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PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

The joint opening exercises of the Sons and Auxiliary were held at 9:30 p. m. August 25, 1946, in the Hotel Severin, with National Chief-of-Staff Alice H. Rand of the Auxiliary presiding.

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

Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale and National President Gladys B. Sallman were presented, and each made a short address.

The ceremony was impressive and well executed.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Joint Memorial Service of the Sons and Auxiliary was held Monday, August 26, at 4:00 p. m. on the roof Garden of the Hotel Severin. The National Chaplains of each organization were in charge of the service.

Department Commander George William Kimball, Massachusetts, gave the following

Tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin Earp

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin Earp was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 8, 1850, and moved to Lynn, Massachusetts, when he was about ten years of age. He was the son of Edwin Earp, Captain of Company H, First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, during the Civil War, who enlisted February 2, 1862, and was honorably discharged July 31, 1865.

Brother Earp was one of the organizers of the Sons of Veterans and traveled extensively, building up that organization and in 1883 became Commander-in-Chief, afterwards affiliating with the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., now the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was a member of Lt. Col. Charles R. Mudge Camp No. 1 of Lynn.

Edwin Earp was a well-known architect, who designed many of Lynn's public buildings, including the Essex District Court House, the Luther Johnson Memorial Home for Nurses of the Lynn Hospital, the Sanbourn School, the Central Fire Station on Broad Street, also the Federal Street Fire Station in the western section of the city, all in competition with plans submitted by other architects.

His first work at his profession was the designing of the soldiers and sailors monument at the Grand Army of the Republic lot in Pine Grove Cemetery. At this time he was only twenty-one years old, which caused considerable doubt as to his ability. Brother Earp's design, submitted in competition with other architects of more mature years and experience, was the one accepted and they were so well pleased that they presented him with a gold watch.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin Earp passed on July 2, 1945, in his 95th year, having retired from his profession eleven years before. He was the husband of the late Mrs. Mercy Ambler Earp and is survived by a son, Edwin Earp, the third in a direct line to bear this

name, of Peabody, Massachusetts, and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Sargent of Lynn, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn, where stands as a lasting memorial, the beautiful monument his creative genius designed.

The older members of our beloved Order will remember Brother Earp as a gentleman of the highest sterling qualities—faithful to his God, Country and to the Order. His memory will live on. May God be good to his immortal soul.

Tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner

Frank L. Kirchgassner also served the National Organization as Commander-in-Chief in 1934.

He served as Department Commander in 1912.

He was a 50-year member and was one of the original organizers of the Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans Old Timers' Association.

He served as President of the Massachusetts Department Past Commanders' Association, and President of the North Metropolitan District Association, Sons of Union Veterans, which comprises fourteen Camps with over 800 active members.

In every worthwhile endeavor, Frank took an active part. During his long illness he always carried a God-given smile. He bore his earthly cross with fortitude; a Christian gentleman who labored in God's earthly vineyard, with charity for all with malice towards none. His countless acts for the welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic endeared him to many who now mourn his passing. His numerous patriotic deeds will live as monuments for future generations to emulate. We extend to his good sister Elizabeth and relatives the heartfelt sympathy of the National Organization. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted . . . words of consolation in this their hour of sorrow.

"OUR LOYAL DEAD"

God rest the Souls of all our dead
Whom we shall see no more
As other millions—they have crossed
Heaven's most sacred shore.

They now know more than those left here
With God they are each day
The way we can remember them
For their Souls—let us pray.

Some day we too will pass on through
To meet our God on high
Let's "Carry On" their noble deeds.
Don't wait till time to die.

Forget them not—as years roll on
Remember them each day
"Sons" of this type kept our Flag high
Preserved our U. S. A.

They're gone—but not forgotten, friends,
Or will they ever be
As long as we have just one Camp
Of loyal S. U. V.

Past National President Mamie M. Deems, Department of California & Pacific, paid tribute to National Special Aide Elizabeth Kahler; Past National Chaplain and Past Department President Bertha Rannels, Maryland, paid tribute to Past National Council Member and Past Department President Anna L. Garlock.

Tributes were also given to the following:

All deceased Past National Presidents — By Past National President Margaret D. Schroeder, New Jersey.

Comrades and all deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic — By Department Commander Cecil J. Randall, Ohio.

All deceased members of the Sons of Union Veterans — By National Chaplain Rev. Thomas D. Abels.

All deceased members of the Auxiliary — By Past National President Edith B. Nile, Ohio.

Miss Katherine Flood, Secretary to the Grand Army of the Republic — By Past National President Clara M. Gallagher, Pennsylvania.

Those who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in World Wars I and II — By Past National President Maude B. Warren, Massachusetts.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 26, 1946

Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale: The officers and members of the Sixty-fifth 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 Hugh I. Snider, Indiana; Color Bearer, Past Department Commander Andrew Richardson, New Jersey; and Guard, Delegate Charles Ellis, Indiana.

The Encampment was opened in ritualistic form.

Roll call of officers showed all present except National Counselor William T. Church.

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief:

Credentials

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman.
 Harry E. Drown, Department Commander, Vermont.
 Julius Isaacs, Delegate, New York.
 Charles C. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine.
 Parker E. Thornburg, Past Department Commander, Indiana.

Constitution and Regulations

William T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.
 Cecil J. Randall, Department Commander, Ohio.
 Frank M. Heacock, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.
 Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
 Frederick G. Bauer, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 R. J. Williams, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

Ritual and Ceremonies

Urien W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan, Chairman.
 Thomas A. Chadwick, Past Department Commander, Vermont.
 Harry Warner, Department Commander, Maine.
 Bertrand O. DeForest, Past Department Commander, Connecticut.
 George William Kimball, Department Commander, Massachusetts.

Resolutions

Neil D. Cranmer, Past Department Commander, New York, Chairman.
 Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
 A. C. Thornburg, Past Department Commander, Indiana.
 Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California & Pacific.

Reports of Officers

Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman.
 Chester L. Charter, Department Commander, Minnesota.
 C. M. Barksdale, Department Commander, Indiana.
 Albert E. Deems, Past Department Commander, Indiana.
 Allen F. Spink, Past Department Commander, Connecticut.

Press

Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Jersey, Chairman.
 Roy R. Lewis, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin.
 Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.
 Cleon E. Heald, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.

Americanization

Ernest E. Barnum, National Patriotic Instructor, Connecticut, Chairman.
 Chester L. Charter, Department Commander, Minnesota.
 Frank Woerner, Department Commander, California & Pacific.

Greetings to Grand Army of the Republic

Urien W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan, Chairman.
 All Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Woman's Relief Corps

C. LeRoy Stouidt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
 Lawrence D. Riley, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.
 George E. Bailey, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman.
 Enoch A. Hoyt, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island.
 W. R. Coffey, Delegate, Colorado & Wyoming.
 Charles E. Ross, Past Department Commander, Iowa.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

Albert C. Lambert, Past Commander-in-Chief, New Jersey, Chairman.
 George A. Laduke, Council-in-Chief, Vermont.
 Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
 Cloy V. Smith, Past Department Commander, Michigan.
 A. C. Thornburg, Past Department Commander, Indiana.
 A. L. Reynolds, Delegate, Illinois.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Frank C. Huston, Past Commander-in-Chief, Indiana, Chairman.
 Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California & Pacific.
 Rev. Thomas D. Abels, National Chaplain, Maryland.
 Clinton J. Smith, Past Department Commander, Vermont.
 A. W. McDaniel, Past Department Commander, Indiana.
 R. Boyce, Delegate, California & Pacific.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Has the Credential Committee a preliminary report to present at this time?

National Secretary Hammer: The Committee reports 124 members enrolled.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

We meet in a city that has made itself memorable to the Grand Army of the Republic. For here an assemblage of veterans, who a few short years before had brought back their victorious battle flags from a prolonged and bitter Civil War, began its famous series of National Encampments. Now, after 80 years, our veteran fathers gather in Indianapolis once more.

Time has in those 80 years been steadily shrinking this once great veteran army. Today it numbers less than 90. It is with much satisfaction that we recall that as their Sons we have been meeting with them, with rare exceptions, all of sixty-five years.

I am here to tell you somewhat of my service as your leader during a period of a little over ten months. Since the 4th day of October, 1945, I have consistently endeavored to hold high the ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, facing most unusual conditions. True, the second World War was at an end; but that gigantic struggle of almost four years had scarcely lifted its heavy hand from even a civilian organization such as ours. Arrangements for holding a National Encampment were made possible only at the eleventh hour. Department Encampments had been ordered by Washington to hold their attendance to 50 members.

State of the Order

The result of the above recited and other restrictions was restricted activity throughout the organization. Having descended to a lower level of performance, also with leaders now averaging a substantially more advanced age from theirs of 1918, the decided tendency among many good Brothers has become that of "following the line of least resistance." Altogether these conditions presented a situation of great difficulty to your Commander-in-Chief. World War II had ended and I was convinced that the time had come for making a real recovery effort, and, for effectiveness, a concerted, organized campaign throughout the Order for rebuilding or retrieving it was necessary. So this administration offered the Retriever Plan to be implemented by groups of Brothers of proven active service to be chosen by Department Commanders. Here is the plan as outlined in the December issue of The Banner.

"A 'Retriever Squad' to conduct an organized, concerted retrieving campaign. The objectives are: (1) sizeable class initiations; (2) restoring slowed-down Camps to activity by (a) assuring good ritualistic work on their candidates at such initiations, and (b) interest-stimulating Retriever meetings at convenient points; (3) A definite goal for member gain.

District Commanders to supplement above plan by working on their Camps for the objectives. Advantages: Novelty, To Work with Department Commander, Definite Aims!"

The responses to this plan of campaigning for class initiations and the recovery of slow-down Camps were numerous. Promises and formal adoption by vote by Mid-Winter meetings and Regional Associations were most encouraging. However, a very real condition that is widespread today in our Order had to be faced—a hesitancy to use any fresh approach to dealing with declining membership and reduced activity.

Therefore, to produce material results, something more than promises or naming Retriever Squads was essential. To those Departments and to those groups that faithfully strove to make this recovery plan effective, I am sincerely grateful for what they did.

Whatever was or was not done in pursuance of this plan which was aimed directly to overcome inactivity, there still remains a dark cloud menacing our future. The past year has seen the aftermath of the war years, Departments and Camps ridding themselves of the burdens of carrying Camps and members long in arrears for per capita tax and dues. New Camps and new members vitally necessary to compensate for the sizeable losses can be obtained only by studied, persistent effort. *There is no other way.*

This continual subtraction of Camps and members, with comparatively small gains, can lead only to an inglorious end. Brothers, assuredly, not one of us who is really dedicated to our great cause of commemoration of the valor of our Civil War veterans, wants to see the curtain rung down. Are we, who cherish a precious birthright, going to let our great opportunity for leadership in the patriotic activities in our respective communities slip from our grasp? Unless we face realities and all hands put our shoulders to the wheel, that danger may be nearer than we think.

Every available opportunity was taken advantage of by me to carry home to our Brothers, not only the Retriever Plan, but also the G. A. R. Highway, and "Dedication Day" (November 19) projects. These objectives were stressed before Department and Regional groups in New England, also at Lincoln anniversary events in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. There having appeared in the December, January and March issues of The Banner messages and appeals for all three major causes, your Commander felt that the time had come for a check-up. So in early May I visited and held conferences with Department Officers at the following points: Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Spokane, Wash., (Hidden Camp situation), Portland, Oregon, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Colorado Springs. (The railroad strike necessitated omitting St. Louis, Mo., conference). Enroute I held a conference with Commander-in-Chief Hiram R. Gale, of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Seattle. I discovered that at every contact I made our members had been following this administration's articles in The Banner and that, slowly but surely, our Brothers are becoming conscious of the present serious state of affairs, and that their interest is focussing on our great problem, *recovery*. But as yet our members, for the most part, have not come to grips with this problem. With a more or less state of settled inactivity it requires more than the ten months of my term to arouse a large scale, determined effort to reinforce our membership. I am satisfied that the spade-work toward that effort has measurably been accomplished.

Recovery Material—New Members

My contacts with many Camp officers in many parts of the Commandery-in-Chief revealed that many, perhaps a majority of our Camps, are not enthusiastic over canvassing for new members. Of

course that doesn't mean that such officers and members want to see their Camps disband, but it does mean that they are reluctant to face realities. Where there is little or no replacement of members, and losses from death and delinquency continue, there is no other future than surrender of the Camp charter. The one alternative is a resolute effort for new members. For such an effort an up-to-date eligible list is the important first step. After my many inquiries I can recall not more than one or two Camps that have taken this or any other method of finding out who are eligible in any given community. In this work of uncovering Civil War veterans' descendants, the women of our sister Orders can lend valuable aid. Why not, by using that and other means, prepare a comprehensive list? The second practical step is the choice of a good membership committee of go-through members, who are aware of what is at stake and will whole-heartedly go after life-saving human material.

I RECOMMEND that the next administration emphasize and promote a vigorous recruiting campaign in every Department of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Cultivating World War II Veterans

The men who wore Uncle Sams trim uniforms of tan and olive and blue, as they gallantly fought for the preservation of the democracy our fathers had preserved in their four years of bitter conflict, richly deserve our grateful recognition of their victorious service. Making these heroes of the late war our honored guests should broaden our patriotic outlook and produce a broader appreciation locally of our patriotic activities. As General Omar W. Bradley, chief of the Veterans Administration, recently reminded us in a radio address, the interest among the general public to see that effective aid is provided by public agencies for housing them and assisting them has been noticeably decreasing in recent months. Here is a fine opportunity for this patriotic organization of ours to give these new veterans the backing they need, not only by resolutions but by the more effective means of advocating in the newspapers, and attending public hearings to advocate suitable homes and real jobs for the heroes of 1942-1945. Such generous support of such worthy projects should prove a worth while service that would raise respect for us among our fellow citizens.

RECOMMENDATION: That this Encampment go on record commending to every Department Commander the importance of local Camps' actively in supporting all worthy practical public projects in the interest of good living conditions for World War II Veterans, and, to that end, that such Department Commanders take the proper means to promote such Veteran assisting efforts being exerted among his Camps.

RECOMMENDATION: That the incoming Commander-in-Chief definitely encourage the honoring and recognition of World War II veterans by Camps and that special occasions be held on appropriate dates to suitably honor such veterans.

Grand Army of the Republic

Fortunate indeed are we to again be in the presence of that glorious band of Civil War heroes, the Grand Army of the Republic. To see them, to hear them stir us as can no other inspiration. Glowing recollections crowd our minds of days when your father, my father, moved in the marching columns that dramatized to vast throngs of cheering onlookers, the great war they fought and won. Today the

blue line is a very thin one. But we rejoice that these few surviving Boys in Blue are permitted by Providence to celebrate together their Eightieth Annual Encampment. And we observe with admiration their Commander-in-Chief, Hiram R. Gale, who, despite his ninety-nine years, sturdily upholds great traditions and the same spirit as the glorious leaders of yesterday. We cannot fully express, but we will not forget, what they mean to us. All honor to our own Grand Army of the Republic!

Commander-in-Chief Gale graciously contributed a front page patriotic message published in the January Banner. He also generously responded to the requests of Chairman Mansfield, of the G. A. R. Highway Committee and myself, that he address letters to the Governors of the four States which had not acted in making their respective portions of U. S. Route No. 6 parts of the G. A. R. Highway. His letters urging favorable action by those States have already yielded substantial results. We are sincerely grateful to Commander Gale for these and other expressions of kindly interest in our Order and its work.

The passing of National Secretary of the G. A. R., Katherine R. A. Flood, shortly after the Columbus Encampment, was a great sorrow to us who had come to know her through years of fraternal associations. Her extraordinary efficiency in executing the duties of her office had made her almost indispensable to National officers of the Grand Army of the Republic. It will take a long time to fully recover from being deprived of her very able services.

Miss Cora E. Gillis, her successor, was a logical choice by Commander-in-Chief Gale and his advisors. Already she has demonstrated that she has an intelligent grasp on the duties of National Secretary, and I can testify that she has shown a fine spirit of co-operation with me and my associates. I am sure her circle of friends in the Grand Army Family has steadily grown since she took up her duties.

Grand Army of the Republic Highway

Chairman J. Clark Mansfield and his associates on the above-named Highway project have hung up an enviable score for progress with this delicate and difficult project. Anyone familiar with the varying conditions that have to be dealt with before the Highway portion of a given state is legally designated and marked, can appreciate, after reading Chairman Mansfield's illuminating report, that what has been done was accomplished only after persistent and tactful efforts. I commend your careful reading of the report.

We rejoice with the committee in the results achieved and we are indebted particularly to Chairman Mansfield for this decidedly effective service.

Legislative Committee

Chairman Michael G. Heintz and his able committee members centered their efforts on securing passage of the "Ludlow Resolution" (House Joint Resolution No. 35) through the Congress. The Resolution designates November 19th, the anniversary of President Lincoln's historic Gettysburg address, as Dedication Day, and seeks the issuance by the President of a proclamation calling for the reading on that day of the address in public assemblages of the nation, including U. S. possessions. Their tireless efforts, despite one obstacle after another, were rewarded by a photo finish victory in the last hours of the session. Accordingly Dedication Day will be observed November 19, 1946.

Chairman Heintz called forth an amazing sum of co-operation from G. A. R. Commandery-in-Chief, the Loyal Legion, Presidents Sallman

of our Auxiliary and McLaughlin of the Daughters of Union Veterans, also numerous prominent members of our own and other patriotic organizations, including National Counselor William T. Church, and your Commander. The telegrams and letters sent to Congressmen ran into the hundreds and must have impressed the recipients of these pleas for favorable action. The enactment was a notable achievement for our Order. We heartily thank Brother Heintz and his committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That Dedication Day be fittingly observed on November 19, next, by Departments and Camps throughout the Commandery-in-Chief.

Our Auxiliary

In National President Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman we have seen a live, well-equipped leader. She has proved an enjoyable and efficient co-laborer for the objectives both Orders seek. Her fellow-officers and past officers have nobly done their respective parts in our relations with them. We shall long remember their kindness and fraternal helpfulness expressed in many ways by our Auxiliary.

Woman's Relief Corps

This auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, from my associations with it for many years, has proved of inestimable value to our fathers. Its record of service for nearly three quarters of a century is one of which it may well be proud. Its leaders have maintained throughout a high standard of patriotism and efficiency. National President Ellenore M. Zeller is no exception to the standard of leadership of her predecessors. She and her associates have proved their value as co-workers with this Order to promote patriotism and commemorate the Union-saving Boys in Blue.

Ladies of the G. A. R.

We recognize in this organization another great patriotic influence with aims kindred with ours. Catherine G. Schroeder, its National President, has well demonstrated her well directed leadership and cordial sympathy with our cause and immediate objectives. The association with her and her leaders has been enriching.

Daughters of Union Veterans

This shining light in our Grand Army Family was most capably led the past year by Mrs. Emma R. McLaughlin. As National President she has given abundant evidence of sympathetic understanding with what our Sons are striving for, and a fine spirit of reciprocity in patriotic endeavors. We remember that both Sons and Daughters look to a common ancestry for inspiration.

The Banner, Our Official Organ

Allan S. Holbrook, the editor of our connecting link with members of our Order everywhere, having been a Commander-in-Chief, is peculiarly suited to minister most understandingly to the national leaders who have succeeded him. I have also become deeply indebted to him for his extraordinary helpfulness in handling the front page messages that have appeared in the five issues, December-July, inclusive, also General Orders. But he has served other officers, too, in a way calculated to attract a maximum of readers; and, altogether, he has given convincing evidence that his editorship has constantly kept in view providing the greatest service to the greatest number possible among our membership.

Publicity

Intelligent and persistent publicity efforts can make this Order highly respected in any community, large or small. Yet your Commander-in-Chief's extensive observations revealed comparatively little use of the local press. Can we afford to continue to overlook the valuable opportunities that medium affords? Live, active organizations definitely attract; inactive, never-heard-from organizations are passed by without consideration. Although publicity alone cannot take the place of enterprise and active interest among officers, it can effectively aid in gaining recognition among the other patriotic Orders in a given locality.

I am speaking now of publicity obtainable through metropolitan and local newspapers. A press representative of a Camp who, with other officers, can arrange interesting and appropriate events and promote these events by good write-ups in the local paper, may be surprised at how much space the newspaper editor will give to his items. By such efforts your Camp may make itself better known and understood.

Radio offers another publicity channel. True, anyone undertaking programs to go on the air needs considerable preparation before presenting to the station his program proposal. But this form of publicity offers extraordinary possibilities. When properly presented, it acquaints family groups in city and in country with the Civil War story and what Appomattox meant to the power of America. It should also prove an effective advertising medium for the Department or Camp that uses it particularly throughout a series of programs. Knowing somewhat of the value of good radio programs composed of music, hero stories and live talks, I would point out that if Departments and Camps can find the right talent in a Publicity representative who will equip himself by proper study, listening to successful radio productions and intelligent preparation of material, the influence of well done broadcasts may prove far-reaching. Especially is this service valuable in getting out to the public a better understanding of our patriotic purposes, a public that has now too many who are unappreciative of the good objectives we are striving for, such as Dedication Day, the G. A. R. Memorial Highway, and patriotic effort contributions nearer home. The road to success is not too easy but, patience and persistence can accomplish remarkable results. Primarily this radio effort should not be to harvest a class of candidates but rather to attract to educate concerning and to commemorate those whose dauntless loyalty made the Union a lasting one.

The Staff

How fortunate for your Commander to have had as his fellow-officers the keenly interested and greatly efficient group composing this administration. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles B. Martin has striven ceaselessly to keep our expression of patriotism as a shining light particularly among the Departments west of the Mississippi River, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief R. J. Williams has been most efficiently responsive as to the major objectives of this administration. His long experience applied to our interests has proved a most valuable service. Brothers E. J. Parker, Fred H. Combs, Sr., and George A. Laduke, composing the Council-in-Chief, have gone along with us as seasoned, devoted co-operators. Ernest E. Barnum, National Patriotic Instructor, has made an enviable record. His interesting and inspirational contributions to The Banner, his active promotion of the campaign for contributions to the G. A. R. Fund, which has re-

sulted in a notable success, and his inviting suggestions for the observance of patriotically stimulating events—all these active services revealed his earnestness to aid Camps to more frequent and more purposeful patriotic meetings. His selection for this post appears to have been amply justified. In Rev. Thomas D. Abels we had satisfying service as National Chaplain. We are grateful for his exemplification of a high type of loyalty to our purposes.

The long official career of National Secretary-Treasurer Horace Hammer has produced a secretary second to none in any national patriotic Order. His ripe experience and knowledge of human relations have enabled your Commander to greatly profit by Brother Hammer's always available rich stock of knowledge as to precedent and procedure of our organization. No one among us knows more than he for instance, about our membership condition. Reading his report will give you the true picture of this as well as other problems confronting us. My deep gratitude goes to this last named but no means least of our national officers.

Necrology

Since the Columbus Encampment an impressive number of Brothers have been taken from us. The men who will be commemorated at our Memorial Service were such as we could ill afford to lose. With their removal comes the challenge, who will fill their places? Two typical instances of serious losses were Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, of Massachusetts, and Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James W. Lyons, of Maryland. Loyal to the core, faithful to their last breath, parting from such fine fellow-workers leaves us in deep mourning.

Conclusion

The acknowledgments above for services rendered in a common cause by no means is all inclusive. I am indebted to all Brothers who have given this administration sincere and substantial co-operation. There were hospitalities and other expressions of warm fellowship for which I am grateful and which I shall long remember. Whatever I have done has been with the steadfast purpose of furthering the cause which has been entrusted to my care. May my successor lead you forward to greater effectiveness in telling Americans the great story of our revered Union veterans.

Most sincerely,

H. HARDING HALE,
Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I present printed reports of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, June Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain and National Counselor.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, Illinois: I move that with the reading of the Commander-in-Chief's report, the other officers' reports as printed in the pamphlet be presented to the Officers' Reports Committee without reading. (Adopted).

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Parsons, Kansas, July 25, 1946.

Mr. H. Harding Hale, Commander-in-Chief, and Officers and Members
of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment.

Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, Greetings:

I am submitting herewith report of the activities and work of
your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief during the past year.

Since the Laws of our Order do not provide for any specific work
or duties for the Office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, except in
case of an emergency, or any special duties or services, which may be
assigned to that Office by our Commander-in-Chief, and as I received
no orders or requests for special services from our Commander-in-
Chief, I can only make a report on such activities where I saw I could
serve.

At once after the issue of The Banner after our Encampment, in
which our Commander-in-Chief offered his "Retriever Squad" propo-
sition as a safety valve for the perpetuation and rebuilding of the
membership of our Organization, I issued a letter to all Department
Commanders, Secretaries and Treasurers, to all Camp Commanders,
their Secretaries and Treasurers, to all Past Commanders and others
West of the Mississippi River, whose addresses I could locate. In this
letter I urged each Department and Camp Commander to appoint a
"Retriever Squad" composed of the five best men in their Departments
and Camps, brothers who would really work at the job. They were
to call on every suspended member of every Camp; they were to make
a house to house visit and secure the names and addresses of every
eligible person in their Community and Department, to use every
effort in their power, through Orders, letters and otherwise to Depart-
ment Officers, Camps and Members, to the end that all Camps hold
regular meetings, Patriotic Programs on all Patriotic Days, especially
on Lincoln's Birthday, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
and on Union Defenders Day. To all such meetings send special invi-
tations to all eligible persons, especially on Memorial Day and Union
Defenders Day. Every Camp and Brother should act on Programs and
assist in Decorating the Graves of Our Fathers and their Comrades.
The "Retriever Squad" should also see that every Camp holds regular
meetings and class initiations, and see that every eligible person re-
ceived a special invitation to become a member of our Order. Each
patriotic program and items of interest should be given in local pa-
pers. Anything that will attract attention to worthwhile Patriotic
work will also attract new members.

I also urged that every Department and every Camp use their
effort and influence with the Officers of every State through which
The Grand Army of the Republic Highway runs, on Highway No. 6,
to the end that this Highway be properly designated and marked as
"The G. A. R. Highway," which our dear Comrades wished so much
to see completed before their membership had entirely passed away.

I will not attempt to estimate or enumerate the results received
from this hundred letters; however a goodly number of replies were
received and I had hoped to follow up with at least two more letters,
but on account of illness and other unavoidable circumstances I could
not get the job done. Such a work must require finances as well as
thorough organized effort. We all know the seriousness of the mem-
bership decline in our Order and I am fully convinced that nothing
except an earnest, combined effort of all of our Organization, with a
nationwide campaign will halt or check a further decline. To check

this decline or to increase our membership will depend wholly upon the earnestness with which such a campaign is carried on, together with the amount of finances at hand to be used in such an effort.

Besides attending the Kansas Department Encampment, where I am the Department Secretary-Treasurer, I did without order or request from our Commander-in-Chief, attend the Department Encampment of the Allied Orders of Missouri, which was held in Joplin in May. As there were not the required number of members of the Sons to hold their Encampment the Department Commander of Missouri issued a call to hold their Department Encampment in the City of St. Louis later; however at that time I was unable to attend. For several months before the Joplin Department Encampment I had been in correspondence with the Department Commander and several Brothers in Joplin, with a view of reinstatement of the Joplin Camp. At a called meeting, which was held on the 8th of May, at the time of the Encampment, a Temporary Camp Organization was perfected. Three Sunday meetings were held and I made three visits to Joplin to assist in the organization of that Camp. The meeting for the permanent Organization was set for Memorial Sunday and I being on the program at home for our Memorial Service was unable to attend the Joplin meeting. I was advised while in Joplin that they had fifty-four members signed up and paid for, so I trust they have a good Camp there now.

While I was in attendance at the Joplin Encampment I had the pleasure of visiting the meetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Woman's Relief Corps, and Our Auxiliary, each of which were very well attended. I extended the greetings of Our Commandery and was very graciously received. I also attended a Banquet given by the Daughters of Veterans, and I had the great honor of riding in the Parade with the Department Commander of Grand Army of the Republic.

It is deplorable that a large membership of our Camps have such a lack of interest and willingness to work for our Order and their Camps—even our Memorial Day is fast slipping from us—other Organizations' activities are swallowing us and yet we do not seem to be able to do anything about it.

For the past twenty-five years I have also been a member of the American Legion, and for more than twenty years I have acted as Adjutant and Service Officer. In 1939 I gave up the Adjutant's job to take over the work of Service Officer, and during the past four years have been giving from four to twelve hours a day waiting upon Veterans of World War One and Two, their widows and dependents.

I cannot help but compare the difference in our Order between now and the time when I acted as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief before, in 1913, when our Encampment met at Chattanooga, Tenn. Then for several years I passed through the chairs of the Council-in-Chief, and resigned as Chairman when I went in the Army to France.

Patriotism has changed wonderfully from what it used to be. Are the people of our Union losing their old time Civil War patriotism? the patriotism which was made by our Fathers? That patriotism seems to have changed to a mighty greed for money and personal publicity.

I am the proud wearer of a Fifty-Year Badge, and if it were a Sixty-Year Badge I could still wear it; every brother eligible to wear that badge should wear it.

In closing, I desire to thank the members of our Commandery-in-Chief and the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment for the great honor again conferred upon me when they elected me to the office of Senior

Vice Commander-in-Chief. I want you to know that I appreciate your action very deeply, and especially do I wish to thank you for thus honoring the Department of Kansas, which I represent. I am truly sorry that I could not have done more toward increasing our membership and advancing the interest of our beloved Order. I shall always do my best to perpetuate the memories of our Fathers who fought for a United Nation and handed down to us such a patriotism and heritage.

I wish to extend to our Commander-in-Chief, H. Harding Hale, my best wishes and personal regards, and I hope his administration will be a grand success. May his year's work hold nothing but pleasant memories of a work well done for all time to come. To the members of our Commandery and the entire organization, I am

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

CHARLES B. MARTIN,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Columbus, Ohio, July 30, 1946.

Mr. H. Harding Hale, Commander-in-Chief,
Officers and Members of the 65th Annual Encampment,
Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Brothers:

It is an honor and a pleasure to submit to you a report of activities of the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the term ending with this Encampment.

It long has been my thought that when one accepts an office in any of the constituted bodies of the Order that he should devote some time to the upbuilding of the Order. A name does not appear on a letter-head simply to occupy space.

During the term I have endeavored to interest Camps and members through means of Department Orders and circular letters in the "Retriever Plan," as chairman of the Ohio Department Retriever Squad, and as Department Secretary-Treasurer. Some degree of success has been attained, as we have reports of prospective New and Re-instated Camps; also that a few Camps are conducting membership drives. Results should be forthcoming in early quarterly reports.

Time for conversation, however, has ceased. We must increase the number of Camps and membership rolls. For best results, personal contact with eligibles is strongly advised.

Let us start our campaigns immediately upon our return home and continue throughout the year. Sincere labor will bring satisfactory results, gratifying to all.

I fully appreciate the pleasure I have in being a member of the official family, and pledge my best efforts in adding to the membership rolls during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

R. J. WILLIAMS,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, my report is not as it will appear in the printed proceedings. For instance, due to the late arrival, you will find a difference in my report in Minnesota. We did not have the report for June quarter until the 19th of August and the result was that the figures had to be changed to show a net loss of 8 instead of 14 because my printed report only includes three quarters—September, December and March, but this will be corrected in the official record.

The Financial part of my report must be changed due to some late returns. Under "receipts" that report will read "Balance in bank \$3,159.10" instead of as it appears. In the Disbursements you will find a difference of not quite \$400 because the vouchers came in after my report was printed.

Under Membership—net losses and gains—there will be a difference of about 5 or 13.

I am asking you to appreciate what it means, not to have prompt returns. I'm requesting that the Department Officers and National Officers, members of Camps, see that reports go to Department Headquarters and from Department Headquarters to us. Sometimes we are without per capita for months after it is due.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: You have heard the additions to the National Secretary-Treasurer's report as made; also his comments. The changes will show in the records.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Reading, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1946.

To H. Harding Hale, Esq.,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to submit report for the term 1945-'46 as follows:

It is along the usual lines, details and data. The most important feature is the positive necessity for recruiting, increasing the membership. Our economic conditions cannot hold up with present resources or revenues. With annual decrease in finances and members, the nucleus of our existence becomes unstable, doubtful, even precarious for us to carry on our obligations and continue the customary procedure and responsibility.

Your efforts to impress upon the membership the importance of increasing the membership was timely. It is hoped the effect and emphasis stressing the matter will have favorable and desired results.

Several of our Encampments have been held in this hospitable city, the last in 1942. At that Encampment, four years ago, we reported in good standing 671 Camps and 18,489 members. In the term ending with that Encampment, our gain was five new Camps, initiations 769, and from all sources a gain of ten Camps and 1,105 members. Our net loss—15 Camps, 627 members.

Receipts this term, which comprised approximately ten instead of the usual twelve months, and disbursements were lower than usual. Strict economy was applied. Our finances will indicate that we have no obligations. It is exceptionally pleasing to report that our credit is 100%.

Our business was materially affected—not the extent as usual—by conditions incident to Federal rulings, restrictions, applicable to Badges. After the 1944 Encampment we were in the market for badges, our supply diminishing. The W.P.B. ruled that the material used was

needed for War purposes and prohibited the use thereof. Considerable correspondence and trouble resulted to secure some substitute acceptable for our emblems and supply the requisitions. Many firms were resorted to. All manufacturers applied to submitted proposals of a material which was of a prohibitive character in price and design, and ranged in cost from \$1.12 to \$3.25 each. Our manufacturer reluctantly abrogated our contract, unable to comply therewith, could not adhere to prices or regard agreements for years in effect and established. Government restrictions now removed we have with our manufacturer for years, requisition pending for all needed badges to be furnished as soon as factory reconversion for manufacturing can be completed and to be delivered to us as soon as possible, almost any moment. Necessarily and due to manufacturing and industrial conditions, increased cost of material and production, prices were increased from fifteen to thirty-five cents. Pursuant to the action of the Sixty-second Encampment, 1943, Page 68, increased cost of supplies was authorized to be charged to, required paid by Departments and Camps. Only two Badges were raised (ten cents). No increase in profit resulted.

Financial

	General (Checking Acct.)	Permanent Organiza- tion Fund	G. A. R. Fund	G. A. R. Highway Com. Fund	War Fund	U. S. Gov't Bonds
October 4, 1945—To Balance.....	\$1458.85	\$3522.56†	\$ 836.51	100.00*	\$220.46*	\$3000.00
Receipts:						
From Departments ...	\$7318.90					
Interest ...	133.36†*	110.80*				
Transfers	20.46*					
	<u>\$7472.72</u>					
Disbursements	\$8931.57	\$3633.36*†	600.00*	40.47	220.46*†	3700.00*†
			236.51	59.53		
			<u>1312.20</u>			
Donations			1548.71			
† Appropriation			<u>540.47†</u>			
August 29, 1946—To Balance..	\$1841.52	\$669.59	\$1008.24	\$100.00		\$6700.00

Permanent Fund

October 4, 1945—To Balance		\$3522.56	
Interest		110.80	
			<u>\$3633.36</u>
By purchase U. S. Bonds	\$3500.00		
Transfer	133.36		<u>3633.36</u>

War Fund

October 4, 1945—To Balance		\$ 220.46	
By purchase U. S. Government Bonds.....	\$200.00		
Transfer	20.46		<u>220.46</u>

Organization Fund

October 4, 1945 - August 29, 1946—By Balance.....		\$ 669.59	
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Grand Army of the Republic Fund

October 4, 1945—To Balance		\$ 836.51	
Donations to G. A. R., 1945.....	\$500.00		
Transfer to G. A. R. Highway Committee.....	100.00		<u>600.00</u>
			\$ 236.51
Donations			<u>1312.20</u>

Donations to G. A. R., 1946.....	\$500.00		
Appropriated to G. A. R. Highway Committee.....	40.47		<u>540.47</u>

August 29, 1946—By Balance		\$1008.24	
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Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee

October 4, 1945—To Appropriation		\$ 100.00	
Expense of Chairman		40.47	

			\$ 59.53
August 29, 1946—Appropriation from G. A. R. Fund.....		40.47	<u>40.47</u>

August 29, 1946—Total		\$ 100.00	
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U. S. Government Bonds—Form "G"

October 4, 1945		\$3000.00	
By Purchase		3700.00	

August 29, 1946—Total Bonds		\$6700.00	
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Itemized Receipts from Departments

Department:	Membership Fees	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fee	Sup. plies	Misl.	Prem. Bonds	Total
Camp at Large.	\$ 12.00	\$ 20.50		\$	\$	\$	\$ 32.50
Cal. & Pac.....	15.00	198.00		45.50			258.50
Col. & Wyo.....	3.00	35.80		1.00	.15		39.95
Connecticut . . .	6.00	364.00		55.40			425.40
Illinois	2.00	176.90		18.70	.98	6.25	204.83
Indiana	3.00	151.00		14.15		2.50	170.65
Iowa	4.00	89.70		26.25		6.25	126.20
Kansas	5.00	92.00		17.41		2.50	116.91
Maine	21.50	294.00		88.05			405.95

Department:	Membership Fees	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fee	Supplies	Misl.	Prem. Bonds	Total
Maryland . . .	1.50	149.10		13.44		2.50	161.54
Massachusetts . . .	19.50	1084.80		108.73	.93		1213.96
Michigan . . .	4.00	164.50		39.03		6.25	213.78
Minnesota . . .	1.50	58.60		31.55			91.65
Missouri . . .		63.90		4.06	.84	6.25	75.05
Nebraska . . .	1.00	52.40		2.00		6.25	61.65
New Hampshire . . .	2.50	152.30		36.80	8.57		200.17
New Jersey . . .	11.50	251.60		40.70		2.50	306.30
New York . . .	25.00	594.20		78.80	2.11	2.50	702.69
Ohio	12.00	532.90		45.65		6.25	596.80
Oregon	7.00	75.00		13.57			95.57
Pennsylvania . . .	40.50	1175.70		70.85	10.29		1297.34
Rhode Island . . .	2.00	101.10		25.73	.07		128.90
Vermont	7.00	173.80		36.50		2.50	219.80
Washington		25.60		.60	.28	2.50	28.98
Wisconsin	5.00	129.40		2.53	.23	6.25	143.41
Md. C. C. . . . .					.50		.50
Total	\$211.50	\$6201.80		\$819.40	\$24.95	\$61.25	\$7318.90

Itemized Expenditures

General Expenses:

For Stock, Supplies	\$ 333.02
Federal Social Security Tax	29.50
Withheld Federal Tax on Salary	189.24
Penna. Unemployment Compensation Tax	14.75
The Banner	2089.23
Encampment (1945), Printing Proceedings, promulgating	421.34
Encampment Expenses (1946)	918.85
Printing	38.45
Shipping Supplies	21.10
Salary, October, 1945 - June, 1946, inc.	1285.76
Premium on Bonds, Department Commanders, National Secretary, Commander-in-Chief	86.75
Miscellaneous—Arlington Hall, Lincoln Memorial University, Secretary State Illinois, Badges, Past Commander-in-Chief	332.42
	<u>\$5765.41</u>

Office Expenses:

Twine	\$ 1.20
Postage	58.79
Express . . . . .	.62
Telegrams	5.86
Stationery	114.20
Rent	434.00
Miscellaneous (Affidavits, Safe Deposit Box, etc.)	19.70
	<u>\$ 634.</u>

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Postage, Telegrams, Office	\$ 10.00
Traveling	680.27
	<u>\$ 690.</u>

Total Expenditures \$7090.

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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Departments	IN GOOD STANDING JUNE 30, 1945		GAIN																					
			By Organization		By Initiation in Camps		By Transfer		By Camps Reinstated		By Reinstatement in Camps		Total Gain		By Disbanded		By Death		By Hon. Discharge		By Transfer			
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members		
Ala. & Tenn.	1	5																						
At Large [1 Camp]							1	27																
Calif. & Pacific	18	507		30	5					5	1	40	2	20				19	2		2			
Colo. & Wyo.	4	85		6						1		7												
Connecticut	28	943		12						2		14	1	8				36	3					
Illinois	22	456		4	2					7		13	1	4				12						
Indiana	16	394		6						2		8						9						
Iowa	14	243		8						2		10						5						
Kansas	15	226		10						1		11						7						
Maine	29	714		43							30	73						21	2					
Maryland	12	372		3								3						15	1					
Massachusetts	109	2796		39	7						17	63	5	73				78	5		6			
Michigan	14	429		8						4		12	1	18				9			1			
Minnesota	8	151		3							2	5						1	1					
Missouri	7	167																9						
Nebraska	5	130																						
New Hampshire....	19	425			5	1						6						11	1					
New Jersey	20	638			23					4		27						21						
New York	66	1534			50					4		54						52	2					
Ohio	57	1348			24	3					10	37						42	2					
Oregon	7	182			18	1					1	20						8	1					
Pennsylvania	91	3080	1	19	81	21					24	145	5	56				89	1					
Rhode Island	15	271			4							4						5	21					
Vermont	20	448			14	3	1	9		5	1	31						13	4		2			
Washington	4	61						1	10			1												
Wisconsin	12	335			10	4						3						22	6					
Total	613	16538	1	19	411	46	3	46	126	4	649	15	179	485	52	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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Financial

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Interest ...	133.36†*	110.80*					
Transfers	20.46*						
	<u>\$7472.72</u>						
	\$8931.57						
Disbursements	\$7090.05	\$3633.36*†		600.00*	40.47	220.46*†	3700.00*†
				<u>236.51</u>	<u>59.53</u>		
				1312.20			
				<u>1548.71</u>			
Donations				540.47†			
† Appropriation				<u>\$1008.24</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>		<u>\$6700.00</u>
August 29, 1946—To Balance..	\$1841.52		\$669.59	\$1008.24	\$100.00		\$6700.00

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT 1945-1946—GAINS, LOSSES—DEPARTMENTS

Departments	IN GOOD STANDING JUNE 30, 1945		GAIN										LOSS							IN GOOD STANDING JUNE 30, 1946		Balance in Department Treasuries	Balance in Camp Treasuries	Amount Expended for Relief	No. Relieved or Their Families												
			By Organization		By Initiation in Camps		By Transfer		By Camps Reinstated		By Reinstatement in Camp		Total Gain		By Disbanded		By Death		By Hon. Discharge								By Transfer		By Suspended		By Dropped Camps with Members		Dropped by Camps		By Dishon. Disch.		Total Loss
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps				Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Ala. & Tenn.	1	5																																			
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No.	To Whom and Address:	Vouchers	Account:	Amount
1.	Colonial-Berks Real Estate Co., Reading, Pa.	Rent, October-December, 1945, inc.	\$ 105.00
2.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill.	Subscription, October, 1945, 15,595 copies @ 2 1/4c each	.....	337.89
3.	Arlington Hall, Des Moines, Iowa	Donation	.....	50.00
4.	Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn.	Donation	.....	100.00
5.	H. Harding Hale, Com-in-Chief, Boston, Mass.	Expenses December, 1945	.....	10.00
6.	The Robbins Company, Attleboro, Mass.	P. D. C. Badges	.....	174.72
7.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill.	Subscription, December, 1945, 15,370 copies @ 2 1/4c ea.	.....	333.02
8.	W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa.	Printing, Stationery National Officers	.....	94.45
9.	U. S. Collector Int. Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa.	Federal Social Security Tax, Oct.-Dec., 1945, inc.	.....	7.50
10.	U. S. Collector Int. Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa.	Withheld Federal Tax from Salary Nat. Sec.-Treas, October-December, 1945, inc.	.....	49.50
11.	Pa. Unemployment Comp. Fund, Harrisburg, Pa.	Tax on Salary Nat. Sec.-Treas., Oct.-Dec., '45, inc.	.....	3.75
12.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa.	Salary, October-December, 1945, inc.	.....	325.50
13.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Reading, Pa.	Rent, January-March, 1946, inc.	.....	105.00
14.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill.	Subscription, January, 1946, 15,335 copies @ 2 1/4c each	.....	357.82
15.	Edward J. Barrett, Sec. State, Springfield, Ill.	Corporate Fee, 1946	.....	1.00
16.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill.	Printing Rosters. \$30.40; 1040 copies Journal Proceed- ings 64th Encampment, 1945, promulgating, to De- partments, Members Encampment, \$421.34	.....	451.74
17.	C. R. Schlechter, Reading, Pa.	Pendant Commander-in-Chief Badge	.....	9.42
18.	U. S. Collector Int. Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa.	Social Security Tax, January-March, 1946	.....	11.00
19.	U. S. Collector Int. Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa.	Withheld Federal Tax, January-March, 1946	.....	69.87
20.	Pa. Unemployment Comp. Fund, Harrisburg, Pa.	Tax, January-March, 1946	.....	5.50
21.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa.	Salary, January-March, 1946, inc.	.....	480.13
22.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Reading, Pa.	Rent, April-June, 1946, inc.	.....	108.50
23.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Baltimore, Md.	Premium Bond, Dept. Commander	.....	6.75
24.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill.	Supplies, \$121.80; Subscription March, 1946, 15,255 copies @ 2 1/4c each, \$355.95	.....	477.75
25.	H. Harding Hale, Com-in-Chief, Boston, Mass.	Traveling, Expenses	.....	200.00
26.	W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa.	Supplies	.....	36.50
27.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill.	Subscription, May, 1946, 15,132 copies @ 2 1/4c each	.....	353.08
28.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Baltimore, Md.	Premium Dept. Commanders' Bonds	.....	23.75

Vouchers

No.	To Whom and Address:	Account:	Amount
29.	W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa.	Stationery, Chairman Committee Marking Graves....	7.50
30.	U. S. Collector Int. Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa.	Social Security Tax, April-June, 1946, inc.....	11.00
31.	U. S. Collector Int. Revenue, Philadelphia, Pa.	Withheld Federal Tax, April-June, 1946, inc.....	69.87
32.	Pa. Unemployment Comp. Fund, Harrisburg, Pa.	Tax, April-June, 1946, inc.....	5.50
33.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa.	Salary, April-June, 1946, inc.	480.13
34.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Reading, Pa.	Rent, July-September, 1946, inc.....	115.50
35.	W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa.	Printing	2.50
36.	Tongue, Brooks & Zimmerman, (Maryland Casualty Co.), Baltimore, Md.	Premium Bonds, Dept. Coms., Nat. Sec.-Treas., 1946-'47	56.25
37.	H. Harding Hale, Com.-in-Chief, Boston, Mass.	Expense, December-February	55.75
38.	Casey Floral Co., Melrose, Mass.	Flowers, Past Com.-in-Chief Kirchgassner	10.00
39.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill.	Subscription, July, 15,063 copies	351.47
40.	W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa.	Stationery	2.50
41.	C. R. Schlechter, Reading, Pa.	Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief	162.00
42.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa.	Expense a/c October, 1945 - August, 1946, inc.....	125.92
43.	H. Harding Hale, Com.-in-Chief, Boston, Mass.	Expense a/c April-July, inc.....	314.24
44.	Grand Army of the Republic (from G. A. R. Fund)	Donation (from G. A. R. Fund).....	\$500.00
			Encamp. Exp.
45.	The Banner, Dwight, Ill.	Printing Officers' Reports, Roll.....	\$159.69
		Exp. a/c G. A. R. Highway Committee (From Committee Appropriation)...	40.47
46.	J. Clark Mansfield, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Flowers Memorial Service	5.82
47.	Hattie B. Lawton, Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind.	Expense a/c Traveling	73.62
48.	H. Harding Hale, Com.-in-Chief, Boston, Mass.	Expense a/c	38.18
49.	C. B. Martin, Sr. V. Com.-in-Chief, Parsons, Kan.	Expense a/c	10.00
50.	R. J. Williams, Jr. V. Com.-in-Chief, Columbus, O.	Expense a/c	188.27
51.	E. J. Parker, Council-in-Chief, Santa Ana, Calif.	Expense a/s	38.64
52.	Fred H. Combs, Sr., Coun-in-Chief, Trenton, N. J.	Expense a/c	45.45
53.	Geo. A. Laduke, Coun.-in-Chief, Burlington, Vt.	Expense a/c Postage	33.00
54.	Ernest E. Barnum, N. P. I., Bridgeport, Conn.	Expense a/c	14.90
55.	Rev. Thomas D. Abela, N. C., Wellsburg, W. Va.	Expense a/c	14.90

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

No. To Whom and Address:
 56. S. V. Pa. Brigade Drum Corps, Harrisburg, Pa.
 57. H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Reading, Pa.
 58. Alice D. Thompson, Montclair, N. J.

Vouchers		Account:		Amount
.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	57.93
.....	.....	.....	.....	57.93
.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00
Total Vouchers		\$915.50	\$540.47	\$7090.05
Included in Voucher No. 42.....		(\$3.35)		

Stock and Supplies Account

Notwithstanding our handicap in not being able to supply Badges receipts for supplies were approximately only \$30.00 less than last year. Number of requisitions filled 100, a slight increase over last term.

Cost of Supplies on hand September 30, 1945.....	\$1931.07
Purchased	333.02
To account for	\$2264.09
On hand August 10, 1946	1787.92
Amount Received	\$ 819.40
Cost of Supplies Sold	\$356.27
Shipping	21.10
To Departments free	4.34
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	381.71
Profit	\$ 437.69

Fifty Years Membership Badges Issued

Kansas, 4; Maine, 5; Massachusetts, 2; New Hampshire, 3; New Jersey, 5; New York, 4; Pennsylvania, 5; Vermont, 5. Total, 33.

War Medals Issued

Connecticut, 2; Massachusetts, 2; New Jersey, 16; New York, 4; Pennsylvania, 10. Total, 34.

Membership—Gains, Losses

It cannot be too strongly impressed upon all that it is most imperative and absolutely necessary that attention must be given, results obtained for increasing the membership. It is time for a change and every member realize his duty to secure members. Department Commanders and Officers, Camp Officers and Members must be made to understand that they must get into action for members. The change referred to is that from loss each year to a gain. Those responsible are not interested in securing members, pass up the opportunity to contact eligibles. They are content to hold office and have no consideration of their obligation or duty to increase their membership rolls.

Department Officers take no interest in securing New Camps, reinstate former Camps and Members. The laws for reinstatements have been especially changed for such purpose; but apparently to no purpose in the anticipated results therefrom, due to the general attitude of no drive, no movement, no action taken for the restoration of former members and new members.

Too many times we have been reporting losses. Time now, with our decreasing membership and constant losses for a change and to stop the losses.

We cannot continue long under these conditions. It must be realized that a continuance of losses, as we have had for too many years, will naturally ultimately cause disintegration.

Camps that disband or are dropped, leave such places, localities, without the observance of Memorial Day and the ceremonies of tribute to the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of 1861-65. It is sad to consider that.

This term's losses compare about the same as in other years.

New Camp

Pennsylvania broke the record for the last several years in instituting a New Camp, other Departments having prospects did not succeed in organizing. The New Camp was instituted with 19 Charter members and revives the one formerly in existence for over 50 years (Mahanoy City).

The Banner

Appreciation of the services of our Official Organ—THE BANNER, through Editor A. S. Holbrook—is stressing the co-operation and assistance given us by reiterating what so frequently has been stated. It was no exception to the customary benefits in this from previous terms, and the effect throughout the Order for activity.

The Auxiliary

In recognition of her interest and desire to be of service to us, Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, National President, was always at our service in affairs and occasions for beneficial results and upbuilding our Order. She proved an example in patriotic effort and in her Order was an inspiration for Camps and Members in their adherence to our principles.

Grand Army of Republic

This term "the tie that binds," always ours with the Grand Army of the Republic, was closer and tighter this year, for which we are obligated to Miss Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary, capable successor to the lamented Miss Katharine R. A. Flood. Secretary Gillis showed us many courtesies through constant and agreeable contacts with us.

Conclusion

You made a great effort to show successful and definite results—an increase in membership. You did not limit any opportunity you felt would bring about the result. You contacted Officers and Members throughout the Country, to inspire and urge plans, action, and enthuse them in upbuilding Camps, the Order. You were in personal touch with Departments, Camps and members that for the first time in years had not been contacted. Beneficial results therefrom will surely follow.

Official relations end but a friendship of nearly fifty years emphasizes the personal regard for you. For many courtesies I tender my appreciation.

To the National Officers, the Department Officers I express appreciation and sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Bridgeport, Conn., July 20, 1946.

To H. Harding Hale, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander:

I herewith submit my report to you and to the Officers and Members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief for your consideration and approval.

In November of 1945, very much to my surprise, you appointed me

as your National Patriotic Instructor. During my ten months in said office, I have tried to fulfill the trust and confidence you placed in me and to live up to the accomplishments of my predecessors.

Although my efforts have been largely centered on securing contributions to the National G. A. R. Fund, and in following up your drive for an enlarged membership through the Retriever Squad Plan, I have not neglected the other duties of my office. Besides sending out my personal letters of appeal for the proper observance of Patriotic Days in our Camps, I have placed in every issue of "The Banner" material I thought would be of value to the Patriotic Instructors and the Camps. In January, I stressed the subject of Patriotism, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays; in March, the observance of Appomattox Day and Grant's birthday; in May, a message and plea to observe Memorial Day in a fitting manner; and in the July issue, a program and an appeal to observe Constitution Day on September 17th.

The heart of your National Patriotic Instructor is overflowing with gratitude for the splendid response to my appeals on behalf of the G. A. R. Fund. I personally feel that most of the credit should go to the Department Patriotic Instructors and to all the other Brothers who aided in raising this fund. I wish to thank and commend each one of you for your splendid co-operation, and for the hundreds of fine letters I have received from you.

I would be amiss if I did not thank my own Department of Connecticut for their wonderful response.

The grand total as of this date is \$840.00.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you, Commander-in-Chief Hale, for your confidence in me and for the honor and many courtesies during the past year; also P. C.-in-C. A. S. Holbrook, Editor of The Banner, and H. H. Hammer, National Secretary and Treasurer, for your many kind words and courtesies.

I am more than happy to be able to say that I have had no complaints in regard to the G. A. R. Fund this year.

As the list of contributors to the G. A. R. Fund is quite lengthy, I will close my report with the following recommendation:

No. 1—That we discontinue at once the use of the American Flag as a drapery on our Altar and use bunting of Red, White, and Blue instead, in compliance with the Flag rules issued by the War Department, which reads as follows:

"Article No. 6—Do not place any object or emblem of any kind on or above the flag of the United States of America.

Article No. 7—Do not use the flag as a drapery in any form whatsoever. Use bunting of Red, White, and Blue."

I have had many complaints on this subject from returning War Veterans.

No. 2—That the Department and Camp Commander see to it that their Patriotic Instructors send in without fail their annual reports on time, and by so doing, live up to the rules and regulations of our C. & R.; for, I am sorry to have to say that, as of this date, July 20th, I have only received 50% of the Department Patriotic Instructors' reports, which I feel is a very poor showing.

No. 3—Some years ago at the National Encampment, our Auxiliary erected a tablet on the lawn of the home of President Benjamin Harrison, on Meridian Street, Indianapolis. Since

Benjamin Harrison was a General in the Civil War, I think it would be appropriate for us as Sons and our Auxiliary, to make a pilgrimage to the Harrison home. However, I leave this to the discretion of the Encampment and members.

REPORT OF NATIONAL G. A. R. FUND

Department of Colorado and Wyoming:

Not itemized\$ 8.80

Department of Connecticut:

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 2, Stamford.....	17.00
Griffin A. Stedman Camp No. 6, Hartford.....	30.00
Chas. L. Upham Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	15.00
Trumbull Camp No. 9, Southington.....	2.00
Franklin Bartlett Camp No. 11, Bridgeport.....	30.00
Wm. B. Wooster Camp No. 25, Ansonia.....	5.00
D. C. Rodman Camp No. 27, East Hartford.....	10.00
Capt. T. B. Robinson Camp No. 31, Bristol.....	1.00
Wm. Horton Camp No. 44, Stafford Springs.....	5.00
Wadhams Camp No. 49, Waterbury.....	4.00
Mansfield Camp No. 53, Middletown.....	2.00
Not itemized.....	3.25

Honor Club Members

Robert C. C. Smith, P. D. C., Camp No. 1, New Haven.....	1.00
W. R. Bassett, Camp No. 1, New Haven.....	1.00
J. J. Morgan, Camp No. 1, New Haven.....	1.00
Ed. M. Scott, P. D. C., Camp No. 2, Stamford.....	1.00
S. W. Morrell, P. C., Camp No. 2, Stamford.....	1.00
Wm. F. Nemetz Jr., P. C., Camp No. 2, Stamford.....	1.00
O. Carrier, P. C., Camp No. 2, Stamford.....	1.00
A. Waring, Camp No. 2, Stamford.....	1.00
Geo. Wood, Camp No. 2, Stamford.....	1.00
Ed. Boyce, Commander, Camp No. 6, Hartford.....	1.00
H. W. Storrs, P. D. C., Camp No. 6, Hartford.....	1.00
G. L. Champlin, P. D. C., Camp No. 6, Hartford.....	1.00
R. E. Daniels, Camp No. 6, Hartford.....	1.00
C. B. Newton, Camp No. 6, Hartford.....	1.00
R. S. Holtz, Camp No. 6, Hartford.....	2.00
N. R. Barrett, Camp No. 6, Hartford.....	1.00
R. N. Barrett, Camp No. 6, Hartford.....	1.00
F. H. McGar, P. D. C., Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
A. F. Spink, P. D. C., Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
F. C. Upham, Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
W. L. Couch, D. C., Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
C. L. Heckler, Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
Ed. Comstock, Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
H. B. Dingwell, Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
F. Harvery, Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
C. C. Radar, Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
C. Z. Swisher, Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
L. C. Webber, Camp No. 7, Meriden.....	1.00
Miss Carolina Clark, P. D. P., of Auxiliary, Meriden.....	1.00
E. B. Atwater, P. D. C., Camp No. 9, Southington.....	1.00
H. P. Sanborn, P. D. C., Camp No. 9, Southington.....	1.00
Geo. S. Hoyt, P. C., Camp No. 10, Danbury.....	1.00
E. E. Barnum, N. P. I., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport.....	10.00

M. K. Blackwell, Commander, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport.....	1.00
Maj. C. H. Sprague, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
Col. A. C. Bennett, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
A. R. Barnum, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	2.00
R. F. Valentine, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
P. A. Scripture, P. C., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport.....	1.00
H. C. Hubbel, P. C., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport.....	1.00
F. A. Roswell, P. C., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport.....	1.00
N. B. Baylies, P. C., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
H. C. Curtiss, P. C., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
A. R. Holbrook, P. C., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport.....	1.00
E. G. Keyes, P. C., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
Al. E. Byrnes, P. C., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport.....	1.00
W. C. Hall, P. C., Camp No. 11, Bridgeport.....	1.00
S. W. Hawman, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
F. P. Munich, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
L. E. Hebbard, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	2.00
H. Morris, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
M. Hussey, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
W. G. Wheeler, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
F. H. Tyrell, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
C. A. Tyrell, Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	1.00
Mrs. E. E. Barnum, In Memory of Dad, Bridgeport.....	2.00
Mrs. A. Barnum Burseley, in Memory of Grandpa, Bridgeport.	1.00
Mrs. L. Barnum Capiello, In Memory of Grandpa, Bridgeport.	1.00
M. H. Gibney, P. D. C., Camp No. 16, New Britain.....	1.00
Fred Yarroll, Camp No. 16, New Britain	1.00
W. G. Winans, Camp No. 16, New Britain	1.00
G. C. Clark, Camp No. 16, New Britain	1.00
Chas. Swift, Camp No. 17, New Haven	1.00
E. M. Linnell, Camp No. 17, New Haven.....	1.00
J. Y. Ledwich, Camp No. 17, New Haven.....	1.00
L. S. Chapman, P. D. C., Camp No. 26, Derby.....	1.00
B. C. DeForest, P. D. C., Camp No. 26, Derby.....	1.00
R. W. DeForest, D. P. I., Camp No. 26, Derby	1.00
Geo. W. Tabor, P. D. P. I., Camp No. 27, East Hartford.....	1.00
R. B. Hutchinson, P. D. C., Camp No. 31, Bristol	1.00
W. T. Cowdrey, Camp No. 31, Bristol	1.00
P. L. Chamberlain, Camp No. 31, Bristol.....	1.00
Wm. Hotchkiss, Camp No. 31, Bristol	1.00
Wm. C. Jackson, Camp No. 31, Bristol	1.00
H. L. Scott, Camp No. 31, Bristol	1.00
A. L. Eaton, Camp No. 31, Bristol	1.00
M. G. Rawson, Camp No. 31, Bristol	1.00
J. I. Weeks, Camp No. 31, Bristol	1.00
R. E. Miller, Camp No. 33, Clinton	1.00
L. B. Gregory, P. D. C., Camp No. 39, Milford.....	1.00
S. J. Bristol, P. C., Camp No. 39, Milford	1.00
Wm. H. Warner, P. C., Camp No. 49, Waterbury	1.00
Chas. R. Hale, Camp No. 5, Hartford.....	1.00
A. J. George, Commander, Camp No. 53, Middletown.....	1.00
M. F. Dunn, Camp No. 53, Middletown	1.00
A. B. Hubbard, A Friend	1.00
Dan. E. Emery, P. D. C., Camp No. 54, Forestville	11.00
W. H. Goodrich, Camp No. 54, Forestville	1.00
H. F. Grindle, Camp No. 54, Forestville	1.00

\$236.25

Department of Illinois:
 Not itemized\$100.00

Honor Club Members

H. W. McCauley, D. P. I..... 1.00
 Vernon Bean, Old Glory Camp 61-65..... 1.00
 \$102.00

Department of Indiana:
 Gen. W. T. Sherman Camp No. 44.....\$ 10.00
 Ben. Harrison Camp No. 356 4.00
 Not itemized 30.00

\$ 44.00

Department of Iowa:
 Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 12, Davenport.....\$ 10.00

Honor Club Members

D. T. Howe, D. C., Camp No. 152, Spencer..... 1.00
 Fred Fisher, M. at L., Camp No. 152, Spencer..... 1.00
 W. T. Cation, Camp No. 152, Spencer..... 1.00
 O. Y. Bailey, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 C. F. Runion, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 A. A. McCoy, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 S. R. Axe, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 C. D. Eckerman, Camp No. 152, Spencer..... 1.00
 M. M. Jones, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 Howard King, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 W. Z. Long, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 R. E. McDuffie, Camp No. 152, Spencer..... 1.00
 E. F. Marker, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 F. J. O'Brien, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 Dr. C. C. Collister, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 Dan Green, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 Ray Green, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 L. W. Foster, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 K. R. Tuttle, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 R. M. Tuttle, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 K. R. Randall, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 H. E. Pitcher, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 Dale Pitcher, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 Ed. Yates, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 F. Wright, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 Otto Bjornstad, Camp No. 152, Spencer 1.00
 Joe White, A Friend 1.00
 American Legion—Donation 1.00

\$ 38.00

Department of Maine:
 Garfield Camp No. 1, Waterville\$ 1.00
 Theo. Roosevelt Camp No. 5, South China 1.50
 Wade Camp No. 19, Westbrook 5.00
 T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath 5.00
 J. L. Chamberlain Camp No. 69, South Paris..... 5.00

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Henry Towle, P. C.-in-C., Portland 5.00
 V. Huntly, Portland 1.00

L. Merritt, Portland	1.00
Al B. DeHaven, D. P. I., Sanford	1.00
W. N. Goodwin, Sanford	1.00
A Friend, Sanford	1.00
F. A. Downs, Belfast	1.00
R. Beckwith, Belfast	1.00
C. C. Webster, Springvale	1.00
Geo. Melzard, Bath	1.00
Robert Hunt, Norway	1.00
M. Stone, Gray	1.00
John Flood, Saco	1.00
Ed. C. Marrill, South Berwick	1.00
Chas. York, Department Commander, Camp No. 69	1.00

\$36.50

Department of Maryland:

James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Baltimore	\$ 1.00
Appomattox Camp No. 2, Wilmington, Del.....	10.00
Robert Shaw Camp No. 3, Wilmington, Del.....	5.00

Honor Club Members

S. J. Darrah, D. C., Camp No. 1, Baltimore.....	1.00
T. L. Butfer, D. P. I., Camp No. 1, Baltimore	1.00
L. R. Brown, Camp No. 1, Baltimore.....	1.00
G. R. Scott, Camp No. 1, Baltimore	1.00
H. V. Weller, Camp No. 1, Baltimore.....	1.00
Ed. W. Moffett, Camp No. 1, Baltimore.....	1.00
J. A. Cain, Camp No. 1, Baltimore	1.00
T. R. McKeldin, Camp No. 1, Baltimore	1.00
B. W. Settle, Camp No. 1, Baltimore.....	1.00
B. H. Cooper, Camp No. 1, Baltimore.....	1.00
E. P. Corrie, Camp No. 2, Wilmington, Del.....	1.00

\$ 27.00

Department of Massachusetts:

Camp No. 9, Roxbury—G. A. R. Fund.....	\$ 5.00
Camp No. 9, Roxbury—G. A. R. Highway Fund.....	5.00

Honor Club Members

C. R. Lowell, Camp No. 9, Roxbury	1.00
Francis Hubbard, Camp No. 9, Roxbury	1.00
H. W. Bogue, Camp No. 15.....	1.00
W. L. Loomer, P. D. P. I., Camp No. 25.....	1.00
L. K. Sweeney, Camp No. 25.....	1.00
E. H. Smith, Camp No. 25.....	1.00
F. D. Smith, Camp No. 25.....	1.00
H. H. Johnson, Camp No. 25.....	1.00
Chas. C. Hall, Camp No. 25.....	1.00
L. E. Moore, Camp No. 25.....	1.00
Wm. S. Darling, Camp No. 25.....	1.00
Frank H. Rein, Milton	1.00
Roy C. Call, Roslindale	1.00
H. Harding Hale, C-in-C., Boston	2.00
James F. De Castro, Camp No. 9.....	1.00

\$ 26.00

Department of Minnesota:

Honor Club Members

Geo. E. Bailey, St. Paul	\$ 1.00
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Department of Missouri:

Fred A. Marley, Member-at-Large	\$ 1.00
A. W. Mueller, Camp No. 3.....	1.00
Mai Leo Rassieur, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
F. W. Mueller, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
Ed. Brandle, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
Peter Bobe, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
Wm. Schneider, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
J. J. Schneider, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
J. Stuchenberg, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
Chas. Wagner, Camp No. 4	1.00
Ed. Schanenberg, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
Wm. B. Scharr, D. C., Camp No. 4.....	1.00
Alfred L. Moeser, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
Wm. Schuttner, Camp No. 4	1.00
F. Geldmacher, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
Chas. Bobe, Camp No. 4	1.00
F. C. McGowan, Camp No. 4.....	1.00
E. L. Braun, Camp No. 5.....	1.00
Fred E. Ernst, Camp No. 17.....	2.00
A. C. Boehm, Camp No. 30.....	1.00
G. L. Whitlock, Camp No. 30.....	1.00
H. C. Potter, Camp No. 30.....	1.00
Geo. McVay, Camp No. 30	1.00
L. A. Wood, Camp No. 30	1.00
A. W. Pollard, Camp No. 30.....	1.00
Gen. J. C. Fremont, Camp No. 35.....	1.00
Theo. H. Mohr, Dept. Sec. and Treas, Camp No. 35.....	1.00
F. A. Klockenbring, Camp No. 35.....	1.00
Maj. Wm. Warner, Camp No. 36.....	3.00
F. R. Balsizer, Camp No. 36.....	1.00
H. C. Balsizer, Camp No. 36.....	1.00
C. A. Dorsey, Camp No. 36	1.00
Eugene Cation, Camp No. 36.....	1.00
D. L. Hooper, Camp No. 36.....	1.00
F. Stuhlman, Camp No. 36	1.00
W. W. Litton, Camp No. 36	1.00
R. B. Goodrich, Camp No. 37.....	1.00
C. H. Gillem, Camp No. 37.....	1.00

\$ 41.00

Department of New Hampshire:

Not itemized	\$ 11.00
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Honor Club Members

J. L. Carr, Commander N. E. R. Association.....	1.00
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\$ 12.00

Department of New Jersey:

Camp No. 1, Hoboken	\$ 2.00
Camp No. 4, Trenton	8.00
Camp No. 5, Trenton	2.00
Camp No. 12, Bloomfield	2.00
Camp No. 18, Newark	5.00
Camp No. 43, Somerville	10.00
Andrew Richardson, Dept. Com.	5.00
Albert C. Lambert, P. C.-in-C.	5.00
Wm. C. Kronmeyer, P. D. C.....	2.00

Department of New Jersey:

Daniel Oblinger, Dept. Jr. Vice Com.....	2.00
Collection taken at Encampment	32.20

\$ 75.20

Department of New York:

Howland Camp No. 127	\$ 5.00
Lafayette Camp No. 140	2.00
O'Rourke Camp No. 60	5.00
Merriam Camp No. 52	2.00
King Camp No. 42	1.00
Bready Camp No. 25	2.00
Winchell Camp No. 43	1.00
H. C. Berry Camp No. 89	1.00
Morgan Hills Camp No. 201	1.00
H. C. Gorden Camp No. 225	5.00
H. T. Noyes Camp No. 199	2.00
Binghamton Camp No. 93	2.00
Diven Camp No. 77	5.00
Van Alstine Camp No. 29	1.00
Albany Camp No. 154	2.00
Cook Camp No. 223	2.00

Honor Club Members

Mrs. Mary E. Stapleton, P. N. P., of Auxiliary, Albany	1.00
Rev. W. A. Hallock, Dept. Chaplain, Camp No. 6, Rochester	1.00
Robt. McMahon, P. C., Camp No. 6, Rochester	1.00
Milo Cronk, Jr. Vice Com., Camp No. 6, Rochester	1.00
G. C. Scott, P. I., Camp No. 6, Rochester	1.00
J. Bamber, Camp Com., Camp No. 6, Rochester	1.00
E. J. Coleman, Camp No. 29	1.00
Fred Barnard, Camp No. 40	2.00
Fred Howe, Camp No. 89	1.00
H. L. Olney, D. P. I., Camp No. 93	1.00
Wm. Faulkner, Camp No. 99	1.00
R. W. Doughty, Camp No. 127	2.00
Dr. Sheldon, Camp No. 154	5.00
C. O. Messer, Camp No. 154	2.00
Neil D. Cranmer, P. N. P. I., Elmira	1.00
Geo. Hummold, State Camp	1.00

\$ 62.00

Department of Ohio:

Vienna Camp No. 26	\$ 2.00
Henry Wentz Camp No. 19	3.00
Givens Post Camp No. 50	4.00
McClelland Camp No. 91	5.00
Howard Camp No. 8	3.00
Akron Camp No. 27	1.00
Brooklyn Camp No. 53	2.00
Muskingum Camp No. 13	1.00
Earnshaw Camp No. 89	2.00
McLaughlin Camp No. 12	3.00
Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1	5.00
Stoker Camp No. 9	2.00
Henry Kaldenbaugh Camp No. 5	2.00
Toledo Camp No. 133	1.00

Honor Club Members

Paul E. Grate, P. D. C., Alliance	3.00
Frank F. Sacks, Toledo	1.00
Hartzel Evans, D. P. I., Portsmouth	2.00
C. N. Edie, P. D., Findley	2.00

 \$ 44.00

Department of Pennsylvania:

C. LeRoy Stouidt, P. C.-in-C.	\$ 5.00
Franklin G. Otstat, Camp No. 15.....	1.00
John P. Hallman, Camp No. 15.....	1.00
J. M. Peak, Camp No. 15.....	1.00
Clarence Siple, Camp No. 15.....	1.00
John H. Runkle, Camp No. 15	1.00
Camp No. 15	10.00
Camp No. 33 R.....	11.00
Camp No. 87	3.00

Honor Club Members

Harry S. Goodwin Sr., Camp No. 200, Philadelphia.....	1.00
Harry S. Goodwin Jr., Camp No. 200, Philadelphia.....	1.00

 \$ 36.00

Department of Rhode Island:

Not itemized	\$ 10.00
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Honor Club Members

H. J. Geer, P. D. P. I., Hoxsie	1.00
Fred Schriver, Camp No. 2.....	1.00

 \$ 12.00

Department of Vermont:

Not itemized	\$ 20.00
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Honor Club Members

G. A. Laduke, N. C. M.	1.00
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 \$ 21.00

Collected at New England Regional Meeting held at

New Britain, Conn.	\$ 8.25
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Grand Total to date—\$840.00; Departments showing spectacular gains as of this date are: Connecticut, Maryland, Missouri, Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio and New Hampshire.

No funds received to date from the Departments of California & Pacific, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin. I will make a supplementary report at Indianapolis of the funds received from these and all other Departments, many of whom I know have more contributions to send in.

Patriotic Instructors' Reports [Continued]

ALABAMA & TENNESSEE—Camp No. 21, At Large, B. H. Washington, Com. Days observed: 1st day of January, Thanksgiving and 30th of May.

COLORADO & WYOMING—S. S. Van Buskirk. Days observed: Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Veterans' Night, Memorial Day and the 4th of July. Suggestions: That the custom of having the De-

partment Secretary taking care of the change of addresses for the mailing list for The Banner be given to each Camp Secretary instead, and that they be instructed to do so, as many of our members fail to receive their "Banner" under the present setup and after the Camp Secretary has notified the Department Secretary, or better still, let each member interested in The Banner, send in his own name and address to The Banner.

CONNECTICUT—Robert W. DeForest. Days observed: Memorial Day, Armistice Day, Lincoln's, Washington's and Grant's birthdays, Flag Day, 4th of July, Appomattox Day, Maine Day, and Columbus Day. Suggestions and Remarks: Make more frequent visits to the schools and participation in their other programs besides Memorial Day. Print an attractive paper, with pictures of activities, etc., and a neat cover, containing more articles of interesting events during the Civil War. It is suggested that this paper be printed monthly rather than bi-monthly and that the Camp members pay a subscription rate to cover cost of same. It is the general trend of thought today that The Banner as it stands can be and should be greatly improved. The only public discourtesies reported were of minor importance and resulted from ignorance of Flag Etiquette. The New England Regional Association broadcast a program from Station WTHT, Hartford, Speakers: Col. Robert C. C. Smith, S. V. R., P. D. C., New Haven; Col. Chas. E. Clark, Sr., S. V. R., P. C., Woodbridge; Scout Commissioner Arthur I. Peale, Norwich; Hugh M. Alcorn, and Hugh M. Alcorn, Jr., Suffield; Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin, John A. Danahar and L. W. Bacheler, Hartford; Charles Swift, West Haven; Fred L. Chapman, Shelton; B. O. DeForest, P. D. C., and Robert W. DeForest, D. P. I., Derby; James Y. Ledwith, New Haven; William H. Warner, Waterbury; Andrew J. George and George J. Fisher, Middletown; and Col. A. C. Bennett, Maj. Chas. Sprague, Judge Paul Miller, Frank L. Wilder and E. E. Barnum of Bridgeport.

KANSAS—Melvin A. Wilson. Days observed: Washington's, Lincoln's and Grants birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Armistice Day, McKinley's birthday and Appomattox Day. Remarks: Much more attention should be given when we give the salute to the Flag, and in the attendance of our members on Memorial Day. Every member should get and read a copy of the Memorial Day address given by Senator Rankin of Mississippi before the Confederate orders, as printed in the Congressional Records, date of issue about May 25th to 30th. It will make you stop and think, did our Dads win the War, and what is this Country coming to.

MAINE—Albert B. DeHaven. Days observed: All Patriotic Holidays. Remarks: Several Camps reported inability to purchase enough Flags. Biddeford Camp reported dedication of a new flag pole at Soldiers Plot, with the Mayor and many other officials taking a prominent part. Suggestions: One Camp wishes more Camps would be represented with news in The Banner.

MARYLAND—Thomas L. Bufster. Days observed: Memorial Day, Defenders' Day, Thanksgiving, Armistice Day, Douglas Day, McKinley's birthday, Veterans' Night and Appomattox Day. Remarks: We have the co-operation of our public schools and the Boy Scouts to assist us in our Patriotic programs. Speakers: Col. W. A. Hamilton, Judge Allen Cleveland and Frank P. Gentieu, P. D. C.

MASSACHUSETTS—Ralph P. Bickmore. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th.

Grant's birthday and Veterans' Night. Remarks: Camp No. 125, of Fiskdale, had an essay contest, subject "Upholding the Flag and Its Ideals." Four prizes were awarded. They also presented three flags. The Camp at Hanson gave \$5.00 to graduating student most proficient in American History. Suggestions: Appeal to the public to observe all Patriotic days in a fitting manner. That a recruiting committee be established. That each Camp have a Press Correspondent. That the mailing list of The Banner be corrected. That the Department issue a monthly Retriever Bulletin. To increase respect for Memorial Day, see that the State Legislature make it a whole-day holiday and not allow certain stores to be open, especially the liquor stores at 1:00 p. m. and allow no sports on May 30th. Have members visit the schools more often, but if unable to have Camp members visit the schools, then be sure to instruct, in a co-operative and friendly way, Veterans of all wars to include in their remarks the many sacrifices of the Boys in Blue from 1861 to 1865. Ask former members to become reinstated. Have a special letter mailed to them showing them we need them in keeping alive the history and war record of our Civil War Veterans. Have Boy and Girl Scouts assist on Memorial Day. Discourtesies to the Flag: Chelsea Camp reports the Flag was pulled from a pole and torn up. The two men who did it have been summoned to Court and will be given the full penalty. Speakers: Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Marlboro; Carl E. W. Welcome, Westfield; Albert S. Hall and John A. Stone, Middletown; Parker Chandler and Col. J. H. D. Myricks, Duxbury; Clayton Kenfield, Springfield; William Allen, Fiskdale; Albert Howlett and John Kenfield, Sturbridge; Edward C. Wedst, Watertown; Henry H. Sullivan, Brighton; Edward H. Richardson, Brighton; James G. Wolff, Allston; B. Fay McGlauffin, Watertown; R. P. Bickmore, Malden; George Wm. Kimball, Bloomingdale St., Chelsea; Walter W. Peekham, Attleboro; L. E. Osborne and Elton Mann, New Bedford; Frank F. Johnson, Herbert Marshall and Warren Trimble, Cambridge; John A. Metcalf, East Lynn; Clair T. H. Woodall, West Lynn, and George O. Walker, of Saugus, Mass.; Elias R. Sweet and Samuel B. Hodgkins, of Gloucester; George A. Clark, Herbert C. Davenport, Francis H. Brock, Charles A. Buzzell, Frank B. Doane, and Col. Harry Doane of Athol.

MICHIGAN—Nathan F. Sprague. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, and Veterans' Night.

NEBRASKA—Arnold Walstead. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day and Veterans' Night.

NEW JERSEY—Daniel Oblinger. Days observed: All patriotic days, besides Veterans Night in our Camps. Speakers: Robert E. McCloud, Sr., Orange; Leroy A. Davenport, Sr., Belleville; Albert C. Lambert, P. C.-in-C., Ezra T. Beers and Edwin R. Shaw, of Trenton, also Vincent Hayden, Trenton.

NEW YORK—Harry L. Olney. Days observed: Lincoln's, Washington's and Grant's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July and Armistice Day.

OHIO—Hartzel Evans. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's, Grant's and McKinley's birthdays, Appomattox Day, Flag Day, Memorial Day and Union Defenders' Day. Speakers: Hon. Edward S. Matthias, Judge, Supreme Court of Ohio, Past C.-in-C. of the United Spanish War Veterans; Hon. Charles T. Warner, P. D. C.; Hon. Cecil

J. Randall, P. C.; Roscoe R. Walcutt; John H. Cooper, Lincoln Historian; John F. Haggard; Rev. E. Stacy Matheny; Campbell M. Voorhees, P. I., all of Gov. Denison Camp No. 1, Columbus; A. A. Bower, New Philadelphia, Rev. Hugh Wyatt, Mt. Vernon; W. E. Corbin, Commander, Wm. G. Meyers, P. C., of Akron.

OREGON—G. L. Adams. Days observed: Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day and Armistice Day.

RHODE ISLAND—Albert B. W. Fowler. Days observed: "I Am an American" Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays. Speakers: Harry J. Geer, Charles Senior, Frank Reavey, John F. Sheern and Rev. Irving F. Havens.

VERMONT—Harry C. Stickney. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Wellsburg, West Virginia, July 15, 1946.

H. Harding Hale, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
6 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor of submitting to you a brief report of my services as your National Chaplain. My appointment by you to this esteemed office came as a great surprise, and I have felt a real challenge to my deepest interests in our beloved Order in trying to carry out my duties to you and to the organization. It seems to me that, thus far, I have been of small service. I have been able to make the personal acquaintance of some of our national family, and have had contacts with a considerable number of Department officers and organizations. This has helped greatly in getting a more personal grasp and insight of our national setup, thus making possible a fuller cooperation in carrying out our work.

I have made some inquiries regarding the possibility of effecting the organization of our work here in West Virginia. I have found some prospects locally, and I believe some Camps could be established in certain parts of the State. Some of the allied women's organizations are functioning here, and we should be encouraged to attempt the setting up of our Order. West Virginia has much historical interest, and a Civil War background that ought to be encouraging.

The following have been reported to me as having been called from our midst by the Great Commander-in-Chief of all, into the last Great Encampment. Their death constitutes a great loss, not only to their respective States, but to the entire national family. They are as follows:

- July 2, 1945—Edwin Earp, P. D. C., and Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
- October 24, 1945—Walter H. DeForest, P. D. C., Connecticut.
- November 1, 1945—Arthur H. Leh, P. D. C., Pennsylvania.
- December 8, 1945—William H. Hart, P. D. C., Connecticut.
- January 14, 1946—Lincoln S. Ramsey, P. D. C., Pennsylvania.
- March 6, 1946—John F. Hauck, P. D. C., Maryland.
- May 27, 1946—Fred E. Terrill, P. D. C., Vermont.

June 10, 1946—Frank L. Kirchgassner, P. D. C., and Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.

July 2, 1946—James W. Lyons, P. D. C., Sec.-Treas., Maryland.

Storrs T. Richmond, P. D. C., Rhode Island.

John W. Maguire, P. D. C., Rhode Island.

Charles Miller, P. D. C., Pennsylvania.

Frank W. Combs, P. D. C., Ohio.

Arthur F. Ross, P. D. C., Ohio.

These Brethren, who have served our Order and their country so nobly and well, will live long in the memory of every loyal Son and true patriot.

I have made plans to attend the National Encampment at Indianapolis, and will try to faithfully discharge my every duty there.

It has been a great pleasure to work with you, and other members of our national staff, and I hope to be of further service in the future.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

REV. T. D. ABELS,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Chicago, Ill., July 30, 1946.

Hon. H. Harding Hale, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander:

I herewith submit to you my report as National Counselor to which office you did me the honor of appointing me at the beginning of your administration.

I have rendered one opinion to the Department Counselor of the Department of Wisconsin, of which I herewith enclose you a copy.

I have also addressed communications to each of the two members of the Senate from Illinois, urging them to support the Joint Resolution adopted previously by the House of Representatives, namely that the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address be designated as Dedication Day. I sincerely trust that when this matter is acted upon in the Senate, the Illinois Senators will follow my urgent suggestion.

During the past year no controversial question has been referred to me as Counselor, and I congratulate you on having a peaceful and successful administration.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
National Counselor.

OPINION

July 1, 1946.

Mr. Herbert S. Siggelko,
Counselor of the Department of Wisconsin,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Madison 5, Wisconsin.

My Dear Brother:

In reply to your communication of June 25, I am of opinion that you are correct in holding that the Department Commander has jurisdiction over the Camp Commander and that the duties of the two offices are sufficiently incompatible to disqualify the Camp Commander when he is promoted to the position of Department Com-

mander. I do not find in the Rules and Regulations of our Order, that this particular question has been passed upon heretofore.

I accordingly endorse your opinion. I am aware that in certain instances in the past, a Department Commander has held an office in the Camp at the same time he has exercised his duties as Department Commander. That, however, where it has occurred in the past, has been approved by the unanimous consent of the Department and the Camp members and officers. But when you and I are called upon for an opinion as to the right to exercise both offices, we must insist as you have done, that the office of Camp Commander should be vacated when the incumbent is promoted to the responsible position of Department Commander.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 26, 1946

H. Harding Hale, Commander-in-Chief,
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Dear Commander:

U. S. Route No. 6 extends from Provincetown, Mass., on the tip of Cape Cod, where the Pilgrim Monument marks the first landing from the Mayflower in 1620, to Long Beach, Calif., about 100 miles from the Mexican Border. It is the longest highway in the United States and passes through fourteen States.

Ten of the States, by legislative action, have designated the facility the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, but final action in Colorado has not been completely consummated. The four States that have not acted favorably are Iowa, Pennsylvania, Nevada and Utah.

Markers indicating the Grand Army of the Republic Highway have been erected in the ten States taking favorable action except Colorado, Illinois and Nebraska. These markers, as far as has been learned, have been provided and placed in position at the expense of the various States, except in Connecticut, where the cost is borne by one or more of the Allied Orders.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC: In accord with the resolution unanimously adopted by the National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, in 1945, Commander-in-Chief Hiram R. Gale has memorialized the Governors of those States that have not designated Route 6 the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, likewise the Governors of those States that have not yet erected appropriate markers.

OFFICIAL HIGHWAY MARKERS: All States use standard G. A. R. highway markers except Connecticut and Rhode Island. When opportunity affords, those States should erect official markers, as approved by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Blue prints of these standard markers may be obtained from the National Committee, on request.

Some of the State highway engineers and officials oppose special highway markers, and on that premise bring about the defeat of legislation naming U. S. Route 6 the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. When legislation cannot be obtained that both designates and provides markers for the highway, it would seem expedient to compromise and accept the designation only, for the time being. It is also much easier to obtain the enactment of a commendable resolution

carrying no monetary appropriation as complications are avoided. The main object now is to secure the complete designation of the highway from ocean to ocean, without exception. The markers can be erected later.

COLORADO: In 1939 the Legislature adopted Joint Senate and House Resolution No. 13, recommending to the State Highway Department that U. S. Route 6 within the boundaries of Colorado (quoting) "shall be designated and known as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway and that suitable markers be placed upon said highway indicating the same."

The failure of the State Highway Department to act favorably is best explained by quoting a letter dated July 4, 1946, from Senator Edward A. Whitaker, the author of Joint Resolution No. 13, as follows:

"Your inquiry regarding Joint Resolution No. 13 reached me yesterday.

Colorado has a highway engineer who is appointed to the position under Civil Service for life. Our engineer at the time of passage of Resolution No. 13 refused to do anything about it regardless of pressure brought upon him.

A new engineer was appointed a few weeks ago and he may be a little more disposed to carry out the wishes of the Legislature. I am sending him your letter and a request that he take favorable action."

The foregoing clearly indicates the line of action that should be taken by the "Sons" and Allied Orders in the State of Colorado.

IOWA: Four attempts have been made to have the Legislature pass a resolution, but all to no avail. The Legislature meets in January and the efforts will be renewed. Some confusion appears to exist in Iowa as attested by a letter written under date of July 8, 1946, by Governor Robert T. Blue reading as follows:

"After giving serious consideration, the Iowa State Highway Commission selected No. 30 in preference to No. 6 as the route for the military highway across Iowa.

This decision was made by reason of economy and because it traversed the central part of the State, making it more accessible to greater numbers.

I understand the Federal Government has not approved this selection, but until the Highway Commission makes other provision, it will stand as formerly decided."

The letter quoted was addressed to Hiram R. Gale, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic. Considerable work is yet to be done in Iowa. Financial assistance should be given by the national organization to the G. A. R. Highway Committee in that State.

PENNSYLVANIA: Under the authority of the Commonwealth, Act No. 428 (Section 204) dated June 1, 1945, the Secretary of Highways was given the power to re-name any of the State highways. Secretary of Highways, John U. Shroyer, acted promptly and U. S. Route 6, known as the Roosevelt Highway in Pennsylvania, was designated the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, effective July 5, 1945.

Owing to protests received by Governor Edward Martin from admirers of Theodore Roosevelt, the Governor directed that the order be rescinded pending further investigation. The order of the Highway Department naming U. S. Route 6 the Grand Army of the Republic Highway was therefore canceled on or about September 19, 1945.

At Gettysburg, Pa., June 11, 1946, the Pennsylvania State Convention of the United Spanish War Veterans unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to designate U. S. Route 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and to give some other suitable highway the name of Theodore Roosevelt. The Spanish War Veterans took the stand that they should yield to their great brother organization the Grand Army of the Republic in such an important matter.

There were 427,286 enlistments from Pennsylvania in the Army and Navy during the Civil War, indicating two million or more descendants. There is no question but that the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will take proper action at some appropriate time in the near future.

INDIANA: On May 20th last, forty official markers were placed on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in the State of Indiana with Governor Ralph F. Gates making the speech of dedication. At the suggestion of the National Committee, the celebration was held close to the Illinois line—in the city of Hammond—in order to obtain publicity in Illinois, a State that has named, but not yet marked the highway.

Felicitations are in order to those concerned and in particular to Governor Gates and the State Highway Commission. Department Commander Thomas M. Horn has every reason to be proud of his accomplishment, assisted by Brothers A. C. Thornburg of Muncie and Louis King of Winchester, members of the committee. The State provided fifty markers in all, keeping ten in reserve for replacements. A large size marker was used in the dedication ceremony. This marker will be exhibited at the Indianapolis National Encampment and subsequently placed in the custody of the Indiana State Historical Society.

NEVADA and UTAH: These States offer a difficult problem as no Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are in existence in Nevada and Utah. Efforts should be continued to obtain the assistance of the Woman's Relief Corps with three Corps in Nevada, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic with a Circle in Utah. If all other States fall in line, it should not be too difficult to influence these two States to do likewise.

Conclusion

This has been an off year as the legislatures have not been in session. One concrete accomplishment however should be credited to your administration—the erection of forty official markers in the State of Indiana on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

J. CLARK MANSFIELD,
Chairman.

SUPPLEMENTARY

A copy of Joint Resolution No. 13 passed by the Colorado Legislature was mailed to Hiram R. Gale, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, with the request that he personally call the attention of Governor John C. Vivian that the State Highway Department in Colorado had failed to comply with the terms of the resolution. The following reply was received:

"Your letter of July 11, addressed to the Honorable John C. Vivian, Governor of Colorado, was handed to this Department for reply.

This matter was called to our attention about two weeks ago, and on investigation it was found that the resolution was duly passed by the Colorado Legislature in 1939. However, there is no record of the resolution having come to the attention of the Highway Department.

The writer is not familiar with what your organization suggests as a suitable marker, and would like your advice on this matter. This may be either the suggestion of your organization, or a description of what has been erected in the other States mentioned.

Yours very truly,

MARK U. WATROUS (Signed),
State Highway Engineer."

Two blue prints and specifications of the Official G. A. R. highway marker have been sent to Hon. Mark U. Watrous by air mail, with the request that Governor John C. Vivian be given the opportunity of making the speech of dedication. The State Chairman of the Highway Committee in Colorado, Brother R. Coffey, has been furnished with a program formula for guidance.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

J. CLARK MANSFIELD,
Chairman.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Indianapolis, Ind., August 25, 1946.

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

Brothers:

The chief activity of your Legislative Committee during the past year has been its support of House Joint Resolution No. 35 in the Congress of the United States.

This resolution was introduced on January 3, 1945, by Congressman Louis Ludlow of Indianapolis. It designates November 19th, the anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg address as Dedication Day and requests the President to issue a proclamation to that effect and that the address be read on that day in public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions.

Upon its introduction it was referred to the Committee on Judiciary of the House and by it to a sub-committee of which Congressman Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania is chairman.

After long consideration, the resolution was reported for passage and on July 3, 1946, it was passed by the House with an amendment making it effective for the year 1946 only. We regret the amendment, but we felt that the only alternative was to support the resolution as passed.

We sent a letter to each United States Senator, and made special appeals to Senators Ernst W. McFarland of Arizona, James O. Eastland of Mississippi and W. A. Stanfill of Kentucky, who constitute the sub-committee to which the resolution was referred, urging a favorable report. Similar letters and telegrams were sent by many officers, past officers and members of our organization, to all of whom we are thankful.

We are pleased to state that the committee of the Senate reported favorably and the resolution was passed by the Senate on August 1,

1946, and Dedication Day will be observed on November 19th, at least for this year.

Your committee received valuable support from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, from the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliates, and especially from Miss Cora E. Gillis, Secretary of the Grand Army, from Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, National President of the Auxiliary, and from Mrs. Emma R. McLaughlin, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, all of whom promptly sent telegrams and letters to members of Congress.

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion has already begun plans for the suitable observance, from coast to coast, of Dedication Day on November 19th next. The Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations should do likewise.

We therefore recommend that this Encampment take appropriate action for the observance of Tuesday, November 19, 1946, as Dedication Day to the end that it may serve to remind each of us, that we must dedicate ourselves "TO THE GREAT TASK REMAINING BEFORE US" in order that "GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH!"

Respectfully submitted,

THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
CHARLES J. ZINN,
FRANK M. HEACOCK, Sr.,
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Derby, Conn., July 20, 1946.

H. Harding Hale, Commander-in-Chief,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

With full realization of the honor of your appointment and the magnitude of the responsibility entrusted to me for a few brief weeks as Chairman of the Committee on Marking Graves, I submit to you and to the members of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief a report of my stewardship.

The untimely passing last February of our good Brother and former chairman, the late Charles Roswell Hale of Hartford, Connecticut, who led this committee each year since its inception in June of 1926, was a distinct loss to our organization. Only those who have been privileged, as I have been, to work hand-in-hand with Brother Hale, can even begin to appreciate his vast achievements along the lines for which this committee is named. His war veterans' records contained in the archives of the commonwealth of Connecticut are priceless; the fund of knowledge he possessed on this subject; the store of information he had at his command, lost with his passing, can never be retrieved. The value of his services to this Order will never be measured nor fully known. He was a man whose life personified fraternity, loyalty, and charity; a true son of a noble sire. With proven ability he did for us a splendid job as chairman of this committee and I am honored that I have been privileged to have assisted him in it. If ever a man deserved to hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord," that man was Charlie Hale.

There has hardly been time since my commission to this post

in May, 1946, to pick up the threads of committee progress and advance its work. Based upon the type of work that has been done in Connecticut, this committee under Brother Hale has propagated the work of marking soldier's graves to nearly every Department in the Order until today a large number of Camps throughout the Commandery-in-Chief include this important committee in their set-up. During the last war the work lagged somewhat except in the Departments of Connecticut and California & Pacific, and yet there is much work to be done along these lines everywhere. Our late chairman advised time and again that the work was far from complete. Many graves in country hamlet graveyards, yes, even in our large city cemeteries have no other marking than a cast iron G. A. R. marker and a flag. As time goes on the identity of these unmarked graves will become entirely lost, and this we cannot afford as an organization whose objects are to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. We must continue to operate as a committee and bring this all important work to a successful conclusion. Veterans' organizations of later wars have recognized this fact and are urging the marking and mapping of the graves of their veteran dead. It therefore is obvious that our Order which is charged with the keeping of graves many years older and hence more liable to become forgotten, should speed up our work along the lines of marking and mapping these graves while there are yet those sons of veterans of the great Civil War among us to aid and assist in the knowledge and information required for their location.

There are approximately but one in every four of our more than 900 Camps in the Commandery-in-Chief which have appointed Committees on Marking Graves of our heroic dead. *There* is a challenge to this committee for future work. Now is the time for action.

We rejoice in the action taken by the New Jersey Department at its June Encampment, officially authorizing the naming of a Department Grave Marking Committee. While New Jersey Camps have long been carrying forward this work, a Department Committee to act in a supervisory or advisory capacity is desirable. I should like to see the requirement of Department Grave Marking Committees embodied in our regulations to insure its appointment in each Department annually.

It is recommended that all maps of location of veterans' graves be recorded with state libraries, town or city clerk's offices or such other civic officials charged with the keeping of records. Also the names and service records of these veterans should be so recorded within the confines of the state or town where these veterans are buried. Close co-operation with city or town grave registration officials and with grave marking committees of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other war veteran organizations is commendable and in this our organization should take the lead. A system used in many places is that of using various symbols in mapping veterans' graves, each symbol representing a different war. A cross-index card file is used in conjunction with these maps, the cards being in various colors to distinguish the different wars. On these cards is the name of the veteran, his service record, and the location of his grave, with reference to the number of the map on which his grave is shown. Another card file listed in alphabetical order is helpful for ready reference. These cards should be made available to Camps through our national office and included on our price list of supplies. This I most heartily recommend.

Commander-in-Chief, I have enjoyed the privilege of having served this committee as chairman even for a brief term, and I thank you

sincerely for the confidence you placed in me in bestowing this honor upon me. It is especially gratifying to me because it has been the climax event of a service of more than 30 years in just this line of work. For even before I had attained years enough to become eligible for membership in our Order, I had catalogued and mapped veterans' graves in cemeteries near my home together with my honored grandfather, who had charge of this work for Kellogg Post No. 26, Grand Army of the Republic. And when I became a member of my Camp I drew up complete maps and records of veterans' graves in 12 Connecticut cemeteries within the jurisdiction of my Camp, and presented them to the Camp in memory of my grandfather. Copies of these maps are now on file in the state library at Hartford. When as a very young man I began this hobby I little realized that I should one day head the work even for a brief time in the nation. Your appointment has therefore afforded me much satisfaction as well as great honor.

I reiterate the advice of former Chairman Hale in recommending that a Grave Marking Committee be continued and its activity exhibited.

My own expense since my appointment is negligible and therefore is not applied for.

Respectfully in F. C. & L.,

BERTRAND O. DE FOREST, P. D. C.,
Chairman, Grave Marking Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Is the Council-in-Chief ready with a report?

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF PRELIMINARY REPORT

Council-in-Chief Combs: We submit the following preliminary report which agrees with our audit:

THE READING TRUST COMPANY Reading, Pa.

August 22, 1946.

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 August 22, 1946, the following balances appeared on our books:

General Account (Checking)	\$3,159.10
Organization Account	669.59
Savings (Permanent) Fund	27.05

Total	\$3,855.74
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Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. S. HOFFMAN,
Vice President.

FRED H. COMBS, SR.
E. J. PARKER,
GEORGE A. LADUKE,
Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: No objections, it will take the usual course.

RESOLUTIONS

Commander-in-Chief Hale: The Secretary will read the Resolutions presented.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie (for the National Secretary): The following Resolutions were submitted:

From the Department of Oregon: "Relative to restoration of rank."

From the Department of Minnesota: "Relative to designing a suitable Department Commander's badge."

From the Department of Massachusetts: "Amendment to Constitution providing for Outposts of existing Camps."

From the Department of New Jersey: "Provisions for appropriate reference to World War II in Ritual."

From the Department of Ohio: "Relative to a change in the Flag Charge."

COMMUNICATIONS — GREETINGS

Communications, telegrams of greetings and congratulations from:

Past Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling, Ohio.

Department Commander Alfred J. Clark, New Hampshire.

Willie Grout Camp 25, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Letters expressing best wishes to those attending the Encampment and regrets at not being present from:

Past Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson, Sr., Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief J. Kirkwood Craig, New Hampshire.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, J. E. Gallagher, Kansas.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past National Chaplain and Past Department Commander Arthur M. Soule, Maine.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, New York.

AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, may I offer a suggestion—that in the future it become the duty of every Commander-in-Chief to see that an amplification system be in place before the meeting starts. Prior to two years ago the contract between the Grand Army of the Republic and the Convention City was made and approved by the Council of Administration of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Convention City. Two years ago in Des Moines none of the Grand Army of the Republic saw fit to travel there at the time the plans were made. Miss Flood did not wish to take the responsibility upon herself to make the contract between the two parties and called into the meeting the Chief Executive of each organization. It was, therefore, my privilege to be present when the contract was agreed upon. This provided for an amplification system for each and every assemblage.

Therefore, I believe it is the duty of each Commander-in-Chief to exercise that part of our agreement or else we pay for the rental of a system so that every one may know what is going on. I feel, in the future, it shall be the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to see there is a microphone in front of him before he opens the session as a matter of courtesy to those who come to the Encampment. They spend their money and have the right to know and hear what's going on. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: You've heard a constructive suggestion from a Past Commander-in-Chief which really makes it desirable for me to explain the hotel situation here at this particular meeting. They have an amplification system but the Auxiliary a short time ago called for it urgently and it's been rushed up to the Roof Garden.

They have just that one system or one device for our use. They have promised to endeavor to get one for us and that's all the information I could elicit from the officials of the hotel.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—
ROLL CALL**

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: The Credential Committee presents a partial report—143 registered.

Past Commanders-in-Chief	11
Department Commanders	12
Past Department Commanders	40
Delegates and Appointed Delegates	80

Total143

(The roll was called).

Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, Pennsylvania: I move that we recess until 9:30 in the morning. (Seconded by several, and carried).

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 27, 1946 — 9:30 A. M.

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

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I have not yet seen or heard that Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church has appeared here and so the next name on the Committee on Constitution and Regulations will act as Chairman—Department Commander Cecil J. Randall of Ohio.

G. A. R. PARADE ESCORT

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I have been asked by several Brothers as to what our relationship will be in the matter of the parade tomorrow and by arrangement with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic we are to escort the Grand Army group, but it will not be necessary to appear in uniform. Later on directions as to just where we are to meet will be given you but all are welcome to participate in the parade and there will be no session here. I, however, remind you and emphasize that promptly at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon we shall reassemble. I appoint Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle, Maine, as Chief-of-Staff for the parade.

Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, Pennsylvania, de-claimed a tribute to the Flag written by Rev. Frank C. Huston, Past Commander-in-Chief.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE FLAG

"Old Glory," when we look on you, as you are hanging there,
We wonder, could there ever be a banner still more fair?
No other such arrangement of your stripes and stars that gleam,
Could ever be so beautiful, nor holy, it would seem,

As if the God above us all, in looking down could see
Just what our nation needed most, and what its Flag should be,
And guided those who made it so, in ev'ry thought and way.
To make you, Glorious Banner, just what you are, today.

But, far beyond the beauty rare—God only could create,
We recognize in symbol that which makes our nation great;
No god of gold; no favored class; not selfishness, nor greed;
But, "Righteousness and Brotherhood," this is our nation's creed.

Within that Flag, we see, today, embodiment of Grace;
The better things of all mankind for all the human race.
The Red, there, tells how blood was shed that freemen still be free—
How heroes died to usher in these better things to be.

The White, there, tells that for this land no hero dies in vain—
That those who live will ever keep that Flag without a stain.
The field of Blue, bedecked with stars—a bit of heaven's dome,
Reflects the glory of our God, who gives us such a home.

Could any banner ever float o'er nation half so blest?
 The friend of all the needy world, the hungry and oppressed,
 She brooks no fears; desires no foes; but, advocate the plan
 That those who live beneath her folds, should be AMERICAN.

No hyphenated loyalty can give her honors due—
 Allegiance, undivided, THAT makes a man true blue;
 "No man can serve two masters;" why should one care to try,
 While living 'neath the grandest Flag that ever graced the sky?

"Old Glory" when we see you there, what challenges you bring
 To us who know you as you ARE, and now your praises sing!
 You challenge us to lives that tell in high and holy deeds—
 To lives of noble thoughts and acts—not merely mouthing creeds.

And so, we pledge you here, today, the best that in us lies,
 That you may wave, forevermore, the fairest Flag that flies.
 We love you, dear old Banner Bright; God help us each to see
 That YOU are but the symbol of what WE ALL, ought to be.

"WAR BETWEEN THE STATES"

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: Over a period of years the Ohio Department has distributed something less than 10,000 copies of the leaflet entitled "The War of 1861 to 1865 was not a War Between the States but a Civil War."

We have sent them to broadcasters, public speakers, editors, educators and others wherever we have seen or heard them use the improper term. We have received many replies, mostly apologetic, with promises never to repeat the error. Occasionally, some refuse to admit the error, and we accept the challenge to argue it out with them.

I think we are making some progress but we were disappointed in the papers here last night to find some reference to "War Between the States." I said at Des Moines that I could assure you that no newspaper in Columbus would use the term "War Between the States" during the Grand Army Encampment there and you did not see it in any of the Columbus papers at that time.

The text of this pamphlet has heretofore been printed in the proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief, but for the benefit of our new members, it is re-published as follows:

THE WAR OF 1861 TO 1865 Was Not a War Between the States BUT A CIVIL WAR

By MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Department Historian,
 18 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio

1. The States never had and do not now have the power to make war upon one another. (Constitution of the United States, Art. I, Sec. 10).
2. The Supreme Court of the United States has held in a number of cases that the war was a Civil War. (Texas v. White, 7 Wall. 700; White v. Hart, 13 Wall. 646; Keith v. Clark, 97 U. S. 454; Daniels v. Tearney, 102 U. S. 415; and others).
3. Congress has published the record of the war in 130 volumes entitled "War of the Rebellion, Official Record of the Union and Confederate Armies."

4. In the second sentence of the Gettysburg Address President Lincoln said: "Now we are engaged in a great civil war, etc."

5. Many Confederate Generals, including Beauregard, Law, Joseph E. Johnston, Hood, Kirby Smith, Cheatam, Imboden, Early, Wade Hampton, Basil W. Duke and others wrote articles for the Century Magazine under the title, "Battles and Leaders of the Civil War," and not one of them used the term "War Between the States."

6. A war between states as sovereignties is usually suspended by an armistice, terminated by a treaty and followed by a proclamation by the executive authorities of the states involved, announcing to neutrals that the war is over. No such steps followed the end of the Civil War.

7. Andrew Johnson of Tennessee was elected Vice President of the United States in 1864, and became President in 1865. If the war then in progress was a War Between the States, Andrew Johnson was not a citizen of the United States. But his citizenship was never doubted.

8. If the war was a War Between the States, all the states at war should have paid their war debts. The 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States forbids a state "to assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States." Under this amendment all the so-called Confederate States defaulted in the payment of their war debts.

9. During the war, there were thirty-four stars in the United States Flag, which at all times contained a star for each state of the Union.

Issued by Department of Ohio,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Approved: Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 15, 1944.

Mont H. Bennett, Commander,
Department of Ohio.

If any of the members would like to have a copy of the pamphlet on the misuse of the term "War Between the States," I will be glad to send it to them.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I urge the members to write to newspaper editors and radio programs. I believe it would be more effective if each one would drop a line or two sending in his remonstrance from various parts of the country as this would impress a radio man and also have the same reaction from a newspaper office.

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: Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, Past National President, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Eva Hupman, Department President, Kansas; Mrs. Margaret Westenberger, Past Department President, Illinois.

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie responded.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was presented: Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, Past National President, Massachu-

sets; Mrs. Alice F. Larson, Past Press Correspondent, North Dakota; Miss May G. Hughes, Past National Senior Vice President, New York;

Greetings were brought from their National President and their organization, together with a gift for the Commander-in-Chief. Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon responded.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

The following delegation from the Daughters of Union Veterans was presented: Mrs. Della Murphy, Past National President, New York; Mrs. Mary Manning, Past National President, Washington; Dorothy Lynch, Department President, Oklahoma, and Department Historian, Mrs. Clara Booth, Pennsylvania.

They extended greetings and presented the Commander-in-Chief with a gift from their National President.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant responded.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: The Credential Committee submits a supplementary report—162 members on the roll.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I declare a recess until 2 p. m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 27, 1946 — 2:00 P. M.

The session opened in regular form.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoult: Commander-in-Chief, the Greeting Committee to the Woman's Relief Corps has performed its duty and asks to be discharged.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: Commander-in-Chief, the Greeting Committee to the Daughters of Union Veterans has discharged its duty.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Both of these Committees are discharged with thanks.

DISPLAY OF CONFEDERATE FLAG

Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minn.: I have received an air mail, special delivery letter from the Department Secretary of Minnesota in connection with the display of the Confederate flag at a recent public ceremony in Minneapolis. I ask the privilege of presenting this letter and a newspaper photograph published in the Minneapolis Star & Journal. We would like to protest this publication and want a Resolution or motion that this be referred to the National Encampment now.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: You have brought in a letter of remonstrance. You haven't brought in a Resolution. I suggest that you and your fellow members or delegation from Minnesota get together and draw up a Resolution and it will then be referred to the Resolutions Committee.

Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: Two or three weeks ago Camp No. 8 in Minnesota authorized a Resolution to this effect to be referred to Department and National Conventions and by wire to the American Legion Convention at that time.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: We are now under new business. What is your pleasure?

Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, Pennsylvania: I suggest that the privilege of the floor be granted at this time to our National Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I will act on the suggestion and call upon Captain J. Clark Mansfield, Chairman of the National Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON G. A. R. HIGHWAY

Chairman Mansfield: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, for the record it is announced that United States Route 6 in the State of Colorado was marked by that State last Thursday, August 23. It is pleasing to make that announcement so this administration may take credit for the accomplishment and also to give proper credit to Brother W. R. Coffee of Colorado and his stalwart assistant, Brother Van Buskirk of Colorado, who assisted so nobly in that enterprise. (Applause).

The writer is not familiar with what your organization suggests as a suitable marker, and would like your advice on this matter. This may be either the suggestion of your organization, or a description of what has been erected in the other States mentioned.

Yours very truly,

MARK U. WATROUS (Signed),
State Highway Engineer."

Two blue prints and specifications of the Official G. A. R. highway marker have been sent to Hon. Mark U. Watrous by air mail, with the request that Governor John C. Vivian be given the opportunity of making the speech of dedication. The State Chairman of the Highway Committee in Colorado, Brother W. Rufus Coffey, has been furnished with a program formula for guidance.

Note: The following significant letter dated August 22, 1946, is quoted for the benefit of the records:

"Mr. J. Clark Mansfield,
Chairman, National Committee,
Grand Army of the Republic Highway,
1213 Milton Ave., Regent Square,
Pittsburgh 18, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 29, 1946, in regard to marker and specifications for signing the Grand Army of the Republic Highway on U. S. Highway 6 through Colorado, Mr. Mark U. Watrous, State Highway Engineer, directs me to advise you that on this date he has directed the Superintendent of Maintenance to erect eleven signs prepared in accordance with your blueprint and specifications on U. S. Highway 6 in Colorado.

Yours very truly,

MARK U. WATROUS,
State Highway Engineer.
By O. T. REEDY (Signed),
Senior Assistance Engineer.

C. C. to Governor Vivian."

Naturally it is highly pleasing to be able to report this accomplishment to the Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

J. CLARK MANSFIELD, Chairman.

Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of my report as published on page 35 in the Officers' Reports booklet with the addition that on August 22nd U. S. Highway No. 6 was officially marked. (Seconded by Delegate Samuel W. Morrell, Connecticut, and carried).

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the reports of the Legislative Committee on page 39, and the Committee on Marking Graves on page 41 of the printed reports be adopted. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook. Carried).

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Chairman Randall: I present a partial report of the Committee on Constitution & Regulations.

Two Resolutions have been presented by the Department of Massachusetts.

1. Relative to the incoming Commander-in-Chief appointing a Committee to draft the necessary amendments to the Constitution & Regulations for regulating dual membership, your Committee unanimously approves and I move its adoption. (Seconded by Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: So that there may be no misunderstanding on this—as I understand it, this is a Resolution and is not an amendment either to the Constitution or to the Regulations. I don't see why it was acted upon by the Committee on Constitution & Regulations.

Chairman Randall: As originally drafted, it was deemed to be a Resolution but it is now straight. This simply provides that one year from now the Committee appointed shall offer the necessary amendments to the Constitution & Regulations.

National Secretary Hammer: Does that mean a member can join more than one Camp?

Chairman Randall: Yes, it means that as I understand the Resolution. It does contemplate that one may be a member of another Camp, retaining his membership in the original Camp.

National Secretary Hammer: Whoever heard of any member being a member of two bodies? You can't join two other lodges.

Chairman Randall: I would like to defer, with the consent of the Chair, to Colonel Bauer who is the father of this resolution and perhaps he can answer the question.

Past Department Commander Bauer, Massachusetts: I can answer the objections of the Secretary-Treasurer. You can join more than one unit in practically all the organizations like our own—for instance in the Sons of the American Revolution, you can transfer from one state society to another or, if a member is in good standing, he can become a member of another state society and still retain his membership in his former society, if he wants to pay dues in both. If a person wants to pay dues in two organizations, why shouldn't he be permitted to? You can join two or three Masonic Lodges in several states. The situation is this. It exists in this organization as in plenty of others. I, for example, belong to a Camp in Cranberry Center and I move to Boston. I never go back to where I was brought up and can't take part in the activities of that Camp and yet I have no standing in any Camp in the City of Boston. Now, for sentimental reasons, I would like to retain my membership where I was brought up but why shouldn't I have the privilege of paying dues in another Camp, still retaining my membership in the original Camp. In some cases it is for sentimental reasons they retain the old membership, but they want to be active where they live.

In Massachusetts where I am a dual member of Bay State Camp we have a large percentage who are members of other Camps—some are active in those other Camps and some are not—but all are active in Bay State Camp and pay dues there. Why shouldn't this situation be legalized? New York and New Jersey have a similar situation that is not officially recognized. Many persons resident in the State of New Jersey are active in a Camp in New York City. Now, if members wish to help the Order by becoming active, or even by paying dues, in two separate Camps, why shouldn't we permit them to do so? It's their own money they are spending and we can get the services of members

who couldn't otherwise be active. There are matters of details to be arranged and that is why this Resolution is brought up.

National Secretary Hammer: A point of order: That the discussion should be a year from now because the Committee is to be appointed.

Past Department Commander Bauer, Massachusetts: Objection, because the discussion is now before the House on the necessity of appointing a Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I rule that this is purely a matter of informing our membership as to what is proposed to be done. There is nothing vital yet as it is to be referred to a committee according to the tenor of the report. It is simply a matter of information the Colonel wishes to dispense but it is not anything that has to do with the final action on that proposal.

Past Department Commander Bauer, Massachusetts: In Massachusetts, and it is no doubt true in many other states, this would get the interest of many members who cannot be active and will simply retain a nominal membership in the Order unless they are allowed to affiliate with another Camp. Details have to be worked out, but it has been done in other organizations and can be done in ours. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: You can gather from the information furnished you what it embraces. If there are no further remarks, we are ready to vote on this. (Committee sustained).

2. Article II of Chapter I of the Regulations is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new section, as follows:

"Section 7. Any Camp whose members reside in different communities may organize the members residing in or near any community other than the one where the Camp is located into an Outpost with a distinctive name. Each Outpost shall have an Executive Officer, to be appointed by the Camp Commander or elected by the members of either the Camp or the Outpost as the Camp may determine, and may have a Secretary-Treasurer to be chosen as the Camp may determine.

"Membership in the Outpost shall be limited to members in good standing of the Camp creating it, and membership in an Outpost shall in no way affect a member's relation to the Camp or the Order as a whole.

"An Outpost shall be under the control of the Camp, and the Camp may delegate to it any of the work or activities of the Camp in the community where the Outpost is located, subject always to the control of the Camp itself, but the Outpost shall have no independent relations with the Department."

Your Committee unanimously approves, and I move its adoption.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I ask if all of the requirements of the Order as to the presentation of the proposed amendment have been complied with.

Chairman Randall: As far as I know.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Have you gone into that question?

Chairman Randall: Yes, we have.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: What was done with relation to the proper presentation of the proposed amendment to the Constitution?

Chairman Randall: We considered that the amendment did not call for an amendment to the Constitution but only to the Regulations.

Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts: A point of order. In order to have this discussion, I believe we should wait until the question has been announced. A Brother has already seconded it.

Chairman Randall: I call attention to Article X, Section 2 on page 58 which provides: "The within and foregoing Regulations may be altered or amended at any regular Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief by a majority vote of all members present as reported on the roll of the Encampment."

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: A point of order. Commander-in-Chief, on page 4 of the Constitution there are provisions for a national organization, a State organization, for Camp, and for the military department known as the Reserve. It is my opinion that any addition to the structure of our organization definitely affects the Constitution and would be influenced by this. In order to change your Constitution or to consider it at this time, such Resolution or proposed change must have been published in The Banner prior to this Encampment. To my knowledge, this has not been published and for that reason my point is that it is out of order inasmuch as it affects the Constitution equally as much as the Regulations.

Chairman Randall: I might state our position, Commander-in-Chief. We considered the sections referred to by the Brother and in our opinion we did not invade or violate the sections in submitting this Resolution. This amendment, to reduce it to its lowest terms, would only constitute a Committee in an outlying place where there were not sufficient members to keep up a Camp but where members might be affiliated with the Camp and in that way act as a Committee in their local communities and it's nothing more than a Committee of the Camp and solely a creature of the Camp and having no relation to the Department and not assuming in any way to invade the province of the Department.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I ask a question? What article and what section in the Regulations does this amend?

Chairman Randall: Section 7 after Membership—Chapter I, Article II.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: A point of order. May I have your decision?

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I have considered the entire matter and have consulted our National Counselor who has rendered an opinion. Will the National Secretary please read this letter?

(The National Secretary read the following letter):

Chicago, Ill., August 22, 1946.

H. Harding Hale, Esq., Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
6 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

My Dear Commander:

I have received your letter of the 19th and the argument presented by Frederic Gilbert Bauer in reference to the proposed amendment to the Constitution emanating from the Department of Massachusetts.

Under the action of the Milwaukee Encampment in 1943 in reference to an amendment proposed by the Minnesota Department, I am impelled to render the opinion that your action and that of the National Secretary in regard to the late receipt of the proposed amend-

ment not being in time for publication in General Orders, on this matter is correct and in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Commandery-in-Chief.

If any Department desires to present a proposed amendment so that the same may be published in accordance with the laws of the Order for presentation at the ensuing Encampment, it must comply with these provisions. This apparently has not been done in the case of the Massachusetts amendment.

I, therefore, approve of the action of yourself and of the National Secretary, and I see no reason why you should now change that ruling or issue another order. I refer to the action of the Commandery-in-Chief at the Milwaukee Encampment in 1943, appearing on pages 61 to 63 of the proceedings of the 62nd National Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
National Counselor.

Past Department Commander Frederic G. Bauer, Massachusetts: I wish to raise a question of Departmental privilege. That letter which has been read has nothing to do with the matter before the Encampment. It has to do with an entirely different matter, that has not been presented at all; and when you say, Commander-in-Chief, you had considered this amendment to the Regulations, you couldn't have considered it, because it didn't exist until yesterday. The members of the Massachusetts delegation got together and talked the matter over, and the Department Commander had me draw this amendment.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: The matter presented involves a change in the Constitution. You may appeal to the Chair and state your reason for appeal.

Past Department Commander Bauer, Massachusetts: Massachusetts is your second largest Department in membership. It is your largest in point of Camps, in accordance with the reports given. This amendment is very necessary in Massachusetts to comply with our State Laws and would enable our Order to keep from suffering a very great loss during the coming year. This was very carefully worded having in mind any possible amendment to the Constitution. We should like to see the Constitution amended next year in this respect but this amendment is carefully drawn up so as to avoid anything to do with the Constitution. It simply provides for these Outposts which have no standing outside of the Camp itself. It is simply, as the Chairman has said, a Committee of the Camp. It has nothing to do with the organization of the Order. The basic unit and the only one recognized is the Camp. This amendment says that the Outpost shall have no relation to the Department. It is like a Committee that the Camp might create to do a certain piece of work in a town or to function for certain purposes, and it has been carefully worded so as not to change the structure of the Order at all but simply to recognize the right of the Camp to appoint a Committee. I submit this is not in violation of the Constitution.

There is a reason for this which is very important. The law of Massachusetts provides that cities and towns may provide money for Memorial Day and all veteran groups in Massachusetts were included in that statute—Grand Army and all. The Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans might participate in that appropriation when there was no Grand Army body. Seven years ago when I was Department Commander, foreseeing conditions, I had the Legislature change the law. In the first place, it provided that we can get the money whether the

Grand Army functions or not; and secondly, that any organized unit as well as a Camp can get the money. A certain other organization was trying to horn in and push us out and get the money instead of letting us carry on in the name of the Grand Army. The sole purpose of this Resolution is to comply with the laws of Massachusetts so we can say we have an organized unit in a town in order that we can carry on as Sons of Union Veterans and participate in the Memorial Day appropriation. There are several Camps in Massachusetts, as the Commander will bear me out, that cannot function as Camps but if those members could join a neighboring Camp in a large community and function as a unit for Memorial Day purposes, the Sons could still carry on in that town. I was told there was a Camp in Ohio, which recently disbanded which could still be in existence if this had been done. This is simply a sub-unit of the Camp and I submit that it is perfectly legal to adopt this. It will save many members in Massachusetts and I believe in other States and, if you desire to make this a basic unit by putting it in the Constitution in another year, nobody is going to kick. We will be glad to have it. If you're going to give a break to your second largest Department, we ask you to adopt this amendment so that we can serve the Order in these communities that cannot support a Camp. I ask you to overrule the Commander-in-Chief on this point of order, and pass this Resolution. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I don't believe that there's a man in the room that would take issue with the purposes that Colonel Bauer and those favoring this recommendation wish to accomplish, and certainly none of us want to do anything to prevent their accomplishing those purposes—in fact, we want to build up the organization. However, over a long range view, let's consider what this Resolution may mean, particularly to a small Department. What is a unit? A unit is one part of the main whole. I can see very readily a small Department having a State organization, or one State Camp with units. If that doesn't change the set-up of our organization as provided for in our Constitution, I can't see it correctly. In other words, units take the place of Camps. Why don't we have Camps in these locations?

Let me read again just a word.

"The several constituted bodies of the Order shall be as follows:

Of organizations known as Camps, each of which shall bear a name and number.

Of State organizations known as Departments.

Of a national organization known as the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Of a military department known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve."

Now, to add to that is an amendment and under Amendments we find that all proposed amendments must be treated in a certain manner. My point is, first, that we can't do it and, second, that we would be opening an opportunity for a possible structural change in our Departments. You will find Camps fading out and units growing up from the stronger Camps. I don't think you need legislation to do what you want to do. Any Camp can have committees working in outside communities but, if you attempt to get legislation, the Constitution provides a method which must be carried out.

I, therefore, believe the Commander-in-Chief has ruled correctly.

Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts: Colonel Bauer's remarks have shown the necessity for it.

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

we not now have before us only the question of sustaining the Commander-in-Chief? It is a decision and is not a debatable question.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I have allowed considerable latitude to Colonel Bauer and to Brother Walker. It is a narrow question. You have had a ruling from your Commander-in-Chief, supported as I ruled by our National Counselor, a man with fifty-six years of experience. I ruled that this deals essentially with a change in the Constitution and is not in order. The decision has been appealed by a Brother from my own Massachusetts, and I am now going to put the question to you. Shall the Chair be sustained in its ruling?

Delegate W. R. Coffey, Colorado & Wyoming: A point of order. Is it proper for the Chair to put the question when his own decision is being questioned?

Commander-in-Chief Hale: You are right and we will present it correctly. I was under fire and had a right to restate my ruling. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will take charge.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Martin: Shall the Chair be sustained in his ruling?

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I ask for a standing vote. (Chair sustained; 54 votes to sustain, 52 votes not to sustain.)

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: I move we recess until tomorrow afternoon at 1:30. (Motion not carried).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: We have an additional preliminary report with eight more delegates registered, making a total of 170.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO AUXILIARY

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Your committee on fraternal relations to the Auxiliary has performed its work. We carried the esteem of this organization and, in turn, we were received very graciously and wished us to bring back to you and to the members here assembled their good wishes for a harmonious and constructive Encampment. I was also asked to present this to you—a badge of their Encampment—and would now like to be discharged at your convenience. (Committee discharged with thanks).

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: Your Committee to the Ladies of the G. A. R. performed its duties. We were received very graciously and they extended their best wishes to you and to the boys here for a wonderful Encampment. National President Catherine Schroeder also asked me to present you with this badge and to give you a mother's blessing. (Committee discharged with thanks).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Department Commander Neil D. Cranmer, New York: The Resolutions Committee has a partial report. I move you, sir, that in case of no objection being raised it be considered as adopted. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, and carried.)

(1) A Resolution submitted by Delegate Phaon H. Snyder and Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, protests the recent action of the Yugoslavian Government in attacking

American occupation troops and holding them as prisoners. The Committee concurs in the recommendation that we urge the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and the Army and the Navy to take immediate steps to further protect our troops from any such further attacks.

(2) A Resolution submitted by Delegate Snyder and Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania, protests war contract profiteering. The Committee unanimously concurs in the recommendation that we urge the United States Government to vigorously prosecute any and all war contract profiteering to the fullest extent of the law.

(3) In a Resolution submitted by Delegate Snyder and Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania, urging the United States Government to make an immediate inquiry and investigation into the existing operations of the War Assets Administration sale of surplus goods so as to assure the Veterans of a fair chance of buying materials for private business ventures, the Committee unanimously concurs.

(4) In a Resolution submitted by Delegate Snyder and Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania, urging the United States Government to make an immediate and thorough investigation of all so-called schools for the training and education of ex-servicemen, and schools which are not properly credited and recognized for this purpose be immediately discontinued. The Committee unanimously concurs.

(5) A communication from Past Department Commander Arthur M. Soule, Maine, recommends that a Committee be appointed to contact the various Department relative to securing interest in the collection of Civil War souvenirs and relics with a view to having them assembled and permanently exhibited either in Washington, D. C., or in any place where permission can be obtained, said Committee to report to the Commandery, as soon as possible, the prospects for such national exhibit. Expense of exhibit to be shared by the participating Departments, assuming there would be no expense after the exhibit is once established in some public or semi-public building. We recommended concurrence in this Resolution.

(6) The Committee recommends non-concurrence in the Resolution submitted by Delegate Snyder and Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania, urging the United States Government to withhold the formula of the Atomic Bomb and to share it with no one, now or at any time.

(7) The Department of Minnesota submitted a Resolution that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and try to persuade him to appoint a member of the Sons to the office of National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, so that we may legally and truly become the successors of their organization. We recommend non-concurrence in this Resolution.

NEIL D. CRANMER, Chairman, N. Y.
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Ohio
RALPH R. BARRETT, Calif.
Committee on Resolutions.

Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: Does the fact that this was turned down here by the Encampment prevent the Department of Minnesota taking it up at their next Convention?

Commander-in-Chief Hale: No. I now declare the report of the Committee on Resolutions adopted as rendered.

PROCUREMENT OF RIFLES FOR RESERVE

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Through an Act of Congress the Ordnance Department is donating ten rifles to the veteran organizations throughout the nation, and the Sons of Veterans Reserve are included in that Act. As Chief-of-Staff of Pennsylvania, I contacted the Chief of Ordnance for the procedure in applying for these rifles.

We have been communicating with one another five or six times trying to get straightened out and in his last communique he is under the impression that I am the National Commander and they are desirous of having one person named to approve all of these applications for these rifles. I then advised the Captain who is the Assistant to the Chief of Ordnance that, while we are a national organization, we are not functioning in many of the Departments and I am only the head of the Pennsylvania Brigade, without authority to approve or authorize any one to approve these applications. Since they are interested in someone nationally being authorized, I suggested that National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer be authorized to approve or that National Secretary Hammer be authorized to do so. I told him that the matter would be brought up at Indianapolis for a ruling by the Commandery-in-Chief. The rifles cost \$1 apiece plus freight from whatever arsenal they are shipped. One unit in Pennsylvania already has theirs.

Past Department Commander Cloy V. Smith, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the incoming Commander-in-Chief designate someone to take care of this. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I move a recess until 1 p. m. tomorrow afternoon. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert. Carried).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 28, 1946 — 1:30 P. M.

The Encampment was opened in regular form, with prayer by National Chaplain Abels.

ARTICLE VI, CHAPTER I, C. & R., AMENDED

Department Commander Kimball, Massachusetts: I wish to amend Article VI, Chapter I of the Regulations by adding at the end thereof a new section to be numbered 8, reading as follows:

"Section 8. Any Camp whose members reside in different communities may arrange its members into divisions or sections corresponding to such communities; may give each such section or division a distinctive name; may prescribe its organization; and may delegate to it such of the work of the Camp in that community as the Camp may specify." (Motion seconded).

Past Department Commander Frederic G. Bauer, Massachusetts: I see a number of the Brothers looking over the Constitution to find the reference on page 17. There is nothing on page 17, but that is where this would go—at the end. The amendment that Massachusetts has submitted meets any objections offered yesterday to the amendment we did submit. On that page it says that the Camp shall have a Welfare Committee. If it can have one Committee, it can have others, and, provision merely provides for a quasi-committee of the Camp. The section we have submitted is legal because it authorizes the Camp to go out and carry on as authorized in the Regulations. I am certain from a legal point of view that this proposed amendment meets any objections raised yesterday. It has been submitted to a majority of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations and I am authorized to state that they approve of the amendment as submitted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Colonel Bauer has covered the question I wanted to ask. I intended to raise the question as to whether or not this was offered as an individual as is his right but, if so, it was my intention that it be referred to the Committee on Constitution & Regulations. But in view of his last remarks, if the Committee on Constitution & Regulations now offer this as coming from that Committee with the approval of the Committee, I shall not make that motion.

Past Department Commander Frederick G. Bauer, Massachusetts: I will answer the question. There were five members functioning on the Committee on Constitution & Regulations. It has been submitted to three of them, who were the only ones we could reach. Therefore, I am authorized by them to state that they do approve of this change. We shall be very glad to submit it to the other two, if they will come together. It is not submitted by an individual, but by the Department of Massachusetts officially through its Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: All right then, I have no objection.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: We will receive it, as coming from a representative of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, as it has been approved by a majority of that Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move the adoption of the amendment to the Regulations. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert). (Adopted).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Chairman Randall: Your Committee on Constitution & Regulations desires to present another matter at this time. A word of explanation is in order. Several Resolutions were passed by the Department of Massachusetts; one providing for the admission of descendants of members of the Revenue Cutter Service, and another providing for the admission of collateral descendants in case of failure of lineal descendants. These amendments were duly submitted by the Massachusetts Department.

We do not present these Resolutions on their merits to this Encampment because of the fact that they were not duly promulgated and published in The Banner, but they were submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief within the period of forty days specified for the filing of amendments to the Constitution to be presented at the Encampment. However, before they were received on July 11 The Banner had been published and they could not be printed and no General Orders were issued promulgating the amendments and so we present, on behalf of the Committee on Constitution & Regulations, this Resolution: "That the Commander-in-Chief is hereby ordered to include in General Orders, as required by Article VIII of the Constitution and Article X, Chapter I of the Regulations, the proposed amendments providing for the admission of descendants of members of the Revenue Cutter Service, and for the admission of collateral descendants in case of failure of lineal descendants, which amendments were duly submitted by the Massachusetts Department." I move the adoption of this.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I second the motion in order to bring it on the floor. I would like to ask that the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution & Regulations read to us the proposed amendment to Article III, Eligibility to Membership, as offered by the Department of Massachusetts.

Chairman Randall: Article III of the Constitution is hereby amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a semi-colon and adding to said article the following words: "provided that where a soldier, sailor or marine who served as aforesaid left no lineal male descendants, descendants of a brother or sister of such soldier, sailor or marine otherwise qualified as herein provided may be admitted to membership to represent such veteran;" and "provided further that descendants of officers and members of the Revenue Cutter Service who rendered service in the naval operations for the suppression of the rebellion of 1861-65, may be elected to membership under the same conditions as descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines."

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: In view of the fact that this is now offered simply to provide for a provision of the Constitution & Regulations and is in a shape which would permit the Department of Massachusetts to present at any time between now and forty days prior to the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief in 1917. I see no objection to the adoption at this time. Rather than adhere to the forty days, I'd suggest sixty days in view of the wording of our amending clause and it would then, of course, be acted upon at our

next annual session of the Commandery-in-Chief. Therefore, I see no objection to its adoption at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: The motion was duly made and seconded. (Question submitted and adopted).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL & CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Your Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies makes the following report:

We have two Resolutions relative to the same subject and this is the addition of a paragraph or sentence to the next to last paragraph in the Flag Charge embodying something relative to World War II. The Department of Ohio, in submitting their Resolution, have added some very appropriate words. The Committee feels if we adopt this we can immediately go to using them and, if they aren't what we want, we can change them but so everybody will know just how that paragraph will read when it is changed, I should like to read it.

"1. Then when armed and arrogant autocracy combined to extend its inhuman and barbarous rule over the people of the world, America, inspired by the immortal example of Lafayette, sent two million of her sons under the Star Spangled Banner to battle for Liberty's cause on the war-torn fields of France and Flanders. And there, and on the high seas, righteous victory attended our heroic soldiers and sailors, until they returned with our beloved banner resplendent with new honors, adding to the imperishable glory won by our fathers under Abraham Lincoln, in the War for the Union. Its glories never end nor die. Always an emblem of peace, it is by the same token the emblem of victory. It led to glorious triumph our forces on the wind-swept deserts of Africa; it inspired to deeds of undying fame our heroes in the olive groves of Italy; it was temporarily lowered at Corrigedor to a treacherous and unworthy foe, and then appeared in sweeping victories to grace the islands, not in conquest, but in righteousness to save the helpless and oppressed. No flag that floats today, on earth, holds out so brave a hope for all mankind, or sheds such radiant light upon the path of human life."

Your Committee concurs in this Resolution.

Department Commander Cecil J. Randall, Ohio: I would like to state that we appointed a Committee in our Department and selected a man specially well qualified to write this addition or change in the Charge to the Flag. I think I am correct in saying that on one other occasion he was called upon to write something to recognize the soldiers of the first World War and so, having had something to do with that matter in our own Department, I heartily concur and second the Resolution. (Committee sustained).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: A motion could be entertained that, unless there is objection raised, the report of the Committee be received as adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I so move you.

Past Department Commander Bauer, Massachusetts: I would like to offer an amendment to this. I think it is finely worded but there is one word I would like to have changed. I would like to see the word "unworthy" stricken out and "dastardly" inserted for it. This is an amendment. (Seconded by Department Commander Kimball, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I declare the report of the Committee, with the amendment added, be adopted.

Chairman Mackey: There is only one more amendment—a Reso-

lution submitted by New Jersey on the same subject so this takes care of their Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

URION W. MACKEY, Chairman, Mich.
 GEORGE WM. KIMBALL, Mass.
 HARRY WARNER, Maine.

Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania: I offer a motion. The Honorable Congressman Louis Ludlow of this city, who sponsored and fought so hard for the passage of the House Resolution designating November 19 as Dedication Day is in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. I move that the National Secretary be authorized to send a telegram to the Congressman at the Hospital expressing to him our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery. (Seconded by several and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: It might be well to advise the membership that at the last minute the year "1946" was written into that Act so it is only this year that this applies. Many have an idea that from now on November 19 is Dedication Day. That is not correct. It is only this year. I understand from Brother Heintz that that date was inserted at the last minute and we were unable to do anything about defeating it as it was too close to the end of the session so now we will have to start all over again.

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania: To add a word, the date was added in the Senate and not in the House. It passed the House without any dates attached but the Senate tacked on 1946. And now, Commander-in-Chief, if I may have your permission I would like to read into the record of this Encampment an editorial from a newspaper that has lived and breathed, these last few years, against the Grand Army of the Republic, and a newspaper which comes from the City of Philadelphia and we read generally.

A MEETING OF 12 OLD MEN

Twelve old men are meeting in Indianapolis today for what may be their last reunion on earth. The youngest are far past 90, the oldest is 103. Fourscore years ago they began to wear the title of veterans, so richly earned in the war to preserve the Union.

Eighty years have passed since the first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in that same city. Of the organization's hundreds of thousands of members, only 86 survive. Of the more than two million men who composed the mighty Union Army, a scant 200 remain.

Since these brave men laid down their arms, crowned with victory in a most righteous cause, America has emerged triumphantly from the ordeal of two world wars.

Peace, as all so sadly know, has not brought with it the sense of security and freedom from future wars for which we so fervently hoped. But it is well to recall that had it not been for the bravery and devotion of these veterans of '61, still happily with us, and of their host of companions who have gone before, neither those later wars nor the troubles and anxieties which now beset our Nation would have found us a united people.

It will not be long until "the muffled drum's sad roll has beat" these soldiers' "last tattoo," but their inestimable services, their sacrifices and suffering in behalf of their country, must never be forgotten.

I move that the National Secretary be instructed to send a telegram to the Philadelphia Inquirer complimenting them on this outstanding editorial. (Seconded by Department Commander George H. Moore, Pennsylvania).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Let's think for a minute. I have no objection to that at all but is it not a fact that possibly other newspapers in the United States will have editorials equally as good as that and, if we send it to the Philadelphia Inquirer and they print it, the others may think—well, you know. That's the only thought I have as to whether we're taking a chance as to something that may have a flare-back on us. I say that because I read an editorial in one of the Indianapolis newspapers that was very similar to that although not quite as laudatory and not as long but had the same sentiments.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I don't think Brother Sautter has much of a point there. We've been a long while trying to get the Philadelphia Inquirer to cut out using the term "War Between the States." You've heard the editorial read and you've noticed that they did not use that term. Somebody will bring in an editorial or a picture and they want us immediately to go after the editor because he has done something we don't like. Now, when we get something like this, why can't we congratulate the fellow just as readily as we are to condemn him. (Motion carried).

151 CIVIL WAR PENSIONERS

Commander-in-Chief Hale: In the gist of a letter received from the Washington office of the Veterans Administration as to the latest compiled figures on the number of living Civil War Veterans receiving pensions as of June 30 last, the number was 154.

National Patriotic Instructor Barnum: Your Committee on Americanization is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION GRANT TROPHY

Chairman Barnum: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, the members of the Americanization Committee found it no easy task to arrive at a final decision, but we herewith present our report.

After many hours of study and sincere consideration of the reports submitted by the various Departments we reached our final decision, and it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the Grant Trophy be awarded to the Department of Pennsylvania for the year of 1946 for its outstanding accomplishments in Americanization work in their Department.

We also wish to commend the Departments of New Jersey and New York for their splendid work and the neatness of their reports.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ERNEST E. BARNUM, Chairman, Conn.

FRANK WOERNER, Calif. & Pacific

C. L. CHARTER, Minn.

Committee on Americanization.

Chairman Barnum: Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of this report.

(Seconded by Delegate Wilbur F. Hathaway, Iowa. Carried).

National Patriotic Instructor Barnum: I would like to read a speech made by Lincoln on February 11, 1861, at the Riggs House, now known as the Claypool Hotel, where the Grand Army is meeting. In

reading this, I wish you would note how many times he mentions people—you and yours. How different it is today.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN INDIANAPOLIS FEBRUARY 11, 1861

"The Wabash train that had left Springfield at eight o'clock in the morning drew into the Indianapolis station at five o'clock, near sundown, to a salute of thirty-four guns. Governor Oliver P. Morton took Lincoln to his carriage and a procession of members of the State Legislature, the Mayor, City Council, police, troops, firemen, moved to the Bates House, led by cornets and trombones, snare and bass drums, through streets of surging Hoosiers. On the balcony of the Bates House in the chill of a February evening twilight Lincoln looked out on 20,000 people and told them their magnificent reception was certainly no compliment to him personally, but only to him "as a mere instrument—an accidental instrument" of a great cause. Not until he got to Washington would he attempt any lengthy speech. Now he ventured:

'I will only say that to the salvation of the Union there needs but one single thing—the hearts of a people like yours. (Applause). When the people rise in mass in behalf of the Union and the liberties of this country, truly may it be said, 'The gates of hell cannot prevail against them.' (Renewed applause). In all trying positions in which I shall be placed, and doubtless I shall be placed in many such, my reliance will be upon you and the people of the United States; and I wish you to remember, now and forever, that it is your business, and not mine; that if the union of these States and the liberties of this people shall be lost, it is but little to any one man of fifty-two years of age, but a great deal to the thirty millions of people who inhabit these United States, and to their posterity in all coming time. It is your business to rise up and preserve the Union and liberty for yourselves, and not for me. I appeal to you again to constantly bear in mind that not with politicians, not with Presidents, not with office-seekers, but with you, is the question: Shall the Union and shall the liberties of this country be preserved to the latest generations? (Cheers and applause)"

Commander-in-Chief, I move this speech appear in the record. (Seconded by Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts. Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Some of you have never before seen our National Patriotic Instructor and I'm glad that at this time he came forth with something stimulating and interesting. He's the man who has been active all year in collecting the Grand Army Fund and I wish you all to know while you are here that the sum total of his collections during the year up to the time of the Encampment amounted to \$1,336—the highest amount ever received.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Cranmer: The Resolutions Committee has a further report. This was presented by the Department of Minnesota and protests the display of the Confederate flag in public ceremonials, with special reference to a recent good-will tour of visiting Mississippians. Your Committee recommends concurrence in their Resolution that the use of the Confederate flag on any and all occasions be condemned. I move the adoption of this Resolution. (Regularly seconded and carried).

Chairman Cranmer: We have been asked to endorse a song which was written by one of our Brothers who is present at the Encampment and who lives in San Francisco, California—Sidney Bachtel. It was his plan to push the sale of this all over the United States and

he wanted our endorsement. The Committee felt it was unwise to make such an endorsement as it might seem as though we were trying to commercialize the Order and we might be deluged with other requests to endorse other things, so did not concur with his request but thought it would be a nice thing, Commander-in-Chief, if you would call on Brother Bachtel to, perhaps, sing this song called "The Patriot's Call" some time this afternoon.

Brother Sidney Bachtel: "I'm not a piano player or singer so will not attempt to either play or sing the song for you. My heart is in this work to keep our Order alive and I've contributed what is along my line—music. I'm not a professional musician but I've composed this song. I did not wish to impose anything in a commercial way or to cast any reflection in a commercial way upon our Order. I have no criticism to make over the rejection of the song by refusing to endorse it. I would like to have it sung throughout our land and take its place among other patriotic songs. For those who wish a copy I will arrange for you to get it as it may serve as an inspiration in your Camps. (Applause).

(After some persuasion Brother Bachtel sang the song. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Thank you, Brother Bachtel.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM AUXILIARY

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary was presented, consisting of a delegation from Massachusetts and the National President:

Margaret L. Waters, Past National President, Woburn, Mass.,
Chairman.

Gladys B. Sallman, National President, Chicago, Ill.

Maude B. Warren, Past National President.

Jennie B. Wales, Department President.

Beatrice Pike, Past Department President.

Ethelyn Tucker, Past Department President of N. H. (Adopted by Massachusetts).

Ursula Shepardson, Past Department President.

Emma S. Warren, Past Department President.

Alice H. Rand, National Chief-of-Staff and Past Department President.

Mae L. Bush, Past Department President.

Alice Lovering, Past President Auxiliary 25.

Sister Clorston, Past President Auxiliary 56, Cambridge.

Anna B. Kimball, Past President and Past Department Secretary.

Blanche Foster, Department Press Correspondent.

Natalie Brown, Department Personal Aide.

Past National President Waters and National President Sallman extended their greetings and gifts were presented to the Commander-in-Chief by Sister Waters in behalf of the National organization of the Auxiliary and by Sister Wales from the Department of Massachusetts.

Personal response by Commander-in-Chief Hale.

Response to the delegation by Past Commander-in-Chief Huston.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee to the Grand Army report that we made our visit. There were

eleven there and we were very favorably received. They are holding a very nice meeting and it was our pleasure to be there when our good Brother Mansfield came into the room.

Captain J. Clark Mansfield, Chairman, G. A. R. Highway Committee: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, I have just returned from the meeting of the Grand Army at which time I presented them with a telegram to send to the Governor of Pennsylvania. I am happy to say this met with their approval and bears the signature of Commander-in-Chief Hiram R. Gale. I mentioned that the State of Colorado had marked U. S. Highway No. 6 on August 22 and that it was due largely to the good letter that Commander-in-Chief Gale wrote to the Governor of Colorado. Pennsylvania has the authority by law; that is, the Highway Department can designate Route No. 6 the G. A. R. Highway. They did so last July but on account of protests to the Governor, the order was rescinded in September of last year pending further investigation. All they need in Pennsylvania is to issue the order because the legislation has been passed. I would now like to read the telegram:

HON. EDW. MARTIN, GOVERNOR,
HARRISBURG, PA.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT G. A. R. RESPECTFULLY
REQUESTS THAT PENNSYLVANIA NAME U. S. ROUTE 6
THE G. A. R. HIGHWAY. PENNSYLVANIA IS NOW ONE
OF ONLY FOUR STATES THAT HAVE NOT SO ACTED.
CONSIDER THIS AS ONE OF THE LAST REQUESTS OF
OUR ORGANIZATION.

(SIGNED) HIRAM R. GALE,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

**Members of the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment
Reported by Past Commander-in-Chief Towle:**

- JOHN C. ADAMS, Adjutant General, Department Commander Indiana, Jonesboro, Indiana.
- JOHN R. BENNETT, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Ohio, Waynesfield, Ohio.
- CHARLES L. CHAPPEL, Senior Vice Department Commander, Long Beach, California.
- HIRAM R. GALE, Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander Washington, Seattle, Washington.
- JOHN H. GRATE, Department Commander Ohio, Atwater, Ohio.
- ORLANDO LE VALLEY, National Council Administration, Department Commander, Michigan, Caro, Michigan.
- WILLIAM H. OSBORN, National Council Administration, Department Commander Missouri, Joplin, Missouri.
- THEODORE A. PENLAND, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander Oregon, Portland, Oregon.
- ROBERT M. ROWND, Chaplain-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Assistant Adjutant General New York Department, Ripley, N. Y.
- HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander Illinois, Riverton, Illinois.

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION
AND REGULATIONS**

Chairman Randall: Two matters have been submitted to us, referred by the Resolutions Committee, and we are not sure that either

one of them is for our action but we've done the best we could. There was submitted a Resolution passed by the Department of Minnesota, as follows:

In order that Department Commanders may be accorded fitting recognition for their positions during their terms of office, the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is hereby requested to devise a suitable Department Commander's badge. This badge is to be worn by Department Commanders during their terms of office and to be passed on to their successors.

This Resolution was adopted at the Sixty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Minnesota, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 7, 1946.

No Resolution directed to this body was submitted. However, in keeping with the spirit and purpose of the Resolution, we concluded we would submit the following Resolution to this Encampment:

RESOLVED, That the Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to design a suitable distinctive badge for Department Commanders and report to the next Annual Encampment.

I move the adoption of this Resolution. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried).

Chairman Randall: There was also submitted to us a Resolution passed by the Department of Oregon, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Brother J. F. Burkhart, Department Commander of this Department in the year 1929-30, lost his membership and consequently his rank as Past Department Commander, with the disbandment of Coos Bay Camp No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Brother Burkhart has become a member in good standing in this Department by joining Empire Camp No. 18; be it

RESOLVED, That this Department of Oregon in Twenty-fourth Encampment assembled do restore to Brother J. F. Burkhart his rank of Past Department Commander and receive him with all the honor and respect to which this rank entitles him; be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the National Secretary, that he may again be shown on National records as a Past Department Commander; and that a copy be mailed to Brother Burkhart.

Submitted by E. W. Madison, Department Secretary-Treasurer; referred to Resolutions Committee; approved and adopted by the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Oregon, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

No Resolution to be presented to this Encampment was placed in our hands. We call your attention to the fact that we have looked into the matter of the legality, or constitutionality, of any action of this body in respect to this matter and refer to Article II, Chapter II of the Constitution: "To obtain restoration of rank of Past Camp Commander the member shall make request in writing to the Camp of which he is a member, etc." No mention is made in the Constitution of any means whatever for restoring the rank of a Past Department Commander. This only refers to a Camp Commander and, therefore, we are at a loss to know of any express authority in the Constitution warranting us in submitting a Resolution to carry out the desires of the Department of Oregon.

However, we are reliably informed that this sovereign body on other exceptional occasions has taken action in restoring the rank of a Past Department Commander. I am also advised that the Constitution at one time had some provision relating to this matter but that

has since been deleted or repealed from the Constitution. So, we simply submit this matter without the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution & Regulations but we feel that if any one from Oregon desires to present a motion we would suggest the matter be presented in that manner, if possible, or in accordance with proper parliamentary procedure.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: You have heard the report of the Committee on Constitution & Regulations in which they take neutral ground for the reasons given as to the awarding or restoration of rank to a Past Department Commander of the Oregon Department.

Chairman Randall: One other reason for our taking this action. We had no evidence to show the circumstances save and except the one statement that the Camp became extinct and that the Brother lost his rank and title because of the Camp's becoming extinct, but we had no other evidence as to the merits of the case.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Would you want to leave it this way—that you feel further information should be furnished from local sources as to why the man lost his rank?

Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts: This matter of restoration of rank based on the reasons given is rather vague but I believe that any Brother who desires to retain his membership and re-establish himself in an organization that is anxious to get everybody back into the fold should be given the rank he previously held.

Department Commander Frank Woerner, California & Pacific: The Department of Oregon is a very small Department as you know. That is the reason, I believe, there are no delegates from Oregon here today. I think that if that man is interested enough to submit his application back into the organization he should be restored to his former rank, and I will so move that this Encampment restore his rank.

(Seconded by Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Like the Committee, we've been looking to find out just how this has happened but can't find it in here. The Commandery-in-Chief is the body to restore the honor of Past Department Commander. What I want to know is, are we then to consider this the way of restoring Past Department Commander's honors in the future if we do it now? Can't we do this same thing in Pennsylvania and just send you a letter that we have done it? I think all should have the privilege because they are simply stating that they did this and are not asking for permission to do so.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: At Columbus, Ohio, five years ago legislation was enacted by this body that when a Department wished to reinstate the honors of a Past Department Commander they would apply to this body and pay a fee of \$10 for that privilege. That is a matter of record in the proceedings and whether it is in the Regulations or not it is a matter of precedent, which is very clear. However, it is my opinion that if this Department is satisfied to take the man back in, perhaps they just don't understand the procedure to adopt. If that's what they want I would be favorable to this body approving the restoration of his rank at such time after they pay the \$10 fee required. I move to amend the original motion to that effect. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Arthur W. Robinson, Vermont, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: What do you wish done with the original motion? (Declared approved as amended).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: This is the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 28, 1946.

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

Your Committee on Officers' Reports has reviewed the reports of the various officers and feels that they show an understanding of the duties of their respective offices, and have endeavored to fulfill them.

The Commander-in-Chief has made but four recommendations as follows:

Commander-in-Chief's Report

- (1) (Page 5 of Officers' Reports booklet). In this we concur.
- (2) (Page 5 of Officers' Reports booklet). We concur in this recommendation.
- (3) (Page 5 of Officers' Reports booklet). We concur in this recommendation.
- (4) (Page 7 of Officers' Reports booklet). We concur in this recommendation.

National Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The report of your National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Hammer, is perfect in every detail, and is just what we expected and knew we would receive from him. We urge each and every member to read Brother Hammer's report and become acquainted with the numerical and financial condition of our Order.

National Patriotic Instructor's Report

We call your attention to the splendid work of our National Patriotic Instructor in raising money for the Grand Army of the Republic Fund. Eight hundred and forty dollars is a splendid amount and shows diligent application to the duties of his office in this respect.

He makes the following recommendations:

- (1) (Page 22 of Officers' Reports booklet). We concur with the idea, but consider that this is a matter that should be referred to the Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies.
- (2) (Page 23 of Officers' Reports booklet). We concur with this recommendation.
- (3) (Page 23 of Officers' Reports booklet). This is not really a recommendation but a suggestion that we make a pilgrimage to this Home. We agree with the idea, but we have not the time to do so, and the Auxiliary has taken care of this matter.

Legislative Committee's Report

The Legislative Committee made a recommendation in regard to the observance of November 19 as Dedication Day. This has already been taken care of in the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief.

Report of Committee on Marking Graves

The Committee on Marking Graves makes the following recommendations:

(Third paragraph on page 42 "It is recommended—")

- (1) We concur in this recommendation and would state that this matter has been taken care of by the Graves Registration Bureau of

the United States in many cities and states, with different symbols for graves of the different wars.

(2) (Last sentence on page 42 and first sentence on page 43). We concur in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY TOWLE, Chairman, Maine

ALLEN F. SPINK, Conn.

C. L. CHARTER, Minn.

C. M. BARKSDALE, Ind.

Committee on Officers' Reports.

Past Department Commander Fred C. Colwell, New York: I move that this report be adopted. (Seconded by Delegate Samuel W. Morrell, Connecticut. Adopted).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Your Committee to the Grand Army were heartily received, thoroughly recognized and had an opportunity to speak. It was the 80th Encampment of the Grand Army in session at this time. They thanked us for our visit and told us to tell you to keep on having a good time and work like the dickens. I would like to thank you, Commander-in-Chief, for the opportunity to be present at the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now, may I speak under "Good of the Order," We had a Committee appointed last Sunday for an audience with a Committee from the organization then known as the Federated Patriotic Societies. There was some disturbance throughout the year and some of us were thinking the matter over and last Sunday it was decided to bring our proposition in, which was done, about another organization which was admitted during the years. Brother Stoult made a very fine talk along the lines that some day someone is going to have to be responsible for carrying on the work of making arrangements for Encampments in the future and we felt that a larger delegation appealing to a city would have a better chance of getting accommodations, or at least getting an invitation. As soon as he finished, the Secretary of the Grand Army took the microphone and said, "Committee, the Grand Army has already given their blessing anticipating our age and have given the 'go' sign." (Applause).

The Grand Army anticipated the need and took action that we should be privileged to organize under the name "Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic" to carry on, and so we appreciate that very much.

Further, may I say that as one who has worked on the G. A. R. Highway and given much time and study I am happy today that our good Chairman Mansfield of the G. A. R. Highway Committee has presented to us this further link and we hope it will be closed tightly to finish that part of our Highway. Now, if it is in the hands of the Governor of Pennsylvania and the Grand Army has asked for his help, here's hoping that the Governor of Pennsylvania will issue that order making Route No. 6 the G. A. R. Highway. It gave me much joy and pleasure to learn that Indiana had marked that State to the Grand Army of the Republic. The Highway must go across.

Commander-in-Chief and members of this assembly, California is waiting to have you link up with us. Not only the men on the Committee or the Chairman of the Committee, there is work for all of you and your friends in Iowa, Utah and Nevada. They have served notice on us that Utah is taking down all signs and street indications and

numbering all their streets in the City of Salt Lake, and will not permit any names to be used. Nothing could be done this year because the Legislatures have not been in session but they will be meeting the coming year. You men must get back of this proposition and the men on this Grand Army of the Republic Highway. California's waiting for you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Thank you, Brother Barrett, for words of patriotic interest to us all and covering several interesting matters.

FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: The action of the Federated was that each Encampment assembled this week should take action as to whether or not they want to continue the Federation. That notice is to be in the hands of the Federated next year to determine whether or not we will continue. In view of the action of the Grand Army today, I suggest that we go on record as favoring the continuance of the unity of the Grand Army family under the name "Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic." (Seconded by several and carried).

Delegate W. R. Coffey, Colorado: Let me add a few words to Dr. Barrett's talk on State highways. In Colorado there was a Resolution passed but that was as far as it got. However, the Committee got to work and have started marking Colorado for the Grand Army. (Applause).

Alternate Delegate S. S. Van Buskirk, Colorado: I was appointed on the Committee for the Highway through Colorado. I contacted the Governor who gave me a favorable answer to the Highway proposition and I, therefore, feel we shall memorialize our fathers in the State of Colorado.

G. A. R. PARADE ESCORT

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: I report as Acting Chief-of-Staff. We had approximately 120 in line this morning including 24 of the Reserve and one U. S. Marine Corps Top Sergeant. I personally thank the Reserve for turning out in uniform as they were a great addition to our line of march.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: When the National Encampment met in Portland, Maine, I think we turned out a number somewhat approaching or equaling that number of 120.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: The Credential Committee has a further report:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	13
Department Commanders	12
Past Department Commanders	51
Delegates	100
Total	176

"WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I preface a motion I intend to make with some remarks, and yet my apologies to Brother Heintz. Next perhaps in importance to this organization in the work they have before them on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway is to achieve some results beyond that which we have achieved with

reference to designating the War of 1861-1865 as the Civil War and not the War Between the States. (Applause). There's nothing new in that. We've been talking about it at Encampments over a period of years. We've been acting on it more or less in a haphazard way without any direct action on the part of this body. I've been most interested in it so yesterday I sat down with Brother Heintz, who is so very much interested in it, with a proposition to him that would have involved considerable work and because of that I'll not mention it now. Brother Heintz said to me that there is a way by which, in his judgment, we can achieve some direct results and the best manner of obtaining the results we desire with reference to that important project. His suggestion is this.

In the City of Washington, D. C., there are something like 1,000 correspondents of the various newspapers of the United States of America as the representatives of their papers. He suggests that if we send a copy of the action of this organization to each of those newspaper correspondents as coming from the national body that we would probably get results in this most important subject beyond that which we have obtained in the past and, with that statement, I want to offer this motion.

I move, Commander-in-Chief, that the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War endorse and approve the pamphlet prepared by Brother Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander of Ohio, having reference to the use of the phrase "War Between the States" and that a copy of that pamphlet prepared in a manner that is proper for presentation by Brother Heintz be sent to each accredited newspaper correspondent in the City of Washington. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Chairman Mackey: With reference to Recommendation No. 1 in the Patriotic Instructor's report, pages 22 and 23 of the printed reports:

"Article No. 6—Do not place any object or emblem of any kind on or above the Flag of the United States of America.

"Article No. 7—Do not use the Flag as a drapery in any form whatsoever. Use bunting of Red, White, and Blue."

The Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies votes non-concurrence in this recommendation. Our thought is that at the present time, and it has been for a period of years in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that nothing is placed on top of the Flag but the Holy Bible. The Bible is an emblem of Christ. Nothing is placed above the American Flag except the Christian flag.

Past Department Commander Heacock, Pennsylvania: I move that the Committee be sustained in its report. (Seconded by several and carried).

DEDICATION DAY

Past Dept. Com. Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to make a motion to carry out a recommendation made in your report and in the Legislative Committee's report. These are the two recommendations with reference to House Resolution 35 designating November 19, 1946, as Dedication Day. The recommendation is made by the Commander-in-Chief that we now use the purpose of that Resolution and the Legislative Committee has done the same thing. Now

that Resolution of Congress will not enforce itself and it is necessary that this Encampment should take some action if we desire to make that Resolution permanent. Unfortunately, somewhere between the House and the Senate somebody made a motion to amend House Resolution 35 by inserting after the date "November 19" the figures "1946." When we saw that we were very much discouraged but it couldn't, of course, at that time be sent back to the House because it wouldn't have been passed at this session. The Resolution passed the House of Congress on July 3 and went to the Senate. The Senate was engaged in debating the British Loan, the O. P. A. extension, the F. E. P. C. Bill, and so many important measures, that we were advised there would be no chance to pass it at this session. I want to commend the Department of Pennsylvania for turning on the heat, and especially the Camp at Easton, Pa. The House Committee reported favorably and it passed Congress on June 3. It passed the Senate on August 1 and then had to be endorsed by the White House. On August 7 the President signed the Bill and it is now law.

Unfortunately, as Brother Heacock said, it applies only to 1946. If we show that we appreciate this Bill, if all organizations will show we are going to make use of the opportunity to demonstrate that November 19 is Dedication Day, then we hope that the next Legislature will amend this law by striking out 1946 and it will then be a law in perpetuity.

In order to carry out that purpose, I propose this motion: That the Patriotic Instructor of the incoming Commander-in-Chief be and he is hereby requested to prepare an outline of a program for the observance of November 19, 1946, the anniversary of the delivery of the Gettysburg Address by President Lincoln as "Dedication Day."

November 19th has long been observed in the activities of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations, but it is now designated, for this year only, as "Dedication Day" by public law No. 645, 79th Congress, Chapter 800, and should be observed as such by our and the allied groups.

This law, as already stated, provides for the observance of that day, only in the year 1946. It is proposed to amend the law, making it applicable to the future, and the success of that amendment may depend on the extent of the observance of the day in November coming.

We further recommend that the Patriotic Instructor invite other organizations and the general public to join in the observance of the day.

The text of the law is as follows:

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 adjured 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, 1946, 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, 1946, 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.

Approved August 7, 1946.

I move the adoption of this Resolution. I want to say a word in addition to Brother Heacock's remarks about Congressman Ludlow. This Bill did not originate in the G. A. R. or in its allies. It originated in The Militray Order of the Loyal Legion with national headquarters in this city. They were very active all through the three years it took to get it passed. Mr. Ludlow never let up in all that time and, when it was defeated in 1944 by the objection of a single Congressman from the State of Michigan, it had to be introduced again and on the first day of the present Congress, January 3, 1945, Mr. Ludlow re-introduced the Bill. He was unable to co-operate in this photo-finish as he was very ill in the hospital. I feel if he had been on the job this unfortunate amendment would never have been written into the Bill. I move the adoption of the Resolution.

(Seconded by Delegate Wilbur F. Hathaway, Iowa, and carried).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

National Chaplain Abels: The following names were submitted to me too late to be included in the printed report:

Storrs T. Richmond, P. D. C., Rhode Island.
 John W. Maguire, P. D. C., Rhode Island.
 Charles Miller, P. D. C., Pennsylvania.
 Frank W. Combs, P. D. C., Ohio.
 Arthur F. Ross, P. D. C., Ohio. .

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move we recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning and remain in session until all of the work of this Encampment is completed. (Agreed to).

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

August 29, 1946 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment was opened in regular form, with prayer by National Chaplain Abels.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

National Patriotic Instructor Barnum: I present the following, to complete my report:

Indianapolis, Ind., August 29, 1946.

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

This is a supplementary report of the National Patriotic Instructor. I do not intend to burden the members of this Encampment with my past connections with the G. A. R. for they have been many, as I feel you are only interested in my accomplishments as your National Patriotic Instructor during the past ten months.

I have deemed it a privilege and an honor to give of my time and efforts to try and raise a fund worthy of us as Sons of our Fathers, who wore the Union Blue, to be credited to the National G. A. R. Fund. If, through my efforts, we, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, can bring one little smile of contentment to the faces of the all too few remaining Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I feel that I have been amply repaid for my efforts on their behalf.

I also feel that much of the credit for the splendid success of this fund this year should go to my co-workers, the Department Patriotic Instructors, and to all the other Department and Camp officers who aided in collecting contributions.

I do not believe any one ever had a finer group of men to work with, and I again wish to thank and commend each one of you for your splendid co-operation.

It may interest you, Brothers, to know that during my short term in office as National Patriotic Instructor, I received a total of 387 letters and 23 copies of Department Orders, and I sent out a total of 457 letters. I feel this constant correspondence between my Brothers and co-workers had much to do with the final results of the G. A. R. Fund.

I set no quotas for the Departments, but set a National Goal of \$1,000.00 and asked each Department Patriotic Instructor to put forth his best efforts in an endeavor to help me reach my goal.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce at this time the grand total collected to date is \$1,338.20.

First Place honors for raising the largest contribution goes to the Department of Connecticut, with a total of.....	\$250.00
Second Place—Department of Pennsylvania.....	209.00
Third Place—Department of Illinois.....	102.00
Fourth Place—Department of Indiana	94.00

I now turn over to the National Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer, a number of checks and cash for the amount stated above.

In closing, I wish to say I have done my best, and sincerely hope and recommend that this Fund be used wherever needed in furthering the completion of the Grand Army Highway, as a fitting memorial to the Boys in Blue, besides giving our love gift to our Comrades of the G. A. R.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
(Signed) ERNEST E. BARNUM,
National Patriotic Instructor.

NATIONAL G. A. R. FUND

The additional contributions received since my first report was submitted are as follows:

Previously reported	\$840.00
Department of California & Pacific:	
E. J. Parker, M. C.-in-C.	\$ 2.00
Pasadena, Camp No. 7.....	15.00
San Francisco	5.00
Fresno	5.00
Long Beach	5.00
Pomona	3.00
Sacramento	2.00
Rosecrans Camp No. 2—By Dr. R. R. Barrett.....	10.00

Department of Connecticut:

Honor Club Members

F. U. Wadhams, Camp No. 34, Torrington	5.00
Mrs. May Gibney, P. D. P. of Auxiliary, New Britain	1.00
C. A. Bunnell, Jr. Vice Com., Camp No. 17, New Haven....	1.00
Fred L. Chapman, P. D. C., Camp No. 26, Derby.....	1.00
Mrs. Eva Backus, D. P. of Auxiliary, New Britain	1.00
W. G. Winins, Camp No. 16, New Britain	2.00
Mrs. Alma J. Doles, Auxiliary 13, New Haven.....	1.00
A Friend	2.00

Department of Indiana:

Total contribution	50.00
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Honor Club Members

Allen C. Hays, Great-great-grandson.	Arch Hobbs, Son.
Hugh J. Kelly, Great-great-grandson.	Alfred J. Black, Son.
Donald G. Kelly, Great-great-grandson.	Dr. Karl T. Brown, Son.
Mancel Roy, Grandson.	Samuel Gray, Son.
Paul Lennington, Grandson.	Clarence Thompson, Son.
W. W. Wingate, Grandson.	Earl E. Callaway, Son.
George H. Harris, Great-great-grandson.	J. D. Miltenberger, Son.
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Claude Reser, Son.
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 Harvey Patty, Son.
 Clark Snider, Son.
 Hugh H. Snider, Son.
 Carl Bartletts, A Friend.
 Ronald Beason, A Friend.
 Byrum P. Smith, A Friend.

Department of Iowa:

Contributions from business men of Spencer.....\$10.00
 Lester Winn and H. H. LeGrand, Monroe..... 2.00

Department of Kansas:

Honor Club Members

C. B. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Parsons....\$ 2.00

Department of Maine:

Shepley Camp No. 4, Portland\$ 5.00
 Rev. Arthur M. Soule, Camp No. 4, H. C. Member..... 1.00

Department of Massachusetts:

Not itemized\$ 62.00

Honor Club Members

James S. Mason, P. C., Roxbury 1.00
 Edwin T. Semon, Camp No. 81, Boston..... 1.00
 A Friend of the G. A. R..... 1.00

Department of Michigan:

C. V. Smith\$ 1.00
 Not itemized 15.00
 U. W. Mackey, P. C.-in-C. 5.00
 Arthur E. Lewis, P. D. C. 1.00
 Perle L. Fouch, P. D. C..... 1.00
 T. C. La Banta, D. C..... 1.00

Department of Minnesota:

Minnesota Department\$ 10.00
 Dewey B. Mead, P. D. C. 2.00
 Camp No. 8, Minneapolis 5.00
 Irving Best, P. D. C. 5.00
 George E. Bailey, St. Paul 1.00
 C. L. Charter, D. C. 2.00

Department of Nebraska:

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2.....\$ 5.00

Department of New Hampshire:

Capt. Thomas Aston Harris, Camp No. 3.....\$ 3.00

Department of Ohio:

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 Robert J. Odell, Camp No. 1..... 5.00
 R. C. Crater, Camp No. 1..... 2.00

Department of Oregon:

Owen Summers, Camp No. 4.....\$ 5.00
 Camp No. 18, Empire 4.20

Department of Pennsylvania:

Gen. E. O. C. Ord Camp No. 54.....	\$ 4.00
Col. Fred Taylor Camp No. 2.....	5.00
Col. T. H. Good Camp No. 208.....	1.00
Col. James Cameron Camp No. 160.....	5.00
Allen Camp No. 106.....	5.00
Capt. J. R. Brindle Camp 150.....	5.00
Gen. J. Kilpatrick Camp No. 233.....	10.00
Camp No. 200, Philadelphia.....	10.00
Camp No. 10.....	1.00
Camp No. 149.....	6.00
Camp No. 177.....	2.00
Lehigh Valley Association, Allentown, Pa.....	5.00
Geo. Geo. G. Meade Camp No. 16.....	1.00
Ellis Camp No. 9.....	11.00
Col. H. H. Collier Camp No. 139.....	5.00
Camp No. 265.....	2.00
Davis Star Camp.....	5.00
Camp No. 33, York, Pa., per present D. C. Moore.....	29.00
Camp No. 230.....	3.00
S. of U. V. Club, Delaware County.....	1.00
Tho. Pfeiffer Camp No. 60.....	5.00
Gen. Geo. A. McCall Camp No. 131.....	2.00
Wilde Post Camp No. 10.....	5.00
Maj. M. A. Gherst Camp No. 51.....	5.00
William Kearney, P. D. C., Pat. Inst.....	1.00
Charles Thompson, Jr., P. C.....	1.00
Alex Henderson.....	1.00
Joseph H. Gunning.....	1.00
Charles Thompson, P. C.....	1.00
Francis McWilliams, D. Sr. Vice Com.....	1.00
Benjamin J. Farner.....	1.00
E. T. Rudy.....	1.00
Paul S. Barnhart.....	1.00
Floyd Klemmer.....	1.00
Cameron Farney.....	1.00
Leon S. Hoch.....	1.00
Arthur W. Nell, D. C.....	1.00
Judge Albert D. MacDade.....	2.00
Frank H. Dern.....	1.00
John H. Schmidt, Dept. Council.....	1.00
George Goganzar.....	1.00
John A. Ruggles, P. D. C.....	1.00
Mrs. Elba Ruggles, P. D. P., Aux.....	1.00
Robert H. Durbow.....	1.00
C. LeRoy Stoudt, P. C.-in-C.....	10.00
C. S. Kerl.....	1.00
Jack Yocum.....	1.00
Charles Brumm Helms.....	5.00
Robert D. Hamilton.....	1.00
Frank M. Heacock, Sr.....	2.00
Frank M. Heacock, Jr.....	1.00
Mrs. Mabel L. Heacock, P. P., Aux. No. 149.....	1.00
Mrs. Bernice B. Heacock.....	1.00
Wm. E. Griffith.....	1.00

Department of Wisconsin:

Camp No. 1.....	\$ 5.00
J. Val Loebel.....	5.00

Madison Camp No. 2	5.00
Roy Lewis, Camp No. 1.....	2.00
Wisconsin Department	25.00
J. O. Smith, D. C.	3.00

Patriotic Instructors' Reports [Continued]

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC—Charles F. Craig. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, July 4th and Armistice Day.

ILLINOIS—Hope W. McCauley. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day and Veterans' Night.

INDIANA—Louis J. King. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day, Appomattox Day and Constitution Day.

IOWA—Ward R. Evans. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial and Flag Days, Appomattox Day.

MINNESOTA—Irving Best. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day, Veterans' Night. Speakers: Chester L. Charter, D. C.; Earl W. Boyes, Dewey B. Mead and Andrew I. Weston, all of Minneapolis; Irving Best, D. P. I., Francis M. Smith, M. G. Randolph and W. J. Hiland of St. Paul. Remarks: I recommend that when the American's Creed, so-called, is recited, the word "sovereign" be omitted as applied to the States. (Per Irving Best).

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Kenneth T. Wheeler. Days observed: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Veterans' Night, July 4th and Union Defenders Day. Speakers: P. D. C. W. L. Johns, Manchester; Daniel Webster and Robert Gordon, Penacook; P. D. C. William Chase, Public Address and Radio Broadcast, and Camp Commander F. C. Frazier, Nashua. Remarks: We feel that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should set such an example that every one, including children, will respect Memorial Day, and increase their appreciation of our country. Interesting speakers at regular meetings, Camp sports, activities and outings increase the interest and activity of Camp No. 38 of Milford. Discussions of items appearing in "The Banner" at Camp meetings help interest in it.

PENNSYLVANIA—Wm. Kearney. Days observed: Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Grant's birthday, Appomattox Day, Union Defender's Day, Flag Day, I Am An American Day, Thanksgiving Day, Veterans' Night.

The following are names of members and others who gave Memorial Day or other public patriotic addresses:

Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa.—Jacob P. M. Steiger, Francis McWilliams, Coleman Weinstock, Herman Poehler, Sr., Wm. M. Rommick.

Col. John W. Moore Camp No. 27, Philadelphia, Pa.—Commander Wm. Adkins, Very Rev. E. Boneynge, Francis E. Larkin, John E. Larkin.

Capt. J. P. Brindle Camp No. 50, Carlisle, Pa.—Past D. C. John A. Ruggles, Clarence D. MacGregor, P. C., Commander Beeman R. Meals, Merrill F. Hummel, P. C., Prof. J. W. Potter, Jay E. White.

Davis Star Camp, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Carl Rube, Chas. E. Locke, A. R. DeLancey, W. Herbert Dithrich, William J. Blakley, P. D. C., Wm. C. Elliot, Jr., Harry W. McClure, A. L. Wolk, Oscar Taylor.

Capt. Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, Philadelphia, Pa.—Commander Lewis Riebel, Jr., Fred Edelman.

General Kilpatrick Camp No. 233, Easton, Pa.—County Commissioner Norman Bell, Pat. Inst. E. St. Clair Faust. Rev. George A. Creftz, Rev. John V. Watchorn, Rev. Hugh E. Kemper.

Col. F. H. Collier Camp No. 139, Sharpsburg, Pa.—John E. Sautter, Esper A. Sharp, G. T. Love, K. C. Wickline, J. H. Robbins, E. A. Heald.

Theo. F. Cocker Camp No. 236, Philadelphia, Pa.—Geo. Lutz, Jr., Geo. S. Johnson, Jr., Geo. S. Johnson, Sr., Leroy Pedrick, Geo. W. Dixon.

Major M. A. Gherst Camp No. 51, Darby, Del. County, Pa.—Richard J. Nuttle, John H. Yocum, Jesse E. C. Yocum, J. Harris Yocum, Elmer Lutton, Jr., Elmer Lutton, Sr., Richard S. Widdoes, Harry Atwood, Harry A. Fross, Ralph J. Nuttle, Robert F. Murray, Leo T. Wagner.

Philadelphia Camp No. 200, Philadelphia, Pa.—Rev. Elmer Finger, Walter C. Mabie, P. C. in-C.; Rev. Richard Partington, Dept. Chaplain; J. Edward Seipp, P. D. C.; Hon. Eugene Bonniwell, Donald B. Lewis.

Gen. John Hartranft Camp No. 15, Harrisburg, Pa.—John H. Runkle, P. D. C.; Charles B. Crossley, Charles H. Honich, Frank M. Hemminger, John P. Hallman.

Remarks: City of Chester school principals lax in the displaying of the Flag. There is a law in the Commonwealth compelling the flying of same. I, Wm. McKerney, Department Patriotic Instructor, personally referred this matter to the Assistant Superintendent Allison Shawalter. This refers to public schools in this community. Some school rooms displaying a ten by twelve Flag when the law says not less than three feet. I was personally told by the President of the Parent Teachers' Association that if I desired a position with a certain organization, that I had better forget it as the Superintendent of Schools was on that organization board.

Camp No. 112, Jehovah Witnesses do not allow their children to salute the Flag. Objectional history of United States used in public schools in this county, glorifying the rebels and belittling the Defenders of the Union. We are waging a fight against the use of the term "War Between the States." Let us fight to remove the objectionable school histories from the schools and teach true history—that the Southerners were rebels and traitors and not patriots, that they should be compared to Benedict Arnold and not to George Washington. Keep green in the minds of the people the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the Nation might be preserved and not stand for such remarks as "it (the Civil War) should be forgotten; it is all over, forget about it."

Camp No. 198—Discipline in schools shows marked laxity, difficult to maintain good order in some localities during patriotic services. G. A. R. monument in Wen Park, N. W., Pittsburgh, Pa., shows marks of vandalism.

Camp No. 236—Graves Committee, not sufficient Flags due to City Council not furnishing; many graves unattended in cemeteries covered by other Posts. City furnished 292 Flags to Camps; the requisition for 1,580 Flags refused. Camps should use political pressure in City Councils to have necessary Flags and markers furnished so that no grave will go unmarked.

WISCONSIN — Roy R. Lewis. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Flag Day, Veterans' Night, Armistice and Navy Days. Speakers: Roy R. Lewis, E. G. Kaestner, F. Hubbard, Sen. Buchen, and E. Hickey, Attorney Jos. Peters, Wm. McMahan, F. Chrislu, E. T. Fairchild.

National Patriotic Instructor Barnum: I move this report be adopted as a record. (Seconded by National Secretary Hammer. Adopted).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I have received the substance of a Resolution unanimously adopted by the Grand Army during their sessions in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 27, 1946.

To Our Auxiliary and Allied Organizations:

Realizing that the time is not far off when our Encampments will be ended, it is our earnest wish that our Allied Organizations continue to hold their annual Conventions together.

We therefore ask, that as a Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, you continue to meet at the same time and place, and suggest that the incoming and outgoing Presidents or presiding officers, act as a committee to make the arrangements for future National Conventions, when the Grand Army of the Republic cease to meet.

The above Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic at their 80th National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28, 1946.

(Signed) GRACE MASON DARLING,

CORA E. GILLIS,

Acting Secretary.

National Secretary.

Grand Army of the Republic.

(Applause).

FINAL REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Combs: Monday we gave a partial report when we presented the statement from the bank in Reading, Pa. We now present the final report, the proposed budget and our recommendations.

Proposed Budget for 1946-1947 Term

Receipts:

Balance on hand, August 29, 1946.....	\$ 2,443.47
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	2,000.00
Premium on Bonds	95.00
Estimated Receipts—Patriotic Instructor's G. A. R. Fund	1,300.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
Total Receipts	\$12,543.47

Disbursements:

GENERAL EXPENSES:

Supplies	\$2,000.00
The Banner	2,100.00
Encampment	1,000.00
Printing	60.00
Shipping Supplies	40.00
Salaries	2,200.00
Premium on Bonds	90.00
Federal Tax	30.00
State Unemployment Compensation Fund	15.00
Committee on Marking Graves	25.00
Miscellaneous, including P. C.-in-C. Badge.....	200.00

Carried forward\$7,760.00

Brought forward	\$7,760.00
G. A. R. Donation	500.00
Scholarship (Lincoln University)	100.00
Arlington Hall	50.00
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	\$8,410.00

OFFICE EXPENSES:	
Postage, etc.	\$100.00
National Officers' Stationery	100.00
Rent	500.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
750.00	
COMMANER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,000.00

Total Expenditures \$10,160.00

Balance	\$ 2,383.47
Organization Fund	669.59
G. A. R. Fund (Estimated)	1,300.00
U. S. Government Bonds	6,700.00
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Total	\$11,053.06

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.
- (C) That \$100.00 scholarship to Lincoln University and \$50.00 to Arlington Hall be renewed.
- (D) That the same allowance of \$100 be allowed the G. A. R. Highway Committee.
- (E) That the compensation of the Stenographer be \$200, starting with her work at this Encampment.
- (F) That \$50.00 be donated to the Harrisburg Drum Corps to help defray their expenses to this Encampment.

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

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Signed) FRED H. COMBS, Sr., N. J.
E. J. PARKER, Calif.
GEORGE A. LADUKE, Vt.

Council-in-Chief.

(There being no objections, the report was adopted).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chairman Towle: In connection with the recommendation of the Committee on Marking Graves, page 42 of the printed report, the next to last sentence of the third paragraph reads as follows: "These cards should be made available to Camps through our national office and included on our price list of supplies." Realizing that this would cause a great deal of extra labor and also be a burden of expense to the

Commandery-in-Chief, your Committee recommends that the sentence quoted above be stricken from the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY TOWLE, Chairman, Maine.

C. L. CHARTER, Minn.

ALLEN F. SPINK, Conn.

Motion to adopt.

Committee on Officers' Reports.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I don't think we can take out of the report of the Committee. We can non-concur but I don't think we have the right to take anything from their report. They have that privilege and should go as a matter of record.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: As a matter of procedure, I think it would be better if non-concurrence as to the sentence quoted were the report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I move non-concurrence as to the sentence in question and concurrence in the recommendation mentioned in the report of the Committee on Marking Graves. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried).

G. A. R. HIGHWAY FUND

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I desire to present a motion that I have withheld pending the report of the Council-in-Chief and their budget. I, therefore, move that supplemental to the budget provision for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, in view of the fact that the legislatures of several of the States that have not designated United States Highway 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway meet in 1947, the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to expend such additional amount as in his judgment is essential to further and bring to a successful conclusion this project not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars, within the amount available from the Grand Army of the Republic Fund. (Seconded).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Does that mean that the entire Fund or more can be spent or is he tied down to just the amount in the Grand Army of the Republic Fund?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: If there is any other uncertainty on this motion, last year we appropriated \$100 to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee. I understand about \$40 was expended. The Council in their budget again appropriate \$100. The reference is made to the meeting of the legislatures in the year 1947—something we did not have in 1946. Work is necessary, or will be, to obtain legislative action to permit the designation of United States Highway 6 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway. I have reference, I think I am correct, to the States of Nevada and Utah, where we, unfortunately, do not have Camps. Now, it will be necessary to do something within those States—just how will be, of course, at the discretion of the Brother who will be named as the Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee this year. I purposely omitted any amount because we don't know what it might cost but I am certain that we desire this highway project to be brought to a successful conclusion in the year 1947, if possible. My purpose in offering this is that if we meet some expense, and we will, to obtain proper action in the legislatures of those two States, that entirely at the discretion of the incoming Commander-in-Chief such funds may be drawn from the Grand Army of the Republic Fund but, of course, not in excess of the amount available in that Fund.

I am perfectly willing to accept the suggestion that has been made to me that we include in this motion a maximum amount. I, therefore, have made this correction to my motion and it will then read that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to expend such additional amount as in his judgment is essential to further and bring to a successful conclusion this project not to exceed \$500.

Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts: As I understand the situation, we have been working on this for a number of years and the major point is the two States. It does seem that if you have to use every bit of that Fund it should be utilized to complete the junction. What do you raise the money for but to carry it through and don't let your Committee fail in their work through lack of funds.

Delegate S. W. Livingston, Illinois: Those of you who have been in the South probably have seen the Jefferson Davis Highway. I don't approve of that but it's the right thing to do—put the name on the highway. Is it fitting that the Lincoln Highway is not shown all over this country? It seems to me we should encourage that and try to get the names back, Lincoln, G. A. R. Highway—in these days of delinquency to make a lasting record.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Thank you, Brother Livingston.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I think it's a mighty fine suggestion. That's the thing to do. It may not take that much but it does take some for a man to give his time. Someone will have to go to some of these state capitols and spend a little time talking to the folks about it.

Delegate Samuel W. Morrell, Connecticut: I would like to amend the motion. Why not use the entire Fund?

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Some of this Fund is used for our contribution to the Grand Army of the Republic. The other night at the opening exercises we presented a check for \$500 to the Grand Army of the Republic. That chisels off some of it so we haven't \$1,300, and \$500 is appropriated in the budget for the same purpose this year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I'm sure there is no one, whoever he might be, working on this Highway proposition who is going to go beyond any reasonable expectations in having the work done. That's evident from last year. They appropriated \$100 and spent about \$40. I take my hat off to the Chairman of the Highway Committee last year in what has been accomplished. Indiana has been marked and other things have been accomplished and very little money expended. None of us is going to charge anything for our services because it is an opportunity of a lifetime for one who can do this thing and get it through as it should be. I have been working on it for three years or more and I wish then there had been \$500 in sight for I think we would be farther along now.

(Motion carried).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Have all pending matters been attended to?

SOCIAL HOUR

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I believe every one who was on the roof last evening enjoyed every minute of the time spent there, and it is my humble opinion that we need more of that type of entertainment at our Encampments each year. I am wondering if something can be done whereby we could have another social hour such as that included in our program. My thought is this. Last night we were the guests of the Auxiliary. I wonder why next year we couldn't entertain the Auxiliary—not a dinner but a social hour whereby we do

spend some money. I think that would make it worthwhile for us to come here if we had more of that type of entertainment. Two years ago in Des Moines, John Runkle raised funds for just such an hour. I think he raised over \$200 in Pennsylvania and some in New Jersey. It was held on Monday night which is a dead night anyway. I do not mean to take the money out of the treasury but if some way could be found to raise a small sum, I think it would be well spent to have an hour such as we had last night.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: You've heard the suggestion of a Brother of experience with an idea that may be helpful.

Delegate George O. Walker, Massachusetts: I move you this be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for action. (Seconded by several and carried).

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: Before proceeding with the election of officers, I report there has been an addition to our report, making a total of 178 registered.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Delegate Isaacs of the Credential Committee submitted its final report as follows; moved its adoption, agreed to.

Number of National Officers enrolled	9
Past Commanders-in-Chief *	13
Past Department Commanders (12*)	41
Department Commanders	13
Delegates	50
Alternate Delegates	2
Substitute (Appointed) Delegates	50

Total enrolled

Department:	
California & Pacific	9
Colorado & Wyoming	3
Connecticut	11
Illinois	6
Indiana	12
Iowa	6
Kansas	3
Maine	5
Maryland	4
Massachusetts	13
Michigan	12
Minnesota	3
Missouri	1
Nebraska	
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	4
New York	21
Ohio	21
Oregon	1
Peunsylvania	32
Rhode Island	2
Vermont	5
Washington	
Wisconsin	3

Two (2) Departments, Nebraska and Washington not represented.
 H. H. HAMMER, Chairman
 JULIUS ISAACS, New York
 CHARLES C. WEBSTER, Maine
 PARKER E. THORNBURG, Indiana
 HARRY E. DROWN, Vermont
 Committee on Credentials.

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I declare the report approved unless objection is heard.

CHIEF-OF-STAFF RESTORED

Department Commander Frank Woerner, California & Pacific: At the National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa, it was voted to discontinue as a part of the staff of the Commandery-in-Chief the office of Chief-of-Staff, the main reason being that according to our Constitution & Regulations his expense be paid to and from the Encampment and, in order to do away with what was considered at that time an extra expense, it was voted to have the Commander-in-Chief delay appointing a Chief-of-Staff until the time of the Encampment. That in turn, in the past couple of years, has been the cause of considerable confusion and perhaps may account for the fewness of the uniformed rank at our Conventions. They have no one to write to for information. Before Des Moines and Milwaukee, Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt was Chief-of-Staff and we could receive any information we needed in advance.

Commander-in-Chief, I move that the office of Chief-of-Staff be restored so that the uniformed body will have somebody in authority who can give them information and look after their interests and get them out to the Encampment. At present we don't have them and we put it into our program—100 uniformed Sons of Veterans. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey. Carried).

Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, Pennsylvania: I move we go into nomination, election and installation of officers. (Seconded by several and carried).

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Brothers, it's been my pleasure before to nominate a candidate for your consideration from the Department of New York, a man who was nominated and elected and I think proved himself to be an outstanding Commander. He must have been loved and appreciated because you elected him the second time and today it is my pleasure again to appear before you to nominate an outstanding Son from the Department of New York for the position of Commander-in-Chief for the coming year. This loyal Son of a Veteran has been a member of the organization for some thirty-odd years. In that time he has attended every Encampment in his Department and of the Commandery-in-Chief with the exception of two, and those two he was serving in World War I.

We know him as a loyal and hard-working Son of a Veteran. He works every day for the interest of our own organization and, especially, for the Grand Army. He is a university student and a graduate. He is his own boss. He has his own business. He can come

and go as he sees fit and, if any one of you men have been successful in getting rid of your wife and you appear here and see some charming young lady and would like to be reunited, or you would like to be united, why you can call upon him because he's qualified from his church to act in the capacity of a minister to solemnize a wedding ceremony. That's something, gentlemen, you've never had before.

He's an earnest Christian. He's a great church worker. He has worked hard among the young people of his church—a most commendable thing I think, and I know you do as well. Of course, gentlemen, he has his shortcomings. Who hasn't? I know them full well and I have gone right before him and told him. I think we've overcome some of those and I think a year with you Sons of Veterans he will overcome many of them. He's an excellent speaker. He has an excellent speaking voice. You've heard him many times.

As a Patriotic Instructor, I question whether you had one in many a year that has been able to come before you and present as complete a report as he had.

Knowing Neil Cranmer as I do, I feel it's most useless to go on and on and tell you about his qualifications. Knowing him as I do and as the members of the Department of New York do, we know that he will devote his time and his attention and all the energies in his body to upbuild this organization.

As a Department Commander he put in more members than any other in our Department for twenty-two years. Now, if he can do that in New York, I'm hoping that with your co-operation he'll be able to put again as many members in the Commandery-in-Chief as has been put in in many a year. I believe that he can do it because he's energetic, he's loyal and he never stops working. If you write him, you'll get an answer within a short time. That's one qualification he has that I know many of you don't, and I'm one of them. I fail to answer letters. Oftentimes I'm busy and put them aside and think I'll do it at a later date and perhaps a year has passed and I see the man who has written me and I have to apologize. I wonder if you apologize. You should. You won't have to worry about hearing from Neil because he'll answer your letters and be very willing to do it.

I'm not going to take up your time. You know the man—you'll know him better a year from now—and I place before you for your consideration as the Commander-in-Chief of this Order for the coming year the name of Neil Cranmer of Elmira, New York. (Applause).

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: I know well the qualifications of Neil Cranmer for Commander-in-Chief, and take great pleasure in seconding that nomination.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll, with California & Pacific giving way to Wisconsin.

Department Commander James O. Smith, Wis.: Friends, Brothers, visitors at this Convention, no man respects and honors more the loyalty and integrity qualifications than I do of the man who has just been placed before you from New York for your consideration for the office of Commander-in-Chief of this great organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, but any man who is elected here today if he does not get the full co-operation of all Departments of this Republic, then I am not satisfied with the loyalty of that Department. We have met as I see it for two purposes. First, to listen to

the accomplishments and the achievements of the outgoing administration. Secondly, to lay plans for the future and, in laying those plans, I don't believe anything is more worth considering than that the men elected are men who can carry that to the fullest extent.

We in Wisconsin have never had an office in this organization above that of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and in all those sixty-three years in which we have been operating as a Department we have never asked for anything. We have today for your consideration a man who has belonged to this organization for thirty-seven years. He was born in Pennsylvania and became a member of this organization from that great Keystone State. He moved to Wisconsin some twenty-odd years ago and immediately united with the Camp in Milwaukee. Since that time he has served in the capacity of his Camp in almost every office. He was elected Department Commander of the great State of Wisconsin for two successive years and during that period I can truthfully say that he built up the Department in our State from almost nothing to a shining light in the middle west.

As far as time is concerned, I don't believe there is a man in his Department that put in more energy, spent more time and spent more of his own personal belongings to the cause we represent than Roy R. Lewis of Wisconsin. He's a man that works with our Auxiliary and has worked consistently to put forth the cause in our State and, as he was telling me not long ago, in our organization—whether it be local, state or national—they cannot carry out the purposes desired without definite purposes in view.

In the State of Wisconsin as Department Commander and as Counselor for the Department Commander, which he served for four years, he kept three objectives in view. First, to perpetuate the memory of our fathers and what they accomplished—not what they did because the children read that in school and we hear it every day—but to perpetuate what it meant to the future generations of America, and I think that is one of the primary objectives of our organization. Second, to keep before the people of America the vital fundamental principles upon which this Republic is founded. Third, to impress upon the youth of this country the blessings of liberty.

Now, with those objectives in mind, I feel if he were elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of this great organization, through various methods and various plans so laid and so perpetuated when he steps out of that office we can all truthfully say that here's a man—a man among men, a leader of leaders and a man that accomplished his purposes.

In closing, I would say that Roy Lewis is a man that's well liked. He has a wonderful personality and he's a man who I am sure in all classes can get the co-operation where a great many of the rest of us could not do it. So I'm glad to present to the Convention at this time the name of Roy R. Lewis for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I'm presenting to you a man who is capable, loyal and energetic enough to serve you in the capacity of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Applause).

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Hale: Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll to Indiana.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: Brothers, I don't think it necessary to resort to words today when I have been delegated by my

Department to present the name of a man to serve as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and I am very happy to do that.

We of Indiana recognize what a blessing you have brought to us in this Encampment, not only in this one but the several others when we have been privileged to have you here as our guests, and we are very happy to present again for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief a man we believe will march along with the other Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief we have presented to this body for consideration.

Indiana has been blessed in one way or another, but we have had a number of Franks and I want to present for the consideration of this group one of these Franks who has been rather active for many years. You older men will remember Frank Martin although the younger Brothers will not remember him. Many of you boys will remember Frank Watson also, who never was Commander-in-Chief, but Department Commander. He was a great hunter and always furnished the deer meat for the mid-winter meetings. Then, of sainted memory, is Frank Shellhouse than whom no man was better known nor more sincerely loved.

Coming along in this class is a man we know and love in Indiana and I am sure many others love him as we do, and so it is my privilege to present to this Encampment the name of Frank L. Richart for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Applause).

Council-in-Chief

The National Secretary called the roll, with Connecticut giving way to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Pennsylvania thanks Connecticut for giving way to them.

I look upon the office of Council-in-Chief as a very important office—one requiring ability along the lines not required in some other offices. If a Brother with a membership continuously for fifty-one years, with a service of more than forty years as his Camp Treasurer, with a service of eight years as a Department Secretary of your largest Department, Pennsylvania, as a man who has been outstanding to handle business matters is qualified for this office, then I believe the man whom I desire to name from Pennsylvania will give you good service as a member of the Council-in-Chief and I present the name of John H. Liesee of Pennsylvania. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: Two years ago Maine had a candidate for the position of Council-in-Chief. Our candidate realizing that there would be four candidates, two of them entitled to another year and if he stood for election it might split the vote and prevent one of those Brothers from being returned, withdrew with the idea he would come again this year. So, without a long talk, I present the name of Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster of Maine for a position on the Council.

Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey: Without any long speech, I give you the name of George A. Laduke, who is now one of your Council-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Clinton J. Smith, Vermont: I second the nomination of George Laduke. I would have made the nomination but did not hear the name called.

Past Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, Pennsylvania: I move that the National Secretary be authorized to cast the unanimous vote for the candidates now nominated for the various offices, there being no opposition. (Seconded by several, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Hale: I appoint as tellers Past Department Commander W. R. Coffey, Colorado & Wyoming; Past Department Commander Lawrence D. Riley, Massachusetts; and Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio.

National Secretary Hammer: I cast the 178 votes of the Encampment.

(The tellers found the unanimous vote of the Encampment for the officers and they were declared elected. After being informed of their election, they gratefully accepted the honors bestowed upon them).

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I move that all standing committees be discharged, that the minutes as transcribed by the Stenographer be the official minutes of the Encampment, that the usual number of printed proceedings be promulgated as in the past. (Carried).

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief-elect Cranmer appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert, New Jersey, as Installing Officer and Past Department Commander Arthur J. Abbott, New York, as Installing Guide.

He appointed:

Patriotic Instructor—Past Department Commander Ernest E. Barnum, Connecticut.

Chaplain—Past Department Commander Rev. Luther D. Childs, Iowa.

Counselor—Past Department Commander Robert W. Doughty, New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers (complied with) and

Commander-in-Chief—Neil D. Cranmer, New York;
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Roy R. Lewis, Wisconsin;
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Frank L. Richart, Indiana;
 Council-in-Chief—John H. Liesee, Pennsylvania;
 Charles C. Webster, Maine;
 George A. Laduke, Vermont;

were installed in ritualistic form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief Cranmer, I would like to inform you and the members of the Encampment that your traveling mate for the ensuing year will be Sister Edna Lambert of New Jersey, as National President of the Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: Thank you, Brother Stoudt. That's very pleasing news indeed.

I desire at this time to express my sincere thanks and profound appreciation for your selection, by unanimous vote, of myself as your Commander-in-Chief. I want to also thank our Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert and Past Department Commander Abbott of New York for the efficient way in which they have installed the officers.

I stand before you this morning with a deep sense of humility when I stop to think of the eminent men living and dead who have preceded me in this office, some of whom are present here today—several of them after an absence of several years—and others who have gone on more recently like the lamented Past Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer of my own Department of New York, and still more recently, the beloved Frank Kirchgassner of Massachusetts. Only last year I received a letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Kirch-

gassner expressing a hope that his health would be sufficiently restored that he might be present here at this Encampment. When I consider the record of these men, as I said, I do feel very humble. I said a moment ago that some of these Past Commanders-in-Chief had passed on but I have the feeling, in a sense, that they are with us this morning, perhaps looking down over the ramparts of Heaven, and I trust nodding their heads in approval over the procedure of this Encampment which is now about to close. As we are surrounded by a crowd of unseen witnesses, I am sure that we must have their benediction and their blessing as we go forward.

I desire at this time to outline three or four objectives which I shall have as your Commander-in-Chief. Some of these you have taken official action in declaring, others I assume that you will favor by common consent.

First of all, I want to make my supreme objective the welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic. Only 154 Civil War Veterans left on the pension rolls as of June 30. Only 83 members of the G. A. R., I am informed by Miss Cora Gillis, their National Secretary, now remain and I don't care how much we may disapprove sometimes some action they have taken, to me and to you, I am sure they are still our "Boys in Blue" and the grandest army that ever marched beneath our flag. Anything we can do, both collectively and individually, I propose that we shall do it.

My second objective is that we ought to combat in every corner and every place the subversive doctrines of Fascism, Nazism and Communism. We don't hear so much about these words any more but I am well informed that the proponents of these movements are still working here and do get into key positions of responsibility in various organizations of class and business and labor and religion. I think we ought to stand with the other patriotic organizations of America for the preservation of the American way of life.

Then we ought to, especially this year and right soon, observe this Dedication Day on the 19th of November, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Our National Patriotic Instructor I believe is already making plans which will be in the September issue of The Banner whereby we may celebrate, and perhaps get others outside of our own organization and the allied organizations of the Grand Army, to observe this very important day which has now been made a memorial, at least for this year, by Congress—Dedication Day. I trust that through the efforts of Past Department Commander Heintz we shall be able to have this memorial made permanent for every year besides just 1946.

Then, I think we could engage in almost no more important project than the pushing of the G. A. R. Highway. I'm sure Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett and Captain Mansfield and you all will agree with me that no more fitting memorial to the Grand Army could be secured than to place the missing links in this chain of states in our G. A. R. Highway and make it what it should be—a real memorial to our fathers.

Then we should continue our plan of increasing our membership, so well begun by our retiring Commander-in-Chief Hale. We should recruit our ranks and I am sure that before we can do that we must do something else which shouldn't take so long. I have had it in mind for some time and given a lot of thought to it. I do believe that in this organization we need a revival of the light of faith but, friends, I do not mean some occasion, word or phrase like Coue, the French philosopher had, "Every day in every way I'm growing better and

better." I do not mean by faith sitting down and indulging in wishful thinking, but I mean the kind that's filled with action. You know, those of us who invoke our Book of books as a rule and guide, that James tells us that faith without work is dead and I think we should revive some kind of faith with works. And because I have faith in the One above, and because I have faith in you, my Brothers, that I shall have your co-operation, and because I have this faith in my own heart, I am sure we can go out and imbue in others faith in the present and in the future of our organization and we shall banish pessimism and everything which savors of that. I am sure that we are going to come out of the wilderness sooner or later into the promised land. I was never more sure of the future of our organization and that victory will eventually come to us than I am as I stand before you this morning as your incoming Commander-in-Chief. (Applause).

"Face to the firing line, O friend,
Fight out life's battle to the end.
This earthly stuff if used God's way,
Will be enough.

"One soldier when the fight was red,
Threw down his broken sword and fled,
Another snatched it, won the day,
With what his comrade flung away."

—Edwin Markham.

(Applause).

I announce the following Committee appointments:

Chairman, Legislative Committee — Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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PRESENTATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: Frank Huston has corrected us as to the pronunciation of your name but I remember the good Brothers from New York whom I have met have pronounced your name emphasizing the "a" and I think that is a most timely thought just now for you are the "A" man of our organization.

I'm not going to indulge in long remarks. You've made a fine address in opening your administration in this happy manner. May it prove to be a significant step forward in the power of our Order and in its membership; but my office at this moment is to clothe you with all the official paraphernalia which goes with your office, and here I pass on to you, to my fine successor Neil D. Cranmer, the official badge of the Commander-in-Chief. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: Thank you, Past Commander-in-Chief Hale for your fine words. Have we any other business to come before the Encampment before we proceed to close?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Past Commander-in-Chief Hale, my Brother, one year ago you were selected by your Brothers to fill the highest position within our power to give you. They were guided in so doing by their knowledge of your ability and experience and because of their confidence that you would apply that ability in every way to the benefit of our Order. It is very gratifying to record that you have not betrayed that confidence. Throughout the year you have

added to that experience, you've visited many of our Departments, you've made many new friends, you've accomplished everything possible for the welfare of our Order. No doubt you have had some disappointments but, all in all, it was happy and profitable and I have no doubt as you look back you will remember this year as the happiest one of your life. You have been the recipient of many gifts of appreciation from your associates at this Encampment and at other places. You will prize these gifts, you will cherish them because of the recollections and the affection they represent but all of those gifts, or any of them, you can purchase if you wish to. I am about to present you something, however, my Brother, that you cannot purchase. It can only be given you by vote of your Brothers and I now present you the badge of the Past Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale, you are now considered a member of the circle of "has beens." It's a jealous circle and admits no one willingly within its midst except on the implied promise that you will continue to devote all of your energies and that experience you have gained to the welfare of the Order we love. May you wear this badge long and proudly and may it be a guiding star to you in all that you may do to perpetuate the memory of our beloved sires.

I also present you with the lapel badge—the gift of the beloved National Secretary. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, how happy to find as the speaker to present to me these tokens one who has himself done all the things that he has mentioned in his memorable career as Commander-in-Chief. Perhaps it was because of such men with such high ideals that we have carried on as we have tried to do this past year. I feel the memory of it will long remain in mind and all that has happened that has encouraged me, that has inspired me to keep on in spite of difficulties and you know what they are.

I looked to Connecticut last year for a Patriotic Instructor and I am so gratified to know that he has done his work with such eminent success. It shows what Connecticut has produced, what it still seems to be producing, and as to those others of my team who traveled with me, in a sense, throughout the year, I am profoundly grateful. It's been a great team. I don't know of any exception to be made in my offering of hearty thanks, and thanks to you all who have in you that spirit which our fathers carried and have somehow passed on to us to continue in that same line of patriotism, and we in response have said over and over again we will not allow the story of the Civil War to be forgotten. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: Is there any other business to come before us?

National Secretary Hammer: I move we adjourn. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie. Carried).

The Encampment closed in ritualistic form.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the Proceedings of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment.

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1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
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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 E. 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. Amles	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	
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1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 S. Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, New York.
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1916	William T. Church	Illinois	134 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1510, Chicago, Ill.
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1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
*923	*Samuel S. Horn	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Pennsylvania	

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1881 †*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
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1883 †*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
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The Post System

1889-90 †George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, New York
1890 †*George T. Brown	New York	

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1883 *A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania	
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1939 Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania	Reading, Pa.

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*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. 24-26	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
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana

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