me some information on the matter. Copies of letters from a Legislator and copy of the Resolution which was adopted in 1937, adopted by the Senate Sept. 12, 1937, Legislation Journal, Page 2326, were sent to me.

Naturally, it would seem that the Legislation was not executed for some reason unknown to myself. However on Feb. 28, 1945, I received a letter from J. Clark Mansfield, that there was an excellent chance this year to have U. S. Highway No. 6 designated as Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Others were very much interested in this matter. I was glad to hear that, for Pennsylvania is and should be an important link to take care of in this coast to coast Highway.

Recently, have been informed that the State never has passed any Legislation on this matter. If so, why not? Pennsylvania is a great patriotic State, always was and still is. History tells that story. At this date, I am confused as to the status of the Highway matters in this Department. I have been informed recently that lately the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has passed a law authorizing the Secretary of Highways to change and rename such Highways as may be appropriate. Still I am puzzled as of this date, Aug. 2, 1945, and as of July 12, 1945. The Chairman of the Highway project informs me he hopes for favorable action soon. From here on, we are in the waiting stage and if word comes in I will report to you as soon as possible. I would thank the Brothers for their interest and work done.

On Sept. 5 I received word from Captain J. Clark Mansfield, Chairman of the Highway matters in Pennsylvania, that on the 28th of July, 1945, the Secretary of Highways of Pennsylvania, John U. Scroyer, had officially designated U. S. 6 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Come on, Brother Past Commanders-in-Chief, with your number and influence, this thing might be accomplished.

Thanking you, Sir, to have been on your *working* Committee and I am only sorry that we cannot show more progress in this most important project of the Commandery-in-Chief. However, we made a gain by splendid work, resulting dedication in *Nebraska*.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

RALPH R. BARRETT, M. D.

In drawing some conclusions as to the future of the Project as the matter stands now, based upon the reports received and comments made by members of the Highway Committee, we fully realize that a real effort confronts us and may be hard to accomplish our desires in having this Highway designated as Grand Army of the Republic Highway, Coast to Coast over U. S. 6.

Therefore, I offer the following suggestions or resolutions:

1. That the Chairman should be some one located conveniently near the important State in which much work is to be done, as Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa or Colorado. He should have time to devote to it as it looks now, somewhat of a politician and with a wide acquaintance.
2. All the organizations in the Grand Army family should be invited to take part in the Project.
3. That a fund be set aside for expenses connected with the

project, and that each Department may be authorized to raise a fund for local or Department expenses of the project.

4. Printed matter should be provided giving the history, the importance of it and such other information as may seem necessary by the Highway Committee. Blue prints of the markers would be valuable. (I have been asked to send a real life size marker for use at the time of Legislation pending, etc. If I were making a talk, I might enlarge some on this subject).

5. That if some States can do nothing about it because of Legislation that prevent markers, that if to by-pass some, if it is possible, might be considered if thought advisable.

6. I would advise that the National Secretary endeavor to find out direct from the records of Legislation in the States not marked just what is the status of Highway matters as to dedicating and marking as memorials.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

RALPH R. BARRETT, M. D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION

Perkasie, Pa., August 6, 1945.

To Union W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief,
Officers and Members of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Greetings:

In submitting the report of the National Americanization Committee for the fiscal year, it is done so at this time by virtue of a necessary procedure. Consequently, it will not be of great length.

Because of the distance between the various members of the Committee, no meetings were held, but correspondence was exchanged.

Letters of request were sent to each Department Commander and each Department Secretary urging that reports of their respective Department Americanization Committees be submitted. The response was very disheartening. To date, but one Department has reported.

Therefore, no action can be taken at this time relative to the disposition of the Grant Trophy. This matter will be taken up at a later date at which time the Committee may have had an opportunity to meet, and prepare a supplemental report to be submitted thereafter.

Expressing our appreciation for your thoughtfulness in our appointment, we regret our inability to make a more extensive report.

Trusting your administration has been successful and harmonious, we are

Fraternally yours,

NATIONAL AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE

Frank M. Heacock, P. D. C., (Pa.), Chairman,

E. Baxter Travis, P. D. C. (Ill.)

Charles B. Martin, P. D. C. (Kan.)

Dewey B. Mead, P. D. C. (Minn.)

R. J. Williams, P. D. C. (Ohio)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Hartford, Conn., July 30, 1945.

Urien W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief,
417 Ardmore St., S. E.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My Dear Commander:

As Chairman of the Grave Marking Committee, I submit to you and members of the Sixty-fourth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, my report for the term 1944-1945.

It is not a very encouraging report. Our Order seems to be in a rut. Perhaps due to War work or our members are getting older they don't feel able to carry on and are willing that members of other Orders do the decorations of Civil War Veterans. I fear if our Grave Marking Committees don't complete the work they have been doing many of the Civil War Veterans' graves will be lost, also the graves of the few remaining living Civil War Veterans. This work is ours as Sons of Civil War Veterans, but if we neglect our work others will take it up. The following is a Bulletin issued by the World War Veterans:

"Graves Registration.

To all Post and District Officers and Members
and specially to all Grave Registration Officers.

Review Bulletin No. 12, dated October 1st. Subject: Lost
Veterans' Graves.

"It Can't Happen Here." That's what you say. But don't be
too self satisfied.

A striking example of LOST VETERANS GRAVES can be found in the Barkhamstead Hollow Cemetery. There are known to be buried in this cemetery 11 Civil War Veterans. The story runs that the Grand Army Post of Winsted, faithful to their comrades, traveled far to this cemetery. They placed flag holders on the graves and on Memorial Day they placed flags and flowers. Six of their graves have a stone marker. These six were and always will be readily located. But five of these graves had no stone. But these comrades who came from Winsted each Memorial Day knew where the five comrades lay who had no stone. But there came a day when these faithful comrades went West, and with them went the knowledge which they had acquired about the five unmarked graves of their comrades. The flag holders became shifted around. Cemetery records, like many cemeteries of its type, do not show the location of these five graves. All that is left are five scattered flag holders. And so, now, there lies in the little cemetery in Barkhamstead, five Civil War Veterans, known but to God. **EVERY UNMARKED VETERANS GRAVE IN YOUR TERRITORY IS POTENTIALLY DOOMED TO THE SAME FATE.**

Fellows:—There is work to do in your territory.

GET THEM MARKED WITH A STONE.

Chas. B. Yerrington, Chairman,
Graves Registration Committee."

Also the records are most useful in proving eligibility for our Patriotic Orders as the following Letter and Answer will show:

"Mr. Charles R. Hale,
30 Oak Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hale:

A lady called me up this afternoon. She wants to join the Daughters of the G. A. R.. She needs the record of a James Bowen who lived and died in Willimantic some 20 or 30 years ago. She thinks he enlisted in Massachusetts so the Conn. Book is no help. As he is buried in Willimantic I wonder if your cemetery records would give us a clue to his record.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney R. Bard."

Answer:

"Mr. Sidney R. Bard,
c/o Brooklyn Savings Bank,
Danielson, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Bard:

In answer to yours of June 29th regarding James Bowen.

On the roster of Long Post, G. A. R., No. 30, Willimantic is the name of James M. Bowen, service, 8th Conn. Inf. They reported his death as of May 10, 1909. On Page 334, Connecticut Men in the War of the Rebellion, Co. A, 8th Conn., Private James M. Bowen, residence, Enfield, enlisted September 9, 1861, discharged February 6, 1863, for disability.

In Grove St. Cemetery, Putnam, is a headstone inscription as follows: Bowen, James M., Co. B, 8th Conn. Inf., died May, 1909, age 82, the grave has a G. A. R. Marker. Reference: Hale Connecticut; Headstone Inscriptions, Putnam, Page 10.

This must be the Bowen your friend is looking for.

With regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Hale."

May I add that the Soldier is buried in a Cemetery within five miles of Danielson.

While during the War this work has become dormant except in the Departments of California & Pacific, and Connecticut, and because of the small cost, I believe there should be a continuance of the work, at least till the war is over, so that our members may be able to complete the marking of Civil War Veterans Graves.

Therefore I recommend that a Grave Marking Committee be continued.

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

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHARLES R. HALE, Chairman.

Grave Marking Committee.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

August 4, 1945.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Union W. Mackey,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

For a number of years, the Civil War Veterans have been asking Congress to enact a more liberal pension law for widows of Civil War

veterans. This desire has now been realized. An Act of Congress, effective December 8, 1944, grants a pension of forty dollars (\$40.00) per month to a widow of a Civil War Veteran who was married to the veteran ten or more years prior to his death and lived with him continuously from the date of marriage to the date of his death, except where there was a separation which was due to misconduct of or procured by the veteran without fault of the widow. It is further provided that no pension is payable under the amended act to a widow under sixty years of age. Under the old law a widow was not entitled to a pension unless she had married the veteran prior to June 27, 1905. The present law, making the pension depend on ten years of married life, instead of marriage prior to a fixed date, is more reasonable.

Your Committee has been active in its support of a resolution introduced by Hon. Louis Ludlow, a member of Congress from the 12th District of Indiana. This resolution was introduced in the last Congress, and was known as House Joint Resolution No. 194. It designates November 19th, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as Dedication Day, and requires the President to issue a proclamation to that effect and to suggest that the address be read on that day in public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions, on our ships at sea, and wherever the American flag flies.

The resolution failed to pass in the last Congress. Congressman Ludlow re-introduced it on the first day of the present session, and it now bears the title of House Joint Resolution No. 35.

Your Committee asked all the allied organizations to support this resolution by writing to Congressmen asking their favorable vote when the resolution is up for passage. We have had splendid co-operation.

Congress is now in recess. It will re-convene in October, unless called to meet earlier. Congressman Ludlow advises our committee that he will press for passage of the resolution at next session. A copy of the same is hereto attached.

We recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief approve the resolution and that the Secretary send a letter to each member of the Committee on Judiciary of the House, urging favorable action, and that a similar letter be sent to Hon. Louis Ludlow.

There was never a period in the history of the United States when there was as much legislation, both national and state, as during the past year, most of which pertained to carrying on the war in which the nation is now engaged. It was obviously impossible for our committee to keep a check on all legislation, not to mention the countless executive orders and directives from administrative bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. COLWELL,
LEONARD S. HOPFIELD,
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Chairman.

79TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION—H. J. RES. 35
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 3, 1945

Mr. Ludlow introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating November 19, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day.

Whereas the Gettysburg Address of President Abraham Lincoln is the outstanding classic of the ages; and

Whereas it will touch the hearts of men and inspire them with faith in our matchless democracy as long as time endures; and

Whereas in that address Mr. Lincoln adjoured his fellow countrymen to dedicate themselves to the principles of democracy in order that government "of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth;" Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That November 19, the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, be, and hereby is, designated in our calendar of special days as Dedication Day.

That the President of the United States is requested to proclaim November 19 as Dedication Day and to suggest that the address be read on that day in public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions, on our ships at sea and wherever the American flag flies.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale, please remain at this station. I have been requested to go to the Grand Army of the Republic for a meeting of the national heads of all the organizations. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will assume the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's station and I will appoint as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, of Pennsylvania, until I return.

RESOLUTIONS

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

From the Department of Michigan: "Relative to enactment of compulsory military training during peacetime."

From the Department of Oregon: "Recommending legislation by Congress to punish the practice of overturning headstones on veterans' graves, removing markers and stealing flags from cemeteries."

From the Department of Pennsylvania: "Relative to change of months of issue for The Banner."

From the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution: "Relative to observance of Constitution Day, September 17."

From the New England Regional Association: "Relative to the Flag salute."

From Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale: "Relative to banning of the theatrical performance of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.'"

COMMUNICATIONS — GREETINGS

National Secretary Hammer presented the following communications and greetings:

My dear Horace and all friends:

Lyons, New York, Oct. 1945.

Words fail me, to express my regret in not being able to meet

with you and greet all with a hand shake. I had planned and would have met with you, if the first dates, as given out, had not been changed. The present dates makes it impossible. Only three physicians when we had eight at the beginning of the war. I am down with work and feel, even at my age, I must do all that I can to relieve those who are in need of a physician.

I say "Hello" to all the friends and tell you that you are and will be in my thoughts with a hope that I can meet with you next year. My congratulations to the new Commander-in-Chief and his staff. Again "Hello" to you all and best wishes.

Fraternally yours,

RALPH SHELDON.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1945.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Horace:

Sorry that I cannot be with you and the other members of the Sons while you are in session in Columbus.

I greatly miss these opportunities of fellowship with the men of many years, and realize full well how great the loss.

I am thinking of giving up my business before many more years pass, and if I do by next season it may be possible for me to attend one more of the National Encampments.

Please extend to the national officers my warmest greetings. It is a challenging time to take over the helm of this patriotic order and cause it to ride on an even keel to a safe harbor.

I feel a certain amount of pride that my membership has passed fifty-five years. If, as I expect, you select H. Harding Hale as your next Commander-in-Chief, you may look for a very aggressive administration with possible good results. God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES F. SHERMAN.

Reading, Pa., October 1, 1945.

Dear Horace:

Thinking of all friends. Regret that conditions made impossible for me to be with you. Extend to Commander-in-Chief Mackey and all my good wishes and hope for successful Encampment.

C. LEROY STOUTT,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

Franklin, N. H., Sept. 30, 1945.

Dear Secretary Hammer,
And ALL other Brothers
At Columbus—Greetings:

Sometime I think St. Paul was wrong when he said "Love envieth not"—I love every one of you—but I do envy you the high privilege of being at Columbus this week.

I had all plans made, even to the appropriation of expenses—and then the Bishop had to call a special session of the Conference of which I am a member—and as chairman of a specially important committee I must be present Monday and Tuesday to make a report our committee has worked on. As some of you, perhaps, have said

to your ministers—so I say to you "I'll be with you in spirit," even though my body is 1000 miles away.

God bless you every one. I wish for our Commander-in-Chief a fine gathering and a successful Encampment. That goes for our National President and her splendid group of "girls."

Most sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG,

Past National Chaplain and
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Dawson Springs, Ky., Sept. 30, 1945.

Urion W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief,
S. of U. V. of C. W.
C/o National Encampment,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Brother Mackey:

It is quite a disappointment to me that I am not able to make the National this year as I had planned. I came as far north, from Florida, as central Kentucky, expecting to make the Encampment and make a visit to Indiana. However, a rather severe cold has overtaken me, here, and I am compelled to forego this contemplated pleasure, and return to Florida. I am just concluding a three Sunday's meeting here tonight—about worn out.

I trust you may have a grand Encampment. How I would love to see that fine bunch again, maybe I can make it next year.

Kindly extend my love and sincere good wishes to all my friends—whom I so sadly miss down in the "deep South." I am still a "damn Yankee" down here, but I can take it.

With every good wish,

In F. C. & L.,

FRANK C. HUSTON, P. C.-in-C.

Jamaica Plain 30, Mass., Sept. 30, 1945.

Horace H. Hammer,
National Secretary, S. U. V. C. W.,
Fort Hayes Hotel, Columbus, O.

Dear Horace:

It is with much regret that I must forego the pleasure of attending the Encampment due to my health and on advice of my doctors. Please extend my sincere and cordial greetings to all. I shall greatly miss the fellowship of meeting and greeting old friends. This I hope to be able to do next year.

Best wishes for a successful and forward-looking Encampment.

Fraternally,

FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

Rocky River, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1945.

U. W. Mackey, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Commander:

It is with regret that I advise you that it will be impossible for

me to get to Columbus for the Encampment. I have not been feeling so "HOT" for some time, and think I had better not try to make the trip.

With best wishes for yourself, and all of the "OLD GANG."

Faternally yours,

P. F. YENGLING,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 1, 1945.

U. W. Mackey,

Best wishes for constructive Encampment. Regret I cannot attend.

DEWEY B. MEAD,
P. D. C., Dept. of Minn.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 2, 1945.

Urion W. Mackey,
Hotel Fort Hayes, Columbus.

Sorry I am unable to attend the Encampment to accept the honor and pleasure of serving as Guide, due to a three week strike in the factory. Best wishes for a successful and prosperous Encampment.

ANDY RICHARDSON,
Dept. Com., Dept. New Jersey.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1945.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey,
Sons of Union Veterans,
In Encampment at Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Commander Mackey:

This little letter is written to bring you greetings from the Arlington Hall Board and from the little boys in the home.

You will be very happy to know, I am sure, that the fourteen former Arlington Hall boys who served their country in almost every branch of the service, will be returning to civilian life, all, to the last hearing from them, safe and in good condition.

We're awfully proud of these fourteen boys and their war service. Arlington Hall has a shining record of Uncle Sam having found every boy who came of age acceptable to him. Isn't that a marvelous thing when one considers that almost without exception the boys who come into Arlington Hall are not well nourished or physically ready to meet such a crisis as soldiering. Through the loving generosity of friends like you their strength, their health and their well being were built up so that when they were called they were ready to serve their country in her national crisis.

The little boys now in the home are getting along nicely. Our population hasn't been too large this year (we've ranged from six to fifteen) but the need is now increasing greatly.

The boys send their love and their hope that their many friends in the many Camps over the United States will remember them again this Christmas by filling the little stockings of loving kindness.

We wish you every splendid success for your Encampment.

Very truly yours,

PRISCILLA WAYNE SPRAGUE.

FINANCIAL REPORT

November, 1944, to September 30, 1945

Gift from Sons at National	\$ 50.00
From 1943 Auxiliary Campaign	280.80
Christmas Stocking Money.....	700.79
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BLANCHE RENNER,
Christmas Chairman.

Chicago, Ill.

Sons of Union Veterans, National Encampment Headquarters,
Fort Hayes Hotel, Columbus.

Commander-in-Chief:

The Philippine Veterans 8th Corps Association sends greetings. I was delegated to convey to you greetings of Foreign Wars to Indianapolis 24 years ago. Now attending National Encampment here today. Forty-one years ago at Boston was elected your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and acted with Dustin at Gettysburg 40 years ago. Would like to say "Hello" to Horace Hammer and many old timers. Hope to attend next year. My son, George Geis, Jr., was killed aboard aircraft in battle on Carrier Saratoga in Southwest Pacific, after destroying Japanese air planes. Regards and best wishes to all.

GEORGE S. GEIS,

National Historian and Past National President,
Philippine and China Veterans,
188 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.
(Member Old Glory Camp).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: Is there anything to be presented under unfinished business?

National Secretary Hammer: Nothing.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: Are there any reports of committees? If not, it would be in order to have a report from the Council-in-Chief.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF PRELIMINARY REPORT

Council-in-Chief Spink: I submit the following preliminary report which agrees with our audit:

THE READING TRUST COMPANY

Reading, Penna.

September 28, 1945.

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

This is to certify that at the close of business September 28, 1945, the following balances appeared on our books:

Savings (Permanent) Fund	\$3,522.56
Organization Fund	669.59
War Fund	220.46
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Council-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: You have heard the preliminary report of the Council-in-Chief. No objections, it is accepted. Is there any new business? If not, let's do a little business for ourselves.

RETURNS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: Give your attention to a matter that is very important; that of the returns on the proposed amendments to the constitution brought about by action of the Encampment last year.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, as you all know the one proposition was from the Department of Maryland—to have Section 3, Article VI, changed to read, "five or more Camps and a minimum aggregate membership of one hundred fifty members" to retain a Department.

The other was from the Department of Minnesota—that the word "political" be stricken out wherever it appears in Article IV of the Constitution and Regulations, and that the word "partisan" be substituted. (He read the returns as listed on page 14 in the Officers' Reports).

Two-thirds or more of the Departments have adopted these proposed amendments which automatically changes the Constitution accordingly; the next General Orders in The Banner will officially promulgate the changes.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: You will note that this information all appears in the printed reports, so that you may find out what your Department did in regard to these proposed changes. Over two-thirds of the Departments have registered their approval and they will formally become operative in the next General Orders.

National Secretary Hammer: As soon as peace is officially declared by Congress, Form 5 will provide for the War Medal up to the present time.

Delegate Andrew Burns, Pennsylvania: On the subject of war medals, I have discussed with our National Secretary who is eligible to wear this medal. You fellows from the central part of the country are probably not as interested in this matter as we are along the eastern sea coast.

I would like to know if members of our order who have served in the Merchant Marine, who have taken the risks and faced the dangers of war, should be entitled to wear that medal. They risked their lives in the service of our country and I would like to know whether they are allowed to wear that medal or not.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: You have heard the question raised by the brother. It should be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations; presented in writing which is the proper manner. Submit in writing what you intend to bring before us.

Delegate Andrew Burns, Pennsylvania: One of the reasons why I ask is that I was a member of the Merchant Marine in the last war. Another question—Do I have the power to submit that as an individual?

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert, New Jersey: Anyone can submit it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Please submit it to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, in writing.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have been thinking a little about something, and I want to make a suggestion. You all have your copies of the Officers' Reports and Encampment Roll. Only the report of the Commander-in-Chief was read. Perhaps I am wrong when I say that very few of you members take the time to read these reports. May I specifically suggest that, sometime before tomorrow morning, each of you read all of these reports. They contain a number of recommendations and suggestions that will be acted upon.

I am saying this now because, a year ago, through my neglect to read these reports thoroughly, I failed to note something that I would certainly have brought to the attention of the Encampment.

Read these reports so that when committees offer their reports, you will know what they are talking about and be prepared to act upon them.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: You have heard the suggestion for careful reading of all the reports that are printed. That doesn't need any further action, and it's a mighty good suggestion.

G. A. R. HIGHWAY

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: If the time allows, I will make a few preliminary remarks for the Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Highway. There are some important things to be taken into consideration and, if it is advisable, I will speak about it now so that a case study may be made and you will have a better understanding of what is involved.

If you will note, in the report of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, I have offered some suggestions. I hope you will read them. I had to do some of this work during strenuous times and conditions; think it over and offer some suggestions.

I feel that the National Encampment will have to go on record that we are up against a tough proposition in some of our Departments, and we are going to have to put forth a special effort on this proposition. We will have two years before the State Legislatures meet again, we have a lot of work to do in that time. Some of our men, working on this G. A. R. proposition in various states, are told that it can't be done. They have certain regulations in those states which they say will make it impossible to do it.

In Utah, a state which U. S. Highway No. 6 crosses, they have told the party who introduced the bill that they have passed a law for taking down markers from highways that have been named, and that they do not intend that such a memorial be put up. They have taken down the Lincoln Highway signs, Old Trails Highway signs, and many others; and that is one of the things they are telling us now.

In Nevada, when our bill was properly presented and introduced

the Governor and the Highway Commission of the State were in favor of it. The Governor asked the Highway Commission to introduce the bill. It was killed in the committee.

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I feel that every Department Commander and all Department officers should make this the first thing in their Department Orders; and work hard during the next two years in regard to putting this matter over in their States. You must get to work. I am in favor of getting the other allied organizations to come in with us on this project.

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So, Brothers, think about this matter. Your Departments will have to raise some money and get to work on this proposition because we must find out just what the status of the laws are, and what can be done.

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Past Department Commander Roy R. Lewis, Wisconsin; In connection with the suggestion that members of our organization write letters to the Highway Committees in these various states, that is fine; but the committee looks at them, says it ought to be done, and then throws away the letter. This is partly due to the fact that the letters are not addressed to the proper person. I believe that if each one of us, when we get that command, will take the time to write to the proper person in the various states, it will aid us greatly in this project.

Delegate Julius Isaac, New York: I would be thoughtless if I didn't report that Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. Allan Dyer was very much interested in this project. He, and several others, were instrumental in having that matter brought up before the Legislature in New York; a bill was introduced and passed, and six markers were placed in the state of New York. However, it seems that, in some way, they were removed.

A short time ago, I received a letter from Brother Mansfield, of Pennsylvania, regarding the matter of the highway in New York state and concerning the fact that he had written to someone in the Legislature for more markers. He received word from the Commissioner of Public Highways that there was no record of any action taken in connection with this highway, or the marking of it, in New York state. I looked through various proceedings and found reports from Brother Dyer, so I got busy immediately. Recently, I received a letter from the Commissioner of Public Highways stating that the matter had been overlooked in some of the journals of the State Highway Commission, and that a dozen markers would be made and placed on that highway.

The New York Department doesn't want any credit for it; it was done by a man whom we loved, revered, respected, and so badly miss—Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. Allan Dyer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The name of Brother Mansfield has been mentioned, and I believe he is unknown to most of you. He happens to be a resident of my home town and a very close friend of mine; and because of the work he has been doing, he has made me acquainted with some astounding facts.

He is a Past Department Commander of the Spanish War Veterans and a prominent member of the American Legion; and if the highway was a hobby to Brother Anderson and to Brother Barrett, to him it is more than that. He will be here, I hope, tomorrow evening and will be at our session on Wednesday when you will probably hear some astounding things about this highway. Brother Anderson says it was carried through to Iowa, but it is not half way there. I doubt if any of us know the real status of this important project.

I know of no memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic made of bronze or granite that would be half as great a memorial as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, from the state of Massachusetts to California. That will be a real memorial that can't be duplicated by anything that has been erected for them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: In one of the states through which the highway passes, we had difficulty in having them name it and place markers bearing that name. However, the Chairman of the Highway Commission agreed that they would place a marker where the highway entered and left the state. Since that time, some of the allied organizations have assumed the responsibility of putting

up those markers. As a result, they have put up a wooden board on a stick—Brothers, what a disgrace! Don't let it happen in your state.

Department Commander Chester Charter, Minnesota: I want to take this opportunity to thank the Commandery-in-Chief for the action taken in adopting the word "partisan" in place of "political," and I am sure the members of our Department will be very happy. May I thank you for giving it two-thirds majority so that, in the future, we can support our friends when necessary. If, at all, this will help Dr. Barrett and the highway project we are very glad that it has been done.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: Our Commander-in-Chief has just returned and he will, therefore, assume this station at this time. (Commander-in-Chief Mackey returns to his station).

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the reports of the Committee on Americanization and the Committee on Marking Graves be adopted as printed. (Motion seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I said something a few minutes ago, and I want to emphasize it now. I wonder how many brothers have read this Americanization Committee Report, or any of the others for that matter. I think it would be well to postpone action until the brothers have had an opportunity to read these reports.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I think that is very well put. If you would like to, we will leave this until tomorrow.

National Secretary Hammer: We are under this order of business now. After all, if a fellow doesn't read these reports, we can't help it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I agree that it is the order of business, but there is nothing that says we must take it up now. We can postpone it until later, after everyone has read it. I would like to suggest that we have a few more discussions to take up this half hour still remaining.

Delegate Andrew Burns, Pennsylvania: There is no one who has more respect for Brother Hammer than I, but I must concur with what Brother Sautter said. I know that Brother Hammer wants to get these reports taken care of and away; but those things lead to an organization of one man, with a body of "yes" men. Frankly, it would be ridiculous to vote on something we know nothing about. Brother Sautter is perfectly right, and I think this should be laid over until tomorrow.

National Secretary Hammer: I will withdraw my motion on one condition—that everyone promises to read the reports. (The second withdrew also).

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Let us all go over these reports thoroughly tonight, as we will act on them tomorrow in all probability.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee presents a preliminary report, present:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	8
Department Commanders	13
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Delegates and Appointed Delegates	36
Total	96

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: If no objections, we will recess until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

October 2, 1945 — 9:30 A. M.

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

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: The order of business is new business. Has anyone anything to offer?

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, only three members of the Americanization Committee are present at this Encampment. Do you desire to make any substitutions?

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I believe you three should carry on. Is there any unfinished business? If not, are there any reports of committees: Is there any standing committee to report at this time?

National Secretary Hammer: How about the report of the committee, by direction of the last Encampment, was to provide a suitable badge to be worn by the Commander-in-Chief. We haven't received that report and to get it in the record, we should have that now.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sauter: The Chairman of that Committee is Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, who is not here. He sent a report but, as yet, I haven't been able to consult with Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert who is the other member of the committee. I ask the indulgence of the Encampment, and will present it later.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: That can be reported later. That is the only thing we had left over from the Des Moines Encampment. Brothers, if we refer back to Officers' Reports, we could consider the report of the Committee on Organization. I know you have all read these reports by this time, and are now in a position to act upon them.

National Secretary Hammer: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Americanization, as printed on page 32 of the Officers' Reports.

Past Department Commander Robert R. Rankin, California & Pacific, seconded that motion. (Motion carried).

National Secretary Hammer: I move, that the report of the Committee on Marking Graves on page 33 of the Officers' Reports be adopted, as printed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan seconded the motion. (Carried).

National Secretary Hammer: I move the adoption of the report of the Legislature Committee on page 35 of the Officers' Reports, as printed.

Department Commander Lawrence D. Riley, Massachusetts, seconded that motion.

DEDICATION DAY — NOVEMBER 19

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: I am Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, and I would like to make a few remarks that do not appear in our report.

There was introduced in the last Congress by Hon. Louis Ludlow

of Indiana, a resolution designating November 19, the anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day and calling upon the President to issue a proclamation to that effect.

Some people think it is entirely unnecessary because they feel that everyone should know about Lincoln's address at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863. It is to be regretted that very little is known about the Gettysburg address in the United States and if it is adopted, many soldiers and sailors will hear about it for the first time.

I have quite a collection of history books of the United States. You will find the word "Gettysburg" in most of these history books, but nothing about the address; little about the battle.

In fact, in many parts of this country you can go to High School and never learn anything about the Gettysburg address. Nothing was said in our report about that feature, but we think that any boy or girl who goes through High School should learn about it. We think it very important, therefore, that this resolution should pass; and that the Gettysburg address be brought to the attention of all children in the United States.

Last February, I read an article in an English magazine about the Civil War. In a foot-note, it stated that nothing was said about the Second Inauguration of President Lincoln or the Gettysburg Addresses because both are well known to everybody in England. It made me stop and think—everybody in England knew about it and yet there are many school children in the United States who have never heard of it. It think it is exceedingly important that this resolution should pass.

Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, Pennsylvania: It is very seldom that I get to a National Encampment. In 1931, when we met in Cincinnati, I presented a resolution to that Encampment. When I took it in to the committee, a fellow asked me, "what do you want"—he did not understand it. That resolution was that we go on record as an organization demanding of our legislators suitable legislative action for a minimum requirement of the study of patriotism.

We are too timid about these things. We should set up the machinery in our organization to demand a minimum requirement of study in that direction. I certainly agree with Brother Heintz that no boy or girl should be permitted to graduate from High School without knowing the Gettysburg Address, the Second Inaugural Address and the patriotic songs.

I retired last spring from teaching; and I know that we should not accept this "with a grain of salt." I would like to see this organization go on record demanding a minimum program for the study of patriotism in schools.

The American Library Association has placed it third among the literary gems of the world—the Twenty-third Psalm is first, the Lord's Prayer second and the Gettysburg Address is third.

We should teach the real significance of it. I think if we could get to the point of dedicating ourselves as an organization to a definite program of teaching patriotism in our schools, we would be doing something worthwhile. If nothing else, that should warrant our existence and give us a distinctive place among the great patriotic societies of this country.

Delegate H. H. Anderson, Ohio: I am concerned to step in here, because I think the Sons of Union Veterans have reached the adult stage.

The preceding speakers have touched the keynote, when they

asked about the future we have. Recently, I recall this question being asked about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—why do you exist? Brothers, if you have a sacred duty, it is the preservation of the rules laid down in the Gettysburg Address as advocated by Abraham Lincoln.

This speech is recognized in England as the pinnacle of splendid English. Lincoln wrote it on a train. It is a masterpiece. As such, it is your duty to see that it is promulgated.

Brothers, we have a heritage. After you go home, think over your requirements and you may wake up to the fact that you have a duty to perform. I think that some of these remarks that have been made should be combined in a small piece of literature to be used by Camps in securing new members and for the preservation of the organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Just about one sentence—when this great war was being brought to a close and we were all listening to every word on the radio, how often did we hear part of this great address used? A number of times I heard the quotation used, "That these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." I was greatly impressed and as I heard it, I wondered if other people in this land of ours who were hearing it realize where it came from. I think that the emphasis cannot be made too hard on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, regardless of where it is. It is a document of great importance.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: We could take all day in the discussion of the Gettysburg Address, but I call this to your attention.

Professor I. Q. was in one of our northern cities one night last fall and he said he would give \$1.00 for every word of the Gettysburg Address that the contestant could recite. However, the fellow couldn't even get \$1.00 and Professor I. Q. called attention to the fact that if the contestant had known the entire address he would have collected \$120.00.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Snodgrass: This may sound partial, but I want to tell you what happens among common men when Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is given.

I am employed in an industrial plant with forty-five men in my department. My close associates heard about my getting a leave of absence to attend this Encampment. They wanted to know what it was—this organization known as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—so I told them I would explain the whole thing during lunch period. I addressed the department of which at least 75% were present; and I explained what the Sons of Union Veterans was, and my interest in it. I finished my remarks with Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The Superintendent of our district was present, and I was proud to see that there wasn't a man in that group who did not feel respect for those remarks. We should use our organization in our everyday work to promote the publicity of it, and perhaps gain new members.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Are you ready for the question?

Delegate H. H. Anderson, Ohio: I object to the speed of this motion. I think these things should be discussed on the floor. As it is, you refer these subjects to committees who consider them then the National Secretary O. K.'s them and that's all there is to it.

National Secretary Hammer: I object on a point of order.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Please keep personalities out of this.

Delegate H. H. Anderson, Ohio: We have men from New York, Massachusetts, California, and from all over the United States who have gone to great expense to come here, and do a few moments business in seclusion. You refer it to a committee, then to the Secretary and then go home. Commander-in-Chief, you have a responsibility in giving these men an opportunity to express their opinion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I rise to a point of order.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: You are free to speak. The communications that have gone between your Commander-in-Chief and the Committee covers twelve months of work. There are some other things in this report beside the Gettysburg Address and I would like you to read and debate it.

Delegate H. H. Anderson, Ohio: I beg your pardon. I am just putting in a plea for those who rarely ever speak to express their opinion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Every member here has an opportunity to voice his approval or disapproval. If any member has anything constructive to offer let him do it. We can go on and discuss this, but the point is what do you want to discuss?

Delegate H. H. Anderson, Ohio: The point is that I do; I think these things should be fully discussed on the floor before action is taken.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: We have this motion before us. Are you all in favor of accepting this report, as printed on pages 35-36 of the Officers' Reports? (Motion carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BADGE

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Commander-in-Chief, I present the report of the Committee on the Commander-in-Chief's Badge.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Greetings:

Pursuant to the action of the Sixty-third Annual Encampment, authorizing the appointment of a committee to select a suitable badge to be worn by each Commander-in-Chief, and being honored with the appointment to that committee, we hereby submit our report.

We recommend that the pendant of said badge be the regulation pendant of the order, in gold instead of bronze, suspended by a ribbon of the Commandery-in-Chief at the top of which shall be attached a gold bar with the inscription "Commander-in-Chief" engraved thereon. This badge to be the property of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted this second day of October, 1945.

C. LEROY STOUTD, Chairman,
JOHN E. SAUTTER, Pa.
ALBERT C. LAMBERT, N. J.

Chairman Sautter: I move the adoption of this report.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Hugh I. Snider, Indiana.

Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: We have under consideration a similar proposition for the Department of Minnesota. That was one of the first things that I brought up that, if we didn't do anything else, we would try to originate a badge that would know the Department Commander and that it would be passed on from the retiring to the incoming Commander each year. However,

we wanted to be within the law in doing that in our Department and we would like to do it. I want to speak in favor of the motion, but I want your answer as to whether we are within the law in doing it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: It is my opinion that if any Department desires such a badge that it should be offered to the Commandery-in-Chief for the approval of this body, so that the badge will be uniform instead of twenty-four different designs. You can offer a resolution to this body that a committee of three be appointed to design it for Departments. The National Secretary suggests that it could be made as an amendment to the regulations, and any member can offer such an amendment. You can offer it; and it will go to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, and then to this body for acceptance.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Are there any other remarks? If not, we are ready to vote on this motion and adopt the report of the committee. (Motion carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON G. A. R. HIGHWAY

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the report of the Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Highway on page 28 of the Officers' Reports be adopted. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett).

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I have received, this morning, a letter from the Department Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Pennsylvania. It looked as if Pennsylvania was going to settle this business but something happened, and he says all proceedings are off at the present time. We are in hopes that Pennsylvania will be able to complete the marking and dedication of this highway.

Brother Horn, of Indiana, came to me with a letter from Brother Thornburg which shows encouragement for the highway in Indiana, and I think it would be a fine thing for him to read it to you.

Department Commander Thomas Horn, Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, I present the letter of Brother Thornburg in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

HOTEL ROBERTS

Muncie, Ind., Oct. 1, 1945.

Mr. Thomas Horn,
Department Commander,
Sons of Union Veterans of Indiana.

Dear Tom:

I am pleased to make the following report in regards to U. S. Highway Number 6 of Indiana.

The Legislature of 1937 passed a joint resolution designating this highway as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.

A committee, consisting of Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse and Past Commander-in-Chief Huston and myself, tried for a few years to have the proper markers placed on this highway. Our pleadings bore no fruit, because of an existing policy of the highway commission to the effect that no markers other than State or U. S. markers were allowed to be erected on the highways in the state. We finally gave up in despair.

When the State Administration changed last year, and you asked me to help again in the promotion of this worthy project, I was very happy to serve you and our wonderful order once again.

A meeting was arranged with Mr. John Lauer, Chairman of the new Highway Commission, who is a very close friend of our Honorable Governor Gates, and a good friend of mine. I soon learned that we had found a friend to our cause. Mr. Hartman, another member of the Highway Commission, was called into the conference, and he was most favorable. The two members, and the Governor, promised me their fullest co-operation in the proper marking of U. S. Highway No. 6 as it traverses through the State of Indiana.

It may take a few more meetings to work out all the details, but it is my belief that we will not fail this time.

It is also my opinion that the State of Indiana will furnish all financial support and will place this project on the list for proper publicizing.

Please be assured that it will be my pleasure to continue my efforts looking forward to the final accomplishment of this worthy cause.

In appreciation of the opportunity of serving you, I am,

Yours,

T/g.

A. C. THORNBURG.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you, Brother Horn, for bringing us the information contained in this letter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, of course I am heartily in favor of the adoption of the report, but I direct attention to the fact that on page 31, the concluding paragraph states: "Therefore, I offer the following suggestions or resolutions:" There are six specific items or recommendations, one of which includes that funds be provided. I am asking this question so there will be no misunderstanding—whether or not the approval of the motion and the adoption of the report carries with it the adoption of these suggestions.

Delegate H. H. Anderson, Ohio: May I ask a question? Does the adoption of those suggestions and the report close the presentation of resolutions? Are we going to have an opportunity to introduce any more resolutions?

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Yes, but they must be in writing.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Commander-in-Chief, as Chairman of the Highway Committee and in regard to these suggestions, may I say—these are suggestions for discussion on the floor. I think it will mean a great deal to the future chairman of this committee if it is discussed and we can get your opinion about it.

As to the money project, I think that should be a national fund. The only point with me was whether we had any jurisdiction to authorize the collecting of money in any one Department, as a National project.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, so there may be no misunderstanding, I make this statement. It is my opinion that the adoption of the report, as printed, carries with it the adoption of the suggestions made by the chairman.

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: I move that these suggestions be taken up, one by one.

Delegate Andrew Burns, Pennsylvania; I think we can clarify this. The adoption of the suggestions, to my mind, is legal and proper and we are within our rights in doing so.

There seems to be a question in some of the brothers' minds about raising money, as to whether we have the power to authorize the

Departments to raise funds. Of course, we have. The several De-
partments turned over about \$3500.00 during Past Commander-in-Chief
Lambert's year, raised originally for the purpose of buying a canteen
for the armed forces. If we can delegate the authority to several De-
partments for that purpose, we certainly have the power to do it to
obtain passage of necessary legislation, in the different states, for the
proper marking and legislation of the Grand Army of the Republic
Highway.

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: I think the best way is to take
these suggestions up seriatim and adopt them.

National Secretary Hammer: I accept the suggestion, and will
include it in my motion.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: The motion is now that we accept
the report of the Committee on Grand Army of the Republic High-
way, as printed, but act upon the suggestions seriatim.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I believe it is the thought of
the maker of the motion that these suggestions be considered before
we adopt the report as a whole.

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: I feel that if we discuss it, it
will be thoroughly understood.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: This is a big proposition; one that
we should give a great deal of thought. We people in Michigan, Min-
nesota and Wisconsin will do everything we can to help you folks
who have the highway going through your state. Now is the time to
discuss it. This committee has had a great deal of difficulty in this
matter, and I think we should devote some time to it.

I would like you to go away from here with the same thoughts
in mind as I have. If we are ever going to do anything for the
Grand Army of the Republic, we must get started and I know of noth-
ing we could do that would be of more benefit. Are there any more
questions on this motion? If not, we will accept the report of the Com-
mittee on Grand Army of the Republic Highway as amended by
Brother Barrett's remarks; and act upon the suggestions one at a
time. (Motion carried).

We are now considering the suggestions or resolutions contained
in this report:

(1) That the Chairman should be some one located conveniently
near the important State in which much work is to be done.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I presume that you desire a
motion on each one; and I, therefore, move adoption of this sugges-
tion.

Delegate Andrew Burns, Pennsylvania, seconded. (Adopted).

(2) All the organizations in the Grand Army family should be
invited to take part in the project.

Past Department Commander Louis G. Winchell, Mass.: I move
the approval of suggestion No. 2.

Delegate Herbert Bogue, Massachusetts, seconded. (Adopted).

(3) That a fund be set aside for expenses connected with the
project, and that each Department may be authorized to raise a fund
for local or Department expenses of the project.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mable: I move the adoption of sugges-
tion No. 3, with the word "may" taken out.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania,
seconded. (Adopted).

(4) Printed matter should be provided giving the history, the importance of it and such other information as may seem necessary by the Highway Committee.

National Secretary Hammer: I move the adoption of No. 4.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania. Delegate Wm. F. Memetz, Jr., Connecticut: I suggest that the Allied orders get together, in each Department, and instead of placing just any sort of marker put up a permanent, standard marker.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: That is all taken care of. There is a standard marker authorized.

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pa.: I am of the same opinion as Brother Barrett but I believe this suggestion should be so worded that Brother Barrett would be designated to assist this group.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: That is a very good point, keep it in mind. Brothers, we are now ready to vote on suggestion No. 4. (Adopted).

(5) That if some States can do nothing about it because of Legislation that prevent markers, that if to by-pass some, if it is possible, might be considered if thought advisable.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Just what do you mean, Brother Barrett?

Chairman Barrett: There has been a question about this matter. I have had letters from some states which say that, so far, their Legislative bodies say it can't be done—that is, marking Highway No. 6 through their States. Folks from nearby States have heard about that and said, "Come through our Department and we will take care of it." I am not in favor of changing the line if we don't have to. Since we have started this, I would like to see U. S. Highway No. 6 go through from the Atlantic to the Pacific to keep before the coming generations that the Grand Army of the Republic was an important factor in the history of our country.

It might make very little difference, but I wondered what the National Encampment would think about it. You can by-pass this resolution if you want to; I just wanted to get some discussion on it.

Delegate Andrew Burns, Pennsylvania: I agree with what Brother Barrett has said, but I would like some information.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I don't believe we have a motion to adopt this yet.

Delegate Andrew Burns, Pennsylvania: I just want this as a matter of information. The point is this—the suggestion reads. (reads suggestion No. 5, as printed). I have no intention of criticizing anybody's English, but that is very confusing. However, I believe I have your idea—that if we cannot get a continuous passage through a State and, if necessary, step over into another State, it could be done.

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pa.: As much as I hate to go against the wishes of Dr. Barrett, the Grand Army of the Republic never stopped until it got what it wanted, what it went after. I move that we do not concur in this suggestion.

Seconded by Delegate Andrew Burns, Pennsylvania. (Adopted).

(6) That the National Secretary endeavor to find out direct from the records of Legislation in the States not marked just what is the status of Highway matters as to dedicating and marking for memorials.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move the adoption of No. 6,

striking out the words "National Secretary" and inserting "National Chairman of the Committee."

Seconded by Past Department Commander Heacock, Pa. (Adopted).

Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, Pa.: I think there is one thing lacking in this report, and I would like to offer this as the seventh suggestion. I move that Brother Barrett, or any other you may wish to appoint, go into session at once and submit a plan for financing of this project in order that the proper lobbying may be set up in the Legislatures for this purpose. We have no definite plan for financing this thing, and such lobbying is certainly necessary to get this through in certain states.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Doesn't No. 3 take care of that?

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Yes, but the Committee did not recommend a financing plan.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I offer this as a suggestion? It will, of course, be necessary and it is the business of the Council-in-Chief to recommend this.

Take this into consideration; that practically all the States hold their Legislative sessions in the odd years and, therefore, will not meet until 1947. In the meantime, we will have an Encampment in 1946, at which time we can work on this matter.

Delegate Andrew Burns, Pa.: As I see it, all we have to do at this time is set up the machinery for the working out of these things. The incoming Commander-in-Chief can take all this into consideration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move the adoption of the six suggestions as a whole, as amended.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Lynn A. Tiffany, Michigan.. (Adopted).

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee submits a supplementary report—107 members on the roll.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Our time is up. I will declare a recess until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

October 2, 1945 — 2:10 P. M.

The session opened in regular form.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was escorted in and introduced to the Encampment. Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrman, Past National President, New York; Mrs. Mollie Neubauer, Past Department President, Missouri; Mrs. Mabel S. Taylor, Department President, Rhode Island.

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert responded.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The Committee to the Daughters of Union Veterans went and visited there this morning and found that they are having a marvelous meeting.

We went in with the other committees and were received very graciously; they send back their best wishes.

Brothers, they have a most wonderful collection of women over there. In fact, they have such a large delegation that they will have to move to another place. We ask that the Committee be discharged.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson. I report that the Greetings Committee to the Woman's Relief Corps performed its duties. We were graciously received with a warm welcome, found a very well attended convention; and the National President sends her kind regards to you. We wish to be discharged.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Both of these committees are discharged with thanks.

G. A. R. PARADE ESCORT

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: I have been requested by the National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic to select three men to ride in automobiles, in the parade, tomorrow morning to hold the Flag. It has been suggested by Brother Anderson that it would be right to have Ohio boys. If the Ohio delegation will meet me after the session, I will select three to ride in the parade.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I turned that job over to Brother Towle. If you can't get three in Ohio, you have plenty others to draw from.

Past Department Commander Edgar M. Linsley, Michigan: I contacted the Grand Army of the Republic and Brother Towle about the

parade and he informed me that we would like to have one hundred Sons in the parade; also that it would be necessary to be in civilian attire. We are to report out at Memorial Hall.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I had Brother Linsley contact the Board of Strategy in connection with this parade. We figure on one hundred Sons, so let us all meet in the lobby tomorrow morning and make a good showing in the parade. We made a good showing in Des Moines, so let's do it again. Be in the lobby ready to go over there at 9:30 a. m.—one hundred strong.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO AUXILIARY

Department Commander Paul E. Grate, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, I report for your Committee of Sons consisting of the Michigan and Ohio delegations who visited the Auxiliary. We were graciously received, and Sister Edith sent back her best wishes.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you, Brother Grate. The committee is discharged, with sincere thanks.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

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

- Clara M. Gallagher, Past National President, Pennsylvania.
- Edith B. Nile, National President, Ohio.
- Charlotte Mackey, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, Michigan.
- Bernice Tiffany, Past Department President, Michigan.
- Florence Wright, Past National Vice President, Michigan.
- Ruth Crouse, Past Department President, Michigan.
- Florence Brown, Patriotic Instructor, Michigan.
- Ruth Bacon Buchanan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Rosa V. Jewell, Flint, Michigan.
- Cora Clark, Department Secretary, Michigan.
- Marjory Kimball, Marshall, Michigan.
- Irene Kimball, Auxiliary President, Michigan.
- Marie D. Leudders, Department President, Michigan.

Past National President Gallagher, National President Nile, Mrs. Mackey (wife of the Commander-in-Chief), and Department President Leudders of Michigan extended their greetings and presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief.

Response by Past Department Commander Michael J. Heintz of Ohio, National Counselor of the Auxiliary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chairman Mabie: This is the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports

Columbus, Ohio, October 2, 1945.

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

Your Committee on Officers' Reports reviewed the Reports of the various Officers and, in quite a few instances, were struck with their brevity, and the thought occurred to us, "do the Officers realize what a wonderful opportunity they have in making their reports to bring to the attention of the entire membership the things which their term in office has shown to be or would be most beneficial to our Order, or do they just feel that a report must be submitted, and the shorter—the better."

We do not believe this condition should continue to exist and feel that every Officer, elected or appointed, should endeavor to submit a full and complete report of his activities during the year, for in this way only can we keep a record of the activities of our Order.

Only four recommendations were included in the entire list of Reports; three from National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer and one from National Counselor Sautter.

Secretary Hammer's Report, as always, is complete to the last detail and gives a clear and concise report as to our numerical strength and the condition of our finances.

We wish there was some way in which we could have every member read at least the report of Secretary Hammer; possibly it might awaken some of our brothers as to the work needed to be done if we are to keep our Order in the front line of Patriotic Organizations, and thereby keep alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We also wish to compliment the National Patriotic Instructor and the National Chaplain for the completeness of their reports, and for the splendid work accomplished by each of them.

The report of the National Secretary-Treasurer contains three recommendations:

National Secretary-Treasurer's Report

(1) That the Permanent Fund and War Fund be closed and the respective amounts be invested in U. S. Bonds of the next loan of the Government—we had quite a discussion in the committee and with various members on this proposition. If you will look at the Permanent Fund you will find a balance of \$3522.56 and \$220.46 in the War Fund. All morning we figured a way to get money for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee; and it seems to us that in distributing some of these funds we could do just that. However, in talking to some of the brothers we didn't seem to be able to find a way that we could do it so that the committee would have the benefit of it. So, without any recommendation whatever, we leave it in your hands that you can decide what we shall do with this fund instead of adopting Secretary Hammer's suggestion.

The Committee does not concur in the recommendation; we are leaving it open on the floor for you to decide whether you want to turn some over to the Highway Committee, and how much of it.

Past Department Commander Louis G. Winchell, Mass.: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Before there is a second, I believe I can move non-concurrence with the Committee; and the adoption of the recommendation of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I think there is a misunderstanding in the intention of the National Secretary-Treasurer. There is nothing sinister about it, and there is nothing in connection with the recommendation which involves the Grand Army of the Republic Highway or possibly funds to carry on that work—that will be cared for later by committee or individuals.

We now have these two funds and the sole purpose of this recommendation is to place these funds in such a manner that they will not be dissipated. If there is an emergency that requires this money, we can always take care of that at a session of this body.

I see no reason why the recommendation of the National Secretary

should not meet with the approval of this body because it does not affect anything we are doing, and it will not affect anything in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Mass.: I am sorry that Brother Mabie has stepped out of the room for a moment and is not here to clarify the attitude of the members of the committee. Of course, Brother Sautter is taking a different attitude.

I want to explain our attitude. We felt that we could consolidate the Permanent Fund and the War Fund thereby creating a fund out of which we might appropriate money to take care of the highway project. A fund thus created could not be wiped out by the Highway Committee, but this committee could be provided with appropriations and the fund could be enlarged upon from time to time. The G. A. R. fund now has about \$750.00—\$500.00 of that is to go to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the balance could be used for such a purpose.

Delegate David M. McLane, Illinois: I want to ask a question—does this refer to the Victory fund?

National Secretary Hammer: No.

Delegate McLane: If so, the Victory fund was never intended for war bonds.

Delegate William N. Nichol, Wisconsin: A question has arisen. In 1933 there was a deficit of \$2629.50 in this organization which was made up by the National Secretary. I can't understand why, when we have money available, the National Secretary-Treasurer has been allowed to bear this deficit.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: We are not talking about that now.

Delegate William Nichol, Wis.: The point I was raising is this—why couldn't \$2629.50 be transferred to the National Secretary-Treasurer from that Permanent Fund to make up that long standing deficit?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Please don't get this all confused. The National Secretary never considered that as a loan to this organization; he never expected a penny of it back. This has nothing to do with it, nor does the adoption of this recommendation involve anything about the G. A. R. Highway—that will be cared for later.

Chairman Mabie: What is the question?

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: The motion is non-concurrence with the Committee and the adoption of the recommendation of the National Secretary-Treasurer. (Adopted).

Chairman Mabie: The next two recommendations in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer are matters that pertain to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations; and it has been turned over to that Committee.

Report of National Counselor

The next recommendation that we have comes from the National Counselor—that Section 3, Article V, Chapter 3, Constitution and Regulations, page 35, as it referred to the compensation of the National Secretary, be suspended.

Two years ago, Brother Hammer asked that his salary be reduced. It was referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports and it was passed. Since that time, there has been some controversy about it and your National Counselor contends that we had no right to do it. Now, we

are asking that the recommendation of the National Counselor be concurred in.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan. (Adopted).

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. MABIE, Chairman, Pa.
 LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Mass.
 THOMAS A. CHADWICK, Vermont.
 ANDREW F. BURNS, Pa.

Chairman Mabie: We have gone very carefully through the various reports and those are the only recommendations that were made. Therefore, I ask that the Committee be discharged.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: The Committee on Officers' Reports is discharged, with thanks.

GRAND ARMY FUND

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer, would you like to make report at this time?

National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, this is a supplementary report of the National Patriotic Instructor.

It has been my lot to sponsor, in my life, some worthwhile enterprises, but I have never engaged in any project to which I gave more of my heart and soul than this Fund. The big reason for that was that I had been imbued with the G. A. R. spirit, like many of you. At the age of six, I went to the cemetery with the Grand Army boys. Later on, I was asked by my G. A. R. Post to act as its Chaplain. Still later, I was the Post Adjutant, and I had that for seven years. For twenty-five years, I carried the flag of the New York Department in the National Encampment parade. I think that accounts for my keen interest in the G. A. R. Fund.

There are two reasons why our G. A. R. Fund has far surpassed that of last year. In the first place, it was new last year. This year, especially through The Banner and through letters it has become much better known. In the second place, I gave each Department a quota this year and I know that our Patriotic Instructors put forth every effort to reach that quota. The credit for the sum of money received must go to our Department Patriotic Instructors; I think we do not really recognize the work they did in this respect. They worked hard in putting it across, and I pause to pay tribute to them.

Last year, we encountered a little opposition in connection with a part of the working organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, but this year I have had little objection to this fund. The objection this year has come from brothers who said that the G. A. R. Posts turned their property over to the American Legion when they ceased to exist rather than to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In some cases, this was partly due to the laxity of the Sons of Union Veterans. I do feel that such instances are few and far between, and it isn't fair to judge the G. A. R. by the actions of a few. I think we are all too prone to judge a group by the actions of a few.

The Department having the honor of first place in raising the largest sum of money is the Department of Pennsylvania. Under direction of Patriotic Instructor Moore, it contributed \$112.00 to this fund. He is not here, but Past Department Commander Ruggles, in whose administration this was started, is here and I would like him to stand. (Applause).

The second was the Department of New York, with \$78.00. Past Department Commander Doughty helped with this fund last year, and I will ask him to stand. (Applause).

Third was the Department of Illinois, with \$75.00. Much of the credit for this goes to Past Department Patriotic Instructor Samuel Livingston. Will Department Commander Brush please rise? (Applause).

The fourth was the Department of Wisconsin. The Department Patriotic Instructor, William J. McMain, is 82 and in ill health but he succeeded in putting it across. Department Commander Kaestner, please rise. (Applause).

You have an itemized statement in the printed reports; the additional amounts received since the reports were printed are:

Previously reported	\$656.41
Summers Camp No. 4, Portland, Oregon.....	5.00
National Chaplain George Bailey, Minneapolis, Minn.....	5.00
Camp No. 2, Schuyler, Nebraska.....	7.00
Richards Camp No. 5, Fremont, Nebraska.....	2.00
Carpenter Camp No. 58, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.....	8.00
Appomattox Camp No. 2, Wilmington, Delaware.....	10.00
Past Commander-in-Chief Albert Lambert, Trenton, New Jersey	5.00
Buford Camp, Washington	1.00
Lincoln Camp, Washington; Ferguson Camp, Washington.....	1.00
Department of Illinois, Additional.....	14.00
Department of Rhode Island	5.00
Major Leo Rasseur Camp No. 4, Missouri	2.00
Wilson Creek Camp No. 30, Missouri	2.00
General John C. Fremont Camp No. 35, Missouri	1.00
Department Commander Hobble, Kansas	1.00
Toledo Camp No. 133, Ohio	2.00
San Francisco Camp No. 1, California	1.00
Los Angeles Camp No. 2, California	5.00
Santa Ana Camp No. 4, California.....	2.00
Pasadena Camp No. 7, California.....	5.00
Inglewood Camp No. 8, California.....	2.00
Santa Cruz Camp No. 5, California.....	5.00
Ontario Camp No. 15	5.00
Oakland Camp No. 21, California.....	5.00
Riverside Camp, California	2.00
Past Dept. Com. Louis Winchell, Massachusetts.....	1.00
Nat. Pat Inat. Mrs. Evelyn Tucker, Alton, N. H.....	1.00
Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Kichgassner, Mass.....	1.00
Department of Massachusetts, Additional.....	21.10
Kirkwood Camp, Iowa City, Iowa	2.00
U. S. Grant Camp No. 100, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	2.00
Collection Columbus Encampment	48.00
Grand Total	\$835.51

The Department Commander of Massachusetts informs me that a check for \$21.10 is in the mail.

I was going to offer a recommendation that we give the same amount to the Grand Army as last year—\$500.00. However, it was given them last night when the allied organizations made their presentations. If my information is correct, approximately \$5,000.00 was given them last night. Part of that amount was for the Southern Memorial Fund, and some of our \$500.00 went into that fund.

I think the amount over the \$500.00 should be ear-marked for Grand Army of the Republic purposes. I would not say that we give it to this fund—we might even use some of it for the G. A. R. Highway.

I turn over to the National Secretary-Treasurer, a cashier's check for \$725.41, another check for \$32.00 and \$4.00 in cash; or a total of \$761.41.

National Secretary Hammer: I suggest we make it \$800.00.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: We will leave that with the understanding that maybe you can make a final report which will amount to \$800.00 before the end of this Encampment. I know you would like to recognize Brother Cranmer for his splendid work in this connection and, at this time, I would like you to give him a rising vote of thanks and a hearty applause. (Rising vote of thanks and applause).

National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer: Thank you, Commander-in-Chief and Brothers.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: How much must we raise to make the \$800.00, Brother Hammer?

National Secretary Hammer: Counting the check of \$21.10 to come, we still need \$17.49.

(Short recess declared for the purpose of collecting this amount).

National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer: I am happy to report that, with the contributions just received, we have a total of \$830.15 which includes the \$761.41 reported, the check for \$21.10 in the mail, and contributions in the Encampment of \$37.64.

Past Department Commander Hugh Snider, Indiana: I think our Patriotic Instructor gave \$500.00 to the Grand Army last year. I move that it be the same this year.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: That will be taken care of by Council-in-Chief. (Motion withdrawn).

G. A. R. FUND MOTION

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: That there will be no misunderstanding as to what I referred to in connection with consolidation of funds, I offer this motion—"That a fund known as the Grand Army of the Republic Fund be established. That there be placed to the credit of this fund the amount reported by the National Patriotic Instructor as having been contributed during the past year and at this Encampment in excess of the Five Hundred dollar contribution made by our order to the national Grand Army of the Republic to aid in carrying on its work.

Further, that the incoming National Patriotic Instructor be authorized and instructed to solicit from our Departments, Camps and members contributions to this Grand Army of the Republic Fund; and that from the fund thus created such yearly contribution as may be decided at each annual Encampment shall be made to the National body of the Grand Army of the Republic to assist them in continuing their work.

Additionally, such appropriation may be made at each annual Encampment, to be payable from this fund, for any worthy project or memorial involving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert.

National Secretary Hammer: If you do that, why not provide that some money can go into the other funds.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I think that can be taken care

of by the Council-in-Chief. If adopted, this takes care of the \$500.00 contributed during the past year and the excess can be used in carrying on their work in some other way than by the Grand Army of the Republic Fund which is given to the Grand Army. We will have funds for the G. A. R. Highway and for any other thing that any succeeding National Encampment may decide is worthy to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I was going to clarify that motion as to the consolidation of those funds.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports was out of the room when I spoke about the consolidation of those funds and what shall be done with them, it referred to possible funds for the G. A. R. Highway that could be covered as an independent motion, and is now included in this motion.

(Motion carried.)

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: At this time, we will hear from the Americanization Committee.

Chairman Heacock: I present a supplemental report of the Americanization Committee:

Columbus, Ohio, October 2, 1945.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members, Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—

Greetings:

Under date of August 6, 1945, and in compliance with request of Commander-in-Chief U. W. Mackey, a report of the National Americanization Committee was submitted to his office in order that same may be printed. As stated therein, the report would be supplemented, and we beg leave at this time to submit our supplemental report.

Prior to our arriving in Columbus, the Committee received reports from the Departments of New Jersey and Michigan, and was advised that the Department of New York would send theirs, or submit it to the Committee at the National Encampment. A card from the Department of New Hampshire advises the Committee that said Department has no report and there is no Department Americanization Committee as the work should be done by the Department Patriotic Instructor. Thus, when the National Americanization Committee assembled, it had only the above three mentioned reports.

This leads us to say that the report as herewith submitted is not one of activity, but a report that may be a stepping stone for future Americanization Committees. The report will consist of matters of general interest and welfare pertaining to those things which we believe to be of sufficient interest to real Americans to warrant action for the continuity of our Republic—the preservation of our Nation, its ideals and traditions—and the safe-guarding of our Flag.

Now that the war has at last been conclusively ended, our Republic stands as the foremost nation of the world. All the traditions and privileges we have long enjoyed as a people, we hope will soon be as greatly enjoyed by those who have never known them. However, we must stand firm as a country in aiding the world and not permit our standards to lower or to be lowered. Thinking of our American citizenry and the working man, the National Americanization Committee has submitted two resolutions to the Committee on Resolutions pertaining to Immigration and Citizenship.

During the course of the year, the Committee has on numerous occasions taken the liberty to advise persons and publications as to our stand relative to the term "war between the states." We digress from the report momentarily to read a letter directed to the Pacific Coast Borax Company as of March 1, 1945, and their reply thereto. (As per attached copies).

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March 2, 1945.

Pacific Coast Borax Company,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I was somewhat surprised and greatly shocked while listening to your radio program on March 1st to hear on two occasions during the broadcast, the phrase "War between the States" used.

I am not sufficiently familiar with your company to know who is responsible for the radio broadcasts nor your advertising, but I would greatly appreciate your calling this matter to their attention.

As you may or may not know, there never was a "War Between the States." There never could be such a war.

To be quite frank about the entire matter, it was a Rebellion, but in 1895 when an Act was pending in Congress to increase the pensions of the various Union Veterans, the term War of the Rebellion was stricken from the bill and inserted therein was Civil War.

This was done in consideration of the Confederate soldiers who were at the time serving in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Also, during the time when Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg delivered his immortal address he said (and he was noted for his correctness of speech) "Now we are engaged in a great civil war."

Gramatically speaking, it is incorrect. If it had been a War Between the States, each and every state would have been fighting each other, but such was not the case.

In the future, and I speak for not only this organization, but the Grand Army of the Republic as well, we would greatly appreciate if you would refrain from the incorrect usage of the name of the Civil War.

I trust this will be passed on to the proper persons and acknowledged when convenient.

Very truly yours,

FRANK M. HEACOCK,
Department Secretary (G. A. R.)

COPY

PACIFIC COAST BORAX CO.
20 MULE TEAM BORAX PRODUCTS
51 Madison Avenue, New York City

March 6, 1945.

Mr. Frank M. Heacock,
Media, Pa.

Dear Mr. Heacock:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 2nd, in which you express your surprise with regard to the use of the phrase "war between the states" on our Death Valley Sheriff radio program.

We, of course, cannot have any quarrel with your statement that this is altogether incorrect. On the other hand, doesn't common usage

of a phrase, pronunciation of a word, even spelling in the last analysis finally determine what the authorities regard as correct, and it does seem to the writer that the phrase "war between the states" has been pretty generally used.

On the other hand, it is the responsibility of our agency, McCann-Erickson, Inc., 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y., to prepare our scripts for our radio program and we are submitting your letter to them for their ready reference and future guidance.

Very truly yours,

PACIFIC COAST BORAX CO.
(F. A. Schoepflin).

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There being no specific program or outline of duties for the Americanization Committee, it was difficult to assume what their duties actually are during the course of the year. The Committee did, however, during the latter part of November, take an active part in support of H. J. Res. 191 as introduced into the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., by Congressman Louis Ludlow of the 11th Indiana Congressional District, designed to designate November 19th as Dedication Day, commemorating the anniversary of the delivery of the famous Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln.

It is the firm belief of the Committee that the lack of defined duties prevents the proper activity of one of the most important Committees of any organization. While there is a certain amount of work pertaining to Americanization work that could be touched upon, we believe it would be a far better plan to have set rules and regulations governing the activities of this Committee so their actions would not encroach upon the duties of the Patriotic Instructor and/or Legislative Committee.

Therefore, we recommend:

(1) That Certificates of Merit be established and be presented annually by each Camp to that person within the jurisdiction of said Camp who in his business, profession and/or private life, has proven himself outstanding in community life by virtue of rules and regulations to be established. Said Certificate shall be prepared by the authority of the Commandery-in-Chief, signed by the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary with the seal of the Commandery-in-Chief attached thereto.

Said Certificate shall be purchased by the Camp from the Commandery-in-Chief at a nominal cost and shall be presented in manner and form as may be decided upon by the Camp.

The name of each Camp recipient shall be forwarded to the Department Americanization Committee with all data. From those submitted, one shall be selected to be awarded the Department Certificate of Merit, and to be presented at such time and place as shall be designated by the Department Americanization Committee and approved by the Department Commander. The Department Certificate of Merit shall be of different color than the Camp Certificate.

The name of the Department recipient shall be forwarded to the National Americanization Committee with all data. From those submitted, one shall be selected to be awarded the National Certificate of Merit, and to be presented at such a time and place as shall be designated by the National Americanization Committee and approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

We believe that this form of publicity which has proven helpful and beneficial to publicizing other larger organizations, shall be most

helpful and beneficial in accomplishing much in the way of publicity for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It cannot be denied that this will mean a great task to be undertaken, but those who are called upon to serve Camp, Department or Commandery-in-Chief as Officer or Committee Member, accept the position, realizing full well the importance attached thereto and should be duty bound to give their all in order to stem the tide of laxity as well, in order that our organization may become a bigger and better organization to perpetuate the ideals and memories of our fathers and grandfathers and their comrades—the rank and file of the Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the great Civil War—that Grand Army of the Republic.

We believe that the initial cost of the preparation of the above recommended Certificate of Merit will prove manifold in the return numerically and financially, as well as publicly. The financial return for said Certificate, even at a nominal cost, will more than meet the financial outlay. We believe that this recommendation, tentatively as it is submitted, can be modified or expanded to meet any and all additional requirements that may be suggested and offered by the members at the time of approval and adoption.

The Committee realizes that Committees have been created and later abolished due to the fact that that which had been anticipated had not been accomplished. Too often ideas have been presented and have met with failure. The reason is pure and simple. The Committee Members' hands are tied by the lack of funds and with prevailing motions limiting their activities. We do not believe that any committee should have unlimited authority and power, but we do feel that the matter of Americanization is one of utmost importance and should not and must not be dealt with too lightly, nor should it be limited by funds.

(2) One of the most important and distressing factors throughout our Country is the lack of knowledge of American History. More and more schools are decreasing their history classes, and the students of High School and Colleges are becoming more and more unfamiliar with the historical facts that not only preserved our nation, but made it possible that we enjoy the traditions and American way of life. We believe that an authentic and complete history of the great Civil War should be at the disposal of all students for reference work. With this in mind, we recommend: That a Special Committee of Five be appointed for the purpose of studying the possibility of preparing an authentic history of the Civil War for distribution at some future date. We realize that this also means a financial responsibility, but unless we awaken ourselves to face real facts at once, we shall awaken too late to realize that seeds of untruths have been planted too deeply in the minds of the students to be uprooted. Book after book has reduced the teachings of the great Civil War until today an untold number has it reduced to a mere paragraph.

Existing conditions and worldly affairs of today promise more and more drastic changes. Therefore, we believe this is a most important matter and should be delved into at the earliest possible date.

(3) As was mentioned previously—war has been concluded. We hail with great American pride, the showing made by our brothers in the services whose gallant efforts brought to the Allied cause a well and hard earned victory. To the brothers who served in the lowest ranks, to the great and mighty General Douglas MacArthur, we offer our heartfelt thanks for their valor, unstinted services and sacrifices.

With their returning, we believe that a permanent memorial to

our Brothers should be considered. This is no small matter of consideration, but one of seriousness and pride. Therefore, we recommend: That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of five to fully investigate such a possibility and be prepared to submit a complete report at the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

We bring our report to a conclusion by recalling to your minds the needs of real Americanism to be promulgated by real Americans. As our fathers and grandfathers stood by their Country and her Flag, so we, their sons and grandsons should pledge ourselves anew to the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic for the preservation of our Republic and the protection of our Flag.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

NATIONAL AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE.

Frank M. Heacock, Chairman.

R. J. Williams, Ohio.

C. B. Martin, Kansas.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: We have some recommendations in this report. If it is the wish of this body, it will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move it be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Are you in order? Can a committee report be referred to a committee?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: This body is supreme unto itself and can do whatever it desires to do.

It made this motion for a purpose. It does seem that there is so much in this report that it ought to at least be "mulled" over, because I don't believe there is anyone in the room who would desire to take action on it at this time. I have no objections to it not being referred to a committee, but I would suggest deferred action because we are not prepared to act on it now. For instance; their Recommendation No. 2 is so broad and should be given a great deal of thought.

I have no objections if the Commander-in-Chief rules that it is not to be referred to a committee for consideration. I will, therefore, move you that it be deferred until the afternoon session tomorrow.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: My thought in referring it to the Committee on Officers' Reports was that they might clarify it a little.

Several of the brothers suggested that if we would hurry, we might close tomorrow and my thought in referring it to this committee was that it would save a lot of discussion. If there are no objections, that will be the first order of business tomorrow. The Committee on Officers' Reports had been discharged, but for consideration of these recommendations in this report I will call them back into service and refer the report to them.

I don't know if you desire to close tomorrow night or not but if so, we can nearly do it. If that is your wish, please keep it in mind; otherwise, we will go into session and complete our work Thursday morning.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL & CEREMONIES

Chairman Anderson: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies did not have anything presented for its consideration. Therefore, we have no report and I humbly request that we be discharged, with thanks for our efforts.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: The Committee will be discharged, with thanks.

I think this would be a splendid time for the award of the Grant Trophy by the Americanization Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION GRANT TROPHY

Chairman Heacock: Your Americanization Committee found this no easy task, but we present our report.

As you heard in our report, there are no specific rules and regulations governing who is to be the winner of the Grant Trophy. It makes it very difficult to decide when different Departments submit reports of a different nature.

So, on pro and con, we considered and discussed it until we reached our decision this afternoon. The winner of the Grant Trophy is the Department of New Jersey, and the final factor of the case was the paragraph that was added to their report—“Senator C. Wesley Armstrong, a member of Garfield Camp No. 4 of Trenton, introduced a bill that was adopted and signed by Governor Edge, making compulsory the teaching of American History in all schools of New Jersey.”

That was a matter of so much Americanism that we felt justified in making the award to it. This was done by a member of our organization, a State Senator, who saw fit to introduce, and fight for, a bill whereby children are taught history.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the Grant Trophy be awarded to the Department of New Jersey for the year 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION.

Frank M. Heacock, Chairman.
C. B. Martin, Kansas.
R. J. Williams, Ohio.

Chairman Heacock: Unfortunately, the Department Commander of New Jersey is not here, so I am asking the Department Secretary-Treasurer to come forward and accept this trophy at this time. (Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert came forward).

Brother Department Secretary-Treasurer, I hope you will remember every word I say so that you can repeat it to your Department Commander. I am happy, as Chairman of the Americanization Committee and in behalf of the members of that Committee, to present to you, for the Department of New Jersey, the Grant Trophy for the outstanding Americanization work this year; partly due to the work of the Department of New Jersey and partly due to the Senator from your Camp who introduced this bill.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Brother Heacock, and Brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief. This is perhaps the first year in the last twenty-five that our Department Commander has not been at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, but it is due to the fact that he is labor co-ordinator at an industrial plant, and he has a strike on his hands.

I know that I speak for him and every member of the Department of New Jersey when I say that we feel highly honored in being awarded this trophy.

We have submitted some material, but we have but twenty Camps and it is difficult to prepare an impressive report on the activities of

so few, when there are other large Departments with one hundred twenty Camps to compete with; but I knew that the Committee would be fair and that they would do well the job it is authorized to do.

We thank you for it, we shall treasure it through this year, and we will try to win it again.

Chairman Heacock: We would like, as a committee, to offer words of commendation to the Department of New York for the magnificent scrap book which it submitted, in competition for the award. It will be on display here, so look it over because there is a great deal of time and effort put into it.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I congratulate the Department of New Jersey in behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Any Department does a lot of work in competing for this trophy. We hope that those who competed this year will try harder to get it next year.

RADIO PROGRAM

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I have an announcement which I think will be of interest to you.

At 10:45 tonight, Station WBNS will have a program which has in it the significance of our Sons and the relationship of the Grand Army of the Republic—two of the "Boys in Blue" who are at least one hundred years old, will tell their stories over the air.

Just a word as to how it led up to this. We have established ourselves in Massachusetts for having a standard for production of programs of this type. Three of the Boston stations with network outlets saw fit to send letters to Columbus to the four stations here; speaking of our coming to Columbus and of our having had experience in interviewing Grand Army of the Republic veterans. It is very unusual to have had this confidence established in relation to the production of radio programs, because radio stations are fairly "hard boiled." We had our selection of those four stations here, but we hadn't time to devote to more than one.

When again will you ever hear the stories of 100-year-old Civil War veterans told in their own style, such as this will be by Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Rownd of New York and Comrade John R. Bennett of Waynesfield, Ohio? I think it is something that may never happen again.

If you are at all interested in getting the story of the "Boys in Blue" make it a point to listen in on this program.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If there are any brothers who live in the city of Columbus, I would suggest that they tell their families and friends and have them listen in.

Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Mass.: I think that Brother Hale would appreciate a card of thanks being sent to that station for their co-operation. I think it would be well to ask members of the Encampment to send cards to the station expressing their appreciation of this program.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you. I will declare a recess until 1 p. m. tomorrow

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

October 3, 1945 — 1:20 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form, with prayer by National Chaplain George E. Bailey.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Americanization Committee Report

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Brother Mabie, are you ready to report for the Committee on Officers' Reports?

Chairman Mabie: I think it would be better if you called this the report of the special committee appointed to report on recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Americanization. Your Committee presents the following report:

(1) Recommendation that Certificates of Merit be established and be presented annually by each Camp to the person who has proved himself outstanding in community life by virtue of rules and regulations to be established—As your committee sees it, this is a matter that will pay for itself for the sale of these certificates. Their thought is that it will be one of these stock affairs with a badge in colors. That would be a matter to be taken up with the printer, but I imagine it could be done. This committee concurs in the recommendation.

National Secretary Hammer: I move the recommendation be not concurred in.

Past Department Commander A. W. McDaniel, Indiana, seconded.

Chairman Mabie: I wish you would get it right; you are now voting on non-concurrence in the first recommendation of the Americanization Committee.

National Secretary Hammer: I rise to a point of order. We have represented here comparatively few Camps with appointed or substitute delegates. Our Camps buy supplies in negligible quantities, revenue therefrom is greatly restricted. I can't see how we could go into something as elaborate as that. We don't have a certificate of membership. What's the use of changing the outside issues? At present we have 16,000 members. I am not disparaging this proposition, but we are not in shape to go into such things at a time like this.

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pa.: Speaking as Chairman of the Americanization Committee, it wasn't the thought of the Committee to endeavor to place a burden upon the Commandery-in-Chief in this issue, or any issues involved in our report. It was our thought that the printing cost of these certificates would be overcome by the purchase price.

I agree with Brother Hammer that Camps are not buying supplies, but there are sufficient Camps who would be interested in this particular matter and it would create publicity for our organization. Rarely do we find in our newspapers, very much publicity for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. So often articles are placed in

the newspapers, and the headline writers will put, "Veterans Hold Meeting, etc." not stating which veterans and it does not do anybody much good.

With a matter of this particular kind, consideration is going to be needed. If I thought it was going to increase the burden of the National Secretary-Treasurer, I would not suggest it.

National Secretary Hammer: You are not creating the burden on the National Secretary-Treasurer, but on the Camps.

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pa.: If the initial outlay would be \$50.00, how many certificates could be supplied for that amount?

Chairman Mabie: I would say approximately 100 for Departments, several hundred for Camps, and 50 for National.

National Secretary Hammer: There's your money invested, and it will take a long time to get it back.

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pa.: Our thought was that it would be for the welfare of the Camp and organization, and it would give us some publicity. (Non-concurrence adopted).

Chairman Mabie: (2) That a special committee of five be appointed for the purpose of studying the possibility of preparing an authentic history of the Civil War—Your Committee does not concur. (Committee sustained).

(3) Recommendation referring to a permanent War Memorial to our Brothers of this war—Your Committee feels that there are so many monuments being given at this time by so many organizations and communities that it would not be a good idea. We believe that if we stick together and concentrate our efforts on one certain thing, such as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, it would be better. Maybe, in the future, something of this kind could be done but, at the present time, your committee does not concur.

National Chaplain Bailey seconded. (Committee sustained).

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. MABIE, Chairman, Pa.
LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Mass.
THOMAS A. CHADWICK, Vt.
ANDREW F. BURNS, Pa.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I believe that takes care of the Committee on Officers' Reports and I will, therefore, discharge them. Thank you so much, Brothers.

National Secretary Hammer: What's the use of printing these reports, involving the expense and then have a committee come with additional matter that should have been included in the printed reports?

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I can explain that. When your Americanization Committee sent reports to the various Departments, they asked that they be returned as soon as possible. The information had not been received by the time the other reports went to the publisher, and Brother Heacock told me he would have to submit a supplementary report for that reason. I told him we would accept such a report because of the short time in which they had to prepare it. If the Departments would have gotten the information to him in time, he would have sent it to me so that it could have been printed.

That's one thing in which we are lax in our Camps and Departments. Please get your reports back when asked for. Take that

thought back home to your Camps—it will be a great deal of help to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and his officers if you will do that.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I move that where there are no objections, the report of the committee be sustained. (Seconded by several, and carried).

Chairman Lambert: Your Committee on Constitution and Regulations has the honor to submit its report as follows:

On the recommendation contained in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer, on page 9 of the Officers' Reports relative to membership fees being paid on members at large, and also relative to new member fee being paid on members at large—Committee unanimously approves of the recommendation. (Committee sustained).

Relative to the resolution submitted by Delegate Andrew Burns of Pennsylvania, to include members of the Maritime service in the award of bronze war medals, we feel that the intention of Section 3, Article II, on page 44 of the C. R. & R. was in include only members of the armed forces of the United States. We realize that the actual wording of this paragraph is ambiguous inasmuch as it states "Brothers who have served the United States of America faithfully and honorably in War." This could conceivably include many brothers who have been in semi-military and also in civilian governmental work.

Your Committee unanimously recommends non-concurrence with this resolution and wishes to submit a proposed change to Section 3, Article II, page 44, of the C. & R. to read, "Brothers who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America faithfully and honorably in War."

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I take it that you want to add "in the armed forces" to Section 3, line 4, after the words, "Brothers who have served."

Chairman Lambert: That is correct. (Committee sustained).

(3) For the reasons given in the preceding case, your Committee unanimously non-concurs in the resolution to include Coast Guard temporary Reserve members to receive the Bronze War Medal; said resolution having been presented by Brother Carder A. Perkins of Massachusetts. (Committee sustained).

(4) These are all of the resolutions that have been presented to your Committee; but your Committee desires to present the following resolution for consideration: "That the next meeting of this Commandery-in-Chief be held at the same time and place as that of the National organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. In the event, however, that the national organization of the Grand Army of the Republic does not hold an Encampment next year, the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and three members of Council-in-Chief shall be authorized and instructed to arrange the time and place of the next meeting of this Commandery-in-Chief. This is for the purpose of setting up machinery to have this meeting if the Grand Army of the Republic does not meet.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: It does not, in any manner, act as an amendment to the regulations does it?

Chairman Lambert: No, that is to apply for this year only. (Committee sustained).

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS.

Albert C. Lambert, Chairman, N. J.
Charles R. Brush, Ill.
Thomas M. Horn, Ind.
Arthur W. Noll, Pa.
James W. Lyons, Md.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I discharge the Committee on Constitution & Regulations.

Are there any other committees to report at this time?

G. A. R. HIGHWAY APPROPRIATION

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: This is not a report of a committee but since we still have an important committee to report Resolutions, I would offer a motion that I would otherwise have presented under new business.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: If there are no objections, we will listen to this special motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that an appropriation of \$100.00 be authorized, from the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, to be used in furthering the work of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee—any expenditure to be made to the total of this authorization, as approved by the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: We discussed this yesterday and I believe you all understand it. The establishment of the G. A. R. fund had a broader meaning than only raising funds for the national body of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have carried on important work of the G. A. R. Highway Committee without any authorization for expenditures. We have money available and I believe that we should appropriate some of it for the purpose of showing a determination on our part to put the G. A. R. Highway from Massachusetts to California.

Also, if I may, Commander-in-Chief, I call attention to the fact that yesterday we mentioned Brother Mansfield, the chairman of the committee in Pennsylvania. He arrived and I believe he has some interesting things to say in connection with the work on the G. A. R. Highway.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: There is a motion before the house; are you ready for the question? (Motion carried).

I know that each and every member of this Encampment will be glad to hear from Brother Mansfield at this time.

Captain J. Clark Mansfield, Delegate from Pennsylvania: Brothers, what I have to say is more or less a story of Pennsylvania.

I have been a member of Davis Star Camp for fifteen years. I became interested in and joined the organization because of Charles R. Hale, of Connecticut, whom I assisted in locating a grave of a Revolutionary War veteran.

I have always been interested in the project of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. To me, it seemed to be one of the most important objectives of this organization and I have been active along that line for quite some time. For a long time, we didn't seem

to be getting anywhere in Pennsylvania. At the last State election, we elected a soldier Governor who appointed a soldier Secretary of Highways, and I felt that here was a golden opportunity for this project in Pennsylvania.

I contacted Brother Barrett and he told me to go ahead, and I started to collect data on the subject. First, I wanted to present copies of the laws of the various states who had dedicated it. Both in New York and Indiana, the Secretaries told me they knew nothing about it. However, I did finally get a copy of the law in New York and Indiana. All of that official data was forwarded to the Secretary of Highways of Pennsylvania, and he was very sympathetic from the first and I felt that he would do all that he could for this project.

Through legislation, an act was passed to give the Secretary of Highways the authority to name this highway. On September 11, 1945, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, Secretary of the Highways John U. Shroyer, issued an order naming U. S. Route No. 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. This order was subsequently rescinded for reasons unexplained. The recession of the order was discussed over the long distance telephone with Secretary Shroyer. The prospects are encouraging that the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will go on record and name U. S. Route No. 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

This doesn't close the question in Pennsylvania because I feel that favorable action will be taken, probably within the year; and the Department of Pennsylvania will not go to sleep on such an important project.

After meeting and conferring with Dr. Barrett here, I thought it would be fine to get the Grand Army of the Republic to pass a Resolution asking the States which have not passed on this project to do so. It is with the thought that the Grand Army of the Republic desires U. S. Highway No. 6 to be named as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you very much for your remarks, and we hope that you will be successful in getting this carried out in Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Speaking as Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, I deeply appreciate the fact that Captain Mansfield made the trip here to confer with us, and tell us something about what is being done in Pennsylvania. I believe it will turn out all right yet; I have confidence that it will be done in Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I believe that Captain Mansfield is entitled to a rising vote of thanks for his interest and work in this project, and I move that it be done at this time.

Seconded by several, and rising vote of thanks given Captain Mansfield.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I think we will have time for the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: This is the first time that I have been called upon to make a report of the Committee on Resolutions, as you will probably realize as we go along. Your Committee has given these matters a great deal of thought, and present our report:

Columbus, Ohio, October 3, 1945.

The resolutions submitted to your Committee have been few in number, but are all worthy of careful consideration.

(1) A resolution submitted by the Department of Oregon complains that headstones on veterans graves have been overturned, markers removed and flags stolen from cemeteries. The resolution recommends legislation by Congress to punish this shameful practice.

Your Committee realizes that the desecration of a soldier's grave is the lowest type of vandalism. Severe punishment should be inflicted upon the guilty. But in our opinion, the enforcement of laws against such desecration is the duty of local authorities. If the State, County and Municipal authorities will perform their duties in this matter, it will be preferable to Federal action. We recommend non-concurrence in this resolution. (Adopted).

(2) The Committee on Americanization offers a resolution advocating that, for a period of ten years, no foreign citizen should be admitted to the United States, if his necessities require his making a living here. That implies that he would become a competitor of American labor. The quota for the admission, at present, of aliens is very low and under it there can be no great influx.

It is true that many aliens have been admitted under temporary permits. Thousands of Mexicans have been admitted to work on our railroads. The splendid record of the railways during the war might not have been achieved but for this imported labor. We think it is more important that these temporary immigrants be returned to their native lands when their work is done and when American labor is able to take the jobs now held by aliens. When that situation occurs, it will be time for appropriate legislation on this subject. We recommend non-concurrence in this resolution for the present. (Adopted).

The same committee recommends that citizenship should be refused to any and all persons whose nations were at war "in any sense of the word" with the United States during the entire World War II.

This matter no doubt will be covered in the Treaties of Peace with all those countries. It involves many questions and complications. No doubt other nations will have something to say as well as our own on the question of immigration. We, therefore, recommend non-concurrence in this resolution. (Adopted).

(3) A communication from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recommends the observance of Constitution Day which is September 17. The United States Constitution is the basis of all the fundamental rights which we, as American citizens, enjoy.

We recommend that the National Patriotic Instructor prepare a program for the proper observance of Constitution Day and that he transmit it to the Department Patriotic Instructors for their guidance and for the use of the Camps in the several Departments.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I only have one question—is that to be published in The Banner?

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I should certainly think so.

Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, Pa.: I think of all the important things we have done, this is one of the most important.

The other day, I was in Harrisburg and saw a rope dangling from the side of a tree and there was a tree surgeon up in that tree digging out the dead spots. He was taking out the dead spots because the tree, itself, was still good. So it is with the Constitution—and even

though there are some dead spots that Constitution is still solid, and I think we should do everything that we can to establish the faith of the American people in that document.

No wonder that while the last members of the Constitutional Congress were signing it, Benjamin Franklin looking toward the President's chair, at the back of which a rising sun happened to be painted, observed to a few members near him that painters had found it difficult to distinguish in their art a rising sun from a setting sun. Said he, "I have often, and often in the course of this session and the vicissitudes of my hopes and fears as to its issue looked at that behind the President without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting but, now at length, I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun." (Reference—from a chapter "Moulding the Constitution" by George Wharton Pepper in the book "Meet Dr. Franklin," a symposium on Benjamin Franklin by the Franklin Institute).

Brothers, that light is shining upon us today; let us help establish it and keep it there.

Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois: It was Benjamin Franklin on observation of what kind of a State we would have who said, "It depends on what you make it."

Delegate S. W. Livingston, Illinois: Does this also imply the Fourth of July. Those two days go hand in hand.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: That is out of order; we are considering the observance of Constitution Day.

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania: If I may, I would like to read a telegram I received from Congressman Louis Ludlow in connection with Constitution Day.

"Re your letter September 26th, no action taken to date on H. J. Res. 35, but sub-committee of which Representative Walter is Chairman is ready to make favorable report to full Committee."—Louis Ludlow, M. C.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: If there are no further remarks or objections, the Committee will be sustained. (Adopted).

(4) The New England Regional Association of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War sends a resolution asking for the restoration of the custom of extending the right hand, palm upwards when giving the salute to the Flag. This is the method provided for in our regulations and is so used at our meetings. Since the Pledge of Allegiance is a part of the Flag Code, enacted by Congress, we recommend that the Secretary of this Encampment send a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the United States Senate, requesting Congress to amend the law so that the Pledge of Allegiance be given by accompanying the words with the right hand extended with the palm up.

National Secretary Hammer: I move non-concurrence with the report of the Committee. (Seconded by Delegate William N. Nichol, Wisconsin).

Delegate David M. McLane, Illinois: Does non-concurrence change the salute?

National Secretary Hammer: Last year much time was devoted to debating this subject. It was decided that we stand to what we have now. Why go back all over it again? I think it is out of order.

Delegate David M. McLane, Illinois: Brother Hammer, I am asking you if your non-concurrence changes the salute to the Flag.

National Secretary Hammer: No, I want to leave it as it is now.

Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Massachusetts: For two years we have been considering this matter, and we have decided not to do away with the time honored pledge to the Flag. There was a resolution adopted by Congress that we should place our hand over the heart, but Congress has not passed a law covering it.

Brother Barrett has given the substance of a set of resolutions about it, but he did not read the resolution itself. It is known as H. J. Resolution 180 which says that you are to give the pledge with the hand over the heart. A couple years ago some ladies organization, none of ours, were instrumental in doing away with the pledge we have always used.

Let me read this set of resolutions adopted by the New England Regional Association, and presented to the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. (Reads):

Whereas: There is a resolve, before your Committee (H. J. Res. 180) a section of which, (line 2, page 2), requiring placing the right hand over the heart, (and keeping it there), while giving the "Pledge of Allegiance" and changes (Public Law 623), Section 7, and

Whereas: This is a radical change from the custom that we have known and used, since the establishing of the "Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag," namely of extending the right hand towards the Flag with palm of hand upwards, and

Whereas: The reason for making the change was provoked because Hitler instituted the Nazi salute, which is quite similar, except the palm of the Nazi hand was downward and as Hitler and his salute are no more and there is no justification for doing away with our time honored custom, that has not been changed by the Grand Army of the Republic or their heirs, and

Whereas: It has been erroneously broadcast, the Congress has passed a Law, making it mandatory for all to, not extend the hand towards our Flag, and

Whereas: The Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary, at the last two National Conventions have by unanimous vote, refused to make any change, as there was no justification, therefore,

Be it Resolved: That we respectfully request such action, as necessary, to leave the time honored custom of extending the right hand, palm upwards, when giving the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Brother Hammer's motion defends this very thing; it is the action by the Judiciary Committee which is wrong.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I think we are stirring up a tempest in a teapot. We know all about the military salute. As I understand it, this is a civilian salute which does not affect our salute in our meeting hall. If I am correct, that would not interfere with the way we are now observing it. I believe that your letter may not only be unnecessary, but would receive no consideration.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Brothers, let us get this straight now because we have discussed this matter for the last two years. It isn't changing at all what we are doing inside our four walls.

Delegate David M. McLane, Illinois: Within our own four walls half of the brothers extend the hand and half don't.

Delegate Andrew Burns, Pennsylvania: If you will read the proceedings of the Encampment last year you will find that the action of that Encampment specifically requires the Sons of Union Veterans,

in their own hall, to use the extended right hand. I spoke on that, at the time, and I am happy to say that the Encampment sustained it.

The rule of this organization is that in the meeting hall you use the extended hand. On the street you can do as you like, but while you are in this organization our rules apply.

I want to say one thing—if Brother Barrett would pause at the end of the resolution which his committee is considering it might avoid some confusion. As I understand it, he recommends that we write requesting Congress to amend the law. There is no part of his recommendation which affects our use of the salute.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Pertaining to this resolution. I realize that we have gone over this and are trying to get some information. No one seems to know what the law is now, even in our own organization. I was told there is nothing in our ritual that tells us how to perform the Flag salute. It says, "Right hand lifted, palm downward to a line with the forehead and close to it. Standing thus, repeat the pledge. At the words "to my Flag" the hand to be extended gracefully, palm upward toward the Flag, and remain in this position to the end of the affirmation when all hands immediately drop to the side." That is the way we do it. I also believe that is the idea of Brother Winchell; he wants us to send a letter to this Committee so that this friend of theirs might have something to back him up. I do not believe that Brother Hammer understands it that way, and I believe he should withdraw his motion.

National Secretary Hammer: The Commander-in-Chief should have declared my motion out of order. I withdraw it.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: If agreeable with the second, this motion will be withdrawn. (Agreed).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Where are we on the recommendation of the committee? Their recommendation is not in accord with the Brother from Massachusetts. I would like to non-concur in the recommendation of the Committee and concur in the recommendation of the Brother from Massachusetts.

Chairman Barrett: The New England Regional resolution is before me. We tried to simplify it. This is the resolution as it appeared before us. (Reads Resolution previously read by Past Department Commander Winchell).

Chairman Barrett: No one discussed more heatedly the salute to the Flag than I. Now, it is very evident that somebody is still hammering away at us to take away that pledge and here is the resolution. (Reads):

Whereas: There is a resolve before your Committee (H. J. Res. 180) a section of which, (line 2, page 2), requiring placing the right hand over the heart, (and keeping it there), while giving the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Your Committee felt that we should register disapproval.

Past Department Commander Winchell, Massachusetts: It is too bad, but I wish you would understand what has been going on during the last two or three years. It has been erroneously said that we cannot extend our hand to the Flag. Your organizations have been told that Congress has passed a law about it—a law which is against Article I of the Bill of Rights. Congress cannot interfere in this matter, but these organizations have been told that they cannot extend their hand.

We want to correct that impression if we can. It has gone so far that heads of educational institutions in Massachusetts have issued

orders directing the Superintendent of every school to educate pupils to place their hand over the heart. Do you see how that is infringing upon our rights?

My interest is that we notify the whole country of our stand in this matter. We want it outside as well as inside, not only within our four walls. We want to defeat that resolution that has been read several times and I, therefore, move that the report of the Committee be sustained.

Seconded by Delegate David H. Evans, Ohio, and Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: The motion is that our Secretary be instructed to write the Judiciary Committee and the writer of the bill that we are against the legislation contained in H. J. Res. 180. (Adopted).

(5) The Department of Michigan submits a resolution in opposition to the enactment of compulsory military training during peacetime and demanding that such action be deferred until after the suspension of hostilities and the return of our troops to their homes.

This question is highly controversial. A bill providing for compulsory military training is now pending in both houses of Congress. It is being written about in journals, magazines and newspapers. It is being debated on the radio and discussed in forums. Much is being said and published on both sides of the question. Such discussion is informative and beneficial, but something like eight million boys are beyond the seas and have no opportunity at present of expressing themselves on this question.

We recommend, therefore, that final action on this resolution be postponed until such troops that are not to be used for the occupation of enemy countries are returned to their homes and until the Volunteer system now in use by the Army is given a fair trial. (Adopted).

(6) A resolution submitted by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale protests the banning of the theatrical performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by the officials of one or more New England cities. Many of our older members recall that Uncle Tom's Cabin was the first play they ever saw. Next to little Nell, little Eva was the most loved child in English literature. We think it can be said that in the last generation more Americans saw Uncle Tom's Cabin than any other theatrical performance. More copies of the book had been sold than any other publication up to that time. When Harriet Beecher Stowe toured England and France, more people greeted her than had ever greeted an American. Her book has been printed in more languages than any other book save the Bible.

We recommend concurrence in this resolution.

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio. I would like to make a personal remark in this connection. Nothing surprised me more than when I saw this resolution. In Cincinnati, we are making plans for the dedicating of the Harriet Beecher Stowe home and have \$1,000,000 for that purpose. Within the last year, we have purchased the home and we are now planning to dedicate it and present it to the State of Ohio. I believe if we adopt this resolution, your incoming Commander-in-Chief can use it as his text at the dedication.

Delegate James G. Wolff, Massachusetts: For certain reasons, I intended not to say a word on any subject; but in this particular matter I know as much, if not more, than anyone else.

The story, as I understand it, is that in Connecticut, I believe, there was a show of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Certain colored organizations protested against the showing of it, and it was banned.

I am not going to recommend what you should do. Personally, there is no woman in American History that I revere as much as Harriet Beecher Stowe. I believe that it is not a question of entertainment because the lesson she taught was one of the greatest in that period of history, and she was one of those who crystallized the abolition sentiment in this country which made possible the successful prosecution of the Civil War.

Why did these colored organizations object? I am going to tell you why. Among the colored people of this country there is a common expression that if a man of their group is cowardly, he is called an "Uncle Tom." Whether they were right or wrong, they objected to that play because it brought back to them that period of slavery. They are trying to teach people that, if they are to be recognized as people who have reached the full stature of manhood, they should be courageous as well as anyone else. That is the reason they encouraged the banning of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and I wanted you to understand it before you vote on it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I would like to ask the chairman of the committee to please read the original resolution. (Chairman Barrett read the resolution).

There is a question of objection to this proposition. I wish to read it again, and I wish our brother would listen carefully and point out what it is that he objects to. (Reads resolution). Now, I ask my friend to what he objects in that resolution.

Delegate James G. Wolff, Massachusetts: It has not been my desire to debate with my good friend H. Harding Hale, but I am going to state my position.

The part of the resolution in connection with the book has my endorsement. However, there is usually a great difference between a play based on a book, and the book itself. A recent illustration has been that of "Strange Fruit"—the book was banned in Boston, but the play was approved by the same censor who banned the book.

I do not think, if you pause to think about "Uncle Tom's Cabin" that there was very much emphasis on the institution of slavery in the book. There are the bloodhounds chasing the woman across the ice floes of the Ohio River, and it ends up with Little Eva ascending to Heaven. I haven't seen the play but people in Connecticut, where it has been given, believe that the play emphasizes the unmanly attitude of Uncle Tom and they feel that it makes them a laughing stock for school children.

If you want to endorse it on the basis of civil rights, that is up to you. Personally, I think it is a matter that we ought to leave alone and, for that reason, I am going to vote against the approval of the recommendation of the committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: So that we might get some action, I move the adoption of the resolution. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I sincerely call attention to this clause in the resolution, "that any effort to detract from the demonstrated historical and entertainment value of the story itself or to discourage the public dramatization of a reasonably faithful version of that story meets with our unqualified disapproval." (Adopted).

(7) The arrangements for this Encampment were made in three weeks. The results have been amazing. We express our sincere thanks to Hon. Paul Herbert and his convention committee, to Hon. Frank J. Lausche, Governor of Ohio; the other state, city and county officials; the Convention Bureau and its efficient manager, Mr. Joseph Crose; the Fort Hayes Hotel; the matchless United States Marine Band; the newspapers of Columbus and all others who have done so much to make our stay in Columbus pleasant and profitable.

(No recommendation for concurrence necessary). Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH R. BARRETT, Chairman.
LAWRENCE D. RILEY, Massachusetts
EDWARD G. KAESTNER, Wisconsin
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Ohio.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS GREETINGS COMMITTEE

The following delegation from the Daughters of Union Veterans was presented:

Mrs. Lavena Hammond, Department President, Michigan.
Mrs. Zella Lindgren, Washington & Alaska.
Laura England, Department President, Oregon.
Mable Wiedemann, Department President, Wisconsin.

They extended greetings, and presented the Commander-in-Chief with a gift from the Department of Michigan.

Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Massachusetts, responded.

VISIT OF P. N. P. ANNE LOCKYER

Past National President Anne Lockyer of the Auxiliary, Department of Ohio, was presented. She extended her greetings and presented the Commander-in-Chief with a gift.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter responded.

REPORT OF GREETINGS TO THE G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I report that the Greetings Committee to the Grand Army of the Republic has performed its duty. Past Commander-in-Chief Towle went with me. We found the official roll fourteen—the youngest 96, the oldest 102, and the man who responded to our greetings was 98.

I want to try and paint a picture of what I saw. Thirteen of these Comrades were present; every one with hair silver touched by time. They were holding their hands up to their ears to listen to me, and some of them could not see me. One was asleep. As they listened their bodies were trembling and they were eager to hear my message.

These Comrades of the G. A. R. cannot live forever. The time is coming when the Sons of Union Veterans can no longer ride on the coat-tails of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have got to prepare ourselves for the future because the time is coming when we must stand on our own feet.

The most interesting thing of all, just as we advanced to the door, a unanimous vote was taken that the G. A. R. Highway shall be a highway to their memory. Can you realize what that will mean in the future, and also that we had a great part in it by perpetuating their memory and name with this worthy project.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you, Brother Anderson.

Past Department Commander Roy Lewis, Wisconsin: The Sons of Union Veterans in the Department of Wisconsin have given to the University of Wisconsin a scholarship in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to receive it you must be a blood kin of a Civil War veteran.

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: As a minority member of that Greetings Committee to the G. A. R., may I make a minority report. I want to tell you that Brother Anderson is a wonderful talker; it was really inspiring to hear him.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was escorted in and presented:

Mrs. Lizetta Cody, Past National President, Michigan.

Miss Adelaide Woelfel, Department Field Officer, Wisconsin.

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

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Commander-in-Chief, there is one resolution which has been lost. It is the one from the Department of Pennsylvania about changing the dates of issue of The Banner. With your permission, Brother Mabie can state that resolution and we can take action on it now, if in order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The dates of issue for The Banner which we have now brings it to us right after everything happens in our Order. If we were to change it to the uneven months, we would get the notices of everything that is happening on time. Just move it ahead or set it back to the uneven months—change it from the even to the uneven months. We believe it will mean a lot to those who do not attend meetings and never know what is going on. For instance, at Department Encampment time—you get an issue of The Banner in April and the next one in June, so that if your Encampment is held in June you don't know what is going on. That is true in Pennsylvania and is probably true in many other Departments.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am from Pennsylvania, but I do not know that I am very enthusiastic about this change and that is only for one reason. I have no objections except, that if we change it from the even to the uneven we will be more than one month late in getting the action of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. If we could satisfy both conditions I would have no objections, but I would like to see the October issue continue to be issued in October and not delayed until November.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: There are not so many interested in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment as in the Department. I think it would give us an opportunity to make something out of The Banner. It is a wonderful paper, and can be made more valuable if you will give us a chance to do it when we want to do it. The thing is that we want to bring the information to our members at the right time so they know what it going on.

Delegate Wm. F. Nemetz, Jr., Connecticut: May I ask, would it be too much of a hardship to publish it in October, November and January?

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: You are asking something that I cannot answer. I do not know whether the Post Office Department will allow us to issue irregularly and still get the second class rate.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I ask a question? Isn't it a fact that, several years ago, we switched The Banner from February to January? It was because of something about George Washington.

I do not have any objection to this, but I can't quite see what it has to do with the whole thing. I can't see that a great deal will be gained. I maintain, and even though the odds are against me, that there is nothing of more importance than to get to our members what we do in our Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: There is a clause now in the contract that any change in the entry fee is to be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief. Please bear this in mind. It is \$25.00, that you would have to pay in October and when you go back to publishing it in your regular months, you would have to pay that fee again.

Delegate David M. McLane, Illinois: I move that Brother Mabie's resolution be adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: What is the report of the committee?

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The committee has nothing to report, at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Can't Dr. Barrett make a report for the committee from what he has heard?

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee submits a supplementary report, with the number of votes of each Department. There are 123 on the roll.

(Continuation of "Banner" discussion).

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: In connection with The Banner, you all know there was an issue of The Banner scheduled for October. The October issue was delayed that it might contain the report of this Encampment. I want you to understand why there may be some delay in receiving it this month.

In the event that the months of issue are changed, it will take effect in the first issue of 1946, which would bring a Banner in December and another in January. I want all those who are present to go back to his Department Press Correspondents and advise them of that fact in order that news may be gotten in time. I am asking that you advise your officers and Department Press Correspondents in case the Committee is favorable to this change.

I also urge everyone here to ask their officers, and particularly Press Correspondents, to forward news of their Department to The Banner instead of making complaints that there isn't any news of their Department. I can't print it unless I get it; and if it is not there, it is the fault of your officers rather than mine.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: There was very little time for the Committee to think over this resolution about The Banner. It is an important thing to consider, and it might be a good plan to lay it over until tomorrow.

I agree with the publisher of The Banner—he probably knows best, and possibly it is a good idea. If it would be agreeable and arrangements could be made for this change, we feel that we would like to adopt it. That is our opinion.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: All those in favor of giving the Committee more time, give your consent by the usual "I." That will be held over until tomorrow, and will be a special order of business.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I move that we recess until 9 a. m. tomorrow morning.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: We have had admitted to our room an outstanding Past Commander-in-Chief. I want the Encampment to know of his arrival, and point out that he presided as Commander-in-Chief in Grand Rapids—Brother Wm. M. Coffin.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, I consider it an honor and a pleasure to address this body of my brothers, fellow citizens and Americans—the first group I ever joined, before I was twenty-one years old.

I just heard that, before Brother Hale made his remarks, someone offered a motion to recess so I feel it is not the time to press any further remarks. I am happy that I could get here, even though late.
(Motion to recess carried).

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

October 4, 1945 — 9:20 A. M.

The Encampment was opened in regular form, with prayer by National Chaplain George E. Bailey.

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

Past Department Commander C. B. Martin, Kansas: The Greetings Committee to the Ladies of the Grand Army report. We made our visitation and were received very graciously. Their entire organization extended their greetings and best wishes to our Encampment and our organization.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS— THE BANNER ISSUES

[Continued]

Chairman Barrett: Commander-in-Chief and members of this Encampment, I present the following, to complete our report.

Resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania—"that in order to be of more practical interest and value to our members, the dates of publishing The Banner to be changed to January, March, May, July, September and November"—your committee concur.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, yesterday in the discussion we had on this, those who were present recall that I entered opposition to it. I am very glad that we weren't able to complete that, because now we have the full resolution before us.

My principal opposition was based on the fact that information about the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment and what we did there would reach us one month late, in November rather than in October. Inasmuch as the news will reach us in October this year, I withdraw my opposition.

If this will bring in one member, or save one member that is in—it will be well worthwhile because we want the member. I hope that we will give it a fair test, and I think a trial for a year will be fair. If we find it advisable after that trial, then we have something ahead of us.

However, since you are getting the October issue this year, I am willing to abide by what the Committee thinks rather than what I think myself. (Committee sustained).

Chairman Barrett: That completes our work, as it was the only Resolution not considered in our original report.

RALPH R. BARRETT, Cal. (Chairman)
EDWARD G. KAESTNER, Wis.
LAWRENCE D. RILEY, Mass.
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: If there are no further resolutions, that Committee will be discharged, with thanks.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Under the present contract, the last issue of The Banner will be in December this year. The first issue of the new contract will be in January. That means there will be a Banner two months in succession. I would like you to carry that home to your officers and members and urge them to have the copy for The Banner reach the office in accordance with that understanding.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Brother Holbrook, have you anything to report for the Committee on Press?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESS

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: As Chairman of the Committee on Press, I haven't had a representative of any of the daily papers approach me for news of our Encampment. I did ask a brother from Columbus, who was going to the office of one of the papers, to send someone here but, even with that, I have had no one approach me relative to publicity for our Encampment.

The daily papers here think that the Grand Army of the Republic is the only organization that is meeting here in this city, and they pay little attention to any of the other organizations.

I was very much pleased with a statement made to me by Captain Mansfield, of Pennsylvania, who told me that he did go to the offices of the Associated Press, and two other press associations, to get news to the country at large concerning the action taken by the Grand Army of the Republic relative to the G. A. R. Highway. I am satisfied that if that gets out, it will mean more to our organization than anything else we have done here.

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES — COLUMBUS NEWSPAPERS

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: Just before we adjourned at Des Moines there was quite a heated discussion over the term "War between the States" being used by one of the Des Moines papers. At that time, I pledged that Columbus papers would not use the term if the Encampment came here this year. I have examined every issue of the Columbus papers, and there has been no use of the term, so I think I have carried out my pledge.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you, Brother Heintz. It is just as Brother Holbrook said—the reporters and photographers devote themselves only to the Grand Army of the Republic; they don't seem to know that the Allied organizations are here at all.

All committees appointed for the Encampment have reported and are, therefore, discharged.

PUBLICITY THROUGH RADIO

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I have an informal activity to report in an informal manner. As most of you heard when I talked about it, we secured time on station WBNS, the Columbia station here, for a program in the nature of Father and Son in which two Comrades were to be interviewed to bring out their own individual war stories.

That was on Tuesday evening, and I had a pretty busy evening watching these old boys dart back and forth to the different activities they had. The affair at the State Capitol was held that night so they had to go over there, and one of them who was to appear on that radio

program got so involved at the Capitol that he forgot to come away, and that left only one to interview.

With that one, I think we got very satisfactory results. He was John R. Bennett of Ohio and is 101 years old. He had an interesting story, and an interesting way of telling it. He told of all his experiences; his fighting, how they foraged for food, how he fell and all the other interesting things that go with such a great struggle. This Comrade was able to tell a very interesting story, and I think we got out of it all that was of interest to the general audience.

It was, in a way, a recognition of the Sons of Union Veterans—to their being alive and keeping before the public our Fathers and what they did. Therefore, I move you that we extend a vote of thanks to the radio station for their co-operation in the production of this Grand Army of the Republic program.

(Seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Snodgrass, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer has something to report.

G. A. R. FUND

National Patriotic Instructor Cranmer: I would like to say a few words about the G. A. R. Fund.

When I made my report, there was one Department which had not given any contribution to this fund. In conversation with the National Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary, I mentioned this and she insisted on giving me \$1.00 because it was her Department. That makes it 100%. There is 36 cents also more to be added to our collection.

In my report, I mentioned the first, second, third and fourth place; but I think I should mention that the fifth place was held by the Department of Indiana, with a contribution of \$43.00. This now makes a total of \$810.41, plus the check for \$21.10 which is in the mail.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I think, if we leave it at those figures, it looks fine.

At this time, before we go into new business, I thank you all for the courtesies you have shown the different speakers, and the manner in which you have conducted yourselves.

During this Encampment, there is one thing that has impressed me so much. I have three girls who work for me 7½ hours a day, with two 15 minute relief periods. Whenever you want one of these girls, they are on relief. We have a girl who has been here continuously, quietly and efficiently doing her work all through our sessions with no relief periods, and I think we should give our Encampment stenographer a rising vote of thanks. (Rising vote given).

Is there any unfinished business?

National Secretary Hammer: There is nothing on the desk.

G. A. R. PARADE ESCORT

Past Department Commander John Runkle, Penna.: Commander-in-Chief; I report on the parade:

There were fourteen (14) members of the Grand Army of the Republic in the parade, as follows:

Isaac W. Sharp, Commander-in-Chief, Indiana.

John M. Gudgel, Iowa.

Hiram R. Gale, Washington.

Robert M. Rownd, New York.

- Theodore Pentland, Oregon.
- Orlando Le Valley, Michigan.
- Hiram H. Shumate, Illinois.
- Ira Stormes, Utah.
- William H. Osborn, Missouri.
- John H. Grate, Ohio.
- John R. Bennett, Ohio.
- Frederick Pfister, Ohio.
- John C. Adams, Indiana.
- James K. Polk Barker, Columbus, Ohio.

The Sons of Union Veterans had an escort of eighty-five (85) men in line.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you, Brother Runkle. That is vital information which will be a part of the record.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF REPORT

Council-in-Chief Spink: I submit the following report of the Council-in-Chief:

Proposed Budget for 1945-1946 Term

Receipts:

Balance on hand, Sept. 20, 1945.....	\$ 2,350.10
Membership Fees—500 members at 50 cents.....	250.00
Per Capita Tax—16,000 members at 40 cents.....	6,400.00
Charter Fees—5 New Camps at \$5.00.....	25.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Premium on Bonds	40.00
Estimated Receipts—Pat. Instructor's G. A. R. Fund....	500.00
Miscellaneous	20.00

Total Receipts \$10,585.10

Disbursements:

GENERAL EXPENSES:

Supplies	\$ 800.00
The Banner	2,300.00
Encampment	1,000.00
Printing	60.00
Shipping Supplies	40.00
Salaries	2,000.00
Premium on Bonds	70.00
Federal Tax	55.00
State Unemployment Compensation Fund	75.00
Committee on Marking Graves	25.00
Miscellaneous, including P. C.-in-C. Badge.....	200.00
Grand Army of the Republic Donation.....	500.00
Scholarship (Lincoln University)	100.00
Arlington Hall	50.00

OFFICE EXPENSES:	\$7,275.00
Postage, etc.	\$100.00
National Officers' Stationery	100.00
Rent	420.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
	650.00

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES 1,000.00

Total Expenditures 8,925.00

Balance \$ 1,660.10

Balance	\$ 1,660.18
Organization Fund	669.59
Grand Army of the Republic Fund (Estimated).....	325.00
U. S. Government Bonds	3,000.00
Estimated amount to be invsted in U. S. Government Bonds by action of this Encampment	3,743.02
Total	\$ 9,397.71

We recommend the following:

- (A) That the per capita tax be continued at 40 cents per annum.
- (B) That The Banner be renewed at fourteen cents per member per year—six issues. (This increase is due to increased cost of materials, and a possible increase of second-class postage rates).
- (C) That \$100.00 scholarship to Lincoln University and \$50.00 to Arlington Hall be renewed.

We take this opportunity to compliment our National Secretary-Treasurer for the efficient manner in which his books are kept, and to thank him for his co-operation.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ALLEN F. SPINK,
E. J. PARKER,
FRED H. COMBS, SR.,
Council-in-Chief.

(No objections raised, the report was adopted, as read).

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I think the Council-in-Chief did a splendid job. They have a lot of work getting information, and compiling these figures for this report.

Delegate David M. McLane, Illinois: Is there a home in Columbus where children of the Grand Army or their allied organizations can go?

Past Department Commander R. J. Williams, Ohio: There is nothing of that nature here. We do have a Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia, Ohio, but it has been taken over by the State.

The Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Union Veterans sponsored it, visit it and make contributions to it. Back in 1895, there were 1,000 children there. We have no children of Civil War Veterans now; but children of Spanish-American War veteran, and First and Second World War veterans. It's really quite a place—they have a little town of their own, and you are always welcome so if any of you ever have the opportunity, visit that home.

Delegate David McLane, Illinois: The reason I asked was a member of our Auxiliary of Old Glory Camp, informed me there was such a home here and that members of the Auxiliary receive aprons every year, in which contributions are given for the benefit of that home.

I wanted to get this information because we are interested in this type of project. Our Camp Commander is very much involved in business work, which he has in Chicago and, in that connection, he is so tied up that there is no chance for him to do the work he would like to do. I wanted to check into it because we feel that something such as sponsoring a home, might be started by us.

Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois: I think the Brother has reference to Arlington Hall in Iowa

SONS OF VETERANS MARCH

Delegate S. W. Livingston, Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, may I ask a question? About ten or fifteen years ago, I was listening to the radio. They announced, "This is the Sons of Veterans March," and they played the "Thunderer March." Can anyone tell me if there was such a thing as the Sons of Veterans March?

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: I can answer that. The Sons of Veterans March was composed by Reed, and the United States Marine Band uses it very frequently. It is a wonderful march, called the "Sons of Veterans March."

FINAL REPORT — CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee submits its final report. (Complete Encampment Roll appears on pages 107-120).

National Officers	10
Past Commanders-in-Chief	10
Department Commanders	14
Past Department Commanders	57
Delegates (elected)	12
Appointed Substitute Delegates	39

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National Officers, Past Department Commanders.....	10
Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Dept. Commanders...	9

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Encampment Voting Roll	123
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Seven (7) Departments not represented:

Colorado & Wyoming, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HAMMER, Nat. Sec., Chairman.
 R. J. WILLIAMS, P. D. C., Ohio.
 JULIUS ISAACS, Delegate, New York.
 C. B. MARTIN, P. D. C., Kansas.
 ERNEST E. BARNUM, D. C., Conn.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: I move adoption of the report of the Credential Committee, that it be the accepted, and be the voting record and roll of this Encampment. (Seconded by several, and adopted).

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: We will proceed to Nomination and Election of Officers. Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll, to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Commander-in-Chief, this is indeed a very happy moment for me to rise and nominate a man for the office of Commander-in-Chief whom I feel has all the qualifications necessary to execute the duties of that office. He is the right man, for the right place, at the right time.

Yesterday we heard about the long years of service of the National Secretary—forty years. This man whom I am about to nominate has

been a member of our organization forty years, and he has never been found wanting in line of duty when called upon.

He is a Past Department Commander, has held many offices in his home state, is an attorney by profession, and is the man who has kept the voice of the Grand Army of the Republic before the people in the New England States by means of radio. He has served on that Radio Committee for over twelve years.

If you want a man for the office of Commander-in-Chief to render service, to give us an efficient administration and give us definite action, then I give you the name of your present Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, H. Harding Hale, for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: New Jersey seconds the nomination of H. Harding Hale for Commander-in-Chief.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: I second the nomination and desire to state that the Department of New York will have as its candidate next year, Neil D. Cranmer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Only because of the close relationship that has existed with this brother do I rise at this time.

Thirty-two years ago, in 1913, I was elected Commander-in-Chief and had the honor to serve this organization in that capacity. At that time, this good brother was the Department Commander of Massachusetts. He was a good Department Commander. He has shown his interest in the organization since that time and, because of that and because I am convinced he will be a good Commander-in-Chief, who will render good service, it is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of H. Harding Hale.

Department Commander Edward G. Kaestner, Wisconsin: The Department of Wisconsin has a candidate in mind for the office of Commander-in-Chief. He is a Past Department Commander, for many years has been a member of Camp No. 1 of Milwaukee. He originally joined the organization in Pennsylvania, but in 1912 he transferred to Wisconsin. He has served this organization as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The man I am about to nominate is Past Department Commander Roy R. Lewis, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: The Department of Minnesota, acting in the light of good neighbor policy, and with due respect to the previous nomination, would like to second the nomination of Roy Lewis.

Past Department Commander Roy R. Lewis: Seeing that I am the one involved in this nomination, I would not like to go against my friend, Brother Hale. With due respect to my Camp, Department, and the good Brother from Minnesota, I wish to decline at this time as I do not feel that I would like to run against a pal of mine from Massachusetts.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for this, and all other nominations where there is only one candidate.

Seconded by National Chaplain Bailey. (Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I appoint as tellers Past Commanders-in-Chief Mabie and Lambert.

National Secretary Hammer: I cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for H. Harding Hale for Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The tellers find the unanimous vote for H. Harding Hale for Commander-in-Chief.

Department Commander Lawrence D. Riley, Massachusetts: With

your permission, I would like to read a letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: That is not in order, at this time.

Department Commander Riley: It is in regard to the election of H. Harding Hale. (Reads the following letter:)

To the Officers and Delegates to the Sixty-fourth National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio:

I regret that illness prevents my attendance at the Encampment, and the opportunity to personally say a word in behalf of the candidacy of H. Harding Hale of Massachusetts for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Hale followed me as Department Commander in 1913, and we have been closely associated in the work all these years. He has always proven a capable and efficient officer, both in Department and National affairs.

In having the pleasure of nominating him for the office he now holds, I stated that I was presenting a man well qualified to fill the higher position of Commander-in-Chief; and I trust you will accord him and our Department that honor this year.

Fraternally,

FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Brother Hale, I declare you elected as Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I accept and I am deeply grateful for the confidence you have placed in me.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Secretary Hammer called the roll, to Kansas.

Past Department Commander T. E. Perry, Kansas: We have a Brother who has been a member for a long time—one who has given the Department of Kansas constant and efficient service. I nominate Brother Charles B. Martin of Kansas for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

This nomination seconded by several simultaneously.

(The National Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The tellers find 123 votes cast for C. B. Martin for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Brother Martin, I declare you elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Charles B. Martin, Kansas: Yes, and I will serve you to the best of my ability.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Secretary Hammer called the roll, to Ohio.

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: You have heard a good deal in the last few minutes about long service in the Order, and the man whose name I am about to give you is no exception in that respect. We were both members of the same Camp when

we were boys. He is now Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Ohio where he has rendered long and efficient service. I take great pleasure in presenting the name of R. J. Williams of Ohio.

Past Department Commander John H. Runkle, Penna.: Pennsylvania seconds the nomination. (Also seconded by Past Department Commander Roy R. Lewis, Wisconsin).

(The Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The tellers find the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for R. J. Williams for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Brother Williams, you have been elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander R. J. Williams, Ohio: I appreciate the honor and I accept.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Brother Williams has done a splendid job on this Encampment this year contacting the hotel and the Chamber of Commerce and aiding us in making arrangements. I know we owe him a vote of gratitude for it. Thank you, Brother Williams, for your splendid work in this connection.

Council-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett, California: Commander-in-Chief and members of this Encampment, it is with pride and pleasure for me to nominate a man who has been the "watch-dog" of our treasury. He has served you well. He has also served our Department for many years. Frankly, you know all about him so I don't need to take any more time, but I nominate Brother Edward J. Parker for the office of Council-in-Chief.

(Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York, seconded the nomination).

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert, N. J.: I consider it an honor and pleasure to request this body to re-elect to the office of Council-in-Chief one who has served you, and well, during the past year—Brother Fred H. Combs, Sr., of New Jersey. He is a Past Department Commander, one who has proven his worth and I know he will give you another good year on the Council-in-Chief.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie seconded the nomination).

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: A request has been made of me to nominate a man from Vermont for the office of Council-in-Chief. We have in that little state a man who is a Past Department Commander, and has served the organization for forty-two years. When I was Commander-in-Chief six years ago, he was my right hand in Vermont—and a very good one. He is a Past President of the New England Regional Association and is associated with the National Bank of Burlington, Vermont, so that he certainly would be the right man for this job. It is my pleasure to nominate George A. Laduke.

(Seconded by Department Commander Ernest E. Barnum, Connecticut, and Past Department Commander Ernest E. Eddy, Vermont).

(The Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The tellers find the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Edward J. Parker, Fred H. Combs, Sr., and George A. Laduke for the office of Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: You have been elected—do you accept?

Council-in-Chief Parker: I will, for all of them.

National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Call the roll, Secretary.
The National Secretary called to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I hope you will pardon my reminiscing and personal references. Fifty-four years ago, I attended my first Encampment as a member of the order of Sons of Union Veterans. Lest you might think I am older than I really am, I was not eligible to join because of age, but I was there. At that Encampment, I met a certain member of this Order. He had more hair than he has now and, you might remember, it was a little redder than it is now. In addition, he sported a red mustache.

In 1905, in the historical city of Gettysburg, when one of the best friends I ever had in the Order, Commander-in-Chief Dustin, recommended in his report the election of a National Secretary for a five year term, I was present. In 1910, as Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, when he was re-elected for the first time, I had the pleasure of being present. Every five years, since 1920, it has been my pleasure to nominate this brother for the office of National Secretary, which now combines the office of National Treasurer.

Some of you may think it is a habit—if so, it has been a good habit for the Order of Sons of Union Veterans. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure for the sixth time, for a term of five years, to nominate H. H. Hammer for the office of National Secretary-Treasurer.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: I move that this Encampment unanimously second the nomination of Brother Hammer.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The tellers report the unanimous vote of this Encampment for H. H. Hammer for National Secretary-Treasurer.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Brother Hammer, you have been elected. Do you accept?

National Secretary Hammer: The trouble is that I must accept—I have no other way. I sincerely thank you all.

When I wrote my report, my inclination was not to accept reelection. I hoped that I would have a successor at this Encampment. Some friends prevailed upon me, and I said nothing about it. However, the time is coming when you must get somebody else and ought to be prepared for that.

I am grateful to you because to you I owe a great deal in my life. I started out on a newspaper, I was a city official for four years, then a Federal official for sixteen years, retired for a little while and after that, I was again a Federal official for fourteen more years. My party has been pretty good to me; and the Sons of Union Veterans a lot better.

If it had not been for the Sons of Union Veterans placing confidence in me, I would not have been as successful in my other endeavors. My long service and association in this Order enabled me to form personal friendships which mean everything to me. All I have and am I owe to this organization. I want you to know, to feel that I have never forgotten, or never will, all things you have done for me.

I am going to be with you just as long as I can. If this Encampment had been held two weeks ago, however, I could not have been here because of my health. I took Dr. Barrett's prescription, and I am coming through all right. I sincerely "thank you" all and I mean it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: It took forty years of service for the National Secretary to make a speech.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mable: Commander-in-Chief, while listening to Brother Hammer's reference to friends, it struck me, at the time, that we have someone in the room who could give us a wonderful poem on "Friends." I believe we all feel deeply the spirit of the happenings of the last few minutes, and I think it would certainly be a nice climax to have this poem now. I am speaking of Brother Wentzel, and referring to the poem he gave so well the other night.

Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, Penna.: I shall try to comply with this request.

Some of you will recall, I am sure, in 1930 when the Encampment was held in Cincinnati, an aged Comrade from Ohio who came, with a feeble step, into our Encampment and asked to distribute cards among the delegates. We all got them, and we asked him to read it for us. It was a poem he had written, a very beautiful poem. I wish that I had the gift of oratory and the power of elocution to give it as he did when he read it:

OLD CLAY HOUSE

When I'm through with this old clay house of mine
And no more guide light through the windows shine
Just box it up tight and lay it away
With the other clay houses of yesterday.

But with it, my friends, do try if you can
To bury the wrongs, since first I began
To live in this house. Bury deep and forget,
For I want to be square, and out of your debt.

When I go to meet the Architect Supreme
Face to face, I want to be clean.
I know it's too late to mend
A bad builded house when we come to the end,
But to you who are building, just look over mine
And make your alterations while there is time.
Just study this house, no tears need be shed
It's like any clay house when its tenants have fled.

I have lived in this house many days all alone
Just waiting; And oh, how I long to go home.
Now don't misunderstand me, this old world is divine,
With love, birds, and flowers and glorious sunshine.
It's a wonderful place an da wonderful plan,
And a wonderful, wonderful, gift to man
But somehow we feel when this cycle's complete,
There are dead ones across we are anxious to meet.

So we open the book, we check up the past,
There'll be no more forced balances, this is the last.
Every item is checked, every page must be clean
For that's the passport we carry to the Builder Supreme.
So when I'm through with this old house of clay
Just box it up tight and lay it away.

For the Builder has promised when this house is spent
To have one finished with timbers I sent
While I lived in this one. Of course it will be
Exactly as we builded here. You see

It's the kind of material we each send across,
So if we build poorly, of course, it's our loss.

You ask what material is best to select,
'Twas told you long since by the Great Architect,
"A new commandment I give unto you."
So the finest material to send up above
Is the clear, straight-grained timber of brotherly love.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you, Brother Wentzel.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I would like the privilege of the floor to bring to your attention something I think you might like to hear about.

I had a real pleasure last night. The Comrade from Missouri gave a fine little talk at that meeting and from the moment he got to his feet, I remembered something about him. This morning, I stole away for a moment and visited the G. A. R. in session, to see that Comrade and make an identification.

When I was Commander-in-Chief, and while traveling in Missouri, I arrived in a city and no one met me at the station. I went down the street about a block, and noticed a gentleman leaning against a building. I thought I saw a button in his lapel. I slowly walked by him, turned around and came back and then I was sure that the button was the bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic. I approached him, told him I was a Son of a Union Veteran. He said, "Look here, there's going to be a meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans tonight and the Commander-in-Chief will attend—you better make it a point to be there." I told him I would try, and we parted. That evening when I arrived, he was already there, right up in the front row. When he discovered who I was, he looked up at me and all he could say was, "Oh, my gosh."

I went over to the session of the G. A. R. this morning and I said to the Commander from Missouri, "Do you remember me? I'm the fellow from the Sons of Union Veterans you spoke to on the street corner in 1939 or 1940 and you invited him to a meeting." He replied, "I certainly do remember that." He was pleased, and so was I. This little incident gave me a feeling of satisfaction in being a Son of a Union Veteran and meeting the "Boys in Blue." I wanted you to share it with me.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hale: I should like, at this time, to express my thanks to you all. I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me, and I shall endeavor to be worthy of that confidence.

I have in mind a message, at the moment, that I wish you would take back with you when you go home. This last year has been a peculiar year, with much difficulty because of existing conditions. Those of you who attended this Encampment have seen your Commander-in-Chief in action, you have seen his genial personality and observed his great love for our Order and his generous nature. These, and other qualifications that those who did not attend do not know about, but which you have observed, were evident. In just valuation of his services, I wish you would travel back home and tell your fellow members that you had a right good Commander-in-Chief whose services have been in line with the great traditions of our Order.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you, Brother Hale.

Delegate S. W. Livingston, Illinois: I understand that our new Commander-in-Chief has given us a little recognition through radio programs. He has been on the air twelve years. I have been on for

three, and I am wondering if we could get a hook-up from Massachusetts and Illinois. It would be a wonderful thing if we could have a hook-up on such a radio program.

Commander-in-Chief Mackey: That's something for you to work out with your incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I move that all committees be discharged, that the minutes as taken by the official stenographer be the official minutes of the Encampment and that they be approved as transcribed, and the usual number of printed proceedings be ordered by the National Secretary. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

Department Commander Paul E. Grate, Ohio: As Department Commander of Ohio, I thank each and everyone for attending this Encampment on such short notice and I hope you have had an enjoyable stay in Columbus.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief elect Hale appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Pennsylvania (who was his Commander-in-Chief when he was Department Commander) as Installing Officer; Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Massachusetts, as Installing Guide.

No staff appointments were made at this time, as they will be announced later.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers (complied with) and

Commander-in-Chief—H. Harding Hale, Massachusetts;
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 George A. Laduke, Vermont;

were installed in Ritualistic form.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter.

PRESENTATION TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MACKEY

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure to, perhaps, be the first one to greet you with that title.

This is a duty that is most frequently performed by a brother in the Department in which the Past Commander-in-Chief is a member. However, there are, and have been over a period of years, close ties existing between a brother from Pennsylvania and the brother from Michigan, who is just retiring from office.

Thirty-two years ago, when I was elected Commander-in-Chief, a splendid Comrade of the state of Michigan was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a surprisingly able man, and proved to be a very great friend of this Order. Thirty-one years ago, in 1914, it was my pleasure as Commander-in-Chief, to preside over the Encampment of this body in Detroit, Michigan; and ten years ago my good wife had the pleasure of presiding over the annual Convention of the Auxiliary in the city of Grand Rapids. I may say that possibly, after all, I am a citizen, at least in a degree, not only

of the state in which I live but of the State of Michigan and of this great United States.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey, one year ago, you started where Brother Hale now starts. We were in the midst of a great war with much uncertainty and that, of course, was a great handicap to you in meeting the duties of your office. I question whether any Commander-in-Chief ever had the difficulties of travel, communication, and what not, to contend with that you did. The best tribute that I can pay to you is that you met those difficulties as a true Son of a Union Veteran should meet them. You have been a successful Commander-in-Chief, you gave your best endeavors as our Commander-in-Chief; and I know that I but speak what is in the heart of every member, when I say that they are grateful to you for the manner in which you have handled it. However, that's all past and now Brother Hale starts to travel this difficult path.

I am happy to welcome you into the ranks of a very exclusive group of men—that of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This organization has been in existence for about sixty-four years. In that length of time, I believe, we have had about sixty-two men who filled the office of Commander-in-Chief. God, in his goodness, has seen fit to take the majority of those men to that place so touchingly referred to in that poem given by Brother Wentzel as "home."

Brother Mackey, as a Past Commander-in-Chief and, I believe, the oldest one in years of service in the Commandery-in-Chief, I welcome you as a Past Commander-in-Chief and it is my privilege to pin upon you this beautiful badge representing your rank.

I shall not attempt to make any promises for you but I feel, personally, that we may be assured that this is but the beginning of your real work for the Order of Sons of Union Veterans. Past honors are back of you, but vast responsibilities for those past honors lay ahead of you. May God, in his goodness, permit you to live to serve as a Past Commander-in-Chief, as he has permitted me for these past thirty-one years. Good luck to you in the future in all things. We hope to see you yearly; and we believe that you will never, never forget what your brothers did for you and that you will find a way to repay them through that one method that means so much—service.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Thank you, Brother Sautter, for those very kind and inspiring words. One of the responsibilities that goes with any job is to do just what Brother Sautter says. I hope and trust that I can be as busy in the future as I have in the past, and I shall heed well the advice given by Brother Sautter.

Again, I want to thank everyone of you who has contributed to the success of the work of the past year. In my business, we either have a lot or nothing to do; and that is about the way it has been here during this last year. However, if I have, in any way, contributed to the success of our organization, I am happy. I know that I, and everyone of the National Officers, feel the same sense of pride and happiness for the work we have done and we trust that it has been of some merit to the organization.

Brother Hale, I know that you will have the same spirit of co-operation that I had from the members and officers. As for Michigan, we will co-operate in anything that you may want. Thank you, Brother Sautter, and thank you, Brothers.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Speaking of Grand Rapids, reminds me of that song that has been sung all over the land, in connection with a noted motion picture. According to the half-way suggestion

that we may go to Grand Rapids next year, instead of saying "Meet me in St. Louis," it is to be "Meet me in Grand Rapids" and all be sure to be there.

It was a performance of the play "Faust" which attracted a small boy. He climbed to the top balcony for his twenty-five cent seat, and watched the play from there. It seems that, in the last moment before the play went on, the Devil discovered one of his imps missing. They found a raw recruit, who got into the suit given him somehow, and the play went on. All went well until, at the point where the vanquished Devid and his imps were descending to the Regions Below (through the stage trap door) that this recruit, more retund than the rest, got stuck. In the hush of the suspense at this baffling situation, the small boy's voice rang out from the balcony, "Thank God, Hell's full!"

Now that the great suspense of War is over, most of our Order's war difficulties are disappearing. Now that the boys are coming home and conditions are subsiding back to normal, we have a chance to move forward. We have the opportunity to meet with many of our fellow members, and prospective fellow members, to confer with them on their local problems.

There are just three things that have stood out vividly in my mind in the months gone by, as I have endeavored to make good. Those three things are: Morale, membership and leadership.

First, let us think about the morale of our Order. I doubt whether it has suffered so much during war time. The decline has come steadily for several years, and the march of time has done things to the members of our Order; but we have instances among our patriotic field of men where age has not surmounted their efforts. Did you read, in that respect, some time ago of that Comrade of the Grand Army of Republic in St. Louis who, at 95, went to the Mayor and insisted on a job and he was given one. I have letters in my office of a member of the local group in 1869, then known as the Sons of Veterans. That man is eighty years of age. His Camp needs stimulation, and he is going to put his shoulder to the wheel and lift it back to service.

(Interrupted for a visit of Comrade of the Grand Army).

VISIT OF COMRADE VALLEY

Department Commander Orlando Lee Valley of the Grand Army of the Republic, from Michigan, with his Secretary, Mrs. Marshall, wife of a Michigan brother, were escorted in and introduced.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: My brothers, it seems psychological that we should call upon our cheer leader, Brother Anderson, to lead us in giving three cheers. (Three lusty cheers were given for the Comrade).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: May we have a few words from you, Commander?

Comrade Valley: I am very thankful for the opportunity of coming here, and I thank you for the courtesy extended to me.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey: You know, it is a wonderful privilege for me to present to you our Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic from the Department of Michigan, Sister Marshall. She was the National Secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps, also the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Marshall: Brother Past Commander-in-Chief, and my beloved Past Commander-in-Chief, it is a very great pleasure to come before a National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans

I wanted my Comrade's voice to ring out to everyone of you, the pleasure and honor we have felt as our Brother Mackey lead this organization. My Comrade said, "We voted you to be the voice of the Department of Michigan so I will only say that I am glad I can come over," so I am doing the speaking for him.

As a daughter and a granddaughter of a veteran, I fully realize my heritage; and what we Sons and Daughters must do to be worthy of that heritage. Last year, I was privileged to meet your Commander-in-Chief. His message was membership and, in furthering that message he said, "Remember we are Sons of Union Veterans." I said, "So are we, remember we are Daughters."

This has been my message in all the States that I have visited—the Grand Army of the Republic is fast leaving us, but after that long line of blue vanishes and they go from us, it is up to us Sons and Daughters to carry on the traditions that the Grand Army has carried on so long.

I hope that, as the years go on, the Sons of Union Veterans will take their rightful place as leaders in things patriotic. I thank you.

I wonder if I would be out of order, at this time, in telling you that we have elected Comrade Hiram R. Gale, of Washington, to be our next Commander-in-Chief. We are happy that a man so outstanding, physically and mentally is to be our leader.

Let us rally always, as you have in the past to the Grand Army of the Republic. Thank you, Commandner-in-Chief, for allowing me to speak.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: These notable visitors deserve a response, and I am going to call on Department Commander Riley.

Department Commander Lawrence Riley, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, Comrade and Sister; it is indeed an honor for us, in this Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment, to be visited by such distinguished guests. I am sure that the brothers will note the remarks you have made, and that they will "carry on" in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I thank you for coming here and, in behalf of the Encampment, wish you the best of luck for many years.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: (Continuing his acceptance speech) That happy interruption has a tie-in with just what we are trying to point out; that in connection with the three things in which we are particularly interested, they play a great part. Because of the Grand Army of the Republic's mature years, their lessening numbers, and voices becoming more or less indistinct—the need for rallying in numbers, in all places where there are eligibles is great.

We should endeavor to increase our membership by finding who is eligible and put on a vigorous campaign to add them to the rolls of our Order. There are many men whom we meet in everyday life who are prospective candidates if we just take the time and effort to get them interested in our organization. I only touch briefly on Membership because we all know what it entails, and our duty lies before us.

Leadership has a definite relationship to membership. In order to acquire more members, we need a more definite and better quality of leadership—a more deeply loving leadership. This is the time when Camps are electing leaders for the coming year, and recently we have noted that many Camps elected the same Commander over and over again, because they lack timber. The way to replenish the timber is to get more material from outside. Let us get that material, and let us show that we are aware of what is going on in these days when

many returning war veterans can be gotten into our Order—better timber than that could not be found. We do need better leadership among our Camps, and better morale would naturally follow.

We hope for more harmony among Camps. Let us endeavor to get solidly behind the cause to which we are pledged as a united organization standing before our representative community, and declare that we are self-respecting Sons of Union Veterans; that we have certain peculiar privileges, rights and responsibilities communicated to us by our Fathers that we regard as sacred and that we must fill with almost religious loyalty.

Now, we have inspiration for our work in poetry. Combining poetry with prose, we have many moments that lighten our cloudy hours. Inspiration is what is found in these lines—

"And those who are twiddling their thumbs while they wait
For times to get better—will lose—sure as Fate!

For while they are waiting for bright sunny skies—
The fellow of action runs off with the prize
So be like the sprinter who's ready to run—
All ready to leap, with the crack of the gun!
Look over your prospects, for ways and for means
To increase your membership—with men, good, serene.
And then when the clouds begin breaking apart,
Be not merely planning—be ready to start!

Have faith in the future—and what YOU can do—
Have faith in your Order, and stick to it, too!
Have faith in the country—your Country and mine.
In all of her crises, be in the front line!
And, too, as you struggle for glory, or pelf—
Hold tightly, forever, to faith in yourself!
So, face not the future, with worry and dread—
Get busy, get busy, get ready—good days are ahead!"

Our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is entitled to be heard at this time, and I recognize him.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Martin: I am like Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter. I joined in '86, my first Encampment was fifty-five years ago, and I have attended a majority of them since that time other than when I was in France during the first World War.

I appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me. I notice that only two States west of the Mississippi are represented here this year, and I can't understand it. Commander-in-Chief, I pledge you my support—call on me any time I can be of assistance to you.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Williams: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers, I appreciate the honor that has come to me and the Department of Ohio. I am satisfied that members of our Department will leave this meeting, go back to our Camps and start in the work of getting new members in Ohio.

I have heard in this Encampment that we are just too lazy to go out and get new members. It can be done if we put forth a little effort. Here's an example—Commander-in-Chief Mackey wanted our Camp to put on the work and not very much activity was shown while we had no definite information as to whether the Encampment would be held. In September, when we got the official word that it would be

held, we got to work. In that short time, I had two candidates; if we would have had more time, there could have been more. It shows that it can be done. All we need to do is go after them—that's what we have not been doing for so many years.

I hope that during this year, we will all try to present Commander-in-Chief Hale with an increased membership.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I think Brother Williams has been reading some of Edgar Guest's "It Can Be Done." Brothers, that is the idea—let's get busy and do it.

Past Department Commander R. I. Snodgrass, Iowa: I want to make a correction as to the representation here. I crossed the Mississippi to get here, so did those from Minnesota and several other States.

I got to my feet, most of all, to express to you my appreciation of serving you as an officer, this past year, in this wonderful organization. I assure you, Commander-in-Chief Hale, that simply because my term of office is over that does not mean that my service is finished. I admit that my service hasn't been outstanding perhaps, but it has been steadily given for the past thirty-one years. I appreciate the honor of serving as an officer of the Commandery-in-Chief. The spirit of this organization is the same as being converted to a religion—once you get it in your blood, nothing will or can remove it, if you are a true Son of a Union Veteran.

Let us go home with new ambition; let us raise our sights and do something once in a while.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Thank you, Brother Snodgrass.

Department Commander Charles York, Maine: I assure you that Maine will do all it can next year to assist you. We will be only too glad to help you.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I feel strongly that Maine is going to give the kind of backing for which it has long been known.

Department Commander Thomas A. Chadwick, Vermont: This problem of membership has always greatly interested me. One of the things which we hear in Vermont is that young men can't be interested in our organization. I refute that idea. Out of a membership of thirty-nine, we furnished fourteen boys to the Armed Forces in this war; so when they tell me that, I know they don't know what they are talking about.

I pledge my support in anything you may undertake during this year.

Council-in-Chief Parker: I should like to express my thanks to this Encampment for re-electing me to the office of Council-in-Chief, and I shall endeavor to fill it to your entire satisfaction.

Council-in-Chief Combs: I will pledge my service again, and my hearty co-operation with you and thank the brothers for electing me to a second term.

Council-in-Chief Laduke: As has been said, Vermont is small; but what we lack in quantity, we make up in quality. I am sure that I speak for the entire Department of Vermont and I thank you, in our behalf, for the honor that has come to our Department. I pledge my whole hearted support to you and this organization in anything I can do.

Delegate S. W. Livingston, Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, this is a special invitation for you. The Sons and Daughters Banquet Association will observe the 80th anniversary of the organization of the

G. A. R. on April 6th of next year. If you can arrange to be a guest at that time, we will be glad to have you.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Thank you, Brother Livingston. Perhaps I shall be able to accept that invitation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mable: If there is no further business, I move that we adjourn.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson, and carried).
The Encampment closed in Ritual form.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the Proceedings of the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment.

URION W. MACKEY,
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,

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New Hampshire	
New Jersey	2
New York	9
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Pennsylvania	20
Rhode Island	
Vermont	3
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Wisconsin	3

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kan.
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	18 Asylum S., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 S. Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, New York.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	134 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1410, Chicago, Ill.
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	4300 Roland Ave., Apt. 6-2, Baltimore 10, Md.
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	2227 South Ninth St., Philadelphia, 48, Pa.
1927	Walter C. Mable	Pennsylvania	2550 Pine Street, San Francisco, 15, Calif.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	Dwight, Illinois
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	1071 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, Florida
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio	21419 Kenwood Ave., Rocky River, Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	24 Burr St., Jamaica Plain 36, Mass.
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	40 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass.
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	Calif. & Pac.	7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Calif.
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	N. Hampshire	10 View St., Franklin, N. H.
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	2772 So. Broad St., Trenton, 10, N. J.
1942	Henry Towle	Maine	13 Free St., South Portland, 7, Maine
1943	C. LeRoy Stoudt	Pennsylvania	1410 Mulberry St., Reading, Pa.
1944	Urton W. Mackey	Michigan	417 Ardmore St., S. E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.

Sons of Veterans

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1883	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	
1885	†*Louis M. Wagner		
1886	†*Louis M. Wagner		

The Post System

1889-90	†George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, New York
1890	†*George T. Brown	New York	

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania	
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	
1939	Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania	Reading, Pa.

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E. Howard Gilkey...108 W. New England Ave., Worthington, Ohio

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

*Deceased.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	St. Louis	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 21-26	Chattanooga	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Detroit	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Niagara Falls	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	Washington	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Atlantic City	D. C.
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Rochester	Missouri
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	Massachusetts
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Tennessee
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Michigan
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-5-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
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